



Safety Shroom Pattern

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*Made out of reflective yarn, this fun guy looks so cute as he dangles on your skate or under your bike saddle - until he's caught in the beam of a flashlight or car headlight! Then watch him flash brightly, doing his best to warn everyone **"There's a person here, please drive safely!!"** He can not replace your other safety gear like bright bike lights and plastic reflectors, but he is better than nothing - and anything is better than nothing when it comes to safety on these crazy streets.*

Follow the pattern below to make your own Safety Shroom!

Yarn:

Any reflective yarn that you can find, in two colors (stem and cap). I track down Lion Brand Basic Stitch Reflective, Medium Weight #4 (88% Acrylic, 12% Polyester; 115 yds/105 m per 2.5 oz/70 g skein) from online yarn re-sellers; try online options like Etsy.

For stem: Lion Brand Basic Stitch Reflective, Medium Weight #4 (88% Acrylic, 12% Polyester; 115 yds/105 m per 2.5 oz/70 g skein) in Summit White. Approximately 2 grams/3.3 yds.

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Materials:

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Hook: US Size D/3 (3.25 mm) Hook

Yarn needle

Scissors

Measuring tape/ruler

Stitch key:

Ch = chain

St(s) = stitches

SC = single crochet

2 SC = two single crochet into one stitch (increase)

SC2Tog = single crochet two stitches together (decrease)

Sl st = slip stitch

Finished size: approximately 2.5" long/tall with a 3" loop for hanging, and 1.5" wide

Gauge (approximate): Rows 1-2 (8 stitches): Circle diameter measures between $\frac{3}{4}$ " and 1"

Notes:

- Safety Shroom is worked in two pieces, then sewn together using long tails of yarn. A loop is secured using a long tail of yarn. Pay attention to which tails to keep long during cast on or cast off.
- Stitches for each round will be noted in (*) format.
- Generally, rounds can be worked in a spiral, or by joining each round with a sl st and starting each round with a ch 1 (does not count in stitch count). Use your preferred method and your best judgment. Pattern written includes join/ch 1 approach.
- This document contains two versions of the pattern: the first with lots of pictures interspersed so you can follow along, and a second text-only version for more advanced makers who just want the facts. Skip ahead to the end of the pattern for the text-only version.

Instructions:

Stem: Make 1, using Summit White/stem color

Row 1: Leaving about 3" tail, make a slip knot in yarn; ch 3, then sl st into first st to make a circle. (0)



Row 2: Ch 1, SC 8 into circle, finish round with sl st into first st. Pull yarn tight to close snugly. (8)



Row 3: Ch 1, [SC 1, SC2tog]* repeat twice, SC 2, finish round with sl st into first st. (6)

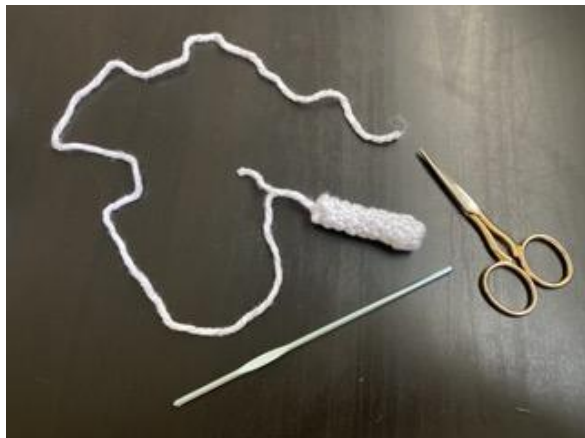
Row 4: Ch 1, SC 6, finish round with sl st into first st.(6)



Rows 5 - 8: Repeat Row 4 until stem measures just under 2" long. Finish with a sl st into first st.



Finish off: pull yarn through last stitch and **leave a long tail of yarn (about 20" for assembling and making a loop).**



Cap: Make 1, using Atomic Pink, Neptune Green, Volt Yellow or Iron Grey

Row 1: **Leaving a long tail of at least 7"**, make a slip knot in yarn; ch 3, then sl st into first st to make a circle. (0)

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Row 4: Ch 1, [SC 1, 2 SC in next st]* repeat four times. Finish round with sl st into first st. (12)

Row 5: Ch 1, SC 12, finish round with sl st into first st.



Row 6: Ch 1, [SC 2, 2 SC in next st]* repeat four times. Finish round with sl st into first st. (16)
Finish off: pull yarn through last stitch and leave at least 2" tail for weaving in ends.



Assembly: Seaming, hanging and decorating

You will be working with both pieces (stem and cap) at the same time, moving back and forth.



Start with the cap: turn inside out and weave in shorter tail from edge of cap.



Next, take your stem: make sure your shorter cast-on tail doesn't stick out too far from the stem; either stuff it down the stem or carefully clip it.



Thread the long tail of the stem, into the very middle of the cap.



Then take the longer tail from the cap, and use it to whip stitch or otherwise secure the top of the stem to the cap. Secure with a knot, weave the tail through a few more stitches, then cut tail.



Turn the cap right-side-out.



Take the long tail from the stem, and make a loop that is about 3" long. Pull the stem tail through the cap, and secure the size of the loop with a knot directly to the stem.



Take the rest of the long tail from the stem and use it to make the decorative dots on the cap: stitch over one stitch at least twice, then move to the next location.



When you have finished your dots, secure a knot in the underside of a dot. Weave through a couple stitches in the stem to secure the end of the tail.



Cut the long tail.



Flip your cap right-side-out for a final time.



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