

The Bitty Buddy Collection

Bitty Lamb



A CROCHET PATTERN
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NOTES

I am so excited to introduce the Bitty Buddy Collection! Bitty buddies are a tiny-sized cross between a blanket and favorite stuffed animal, making them the perfect little lovies. They are teeny and sweet and make great rattles, teether toys or binky buddies! The bobbed texture and soft body structure provide great sensory input while the cute animal designs make them fun for play!

I recommend reading through all instructions before starting your design. This pattern uses the bobble stitch for the body of the design, so you will need to be familiar with this stitch. Popping the bobbles is what gives the design such great texture! I prefer to make my bobbles on the right side but you can choose to make them on the right or wrong side. Just make sure that the bobbles are on the outside of the body when you finish your piece! This may require you to turn your body inside out.

If you want to work with a bulkier plush yarn, check out stuckonyoucrochet.com for tips and modifications on the bitty buddies!

You are welcome to sell finished pieces from this pattern, but please give credit to me (@_stuckonyoucrochet_) as the designer. I would love for you to share your finished pieces on Ravelry or tag me on Instagram with #stuckonyoucrochet and/or #bittybuddies. If you'd like to leave a review of my pattern, please do so on Ravelry or Etsy! I would love to have your feedback :)

MATERIALS

HOOK(S)

2.75 mm • US size C

4.00 mm • US size G

YARN

Weight : Worsted

Hobby Lobby, I Love This Cotton Yarn

~ 20 yards in accessory color

~ 80 yards in main color

*NOTE: I used cotton yarn for my bitty buddies as I think it is best for little ones who want to teethe on their buddies! You can also use other size 4 yarns if you prefer something other than cotton.

NOTIONS

Embroidery Thread

Polyfil Stuffing

Scissors

Stitch Marker

Darning Needle

Measuring Tape

Rattle Insert (if desired)

Teething Ring (if desired)

GAUGE

Exact gauge is not necessary for this project

FINAL HEIGHT

~ 7.5 inches from top to bottom

ABBREVIATIONS

bobble	bobble stitch
ch	chain
dec	decrease stitches
hdc	half double crochet
inc	increase stitches
sc	single crochet
sl st	slip stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)
[]	repeat instructions within brackets x number indicated

SPECIAL STITCHES

Photos are listed at the end of the pattern

BOBBLE STITCH (bobble): [See photos A-J]

To make a bobble stitch you will work multiple double crochets into the same stitch.

To begin, yarn over and insert hook into the stitch. Yarn over and draw up a loop. This leaves three loops on your hook. Yarn over and pull through the first two loops (two loops left on hook).

Yarn over, insert hook into the stitch. Yarn over and draw up a loop, leaving four loops on your hook. Yarn over and pull through the first two loops (three loops left on hook).

Yarn over, insert hook into the stitch. Yarn over and draw up a loop, leaving five loops on your hook. Yarn over and pull through the first two loops (four loops left on hook).

SPECIAL STITCHES

BOBBLE STITCH (cont'd):

Yarn over, insert hook into the stitch. Yarn over and draw up a loop, leaving six loops on your hook. Yarn over and pull through the first two loops (five loops left on hook).

Yarn over and pull through the five loops on the hook. Pull stitch tightly and it will create a bobble. You can choose to make the bobbles on the right or the wrong side of your project, just make sure they are on the outside of the body when finished.

DECREASE STITCHES (dec):

To decrease stitches, you will sc or hdc 2 stitches together. This allows the shape to become narrower. To do this, begin your first stitch as you typically would (whether it be sc or hdc) but before finishing off your stitch, place your hook in the next stitch and complete another. To finish your stitch you will pull through both working stitches on the hook, so that you are left with one stitch where previously there were two stitches.

INCREASE STITCHES (inc):

To increase stitches, you will sc or hdc 2 stitches into the same spot. This allows the shape to become wider. To do this, complete your first stitch (whether it be sc or hdc) as you typically would. Place a second stitch in the same spot, so that you are left with two stitches where previously you had one stitch.

You will use a 2.75 mm (C) hook for the ears of the lamb

MAKING THE EARS (MAKE TWO)

To make the ears, you will start by making the inside of the ear in your accessory color. You will repeat the pattern to make the outside of the ear in your main color.

Do not cut yarn after finishing your outer ear as you will immediately move on to joining the inner and outer ears together. **You will repeat this twice in order to create two ears for your lamb.**

Row 1	To begin, ch 3. Working in the second ch from your hook, sc x 2 across. Ch 1 and turn.	[2]
Row 2	[inc] in each st. Ch 1 and turn.	[4]
Row 3	inc, sc, sc, inc. Ch 1 and turn.	[6]
Row 4-7	sc x 6 across. Ch 1 and turn.	[6]
Row 8	dec, sc, sc, dec For inner ear (in accessory color), cut yarn, tie off and weave in ends. For outer ear (main color), do not cut yarn. Move to joining instructions.	[4]

JOINING THE INNER AND OUTER EAR

To join the inner and outer ears, place your inner ear on top of your outer ear. Ch 1 with the working yarn of your outer ear. You will now sc through both pieces, thus joining them together as you go around. I like to put two sc in each of the corners along the top. I place about 22 sc stitches after going around.

