

Wreath Animals

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Materials:

If worked with the suggested yarn, the finished figure will fit a wreath with a 30 cm diameter.

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

If you want to achieve a smaller animal, use thinner yarn and a smaller hook.

- Yarn (I used DROPS Air - LL 130m/50g)
- Crochet hook in size for your chosen yarn (for me 3,5 mm)
- Stuffing
- Small amount of pink yarn for the nose, small amount of black yarn for the paws
- Safety eyes in suitable size (for me: 15 mm)
- Wool/Darning needle
- optional: pink pastel chalk

Abbreviations (US Terms):

MR = magic ring

ch = chain

slst = slip stitch

sc = single crochet

st = stitch

inc = increase (work 2 sc in 1 st)

dec = decrease (stitch 2 sc together)

For instructions on how to make the base wreath please visit: <https://zhaya.de/wreath.html>.

You are working in continuous rounds, unless otherwise stated.

For sewing all parts together, best use the seamless join method of [PlanetJune \(click\)](#).

Bunny:

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)
 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)
- Start stuffing the head.*
30. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)
 31. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)
- Finish stuffing.*
32. dec x6 (6)

Fasten off, close, leave a very long tail for sewing.

The eyes are fixed to the middle of the head, when using safety eyes they should be inserted in rounds 17 – 18, with 8 stitches between. 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.



Ears (2x):

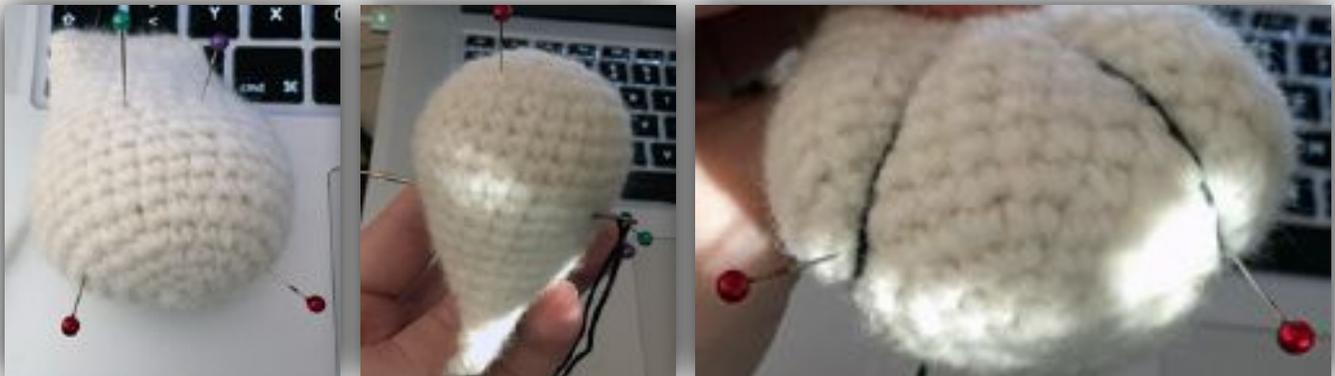
1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)
6. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
- 7.-12. [6 Rounds] sc in each st around (36)
13. (sc 16, dec) x2 (34)
- 14.-15. [2 Rounds] sc in each st (34)
16. (sc 15, dec) x2 (32)
- 17.-18. [2 Rounds] sc in each st around (32)
19. (sc 14, dec) x2 (30)
- 20.-21. [2 Rounds] sc in each st (30)
22. (sc 13, dec) x2 (28)
- 23.-24. [2 Rounds] sc in each st (28)
25. (sc 12, dec) x2 (26)
- 26.-27. [2 Rounds] sc in each st (26)
28. (sc 11, dec) x2 (24)
- 29.-33. [5 Rounds] sc in each st (24)

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

Front paw (2x):

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc, 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)
- 18.-20. [3 Rounds] sc in each st around (18)

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. 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.

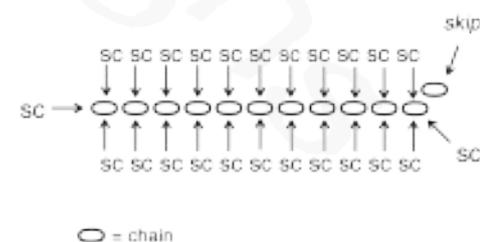


Back paws (make 2):

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

1. ch 12, sc 1 in 2nd ch from hook, sc 9, sc 3 in last st, continue on the bottom of the chain: sc 9, sc 2 in the 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 2, 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)

Crochet an oval



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, dec) x6 (12)

Stuff and shape the paw, taking care not to overstuff it as you will sculpt the toes later.

25. dec x6 (6)

Fasten off, close, leave 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.



Small pads (make 6):

pink

1. sc 6 in MR (6)

2. inc x6 (12)

Fasten off, leave long tail for sewing.

