

# Crochet an Amigurumi Turtle with Vincent Green-Hite of Knot Bad



Crochet an adorable turtle with amigurumi designer Vincent Green-Hite of Knot Bad. Amigurumi is the Japanese artform of making crocheted or knitted dolls, and Vincent teaches you how simple stitches and shapes can come together to create a more complex-looking project. You'll learn how to make a magic ring, work the single crochet stitch, increase, and invisible decrease. Plus, you'll get all of Vincent's tips for sewing a toy together and stuffing it smoothly. After embroidering the finishing touches like eyelashes, blush, and a big smile, you'll be able to shellebrate with your new turtle friend.

## Materials:

- Worsted weight yarn in Burnt Beige, White, Light Beige, Green, Pink, Black (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: 3" Width: 5.75"

## Abbreviations:

SI st - slip stitch

**Sc** - single crochet

**Inc** - increase

Inv dec - invisible decrease

Rnd - round

FLO - front 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.

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#### **SHELL**

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 - 16:** Sc around (42)

Switch to White.

**Rnd 17:** Sc in FLO (42)

Rnd 18 - 19: Sc around. Into final stitch of Rnd 19, slip stitch. (42)

Finish off and weave in ends.

#### **BOTTOM OF SHELL**

Begin in Beige.

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 - 9: Sc around. Into final stitch of Rnd 9, slip stitch. (36)

Finish off and leave generous tail for sewing.

#### **HEAD**

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

**Rnd 6 - 10:** Sc around (30)

**Rnd 11:** \*Sc 3, Inv dec\* around (24)

**Rnd 12:** \*Sc 2, Inv dec\* around (18)

**Rnd 13:** \*Sc, Inv dec\* around (12)

Insert safety eyes and stuff head.

Rnd 14 - 17: Sc around. Into final stitch of Rnd 17, slip stitch. (12)

Finish off and leave tail for sewing.

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#### FINS (MAKE 4)

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 - 5: Sc around. Into final stitch of Rnd 5, slip stitch. (18)

Finish off and leave tail for sewing.

#### **ASSEMBLY:**

- 1. Attach the bottom portion of the shell to the main shell. In every 6th back loop, insert needle into the same stitch from the previous stitch sewn through.
- 2. Attach head to the front of the body
- 3. Attach each fin underneath the shell. (See video for placement.)
- 4. Embroider the shell details with white yarn.
- 5. Embroider the face with lashes, a smile, and blush.