

Kari the panda

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Abbreviations:

SC: Single Crochet

HDC: Half double crochet

DC: Double crochet

MR: Make an adjustable ring. If you're unfamiliar with the method, check out the instructional video linked below. If you still have trouble with it, you can just ch 2, sc 6 in second ch from hook, but making a ring is best.

BLO: Crochet in back loops only

FLO: Crochet in front loops only

SL: Slip stitch

Dec: Decrease

Invdec: Invisible decrease. If you're unfamiliar with this method, check out the youtube video also linked below.

Inc: Increase (sc 2 into same sc)

Inc 2: SC 3 into the same stitch

Materials:

1. Size F (3.75 mm) crochet hook
2. Stitch markers (b)
3. Straight pins (c)
4. Yarn needle (d)
5. Worsted weight yarn
6. Embroidery thread
7. 15 MM plastic safety eyes
8. Polyester Stuffing
9. Knitting needles in varying sizes (I use 5 and 10)
10. Sewing needles
11. Fabric or hot glue (optional)
12. Buttons (optional)

Note:

All of my amigurumi are crocheted with **tight** tension. If you want your finished product to look like the example photo, I recommend that you crochet tightly, and also **stuff your amigurumi very generously!** Most of my pieces border on being overstuffed, except for at the top of the arms, so they will lay flatter against the body.

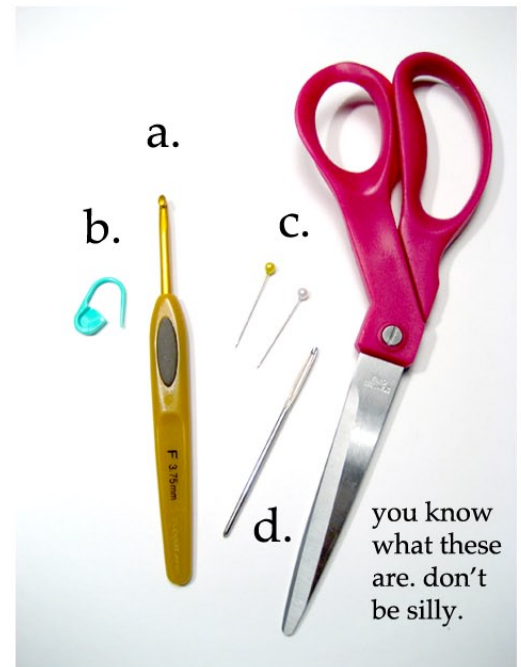


Kari was made with Loops & Threads

Impeccable in:

Body: Black and white

Vest: Lavender



instructional links (clickable)

(thanks, creators!)

Invisible decrease

Adjustable ring

Head:

Round 1: MR (6)

Round 2: SC 2 in each SC around. (12)

Round 3: (SC 1, inc 1) 6 times around. (18)

Round 4: (SC 2, inc 1) 6 times around. (24)

Round 5: (SC 3, inc 1) 6 times around. (30)

Round 6: (SC 4, inc 1) 6 times around. (36)

Round 7: SC 36 around.

Round 8: (SC 5, inc 1) 6 times around. (42)

Rounds 9-10: SC 42 around.

Round 11: (SC 6, inc 1) 6 times around. (48)

Rounds 12-13: SC 48 around.

Round 14: (SC 7, inc 1) 6 times around. (54)

Rounds 15-16: SC 54 around.

Round 17: (SC 4, invdec 1) 9 times around. (45)

Round 18: SC 45 around.

Round 19: (SC 3, invdec 1) 9 times around. (36)

Round 20: SC 36 around.

Embroider the features and add the eyes and eye patches (below) before the hole at the bottom of the head becomes too small!

Round 21: (SC 4, invdec 1) 6 times around. (30)

Round 22: (SC 3, invdec 1) 6 times around. (24)

Round 23: SC 24 around.

Round 24: (SC 4, invdec 1) 4 times around. (20)

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff generously, putting more stuffing at the bottom to give the head its shape.

Eye patches (make one of each):

Left:

Round 1: MR, leaving the hole big enough to put the eye through. (6)

Round 2: (SC 1, inc 1) 3 times around. (9)

Round 3: SC 1, inc 2 in next 2 st, SC 6.

Round 4: SC 2, inc 2 in next 2 st, fasten off and weave in ends.

Right:

Round 1: MR, leaving the hole big enough to put the eye through. (6)

Round 2: (SC 1, inc 1) 3 times around. (9)

Round 3: SC 6, inc 2 in next 2 st, SC 1.

Round 4: SC 7, inc 2 in next 2 st, fasten off and weave in ends.

Stick the posts of your plastic safety eyes through the beginning hole in each eye patch. Using a large knitting needle (about size 10) to stretch the hole can help the eye fit better. Place your eyes, with the patches, on the head and insert the plastic washers onto the backs of the eyes to secure them. You can either sew the patches onto the head with some sewing thread to help them lie flat, or just use some fabric or hot glue to glue the backs down (be careful if you do!).

Ears (make 2):

Round 1: MR (6)

Round 2: SC 2 in each SC around. (12)

Round 3: (SC 1, inc 1) 6 times around. (18)

Rounds 4-5: SC 18 around.

