

Crocheting a Bridget's Bunny

Thank you so much for donating your time and efforts to creating a bunny for the Bridget's Bunnies comfort kits. Our comfort kits help provide families who are grieving the loss with the knowledge that there is a supportive community who understands what they are going through. Seeing the bunny you made will show them that someone who cares spent time thinking about them with love during the most difficult time imaginable.

In this maker's kit, you will find:

- 1 ball of bulky yarn
- Fiber fill stuffing
- Safety eyes (8 or 9 mm for bunnies made with worsted weight and 12 mm for bulky weight)
- Embroidery thread for details
- A label and ribbon for attaching a note of support or your makers' signature

If you need any help on the way, we are here for you. Contact us with questions or if there are any additional supplies you need (like hooks or stitch markers). This pattern uses beginners crochet stitches. If this is your first time working in the round, it may seem daunting, but you will pick it up fast.

Note that this pattern is continuous meaning there is no need to join at the end of a round. You can keep your place by putting a different coloured piece of yarn between the last stitch of one round and the first stitch of the next round.

The Pattern

Abbreviations:

Ch: Chain

SC: Single Crochet

HDC: Half Double Crochet

SC2Tog: Single Crochet Decrease. More advanced crocheters can try an invisible decrease here.

SC3Tog: Single Crochet three stitches together. Option to invisible decrease.

HDC2Tog: Half Double Crochet Decrease.

Head

Note: If you would like to save embroidery tasks for later, feel free to make the other parts of the bunny first.

1. Make a magic circle or Ch four and slip stitch to the first Ch creating a circle. Ch 1.
2. 6 SC into circle. (6 stitches in round)
3. 2 SC into each stitch. (12 stitches in round)
4. 1 SC into each stitch. (12)
5. 1 SC in next 2 stitches. 2 SC in next stitch. 1 SC in next stitch. 2 SC in next 4 stitches. 1 SC in next stitch. 2 SC in next stitch. 1 SC in next 2 stitches. (18)

6. 1 SC in first stitch. 2 SC in next stitch. 1 SC in next 5 stitches. 2 SC in next 4 stitches. 1 SC in next 5 stitches. 2 SC in next stitch. 1 SC in last stitch. (24)
7. SC all the way around. (24)
8. SC all the way around. (24)
9. SC all the way around. (24)
10. SC all the way around. (24)

Embroider nose on center of round 2. Attach the safety eyes between rounds 4 and 5 centered around nose. Feel free to add flair. You can embroider eyebrows, sink the eyes, embroider a colour patch, or anything else that feels right for your bunny. Some of these things can also be added once the bunny is assembled.

11. SC into next 2 stitches. SC2Tog. Repeat to end of round. (18)
12. SC all the way around (18)
13. SC in the next stitch. SC2Tog. Repeat to end of round. (12)

Stuff the head. It should be very full (more than you might think) but not so tightly packed that you can see the stuffing through the stitches.

14. SC2Tog all the way around. (6)

Cut the yarn, leaving a tail. Attach a needle to the yarn tail and sew through each stitch. Pull tight to close the hole and weave the ends in.

Body

As written, this pattern creates a relatively proportional body. If you want to give the bunny a pot belly, you can substitute round 6 with: 1 SC in next 4 stitches, 2 SC in next stitch, SC in next stitch, 2SC in next 2 stitches, SC in next stitch, 2 SC in next 2 stitches, SC in next stitch, 2SC in next stitch, 1 SC in next 5 stitches.

1. Make a magic circle or Ch four and slip stitch to the first Ch creating a circle. Ch 1.
2. 6 SC into circle. (6 stitches in round)
3. 2 SC into each stitch. (12 stitches in round)
4. 1 SC in next stitch. 2 SC in next stitch. Repeat to end of round. (18)
5. SC all the way around. (18)
6. 1 SC in next 2 stitches. 2 SC in next stitch. Repeat to end of round. (24)
7. SC all the way around. (24)
8. SC all the way around. (24)
9. SC all the way around. (24)
10. SC all the way around. (24)
11. SC in next 2 stitches. SC2Tog. Repeat to end of round (18)
12. SC all the way around. (18)
13. SC all the way around. (18)
14. SC in next stitch. SC2Tog. Repeat to end of round. (12)
15. SC all the way around. (12)
16. SC2Tog all the way around. (6)

Cut yarn and fasten off. Make sure to leave a tail for sewing. Stuff with fiber fill. If you like, you can put a slip of paper in with the fiber fill that contains a message of support or your maker's signature.

