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Fuzzy Lamb



A crochet pattern by June Gilbank

Materials

- All instructions are applicable for any eyelash yarn (see *Choosing a Yarn*, below).
- You will also need a worsted weight yarn (in the same colour or a contrasting colour) for the face, ears and feet
- Hook sizes: G US/4mm and H US/5mm (see *Gauge*, below)

Yarn Quantity

- Main colour: 1-2 skeins eyelash yarn (Bernat Baby Lash in *Wee White* suggested)
- Contrast colour: 1 skein worsted weight (for face, ears, and feet – black, white, beige suggested)

Choosing a Yarn

The eyelash yarn chosen will affect the finished appearance of your toy. Whichever pattern you use, you can (of course) choose any colours of fuzzy and worsted weight yarn. It is important to choose the right pattern for your yarn, otherwise your lamb's head, body and limbs may either be too small or too large compared with the face and feet!

Pick the pattern that most closely matches the eyelash yarn you are using:

If your yarn has a thin core (e.g. Red Heart Foxy, left of picture), use **Pattern A** (page 3).

If your yarn has a thick core (e.g. Bernat Baby Lash, centre of picture), use **Pattern B** (page 5).

I recommend that you avoid a 'fringed' yarn (e.g. right of picture) as it can be difficult to see where to insert your crochet hook.



Gauge

Gauge is unimportant for this pattern, provided the pieces are crocheted sufficiently tightly that they will not gape visibly when stuffed. To test a swatch, crochet the first 3 rounds and then push a piece of fibrefill behind your work:

- If the stitches stretch open too much and the fibrefill is clearly visible, reduce the hook size.
- If you cannot insert the hook into the previous stitches, reduce your tension (crochet more loosely) or increase the hook size.

Notions

- Polyester fibrefill stuffing
- Yarn needle to weave in ends
- Needle and thread to attach eyes
- Stitch marker
- 2 black buttons or beads for eyes and nose (approx 10mm diameter)
- Scrap of contrasting colour (worsted weight) yarn for nose

Abbreviations

ch	chain
sc	single crochet
st	stitch
sl st	slip stitch
sc2tog	single crochet decrease (insert hook into stitch and draw up a loop, insert hook into next stitch and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook)
MC	main colour – eyelash yarn (used throughout unless contrast colour specified)
CC	contrast colour – worsted weight yarn

Notes

- Do not join at the end of each round; rounds are worked in continuous spirals.
- Eyelash yarn stitches are worked in back loops only; worsted weight yarn stitches are worked in front and back loops.
- Use a stitch marker to mark the beginning of each round. Move the marker up each time you start a new round.

Pattern A (thin core yarn)

Not sure which pattern to follow? See *Choosing a Yarn* (page 1).



Head

worked from nose to back of head

With CC and G hook, ch 2.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in 2nd chain from hook. (6 st)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (12 st)

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) six times. (18 st)

Rnd 4: sc in each st around. (18 st)

Rnd 5: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) six times. (24 st)

Rnd 6: sc in each st around. (24 st)

Rnd 7: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) six times. (30 st)

Rnds 8-9: sc in each st around. (30 st)

Change to MC and H hook

Rnd 10: *front and back loops*: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) six times. (36 st)

Rnd 11: *back loops only from now on*: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) six times. (42 st)

Rnds 12-16: sc in each st around. (42 st)

Rnd 17: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) six times. (36 st)

Rnd 18: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) six times. (30 st)

Rnd 19: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) six times. (24 st)

Rnd 20: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) six times. (18 st)

Rnd 21: (sc in next st, sc2tog) six times. (12 st). Stuff head through hole.

Rnd 22: (sc2tog) six times. (6 st). Fasten off and weave in ends.

Body

worked from neck down

With MC and H hook, ch 2.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in 2nd chain from hook. (6 st)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (12 st)

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) six times. (18 st)

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) six times. (24 st)

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) six times. (30 st)

Rnds 6-8: sc in each st around. (30 st)

Rnd 9: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) six times. (36 st)

Rnds 10-14: sc in each st around. (36 st)

Rnd 15: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) six times. (30 st)

Rnds 16-18: sc in each st around. (30 st)

Rnd 19: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) six times. (24 st)

Rnd 20: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) six times. (18 st)

Rnd 21: (sc in next st, sc2tog) six times. (12 st). Stuff body through hole.

Rnd 22: (sc2tog) six times. (6 st). Fasten off and weave in ends.

Arm (make 2)

worked from foot up

With CC and G hook, ch 2.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in 2nd chain from hook. (6 st)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (12 st)

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) six times. (18 st)

Rnds 4-6: sc in each st around. (18 st)

Change to MC and H hook

Rnd 7: *front and back loops*: (sc in next st, sc2tog) six times. (12 st)

Rnds 8-18: *back loops only from now on*: sc in each st around. (12 st). Stuff arm through hole.

Rnd 19: (sc2tog) six times. (6 st). Fasten off and weave in ends.



Leg (make 2)

worked from foot up

With CC and G hook, ch 2.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in 2nd chain from hook. (6 st)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (12 st)

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) six times. (18 st)

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) six times. (24 st)

Rnds 5-6: sc in each st around. (24 st)

Change to MC and H hook

Rnd 7: *front and back loops*: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) six times. (18 st)

Rnds 8-16: *back loops only from now on*: sc in each st around. (18 st)

Rnd 17: (sc in next st, sc2tog) six times. (12 st). Stuff leg through hole.

