Baby Polar Bear
Crochet Pattern

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I would love to keep a running list of the service that has been rendered to others as part of the "pay it forward." If you would like your deed added to the list, email me at eebrs(at)yahoo(dot)com or add it to the comments section on my blog. Make sure you put "Polar Bear Pay it Forward" (or something similar) in the subject line on your email. Your service (not your name) will be added to a list on my blog. (http://crochetobsession.blogspot.com/2008/08/baby-polar-bear.html)

Beginner Level

Approximate size: 5 inches long, 3 ½ inches tall

Materials Needed:

Hook size F
White worsted weight yarn (3 oz)
Black worsted weight yarn (small amount)
12 mm eyes
Stitch marker
Yarn needle
Polyester Fiberfill or other stuffing material

Abbreviations

Sc = single crochet
Hdc = half double crochet
Sl st = slip stitch
Ch = chain
Inc = increase (2 sc in one stitch)
Dec = decrease (insert hook in next stitch, yarn over, pull loop back through stitch, insert hook in second stitch, yarn over, pull loop back through stitch, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on hook)

Do not join rounds.
Pattern is done in a continuous spiral unless otherwise noted.

Head/Body

Round 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd chain from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: *sc in next stitch, inc. Repeat from * around. (9)

Rnd 3: sc in each stitch around. (9)

Rnd 4: inc in each stitch. (18)

Rnd 5: *sc in next 2 stitches, inc. Repeat from * around. (24)

Rnd 6-7: sc in each stitch around. (24)

(If using safety eyes, insert them now between rounds 4 and 5.)

Rnd 8: *sc in next 2 stitches, dec. Repeat from * around. (18)

Rnd 9: *sc in next stitch, dec. Repeat from * around. (12)

(Stuff head after round 9.)

Rnd 10: sc in each stitch around. (12)

Rnd 11: *sc in next stitch, inc. Repeat from * around. (18)

Rnd 12-13: sc in each stitch around. (18)

Rnd 14: *sc in next 2 stitches, inc. Repeat from * around. (24)

Rnd 15: sc in each stitch around. (24)

Rnd 16: *sc in next 3 stitches, inc. Repeat from * around. (30)

Rnd 17-18: sc in each stitch around. (30)

Rnd 19: *sc in next 4 stitches, inc. Repeat from * around. (36)

Rnd 20: *sc in next 4 stitches, dec. Repeat from * around. (30)

Rnd 21: *sc in next 3 stitches, dec. Repeat from * around. (24)

Rnd 22: *sc in next 2 stitches, dec. Repeat from * around. (18)

Rnd 23: *sc in next stitch, dec. Repeat from * around. (12)

(Stuff body after round 23)

Rnd 24: dec around. (6)

Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing.   Use tail to sew closed.

Front Feet (make 2)

Round 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd chain from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: inc in each stitch. (12)

Rnd 3: *sc in next stitch, inc. Repeat from * around. (18)

Rnd 4: sc in each stitch around. (18)

Rnd 5: dec around. (9)

Rnd 6-9: sc in each stitch around. (9)

Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing. Stuff foot and sew to Body.

Back Feet (make 2)

Round 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd chain from hook. (6)
Rnd 2: inc in each stitch. (12)
Rnd 3: *sc in next stitch, inc. Repeat from * around. (18)
Rnd 4: sc in each stitch around. (18)
Rnd 5: dec around. (9)
Rnd 6-8: sc in each stitch around. (9)

Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing. Stuff foot and sew to Body.

Ears (make 2)

Round 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd chain from hook. (6)

Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing. Sew to Head at round 7.

Tail

Round 1: ch 2, 4 sc in 2nd chain from hook. (4)
Rnd 2: sc in each stitch around. (4)

Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing. Sew to backside of Body.

Using black, embroider inverted triangle over round 1 of Head for nose.