

Circus of Circles

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All of these fun crochet appliques are based on a flat circle. Use them to decorate fleece blankets, crochet or knitted afghans and even quilts!

All of the appliques start with the same three rounds, then embellish the circles to create a circus of your own!

Materials: Size G or H hook, Yarn needle, approximately 16 yards of yarn for main color. Bits and pieces of other colors for eyes ears and so forth. Fabric paint was used for the eyes.

How to Crochet a Flat Circle

chain 4 and join to form a circle, or magic ring

Round 1: chain 2, then work 12 dc's into the ring. Slip stitch into top of first double crochet. (12)

Round 2: chain 2, then work 2 dc's in each stitch. Slip stitch into top of first double crochet. (24)

Round 3: chain 2, then work *2 dc's in first stitch, 1 dc in next stitch* repeat around, Slip stitch into top of first double crochet. (36) Fasten off or begin as directed for chosen animal.

CAT Make one 3 round flat circle; for ears...do not fasten yarn off,

Ears: Round 4: chain 1, 1 sc in same stitch, *skip 1 stitch, 4 dc, 3trc, 4 dc in next stitch, skip 1 stitch sc in next stitch* Slip stitch in next 8 stitches. Sc in next stitch repeat between (*) for second ear. Single crochet around and slipstitch into first sc. Fasten off.

Heart Nose: Make a magic ring, ch 2. 2 dc, 2 hdc, 1 dc, 2 hdc, 2 dc, ch 2, sl st through the magic ring. Pull the magic ring closed. Give the bottom or top edge of the heart a tug if needed. Weave in loose ends. (This heart nose is quite large, if wanted smaller, use smaller size hook)

Bow: chain 4 and join to form circle or make a magic ring. Ch 3, 3 dc in ring, ch 3, sl st in ring, ch 3, 3 dc in ring, ch3, sl st in ring. Cut yarn leaving a tail four inches long. Sew end through the first chain stitch at the very beginning and finish off. Create the center of the bow by wrapping the two ends under and then back over the bow a twice. Tie off and weave in ends.

DOG: Make one 3 round flat circle.

Ears Make two: Chain 10, 4 hdc in 3rd chain from hook dc in next 6 stitches. 8 trc in end stitch. Dc in first stitch on opposite side, dc in next 5 stitches. 4 hdc in end stitch.

Round Nose: Chain 4 and join to form circle or make a magic ring. 13 sc in ring, slip stitch into first sc. Fasten off, pull tight.

FROG: Make one 3 round flat circle for body.

Eyes: Round 1: with white, chain 2, then work 12 dc's into the ring. Slip stitch into top of first double crochet. Fasten off.

Round 2: with green 2 sc in each stitch around, slip stitch into first sc. Fasten off.

PENQUIN: Make one 3 round flat circle for body. Make a 2 round flat circle for belly.

Feet: Chain 4, 3 dc in 4th chain from hook. Fasten off. make two.

Beak is made by making 3-4 stitches on face.

OWL: Make one 3 round flat circle, do not fasten off.

Ears: Round 4: Chain 1, sc in same stitch. sc in next 5 stitches. *sc, ch 2, dc ch 2, ch 2, sc in next stitch.* sc in next 7 stitches repeat between *. Sc around and slip stitch in beginning sc.

Eyes: Round 1: with white, chain 2, then work 12 dc's into the ring. Slip stitch into top of first dc. Fasten off. Beak is made by making 3-4 stitches on face.

FISH: Make one 3 round flat circle.

Round 4: Attach a second color in any stitch, ch 1, sc in same stitch. sc in next stitch. hdc ch1, 2 dc, in next stitch. hdc, sc in next stitch. *1 sc in first stitch, 2 sc in next stitch* repeat between (*) 4 times. Sc chain 4 sc in next stitch. Ch 4, sc in next chain. +Sc in next stitch, 2 sc in next stitch+ repeat between(+)8 times. Sc in next stitch, ^chain 8, sc in second chain from hook, hdc in next stitch dc in next 2 stitches. hdc in next stitch, sc in same stitch as beginning chain^. Sc in next stitch, repeat between(^). sc in each stitch to start, slip stitch in first sc. Fasten off.

MONKEY: In main color, make one 3 round flat circle, fasten off.

Ears, make 2. **Round 1:** with second color chain 2, then work 12 dc's into the second chain from hook. Slip stitch into top of first double crochet. fasten off. **Round 2:** attach main color, sc in next 10 stitches, fasten off.

Muzzle: with second color; chain 4 and join to form a circle or make a magic ring. **Round 1:** 2 sc, 2 hdc, 2 dc, 2 hdc, 2 sc, hds, 2 dc, 2hdc in circle, join with a slip stitch into beginning sc. **Round 2:** chain 2, then work 2 dc's in each stitch. Slip stitch into top of first double crochet. Fasten off.

ELEPHANT: Make one 3 round flat circle for body.

Round 4: Chain 1, sc, chain 7, Slip stitch in second chain from hook and in each remaining chain and sc all in same stitch. Sc in next 5 stitches. Chain 9 dc in 4 stitch from hook and in next 3 stitches. Skip 2 stitches, slip stitch in next 5 stitches. Chain 9, dc in 4th stitch from hook and in next 3 stitches, skip 2 stitches, slip stitch in next 5 stitches. Chain 11 slip stitch in second chain from hook, slip stitch in next 2 stitches. Sc in next 2 stitches, hdc in next 2 stitches. Dc in next 3 stitches. skip two stitches, slip stitch in next stitch and around to end. Slip stitch into beginning stitch, fasten off.

Ear: Chain 5, 10 trc in 5 chain from hook. Fasten off.

BEAR: Make one 3 round flat circle; for ears...do not fasten yarn off,

Round 4: chain 1, 1 sc in same stitch, *skip 1 stitch, 6 dc in next stitch. Skip next stitch, sc in next stitch* and in next 12 stitches. Repeat between *. Sc around to end. Slip stitch into first stitch, Fasten off.

Muzzle: Make a 2 round flat circle. Fasten off.

LION: Make face same as bear.

Mane: Make one 3 round flat circle, do not fasten off. *Chain 7 sc in same stitch, chain 7 Sc in next stitch* repeat between (*) around.

Assemble the pieces of the animals together onto fabric of choice. For a more secure appliqué, use a sewing machine to attach. For eyes use fabric paint and work it into the fibers of the yarn. Buttons or embroidery may also be used for eyes.