

Little darling 2.0

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Materials:

When using the suggested materials, it will be about 20 cm tall.

- Yarn, e. g. Schachenmayr Catania / Scheepjes Catona (No. 255 or 263), Schachenmayr Brazilia (e. g. brown or any color you like), for the sweater e. g. Schachenmayr Aventica
- Crochet hook in suitable size (with me: 2.0 mm, 3.5 mm and 6.0 mm)
- Stuffing
- Thin yarn for the eyes (or use safety or glass eyes)

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

The listed wool and hook sizes are only suggestions. It is, of course, entirely your personal choice, which yarn you use. In this special case (because I used two yarns of different thickness for the figure) the proportions may not fit when using other yarn. 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. When crocheting Amigurumis you should use a much smaller needle size than indicated on the label or you would use it for other crochet projects so that no holes are made when the piece is stuffed.

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

*For help with invisible color changes, increases and decreases **and especially for crocheting with fluffy yarn**, please visit the „Tipps, Tricks and Tutorials“section on my website www.zhaya.de.*

Head:

Skin yarn, hook size 2.0 mm

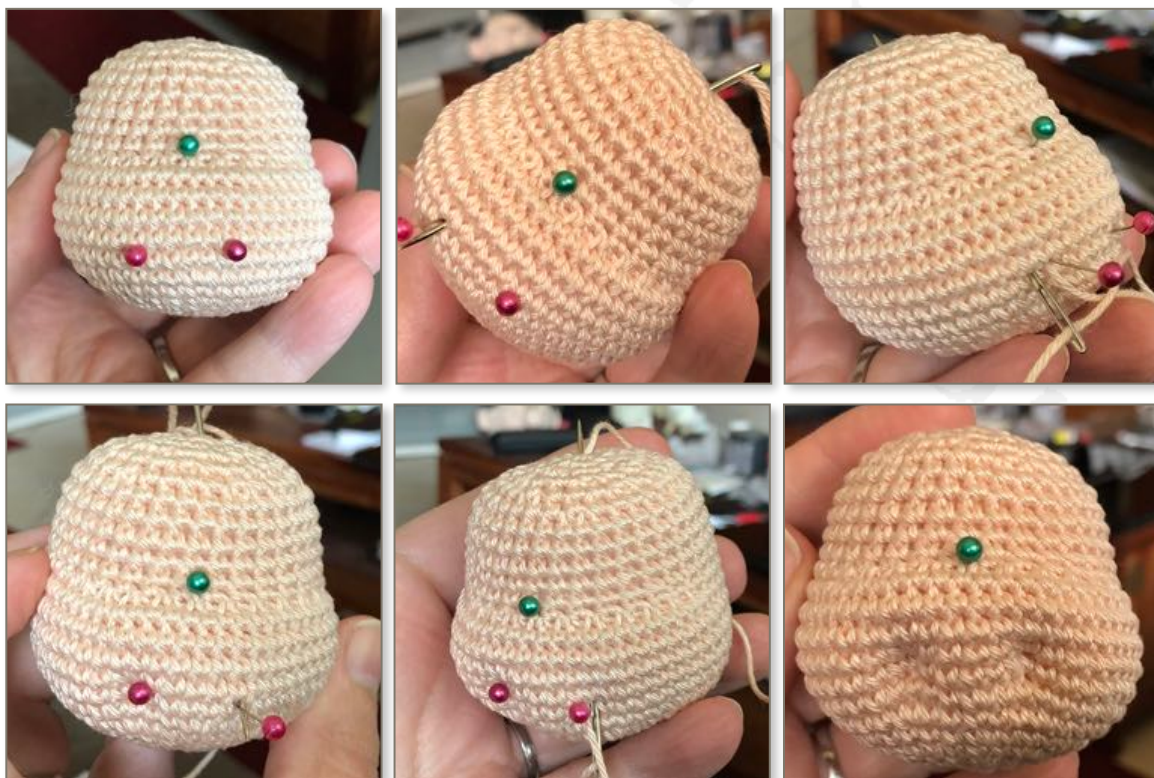
1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)
6. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
7. (sc 5, inc) x6 (42)
8. (sc 6, inc) x6 (48)
- 9.-13. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (48)
14. sc 12, dec x12, sc 12 (36)
- 15.-19. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (36)
20. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
21. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
22. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)
23. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)
24. dec x6 (6)

Fasten off, weave in loose ends.



Sculpting the face (you can still do this later):

Mark the spots for nose (in the middle of the decreases) and the corners of the mouth (between round 9 and 10 with about 5 stitches in between - see left picture).



