Lonny the Lamb



A Burgundy Basket Pattern

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Most all of my patterns are worked in the CONTINUOUS Round: I do not join and chain, but continue to work in the next stitch. Use a stitch marker for this so you don't lose your place. I will always note if this is not the case.

You can assume that I have used my G/4mm for all of these patterns unless it is stated otherwise.

Most of my toy patterns are made with 4-ply worsted weight yarn scraps like Red Heart Super Saver, Caron One Pound and Impeccable Yarn. I will note any differences.

Pattern Note: If I write, "sc 3" it means single crochet in the next 3 stitches - whereas, "3sc" means to make 3 single crochet in one stitch.

Pattern Note: (sc, 2sc) repeat around – this is read as you make a single crochet in the next stitch and then 2 sc in the next stitch and repeat this sequence around the entire round.

Another example, (sc 2, inv dec) repeat around. This is read as you make a single crochet in the next two stitches and then you do an invisible decrease and then you repeat this sequence all the way around.

More complicated example: sc 12, (inc, sc) 6, sc 6 - This is read as you do 12 single crochet, then you do an increase sc, then single crochet, but what is in parenthesis gets done as many times as the number after says - so, you would do increase sc then sc 6 times total and then do the single crochet 6.

Stitches Guide: *US Terms apply

Chain: Ch

Stitch: St

Single Crochet: Sc

Inc Sc or Inc or 2sc: make two single crochet stitches in the same stitch as indicated

Inv dec: invisible decrease or decrease (I use invisible decrease in amigurumi and it is one of the best things I have ever learned for amigurumi. If you are unsure how to do this, there are many great online/video tutorials.)

hdc: half double crochet

hdc inc or inc hdc: increase hdc

Decrease: Dec or Sc2tog

BLO: back loop only/ FLO: front loop only

Dc: double crochet

Tr: treble crochet

FO: Finish Off your yarn/cut your yarn

Slip Stitch: sl st

Materials:

This Lamb uses an assortment of yarns from my stash and from other of the animals in my Farm Series. For Lonny's face, inner ear and legs I have used almost one full skein of Bernat Pipsqueak yarn in Whitey White. I know many don't like to use this yarn, but it really is perfect for some crochet animals. To help make it easier to work with – and also what I have done – is hold a strand of a baby yarn in white with it to make it easier to see/feel your stitches. One of the good things about using this yarn is that it is very forgiving! So, if you do make a mistake or miss a stitch, you will likely never see it. So, hold two strands – one the Pipsqueak and one a #3 baby yarn.



For the Gray, I have used Big Twist Sincerely in this gray/white mix. It is perfect for making Lonny because you get a nice mixed color, but like with the fuzzy white yarn above, I have held a second strand of a gray mohair yarn to get a fuzziness to Lonny. So, for all parts of this animal I have used 2 strands of yarn and a size H/5mm hook. If you use a single strand of yarn, your finished project will be different than mine. If you change materials, please adjust your hook size accordingly.

- -Hook: I have used a H/5mm hook for this pattern for everything except the outer ear circle. I used a size I/5.5mm hook for that.
- -Safety Eyes or buttons (or yarn to embroider if you choose) and needle to embroider face. The eyes that I have used are 15mm.
- -Stuffing. I have used Poly-Fill brand stuffing, but feel free to use what you prefer.
- I don't use Stitch markers, but if you do you will want those to keep track of your rounds. As a "free" stitch marker you can loop a bright colored piece of scrap yarn through your stitch to act as a marker then just pull it out when you get back around to it and move it up one row. Easy marker!

Hints and Tips for Stuffies, Ragdolls, Amigurumi etc.

Spiral Crochet:

I crochet in the "spiral" for this project and for most of my work. This prevents the joining seam that can occur with crochet. What that means is that you don't join each round with a slip stitch and then chain 1, but rather keep on working the next stitch - the first one from the previous row. It may help to use a stitch marker to designate the beginning of the previous round. For example, if your round calls for 30 sc stitches, then sc 30 around, but instead of slip stitching to the first stitch and then chaining one, sc in the first stitch and keep on going for your next round.

