

# Frankenstein! Rawr!

An Intermediate Amigurumi Pattern by Ann D'Angelo

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Kenneth Branagh's version of Frankenstein was the first movie I ever saw with my husband. And five or six other people. And possibly a French-speaking parrot. I was so lovestruck that I don't remember. What I *do* remember is that Robert DeNiro was not nearly as cute as this ami, which is a shame.



## Frankenstein Yarn colors:

- Sickly green (a.k.a. puke green, swamp green, my favorite green, and hey-it's-on-clearance green)
- Black
- Chocolate brown (for the jacket)
- Oatmeal cookie brown (for the pants)
- A bit of red (for wounds)
- A bit of blue (for sutures and large eye, if you choose to crochet the eyes)
- A bit of rust and a bit of white (for the other eye, if you choose to crochet the eyes)



Note: If you choose a bulky (5) yarn, your Frankenstein will be about 13" tall and measure about 8" at his widest point.

If you use a medium (4) yarn, your Frankenstein will stand about 11" tall and measure about 5" at his widest point.

## Abbreviations

MR = Magic Ring  
Ch = Chain  
St = Stitch  
Sc = Single crochet  
DC = Double crochet  
TC = Triple crochet  
FLO = Front loops only  
BLO = Back loops only  
Sc2tog = 2 single crochet together, or a decrease  
CC = Change color  
Sl st = Slip stitch  
F/O = Fasten off

## Other supplies you need:

- Hook 2-3 sizes smaller than the one suggested for your yarn
- Stitch marker
- Tapestry needle, scissors, and stuffing
- Plastic eyes (if you choose to use them)

Note: Frankenstein's Monster is worked in the round without joining rows unless otherwise specified.

### Head (black changing to green)

Frankenstein's head begins as a cube and becomes more rounded as you gradually decrease.

In black, MR 5, or Ch2, 5sc in second ch from hook

1. 2 sc in each sc around (10 total)
2. 2 sc in each sc around (20 total)
3. (Sc next 4 stitches, 3sc next stitch) x4 (28 total)
4. Sc next 4 stitches, 3sc next stitch, (sc next 6 stitches, 3sc next stitch) x 3, sc next 2 stitches (36 total)
5. Sc next 5 stitches, 3sc next stitch, sc next 7 stitches, 3sc next stitch, sc next 8 stitches, 3sc next stitch, sc next 8 stitches, 3sc next stitch, sc next 4 stitches (44 total)
6. Sc next 6 stitches, 3sc next stitch, sc next 9 stitches, 3sc next stitch, sc next 10 stitches, 3sc next stitch, sc next 5 stitches (52 total)
7. Sc next 6 stitches, 3sc next stitch, sc next 11 stitches, 3sc next stitch, sc next 12 stitches, 3sc next stitch, sc next 12 stitches, 3sc next stitch, sc next 7 stitches (60 total)
8. Working in **BLO**, sc around (60 total)
- 9-10. Sc around (60 total)
11. Sc next 17 stitches, CC to green next stitch, sc next 25 stitches, CC to black next stitch, sc next 16 stitches (60 total)
12. Sc next 2, sc2tog, sc next 13, CC next stitch, sc next 25, CC next stitch, sc next 12 stitches, sc2tog, sc next 2 (58 total)
13. Sc next 12, sc2tog, sc next 2, CC next stitch, sc next 25, CC next stitch, sc next 3 stitches, sc2tog, sc next 10 (56 total)
14. Sc next 15, CC next stitch, sc next 25, CC next stitch, sc next 14 (56 total)
15. Sc next stitch, sc2tog, sc next 12 stitches, CC next stitch, sc next 25 stitches, CC next stitch, sc next 11, sc2tog, sc1 (54 total)
16. Sc next 12 stitches, sc2tog, CC next stitch, sc next 25 stitches, CC next stitch, sc next 10, sc2tog, sc next stitch (52 total)

