# SKY THE LITTLE ELEPHANT

Complete Digital Knitting Pattern



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Flat-knit, seamed construction - Confident beginner / intermediate

# 1. Digital Download Notice

This file is a digital knitting pattern for making the elephant plushie shown by the supplied design reference. It is not a finished plushie, and no physical item will be shipped.

All dimensions below are calculated design targets. Finished size can vary with yarn, needle size, tension, seaming, stuffing density and blocking.

The pattern is written for flat knitting on straight needles, with separate pieces sewn together. Read the complete pattern before beginning so eye installation, stuffing access and assembly steps happen in the correct order.

**Skill level: confident beginner / intermediate. Main skills are knit, purl, simple increases/decreases, mattress stitch, whipstitch and basic embroidery.**

## Finished measurements - design targets

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|---|---|
| **Overall seated height** | about 23-25 cm / 9-10 in |
| **Head** | about 11-12 cm high x 11-12 cm wide, excluding ears |
| **Ear span** | about 27-30 cm from outer edge to outer edge |
| **Body** | about 12-13 cm high x 11-12 cm wide at the belly |
| **Seated depth** | about 16-18 cm including forward feet |
| **Trunk** | about 6-7 cm along the finished curve |
| **Each ear** | about 12-13 cm high x 9-10 cm wide |
| **Each arm** | about 8-9 cm long |
| **Each leg/foot** | about 9-10 cm long; cream pad about 5-6 cm |
| **Bow** | about 7-8 cm across |

Size note: if your stockinette gauge is looser than stated, the plushie will be larger and may need more stuffing; a tighter gauge produces a smaller, firmer fabric.

# 2. Materials, Tools and Gauge

## Yarn

| | |
|---|---|
| **Blue - main color** | DK / light-worsted (#3), smooth yarn: approx. 130 g / 300-330 m |
| **Cream - contrast** | DK / light-worsted (#3): approx. 25 g / 55-65 m |
| **Soft yellow - bow/collar** | DK / light-worsted (#3): approx. 15 g / 30-40 m |
| **Dark brown or black** | Small amount for eyebrows and smile |

## Tools and notions

• 3.5 mm straight knitting needles, or the size needed to match gauge.

• Two 12 mm black safety eyes with washers, or black yarn for embroidered eyes.

• Polyester stuffing, approximately 140-170 g.

• Tapestry needle, removable stitch markers, pins, scissors and measuring tape.

• Optional: two small pieces of tightly woven fabric behind safety-eye washers if your knitted fabric is loose.

**Safety: detachable components can present a hazard. For items intended for children under 3, or for anyone likely to mouth the toy, use securely embroidered eyes instead of safety-eye components and follow applicable local toy-safety requirements.**

## Gauge

| | |
|---|---|
| **Stockinette stitch** | 20 sts x 28 rows = 10 cm / 4 in, measured flat and relaxed. |
| **Garter stitch** | Approx. 20 sts x 36 rows = 10 cm / 4 in. Exact row gauge is less critical for the bow; for the collar, work to the finished 17.8 cm length specified on Page 16. |

Use a firm plushie fabric with no large gaps between stitches. Exact gauge matters because it changes both finished size and the amount of stuffing required.

# 3. Abbreviations and Construction Overview

## Abbreviations

| | |
|---|---|
| **BO** | bind off |
| **CO** | cast on |
| **k** | knit |
| **p** | purl |
| **st(s)** | stitch(es) |
| **RS / WS** | right side / wrong side |
| **st st** | stockinette stitch: knit RS rows, purl WS rows |
| **GS** | garter stitch: knit every row |
| **kfb** | knit into the front and back of the same stitch; 1 stitch increased |
| **ssk** | slip 1 knitwise, slip 1 knitwise, knit the 2 slipped stitches together through back loops; 1 stitch decreased |
| **k2tog** | knit 2 stitches together; 1 stitch decreased |
| **CF / CB** | centre front / centre back of the finished plushie |

## Construction overview

The plushie is knitted **flat**. The head and body are built from two shaped side panels each, which creates the visible centre-front and centre-back seam character seen in the design. Ears are double-layered with cream inner panels. Arms, legs and trunk are folded/seamed into soft tubes. Cream foot pads, a yellow collar and bow, embroidered face details and a small tassel tail complete the design.

