
Crocheted Unicorn with Twinkie Chan

Chapter 1 - Crocheted Unicorn

Introduction

Overview

(gentle music) ^- Hi, I'm Twinkie Chan. ^I'm a crochet designer, blogger, and author of Crochet Goodies for Fashion Foodies. Today I'm going to teach you how to crochet a magical unicorn. We're going to be using some basic crochet techniques, such as single crochet, half-double crochet, invisible decrease, how to work a magic circle to work in the round. I will also show you how to install his rainbow mane and tail. Almost everyone I know has always wanted to be a unicorn or have a unicorn. And now you get the chance to make your very own.

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- The materials you'll need for this project are 60 yards of a white worsted weight yarn. This is Lion Brand Vanna's Choice in white. You'll need six yards of a mustard colored yarn. This is Lion Brand Vanna's Choice in mustard. You'll need two yards of a lightweight golden yarn. This is Lion Brand Vanna's Glamour in gold. You'll also need a rainbow array of five colors in worsted weight. I'm using Red Heart Super Saver in Perfect Pink, Pumpkin, Bright Yellow, Spring Green, and Turquoise. And for all of the rainbow yarns, you only need about two yards each. You'll need a small amount of polyester stuffing, a small wooden stick or pencil to help with your stuffing, scissors, two six-millimeter safety eyes, a tapestry needle, an H hook, and a G hook. And finally, some straight pins. And don't forget to download your PDF pattern.

Crochet Unicorn

Crochet unicorn head

- The gauge for crocheting isn't super important. If your toy turns out slightly larger or smaller than mine, it's really not a big deal, but the gauge I'll be working in for Vanna's Choice with an H hook is 14 single crochets across by 16 rows long for a four inch by four inch square. With the Vanna's Glamour with the G hook, you'll be working 10 single crochets across by 12 rows long for a two inch by two inch square. So let's get started working on a unicorn's head. We're going to start the head at the tip of the nose and work toward the back of the head. And to begin working in the round, we're gonna start with a magic circle, and I'll show you how to do that. Hold the yarn like this with the yarn tail coming toward the bottom of your hand, grab your working yarn, wrap it around your first two fingers, and cross it over the yarn tail like this. Grab your H hook, stick it into the back of your fingers, and hook your working yarn like this. Now carefully remove your fingers from the magic circle while maintaining the circle's shape. Pick up your working yarn, hold onto this twist, and then chain one to begin Round 1. For Round 1, we're going to work six single crochet into this