Sc completely around the entire ear. Sl st to first sc. Ch 1. Fold ear in half and sc 2-3 stitches across the top, joining the top of the ear together so it stays folded. Leaving a tail for sewing, cut yarn and tie off.

Need help figuring out how to make your ear? See my video tutorial at <https://youtu.be/5rUeBM7mf00>

You will use a 4.00 mm (G) hook for the rest of the pattern

MAKING THE ARMS (MAKE TWO)

Round 1	Start with accessory color. To begin, make a magic circle. Place 6 sc in the magic circle. Do not join. You will continue to work in the round.	[6]
Rounds 2-4	sc x 6 around. At end of row 4, switch to main color.	[6]
Rounds 5-11	sc x 6 around.	[6]
Round 12	Pinch the top of the arm together and place 3 sc through each side in order to close off the arm. Cut yarn, tie off and weave in ends.	[3]

MAKING THE HEAD ***If you have loose tension, you may wish to use a 3.75 mm hook for head ***

Round 1	Start with your accessory color for the face of the lamb. To begin, make a magic circle. Place 6 sc in the magic circle. Do not join. You will continue to work in the round.	[6]
Round 2	[inc] in each st around.	[12]
Round 3	[inc, sc] x 6 around.	[18]
Round 4-7	sc x 18 around.	[18]
Round 8	[inc, sc x 2] x 6 around.	[24]
Round 9	[inc, sc x 3] x 6 around.	[30]
Round 10	[inc, sc x 14] x 2 Switch to your main color for the head of the lamb.	[32]
Round 11	sc x 32 in the front loop only (FLO) around.	[32]
Round 12	sc x 32 in the back loop only (BLO) around.	[32]
Round 13	sc x 2, bobble, [sc x 3, bobble] x 7, sc	[32, 8 bobbles]
Round 14	sc x 32 around.	[32]
Round 15	[bobble, sc x 3] x 8	[32, 8 bobbles]
Round 16	[dec, sc x 2] x 8 around. *Stop here and add facial features if desired. Begin stuffing head firmly.	[24]
Round 17	sc, [bobble, sc x 2] x 7, bobble, sc	[24, 8 bobbles]
Round 18	[dec, sc x 2] x 6 around	[18]
Round 19	[dec, sc] x 6 around.	[12]
Round 20	[dec] in each st around. Leaving a bit of a tail, cut and tie off your yarn. Thread a needle and sew under the front loop of each remaining stitch. Cinch tightly together to close the head. Tie off and weave in your ends.	[6]

ADDING THE FEATURES

- Embroider the eyes (or place safety eyes) at row 9 (one row from the color change to the head). I make a simple upside-down V stitch across the row and leave 4-5 stitches in between the eyes.
- To make your nose, you will use embroidery thread to make a "Y"
 - The bottom of the "V" of your nose will start in the center of the magic circle. The top of the "V" of your nose will be in row 1, one or two stitches wide across the top.
 - Push your needle up through the center of the magic circle and pull across diagonally to the top corner marked. Leaving one or two stitches between, pull straight across to the other top corner of the nose. Then, pull across diagonally back to the bottom stitch. This should create a V shape. You will create the bottom of the "Y" by pulling the thread up in row 2 and re-inserting through the middle of your magic circle and back to the bottom of the "V." Tie off and cut yarn.
- To add the ears, I recommend using pins to ensure placement before stitching them to the head. I add my ears in line with the eyes and angle slightly up across the bobbles of the head. Tie off, cut yarn and weave ends.
- Need more help? Check out my YouTube video for instruction on adding features:
https://youtu.be/8Q_4gYZ6nE

MAKING THE BODY

Stitch counts are included at the end of each round. Bobble rows include [total # stitches, # bobble stitches]

You will not join at the end of each row. You will continue to work in the round.

