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Cherry the Beagle



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Cherry the Beagle

(also known as Cher-bear, Bear-bear, and Chubby Girl)



Cherry was my family's well loved, always happy, always smiling, fatty pants beagle. She died early in the morning on June 27th, 2008. This is our memorial tribute to her. I realize your beagle most likely does not look like her. She had unique coloring, and was called a red beagle. You may feel free to change the colors to make it look more like your beagle. ☺

Pattern difficulty: Medium (I assume you already know how to crochet, how to crochet in the round, how to read a pattern and how to sew pieces together.)

Supplies:

- ✓ Size G hook (will make approx. 6" dog)
- ✓ Scrap balls of worsted weight yarn (such as Red Heart Super Saver yarn):
 - o Black
 - o White
 - o Brown
 - o A small amount of red (for tongue and collar)
- ✓ 6 mm black safety eyes
- ✓ Marbles or something to weight the feet
- ✓ Polyfil

Gauge is unimportant for this project.

Terms:

sc = single crochet

dc = double crochet

inc. = increase (two sc in same stitch)

dec. = decrease (crochet two stitches together)

Work even = sc in each sc in the round

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NOTES:

1) This dog is worked in the round. I join rounds and I sc in the same space as joining, so I'm assuming that at the end of each round you are slip stitching to the first stitch of that round and that you chain 1 to start the next round. You can work in spirals if that's easier for you; just remember to mark your rounds. You want your stitches tight and close together so the stuffing doesn't show through later on.

2) To start each piece you can chain 2 and work your 6 stitches into the 2nd stitch from the hook, or you can use the Magic Adjustable Loop (highly recommended!!!) found here (http://www.crochetme.com/Dec_Jan_0405/reads_round.html).

3) For this particular pattern, there are a lot of little parts. I've found that when you start a round with fewer than 6 stitches, you can end up with a bulge or hole in the second round. Or at least, I do... So on these parts, I've instructed you to "sc in each sc around, including the slip stitch from the previous round," which may be confusing. What I mean by this is to go ahead and crochet in the last stitch on the round, the one that you made when you slip stitched to the first round. This stitch is usually skipped. You will have one extra stitch in that round, but you are supposed to on these parts. You could just put 2 sc in the last sc (increase in the last sc) if that works better for you, or makes more sense.

4) On the main part of the body, starting in row 7, you're going to be changing colors mid-row and using up to 3 colors in one row. I recommend you carry all colors of yarn around each row, holding only the color you are currently using in your left hand, and catching the color(s) you are not using inside the piece with the color you are currently using. Rows 16 – 26 are the rows with 3 colors. If you are not catching the unused colors with the current color, it's going to make it hard to stuff the polyfil into the body later on.

The Pattern

A = Black

B = Brown

W = White

The Head and Body		
Row	Instructions	Stitches
1	Start using A (black) Ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook	6
2	sc in each sc around, including the slip stitch from the previous round	7
3	Cut A and start using W (white) Sc in 6 sc, 2 sc in last stitch	8
4	Sc in each sc, 2 sc in last sc (increase)	9
5	Work even	9
6	*sc in next 2 sc, inc. in next sc* around	12
7	W 1 inc in same as joining, 5 sc, B 1 inc, W 5 sc, 1 inc in last	15
8	W sc in first 6 sc, B inc in next 2 sc, W 1 inc, sc in last 6 sc	18
9-11	Work even (sc in each sc around) W 2 sc, B 14 sc, W 2 sc	18
12	W inc in first 3 sc, B 12 sc, W inc in last 3 sc	24
13	<i>You won't need brown for 3 rows – you can cut it off or let it hang there.</i> W sc in first 9 sc, *dec* 3 times, sc in last 9 sc **Place safety eyes now, if you're using them, in between rows 7 & 8, near the brown forehead, as shown in the pictures. Then stuff the nose since you won't be able to get to it later on.**	21
14	W 2 sc in first sc (same as joining), sc in next 18 sc, inc. in last 2 sc	24
15	W work even	24
16	In this row you'll use brown and black, along with the white. W 2 sc, B 8 sc, W 1 sc, 2 inc, A 1 sc, B 8 sc, W 2 sc Stuff the head firmly now. Stuff the body as you go along.	26
17	Work even W 2 sc, B 10 sc, W 3 sc, A 3 sc, B 5 sc, W 3 sc	26
18	Work even W 3 sc, B 4 sc, A 4 sc, B 5 sc, A 2 sc, B 6 sc, W 2 sc	26
19	Work even W 3 sc, B 5 sc, A 3 sc, B 5 sc, A 4 sc, B 4 sc, W 2 sc	26
20	Work even W 4 sc, B 6 sc, A 1 sc, B 5 sc, A 1 sc, B 6 sc, W 3 sc	26
21	W 3 sc, B 10 sc, inc in next 2 sc, 1 sc A 2 sc, B 8 sc You're done with the black now, you can cut it off and weave it in. ☺	28
22	W 7 sc, B 3 sc, 1 inc, 10 sc, 1 inc, 6 sc	30
23	Work even W 9 sc, B 21 sc	30