Thread a needle with a sturdy thread and guide the needle from the middle of the top of the head through one of the mouth markers, re-insert a stitch offset to the outside and go to the second mouth pin. Re-insert again a stitch offset to the outside and go back to the starting point, gently tighten both yarn tails so that the corners of the mouth form and knot well. Embroider the mouth with pink or red yarn.

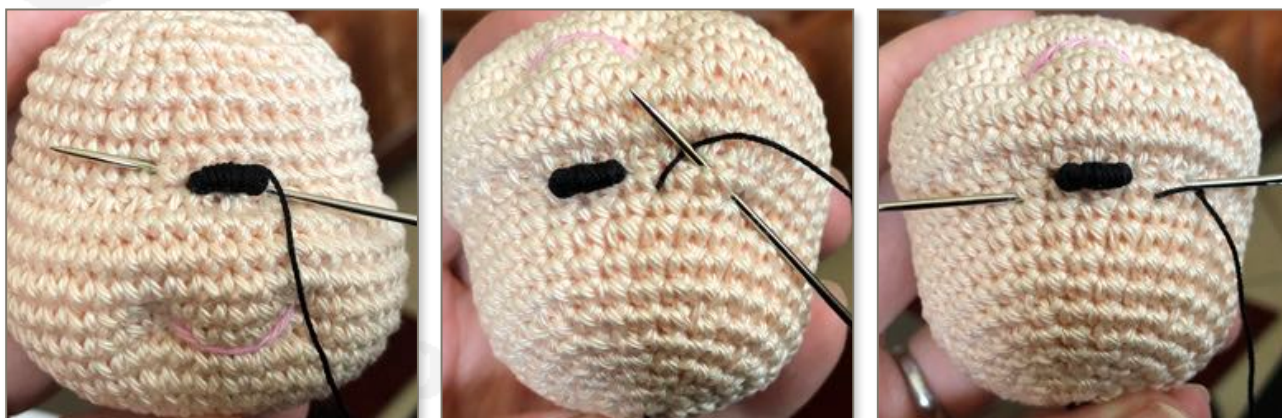


Thread the needle with black thread now and go from an unobtrusive spot a stitch offset of the nose pin, re-insert a stitch offset on the other side of the pin and whipstitch a few times (the more stitches you do here the bigger the nose will be later). Now wrap the thread around these made stitches (guide the needle from below or above under the nose threads, always in the same direction) and push each wrap to on side, repeat until the whole nose is filled with these wrapped stitches (see pictures below). If the nose isn't big enough, you can add one more layer of these windings.



When the nose is finished, the (closed) eyes are embroidered directly. To do this, insert the needle on one side of the nose and come out a stitch offset to the nose and one round up, skip to stitches to the outside, re-insert the needle there and come out in the middle of the 2 skipped stitches but one round down, the thread is placed under the needle (see pictures below), re-insert the needle in the same stitch but on the other side of the thread and go to the other side of the nose, same position as for the first eye here: a stitch offset to the nose and one round up. Repeat the steps to

embroider the second closed eye. If you like you can make some eyebrows, too. When you're done, go back to the starting point, knot well and weave in loose ends.



Of course my version of the face is just a suggestion, you can design the face as you like.

Ear (make 2):

Skin yarn, hook size 2.0 mm

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. sc 9, slst 3 (12)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Fur (Head):

Fur yarn, hook size 3.5 mm

You may have to adapt the size so the „hat“ fits the head.

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.-14. (7 Rounds) sc in each st around (42)

Fasten off, weave in loose ends.

Arm/Hand (make 2):

Fur yarn, hook size 3.5 mm

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
- 3.-18. (16 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)
19. (sc 2, dec) x3 (9)

Change to skin yarn and hook size 2.0 mm

20. sc in each st around (9)
21. (sc 2, inc) x3 (12)
- 22.-23. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)

Three fingers follow, crochet them on directly (how to do this is explained in this [video](#) by Sharon Ojala).



1st Finger:

24.a) sc 1, insert hook in 2nd and 11th stitch and sc 1, turn, insert in 11th stitch on this side and sc 1, sc 1 (4)

25.-26.a) (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (4)

Fasten off, close, weave in loose ends.

2nd Finger:

24.b) sc 1, insert hook in 4th and 9th stitch and sc 1, turn, insert in 9th stitch on this side and sc 1, sc 1 (4)

25.-26.b) (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (4)

Fasten off, close, weave in loose ends.

3rd Finger:

24.-25c) sc in each (of the remaining) sts (4)

Fasten off, close, weave in loose ends.

