

Rebeckah's Treasures

# Otis Giraffe

Amigurumi Crochet Pattern

~PART 6: HEAD & FINISHING TOUCHES~



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Welcome to Part 6 of the Otis Giraffe CAL! This part will cover the giraffe’s head.

You have the option to incorporate the spots and facial features as you crochet the head, OR you can sew them on later – **YOUR CHOICE**.

Photo tutorials available for this part ([on the blog](#)) show the horn, ear, eye and muzzle attachment. Or, use the FULL video tutorials available for the head instead! \*Note, the video tutorials are for the join-as-you-go method, so just change any “join” stitch to a regular sc 1 or sc2tog (depending on the stitch being worked) in its place.

Visit the blog post for this part of the CAL here: <http://www.rebeckahstresures.com/blog/amigurumi-otis-giraffe-cal-part-6>

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## Giraffe Head Instructions:

*Make one in MC.*

Work giraffe head in continuous rnds from the top-down. Do **not** turn at the end of rnds. \*Side facing you = **WS**.

Follow the [TRADITIONAL](#) or [JOIN-AS-YOU-GO](#) instructions as desired.

### Giraffe Head – Option 1 – Traditional Instructions:

Use the tip boxes to mark head stitches for easy sewing later!

Rnd 1: Sc 6 into a magic circle (6 sts).

Rnd 2: 2 sc into each st around (12 sts). \*See first tip box before starting rnd 3.

Rnd 3: [Sc 1, 2 sc into the next st] 6 times (18 sts).

Rnd 4: [Sc 2, 2 sc into the next st] 6 times (24 sts).

Rnd 5: [Sc 3, 2 sc into the next st] 6 times (30 sts).

Rnd 6: [Sc 4, 2 sc into the next st] 6 times (36 sts).



### Rnds 3-6 – TIP: Sew HORNS onto Head Later!

- Rnd 3: #8-9 (right) + #17-18 (left).
- Rnd 4: #9 & 13 (right) + #21 & 1 (left).
- Rnd 5: #10 & 16 (right) + #25 & 1 (left).
- Rnd 6: #13-18 (right) + #31-35 & 1 (left).

**Rnd 7:** [3 sc into each of the next 2 sts, sc 16] 2 times (44 sts). \*See the second & third (below) tip boxes before starting rnds 8 & 9, respectively.

**Rnd 8-9:** Sc 44 – 2 rnds (44 sts).

**Rnd 10:** [2 sc into each of the next 2 sts, sc 20] 2 times (48 sts). \*See fourth tip box (next page) before starting rnd 13.

**Rnd 11-18:** Sc 48 – 8 rnds (48 sts). \*Using Safety Eyes? Mark sts #8 & #16 on rnd 11, so you know where to attach them later.

**Rnds 8-9– TIP: Sew EARS onto Head Later!**

- Rnd 8: #18-20 (right) + #43-44 (left).
- Rnd 9: #1 (left).

**Attach Safety Eyes NOW to stitches #8 & #16 of rnd 11 if you are using them.**

**Rnd 19:** [Sc 6, sc2tog in BL] 6 times (42 sts).

**Rnd 20:** [Sc 5, sc2tog in BL] 6 times (36 sts).

**Rnd 21:** [Sc 4, sc2tog in BL] 6 times (30 sts).

**Rnd 22:** [Sc 3, sc2tog in BL] 6 times (24 sts).

**Rnd 23:** [Sc 2, sc2tog in BL] 6 times, sl st join to the first st of rnd, f/o (18 sts).

**Rnds 9-13 – TIP: Sew EYES onto Head Later!**

- Rnd 9: #6-8 (left) + #12-14 (right).
- Rnd 10: #7 & 11 (left) + #13 & 17 (right).
- Rnd 11-12: #6 & 11 (left) + #13 & 18 (right).
- Rnd 13: #8-10 (left) + #14-16 (right).

Stuff head completely.

Using the ending tail from the body and the whipstitch, sew the giraffe's head to its body using 2 whipstitches per stitch space to secure it. Make sure that the last stitch of the body lines up with the last st of the head (stitches #9-13 = body-front; stitches #18-4 = body-back; stitches #5-9 = head-front; stitches #14-18 = head-back).

After every few stitches, pull tight. Before you sew the opening closed completely, stuff the giraffe's neck a little bit more. Finish sewing the opening closed. Tie off.