Big pads (make 2):

pink

1. sc 6 in MR (6)

2. inc x6 (12)

3. (sc, inc) x6 (18)

4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)

Fasten off, leave long tail for sewing.

Sew the pads to the paws.

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.-18 [8 Rounds] sc in each st around (60)
19. (sc 8, dec) x6 (54)
20. sc in each st around (54)
21. (sc 7, dec) x6 (48)
- 22.-24. [3 Rounds] sc in each st (48)

Stuff the body, taking care not to overstuff. Fold along the top edge and close the seam with a row of single crochet. Alternatively, sew the seam closed. Fasten off, leave tail for sewing.



Tail - Bunny:

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

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

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. Start by pinning the feet to the body, next pin the body the wreath. Next, pin the ears to the head (fold the ears in half again to shape them) Pin the tail to the body in a position, where it can still be seen from the front. I attached the front paws directly to the wreath, you could also sew them to side of the head. Once you are happy with your placement, sew all pieces into place. See the photos below for help and guidance.



Cat & Dog

To make the cat or dog, you just need to make the following pieces, the body and final construction are the same as for the bunny. (I did not take separate photos for the cat/dog wreaths, the assembly and finishing is the same as for the bunny):

Abbreviations (US Terms):

MR = magic ring

ch = chain

slst = slip stitch

st = stitch

sc = single crochet

hdc = half double crochet

dc = double crochet

tr = treble crochet

inc = increase

dec = decrease



Crochet an oval

Head (the same for all animals):

See bunny

Muzzle - CAT:

Start with an Oval (see diagram) as follows:

1. ch 6, sc 1 in 2nd ch from hook, sc 3, sc 3 in last st on this side; continue on the bottom of the chain: sc 3, sc 2 in last st (12)

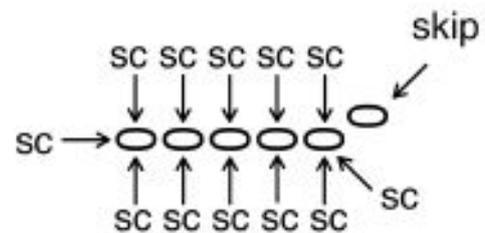
Continue in rounds from here on

2. inc, sc 3, inc x3, sc 3, inc x2 (18)
3. sc 1, inc, sc 3, (sc 1, inc) x3, sc 3, (sc 1, inc) x2 (24)
4. sc 2, inc, sc 3, (sc 2, inc) x3, sc 3, (sc 2, inc) x2 (30)
5. sc 3, inc, sc 3, (sc 3, inc) x3, sc 3, (sc 3, inc) x2 (36)
- 6.-8. [3 Rounds] sc in each st (36)

Fasten off, leave tail for sewing.

Stuff the muzzle, taking care not to overstuff. Pin in place and, once you are happy with the position, sew using the remaining yarn tail. Lightly stuff a little more if needed, you will sculpt the cheeks later on. If your yarn tail was long enough, you can proceed directly to sculpting the cheeks. Guide your needle to come out directly below the middle of the muzzle. Now place the yarn in one straight line to the top of the muzzle. Insert your needle at the top and come back out at the bottom, through your initial stitch. Pull the yarn tight and repeat this 2 or 3 times. Secure the yarn end with a knot and hide inside of the muzzle.

Next, embroider the nose. I recommend making the outline first, then filling the nose and lastly, going over the outline once more to neaten the edges. I started from the bottom of the head again and hid the tail ends in the head after knotting them securely.



○ = chain
sc = single crochet



Muzzle - DOG:

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. sc 3, inc x3, sc 3, inc x3 (18)
4. (sc 4, inc, sc 1, inc, sc 1, inc) x2 (24)
5. (sc 5, inc, sc 2, inc, sc 2, inc) x2 (30)
6. (sc 6, inc, sc 3, inc, sc 3, inc) x2 (36)
- 7.-11. [5 Rounds] sc in each st around (36)

Fasten off, leave tail for sewing.

Stuff lightly and pin to head. Once positioned correctly, use the left over yarn tail to sew the muzzle to the head. Add a little more stuffing, if needed, before closing. To embroider the nose, insert a needle through the bottom of the head and stitch the outline first. Next, fill in the nose and then re-stitch the outline to give you a nice, neat finish. Make sure you come out at the bottom of the head when finishing. Knot securely and hide tail ends in the head.



