Flamingo Floatie Keychain
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Nothing quite says summer like drifting lazily across a lake on a giant inflatable flamingo. Now you can carry some of that summer warmth with you every day of the year by attaching this cute little flamingo floatie to your keychain or backpack!

Skill Level

Beginner

Finished Dimensions

Approx. 2.5" wide & 3" tall

Supplies Needed

- DK weight yarn (Patons Astra or similar): Pink, light pink, black
- Size C / 2.75mm crochet hook
- Two 6mm black safety eyes
- Keychain – I purchased mine on Amazon, they have a 1" split key ring, a short chain, and an open jump ring.
- Pliers
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch marker

Abbreviations & Techniques

All details below are based on US crochet terms

- Mc: Magic Circle
- Ch: Chain
- Sl: Slip Stitch
- Sc: Single Crochet
- Inc: Increase
- Dec: Decrease – I recommend using the Invisible Decrease

Pattern Notes

You will be working in a continuous spiral throughout. Use a stitch marker and do not join rounds or turn (unless otherwise stated).

Donut Ring

Using pink:

Row 1: Ch 24, slip stitch into first chain to make a ring

Row 2: Sc around (24)

Row 3: (Sc 3, Inc)*6 (30)

Row 4: (Sc 4, Inc)*6 (36)

Row 5: (Sc 5, Inc)*6 (42)

Row 6: (Sc 6, Inc)*6 (48)

Rows 7-8: Sc around (48)

Row 9: (Sc 6, Dec)*6 (42)

Row 10: (Sc 5, Dec)*6 (36)

Row 11: (Sc 4, Dec)*6 (30)

Row 12: (Sc 3, Dec)*6 (24)

Finish off, leaving a very long end. Flatten the donut ring and use the long end to sew the the middle hole together. **(Figure 1)**

Stuff the donut ring firmly as you go – don't leave the stuffing for the end, it will be too hard to get the stuffing in!

Figure 1: Flatten the donut and sew together around the middle hole, stuffing as you go

Figure 2: Completed donut ring

Head

Using black:

Row 1: Sc 3 in a Magic Circle (3)

Row 2: Sc 1, Inc, Sc 1 (4)

Switch to light pink:

Row 3: Sc 1, Inc 2, Sc 1 (6)

Row 4: (Sc 1, Inc)*3 (9)

Switch to pink:

Row 5: (Sc 2, Inc)*3 (12)

Row 6: Sc 6, Inc 3, Sc 3 (15)

Row 7: (Sc 4, Inc)*3 (18)

Row 8: Sc around (18)

Figure 3: Completed head and neck

Row 9: Sc 1, Ch 6, skip over next three stiches, Sc 14 (15 + 6 chains – this will create a gap that you will work into when you make the neck) **(Figures 4 & 5)**

Row 10: Sc 1, Sc into each of the 6 Ch stitches from Row 9, Sc 14 (21)

Insert the safety eyes now, between Rows 6 and 7 and evenly spaced around the beak. To work out the correct placement, I stuck my finger in the neck hole and held up the head like a finger puppet. :) This helped me see where everything should go and how it would look once stuffed. **(Figures 6 & 7)**

Row 11: (Sc 1, Dec)*7 (14)

Row 12: Dec*7 (7)

Finish off and close up the hole. You can start stuffing the head through the neck hole now, and continue to add more as you make the neck.

Figure 4: Row 9 - Chaining 6 to make the neck hole

Figure 5: Row 9 - Skip 3 stitches then continue around the head

Figure 6: Eye placement

Figure 7: Eye placement

Neck

To make the neck, you will be working into the gap in the head that you made in Row 9. The gap consists of the 6 chains you made in that row, plus the 3 skipped stitches. In addition to these stitches, I also worked into the corners on either side of the chain – otherwise you end up with holes in the corners! Therefore in total you are working into 11 spaces in the first row (6 chains + 3 skipped stitches + 2 corners = 11). **(Figure 8)**

Insert your hook and yarn into the corner before the 6 chains. Your first stitch of Row 1 will go into this corner space. **(Figure 9)** You will be working clockwise from here.

Stuff the neck as you go.

Using pink:

Row 1: Sc 7, Dec 2 (9)

Rows 2-9: Sc around (9)

Finish off, leaving a long end, and finish stuffing the neck. Leave the bottom of the neck open.
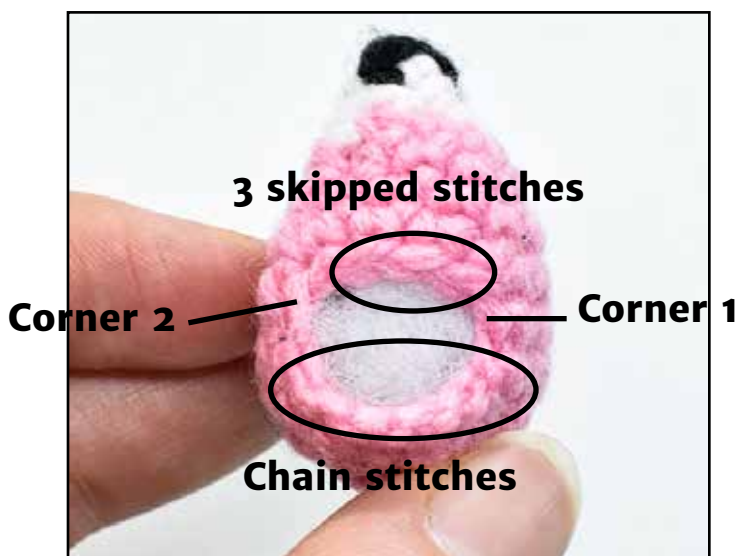**(See Figure 3 on Page 4 for completed head & neck image)**

Figure 8: Neck hole stitches from Row 9 of the head

Figure 9: Insert hook into the corner before the chains and work clockwise from here.

Assembling the Flamingo & Adding the Keychain

Sew the neck to the donut ring using the leftover end from the neck. Weave in all ends.

To create a yarn loop for attaching the keychain:

Using pink: Ch 11, then Sc into 2nd Ch from hook and Sc into the remaining 9 stitches (10)

Cut the yarn, leaving a long end. **(Figure 10)**

The keychains I purchased consist of a split ring attached to a chain, and a separate open jump ring. **(Figure 11)** If you have something similar, follow my instructions for attaching an open jump ring to your flamingo.

If you have a keychain where the jump ring is already closed and can't be easily opened, then skip to my instructions for attaching a closed jump ring to your flamingo.

Figure 10: Creating the loop

Figure 11: Keychain

If you have an OPEN jump ring on your keychain:

Join the yarn into a loop and stitch it securely to the flamingo. **(Figure 12)** To attach the keychain, insert the open jump ring through the chain of the keychain and then through the yarn loop you just made. **(Figure 13)** Use pliers to close the jump ring tightly.

Figure 12: Loop sewn to the donut ring

Figure 13: Attach the jump ring to the chain and the loop

If you have a CLOSED jump ring on your keychain:

Do not sew the chains into a loop or stitch it to the flamingo yet. First, run the yarn through the jump ring. Then you can go ahead and sew the yarn into a loop and stitch it securely to your flamingo.

Contact Me

If you have any questions about the pattern, please contact me and I'm happy to help. And I'd love to see your completed projects as well! You can post to Instagram and tag me, @waywardpineapplecreations. Thanks for downloading, and enjoy!

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