

Puppy Stuffed Animal



Notes:

This shaggy little puppy is designed to be fast and easy for a crocheter who is familiar with fuzzy specialty yarn. It measures approximately 10” long and is super fast, since it’s worked primarily in dc! There is a single shape for the head and body, and the tail is integrated into that piece, too, being worked right in to one of the last rounds. The whole tubular head/body piece is made up of less than 200 single crochet and double crochet stitches, due to the size of those bulky yarn stitches!

Animal parts that you will be working separately and sewing on include: two ears, a muzzle, and four legs. If you want, you can chain a little ribbon to tie around your puppy’s neck, or use a bit of bright ribbon. A perfect, squishy gift, and it will take only an hour or two to make!

Abbreviations and Terms used in this Pattern:

Beg beginning (as in, “sc in beg chain” – *single crochet in the chain at the beginning of this portion*).

Ch chain

Dc double crochet

Prev previous

Rnd round

Sc single crochet

Sep separated

Sl st slip stitch (running your thread through some work to get to a new place without changing the shape of the work; or, attaching to a stitch with just a loop pulled through)

Sp space formed in your work, usually on a previous round

St stitch

Materials:

Use a boucle (**bulky/fuzzy/furry**) or brushed boucle like “Yarn Bee” Boucle Traditions



Brushed or “Yarn Bee” Cameo Bulky-- see photo at left-- (both are carried by Hobby Lobby) and are classified as no. 5 bulky yarns, and a **size H hook**. You will also need a **needle and thread** for sewing on legs and nose, and either store bought **snap-on animal eyes and noses** from the craft store (they’re right by the “google eyes!”) or better yet on etsy (just search for “animal eyes”); OR, if you

wish, black or other appropriate **yarn and a yarn needle for embroidering on eyes and noses** for a toddler-safe puppy. This option is not part of the pattern, but would be an idea for a puppy for younger children.

Instructions:



Muzzle: This is a tilted cup shape which will be given a nose (store-bought or embroidered on), will be stuffed with a bit of yarn or poly fil and sewn on to the front of the puppy face with a needle and thread.

Ch 2, join to first ch to form a small ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 2, dc 9 times in ring, join.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in next 2 dc, dc in next 4 dc, sc in next 2 dc. Tie off and weave end through work

Add a store-bought snap-on animal nose (for older children) or a nose you embroider with a few stitches of black yarn. Set aside.

Puppy Head and Body: This is a long tube shape with a bulbous sphere at one end for the head, and another smaller one at the other end for the rump. It has a chained tail worked in to the tip of the rump. This is how it looks after you have sewn on the muzzle you just finished: (see photo at right)



Ch 2, join to form small ring.

Rnd 1: ch 2, dc 9 times in ring. Join.

Rnd 2: ch 2, dc around, working an inc in every other dc, inc in last dc, join.

Rnd 5-6: ch 2, dc around, working 1 inc per round.

Rnd 7-8: ch 2, dc around, working 3 decr per round. (the bulbous head shape is slimming down to a neck. Join.

Rnd 9: ch 2, dc around, working 2 decr in this round. Join.

Rnd 10: ch 2, dc around, working 1 decr in this round. Join.

At this point, you will sew on your muzzle/nose piece (first tuck a bit of poly-fil or some loosely wadded yarn underneath the cupped shape, then firmly sew it on, not right on the center, but a bit above it so the animal can look upward like the puppy does in the photo of the entire body above. You can see a photo of sewing on the muzzle/nose at left. Then add your eyes (see photo below right) : use either snap-on store bought animal eyes, or if you wish, create two eyes



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Continue with body:

Rnd 11-13: ch 2, dc around ,working 1 dc in every dc. Join.

If you want a slightly longer animal, add 1 more round of dc.

Now continue of to form the wider part at the end of the body which will be the rump:

Rnd 14: ch 2, dc around, working 2 inc. Join.

Rnd 15: ch 2, dc around, working 3 inc. Join.

Rnd 16: ch 2, dc around, working 1 inc. Join.

Rnd 17: ch 2, dc around, working (dc, decr dc) around. Join.

At this point, you'll want to stuff your dog before it becomes too difficult! Use a bit of poly-fil or some loosely balled up yarn to fill the head and body loosely.



Now finish up the body shape and form the simple tail:

Rnd 18: (Tail round): ch 1, (decr sc in next 2 st) twice, sc in next st, then form tail: **ch 7, turn, skip 1st ch from hook, sc in next 6 ch back to body**, then continue along body as before to finish out the round:

work decr sc in next two dc twice, sc, join. Tie off. Pull opening shut with a needle

and thread and finish off. Set aside.



Legs (Two Front and Two Hind)

for these legs, worked in a spiral like typical crocheted animal legs, I find it easier to let the work cup inward rather than outward (I don't mind that the back of my work is showing because the yarns for these animals are so furry.) Also, don't worry, when working with fuzzy yarns, if a stitch or two are messy, you just want the overall shape to be a tapering cylinder. I don't even bother stuffing these leg shapes, because the bulky yarn makes them solid enough to stand out, but not too stiff!



Make two front legs:

Ch 2, join to 2nd ch from hook to form a small ring. Work 5 sc in ring, then continue to work in a spiral on top of sc's just formed, with no increases, and with no joining and no seam; you'll be forming a long cylinder. Continue to work a spiral which has 5 sc in every round, and

after 4 rnds decrease once in every round for two more rounds. Continue to work until legs are approximately 4” long. Tie off.

Make two hind legs:

Ch 2, join to 2nd ch from hook to form a small ring. Work 6 sc in ring, then continue to work in a spiral on top of sc’s just formed (with no joining and no seam; you’ll be forming a long cylinder). Continue to work a spiral which has 6 sc in every round, and after 5 rnds decrease once in every round for two more rounds. Continue to work until legs are approximately 5” long. Tie off.

Carefully sew your legs to the body, placing them on either side, closer to the belly than the back. The front legs will go just behind the head, almost touching it, and the hind legs will go perhaps 1” in front of the rump, placed on either side of it.



Ears: These are little flaps which are longer on one side than the other, like a trapezoid.

Ch 6, turn.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, sc in every sc, turn.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc across, inc in every other sc, turn.

Rnd 3-5: Ch 1, sc across, turn. Tie off and weave end through work.



Carefully sew ears on to head approximately 1 ¼” behind eyes, and 2-3 inches apart. Curl or cup the narrow edges of the ears toward each other as you sew, so the ears can curl or flop a bit, instead of being straight and boring. Note that the narrow edge that you will be sewing is the base or the foundation chain that was the first round.

Add a chained bow or a ribbon bow, if desired!



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