Alternative muzzle - DOG (more round):

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. sc in each st around (18)
5. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
6. sc in each st around (24)
7. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)
8. sc in each st around (30)
9. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
10. sc in each st around (36)
11. (sc 5, inc) x6 (42)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Sew the muzzle on the head as described for the other nose before and embroider the nose or crochet a nose like this:

Nose - DOG:

black

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. (sc 1, sc 3 in next st) x3 (12)
3. sc 2, sc 3 in next st, (sc 3, sc 3 in next st) x2, 1fM (18)
4. sc 3, sc 3 in next st, (sc 5, sc 3 in next st), sc 2 (24)

If you need a bigger nose, simply crochet more rounds, always make 3 stitches in the middle of the 3 in 1 stitches. This way you get a triangular nose.

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Place the nose on the muzzle, one point of the nose faces down and touches the first round of the muzzle, fix with pins. Sew on the nose carefully, if you like, you can put some stuffing under the nose before closing it and finally embroider a highlight with white. Embroider the mouth with the remaining thread (or a new, black thread, if necessary) to show how this works quite well: <https://www.zhaya.de/face.html>.

If desired, you can also sculpt eye sockets. To do this, mark the place of the eyes with a pin They should be positioned directly above the muzzle. Starting again at the



bottom of the head, insert your needle, exiting right next to your first marker. Remove pin, move your needle one stitch to the side of where the pin was and guide the needle back to the bottom. Pull the yarn and secure with a knot. Repeat the process for the other eye. See photos for guidance.

Ear – CAT (make 2):

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. (sc 2, inc) x2 (8)
3. (sc 3, inc) x2 (10)
4. (sc 4, inc) x2 (12)
5. (sc 5, inc) x2 (14)
6. (sc 6, inc) x2 (16)
7. (sc 7, inc) x2 (18)
8. (sc 8, inc) x2 (20)
9. (sc 9, inc) x2 (22)
10. (sc 10, inc) x2 (24)

Fasten off, leave tail for sewing.

Fold ear in half, do not stuff, do not close.

Ear - DOG (make 2):

You are starting off with an oval shape (The same instructions as for the cat muzzle apply):

1. ch 8, sc 1 in 2nd st from hook, sc 5, sc 3 in last st on this side; continue on the bottom of the chain: sc 5, sc 2 in last st (16)

Now continue in normal rounds

1. inc, sc 5, inc x3, sc 5, inc x2 (22)
- 2.-7. [5 Rounds] sc in each st (22)

For longer ears, simply add more rounds.

8. (sc 9, dec) x2 (20)
9. sc in each st (20)
10. (sc 8, dec) x2 (18)
11. sc in each st (18)
12. (sc 7, dec) x2 (16)
- 13.-15. [3 Rounds] sc in each st (16)

Fold ear in half, do not stuff, close top with a row of sc.

Fasten off, leave tail for sewing.



Pointed ear - DOG (make 2):

Inner part:

Contrasting color

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

1. ch 2, sc 2 in 2nd from hook, ch 1, turn (2)
2. inc x2, ch 1, turn (4)
3. sc in each st around, ch 1, turn (4)
4. inc, sc 2, inc, ch 1, turn (6)
5. sc in each st around, ch 1, turn (6)
6. inc, sc 4, inc (8)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Main part:

Main color

1. sc 4 in MR (4)
2. (sc 1, inc) x2 (6)
3. (sc 1, inc) x3 (9)
4. (sc 2, inc) x3 (12)
5. (sc 3, inc) x3 (15)
6. (sc 4, inc) x3 (18)
7. (sc 5, inc) x3 (21)
8. (sc 6, inc) x3 (24)
9. sc in each st around (24)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Fold in ear half, sew the inner part on.



Body (same for all animals):

See Bunny

Back paws – Dog and Cat (make 2):

You are, once again, starting with an oval, the same as for the muzzle and ear.

1. ch 12, sc 1 in 2nd st from hook, sc 9, sc 3 in last st, working along the bottom of the 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 2, inc) x3, sc 9, (sc 2, inc) x2 (42)
- 1.-9. [5 Rounds] sc in each st (42)
10. (sc 12, dec) x3 (39)
11. (sc 11, dec) x3 (36)
12. (sc 10, dec) x3 (33)
13. (sc 9, dec) x3 (30)
- 14.-17. [4 Rounds] sc in each st (30)
18. (sc 3, dec) x 6 (24)
19. (sc 2, dec) x 6 (18)
20. (sc, dec) x 6 (12)

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

21. dec x6 (6)

Fasten off, leave tail for sewing.

Using a long yarn end, you can now shape the toes. Use pins to mark the toe lines. Insert your needle in the bottom into the stitch directly next to the stitch you marked. Guide the yarn around the pin head, over the front of the paw and reinsert your needle right next to the marker on the top. Repeat this step 2 or 3 times, keeping the tension equally tight. The final exit should be on the bottom, where you started off, knot the end and hide any tail in the paw.

