CROCHET PATTERN

Bear

Easy / Sewn pieces / US crochet terms

Shape a seated bear with cupped round ears, a raised oval-looking muzzle and two short paws secured along its belly.

The muzzle sits over the front of the head, giving the bear its profile. Flatten the small ear cups along one edge and leave their opposite rims rounded.

Materials

Smooth #4 worsted yarn in the listed colors, a 3.5 mm starting hook, stitch marker, washable stuffing, blunt tapestry needle and scissors. Adjust hook size if stuffing shows through a gently stretched swatch. Choose chestnut for body, ears and arms, cream for the muzzle and espresso for facial details.

Colors

chestnut brown, cream, espresso

How To Read This Pattern

Use US terms. Sc = single crochet, inc = 2 sc in one stitch, dec = single crochet 2 together across the next two stitches. A number before an operation tells how many times to work it. Brackets or parentheses followed by × repeat the whole sequence. Work in continuous rounds through both loops unless directed otherwise. Place a marker in the first stitch and move it up each round. Begin at the seat and work continuously into the head. The muzzle is a shallow circular cup; a slightly wider placement makes it look oval from the front. At 4.5 sc per inch, the 30-stitch belly is about 6 2/3 inches around. A bulkier yarn changes both width and height.

Seated Body And Head / Make 1

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**R1**	Make a magic ring, work 6 sc into the ring and pull the tail to close. Use chestnut.	**0**	**6**
☐	**R2**	(inc) × 6.	**6**	**12**
☐	**R3**	(sc, inc) × 6.	**12**	**18**
☐	**R4**	(2 sc, inc) × 6.	**18**	**24**
☐	**R5**	(3 sc, inc) × 6.	**24**	**30**
☐	**R6-9**	30 sc.	**30**	**30**
☐	**R10**	(3 sc, dec) × 6.	**30**	**24**

Seated Body And Head (continued)

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**R11**	(2 sc, dec) × 6. Fill the base before making the head.	**24**	**18**
☐	**R12**	(2 sc, inc) × 6.	**18**	**24**
☐	**R13**	(3 sc, inc) × 6.	**24**	**30**
☐	**R14-17**	30 sc.	**30**	**30**
☐	**R18**	(3 sc, dec) × 6.	**30**	**24**
☐	**R19**	(2 sc, dec) × 6.	**24**	**18**
☐	**R20**	(sc, dec) × 6. Stuff the head and support the neck.	**18**	**12**
☐	**R21**	(dec) × 6.	**12**	**6**

Finish Cut the yarn, leaving a tail. Thread it under the front loop of each remaining stitch in order, draw the opening closed, secure and bury the end.

Round Ear / Make 2

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**R1**	Make a magic ring, work 6 sc into the ring and pull the tail to close. Use chestnut.	**0**	**6**
☐	**R2**	(inc) × 6.	**6**	**12**
☐	**R3**	12 sc.	**12**	**12**

Finish Fasten off with a sewing tail. Pinch the open edge into six pairs and leave the ear unstuffed.

Muzzle / Make 1

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**R1**	Make a magic ring, work 6 sc into the ring and pull the tail to close. Use cream.	**0**	**6**
☐	**R2**	(inc) × 6.	**6**	**12**
☐	**R3**	12 sc.	**12**	**12**

Finish Fasten off with a long tail. Leave the edge open and embroider an espresso nose across the first ring before attaching.

Arm / Make 2

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**R1**	Make a magic ring, work 5 sc into the ring and pull the tail to close. Start with cream for the paw.	**0**	**5**
☐	**R2**	(inc) × 5.	**5**	**10**
☐	**R3**	10 sc.	**10**	**10**
☐	**R4-7**	10 sc. Use chestnut, changing color on the last yarn-over of R3.	**10**	**10**
☐	**R8**	(3 sc, dec) × 2.	**10**	**8**

Finish Fasten off with a sewing tail. Lightly fill the paw end and flatten the open shoulder into four pairs.

Assembly

1. Pin the cream muzzle over head R13-R16. Stitch around its 12-stitch rim in an oval roughly four stitches wide, add a tiny tuft of stuffing through the last gap and close. Add a short line below the nose.
2. Place espresso eyes one stitch outside each top corner of the muzzle. Position the ear bases on opposite sides of the head across R17-R19; sew through all six pairs on each base while keeping the curved rim free.
3. Sew each four-pair shoulder just below the neck at body R10. Rotate the cream paws slightly toward each other over the belly and tack each arm near its lower end.

Checkpoint

Each arm narrows from ten to eight in its final round. Check that both cream cuffs end after R3 and that the raised muzzle clears both eyes before sewing the final section of rim.