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Crochet Pattern

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Skill level: intermediate

Bat for Halloween

About this pattern

Toy is crocheted in continuous spirals without joining the rounds. You will need a stitch marker to keep track of where the beginning of each round starts. Move the marker up to the first stitch of the next round after finishing the previous one. If you don't have a stitch marker you can always use a scrap of contrasting yarn instead. When finished just pull this yarn out. You can see thread marker in my photos.

I use USA terminology for my pattern (don't worry if you use UK terms, all the differences are explained in the pattern).

Happy crocheting!

Materials and tools

1 Yarn:
- 1 skein of grey fuzzy yarn - weight DK / 8 ply (11 wpi), 175 g per 100 g skein for main parts. I used Nazar-rus 'Swan's Down' (100% polyamide), 170 m per 100 g - 1 skein.
- Some Sport / 5 ply (12 wpi) yarn, 174 yards (159 meters) per 50 gr skein. Split in 2 threads. I used - Yarn Art JEANS (55% cotton, 45% acrylic) 160 m per 50 g skein.
- Light pink - 1/3 of a skein (for muzzle, legs, eyelids, ears).
- White – oddments for eyes
- Black - oddments for the hat

2 Steel hook - 1 mm (US 12, UK 6 1/2) for plain yarn and 1.5 mm (US 8, UK 4 1/2) – for fluffy. Please note that you should use much thinner hook than stated at the yarn label.

3 Stuffing: hollofiber or padding polyester.

4 Copper electrical wire covered with plastic for the frame - approx. 200 cm; diameter 3 mm with plastic cover (you have to be able to bend it with hands, but it shall keep the shape). Note! Amount may wary depends of your yarn.

5 2 black beads for eyes (in my case – they are of different diameter 3 and 6 mm)

6 Light pink felt 1 mm thick, 1 sheet 20 x 30 cm. You may use leather or shammy-leather instead of felt.

7 Matching sewing thread for sewing small parts

8 Sewing needle

9 2 sewing pins

10 Wooden stick to stuff "hard-to-get-to" places

11 Adhesive plaster tape with fabric base 1-1.5 cm wide to work up the wire cuts (the one you use to cover wounds)

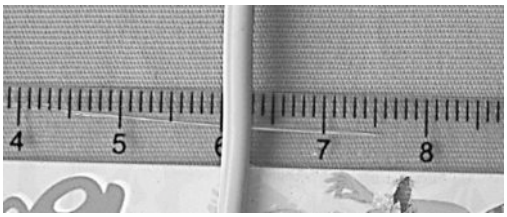


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12 Additionally for the hat you'll need some green satin ribbon 1.2 cm width, little goldish buckle approx. 1.8-2 cm and silicone elastic.

Choose wire for the frame correctly

It has to be approximately 3 mm in diameter together with plastic covering.



Use only copper wire with plastic covering for the frame as copper can better stand bending compared to aluminum. You can buy it at electric supplies stores.



Recommended fuzzy yarn:
Project 1 by Galina Astashova:



This toy's body was crocheted using yarn:



Name: Swan's Down (лебяжий пух)
Brand: Nazar
Weight: DK / 8 ply (11 wpi)
Yardage: 175 g **per** 100 g skein
Fiber type: 100% polyamine (Nylon)
Recommended Hook range: 4 mm(H) – 5 mm(G)
Hook used: 1.5 mm

Project 2 by Alla Michaylova:



This toy's body was crocheted using yarn:



Name: Techno
Brand: Yarn Art
Weight: DK / 8 ply (11 wpi)
Yardage: 109 yards (100 meters) **per** 50 grams (1.76 ounces) skein
Fiber type: 100% Microfiber
Recommended Hook range: 4 mm(H) – 5 mm(G)
Hook used: 1.5 mm

Project 3 by Svetlana Bakayeva:



This toy's body was crocheted using 2 yarns:
1-flyffy
Name: Techno
Brand: Yarn Art
Weight: DK / 8 ply (11 wpi)
Yardage: 109 yards (100 meters) **per** 50 grams (1.76 ounces) skein
Fiber type: 100% Microfiber
Recommended Hook range: 4 mm(H) – 5 mm(G)
Hook used: 1.5 mm

2nd-plain



Name: Puffy Fine
Brand: Alize
Weight: Light Fingering / 3 ply
Yardage: 481 yards (440 meters) **per** 100 grams (3.53 ounces) skein
Fiber type: 50% Acrylic, 50% Rayon
Recommended Hook range: 1 mm – 3 mm
Hook used: 1.5 mm

One round was crocheted using fluffy yarn and the next one using plain yarn. All the "eyelashes" of the fluffy yarn were kept on the wrong side of the body until the certain point then turned right side out.



Plain yarn used for all 3 toys:
Yarn was split in two threads.



