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COWARDLY LION

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I can't imagine anyone not falling in love with the Lion in *The Wizard of Oz*. He's sweet and loyal but just needs a little encouragement. Most of us can relate. Designed by KSG, this adorable lion will win lots of fans—because who can resist that face? Anyone who receives this guy as a gift will forever be reminded to let their inner lion RAWR!

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Worsted weight yarn in Warm Brown and Black
- G/6 (4mm) crochet hook
- Pair of black plastic safety eyes (6mm)
- Tapestry needle
- Embroidery floss in Brown and Red
- Stuffing

FINISHED SIZE: About 8" tall

"I'd better wait for you outside." - Cowardly Lion

Instructions

BODY: Warm Brown yarn

- Make an adjustable ring.
- Rnd 1:** 6sc in ring (6)
- Rnd 2:** 2sc in each stitch (12)
- Rnd 3:** *sc, 2sc in next stitch* (18)
- Rnd 4:** *2sc, 2sc in next stitch* (24)
- Rnd 5:** *3sc, 2sc in next stitch* (30)
- Rnd 6-9:** sc in each stitch (30)
- Rnd 10:** *5sc, sc2tog* (26)
- Rnd 11:** sc in each stitch (26)
- Rnd 12:** *4sc, sc2tog* (22)
- Rnd 13:** sc in each stitch (22)
- Rnd 14:** *3sc, sc2tog* (18)
- Rnd 15-18:** sc in each stitch (18)
- Finish stuffing and close with sl st.

LOWER BODY: Warm Brown yarn

- Make an adjustable ring.
- Rnd 1:** 6sc in ring (6)
- Rnd 2:** 2sc in each stitch (12)
- Rnd 3:** *sc, 2sc in next stitch* (18)
- Leave long tail for sewing; sew to bottom of open body.

ARMS (X2): Warm Brown yarn

- Make an adjustable ring.
- Rnd 1:** 6sc in ring (6)
- Rnd 2:** 2sc in each stitch (12)
- Rnd 3-7:** sc in each stitch (12)
- Rnd 8:** *5sc, sc2tog* (12)
- Rnd 9:** sc in each stitch (10)
- Rnd 10:** *4sc, sc2tog* (8)
- Rnd 11-14:** sc in each stitch (8)
- Leave tail to sew arm to body/upper chest.

LEGS (X2): Warm Brown yarn

- Make an adjustable ring.

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- Rnd 1:** 6sc in ring (6)
- Rnd 2:** 2sc in each stitch (12)
- Rnd 3:** *sc, 2sc in next stitch* (18)
- Rnd 4-5:** sc in each stitch (18)
- Rnd 6:** *6sc, sc2tog*, sc until end of Rnd (17)
- Rnd 7:** *3sc, sc2tog, sc, sc2tog*, sc until end of Rnd (see fig. 7a) (15)
- Rnd 8:** *2sc, sc2tog, sc, sc2tog*, sc until end of Rnd (13)
- Rnd 9:** sc in each stitch (13)
- Rnd 10:** sc, sc2tog, sc, sc2tog, sc until end of Rnd (11)
- Rnd 11-15:** sc in each stitch (11)
- Leave a long tail to use to sew and attach legs to bottom of body.

TAIL: Warm Brown yarn

- Make an adjustable ring.
- Rnd 1:** 4sc in ring (4)
- Rnd 2-44:** sc in each stitch (4)
- Leave a tail of yarn on both ends. Pull through tail (from original starting point) and knot.
- Use remaining tail to tease and frizz.
- Sew in an additional three 1-inch

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pieces of yarn, knot, and frizz to add more volume to end of tail. (see fig. 7b)

- Leave the other end of the tail open and sew to the back of the lion.

HEAD: Warm Brown yarn

- Make an adjustable ring.

Rnd 1: 6sc in ring (6)

Rnd 2: 2sc in each stitch (12)

Rnd 3: *sc, 2sc in next stitch* (18)

Rnd 4: *2sc, 2sc in next stitch* (24)

Rnd 5-8: sc in each stitch (24)

- Pause crocheting. Attach safety eyes between rounds 6 and 7.

