Crochet Plush Animals

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Crochet plush animals are bigger and softer than classic amigurumi, and the trick is simple: the same patterns in thicker yarn. Chenille (blanket) yarn with a 5 mm hook turns a 3.5 in / 9 cm cotton toy into a 7 to 8 in / 18 to 20 cm plush you can hug, and it works up faster.

Here are 15 animals from the site that make good plushies, plus one free pattern written out in full at the end: a chubby chenille sheep.



The chubby chenille sheep, the full pattern in this post.

How to turn any amigurumi into a plush

Use bigger safety eyes (12 to 15 mm) and buy more stuffing: a chenille plush takes 4 to 6 times the fiberfill of the cotton toy. Our yarn guide compares the three yarns.

15 crochet plush animals

1. Big cat plush

A big grey cat in chenille yarn with a white muzzle, pink nose and long tail.

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

Get the cat plush pattern →

2. Chunky cow plush

A squishy white cow with a pink muzzle, black hooves and flat black spots.

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

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3. Classic teddy bear

The classic: big head, cream muzzle, arms and legs sewn on so it sits.

Quick facts: 7.5 in / 19 cm tall sitting, worsted yarn.

Get the teddy bear pattern →

4. Long snake

A long striped tube that drapes over shoulders and shelves.

Quick facts: About 22 in / 55 cm long.

Get the snake pattern →

5. Axolotl

A wide-headed axolotl with frilly gills; make it in worsted yarn for a bigger plush.

Quick facts: About 5 in / 13 cm in DK, 6 in / 15 cm in worsted.

Get the axolotl pattern →

6. Chubby seal

A teardrop seal in worsted yarn; in chenille it becomes a real cuddle toy.

Quick facts: 4.7 in / 12 cm long in worsted.

Get the seal pattern →

7. Highland cow

A rust brown Highland cow with a shaggy fringe over the eyes and long cream horns.

Quick facts: 3.5 in / 9 cm in DK cotton.

Get the Highland cow pattern →

8. Baby elephant

A light grey baby elephant with big round pink-centered ears and a curled trunk.

Quick facts: 3.5 in / 9 cm in DK cotton.

Get the elephant pattern →

9. Little dragon

A sitting dragon with a cream belly, mustard wings and a curled tail.

Quick facts: 3.5 in / 9 cm in DK cotton.

Get the dragon pattern →

10. Dinosaur

A teal dino with a yellow belly, orange spikes and a wide smile.

Quick facts: 3.5 in / 9 cm in DK cotton.

Get the dinosaur pattern →

11. Pony

A caramel pony with a cream snout and a dark brown mane and hooves.

Quick facts: 3.5 in / 9 cm in DK cotton.

Get the pony pattern →

12. Floppy-ear puppy

A sitting puppy with long floppy ears and a cream muzzle.

Quick facts: 3.5 in / 9 cm in DK cotton.

Get the puppy pattern →

13. Grey kitten

A kitten with a big round head, flat ears and a long thin tail.

Quick facts: 3.5 in / 9 cm in DK cotton.

Get the cat pattern →

14. Penguin

A one-piece egg penguin with a white belly and a red scarf.

Quick facts: 3.5 in / 9 cm in DK cotton.

Get the penguin pattern →

15. Knitted bunny

For knitters: a small white bunny with long ears, a pink nose and a pompom tail.

Quick facts: 5 in / 13 cm tall.

Get the bunny pattern →

Full pattern: chubby chenille sheep

Chenille (blanket yarn / 6): cream (A) about 61 yd / 56 m, dark brown (B) about 40 yd / 37 m; a 5 mm (US H/8) hook, two 12 mm safety eyes, about 150 g / 5 oz of fiberfill. Gauge: 3 sc x 3.25 rounds = 1 in / 2.5 cm. The sheep is about 9 in / 22 cm long and lies on its tummy.

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

Body

Color: start with A (cream).

Start at the back of the body.

- ☐ **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)
- ☐ **Rnd 7:** (5 sc, inc) ×6. (42)
- ☐ **Rnds 8–15:** Sc around. (42)
- ☐ **Rnd 16:** (5 sc, dec) ×6. (36)
- ☐ **Rnd 17:** Sc around. (36)
- ☐ **Rnd 18:** 2 sc, dec, (4 sc, dec) ×5, 2 sc. (30)
- ☐ **Rnd 19:** (3 sc, dec) ×6. (24)
- ☐ **Rnd 20:** Sc, dec, (2 sc, dec) ×5, sc. (18)
- ☐ **Rnd 21:** (sc, dec) ×6. (12)
- ☐ **Rnd 22:** Dec ×6. (6)

Placement: Head: on the front, centered on R4-R10.

Placement: Legs: four at the bottom, two front and two back, 8 sts apart.

Finish: Stuff firmly after R21, FO and close; the sheep lies on its tummy.

Head

Color: start with B (dark brown).

- [ ] **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)
- [ ] **Rnds 5–9:** Sc around. (24)
- [ ] **Rnd 10:** (2 sc, dec) ×6. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 11:** (sc, dec) ×6. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 12:** Dec ×6. (6)

Placement: Eyes: 12 mm safety eyes between R5 and R6, 6 sts apart.

Placement: Tuft: the cream tuft on top, R8-R11.

Finish: Stuff, FO and close; sew onto the body.



All the pieces before sewing.

Ear (make 2)

Color: start with B (dark brown).

Make two.

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

Finish: FO, sew on sideways at the sides of the head on R9.

Leg (make 4)

Color: start with B (dark brown).

Make four.

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

- [ ] **Rnds 3–5:** Sc around. (9)

Finish: Stuff, FO and sew on.

Tuft

Color: start with A (cream).

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

Finish: Sl st and FO; sew on top of the head.

Assembly

1. Sew the tuft on top of the head and the ears at the sides on round 9, pointing sideways.
2. Sew the head onto the front of the body over rounds 4 to 10.
3. Sew the four legs under the body, two at the front and two at the back, so the sheep lies on them.

FAQ

Is chenille hard to crochet?

The stitches are harder to see, not harder to make. Use stitch markers in every round, and see the tips in the cat plush pattern.

More animals: crochet animal patterns and mini amigurumi patterns.