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# **ABBREVIATIONS:**

st(s) = stitch(es) dec = decrease db = double crochet beg = beginning sls = slip stitch mrk = mark(er) ws = chain stitch = wrong side cs = repeat CO = colour rep = together tog

#### Dec:

To make a neat, invisible dec (2 db tog) do as follows: Insert the hook in the front loop of the two next db, yo, pull the yarn through two loops, yo and pull through two loops = 2 db tog.

#### **SMALL CACTUS:**

Work 6 db in a magic ring.

Round 2: 2 db in each db = 12 db

Round 3: \*1 db in the first 2 db, 2 db in the next db\* rep from \* to \* = 16 db

Work 25 rounds or until the cactus from the top measures 10 cm. 1 sls, cut the yarn.

**Bottom:** 

Work 6 db in a magic ring.

Round 2: 2 db in each db = 12 db

**Round 3:** \*1 db in the first 2 db, 2 db in the next db\* rep from \* to \* = 16 db 1 sls, cut the yarn. Fill the cactus with fiber filling and sew on the bottom.

Small arm:

Work 6 db in a magic ring.

**Round 2:** 2 db in each db = 12 db.

Work 7 rounds.

1 sls, 1 cs, turn.

Skip the sls, 9 db, 1 sls, 1 cs, turn

Skip the sls, 8 db, 1 sls, 1 cs, turn

Skip the sls, 7 db, 1 sls, 1 cs, turn

Now again work 12 db, work 3 rounds, end with 1 sls, cut the yarn.

# Large arm:

Crochet as the small arm but instead of 7 rounds work 10 rounds even.

Fill fiber filling in the arms and sew them on the cactus.

#### Flower:

Work 6 db in a magic ring. Close with 1 sls in the first db. \*2 cs, 1 sls in the next db\* rep from \* to \* until in all 6 db, close the round with 1 sls.

Cut the yarn and crochet as many flowers as you want to put on your cactus.

#### Spikes:

Sew French knots on the cactus with off white yarn.

Make a total of 3 cacti.

# BALL:

Work 6 db in a magic ring.

Round 2: 2 db in each db = 12 db

**Round 3:** \*1 db in the first db, 2 db in the next db\* rep from \* to \* = 18 db **Round 4:** \*1 db in the first 2 db, 2 db in the next db\* rep from \* to \* = 24 db

**Round 5-7:** 1 db in each db = 24 db

**Round 8:** \*1 db in the first 2 db, 2 db tog\* rep from \* to \* = 18 db **Round 9:** \*1 db in the first db, 2 db tog\* rep from \* to \* = 12 db

Fill the ball with fiber filling.

Now work 2 db tog until the hole on the top is closed, work 10 cs. Cut the yarn.

Crochet a total of 8 balls, preferably in 2 different co [4 of each co].

#### YARN

Colourful Fraya 100 % Cotton 50 g = 170 m

# YARDAGE

Colour 1 30 g Colour 2 25 g Colour 3 25 g Colour 4 30 g

leftover yarn for flowers and spikes

# **CROCHET GAUGE**

25 db = 10 cm

# SUGGESTED NEEDLE SIZE

UK size 13-12 (2.5 mm) crochet hook

Please note: It is important to obtain gauge. The work should have a close texture. Try with a smaller or larger needle if necessary.

### **NOTIONS**

Bamboo ring 19 cm, fiber filling

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#### LAMA:

Start from the top with the head/neck.

Work 6 db in a magic ring.

Round 2: 2 db in each db = 12 db

**Round 3:** \*1 db in the first 5 db, 2 db in the next db\* rep from \* to \* = 14 db

**Round 4-17:** 1 db in each db = 14 db. Fill with fiber filling, do not cut the yarn

Now work the body: 9 cs, turn and work back along the cs chain, starting in the 2nd st from the

**Round 18:** 7 db. 2 db tog = the last cs and the db where the cs chain started, 13 db, 2 db tog, 5 db along the cs chain, 3 db in the outermost st = 30 db the entire round, place a mrk

Round 19-26: 30 db. On the last round work 2 db pass the mrk. Place a new mrk

Now work the hind leg: 4 db. Count backwards to 5 db before the mrk. You should have 9 db in all, these sts make up the leg. Now put the needle in the 9th st that you have counted backwards to, so that you are now working across 9 db.

Work 7 rounds. Now work 2 db tog until the hole on the top is closed, cut the yarn and sew the hole neatly with the yarn end.

#### Front leg:

You have 21 db left, count 6 db from the hind leg, bring up the yarn and work 1 cs, 8 db, bring the hook around so that you are working 9 db on the leg. Leave the last 6 db as they are, they will be sewn together at the end.

Work 7 rounds of db, close off as on the hind leq.

Fill the lama with fiber filling, sew the stomach with neat sts.

#### Tail:

4 cs, start in the 2nd cs from the hook and work 3 db, Cut the yarn. Sew on the tail. Ears [make 2]: 3 cs, start in the 2nd cs from the hook and work 1 cs, 3 db in the last db. Cut the yarn and sew the ears on the top of the head.

#### Snout:

Work 6 db in a magic ring. Next round: \*1 db in the first db, 2 db in the next db\* rep from \* to \* a total of 3 times = 9 db. Work 2 rounds of 9 db. Cut the yarn and put the yarn end inside. Sew on with small sts.

#### Finishing:

With black yarn sew 2 French knots as eyes, sew 3 sts at the middle of the snout making up the mouth/nose, see drawing.

Make a total of 2 lamas.

Mount all the parts on the ring.



