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## **Crochet an Amigurumi Rocketship** with Vincent Green-Hite

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### **Chapter 1 - Crochet an Amigurumi Rocketship**

#### Overview

(upbeat music) - I am Vincent of Knot Bad, and I am a crochet designer and self-proclaimed yarn punk. I specialize in the Japanese art form amigurumi, which is crochet and knitted dolls, and my style is kawaii metal. In this class, I'll be teaching you how to create a cute little rocket ship using the technique of the magic ring. We'll be working in the cone shape, as well as figuring out how to color change, work in the front-loop only, and sew all the pieces together. It's incredible what you can accomplish with the very simple technique that is the single crochet. It's the backbone for all amigurumi, and there's just so many shapes you can create with it. This adorable pattern can be found in my book, KnotBad Amigurumi. This pattern may look a little bit complex, but really it's for all beginners who are trying to get into amigurumi with their crochet. Get your materials ready, and let's blast off with this fun crochet pattern. (upbeat music)

#### Materials

- These are the materials you'll need to make your own cute little rocket ship. With the yarn, we'll be using worsted weight size four yarn in red, white, light blue, gray, and black and pink. We have our pair of scissors to cut, our 12-millimeter safety eyes, a four millimeter hook, darning needle to sew and embroider, Poly-Fil to stuff our doll, and optional, we have pins to keep our pieces in place and stitch markers to keep track of our rounds. And don't forget to print out your class PDF for the pattern.

#### Main Body

- To get started, we'll be using the technique the magic ring to create a cone shape for the top of our rocket ship. There's a lot of different techniques for this, but this is how I create mine. Taking the yarn, I'll leave the tail end in front of my index finger. I'll hold down with my thumb. I'll wrap around, create this X shape, hold it down with my thumb to keep in place. And with my four millimeter hook, I'll be going underneath that first loop. I'll be yarning over to pull through underneath. And now that I have it here, I'm going to use my working yarn. So I'll have this bridge right here grabbed with my middle finger, yarn over, and I'll pull through like I am doing a chain. Pull that through and take your index finger out. You can pull that tail out of the way. And there you have it. You have a ring right here. So to get started, we're going to do six single crochet into this ring. And you just want to treat the ring as you would a normal stitch. So I'll be inserting my hook into the ring, yarn over, and pull through under that first loop. You'll be left with two loops. Yarn over and pull through both. You have your first single crochet in the loop. The pattern does call for six. We're going to make five more. So let's do that together. Inserting the hook, yarn over and pull through, yarn over and pull through both loops for our second crochet. And now let's make four more. Yarn over and pull through. There's our third single crochet, our fourth single crochet, fifth, and sixth. We do want to make sure we do have six. So let's count those from the hook all the way down. So one, two, three, four, five, six. So once we have our six, we can take the tail and we can cinch our ring closed. So pull kind of tightly so there's not too much space. And there you have it. This is why it's called the magic ring. And we have this to be our starting point. Congratulations on round one. We're going to move on to round two. Starting with the first stitch, we're going to just single crochet all the way around.

