Turtle Cuff Bracelet

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With its removable turtle toy, this cute accessory makes a high fashion gift for even the most fidgety little one!

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This cute bracelet would make the perfect gift for boys and girls alike -- toddler to 'tween and beyond. The turtle is removable and makes a cute carry-along playmate or make the turtle alone and use it as a back pack decoration. The possibilities are endless!

MATERIALS

- Small amounts of light green, dark green, and blue worsted weight weight yarn, or desired colors (see pattern notes for specific yarns used)
- Scrap amounts of black and white yarn (optional)
- Two buttons (one shirt-button sized and another about the size of a dime)
- Hand quilting thread
- Size E (3.5 mm) crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Sewing needle
- Stitch marker

STITCHES AND ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS PATTERN:

CH	chain stitch
SC	single crochet
DECR	decrease
ST	stitch
STS	stitches
MM	move marker
FO	finish off

For the project shown in the photographs, I used Red Heart Super Saver yarn in Spring Green, Paddy Green, and Delft Blue.

Note: When determining whether to use buttons or other small embellishments, keep in mind the age of the intended recipient. Doll eyes and other decorations may pose a choking hazard for children under three. A safer alternative for the very young is to sew eyes and any other decorations using embroidery thread or yarn.

For additional ideas on this project, see **Part 7: Finishing for Children Under Three.**

PART 1: BODY

The turtle's body is very tightly crocheted in order to keep the proportions small. As you can see from Figure 1, the first three rounds are only slightly larger than a quarter.

Round 1: CH 2. 6 SC in second chain from hook. Place stitch marker in the last SC to mark the end of the round.

Round 2: 2 SC in each ST around (12 SC). MM.

Round 3: *2 SC in first SC, 1 SC in next. Repeat from * around (18 SC). MM.

Round 4: *2 SC in first SC, 1 SC in each of next two STS. Repeat from * around (24 SC). MM.

Rounds 5-6: SC in each ST around (24 SC). MM.

Round 7: *DECR across two STS, SC in each of the next two STS. Repeat from * around (18 SC). MM.

Round 8: *DECR across two STS, SC in next. Repeat from * around (12 SC). MM.

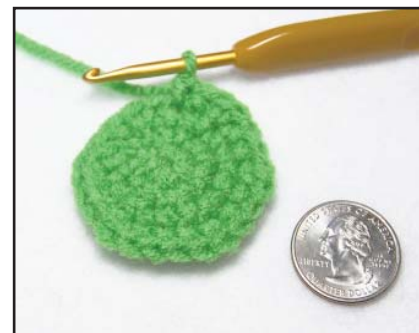**Round 9:** *DECR across two STS. Repeat from * around (6 SC). FO, leaving tail.

Figure 1: Body size

FINISHING THE BODY

1. Using the tapestry needle, gather the remaining six stitches on the back of the ladybug's body and pull tight.

2. Push the needle through the center of the piece until it pokes out on the top side (see Figure 2).

3. Pull the needle all the way through and pass it back through to the back side of the piece.

4. Make a loop on the back of the piece only slightly larger than the button you will use to attach it to the cuff bracelet (see Figure 3).

Note: If you are making the cuff bracelet for someone under the age of three, skip step number three above and see **Part 7: Finishing for Children Under Three.**

Figure 2: Sewing body

Figure 3: Button loop

PART 2: HEAD

Round 1: CH 4. Work 2 SC in the second CH from hook, 1 SC in next, and 4 SC STS in the last ST. Rotate your work 180 degrees. Working in the back loops now, make 1 SC in the next stitch and 2 SC STS in the last ST (10 SC). Place stitch marker in the last SC to mark the end of the round.

Round 2: SC in each stitch around (10 SC).

Round 3: DECR across the first two STS and SC in the next. Work two DECR over the next four STS and then SC in the next. DECR across the remaining two STS and FO, leaving a tail for sewing.

Tip: You can embroider some small eyes at this point, if you like. See Figure 5 for placement.

For my eyes, I went over a single-crochet stitch in round two three times with black yarn and the tapestry needle. I then added a little sparkle with some white yarn.

Figure 4: Head

Figure 5: Eyes

PART 3: LEGS (MAKE 4)

Round 1: Attach your yarn to the hook with a slip knot and CH two. Make 6 SC STSin the second CH from the hook. Place your stitch marker in the last (6th) SC.

Round 2-3: SC in each stitch around (6 SC).

FO after round three, leaving a tail for sewing.

Figure 6: Legs

PART 4: BODY ASSEMBLY

To attach the head and legs:

1. Working on the underside of the turtle's body, sew through both the shell and the appendage, as shown in the first image below.

2. Work your way around the turtle, sewing the head at the 12 o'clock position, the front legs at 10 and 2 o'clock and the back legs at roughly 4 and 7 o'clock.

3. Using a small bit of dark green yarn, make a loop at the bottom of the turtle to represent a little tail.

4.

Figure 7: Body assembly

PART 5: CUFF

Before beginning this step, get a general wrist measurement for the person who will wear the cuff bracelet. To do this, wrap a piece of yarn around her wrist and use it as a guideline.

Note: If you are making the cuff bracelet for someone under three, leave a little extra room to slide the bracelet over the wearer's hand. Typically one or two rows will work if you are using a stretchable acrylic yarn. See **Part 7: Finishing for Children Under Three** for more details.

Figure 8: Cuff

Row 1: CH 6 and turn. SC in the second stitch from hook and in each across (5 SC).

Row 2: SC in each stitch across. CH 1 and turn (5 SC).

> **Note:** Repeat row two until you reach the desired length for your bracelet. Finish off and weave in ends.

FINISHING THE CUFF

1. Join the light green yarn at one corner of the cuff bracelet and single crochet evenly across one of the long sides of the bracelet.

2. Work 2 SC in the corner, rotate 90 degrees, and work 1 SC in the next ST. CH 3 (or more, depending on the size of the button you will be using to close the cuff), SC in the next ST, and work 2 SC STS in the corner. Rotate 90 degrees. SC evenly across to the end of the other long side evenly and finish off. Weave in ends.

Note: If you are making the cuff bracelet for a child under the age of three, omit the chain stitches on the short end of the bracelet and instead SC across evenly. See **Part 7: Finishing for Children Under Three** for more details.

Figure 9: Button loop

PART 6: ATTACH BUTTONS

Note: Skip this step if you are making the cuff bracelet for a child under the age of three. See **Part 7: Finishing for Children Under Three** for more details.

1. Using needle and thread, attach the larger button near the center of the cuff bracelet (as shown in Figure 10).

2. Attach the smaller button nearer to the end of the cuff bracelet.

Figure 10: Button placement

PART 7: FINISHING FOR CHILDREN UNDER THREE

Instead of using buttons to make the ladybug removable, sew the ladybug body directly to the end of the cuff bracelet. Then, wrap the bracelet around to make a loop and stitch the two ends together.

Tip: You can also use hook and loop tape to secure the end of the bracelet to make it easier to get on and off.