Next, using the whipstitch and the respective ending tails of each piece, sew the muzzle, ears (fold ears in half first, then sew the flat side into place), horns (the overhanging side is the front) and eyes onto the head. Use the tip boxes to help with positioning.

Finally, attach all the spots wherever you'd like to see them on the giraffe in the same fashion.

Thread the ending tail of the spot in question onto a yarn needle. Then, use the whipstitch to sew the spot into desired position. Tie off and weave or tuck ends into the body to hide them. Repeat for all spots.

**Enjoy & Share!**

**Giraffe Head – Option 2 – Join-As-You-Go Instructions (recommended):**

Have horns, ears, eyes, muzzle and three small + four big spots at the ready.

\*Work ONLY in Head Stitches unless directed otherwise.

**Rnds 13-23 – TIP: Sew Muzzle onto Head Later!**

- Rnd 13: #9-16 (paired with top 8 muzzle sts).
- Rnd 14: #7-8 (left) + #17-18 (right).
- Rnd 15-16: #7 (left) + #18 (right).
- Rnd 17: #7 (left) + #18-19 (right).
- Rnd 18: #7 (left) + #19 (right).
- Rnd 19: #8 (left) + #18 (right).
- Rnd 20: #7 (left) + #16 (right).
- Rnd 21: #6 (left) + #13 (right).
- Rnd 22: #5 (left) + #12 (right).
- Rnd 23: #4-8 (paired with bottom 7 muzzle sts).



Remember, as the facial features are joined, hook goes through the head stitch first.

Plus, find **IMPORTANT** tip boxes before the start of the facial feature attachment rnds to help with placement!

**Rnd 1:** Sc 6 into a magic circle (6 sts).

**Rnd 2:** 2 sc into each st around (12 sts).

### Rnds 3-6 – TIP for Working the HORN Attachment:

Horns are attached over the course of 4 rnds. For rnd 3 attachment, hold the horn upside-down to the **BACK** of work, so the **RS** are pressed together. As horns are attached, pull the horn tails into the head.

For each joining stitch, work through 2 layers of stitches at a time, where the hook goes through the head stitch first (**WS to RS – layer 1**), AND then through the horn stitch (**see note below – layer 2**).

Once both stitches are on the hook, complete the sc, hereby joining the horn to the head.

**Note:** For the join, hook is inserted into the horn stitches from the **RS to WS** for the first two rounds of attachment. After which, switch to inserting the hook from the **WS to RS** for the last attachment rounds.

Also, since rnds 3-6 are **increase rounds**, there are a few head stitches that increase as horn is joined.

**Rnd 3:** [Sc 1, 2 sc into the next st] 2 times, sc 1. **Start attaching right horn** → hold horn so the overlap tip point towards the stitch marker and to your right – sc 1 **join** the next head st **tog** with the 2<sup>nd</sup> from last horn st; sc 1 **join** the same head st **tog** with the next (3<sup>rd</sup> from last) horn st – **first right horn sts joined**. [Sc 1, 2 sc into the next st] 2 times, sc 1. **Start attaching left horn** → hold horn so the overlap tip point towards the stitch marker and to your left – sc 1 **join** the next head st **tog** with the 8<sup>th</sup> from last horn st; sc 1 **join** the same head st **tog** with the next (9<sup>th</sup> from last) horn st – **first left horn sts joined** (18 sts).

**Rnd 4:** [Sc 1 **join** the next head st **tog** with the nearest avail horn st, sc 1, 2 sc into the next st, sc 2, 2 sc into the next st, sc 1 **join** the next head st **tog** with the nearest avail horn st, sc 1, 2 sc into the next st] 2 times (24 sts).

**Rnd 5:** Sc 1 **join** the next head st **tog** with the nearest avail horn st, sc 2, 2 sc into the next st, sc 4, sc 1 **join** the same head st **tog** with the nearest avail horn st – creating an **inc**, sc 3, 2 sc into the next st, sc 1 **join** the next head st **tog** with the nearest avail horn st, sc 2, 2 sc into the next st, sc 1, **sc 3 attach a big spot**, sc 1 **join** the same head st **tog** with the nearest avail horn st – creating an **inc**, sc 3, 2 sc into the next st (30 sts).