Rnd 18: (sc2tog) six times. (6 st). Fasten off and weave in ends.

Tail

With MC and H hook, ch 12.

Rnd 1: sc in 12th chain from hook, to form a circle. Sc in each st around the circle. (12 st)

Rnds 2-4: sc in each st around. (12 st)

Flatten tail. 3 sc across top of tail, through both layers, to close end of tail. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Next

Go to *Patterns A & B* (page 7) for face, ear and finishing instructions.

Pattern B (thick core yarn)

Not sure which pattern to follow? See *Choosing a Yarn* (page 1).

Head

worked from nose to back of head

With CC and G hook, ch 2.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in 2nd chain from hook. (6 st)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (12 st)

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) six times. (18 st)

Rnd 4: sc in each st around. (18 st)

Rnd 5: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) six times. (24 st)

Rnd 6: sc in each st around. (24 st)

Rnd 7: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) six times. (30 st)

Rnds 8-9: sc in each st around. (30 st)

Change to MC and H hook

Rnd 10: *front and back loops*: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) six times. (36 st)

Rnds 11-14: *back loops only from now on*: sc in each st around. (36 st)

Rnd 15: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) six times. (30 st)

Rnd 16: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) six times. (24 st)

Rnd 17: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) six times. (18 st)

Rnd 18: (sc in next st, sc2tog) six times. (12 st). Stuff head through hole.

Rnd 19: (sc2tog) six times. (6 st). Fasten off and weave in ends.



Body

worked from neck down

With MC and H hook, ch 2.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in 2nd chain from hook. (6 st)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (12 st)

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) six times. (18 st)

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) six times. (24 st)

Rnds 5-7: sc in each st around. (24 st)

Rnd 8: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) six times. (30 st)

Rnds 9-12: sc in each st around. (30 st)

Rnd 13: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) six times. (24 st)

Rnds 14-15: sc in each st around. (24 st)

Rnd 16: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) six times. (18 st)

Rnd 17: (sc in next st, sc2tog) six times. (12 st). Stuff body through hole.

Rnd 18: (sc2tog) six times. (6 st). Fasten off and weave in ends.

Arm (make 2)

worked from foot up

With CC and G hook, ch 2.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in 2nd chain from hook. (6 st)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (12 st)

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) six times. (18 st)

Rnds 4-6: sc in each st around. (18 st)

Change to MC and H hook

Rnd 7: *front and back loops*: (sc2tog) nine times. (9 st)

Rnds 8-15: *back loops only from now on*: sc in each st around. (9 st). Stuff arm through hole.

Rnd 16: (sc2tog) four times. (5 st). Fasten off and weave in ends.



Leg (make 2)

worked from foot up

With CC and G hook, ch 2.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in 2nd chain from hook. (6 st)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (12 st)

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) six times. (18 st)

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) six times. (24 st)

Rnds 5-6: sc in each st around. (24 st)

Change to MC and H hook

Rnd 7: *front and back loops*: (sc in next st, sc2tog) six times. (16 st)

Rnds 8-12: *back loops only from now on*: sc in each st around. (16 st)

Rnd 13: (sc2tog) eight times. (8 st). Stuff leg through hole.

Rnd 14: (sc2tog) eight times. (4 st). Fasten off and weave in ends.

Tail

With MC and H hook, ch 10.

Rnd 1: sc in 10th chain from hook, to form a circle. Sc in each st around the circle. (10 st)

Rnds 2-4: sc in each st around. (10 st)

Flatten tail. 3 sc across top of tail, through both layers, to close end of tail. Fasten off and weave in ends.

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Patterns A & B (both yarn types)

Face

Your lamb's head probably doesn't look very 'lambish' yet, but here comes the magic!

Nose

See Figure 1. The centre of the nose (yellow dot) should be about 1cm **below** the centre of the face (green dot). Make 3 stitches with a scrap of contrasting yarn, to form a 'Y' shape. In Figure 1, make 1 stitch from each pink dot to the central yellow dot. Note that the green dot is well above the finished nose (Figure 2).

Face shape and eyes

Use a long needle threaded with sewing thread. Pass the needle through the face as shown (Figure 3). The positioning is about halfway back on the face, at the same height as the green dot. Take a small stitch on this side and then pass the needle back along the same line. Pull tight to indent the face. When the face looks good, tie the two ends of the thread together to keep the face indented. You can now sew the eyes over the top of these points (Figure 4).



Figure 1: Positioning the nose



Figure 2: The finished nose



Figure 3: Positioning the eyes



Figure 4: The finished face

Ear (make 2)

worked from head to tip

Ch 6.

Row 1: sc in 2nd chain from hook, sc in each st. (5 st). Ch 1, turn.

Rows 2-5: sc in each st. (5 st). Ch 1, turn.

Row 6: sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog. (3 st). Ch 1, turn.

Row 7: sc2tog, sl st in next st. Fasten off and weave in end as shown below:



Weave the yarn needle all the way along one edge of the ear to the base.



Pull the yarn through until slightly more than taut, to encourage the ear to curve.

Finishing

Using the yarn ends from the ears, or a new length if the ends are too short, sew the ears to the head. The position should be about 1cm above the eyes, and about 1cm back from the face. Curve the ears by hand, as in picture.

Cut a new length of yarn to stitch head to body. Stitch tops of arms to either side of upper body. Stitch tops of legs to either side of lower body. Stitch tail to back of body.





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