It can feel a little bit tight, but I have full faith that you can do it. Into the first stitch, we'll be single crocheting. So insert your hook into the first stitch. Yarn over, pull through, yarn over and pull through both of those. And we're going to do it five more times all the way around. Here's our second single crochet, third single crochet, fourth single crochet, fifth single crochet, and our sixth single crochet. Since we're working like this, it can be a little tight. To make it easier on ourselves, we do want to flip our work pretty early so we're going to do that. It can be kind of hard, but now's an easier time than later. And fortunately for us, we're going to keep expanding it. So this will be easier to work in. So now that we're here, we have our six stitches. I am going to use a stitch marker just to make sure I know where I'm at. And now all the way around, we're going to be doing increases into every stitch. An increase is two single crochet in the exact same stitch. So I'll walk you through that. So into that very first stitch, we're going to single crochet, yarn over and pull through. And instead of going into the next stitch, we are going to single crochet in the exact same stitch that we just did before. Well, there are now two single crochets in that one stitch, and we're going to do that all the way around. So single crochet into the next stitch. And then once again, we're going to single crochet in the exact same stitch. And I apologize that it's a little tight to work in, but it does get easier. We can build some of that hand strength. All right, we're at our last stitch. So we are going to take out our stitch marker, and we'll be finishing off by doing an increase in that same stitch that the stitch marker was in. So we're going to single crochet into that stitch. And once again, single crochet in the exact same stitch to finish off our increase. We'll now add our stitch marker into that same stitch, so we now have our round complete. Since we've done an increase into each six stitches, that means we've doubled our stitch count. As you'll see in the pattern, it does say 12 in parentheses. We'll count from the stitch marker. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, 10, 11, 12. Okay, we have all 12 stitches, so we're on the right track. And we'll be alternating between our techniques. The following round will be a full round of single crochet. All the way around, we'll just be doing one single crochet into each stitch. Now that we're at our second to last stitch, we're going to take out our stitch marker and perform one more single crochet into that final stitch where the stitch marker was in. With our whole round of single crochet, we'll still be left with 12 stitches in the round. We'll now be starting round five, alternating back to the single crochet with our increases. This time, we're going to do a single crochet and then an increase. Into the first stitch, we'll single crochet. Into the following stitch, we'll do an increase. So one single crochet into the stitch and another single crochet in the exact same stitch to complete our increase. We'll be alternating this in the entire round. So in the following stitch, single crochet. In the next stitch, we'll do an increase. Two single crochet in the exact same stitch. In the following stitch, one single crochet, and then the next, an increase. So two single crochet in the exact same stitch. And we'll do that all the way around. We'll put one single crochet in our second to last stitch. We'll take out our stitch marker and for our last stitch, we'll do an increase. So two single crochet in that exact same stitch. A good rule of thumb for this pattern is in the last stitch. It will always be an increase when it calls for it. Now that our stitch marker is back in, we should be left with 18 stitches. We'll count those together. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18. Make sure to count the stitches at the end of each round. For round six, we'll do another round of only single crochets. So in each stitch, one single crochet is all you'll need. In the first stitch, single crochet. In the second stitch, single crochet again. And in the third, single crochet like we did before. We'll continue single crocheting in the entire round. Taking out our stitch marker, we'll pull that out and our very last stitch, we'll complete with a single crochet. Since we've added no increases, we'll still be at a stitch count of 18. Into the next round, it'll call for single crochet to increase, which means

