

Christmas Bear

A little bear with a striped outfit and flower headband

HEIGHT	HOOKS	YARN	TERMS
23 cm /9 in	3 &2 mm	DK &4 ply	UK crochet

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Before you begin

This pattern uses UK crochet terms: dc is US single crochet, htr is US half double crochet and tr is US double crochet. Join rounds with a slip stitch as directed. The main bear and clothing use DK yarn and a 3 mm hook; the flower uses 4 ply yarn and 2 mm.

Stuff the head, body, arms and legs as directed. Leave the neck and limb openings unclosed for sewing, and avoid overstuffing the upper arms. Embroider the eyes, nose and smile using black floss.

Source note: the skirt hem places one cluster in the next stitch, then slips into the next. Its cluster definition repeats “insert hook into next st” for the three unfinished trebles. Both wordings are retained; the original close-up shows the intended hem appearance.

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Materials

To make your own Christmas Bear you will need:

Light grey, red and white double knitting yarn

Small quantities of white and green 4 ply yarn

3 small shiny red beads

3mm and 2 mm crochet hooks

Toy stuffing

Black embroidery floss

Finished size - approximately 23 cm (9 inches) tall.



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PATTERN English crochet terms used dc (UK) = sc (American) htr = hdc tr = dc

Body

With red yarn and 3 mm hook make 2 chain.

1st round: 6 dc (US = sc) into 2nd chain from hook. Join with a slip st into 1st dc.

2nd round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, [2 dc into next dc] 5 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (12 dc).

Without breaking off red yarn, join in white yarn.

3rd round: With white yarn, 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next dc] 5 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (18 dc)

4th round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next 2 dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next 2 dc] 5 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (24 dc)

5th round: Change to red yarn, 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next 3 dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next 3 dc] 5 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (30 dc)

6th round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next 4 dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next 4 dc] 5 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (36 dc)

7th - 12th rounds: Working in 2 row stripes as set,1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

Break off white.

13th - 17th rounds: With red, 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

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18th round: 1 ch, [dc2tog, 1 dc into next 4 dc] 6 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (30 dc)

19th round: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

20th round: 1 ch, [dc2tog, 1 dc into next 3 dc] 6 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (24 dc)

21st round: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

22nd round: 1 ch, [dc2tog, 1 dc into next 2 dc] 6 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (18 dc)

23rd round: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

24th round: 1 ch, [dc2tog, 1 dc into next 1 dc] 6 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (12 dc) Break off red and rejoin white.

25th round: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

Fasten off and stuff. Do not close the neck opening.



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Head & ears | 1

Head

With light grey and 3 mm hook make 2 chain.

1st round: 6 dc into 2nd chain from hook. Join with a slip st into 1st dc.

2nd round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next dc] 2 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (9 dc)

3rd round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next 2 dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1dc into next 2 dc] 2 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (12 dc)

4th round: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

5th round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next 3 dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1dc into next 3 dc] 2 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (15 dc)

6th round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next 2 dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next 2 dc] 4 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (20 dc)

7th round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next 3 dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next 3 dc] 4 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (25 dc)

8th round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next 4 dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next 4 dc] 4 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (30 dc)

9th round: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

10th round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next 4 dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next 4 dc] 5 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (36 dc)

11th - 13th rounds: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

14th round: 1 ch, [dc2tog, 1 dc into next 4 dc] 6 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (30 dc)

15th and 16th rounds: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

17th round: 1 ch, [dc2tog, 1 dc into next 3 dc] 6 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (24 dc)

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18th round: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

19th round: 1 ch, [dc2tog, 1 dc into next 2 dc] 6 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (18 dc)

20th round: 1 ch, [dc2tog, 1 dc into next 1 dc] 6 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (12 dc)

Stuff head at this point.

21st round: 1 ch, [dc2tog,] 6 times. Sl st into 1st dc. Fasten off and close hole in back of head.

Attach to top of body.

Ears

With light grey and 3 mm hook make 2 chain.

1st round: 6 dc into 2nd chain from hook. Join with a slip st into 1st dc.

2nd round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, [2 dc into next dc] 5 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (12 dc)

Fasten off. Sew on to side of head.