Thumb (make 2):

Skin yarn, hook size 2.0 mm

1. sc 4 in MR (4)

2.-3. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (4)

Fasten off, weave in loose ends.

Attach the thumb between round 21 and 22 of the hand (make sure it is placed correctly for right/left hand).

Foot (make 2):

Skin yarn, hook size 2.0 mm

1. sc 6 in MR (6)

2. inc x6 (12)

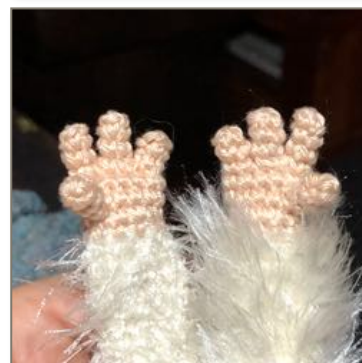
3.-4. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)

5. sc 11, sc 3 next st (14)

6. sc 3 in next st, sc 13 (16)

7.-8. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (16)

Loosely the foot but don't overstuff.



4 toes follow, same way as the fingers before.

1st Toe:

9.a) inc, sc 1, insert hook again in the same (2nd) and the 15th stitch and sc 1, turn, insert hook in 15th stitch again on this side and sc 2, inc (8)

10.a) sc in each st around (8)

2nd Toe:

9.b) inc, insert hook in 4th and 13th stitch and sc 1, turn, insert hook in the 13th stitch and inc, sc 1 (6)

10.b) sc in each st around (6)

3rd Toe:

9.c) inc, insert hook in 6th and 11th stitch and sc 1, turn, insert hook in the 11th stitch and inc, sc 1 (6)

10.c) sc in each st around (6)

4th Toe:

9.d) sc in each (of the remaining) sts (4)

Stuff the toes if necessary (I haven't stuffed), close all toes and weave in all loose ends.

Leg:

Skin yarn, hook size 2.0 mm

1. sc 9 in a circle directly into the fabric of the foot, start at the back (heel - see picture). Please note that it should be a right and a left foot. Start with the right one, the big toe is on the left while heel down. (9)

Change to fur yarn and hook size 3.5 mm

2. sc in each st around (9)

3. (sc 2, inc) x3 (12)

4. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)

5.-11. (7 Rounds) sc in each st around (18)

First leg: fasten off, weave in loose ends.

*Make the second leg the same way but now the big toe is on the right while heel down so it becomes the left leg. **Do not fasten off the second leg.***

Now connect the legs. To do this, first hold both legs next to each other, align the feet correctly and mark the stitches on which the legs touch. Crochet single crochet stitches up to this mark on the current leg (in my case only one stitch was needed).



Here starts the

Körper:

Insert hook in the marked stitch at the right leg (from inside) and pull the working loop through, place your round marker here.

12. sc 18 along the left leg and sc 18 along the right leg (36)

13. inc, sc 16, inc x2, sc 16, inc (40)

14. sc 19, inc x2, sc 19 (42)

Stuff the legs.

15.-20. (6 Rounds) sc in each st around (42)

21. (sc 12, dec) x3 (39)

22. (sc 11, dec) x3 (36)

23. (sc 10, dec) x3 (33)

24. (sc 9, dec) x3 (30)

25. (sc 8, dec) x3 (27)

26. (sc 7, dec) x3 (24)

27. (sc 6, dec) x3 (21)

28. (sc 5, dec) x3 (18)

29. (sc 4, dec) x3 (15)

Fasten off, weave in loose ends.

Tail:

Fur color, hook size 3.5 mm

1. sc 4 in MR (4)

2. inc x4 (8)

3.-22. (20 Rounds) sc in each st around (8)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Stuffing is not necessary.

Assembling:

Before you assemble all the pieces, brush or comb the fluff to the outside. I use a wire grooming pet brush for this.

Loosely stuff the body - I just stuffed it enough to not see any more dents. Sew head and body together (I prefer to use the mattress stitch, this makes the seam very stable and the head never wobbles). I would use a smooth thread here, with the fancy yarn it is more difficult.



If not done yet, embroider the face. Put on the fur "cap" and sew it on. Place the ears with pins and sew them in place (see pictures).

Sew the arms left and right directly under the head to the body. Put the tail on the bottom in the middle. .

The specifications of the wool and needle sizes are only examples/references. If You use other wool than specified, the clothes/figure will become taller or smaller. It's your choice which wool you use. The needle size must be chosen to match the wool used. For clothes I usually use the size of the hook indicated on the label. When crocheting clothes, always try them on the doll, because different yarn, hook size and personal tension may alter the final product. Adapt if necessary.

