

Snuggly bunny

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Materials:

When using the suggested materials, it will be about 25 cm tall.

The listed wool and hook sizes are only suggestions. It is, of course, entirely your personal choice, which yarn you use.

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 Aran weight (8 wpi) - for me: DROPS Air (about 3 balls)
- Some wool for nose and pads
- Hook size in suitable size (for me: 3.5 mm)
- Stuffing
- Eyes in suitable size (for me: 15 mm)
- optional: chalk pastels

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.

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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. (sc 6, inc) x6 (48)
9. (sc 7, inc) x6 (54)
10. (sc 8, inc) x6 (60)
11. (sc 9, inc) x6 (66)
- 12.-22. (11 Rounds) sc in each st around (66)

If you're using safety eyes, attach them between round 17 and 18 with a distance of about 8 stitches.

23. (sc 9, dec) x6 (60)
24. (sc 8, dec) x6 (54)
25. (sc 7, dec) x6 (48)
26. (sc 6, dec) x6 (42)
27. (sc 5, dec) x6 (36)
28. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
29. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)

Stuff the head.

30. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)
31. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)

Finish stuffing.

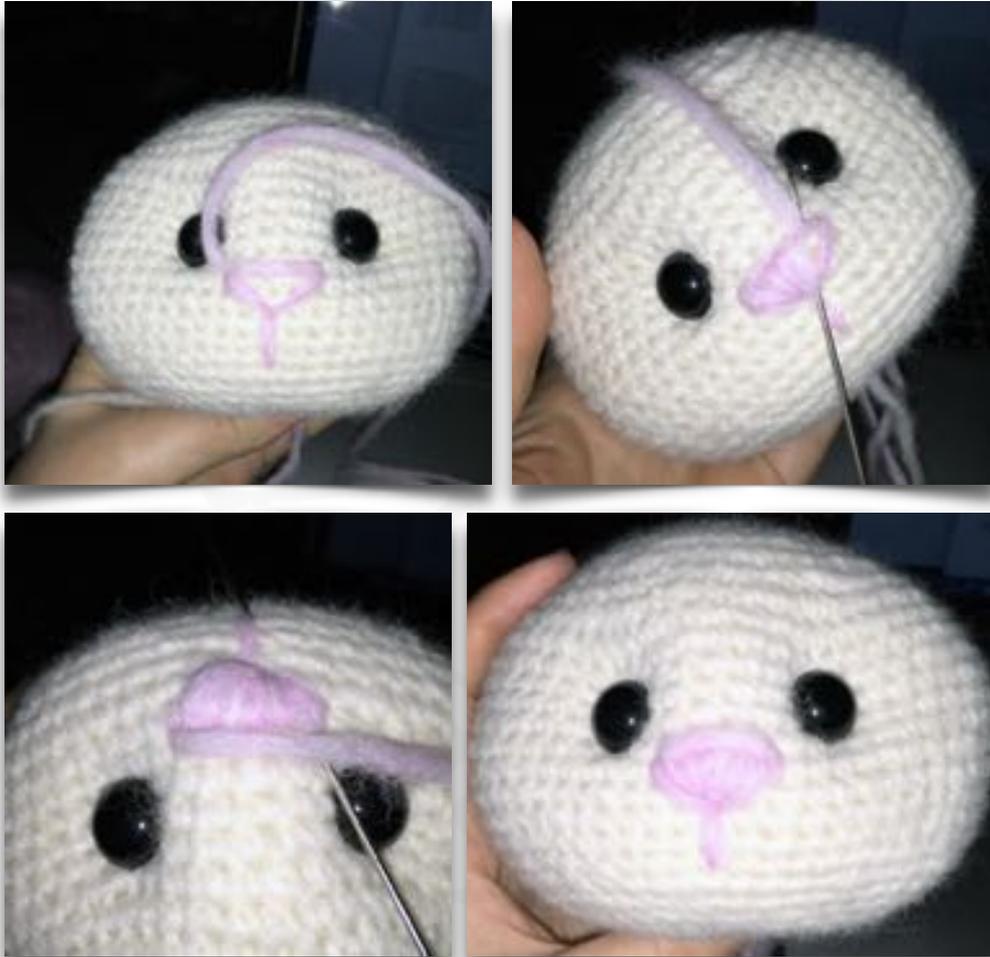
32. dec x6 (6)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

