



Small and cute, our pair of crochet bears are just right as wedding ornaments, or just when something lacy is called for. Sit them on your dressing table and keep your pins and brooches on them (if you can bear to poke them). Or, attach them to the front of the wedding car with your ribbons streaming from them.

Photographs by Michael Pugh.

Doris & Daisy

SIZE

Bears (approx) 14cm high in sitting position

MATERIALS

COATS PELLICANO 2 x 50g balls will make 3 bears. Quantities are approximate as they vary between crochet workers.

IMPORTANT! Use only the yarn specified for these items. Other yarns may give unsatisfactory results.

3.50mm (No 9) Milward crochet hook or size needed to give correct tension. Filling. 3 x 6mm black Pearl Beads for each bear. Feathers. Length of ribbon. Scraps of Lace. Length of Pearl Beads. Gold Charm (All items available from Lincraft Stores)

ABBREVIATIONS

alt=alternate, beg=begin/ning, ch=chain, cm=centimetres, dc=double crochet, dtr=double treble, foll=following, htr=half treble, rep=repeat, slst=slip-stitch, tr=treble.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

Dec=(yarn over hook, draw up a loop in next tr, yarn over hook and draw through first 2 loops on hook) twice, yarn over hook and draw through all 3 lps on hook.

TENSION

20 sts and 11 rows to 10cm over treble fabric, using 3.50mm hook and yarn double. **FIRST - CHECK YOUR TENSION.** Please check your tension carefully. If less sts use smaller hook, if more sts use bigger hook.

NOTE - Yarn is used double throughout

BODY (beg at shoulders)

Using 3.50mm hook and yarn double, make 15ch.

1st Round - Miss 3ch, 1tr in each ch to end, **DO NOT TURN**, working along other side of foundation ch, work 1tr in ch at base of each tr to end, 1tr in base of turning ch, slst in top of 3ch at beg. 26tr, counting 3ch as 1tr.

2nd Round - 3ch, 1tr in each tr to end, slst in 3rd ch at beg.

Rep 2nd round a further 7 times. 9 rounds in all.

Fasten off, leaving a long end for sewing seam. Fill body firmly. Fold last round so that first 13tr made line up with last 13tr made, then using a flat seam, join seam.

HEAD (beg at neck)

Using 3.50mm hook and yarn double, make 10ch.

1st Round - Miss 3ch, 1tr in each ch to end, **DO NOT TURN**, working along other side of foundation ch, work 1tr in ch at base of each tr to end, 1tr in base of turning ch, slst in top of 3ch at beg. 16tr, counting 3ch as 1tr.

2nd Round - 3ch, 1tr in same place as slst, 1tr in each of next 3tr, * 2tr in next tr, 1tr in each of next 3tr, rep from * to end, slst in 3rd ch at beg. 20 tr.

3rd Round - 3ch, 1tr in next tr, * 2tr in next tr, 1tr in each of next 2tr, rep from * to end, slst in 3rd ch at beg. 26tr.

4th Round - 3ch, 1tr in each tr to end, slst in 3rd ch at beg.

Rep 4th round once.

6th Round - 3ch, (Dec) twice, 1tr in each of next 3tr, (Dec) twice, 1tr in each of next 2tr, (Dec) twice, 1tr in each of next 3tr, (Dec) twice, 1tr in next tr, slst in 3rd ch at beg. 18tr. Fasten off, leaving a long end for sewing seam. Fill head firmly. Fold last round so that first 9tr made line up with last 9tr made, then using a flat seam, join seam.

NOSE

Using 3.50mm hook and yarn double, make 4ch, join with a slst to form ring.

1st Round - 4ch, 11dtr in ring, slst in 4th ch at beg.

Fasten off, leaving a long end for sewing nose

in position. Slip-stitch nose in position, **AT SAME TIME** pushing a small amount of filling underneath, then sew head to body.

EARS (make 2)

Using 3.50mm hook and yarn double, make 5ch.

1st Row - Miss 2ch, 2tr in next ch, 3dtr in next ch, (2tr and 1htr) in last ch.

2nd Row - 1ch, 1dc in first htr, 1dc in each of next 2tr, 1dc in each of next 3dtr, 1dc in each of next 2tr, 1dc in top of turning ch. 9dc.

Fasten off, leaving an end long enough to sew ears in position. Slip-stitch ears in position.

LEGS (make 2 - beg at hip)

Using 3.50mm hook and yarn double, make 10ch.

1st Round - As 1st round of head. 16tr.

2nd Round - 3ch, 1tr in each tr to end, slst in 3rd ch at beg. **

Rep 2nd round a further 5 times. 7 rounds in all.

Fasten off, leaving an end long enough to close leg. Fill leg firmly. Run end through last round of leg, draw up firmly and fasten off securely. Sew legs in position.

ARMS (make 2 - beg at shoulder)

Using 3.50mm hook and yarn double, make 9ch.

Work as for legs to **, noting that there will be 14tr at end of first round instead of 16. Rep 2nd round a further 4 times. 6 rounds in all.

Fasten off, leaving an end long enough to close arm. Fill arm firmly. Run end through last round of arm, draw up firmly and fasten off securely. Sew arms in position.

MAKE UP

Sew beads in position for eyes and tip of nose. Tie a bow in ribbon and sew to top of head, **AT SAME TIME** catching feathers in position. Gather lace and sew in position at neck as desired. Tie another bow in ribbon and attach to neck or sew gold charm in position as illustrated. Place length of pearls around neck as choker or long strand and catch in position at back of neck.