



## Stump, Log, and Meadow

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*These instructions for the stump, log, and meadow are guidelines only, not specific directions. You can use any yarn, or combination of yarns and threads, to achieve the look you want. And, you can make these items any size you like.*

### Stump and Log:

#### Materials:

- Yarns
- Crochet hook
- Toilet paper or paper towel roles
- small amount of cardboard

BLO = back loop only

Gauge = not important

So obviously you need yarn and a hook to crochet these :-) For the stump and log I used Red Heart Super Saver yarn in mid brown and held a strand of dark brown size 10 crochet cotton with it. A 'G' hook was used for the crochet of these items.

## Stump

1. The stump uses a paper towel role, cut to about 3 inches, to give the stump its shape. To make it a little more sturdy I cut another length of paper towel role, slit it lengthwise, and inserted it into the first role.
2. The top of the stump is worked in rounds, starting with ch2, eight sc in second ch from the hook. To fit the paper towel role it took three rounds, increasing eight sc each round, so the last round had 24 sc. Make two of these, use the first one as a template and cut out a piece of cardboard to sandwich between the two rounds. Sl st the two rounds together and fasten off.
3. For the side of the stump crochet a chain the length of the role, plus three more stitches, turn, and sc in each ch across. Worked in the BLO gives ridges to the stump sort of like bark. Work this piece until it fits around the role; every few rows chain some extra chains then work sc stitches back along them for roots. Remember to do all of these on the same end!
4. When this piece fits around the paper role, sl st the first row and the last row together. Sl st from the bottom of the stump (where the roots are) to the top and you won't have to cut the yarn and reattach it in order to sl st this piece to the top of the stump. So, without fastening off, sl st the ends of the rows of the side of the stump to the top of the stump. Fasten off when finished, run the loose end into the inside of the stump, and insert the paper towel role. Finished stump!

If you want fungus on your stump (and who wouldn't?) use a lighter shade of brown (I used Red Heart Buff). Attach with a sl st to an unused loop of the side of the stump and work 'clumps' of sc stitches to emulate fungus. I worked a couple rows for these; small fungus would only need a single row.

## Log:

For the log I used two toilet paper roles. Slit the first one lengthwise and role it a bit tighter, to make a smaller diameter role, then tape it in place. Slit the second one, role it up a little tighter still and slip it inside the first. Repeat the steps for the stump side, omitting the roots. When finished slip the role inside the log. I made the crochet piece about five sc longer than the toilet paper role. You can make the ends uneven by adding and subtracting stitches at the ends, just make sure that your first row and last row have the same number of stitches when you slip stitch them together.



Meadow:

Materials:

- A couple of yarns of varying textures. I used Red Heart Worsted in a lovely print color called Monet, and Lionbrand Fun Fur in Citrus for the grass.
- Crochet hook (I used a 'G')
- Base for the meadow to be glued to. I used a wooden plaque 6"x8" (a little small, the next one I make will be bigger). You could use cardboard cut to whatever size you want. I would cut two or three pieces and glue them together for strength, if using cardboard.

The meadow is crocheted to fit whatever base you have selected. I used sc stitches, with the random triple crochet thrown in for more texture. If you want the entire piece covered in 'grass,' hold the fun fur with the worsted to crochet the entire piece. For a more organic look, pick up the fun fur only in parts of the meadow, to give areas of grass and areas without. Since this piece will be glued to the base, you don't have to worry about what the back looks like :-)

*So, if you want to make a huge stump, use an oatmeal carton cut to the height you want. You could make a meadow with a stream running through it by using shades of blue for water and shades of green for the land. You could line the bank with grasses by surface crocheting (with chain stitches) fun fur along the stream; this would probably be easier than working it in with single crochet stitches. Crochet tiny flowers and sprinkle them on the meadow. All kinds of ideas to create your own little meadow scene here in the middle of winter!*

*And remember, any weight yarn can be used to make these; in fact, holding more than one yarn together can yield a really interesting texture for both the stumps and the meadow. Different weights, different textures; just use a hook that feels comfortable with whatever combination you come up with.*