CRITTER HOLLOW BEAR
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MATERIALS

- Worsted weight #4 yarn: Black – 45 yards, Tan – 2 yards
- Hook: US F5 / 3.75mm
- Stuffing such as Polyfil
- Safety eyes: Two 10mm
- Yarn needle, Scissors, Stitch Markers

STITCH KEY

MR = magic ring, ch = chain, sc = single crochet, sc blo = single crochet back loop only, st(s) = stitch(es), sl st = slip stitch, sp(s) = space(s)

SPECIALTY STITCH KEY

Sc dec: insert hook into front loop of first st, insert hook into front loop of next st, yarn over and draw through first two loops on the hook, yarn over and draw through two loops on the hook

NOTES

Chain stitches at the beginning of the rows and rounds do not count as a stitch unless specified.

Rounds are worked in a spiral unless noted otherwise.

Photo tutorials are available at the end of this document.

SIZE

Critter Hollow Bear is approximately 7-in tall when completed. You can find more animals and their accessories in my Etsy shop.

INSTRUCTIONS

ARMS - Make 2
Round 1: With black - MR, 6sc - **6 sc**

Round 2: * sc in next, 2sc in next * Repeat from * to * around. - **9 sc**

Round 3: sc in each around - **9 sc**

Round 4: * sc in next, sc dec* Repeat from * to * around. - **6 sc**

Stuff Rounds 1 - 3 to form the hands after working a few of the next rounds. Do NOT stuff the rest of the arms.

Rounds 5 - 12: sc in each around - **6 sc**

Round 13: Hold the top of the arm closed and sc through both layers, closing the opening of the arm. - **3 sc**

Fasten off and hide ends. Set aside until Round 24 of the body.

TAIL
Round 1: With black - MR, 6sc - **6 sc**

Round 2: 2sc in each around - **12 sc**

Round 3: * sc in next, sc dec * Repeat from to * around. - **8 sc**

Round 4: Hold the top of the tail closed and sc through both layers, closing the opening of the tail. - **4 sc**

Fasten off and hide ends. Set aside until Round 14 of the Body.

LEGS - Make 2
Round 1: With black - MR, 6sc - **6 sc**

Round 2: 2sc in each around - **12 sc**

Round 3: sc blo in each around - **12 sc**

Round 4: sc in each around - **12 sc**

Round 5: * sc dec, sc in next * Repeat from * to * around. - **8 sc**

Rounds 6 - 10: sc in each around - **8 sc**

Round 11: * 2sc in next, sc in next 3 * Repeat from * to * around. - **10 sc**

Fasten off the first leg leaving a long tail, but do NOT fasten off the second leg. When you finish the bear, you can use the tail to sew the hole closed between the legs. Repeat Rounds 1-11 for the second leg, then continue onto Round 12 where you will be connecting the legs together.

BODY
Round 12: 2sc in next, sc in next 4. Hold the first leg up against the second leg and sc in the first 4, 2sc in next 2, sc in next 4. Working once again on the second leg sc in next 4, 2sc in last st. - **24 sc**

Stuff the feet (Rounds 1 - 4) firmly. Stuff the legs lightly, tapering off to no stuffing at the top of the leg.

Round 13: Hold flat, turn and sc across through both layers - **12 sc**

Round 14: Ch 1, turn. Sc in first 4, with the tail on the outside of the body align the 4 sts of the tail with the next 4 sts of the body and crochet through both layers across the next 4 sts, sc in last 4 - **12 sc**

Round 15: Ch 1, turn. Sc flo across, turn and sc in the unused back loops of the same row - **24 sc**

With Round 16 you will begin working in the round again.

Round 16: sc in next 3, 2sc, [sc in next, 2sc in next] 2 times, sc in next 8, [2sc in next, sc in next] 2 times, 2sc in next, sc in last 3 - **30 sc**

Round 17: sc in each around - **30 sc**

Round 18: * sc in next 4, sc dec * Repeat from * to * around. - **25 sc**

Round 19: sc in each around - **25 sc**

Round 20: * sc in next 3, sc dec * Repeat from * to * around. - **20 sc**

Round 21: sc in each around - **20 sc**

Round 22: * sc in next 2, sc dec * Repeat from * to * around. - **15 sc**

Round 23: sc in each around - **15 sc**

Round 24: Attach the first arm over the next 3 sts by holding the arm to the outside of the body and crocheting through both the arm and the body, sc in next 5, holding the second arm on the outside of the body crochet through the arm and the body over the next 3 sts, sc in last 4 - **15 sc**

Begin stuffing the body, continue stuffing as you work.

Round 25: * sc in next, sc dec * Repeat from * to * around. - **10 sc**

Round 26: * sc dec, sc in next 3 * Repeat from * to *. - **8 sc**

HEAD
Round 27: 2sc in each around - **16 sc**

Round 28: * 2sc in next, sc in next * Repeat from * to * around. - **24 sc**

Round 29: * sc in next 5, 2sc in next * Repeat from * to * around. - **28 sc**

Rounds 30 - 34: sc in each around - **28 sc**

Attach eyes between Rounds 32 and 33, 4-5 sts apart.

Round 35: * sc dec, sc in next 2 * Repeat from * to * around. - **21 sc**

Round 36: * sc in next, sc dec * Repeat from * to * around. - **14 sc**

Finish stuffing.