17. Sc next 3, sc2tog, sc next 3, sc2tog, sc next 3, CC next stitch, sc 1, sc2tog, sc next 3, sc2tog, sc next 12, sc2tog, sc next 3, CC next stitch, sc 3, sc2tog, sc 3, sc2tog, sc2tog (44 total)
18. Sc around = Sc next 11, CC next stitch, sc next 22, CC next stitch, sc next 9 (44 total)
19. Sc next 11, CC next stitch, sc next 6, sc2tog, sc next 6, sc2tog, sc next 6, CC next stitch, sc next 9 stitches (42 total)
20. Sc next 8, sc2tog, sc next stitch, CC next stitch, sc next 20, CC next stitch, sc next 4, sc2tog, sc next 3 (40 total)
21. Sc next 10, CC next stitch, sc next 8, sc2tog, sc next 8, sc2tog, CC next stitch, sc next 8 stitches (38 total)
22. Sc next 5, sc2tog, 3sc, CC next stitch, sc next 18, CC next stitch, sc next 6, sc2tog (36 total)
23. Sc around (Sc next 9, CC next stitch, sc next 18, CC stitch, sc next 7) (36 total)
24. Sc next 9, CC next stitch, sc next 18, DO NOT change colors, sc next 8 (36 total)
25. Sc next 2, sc2tog, sc next 28, sc2tog, sc next 2 (34 total)
26. Sc next 6, sc2tog, sc next 20, sc2tog, sc next 4 (32 total)
27. Sc around (32 total)
28. Sc next 5, sc2tog, sc next 18, sc2tog, sc next 5 (30 total)
29. (Sc next 4, sc2tog) x5 (25 total)
30. (Sc next 3, sc2tog)x5 (20 total)

Fasten off. Stuff lightly. Set head aside.

**Left Ear (make 1, green):**

MR 6 or Ch2, 6sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> stitch from hook

1. 2sc in each stitch (12 total)
2. (1sc next stitch, 2 sc next stitch) around (18 total)
3. 4 DC next stitch

Fasten off, leaving a tail long enough to stitch ear to head

Right Ear (make 1, green):

MR 6 or Ch2, 6sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> stitch from hook

1. 2sc in each stitch (12 total)
2. Working in FLO, (1sc next stitch, 2 sc next stitch) around (18 total)
3. FLO, 4 DC next stitch

Fasten off, leaving a tail long enough to stitch ear to head. Turn ear over and push the inside out, so that it becomes convex . . .like an ear!

Unibrow (make 1):

With black yarn:

Ch 14

1. Turn. Ch1, sc 14.

Fasten off, leaving tail long enough to stitch unibrow to head.

Crocheted large eye (optional):

With black yarn:

Ch2, 5 sc in chain farthest from hook.

1. Sc in first stitch. In the next stitch, change colors to **blue**. Place stitch marker. 2sc in each stitch around (10 stitches total)
2. Sc in first stitch. In the next stitch, change colors to **white**. Place stitch marker. (1sc in next stitch, 2sc in next stitch) around. (15 stitches total)

Fasten off, leaving a tail to stitch eye to head. As you weave in ends, cover any little spots of color you don't want to see.

Crocheted small eye (optional):

With black yarn:

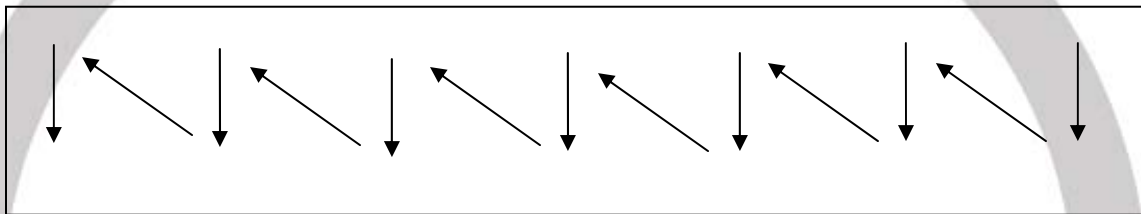
Ch2, 5 sc in chain farthest from hook.

1. Sc in first stitch. In next stitch, change colors to **rust** in second stitch and place stitch marker. 2sc in each stitch around (10 stitches total)
2. Sc in first stitch. In next stitch, change colors to **white** and place stitch marker. Sc around (10 total.)

Fasten off, leaving a tail to stitch eye to head. As you weave in ends, cover any little spots of color you don't want to see.

