

Simply Cute Koala Bear

crochet pattern by Teri Crews



Materials:

Worsted Weight Yarn:

you will need a main color
for body and a contrasting color
paw pads and ears. A small amount
of black, vest color, flower color and
a little bit of green for flower stem

I used "Impeccable" yarn from Michael's

Size G Crochet Hook

Fiberfill

Tapestry needle

Optional Materials:

safety eyes (my koala has 12 mm brown safety eyes), beads, buttons or glass,
plastic pellets and scrap nylon if not using as a toy,
blush for a little color

Finished measurements: approx 11 inches. Since this is a toy pattern, gauge is not really that important. Using a different size hook and yarn weight will give you a smaller or larger koala.

Abbreviations and Stitches Used:

ch=chain

fo=fasten off

hdc=half double crochet

rnd= round

sc=single crochet

skp=skip

sl st = slip stitch

tog = sc 2 stitches together

Notes and Tips:

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

*Most of the pieces are crocheted in the round, do not join 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 each piece, weave in tails, stuff and set aside until the end, with the exception of the head. I crochet the head, nose and ears first so that I can put them together to see where my eyes should be placed. If you are using safety eyes for your toy, you will want to be sure to leave the head open until eyes are secured in place. After crocheting my head pieces, I stuff the head and sew on nose. Next I cut a small piece of white felt just a little bit bigger than my eyes, cut a tiny slit in the center and push the eyes through the felt. Put eyes in without securing and move around until you like where they are. My koala's eyes are about 1 round down from the top of his nose. Once you know where you want your eyes, gently pull out the stuffing, secure eye and stuff again. Sew on ears and then close head.

*For your koala's mouth, separate black yarn into 2 plies, thread tapestry needle and insert under the head (where stitches won't be seen). Bring your needle up right under nose, re-insert about 2 rounds down, (you will be coming back up through this hole). Take needle back down to bottom, re-insert needle and come up in bottom stitch you worked under nose, move needle over about 2 stitches at a slight angle, go back down through head, pull slightly to give mouth a light indentation, repeat for other side, be sure to tightly secure last stitch so that your mouth won't come apart. If you'd like now is also a good time to give your koala eyebrows.

*Nose Tip, position nose and hold and shape while sewing in place. I sew on loosely once, shape a little more and sew some more. Sometimes I go around my noses several times to get a nice clean sew line around them.

*To help your koala's eyes stand out and help shape his face, you will need to do a little needle sculpting. Thread your tapestry needle with grey (or body color) yarn. Again secure at the bottom of the head where your stitches won't be seen. Insert needle and bring out right next to the corner of the right eye. Move your needle over to the other side of the eye at a slight angle. Insert needle in stitch right next to eye, take needle back down to bottom of head, pull tightly to indent (not too tightly, you don't want to flatten his face, just a slight indentation), insert needle and repeat for the left eye.

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

*Before attaching legs I thread my tapestry needle, hold one leg next to my koala'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 koala's body just a little but not too tight or your koala will look lopsided. Repeat sewing through legs at least 3-4 times.

*I sew on arms after my legs and head (using the same back and forth technique I used for the legs). This way I can be sure I have them where I want them.

*After your koala is all put together, add powder blush to cheeks, tummy and the bottom of his feet. Start out lightly, you can always add more, but it's hard to get off once it's on.



Head

with grey or main body color

beginning at top of head

- 1: ch2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook
- 2: 2 sc in each sc (12)
- 3: *sc 1, sc 2 in next*, repeat between *'s (18)
- 4: *sc 2, sc 2 in next*, repeat between *'s (24)
- 5: *sc 3, sc 2 in next*, repeat between *'s (30)
- 6: *sc 4, sc 2 in next*, repeat between *'s (36)
- 7-10: sc in each sc (36)
- 11: *sc 4, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (30)
- 12-13: sc in each sc (30)
- 14: *sc 3, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (24)
- 15: *sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (18)
- 16-17: sc in each sc (18)
- 18: *sc 1, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (12)
- 19: sc in each sc (12)

FO leave a long tail to sew. If using safety eyes, do not close until they are secured.

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

Nose

with black

starting at top of nose

- 1: ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc 1, turn (3)
- 2: sc 2 in first sc, sc 2, turn (4)
- 3: sc 2 in first sc, sc 3, turn (5)
- 4: sc in each sc, turn (5)
- 5: sc 2 in first sc, sc2tog, sc in last (4)
- 6: *working down side of nose* ch 1, sc 3, sc 2 in last, sc in each remaining, join with sl st.