**Rnd 6:** Sc 1 **join** the next head st **tog** with the nearest avail horn st, sc 3, 2 sc into the next st, sc 4, 2 sc into the next st, sc **join** the next 5 head sts **tog** with the next 5 horn sts, sc 1 **join** the same head st **tog** with the last horn st – creating an **inc – right horn attached**. Sc 4, 2 sc into the next st, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc 3, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc 1 in the same head st – creating an **inc**, sc **join** the next 5 head sts **tog** with the last 5 horn sts – **left horn attached**. Sc 1 in the same head st – creating an **inc** (36 sts).

**Rnd 7:** 3 sc into each of the next 2 sts, sc 16, **sc 1 attach a small spot**, **sc 1 join next small spot st to the SAME head st** – creating an **inc**, sc 1 in the same head st a **third** time – creating a **second inc** in the same head st, 3 sc into the next st, sc 4, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc 3, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc 7 (44 sts).

**Rnds 8-9 – TIP for Working the EAR Attachment:**

Ears are attached over the course of **3 stitches** each. Fold each ear in half so the **RS** are pressed together. The last 3 rnds on both layers are joined to the head. Hold the ear upside-down, flat-side-up to the **BACK** of work, so its **WS** is pressed against the **RS** of the head. Pull the ear tails into the head.

For each joining stitch, work through **3 layers of stitches** at a time, where the hook goes through the head stitch first (**WS to RS – layer 1**), AND then through two layers of ear stitches (**WS to RS – layer 2 & RS to WS – layer 3**). Once all 3 stitches are on the hook, complete the sc, hereby joining ear to head.

- For the **right/first** ear, start joining stitches from the last ear round. Work backwards along the flat side, attaching the next two layer sets of edge posts from the previous two rounds.
- For the **left/second** ear, start joining the stitches from the opposite side on the second ear round. Work forwards along the flat side, attaching the last two layer sets of edge posts that follow.

**Rnd 8:** Sc 17. **Start attaching right ear** → hold ear so the open end of the fold points towards the stitch marker and to your right – sc **1 join** the next head st **tog** with the **first AND last sts** of the last ear rnd; sc **join** the next **2** head sts **tog** with the next **2 layer sets** of ear side posts from **rnds 3 & 2**, respectively – **right ear attached**. Sc 1, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc 2, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc 7, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc 3, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc 5. **Start attaching left ear** → hold ear so the open end of the fold points towards the stitch marker and to your left – sc **1 join** the next head st **tog** with the **layer set** of ear side posts from **rnd 2** of the ear; sc **1 join** the next head st **tog** with the **layer set** of ear side posts from **rnd 3** of the ear (44 sts). **\*Note: Last left ear stitch is joined in rnd 9.**

**Rnd 9-13 – TIP for Working the CROCHET EYE Attachment (Skip this tip if using Safety Eyes):**

Eyes are attached over the course of **5 rnds**. For rnd 9 attachment, hold the eye upside-down to the **BACK** of work, so the **RS** are pressed together. Then, lift the eyes upright for the remaining attachment rounds. When only one more round of attachment remains, slightly stuff the eyes with their tails.

For each joining stitch, work through **2 layers of stitches** at a time, where the hook goes through the head stitch first (**WS to RS – layer 1**), AND then through the eye stitch (**see note below – layer 2**).

Once both stitches are on the hook, complete the sc, hereby joining the eye to the head.

**Note:** For the join, hook is inserted into the eye stitches from the **RS to WS** for the **first round** of attachment. After which, switch to inserting the hook from the **WS to RS** for the last attachment rounds.

**ONE MORE THING:** The eyes are not a perfect circle, so I do suggest where to start attaching them. However, you can play with your eye positioning and customize which side of the eyes will be the top. Mark the top 3 stitches of each eye and attach those stitches first in rnd 9. **Left eye is attached first.**

**Rnd 9:** Sc **1 join** the next head st **tog** with the **first AND last sts** of the last ear rnd – **left ear attached**. Sc 4. **Start attaching left eye** → sc over the next **3** head sts as they are **joined tog** with the **4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>** eye sts (**in that order unless you are changing the eye position**) – **first left eye sts joined**. Sc 3. **Start attaching right eye** → sc over the next **3** head sts as they are **joined tog** with the **7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>** eye sts (**in that order unless you are changing the eye position**) – **first right eye sts joined**. Sc 7, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc 2, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc 8, **sc 3 join rem big spot sts**, sc 5, **sc 2 attach a small spot**, sc 1 (44 sts). **\*See note about Safety Eyes on next page.**

**Using Safety Eyes?** Follow the **same st count** over **rnds 9-13**. Simply ignore the directions on attaching the eyes. Instead, work one sc in place of each sc join. AND, mark stitches **#8 & #16** of **rnd 11**.