we'll be doing two single crochets in the first two stitches followed by an increase. So in the first stitch, single crochet. In the second stitch, single crochet again. And in the third, we'll do an increase. So two single crochets in the exact same stitch. And we will follow that repetition all the way around. So one single crochet. Into the following, another single crochet. And in the next, we'll do an increase, two single crochet in the exact same stitch. We'll keep following that all the way around. We'll be ending this round with one single crochet, two single crochet. Pull our stitch marker out, and we'll be doing an increase in that last stitch. So one, two single crochet in the exact same stitch. And as we've seen again, we'll be ending the round with an increase in the very last stitch where the stitch marker was. Our stitch count has now gone up to 24 so be sure to count that to know you're on the right track. Now that we're on round eight, do another round of only single crochet. So in each stitch, we'll single crochet all the way around until a stitch marker. We'll single crochet in the very last stitch. Onto our next round, we'll do another repetition of three single crochet followed by an increase. Single crochet in the very first stitch. Into the next stitch, another single crochet, following another single crochet. After the three single crochets, we'll follow it with a single crochet increase in this next stitch. So two single crochets in the exact same stitch. Following the entire round, we'll continue to do three single crochet followed by an increase. So three single crochet and an increase, which is two single crochet in the exact same stitch. We'll continue doing this all the way until the stitch marker. We'll be changing color in this final stitch. So pulling out our stitch marker or at the end of the round, we'll be doing an increase. So we'll add our first single crochet into that same stitch. We'll be adding our second single crochet into the exact same stitch. We don't want to finish off right away, so we're going to insert our hook into the same stitch, yarn over and pull through. And instead of finishing off our single crochet, we'll be taking our white yarn, and we'll be attaching with the hook and then pulling it through for the final single crochet. This will be the end of our round. We can use an identifier stitch marker to let us know that. We'll now be doing an entire round of just single crochet again. With our alternating rounds, my favorite rounds are definitely the single crochet rounds. I love not having to think about the increases without counting. This part's very meditative for me, and I love having my music on, typically heavy metal. But any choice that you have for your music is a good choice indeed. Into the last stitch, we'll pull out our stitch marker. Insert into that same stitch. We'll insert our stitch marker once again. And there is our round. We should still be left with 30 stitches. Into the next round, we'll be doing four single crochet and followed by an increase. At this point, you should be seeing a pattern here. Instead of going to that first stitch as we normally would for our color change, to make it look just a little bit cleaner, we do want to insert our hook into the very bottom of that stitch. So we're going to insert our hook, yarn over and pull through, yarn over and pull through to do a single crochet. It doesn't make a color change perfect, but it definitely makes it cleaner than you typically would if you followed the stitches. Now we'll continue our stitch count like normal. This does count as our first single crochet and we do want four single crochet. One single crochet, two single crochet. And as you see, we're going into that normal top stitch. Three single crochet, four single crochet. And after every four single crochets, we'll be following with an increase. We'll insert our hook and perform two single crochet in the exact same stitch. We'll follow that all the way around. Single crochet one, single crochet two, single crochet three, single crochet four, followed with an increase. So two single crochet in the exact same stitch. We'll perform this repetition all the way around. Into the final stitch of our round, we'll be performing an increase. Our stitch count will now be at 36. Be sure to count your stitches at the end of the round. At this point, you'll probably be noticing a pretty similar pattern. From round 12 to round 15, we'll be doing an alternation of a round of single crochet

to a round of single crochet increasing. Now at round 16, with a stitch count of 48 stitches, we're at the best part of the pattern now where we get to do six rounds of only single crochets. There's no more counting involved. We get to just single crochet in the round, and this is a great time to put on your favorite music, put on your favorite TV show. You get to mindlessly crochet or you can even sit in silence and use this as a meditative time. I always love being able to just single crochet without a thought in the world. Amigurumi is no easy task. So congratulations to all of you for making it this far. Being able to do a couple of rounds without counting is definitely a nice reward. I hope you enjoy this part and are feeling proud. Round 21 is now complete. Let's put in our safety eyes. With our safety eyes, insert into round 18. To find that, we'll be starting from the very tip, that magic ring circle up here and you'll see that hole. So count from one to 18. So one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18. So I'll insert our safety eye in there. With this safety eye in place, count nine stitches apart. So one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine. Following the ninth stitch, we'll insert our safety eye. Our safety eyes are now in place in round 18 with nine stitches apart. Use the washer on the back to keep secure and push those in. Sometimes you kind of, as you can see, it's a game of strength. There's the first one. And the second one is now in. So these stay secure so they don't fall out when anyone's picking these up or you're playing with your toys. When finding the placement for your eyes, we do want to keep an eye out for the color change. Color changes aren't always the prettiest, so we do want to keep this in the back so it's not visible. A new technique we'll be using is the invisible decrease for the next few rounds to close up our rocket ship. It looks invisible, 'cause you can't see it. Unlike the normal decrease you might see when creating a sweater or a scarf. So to do so, the pattern calls for six single crochet invisible decrease. Let's do that together. Single crochet in the very first stitch. And let's do five more. So two single crochet, three single crochet, four single crochet, five single crochet, and six single crochet. After your sixth single crochet, we'll do the invisible decrease. To do so, insert your hook into only the front loop of the next stitch. Into the following stitch, use your hook to insert into the front loop only as well. As you can see, we have three loops on our hook. Yarn over and pull through the first two, yarn over and pull through the next two. We'll only be working in the front loop only when it comes to our invisible decrease. When you look in the back, you can see that the back loops are still intact. We want to make sure we're doing that every time we do the invisible decrease. We'll be following this repetition all the way around. We'll do six more single crochet. One, two, three, four, five, six. So once again, we'll have our invisible decrease. Inserting our hook into the first front loop only. We'll use our hook to insert into the next front loop only as well. Yarning over, pull through the first two loops, yarn over and pull through the next two. You can see that you can't even notice the decreases found in your pattern. This is a really great way to make your work look a lot cleaner. We'll continue doing this all the way till the end of the round. Here, I actually realize I don't know if I just did six single crochet. To be able to count that, I can look back. I see the stitch that is working only in the front loop. I want to count that next stitch following. So from here, one, two, three, four, five, six. I'm on the right path. It's always best to double check instead of getting too far and having to pull your work apart. With the last stitch, pull out your stitch marker if you are using one. Insert your hook into the front loop only of the first stitch, and into the next stitch in the front loop only, insert yarn over, pull through two. Yarn over and pull through the last two. Your very last part of the invisible decrease will fall into the stitch that had the stitch marker or at the very last stitch of the round. With that complete, single crochet in the round without having to do any invisible decreases. This will look really familiar from the very beginning when we would do an alternation of single crochet followed by a round of increasing. Single crochet into the first stitch.

