

Teddy Bear Huggy Blanket

crochet pattern by Teri Crews



Materials:

Any Medium Worsted Weight Yarn:

Sample made: 2 skeins Vanna's Choice Baby Yarn - Boy Blue, 1 skein Vanna's Choice Baby Yarn - Lamb, 1 skein Vanna's Choice Yarn - Sapphire, small amount of Vanna's Choice chocolate for nose and mouth small amount of Fiberfill, tapestry needle, safety eyes (12 mm) eyes *important note, do not use buttons or beads for baby items*, small piece of white felt for under eyes (not necessary, but helps eyes stand out) and size G (4.00 mm) and J (6.00 mm) crochet hooks

Finished measurements: approx 21 inches from top of bear's head to tip of blanket front. Blanket is approx. 22 inches with border

Abbreviations and Stitches Used:

ch=chain	dc=double crochet
fo=fasten off	hdc=half double crochet
rnd= round	sc=single crochet
skp=skip	sp=space
ss = slip stitch	st= stitch
tog = together	

Notes and Tips:

Helpful to read these before starting and maybe even again when it's time to put assemble your teddy bear huggy blanket

*Do not join rounds, unless indicated in that particular piece's instructions.

*When stuffing, try not to overstuff. Over stuffing will spread out your stitches making bigger holes and showing too much fiberfill. Use small amounts of stuffing, shaping as you go. The back of a wooden spoon or a larger crochet hook help stuffing small pieces. After stuffing my teddy bear head, I flatten slightly. I stuffed bottom of arms firmly and then stuffed lightly for upper portion.

*I like to use a stitch counter to count off my rows, or scrap paper to mark off. A stitch marker will come in handy when repeating rounds or you can pull through the beginning tail as you go to help you spot the beginning of each round.

*After crocheting your teddy bear's head, do not close until you have secured eyes. I recommend crocheting teddy's head, muzzle, nose and ears before stuffing or assembling. After you have crocheted these pieces, stuff head, sew on muzzle(with bottom about 3-4 rounds up from ending round). Sew on nose (top of nose should just cover last round of muzzle, I like to separate my yarn into two plies and use this for sewing on nose. Sometimes I go around my nose several times for a smooth edge, I also catch a little fiber with my needle in and continue sewing to help my nose stand out just a little more). Cut two small pieces of white felt into circles just slightly bigger than your eyes. I trace around a button to help me get a nice circle. Cut a small slit in the center of each felt piece and insert the safety eye stem. Decide where your eyes look best on your teddy bear (I usually move mine around several times), refer to pictures for help with placement. After you are happy with a position for your eyes, remove the stuffing (holding eyes in place or mark positions with a tiny pen dot) secure on backing and stuff head again. Thread tapestry needle with ending yarn, weave through remaining stitches and pull tight to close. Now to a little needle sculpting to help your bear's eyes stand out.

*Needle sculpting: Cut a 12-14 inch piece of chocolate yarn (or nose color yarn), separate plies and use two for needle sculpting. Thread your tapestry needle and insert needle under the head where your stitches won't be seen. Secure yarn and bring tapestry needle up in a stitch as close to the inside corner of the right eye as you can, put your needle back in the stitch directly below the stitch you came up from and go back through to the bottom, tug gently to slightly indent your eye, but not too much, re-insert the needle and repeat this for the other eye.

*Be sure to sew everything extra securely if your teddy bear blanket will be going to a baby.

Head

starting at top of head, with boy blue & G hook

- 1: ch2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook
- 2: 2 sc in each sc (12)
- 3: *sc in next sc, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s (18)
- 4: *sc in each of the next 2 sc, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s (24)
- 5: *sc in each of the next 3 sc, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s (30)
- 6: *sc in each of the next 4 sc, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s (36)
- 7: sc in each sc (36)
- 8: *sc in each of the next 5 sc, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s (42)
- 9-13: sc in each sc (42)
- 14: *sc in each of the next 5 sc, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (36)
- 15: sc in each sc (36)
- 16: *sc in each of the next 4 sc, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (30)
- 17-18: sc in each sc (30)
- 19: *sc in each of the next 3 sc, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (24)
- 20: *sc in each of the next 2 sc, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (18)
- 21: sc in each sc, join with ss. ***FO leave a long tail to use for sewing. Weave in beginning tail Refer to head assembly instructions in notes and tips before closing head.***

Muzzle

with lamb & G hook

- 1-3: repeat rounds 1-3 of head (18)
- 4: *sc 2 in each of the next 3 sc, sc in each of the next 6 sc*, repeat between *'s (24)
- 5: *sc 3, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *, repeat between *'s (30), join with ss. ***FO, weave in ends. Shape into slight oval before sewing***

