

B itsy the Ballerina Bear



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Keep creating cuteness with stitches!

With love,

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Amigurumi Treasures 1 and 2

PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS: This pattern is written using US terminology and is worked in continuous rounds unless otherwise stated. If made with the materials described, Bitsy the ballerina bear will be 15 cm or 6 inches tall from the top of her head to her outstretched feet. Note that she is designed to sit.

SKILL LEVEL: Beginner (with some crochet experience)

MATERIALS REQUIRED (DESCRIPTIONS IN BRACKETS INDICATE THOSE USED IN THE PICTURED EXAMPLES):

1. Yarn - Krea Deluxe Organic Cotton. For the blue bear: Colour 04 or Yellow, Colour 18 or Brown, Colour 25 or Blue. For the pink bear: Colour 04 or Yellow, Colour 18 or Brown, Colour 08 or Pink. One ball of each colour will suffice
2. Crochet hook in accordance with the yarn you use (2.5 mm hook)
3. Fibrefill / toy stuffing
4. Dark Brown (#3371, for eyes) and Brown (#08, for nose) embroidery thread (DMC Six Strand Cotton Thread)
5. Stitch markers, darning and embroidery needles
6. Cosmetic blusher with brush

ABBREVIATIONS: BLO = back loop only | ch = chain | dc = double crochet | dc-inc = double crochet increase | dec = decrease | hdc = half double crochet | hdc-inc = hdc increase | inc = increase | rnd = round | sc = single crochet | sl st = slip stitch | st = stitch

A VERY QUICK GUIDE TO THE CROCHET STITCHES USED IN THIS PATTERN:

1. Chain (ch): Insert hook, yarn over, pull loop through loop on hook.
2. Ch-2-picot: Ch 2, insert hook into the 2nd ch from hook, yarn over, draw yarn through stitch and through the loop on hook.
3. Double crochet (dc): Yarn over, insert hook, yarn over, pull loop through stitch (there should be 3 loops on hook), yarn over, pull loop through both loops left on hook (there should be 2 loops left on hook), yarn over, pull loop through remaining loop on hook.
4. Double crochet increase (dc-inc): Work two double crochets into the same stitch.
5. Decrease (dec): I prefer the “invisible” decrease. For this, insert hook into front loop of first stitch (from the front and under). Repeat into front loop of next stitch. Yarn over and pull loop through two loops on hook, yarn over and pull loop through two loops on hook.
6. Half double crochet (hdc): Yarn over, insert hook, yarn over, pull loop through stitch (there should be 3 loops on hook), yarn over, pull loop through all three loops on the hook.
7. Half double crochet increase (hdc-inc): Work two half double crochets into the same stitch.
8. Increase (inc): Work two single crochets into the same stitch.
9. Magic ring: Wrap yarn around fingers to form a loop. Insert hook through middle of loop. Pull working end of yarn through ring and chain the required number of stitches through. Pull the yarn ends to close the loop.
10. Single crochet (sc): Insert hook, yarn over, pull loop through stitch (there should be 2 loops on hook), yarn over, pull loop through both loops on hook.
11. Slip stitch (sl st): Insert hook, yarn over, pull loop through stitch and loop on hook.

MUZZLE (IN COLOUR 18, BROWN)

Starting from the centre of the muzzle.

Rnd 1: Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: Inc in all 6 st [12]

Rnd 3: Sc in next st, inc in next st, hdc in next st, hdc-inc in next st, sc in next st, inc in each of next 2 st, sc in next st, hdc-inc in next st, hdc in next st, inc in next st, sc in next st [18]

Mark the 5th/6th and 13th/14th stitches of round 3 with spare pieces of yarn. These will help centre the embroidery of the nose.

Sl st in next st. Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing the muzzle to the head.

With all six strands of the brown embroidery thread, sew the nose over rounds 2 and 3 of the muzzle. The base of the nose should be 1 stitch wide, whilst the top of the nose should be 4 stitches wide (Picture 1). Remove the yarn markers from round 3 after sewing the nose.

HEAD (IN COLOUR 18, BROWN)

Starting from the top of the head.

