

Cute Polar Bear

crochet pattern by Teri Crews Designs



Materials:

~Worsted Weight Yarn

2 and 1/2 oz white, 2 oz red, small amount of black for nose and accents. Sample shown made with Impeccable Yarn from Michael's. Size G (4mm) crochet hook, fiberfill, tapestry needle and 1 pair of 12mm safety eyes (if you are unable to find safety eyes at your local craft store, 6060.etsy.com has a large selection to choose from)

Optional Materials:

powder blush for inside ears and cheeks. 3 small buttons

Finished measurements: approx. 13 inches tall from top of head to bottom of feet, not counting ears.

Abbreviations and Stitches Used:

ch=chain

rnd= round

st(s)=stitch or stitches

beg=beginning

fo=fasten off

sc=single crochet

2sctog = sc 2 stitches together

() or [] = repeat enclosed, number of times indicated after

hdc=half double crochet

sl st = slip stitch



Notes and Tips:

Helpful to read these before starting and maybe even again when it's time to put your softie together

~Do not join pieces that are crocheted in the round unless otherwise indicated

~A stitch marker will come in handy when repeating rounds or another helpful way to keep track of your rounds is to, start all pieces with a long tail, pull the tail through the beginning stitch of each round.

~Important note: Remember not to close the head until you have secured safety eye fasteners. Help with eye placement.

After head is completed, be sure to leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff head lightly, and test eyes in several different locations, until you are happy with them. Hold eyes in place or mark position with tiny pen dot. Remove stuffing, secure eyes in place with safety eye back fastener. Re-stuff and close.

~Separate yarn into two plies for sewing on nose and mouth. Shape nose as you sew. To make mouth; thread needle and insert under head (where stitches won't be seen). Bring needle up through bottom of head right under center of nose, move yarn down about 3-5 stitches, insert needle and bring back down through to bottom of head. Re-insert needle and bring back up at the bottom for the mouth (be careful not to catch that last stitch). Move yarn over at a slight angle to the right and insert needle about 3-5 stitches down from center. Insert needle and bring yarn back down through bottom of head, pull slightly to help shape muzzle and hold yarn in place. Repeat for the left side of mouth.

~Eyelids, leave a long beginning tail and ending tail to use for attaching. Thread tapestry needle with first end, insert needle right next to inside corner of right eye, bring needle out through bottom of head where stitches won't be seen. Repeat for other end of yarn, pull lightly to indent and hold in place. Secure ends under head.

~Needle sculpting will help eyes stand out. After sewing on eyelids, thread tapestry needle with two plies of black yarn. Insert needle under the head where stitches won't be seen. Secure yarn and bring needle up in a stitch as close to the inside corner of the right eye as you can (just under eyelid), move needle across eye to outside edge at a slight angle (again just

under eyelid), insert needle and go back down under head, tug gently to slightly indent your eye and hold stitch in place, re-insert the needle and repeat for the other eye. Secure yarn under head when you are finished. Still not sure about needle sculpting? Be sure to visit my website/blog for tutorial and additional photos (<http://www.tericrewsdesigns.com>)
~Attaching legs and arms: The top of the leg should be sewn on so that it is about in the center of the body, legs and bottom of body should be level. Thread tapestry needle and secure on side where stitch won't be shown once leg is attached. Begin attaching legs by sewing through a couple stitches on the inside of the leg (about 1 inch down in center of leg), insert needle back into body going through to other side, repeat sewing through a few stitches on the inside of the opposite leg. Repeat sewing through legs at least 3-4 times. Repeat back and forth technique for arms. Note, sewing head on before attaching arms will help you decide where your arms look best.

~After pieces are sewn together, add a little inside ears and a tiny bit along sides of face/cheeks. Remember go lightly, you can always add more, but it's difficult to remove.

Head

starting at front of face with white

- 1: ch 2, 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook (5)
- 2: 2 sc in each sc (10)
- 3: (sc in next sc, sc 2 in next sc) around (15)
- 4: (sc in each of the next 2 sc, sc 2 in next sc) around (20)
- 5-7: sc in each sc (20)
- 8: sc in each of the next 8 sc, hdc in each of the next 4 sc, sc in each of the next 8 sc (20), *note, hdc stitches will be top of forehead*
- 9: (sc in each of the next 3 sts, sc 2 in next st) around (25)
- 10: (sc in each of the next 4 sc, sc 2 in next sc) around (30)
- 11: (sc in each of the next 5 sc, sc 2 in next sc) around (35)
- 12: (sc in each of the next 6 sc, sc 2 in next sc) around (40)
- 13-14: sc in each sc (40)
- 15: (sc in each of the next 6 sc, sc2tog) around (35)
- 16: (sc in each of the next 5 sc, sc2tog) around (30)
- 17: sc in each sc (30)
- 18: (sc in each of the next 4 sc, sc2tog) around (25)
- 19: (sc in each of the next 3 sc, sc2tog) around (20)
- 20: sc in each sc (20)
- 21: (sc in each of the next 2 sc, sc2tog) around (15)
- 22: sc in each sc, join with sl st. ***FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff head, position and secure eyes (refer to notes).***
Thread tapestry needle with ending yarn. Weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close.