And single crochet in every stitch around until the end of the round or you reach your stitch marker. With any loose tails, we can push those into our work. And while we work and our rocket ship is getting smaller and smaller, this is a good time to start stuffing your work with polyfill. We want to make sure we are stuffing the point so it doesn't look too deflated. And once you feel confident about that, we just want to keep stuffing our entire project working down. It doesn't have to be too firm at this point, 'cause you can continue to keep stuffing. And we do want to make sure we're using smaller bits to stuff. We don't want to put it all in at once. And we do this to avoid lumpiness. And with these smaller amounts, we do want to make sure we're filling along the edges and along the sides of the work, not just pushing in the middle. I have left some stuffing in here. It's not fully stuffed, 'cause I still don't want it to all be spilling out while I'm working. But as this gets smaller, we'll continue stuffing our work. Starting round 24, we're back to a decrease round. This time, only five single crochets in between each decrease. We'll do that together. One single crochet, two single crochet, three, four, five, followed by an invisible decrease. So going into both of these two front loops and pulling through. We'll continue this all the way around and finishing off the round with an invisible decrease. I'm sure you're noticing a pretty common pattern here. We'll continue from round 25 to 32, alternating between rounds of single crochet with rounds of single crochet and decreasing. Our work will begin to start to close. We want to make sure we are stuffing as well as making sure we have the right stitch count at the end of each round. You'll notice in the PDF, with each decrease round, the number of stitches between each invisible decrease will start to get smaller. I'm on round 32 at the very end, so I'll pull out my stitch marker and we will be switching colors during this invisible decrease. Insert our hook into the front loop only into the next two stitches as we normally would for our invisible decrease. Yarn over, pull through the first two loops. However, to switch colors to our gray, we are going to grab our gray yarn, use our hook to grab, and we're going to pull through those last two loops. And there we have it, our successful color change. We can cut the end of our white yarn now. We will no longer be using that. For the next round, we'll be doubling our stitch count. We will be increasing into each stitch around. We're going to be going from a stitch count of 12 to 24. To do so into our very first stitch, we're going to increase but only in the front loop only. So inserting our hook into the front loop only, yarn over and perform a single crochet. We can still kind of tug at those tails, because it will be kind of loose right now. We want to tug just so it's a little bit tighter. Into the same front loop only of that same stitch that we just performed, we're going to insert our hook and single crochet once again. My stitch marker did fall out, so I'm going to make sure that's back in there. And we'll continue this all the way around. You do want to work on your tension so you're not pulling too tightly. Inserting our hook into the front loop only, single crochet. Into the front loop of the same stitch, single crochet. We'll continue the same pattern all the way in the round. So two single crochets in the front loop only into every stitch. It will take a little bit of finger dexterity to do this. We are trying to create the thrusters right now. Into the last stitch, we'll pull out our stitch marker, and do another increase into the front loop only. It can be a little loose still. So we want to go back and tug on those tails from the color change. Insert our stitch marker, and now we have doubled our stitch count from 12 and now we should be left with 24 stitches. Be sure to count those. For the next two rounds, we'll only be doing a single crochet in the round. As we saw before with our color change, we do want to insert our hook into that bottom of the stitch rather into the normal stitch. And we do want to keep track of where those stitches are. So our next stitch is actually right here where it can be kind of hidden. Make sure we're not losing that. And then like normal, we're going to single crochet in the round into each stitch. With both of those single crochet rounds complete, we'll take out our stitch marker and into the very last stitch,