**Right and left always mean the plushie's own right and left.** All stitch counts include the first and last stitch; do not cast on extra selvedge stitches.

For paired head/body panels, the front seam edge is deliberately mirrored. Mark CF and CB edges before installing eyes or assembling.

**Assembly order: make and mark head panels - install safety eyes (if used) - assemble/stuff head - make ears/trunk - assemble/stuff body - prepare limbs and foot pads - join head to body - attach ears, trunk, limbs and tail - add collar/bow - embroider face and contrast seam accents.**

# 4. Head - Make 2 in Blue

Work both head panels from the narrow lower edge to the narrow crown edge. Row 1 is an RS row.

| Row(s) | Instruction | Sts |
|---|---|---|
| CO | Cast on 8 sts. | 8 |
| 1 | k1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. | 10 |
| 2 | Purl. | 10 |
| 3 | k1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. | 12 |
| 4 | Purl. | 12 |
| 5 | k1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. | 14 |
| 6 | Purl. | 14 |
| 7 | k1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. | 16 |
| 8 | Purl. | 16 |
| 9 | k1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. | 18 |
| 10 | Purl. | 18 |
| 11 | k1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. | 20 |
| 12 | Purl. | 20 |
| 13 | k1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. | 22 |
| 14 | Purl. | 22 |
| 15 | k1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. | 24 |
| 16 | Purl. | 24 |
| 17 | k1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. | 26 |
| 18 | Purl. | 26 |
| 19-28 | Work 10 rows in st st. | 26 each row |
| 29 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 24 |
| 30 | Purl. | 24 |
| 31 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 22 |
| 32 | Purl. | 22 |
| 33 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 20 |
| 34 | Purl. | 20 |
| 35 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 18 |
| 36 | Purl. | 18 |
| 37 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 16 |
| 38 | Purl. | 16 |
| 39 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 14 |
| 40 | Purl. | 14 |
| 41 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 12 |
| 42 | Purl. | 12 |
| 43 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 10 |
| 44 | Purl. | 10 |
| 45 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 8 |

| Row(s) | Instruction | Sts |
|---|---|---|
| 46 | Purl. | 8 |
| BO | Bind off all 8 sts. Leave a long sewing tail. | 8 |

## Mark the two head panels before assembly

**Panel A - plushie's right side:** with RS facing, CO edge at the bottom and BO edge at the top, mark the **left long edge CF** and the right long edge CB.

**Panel B - plushie's left side:** with RS facing, CO edge at the bottom and BO edge at the top, mark the **right long edge CF** and the left long edge CB.

These mirrored CF marks keep the eyes, ears and trunk correctly oriented.

# 5. Head Placement, Eyes and Assembly

## Safety-eye placement - install before closing the head

On each head panel, place the eye post **between Rows 26 and 27**, between the **6th and 7th stitch columns counted inward from the marked CF edge**. This creates a mirrored pair.

Check that both eye positions are level before attaching washers. If the knitted fabric opens around the post, add a small reinforcement patch on the WS before securing the washer.

If using embroidered eyes, skip this step and add them after the head is stuffed.

## Seam and stuff the head

Place the two panels with WS together and align CO, BO, CF and CB edges. Using blue yarn and small mattress/oversewing stitches, join the CF profile edge, the BO crown edge, the entire CO lower edge, and the CB profile edge, leaving only a 6-7 cm opening along the lower CB edge for stuffing.

Stuff the crown and cheek area firmly, then add smaller pieces around the eyes so the face stays smooth. Keep the very lower head slightly softer where it will sit on the body.

Shape the head into a rounded oval, checking that the CF seam runs straight from the crown toward the future trunk position. Close the remaining lower-CB stuffing opening securely and bury the yarn tail.

