Tux the Linux Penguin

CROCHET PATTERN
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Stitch Abbreviations

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Chain	Ch
Single Crochet	Sc
Increase	Inc
Decrease	Dec
Stitch	St
Double Crochet	Dc
Slip Stitch	SlSt

Stitches Used in This Pattern:
Magic Ring
Ch
Sc
Inc
Dec
St
Dc
SlSt

Supplies:

4mm crochet hook, 4/Medium weight yarn in black, white, yellow, and (optional) red for the scarf. 9mm safety eyes, tapestry needle, scissors, and stuffing.

Additional Information:

Difficulty: **Easy**

This pattern makes a cute penguin "Tux"! We start with the eye whites, which we will insert into the head while making it. Next, we make the head, then work into the body. They are one piece. We then make the beak, chest piece, arms, and feet. The feet are made by creating 3 toes for each foot, then crocheting the 3 toes together to form the foot. Finally, we make the optional scarf. Done!

About Tux...
He's more than just a penguin

You may recognize this penguin, but do you know what he stands for?

Tux is the mascot who represents Linux. Linux is a free, open source operating system for your computer. What does that mean? Let's quickly define a couple of important things.

An *operating system* is the "main" software that runs on your computer, like Windows, macOS, or even Android. You're probably running Windows 10 on your computer, or Android on your phone. *Open source* is the term used for software that has its "source code" (the code that makes it work) freely available to the public, so that anyone can use, modify, or examine it.

When software is *closed source* (also sometimes called *proprietary*) it means that nobody is allowed to look at the code that makes it work—and that means that the software could be doing all kinds of things without your permission or knowledge, such as violating your privacy. Windows 10 is closed source software.

I made this crochet pattern of Tux because I want to promote the use of Linux instead of Windows.

Microsoft Windows has a long and frankly disturbing history of user privacy violations. The Electronic Frontier Foundation, a respected non-profit digital rights group, has **repeatedly pointed out** that just by using Windows 10 you are, by default, sending information about yourself back to Microsoft headquarters. Some of that private information includes "location data, text input, voice input, touch input, webpages you visit, and telemetry data regarding your general usage of your computer, including which programs you run and for how long."

Scary, right? **Would you email a stranger and send them all of that information? Would you send them your photos, banking information, internet browsing history, or your passwords?** Because that's essentially what you're doing when you use Windows 10.

You might say that you have nothing to hide, but I'll remind you of this quote from Edward Snowden: "Arguing that you don't care about the right to privacy because you have nothing to hide is no different than saying you don't care about free speech because you have nothing to say."

A privacy-respecting and **FREE** alternative is Linux. This operating system is open source, so anyone can look at the code that makes it work and ensure that it doesn't violate your privacy or do other nasty things. It has been designed to provide users with high amounts of security, stability, and ease of maintenance (no more forced updates that make you restart and cause your programs to stop working!).

There are many wonderful reasons to use Linux, just a few of which are pointed out on this detailed It's *FOSS* article: **11 Reasons Why Linux is Better Than Windows**. Please read it if you have the time.

There are many different "flavors" of Linux, which are called distributions. One of the most popular distributions for beginners is called **Ubuntu Linux**. Another popular, easy-to-use distribution is called **Manjaro Linux**.

Compare **Microsoft's "Embrace, extend, and extinguish"** philosophy—a strategy that purposefully makes computers harder to use in order to "extinguish" competition—to what Manjaro Linux developers have to say about user privacy: "Manjaro does not send any data to anybody. Why should it? It's your data and you decide what you want to do with it."

I'm proud to be a Linux user. In fact, this website and *all* of my crochet patterns have been made using Linux. The PDF version of this pattern is completely free to download. All I ask in return is that you spend a little time thinking about how you use your computer— or, if you're using Windows 10, how your computer might be using *you*.

Eye Whites: (Make 2)
In White

We make these first, because we will insert safety eyes into them, then place the eyes on the body before closing the body.

Round 1: 6 Sc in Magic Ring (6)

Round 2: Inc in next st, SlSt in next 3 st, Inc in next st, SlSt last st (8)

Finish off. Add safety eye in the bottom area of the oval. Don't put on safety eye washer/back yet.

