



Woolly: A Toy Sheep for Puppy

Kind of a ball, kind of not. Lots of little appendages for a puppy to gnaw on. Made as one piece so it is more durable.
Ideal for puppies, small dogs, kittens, and human babies.

Skill Level:

Easy/Intermediate

Working with boucle` is not super easy. There are few stitches used but some shaping and crocheting into sides of stitches that may be new to some.

Size:

About 6 1/2 inches long, nose to tail.

Materials:

Black Medium Weight (#4) Yarn
White Boucle` Yarn (bulky)
H Hook
Stuffing
Squeaker (optional)
Tapestry needle
3 stitch markers

Terms Used:

Chain - ch
Slip Stitch - slst
Single Crochet - sc
Single Crochet Two Together - sc2tog
Right Side - RS (the outside of the sheep)
Wrong Side - WS (not the outside of the sheep)



Please note that this is an older pattern and has never been tested. If you find any errors or have any problems, please Email me and we will sort it out! Thanks so much!



Pattern Notes:

You will be crocheting with 2 strands of black medium weight yarn, and then 1 strand of the bulky boucle. If you decide to make this sheep with all Worsted Weight instead of part boucle/bulky, use 2 strands together of the white throughout like with the black. The sheep will not be as fuzzy, of course, but the dog will still like it.

Make feet first and lay them aside until needed. They will be crocheted in later. This will be more secure than sewing them on. Don't worry about the ends. We will hide them inside. (YAY!)

(For all pieces) Unless otherwise stated, you will be working in the round. Have your stitch marker ready and move up to the start of each new round. Working with Boucle, it is very easy to miss stitches, so be sure to

mark and count your rounds even on rounds without increases or decreases.

FEET (Make 4)

Round 1: With 2 strands of black, ch2. 6sc in 2nd ch from hook. (6sc)

Rounds 2-3: 1sc in each stitch around. Stuff beginning tail into toe.

Row 4: Ch1, fold flat, 3 sc across, crocheting both layers together. FO leaving 6inch tail.

HEAD

Round 1: With 2 strands of black, ch2. 5sc in 2nd ch from hook. (5sc)

Round 2: 1sc in each stitch around. (10sc)

Rounds 3-5: 1sc in each stitch around.

Round 6: Ch1. Sc in same stitch. Sc in next stitch. (2sc in next sc) twice. Sc in next 2 stitches, leaving last 4 stitches unworked. Ch 1 turn (8sc)

Row 7: Sc in 1st stitch. Ch6. Sc in next 6 stitches. Ch6. Sc in last stitch. Ch1, turn (8sc, 2ch6)

Row 8: Sc in first 2 stitches. (Sc2tog) twice. Sc in last 2 stitches. FO black, stuffing tails into nose. (6sc)

Note: You may choose to embroider eyes and a nose at this point, but I didn't because a. I don't like to embroider and 2. Details please humans not dogs.

Row 9. (RS) Join 1 strand of white boucle to right side at end, 2sc in each stitch across, ch1, turn (12sc)

Row 10. (WS) Sc2tog across, ch1, DO NOT TURN. DO NOT FO. (6sc)

BODY

You will be making the body of the sheep on the wrong side because the wrong side of bulky yarns is always the prettiest. You don't really need to turn it wrong side out. There will be enough room to just crochet INSIDE the round instead of on the outside. The last couple of rounds, though, will probably need to be crocheted on the right side. There will be a reminder for that when you get there.

Round 1: Ch1. With WS facing (until instructed otherwise), place 18 sc around the opening of the neck (on the black and the white). (18sc)

Round 2: 1sc in each stitch around.

Round 3: (2sc in next, 1 sc in next 5) around. (21sc)

Round 4: (2 sc in next, 1 sc in next 6) around. (24sc)

Round 5: (2sc in next, 1 sc in next 7) around. (27sc)

Round 6: (2sc in next, 1 sc in next 8) around. (30sc)

Fold flat and mark where the feet should be centered on the belly. You will want 2 or 3 stitches between them.



Round 7: 1sc in each stitch around, crocheting through both layers to attach feet where marked as you go. Be sure the feet are pointed to the outside of the sheep! Pull the tails through to the center.

Round 8-10: 1sc in each stitch around.

Round 11: 1sc in each stitch around, attaching back feet to line up with front feet as in round 7.

Note: After you get the back feet on, loosely knot two sets of ends on the inside of the sheep to prevent them slipping through in the future. Don't pull too tight as it will misshape the sheep.

Round 12: 1sc in each stitch around.

Round 13: (Sc2tog, sc in next 3) around. (24sc)

Round 14: (Sc2tog, sc in next 2) around. (18 sc)

Stuff lightly and place squeaker at this point.

Round 15: RS from here on out. (Sc2tog, sc in next stitch) around. (12sc)

Note: Once the opening gets this small, it will be hard to crochet on the WS, so the last couple of rounds will be on the right side. You will be doubling back on your turn stitch, but just pull tight at the beginning of the next round to prevent a gap.

Round 16: (sc2tog) around. (6 sc) FO leaving long tail. Stitch well to close. You can sew to pucker a bit to resemble a short, bushy tail. Sew securely then hide end inside by pulling through in a few directions with your hook.

I hope you enjoy!

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