**Rnd 10:** 2 sc into each of the next 2 sts, sc 2, \*sc 1 join the next head st tog with the nearest avail eye st, sc 3, sc 1 join the next head st tog with the nearest avail eye st,\*\* sc 1, rep from \* to \*\*, sc 7, sc 1 join to spot, sc 1 join SAME head st to next spot st – creating an inc, 2 sc into the next st, sc 16, sc 1 join to spot, sc 2, sc 1 join to spot (48 sts).

**Rnd 11:** Sc 5, \*sc 1 join the next head st tog with the nearest avail eye st, sc 4, sc 1 join the next head st tog with the nearest avail eye st,\*\* sc 1, rep from \* to \*\*, sc 26, sc 1 join to spot, sc 2, sc 1 join to spot (48 sts).  
\*Using Safety Eyes? Mark sts #8 & #16 now, so you know where to attach them later.

**Rnd 12:** Sc 5, \*sc 1 join the next head st tog with the nearest avail eye st, sc 4, sc 1 join the next head st tog with the nearest avail eye st,\*\* sc 1, rep from \* to \*\*, sc 14, sc 3 attach a big spot, sc 10, sc 2 join rem small spot sts, sc 1 (48 sts).

*Pause here to stuff the eye tails into their respective eyes...*

#### **Rnd 13-23 – TIP for Working the MUZZLE Attachment:**

The muzzle is attached over the course of the remaining 11 rnds. For rnd 13 attachment, hold the muzzle upside-down to the **BACK** of work, so the **RS** are pressed together. Stitches **#29 to #22** of the muzzle are the **first 8 stitches** to be attached to head in rnd 13 as the final eye attachment rnd is completed. After rnd 13 is completed, lift the muzzle upright as the final rounds are worked.

For each joining stitch, work through **2 layers of stitches** at a time (3 layers for rnd 13), where the hook goes through the head stitch first (**WS to RS – layer 1**), then through the eye stitch (**WS to RS – layer 2** where applicable on rnd 13 only), AND then through the muzzle stitch (**see note below – layer 2 or layer 3 for rnd 13**). Once both or all 3 stitches are on the hook, complete the sc, hereby joining muzzle to the head.

**Note:** For the join, hook is inserted into the muzzle stitches from the **RS to WS** for the **first 5 rounds** of attachment. After which, switch to inserting the hook from the **WS to RS** for the last attachment rounds.

**Rnds 19-23** are **decrease rounds**, meaning a few head stitches decrease as the muzzle is joined. In this case, hook goes through the **BL** of two head stitches first, AND then through the muzzle stitches.

**Rnd 13:** Sc 7, sc 1 join the next head st tog with the nearest avail eye st. **Start attaching muzzle as you finish attaching eyes** → hold muzzle so the top 8 sts line up with the next 8 head sts – sc 1 join the next head st tog with the next eye st AND the 8<sup>th</sup> from last muzzle st; sc 1 join the next head st tog with the last eye st AND the next (9<sup>th</sup> from last) muzzle st – **left eye attached**. Sc over the next 3 head sts as they are joined tog with the next 3 muzzle sts; sc over the next 3 head sts as they are joined tog with the last 3 eye sts AND the next 3 muzzle sts – **right eye attached + first muzzle sts joined**. Sc 15, sc 1 join to spot, sc 3, sc 1 join to spot, sc 12 (48 sts).

Head is crocheted in a counterclockwise manner as the muzzle is attached in a clockwise direction just like the rotation of two interlocking star pieces. Hook is inserted into the **RS** of muzzle, going **inwards** as the muzzle is attached for these rnds.

**Rnd 14:** Sc 6, sc 1 join the next head st **tog** with the **2<sup>nd</sup> nearest avail** (6<sup>th</sup> from last) muzzle st; sc 1 join the next head st **tog** with the **next** (7<sup>th</sup> from last) muzzle st; sc 8, sc over the next 2 head sts as they are **joined tog** with the **2 nearest avail** muzzle sts; sc 13, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc 3, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc 12 (48 sts).

**Rnd 15:** Sc 6, sc 1 join the next head st **tog** with the **nearest avail** muzzle st, sc 10, sc 1 join the next head st **tog** with the **nearest avail** muzzle st, sc 13, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc 3, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc 5, **sc 3 attach a big spot**, sc 4 (48 sts).

