

rainbow bunny

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Make a floppy-eared bunny for spring!

Crochet a bright bunny to delight someone special—even you! Make with jointed arms, legs, and ears so he is easy to pose. What a character!

SKILL: 2 **TIME:** 3 **COST:** 2

GUAGE

Gauge is not critical for this project. However, the tighter the crochet stitches, the less stuffing will show through the stitches.

STITCHES USED

Chain (ch)
Single crochet (sc)
Slip stitch (slip st)

SPECIAL TERM

sc2tog: (Single crochet 2 together) Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, (2 loops on hook), insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through all three loops on hook.

- Bunny is worked in continuous rounds—do not join and do not turn at the ends of rounds. Place a stitch marker to indicate the beginning of rounds and move marker as each round is worked.
- Firmly stuff bunny as work progresses. Stuff arms and legs approximately every 12 rounds.



Stuff body when completed. Stuff head before fastening off. Do not stuff ears.

- To change colors, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over, yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook, drop old color. Tie ends of two colors together inside piece and carry unused colors loosely up inside of piece.
- When adding fringe to the tail, you may choose to use a latch hook instead of the larger crochet hook.
- Follow the color sequences specified, or create your own custom striping sequence changing colors as you like.

BODY

With C, chain 2.

Round 1: 6 sc in second ch from hook—6 sc.

Round 2: 2 sc in each st around—12 sts.

Round 3: [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times—18 sts.

Round 4: [2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times—24 sts.

Round 5: [Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times; change to D in last st—30 sts.

Round 6: With D, sc in next 2 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts] 5 times, 2 sc in next st, sc in last 2 sts—36 sts.

Round 7: [Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times—42 sts.

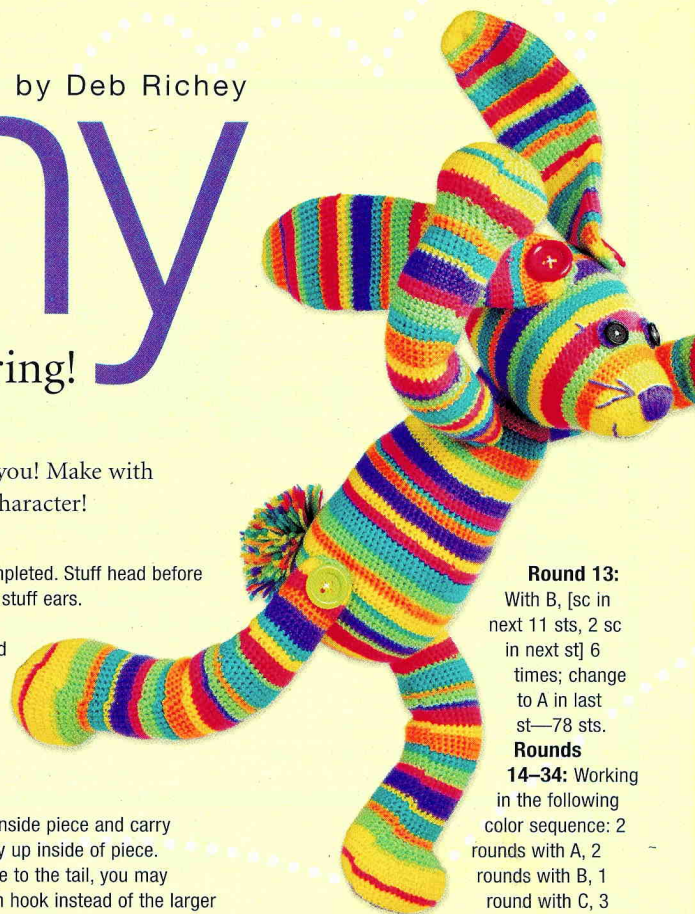
Round 8: Sc in next 3 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts] 5 times, 2 sc in next st, sc in last 3 sts; change to E in last st—48 sts.

Round 9: With E, [sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times; change to F in last st—54 sts.

Round 10: With F, sc in next 4 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts] 5 times, 2 sc in next st, sc in last 4 sts—60 sts.

Round 11: [Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times—66 sts.

Round 12: Sc in next 5 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts] 5 times, 2 sc in next st, sc in last 5 sts; change to B in last st—72 sts.



Round 13:

With B, [sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times; change to A in last st—78 sts.

Rounds

14–34: Working in the following color sequence: 2 rounds with A, 2 rounds with B, 1 round with C, 3 rounds with E, 2

rounds with D, 3 rounds with B, 4 rounds with C, 2 rounds with F, 2 rounds with E; sc in each st around. At end of last round, change to A in last st.

Rounds 35–63: Working in the following color sequence: 3 rounds with A, 2 rounds with D, 1 round with C, 2 rounds with F, 3 rounds with A, 3 rounds with E, 2 rounds with B, 4 rounds with D, 4 rounds with C, 3 rounds with F, 2 rounds with A; sc in each st around, working one sc2tog in round (take care to work the decrease in a different place in each round)—49 sts.