**Do not add the trunk, ears or embroidered face details yet; their placement is given after the separate pieces are made.**

# 6. Ears

## Outer ear - make 4 in Blue

| Row(s) | Instruction | Sts |
|---|---|---|
| CO | Cast on 8 sts. | 8 |
| 1 | k1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. | 10 |
| 2 | Purl. | 10 |
| 3 | Increase as Row 1. | 12 |
| 4 | Purl. | 12 |
| 5 | Increase as Row 1. | 14 |
| 6 | Purl. | 14 |
| 7 | Increase as Row 1. | 16 |
| 8 | Purl. | 16 |
| 9 | Increase as Row 1. | 18 |
| 10 | Purl. | 18 |
| 11 | Increase as Row 1. | 20 |
| 12 | Purl. | 20 |
| 13-26 | Work 14 rows in st st. | 20 each row |
| 27 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 18 |
| 28 | Purl. | 18 |
| 29 | Decrease as Row 27. | 16 |
| 30 | Purl. | 16 |
| 31 | Decrease as Row 27. | 14 |
| 32 | Purl. | 14 |
| 33 | Decrease as Row 27. | 12 |
| 34 | Purl. | 12 |
| 35 | Decrease as Row 27. | 10 |
| 36 | Purl. | 10 |
| 37 | Decrease as Row 27. | 8 |
| 38 | Purl. | 8 |
| BO | Bind off 8 sts. | 8 |

## Inner ear - make 2 in Cream

| Row(s) | Instruction | Sts |
|---|---|---|
| CO | Cast on 6 sts. | 6 |
| 1 | k1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. | 8 |
| 2 | Purl. | 8 |
| 3 | Increase as Row 1. | 10 |
| 4 | Purl. | 10 |
| 5 | Increase as Row 1. | 12 |

| Row(s) | Instruction | Sts |
|---|---|---|
| 6 | Purl. | 12 |
| 7 | Increase as Row 1. | 14 |
| 8 | Purl. | 14 |
| 9-22 | Work 14 rows in st st. | 14 each row |
| 23 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 12 |
| 24 | Purl. | 12 |
| 25 | Decrease as Row 23. | 10 |
| 26 | Purl. | 10 |
| 27 | Decrease as Row 23. | 8 |
| 28 | Purl. | 8 |
| 29 | Decrease as Row 23. | 6 |
| 30 | Purl. | 6 |
| BO | Bind off 6 sts. | 6 |

## Build each ear

Lightly block the ear pieces flat. Centre one cream inner ear on the RS of one blue outer ear, leaving an even blue border of about 2-3 stitch columns. Sew the cream panel in place with cream yarn using small, relaxed stitches.

Place a plain blue outer-ear piece behind the decorated piece with WS together. Whipstitch around the entire outer edge with blue yarn. Do not stuff the ear.

Before forming the base folds, designate one finished ear as the plushie's right ear and the other as the plushie's left ear. With the cream panel facing you and the lower base downward, the edge that will sit nearest the face is the CF side and the opposite edge is the CB side. On each ear, bring the CF-side lower corner about 1 cm over the CB-side lower corner and tack securely through all layers. Because the CF edge is on opposite sides of the right and left ears, the two folds will mirror automatically.

# 7. Trunk - Make 1 in Blue

The trunk is a tapered flat piece folded lengthwise into a soft tube. The wide CO edge is the base; the narrow BO edge is the tip.

| Row(s) | Instruction | Sts |
|---|---|---|
| CO | Cast on 18 sts. | 18 |
| 1-4 | Starting with an RS knit row, work 4 rows in st st. | 18 |
| 5 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 16 |
| 6 | Purl. | 16 |
| 7-8 | Work 2 rows in st st. | 16 |
| 9 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 14 |
| 10 | Purl. | 14 |
| 11-12 | Work 2 rows in st st. | 14 |
| 13 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 12 |
| 14 | Purl. | 12 |
| 15-16 | Work 2 rows in st st. | 12 |
| 17 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 10 |
| 18 | Purl. | 10 |
| BO | Bind off 10 sts. Leave a sewing tail. | 10 |

## Seam, stuff and curve

Fold lengthwise with RS together. Seam the two long edges, then close the narrow BO tip. Turn right side out, keeping the seam on the future underside.

