

Simply Cute Raccoon

crochet pattern by Teri Crews



Materials:

Worsted Weight Yarn:

you will need a main color

for body (grey) and a contrasting color

for paw pads, ears, and eye patches, (lt. grey)

white, black and red for bandana

Sample was made with "I Love This Yarn"

from Hobby Lobby

Size G Crochet Hook

Fiberfill

Tapestry needle

Optional Materials:

safety eyes (my Raccoon 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 Raccoon.

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 Raccoon together.

*Do not join pieces that are crocheted in the round unless indicated in that particular piece's 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.

*Crochet the head, nose, eye patches and ears first so that you can put them together first, this will help you decide where you eyes should be and help with needle sculpting. Weave in all ends, pull eye patches, muzzle and nose slightly to form a more oval shape. Sew inner eye patch to outer eye patch. Insert eyes (I put mine 1 stitch over from the beginning center hole, if using safety eyes, you can secure them now). Sew patches onto face at a slight angle refer to pictures (shown after eye patch instructions). Sew muzzle slightly over eye patches and then sew on nose. When sewing on your nose, be sure to continue shaping as you stitch. Next sew on ears and close head.

*For your Raccoon'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.

*To help your raccoon's eyes stand out and help shape his face, you will need to do a little needle sculpting. Thread your tapestry needle with dark grey (or inner eye patch color) yarn. Again secure at the bottom of the head where 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 raccoon 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 raccoon'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 raccoon'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 raccoon's body just a little but not too tight or your raccoon will look lopsided. Repeat sewing through legs at least 3-4 times. Repeat back and forth technique for arms.

*After your raccoon is all put together, add powder blush inside his ears and on 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 light grey or main body color

- 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)
- 6-7: sc in each sc (30)
- 8: *sc 4, sc 2 in next*, repeat between *'s (36)
- 9: sc in each sc (36)
- 10: hdc 6, sc 12, hdc 6, sc 12 (36)
- 11-12: sc in each sc (36)
- 13: *sc 4, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (30)
- 14-16: sc in each sc (30)
- 17: *sc 3, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (24)
- 18: *sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (18)
- 19-20: sc in each sc (18)

stuff

- 21: sc2tog around

FO leave a long tail to sew. Refer to head assembly instructions in notes and tips be closing head. To close, thread tapestry needle with ending yarn, weave through remaining stitches pull tight to close.

Muzzle

with white

Repeat rounds 1-4 of head (24)

- 5: sc 9, hdc 3, sc 9, hdc 3, join with sl st.

FO, weave in ends

Nose (make 2)

with black

- 1: ch 2, sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook (6)
- 2: sc 2 in each sc (12)
- 3: sc in each sc (12)
- 4: sc3tog, join with sl st.

FO, weave in ends

Outer Eye Patch(make 2)

with white

Repeat rounds 1-4 of head (24) join with sl st.

FO, weave in ends

Inner Eye Patch (make 2)

with dark grey

Repeat rounds 1-3 of head (18), join with sl st.

FO, weave in ends



Body

with light grey or main body color yarn

starting at bottom

Repeat rounds 1-5 of head (30)

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

19-21: sc in each sc

stuff

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

FO, leave a long tail for sewing,

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

Ear (make 2)

with light grey or main body color

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

FO, leave long tail. Weave in beginning yarn. Thread tapestry needle with tail yarn, flatten ear and whip stitch bottom closed.

Ear Edging

with dark grey yarn

working through both thicknesses, join dark grey with sl st in bottom right corner of ear.

sc in each st along side, 3 sc in top of ear, sc in each st along other side

FO, leave long tail for sewing. Weave in beginning tail. Thread tapestry needle with tail yarn, weave through bottom stitches, pull slightly to indent ear.

Legs (make 2)

with dark grey, 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)
- 4: *sc 2, sc 2 in next*, repeat between *'s (24)

change to light grey (or main body color)

- 5: working in back loops for this round only, sc in each sc (24)
- 6-7: sc in each sc (24)
- 8: *sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (18)
- 9: *sc 1, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (12)
- 10-17: sc in each sc (12)
- 18: sc 2 in first sc, sc in each remaining (13)
- 19: sc 2 in first sc, sc in each remaining (14)
- 20: sc in each sc (14)

FO, leave long tail for sewing.

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

Arms (make 2)

with dark grey

- 1: ch2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook
- 2: 2 sc in each sc (12)
- 3-5: sc in each sc (12)

change to light grey (or main body color)

- 6: sc in each sc (12)
- 7: sc2tog, sc in each remaining (11)
- 8: sc2tog, sc in each remaining (10)
- 9-18: sc in each sc (10)

FO, leave a long tail for sewing.

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



Tail

with dark grey

Repeat rounds 1-4 of leg (24)

5: sc in each sc (24)

change to light grey

6-7: sc in each sc (24)

change to dark grey

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

9: sc in each sc (18)

change to light grey

10-11: sc in each sc (18)

change to dark grey

12: sc in each sc

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

change to light grey

14-15: sc in each sc (12)

change to dark grey

16-17: sc in each sc (12)

change to light grey

18-24: sc in each sc (12)

FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff lightly. Thread tapestry needle, weave through remaining stitches, pull to close. Lay flat against back of bottom, sew bottom of tail to back so that tail is standing upwards.

Bandana

with red

- 1: ch 31, sc in each sc, turn
- 2: sl st in first 10 sc, hdc 10, turn (leave remaining stitches)
- 3: hdc 10, turn
- 4: ch 1, hdc 2 tog, hdc 6, hdc 2 tog, turn (8)
- 5: ch 1, hdc 2 tog, hdc 4, hdc 2 tog, turn (6)
- 6: ch 1, hdc 2 tog, hdc 2, hdc 2 tog, turn (4)
- 7: ch 1, hdc 2 tog, turn (2x) (2)
- 8: ch 1, hdc 2 tog

FO, weave in ends

Polka Dots

with white

- 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, join with sl st.
FO, weave in ends. Sew to front of bandana.

Sew or tie bandana loosely around raccoons neck.

Hair

cut a few pieces (I used 6) 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 until you are happy with your raccoon's do.



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

Sincerely,

Teri

If you have any questions or need any help making your raccoon 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.

