

FREE CROCHET PATTERN

Mini Crochet Ghost

A cute, palm-sized amigurumi ghost with a wavy hem, tiny waving arms and a flat base so it stands on a shelf. An easy Halloween make that is more sweet than spooky.



SKILL LEVEL Easy	FINISHED SIZE About 3 in (7.5 cm) tall and 2 in (5 cm) wide	YARN WEIGHT Medium / Worsted
HOOK 3.5 mm (US E-4)	TIME About 1½ hours	TERMS US terms

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 white or cream — About 25 yd (23 m) (Estimated)
- ☐ Black yarn or embroidery thread — About 1 yd (1 m) (For the mouth, and the eyes if you skip safety eyes)
- ☐ Pink yarn — A few inches (For the cheeks (optional))
- ☐ 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 black 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

FLO — front loop only

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

BLO — back loop only

sl st — slip stitch

rnd(s) — round(s)

Notes before you start

- The body and arms 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.
- BLO means back loop only and FLO means front loop only. Rnd 12 is worked in back loops, which leaves the front loops of Rnd 11 free for the hem. Rnd 16 is also worked in back loops to make the edge of the flat base.
- Here, inc means 2 sc in the same stitch and dec means sc 2 stitches together.
- The number shown after each round is the stitch count you should have at the end of that round.
- 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 with white.

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** With white, 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)**
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** [Sc 3, inc] 6 times. **(30)**
- ☐ **Rnds 6–11:** Sc in each st around for 6 rounds. **(30)**

Note: Insert the safety eyes between Rnds 7 and 8, about 4 stitches apart. For a child under 3, skip the safety eyes and embroider the eyes with black yarn after stuffing instead.

- ☐ **Rnd 12:** Working in back loops only, sc in each st around. The front loops of Rnd 11 stay free for the hem. **(30)**
- ☐ **Rnds 13–15:** Working in both loops again, sc in each st around for 3 rounds. **(30)**
- ☐ **Rnd 16:** Working in back loops only, sc in each st around. This ridge becomes the edge of the flat base. **(30)**
- ☐ **Rnd 17:** Working in both loops again, [sc 3, dec] 6 times. **(24)**

Note: Stuff the head firmly now, adding fiberfill in small pieces. Use a little less stuffing toward the bottom so the base stays flat.

- ☐ **Rnd 18:** [Sc 2, dec] 6 times. **(18)**
- ☐ **Rnd 19:** [Sc 1, dec] 6 times. Finish stuffing. **(12)**
- ☐ **Rnd 20:** 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, then press the base flat with your palm.

Wavy hem

Hold the ghost upside down, so the free front loops of Rnd 11 face you.

- ☐ **Join:** Join white with a sl st in any free front loop of Rnd 11. Ch 1 (does not count as a stitch).
- ☐ **Hem rnd:** Working only in the free front loops of Rnd 11: [sc in the next loop, hdc in the next loop, 2 dc in the next loop, hdc in the next loop, sc in the next loop] 6 times, working the first sc in the same loop as the join. Join with a sl st to the first sc. **(36)**
- ☐ **Finish:** Fasten off and weave in the ends. The hem fans out into six soft waves.

Arms (make 2)

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** With white, make a magic ring and work 6 sc into the ring. Pull the ring closed. **(6)**
- ☐ **Rnds 2–3:** Sc in each st around for 2 rounds. **(6)**
- ☐ **Finish:** Sl st in the next st and fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff — flatten the arm so the opening forms a straight edge.

Assembly

- ☐ **Attach the arms:** Sew the flattened edge of each arm to a side of the body over Rnds 8–10, angling the arms slightly forward and up as if the ghost is waving.

- ☐ **Face:** With black yarn, embroider a small round mouth centered about 2 rounds below the eyes by working a few stitches around one stitch. Add two short pink stitches for cheeks if you like.

Tip: Pin the arms in place first and check the ghost from the front and sides before sewing.

Finishing

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

Tips

- Stuff the head more firmly than the bottom and press the base flat, so the ghost stands steadily.
- Bright white shows every stitch; cream or very pale grey yarn gives a softer, vintage look.
- 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 arms on very securely too.

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