magic circle. To work a single crochet, insert your hook into the desired stitch, yarn over, pull through one, yarn over, and pull through two. Once again, for single crochet, insert your hook into the desired stitch, yarn over, pull through one, yarn over, and pull through two. So here I have two complete single crochets, and I'm going to work four more into this ring. One, two, three, four, for a total of six. To close up your magic circle, hold on to the last stitch you worked and give this yarn tail a tug. And your magic circle should close right up. Now Round 1 is complete. Before beginning round two, I'm gonna grab my stitch marker, or my scrap yarn, I'm just going to lay it in front of the last stitch that I worked. This is gonna help you keep count of your rounds and help you keep your place, so it's easier to count your stitches. For Round 2, we're going to increase three times. And to work an increase, you simply going to work two single crochets in this first stitch, here's the first single crochet, and then the second single crochet, and then work one single crochet in the next stitch. We're gonna repeat that three times total. So two single crochet in the first stitch, one single crochet in the next stitch. And you're gonna do that one more time. Two single crochets into the first one, one single crochet in the next stitch. And you'll see we're right back at our stitch marker. Before beginning Round 3, remember to flip back your stitch marker to help keep your place. For Rounds 3 and 4 we're going to work in single crochet evenly around. Working evenly around simply means we're going to work one single crochet into each stitch without any decreasing or increasing. (rustling) That's nine, that's the end of Round 3. Going to remember to flip up my stitch marker before beginning Round 4, and again this is just working single crochet evenly around. (rustling) If the short end of your stitch marker and your short yarn tail are getting in the way, go ahead, you can just stuff them into your work like so just so they don't get tangled up. So we're at the end of Round 4, so flip up your stitch marker to keep your place. And for Round 5 we'll begin increasing again. So we're going to work two single crochet in the first stitch, and then one single crochet each in the next two. We're gonna repeat that three times all the way around. So two single crochet, and then one single crochet each in the next two. It's two single crochet in the next stitch, one each in the next two. And then our last increase for this round, two single crochet, and then two single crochet even. And Round 5 is complete with 12 stitches all the way around. Before beginning Round 6, flip up your stitch marker. And Rounds 6 and 7 are also simply worked in single crochet evenly around. So that's just one single crochet for each stitch. (rustling) So we're at the end of Round 7, going to flip up my stitch marker. And to begin Round 8, we'll be increasing again. So we're going to work two single crochet in the first stitch, and then three single crochets evenly. One, two, and three, we're gonna repeat that a total of three times all the way around, so two single crochet in the next stitch, one single crochet each in the next three. That's two and three and one more time. You're going to go ahead and work Round 9 in single crochet evenly across for 15 stitches. At that point we're gonna take a break and insert the unicorn safety eyes. I'm gonna flip the head around so I can get a good at his head, again remember this is going to be his nose, and this is going to be the back of his head. So the safety eye placement is kind up to you, but I'll call out some placement numbers so you can get an idea of where I put my safety eyes. I put them about in between Rounds 6 and 7, so start counting your rounds here. One, two, three, four, five, and six, I'm going to stick one of the safety eyes here, and I stick the other one in the same round but about three stitches apart from the first, so one, two, and three. If you like the look of this, go ahead and snap on the washer in the back. Since the head is pretty small, if you have to pop your project inside out, that's not a big deal, but I'm just going to sort of peel it open like this, grab your washer, and these are kind of small, so it's kind of hard to get a hold of. Snap this onto the back post of the safety eye. Let me get this here. I have it on a little bit, but you wanna snap in on further down, so it works its way down a

couple of those nubbins. Getting the washer on can be a little tricky since the pieces are so small, but just take your time and be patient, and eventually it'll snap right on. We have our safety eyes on, so we're going to pop this right side out again. Put my crochet hook back onto my project. And we will begin decreasing with Round 10. So flip up your stitch marker, and we're going to work an invisible decrease. We're only going to work in the outside or front loops of our work. Pick up the first front loop of the first stitch and the front loop of the second stitch. You're gonna yarn over and pull through two loops and then yarn over and pull through both loops. Then we're going to work three single crochets evenly. One, two, three, we're going to repeat that a total of three times. So work your invisible decrease, pick up the front loop of the first stitch, the front loop of the second stitch, yarn over, pull through two loops, yarn over and pull through two loops, and then three single crochets evenly. And one more decrease. Pick up the front loop, the next front loop, yarn over, pull through two, yarn over and pull through two, and then three single crochets evenly. And we're at the end of Round 10. I'm gonna start stuffing my head before the opening gets too small, so take some polyester stuffing. You want to try not to overstuff it too much at this point because we're still going to crocheting, and the stuffing might get in the way of your work, and we'll have an opportunity to stuff it a little bit more at the end too. And I put my hook back onto my work, flip up my stitch marker, and this is the last round of the head. This is Round 11, so all we're going to do is work invisible decrease six times all the way around. (rustling) There's one, two, three, and then the last one, six. We're going to slip stitch to the next stitch just to join and round this off, slip stitch is simply inserting your hook into the next stitch, yarning over, and pulling through both loops. You're gonna break off, leaving about 12 inches of yarn, just enough to help you sew up the remaining stitches. To complete your break off, you're just going to yarn over and pull this tail all the way through. You can pop out your stitch marker, just give this a tug. Before sewing up this hole, we're gonna put a little bit more stuffing inside. When working with such a small amount of stuffing in a small project, I like to tame my stuffing a little bit by rolling into a small ball with the palm of my hand. And since the hole is so small, I'm going to grab my pencil or a wooded stick to help me pack it in. And again, you don't need to overstuff your head, it's just enough to keep its shape. To sew up the remaining stitches, I'm going to grab my tapestry needle and thread the yarn tail through. And I'm going to work in the outside loops of all these stitches, going from the inside of the circle toward the outside. This helps create a really seamless and invisible look for the sewing. So just pick up the outside loops of all six remaining stitches. Give that a little tug to close up the hole, and then I'm gonna tie a knot to secure my sewing. And rather than weave my ends through, since this is three dimensional object, to hid your yarn end, all you have to do pop the needle through the toy, come out anywhere else on this piece, give the tail a gentle tug, snip it close, and the tail disappears right inside the project. Now your head is complete, and we're going to work on the body.