Body

starting at bottom with white

- 1: ch 2, 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook (8)
- 2: 2 sc in each sc (16)
- 3: (sc in next sc, sc 2 in next sc) around (24)
- 4: (sc in each of the next 2 sc, sc 2 in next sc) around (32)
- 5: (sc in each of the next 3 sc, sc 2 in next sc) around (40)
- 6-9: sc in each sc (40)
- 10: (sc in each of the next 3 sc, sc2tog) around (32)
- 11-14: sc in each sc (32), ***change to red***
- 15: sc in each sc (32)
- 16: (sc in each of the next 2 sc, sc2tog) around (24)
- 17-21: sc in each sc (24)
- 22: (sc in next sc, sc2tog) around (16)
- 23-26: sc in each sc, join last st with a sl st. ***FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff, thread tapestry needle with ending yarn. Weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close.***

Legs (make 2)

starting at bottom with white

- 1-4: repeat rounds 1-4 of head (20)
- 5: sc in each sc (20)
- 6: sc in each of the next 2, sc2tog) around (15)
- 7: sc in each sc (15)
- 8: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc (14)
- 9: [sc2tog] 2 times, sc in each remaining sc (12)
- 10-14: sc in each sc (12)
- 15: sc 2 in first sc, sc in each remaining sc (13)
- 16: sc 2 in first sc, sc in each remaining sc (14)
- 17-22: sc in each sc (14), **FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff and shape leg. Thread tapestry needle with ending yarn, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close.**

Arms (make 2)

starting at bottom with white

- 1-3: repeat rounds 1-3 of head (15)
- 4-5: sc in each sc (15)
- 6: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc (14)
- 7: [sc2tog] 2 times, sc in each remaining (12)
- 8: [sc2tog] 2 times, sc in each remaining (10)
- 9-10: sc in each sc (10), **change to red**
- 11-15: sc in each sc (10)
- 16: sc 2 in each of the next 2 sc, sc in each remaining sc (12)
- 17-22: sc in each sc (12) **FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff and shape. Thread tapestry needle with ending yarn, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close.**

Eye Lids (make 2)

with white

- 1: beginning with a long tail, ch 5, **FO, leave a long tail (refer to notes)**

Nose

with black

- 1: ch 2, 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook
- 2: 2 sc in each sc (10)
- 3: sc3tog **FO, weave in ends**



Bottom of Coat

with red

1: ch 33, hdc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch. **FO, leave a long ending tail, weave in beginning tail. Wrap around bottom of shirt, thread tapestry needle with ending tail. Whip stitch ends together, sew around to keep in place.**

Bottom of Sleeves (make 2)

with red

1: ch 12, hdc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch. **FO, leave a long ending tail, weave in beginning tail. Wrap around bottom of sleeve, thread tapestry needle with ending tail. Whip stitch ends together, sew around to keep in place.**

Collar

with red

1: ch 16, dc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch. **FO, leave a long ending tail, weave in beginning tail. Wrap around neck. Whip stitch ends together, add a few tacking stitches in back of collar to hold in place.**

Hat

starting at top with red

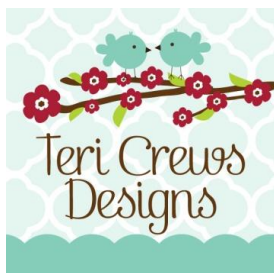
note: do not cut non-working yarn, carry up to next round with change is indicated

- 1: ch 2, 4 sc in 2nd ch from hook (4)
- 2: 2 sc in first sc, sc in each remaining sc (5)
- 3: sc in each sc (5) **change to white**
- 4: sc 2 in first sc, sc in each remaining sc (6)
- 5: sc in each sc, **change to red**
- 6-7: sc in each sc, **change to white**
- 8: sc 2 in first sc, sc in each remaining sc (7)
- 9: sc in each sc, **change to red**
- 10: sc 2 in first sc, sc in each remaining sc (8)
- 11: sc in each sc, **change to white**
- 12: sc 2 in first sc, sc in each remaining sc (9)
- 13: sc in each sc, **change to red**
- 14: sc 2 in first sc, sc in each remaining sc (10)
- 15: sc in each sc (10), **change to white**
- 16: sc 2 in each of the next 2 sc, sc in each remaining sc (12)
- 17: sc in each sc, **change to red**
- 18: sc 2 in each of the next 3 sc, sc in each remaining sc (15)
- 19: sc in each sc, **change to white**
- 20: sc 2 in each of the next 3 sc, sc in each remaining sc (18)
- 21: sc in each sc, **change to red**
- 22: sc in each of the next 4 sc, sc in each remaining sc (22)
- 23: sc in each sc, **FO, weave in ends. Twist and shape. If you decide to sew your hat in place, stuff lightly to help it stand up. Add a tiny snowflake button and a little pompom. To make my pom, I wrapped white yarn around 3 of my fingers 7 times. Remove from fingers, tie another piece of yarn around the center. Bend in half and trim pom to desired length.**



Thank you for choosing this pattern. I hope you enjoy creating your polar bear.

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