

Tiny Teddy Bear (Crocheted) – 4” tall By Flo Waldron (Please do not distribute without permission)

MATERIALS:

- Midweight yarn (one skein will make several bears)
- Scraps of black or other contrasting color yarn (for stitch marker + to embroider face)
- About 3-4 ft (if bulky) or 4-5 ft (if ordinary midweight) contrasting color yarn for scarf
- Crochet hook, size G (6mm)
- Small amount of polyester fiberfill, old pantyhose, clean rags, etc. for stuffing
- Large-eye blunt needle, for sewing (having a needle threader handy is also helpful)
- Sandwich-size bag (zip-top preferred) for holding the pieces, and storing finished bear

GAUGE: 15 sc = 4 inches (10 cm). BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE. If it takes you fewer rows/stitches to reach 4 inches, try using a smaller size hook (F); if it takes you more, try using the next size hook up (H).

NOTES: Work rounds in continuous spirals; do not join, and do not turn at the end of each round. Use a small scrap of contrasting color yarn to mark the first stitch of each round, and move your marker up as you start each new round. Depending on thickness of yarn, you can get away without stuffing arms sometimes. Fiberfill stuffing works best for legs (and arms), but for body and head you can also use old pantyhose or small pieces of clean rag .

ABBREVIATIONS:

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| ch = chain | rnd = round | dch = double chain |
| sc = single crochet | st = stitch | sc tog = single crochet together (a.k.a. single crochet decrease) |

BODY Ch 2.

Rnd 1 Work 7 sc in second ch from hook; don't forget to mark first stitch. (See Notes above.)

Rnd 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around (14 sc total).

Rnds 3-7 Sc in each sc around (14 sc).

Rnd 8 *Sc in next sc, 2 sc tog* - repeat instructions within asterisks 4 more times, then sc in each of last 2 sc (10 sc).

Rnd 9 Stuff body firmly (about 1 ft of pantyhose works well). Work 2 sc tog around (5 sc). Sl st at end. Finish off, leaving long (6-12 inch) tail for sewing.

HEAD Ch 2.

Rnd 1 Work 5 sc in second ch from hook; don't forget to mark first stitch.

Rnd 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around (10).

Rnds 3-5 Work sc in each sc around (10).

Rnd 6 Work 2 sc tog around (5). Sl st at end. (Do not stuff yet.) Finish off, leaving long tail for sewing.

LEGS (Make 2) Ch 2.

Rnd 1 Work 8 sc in second ch from hook.

Rnds 2-6 Work sc in each sc around. At end of last row, sl st and finish off, leaving long tail for sewing. **STUFF FIRMLY**

ARMS (Make 2) Ch 2.

Rnd 1 Work 6 sc in second ch from hook.

Rnds 2-4 Work sc in each sc around. At end of last row, sl st and finish off, leaving long tail for sewing. **STUFF FIRMLY**

EARS (Make 2) Leave a medium-long (4-6 in) tail at start for sewing. Ch 2.

Rnd 1 Work 6 sc in second ch from hook. Finish off, leaving medium-long (4-6 in) tail for sewing.

SNOUT Leave a medium-long (4-6 in) tail at start for sewing. Ch 2.

Rnd 1 Work 6 sc in second ch from hook; sl st. Finish off, leaving medium-long (4-6 in) tail for sewing.

SCARF If using medium-weight yarn: ch 2, then dch 30. If using bulky yarn (chenille, etc), ch 25. (If you have one, a larger hook size, such as J or K, is also recommended if using bulky yarn).

FINISHING YOUR BEAR Because these items may go to very small children, to avoid the risk of a choking hazard, **be sure to sew on all pieces (INCLUDING SCARF) very securely, using up all available yarn from tails and adding additional yarn as needed.**

- Sew snout onto head. In black or contrasting color thread, embroider eyes onto head and a nose/an upside-down "Y" for a mouth onto snout.
- Sew ears onto head. Stuff head firmly.
- Sew head, arms, and legs onto body.
- Tie scarf around bear's neck, then sew securely into place, matching yarn and/or hiding stitches as appropriate.
- Put each finished bear in its own sandwich-sized bag, so we can add a tag later.