



TOY-MAKING
essentials

10 PAIRS OF EYES

5 PAIRS OF ROSY CHEEKS

10 NOSES

PLUS EXCLUSIVE
Easter Bonnet Bear pattern

A diagram showing the parts for the bear: 10 pairs of eyes, 5 pairs of rosy cheeks, and 10 noses. The parts are shown in small circular icons with arrows pointing to the corresponding parts on the bear's face.

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EASTER PARADE

Use your free gifts to create these sweet little toys – a perfect, non-chocolate addition to an Easter gift basket

 Aran, DK  2mm, 4mm, 3mm

★ Beginner friendly

Yarn used

Paintbox Yarns Simply Aran
1 ball each in Soft Fudge or Coffee Bean (MC), Vanilla Cream (CC)

Paintbox Yarns Cotton DK
Small amounts in Dusty Rose (A),
Bubblegum Pink (B), Spearmint Green (C),
Marine Blue (D)

About the yarn

Aran: Aran; 184m per 100g ball;
100% acrylic
Cotton DK: DK; 125m per 50g ball;
100% cotton

Tension is not critical, but stitches should be tight to avoid stuffing showing through

Hooks used

3mm
4mm
2mm

Other supplies

your free toy-making supplies
toy stuffing
embroidery thread in black,
pink & other colours
tapestry needle

Sizing

16cm tall

Easter Bonnet Bear

● Start crocheting

Head

Rnd 1: With B and 4mm hook, 6 dc in a magic ring.

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 12 sts

Rnds 3-4: Dc around.

Change to A. Fasten off B.

Rnd 5: 5 dc, [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] 3 times, 1 dc. 15 sts

Rnd 6: 5 dc, [2 dc in next st, 2 dc] 3 times, 1 dc. 18 sts

Rnd 7: 5 dc, [2 dc in next st, 3 dc] 3 times, 1 dc. 21 sts

Rnd 8: 5 dc, [2 dc in next st, 4 dc] 3 times, 1 dc. 24 sts

Rnd 9: 5 dc, [2 dc in next st, 5 dc] 3 times, 1 dc. 27 sts

Rnd 10: 5 dc, [2 dc in next st, 6 dc] 3 times, 1 dc. 30 sts

Rnd 12: 5 dc, [2 dc in next st, 7 dc] 3 times, 1 dc. 33 sts

Rnds 13-15: Dc around.

Rnd 16: [Dc2tog, 1 dc] around. 22 sts
Insert eyes, cheeks and nose using image as a guide and secure tightly. Stuff head firmly at this point.

Rnd 17: Dc2tog around. 11 sts

Rnd 18: Rep Rnd 17. 6 sts

Rnd 19: Rep Rnd 17. 3 sts

Fasten off. Weave tail through remaining sts with tapestry needle and pull tight to close.

Ears

With A and 4mm hook, chain 4.

Rnd 1: Working into 2nd ch from hook, 2 dc, 3 dc in last st, continue to work into other side of chain, 1 dc, 2 dc in same ch as first st. Continue to work in amigurumi style.

Rnds 2-4: Dc around.

Stuff firmly.

Body

With A and 4mm hook, chain 10, continue to work into first ch in an amigurumi style

Rnds 1 & 2: Dc around. 10 sts

Rnd 3: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] around. 15 sts

Rnd 4: [2 dc in next st, 2 dc] around. 20 sts

Rnd 5: [2 dc in next st, 3 dc] around. 25 sts

Rnds 6-12: Dc around.

Rnd 13: [Dc2tog, 3 dc] around. 20 sts

Rnd 14: [Dc2tog, 2 dc] around. 15 sts

Rnd 15: [Dc2tog, 1 dc] around. 10 sts

Rnd 16: [Dc2tog] 5 times. 5 sts

Fasten off. Weave tail through remaining sts with tapestry needle and pull tight to close. Stuff firmly.

Arms (make 2)

Rnd 1: With A and 4mm hook, 6 dc in magic ring.

Rnds 2-8: Dc around.

Fasten off. Stuff firmly.

Legs

Rnd 1: With A and 4mm hook, 6 dc in magic ring.

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 12 sts

Rnds 3-5: Dc around.

Fasten off. Stuff firmly.

Bonnet

Rnd 1: With 3mm hook and A, 6 dc into a magic ring.