we'll slip stitch. Inserting your hook, yarn over and pull through. Continue to pull through through that active loop. So you have a tight stitch. Once completed, you can cut off the rest of your yarn and pull through. With that, your main body is now complete, and you still have a chance to keep stuffing your work if you feel like it's not firm enough.

Rocket stands, bottom closure, and window

- Moving on to the details. I'll show you how to make the rocket stands, the bottom closure, and the window. For the rocket stands, it'll be completely identical to rounds one through six as the top of the rocket. When finished with round six of the rocket stands, in the very last stitch we are going to perform a slip stitch. Insert your hook into the last stitch, and to do a slip stitch, yarn over and pull through and continue pulling through the active loop. When complete, pull your tail all the way through and we'll be using this to sew onto the body. With the leftover tail, after flipping your work, be sure to cut this so it is out of sight, out of mind. Once we've completed the first rocket stand, we wanna make sure we complete the second one as well. We wanna leave a generous length for the tail, about 15 to 20 inches, used to sew. Making sure we slip stitch. Pull through and we have both of our tails and we are ready to sew on both of our rocket stands onto the side of our rocket ship. Here's our rocket body. On the bottom, you can see we still have an open hole. To create the closure, we're gonna take our white yarn and really we're just creating a small little circle. To do that, we're going to use the magic ring technique like we did before, wrapping it around our index finger, going underneath that bottom loop, pulling the working yarn through, yarn over, and pull through to do a chain, pull the tail out so it's out of the way. The pattern calls for six single crochet into the magic ring. So treating this loop as a stitch, inserting my hook. Yarn over and pull through, yarn over and pull through both loops. There is one single crochet. We want to make five more. Two, three, four, five, and six. Wanna be sure that we have six single crochet. One, two, three, four, five, six. And when you have that you can pull the tail, cinch your work. And here you have our tiny little circle, and into the first stitch we are going to do a slip stitch. Inserting our hook, yarn over, pull through, and continue to pull through our active loop. We wanna leave about 10 to 15 inches of a tail for sewing. Once you have that, we can pull through. And now we have our tail. We wanna make sure that the bottom ring is pulled snugly. And with that tail, we can cut it off. We don't have to cut right to the edge, but we can leave just a little bit of length. You won't be able to see this part. So we are all good there. And now we are ready to sew. For the window we've started off exactly the same way we have for the bottom closure, with six single crochet within the magic ring. For the next round, we'll be doing two single crochets into each stitch all the way around. In the first stitch perform an increase. So two single crochets in the exact same stitch. And we're going to continue this all the way around. Y'all are probably naturals at the increase. I'm sure it looks great. And this really opens up how to work with shapes and working in a circle, working in the round. Into the last stitch we will be color changing at the very end of our increase. First we'll insert our hook in single crochet once. We'll insert our hook again to do one last single crochet. At the very last, yarn over to finish our single crochet. We will be grabbing our gray yarn and switching color. With our hook, grab the gray yarn and pull through the very last two loops of your single crochet. And there you have it. We have successfully color changed. For the next round we will be creating the border of our window. Work a slip stitch into each stitch around. For the first stitch, enter your hook, pull through, and we'll keep pulling through the active loop and we'll continue to slip stitch all the way around. The slip stitch can be sort of difficult. It's a bit tight of a stitch, but with all the practice we've gotten with the rocket ship, I'm sure that this can be easily doable for all of you. And into the