(optional) Oversized jumper:

Bulky wool, hook size 6 mm

Crochet in rows first. At the end of each row, chain 1 and turn.

It is crocheted top down, starting with the turtleneck.

- ch 13, starting in 2nd chain from hook: (loose) slst 12

In the following rows crochet in the back loops only and continue crocheting loose slip stitches. Crochet as many rows as needed so that the fabric loosely reaches



around the body including arms or head (depending on the smaller circumference, the jumper can then be put on over this), the yarn tail from the beginning and the working loop should be on the same side, if not, undo one row or crochet 1 row more (depending on whether it is rather tight or very loosely around), it follows a last row.



Now fold the piece so that the working loop is at the back and the first row (with the starting thread) is at the front, insert hook through the first stitch of the front row and pull the working loop through. Furthermore always work through the next front stitch and the back loop of the stitch at the back and crochet 11 more loose slip stitches, do not fasten off.

On the inside (which is later rolled outwards) there is almost no difference to the other rows (see left picture below).



Crochet in joined rounds (join each round with a slst and chain 1).

Crochet a pattern of alternating a single crochet and a double crochet and invert it in the following round (i.e. crochet the double crochet into the single crochet and vice versa). Whenever I say st (= stitch), it means that the pattern is crocheted. If there is sc, however, this also means that single crochet is crocheted (of course you can also simply crochet single crochet stitches if you like it better).

Crochet the next round along the side (see photo above right), I have done one stitch per rib.

1. sc 1 per rib (with me there were 18 - this can be different with you and must be adapted if necessary), join round with slst in 1st st, ch 1 (18)

The number of stitches at the end of the following round should be a multiple of 4.

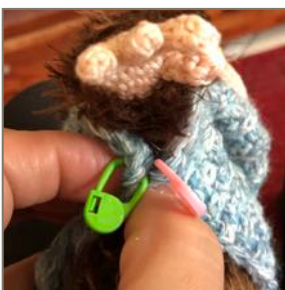
2. (sc 2, inc) x6, join round with slst in 1st st, ch 1 (24)

Now divide the number of stitches by 4 (in my case this is 6) and start with half of it (if your number is odd, just take one of the two numbers - at 5 this means 2 or 3). I always marked the chain. Continue to work in pattern.

3. st 3, ch 1, (st 6, ch 1) x3, st 3, join round with slst in 1st st, ch 1

Crochet everything inside the brackets in the following rounds into the chain space.

4. st 3, (sc, ch, sc), st 6, (sc, ch, sc), st 6, (sc, ch, sc), st 6, (sc, ch, sc), st 3, join round with slst in 1st st, ch 1
5. st 4, (sc, ch, sc), st 8, (sc, ch, sc), st 8, (sc, ch, sc), st 8, (sc, ch, sc), st 4, join round with slst in 1st st, ch 1
6. st 5, (sc, ch, sc), st 10, (sc, ch, sc), st 10, (sc, ch, sc), st 10, (sc, ch, sc), st 5, join round with slst in 1st st, ch 1
7. st 6, (sc, ch, sc), st 12, (sc, ch, sc), st 12, (sc, ch, sc), st 12, (sc, ch, sc), st 6, join round with slst in 1st st, ch 1



Now try it on best, the short sections come backwards, the outer areas will be the sleeves and these should reach loosely around the arm of the character. If this is not the case, crochet more rounds the same way (or stop sooner if necessary).

Now crochet only over the middle part (body).

8. st 7, st 1 in first chain space, st 1 in next chain space, st 14, st 1 in next chain space, st 1 in next chain space, st 7, join round with slst in 1st st, ch 1

9.-11. (3 Rounds) st 1 in each st, join round with slst in 1st st, ch 1

Try on again and if necessary crochet more or less rounds. Another round follows:

12. sc in each st around, join round with slst in 1st st, ch 1

Fasten off, weave in loose ends.

Sleeves:

Re-join at the bottom of the armhole, continue crocheting in joined rounds, still in pattern. The number of stitches and rounds can also differ here, just try on again and adapt if necessary.

1. st 18 around, join round with slst in 1st st, ch 1 (18)

2. st in each st around, join round with slst in 1st st, ch 1 (18)

3. (sc 4, dec) x3, join round with slst in 1st st, ch 1 (15)

4. (sc 3, dec) x3, join round with slst in 1st st, ch 1 (12)

5. st in each st around, join round with slst in 1st st, ch 1 (12)

Fasten off, weave in loose ends.

Make the second one the same way.

