

Simply Cute Dog

crochet pattern by Teri Crews



Materials:

Worsted Weight Yarn:
main color-brown
contrast-white
nose-black
hat and shirt-mid green
I used "I love this yarn" from
Hobby Lobby
Size G Crochet Hook
Fiberfill
Tapestry needle

Optional Materials:

safety eyes (my dog has 15mm brown 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 under eyes

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
hdc= half double crochet
rnd= round
sc=single crochet
sl st = slip stitch
tog = sc 2 stitches together

Notes and Tips:

Helpful to read these before starting and when it's time to put your cat together

*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 crochet all my pieces then put my toy together at the end, but maybe you prefer putting them together as you go.

*Use a little felt under your dog's 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 dog is not going to be a toy you might want to give her a little weight. I fill the bottom of a old knee high nylon with plastic pellets, tie it off and stuff it in my dog'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.

*After positioning eyes and nose, before securing head, you might want to do a little shaping. Split your yarn into 2 ply and thread tapestry needle. Insert the needle in the bottom of the head, where the stitch won't be seen. Bring needle up right next to the right eye, move over and insert about 3 stitches to the right, pull needle back down through head and pull slightly to make a small indent. Don't pull to tight. Repeat for the other eye, moving over to the left this time.

*Blush lightly, you can always add more, but it's a bit tricky to get off. You also don't want to rub your stitches out of shape.

*To help sewing on nose and mouth, split yarn into two ply. Shape nose as you sew and work on mouth after. To start mouth, bring yarn up through bottom of head to the bottom of nose, insert needle about 3 or 4 stitches down and insert needle coming back out the bottom, reinsert needle, come back up at the bottom of the mouth, being careful not to catch that last stitch. Insert yarn at angle (for right side) about 3 or 4 stitches down (look at your dog's face and see if this works for you, move as needed). Go back down through bottom, pull slightly to help shape muzzle (but not too much). Repeat for the left side of mouth, tie off under the head so stitches don't show.

*Before attaching legs I thread my tapestry needle, hold one leg next to my dog'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 the body just a little but not too tight or your pet will be out of portion. Repeat sewing through legs at least 2 times.

*I sew on arms after my legs and head to be sure they are exactly where I want them. Sew them on the same way you did the legs.



Body

with brown 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)

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

6-7: sc in each sc around (30)

now is a good time to weave in that beginning tail

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

9-10: sc in each sc around (36)

change to shirt color

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

12-14: sc in each sc around (30)

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

16-20 sc in each sc around (24)

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

22: sc in each sc around (18)

stuff with plastic pellets (if not a toy) and fiberfill

23: sc2tog around (9) FO leave a long tail to sew.

thread tapestry needle with tail yarn, weave through remaining stitches pull tight to close

Leg (right)

with white 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)

5-6: sc in each sc around (24)

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

8: sc in each sc around (18)

now is a good time to weave in that starting tail

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

10: sc in each sc around (12)

change to brown yarn

11-20: sc in each sc around (12)

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

21: sc2tog around (6), FO leave long tail for sewing.

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

Leg (right)

with brown yarn

Repeat rounds 1-21 of left leg instructions

Arm (left)

with white yarn

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)

with brown yarn

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

with shirt color yarn

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

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

18: sc2tog around (5) FO leave long tail for sewing

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

Arm (right)

with brown yarn

Follow rounds 1-11 of left arm instructions

with shirt color yarn

Follow rounds 12-18 of left arm instructions

Head

with white 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)
5-7: sc in each sc around (24)

with brown yarn

- 8: *sc 3, 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (30)
9: *sc 4, 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (36)
10: hdc 8, sc in each remaining sc around (36)
11: sc in each sc around (36)

now is a good time to weave in that starting tail

- 12: *sc 4, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (30)
13-14: sc in each sc around
15: *sc 3, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (24)
16: *sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (18)
17: sc in each sc around (18)
18: *sc 1, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (12)

stuff firmly (being careful not to over stretch stitches) if using safety eyes, position now

- 19: sc2tog around (6) FO leave long tail for sewing.

When your eyes are positioned where you want them, thread tapestry needle with tail yarn, weave through remaining stitches pull tight to close.



Nose

with black yarn

- Rnd 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch. from hook (6)
2: 2 sc in each sc around (12)
3: sc2tog (1 time) FO weave in ends
I pull on the sides a little to give my nose a slightly oval shape.

Ear (left)

with brown 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)

4-5: sc in each sc around (18)

with white yarn

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

7-9: sc in each sc around (12)

10: sc2tog around (6) FO leave long tail for sewing

Weave in beginning end. Thread tapestry needle with tail yarn, whip stitch bottom of ear closed, bending in slightly and tugging on yarn just a little for a slight indent and shape.

Ear (right)

with brown yarn

Follow rounds 1-10 of left ear instructions

Tail

with white yarn

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

2: sc in each sc (6)

3: 2 sc in first sc, sc in each remaining (7)

4: 2 sc in first sc, sc in each remaining (8)

5-6: sc in each sc around (8)

with brown yarn

7-11: sc in each sc around (8) FO leave long tail for sewing

stuff lightly



Collar

with shirt color yarn

- 1: ch 9, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch to end (8), ch1 (does not count as stitch), turn
- 2: sc in back loops of each sc , ch 1, turn

Repeat round 2 11 times or until collar just fits around dog's neck. FO, leave long tail for sewing. Fold in half, whip stitch closed. Put around dog's neck and sew ends together.

Hat

with shirt 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)
 - 5: *sc 3, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (30)
 - 6: *sc 4, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (36)
 - 7: *sc 5, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (42)
 - 8: sc in each sc around
 - 9: *sc 5, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (36)

working on brim

- 10: working in front loops only for this round, sc 12, ch 1(do not count as stitch), turn (you'll be working on these 12 stitches)
- 11: sc2tog, sc 8, sc2tog (10), ch 1, turn
- 12: sc in each sc (10), ch 1, turn
- 13: sc2tog, sc 6, sc2tog (8), ch 1, turn
- 14: sc2tog, sc 4, sc2tog (6), ch 1, turn
- 15: sc in each sc. FO weave in ends

Rejoin yarn with slip stitch in back of hat, sc in each sc around, FO, weave in ends.

Hat Button

with shirt color yarn

start with a long tail (about 6 inches)

- Rnd 1: ch 2, 4 sc in 2nd ch from hook (4)

- 2: 2 sc in each sc around (8)
- 3: sc in each sc (8). FO, leave long tail for sewing, weave in beginning tail

Thread tapestry needle with ending yarn tail, weave through remaining stitches, pulling slightly and stuffing with beginnin tail. Pull tight to close, tie off, sew to top middle of hat.

Time to put your dog together.



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

Thanks,
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