

WILLENDORF VENUS



FOR THE AMIGURUMI

What do you need:

- a fine to super fine yarn (at a recommended hook size of 2-2.5 mm); it is assumed that she had a white-skin colour, but I tried a lime-paint styled colour to keep it neutral
- additional curly yarn (bouclé) for her headgear. It is unknown whether she wears a headgear of basketwork or short curly hair. Thus, I used a beige coloured twisted yarn at a recommended hook size of 6-7 (e.g. Woll Butt Adela) and tried to make it look like it could fit for both
- (wiring)
- some wadding
- tapestry needle
- scissors

Skill level: easy

Finished Size of the doll: 11 cm

Abbreviations:

rd = round / *sc* = single crochet / *inc* = increase / *dec* = decrease /
st, sts = stitch, stitches / *sl st* = slip stitch / *ch* = chain

The body of the Venus is crocheted in one piece; for the arms a new round is started. The breasts and headgear are added at the end.

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How to read the instructions:

To facilitate the reading, I abbreviate working several consecutive stitches as the number to be crocheted:

e.g. “**5 sc, inc**” means that you work **1 sc in each of the next 5 sts** and 2 sc in the 6th stitch, getting a round of 7 sts.

“**4 sc, dec**” means, likewise, working **1 sc in each of the next 4 sts** and, then, crocheting the 5th and 6th st in a sc together, reducing the round from 6 to 5 sts

For the increase and decrease stitches, I abbreviate several (*y*-times; stated as *x*) consecutive increases/ decreases as *y-times inc* or *y-times dec* (i.e. *yx inc* or *yx dec*)

“2x inc” means that you have to increase the next 2 sts, that is, working 2 sc in each of the next 2 sc and your round increases by 2 stitches.

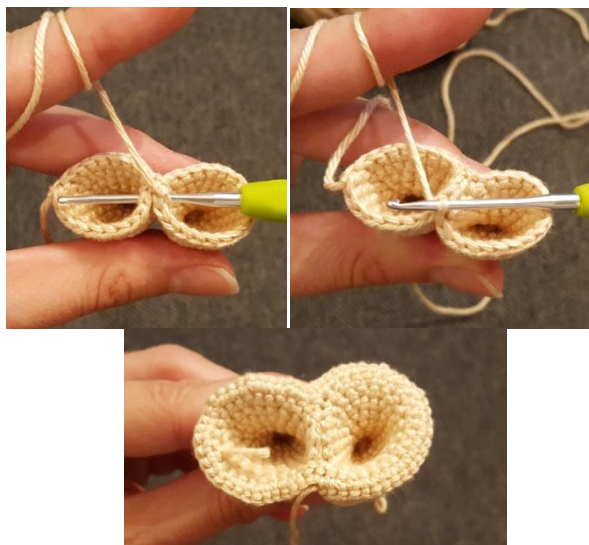
“3x dec” means, likewise, that you have to sc each of the next 3 2-sts together, that is, sc the 1st and 2nd sc together, then the 3rd and 4th, and then the 5th and 6th, to get a round that is 3 sts lower than before.

Brackets at the end of each round indicate the number of sts obtained.

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1. **Rd (legs):** make 5 sc in a magic ring (5)
2. **Rd:** inc every 2nd st, starting from the inc (8)
3. **Rd:** sc in each st around (8)
4. **Rd:** inc every 4th st (10)
5. **Rd:** 3 sc, inc, 1 sc, inc, 1 sc, inc, 2 sc (13)
6. **Rd:** sc in each st around (13)
7. **Rd:** inc, 11 sc, inc (15)
8. **Rd:** inc, 13 sc, inc (17)
9. **Rd:** 1 sc, inc, 1, inc, 13 sc (19)
10. **Rd:** sc in each st around; sl st last st (19)

Repeat this for the other leg. After the last st, however, connect both legs by sc through the 13th-last st of the 1st leg. Ch 1. You now work a sc in the next 3 sts of both legs to sew them together („bottom“).



