Amigurumi Penguin Free Pattern

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A little black and white penguin made in one piece: the body is a single egg shape that is narrow at the top and wide at the bottom, with a flat base so it stands on a shelf. The white belly, wings, beak and feet are tiny pieces sewn on, and a thin red scarf ties around the neck for winter.

It is about 3.5 in / 9 cm tall in DK cotton, and every round has its stitch count.



The penguin in black, white and orange with a red scarf.

Pattern at a glance

- **Skill level:** easy (magic ring, sc in the round, increases and decreases, sewing small pieces)
- **Finished size:** about 3.5 in / 9 cm tall and 2.2 in / 5.7 cm wide
- **Yarn:** DK cotton, about 75 yd / 69 m in total
- **Hook:** 2.5 mm (US B/1–C/2)
- **Time:** about 3 to 4 hours

Materials

- DK cotton in black (A) for the body and wings, about 54 yd / 50 m
- DK cotton in white (B) for the belly, about 6 yd / 6 m
- DK cotton in orange (C) for the beak and feet, about 5 yd / 5 m
- DK cotton in red (D) for the scarf, about 9 yd / 9 m
- 2.5 mm (US B/1–C/2) hook
- two 6 mm black safety eyes
- a small handful of fiberfill
- tapestry needle, stitch marker and pins

Abbreviations (US terms)

• **MR** magic ring · **sc** single crochet · **inc** 2 sc in one stitch · **dec** invisible decrease · **FO** fasten off
• **blo / flo** back loop only / front loop only · **ch** chain · **sl st** slip stitch · **hdc / dc** half double / double crochet

Before you start

• Gauge is 6 sc x 6.5 rounds = 1 in / 2.5 cm. A tight fabric matters more than an exact gauge: the stuffing should not show between the stitches.
• Work in a spiral and move the stitch marker up every round.
• Round 21 is worked in the back loops only. The unused front loops make a ridge and the base turns flat, so the penguin stands.
• For a child under 3, embroider the eyes in black yarn instead of using safety eyes and leave off the scarf fringes. New to safety eyes? Our safety eye guide covers sizes and placement.

The pattern

Body

Color: start with A (black).

Start at the top of the head. The body is one piece from top to base.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** Inc ×6. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** (sc, inc) ×6. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 4:** Sc, inc, (2 sc, inc) ×5, sc. (24)
- [ ] **Rnd 5:** (3 sc, inc) ×6. (30)
- [ ] **Rnd 6:** 2 sc, inc, (4 sc, inc) ×5, 2 sc. (36)
- [ ] **Rnds 7–12:** Sc around. (36)
- [ ] **Rnd 13:** (5 sc, inc) ×6. (42)
- [ ] **Rnds 14–20:** Sc around. (42)
- [ ] **Rnd 21:** BLO (5 sc, dec) ×6. (36)
- [ ] **Rnd 22:** 2 sc, dec, (4 sc, dec) ×5, 2 sc. (30)
- [ ] **Rnd 23:** (3 sc, dec) ×6. (24)
- [ ] **Rnd 24:** Sc, dec, (2 sc, dec) ×5, sc. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 25:** (sc, dec) ×6. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 26:** Dec ×6. (6)

Placement: Eyes: 6 mm safety eyes between R9 and R10, 6 sts apart (insert before R21).

Placement: Belly: top edge on R8, bottom edge on R21, centered under the eyes.

Placement: Beak: between the eyes, on R10-R11.

Placement: Wings: one at each side on R11-R12, flat against the body.

Placement: Feet: at the front of R21, 4 sts apart.

Finish: Stuff firmly after R25, FO and close the hole; R21 in back loops gives a flat base so the penguin stands.

Belly

Color: start with B (white).

An oval worked in rounds around a short chain.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** Sc around. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** Inc, 3 sc, inc ×3, 3 sc, inc ×2. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** Sc, inc, 3 sc, (sc, inc) ×3, 3 sc, (sc, inc) ×2. (24)
- [ ] **Rnd 4:** 2 sc, inc, 3 sc, (2 sc, inc) ×3, 3 sc, (2 sc, inc) ×2. (30)
- [ ] **Rnd 5:** 3 sc, inc, 3 sc, (3 sc, inc) ×3, 3 sc, (3 sc, inc) ×2. (36)

Finish: Ch 6; in the 2nd ch from the hook work 1 sc, sc in the next 3 ch, 3 sc in the last ch, then along the other side sc in the next 3 ch and 2 sc in the last ch (12 sts, an oval); sl st to the next st after R5, FO with a long tail and sew flat onto the front.



All the pieces before sewing.

Wing (make 2)

Color: start with A (black).

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** (sc, inc) ×3. (9)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** (2 sc, inc) ×3. (12)
- [ ] **Rnds 4–8:** Sc around. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 9:** (2 sc, dec) ×3. (9)
- [ ] **Rnds 10–11:** Sc around. (9)

Finish: FO, do not stuff, flatten and sew on by the open edge.

Beak

Color: start with C (orange).

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 4 sc in MR. (4)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** (sc, inc) ×2. (6)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** (2 sc, inc) ×2. (8)

Finish: FO with a long tail, stuff with a pinch of fiberfill, sew on point forward.

Foot (make 2)

Color: start with C (orange).

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** Inc ×6. (12)
- [ ] **Rnds 3–4:** Sc around. (12)

Finish: FO, flatten, sew on by the open edge so the round ends stick out in front.

Scarf

Color: start with D (red).

- [ ] **Row 1:** Sc across. (60)
- [ ] **Rows 2–3:** Ch 1 turn, sc across. (60)

Finish: Ch 61 and work R1 into the 2nd ch from the hook; FO, tie around R12 and knot at the side; add 3 short fringes at each end.

Assembly

1. **Belly:** pin the oval on the front with its top edge on round 8 (just under the eyes) and its bottom edge on round 21. Sew around the edge with small stitches so it lies flat.
2. **Beak:** sew it between the eyes on rounds 10 and 11, point forward. It overlaps the top of the belly a little.
3. **Wings:** sew one at each side on rounds 11 and 12, flat against the body, tips pointing down.
4. **Feet:** sew them at the front of round 21, 4 stitches apart, so the rounded ends stick out in front.
5. **Scarf:** wrap it around round 12, cross the ends at one side and tie a loose knot. Add 3 short fringes to each end if you like.

Tips

- **Keep it standing:** stuff the bottom half firmly and push the base flat with your thumb before you close the top.
- **Bigger penguin:** the same pattern in worsted yarn with a 3.5 mm hook comes out about 4.25 in / 11 cm tall.
- **Other colors:** navy or charcoal instead of black shows the stitches better, and a scarf in any leftover yarn makes each penguin a little different.

FAQ

Why does my penguin fall over?

The base is not flat enough. Make sure round 21 is in the back loops, stuff the bottom firmly and close the hole tightly so the base does not bulge.

Can I make it a keychain?

Yes. Leave off the scarf fringes, stuff it a bit less and sew a keyring loop into the top of the head. At 3.5 in / 9 cm it is a large keychain; DK cotton with a 2 mm hook makes it a little smaller.

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