DECORATIVE JARS - ELMO



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Preface

There is nothing quite like working on an idea for something homemade and then giving that little something as a present to someone you love. You can use the instructions here to crochet the same project or you can use it as a source of inspiration for your own ideas. A self-crocheted article is absolutely unique and therefore very special.

Have fun crocheting!

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You will need:

- A large jar with a screw-top lid 12.7 cm (incl. lid),
 9.5 cm Ø
- Crochet hook no. 12
- Glue gun or multi-purpose glue
- Washable stuffing
- Cotton crocheting yarn 50 g Larra Scheepjes

Larra colour numbers: Red: 7400 Black: 7325 White: 7310 Orange: 7404 Yellow: 7380

If you choose to work with a thicker hook, crochet one or two round less leaving out round 9 and/or 10. The crochet work for the lid should come up a little smaller so that it fits better. Crochet the three rounds (without increases or decreases) for the side edges. In the last round, decrease equally approx. 6 dc.

Abbreviations:

<u>ch</u>	= chain	<u>htr</u>	= half treble crochet
<u>sl st</u>	= slip stitch(es)	<u>R</u>	= row
<u>dc</u>	= double crochet	<u>rnd</u>	= round
<u>dc inc</u>	= doubled double crochet = increase 1	rep	= repeat
	dc (2 dc in one insertion point)	<u>CC</u>	= contrast colour
<u>dc2tog</u>	= double crochet together (see gener-	<u>flp</u>	= front loop
	al tips)	[]	= total number of stitches
tr	= treble crochet		

Techniques

You can read about basic crochet techniques on my website and download workshops with photos as PDFs. The PDFs can be found here: <u>www.haekelfreude.de</u> Click here to <u>download</u>. Select the photo <u>basic techniques</u> to open the PDF in a new window. You can also download the PDF.

General tips

When decreasing double crochet stitches (= dc2tog): Always insert the hook in the front loop of the previous round so the decrease is not so noticeable.

Fastening off:

At the end of the last round do not cut the yarn too short and draw it through the last stitch. Use and fasten off the yarn later to connect the parts.

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There are three ways to close a round:

- Close a round with a sl st and begin the next rnd with 1 ch.
- Turn the work over at the end of a round and crochet back in the other direction.
- Mark the beginning of the round in a contrasting colour and continue crocheting in spirals.

Note: The closing method affects the total number of rounds. That's why it's always important to follow the instructions.

Important: If a sl st is crocheted in a rnd, this is counted just like other stitches. Exception: If a rnd is closed with a sl st, then this sl st is not counted as a stitch.

Lid cover: In red: Close rnd with 1 sl st

1: 6 dc into ring, 2: 1 ch – 6x 1 dc inc [12 st] 3: 1 ch – 6x (1 dc – 1 dc inc) [18 st] 4: 1 ch – 6x (2 dc – 1 dc inc) [24 st] 5: 1 ch – 6x (3 dc – 1 dc inc) [30 st]

Inside mouth: In black, Close rnd with 1 sl st Exactly as lid cover: Rnds 1 – 11. Fasten off

Head: In red

- 1: 6 dc into ring join with 1 sl st.
- 2: 1 ch 6x 1 dc inc [12 st], secure CC, continue working spiral rounds. 3: 6x (1 dc inc – 1 dc) [18 st] 4: 6x (1 dc inc – 2 dc) [24 st]
- 5: 6x (1 dc inc 3 dc) [30 st]
- 6: 6x (1 dc inc 4 dc) [36 st]
- 7: 6x (1 dc inc 5 dc) [42 st]
- 8: 2 dc 5x (1 dc inc 7 dc) [47 st]
- 9: 5x (8 dc 1 dc inc) 2 dc [52 st]
- 10: 3x (16 dc 1 dc inc) 1 dc [55 st]
- 11: 4 dc 1 dc inc 26 dc 1 dc inc 23 dc[57 st]

- 6: 1 ch 6x (4 dc 1 dc inc) [36 st] 7: 1 ch - 6x (5 dc - 1 dc inc) [42 st] 8: 1 ch – 6x (6 dc – 1 dc inc) [48 st] 9: 1 ch – 6x (7 dc – 1 dc inc) [54 st] 10: 1 ch - 6x (8 dc - 1 dc inc) [60 st]11 + 12 + 13 + 14: 1 ch – 60 dc 15: 1 ch – 6x (8 dc – dc2tog) [54 st] Fasten off.
- 12: 14 dc 1 dc inc 28 dc 1 dc inc 13 dc [59 st]
- 13: 59 dc
- 14: 1 dc inc 58 dc [60 st]
- 15: 30 dc crochet together next 30 dc of 14th rnd with front loops of 30 dc of 11th rnd of lid cover [60 st]
- 16: Continue working in the back loops of the 11th round of the lid cover – 30 dc – then continue with the 30 dc of the 15th rnd [60 M]
- 17 + 18: 60 dc
- 19: 5x (dc2tog 8 dc) dc2tog 7 dc 1 sl st[54 st]

Fasten off.