You can now draw on the pads with some chalk pastels or crochet the pads as follows:



optional:

Small Pads (make 6):

pink (cat) black or brown (dog)

1. MR – 2 ch, 9hdc (9) – close ring with slst into the top of the ch2
Fasten off, leave tail for sewing.

Large Pads (make 2):

pink (cat) black or brown (dog)

1. MR – 4 ch, 15dc (15) - close ring with slst into the top of the ch4
Fasten off, leave tail for sewing.
Sew the pads to the bottom of the paws, see photos for guidance.



Front paws (same for all):

See bunny

Tail - CAT:

It is best to stuff the tail as you work. It is best not to stuff the tail too tightly so that you can still shape it nicely at the end.

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x 6(24)
- 5.-8. [4 Rounds] sc in each st (24)
Change color if desired
- 9.-10. [2 Rounds] sc in each st (24)
11. dec, sc 22 (23)
- 12.-13. [2 Rounds] sc in each st (23)
14. dec, sc 21 (22)
- 15.-16. [2 Rounds] sc in each st (22)
17. dec, sc 20 (21)
- 18.-19. [2 Rounds] sc in each st (21)
20. dec, sc 19 (20)
- 21.-22. [2 Rounds] sc in each st (20)
23. dec, sc 18 (19)
- 24.-25. [2 Rounds] sc in each st (19)
26. dec, sc 17 (18)
- 27.-28. [2 Rounds] sc in each st (18)
29. dec, sc 16 (17)
- 30.-31. [2 Rounds] sc in each st (17)
32. dec, sc 15 (16)

33.-34. [2 Rounds] sc in each st (16)

35. dec, sc 14 (15)

36.-40. [5 Rounds] sc in each st (15)

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

To achieve a more sturdy shape for the tail you could add pipe cleaners or florist wire to the tail.

Tail - DOG (Straight):

1. sc 6 in MR (6)

2. inc x6 (12)

3.-8. (6 Runden) sc in each st around (12)

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

Tail - DOG (Curled):

1. sc 4 in MR (4)

2. (sc 1, inc) x2 (6)

3. sc 3, *BLO*: sc 3 (6)

4. sc in each st around (6)

5. sc 1, inc, sc 1, crochet the next 3 stitches as follows: first insert hook through the free loops of round 3 and then directly through the next stitch: sc 1 (7)

6. sc 3, *BLO*: sc 4 (7)

7. sc in each st around (7)

8. inc, sc 1, inc, crochet the next 4 stitches as follows: first insert hook through the free loops of round 6 and then directly through the next stitch: sc 1 (9)

9. sc 5, *BLO*: sc 4 (9)

10. sc in each st around (9)

11. sc 5, crochet the next three stitches as follows: first insert hook through the free loops of round 9 and then directly through the next stitch: sc 1 (9)

Repeat round 9 to 11 until you reach the desired length of the tail, stuff and shape the tail while crocheting.

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

Finishing: See instructions for bunny.

Bone:

Off-white

1. sc 5 in MR (5)

2. inc x5 (10)

3. (sc 1, inc) x5 (15)

Fasten off, weave in loose ends.

Crochet round 1-3 again, do not fasten off now. Insert hook from inside through a stitch of the first part and pull the working loop from the second part through:

4. sc 15 along the second part, sc 15 along the first part (30)

Place your round marker here and keep it straight. Crochet one stitch more or less if necessary.

5.-6. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (30)

7. dec, sc 11, dec x2, sc 11, dec (26)

8. dec, sc 9, dec x2, sc 9, dec (22)

9. dec, sc 7, dec x2, sc 7, dec (18)

10.-17. (8 Rounds) sc in each st around (18)



Continue to keep the round marker straight..

18. inc, sc 7, inc x2, sc 7, inc (22)
19. inc, sc 9, inc x2, sc 9, inc (26)
20. inc, sc 11, inc x2, sc 11, inc (30)
21. sc in each st around (30)

Stuff and shape the bone.

22. sc 29, insert hook through the next and the 16th stitch and sc 1 (30) <- place your round marker here
23. turn, insert hook through the 16th stitch again, sc 14 (15)
24. (sc 1, dec) x5 (10)
25. dec x5 (5)

Fasten off, weave in loose ends.

Stuff this part of the bone.

Rejoin yarn in the next stitch on the other side.

23. sc in each st around (15)
24. (sc 1, dec) x5 (10)
25. dec x5 (5)

Fasten off, finish stuffing, close, weave in loose ends.

Ball:

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 4, dec) x6 (30)
14. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
15. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)
16. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)

Stuff and shape the ball.

17. dec x6 (6)

Fasten off, close, weave in loose ends.

All that is left to do now is decorating the wreath. You can add butterflies (I especially like the ones you can find here: [click](#) or flowers, e.g. from the book „100 Flowers to knit and crochet“, small carrots or Easter eggs. Little mice are obviously perfect for a cat wreath (a pattern is available in my [Facebook group](#)).