Crochet unicorn body

- We're going to start the body with magic circle, the same way we started the head. Grab that working yarn and chain one. And for round one, we're going to work six single crochet into the magic circle. It's one. Two. Three. Four. Five and six. Hold on to your work and give the yarn tail a tug to close up the circle. Don't forget to insert your stich marker before we begin round two. Get my scrap yarn and just lay that across the stich I just worked. To begin round two, we're just going to work two single crochet in each stitch all the way around. This first stitch can be tight sometimes after the magic circle so just wiggle your hook a little bit to get it in there. That's one single crochet and two and I'm gonna repeat that five more times. We're back on our stitch marker. And we're

ready to start round three so flip your stitch marker back and the pattern for round three is to work two single crochet and then one single crochet in the next stitch and you're going to repeat that six times. One. Two in the first stitch and then one in the next. That's two in the first stitch and then one in the next and you repeat that all the way around until you hit your stitch marker again. And now we're at the end of round three. We have 18 stitches all the way around right now. Before beginning round four, we're gonna flip up our stitch marker to keep our place and for round four, we're going two single crochet in the first stitch and then five single crochet evenly and repeat that three times all the way around so work two single crochet in the first stitch and then five single crochet evenly. One. Two. Three. Four. Five. And work our second increase of the round here and then five single crochet evenly. And here's our last increase. Two single crochets and then five even. And we're back at our stitch marker. Flip your stitch marker back before beginning round five and round five through 17 are just worked evenly around for 21 stitches so just one single crochet for each stitch and then we'll begin to decrease. So now we're at the end of round 17. We're going to flip up my stitch marker to keep my place and for round 18, we will start decreasing. We're going to work one invisible decrease and then five single crochet evenly three times around. So here's my first decrease and then five single crochet. Two. Three. Four and five. Here's our next decrease. And then one. Two. Three. Four. And five. At the end of round 18, we're going to start lightly stuffing the body. Again, you don't need to over stuff the body here. We're going to keep stuffing it a little bit more as we keep decreasing. I'm going to pop my hook back into my project and before beginning round 19, I'm going to flip my stitch marker up to keep my place. And for round 19, we're going to work one invisible decrease and then one single crochet six times all the way around. So here's the invisible decrease and then one single crochet. Before beginning round 20, I'm going to put a little bit more stuffing in here so flip up my stitch marker just so it's not in the way and get a little bit more stuffing inside. Put my hook back into my work and for round 20, we're simply going to work six invisible decreases all the way around. That's one. Two and here's our last one, six. Now we're just going to slip stitch to the next stitch to join and break off leaving about a foot of yarn just to help you sew up that remaining opening. Gonna yarn over and pull my tail all the way through. Before we close up the hole, you can stick a little bit more stuffing so just grab a little bundle. Roll it around in your palm a little bit to tame it. And then use your small stick or pencil to guide the stuffing in. I'm gonna put in a little bit more. Pop out my stitch marker by giving it a tug and then we're going to close up the body the same way we closed up the head. Pick up the outside loops of the six remaining stitches, aiming your needle from the center outward. And give that a tug to close up the hole. Then I'm going to tie a knot to secure my work. And to hide the yarn tail, I'm just going to insert my needle back through the body and pop it out anywhere, tug on it. Give it a short snip and then the tail just disappears. Now that our body is complete, we're going to work on the neck.

