Tiny teddy bear

US terms



Finished size
About 2¾ in (7 cm) tall and 2½ in (6.5 cm) across

Skill
Easy
Ten pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Fine (2), 4 colors

Hook
2.25 mm (US B-1)

Gauge
27 stitches and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

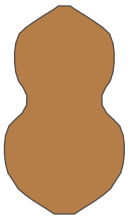
What you need

Yarn A: toffee	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: oat, several of the pieces	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: dark brown, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cornflower, bow and the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 20 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).

Hook: 2.25 mm (US B-1), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors and two black plastic eyes with washers, 6 mm.

The pieces



Head and body



Ear x 2
to the head and body



Muzzle
to the head and body



Tummy patch
to the head and body



Arm x 2
to the head and body



Leg x 2
to the head and body



Bow

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Gauge

27 stitches and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

To check it, work a flat circle: 6 sc in a magic ring, then 6 more sc in each round (12, 18, 24, 30, 36). After round 6 it should measure about 1 5/8 in (4 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Instructions

US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **sc2tog** 2 sc made into one, **st** stitch.
2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 2 sts: one in each.
Rounds run in a **spiral**: mark the first stitch and move the marker up each round. **Working in the round**
[ ] 6 times: 6 times in all. (18 sc): the round now has 18; a check, not a step. Not 18? **Pull it back**.
Also: RS right side, yo yarn over.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Head and body

Yarn A, toffee.

Round 1 is the middle of the base.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring. *Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.*	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rounds 6 to 10**	Sc in each st around 6 7 8 9 10	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 11**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 12**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 4 times**	(20 sc)
☐ **Round 13**	Sc in each st around	(20 sc)
☐ **Round 14**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 15**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 16**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
	Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 18 and 19 of round 16. It faces the front.	
☐ **Rounds 17 to 21**	Sc in each st around 17 18 19 20 21	(36 sc)

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☐ **Round 22**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 23**	Sc in each st around	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 24**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

Fix the eyes now: two 6 mm black plastic eyes, on the head and body on round 20, one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart). For a child under three, or a pet, leave them out and embroider them later. Then stuff the body through the narrow neck (rounds 12 and 13), then the neck and the head, all firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Round 25**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 26**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 27**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, toffee.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(11 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	Sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts	(10 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 5 stitches.	

Muzzle

Yarn B, oat.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 4 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	Sc in each st around	(16 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge. Shape the stuffed piece with your fingers into an oval, about 7/8 in (2 cm) wide and 5/8 in (1.5 cm) tall.	

Tummy patch

Yarn B, oat.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)

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☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Arm: make 2

Begin with yarn B, oat.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(9 sc)
☐ **Rounds 3 to 5** 3 4 5	With A, sc in each st around	(9 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts	(8 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Leg: make 2

Begin with yarn B, oat.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rounds 3 to 4** 3 4	With A, sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

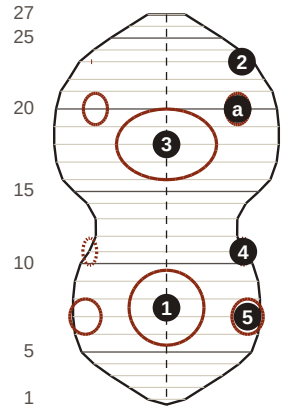
Bow

Yarn D, cornflower.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	7 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(7 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	(10 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	Sc2tog, **[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(5 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st	(8 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts	(7 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 7 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside. Do not stuff. Press it flat: two loops with the narrow middle, round 4, between them.	

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Assembly



Head and body: 1 tummy patch, 2 ears, 3 muzzle, 4 arms, 5 legs, a eyes

A number is the step below that puts it on; a letter is put on under Finishing. Each line is a round, counted as the rounds are worked. The upright broken line is the center line. A place with a broken edge is on the far side.

1. Lay the tummy patch flat on the head and body, right side out, the middle of it between rounds 7 and 8, on the center line. Sew down all 12 stitches of the edge.

2. Pin the two ears to the head and body: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 23, one to each side, 7½ stitches from the center line (15 stitches apart). The flat edge lies with its upper end on about round 26, 3 stitches from the center line, and its lower end on about round 20, 9 stitches from it. They point up and out to the side. Sew through both layers of the 5-stitch edge with the tail.

3. Pin the muzzle to the head and body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 18, on the center line. The edge (16 sts) covers about rounds 16 to 20 of the head and body. It points forward. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

4. Pin the two arms to the head and body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 11, one to each side, 6½ stitches from the center line (11 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (8 sts) covers about rounds 10 to 12 of the head and body. They point out to the side. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

5. Pin the two legs to the head and body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 7, one to each side, 5 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart). The edge (10 sts) covers about rounds 6 to 8 of the head and body. They point forward and out to the side. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

6. Bow: lay it flat, one loop to the left and one to the right, like a bow tie. Cut a new length of D (cornflower), 24 in (61 cm) long. Wind it three times, pulled snug, round the narrow middle (round 4), and knot its two ends together at the back of the bow. With the two ends, sew the back of the middle to the front of the head and body on round 12, on the center line, close under the muzzle, and catch the back of each loop to round 12 with one stitch, 2 stitches from the center line.

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Finishing

- Put in the plastic eyes when the words of a piece say so, or embroider eyes in the same places with the other details. Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on; begin and end each strand inside the toy. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled. Backstitch is a line of short stitches end to end: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and repeat.
- Eyes: two 6 mm black plastic eyes, on the head and body on round 20, one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart).
- Nose: with C (dark brown), in satin stitch, a triangle with its point down about 3/16 in (5 mm) wide and 1/8 in (3 mm) tall, its middle on the muzzle, centered, 3/16 in (5 mm) above the middle of the muzzle.
- Mouth: with C (dark brown), in backstitch, a straight line down, 1/16 in (2 mm) long, and from its lower end two small smile curves side by side, one to each side, about ¼ in (6 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall in all, starting at the bottom of the nose.
- Weave every tail through the toy and trim it. For a toy that will be played with, go round each seam a second time with a new length of yarn. Check the seams and small parts from time to time.

In all: 10 pieces; 1,095 stitches (694 in the head and body, 37 in each ear, 50 in the muzzle, 18 in the tummy patch, 50 in each arm, 52 in each leg, 55 in the bow).

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Notes

- Every piece is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up.
- Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- Color change: where a line begins "With A," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in A. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- Center line: places on a piece are given by round and by stitches from a center line. It is half way round from where the rounds begin. Mark it with a pin or a scrap of yarn as listed here, run it straight from round 1 to the last round by eye, and count out from it along the round, in stitches and half stitches.
- Head and body: the center line runs between stitches 18 and 19 of round 16 (36 sts). It faces the front.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- In every step of putting it together: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- To work sc2tog, put the hook under the front loop only of each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through both loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in C (dark brown).
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, ovals, details) are for Standard, the size written here: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Mini: super fine (1, fingering) yarn, 1.75 mm (steel 4) hook, 33 sc and 36.3 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) tall and 2 in (5 cm) across; eyes 5 mm; multiply lengths by 0.82; about 0.82 times the yarn.
- Large: medium (4, worsted) yarn, 3.5 mm (E-4) hook, 20 sc and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) tall and 3 3/8 in (8.5 cm) across; eyes 8 mm; multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 times the yarn.

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