**Rnd 16:** Sc 6, sc 1 join the next head st **tog** with the **nearest avail** muzzle st, sc 10, sc 1 join the next head st **tog** with the **nearest avail** muzzle st, sc 14, **sc 3 join rem big spot sts**, sc 5, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc 3, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc 3 (48 sts).

**Rnd 17:** Sc 6, sc 1 join the next head st **tog** with the **nearest avail** muzzle st, sc 10, sc over the next 2 head sts as they are **joined tog** with the **2 nearest avail** muzzle sts, sc 3, **sc 3 attach a big spot**, sc 15, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc 3, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc 3 (48 sts).

**Rnd 17** is the last rnd to be worked by inserting hook from the **RS** of muzzle – **inwards**.

Start inserting hook from **WS** of the muzzle, going **outwards** from **rnd 18+ onwards**...

**Rnd 18:** Sc 6, sc 1 join the next head st **tog** with the **nearest avail** muzzle st, sc 11, sc 1 join the next head st **tog** with the **nearest avail** muzzle st, sc 2, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc 3, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc 14, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc 3, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc 3 (48 sts).

**Attach Safety Eyes NOW** to stitches **#8 & #16** of **rnd 11** if you are using them.

*Starting the dec rnds...*

**Rnd 19:** Work **all sc2tog** sts in **BLO** → sc 2, **sc 2 attach a small spot**, sc 2, sc2tog **join** the next 2 head sts **tog** with the **nearest avail** muzzle st – creating a **dec**; sc 6, sc2tog, sc 2, sc 1 join the next head st **tog** with the **nearest avail** muzzle st; sc 2, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc2tog, sc 2, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc 3, sc2tog, sc 6, sc2tog, sc 1, **sc 3 join rem big spot sts**, sc 2, sc2tog (42 sts).

**Rnd 20:** Work **all sc2tog** sts in **BLO** → sc 1, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc 2, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc2tog **join** the next 2 head sts **tog** with the **nearest avail** muzzle st – creating a **dec**; sc 5, sc2tog, sc 2, sc 1 join the next head st **tog** with the **nearest avail** muzzle st; sc 2, **sc2tog join the next 2 head sts to next spot st** – creating a **dec**, sc 3, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc 1, sc2tog, [sc 5, sc2tog] 2 times (36 sts).

**Rnd 21:** Work **all sc2tog** sts in **BLO** → sc 1, **sc 1 join to spot**, sc 2, **sc2tog join the next 2 head sts to next spot st** – creating a **dec**, sc 1 join the next head st **tog** with the **nearest avail** muzzle st; sc 3, sc2tog, sc 2, sc 1 join the next head st **tog** with the **nearest avail** muzzle st; sc 1, sc2tog, **sc 3 join rem big spot sts**, sc 1, sc2tog, [sc 4, sc2tog] 2 times (30 sts).

**Rnd 22:** Work **all sc2tog** sts in **BLO** → sc 2, **sc 1 join to spot**, **sc2tog join the next 2 head sts to rem small spot st** – creating a **dec**, sc 1 join the next head st **tog** with the **nearest avail** muzzle st; sc 2, sc2tog, sc 3, sc2tog **join** the next 2 head sts **tog** with the **nearest avail** muzzle st – creating a **dec**; [sc 3, sc2tog] 3 times (24 sts).



*Pause here to stuff muzzle...*

**Rnd 23:** Work **all sc2tog** sts in **BLO** → sc 2, sc2tog, sc over the next 2 head sts as they are **joined tog** with the next 2 muzzle sts, **sk 1 muzzle st**, sc2tog **join** the next 2 head sts **tog** with the **nearest avail** muzzle st – creating a **dec**; **sk 1 muzzle st**, sc over the next 2 head sts as they are **joined tog** with the next 2 muzzle sts – **muzzle attached**, sc2tog, [sc 2, sc2tog] **3 times**, sl st join to the first st of rnd, f/o (**18 sts**).

Stuff head completely.

Using the ending tail from the body and the whipstitch, sew the giraffe's head to its body using 2 whipstitches per stitch space to secure it. Make sure that the last stitch of the body lines up with the last st of the head (**stitches #9-13 = body-front**; **stitches #18-4 = body-back**; **stitches #5-9 = head-front**; **stitches #14-18 = head-back**).

After every few stitches, pull tight. But before you sew the opening closed completely, stuff the giraffe's neck a little bit more. Finish sewing the opening closed. Tie off. Weave in all remaining ends.

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