Crochet unicorn neck

- Now we're going to work on the neck. I'm gonna grab my white yarn, and pull out about a 24 inch yarn tail to use for sewing later. And then I'm going to put a slipknot on my H hook. You're going to chain 12, and remember not to chain too tightly here. Two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, 10, 11, and 12. Making sure there are no twists in this chain, slip stitch back into the first chain to form a ring. Just yarn over and pull through your ends. For round one, you're simply going to work one single crochet in each chain. Normally I would just pick up this loop to work, but for this particular piece, I'll be working in what we call the hump of the chain, in this back loop here. I just think it creates a neater edge for the top of our neck. That's one single crochet, here's two. And three, this

is why you don't wanna chain too tightly, it's so you'll be able to find this back loop more easily. Working in this back hump is a little more tedious, it's gonna take you a little longer, but I think the neater edge is worth this extra work. Since counting the stitches is a little funkier when you're working in the back hump, I'm gonna go in and count my single crochets to make sure I have the right number of stitches. This is one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, 10, 11, I need to work one more for 12. So find the back hump, and you should have 12 single crochets all the way around. Before beginning round two, don't forget to insert your stitch marker. I'm laying it right in front of the last stitch that I worked. Pick up my working yarn again, and round two is simply working 12 single crochet all the way around, just working evenly. This is the end of round two. I'm going flip up my stitch marker to keep my place. And for round three, we will begin increasing. You're going to work two single crochet in the first stitch, and then five single crochet evenly, and we're going to repeat that two times. Two single crochet, and then five single crochet evenly. It's one, two, three, four, and five, and then two single crochets in the next stitch. And then five evenly. And five, at the end of round three, we should have 14 single crochet all the way around. Before beginning round four, I'm going to flip up my stitch marker. And round four is simply working in single crochet evenly around. Flip up my stitch marker. And for round five, we're going to work two single crochet in the first stitch, and then six single crochet evenly, and we're going to do that twice. There's one, two, three, four, five, six. And then two single crochet. And then six evenly again, and six. So at the end of round five we should have 16 single crochets all the way around. Flip up my stitch marker, and for round six you're just going to work 16 single crochet evenly around. Before beginning round seven, which is our final round of the neck, gonna flip up my stitch marker one more time. And for round seven, we're going to work two single crochets in the first stitch, and then seven single crochets evenly, two times. Here's your increase, two single crochets, and then seven single crochets evenly. And then two single crochets in the next stitch. Seven single crochets evenly. We're at the end of round seven, there should be 18 stitches all the way around. We're gonna slip stitch to the next stitch to join, break off leaving yourself about 24 inches of yarn to use for sewing later. Just yarn over, then pull your tail all the way through. You can also remove your stitch marker at this point. Just give that a tug. And you can lightly stuff the neck now to get an idea of its shape, but we're leaving the ends open because we're going to be sewing this to other body parts later.

Crochet unicorn legs

- Now we're going to work on the legs, and I'm going to show you how to switch yarn colors in the middle of a project. We're going to start a leg with mustard yarn, and we're going to work our magic circle. Grab your H hook. And to begin Round 1 of the leg, we're gonna chain one and work six single crochet into the magic circle. So, one. Two. Three. Four. Five. And six. Hold on to your work and give the yarn tail a tug to close up the magic circle. Before we begin Round 2, you're gonna grab your stitch marker to help keep your place. We're just going to lay that in front of the stitch that I just worked. And for Round 2, we're just going to be working one single crochet evenly around. This project is gonna be really small, so just work slowly and patiently. So I'm gonna work one single crochet in this first stitch. That's two. Three. Four. Five. And six. Flip up your stitch marker. And Round 3, again, is just working single crochet evenly around. I am not working the last stitch of Round 3 yet, because when you change yarn colors, you actually work it in the last stitch of the previous Round. So I'm going to start my single crochet in mustard, and on the last pull through, I'm going to bring in the new color. So, break off enough mustard to tie a knot. Bring in your second color, which is white. And you're going to bring in the white on this last pull through of the single