Using black embroidery floss, embroider a cute little nose, some eyes and a winning smile.



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Arms & legs | 1

Arms

With light grey and 3 mm hook make 2 chain.

1st round: 6 dc into 2nd chain from hook. Join with a slip st into 1st dc.

2nd round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, [2 dc into next dc] 5 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (12 dc)

3rd round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next 3 dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next 3 dc] 2 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (15 dc)

4th - 6th rounds: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

7th round: 1 ch, [dc2tog, 1 dc into next 3 dc] 3 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (12 dc)

8th - 12th rounds: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

Fasten off light grey and join in white.

13th round: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc. Break off white and join in red.

14th - 16th rounds: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

17th - 18th rounds: sl st into first 3 dc, 1 dc into next 6 dc, sl st into next 3 dc.

Fasten off and stuff (don't over-stuff the upper arms). Do not close opening at top of arm.

Attach to body.

Legs

With light grey double knitting and 3mm hook, chain 10.

1st round: 1dc into 2nd chain from hook. 1 dc into next 7 ch, 2dc into last chain. Working other side of foundation chain, work 2 dc into same place as last dcs. 1 dc into next 7 dc, 3 dc into the same chain as 1st dc worked. Sl st into 1st dc. (22dc)

2nd round: 1ch, 1 dc into same stitch as chain, 1dc into next 8 dc, 2 dc into next 2 dc, 1 dc into next 9 dc, 2 dc into 2 dc. Sl st into 1st dc. (26dc)

3rd and 4th round: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

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5th round: 1 ch, 1 dc into next 7 dc, [dc2tog] 4 times, 1 dc into next 11 dc. Sl st into 1st dc. (22dc)

6th round: 1 ch, 1 dc into next 7 dc, [dc2tog] 2 times, 1 dc into next 11 dc. Sl st into 1st dc. (20dc)

7th round: 1 ch, 1 dc into next 6 dc, [dc2tog] 2 times, 1 dc into next 10 dc. Sl st into 1st dc. (18dc)

8th round: 1 ch, [dc2tog, 1 dc into next 4 dc] 3 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (15 dc)

9th - 12th rounds: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

Fasten off light grey and join in white.

13th round: : 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc. Without breaking off white, join in red. Working in 2 row stripes, continue as follows.

14th -17th rounds: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc. Break off white.

18th round: 1 ch, [dc2tog, 1 dc into next 3 dc] 3 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (12 dc)

Fasten off and stuff. Do not close opening at top of leg.

Attach to body.



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Skirt & cluster hem

Skirt

With red yarn and 3 mm hook, chain 38 and join with a sl st into a loop.

1st round: work 1 dc into each ch. (38 dc)

2nd round: 2ch (counts as first htr), 1 htr in same place, 1 htr in next dc, (2 htr in next dc, 1 htr in next dc) repeat to end, join with sl st into first htr. (57 htr)

3rd round: 2 ch (counts as first htr), 1 htr in same place, 1 htr in next 2 dc, (2 htr in next dc, 1 htr in next 2 dc) repeat to end, join with sl st into first htr. (76 htr)

Break off red yarn and join in white.

4th round: (1 ch, 1 cluster in next dc, 1 ch, sl st into next dc) repeat round hem of skirt. 1 cluster = tr3 tog = (yarn round hook, insert hook into next st, wrap yarn round hook, draw loop through 2 of the loops on hook) repeat this step 2 more times - you should have 4 loops on hook - yarn round hook and draw through all the loops on the hook to complete.

Attach skirt to body of bear one row above the last white round.





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Headband & flower | 1

Headband

With red yarn and 3 mm hook, chain 36 and join into a loop with a sl st. Work 1 dc into each ch, join with a sl st into first dc. Fasten off.

Flower

With green 4 ply yarn and 2 mm hook, make 2 ch.

1st round: 6 dc into 2nd chain from hook. Join with a slip st into 1st dc.

Break off green 4 ply and join in white 4 ply.

2nd round: (3 ch,1 tr in same place, 3 ch, sl st in same place, sl st into next st) repeat 6 times to create the petals. Fasten off.



Sew three shiny red beads into the centre of the flower. Attach the flower to the head band. Place the headband on the bear's head. This can be sewn into place if desired.

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