

Crochet Bear Mug Buddy

A caramel amigurumi bear that hugs your mug, sitting on its own crochet coaster



The finished bear mug buddy, ready for coffee time.

This sweet little bear sits on a sturdy crochet coaster and wraps both arms around your mug - part coaster, part mug hugger, all charm. Every piece is a simple shape (circle, sphere, cone and tube) worked in single crochet, so it is a relaxing project for confident beginners and a quick gift for coffee lovers.

Finished size	Bear about 10-12 cm (4-5 in) tall sitting; coaster about 12 cm (4.7 in) diameter.
Skill level	Confident beginner - single crochet, increases and decreases worked in the round.
Gauge	Not critical. Work tightly so the stuffing does not show; size is set by the stitch counts.

Materials

- Cotton or acrylic yarn (DK or worsted weight): caramel brown (main color, about 50 g), dark brown (muzzle, ears and paws, small amount), beige (optional accents)
- Crochet hook 2.5-4.0 mm (choose the size that gives you tight stitches)
- Safety eyes 6-8 mm, or black yarn to embroider the eyes
- Stuffing (fiberfill)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch marker
- Felt for the face (optional)

Abbreviations (US terms)

MR = magic ring sc = single crochet inc = increase (2 sc in same st) dec = decrease (sc 2 together) st(s) = stitch(es) rnd = round FO = fasten off

Notes: Work in continuous rounds unless stated; mark the first stitch of each round. Stuff pieces firmly but do not overfill - the bear should stay soft. Leave a long tail on every piece for sewing.

1. The Coaster

Worked in caramel brown. The bear is sewn onto the coaster, so it must lie perfectly flat.

Rnd 1: Magic ring, 6 sc into ring. **[6 sts]**

Rnd 2: inc in each st around. **[12 sts]**

Rnd 3: (sc, inc) x6. **[18 sts]**

Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) x6. **[24 sts]**

Rnd 5: (3 sc, inc) x6. **[30 sts]**

Rnd 6: (4 sc, inc) x6. **[36 sts]**

Rnd 7: sc in each st around (keeps the edge flat). **[36 sts]**

FO and weave in the end. The coaster should measure about 12 cm across.



The coaster, worked in flat increase rounds.

2. The Head

Worked in caramel brown.

Rnd 1: Magic ring, 6 sc into ring. **[6 sts]**

Rnd 2: inc in each st around. **[12 sts]**

Rnd 3: (sc, inc) x6. **[18 sts]**

Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) x6. **[24 sts]**

Rnd 5: (3 sc, inc) x6. **[30 sts]**

Rnd 6: (4 sc, inc) x6. **[36 sts]**

Rnds 7-13: sc in each st around (7 rounds). **[36 sts]**

Rnd 14: (4 sc, dec) x6. **[30 sts]**

Rnd 15: (3 sc, dec) x6. **[24 sts]**

Rnd 16: (2 sc, dec) x6. **[18 sts]**

Rnd 17: (sc, dec) x6. **[12 sts]**

Rnd 18: dec x6. **[6 sts]**

Insert safety eyes between rnds 10 and 11, about 6 sts apart, before you finish the decreases. Stuff firmly after rnd 15, add a little more after rnd 17, then FO and weave the tail through the last 6 sts to close.



The head with muzzle and embroidered sleepy eyes.

Muzzle (dark brown)

Rnd 1: Ch 5. Sc in 2nd ch from hook, 2 sc, 3 sc in last ch. Working down the other side of the chain: 2 sc, inc in last ch. **[10 sts]**

Rnd 2: inc, 2 sc, inc x3, 2 sc, inc x2. **[16 sts]**

Rnd 3: sc in each st around. **[16 sts]**

FO leaving a long tail. Sew the muzzle low on the front of the head, centred between and below the eyes. Embroider a small nose and mouth with dark brown yarn.

3. The Ears (make 2)

Worked in dark brown.

Rnd 1: Magic ring, 6 sc into ring. **[6 sts]**

Rnd 2: inc in each st around. **[12 sts]**

Rnd 3: sc in each st around. Fasten off, leave a long tail. **[12 sts]**
Do not stuff. Pinch each ear flat and set aside for assembly.



Two flat ears ready to sew beside the head.

4. The Body

Worked in caramel brown. The slow increase rate makes a gentle cone that sits stably on the coaster.

Rnd 1: Magic ring, 6 sc into ring. **[6 sts]**

Rnd 2: inc in each st around. **[12 sts]**

Rnd 3: (sc, inc) x6. **[18 sts]**

Rnd 4: sc in each st around. **[18 sts]**

Rnd 5: (2 sc, inc) x6. **[24 sts]**

Rnd 6: sc in each st around. **[24 sts]**

Rnd 7: (3 sc, inc) x6. **[30 sts]**

Rnd 8: sc in each st around. **[30 sts]**

Rnd 9: (4 sc, inc) x6. **[36 sts]**

Rnds 10-11: sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[36 sts]**

Stuff firmly and FO, leaving a long tail. Sew the body to the centre of the coaster, stitching through both layers all the way around.



The cone body sewn to the coaster.

5. Arms and Paws (make 2)

Rnd 1: With dark brown: magic ring, 6 sc into ring. **[6 sts]**

Rnd 2: inc in each st around. **[12 sts]**

Rnd 3: sc in each st around. **[12 sts]**

Rnds 4-9: Change to caramel. sc in each st around (6 rounds). **[12 sts]**

Rnd 10: Flatten the open end and sc through both layers to close, or fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. **[6 sts]**

Stuff only the paw end, very lightly - the arms must stay flexible enough to bend around a mug.



Arm tubes with dark brown paws.

6. Assembly and Finishing

1. Sew the head onto the top of the body, centred, stitching all the way around for a firm join.
2. Sew one ear to each side of the head, angled slightly outward.
3. Sew the arms to the sides of the body, angled forward with the paws facing in, so they land on the sides of a mug.
4. If you embroidered the eyes, check the face is level; embroider or adjust the nose and mouth on the muzzle if needed.
5. Optional details: a small beige oval sewn on as a belly patch, or tiny felt cheeks glued beside the muzzle.
6. Sit the bear on its coaster, slide your mug between its arms, and bend the paws gently until the hug looks snug.



Finished: the bear hugging its mug on the coaster.

Top tips

- Size the coaster to your mug: add or skip one increase round so the coaster is slightly wider than the mug's base.
- Pin the arms in place with the mug in position and check the hug from the front before you sew a single stitch.
- Tight stitches are the whole secret of neat amigurumi - if you can see gaps, go down a hook size.

Happy crocheting - enjoy your coffee with company!