## ASSEMBLY:

- Pin unbrow below brow ridge.
- Position eyes below unbrow.
- Place ears at roughly the level of the eyes.
- When you're happy with placement, lock / sew eyes into place, sew unbrow to face, and sew ears.
- Add "bangs" following diagram on next page.
- To add the bangs, snip a long strand of black yarn and thread it through your embroidery needle. Come in from the back of the head so that the end of your yarn is nestled into the stuffing, then work across the hairline from right to left like so:



- Once the bangs are in place, you can add wounds and sutures wherever it suits you! In each case, bring the yarn in by the same method you used for the bangs.



## Body:

With black yarn:

MR 5 or Ch2, 5sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> st from hook

1. 2sc in each stitch (10 total)
2. (Sc in next stitch, 2sc in next stitch) x5 (15 total)
3. (Sc in next 2 stitches, 2sc in next stitch) x 5 (20 total)
4. (Sc in next 3 stitches, 2 sc in next stitch) x 5 (25 total)

5-10. Sc around (25 total per round)

11. (Sc in next 3 stitches, sc2tog) x5 (20 total)

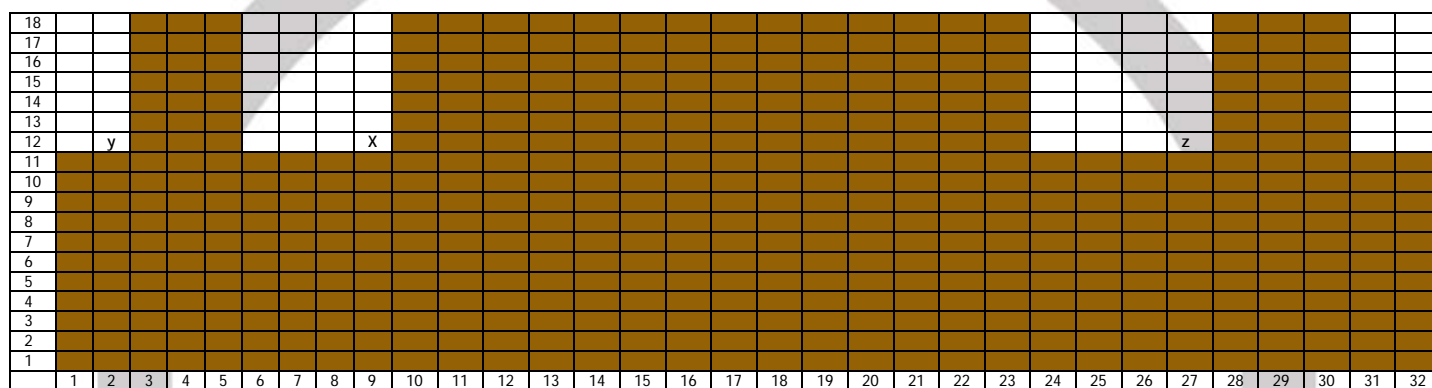
12 - 16. Sc around (20 total per round)

17. (Sc in next 2 stitches, sc2tog) x5 (15 total)

Fasten off, leaving a tail long enough to stitch body to head. Stuff body firmly.

**Jacket (make one, dark brown):**

When you finish the jacket, the shape will look something like this:



Chain 33

1. Do not Ch 1. Sc 32 (32 total)

2-11. Ch1, sc 32, turn (32 total per row)

**Fasten off.**

12. Count 9 stitches in from left side (see x in diagram above). Put hook through 9<sup>th</sup> stitch and pull in dark brown yarn. Sc in next 14 stitches. When you reach stitch 23, turn.

13-18. Ch1. Sc in next 14 stitches. Turn.

**Fasten off.**

Return to row 12. Count 2 stitches in from left side (see y in diagram above). Put hook through 2<sup>nd</sup> stitch and pull in dark brown yarn.

12. Sc in next 3 stitches. When you reach stitch 5, turn.

13-18. Ch1. Sc next 3 stitches. Turn.

**Fasten off,** leaving a tail for stitching.

Return to row 12. Count 6 stitches back from right side (27<sup>th</sup> stitch - see z in diagram above). Put hook through 27<sup>th</sup> stitch and pull in dark brown yarn.

12. (Sc in next stitch x3.) When you reach stitch 30, turn.

13-18. Ch1. (Sc next stitch) x3. Turn.

