

Simply Cute Bear

crochet pattern by Teri Crews



Materials:

Worsted Weight Yarn
main color- brown
muzzle, paw pad- beige
shirt color-blue
nose-black
Size G & E Crochet Hooks
Fiberfill
Tapestry needle

Optional Materials:

safety eyes (my bear has 15mm safety eyes), beads, buttons or glass,
plastic pellets and scrap nylon if not using as a toy,
blush for a little color and white felt for eyes
buttons for bear's shirt

Finished measurements: approx 11 inches not counting ears.

Since this is a toy pattern, gauge is not important. Use a smaller or bigger hook to create different size bears

Abbreviations and Stitches Used:

ch=chain
dc=double crochet
fo=fasten off
rnd= round
sc=single crochet
sl st = slip stitch
tog = sc 2 stitches together

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Notes and Tips:

*Pieces are crocheted in the round, do not join with slip stitch unless indicated in individual piece instructions.

*When stuffing pieces, try not to overstuff. Over stuffing will spread out your stitches making bigger holes and showing too much fiberfill.

*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.

*I like to crochet all my pieces then put my bear together, but maybe you prefer putting them together as you go. Either way your bear will look great.

*I like using a little felt under eyes to help them stand out. Trace around a button that is just a little bit bigger than your eyes. Cut a small slit in the center of the circle, insert eye, and attach to head.

*If your bear is not going to be a toy you might want to give him a little weight. I fill the bottom of an old knee high nylon with plastic pellets, tie it off and use to stuff my bear's bottom, then I fill the rest of the body with fiberfill.

*If using safety or glass eyes, remember not to close the bottom of the head until you have positioned and secured eyes. To help me make sure my eyes are just where I want them I stuff lightly test positions and then remove stuffing and secure eyes.

*To help make my bear's face a little smoother, I split the yarn into 2 ply to use for sewing on muzzle and nose

*After positioning eyes, noses and muzzle, thread tapestry needle with main bear color yarn. Starting under the bears head insert needle pulling up right next to one eye, pull back down through head by going in to the stitch closest to where your needle came up. Tug gently to help slightly indent eye, repeat for other eye and then tie off.



Body

- Rnd 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch. from hook (6)
- 2: 2 sc in each sc around (12)
- 3: *sc 1, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (18)
- 4: *sc 2, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (24)
- 5: *sc 3, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (30)
- 6-7: sc in each sc around (30)
- 8: *sc 4, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (36)
- 9-10: sc in each sc around (36)
- 11: *sc 4, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (30)
- switch to shirt color**
- 12-14: sc in each sc around (30)
- now is a good time to weave in that beginning tail**
- 15: *sc 3, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (24)
- 16-20: sc in each sc around (24)
- switch back to main color**
- 21: *sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (18)
- 22: sc in each sc around (18)
- 23: sc 2tog around (9) FO leave a long tail to sew.
- stuff with fiberfill.**
- thread tapestry needle with tail, weave through remaining stitches pull tight to close**

Legs (make 2)

Start sole of foot with beige or contrasting color yarn

- Rnd 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch. from hook (6)
- 2: 2 sc in each sc around (12)
- 3: *sc 1, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (18)
- 4: *sc 2, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (24)
- FO and weave in ends**

Start foot and leg using main color

Rnd 1: In back loops only for this round, join with slip stitch in any sc, sc in same stitch and each sc around (24)

2-3: sc in each sc around (24)

4: *sc 2, sc2tog *, repeat between *'s around (18)

5: sc in each sc around (18)

now is a good time to weave in that starting tail

6: *sc 1, sc2tog *, repeat between *'s around (12)

7-16: sc in each sc around (12)

17: sc2tog around (6)

FO leave long tail for sewing.

Stuff bottom of foot firmly (without stretching stitches) and upper portion lightly.

Thread tapestry needle with tail, weave through remaining stitches pull tight to close.

Arms (make 2)

Rnd 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch. from hook (6)

2: 2 sc in each sc around (12)

3-5: sc in each sc around (12)

now is a good time to weave in that starting tail

6: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc around (11)

7: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc around (10)

8-11: sc in each sc around (10)

switch to shirt color

12-17: sc in each sc around (10)

18: sc2tog around (5)

FO leave long tail for sewing.

Stuff bottom of arm firmly (without stretching stitches) and upper portion lightly.

Thread tapestry needle with tail, weave through remaining stitches pull tight to close.

Head

Rnd 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch. from hook (6)

2: 2 sc in each sc around (12)

3: *sc 1, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (18)

4: *sc 2, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (24)

5: *sc 3, 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (30)

6: *sc 4, 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (36)

7-8: sc in each sc around (36)

9: *sc 4, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (30)

now is a good time to weave in that starting tail

10-12: sc in each sc around (30)

13: *sc 3, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (24)

14-15: sc in each sc around

16: *sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (18)

17: sc in each sc around (18)

18: sc2tog around (9)

FO leave long tail for sewing.

stuff firmly (being careful not to over stretch stitches)



Muzzle

- Rnd 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch. from hook (6)
 2: 2 sc in each sc around (12)
 3: *sc 1, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (18)
 4: *sc 2, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (24)

FO weave in ends

Nose

- Rnd 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch. from hook (6)
 2: 2 sc in each sc around (12)
 3: sc2tog (2 times)

FO weave in ends

Ears

- Rnd 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch. from hook (6)
 2: 2 sc in each sc around (12)
now would be a good time to weave in beginning tail
 3-5: sc in each sc around.

FO leave long tail for sewing.

Thread tapestry needle with tail, whip stitch bottom of ear closed, bending in slightly and tugging on yarn before finishing to help give your ear a little shape.

Put your bear together

I always work on the head first. Sew on muzzle, nose and then position and add eyes. Next sew on bear's eyes. I usually move them around a little to see which looks best on my bear, perky high up ears, or slightly droopy lower placed ears.

Before attaching legs I always thread my tapestry needle, hold one leg next to my bear's bottom and then insert the threaded needle all the way through the body. This shows me where my legs need to be. Then I attach legs by sewing through a couple stitches on the inside of the leg, insert needle back into body and do the same for the other leg. I tug on my yarn slightly to indent my bear's body just a little but not too tight or he'll be out of portion. Repeat sewing through legs at least 2 times.

After I've securely sewn on the head, I sew on my bear's arms. Adding them after the head helps me make sure I have them where I want them.

Sew buttons, a flower, or appliqué to the front of your bear's shirt and he's done.

Hope you enjoyed using this pattern. I appreciate your business and had a great time creating it.

Thanks,

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