Rnd 9: *5sc, sc2tog* (21)

Rnd 10: *4sc, sc2tog* (17)

Rnd 11: *3sc, sc2tog* (15)

Rnd 12: *2sc, sc2tog* (11)

Rnd 13: sc, sc2tog (9)

- Close with sl st, leaving tail for sewing, and add eyes.
- Note: The end just closed is the bottom of head (to be attached to top of body later). Top of head is where adjustable ring began. (see fig. 7c)

EYELIDS AND EYEBROWS (X2):

Warm Brown yarn

Rnd 1: (Eyelids) ch 4

- Using tapestry needle, sew an eyelid above each eye, slanting them upward toward the center of the face. (see fig. 7d)

Rnd 2: (Eyebrows) Using brown embroidery floss and tapestry needle, sew an eyebrow above each eye, slanting them downward toward the nose. (see fig. 7e)

MOUTH/JAW ACCENT: Warm Brown yarn

Rnd 1: ch 15

- Sew middle to row that runs along the bottom of the eyes.

WHISKERS:

- Using brown embroidery floss, sew 3 lines

to each side beginning from the side of the jaw, right across (slightly past the eyes).

NOSE AND MOUTH: Black yarn

Rnd 1: ch 2

Rnd 2: 1sc in 1st st from end

- Sew the remaining tail back through the left side of the chain where you began the chain.
- Sew nose to middle of mouth/jaw accent on the same row that runs along the bottom of the eyes.
- For mouth: Use black yarn and sew one line at the base of the nose and a second line across that line to make a small smile.

EARS (X2): Warm Brown yarn

- Make an adjustable ring.
- 5sc in ring (5)

CHIN CURLS (X4): Warm Brown yarn

- ch 20, leaving long tails on both ends.
- Curl chain around bottom of crochet hook. Use tapestry needle to sew tail of the chain through each curl and pull tight. Knot tail so curl does not unravel, and use other tail to sew into bottom of head. (see fig. 7f, 7g)
- At the end of curl (where the knot was originally made), trim to leave 1 inch and then tease this piece to go over the chest hair. Set aside to attach at the end. (see fig. 7h, 7i—NEXT PAGE)

HEAD CURLS (X8): Warm Brown yarn

- ch 30, leaving long tails on both ends.
- Curl using the same technique as above, and then sew into the head, placing 2 curls on each side of the head (4) and the remaining 4 curls on the back of the head.

TOP HAIR CURLS (X2): Warm Brown yarn

- ch 12, leaving long tails on both ends.



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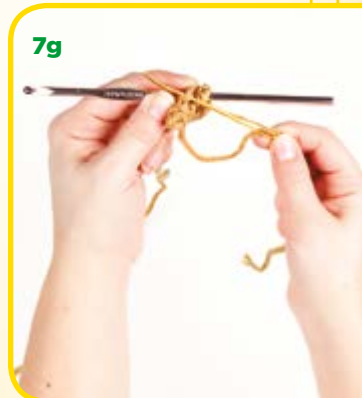
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- Curl using the same technique as above. Use both tails to sew to the top of the head (one on the left side, one on the right side).
- In the part, use the tail of each side to meet in the middle, and then pull through the top of the head and tease.
- Finish by tying a red piece of embroidery floss at the base of the little puff of hair to make the bow.

FINISHING, PART 1:

1. Weave all ends together.
2. Begin with the head. Sew ears (see fig. 7j), nose, mouth pieces (including embroidered whiskers and mouth), eyelids, and eyebrows to head.
3. Attach and sew legs.
4. Attach and sew arms.
5. Attach and sew ears.
6. Finish by sewing and attaching all hair curls to the head and the body.

CHEST FUR: Brown yarn 24x, Black yarn 4x

- Cut 2-inch pieces of yarn (Brown 24x, Black 4x). Use the tapestry needle to sew strands through the top of the chest. Once through, tie a knot on the stitch (leaving two 1-inch strands on the chest).
- Attach 24 Brown curls on the chest (10), shoulders (4), and back (10). Attach 4 Black curls (2 on chest, 2 on back) (see fig. 7k).
- Once sewn and knotted, begin to tease from the bottom of the strand to frizz.

FINISHING, PART 2:

1. Sew and attach tail. Frizz end of tail if you haven't already.
2. Embroider four stitches on each of the arms and legs to show details on the paws if you haven't already.
3. Align the head and body and sew together with yarn.

4. Unravel, tease, and frizz the end strands of all chin and head curls to blend with existing unraveled/teased strands on chest, back, and shoulders.

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