Stuff moderately firm at the base, gradually lighter toward the tip. While stuffing, bend the trunk gently downward, then turn the last 1.5-2 cm upward.

To hold the curve without an internal wire, take 2-3 hidden tacking stitches along the inside of the bend between approximately Rows 8 and 15. Pull only enough to hold the curve; do not create a sharp crease. Leave the wide CO base open for attachment.

# 8. Body - Make 2 in Blue

Work from the lower seat edge upward to the narrower neck edge. Row 1 is RS.

| Row(s) | Instruction | Sts |
|---|---|---|
| CO | Cast on 10 sts. | 10 |
| 1 | k1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. | 12 |
| 2 | Purl. | 12 |
| 3 | Increase as Row 1. | 14 |
| 4 | Purl. | 14 |
| 5 | Increase as Row 1. | 16 |
| 6 | Purl. | 16 |
| 7 | Increase as Row 1. | 18 |
| 8 | Purl. | 18 |
| 9 | Increase as Row 1. | 20 |
| 10 | Purl. | 20 |
| 11 | Increase as Row 1. | 22 |
| 12 | Purl. | 22 |
| 13 | Increase as Row 1. | 24 |
| 14 | Purl. | 24 |
| 15 | Increase as Row 1. | 26 |
| 16 | Purl. | 26 |
| 17 | Increase as Row 1. | 28 |
| 18 | Purl. | 28 |
| 19-28 | Work 10 rows in st st. | 28 each row |
| 29 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 26 |
| 30 | Purl. | 26 |
| 31-34 | Work 4 rows in st st. | 26 each row |
| 35 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 24 |
| 36 | Purl. | 24 |
| 37-40 | Work 4 rows in st st. | 24 each row |
| 41 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 22 |
| 42 | Purl. | 22 |
| 43-46 | Work 4 rows in st st. | 22 each row |
| 47 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 20 |
| 48 | Purl. | 20 |
| 49 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 18 |
| 50 | Purl. | 18 |
| 51 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 16 |
| 52 | Purl. | 16 |
| BO | Bind off 16 sts. Leave a long sewing tail. | 16 |

## Mark and assemble

Mark the body panels exactly as for the head: Panel A (plushie right) has its left long edge marked CF; Panel B (plushie left) has its right long edge marked CF. The opposite long edges are CB.

Join the two panels with WS together around the CF edge, lower edge and CB edge. Leave the upper BO edges open for stuffing.

Stuff the lower belly and seat **firmly**, pressing the bottom into a broad, flat base. Stuff the upper chest **moderately** so the body remains pear-shaped. Close the top opening securely; this seam will be hidden beneath the head and collar.

# 9. Arms - Make 2 in Blue

| Row(s) | Instruction | Sts |
|---|---|---|
| CO | Cast on 8 sts. | 8 |
| 1 | k1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. | 10 |
| 2 | Purl. | 10 |
| 3 | Increase as Row 1. | 12 |
| 4 | Purl. | 12 |
| 5 | Increase as Row 1. | 14 |
| 6 | Purl. | 14 |
| 7-18 | Work 12 rows in st st. | 14 each row |
| 19 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 12 |
| 20 | Purl. | 12 |
| 21 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 10 |
| 22 | Purl. | 10 |
| 23 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 8 |
| 24 | Purl. | 8 |
| BO | Bind off 8 sts. | 8 |

Fold each arm lengthwise with RS together. Seam the long edge and rounded CO end. Turn right side out. Stuff the lower two-thirds moderately and the upper third lightly, leaving about 1 cm at the BO edge unstuffed. Flatten the BO opening; it will be sewn directly to the body.

Keep both arm seams toward the plushie’s underside/back when attached so the front remains smooth.