**Fasten off**, leaving a tail for stitching.

As promised, you should now have a piece of work that looks something like this:

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Referencing the diagram above, fold the left side over so that CBA lines up with ABC. Using the tail, stitch the front to the back at A, B, and C. Repeat the process on the right side with D, E, and F. When you finish, there should be arm / sleeve holes.

**Sleeve (make 2, dark brown):**

Create a long tail before you make your slip knot. MR 5 or Ch2, 5sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> stitch from hook

1. 2sc in each stitch (10 total)
2. (Sc in next stitch, 2 sc in next stitch) x 5 (15 total)
3. (Sc in next 2 stitches, 2 sc in next stitch) x 5 (20 total)
- 5-14. Sc around (20 total per row)
15. Sc around in **back loop only** (20 total)
16. (Sc in next 2 stitches, sc2tog) x 5 (15 total)

Fasten off, leaving tail several inches long. Tuck rows 15 and 16 inside the sleeve.

\*Stuff sleeve firmly, leaving space at bottom to insert forearm\*

### Forearm (green, make 2):

MR 5 or Ch2, 5sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> stitch from hook (5 total)

1. 2sc in each stitch (10 total)
  2. (Sc in next stitch, 2 sc in next stitch) x 5 (15 total)
- 4-11 Sc around (15 total per row)
12. (Sc in next stitch, sc2tog) x5 (10 total)

\*Stuff forearm firmly\*

13. (sc2tog) x5 (5 total)

Fasten off, weave in ends

### Leg (make 2, oatmeal brown):

MR 5 or Ch2, 5sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> stitch from hook (5 total)

1. 2sc in each stitch (10 total)
  2. (Sc in next stitch, 2 sc in next stitch) x 5 (15 total)
- 4-18 Sc around (15 total per row for 15 rows)
19. (Sc in next stitch, sc2tog) x5 (10 total)

\*Stuff leg firmly\*

Fasten off, leaving tail several inches long

### Shoe (make 2, black)

To make the shoe, you'll start by working down one side of the chain and up the other.

Ch 6

1. Sc next 4, 3sc last, sc next 4, 3sc last (14 total)
2. Sc next, place marker, sc next 5, 3 sc next, sc next 5, 2sc in next 3 st (20 total)
3. Sc next 5, 2sc next 3, sc to end (23 total)
4. BLO {Sc around} (23 total)
5. Sc around (23 total)



6. Sc next 4, ch 4, count next 10 stitches, join ch at 11<sup>th</sup> st, sc next 7 to end. You'll now be stitching across the chain and around the top instead of around the entire shoe.



(Note: Photos lightened because black yarn is shy & shows few details)

7. (Sc next 2, sc2tog) x4
8. (Sc next, sc2tog) x2, sc to end

F/O. Stitch the gap closed.

## Assembling Frankenstein

1. Insert the forearm into sleeve, making the forearm as long or as short as you like. You can also customize the appearance of the sleeve, keeping it flat over the skin, or belling it slightly by coaxing the last two rows of the sleeve forward. Stitch the forearm into place using yarn tail from sleeve. Repeat the process with the other forearm and sleeve. Set aside.
2. Stitch both legs to body.
3. Add a bit of stuffing to both shoes. Sew shoes to ends of legs.
4. Sew head to body.
5. Pull the jacket around the body. Tug at the sides / lapels until they overlap, placing the right side (your right) on top of the left side (your left). Stitch the right side into place where a man's jacket would button. Take the excess above that point and fold it back to look like a lapel, as it appears in the picture above. Stitch into place. Weave in all ends.



6. Decide whether you want arms extended or at his sides and stitch to arm holes.

Rawr! You just made a fabulous Frankenstein!

## Appendix 1: Changing Colors

- 1) Insert hook into stitch as usual and yarn over with current color. Pull current color through so you have two loops of current color on your hook.



- 2) Take the new color between the thumb and forefinger of your non-dominant hand, like this:



- 3) Pull new color through, keeping your tension taut.



- 4) You will now have three strands: a short green tail, a long black strand leading back to the skein, and a long green strand leading back to the skein. Clip the black strand so it is the same length as the green tail, then hold the green and black tails together over your work like this:



- 5) Sc as normal. Your stitches will hold the tails in place. Stitch (following the pattern, of course) until the tails are covered, or after several stitches, tug the tails into the inside of the head, where they can't be seen.