Rnd 1: Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: Inc in all 6 st [12]

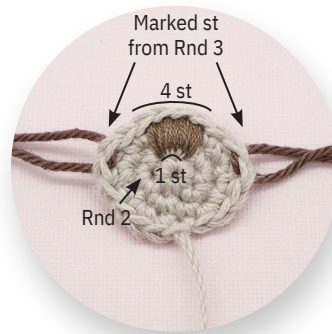
Rnd 3: (Sc in next st, inc in next st) x 6 [18]

Rnd 4: (Sc in each of next 2 st, inc in next st) x 6 [24]

Rnd 5: (Sc in each of next 3 st, inc in next st) x 6 [30]

Rnd 6: (Sc in each of next 4 st, inc in next st) x 6 [36]

Rnd 7: (Sc in each of next 5 st, inc in next st) x 6 [42]



PICTURE 1



PICTURE 2

Rnd 8: (Sc in each of next 6 st, inc in next st) x 6 [48]

Rnd 9: (Sc in each of next 7 st, inc in next st) x 6 [54]

Rnd 10-18: Sc in all 54 st [54]

Rnd 19: (Sc in each of next 7 st, dec) x 6 [48]

Rnd 20: (Sc in each of next 6 st, dec) x 6 [42]

Rnd 21: (Sc in each of next 5 st, dec) x 6 [36]

Rnd 22: (Sc in each of next 4 st, dec) x 6 [30]

Rnd 23: (Sc in each of next 3 st, dec) x 6 [24]

With all six strands of the dark brown embroidery thread, sew the eyes with 2 overlapping vertical stitches (Picture 2). The base of each eye starts between rounds 16 and 17, 9 stitches apart. The top of each eye finishes in the middle of round 15 (pierce the fabric for this). Start stuffing the head firmly with fibrefill and continue to stuff as you crochet the rest of the head.

Rnd 24: (Sc in each of next 2 st, dec) x 6 [18]

Rnd 25: (Sc in next st, dec) x 6 [12]

Finish stuffing the head firmly with fibrefill.

Rnd 26: Dec x 6 [6]

Sl st in next st and fasten off, leaving a long tail. After Rnd 26, thread the tail through a needle. Weave the needle through the front loop of each of the 6 st, always going in the direction from the centre and under the front loop. Pull the yarn tail and the hole should close. Insert the needle through the middle of the hole and pull through the head. Fasten off, weave the yarn tail in.

BODY

(START IN COLOUR 25, BLUE OR COLOUR 08, PINK)

Starting from the base of the body.

Rnd 1: Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: Inc in all 6 st [12]

Rnd 3: (Sc in next st, inc in next st) x 6 [18]

Rnd 4: (Sc in each of next 2 st, inc in next st) x 6 [24]

Rnd 5: (Sc in each of next 3 st, inc in next st) x 6 [30]

Rnd 6: (Sc in each of next 4 st, inc in next st) x 6 [36]

Rnd 7: (Sc in each of next 5 st, inc in next st) x 6 [42]

Rnd 8: (Sc in each of next 6 st, inc in next st) x 6 [48]

Rnd 9: (Sc in each of next 7 st, inc in next st) x 6 [54]

Rnd 10-13: Sc in all 54 st [54]

Rnd 14: Into BLO, (sc in each of next 7 st, dec) x 6 [48]

Rnd 15: Sc in all 48 st [48]

Rnd 16: (Sc in each of next 6 st, dec) x 6 [42]

Rnd 17: Sc in all 42 st [42]

Rnd 18: (Sc in each of next 12 st, dec) x 3 [39]

Rnd 19: Sc in each of next 4 st, dec, (sc in each of next 11 st, dec) x 2, sc in each of next 7 st [36]

Rnd 20: Sc in each of next 7 st, dec, (sc in each of next 10 st, dec) x 2, sc in each of next 3 st [33]

Rnd 21: Sc in each of next 2 st, dec, (sc in each of next 9 st, dec) x 2, sc in each of next 7 st [30]

Rnd 22: Sc in each of next 5 st, dec, (sc in each of next 8 st, dec) x 2, sc in each of next 3 st [27]

After round 22, sc in each of next 2 st. The 2nd extra sc becomes the new end of the round. Change to Colour 18, Brown, yarn.

Rnd 23: Sc in each of next 2 st, dec, (sc in each of next 7 st, dec) x 2, sc in each of next 5 st [24]

Rnd 24: (Sc in each of next 6 st, dec) x 3 [21]



PICTURE 3

Sl st in next st and fasten off. Leave a long tail for sewing the body to the head. Stuff the body firmly with fibrefill.