last stitch, we'll slip stitch. After our final stitch of the round we do want to go into the first stitch of the next round. Slip stitch into the gray yarn. It can be kind of tight since it's a slip stitch. So do your best to pull through. And we are complete. You can tug at some of these tail ends in the back. We want to leave some length of the tail to sew. Let's leave about 10 to 15 inches. We'll cut, and then we'll pull through. With the remaining tails in the back, we can either weave or we can even tie off so they can be secure. So when you see the two colors that change, such as the gray and the blue, we can make a tiny little knot with both blues tied with the gray yarn. Once you have those, you can cut. So those are secure. And there you have it. We'll be using this tail to sew the window onto the body of the rocket.

### Assembly

- Now that we have all of the pieces made, time to bring it all together to create our cute little rocket ship. To keep all of our stuffing within our rocket ship, we will be attaching the bottom closure first. So taking the tail of the bottom closure, we'll thread through the darning needle like so. And luckily, this is not sharp, so don't worry about poking yourself. So with the bottom closure, we'll start where the color change was. We'll take the darning needle, and we will be sewing into those back loops only. To make it easier on yourself, if you would like, you can actually flip the thrusters down. It's gonna make it a bit easier. With the darning needle, we're going to be inserting into the first loop. When you see the magic ring, make sure that that tail that you cut is facing inward, so we don't have to see that. For the amount of back loops that we have, we do have 12 back loops, but we only have six stitches in our magic ring, so we are going to be fixing the math that way. Going down through the first loop, we'll be going through the first stitch of the bottom closure or the magic ring. Pull that snug. Into the second stitch, we're going to go into the following loop upward. Kinda got butterfingers over here, sorry, everybody. We're gonna go down through the next loop. And since we're trying to fix the math, 'cause we have 12 back loops but only six stitches, we're gonna actually go back into that same exact stitch that we came out of, and we will be repeating that, double dipping into all those stitches. Into the next stitch, we're gonna go into the following loop. Going back down into the next loop, we're gonna insert our needle back into that same stitch that we just came from. Once again, inserting our needle through the stitch, going back up the loop, going down into the next loop, but going into the same stitch that we just came from. Once you have all of these sewn, we can take the needle, come up through the back of the rocket, so it's not as easily visible, pull through, and now we're going to knot off. We have the stitch that the yarn is coming through. We're gonna insert into the stitch that is right next to the yarn. We're gonna insert the needle through the same stitch that the yarn's coming out of, pull. We'll have our loop. Before we pull that too tight, we're gonna have our needle come through the loop, and then you pull, come back into the stitch, come out of another. It doesn't need to be anywhere in particular. And then, we can weave through another stitch wherever you want, pull. And now, with our leftover tail, we can cut, and then we can push into the stitch to hide. And there you have it, your bottom closure. You can now reflip it, and now the stuffing won't be coming out. Now that we have this all closed off, we're going to be attaching the rocket stands. We'll be attaching these to the side of our rocket. You can eyeball this. I like to have it at least about four rounds up. So starting from here, one, two, three, four. This should be where the bottom is. Taking your pin, I like to use a pin of a different color, we can pin into place. You kinda want the side of the rocket stand to be kind of lined up with the edge of the eye. It doesn't have to be perfect, but you can always pin both of 'em to kinda get a feel of what you want. And we do wanna keep the tail either down below or in the back so it's not

