



Crochet Pattern

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Skill level: Intermediate



Raccoon

About this pattern

The 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. You can see it 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).

Finished size

Approx. 15 cm (5.9 inches) tall using the materials stated in the pattern.

*Happy
crocheting!*

Materials and tools

✓ Yarn

I used "Lotus Travka Stretch" by Kamteks (70% acrylic, 28% polyamide, 2% lycra) that has approximately 80 m in a 50 g skein) in the following colors:

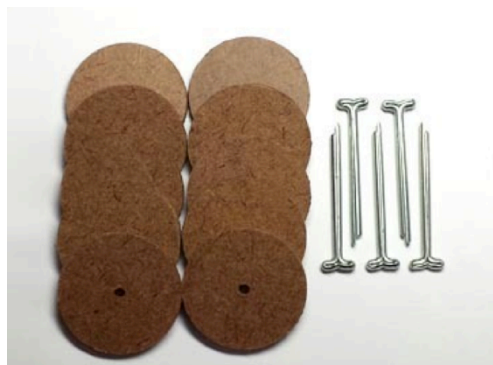
- dark grey (I used approximately one skein);
- light grey (I used approximately half a skein);
- black (I used approximately half a skein);
- white (I used small amount).

Tip: Go to Gauge section to know if you chose the right yarn.

- ✓ Strong smooth thread (i.e. acrylic yarn) to sew the pieces together if your main yarn is fluffy and you can't use it to assemble the toy.
- ✓ Matching crochet hook. I used 3.0 mm crochet hook (US 2 or 3 crochet hook, UK 11 crochet hook).
- ✓ Stuffing
- ✓ Brush to brush up the toy (you can use Velcro instead).
- ✓ Transparent glue.
- ✓ White felt to make the whites of the eyes (you can needle felt them instead using white wool for felting – instructions are not given).
- ✓ Two black half beads for the pupils of the eyes (I used 7 mm in diameter).
- ✓ Black polymer clay to make the nose (instructions are given). You can use a ready-made nose as well (approximately 7-9 mm wide for the toy 15 cm (5.9 inches) tall), crochet it or embroider (instructions are not given).
- ✓ Varnish (if you are going to make the nose using polymer clay).
- ✓ Cotter pin to attach the head onto the body (optional) – I used a cotter pin 25 mm long. You can simply sew the head onto the body.



- ✓ Two discs for a cotter pin joint – I used 20 mm in diameter. You can use plastic or fiberboard discs.



- ✓ Any material to tint the toy (pencils, dry pastels, oil paints, etc.) – I used oil pastels.
- ✓ Strong black thread to needle sculpt the muzzle.

Cotter Pin joints

Note: Below you will find some general information on how to make a cotter pin joint. I don't use washers. But if you feel it is necessary (to make the joint more secure), feel free to use them as stated below.

If cotter pin has "flat T-head"



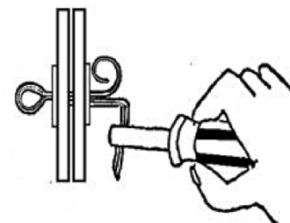
Each joint consists of two fiberboard discs, 2 washers and one cotter pin.

Take a cotter pin, put on a washer, and then a disk:



** Crochet until you are told to insert a cotter pin, put prepared part of the joint inside the piece and continue crocheting. You can **finish off the piece completely**, with just the cotter pin poking out. To

attach the head to the body: insert the cotter pin legs between sts. Put on the second disc, followed by the washer. Curl each leg of the cotter pin with pliers or a special tool to tighten the joint.

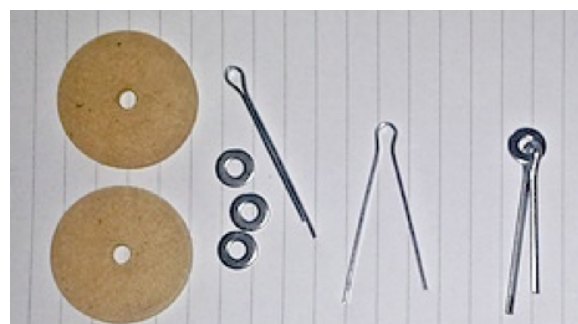


If cotter pin has "round head"

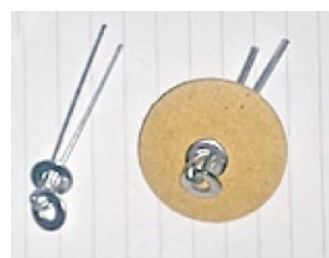


Each joint consists of two fiberboard discs, 3 washers and one cotter pin.