If desired, you can form eye sockets as follows: Mark with 2 pins where you would like to position the eyes. Insert a long needle from the bottom of the head to the first marker. Reinsert the needle one stitch (either to the side or top/bottom) away from the exit point and feed the needle back through to the bottom. Repeat this step for the second eye. Pay attention to the tension, more pull will create a deeper socket. Refer to the photos below for guidance.



You will now embroider the nose. Please see the photos for reference and guidance. Start by stitching the outline with pink yarn. Next use a blanket stitch to fill in the main shape of the nose. Restitch the outline for a neater look. I start from the bottom of the head to be able to hide the knot and yarn ends.



Body:

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. (sc 7, inc) x6 (54)
10. (sc 8, inc) x6 (60)
- 11.-25. (15 Rounds) sc in each st around (60)
26. sc 12, dec, (sc 5, dec) x5, sc 11 (54)
- 27.-28. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (54)
29. sc 11, dec, (sc 4, dec) x5, sc 11 (48)
- 30.-31. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (48)
32. sc 11, dec, (sc 3, dec) x5, sc 10 (42)
- 33.-34. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (42)

- 35. (sc 5, dec) x6 (36)
- 36.-37. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (36)
- 38. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
- 39. sc in each st around (30)
- 40. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
- 41. sc in each st around (24)
- 42. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)
- 43. sc in each st around (18)

Fasten off, don't close, leave a long tail for sewing.

Stuff and shape the body, sew on the head (best using mattress stitch).

Front paw (make 2):

- 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.-10. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (30)
- 11. (sc 8, dec) x3 (27)
- 12. sc in each st around (27)
- 13. (sc 7, dec) x3 (24)
- 14. sc in each st around (24)
- 15. (sc 6, dec) x3 (21)
- 16. sc in each st around (21)
- 17. (sc 5, dec) x3 (18)

Shape and stuff, taking care not to overstuff so that you can still shape the paw.

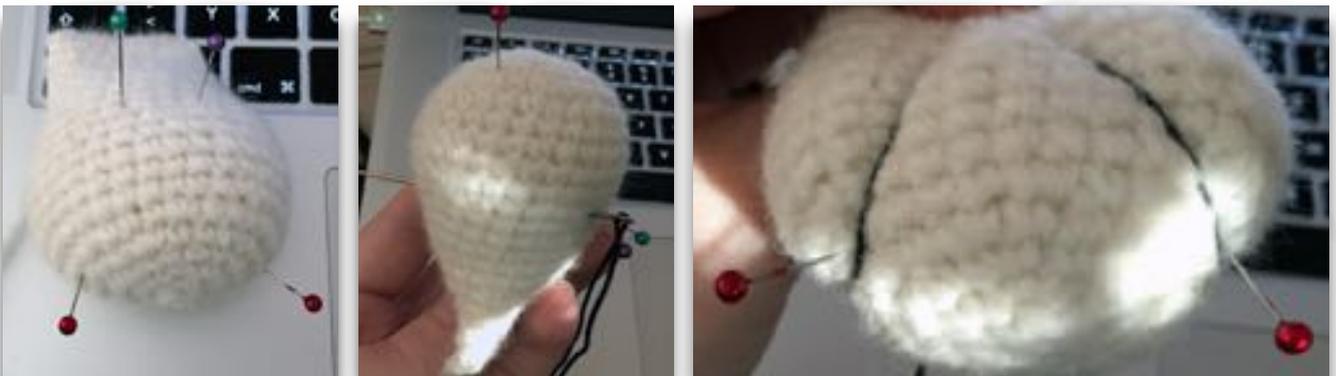
- 18.-27. (10 Rounds) sc in each st around (18)
- 28. (sc 4, dec) x3 (15)
- 29. sc in each st around (15)
- 30. (sc 3, dec) x3 (12)

Lightly stuff the arm.