Rnd 2: Working into BLO, 2 dc in each st around. 12 sts

Rnd 3: Working into BLO, [2 dc into next st, 1 dc] around. 18 sts

Rnd 4: Working into BLO, [2 dc into next st, 2 dc] around. 24 sts

Rnd 5: Working into BLO, [2 dc into next st, 3 dc] around. 30 sts

Rnds 6 & 7: Working into BLO, dc around.

Rnd 8 (brim): 3 ch (counts as 1 tr), 1 tr in same st, 4 tr, 3 ch, working around left ear miss 1 st, 4 tr, [2 tr in next st, 4 tr] twice, 3 ch, working around right ear miss 1 st, 4 tr, 2 tr in next st, 4 tr, join with sl st in beg 3 ch. 36 sts

Rnd 9: 3 ch, 1 tr in same st, 5 tr, 3 tr in 3ch-sp, 4 tr, [2 tr in next st, 5 tr] twice, 3 tr in 3ch-sp, 4 tr, 2 tr in next st, 5 tr, join with sl st in beg 3 ch. 42 sts

Rnd 10: 3 ch, 1 tr in same st, 6 tr, [2 tr in next st, 6 tr] around, join with sl st in beg 3 ch. 48 sts

Fasten off.



Flower

Rnd 1: With 3mm hook and B, 5 dc into a magic ring.

Rnd 2: {[2 ch, 1 htr, 2 ch, sl st] in next st} 5 times, sl st in base of beg 2 ch to join. Fasten off.

Leaf (make 2)

With 3mm hook and C, chain 4.

Row 1: Working into 4th ch from hook, 2trcl. Fasten off.

Making up

Bonnet should already be attached to Head loosely by Ears – now stuff the bonnet top lightly and sew down with tapestry needle and A to head. Sew on Flower and Leaves with tail ends and embroider centre to flower with A.

Sew head, arms and legs to body.

Split black embroidery thread to two strands and embroider mouth under nose. Cross stitch two crosses on arms for paws. 🧶

Chocolate Bunny

🧶 Start crocheting

Using Coffee Bean as MC and CC throughout, work as for Easter Bonnet Bear apart from ears.

Right Ear

With MC and 3mm hook, chain 6.

Row 1: Starting in 3rd ch from hook, 1 tr, 2 tr, 2 tr in last st. Turn. 6 sts

Row 2: 2 ch, (counts as 1 htr), 1 htr in same st, 4 htr, 2 htr in last st. Turn. 8 sts

Row 3: 2 ch, htr across. Turn.

Row 4: 2 ch, miss 1 st, 4 htr, htr2tog. Turn. 6 sts

Row 5: 2 ch, miss 1 st, [htr2tog] twice. Turn. 3 sts

Row 6: 1 ch, htr2tog. Fasten off.



Left (bitten) ear

Work Rows 1 and 2 as for Right Ear.

Next Row: 2 ch, 1 htr, 1 ch, sl st in next 3 sts, 2 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr, 1 dtr.

Fasten off.

Basket

Rnd 1: With D and 3mm hook, 6 dc in magic ring, join with sl st in first st.

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around, join with sl st in first st. 12 sts

Rnd 3: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] around, join with sl st in first st. 18 sts

Rnd 4: [2 dc in next st, 2 dc] around, join with sl st in first st. 24 sts

Rnd 5: [2 dc in next st, 3 dc] around, join with sl st in first st. 30 sts

Rnd 6: [2 dc in next st, 4 dc] around, join with sl st in first st. 36 sts

Rnd 7: Working in BLO, 2 ch, htr around, join with sl st in beg 2 ch.

Rnd 8: 2 ch, htr around, join with sl st in beg 2 ch.

Handle row: Without fastening off, chain 10, sl st to other side of basket, sl st into next st above on Rnd 8, work htr back along handle, and sl st t Rnd 8.

Fasten off.

Eggs

Rnd 1: With embroidery thread and 2mm hook, 6 dc in magic ring.

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 12 sts

Rnd 3: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] around. 18 sts

Rnds 4 & 5: Dc around.

Rnd 6: [Dc2tog, 1 dc] around. 12 sts

Rnd 7: Dc around.

Stuff lightly.

Rnd 8: [Dc2tog] around. 6 sts

Rnd 9: Dc around.

Fasten off. 🧶