Head:
In Black

Round 1: 6 Sc in Magic Ring (6)

Round 2: *Inc* all around (12)

Round 3: *Inc, Sc* all around (18)

Round 4: *Inc, Sc 2* all around (24)

Round 5: *Inc, Sc 3* all around (30)

Round 6-9: *Sc* all around (30)

Round 10: Sc in the next 13 st. Sc in the next st and add a different colored st marker to the Sc just made. This marks where we will place the safety eye (with the eye white). Sc in the next 3 st. Sc in the next st and add a different colored st marker to Sc just made. Sc in the next 12 st (30)

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Round 10 Eye Markers

Head/Body: (Continued)
In Black

Round 11-14: *Sc* all around (30)

Round 15: *Inc, Sc 4* all around (36)

Round 16: *Sc* all around (36)

Add safety eyes in marked areas. Place the washer on well. Stuff head now and pin eyes on to secure more.

Round 17: *Inc, Sc 5* all around (42)

Round 18: *Sc* all around (42)

Round 19: *Inc, Sc 6* all around (48)

Round 20-27: *Sc* all around (48)

Round 28: *Dec, Sc 6* all around (42)

Stuff here.

Round 29: *Dec, Sc 5* all around (36)

Round 30: *Dec, Sc 4* all around (30)

Round 31: *Dec, Sc 3* all around (24)

Stuff again here.

Round 32: *Dec, Sc 2* all around (18)

Round 33: *Dec, Sc* all around (12)

Round 34: *Dec* all around (6)

Finish off. Add any additional stuffing now. Sew the bottom closed and set body aside for now.

Add Eyes After Round 16

Beak:
In Yellow

Round 1: 6 Sc in Magic Ring (6)

Round 2: *Inc, Sc* all around (9)

Round 3: *Sc* all around (9)

Round 4: *Inc, Sc in the next 2 st* all around (12)

Round 5: *Sc* all around (12)

Finish off. Stuff and pin on the head, and pin the top beak slightly above the eyes. You can sew on the beak and eyes now if you'd like – or sew them on later if preferred.

Chest:
In White

Row 1: Ch 8. Sc in 2nd Sh from hook. Sc in next 6 st (7)

Row 2: Turn, Sc in the next 7 st (7)

Row 3: Turn, Inc in first st, Sc in next 5 st, Inc in last st (9)

Row 4: Turn, Sc in the next 9 st (9)

Row 5: Turn, Inc in first st, Sc in next 7 st, Inc in last st (11)

Row 6-7: Turn, Sc in the next 11 st (11)

Row 8: Turn, Inc in first st, Sc in next 9 st, inc in last st (13)

Row 9-15: Turn, Sc in the next 13 st (13)

Row 16: *Dec* 2 times, Sc in the next 5 st, *Dec* 2 times (9)

Row 17: Turn, Sc in the next 9 st (9)

Row 18: *Dec* 2 times, Sc in the next st, *Dec* 2 times (5)

Row 19: Turn, Sc in the next 5 st (5)

Finish off. Pin onto the belly as shown. Make sure the top of the belly meets the bottom of the beak. Sew belly on now.

Arms: (Make 2)
In Black

Row 1: Ch 4. Sc in 2nd Ch from hook. Sc in next 2 st (3)

Row 2: Turn, Sc in next 3 st (3)

Row 3: Turn, Sc in next st, Inc in next st, Sc in last st (4)

Row 4-5: Turn, Sc in next 4 st (4)

Row 6: Turn, Sc in next st, Inc in next 2 st, Sc in next st (6)

Row 7-14: Turn, Sc in next 6 st (6)

Finish off. Pin arms on each side as shown. Sew the arms on now.