24	Work even W 11 sc, B 17 sc, W 2 sc	30
25	Work even W 10 sc, B 18 sc, W 2 sc You're done with the white now, woo-hoo, cut it off and weave it in.	30
26	The remaining rows are done all in brown. <i>If you haven't been doing it before, start stuffing the body, and if you have, stuff it more! Make it firm, but not so the stitches are stretched out.</i> *sc in 3 sc, 1 dec* around	24
27	*2 sc, 1 dec* around	16
28	*Decrease over 2 sc* around **Stuff more of the body at this point.**	8
	Bind off, leaving an 8" tail. Thread the tail through the remaining stitches and pull it tight to close up the hole. Tuck the tail under several stitches and cut off the tail.	

	Mouth and Tongue	
Mouth	*Using white* Chain 3, and in second chain from hook, make 6 double crochets. Bind off (do NOT join to the first stitch) and leave a long tail.	
Tongue	*Using red* Chain 2, in second chain from hook, make 1 sc. Bind off, leaving a small tail and do your best to weave the ends into that tiny piece.	
	Use the starting tail from the mouth to sew the tongue inside the mouth piece. Use the bind off tail to sew the mouth piece under the face of the dog between rows 7 & 8 (see pictures below for better detail.)	

	Ears (make 2)	
Rows	Instructions Ears are done all in brown	Stitches
1	Ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook	6
2	sc in each sc around, including the slip stitch from the previous round	7
3 – 6	Work even	7
7	1 dec, 3 sc, 1 dec	5
	Bind off, leaving a long tail so you can sew the ears to the head later on. The ears will go even with the eyes in the brown section of the head.	

	Front Legs (make 2)	
Rows	Instructions	Stitches
1	*Start using black* Ch 2, 8 sc in second chain from hook	8
2	*Cut black, and finish the rest of the leg with white* Work even (sc in each sc in the round)	8
3	*2 sc, 1 dec* around <i>(if using a marble in the foot for weight, put it in now, before you join the round.)</i>	6
4	Work even (sc in each sc around)	6
5	sc in first 5 sc, inc in last sc	7
6	Work even	7
	Bind off, leaving a long tail so you can sew the legs to the body later on. To weight the dog (so she doesn't tip onto her nose when she's standing up later on) cram a marble, or some other weight, into the foot section. I used small glass marbles I found in the floral section of my local craft store for this project, but I've also used marbles I found on my kids bedroom floors for other projects. Stuff the little bit of leg that is left with Polyfil.	

	Back Right Leg	
Row	Instruction	Stitches
1	*Start using black* Ch 2, 9 sc in second chain from hook	9
2	*Cut black, and begin using white* Work even (sc in each sc in the round)	9
3	*1 sc, 1 dec* around <i>(if using the marble for weight, put it in before joining this round)</i>	6
4	Work even	6
5	*Cut white, and begin using brown* *2 sc, 1 inc* around	8
6	Work even	8
	Bind off, leaving a long tail so you can sew the leg to the body later on. This leg goes on the right side of the dog, and should line up with brown stitches on the body.	

	Back Left Leg	
Row	Instruction	Stitches
1	*Start using black* Ch 2, 9 sc in second chain from hook	9
2	*Cut black, and begin using white. The rest of this leg will be white.* Work even (sc in each sc in the round)	9
3	*1 sc, 1 dec* around <i>(if using the marble for weight, put it in before joining this round)</i>	6
4	Work even	6
5	*2 sc, 1 inc* around	8
6	Work even	8
	Bind off, leaving a long tail so you can sew the leg to the body later on. This leg goes on the left side of the dog, and should line up with the white stitches on the left side of her body.	

Tail		
Rows	Instruction	Stitches
1	* Start using white* Ch 2, 4 sc in second chain from hook	4
2	sc in each sc around, including the slip stitch from the previous round	5
3	Work even (sc in each sc in the round)	5
4	*Cut white and begin using brown.* sc in each sc around, increasing in the last stitch	6
5 – 7	Work even	6
	Bind off, leaving a tail long enough to sew the tail to the body later on. Stuff the tail firmly, using the eraser end of a pencil, or a big crochet hook to get the stuffing into the tip of the tail.	

Collar
Start using red Chain 25, leaving a bit of a tail when you make the slip knot. Starting in the second chain from hook, slip stitch into each chain across the row. Bind off, leaving a bit of a tail. Place the collar around the dog's neck, using the two yarn tails to attach both ends. Knot it and weave the ends in.

Putting It All Together

Please use these pictures to help you put your beagle together