Nose

with chocolate & G hook

- 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook
- 2: sc in each of the next 5 sc, sc2tog ***FO, weave in ends, shape into slight oval before sewing***

Ears (make 2)

with boy blue & G hook

- 1-3: repeat round 1-3 of head (18)
- 4-6: sc in each sc (18), join with ss. ***FO, leave long tail for sewing. Weave in beginning tail. Thread tapestry needle with ending tail. Flatten ear, with tail on right side, whip stitch through both layers, tugging a bit to help keep ear slightly bent in. Sew on about midway from back of head. I usually sew mine so that the inner corner of the ear is almost directly above inner corner of eye, but try different positions to see where you like your bear's eyes the best.***

Neck

with boy blue & G hook

- 1-5: Repeat rounds 1-5 of head (30)
- 6-7: sc in each sc (30)
- 8: *sc in each of the next 3 sc, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (24)

- 9: sc in each sc (24)
 10: *sc in each of the next 2 sc, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (18), join with ss. **FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Weave in beginning tail, stuff, thread tapestry needle, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close. Center under bear head and sew in place.**

Arms (make 2)

with boy blue & G hook

- 1-3: repeat rounds 1-3 of head (18)
 4-6: sc in each sc (18)
 7: *sc in next sc, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (12)
 8: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc (11)
 9-23: sc in each sc, join with ss. **FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Weave in beginning tail, stuff arm, thread tapestry needle, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close. Sew onto sides of neck, about 1 round up from bottom.**



Collar

With J hook, starting with lamb

Working in rows

- 1: ch 15, sc in 2nd ch from hook, *3 dc in next ch (first shell made), sc in next ch*, repeat between *'s to end, turn
 2: ch 1, *shell in first sc, sc in 2nd dc of the next shell*, repeat between *'s ending with shell in last st, turn
 3: **change to boy blue**, ch 3, 2 dc in first sc, sc in 2nd dc of next shell, *3 dc in next sc, sc in 2nd dc of next shell*, repeat between *'s ending with shell in last st, turn
 4: **change to sapphire**, ch 3, 2 dc in first dc, sc in 2nd dc of next shell, *3 dc in next sc, sc in 2nd dc of next shell*, repeat between *'s ending with shell in last st. **FO, weave in ends. Place around bears neck, sew ends/sides together and sew some extra tacking stitches to keep collar securely attached. I added an extra stitch in the front with a little knotted bow.**

Little Granny Square Blanket

Note: I used a traditional granny square, but you can make your little blanket however you would like. My blanket is approx. 21 inches square and/or 15 rounds wide with a border. Here is what I did for my blanket:

With J hook, starting with boy blue

- 1: ch 4; join with ss in first ch to form a ring. Ch 3 (counts as first dc now and throughout), 2 dc in ring, ch 2, *3 dc in ring, ch 2*, repeat between *'s, join with ss to top of beginning ch. FO

with lamb

- 2: join with ss in any ch 2 sp, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc in same sp. (corner made), ch 1, *3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc in next ch 2 sp, ch 1*, repeat between *'s, join with ss in top of beg ch. FO

with sapphire

- 3: join with ss in any ch 2 sp, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc in same sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, *3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1*, repeat between *'s, join with ss in top of beginning ch. FO.

with boy blue

- 4: join with ss in any ch 2 sp, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc in same sp, (3 dc in next ch 1 sp, ch 1) repeat across to next ch 2 sp (corner), *3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc in next ch 2 sp, ch 1 (3 dc in next ch 1 sp, ch 1) across to next ch 2 sp* repeat between *'s, join with ss to top of beg ch. FO

- 5-15: Repeat rounds 1-4 (changing colors between rounds, ending with sapphire), join with ss. FO

Border

with boy blue

- 1: join with ss in any ch 2 sp. sc in same sp, *sc in each st and each ch 1 to corner, 3 sc in corner*, repeat between *'s, join with ss, do not fasten off.
 - 2: ss to 2nd sc in corner, 3 hdc in same sp, ss in each of the next 2 sc, *3 hdc in next sc, ss in each of the next 2 sc*, repeat between *'s, join with ss. Fasten off
- note: try to put your 3 hdc in each center sc of corners, if it doesn't line up, add or remove a ss*
Sew center of blanket onto bottom of neck with right side facing up. Sew securely, but do not pull stitches to tight or else blanket will not lay flat.

Thank you for choosing this pattern. I hope you enjoy making your dog.

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