visible when sewing. Be careful of that when doing so. And then, I do like to pin both, just so I know that this is looking all right. So I can look ahead, and I'm noticing that this is maybe a little too low, so I can actually bring that up around, and that's looking a lot better. So starting from this right one, I'm going to take the tail, thread it through my darning needle. And with this securely in place, even if you want to, you can even have double pinned, just to make sure it's secure and snug. You'll be taking your needle and just inserting into the stitch right below. Pull that through. And then, going upward into the next loop or the next stitch, pull that. And then, we're just gonna continue that around. So finding the best stitch to go through to kind of create a circle. And then, we'll be going into the next stitch that doesn't have the yarn going through already. And now that I'm already at this pin, it's feeling pretty secure, so I can actually take that out and just continue. It's best to take this slow. And if you notice that you kinda went into a stitch that looks like it's pulling too much or just doesn't look right, you're more than welcome to take it out. It's always worth doing it earlier than later. You wanna be 100% happy with your finished product. So we're just weaving up and down. Once you notice that we only have a little bit left of sewing, so I can just kind of open this up, this gives me just a little bit of space to be able to start stuffing the stands. So you wanna add just a little bit, and you can stuff however firmly you wish. And again, we can stuff at the very last few stitches as well, so this doesn't have to be too firm quite yet. You don't want it overflowing that it makes it difficult to sew. But this does allow it to kind of fill up so you can see even easier where you're sewing. And now that we have just a little bit of space left, this is when I'm gonna start adding my final amount of Poly-Fil, just to get it stuffed just enough that I'm happy with. And that feels pretty good. I can kinda squish it, and it's not changing shape. Seaming into our last stitch, we're gonna actually come up, back into the rocket stand. We're gonna pull, make sure that this is snug, so that's definitely not coming off. But in the back of the rocket stand, so this is hidden, we're gonna knot off once again. So going back into that same stitch where we came out of, gonna pull. We have our loop. Take your needle and go through that loop and then pull securely. Go back in that stitch and come out of another. Still wanna keeping it hidden. Pull through, and then we can weave in through another stitch just for some extra precaution. Again, still in the back, so it's not visible. Once that's done, you can cut. And with the back of your darning needle, you can push that end in so it's no longer visible. With that complete and sewn on, we'll be doing the exact same process with the other rocket stand on the other side. Finding our perfect placement with our pin, lining it up. And once the other rocket stand is already in place, you can already kinda see which round it's in which makes it even easier to find the placement. And sew this on the exact same way with the tail and your darning needle. Both of the stands are now done. It's time to sew on our last piece, which is the window. With the tail of the window, we're going to thread through our darning needle. We're gonna place our window right in the middle, kind of lined up where the top of the stands are. And we're going to actually keep our tail on the bottom, and we wanna make sure that those tails that we cut aren't peeking through. I like to use a pin for this part. Keep it in place. Make sure that's lined up. With our darning needle, we're actually going to, instead of just going straight into the stitch, we're actually going to go through our stitch to find the bottom. With our needle, pull through. And from here, we're gonna go through the blue and the gray. And since we used the slip stitches, it can be a little tight, so we wanna try our best to pull through as neatly as we can, and we'll continue around. So going back into the gray, and you'll be going through the blue as well. This can definitely be the most difficult thing to sew on. Fortunately, it's only 12 stitches, so it doesn't take too long. If you're looking for a time to reward yourself, it's definitely gonna be after this phase. And I like to go through, if I accidentally split the yarn, I do like to go back through and make sure