Round 37: sc dec around - **7 sc**

Sl st to the next st and fasten off leaving a long tail. Add more stuffing if needed and then use the tail to sew the top of the head closed.

SNOUT
Round 1: With tan - MR, 6sc - **6 sc**

Round 2: * 2sc in next, sc in next 2 * Repeat from * to *. - **8 sc**

Round 3: * 2sc in next, sc in next 3 * Repeat from * to *. - **10 sc**

Round 4: * 2sc in next, sc in next 4* Repeat from * to *. - **12 sc**

Sl st into next and fasten off leaving a long tail. Use the long tail to sew the snout onto the head, centered right below the eyes. Stuff lightly before you sew the snout closed.

Use a contrasting yarn to add nose detail.

EARS - Make 2
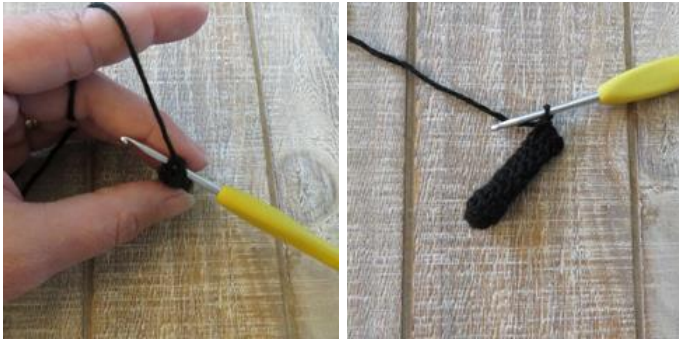**Round 1:** With black - MR, 6sc - **6 sc**

Round 2: 2sc in each around - **12 sc**

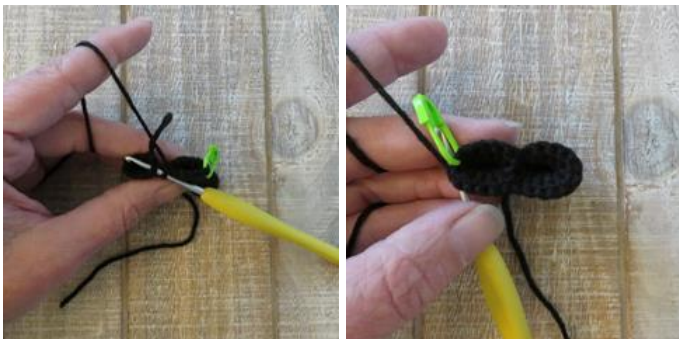**Rounds 3 - 4:** sc in each around - **12 sc**

Sl st into next and fasten off leaving a long tail. Use the tail to sew the ear onto the top of the head. Slightly curve the ears as you sew them.
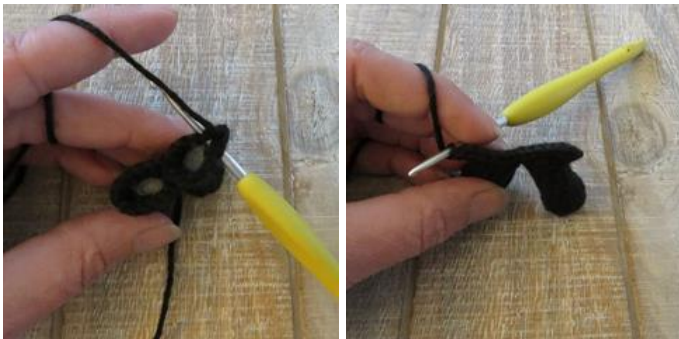
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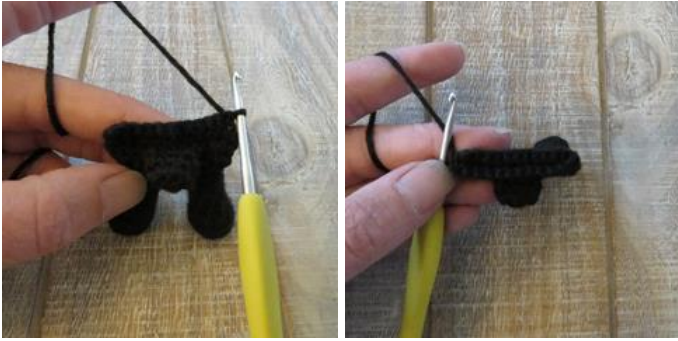## ARMS - Round 13

BODY - Round 12

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BODY - Round 24

EYES PLACEMENT   **SNOUT PLACEMENT**

EARS PLACEMENT

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Leaving a tail, insert needle into the back of the head and come out through the stitch right above the center of the magic ring.

Picture the nose as an upside down triangle and insert needle to the top left. Bring the needle out through the same stitch you started in.

Repeat Step 2 but to the right side of the center.

Repeat Steps 2 & 3. Then insert the needle into the stitch that's on the left of center and pull it back out through the starting stitch.

Repeat on the right side of center. Your yarn should now be coming out of the center starting stitch. Insert the needle in the center of the magic ring.

Bring the needle out to the left side and insert it back into the center of the magic ring.

Bring the needle out to the right side and insert it back into the center of the magic ring.

Push the needle through the head and come out in the same stitch you started in. Tie ends together and hide them inside the head.

The snout is finished and you can move onto the ears!