TIP Counting:

I also tend to open the calculator on my phone and keep track of "rounds" and stitches by my calculator. For example: if I need to do 4 rounds of 36 stitches I will do "4x36=144" on my calculator and then subtract as I go. So, I might do 30 sc and stop (144-30) get up and do something and come back and so forth until I get done. This keeps me on track and keeps me from having to use and move stitch markers. I only advise this if you are good with counting and have no distractions.

Invisible Decrease:

Doing an invisible single crochet decrease is one of the best things I ever learned! There are many online tutorials on this so look up doing the invisible decrease single crochet online and you will not be sorry. Essentially, you will be doing your single crochet decrease in only the front loops of the crochets being decreased.

I start my work with a chain 2 and then sc in second chain from hook, but you can also start with a magic ring if you prefer that start.

This pattern begins at the front of the nose and then changes color and continues to the back of the head. **Finish Off** (FO) is on back of the head.



With your nose color, chain 2. (Or Magic Circle start if you prefer)

Sc 6 in the second chain from the hook and work over your starting tail.

Starting in the first sc make 2 sc in that stitch and in each stitch around. (12) *Still work over the starting tail. After getting done with all 12 sc for that round, pull the starting tail to cinch up the opening. You can now trim that tail or weave it in or just leave it if it will be on the inside of your work.

You want to move your stitch marker to the last stitch of each round so you know when you get to the end.

Round 3: (sc in next stitch, 2sc in the next stitch) repeat (18)

Round 4: (sc in next 2 stitches, 2sc in the next stitch) repeat (24)

Round 5: (sc in next 3 stitches, 2sc in the next stitch) repeat (30)

Round 6: (sc in next 4 stitches, 2sc in the next stitch) repeat (36)

Rounds 7-12: sc in each stitch around (36) (36) (36) (36) (36) (36) *If you like to do your faces and tie the ends inside before getting too far, do that now. I embroidered the "nose" across 5 rows from the center hole and the top points have 6 stitches between them.

Round 13: (sc in next 4 stitches, inv dec) repeat (30)

Round 14: (sc in next 3 stitches, inv dec) repeat (24) *change color at last stitch here to the color you are using for the head.

Rounds 15-18: sc in each stitch around (24) (24) (24)

Round 19: (sc in next 3 stitches, 2sc in the next stitch) repeat (30) *place eyes between rounds 19-20 with about 7-8 stitches between them.

Round 20: (sc in next 4 stitches, 2sc in the next stitch) repeat (36)

Round 21: sc in each stitch around (36)

Round 22: (sc in next 5 stitches, 2sc in the next stitch) repeat (42)

Rounds 23-25: sc in each stitch around (42) (42) (42)

Round 26: (sc in next 5 stitches, inv dec) repeat (36) *Stuff as you go and stuff well and continue to stuff.

Round 27: (sc in next 4 stitches, inv dec) repeat (30)

Round 28: (sc in next 3 stitches, inv dec) repeat (24)

Round 29: (sc in next 2 stitches, inv dec) repeat (18)

Round 30: (sc in next stitch, inv dec) repeat (12) *make sure you have enough stuffing. It needs to be full!!

Round 31: sc in each stitch around and finish with a tail to sew closed. Weave in your end.

<u>Body</u>: I used the same color for that body that I used on the back of the head. I feel that you need to use the same color to make your sewing blend in and be invisible. You do not want to do all this work and then have visible sewing stitches. The body starts from the bottom up and you leave an opening at top for the neck. You want to pin your head in place and make sure to stuff the neck VERY well before final stitches to support the head.

Chain 2. (Or Magic Circle start if you prefer)

Sc 6 in the second chain from the hook and work over your starting tail.