SKIRT

(IN COLOUR 25, BLUE OR COLOUR 08, PINK)

Starting from the base of the skirt.

Join yarn to the last FLO left from round 13 of the body with the opening of the body pointing towards you (Picture 3).

Rnd 1: Ch 2, starting in the same loop to which the yarn was joined, (dc-inc in next st, 3 dc all in next st) x 27 [135]

Rnd 2: Sl st in the first st of round 1, ch 2, starting in the same st into which the the sl st was made, dc in each of next 135 st [135]

Sl st in the first st of round 2. Fasten off and weave all the yarn tails in.

EAR X 2

(IN COLOUR 18, BROWN)

Starting from the tip of the ear.

Rnd 1: Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: Inc in all 6 st [12]

Rnd 3: (Sc in each of next 3 st, inc in next st) x 3 [15]

Rnd 4: Sc in all 15 st [15]

Do not stuff the ear with fibrefill.

Flatten the opening of the ear and sc in each of next 7 st through both layers to close the opening. Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing the ear to the head.

ARM X 2 (IN COLOUR 18, BROWN)

Starting from the tip of the arm.

Rnd 1: Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: Inc in all 6 st [12]

Rnd 3: (Sc in each of next 3 st, inc in next st) x 3 [15]

Rnd 4: Sc in all 15 st [15]

Rnd 5: Dec x 2, sc in each of next 7 st, dec x 2 [11]

Rnd 6: Dec, sc in each of next 4 st, dec, sc in each of next 3 st [9]

Start stuffing the arm (rounds 1 to 6) firmly with fibrefill.

Continue stuffing the arm as you go but with less fibrefill.

Rnd 7-13: Sc in all 9 st [9]

Rnd 14: Sc in each of next 5 st [5]. Leave the remaining stitches unworked

Flatten the opening of the arm and sc in each of next 4 st through both layers to close the opening. Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing the arm to the body.

LEG X 2

(START IN COLOUR 25, BLUE OR COLOUR 08, PINK)

Starting from the base of the leg.

Ch 8.

Rnd 1: Starting in the 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 6 ch, 3 sc in next ch, *working on the other side of the foundation chain*, sc in each of next 5 ch, inc in next ch [16]

Rnd 2: Inc in next st, sc in each of next 5 st, inc in each of next 3 st, sc in each of next 5 st, inc in each of next 2 st [22]

Rnd 3: Sc in next st, inc in next st, sc in each of next 5 st, (sc in next st, inc in next st) x 3, sc in each of next 5 st, (sc in next st, inc in next st) x 2 [28]

Rnd 4-5: Sc in all 28 st [28]

Rnd 6: Sc in each of next 5 st, (dec, sc in next st) x 6, sc in each of next 5 st [22]

Rnd 7: Sc in each of next 2 st, (dec, sc in next st) x 6, sc in each of next 2 st [16]

Change to Colour 18, Brown, yarn.

Rnd 8: (Sc in each of next 2 st, dec) x 4 [12]

Rnd 9: (Dec, sc in each of next 4 st) x 2 [10]

Start stuffing the foot (rounds 1 to 9) firmly with fibrefill. There is no need to stuff the rest of the leg so that the leg can “dangle” when your bear sits.

Rnd 10-14: Sc in all 10 st [10]

FOR THE RIGHT LEG

Rnd 15: Sc in each of next 5 st [5]. Leave the remaining stitches unworked

FOR THE LEFT LEG

Rnd 15: Sc in each of next 4 st [4]. Leave the remaining stitches unworked

Flatten the opening of the leg and sc in each of next 5 st through both layers to close the opening. Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing the leg to the body.

SLEEVE X 2

(IN COLOUR 25, BLUE OR COLOUR 08, PINK)

Starting from the top of the sleeve.

With a long start yarn tail that will be used to sew the sleeve to the body, ch 10. Work the sleeve in rows.

Row 1: Starting in the 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 2 ch, hdc-inc in next ch, dc-inc in each of next 3 ch, hdc-inc in next ch, sc in each of next 2 ch [14]

Fasten off. Leave a long end yarn tail that will also be used to sew the sleeve to the body.

TAIL

(IN COLOUR 18, BROWN)

Starting from the tip of the tail.

