



Baby's First Buddies

Crochet Pattern

****Remember-small elements present a choking hazard to small children/pets. You may simply embroider eyes with yarn, to make these more baby appropriate. Always check for loose pieces before allowing children under 3 to play with finished items.****

Materials Used:

Any yarn-seriously, any brand, any weight, any style you like

Size G/6 (4.25mm) crochet hook

Buttons, beads, safety eyes, jiggle-eyes, fun fur, any embellishments you choose

Poly-fil for stuffing

Yarn needle

Needle and thread

Size/Gauge:

Finished size of animals is approximately 5" tall, when sitting, or 6" tall when standing.

Gauge is not important to this project, so you can change hook size and yarn weight for a wider range of finished sizes.

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Stitches Used/Abbreviations:

Ch-chain

Sc-single crochet

Sc2tog-single crochet two stitches together

Hdc-half double crochet

Magic Circle-Make a large loop by putting the yarn tail behind the working yarn (the yarn coming from the skein), leaving at least a six-inch tail until you become familiar with this method. With your hook, draw the working yarn through the loop, so you have one loop on the hook. Now, you can start working your stitches in the ring, just as you would with the chain method. You will pull the tail tight, once all stitches are worked in the ring, leaving a nice, tight closure.

Instructions: (NOTE- you can stuff and embellish as you go, or wait till the end. Whichever way works best for you!)

Head:

Rnd 1: Start with a Magic Circle, ch 1. Work 8 sc in ring. Join. Pull ring tight. (8 sts)

Rnd 2: ch 1. Work 2 sc in each st around. Join. (16 sts)

Rnd 3: ch 1. *Sc in next st, work 2 sc in the next st*. Repeat (*) around. Join. (24 sts)

Rnd 4: ch 1. *Sc in each of the next 2 sts, work 2 sc in next st*. Repeat (*) around. Join. (32 sts)

Rnds 5-8: ch 1. Sc in each st around. Join. (32 sts)

Rnd 9: ch 1. *Sc in each of the next 2 sts, sc2tog*. Repeat (*) around. Join. (24 sts)

Rnd 10: ch 1. Sc in each st around. Join. (24 sts)

Rnd 11: ch 1. *Sc in next st, sc2tog*. Repeat (*) around. Join. (16 sts)

Rnd 12: ch 1. Sc2tog, 8 times. Join. Fasten off.

Body:

Rnd 1: Start with a Magic Circle, ch 1. Work 8 sc in ring. Join. Pull ring tight. (8 sts)

Rnd 2: ch 1. Work 2 sc in each st around. Join. (16 sts)

Rnd 3: ch 1. *Sc in next st, work 2 sc in the next st*. Repeat (*) around. Join. (24 sts)

Rnds 4-8: ch 1. Sc in each st around. Join. (24 sts)

Rnd 9: ch 1. *Sc in next st, sc2tog*. Repeat (*) around. Join. (16 sts)

Rnd 10: ch 1. Sc2tog, 8 times. Join. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Arms/Legs: (Make 4)

Rnd 1: Start with a Magic Circle, ch 1. Work 8 sc in ring. Join. Pull ring tight. (8 sts)

Rnds 2-5: ch 1. Sc in each st around. Join. (8 sts) Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Bunny Ears: (Make 2)

Rnd 1: Start with a Magic Circle. Ch 1. Work 6 sc in ring. Join. Pull ring tight. (6 sts)

Rnd 2: ch 1. Sc in each st around. Join. (6 sts)

Rnd 3: ch 1. *Work 2 sc in next st, sc in each of the next 2 sts*, 2 times. Join. (8 sts)

Rnd 4: ch 1. *Work 2 sc in next st, sc in each of the next 3 sts*, 2 times. Join. (10 sts)

Rnd 5: ch 1. *Work 2 sc in next st, sc in each of the next 4 sts*, 2 times. Join. (12 sts)