11. **Rd:** inc every 2nd st across the 1st leg (starting with the inc), work 1 sc in the bottom, then inc every 2nd st across the 2nd leg (starting with the inc) and work again 1 sc in the bottom on the other side (46)

12. **Rd:** inc every 3rd st, 1 sc in the last st (60)
13. **Rd:** 27 sc, dec, 1 sc, dec, 28 sc (58)
14. **Rd:** 25 sc, dec, 3 sc, dec, 26 sc (56)
15. **Rd:** 12 sc, dec, 3 sc, dec, 8 sc, 2x dec, 8 sc, dec, 3 sc, dec, 10 sc (50)
16. **Rd:** 11 sc, dec, *4 sc, dec* (repeat 2x in total), 1 sc, dec, *4 sc, dec* (2x), 10 sc (44)
17. **Rd:** sc in each st around (44)
18. **Rd:** dec every 5th st, 1 sc in last 2 sts (37)
19. **Rd:** sc in each st around (37)
20. **Rd:** dec every 3rd st, 1 sc (28)
21. + 22. **Rd:** sc in each st around (28)
23. **Rd:** 8 sc, inc, 13 sc, inc, 5 sc (30)
24. **Rd:** 8 sc, inc, 13 sc, inc, 7 sc (32)
25. **Rd:** sc in each st around (32)

Now, insert a wire (appr. 20 cm total length), folded, and stuff your current process with some wadding.



26. **Rd (arms' outline):** 9 sc, ch 5 and sc in next 2nd st, 14 sc, ch 5 and sc in next 2nd st, 5 sc (38)



27. **Rd:** 9 sc, 5 sc along ch sts, 1 sc in the transition st and continue with another 14 sc, 5 sc along ch sts on other side, 1 sc in the transition st and further 5 sc (40)
28. **Rd:** 11 sc, dec, 8 sc, dec, 8 sc, dec, 7 sc (37)
29. **Rd:** dec every 4th st (7x), 1 sc in remaining 2 sts (30)
30. **Rd:** dec every 3rd st (7x), 1 sc in remaining 2 sts (23)

Now, take a new yarn and work the arms. Make 12 rounds of 6 sc in the arm's outline; in the 1. Rd of each arm skip the transition sts! After finishing the arms, weave in the yarn end and insert a wire (~12 cm total length), so that both arms are connected through one wire.



- 31. **Rd:** dec every 2nd st (7x), 1 sc in remaining 2 sts (16)
- 32. **Rd:** sc in each st around (16)
- 33. **Rd (head):** inc every 2nd st, starting with inc (24)
- 34. **Rd:** inc every 3rd st (32)
- 35. **Rd:** inc every 4th st (40)
- 36.-40. **Rd:** sc in each st around (40)
- 41. **Rd:** dec every 4th st (8x) (32)
- 42. **Rd:** dec every 4th st (6x), 1 sc in remaining 2 sts (26)
- 43. **Rd:** dec every 3rd st (6x), 1 sc in remaining 2 sts (20)

Stuff the head.

- 44. **Rd:** dec every 2nd st (14)
- 45. **Rd:** dec each st and close the head



Breasts:

The breasts are worked opposite to each other, i.e. for the left breast work the rounds as described and for the right breast read the instructions mirrored (e.g. left: 4x inc, 4x 1 sc, 2x dec, 6x 1 sc => right: 6x 1 sc, 2x dec, 4x 1 sc, 4x inc)

- 1. **Rd:** 6 sc in magic ring (6)
- 2. **Rd:** inc each st (12)
- 3. **Rd:** inc every 2nd st (18)
- 4. **Rd:** 4x inc (i.e. inc, inc, inc, inc), 4 sc, 2x dec, 6 sc (20)
- 5. **Rd:** 2 sc, 2x inc, 8 sc, 2x dec, 4 sc (20)
- 6. **Rd:** 3 sc, 2x inc, 15 sc (22)

Sew the breasts to the body.

Headgear:

Depending on the yarn weight you use, you might have to work more or less inc rounds and, thus, work with more sts for the neck area (after the 6.rd).

- 1. **Rd:** 5 sc in magic ring (5)
- 2. **Rd:** inc each st (10)
- 3. **Rd:** inc every 2nd st (15)
- 4. **Rd:** inc every 3rd st (20)
- 5.+6. **Rd:** sc in each st around (20); after the 6.Rd you ch 1 and turn your work. Continue doing so after each of the next rounds
- 7.+8. **Rd:** 10 sc, ch 1 turn (10)
- 9. **Rd:** 1 sc, dec, 4 sc, dec, 1 sc, ch 1 turn (8)
- 10. **Rd:** 1 sc, dec, 2 sc, dec, 1 sc, ch 1 turn (6)
- 11. **Rd:** 2 sc, dec, 2 sc (5)

Weave in both yarn ends and sew the headgear onto the head.

To make her resemble even more the original Willendorf Venus, I sewed a belly button and additionally tried to emphasize her belly fat and knees.

Abbildung 1: The crochet Venus in comparison to the original Willendorf Venus