crochet. Now you have a new yarn color. Okay, now pull on the tails and tighten up the stitch. Rounds 4-12 are actually just working even around in white. Trying to find my stitch marker here with all these yarn tails. Flip up my stitch marker. I'm gonna grab onto my white and just keep working single crochet evenly around. As you're working Rounds 4-12, you're also going to pause on occasion to stuff the leg. Since this leg is so skinny, it's easier to keep slowly stuffing as you go rather than waiting at the very end of the leg. I'm at the end of Round 4 now, and the ends are sort of getting in the way of my crocheting. Plus, while the piece is still small, we want to be able to access these ends, so we're gonna go and start tying some knots right now. To make this easier to see, I'm going to turn his foot inside out for a second. Don't touch the red tail, that's your stitch marker. This longer mustard tail is from our magic circle. You can trim that a little bit, but I would still give it maybe about an inch of leeway, just in case it loosens up at some point. And these remaining two tails, this is the end of your mustard and the beginning of your white. And just so the white doesn't slip out of our toy, I'm just gonna tie a really simple square knot. You don't have to get too fancy, this is all hidden inside the toy. But this is just so I know that the tails won't work their way out. You can trim this, I'd still give it about an inch. Pop this foot to the right side out again. And any end that's sticking out at this point, you can just shove in there with your finger. Just don't even think about them for now. I'm gonna grab my H hook and pop it back onto the project. We're at the end of Round 4, so I'm going to flip up my stitch marker. Rounds 5-12, you're going to keep working in single crochet evenly around and around. Remember to keep stuffing every few rounds as you go, because this piece is so skinny and the opening is so small, it's just easier to do it as you go before waiting 'til the very end. Grab a little bit of polyester stuffing, and I'm gonna use my pencil to help guide it in. I actually like to stuff the legs a little firmly so that the unicorn will be able to stand up. This is the last Round. That's the end. Continue working in single crochet evenly around until the end of Round 15. So we're at the end of Round 15. We're going to slip stitch to the next stitch to join. You're gonna leave about 18 inches of yarn for sewing the leg to the body later. Just yarn over and pull the tail through. You might also want to put a little bit more stuffing while we have the chance. Just go ahead and pack some more in. And gently pull out your stitch marker. Oops, if he gets stuck in there, don't worry about it. You can just cut it free. So just cut that contrasting color yarn. Pull it out. And you can use your tapestry needle to work out the rest of it. If you have to keep it hidden inside, that's really not a big deal. No one will ever see that. Nope, it's coming right out, there you go. Go ahead and make three more legs in the exact same way.

Crochet unicorn ears and horn

- Now we're going to work on his ears. Going to take my white yarn, and we're switching to a G hook. And you're going to put a slipknot onto your G hook. This is just going to be one row, it's a really small piece. So we're going to chain three. One, two, three. And all we're gonna do is skip the first chain, single crochet, and then half-double crochet. And in this row, we also want to make sure to work in two loops over the chain rather than just one. It'll just create a neater edge for our ear. So work a single crochet. And then half-double crochet is yarn over, insert your hook into the desired stitch, yarn over and pull through one, yarn over and pull through all three loops. Your ear is basically complete. We're going to give ourselves about 10 inches of yarn here to sew the ears to the head later. And to finish, just yarn over, and pull the tail through. So as you can see, the bottom edge of the half-double crochet is the bottom of his ear, and this is the tip of his ear. Go ahead and make a second ear in the exact same way, and then we're going to work on his horn. So we're going to grab our gold yarn and our G hook, and pull out a 24 inch yarn tail to begin. We're going to use