FO, leave long tail for sewing

Body

with grey or main body color yarn

starting at bottom

Repeat rounds 1-6 of head (36)

7-9: sc in each sc (36)

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

11-13: sc in each sc (30)

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

15-17: sc in each sc (24)

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

19: sc in each sc

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

FO, leave a long tail for sewing,

Stuff, thread tapestry needle, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close

Outer Ear (make 2)

with grey or main body color

1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, turn *you will be working back and forth*

2: sc 2 in each sc, turn (12)

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

4: ch 2, *skp 1, sl st, ch 2*, repeat between *'s, join with a sl st in last st

FO, weave in tails

Inner Ear (make 2)

with white

1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, turn *you will be working back and forth*

2: sc 2 in each sc, turn (12)

3: ch 2, *skp 1, sl st, ch 2*, repeat between *'s, join with a sl st in last st

FO, weave in tails, sew inner to outer, being careful not to let white stitches show through back of ear.

Bend in slightly when sewing to head

Legs (make 2)

with white yarn, starting at sole of foot

1: ch2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook

2: 2 sc in each sc (12)

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

change to grey or main color

4: *working in back loops for this round only*, sc in each sc (18)

5-6: sc in each sc (18)

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

8: sc2tog, sc in each remaining (11)

9-14: sc in each sc (11)

15: sc 2, sc in each remaining (12)

16: sc in each sc (12)

17: sc 2 in first sc, sc 5, sc 2 in next sc, sc 5 (14), do not finish off

stuff

18: sc2tog around (7)

FO, leave a long tail for sewing.

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

Arms (make 2)

with grey or main body color

- 1: ch2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook
- 2: 2 sc in each sc (12)
- 3-5: sc in each sc (12)
- 6: sc2tog, sc in each remaining (11)
- 7: sc2tog, sc in each remaining (10)
- 8-16: sc in each sc (10)
- 17: sc 5, sc 2 in next, sc 5, sc 2 in last (12)
- 18: sc in each sc, do not finish off

stuff

- 19: sc2tog around (6)

FO, leave a long tail for sewing.

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

Vest

with orange

working on 1st side

- 1: ch 9, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each sc , turn (8)
- 2-6: sc in each sc, turn (8)
- 7: sc2tog, sc 4, sc2tog, turn (6)
- 8-9: sc in each sc, turn (6)
- 10: sl st in next 3 sc, sc 3, turn *you will now be working on these 3 stitches*
- 11-16: sc in each sc, turn (3)
- 17: ch 1, sc in each sc along top, side and bottom to last stitch, join with sl st. *FO do not sc along side, you will sew this to the back piece of vest*

working on 2nd side

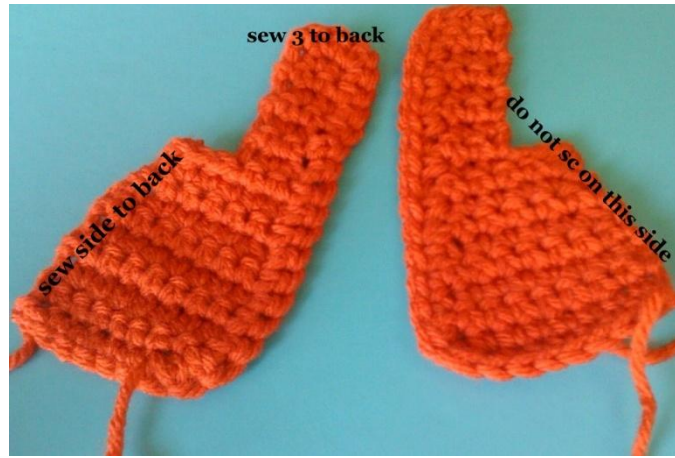
Repeat rounds 1-9 of 1st vest part

- 10: sc 3, turn *do not slip you will be working on these 3 stitches*
- 11-16: sc in each sc, turn (3)
- 17: sl st to end, ch 1, sc in each sc down side and across bottom to last stitch, join with a sl sp. *FO, do not sc along side, you will sew this to the back piece of vest.*

back

- 1: ch 19, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each sc, turn (18)
- 2-9: sc in each sc, turn (18)
- 10: sl st 3, sc 12, turn *do not work last 3sc*
- 11-15: sc 12, turn

FO, weave in ends. With wrong sides together, put side pieces on top of back piece. Sew through 3 stitches from 1st side to 3 stitches from back side, leave arm opening, sew sides. Repeat for other side.



Rose

with aqua or color of choice

1: ch 9, 3 sc in 2nd ch and next 4 chs, 3 hdc in next 2 ch, hdc in last.

FO, leave long tail for sewing. Coil loosely, shape and sew to vest.

Thread tapestry needle with aqua or rose color yarn, whip stitch around vest. Back stitch a stem and leaves on side of vest.



Hair

cut a few pieces (I used 5) of yarn into about 4 inch pieces. Separate plies, fold 2 plies in half, pull around a sc on top center of head, tie in a knot. Add another piece, shaping and cutting as you go.

Thank you for choosing this pattern. I hope you enjoy making this cute koala as much as I enjoyed designing him.

Sincerely,

Teri

If you have any questions or need any help making your Koala please don't hesitate to contact me at: teri.crews@gmail.com. Be sure to visit my website at: tericrews.blogspot.com for more patterns, revisions, tutorials and just to visit or see what's new.

