



Buck Rat

A simple durable toy designed as a tribute to the Rat Terrier and enjoyed by any dog that loves to shake, fetch, and chew noisy things.

Rugged one-piece construction. Use your scrap yarns or pick your favorite colors.

Includes:

**Full-color pattern with added tips and instructional photos*

**Printable no-graphic pattern cheat sheet*

**Printable instructions for changing the water bottle to include with the rat as a gift or donation.*



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Pattern Usage:

For personal use, donation, gifts, and fund-raising. Please do not sell for personal gain or claim this pattern as your own.

Tips:

*It's rough crocheting 2 strands tightly. Hook grips (either part of the hook or added on) are a must! I use a combo of the add-on grips made for crochet hooks + a pencil grip on top of that for double-stranding.

*Scrap balls are a great way to use up small amounts of yarn. I like to keep several balls going and add to them when I am bored and not ready to start a new project. I tend to keep 2 of each color-group just for dog toys. Color groups could be pastels, brights, earth colors, blacks and grays, or maybe all pinks or all blues. Just knot as you ball or wind and have fun with it! The best part is when making dog toys, you can hide all those knots inside! AND if you're balling from a knotted scrap box, you can just cut instead of trying to detangle. I can really see no downside to scrap balls.

*It's not easy getting the bottle into the rat when you take the top off, but I really do recommend that you remove those small parts if this is to be donated or gifted. Try twisting as you push to force the capless bottle inside.



Stats:

Skill Level: Easy

Size: @10inches + tail

Materials:

*Worsted Weight Yarn in 2 colors (or 2 scrap balls)

*H/8 (5.0mm) hook

*Stitch Marker

*160z empty, clean water bottle (cap and ring removed)

Stitches Used:

(American Crochet Terms)

Magic Circle

SC = single crochet

SCdec = single crochet decrease aka single crochet 2 tog

CH = chain

SL ST = slip stitch

FO = finish off



Buck Rat

a dog toy

Pattern:

*Holding 2 strands together throughout.

*Working in rounds, do not join.

Mark the last stitch of each round.

*Total number of stitches for each round given in (parentheses)

***It is useful to visualize that (for the most part) the belly of the rat should remain flat and all the shaping (increases and decreases) will be made evenly across the top of the head, shoulder, back, and rump.*

Round 1 - 3 SC in a magic circle. (3SC)

Round 2- 2SC in each stitch. (6SC)

Round 3- SC in the first 2 stitches. 2SC in the next 2 stitches. SC in the last 2 stitches. (8SC)

Round 4- SC in the first 2 stitches. (2SC in the next stitch, SC in the next 2 stitches) twice. (10SC)

Round 5 – (1SC in next stitch, 2SC in next stitch) 5 times. (15SC)

Stuff the tails into the nose to get them out of your way.

Round 6 – SC in the first 3 stitches. (2SC in the next stitch, SC in the next) 5 times. SC in the last 2 stitches. (20SC)

Rounds 7-9 – SC in each stitch.

Round 10 – *The Ear Round* - SC in the first 7 stitches. CH5. SC in the next 6 stitches. CH5. SC in the last 7 stitches. (20 SC, 2 5CH ears)



On Round 11, fold the ears forward to the outside of your work. You do not stitch into these chains, only into the SC.

Round 13 - SC in the first 7 stitches. (2SC in the next, SC in the next 2) 3 times. SC in the last 4 stitches. (23 SC)

Round 14 – SC in each stitch around.

Round 15- *Front Feet Round* – SC in first 2 stitches. Chain 8. SC in 2nd chain from hook and in next 2 chains. SL ST in next 4 chains. [Foot Made]. SC in next 10 stitches. 2SC in next stitch. SC in next 8 stitches. Make Foot. SC in last 2 stitches. (24SC, 2 feet)

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Round 16- SC in each stitch around, folding feet forward as ears and stitching only into the SC from previous round. (24 SC)

Round 17 – SC in the next 8 stitches. (2SC in the next stitch, SC in the next 7 stitches) twice. (26SC)

Round 18 - SC in each stitch around.

Round 19 – SC in the first 9 stitches. (2SC in the next, SC in the next 3) 2 times. SC in the last 5 stitches. (29SC)

Rounds 20-27 – SC in each stitch around. On round 27, continue to crochet to the center of the belly and place stitch marker.

Round 28 – *Back Feet Round* – SC in the next stitch. Make Foot. SC in the next 26 stitches. Make Foot. SC in the last 2 stitches. (29SC, 2 feet)

Round 29 – SC in each stitch around, folding feet forward as ears and stitching only into the SC from previous round. (29SC)

Round 30- SC in the next 6 stitches. (SCdec, SC in the next 2 stitches) 5 times. SC in the last 3 stitches. (24SC)

Round 31- 35 - SC in each stitch around. FO leaving 18inch tail.

Insert bottle.

Cut a double strand 40 inches long. Weave through the end stitches as to form a drawstring. Tie knots in both ends so you can recognize them later.

Cut 24 lengths of yarn 36 inches long. Pull one strand through the end of each stitch and match the ends (forming a double thickness).

Locate the knotted ends. Pull these to tighten and tie once (Just to hold temporarily. You do not want a hard knot here you can't undo later)

Divide all the yarn into 3 sections and braid tightly. (It helps to hold the rat between your knees as you do this). When you get near the end, tie a thick knot, pulling and tightening to work it toward the ends, leaving at least 1 inch of fringe.

Locate the two ends with the smaller knots and REknot them closer to the big knot (so they will not be cut off when you trim the fringe). Trim fringe as desired.



The following page is a printable pattern cheat sheet. Its purpose is to remind you of the rounds once you are already familiar with the pattern. Please limit all paper use for the sake of our

Buck Rat: a dog toy

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Printable pattern cheat sheet

All shaping is made across the top in orientation with the ears.

1. 3 SC
 2. 6 SC
 3. 8 SC
 4. 10 SC
 5. 15 SC
 6. 20 SC
 7. – 9. SC around
 10. SC around (make ears)
 11. – 12. SC around
 13. 23 SC
 14. SC around
 15. 24 SC (make feet)
 16. SC around
 17. 26 SC
 18. SC around
 19. 29 SC
 20. 27- SC around
 28. SC around (make feet)
 29. SC around
 30. 24 SC
 31. – 35. SC around
- FO, 18inch tail
Insert bottle
40 inch drawstring
(24) 36inch fringe for tail

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How to change the bottle in your BUCK RAT toy:

Untie the large knot at the end of the tail and unbraided. Locate the two strings with small knots at the end. These are your drawstring. They will be tied loosely at the body. Spread open the end and remove old bottle for recycling. Replace with clean 16oz bottle with cap and ring removed. Twist and push to insert. Pull drawstrings to close and tie once to hold. Separate into three sections and braid, tying a big knot at the end.

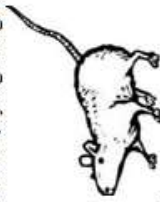


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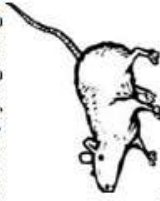


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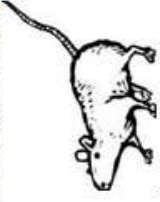


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