



Pandora the Poodle

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★Pattern Notes

Terminology

This pattern is written in American crochet terminology, which differs from British terminology in some instances. The following table of terms used in this pattern will help should you wish to translate one to the other.

American (US)		British (UK)	
ch	chain	ch	chain
Slst	slip stitch	ss	slip stitch
sc	single crochet	dc	double crochet
skip		miss	

Abbreviations & Symbols

cm	centimeters
g	grams
invdec	invisible decrease
mm	millimeters
Rnd(s)	Round(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)
()	Round brackets indicate: A group of stitches to be worked into the same stitch or space, or The amount of stitches you should have on completion of the round or row it follows, or Explanatory notes within the pattern.
[]	Square brackets contain a group of stitches to be worked the amount of times indicated after the brackets
"	inches

Loop Stitch Pictures



Fig.1 Insert hook into st, draw loop over finger.



Fig.2 Pull both strands of loop through st.



Fig.3 You now have 3 loops on hook.



Fig.4 Hold loop at back of work.



Fig.5 Wrap yarn round hook.



Fig.6 Draw yarn through all 3 loops on hook.

Special Stitch Explanations

Invdec

This is a neat way of decreasing in amigurumi as this technique will eliminate bumps and holes in the fabric. Insert hook into front loop only of first stitch, do not wrap yarn, insert hook into front loop only of next stitch. You will now have a total of three loops on your hook. Wrap your yarn around hook and pull through both of the 2 front loops on the hook, wrap yarn around hook again and pull through last 2 loops on hook. You have now 'invisibly' decreased by one stitch.

Loop 1 (For additional guidance see figs 1-6, page 2) **Make loops approx. 1" (2 cm long)**

Insert hook into next sc, form loop of yarn around first finger, draw this loop out to approx. 1" (2 cm), now draw both strands of this looped yarn through sc, wrap yarn round hook and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Loop 2

Make 2 loops (as described above) in next single crochet.

Stitch Marker use

When working in the round, place marker in first stitch of each round. Move marker up with each completed round.

Embroidered Stitches

To hide the starting and fastening off ends of the embroidered stitches on the face, first thread your yarn needle with the appropriate yarn. Tie a knot in the end of your yarn and push needle into and out of toy between crochet stitches, coming out where you want the first embroidery stitch to be. As you pull on the yarn the polyester toy filling will catch the knot securely inside the toy. When you have worked the required embroidery stitches you can finish off by passing the needle in and out between different crochet stitches a few times until the yarn is securely caught up in the polyester filling. When secure, pull on end of yarn and snip off close to toy.

Gauge (Tension)

Exact gauge is not crucial for this pattern. Just make sure your crochet hook is small enough to create a tight fabric that the stuffing can't poke through.

With the yarn and hook specified poodle measures approximately 11" (28 cm) tall.

Materials for each

1	Light worsted weight, (DK/8 ply) yarn in the following colors: White (40g), Pink (50g), Black or colors of your own choice. (Weights are approximate and will vary according to individual yarns used)
2	12mm black plastic toy safety eyes.
3	Polyester toy stuffing.
4	4" (10cm) length of ribbon. (For collar)
5	Small charm or bell. (For collar decoration)
6	2 x ½" (1cm) diameter buttons. (For threading legs)

Equipment

1	Size D (3.25mm) crochet hook.
2	Scissors.
3	Large yarn needle.
4	Sewing needle, approx 3" (8cm) or longer. (For jointing legs)
5	Stitch marker.
6	Tweezers. (For stuffing small or narrow parts)

The instructions below make the pink and white poodle. Omit color changes if preferred.

★The Pattern



Head

Make 1 piece starting at nose. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **White** yarn make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3 [Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (15 sts)

Rnd 4 [Sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (18 sts)

Rnds 5-6 Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)

Rnd 7 [Sc in each of next 5 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (21 sts)

Rnds 8-9 Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)

Rnd 10 [Sc in each of next 6 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (24 sts)

Rnd 11 [Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (30 sts)

Rnd 12 Sc in each st around.