Now sew on the black part of the inside of the mouth always inserting the hook in the back loops of the 30 dc of the 15th rnd of the head. From the corner of the mouth, join the front loops of the inside with the front loops of the 11th rnd of the lid cover. As you work, stuff the top part of the head. Sew the inside part on to the lid cover at the back in the middle. Close up to the opposite corner of the mouth.



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Nose: In orange

1: 6 dc into ring, secure CC, continue working spiral rounds. 2: 6x 1 dc inc [12 st] 3: 6x (1 dc - 1 dc inc) [18 st] 4: 6x (2 dc - 1 dc inc) [24 st] 5: 3x (7 dc – 1 dc inc) [27 st] 6 + 7 + 8: 27 dc 9: 2x (11 dc – dc2tog) – 1 dc [25 st] 10: 4 dc - dc 2 tog - 10 dc - dc 2 tog - 7 dc [23 st]

Eyes: x2 in white. Close all rnds with 1 sl st

1: 6 dc into ring 2: 1 ch – 6x 1 dc inc [12 st] 3: 1 ch – 6x (1 dc – 1 dc inc) [18 st] 4: 1 ch – 3x (5 dc – 1 dc inc) [21 st] 5: 1 ch - 2x (9 dc - 1 dc inc) - 1 dc [23 st]6: 1 ch – 23 dc

Pupils: x2, in black. Close rnd with 1 sl st 1: 6 dc into ring. Fasten off

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11: 8 dc – dc2tog – 9 dc – dc2tog – 2 dc [21 st] 12: 3 dc - dc 2 tog - 8 dc - dc 2 tog - 6 dc [19 st]13: 6 dc - dc2tog - 7 dc - dc2tog - 2 dc [17 st]14: 2 dc - dc 2 tog - 6 dc - dc 2 tog - 5 dc [15 st]15: 5 dc - dc2tog - 5 dc - dc2tog - 1 dc [13 st]. Stuff.

16: 6x (dc2tog) – 1 dc [7 st]

Fasten off. Sew the nose onto the head later below the eyes.

7: 1 ch - 2x (9 dc - dc2tog) - 1 dc [21 st]8: 1 ch – 3x (5 dc – dc2tog) [18 st] 9: 1 ch – 6x (2 dc – dc2tog) [12 st] Stuff. 10: 1 ch - 6x (dc2tog) [6 st] Fasten off. Draw the yarn through the flp of the last 6 st and pull tightly.

Sew the pupils onto the eyes at the 7 front loops of the 16th rnd. Sew on the eyes.

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Collar: In red

1: 40 ch – turn – 39 sl st with 1st sl st in 2nd ch from hook – 100 ch – turn – 39 sl st with 1st sl st in 2nd ch from hook – then crochet middle 60 ch as follows: 6x (1 dc inc - 9 dc) [66 st] turn2: 1 ch – 4 dc – 8x (3 dc in 1 st – 2 dc – dc2tog – 2 dc) – 3 dc in 1 st – 3 dc – dc2tog [74 st]

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3: 1 ch - 5 dc - 8x (3 dc in 1 st - 2 dc - dc2tog - 3 dc) - 3 dc in 1 st - 5 dc [82 st] turn
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- 4: 1 ch 6 dc 8x (1 dc inc 3 dc dc2tog 3 dc) 1 dc inc 6 dc [82 st] turn
- 5: 1 ch 7 dc 8x (3 ch 3 dc dc 2tog 4 dc) 3 ch 7 dc

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Fasten off

Pompoms: x2 in yellow. Close all rnds with 1 sl st 1: 6 dc into ring 2: 1 ch - 6x 1 dc inc [12 st] 3: 1 ch - 4x (2 dc - 1 dc inc) [16M] 4: 1 ch - 16 dc

5: 1 ch - 4x (2 dc - dc2tog) [12 st] 6: 1 ch – 6x dc2tog [6 st] Fasten off. Stuff. Draw the yarn through the flp of the last 6 st and pull tightly. Sew the pompoms on at the ch 3 arch of the 5th rnd of the collar.



Stick the lid cover to the top of the lid starting at the front. Then stick down the top and finally the side edges and the back.



Attach the label to the end of the yarn. Place the collar below the lid around the jar and tie off the ends of the yarn.



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