

Star Wars AT-AT Walker

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(Action figures not included!)

Supplies

3.0mm crochet hook

Grey yarn [suggested Patons UK Merino Wool DK]

2 Popsicle sticks

4x quarter coins or 4x 2p coins

Stuffing

Yarn needle [for sewing pieces together]

A4 or 8"x11" piece of cardboard [to keep shaping of pieces once stuffed]

Terminology and Links

(American crochet terminology)

Magic loop technique - <http://www.planetjune.com/blog/tutorials/magic-ring-right-handed/>

Slip stitch - <http://www.planetjune.com/blog/amigurumi-help/crochet-basics-right-handed/#slst>

Sc – Single Crochet

Inc – Increase (2 sc in one sc stitch)

Dec – Invisible decrease http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZ575_ZklWk video or written tutorial <http://www.planetjune.com/blog/amigurumi-help/invisible-decrease/>

Row vs. round – A **row** in crochet is single crochet straight across, chain, and turn. In a circle, you slip stitch into the first single crochet you made for that row to finish the row, then chain 1, and then do the next row without turning. The slip stitch does not count towards the stitch count.

A **round** is a spiral, created by continuing on to the next instructions.

Back loop only – Do a normal single crochet in the back loop of the V. <http://www.stitchdiva.com/custom.aspx?id=128>

Feet and legs [make 4]

The foot base is done in circular rows. Each time you finish going around the circle, slip stitch into your first stitch and then chain 1 to give you enough height to do the next row.

The feet are like a tiered wedding cake. You start making the base, then the sides, then the top, and then the next tier.



The total number of stitches are noted in square brackets [] at the end of each line of instructions.

Magic Ring 6 [6]

Inc around [12]

(1 sc, inc) around, slip stitch, chain 1 [18]

(1 sc, 1sc, inc) around, slip stitch, chain 1 [24]

sc x24 back loop only [24]

sc around [24]

sc around [24]

(1 sc, 1sc, 1dec) back loop only [18] (I used standard decrease rather than invisible decrease here because it was a tight space)

Insert coin now. The coin will make the bottom of the foot keep its shape and also weight it down.

Sc 18 front loop only [18]

Sc around [18]

(1 sc, 1 dec) back loop only [12]

1 sc around front loop only [12]

The foot is done. The next stitches make up the leg. These are done in the round, so you don't have to stop and slip stitch all the time.

1 sc around [12] repeat 11 times

The whole foot and leg should measure about 3 inches tall (roughly 7.5 cm)

Make 3 more!



In progress feet and legs

Body

I'm going to give approximate sizes for the pieces of the body. The gauge and blocking will possibly make your pieces a slightly different size to mine. That's fine, but to deal with it, I recommend starting with the central part of the body and seeing how big it gets. You can adapt the other pieces to fit better, then.

Body – (D) front side

Chain 18

Sc 17 (repeat 10 times)

Don't break the yarn, just move on to next body part instruction

Body – (D) side

Sc 17 Back loop only

Sc 17 (repeat 16 times)

Don't break the yarn, just move on to next body part instruction

Body – (D) back side

Sc 17 front loop only

Sc 17 (repeat 10 times)

Don't break the yarn, just move on to next body part instruction

Body – (D) side

Sc 17 Back loop only

Sc 17 (repeat 16 times)

You have a large box shape with no top or bottom. We'll make the top now.