this for sewing later. We're going to put a slipknot onto your hook. Go ahead and chain two. Row one is simply just working a single crochet into the second chain from your hook. Chain one and turn. For row two, you're going to work two single crochets into the same stitch. So there's one single crochet, and there's the second. Chain one, and turn. For row three, you're going to work two single crochets in the first stitch, and then one single crochet. There's two single crochets here. And then one single crochet in the last stitch. Chain one and turn. Rows four and five are just worked evenly across. That's three stitches. One, two-- Whoops. We're picking up that second loop here. Three. Chain one and turn. Row five again, is just working evenly across. One, two, and three. We're just gonna break this off. Just enough to leave in the end here. Yarn over and pull this tail all the way through. We have a little triangle here, and before we form our horn you wanna weave in the short end just so it's out of the way. So pass it through... inside the stitches that you worked so it's hiding. All the work here is really tiny so just be careful and work slowly. Don't pull too hard. I'm going to pass it through into the next row, and switch it to the next direction to keep that yarn tail in place. I'm gonna trim that close. Fold our triangle lengthwise, and we're gonna sew this seam here to form a cone shape. Thread my long yarn tail through my tapestry needle. This is starting at the top of the horn. Just make some small whip stitches until you get to the base. It's so tiny, it's a little tricky, but it'll look good at the end, I promise. Sew this edge together. You don't have to pull your stitches too tightly, because you don't want to warp the shape of the horn. I'm getting toward the base here. I'm going to tie off my yarn. You're going to save this long yarn tail for sewing the horn to the head later.

Assemble Unicorn

Whipstitch unicorn body pieces together

- Now that we've finished crocheting all of his body parts, we're going to start assembling him. Make sure that everything looks good before sewing it down. We're going to start by pinning all of our body parts together first. And you're going to eyeball where you want to attach the neck and just start pinning it down. Going to weave your straight pin in and out of both pieces to secure it. Give it a turn. Gonna get another pin, weave that in and out between both pieces. You'll probably be able to fit three pins onto these pieces. Like that. Turn it around, take a look, it's looking pretty good to me so I'm gonna go ahead and start to pin the head on top of the neck. Weave it through both pieces. I think I can get two pins in here. Like that. Kinda look as you go. If his head is too angled you can kind of fix that. Also, I might adjust his head a little bit. Now that we have those three pieces pinned together, we're going to flip him over and eyeball where we're going to place the legs. Remember, this is not permanent, so if it looks weird later, it's really easy to change the position. I just wanna get all four of these legs onto the body to get me started. Do be careful of these pins, they're kind of sticking out everywhere, you don't want to stick yourself. Pinning these parts together. Weaving my pin in and out. You're probably only going to be able to fit one pin through each leg. 'Cause they're so small. Pin the back legs on. And then step back and take a better look. Let's see. Flip him over. (laughing) This one leg probably needs to be readjusted. But you kind of need to take a look at him from all angles to see if his head is turned a weird way or if his neck is sideways. I'm going to re-pin this back leg. It's sticking out a strange way. And bring it closer toward the center of his body. Can be kind of hard to get a grip on him at this point with all the pins sticking out. You can already kind of see that he can stand up by himself. So that means the