# 10. Legs and Foot Pads

## Leg - make 2 in Blue

| Row(s) | Instruction | Sts |
|---|---|---|
| CO | Cast on 12 sts. | 12 |
| 1 | k1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. | 14 |
| 2 | Purl. | 14 |
| 3 | Increase as Row 1. | 16 |
| 4 | Purl. | 16 |
| 5 | Increase as Row 1. | 18 |
| 6 | Purl. | 18 |
| 7-16 | Work 10 rows in st st. | 18 each row |
| 17 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 16 |
| 18 | Purl. | 16 |
| 19-22 | Work 4 rows in st st. | 16 each row |
| 23 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 14 |
| 24 | Purl. | 14 |
| 25 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 12 |
| 26 | Purl. | 12 |
| 27-30 | Work 4 rows in st st. | 12 each row |
| BO | Bind off 12 sts. | 12 |

## Foot pad - make 2 in Cream

| Row(s) | Instruction | Sts |
|---|---|---|
| CO | Cast on 5 sts. | 5 |
| 1 | k1, kfb, k1, kfb, k1. | 7 |
| 2 | Purl. | 7 |
| 3 | k1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. | 9 |
| 4 | Purl. | 9 |
| 5 | k1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. | 11 |
| 6 | Purl. | 11 |
| 7-12 | Work 6 rows in st st. | 11 each row |
| 13 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 9 |
| 14 | Purl. | 9 |
| 15 | k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. | 7 |
| 16 | Purl. | 7 |
| 17 | k1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1. | 5 |
| 18 | Purl. | 5 |
| BO | Bind off 5 sts. | 5 |

## Build each leg before attachment

Fold a blue leg lengthwise with RS together. Seam the long edge and close the rounded CO end. Turn right side out.

Before stuffing, place a cream foot pad on the surface **opposite the leg seam**, with its lower end wrapping slightly around the closed CO tip and its long axis running up the leg. The pad should cover approximately Leg Rows 1-16. Pin and sew evenly around the pad edge with cream yarn.

Stuff the foot firmly enough to hold a rounded shape, then stuff the upper leg moderately. Leave about 1.5 cm at the BO edge unstuffed for a flexible seated join. Flatten the BO opening.

# 11. Collar, Bow and Tail

## Yellow collar - make 1

| Row(s) | Instruction | Sts |
|---|---|---|
| CO | Cast on 2 sts. | 2 |
| 1-64 | Knit every row in GS. | 2 each row |
| BO | Bind off 2 sts. Leave a sewing tail. | 2 |

At the stated gauge, 64 rows measure approximately 17.8 cm. If your garter row gauge differs slightly, work an even number of rows until the strip measures approximately 17.8 cm relaxed, then bind off 2 sts. The strip should measure approximately 1 cm wide. Overlap the ends by about 5 mm at CB and stitch securely without stretching the strip tightly.

## Bow lobes - make 2 in Yellow

| Row(s) | Instruction | Sts |
|---|---|---|
| CO | Cast on 3 sts. | 3 |
| 1 | kfb, k1, kfb. | 5 |
| 2 | Knit. | 5 |
| 3 | kfb, k3, kfb. | 7 |
| 4-7 | Knit every row in GS. | 7 each row |
| 8 | k1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1. | 5 |
| 9 | Knit. | 5 |
| 10 | ssk, k1, k2tog. | 3 |
| 11 | Knit. | 3 |
| BO | Bind off 3 sts. | 3 |

## Bow centre band - make 1 in Yellow

| Row(s) | Instruction | Sts |
|---|---|---|
| CO | Cast on 4 sts. | 4 |
| 1-12 | Knit every row in GS. | 4 each row |
| BO | Bind off 4 sts. | 4 |

Place the narrow ends of the two bow lobes together. Wrap the centre band around them, overlap the band ends at the back and stitch securely.

