Crochet Animal Patterns

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These are the crochet animal patterns on the site so far, twenty of them, from a palm-sized cat to a cat plush you can hug. Most are amigurumi in DK cotton with a 2.5 mm hook, so one bag of yarn covers a whole shelf of animals. Each pattern counts the stitches at the end of every round, and the full ones come with a printable PDF.

Nineteen link to their own pattern page. The last one, a little grey mouse, is written out in full at the end of this post.



A mouse, a cat, an elephant and a Highland cow from the list below.

How to pick your first animal

- **Never made amigurumi?** Start with the forest creature or the mouse. Both are one main piece with almost nothing to sew.
- **Made a ball or two?** Any of the 9 cm sitting animals. They share the same build: a round head, a pear-shaped body, small limbs, and one feature (ears, trunk, horns) that makes the animal.
- **Want something big and soft?** The chenille cat plush, worked with a 5 mm hook.

New to the stitches? Amigurumi for beginners walks through a first toy, and the magic ring guide covers the start every pattern here uses.

Sitting animals (about 3.5 in / 9 cm)

1. Grey cat

Six simple pieces: a big round head, a pear-shaped body, two flat ears, arms, legs and a long thin tail. The head is wider than the body, which is what makes it look like a kitten.

Quick facts: Head 36 stitches at the widest, about 62 m / 67 yd of DK cotton, about 3 hours.

Get the cat pattern →

2. Floppy-ear puppy

A sitting puppy with long floppy ears sewn low at the sides, a round cream muzzle and a short tail that points up.

Quick facts: About 69 m / 75 yd of DK cotton, about 3 hours.

Get the puppy pattern →

3. Sausage dog

A standing dachshund with a long 24-stitch body tube, four stubby legs, floppy ears and a little red collar.

Quick facts: About 3.2 in / 8 cm long, about 65 m / 71 yd of DK cotton.

Get the sausage dog pattern →

4. Little dragon

Green body, cream belly, two little horns, mustard wings and a cone tail that curls to one side. The details are small cones and flat circles sewn on at the end.

Quick facts: About 60 m / 66 yd of DK cotton, 3 to 4 hours.

Get the dragon pattern →

5. Dinosaur

A round, friendly dino in teal with a big yellow belly and a row of orange spikes from the head down to the tail.

Quick facts: About 58 m / 63 yd of DK cotton, about 3.5 hours.

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6. Pony

A sitting pony with a shaggy mane brushed to one side and darker hooves. The oval snout, sewn low and sticking out, is what makes it a horse.

Quick facts: About 63 m / 69 yd of DK cotton, about 3.5 hours.

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7. Black and white cow

A pink muzzle, short cream horns, ears that stick out sideways and flat patches you place wherever you like.

Quick facts: About 67 m / 73 yd of DK cotton, about 3.5 hours.

Get the cow pattern →

8. Highland cow

A simple sitting toy under a shaggy rust fringe, with two long curved horns and a cream muzzle. The fringe is knotted on like tassels.

Quick facts: About 65 m / 71 yd of DK cotton, about 4 hours.

Get the Highland cow pattern →

9. Baby elephant

Big round ears with pink centers, a short trunk that curls up and a tiny tufted tail.

Quick facts: Ears about 1.3 in / 3.2 cm across, about 64 m / 70 yd of DK cotton.

Get the elephant pattern →

Bigger, flatter or different

10. Chenille cat plush

The same shapes as the small cat, scaled up in thick chenille yarn with a 5 mm hook. It works up fast and is big enough to hug.

Quick facts: About 10 in / 25 cm tall sitting, about 4 hours.

Get the cat plush pattern →

11. Granny square bear

Two granny squares sewn together and lightly stuffed, with round ears, a muzzle and two eyes. Half pillow, half toy.

Quick facts: About 3.5 in / 9 cm square, about 21 m / 23 yd of DK cotton.

Get the granny square bear pattern →

12. Knitted bunny

The one knitted animal here: a flat stockinette rectangle sewn into a tube, stuffed and tied at the neck. No double-pointed needles.

Quick facts: About 5 in / 13 cm tall, 3.25 mm needles, about 2 hours.

Get the knitted bunny pattern →

13. Forest creature

One egg-shaped body with big eyes, a leaf on top and two tiny feet. No head to attach and no limbs.

Quick facts: About 2.5 in / 6 cm tall, about 1.5 hours.

Get the forest creature pattern →

Tiny animals (keychain and pocket size)

These six are small balls with one or two details, written as stitch counts in our keychain and no-sew collections.

14. Bumble bee

A yellow ball with two black stripes worked in, French knot eyes and two tiny flat wings.

Quick facts: Rounds 6, 12, 18, then 18 for six rounds (two in black), 12, 6.

See the keychain patterns →

15. Chick

A yellow ball with an orange beak and three yarn loops on top. A bigger chick is the practice pattern in our what is amigurumi guide.

Quick facts: Rounds 6, 12, 18, then 18 for five rounds, 12, 6.

See the keychain patterns →

16. Octopus

A pink ball with eight curly legs. Each leg is a chain of 12 with 2 sc in every chain on the way back, so it twists by itself.

Quick facts: Head rounds 6, 12, 18, then 18 for five rounds, 12, 6; legs ch 12 each.