positioning is probably pretty good. And he's looking good from all different angles so we're gonna go ahead and start sewing on the base of his neck. I'm gonna find the long yarn tail that belongs to the base of his neck, grab my tapestry needle and thread it through. And all you need to do is use a simple whip stitch to sew the base of the neck to the body. Really be careful of your hands here since there's so many pins sticking out. And a lot of yarn tails. Oops. So just take your time and go slowly. As you hit a pin, you can pull it out and keep sewing. Probably have to turn your unicorn in all sorts of different directions to make the sewing easy on yourself. Put in one more stitch. And then tie a small knot to secure your stitches. And to hide your long yarn tail, just pop your needle back into the project, bring it out on the other side, give it a tug, snip it, and it disappears right inside. Go ahead and sew the top of the neck to the head and then we're gonna move on to the legs. I'm gonna start by sewing on this leg, and we're just gonna whip stitch in the same way we sewed on the other two pieces. We're gonna sew the body here to this leg. If your yarn is getting caught up on the pin, you can also pop it out, but I try to keep it in so that I know my leg position isn't changing. Gonna turn and sew and turn and sew. And get in between these two legs, pick up a stitch on the body. Take a peek in here, pick up a stitch. Keep turning him, gonna pick up another stitch here. Going to put in one more stitch. And then tie a knot to secure my stitches. And then to hide the yarn tail, I'm just gonna pop my needle through, come back out the body, give that a tug, snip it close. And you have one leg sewn on. Sew on the rest of the legs in the same way and keep looking and readjusting. If you have to re-pin some legs, don't worry about it, take your time and make sure it all looks good. I have mine all sewn on right here and we're gonna go ahead and sew on the ears and the horn. So you're going to take one of your ears and we're going to use the long tail for sewing so thread your tapestry needle through that. To give his ear more of an ear-like shape, I pinch the base a little bit to make it look more like a little leaf. And it creates a tiny fold in the ear which I think looks more realistic. So just give it maybe like two stitches back and forth to pinch the ends together. And I'm not going to pin these since they're so small. But take your first ear and your second ear just so you kind of can prepare yourself for what this guy's gonna look like. There's different positions that the ear can go in so I'm just gonna eyeball it. And I think that looks pretty cute like that. So remember where you wanna sew this ear on. And it's so small, you'll probably only need a stitch or two into the base of the ear. Don't tie anything off yet. I'm going to remove my tapestry needle and prepare my second ear. Just in case I wanna reposition the first one. Thread the long tail of your second ear, pinch the base a little, put one or two small stitches in the base here to squeeze it together. One and then back and forth, we're gonna put in one more stitch. And then position the second ear. Watch out for that short yarn tail, I'm gonna push that to the back a little bit. Gonna position and make sure this looks cute. And then go ahead and sew that on with one or two stitches. If you think that's all looking adorable, you can go ahead and tie down both of your long yarn ends. Tie a knot here. Just pop that into the head to hide this long end. And also hide this short end, just pop that back into the head. Bring it out. And trim it. Tie down and weave in the ends on your first ear just the way we did on the second one and then we're gonna sew on the horn. Thread the yarn tail through. To position the horn, I go in between the ears and then slightly below. But you can also put your horn wherever you like. It's a little tricky because it's so tiny but just start sticking in your needle into his head and go through a stitch in the horn. And then you're just gonna continue sewing all the way around the horn in the same way you attached the legs. Put in one more stitch. And if it's looking good to you, go ahead and tie that down. Pop your needle through his head. Come out the other side. Now we can put on his mane and his tail.

