Crochet Deer Pattern

Free amigurumi pattern — soft fawn woodland deer with a cream belly and muzzle, small velvety antlers, a dusty-green bow and a sprig of red berries



Finished deer, about 20 cm tall, worked in worsted-weight yarn with a 3.5 mm hook.

Materials

- Worsted-weight yarn in fawn/tan (about 100 g); cream (about 35 g); dusty green (about 15 g); red (about 5 g)
- 3.5 mm crochet hook; 10 mm black safety eyes (2); polyester fiberfill stuffing
- Yarn needle, stitch marker, scissors; dark-brown embroidery thread for the nose and smile. US crochet terms throughout. Work in continuous rounds unless stated.

Abbreviations: sc = single crochet, inc = increase (2 sc in one stitch), dec = decrease (single crochet 2 together), hdc = half double crochet, dc = double crochet, st = stitch, Rnd = round.

Head

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring (fawn). [6]

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. [12]

Rnd 3: (Sc, inc) x 6. [18]

Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) x 6. [24]

Rnd 5: (3 sc, inc) x 6. [30]

Rnd 6: (4 sc, inc) x 6. [36]

Rnds 7-11: Sc in each st around (5 rounds). [36]

Rnd 12: (4 sc, dec) x 6. [30]

Rnd 13: (3 sc, dec) x 6. [24]

Rnd 14: (2 sc, dec) x 6. [18]

Rnd 15: (Sc, dec) x 6. [12]

Rnd 16: Dec x 6. Fasten off, stuff firmly before closing. [6]

Insert the safety eyes between Rnds 9 and 10, about 7 stitches apart, before stuffing firmly.

Muzzle (cream)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring (cream). [6]

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. [12]

Rnd 3: (Sc, inc) x 6. [18]

Rnd 4: Sc in each st around. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. [18]

Sew to the lower half of the head, centred between the eyes. Embroider a small dark-brown nose on top of the muzzle, with one short vertical stitch down to a tiny smile.

Body

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring (fawn). [6]

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. [12]

Rnd 3: (Sc, inc) x 6. [18]

Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) x 6. [24]

Rnd 5: (3 sc, inc) x 6. [30]

Rnds 6-10: Sc in each st around (5 rounds). [30]

Rnd 11: (3 sc, dec) x 6. [24]

Rnd 12: (2 sc, dec) x 6. [18]

Rnd 13: (Sc, dec) x 6. [12]

Rnd 14: Dec x 6. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. [6]

Stuff lightly so the body stays plump but still sits flat.

Belly (cream oval)

Rnd 1: Ch 9 (cream). Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc x 6, 3 sc in last ch; working down the other side: sc x 6, 2 sc in last ch. [18]

Rnd 2: Inc, sc x 6, inc x 3, sc x 6, inc x 2. [24]

Rnd 3: Sc in each st around. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. [24]

Sew onto the front of the body with a whip stitch.

Ears (make 2, fawn)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring (fawn). [6]

Rnd 2: (Sc, inc) x 3. [9]

Rnds 3-4: Sc in each st around (2 rounds). [9]

Rnd 5: (Sc, dec) x 3. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Flatten without stuffing. [6]

Inner ear (cream, make 2): ch 5; sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc x 2, 3 sc in last ch; working down the other side: sc x 2, 2 sc in last ch [10]. Sew one inner ear onto the front of each outer ear, then pin the ears on top of the head, slightly to the sides, and check they sit level before sewing them down.

Antlers (make 2, fawn)

Each antler: stem — 6 sc in a magic ring [6], then sc in each st around for 5 more rounds [6]; branches — make 2 per antler: 6 sc in a magic ring [6], sc in each st around for 2 more rounds [6]. Sew the two branches near the top of the stem, one pointing up and one pointing out. Pin the antlers on top of the head, tilting them very slightly outward, and sew firmly.

Arms (make 2, fawn)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring (fawn). [6]

Rnd 2: (Sc, inc) x 3. [9]

Rnds 3-8: Sc in each st around (6 rounds). Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Stuff lightly and flatten the top. [9]

Sew to the sides of the body, angled slightly forward.

Legs (make 2, fawn)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring (fawn). [6]

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. [12]

Rnds 3-6: Sc in each st around (4 rounds). Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Stuff lightly. [12]

Sew to the front of the body, low down, checking from the front that the deer stands level.

Tail (cream)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring (cream). [6]

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. [12]

Rnd 3: Sc in each st around. [12]

Rnd 4: Dec x 6. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Stuff very lightly. [6]

Sew to the back of the body, low down, so the little puff peeks out behind.

Bow loops (make 2, dusty green)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring (dusty green). [6]

Rnd 2: (Sc, inc) x 3. [9]

Rnd 3: Sc in each st around. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. [9]

Pinch the two loops together in the middle, wrap the centre tightly with dusty-green yarn and tie off. Tie the finished bow around the deer's neck and tack it in place.

Berries (make 5, red)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring (red). [6]

Rnd 2: (Sc, inc) x 3. [9]

Rnd 3: Sc in each st around. [9]

Rnd 4: (Sc, dec) x 3. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Stuff very lightly. [6]

Leaves (green, make 2): ch 6; sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in last ch. Join the five berries with the two leaves into a small sprig and lay it beside the deer.

Assembly & Face

Sew the head firmly to the top of the body, then attach the antlers, ears, arms, legs and tail, pinning every piece first and checking the deer from the front and the side before you commit a stitch. Tie the dusty-green bow around the neck, lay the berry sprig beside the deer, embroider the nose and smile, weave in all ends, and set your deer upright.

Tips

- Mark every round. Amigurumi is worked in a spiral, so move your stitch marker up at the start of each round.
- Stuff in small pinches. Add a little fiberfill at a time and shape as you go; gentle layers give a smooth, plump deer.
- Pin before you sew. Check the antlers, ears and legs from every angle while they are pinned — once sewn, moving them means unpicking.

Happy crocheting! This pattern is free for personal use.