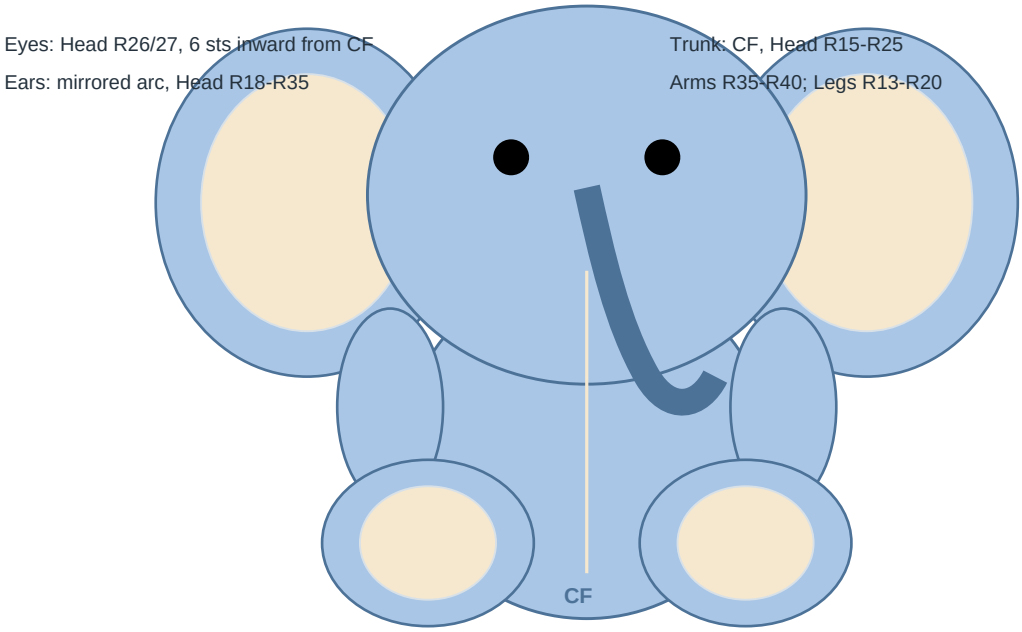
## Tail strip - make 1 in Blue

| Row(s) | Instruction | Sts |
|---|---|---|
| CO | Cast on 3 sts. | 3 |
| 1-8 | Knit every row in GS. | 3 each row |
| BO | Bind off 3 sts. | 3 |

Roll the narrow strip lengthwise and overcast the long edge to form a slim cord. Add a small 1.5 cm blue tassel to the BO end. Leave the CO end free for body attachment.

# 12. Placement Maps

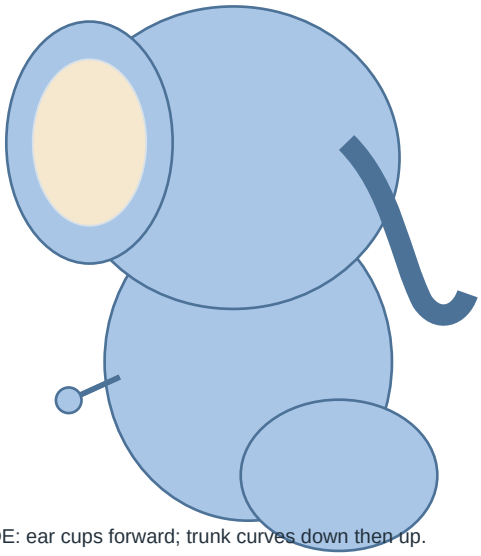
Use the following landmarks consistently. **CF** is the head/body seam facing the trunk and bow. **CB** is the opposite seam. Right and left are the plushie's own right and left.



