Crochet Eyes for Amigurumi

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Crocheted eyes are flat black circles that you sew onto an amigurumi instead of plastic safety eyes. They are soft, they cannot come off in one piece like a safety eye, and you can make them any size. Here are four round sizes and an oval eye, all in DK cotton, with a tiny white stitch for the highlight.



Four round sizes, an oval pair, and a head wearing the medium eyes.

Which size for which toy?

Widths are measured flat. In worsted yarn every eye comes out about 20% bigger.

What you need

- Black DK cotton, about 15 yd / 14 m for all ten eyes, and a little white
- 2.5 mm (US B/1–C/2) hook, tapestry needle, 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

- Pull the magic ring really tight: a hole in the middle of an eye shows.
- Finish each eye with a sl st to the first sc so the edge is round, and leave a 10 in / 25 cm tail for sewing.
- For a baby or a child under 3, crocheted eyes sewn on firmly all around are a good alternative to safety eyes.

The pattern

Eye XS (make 2)

Color: start with B (black).

Make two.

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

Finish: Pull the ring tight, sl st to the first sc and FO with a long tail.

Eye S (make 2)

Color: start with B (black).

Make two.

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

Finish: Sl st to the first sc and FO with a long tail.

Eye M (make 2)

Color: start with B (black).

Make two.

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

Finish: Sl st to the first sc and FO with a long tail.

Eye L (make 2)

Color: start with B (black).

Make two.

- [ ] **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)

Finish: Sl st to the first sc and FO with a long tail.

Oval Eye (make 2)

Color: start with B (black).

Make two. Work around a short chain.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** Sc around. (8)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** Inc, sc, inc ×3, sc, inc ×2. (14)

Finish: Ch 4; in the 2nd ch work 1 sc, sc in the next ch, 3 sc in the last ch, along the other side sc in the next ch and 2 sc in the last ch (8 sts); after R2 sl st and FO with a long tail.



Sewing an eye on with its own tail, all around the edge.

Sewing them on

1. Pin both eyes in place and check the face from a little distance before sewing.
2. Thread the tail and sew around the edge with small stitches, going under the outer loops of the last round.
3. Add the highlight: one or two tiny white stitches at the top of each eye, on the same side for both eyes.
4. Take the tail through the head to the back and hide it inside.

FAQ

Crochet eyes or embroidered eyes?

Crochet eyes are quicker for big eyes and look neater. For small eyes, embroidery is easier: see how to embroider eyes on amigurumi.

Can I use them with safety eyes on the same toy?

Yes. A crocheted white circle (size S in white) behind a small safety eye makes a cartoon eye. Our safety eye guide covers sizes.