Slip st in next st. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing head to body.

HEAD

With E, chain 2.

Rounds 1–7: With E, work Rounds 1–7 of Body—42 sts.

Rounds 8–11: Sc in each st around; change to D in last st of last round.

Rounds 12–15: With D, sc in each st around; change to B in last st of last round.

Round 16: With B, sc in next 3 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts] 5 times, 2 sc in next st, sc in last 3 sts—48 sts.

Round 17: Sc in each st around.

Round 18: [Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times; change to F in last st—54 sts.

Round 19: With F, sc in each st around.

Round 20: Sc in next 4 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc

in next 8 sts] 5 times, 2 sc in next st, sc in last 4 sts—60 sts.

Round 21: Sc in each st around.

Round 22: [Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times; change to E in last st—66 sts.

Round 23: With E, sc in each st around.

Round 24: Sc in next 5 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts] 5 times, 2 sc in next st, sc in last 5 sts—72 sts.

Round 25: Sc in each st around; change to C in last st.

Round 26: With C, [sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times—78 sts.

Rounds 27 and 28: Sc in each st around. At end of last round, change to B.

Rounds 29–41: Working in the following color sequence: 2 rounds with B, 4 rounds with A, 2 rounds with D, 3 rounds with C, 2 rounds with E; sc in each st around. At end of last round, change to F in last st.

Round 42: With F, [sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog] 6 times—72 sts.

Round 43: Sc in each st around.

Round 44: [Sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog] 6 times—66 sts.

Round 45: Sc in each st around; change to A in last st.

Round 46: With A, [sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog] 6 times—60 sts.

Round 47: Sc in each st around.

Round 48: [Sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog] 6 times; change to D in last st—54 sts.

Round 49: With D, sc in each st around.

Round 50: [Sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog] 6 times; change to B in last st—48 sts.

Round 51: With B, sc in next 3 sts, [sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts] 5 times, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts—42 sts.

Round 52: [Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog] 6 times—36 sts.

Round 53: Sc in next 2 sts, [sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts] 5 times, sc2tog, sc in last 2 sts—30 sts.

Round 54: [Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog] 6 times; change to C in last st—24 sts.

Round 55: With C, [sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog] 6 times—18 sts.

Round 56: [Sc in next st, sc2tog] 6 times—12 sts.

Round 57: [Sc2tog] 6 times—6 sts.

Round 58: [Skip next st, slip st in next st] 3 times—3 slip sts.

Fasten off.

LEG (make 2)

With E, ch 2.

Rounds 1–11: Work Rounds 1–11 of Body and follow color sequence: 4 rounds with E, 1 round with A, 4 rounds with E, 1 round with F, 1 round with E—66 sts.

Rounds 12–14: With E, sc in each st around; change to B in last st.

Round 15: With B, [sc2tog] 20 times, sc in next 26 sts—46 sts.

Round 16: Sc in each st around.

Round 17: [Sc2tog] 10 times, sc in next 26

sts—36 sts.

Round 18: Sc in each st around; change to D in last st.

Rounds 19–48: Working in the following color sequence: 2 rounds with D, 3 rounds with C, 1 round with E, 4 rounds with A, 2 rounds with F, 3 rounds with B, 2 rounds with C, 4 rounds with D, 2 rounds with E, 3 rounds with F, 1 round with A, 2 rounds with B, 1 round with D; sc in each st around. At end of last round, change to C in last st.

Round 49: With C, [sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog] 3

times—33

sts.

Rounds

50–52: Sc in each st around; change to B in last st.

Round 53: With B, sc in each st around; change to F in last st.

Round 54: With F, [sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog] 3 times—30 sts.

Rounds 55 and 56: Sc in each st around; change to E in last st of last round.

Rounds 57 and 58: With E, sc in each st around; change to C in last st of last round.

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You will need:

- Yarn*: Simply Soft Brites (6 oz skeins): #9610 Grape (A), 3 oz; #9607 Limelight (B), 4 oz; #9608 Blue Mint (C), 4 oz; #9605 Mango (D), 3 oz; #9606 Lemonade (E), 4 oz; #9604 Watermelon (F), 4 oz
- Crochet hooks*: size G-6 and J-10 or size to obtain gauge
- Stitch markers
- Polyester fiberfill
- Six 1 1/4" buttons
- 6" upholstery needle (for jointed arms, legs, and ears)
- Size 10 crochet cotton (for jointed arms, legs, and ears)
- Yarn needle
- **Optional:** Latch hook



*The following products were used for this project: Caron International Simply Soft Brites yarn • Blumenthal Lansing Favorite Findings Big Fun Buttons.

Note: For product information, see page 72 or creativehomeartsclub.com.



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Round 59: With C,

[sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog] 3 times—27 sts.