Rnd 13 [Sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (36 sts)

Rnd 14 [Sc in each of next 5 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (42 sts)

Rnds 15-16 Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)

Rnd 17 [Sc in each of next 6 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (48 sts)

Rnds 18-20 Sc in each st around. (3 rounds)

Insert **12 mm** safety eyes in between **Rnds 12 & 13** spacing them **10 stitches** apart.

Rnd 21 [Sc in each of next 6 st, invdec] 6 times. (42 sts)

Rnd 22 [Sc in each of next 5 st, invdec] 6 times. (36 sts)

Rnd 23 [Sc in each of next 4 st, invdec] 6 times. (30 sts)

Rnd 24 [Sc in each of next 3 st, invdec] 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnd 25 [Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 6 times. (18 sts)

Stuff head.

Rnd 26 [Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)

Rnd 27 [Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for finishing. Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up front loop only of remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off. Weave in end.

With a length of black yarn embroider nose using running stitches. Stitches are worked from centre to base of **Rnd 5** of muzzle. Sew a few running stitches across top of nose to neaten.

Sew a single running stitch vertically on underside of muzzle for the mouth. (**Figs 1-2**)



Fig.1



Fig.2



Fig.3



Fig.4

Top knot

Make 1 piece starting at center. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **Pink** yarn make 2 ch.

Rnd 1 6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)

Rnd 2 Loop 2 in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3 [Loop 1 in next st, loop 2 in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 4 [Loop 1 in each of next 2 st, loop 2 in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnd 5 [Loop 1 in each of next 3 st, loop 2 in next st] 6 times. (30 sts)

Rnd 6 [Loop 1 in each of next 4 st, loop 2 in next st] 6 times. (36 sts)

Rnd 7 Loop 1 in each st around.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Sew edge of top knot to top of poodle's head using back stitch.

Ears

Make 2 pieces starting at bottom edge. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **Pink** yarn make 10 ch.

Rnd 1 Work in back loops of ch only: Sc in second ch from hook, sc in each of next 8 ch, rotate work and continue on the other side of the foundation chain (the remaining leftover front loops are now facing you as back loops), sc in each of next 9 ch. [18 sts]

Rnds 2-4 Loop 1 in each st around. (3 rounds)

Turn work, continue crocheting in opposite direction.

Rnd 5 [Sc in each of next 4 st, invdec] 3 times. (15 sts)

Rnd 6 [Sc in each of next 3 st, invdec] 3 times. (12 sts)

Rnds 7-13 Sc in each st around. (7 rounds)

Rnd 14 [Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 3 times. (9 sts)

Do not stuff. Oversew tops of ears flat making sure the seam runs parallel to the 10 ch you made at the beginning. Sew top flat edge of ear to bottom of top knot, either side of poodle's head.

Body

Make 1 piece starting at bottom. Working in rounds.

With **White** yarn make 2 ch.

Rnd 1 6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3 [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 4 [Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnd 5	[Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (30 sts)
Rnd 6	[Sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (36 sts)
Rnd 7	[Sc in each of next 5 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (42 sts)
Rnds 8-9	Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)
Rnd 10	[Sc in each of next 5 st, invdec] 6 times. (36 sts)
Rnd 11	Sc in each st around.
Rnd 12	[Sc in each of next 4 st, invdec] 6 times. (30 sts)
	Change to Pink Yarn.
	Turn work, continue crocheting in opposite direction.
Rnd 13	Loop 1 in each st around.
Rnd 14	[Skip 1 st, loop 1 in each of next 4 st] 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnds 15-16	Loop 1 in each st around. (2 rounds)
Rnd 17	[Skip 1 st, loop 1 in each of next 3 st] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnds 18-21	Loop 1 in each st around. (4 rounds)
Rnd 22	[Skip 1 st, loop 1 in each of next 5 st] 3 times. (15 sts)
Rnd 23	Loop 1 in each st around.
	Change to White yarn.
	Turn work, continue crocheting in opposite direction.
Rnds 24-25	Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)
	Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Stuff body. Sew body to base of head.