Starting in the first sc make 2 sc in that stitch and in each stitch around. (12) *Still work over the starting tail. After getting done with all 12 sc for that round, pull the starting tail to cinch up the opening. You can now trim that tail or weave it in or just leave it if it will be on the inside of your work.

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Round 7: (sc in next 5 stitches, 2sc in the next stitch) repeat (42)

Round 8: (sc in next 6 stitches, 2sc in the next stitch) repeat (48)

Round 19: (sc in next 6 stitches, inv dec) repeat (42)

Round 20: sc in each stitch around (42)

Round 21: (sc in next 5 stitches, inv dec) repeat (36)

Round 22: sc in each stitch around (36)

Round 23: (sc in next 4 stitches, inv dec) repeat (30)

Round 24: sc in each stitch around (30)

Round 25: (sc in next 3 stitches, inv dec) repeat (24)

Round 26: sc in each stitch around (24)

Round 27: (sc in next 2 stitches, inv dec) repeat (18)

Round 28: sc in each stitch around (18) *leave super long tail to sew on the head. I positioned the head to sew with on only the gray part on back of the head.

Feet/Legs (make two):

Chain 2. (Or Magic Circle start if you prefer)

Sc 6 in the second chain from the hook and work over your starting tail.

Starting in the first sc make 2 sc in that stitch and in each stitch around. (12) *Still work over the starting tail. After getting done with all 12 sc for that round, pull the starting tail to cinch up the opening. You can now trim that tail or weave it in or just leave it if it will be on the inside of your work.

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Round 3: (sc in next stitch, 2sc in the next stitch) repeat (18)

Rounds 4-7: sc in each stitch around (18)(18)(18)(18) *stuff lightly. I only stuffed the foot.

Round 8: (sc in next stitch, inv dec) repeat (12)

Round 9: (inv dec) repeat (6)

Rounds 10-20: sc in each stitch around (6)(6)(6)(6)(6)(6)(6)(6)(6)(6)(6) *FO leave long tail to sew. I placed the legs between rounds 6-8 on bottom of body.

Front Legs/"Arms" (make two):

Chain 2. (Or Magic Circle start if you prefer)

Sc 6 in the second chain from the hook and work over your starting tail.

Starting in the first sc make 2 sc in that stitch and in each stitch around. (12) *Still work over the starting tail. After getting done with all 12 sc for that round, pull the starting tail to cinch up the opening. You can now trim that tail or weave it in or just leave it if it will be on the inside of your work.



You want to move your stitch marker to the last stitch of each round so you know when you get to the end.

Rounds 3-6: sc in each stitch around (12)(12)(12)(12) *stuff lightly. I only stuffed the foot.

Round 7: (inv dec) repeat (6)

Rounds 8-17: sc in each stitch around (6)(6)(6)(6)(6)(6)(6)(6)(6)(6) *FO leave long tail to sew.



<u>Ears</u> (make 2): Make one set of inner ear circles in your inner ear color with your H/5mm hook and another set of outer ear circles with your I/5.5 hook.

Each ear is basically just two circles crocheted together at the end.

Make 2 pieces in your inner ear color and two in your outer ear color. FO the inner ear circle and weave in your end, but **DO NOT FO** the outer ear colored circle when you are done.

Ch 2 (not a stitch) Working in hdc, make 10 hdc in second chain from hook.

Working in continuous spiral, make 2 hdc in each stitch around (20) *sometimes it is easier to make the first hdc of this round a sc to make the "jog up" easier and have a smoother transition. If you choose to do that, this round will be: (sc, hdc), (2hdc) 9

Round 3: (hdc, 2hdc) repeat (30)

Once you have completed an inner ear and an outer ear, hold both pieces together with Wrong Sides facing into each other and sc around both pieces to join. FO the ear with a long tail for sewing. After the pieces are joined, you will fold them in HALF with the long tail at one end and then sew about 5-7 stitches together. I chose to sew back down again so that my tail would be ready to sew the ear on the head.

I sewed the ears just behind and below where the eyes are placed.

Thank you for choosing Lonny. XOXO, Kristi