Round 60: Sc in each st around; change to A in last st.

Rounds 61–63: Sc in each st around.

Round 64: [Sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog] 3 times; change to D in last st—24 sts.

Rounds 65–68: Sc in each st around and follow color sequence: 2 rounds with D, 2 rounds with F.

Round 69: With F, [sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog] 3 times; change to E in last st—21 sts.

Rounds 70–73: With E, sc in each st around; change to B in last st of last round.

Round 74: With B, [sc in next st, sc2tog] 7 times—14 sts.

Round 75: [Sc2tog] around—7 sts.

Round 76: [Skip next, slip st in next st] 3 times, skip last st.

Fasten off.

ARM (make 2)

With E, chain 2.

Rounds 1–9: Work Rounds 1–9 of Body and follow color sequence: 3 rounds with E, 1 round with B, 3 rounds with E, 1 round with C, 1 round with E—54 sts.

Rounds 10 and 11: With E, sc in each st around; change to F in last st of last round.

Rounds 12–15: Work Rounds 50–53 of Head in the following color sequence: 3 rounds with F, 1 round with B—30 sts.

Rounds 16–58: Working in the following color sequence: 3 rounds with B, 2 rounds with D, 3 rounds with C, 1 round with E, 4 rounds with A, 2 rounds with F, 3 rounds with B, 2 rounds with C, 4 rounds with D, 2 rounds with E, 3 rounds with F, 1 round with A, 2 rounds with B, 1 round with D, 4 rounds with C, 1 round with B, 3 rounds with F, 2 rounds with E; sc in each st around. At end of last round, change to C in last st.

Rounds 59–76: Work Rounds 59–76 of Leg in the following color sequence: 2 rounds with C, 4 rounds with A, 2 rounds with D, 3 rounds with F, 3 rounds with E, 4 rounds with B. Fasten off.

EAR (make 2)

With E, chain 2.

Rounds 1–4: With E, work Rounds 1–4 of Body; change to B in last st of last round—24 sts.

Rounds 5–10: Working in the following color sequence: 2 rounds with B, 4 rounds with D; sc in each st around. At end of last round, change to A in last st.

Round 11: With A, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 6 times; change to F in last st—30 sts.

Round 12: With F, sc in each st around.

Round 13: [Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times—36 sts.

Round 14: Sc in each st around; change to B in last st.

Rounds 15–39: Working in the following color sequence: 2 rounds with B, 4 rounds with C, 1 round with D, 3 rounds with F, 2 rounds with E, 1 round with B, 4 rounds with A, 2 rounds with C, 2

rounds with D, 4 rounds with B; sc in each st around. At end of last round, change to F in last st.

Round 40: With F, sc in each st around, working one sc2tog in round—35 sts.

Round 41: Sc in each st around; change to E in last st.

Rounds 42–63: Repeat Rounds 40 and 41 (take care to work the decrease in a different place in each round) in the following color sequence: 4 rounds with E, 1 round with D, 3 rounds with C, 3 rounds with B, 1 round with A, 4 rounds with F, 2 rounds with C, 4 rounds with D—24 sts.

Round 64–67: Work Rounds 55–58 of Head in the following color sequence: 1 round with E, 3 rounds with B.

Fasten off.

TAIL

Note: Work stitches in back loops only throughout tail.

With E, ch 2.

Rounds 1–4: Work Rounds 1–4 of Body—24 sts. Slip st in next st. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Fringes: Cut sixty 5"/12.5 cm lengths from a mixture of all the colors. Fold one strand in half, forming a loop. Insert larger crochet hook in any st of Round 4 and draw loop of folded strand through st. Draw cut ends of strand through loop and pull gently to tighten. Repeat in every st of tail. Trim to shape tail.

EYE (make 2)

With A, ch 2.

Rounds 1 and 2: Work Rounds 1 and 2 of body—12 sts.

Slip st in next st. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

FINISH

Sew head to top of body. Add more stuffing to body before sewing completely closed. Arms, legs, and ears can simply be sewn to body or attached with buttons to create joints. Select one of the following methods:

For sewn-on arms, legs, & ears:

Use yarn needle and matching colored yarn to sew arms on both sides near top of body (Round 55). Sew legs on both sides of lower body (Round 18). Sew ears on both sides of head (Round 35). Sew buttons to top of ears, arms, and legs. Sew tail to back of body between legs.

For jointed arms, legs, & ears:

Place a button on top of arm. Use upholstery needle and size 10 crochet thread to sew directly through button, arm, body, opposite arm, and opposite button. Working through next hole of opposite button, again sew directly through button, arm, body, opposite arm, and opposite button. Repeat this process, working through body 4–6 times. Secure ends of thread behind first button and hide ends inside body. Repeat this process to attach legs and ears. Sew eyes to head and embroider face with A. See photos for placement.

Use yarn needle to weave in all ends. 