Rnds 6-7: ch 1. Sc in each st around. Join. (12 sts)

Rnd 8: ch 1. *Sc2tog, sc in each of the next 4 sts*, 2 times. Join. (10 sts)

Rnd 9: ch 1. *Sc2tog, sc in each of the next 3 sts*, 2 times. Join. (8 sts)

Rnd 10: ch 1. Sc in each st around. Join. (8 sts) Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Bear Ears (Make 4~2 in Color A, and 2 in Color B)

Row 1: ch 2. Work 5 hdc in 2nd ch from hook. (5 sts)

Row 2: ch 1, TURN. Work 2 sc in next st. Work 1 sc in next st. Work 2 sc in next st. Work 1 sc in next st. Work 2 sc in last st. (8 sts) Fasten off.

Place 1 Color A, and 1 Color B, wrong sides together. Join Color A in bottom corner. Sc evenly around top outer edge, stopping at opposite corner. (Do not work along bottom edge) Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Kitty Ears: (Make 4~2 in Color A, 2 in Color B)

Row 1: ch 4. Sc in 2nd ch from hook, and each remaining ch. (3 sts)

Row 2: ch 1, TURN. Sc2tog. Sc in last st. (2 sts)

Row 3: ch 1, TURN. Sc2tog. Fasten off.

Place 1 Color A, and 1 Color B, wrong sides together. Join Color A in bottom corner. Sc evenly up side. Work 2 sc in top point. Sc evenly down opposite side. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Puppy Ears: (Make 2)

Rnd 1: Start with a Magic Circle. Ch 1. Work 8 sc in ring. Join. Pull ring tight. (8 sts)

Rnd 2: ch 1. *Work 2 sc in next st, sc in each of the next 3 sts*, 2 times. Join. (10 sts)

Rnds 3-4: ch 1. Sc in each st around. Join. (10 sts)

Rnd 5: ch 1. *Sc2tog, sc in each of the next 3 sts*, 2 times. Join. (8 sts)

Rnd 6: ch 1. Sc in each st around. Join. (8 sts)

Rnd 7: ch 1. Sc2tog, 4 times. Join. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Bunny Tail:

Rnd 1: Ch 3. Sc in 3rd ch from hook. *Ch 2, sc in same ch*, 4 times. Join. (5 sts+5 ch 2 spaces)

Rnd 2: Ch 1. Sc in each ch 2 space. Join. (5 sts) Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Kitty Tail:

Rnd 1: ch 2. Work 4 sc in 2nd ch from hook. (4 sts) (Place stitch marker, if desired.)

Rnds 2-10: DO NOT JOIN. Continue working 1 sc in each st around. Fasten off, after rnd 10, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Puppy Tail:

Rnd 1: Start with a Magic Circle. Ch 1. Work 4 sc in ring. DO NOT JOIN. Pull ring tight. (4 sts) (Place stitch marker, if desired.)

Rnd 2: *Work 2 sc in next st, sc in next st*, 2 times. (6 sts)

Rnds 3-4: Sc in each st around. (6 sts)

Rnd 5: *Work 2 sc in next st, sc in each of the next 2 sts*, 2 times. Sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Assembly:

Create head, body, arms/legs, ears, and tail (if applicable). For best results, do not stuff ears. Simply squish them flat, and mold them with your fingers. Sew ears to sides of head, near top. Sew arms and legs in desired positions on body. Sew body to head. Sew tail to center back of body, near bottom.

Other Ideas: Add a few jingle bells while stuffing to make a fun rattle. Add a little catnip for an awesome cat toy. Add loops for hanging to make cute ornaments. Fill with beans or plastic pellets for "hacky-sack" toys.

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Simple color changes open the way for new varieties of animals, too! Try a black and white bear (Panda!) or stitch a little square-ish nose on a tan bear (Koala!) Change the kitty to orange and black stripes (Tiger!) or make the puppy white, with black spots (Dalmation!)