- 31. dec x6 (6)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Now sculpt the paws using black yarn. 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.



You can color the pads with chalk pastels or crochet the pads and sew them on.

optional:

Small pads (make 6):

pink

1. sc 6 in MR (6)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

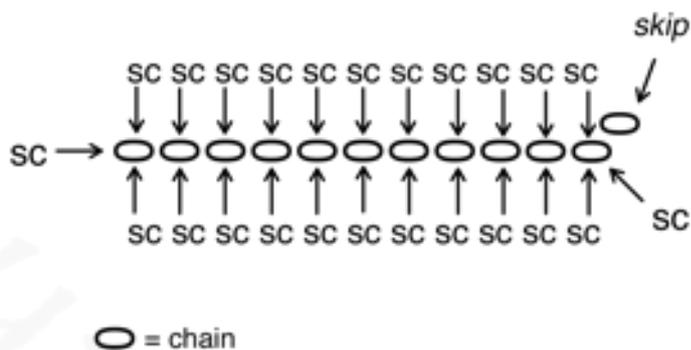
Big pads (make 2):

pink

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Crochet an oval



Back paws (2x):

The back paws are started with an oval (see diagram).

1. ch 12, starting in 2nd chain from hook: sc 10, sc 3 in last st, rotate 180 degrees and crochet along the opposite side of the foundation chain: sc 9, sc 2 in last st (24)
2. inc, sc 9, inc x3, sc 9, inc x2 (30)
3. sc 1, inc, sc 9, (sc 1, inc) x3, sc 9, (sc 1, inc) x2 (36)
4. sc 2, inc, sc 9, (sc 3, inc) x3, sc 9, (sc 2, inc) x2 (42)
- 5.-10. (6 Rounds) sc in each st around (42)
11. (sc 12, dec) x3 (39)
12. (sc 11, dec) x3 (36)
13. (sc 10, dec) x3 (33)
14. (sc 9, dec) x3 (30)
- 15.-20. (6 Rounds) sc in each st around (30)
21. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
22. sc in each st around (24)
23. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)
24. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)

Shape and stuff, taking care not to overstuff so that you can still shape the toes.

25. dec x6 (6)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

To sculpt the back paws, use the same method as you did for the front paws but, instead of using black yarn, use the main colour for your bunny. This is, of course, personal choice and you can also opt for black yarn. I used a small amount of pink pastel chalks to add the pads of the paws.



You could, alternatively, crochet small rounds for the pads. See below the photo for instructions.

optional:

Small pads (make 6):

pink

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Big pads (make 2):

pink

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Sew the pads to the paws.

Ear (2x):

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.-12. (6 Rounds) sc in each st around (36)
13. (sc 16, dec) x2 (34)
- 14.-15. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (34)
16. (sc 15, dec) x2 (32)
- 17.-18. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (32)
19. (sc 14, dec) x2 (30)

- 20.-21. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (30)
22. (sc 13, dec) x2 (28)
23.-24. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (28)
25. (sc 12, dec) x2 (26)
26.-27. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (26)
28. (sc 11, dec) x2 (24)
29.-33. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (24)

Fasten off, do not close, do not stuff, leave long tail for sewing.

Tail (alternative Pompom):

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

Fasten off, do not close, leave long tail for sewing, stuff lightly.

alternative version to sew on the ears:



All that is left to do now is sewing all the pieces together. I like to pin all elements into position before sewing them to make sure that everything fits together nicely.

