



Amigurumi Crochet - Patrick the Giraffe

Instructor	Kris Straukas
Course Overview	<p>What is Amigurumi? Amigurumi is a Japanese term that refers to the beautiful and artful technique of crocheting stuffed animals, people and other 3D objects</p> <p>This workshop is for the advanced beginner that is familiar with basic crochet stitches; the Magic Ring, Single Crochet stitch, the Increase stitch and Invisible Decrease stitch. Kris will teach you how to crochet ‘in the round’ using the Magic Ring and a series of increase and decrease stitches to create Patrick the Giraffe! Workshop will include pattern, with detailed instructions and pictures. If you are unable to finish your giraffe during the workshop, there will be an opportunity to attend a free open studio session for any additional help needed.</p> <p>Students who need instruction on the above stitches, Kris has scheduled a beginner crochet Amigurumi workshop (Please see class calendar</p>
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Class Fee	\$45.00
Class Date/Time	August 9, 2019; 10 AM – 3 PM September 13, 2019; 10 AM – 3 PM
Office Location	Brannon-Heard House 111 Pilgrim Mill Rd, Cumming Ga 30040. Second floor class rooms
Level	Advanced Beginner

Material List

- Worsted weight yarn – I highly recommend “I Love This Cotton” brand, which can be found at Hobby Lobby. Two colors (I used Buttercup and Pale Denim), one skein of each color.
- Crochet Hook Size E/4- 3.5MM – Many types of crochet hooks to choose from and a personal choice, I recommend a hook with a comfort grip or wood handle.
- Stitch markers: Size Medium (I recommend Clover brand markers that look like safety pins) (I will

- have stitch markers available to purchase for .25 each)
- Embroidery Scissors (I will have a few extra pairs for student use)
- Tapestry needle (I prefer the metal needles, if using plastic make sure it has a fine tip)
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Pins (I will have pins for student use)
- Stuffing tool (if needed, usually included in bag of fiberfill)
- Black Safety Eyes: Size 12MM or 10MM (I will have safety eyes available to purchase for .50 a pair)

Kris Straukas Bio

Kris was born and raised in the Chicago suburbs and moved to Forsyth County in 2006. She started taking drawing and painting seriously during high school in the early 1980's and continued with a few classes in college and private instruction. As an artist, her specialties are color pencil and mixed media with emphasis in ink, acrylic, and encaustic.

“For over 30 years of learning and experimenting I have found that a simple pencil or brush are powerful tools of self-expression with infinite possibilities.”

Kris is currently an art instructor, past president, board member and event co-chair with Sawnee Association of the Arts, all are positions which she loves and takes very seriously. She has truly enjoyed learning the history of SAA, getting to know each SAA member and is in awe of the talent of all the local artists in Forsyth County. Kris has won numerous awards in art organizations in Illinois and Georgia and had several private art commissions. Blessed to have a wonderful and supportive husband, two beautiful grown children, which she is incredibly proud of, a new grand daughter and four grand dogs.

Favorite quote is “Learning never exhausts the mind”...Leonardo de Vinci.