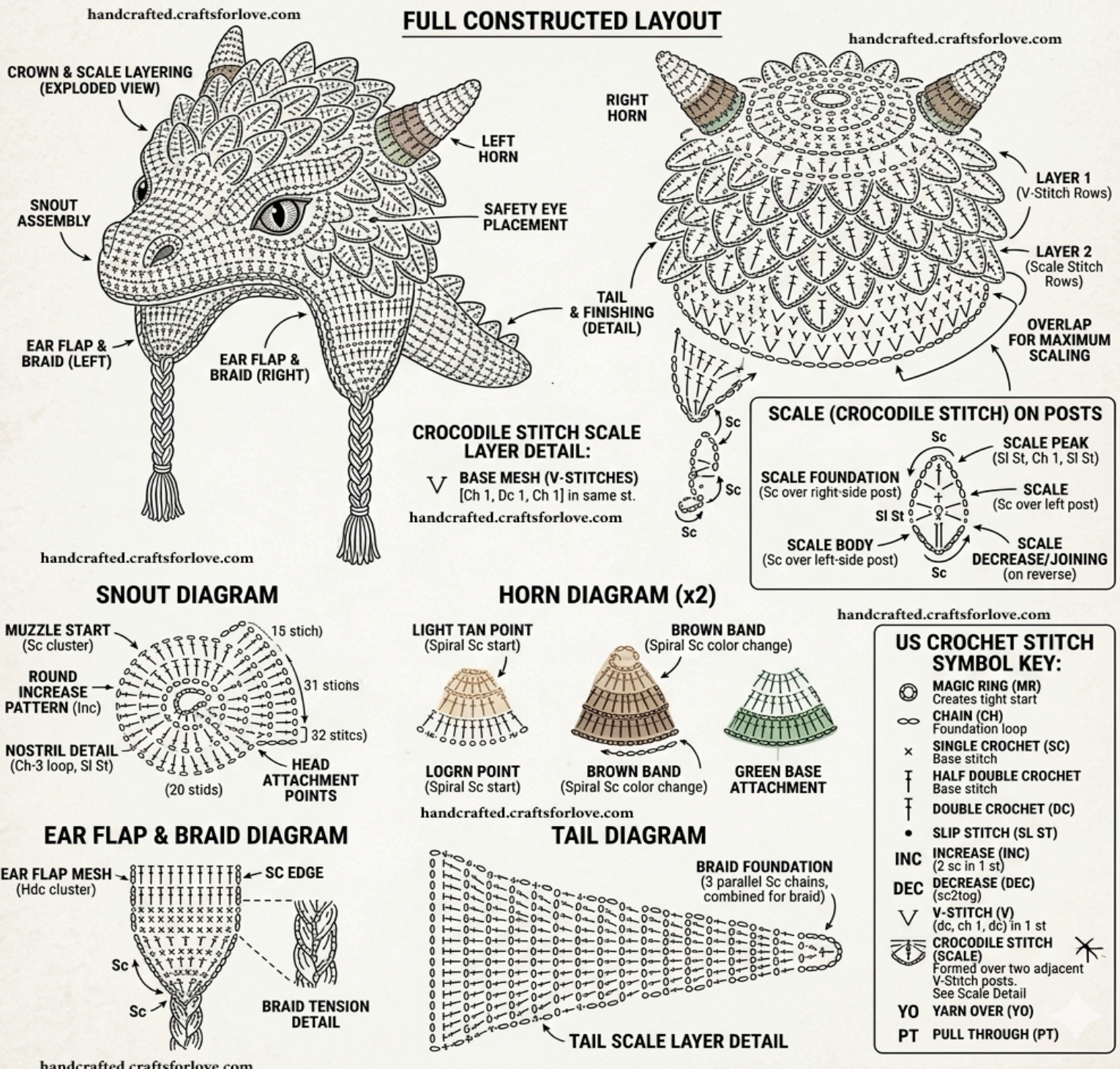


Crochet Dragon Hat Legendary Pattern

Materials & Tools

- Worsted weight yarn:
 - Light tan (horn tips)
 - Brown (horn bands)
 - Green (base + scales)
- Crochet hook: 3.5 mm – 4.5 mm (E–G)
- Safety eyes (recommended size: 10–14 mm)
- Yarn needle
- Stitch markers
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Scissors <https://handcrafted.craftsforlove.com/> **SEE THE BEST PATTERNS**