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17. Whale

A blue ball, a little wider than tall, with a white belly worked in, a flat tail fin and three yarn loops for the spout.

Quick facts: Rounds 6, 12, 18, 24, then 24 for four rounds, 18, 12, 6.

See the keychain patterns →

18. Bunny head

A white ball head with two long flat ears, French knot eyes and a pink nose.

Quick facts: Head rounds 6, 12, 18, then 18 for four rounds, 12, 6; ears 5, 10, then 10 for four rounds.

See the keychain patterns →

19. No-sew penguin

An egg in black with a white belly worked in as you go. The wings are worked into front loops, so nothing is sewn on.

Quick facts: Rounds 6, 12, 18, 24, then 24 for eight rounds, 18, 12, 6.

See the no-sew patterns →

20. Little grey mouse



A stuffed teardrop with big round ears, a pink nose and a long thin tail. The full pattern is below.

Quick facts: About 2.4 in / 6 cm long, 30 stitches at the widest, 20 rounds.

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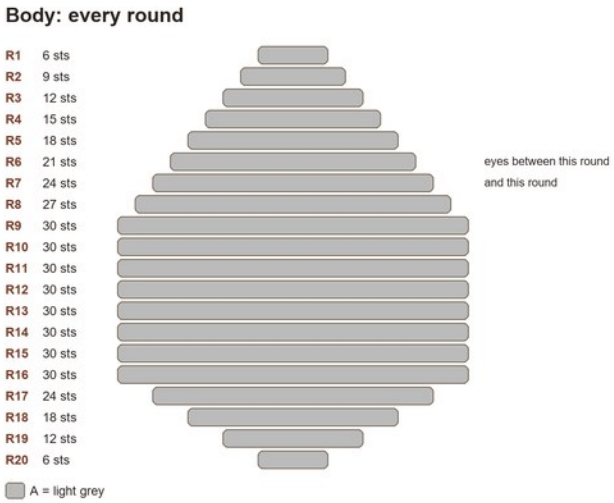
Free pattern: little amigurumi mouse

The body starts at the nose. It grows by only 3 stitches a round, which makes the long pointed shape, and closes with a quick round end. The ears are two flat circles and the tail is one chain.

- **Size:** about 2.4 in / 6 cm long and 1.6 in / 4 cm wide, plus a 3 in / 8 cm tail
- **Yarn:** DK cotton in light grey (A) about 26 yd / 24 m, a little pink (B) and black (C)
- **Also:** 2.5 mm (US B/1–C/2) hook, two 6 mm safety eyes, fiberfill, a tapestry needle, a stitch marker
- **Time:** about 1 hour

Work in a spiral without joining. Insert the eyes before round 17, while the opening is still wide. For a child under 3, embroider the eyes in black instead.



The body grows by 3 stitches a round up to 30.

Body

Color: start with A (light grey).

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** (sc, inc) ×3. (9)
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** (2 sc, inc) ×3. (12)
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** Sc, inc, (3 sc, inc) ×2, 2 sc. (15)
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** (4 sc, inc) ×3. (18)
- ☐ **Rnd 6:** 2 sc, inc, (5 sc, inc) ×2, 3 sc. (21)
- ☐ **Rnd 7:** (6 sc, inc) ×3. (24)
- ☐ **Rnd 8:** 3 sc, inc, (7 sc, inc) ×2, 4 sc. (27)
- ☐ **Rnd 9:** (8 sc, inc) ×3. (30)
- ☐ **Rnds 10–16:** Sc around. (30)
- ☐ **Rnd 17:** (3 sc, dec) ×6. (24)
- ☐ **Rnd 18:** Sc, dec, (2 sc, dec) ×5, sc. (18)
- ☐ **Rnd 19:** (sc, dec) ×6. (12)
- ☐ **Rnd 20:** Dec ×6. (6)

Placement: Eyes: 6 mm safety eyes between R6 and R7, 5 sts apart (insert before R17).

Placement: Nose in B: a French knot over the magic ring at the tip.

Placement: Whiskers in C: two straight stitches on each side of the nose, on R2.

Finish: Stuff firmly after R19, FO and close the hole.

Ear (make 2)

Color: start with A (light grey).

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** Inc ×6. (12)
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** (sc, inc) ×6. (18)

Finish: FO with a long tail; fold the circle in half at the base, sew on between R8 and R9, 6 sts apart.

Tail

Color: start with B (pink).

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** Sl st around. (20)

Finish: Chain 21, sl st in the 2nd ch from the hook and each ch back; sew to the round end of the body at R18.

Assembly

1. Pinch each ear at its base so it cups a little, and sew it on between rounds 8 and 9, with 6 stitches between the ears.
2. Sew the tail to the round back end, on round 18.
3. Make a French knot in pink over the magic ring for the nose, then two short black stitches on each side for whiskers.

FAQ

Which animal is the quickest?

The tiny keychain animals take about half an hour each. Of the full toys, the mouse and the forest creature are the fastest.

Can I make the 9 cm animals bigger?

Yes. Use worsted acrylic with a 3.5 mm hook and every animal comes out about 25% bigger with the same stitch counts. Buy about a third more yarn.

Are these safe for babies?

Embroider the eyes, sew every piece on firmly and skip the tiny keychain animals for children under 3.