Add mane, tail and nostrils to finish

- Now I'm going to show you how to install his mane and his tail. We're going to take our rainbow array of yarn colors, and I'll show you how to prep that yarn. To get the lengths of yarn that I want, they're about six to eight inches long, I just a quick trick with my hand. I'm going to wrap the yarn around these four fingers four times. You only need four strands of each color, so we're just cutting four strands of this pink. Wrap that around four times, take your scissors, just make one cut, and you'll be left with four yarn lengths. Go ahead and repeat that same process with your other four rainbow colors. The method that we're going to use to install the mane is similar to latch hooking. If you haven't done any latch hooking before, it's really easy. I'm going to take my G hook, and we're going to install two strands of yarn at the same time. All you do is bend the two yarn strands in half like this and make a loop. You're going to insert your hook right in between his ears to start, and you're going to hook that loop you just created in the center of your strands, and you're going to pull this through. Basically, yarn over, always four strands, and you're going to pull them through the loop. Give this a tug. It's sometimes easier to pull on them one at a time to make sure all of them are tight. I know this looks long and crazy, but we're going to trim all the yarn strands after we put in the rest of the yarn. Take your last two pink yarn strands and repeat the process. You can use your H hook too, I'm just picking the G hook because I find it's easier to go into the stitches. We're going to be moving down across the back of the head and down the neck with all of our yarn, so go slightly below the place you inserted your first batch of yarn hook the center, pull it through. If you lose one, you can just use your fingers to pull those through. Yarn over all four strands, and pull those through the loop. Tighten these by pulling on them one at a time. Keep working down his neck with the rest of the colors. Now that all your rainbow yarn colors are installed, if you like this look, you can keep it long, but I like to give him a little bit of a haircut. Start longer than you think you might want. It's better to go too long at first than too short. How long these strands are is entirely up to you. I kind of like my unicorn to look like he's wind-blown so I keep it pretty short, but this again is up to you. You can stick it back and play with his hair. I'm pretty happy with this length, so we're gonna go ahead and put on his tail. We're going to be using the latch hook method once again, but this time each of your yarn strands is going to be about 12 inches long. If you don't have a ruler handy, you can just use your hand. I'm going to wrap the yarn around my hand two times, and then just cut one end of it here. That's a pretty good approximate length to work with. Then you can just match up your other strands and keep cutting. Just make two more stands each in the rest of your four colors. Now we're gonna put them all in. There is a lot of yarn to work with, so I'm going to find the center of all my yarn strands and just kind of twist them around a little bit to give my hook something to grab onto. Loop it as we did before, because we're gonna try to grab all of these all at once. Find the center and top of his back end where you want the tail to begin, and just insert your hook as we did before, and try to grab all of these strands at once. You might lose some, but we can catch those later. Oops, I only caught one strand of yarn. Let's try that again. It might take you a couple tries, but it'll be worth it. His tail will be magnificent. Get in here and try to pull these through like that. It looks like I some of the orange, use your fingers. You can use your hands for the rest of this, so get ahold of all your stands in the center again. I'm gonna find all of them. Grab the rest of the strands here and pull it through that loop. It's just one big giant version of how you installed the mane. To get this nice and neat, it's a little monotonous, but just pull on each individual strand until this top knot looks pretty. Looks like I have some orange that's sticking out, so I'm gonna try to find the orange strand and give it a tug. Just keep going all the way around until you like the way it looks. You can trim this to whatever length you prefer. I like it to be maybe just slightly above the

ground, so I'm just gonna go and cut these, and his tail is complete. As a final touch, we're going to embroider on some tiny pink nostrils. Give yourself about 18 to 24 inches to work with. We're only making two tiny stitches so you don't need that much yarn. Thread this through, and let me show you a trick for embroidery here for hiding where you begin and end your embroidery. Your instinct might be to just go in here where you want the nostril, but what we're actually gonna do is enter from some place completely different, like under his chin here so that we can hide this knot later. Come up where you want the nostril to begin, and just one tiny stitch. You want to go one stitch under the place the yarn is coming out, and we're gonna go directly onto the other side of his face to start the other nostril. Come down again just one round. To end, make sure your needle comes out in the exact same space that you first went in. I'm just gonna up here and check that his nostrils look cute. You can tug on the yarn to make sure that they look cute. To tie this off I'm simply going to tie a square knot with these two yarn ends. I'm going to hide these ends simply by snipping them fairly short, like half an inch. Then you can hide this knot inside his head. Use the end of your tapestry needle and come in from the side, and it just sucks right in. Just scoop it into the head to hide it. All that stuffing will hold your embroidery in place. Hide it and bury it inside the stuffing inside his head. Now that you've finished your unicorn, you have a beautiful new friend, and you've made all your childhood dreams come true. Now you can gallop away on all your magical adventures.