

Lovey

„Dog / Bear“

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Materials:

You can use any wool you like. Of course the size depends on which yarn weight you use. For the proportions to be right, however, you should use the same wool weight for the entire project.

Please keep in mind that different yarn may result in a bigger or smaller piece. Make sure to adapt your hook size according to your yarn and personal tension.

- Wool of choice, for me: DROPS Paris - Aran weight (No. 17, 26; about 3 balls each color), some black yarn for nose and eyes
- Crochet hook in suitable size, for me: 3 mm (for head and arms) and 5 mm (blanket)
- Some stuffing

Abbreviations (US Terms):

MR = magic ring

inc = increase

sc = single crochet

dec = decrease

ch = chain

BLO = back loop only

slst = slip stitch

FLO = front loop only

st = stitch

(-) x = repeat inside of () for x nr of times

Crochet in continuous rounds (spirals), unless otherwise stated.

*Since designing crocheted blankets is not one of my specialties and there are already a lot of free patterns for beautiful blankets out there, you can choose a nice one and use it. I have decided on a star blanket, the pattern can be found e.g. on Youtube by Andrea *Maschenanschlag* ([click](#)) but this is a German video. I've seen many english videos too at youtube for such a blanket.*

I've stopped the blanket at a diameter of 46 cm. I recommend first to make the figure and after that you can evaluate which size you need.

Head:

Color A

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)
6. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
7. (sc 5, inc) x6 (42)
8. (sc 6, inc) x6 (48)
- 9.-18. (10 Rounds) sc in each st around (48)
19. (sc 6, dec) x6 (42)
20. (sc 5, dec) x6 (36)
21. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
22. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)

Stuff and shape the head.

23. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)
24. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)

Finish stuffing.

25. dec x6 (6)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Muzzle:

Color A

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (inc x3, sc 3) x2 (18)
4. (sc 1, inc) x3, sc 3, (sc 1, inc) x3, sc 3 (24)
5. (sc 2, inc) x3, sc 3, (sc 2, inc) x3, sc 3 (30)
- 6.-8. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (30)
9. (sc 8, dec) x3 (27)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Nose:

Black or dark brown

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. sc 3 in 1st st, sc 2, sc 3 in next st, sc 2 (10)
3. (inc x3, sc 2) x2 (16)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Sew the nose above the middle on the muzzle, stuff it now (I would definitely do it now, the muzzle can be better placed and sewed on), pin it to the head and sew it on (preferably with the mattress stitch), if necessary finish stuffing before closing.

Now embroider eyes with black thread.



At this point I noticed that you can turn your head into a teddy bear head without any problems - that's why there is this one as an alternative :o)

Ear - Dog (make 2):

Color B

I used 1 hook size bigger as for the head.

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
 2. inc x6 (12)
 3. (sc 3 in 1 st) x2, sc 4, (sc 3 in 1 st) x2, sc 4 (20)
 - 4.-8. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (20)
 9. sc 2, dec, sc 8, dec, sc 6 (18)
 10. sc in each st around (18)
 11. sc 2, dec, sc 7, dec, sc 5 (16)
 12. sc in each st around (16)
 13. sc 1, dec, sc 6, dec, sc 5 (14)
 14. sc in each st around (14)
 15. sc 2, leave the remaining stitches unworked
- Fold in half, do not stuff, close top with a row of sc.
Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.
Sew the ears to the head.*

Ear - Bear (make 2):

Color A

I used 1 hook size bigger as for the head.

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
 2. inc x6 (12)
 3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
 - 4.-6. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (18)
 7. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)
- Fold in half, do not stuff, close top with a row of sc.
Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.
Sew the ears to the head.*



Paw (make 2):

Color A

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
- 4.-8. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (18)
9. (sc 7, dec) x2 (16)
10. sc in each st around (16)
11. (sc 6, dec) x2 (14)
12. sc in each st around (14)
13. (sc 5, dec) x2 (12)
- 14.-18. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)

Lightly stuff just the front of the paw, fold the top edge together and seam using a single crochet along the top edge, crocheting through both stitches.

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

You may shape the toes using a thread of color B (if the wool is strong enough for shaping - otherwise use some sewing thread first).

I like to use pins as guidelines and to help the yarn glide nicely. Insert your needle from the bottom, just behind the first pinhead (leaving a tail), guide the yarn around the front to the pin on the top of the paw, pull tight and adjust the tension if needed. Now repeat this step, but start on the second pin on top. Bring your needle out just behind the top pinhead, feed the yarn down to the other pin, again pulling and adjusting tension to achieve the desired form, and exiting your needle through your initial point of entry. Adjust your tension, once more, as needed and knot both ends well. The tails can be pulled back into the paw to hide them. See photos for reference.



Sew paws to the bottom of the head (can also be sewn to the blanket, I think they will hold better at the head) and finally sew the head in the middle of the blanket.