that it's not keeping that split look. And as you notice here, I've gone in too far to the side, so we can come back out, and we can find a new stitch to go through. If you're finding this too difficult, as you can see, someone with experience like myself is even kind of having a hard time, you can always try a smaller needle or even pliers to pull through 'cause sometimes your fingers can be a little slippery, and these stitches are kind of tight, or you can endure the hardship and do your best. Once we've gone through our last one, we're gonna come back through one last time. And with our needle, we're going to, instead of knotting off, we're actually just gonna seam through, just to create a little bit of security here. Seam through just two of the slip stitches that you see. Come back down, insert your needle, and you can find a place in the back to come through and pull. If it looks like you pulled a little tight, you can take your needle and actually fluff it back up. So we've kinda seamed through the border of the window, and we've come through here. And once we have the tail coming through, we can cut, and then we can push in with our darning needle so that way it's hidden. Our little window is now attached, and we are complete there. We have everything sewn on. The only thing left are some maybe remaining tails that you might not have cut, such as the one on the thrusters. So to get rid of that, we're going to thread our yarn through the darning needle. We're gonna take the darning needle and go back through that same stitch where the slip stitch is at, come through. And in the back, we can find the loops of the back of the stitches. Seam through those just to find some security. And again, it can be kinda difficult to pull through. And if you want just a little bit more security, just keep weaving through, and that is just gonna be in the back of the stitches. Once you have that, you can cut and kind of push it back in or have it just hidden. We only have one more thing to do, and that is going to be embroidering the face on. To complete the face, we're going to start with the eyelashes. I've already added the eyelash to this one eye, but I'll show you how to make it on the other using about 10 inches of black yarn threaded through your darning needle. With our threaded needle, we can take the black yarn and insert the needle into the back of the rocket ship. We'll insert the needle into the stitch one above the corner of the safety eye. We'll pull that through. We're now going to insert into that stitch that is just at the corner of the safety eye. We're now going to pull it out of the stitch that is right next to it, to the right. If you're on your left eye, it'd be to the left. Pull that through. And into the exact same stitch, we're going to insert our needle, and we're gonna have the needle come back out through the back so that way it's hidden. Pull that so it's nice and snug. It won't always be touching, touching, but if you just kind of push it together, you have the illusion that it is, just like so. And with the two tails in the back, we're gonna cut and cut, keeping just a little bit of length. And with the back of our darning needle, we're going to push those in so they are hidden. We have both of our eyelashes, looking a little bit worried, but we do wanna add a smile next. With another about 10 to 15 inches of yarn, you wanna thread through your darning needle. Inserting through the back once again to keep hidden. We do wanna insert into the middle stitch between the eyes. As you can see, it's going to be the round that's just on the bottom of the eye but still touching the eye. We're gonna pull through, and we're gonna work three to the side. On this side, we're gonna count one, two, three. We'll go up one stitch, and we'll insert. And then, on this side, we'll go one, two, three, and go up one, and we'll insert into that stitch. So we'll be coming out of it. So there's half the smile. And then, taking our darning needle, we're gonna go right into that same stitch where they intersect. We're gonna have our needle come out the side of our work, so it's a bit hidden. We're gonna pull. You don't wanna pull too tightly but snug. You can push this down a little bit so it's smiling. And with our leftover yarn, we're gonna cut, and we're gonna cut. Once again, we're gonna push those black ends back into the work so you don't see it. All right, and now we have our smile. Our last little detail is going

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to be the blush. So taking about 15 to 20 inches of pink yarn, we're going to cut. Gonna thread through our needle. Again, we're gonna be going from the back or the side. We're gonna take our needle, insert. And right underneath the eye, in the center, we're going to pull our needle through, giving ourself some length. Insert our needle to the right of the right eye. Insert our needle. And then, we're gonna actually go all the way to our left eye. We're going to insert into the stitch underneath the eyeball, pull. You don't wanna pull too tightly, but you do wanna keep it snug. You're gonna go into the stitch that is left of the stitch that we came out of, and you're gonna go all the way back into the one that we started. And this makes it easier to just kind of make it double-layered. Pull it snug. And now, we're going to be double layering this. So right over the other blush that was already left, we're gonna go back over, and we're gonna have our needle come back through the same stitch on the left eye. We're gonna pull, and we're gonna pull this slowly. You don't wanna pull too fast, and you wanna make sure that it's layering right on top and pull. Gives it just a little bit more definition. And then, same thing on this side. You're gonna go over it, coming out the side, and again, pulling slowly. That way, we know it's double-layered. And pulling, add some more definition and some more width to it, pull through. And then on the sides, we're gonna cut our pink yarn with a little bit of length. And now we're going to use the back end of our darning needle, push through. The rocket is now complete. We have our embroidered face to give it the most personality possible. We really flew through this pattern, didn't we? This was a ton of fun, super cute. A lot of us had dreams of becoming an astronaut when we were kids, but I think now we can dream of becoming the best crocheters possible.