Arms

	Make 2 pieces starting at hands. Working in rounds.
	With White yarn make 2 ch .
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
Rnd 2	2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	[Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (15 sts)
Rnds 4-7	Sc in each st around. (4 rounds)
Rnd 8	[Sc in each of next 3 st, invdec] 3 times. (12 sts)
	Change to Pink Yarn.
	Turn work, continue crocheting in opposite direction.
Rnds 9-11	Loop 1 in each st around. (3 rounds)
	Change to White yarn.
	Turn work, continue crocheting in opposite direction.
Rnds 12-23	Sc in each st around. (11 rounds)
	Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Stuff arms. Oversew tops of arms flat. Sew arms to either side of poodle just above the last loopy round on body.

Legs

	Make 2 pieces starting at ankle. Working in rounds.
	With Pink yarn make 2 ch .
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
Rnd 2	2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	[Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (15 sts)
Rnds 4-6	Loop 1 in each st around. (3 rounds)
	Change to White yarn.
	Turn work, continue crocheting in opposite direction.

Rnds 7-18	Sc in each st around. (12 rounds)
Rnd 19	[Sc in each of next 3 st, invdec] 3 times. (12 sts)
	Stuff leg.
Rnd 20	[Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)
	Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for finishing. Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up front loop only of remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off. Weave in end.
	Thread a doubled up strand of White yarn through long needle. Use the buttons as indicated in Fig.5 to sew legs to side of body, with starting knot at position (a) and finishing knot at position (b) . Pull tightly each time you pass needle through to form shaping and make firm joints, fasten off securely. The legs will now articulate from standing to sitting as required.

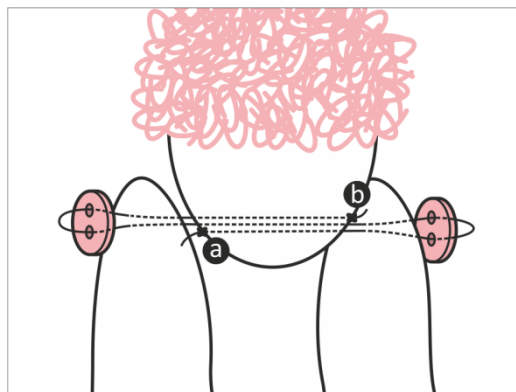


Fig.5

Feet

	Make 2 pieces starting at front. Working in rounds.
	With White yarn make 2 ch.
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
Rnd 2	2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	[Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnds 4-7	Sc in each st around. (4 rounds)
Rnd 8	[Sc in each of next 4 st, invdec] 3 times. (15 sts)
Rnds 9-11	Sc in each st around. (3 rounds)
Rnd 12	[Sc in each of next 3 st, invdec] 3 times. (12 sts)
Rnd 13	Sc in each st around.
	Stuff foot.
Rnd 14	[Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)
	Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for finishing. Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up front loop only of remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off. Weave in end.
	Sew top back portion of foot to Rnd 3 of leg. (Fig.3)

Tail

	Make 1 piece starting at tip. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With Pink yarn make 2 ch.
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
Rnd 2	Loop 2 in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	Loop 1 in each st around.
	Change to White yarn.
	Turn work, continue crocheting in opposite direction.
Rnd 4	[Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)

Rnds 5-9 Sc in each st around. (5 rounds)

Stuff tail. Oversew top of tail flat and sew to back of poodle in between rounds **9 & 10** of body.

To Finish

With a strand of **Black** yarn sew three long running stitches through each hand/foot to flatten and form four fingers/toes. (**Fig. 4**)

Sew a small length of Ribbon in place around neck to make a collar. Embellish with a small tag bead or bell, as you prefer.



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