Rnd 1: Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: Inc in all 6 st [12]

Rnd 3: Sc in all 12 st [12]

Rnd 4: (Sc in each of next 2 st, dec) x 3 [9]

Sl st in next st. Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing the tail to the body. Stuff the tail firmly with fibrefill.



PICTURE 4



PICTURE 5



PICTURE 6

TIARA

(IN COLOUR 04, YELLOW)

Starting from the base of the tiara.

With a long start yarn tail that will be used to sew the tiara to the head, ch 10.

Rnd 1: Starting in the 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, inc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in each of next 2 ch, ch-2-picot (Picture 4), dc back in the same ch as the last dc, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, inc in next ch, sc in next ch, *working on the other side of the foundation chain*, sc in each of next 9 ch on the base of the tiara (Picture 5) [22]

Sl st in the first st of round 1 (Picture 6). Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing the tiara to the head.

Ch-2-picot:

Ch 2, insert hook into the 2nd ch from hook, yarn over, draw yarn through stitch and through the loop on the hook

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the muzzle over rounds 16 to 20 of the head, centred between the eyes (Pictures 7, 8). Before sewing the opening between the muzzle and head close, stuff the muzzle with some fibrefill to make the muzzle “puff” (Picture 7). Finish sewing the muzzle to the head (Picture 8).

2. Sew the opening of the body over rounds 24 to 25 of the bottom of the head (Picture 9). Tilt the head slightly if you wish to give your teddy a cuter look.

3. Sew the flat edge of each arm between rounds 23 and 24 of the body. The front corners of the arms should be 7 stitches apart across the front (Picture 10).

4. Sew the ears over rounds 8 to 12 of the head (Picture 11). The top corners of the ears should be 15 stitches apart, whilst the bottom corners should be 22 stitches apart (Picture 12).

5. Sew the legs to the body. The flat edge of each leg should be sewn between rounds 7 and 8 of the body (Picture 13). The inside corners should be 2 stitches apart (Picture 13).

6. Use the start yarn tail of each sleeve (Picture 14) to sew the sleeves to the body, over the arms. The corners of each sleeve should be sewn between rounds 22 and 23 of the body, 6 stitches apart (Picture 15). When the needle comes out of the body, it goes through the first stitch of Row 1 of the sleeve (Picture 16). With the end yarn tail of each sleeve, weave it into the body through where the start yarn tail entered the body (Picture 17).



PICTURE 7



PICTURE 8



PICTURE 9



PICTURE 10



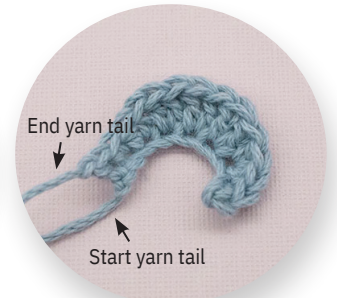
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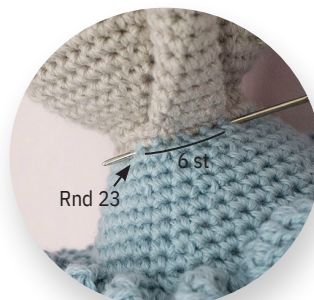
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PICTURE 14



PICTURE 15



PICTURE 16

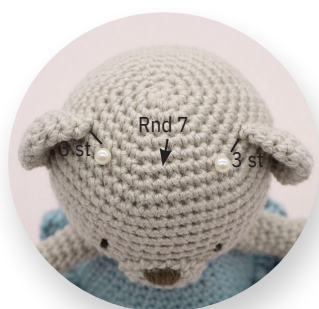


PICTURE 17

7. Using the start yarn tail, sew the base of the tiara between rounds 7 and 8 of the head. Each corner is approximately 3 stitches from the inner corners of the ears (Picture 18). Weave the end yarn tail of the tiara into the head (Picture 19) to finish sewing the tiara to the head (Picture 20).

8. Sew the tail over rounds 8 to 10 of the back of the body, centred between the legs (Picture 21).

9. With the brush, apply some cosmetic blusher to the cheeks on either side of the eyes.



PICTURE 18



PICTURE 19



PICTURE 20



PICTURE 21

*Your Bitsy the ballerina bear
is all finished!*

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and use the hashtag #littleaquagirl*

Thank you for making her.

