

Newborn Little Lamb Comfort Toy



SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

CROCHET HOOK: I/9 (5.5 mm)

YARN WEIGHT: Medium / Worsted Weight

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- * Yarn in seven different colors: White, Light Blue, Black, Pastel Pink, Pastel Green, Pastel Yellow, Pastel Purple
- * Cotton, Poly-Fil, or Stuffing of Choice
- * Tapestry Needle
- * Goggle-Eyes
- * Rattle "noise" Object (optional)

ABBREVIATIONS:

- * ch = chain
- * sl st = slip stitch
- * st = stitch
- * sc = single crochet
- * hdc = half double crochet
- * dc = double crochet
- * pc = popcorn stitch
- * beg pc = beginning popcorn stitch
- * dec sc = decrease single crochet

KEY TO SPECIAL STITCHES:

* **Popcorn Stitch (pc):** work 3 dc in same space leaving last loop of each on the hook (a total of 4 loops), YO, pull through all 4 loops.

* **Beginning Popcorn Stitch (beg pc):** ch 2, work 2 dc in same sp leaving last loop of each on the hook (total of 3 loops), YO, pull through all 3 loops.

* **Decrease Single Crochet (dec sc):** insert hook in next sp, YO, pull up a loop, insert hook in next sp, YO, pull up a loop, YO, pull through all 3 loops on the hook.

RATTLE FEATURE:

To create the rattle noise in the plush toy I simply took a small plastic container (the kind you get from the "quarter machines" in the stores) and filled it 1/3 of the way full with dry rice. Then I used crazy glue to fasten the cover in place to make sure it will hold securely and won't pop open with use.

This rattle feature is completely optional. You could also substitute the plastic rice container with bells or really anything that makes a soft noise when shaken.



FACE:

Tip: I find it helps to mark the first sc of each row with a safety pin to help keep track of where one row starts and the other ends!

Rnd 1: With blue, ch 2, 5 sc in 1st ch; join.

Rnd 2: ch 1 (counts as sc), sc in next sc, (2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc) 2 time; join. (8 sc)

Rnd 3: ch 1 (counts as sc), sc in next sc and in each sc around; join. (9 sc)

Rnd 4: ch 1 (does NOT counts as sc), sc in same space, sc next sc, (2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc) around; sl st to first sc to join. (14 sc)

Finish off. Weave in ends.

With black yarn, embroider nose and mouth.

HEAD:

With white, working in back-loops only, join white with sl st to last sc made on the face piece.

Rnd 1 (working back-loops only): ch 1, sc in same sp and in next 3 sps, (2 sc in next sp, sc in next 4 sps) 2 times; sl st in first sc made to join. (16 sc)

Rnd 2 (working in BOTH loops): ch 1, hdc in same sp, (pc in next sc, hdc in next sp), around; sl st in first hdc to join. (8 pc)

Rnd 3: Work beg pc in same sp, hdc in next sp, (pc in next sp, hdc in next sp) around; sl st in top of beg pc to join.

Rnd 4: ch 1, sc in same sp, pc in next sp, (sc in next sp, pc in next sp) around; join.

Rnd 5: work beg pc in same sp, sl st in next sp, (pc in next sp, sl st in next sp) around; join.

<< Pause to add stuffing and rattle!>>

Rnd 6: sl st in next sp, work beg pc, sk next sp, (pc in next sp, sk next sp) around; join.

Rnd 7: ch 1, decrease sc around.

Finish off. Use end to sew up (or close up) the opening in back of head.

EARS:

With blue (leave extra long end for sewing to the head when finished), ch 7, hdc in 2nd ch from hook and across, make 2 hdc in last st of the row; turn to hdc in each st up the other side of the foundation ch, sl st to join to first st of the round.

Finish off. Connect ears to Rnd 3 of head.

NECK:

Ch 18; join to form a ring.

Rnd 1: ch 1, sc in each sp around.

Rnd 2: ch 1, sc in same sp, * (hdc, dc) in next sp, (dc, hdc) in next sp, sc in next sp; repeat from * around.

Finish off with an extra long end. With long end, sew neck piece to bottom of head piece.

DANGLING TOGGLES (make 5 of different assorted colors):

Leave extra long end to use for connecting the trailer to the head piece. Ch 30, make 2 hdcs in second chain from hook and in each chain across. Finish off. Connect each of the 5 toggles to the head piece, positioning them around the inside of the neck ring.

FINISHING:

Sew in all ends and glue eyes in place using crafter's fabric glue.