Name: Jeans
Brand: Yarn Art
Colors: light pink, white and black
Weight: Sport / 5 ply (12 wpi)
Yardage: 174 yards (159 meters) **per** 50 grams (1.76 ounces) skein
Fiber type: 55% Cotton, 45% Acrylic
Recommended Hook range: 4.5 (E)
Hook used: 1 mm

Project 4 by WillowRavenStorm on Ravelry:
Project is larger than on the main picture.
Finished Size:
• 17" (42.5cm) high without hat, 20" (55cm) high with hat
• 14.5" (36cm) ear tip to ear tip
• 14.5" (36cm) wingspan



This toy's body was crocheted using yarn:
Name: Moxie
Brand: Patons North America
Weight: Aran / 10 ply (8 wpi)
Yardage: 96 yards (88 meters) per 100 grams skein – you need 3 skeins
Fiber type: 100% Polyester
Recommended Hook range: 5.5 (I)
Hook used: 2 mm



Yardage: 50 grams per skein – you need 4 skeins
Fiber type: 100% Polyester
Hook used: 1.5 mm

Project 5 by WillowRavenStorm on Ravelry:
Finished size:
- 16" high without hat, 19" high with hat
- 13.5" ear tip to ear tip
- 13.5" wingspan



This toy's body was crocheted using yarn:



Brand: Crafts
Weight: Bulky / 12 ply (7 wpi)

Finished size

Finished size approx. 35 cm high, wing spread – 40 cm.

Tip (make it right)

When making toys the right side looks like this:



And the backside looks like this:



Abbreviations

ch = chain
inc = increasing (2 sc in 1 st)
st(s) = stitch(es)
dec = decreasing (sc2tog)
sc2tog = single crochet two stitches together
sl st = slip stitch
sc = single crochet
dc = double crochet
tr = treble
rnd = round
pic = picture

Tip (gauge)

When making toys, you should use a much thinner hook than recommended for the yarn you choose.

Tip

Make sure you crochet tight enough; otherwise, stuffing will show through the holes.

USA/UK terminology comparison chart.

Abbreviations USA	Abbreviations UK
ch - chain	ch - chain
sc - single crochet	dc - double crochet
hdc - half double crochet	htr - half treble
dc - double crochet	tr - treble
tr - treble	dtr - double treble
dtr - double treble	tr tr - triple treble
sl st - slip stitch	sl - slip stitch

Other differences in crochet terminology used:

Terminology USA	Terminology UK
fasten off	cast off
skip	miss
gauge	tension
yarn over (yo)	yarn over hook (yoh)

Skill levels

BEGINNER — Projects for first-time crocheters using basic stitches. Minimal shaping.

EASY — Projects using yarn with basic stitches, repetitive stitch patterns, simple color changes, and simple shaping and finishing.

INTERMEDIATE — Projects using a variety of techniques, such as basic lace patterns or color patterns, mid-level shaping and finishing.

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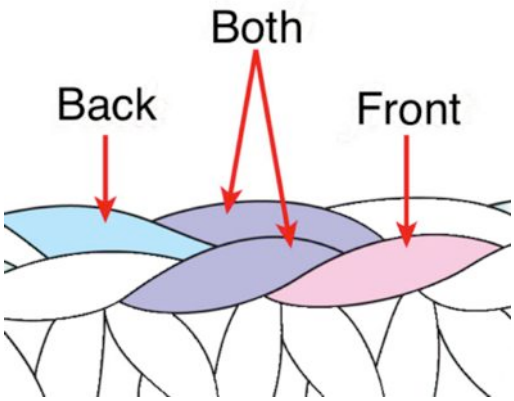
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Tip (make it right)

If there are no special notes, the toy is crocheted under both parts of the loop. In some rows, there are special notes: 'into the front loop only' or 'into the back loop only'. In such case, you need to follow those instructions.





How to read text in brackets:
Example: (10 sc, 1 dec) x 2
You should read it like this: repeat stitches in brackets 2 times - 10 sc, 1 dec, 10 sc, 1 dec.

Feet

Pink yarn, hook 1 mm.

Left foot

Rnd 1. 6 sc in magic ring = 6 sts
Rnd 2. 6 inc = 12 sts
Rnd 3. (1 sc, 1 inc) x 6, ch 4, 3 sc in the 2nd ch from the hook = 25 sts
Rnd 4. 8 sc, 1 dec, 11 sc, 3 sc in 1 st; 2 sc = 25 sts
Rnd 5. 21 sc, 1 inc, 3 sc = 26 sts
Rnd 6. 8 sc, 1 dec, 16 sc = 25 sts
Rnd 7. 8 sc, 1 dec, 15 sc = 24 sts
Rnd 8. 8 sc, 1 dec, 14 sc = 23 sts
Rnd 9. 7 sc, 1 dec, 14 sc =22 sts
Rnd 10. 7 sc, 1 dec, 13 sc =21 sts
Rnd 11. 7 sc, 1 dec, 12 sc =20 sts
Rnd 12. 6 sc, 1 dec, 12 sc =19 sts
Rnd 13. 6 sc, 1 dec, 11 sc =18 sts
Rnd 14. 5 sc, 1 dec, 11 sc =17 sts
Rnd 15. 5 sc, 1 dec, 10 sc=16 sts
Rnd 16. ch 3, skip 2 sts (we've got a hole for the frame), 2 sc, 1 dec, 10 sc =16 sts
Rnd 17. 3 sc along the chain, 1 sc, 1 dec, 10 sc = 15 sts
Rnd 18. 1 sc in each stitch around = 15 sc

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Warning: Because your finished project may have small parts, please be extremely cautious if you decide to give them to a child.