Open the cotter pin slightly (you may need pliers) and put one washer into the loop at the top. It prevents the top of the cotter pin from flattening and pulling through the joint during tightening.



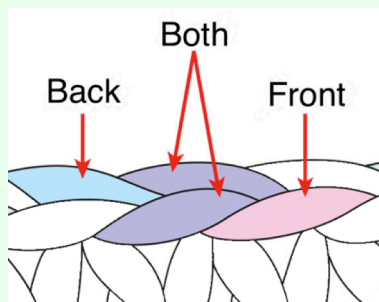
Press cotter pin closed and put on a washer, then a disc.



The rest is the same as for a cotter pin with T-head. See ** in the section "***If cotter pin has "flat T-head"***".

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 that case, you need to follow these instructions.

**Tip (make it right)**

When making toys the right side looks like this:



And the backside looks like this:

**Abbreviations**

ch(s) = chain(s)
 st(s) = stitch(es)
 sl st = slip stitch
 sc(s) = single crochet(s)
 inc(s) = increasing(s) (2 sc in 1 st)
 dec(s) = decreasing(s) (sc2tog)
 hdc = half double crochet
 dc = double crochet
 Rnd = round

If there is a record in the brackets in the pattern, multiplied by some number, for example (3 sc, 1 inc) x 3, it means you need to repeat this action 3 times, that is 3 sc, 1 inc, 3 sc, 1 inc, 3 sc, 1 inc.

TIP (yarn)

If you use different yarn, the toy will be bigger or smaller and you will need more or less yarn than stated in the pattern (i.e. thicker yarn will produce a larger toy and you may require more yarn).

Tip (gauge)

When making toys, you should use a much smaller hook than recommended for the yarn you choose. Make sure you crochet tight enough; otherwise, the 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 (triple crochet)	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.



EXPERIENCED

Projects with intricate stitch patterns, techniques and dimension, such as non-repeating patterns, multi-color techniques, fine threads, small hooks, detailed shaping and refined finishing.

GAUGE to make the toy 15 cm (5.9 inches) tall

Crochet a swatch using the yarn mentioned in the “Materials and tools” section and matching crochet hook first to make sure that you have chosen the right yarn (use a smaller hook than suggested on the yarn label) if you want to make the toy the size same as in the pattern.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring

Rnd 2: 6 inc = 12 sts

Rnd 3: (1 sc, 1 inc) x 6 = 18 sts

Rnd 4: (2 sc, 1 inc) x 6 = 24 sts

Rnd 5: (3 sc, 1 inc) x 6 = 30 sts

Rnd 6: (4 sc, 1 inc) x 6 = 36 sts

Rnd 7: (5 sc, 1 inc) x 6 = 42 sts

Compare your swatch with the one in the picture below.



If it differs, take a bigger or smaller hook than you used before (depending on the result) and work another swatch. If it does not help – choose different yarn and make another swatch.

Need help with the pattern?

You are welcome to visit our Ravelry page where this toy was made by other crafters. They would be happy to help.

<https://goo.gl/iXrRwy>



Before you start

I don't leave the tails for sewing as my yarn is not suitable for sewing the pieces together. That is why I weave in loose ends after fastening off. If your yarn is suitable for sewing, read the pattern through and decide where you should leave a tail for sewing.

I use a cotter pin joint to attach the head to the body to make it movable. If you prefer to sew the head to the body, ignore the cotter pin instructions.

Body

with dark grey color yarn

Work from the bottom up.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring

Rnd 2: 6 inc (12)

Rnd 3: (1 sc, 1 inc) x 6 (18)

Rnd 4: (2 sc, 1 inc) x 6 (24)

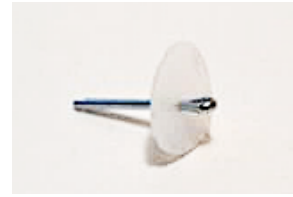
Rnds 5-9: 1 sc in each st around (24)

Shape the belly:

Rnd 10: 5 dec, 14 sc (19)

Rnds 11-15: 1 sc in each st around (19)

Stuff firmly. Insert the prepared part of the cotter pin joint (see *Cotter pin joints* section).



Decrease until you have 6 sts left. Fasten off and close up the opening. Weave in loose ends.



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