Round 6: (SC 2, inc 1) 6 times around. (24)

Rounds 7-8: SC 24 around.

Round 9: Change to white and SL stitch around once. Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing. Do not stuff the ears; just squish them flat and curve the flat piece in a "U" shape. Pin the ears to the head and whip stitch them on: the white slip stitching around the base of the ear makes the finished piece look much nicer (black stitches on a white head are really noticeable!).

Legs (make 2):

Round 1: MR (6)

Round 2: SC 2 in each SC around. (12)

Round 3: (SC 2, inc 1) 4 times around. (16)

Round 4: SC around in BLO.

Round 5-10: SC 16 around.

Round 11: SC 3, inc in next 2 st, SC 11. (18)

Round 12: SC 18 around.

When you finish the first leg, fasten off. You don't need to leave a long tail. When you finish the second, don't fasten off or cut your yarn. Just drop the loop from your hook, loosen it a bit and follow the instructions below: you'll be merging the two legs together and working upwards to create the body.

Merging the legs



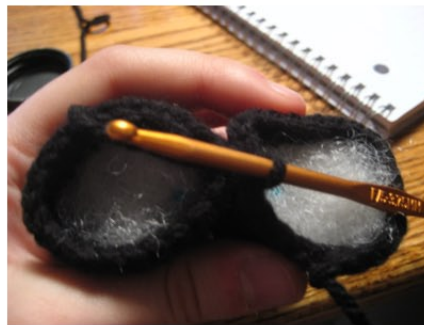
Stuff the legs and pin them together as shown



Insert your hook, from right to left, through both legs



Grab the loop you dropped...



...And pull it through both legs, yarning over and pulling through one more time to complete a single crochet.



Begin single crocheting around the set of legs, from right to left, treating both legs like a single round.

Single crochet ONCE around.

SUPER IMPORTANT

Once you've single crocheted around both legs once, you are ready to proceed to the body. Because each leg had 18 stitches, your merged legs should be 36 stitches around. You'll need to mark your rounds so you know where to start them from now on. **Place your marker directly in the center-back of the body. (Not where you merged the legs, but where the star is located in step #6 above). This step is crucial and if you don't place your stitch marker here then the increases and decreases that shape the amigurumi's belly will end up in the wrong spots, and the directions after this step won't make any sense at all!**

I've noticed sometimes, while working on the body, the stitch marker sometimes migrates a little bit to the right or the left. Don't panic, just move the stitch marker back to the middle-back and follow the instructions normally!

Body (continued from legs):

Round 1: SC 36 around.

Round 2: Switch to white. SC 12, (Inc 1, SC 1) 6 times in the next 12 st. SC 12. (42)

Rounds 3-6: SC 42 around.

Round 7: SC 12, (invdec 1, sc 1) 6 times in the next 18 st. SC 12. (36)

Round 8: SC 36 around.

Round 9: (SC 4, invdec 1) 6 times around. (30)

Round 10: Switch to black. SC 30 around.

Round 11: (SC 3, invdec 1) 6 times around. (24)

Round 12: (SC 4, invdec 1) 4 times around. (20)

Round 13: Switch to white. SL stitch around once.

Fasten off. Like with the ears, the white slip stitches help your whip stitches look less obvious when you sew the head to the body, since the head is white and the body is black.

Arms (make 2):

***Make thumb:** DC 5 into the same stitch. When you make your 5th DC, drop your loop from your hook, reinsert your hook into the first DC, grab the loop you dropped and pull it through.

Round 1: MR (6)

Round 2: (SC 2, inc 1) 4 times around. (16)

Rounds 3-4: SC 16 around.

Round 5: SC 1, make thumb*, continue SCing around arm normally.

Round 6: (SC 6, invdec 1) 2 times around. (14)

Round 7: SC 14 around.

Round 8: (SC 5, invdec 1) 2 times around. (12)

Rounds 9-10: SC 12 around.

Round 11: (SC 4, invdec 1) 2 times around. (10)

Rounds 12-13: SC 10 around.

Fasten off and leave a tail for sewing. When stuffing the arm, put more stuffing at the bottom and less at the top.

Vest:

1. Ch 30 with a turning chain of 1.

2. Turn, SC 30 across.

3. Repeat step 2 for 3 more rows, until your piece is 5 rows high (including foundation chain).

4. Turn, SC 4, ch 6 and skip next 6 st, reinserting hook 6 stitches after where you began your chain. SC 10, chain 6 and skip 6, repeating the step from before. SC 4. You should still have 30 stitches (you did not add or lose any stitches.)

5. Turn and SC 30 across, working into the chains of 6 you made before. **When you reach the end, you can continue single crocheting around the whole piece to create a clean edge, but it's optional.**

Cut your yarn and weave in ends. The 6 stitches you skipped on either side of the piece are the armholes for your panda. It will take a little bit of squeezing the arms to fit them through, but just take your time and you'll be fine. If you were thorough when you sewed the arms on and made sure they were stitched on tight, you should be able to tug them and move them around just fine!

I used a snap closure to finish the vest, and sewed a button over top. You can embellish it any way you want.

Tail:

Round 1: MR (6)

Round 2: SC 2 in each SC around. (12)

Rounds 3-5: SC around.

Round 6: Change to white, SL stitch around once. Fasten off and leave a tail for sewing.