

Sheldon the Rabbit

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Abbreviations:

SC: Single crochet

HDC: Half 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 chain from hook, but making a ring is best.

BLO: Crochet in back loops only

BPSC: Back post single crochet

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)

Instructional Links (clickable):

1. Magic Adjustable Loop/Circle by apinchofhope
2. Invisible Decrease by nerdigurumi
3. Invisible Increasing/Shaping and Decreasing by MyGurumi (**recommended**)

Materials:

1. Size F (3.75 mm) crochet hook (a)
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. Size 5 and 10 knitting needles - not for knitting, don't worry!
10. Sewing needles
11. Pom-pom maker
12. Blush

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, use the yarn suggested if possible and also stuff your amigurumi very generously! Most of my amigurumi actually border on being overstuffing; they don't have a lot of "squish" to them.

Sheldon measures in at 8.5" tall from his feet to the tip of his ears (when they are folded down). Keep in mind that varying brands of yarn, even when they are the same weight, will alter the size and look of your finished product. For the sake of consistency, I highly recommend using the same brand of yarn for everything on an individual amigurumi, especially if the amigurumi is wearing clothes! Using different brands of yarn may lead to the clothes being too tight or too loose.



Sheldon was made with Loops & Threads

Impeccable in:

Body: Topaz

Sweater: Deep Forest

Scarf and hat: Forest



Head:

Round 1: MR (6)

Round 2: Inc in each st around. (12)

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

Round 4: SC 18 around.

Round 5: (SC 2, inc 1) 6 times around. (24)

Rounds 6-7: SC 24 around.

Round 8: (SC 5, inc 1) 4 times around. (28)

Round 9: SC 28 around.

Round 10: Inc in first st, (SC 4, inc 1) 5 times; there should be 2 st left in the round before the marker. SC 2. (34)

Round 11: SC 34 around.

Round 12: Inc in first st, SC 4, inc 1, SC 6, inc 1, SC 4, inc 1, SC 4, inc 1, SC 6, inc 1, SC 4. (40)

Rounds 13-14: SC 40 around.

The front of the head is now formed enough to add the features; go ahead and embroider the face and figure out where you want to place the eyes. From here on out, stuff the head as you work. Stuff the head generously!

Round 15: (SC 8, invdec 1) 4 times around. (36)

Round 16: (SC 4, invdec 1) 6 times around. (30)

Round 17: SC 30 around.

Round 18: (SC 3, invdec 1) 6 times around. (24)

Round 19: SC 24 around.

Round 20: (SC 2, invdec 1) 6 times around. (18)

Round 21: (SC 1, invdec 1) 6 times around. (12)

Round 22: Invdec in each st, 6 times around. (6)

Add the rest of your stuffing and close the remaining hole. Cut your thread, weave in and poke it into the head.

Ears (make 2):

Round 1: MR (6)

Round 2: Inc in each st 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 7-10: SC 24 around.

Round 11: (SC 10, invdec 1) twice around. (22)

Round 12: SC 22 around.

Round 13: (SC 9, invdec 1) twice around. (20)

Round 14: SC 20 around.

Round 15: (SC 8, invdec 1) twice around. (18)

Round 16: SC 18 around.

Round 17: (SC 7, invdec 1) twice around. (16)

Round 18: SC 16 around.

Round 19: (SC 6, invdec 1) twice around. (14)

Rounds 20-26: SC 14 around.

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing. Do not stuff; squish the ears flat. Set them aside; you don't want to sew them onto the head until you're finished the hat.

Hat:

Round 1: MR (6)

Round 2: Inc in each st around. (12)

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

Round 4: SC 18 around.

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Hat (continued):

Round 5: (SC 2, inc 1) 6 times around. (24)

Round 6: SC 24 around.

Round 7: (SC 3, inc 1) 6 times around. (30)

Round 8: (SC 4, inc 1) 6 times around. (36)

Rounds 9-10: SC 36 around.

Round 11: SC 8, chain 8 (skip the next 7 st and reattach the chain in the 8th st), SC 4, chain 8 (same as before), SC 8.

Round 12: SC 36 around, working into the chains you made before. You essentially made two buttonholes that allow the bunny's ears to poke through the hat!

Round 13: DC around.

Fasten off and weave in ends. See how the hat fits your bunny and decide where you want to place the ears in relation to the holes in the hat. Place some pins for markers, remove the hat and stitch the ears on in their designated places.

When you're done, pull the ears back through the hat and fit it back onto your bunny's head.

Feet (make 2) and Body:

Stuff as you go, putting more stuffing in the foot to give it its shape.

