Crochet Cow Plush Pattern

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A big, squishy cow plush in chenille (blanket) yarn: a round head with a pink muzzle, a pear-shaped body, stubby legs with black hooves and a few flat black spots. Chenille works up fast with a 5 mm hook, so this cow is about 10 in / 25 cm tall sitting and takes about an afternoon.

If you prefer a small cow, our amigurumi cow is the same idea at 3.5 in / 9 cm in cotton.



The chunky cow plush in white chenille.

Pattern at a glance

- **Skill level:** easy (sc in the round; chenille needs patience to see the stitches)
- **Finished size:** about 10 in / 25 cm tall sitting
- **Yarn:** bulky chenille (blanket yarn / 6): white (A) about 100 yd / 92 m, black (B) about 13 yd / 12 m, a little pink (C) and cream (D)
- **Hook:** 5 mm (US H/8)
- **Gauge:** 3 sc x 3.25 rounds = 1 in / 2.5 cm
- **Time:** about 4 hours

Materials

- Chenille yarn in white, black, pink and cream (amounts above)
- Two 12 mm black safety eyes, about 150 g / 5 oz of fiberfill
- Stitch markers (several), a large tapestry needle 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

- Chenille hides stitches. Put a marker in the first stitch of every round and count often.
- Work tight: chenille stretches and the stuffing shows easily. If you see gaps, go down to a 4.5 mm hook.
- Do not pull back (frog) chenille more than once: it sheds and gets thin. Count before you move on.

The pattern

Head

Color: start with A (white).

Start at the top of the head.

- [ ] **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)
- [ ] **Rnds 6–11:** Sc around. (30)
- [ ] **Rnd 12:** (3 sc, dec) ×6. (24)
- [ ] **Rnd 13:** Sc, dec, (2 sc, dec) ×5, sc. (18)

Placement: Eyes: 12 mm safety eyes between R7 and R8, 7 sts apart.

Placement: Muzzle: below the eyes, its top on R8, covering R8-R12.

Placement: Ears at the sides on R5-R6, horns just above them on R3-R4.

Finish: Stuff firmly, FO with a long tail and sew the open end onto the top of the body.

Muzzle

Color: start with C (pink).

An oval around a short chain.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** Sc around. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** (sc, inc) ×6. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 3–4:** Sc around. (18)

Placement: Nostrils in B: two short straight stitches on R2, 4 sts apart.

Finish: Ch 6; in the 2nd ch work 1 sc, sc in the next 3 ch, 3 sc in the last ch, along the other side sc in the next 3 ch and 2 sc in the last ch (12 sts); stuff lightly and sew on.

Body

Color: start with A (white).

- [ ] **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 7–13:** Sc around. (36)
- [ ] **Rnd 14:** (4 sc, dec) ×6. (30)
- [ ] **Rnds 15–16:** Sc around. (30)
- [ ] **Rnd 17:** (3 sc, dec) ×6. (24)
- [ ] **Rnd 18:** Sc around. (24)

Finish: Start at the bottom; stuff firmly, FO and sew under the head.



All the pieces before sewing.

Leg (make 4)

Color: start with B (black).

Make four. Start with black for the hoof.

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** Inc ×6. (12)
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** Switch to A (white). BLO sc around. (12)
- ☐ **Rnds 4–6:** Sc around. (12)

Finish: R1-R2 in black are the hoof; stuff, FO and sew the front legs at the sides of the body on R14 and the back legs at the bottom front, so the cow sits.

Ear (make 2)

Color: start with A (white).

Make two.

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** (sc, inc) ×3. (9)
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** (2 sc, inc) ×3. (12)
- ☐ **Rnds 4–5:** Sc around. (12)

Finish: FO, flatten, sew the inner ear on one side, pinch the open edge and sew on sideways.

Inner Ear (make 2)

Color: start with C (pink).

Make two, in pink.

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** (sc, inc) ×3. (9)
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** Sc around. (9)

Finish: FO, flatten and sew onto the front of each ear.

Horn (make 2)

Color: start with D (cream).

Make two.

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 4 sc in MR. (4)

- [ ] **Rnds 2–3:** Sc around. (4)

Finish: Stuff with a pinch of fiberfill and sew on.

Spot (make 4)

Color: start with B (black).

Make four.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** Inc ×6. (12)

Finish: Sl st and FO; sew flat on the body and one on the head.

Assembly

1. Sew the muzzle under the eyes, its top edge on round 8, adding a little stuffing.
2. Sew a pink inner ear onto each ear. Sew the horns on rounds 3 and 4 and the ears just below them at the sides.
3. Sew the head onto the top of the body, stuffing the neck firmly.
4. Sew the front legs at the sides on round 14 and the back legs at the bottom front so the cow sits.
5. Sew three spots on the body and one on the head, flat, with small stitches.

Tips

- **Brown cow:** brown body with cream spots and a cream muzzle.
- **Tail:** ch 10 in white, add a small black tassel at the end and sew it on the back.

FAQ

Can I make it in normal yarn?

Yes, in worsted acrylic with a 3.5 mm hook it comes out about 6 in / 15 cm tall sitting.

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