Stitch Abbreviations (US Terms)

- MR = Magic Ring
- Ch = Chain
- Sc = Single Crochet
- Hdc = Half Double Crochet
- Dc = Double Crochet
- Sl st = Slip Stitch
- Inc = Increase (2 sc in same stitch)
- Dec = Decrease (sc2tog)
- V-st = (Dc, Ch 1, Dc in same stitch)
- Crocodile stitch = Scale stitch worked over V-st posts

Step 1: Snout (Head Base)

Round 1 (Muzzle Start)

- Make a **MR**
- Work **15 sc** into ring
- Pull tight and join

Round 2 (Increase Round)

- Inc around → **30 sc**

Round 3–5 (Shaping)

- Work even in sc
- Slight increases as needed to reach:
 - 31 stitches
 - Then 32 stitches

Nostril Detail

- Ch 3 loop
- Sl st into same stitch to form nostril bumps

Notes

- Begin lightly stuffing as you go
- Mark **head attachment points** for later assembly

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Step 2: Safety Eye Placement

- Insert safety eyes between rounds 3–5
- Space evenly on both sides of snout
- Ensure symmetry before securing

Step 3: Base Mesh for Scales (Important Layer)

This is the **foundation for crocodile stitch scales**

- Work rows of **V-stitches**
- Each V-st = (Dc, Ch 1, Dc in same stitch)
- Pattern:
 - Ch 1, Dc, Ch 1, Dc in same stitch
- Repeat across entire head

This mesh creates the “posts” where scales will attach

Step 4: Crocodile Stitch Scales

Each scale is worked over a V-stitch pair:

Scale Structure

1. **Sc over right post**
2. Work 5 Dc down the post
3. Ch 1 at the bottom
4. Work 5 Dc up the left post
5. Sl st at top

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- **Layer 1:** First row of scales
- **Layer 2:** Offset scales between previous row
- Continue layering for full coverage

Important Tip

- Slight overlap between scales creates the **dense dragon texture**

Step 5: Crown & Scale Layering

- Continue adding scale rows toward the top of the head
- Work in a circular fashion
- Slightly reduce stitch count near top for shaping

This creates the **spiky crown effect**

Step 6: Ear Flaps

Base Mesh

- Work rows using **Hdc clusters**
- Shape into a tapered triangle

Edges

- Add **Sc border** around edges

Step 7: Braided Tassels

Foundation

- Create **3 long chains**
- Attach to ear flap base

Braid

- Braid the 3 strands together
- Tie knot at end

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- Keep even tension for a clean braid

Step 8: Horns (Make 2)

Round 1 (Tip – Light Tan)

- MR with 6 sc

Round 2–4 <https://handcrafted.craftsforlove.com/> SEE THE BEST PATTERNS

- Work in spiral sc
- Gradually increase to widen

Color Changes

- Switch to **brown bands**
- Alternate:
 - Light tan → brown → light tan → brown

Final Section

- End with green base if desired
- Leave long tail for sewing

Step 9: Attach Horns

- Place symmetrically on top of head
- Sew securely through multiple stitches
- Ensure horns angle slightly outward

Step 10: Tail

Base Shape

- Start with small chain
- Work rows increasing gradually

Braid Foundation

- Create **3 parallel chains**
- Combine into a braid

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Step 11: Tail Scale Layer

- Use same **V-st + crocodile stitch technique**
- Apply scales along tail length
- Reduce scale size toward tip

Step 12: Final Assembly & Finishing

- Attach:
 - Ears
 - Braids
 - Tail
- Weave in all ends
- Adjust stuffing for shape

Tips for Success

- Use stitch markers frequently
- Keep tension consistent (especially for scales)
- Work scales loosely so they “fan out”
- Always test placement before sewing pieces

Finished Result

You now have a **fully constructed dragon-scale crochet headpiece** with:

- Layered crocodile stitch scales
- Sculpted snout
- Detailed horns
- Braided ear flaps
- Scaled tail
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