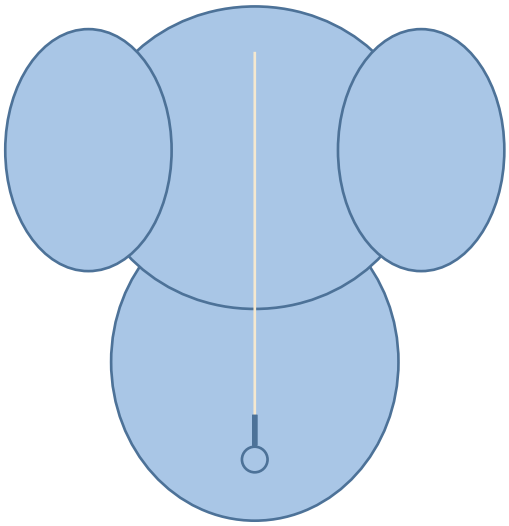

## Feature placement guide

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|---|---|
| **Eyes** | Head: between Rows 26/27, 6 stitch columns inward from CF on each mirrored panel. |
| **Trunk** | Centre the open base over the head CF seam; top of base about Head Row 25, bottom about Head Row 15. |
| **Ears** | On each side, pin inner ear edge in a shallow arc: top anchor near Head Row 35 about 9 sts back from CF; midpoint near Row 27 about 13 sts back; lower anchor near Row 18 about 10 sts back. Mirror on the opposite side. |
| **Arms** | Sew the flattened BO edge to Body Rows 35-40, centred about 8-10 stitch columns back from CF. Angle each arm about 15-20 degrees forward. |
| **Legs** | Sew the flattened BO edge to the lower body across Body Rows 13-20, centred about 5-8 stitch columns back from CF. Feet point forward and slightly outward. |
| **Tail** | Attach CO end at CB seam centred over Body Rows 13-15; tail hangs slightly downward. |
| **Collar / bow** | Collar circles the neck join with its seam at CB. Bow is centred at CF directly below the trunk. |

# 13. Side and Back Alignment



SIDE: ear cups forward; trunk curves down then up.



BACK: tail on CB R13-R15; collar seam at CB.

From the side, the forehead should remain clear, the trunk should project forward before curving down, and the ear should sit behind the eye rather than covering it. The leg should create a broad forward foot so the elephant reads as seated.

From the back, keep both ears level, the CB seam vertical and the tail centred. The collar seam belongs at CB, while the bow belongs at CF.

**Ear cup direction: both cream inner ears should face slightly forward. Do not rotate one ear backward; the base pleats must mirror each other.**

# 14. Stuffing and Shaping

| | |
|---|---|
| **Head** | Firmly stuffed at crown and cheeks; slightly softer at lower neck-contact area. |
| **Body** | Firm lower belly/seat with a flat base; moderate upper chest. |
| **Trunk** | Moderately firm at base, progressively lighter toward tip so the curve remains soft. |
| **Arms** | Moderate lower section, light upper 1/3 for natural drape. |
| **Legs** | Firm foot, moderate upper leg; leave attachment edge soft and flat. |
| **Ears** | No stuffing. |

## Shaping checks

As you stuff, add small pieces rather than large clumps. Rotate the part frequently so the fabric expands evenly and seams do not twist.

For a stable seated base, compress the lower back/body gently against a flat surface before the final body stitches are secured. Both feet should touch the same plane when pinned.

If the trunk springs straight, remove a little stuffing from the tip and retake the hidden inner-curve tacks. The finished curve should be gentle, not sharply folded.

# 15. Complete Assembly Order

**1 - Head:** confirm eye washers are installed if using safety eyes; finish stuffing and close the lower-CB opening.

**2 - Body:** stuff and close the top opening. Keep CF and CB seam markers in place until the head is attached.

3 - Head to body: centre the head over the body top with CF seams aligned. Pin around a contact circle about 5.5 cm wide. Sew twice around with strong blue yarn using small ladder/whip stitches. Check front and side views before knotting off.

**4 - Ears:** pin using the three-point row landmarks. Confirm equal height and forward cup. Sew the inner attachment arc first, then add a second pass along the outer attachment edge for strength.

**5 - Trunk:** centre the open CO base over Head CF Rows 15-25. Pin an oval base, confirm the curve points downward then slightly up at the tip, and sew around the full opening. Add a second hidden pass through the lower half of the base.

6 - Legs: pin low and forward using Body Rows 13-20. Set the elephant on a flat surface; adjust until both cream pads face forward and both feet support the seated pose. Sew each flattened BO edge securely.

7 - Arms: pin using Body Rows 35-40. Mirror the forward angle and keep arm seams toward the underside/back. Sew securely without pulling the body fabric inward.

**8 - Tail:** attach at CB Body Rows 13-15. The tassel hangs down and slightly away from the body.

9 - Collar: wrap the yellow garter strip around the neck join, overlap the ends by about 5 mm at CB, stitch the overlap securely, then tack the collar at several points so it stays level.

