

FREE CROCHET PATTERN

Easy Crochet Bat

A tiny, round amigurumi bat with pointy ears and scalloped wings, worked in simple single crochet rounds. A cute, quick Halloween make for shelves, garlands and party tables.



<div>SKILL LEVEL</div> <div>Easy</div>	<div>FINISHED SIZE</div> <div>About 2 in (5 cm) tall, with a wingspan of about 5 in (13 cm)</div>	<div>YARN WEIGHT</div> <div>Medium / Worsted</div>
<div>HOOK</div> <div>3.5 mm (US E-4)</div>	<div>TIME</div> <div>About 1–1½ hours</div>	<div>TERMS</div> <div>US terms</div>

Gauge: Gauge is not critical. Aim for tight stitches with no gaps — if stuffing shows through the fabric, switch to a smaller hook.

Materials

- ☐ Worsted-weight yarn in dark grey, deep purple or black — About 18 yd (16.5 m) (Estimated)
- ☐ White yarn — About 1 yd (1 m) (For the fangs, and the eyes if you embroider them)
- ☐ 3.5 mm (US E-4) crochet hook (A hook smaller than the yarn label suggests keeps amigurumi stitches tight)
- ☐ 6 mm safety eyes — 2 (Or embroider the eyes with yarn for children under 3)
- ☐ Polyester fiberfill — A small handful
- ☐ Stitch marker, tapestry needle and scissors

Abbreviations

MR — magic ring

sc — single crochet

dc — double crochet

dec — decrease — work 2 stitches together

st(s) — stitch(es)

[] — repeat the instructions inside the brackets the **()** — stitch count at the end of a round or row, or a number of times stated group worked into one stitch

ch — chain

hdc — half double crochet

inc — increase — work 2 stitches in the same stitch

sl st — slip stitch

rnd(s) — round(s)

Notes before you start

- The body and ears are worked in continuous spiral rounds. Do not join at the end of each round — place a stitch marker in the first stitch and move it up as you go.
- Here, inc means 2 sc in the same stitch and dec means sc 2 stitches together.
- The number shown after each round or row is the stitch count you should have at the end of it.
- Written in US crochet terms. In UK terms, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

The pattern

Body

Start at the top of the head.

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** Make a magic ring and work 6 sc into the ring. Pull the ring closed. **(6)**
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** Inc in each st around. **(12)**
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** [Sc 1, inc] 6 times. **(18)**
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** [Sc 2, inc] 6 times. **(24)**
- ☐ **Rnds 5–10:** Sc in each st around for 6 rounds. **(24)**

Note: Insert the safety eyes between Rnds 6 and 7, about 3 stitches apart. For a child under 3, skip the safety eyes and embroider the eyes with yarn after stuffing instead.

- ☐ **Rnd 11:** [Sc 2, dec] 6 times. Stuff the body firmly. **(18)**
- ☐ **Rnd 12:** [Sc 1, dec] 6 times. Finish stuffing. **(12)**
- ☐ **Rnd 13:** Dec 6 times. **(6)**
- ☐ **Close:** Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail. Thread it onto a tapestry needle, weave it through the front loops of the remaining 6 stitches and pull gently to close. Hide the tail inside.

Ears (make 2)

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** Make a magic ring and work 4 sc into the ring. Pull the ring closed. **(4)**
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** [Sc 1, inc] 2 times. **(6)**
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** Sc in each st around. **(6)**
- ☐ **Finish:** Sl st in the next st and fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff — flatten the ear so it forms a little point.

Wings (make 2)

Each wing is worked in two rows. The starting tail is used for sewing, so leave it long.

- ☐ **Row 1:** Leaving an 8 in (20 cm) starting tail, ch 10. Sc in the 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Turn. **(9)**
- ☐ **Row 2:** Ch 1 (does not count as a st). [Sl st in the next st, (hdc, dc, hdc) in the next st, sl st in the next st] 3 times. **(15)**
- ☐ **Finish:** Fasten off and weave in this end. The chain edge is the top of the wing and the three shells form the scalloped lower edge.

Assembly

- ☐ **Attach the ears:** Sew the flattened ears to the top of the head over Rnds 2–3, about 6 stitches apart, with the points facing up.
- ☐ **Attach the wings:** Using the starting tail, sew the short end of each wing (the end where the starting tail is) and the first 2 stitches of its chain edge to a side of the body over Rnds 7–10, so the wing stays spread out. Angle the wings slightly up, with the scalloped edge facing down.
- ☐ **Fangs:** With white yarn, embroider two tiny fangs about 2 rounds below the eyes by making one short vertical stitch for each, a stitch apart.

Tip: Pin the ears and wings in place and look at the bat from the front before sewing.

Finishing

- ☐ **Ends:** Weave all remaining ends into the body and trim them close.

Tips

- Dark grey or purple yarn shows stitches better than black. If you use black, work in good light and use a stitch marker every round.
- Sew the wings on through several stitches so they stay spread out instead of drooping.
- If you can see stuffing between the stitches, work more tightly or change to a 3 mm hook.

- For children under 3, embroidered eyes are safer than safety eyes. Sew the ears and wings on very securely too.

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