



Blythe House Hospice

Crochet Easter Bunny Pattern



MATERIALS:

- Yarn: Any scraps of worsted or aran yarn. 20 yards per bunny
- Needles/Hook: 4.5mm (G/H USA)
- You'll also need: Stitch maker Yarn needle Contrasting yarn or thread
- Optional: Embroidery thread, beads, ribbon etc for decoration Tiny pom pom balls for tails
- Size to fit a Cadbury egg or similar
- Gauge: 4 stitches by 5 rows per 2.5cm (1") in treble crochet stitch.
- Abbreviations & Translations: This pattern is written using UK crochet terms. (American terms in brackets) st/s - stitch/s ss - slip stitch sp - space ch - chain dc - double crochet (sc - single crochet) pm - place marker Decreasing stitches: 2dctog - 2 double crochets together (sc - 2 single crochets together) 3dctog - 3 double crochets together (sc - 2 single crochets together)
- Double knit – in a colour of your choice
- Black yarn for the face
- Size 11 needles 3 mm

METHOD:

Bunny Body

- Worked in a spiral: Start with a magic loop and then:
- Round 1: 1ch, 6dc in loop. Do not join to beginning of round. (6 stitches)
- Round 2: 2dc into 1st dc of Round 1, pm into 1st dc that you make, 1dc, *2dc in next st, 1dc, repeat from * once more. [You should be back around to marker.] (9 stitches)
- Round 3: 2dc into 1st dc, pm into 1st dc, 2dc, *2dc in next st, 2dc, repeat from * once more. (12 stitches)
- Round 4: 2dc into 1st dc, pm into 1st dc, 3dc, *2dc in next st, 3dc, repeat from * once more (15 stitches)
- Round 5: 2dc into 1st dc, pm into 1st dc, 4dc, *2dc in next st, 4dc, repeat from * once more (18 stitches)
- Round 6: 1dc in 1st dc, pm into dc just made, 1dc into each stitch around.
- Round 7-11: Work 'Rpw 6' five more times.
- Round 12: 2dctog, pm in stitch just made, 3dc, 2dctog, 2dc, 2dctog, 3dc, 2dctog, 2dc, ss into next st. [ss should be made into top of 1st 2dctog] (14 stitches) Break Yarn.

Small Bunny Ears

- Make two: Worked in rows: Make a slip knot, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing up the ear later, 4ch then:
- Row 1: Make dc into 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in each of next 2 chains. (3 stitches)
- Row 2: 1ch, 2dc in 1st dc, 1dc in next, 2dc in next. (5 stitches)
- Row 3: 1ch, 1dc in each stitch.
- Row 4: Work row 3 again.
- Row 5: 1ch, 2dctog, 1dc, 1dctog. (3 stitches)
- Row 6: As row 3
- Row 7: 1ch, 3dctog Bind off yarn.

Assembly

Fold each in ear in half at the bottom and use the yarn tail to stitch together along the starting chain. Stitch the ear to the top of the bunny. Repeat for second ear. Gently ease the bunny inside out and weave in all the ends. Turn your bunny the right way around again and stitch or use a glue gun to attach a little fluffy pom pom tail to the back, near the bottom.

Using contrasting colour threads, make a small cross stitch for the nose and a colonial knot for each eye.

Your finished bunny should hold a crème egg (or similar) inside without it falling out of the bottom!

We would be really grateful for donations of chocolate egg's to go inside your bunnies if possible.

Once finished please return your knitted creations to Blythe House Hospice before 9th March with your name and contact details attached, so that we can thank you!

Happy crafting and thank you for your support!



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Crochet Easter Chick Pattern



MATERIALS:

- Double knit – in a colour of your choice
- Needles/Hook: 4.5mm (G/H USA)
- You'll also need: Stitch maker Yarn needle Contrasting yarn or thread
- Optional: Embroidery thread, beads, ribbon etc for decoration
- Size to fit a Cadbury egg or similar
- Gauge: 4 stitches by 5 rows per 2.5cm (1") in treble crochet stitch.
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METHOD:

- Loosely chain 23 st. With a sl st, join together the first and last st's on your chain to form a circle, making sure that your chain does not twist.
- Round 1: Ch 3 (first st), dc around and join to the beginning with a sl st. (even number: 22 st)
- Round 2-3: Ch 3, *(dc in front of post, dc in next st). Repeat from * around ending on a front post dc. Sl st to join to start of round.
- Round 4: Ch 2 *(hdc in next 3 st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 st, 2 hdc in next st). Repeat from * around. End with hdc's in last stitches and join with sl st to ch 2 start. (*-27 st)
- Rounds 5-6: Ch 2, hdc around. Join with sl st. (27 st) Leave off row 6 if you are using very thick yarn and think the duck seems large.
- Round 7: Ch 2, hdc in next 16 st. Fold duck in half so that the ch 2 start of your row (tail end) is on your left and the hdc you just completed is in front of you. You are going to join the last hdc you made across the other side of the body to form a circle. Before joining, count that you have 11 total sts to start your round. Sl st to join.
- Round 8: Neck shaping decreases: Ch 2, hdc in same st, *(dec, hdc in next 2 st) repeat from * and end with 2 hdc's in last st. Join with sl st to top of your starting ch 2. (9 st)
- Round 9: Head shaping increases: Ch 2, hdc in same st *(hdc in next 2 st, hdc in next st) repeat from * and end with 2 hdc in the last st. Join with sl st to start of round. (13 st)
- Round 10: More head shaping increases: Ch 2, hdc in same st, *(2 hdc's in next st, hdc in next st). Repeat from * to end of round. Sl st to start of round. (19 st)
- Round 11: Head shaping decreases: Ch 2, hdc in same st. Dec every other st around. Hdc in last st. Sl st to start of round. (11 st)
- Round 12: Ch 1, sc in every other st. Pull yarn through to secure. Break off yarn leaving 5-6 inch tail for closing up with tapestry needle at the end.
- Round 13: With duck flat and tail end on the left and leaving an 8 inch starting yarn tail, join yarn at base of head on the side nearest you. Ch 2, hdc in next 8 st. Start of tail shaping: 2 dc in next st (center back), hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next 2 st, sc in next st, sl st in next st. Break off leaving a 4 inch tail. Draw yarn through.

Assembly

Use the longer tail, the starting yarn tail, and your tapestry needle to close up the duck from the neck to the tail. Close up the top of the head, too and secure all yarn ends.

Little buttons, beads or French knots will work for eyes. The bill can be crocheted right on the front of the duck or cut from felt or fleece and attached after it is cut and shaped

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