Ears (make 2)

1. Make a magic circle or Ch four and slip stitch to the first Ch creating a circle. Ch 1.
2. 6 SC into circle. (6 stitches in round)
3. SC all the way around (6)
4. 1 SC in next Stitch. 2 SC in next stitch. Repeat to end of round. (9)
5. 1 SC in next 2 stitches. 2 SC in next stitch. Repeat to end of round (12)
6. 1 SC in next 3 stitches. 2 SC in next stitch. Repeat to end of round (15)
7. SC around. (15)
8. SC around. (15)
9. SC around. (15)
10. 1 SC in next 3 stitches. SC2Tog. Repeat to end of round (12)
11. SC around. (12)
12. SC around. (12)
13. 1 SC in next 2 stitches. SC2Tog. Repeat to end of round (9)
14. SC around (9)
15. SC around. (9)
16. 1 SC in next stitch. SC2Tog. Repeat to end of round. (6)
17. SC around. (6)
18. SC around. (6)
19. Hold two sides of the round together and SC 2 stitches across the top to close.

Cut yarn leaving a tail and pull through to fasten off.

Arms (make two)

1. Make a magic circle or Ch 4 and Slip stitch to first Ch.
2. SC 6 times into circle (6)
3. SC in next stitch. 2 SC in next stitch. Repeat to end of round. (9)
4. SC around. (9)
5. SC around. (9)
6. SC in next 7 stitches. SC2Tog. (8)
7. SC around. (8)
8. SC around. (8)
9. SC in next 6 stitches. SC2Tog. (7)
10. SC around. (7)
11. SC around. (7)

Stuff the arm lightly

12. SC in next 5 stitches. SC2Tog. (6)
13. Hold 2 sides of the round together and SC 3 stitches across the top to close.

You will now start on the legs. There are two options for legs. Option One makes big feet. Option two makes more standard stuffed animal style legs.

Legs (make 2)- Leg Option One- Big foot bunny

1. Make a magic circle or Ch 4 and Slip stitch to first Ch.
2. SC 6 times into circle (6)
3. 2 HDC in next stitch. 2 SC in next 2 stitches. 2 HDC in next stitch. 2 SC in next to stitches. (12)
4. 2 SC in next 2 stitches. 1 SC in next 3 stitches. 2 SC in next 3 stitches. 1 SC in next 3 stitches. 2 SC in next stitch. (18)
5. SC around. (18)
6. SC around. (18)
7. SC in next 5 stitches. SC2Tog. HDC2Tog. HDC2Tog. SC2Tog. SC in next 5 stitches. (14)
8. SC2Tog. SC in next 2 stitches. SC2Tog. SC2Tog. SC2Tog. SC in next 2 stitches. SC2Tog. (9)
9. SC in next 3 stitches. SC3Tog. SC in next stitch. SC2Tog. (6)

Stuff the feet.

10. SC around. (6)
11. SC around. (6)
12. Hold 2 sides of the round together and SC 3 stitches across the top to close.

Legs (make 2)- Leg Option Two- Classic Stuffy bunny

1. Make a magic circle or Ch 4 and Slip Stitch to first Ch.
2. SC 6 times into circle (6)
3. 2 SC in each stitch (12)
4. SC in next 2 stitches. 2 SC in next stitch. Repeat around. (16)
5. SC in BLO of each stitch. (16)
6. SC in next 14 stitches. SC2Tog. (15)
7. SC in next 13 stitches. SC2Tog. (14)
8. SC in next 12 stitches. SC2Tog. (13)
9. SC in next 11 stitches. SC2Tog. (12)
10. SC in next 10 stitches. SC2Tog. (11)
11. SC in next 9 stitches. SC2Tog. (10)
12. SC in next 8 stitches. SC2Tog. (9)
13. SC in next 7 stitches. SC2Tog. (8)
14. Stuff leg lightly about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way.
15. SC in next 6 stitches. SC2Tog. (7)
16. Hold 2 sides of the round together and SC 3 stitches across the top to close.

Pom Pom Tail

Make a pom pom using your favorite method.

Assembly

1. Attach ears between rows 8 and 9 on either side of head.
2. Attach body to head in line with ears. If your bunny has a pot belly, try to make the belly and nose face in the same direction. Don't fret if you aren't exact. Your bunny may just have spotted something off in the distance.
3. Attach the arms about one row below the neck.

4. Attach legs at the bottom of the body around the center point. You may want to experiment with a couple of pins before sewing. The legs should help your bunny sit upright.
5. Attach pom pom tail. Think of this as the back support for even better sitting.
6. If desired, fill out a tag with a message or "Made with Love by [Your Name]" and tie onto your bunny with a ribbon.

You did it!!! We are so grateful for your efforts. Your gift of time making this bunny will be a meaningful show of support to a family who needs it. Please contact us when your bunny is ready and we will help to make sure it gets to the right home.