Round 1: MR (6)

Round 2: Inc in each st around. (12)

Round 3: SC 1, inc 1, SC 2, inc in next 4 st, SC 3, inc 1. (18)

Round 4: SC 1, inc 1, SC 6, inc in next 4 st, SC 5, inc 1. (24)

Round 5: SC 24 around in BLO.

Round 6: SC 8, invdec 4, SC 8. (20)

Round 7: SC 6, invdec 4, SC 8. (16)

Round 8: SC 6, invdec 2, SC 6. (14)

Round 9: SC 5, invdec 2, SC 5. (12)

Rounds 10-15: SC 12 around.

When you finish the first leg, fasten off and tuck the yarn tail into the leg. When you finish the second leg, DO NOT fasten off. Simply drop the loop from your hook, loosen it a bit and carefully follow the instructions below. You will join the two legs together to create the body.

To merge the legs:



#1
Line up the legs as desired (pinning them together helps)



#2
Hold them with the feet facing away from you as shown



#3
Insert your hook from right to left, so your hook is in both legs



#4
Grab the dropped loop from the second leg, pull it through both legs and complete the SC.



#5
Continue single crocheting around the outside of the left leg, then proceed to the right: treat them like a single piece of crochet



#6
This is what it should look like once you've single crocheted around both legs once. Since each leg was composed of 12 SCs, you should end up with 24 SCs.

SUPER IMPORTANT

You're all ready to start the body now, but before you continue you must mark where you'll start your rounds from now on. Place your marker as shown in step #6, in the middle-back of the body. **This placement is crucial!** If you place it anywhere else, the increases and decreases that shape the amigurumi's belly will end up in the wrong spot.

I've noticed that sometimes, after working on the body for a while, the marker sometimes migrates a little to the right or left. I just take the marker and put it right back in the middle, so everything remains centered.

Body (continued from legs):

Remember, as you work up the body, especially when you begin decreasing around Round 7, the stitch marker will shift off-center. When this happens, just move it back to the center. This works fine, it won't mess anything up and it will ensure that your amigurumi's body is shaped nicely and doesn't look slanted or wonky!

Round 1: SC 24 around.

Round 2: SC 7, inc in next 2 st, SC 1, inc 1, SC 1, inc 1, SC 1, inc in next 2 st, SC 8. (30) These 6 increases shape the front of the amigurumi's belly.

Rounds 3-4: SC 30 around.

Round 5: SC 6, invdec 1, SC 4, invdec 4, SC 3, invdec 1, SC 5. (24)

Switch from body color to sweater color.

Round 6: BPSC (back post single crochet) 24 around to create the ridge at the bottom of the sweater.

Round 7: (SC 4, invdec 1) 4 times around. (20)

Round 8: SC 20 around.

Round 9: (SC 3, invdec 1) 4 times around. (16)

Round 10: SC 16 around.

Round 11: (SC 2, invdec 1) 4 times around. (12)

Round 12: SC 12 around.

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing.

Arms (make 2):

Round 1: MR (6)

Round 2: Inc in each st around. (12)

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

Round 4: SC 1, make a cluster (photo instructions below), SC until the end of the round.

Switch from body color to sweater color.

Round 5: BPSC 16 around to create the ridge at the bottom of the sleeve.

Round 6: (SC 2, invdec 1) 4 times around. (12)

Rounds 7-8: SC 12 around.

Round 9: SC 1, invdec 1, SC until the end of the round. (11)

Round 10: SC 11 around.

Round 11: SC 5, invdec 1, SC until the end of the round. (10)

Rounds 12-13: SC 10 around.

Fasten off, leave a tail for sewing and stuff (more stuffing at the bottom, less at the top).



The cluster of 5 HDCs: remove your hook from the last loop



Reinsert your hook into the first HDC



Grab the loop you dropped



Pull the loop through and continue your round of 12 SCs

Constructing your amigurumi:

Use your thin knitting needle and skewer your amigurumi, lining up the head and body as desired and running the needle down through the top of the head and into the body. This keeps everything in place while you sew the head to the body, which is extra helpful with this particular pattern since the amigurumi's head is crocheted from front to back instead of top to bottom, which means it has no neck to line up with the body! Thread your yarn needle with the yarn tail left over from the body and stitch the head to the body.

When you're done, pin the arms and sew them on. Make a pom-pom for the tail (either with a pom-pom maker or a piece of cardboard) and sew it to the body.

Scarf:

1. Ch until desired length of scarf is reached (I used about 40 ch), make a turning ch of 2.
2. Turn, HDC across. Fasten off and weave in ends. If you want fringe on the ends of your scarf, reinsert your hook and make loop stitches across either end, then cut the loops when you're finished.

You're all done!