



## Crochet an Amigurumi Cactus

with Vincent Green-Hite of Knot Bad



You don't need a green thumb to keep this cactus happy. Crochet a smiling cactus and its pot with amigurumi designer Vincent Green-Hite of Knot Bad. Vincent specializes in amigurumi, which is the Japanese artform of crocheting or knitting dolls. In this class, learn amigurumi basics such as making a magic circle, working in the round to create 3D shapes, increasing, decreasing, seaming, and stuffing. You'll also work in front loops, back loops, crochet tiny flowers, and use a latch technique for adding soft, yarny cactus needles that are friendly for all fingers. This project is a great way to practice lots of different crochet techniques, plus a potted cactus is the perfect gift for your favorite plant lovers.

*Materials:*

- Worsted weight yarn in Tan, Brown, Green, Yellow, Pink, Black, and White  
(Vincent uses Big Twist Value Worsted Yarn)
- 4mm crochet hook
- Scissors
- Darning needle
- Poly-fil stuffing
- 2 - 12mm safety eyes
- Straight pins
- Stitch markers (optional)

*Finished Size:*

Height: 6.5"

Width: 5.5"

*Abbreviations:*

**Sl st** - slip stitch

**Sc** - single crochet

**Dc** - double crochet

**Inc** - increase

**Inv dec** - Invisible Inv decrease

**Rnd** - round

**FLO** - front loop only

**BLO** - back loop only

**\*\*** - repeat

**Sts** - stitches

**( )** - number of stitches at the end of the round

**FO** - finish off

*Notes:*

This pattern is worked in the round.

This pattern is written in US terms.

**MAIN BODY (POT)**

Begin in Tan.

**Rnd 1:** 6 Single crochet into Magic Ring (6)

**Rnd 2:** \*Inc\* around (12)

**Rnd 3:** \*Sc, Inc\* around (18)

**Rnd 4:** \*Sc 2, Inc\* around (24)

**Rnd 5:** \*Sc 3, Inc\* around (30)

**Rnd 6:** \*Sc 4, Inc\* around (36)

**Rnd 7:** \*Sc 5, Inc\* around (42)

**Rnd 8:** \*Sc 6, Inc\* around (48)

**Rnd 9:** Sc in BLO (48)

**Rnd 10 – 19:** Sc around (48)

**Rnd 20:** Sc in FLO (48)

**Rnd 21 – 23:** Sc around. Sl st into last stitch of Rnd 23 and weave in ends.

Flip down the top of the pot at the FLO rnd.

Insert safety eyes into round 14 with 9 stitches apart.

**SOIL**

Begin in Brown.

**Rnd 1:** 6 single crochet into Magic Ring (6)

**Rnd 2:** \*Inc\* around (12)

**Rnd 3:** \*Sc, Inc\* around (18)

**Rnd 4:** \*Sc 2, Inc\* around (24)

**Rnd 5:** \*Sc 3, Inc\* around (30)

**Rnd 6:** \*Sc 4, Inc\* around (36)

**Rnd 7:** \*Sc 5, Inc\* around (42)

**Rnd 8:** \*Sc 6, Inc\* around (48)

**Rnd 9:** Sc around, sl st into last stitch. (48)

Finish off and leave tail for sewing.

**LARGE CACTUS**

Begin in Green.

**Rnd 1:** 6 single crochet into Magic Ring (6)

**Rnd 2:** \*Inc\* around (12)

**Rnd 3:** \*Sc, Inc\* around (18)

**Rnd 4:** \*Sc 2, Inc\* around. (24)

**Rnd 5 – 15:** Sc around. Sl stitch into final stitch of round 15. (24)

Finish off and leave tail for sewing.

**SMALL CACTUS**

Begin in Green.

**Rnd 1:** 6 single crochet into Magic Ring (6)

**Rnd 2:** \*Inc\* around (12)

**Rnd 3:** \*Sc, Inc\* around (18)

**Rnd 4 – 9:** Sc around. Sl st into final stitch of round 9. (18)

Finish off and leave tail for sewing.

**FLOWERS (MAKE 2)**

Begin in Color A

**Rnd 1:** 5 single crochet into Magic Ring (5) (Pull your Color B yarn through the last sc!)

**Rnd 2:** Sl st into first stitch. \*Ch 2, Dc into the same stitch as the sl st. Dc two more times in same stitch (3 times total). Sl st into next stitch and rep from \* around.

**ASSEMBLY**

1. Sew the soil into the back loops of the pot – stuff firmly while sewing together.
2. Attach both cacti onto the top of the project, into the soil.
3. Attach both flowers to indicated areas.
4. Embroider on the face with lashes, smile, and blush.