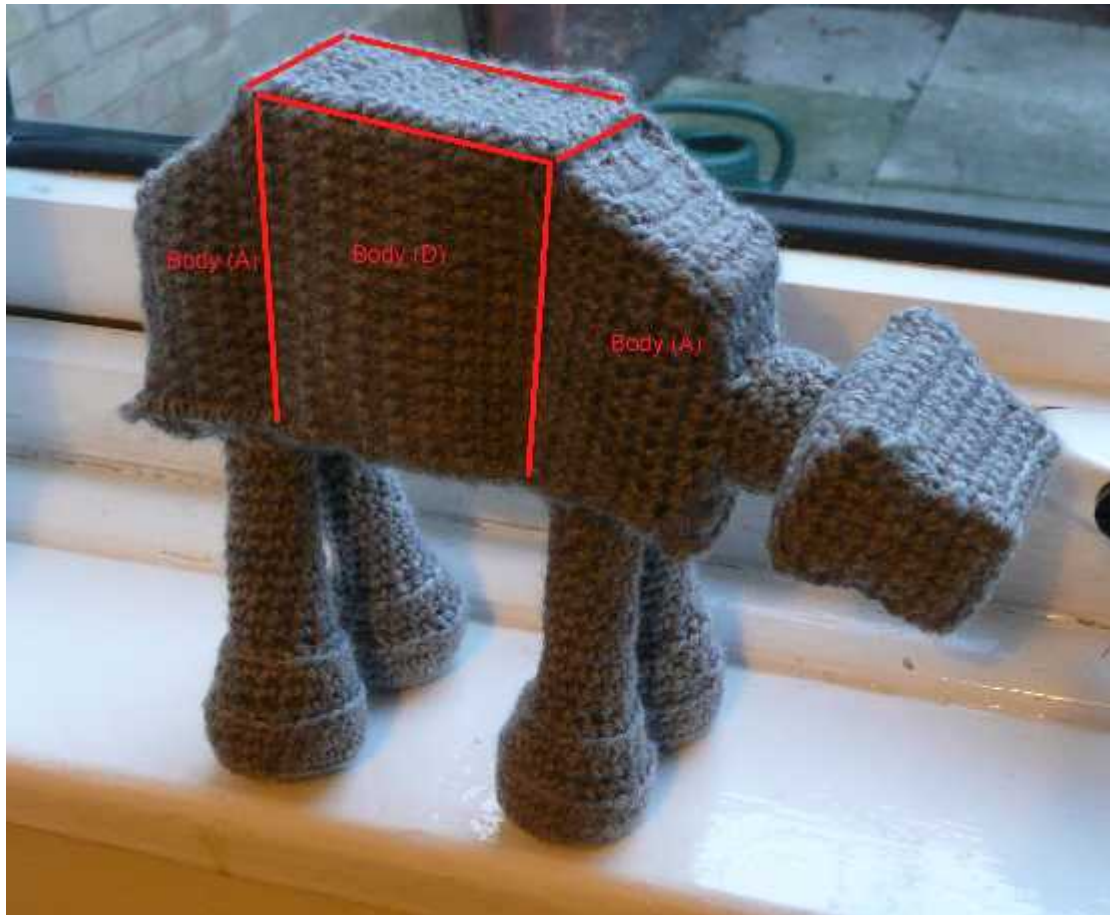
Body – (D) top

Ch 9

Sc 8 (repeat 19 times)

Sew the top on to the rectangle.

This is the main body part (D).



Body – (A) [this is the front and back of the body, as seen above]

Body – (A) side [make 4]

Chain 12

Sc 11 [11]

Sc 11 [11]

Sc 11 inc [12]

Sc 12 [12]

Sc 12 inc [13]

Sc 13 [13]

Sc 13 inc inc [15]

Sc 15 [15]

Sc 15 inc [16]

Sc 16 [16]

Body – (A) top [make 2]

Chain 5

Sc 4 [4]

Inc sc 3 inc [6]

Sc 6 [6]

Inc sc 4 inc [8]

Sc 8 [8]

Sc 8 [8]

Body – (A) front [make 2]

Chain 10

Sc 9

Dec sc 5 dec

Sc 7

Sc 7

Sc 7

Dec sc 3 dec

Sc 5 (repeat 7 times)

At this point I blocked the Body (A) pieces because they were quite curly.



You can then sew them together, at this point.



Sew the front and back onto the main body. It will end up looking like this:





Now you can make the bottom of the body

Body – Bottom
Chain 12

Sc 11 (repeat until it is the length of the body. Roughly 13.5 cm (5 inches))

Cut out pieces from the cardboard to stiffen the tops of the body. See the last page of instructions for a page of pattern cut outs. Obviously, your pieces may not match the sizes of mine, so cut to fit yours.

Put the cardboard in place, stuff, and sew the bottom on to the body.

Head

Head – top

Chain 13

Sc 12

dec sc 8 dec [10]

sc 10

sc 10

dec sc 6 dec [8]

sc 8

sc 8

Don't break the yarn, just move on to next body part instruction

Head - front

Sc 8 Back loop only

Sc 8

Inc sc 6 inc [10]

Don't break the yarn, just move on to next body part instruction

Head – bottom

Sc 10 back loop only

Sc 10

Sc 10

Inc sc 8 inc [12]

Inc sc 10 inc [14]

Don't break the yarn, just move on to next body part instruction

Head – back

Sc 14 back loop only

Sc 14 (repeat 8 times)

Break the yarn

Head – side (make 2)

Chain 6

Sc 5

Sc 5

Sc 5

Sc 5

Inc sc 3 inc [7]

Sc 7

Sc 7

Cut out a piece from the cardboard to stiffen the top of the head.

Sew head together, stuffing before closing off.





Neck

Chain 18

Slip stitch to connect end of chain to start

Sc 18 around (repeat 6 times)

Putting it all together

Start with the 4 feet and legs. Stuff the feet.

Break 2 popsicle sticks in half. Stick a half in each leg. This will give it support. Add stuffing around the sticks.

Sew the legs on to the body.



Sew the neck piece on to the head, stuff the neck. Then sew the other end of the neck to the body. If the head droops too much, you can stick a wooden dowel through it.



Sew in any ends you have, and you're done!

Next page is a roughly to scale image of how big the body will be and how big to cut out your cardboard pieces. Again, this is dependent on your gauge, so use only as a guide!