For rounds with increases and decreases, they will be done with a hdc stitch (unless indicated).

sc stitch will **only** be used on rounds that also have bobbles (and on the final rounds of the body)

Round 1	To begin, make a magic circle. Place 6 hdc stitches in the magic circle. Do not join. You will continue to work in the round.	[6]
Round 2	[inc] x 6 around.	[12]
Round 3	[inc, hdc] around.	[18]
Round 4	[sc x 2, bobble] x 6.	[18, 6 bobbles]
Round 5	[inc, hdc x 2] around.	[24]
Round 6	sc x 2, bobble, [sc x 3, bobble] x 5, sc	[24, 6 bobbles]
Round 7	hdc x 24 around.	[24]
Round 8	sc, bobble, [sc x 3, bobble] x 5, sc x 2	[24, 6 bobbles]
Round 9	hdc x 24 around.	[24]
Round 10	[bobble, sc x 3] x 6	[24, 6 bobbles]
Round 11	hdc x 24 around.	[24]
Round 12	[sc x 3, bobble] x 6	[24, 6 bobbles]
Round 13	hdc x 24 around.	[24]
Round 14	sc x 2, bobble, [sc x 3, bobble] x 5, sc	[24, 6 bobbles]
Round 15	[hdc x 2, dec] x 6	[18]
Round 16	[sc, bobble, sc] x 6	[18, 6 bobbles]
Round 17	hdc x 18 around.	[18]
Round 18	[hdc, dec] x 6	[12]

At this point, you will add the arms to your lamb, to avoid having to sew them in later. Both arms should be closed (as written above) with three stitches across. Add in arms as below:

Round 19	sc x 3. For the next three stitches, place your first arm on the outside of the body and sc x 3 through both the arm and the stitches of the neck. This will attach your first arm. sc x 1. For the next three stitches, place your second arm on the outside of the body and sc x 3 through both the arm and the stitches of the neck. This will attach your second arm. sc x 2 to finish the round.	[12]
Round 20	[dec, sc x 2] x 3. Slip stitch to first stitch and then leaving a long tail, cut yarn and tie off. You will use this tail to attach the head to your body, so be sure to leave a long enough tail.	[9]

ASSEMBLY OF YOUR BITTY BUDDY

You should now have the head with facial features completed (see video tutorial above if you need help with facial features) and a body with two attached arms.

Next, you'll attach the body to the head. I recommend using pins to make sure that your head is sewn on straight and centered to the body. I prefer starting from the back of the body/head and moving around the front. Carefully stitch through the body and head to attach. I prefer to stitch around the head twice, in order to make it extra secure.

If you need help with attaching the head, check out my YouTube tutorial at:
<https://youtu.be/FSDalwLc-cY>



VARIATIONS FOR YOUR BITTY BUDDY

There are so many fun options for giving variety to your bitty buddy!

Rattle:

Make your bitty buddy into a rattle by adding a rattle insert into the head prior to closing.

Teething Ring:

Add a wooden teething ring to your bitty buddy to turn it into a teether toy for babies!



To add the ring:

- Ch 6. sc in the second chain and back across. [5 sc]
- sc x 5. Repeat for 6 rows. [5 sc]
- (or however many needed to fit around your ring)
- Whip stitch the ends together to wrap around the ring and then sew to the top of the bitty buddy's head to attach!

Make it a Binky Buddy:

Add a chain to the head of your bitty buddy to make an attachment for a binky.

Ch 30 (or however long needed for binky).

Tie chain to head of bitty buddy.

Loop around binky to attach.



Note! These variations should always be used under supervision in babies and young children

Photo Tutorials: Please note, these photos are not from this specific pattern, but do show the steps for making a bobble stitch.

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B



C



D



E



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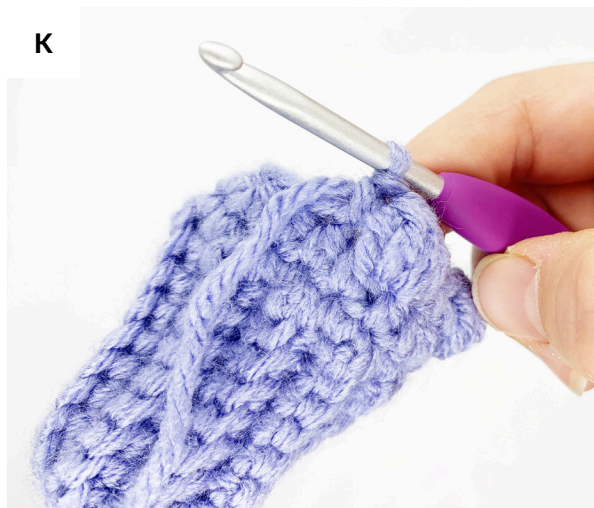
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Thank You so Much
for choosing my Bitty Lamb Buddy pattern!





Enjoy your new makes and please share! I would love to see what you have created!



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I am a mama maker to three cute little kiddos and wife to one awesome husband. I began crocheting as a creative outlet while in graduate school, about ten years ago. I started slowly and really "got hooked" after having my first son. Two additional kids later and multiple attempts at making 'all the things,' I've branched out into pattern designing. I enjoy making items for children including hats, clothes, blankets, toys, nursery decor, and more! You can find me with baskets of WIPs strewn about the house and a list of "future projects" a mile long!

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