**10 - Bow:** sew the finished bow to CF over the collar, directly beneath the trunk.

**11 - Face embroidery:** add brows and smile as described below, or embroider the eyes now if safety eyes were not used.

**12 - Contrast seam accents:** add cream running-stitch details only after all structural sewing is complete, then remove temporary markers and bury every yarn tail.

**Before permanently knotting any feature, view the plushie from the front, both sides and back. Correct asymmetry while the part is still pinned.**

# 16. Face and Decorative Finishing

## Eyebrows

With dark brown yarn, embroider a shallow 1.5-2 cm arch about 1.2 cm above each eye. Mirror the angle so the outer ends sit slightly higher than the inner ends.

## Smile

Embroider a small shallow smile centred on CF, with the middle around Head Rows 13-14. Let the trunk overlap the upper centre of the smile so only the lower curve is clearly visible, matching the friendly expression of the design.

## Embroidered-eye alternative

If you did not use safety eyes, embroider two compact black oval eyes at the same Row 26/27 locations. Build each eye with several short satin stitches, then secure the yarn tail deeply inside the head using a long needle.

## Cream running-stitch seam accents

For the closest visual match, use cream yarn and loose surface running stitches about 7-10 mm apart. Do not pull these stitches tight.

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| **Head CF** | Add 5-7 small stitches from the crown down to just above the trunk base. |
| **Body CF** | Add 8-10 small stitches from under the bow toward the lower belly. |
| **Head CB** | Add 5-7 small cream running stitches from the crown down the centre-back seam toward the neck join, stopping about 1 cm above the collar. |
| **Body CB** | Add 8-10 small cream running stitches from immediately below the collar down the centre-back seam, stopping just above the tail attachment. |
| **Arms** | Add 3 short cream stitches across the lower outside of each arm, mirrored. |

These are decorative surface stitches, not structural seams. Keep them evenly spaced and stop if the fabric begins to pucker.

# 17. Final Visual Checklist

- Eyes are level and equally spaced from CF.

- Eyebrows mirror one another and the smile is centred beneath the trunk.

- Trunk is centred and curves down with a soft upturn at the tip.

- Cream inner ears face forward; ear height and attachment angle are symmetrical.

- Arms are mirrored and sit at the same height.

- Legs are mirrored, cream pads face forward and the plushie sits without tipping.

- Head CF seam aligns with body CF seam; CB seam and tail are centred at the back.

- Cream CF and CB running-stitch accents are centred, evenly spaced and aligned with their respective structural seams.
- Yellow collar is level and the bow is centred at CF.

- No stuffing, reinforcement material, loose loops or unsecured yarn tails are visible.

## Troubleshooting

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| **Loose / lumpy stuffing** | Open only the nearest finishing seam, remove large clumps and restuff with smaller pieces. Keep limb attachment edges softer than the centres. |
| **Eyes look uneven** | Before washers are fixed, recheck Row 26/27 and the 6-stitch CF offset. For embroidered eyes, remove and restitch the higher/lower eye rather than compensating with the eyebrow. |
| **Head or body seam twists** | Redistribute stuffing away from the twisted side, then roll the piece gently between your hands until CF/CB seams sit vertically. |
| **One limb sits higher** | Unpick only the top attachment stitches, repin using the stated body-row range and compare on a flat surface before resewing. |
| **Ear not symmetrical** | Check all three ear-anchor points. Reposition the midpoint first, then adjust top/lower anchors so the cream panel faces forward. |
| **Trunk off-centre** | Reopen the base seam halfway, recenter it over CF and repin the full oval before resewing. |
| **Visible holes** | Use a smaller needle size for future pieces. On the finished plushie, redistribute stuffing away from the hole and close the gap with a small matching-yarn duplicate stitch. |

# 18. Printing and Customer Notes

Print at 100% / Actual Size if you prefer a paper copy. This pattern uses written measurements and row counts; there are no full-size templates that require scaling.

Keep the digital file for reference and mark completed pieces on a printed copy if desired. For best results, make all paired parts from the same yarn lot and with the same needle size and tension.

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