Toes: (Make 6, 3 for each foot)
In Yellow

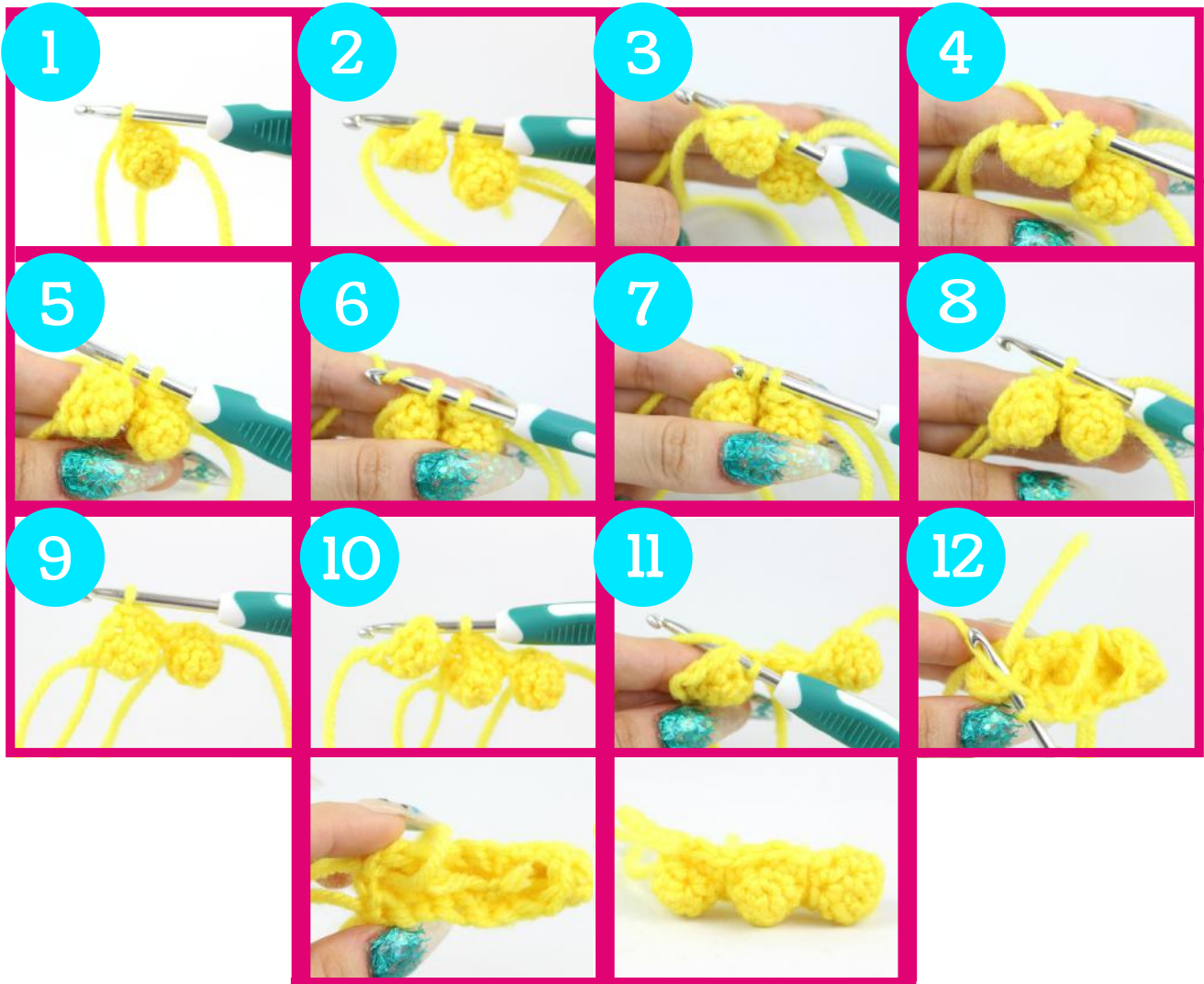**Round 1:** 4 Sc in Magic Ring (4)

Round 2: *Inc, Sc* all around* (6)

Round 3: *Sc* all around (6)

Finish off first 2 toes now. DON'T finish off 3rd toe.

Continuing on 3rd toe:

Round 4: Sc in the next 3 st **(Pic 1)**. Get the next toe and Sc in the next 3 st **(Pic 2-8)**. Get the last toe and Sc in the next 6 st **(Pic 10-11)**. Now we are working on the other side of the foot. Sc in the next 3 st of the 2nd toe. Now Sc in the last 3 st of first toe (18)

Feet: (Continued)

Round 5-6: *Sc* all around (18)

Round 7: *Dec, Sc* all around (12)

Round 8-10: *Sc* all around (12)

Stuff here.

Round 11: *Dec* all around (6)

Finish off. Add any additional stuffing and sew closed. Pin on as shown. Sew on.

Scarf: (Optional)
In Red

Row 1: Ch 85. Dc in 2nd Ch from hook. Dc in next 83 st (84)

Finish off. Weave in ends and tie to doll's neck.

Done!

If you finished this pattern, I would be SO HAPPY if you "try" it on Pinterest, or tag me on Instagram @StringyDingDing or #StringyDingDing

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