Classic Crochet Teddy Bear

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A classic teddy bear in worsted yarn: a big round head, a cream muzzle, half-circle ears, a pear-shaped body and arms and legs sewn on so it sits on its own. At about 7.5 in / 19 cm tall sitting it is big enough to hug and small enough to finish in a weekend. Everything is single crochet in the round.

Each round ends with its stitch count, and the whole pattern is in the printable PDF.



The teddy bear in honey brown with a cream muzzle.

Pattern at a glance

- **Skill level:** easy (magic ring, sc in the round, increases and decreases, sewing on pieces)
- **Finished size:** about 7.5 in / 19 cm tall sitting; the head is 3.8 in / 9.7 cm wide
- **Yarn:** worsted (aran / 4) acrylic, about 272 yd / 249 m in total
- **Hook:** 3.5 mm (US E/4)
- **Gauge:** 5 sc x 5.5 rounds = 1 in / 2.5 cm
- **Time:** about 6 to 8 hours

Materials

- Worsted acrylic in honey brown (A), about 262 yd / 240 m: one 100 g / 3.5 oz ball (about 170–200 yd) is not enough, buy two
- Worsted acrylic in cream (B) for the muzzle, about 10 yd / 9 m
- A little dark brown (C) for the nose and mouth
- 3.5 mm (US E/4) hook, two 12 mm safety eyes, about 100 g / 3.5 oz of fiberfill, a tapestry needle, stitch markers 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

• Work in a spiral without joining and move a stitch marker up every round.
• The hook is smaller than the yarn label suggests on purpose: tight stitches keep the stuffing from showing.
• For a baby or a child under 3, embroider the eyes with dark brown yarn instead of using safety eyes, and sew every piece on very firmly.
• New to amigurumi? The magic ring and stuffing guides cover the two things that make the biggest difference on a toy this size.

The pattern

Head

Color: start with A (honey brown).

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)
- [ ] **Rnd 6:** 2 sc, inc, (4 sc, inc) ×5, 2 sc. (36)
- [ ] **Rnd 7:** (5 sc, inc) ×6. (42)
- [ ] **Rnd 8:** 3 sc, inc, (6 sc, inc) ×5, 3 sc. (48)
- [ ] **Rnd 9:** (7 sc, inc) ×6. (54)
- [ ] **Rnd 10:** 4 sc, inc, (8 sc, inc) ×5, 4 sc. (60)
- [ ] **Rnds 11–21:** Sc around. (60)
- [ ] **Rnd 22:** (8 sc, dec) ×6. (54)
- [ ] **Rnd 23:** 4 sc, dec, (7 sc, dec) ×5, 3 sc. (48)
- [ ] **Rnd 24:** (6 sc, dec) ×6. (42)
- [ ] **Rnd 25:** 3 sc, dec, (5 sc, dec) ×5, 2 sc. (36)
- [ ] **Rnd 26:** (4 sc, dec) ×6. (30)
- [ ] **Rnd 27:** 2 sc, dec, (3 sc, dec) ×5, sc. (24)
- [ ] **Rnd 28:** (2 sc, dec) ×6. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 29:** Sc, dec, (sc, dec) ×5. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 30:** Dec ×6. (6)

Placement: Eyes: 12 mm safety eyes between R15 and R16, 12 sts apart (insert before R26).

Placement: Muzzle: centered under the eyes, its top edge on R16, bottom edge on R25.

Placement: Ears: on R7-R11 at each side, about 22 sts apart across the top.

Finish: Stuff firmly after R29, FO and close the hole.

Muzzle

Color: start with B (cream).

- [ ] **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 6–7:** Sc around. (30)

Placement: Nose in C: satin stitch triangle over R1-R2, then a straight line down to the edge and a small V mouth.

Finish: FO with a long tail, stuff lightly, sew on.

Ear (make 2)

Color: start with A (honey brown).

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** Inc ×6. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** (sc, inc) ×6. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 4–5:** Sc around. (18)

Finish: FO, flatten (do not stuff), sew on with the opening against the head.



All the pieces before sewing; the ears are pinned on to check the spacing.

Body

Color: start with A (honey brown).

Start at the bottom.

- [ ] **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)
- [ ] **Rnd 8:** 3 sc, inc, (6 sc, inc) ×5, 3 sc. (48)
- [ ] **Rnd 9:** (7 sc, inc) ×6. (54)
- [ ] **Rnds 10–19:** Sc around. (54)
- [ ] **Rnd 20:** (7 sc, dec) ×6. (48)
- [ ] **Rnds 21–23:** Sc around. (48)
- [ ] **Rnd 24:** 3 sc, dec, (6 sc, dec) ×5, 3 sc. (42)
- [ ] **Rnds 25–27:** Sc around. (42)
- [ ] **Rnd 28:** (5 sc, dec) ×6. (36)
- [ ] **Rnds 29–30:** Sc around. (36)

Finish: FO with a long tail, stuff firmly, sew the open end under the head.

Arm (make 2)

Color: start with A (honey brown).

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** Inc ×6. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** (sc, inc) ×6. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 4–7:** Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 8:** (4 sc, dec) ×3. (15)
- [ ] **Rnds 9–22:** Sc around. (15)

Finish: Stuff the lower two thirds, FO, flatten the top and sew on at the sides of the body, 2 rounds below the neck.

Leg (make 2)

Color: start with A (honey brown).

Start at the sole. Round 5 in the back loops makes the ridge around the sole.

- [ ] **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:** BLO sc around. (24)
- [ ] **Rnds 6–7:** Sc around. (24)
- [ ] **Rnd 8:** 6 sc, dec ×6, 6 sc. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 9–20:** Sc around. (18)

Finish: Stuff firmly, FO, flatten the top and sew on at the bottom front of the body so the bear sits, toes forward.

Assembly

1. **Muzzle:** stuff it lightly and pin it under the eyes, its top edge on round 16 and its bottom edge on round 25. Sew around the edge, adding a little more stuffing before you close it.
2. **Nose and mouth:** in dark brown, satin stitch a small triangle over the first two rounds of the muzzle, then one straight stitch down to the edge and a small V for the mouth.
3. **Ears:** pin them on rounds 7 to 11, about 22 stitches apart across the top, and sew the open edge flat against the head.
4. **Head to body:** sew the open end of the body to the bottom of the head, centered under the face. Add stuffing to the neck before you close it so the head does not wobble.
5. **Arms:** sew them on at the sides, two rounds below the neck.
6. **Legs:** pin them at the bottom front of the body with the toes pointing forward, check that the bear sits, then sew them on.

Tips

- **Stuff the head first and firmly:** a soft head sags forward. Keep adding small pieces until it feels firm and round.
- **A bow or scarf:** a 20 in / 50 cm ribbon tied around the neck hides the seam.
- **Smaller bear:** the same pattern in DK cotton with a 2.5 mm hook comes out about 6 in / 16 cm tall sitting.

FAQ

Why is my bear's head floppy?

The neck is the weak spot. Stuff the last rounds of the body very firmly and sew all the way around the head, through both layers, twice.

Can I use chenille or velvet yarn?

Yes, with a 5 mm hook. The bear comes out about 10.5 in / 27 cm tall sitting and very soft, but the stitches are harder to see, so count with markers.

More bears and animals: the granny square bear, a tiny bear in amigurumi for beginners, and all 20 crochet animal patterns.