Crochet Hedgehog

PATTERN

A spiky little amigurumi hedgehog with a caramel-brown bobble-stitch back, a cream face and belly, and a black button nose - a cozy woodland make for confident beginners.



The finished hedgehog, about 16 cm (6 1/4 in) tall.

Finished size	Approx. 16 cm (6 1/4 in) tall	**Skill level**	Confident beginner
Time	About 3 to 4 hours	**Terms**	US crochet terms

This round little hedgehog has a prickly bobble-stitch back, a soft cream face, tiny round ears and a shiny black button nose. Every piece is a simple sphere or flat shape worked in single crochet, so the whole hedgehog comes together in one cozy evening. Work in a continuous spiral unless a section says otherwise, mark the first stitch of every round, and stuff firmly as you go.

Materials

- Worsted-weight (aran / #4) yarn in **caramel brown**, approx. 70 g - spiky back, ears and tail
- Worsted-weight yarn in **cream**, approx. 50 g - face, belly and paws
- Small amount of worsted-weight yarn in **black** - embroidered smile
- Pink embroidery yarn or thread - blush cheeks (optional)
- 3.5 mm (US E-4) crochet hook
- 2 safety eyes, 8 mm
- 1 small black button, about 12 mm - nose
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Yarn needle, stitch markers, scissors, sewing pins

Abbreviations (US Terms)

MR	magic ring	**ch**	chain
sl st	slip stitch	**sc**	single crochet
inc	increase - 2 sc in one stitch	**dec**	invisible decrease

hdc	half double crochet	**dc**	double crochet
bobble	bobble stitch - see Body, Rnds 7-9	**BLO**	back loop only
FO	fasten off	**st(s)**	stitch(es)
rnd	round		

Size & gauge: Gauge is not critical for amigurumi - work tightly so the stuffing does not show through. Approx. gauge: 10 sc x 10 rounds = 6 x 4.2 cm (2 1/4 x 1 3/4 in). With the yarn and hook listed, the hedgehog stands about 16 cm (6 1/4 in) tall.

Face (cream)



Step 1 - starting the round cream face.

Insert the safety eyes after Rnd 10, before the decreases: place them between Rnds 8 and 9, about 6 stitches apart. Stuff the face lightly as the opening narrows.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. **[6]**

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

Rnd 3: (Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times. **[18]**

Rnd 4: (Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[24]**

Rnd 5: (Sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[30]**

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

Rnd 11: (Sc in next 3 sts, dec) 6 times. **[24]**

Rnd 12: (Sc in next 2 sts, dec) 6 times. **[18]**

Rnd 13: (Sc in next st, dec) 6 times. **[12]**

Rnd 14: Dec 6 times. **[6]**

Fasten off, thread the tail through the front loops of the last 6 stitches, pull to close the hole and weave in the end.

Body (caramel brown)



Step 2 - the round body taking shape.

Bobble stitch: (yarn over, insert hook in next st, yarn over, pull through, yarn over, pull through 2 loops) 5 times in the same stitch, yarn over and pull through all 6 loops on the hook. One bobble counts as one stitch. Keep every bobble the same height so the spikes look even.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. **[6]**

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

Rnd 3: (Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times. **[18]**

Rnd 4: (Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[24]**

Rnd 5: (Sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[30]**

Rnd 6: (Sc in next 4 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[36]**

Rnds 7-9: Bobble round: (sc in next st, bobble in next st) 18 times. Count stays the same - a bobble counts as one stitch. **[36]**

Rnd 10: (Sc in next 4 sts, dec) 6 times. **[30]**

Rnd 11: (Sc in next 3 sts, dec) 6 times. **[24]**

Rnd 12: (Sc in next 2 sts, dec) 6 times. **[18]**

Rnd 13: (Sc in next st, dec) 6 times. **[12]**

Rnd 14: Dec 6 times. **[6]**

Stuff the body firmly. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Do NOT close the opening - the 6-stitch opening is hidden against the face in assembly, and you can add a last pinch of stuffing just before the final stitches.

Ears (make 2, caramel brown)



Step 4 - tiny round ears, button nose and safety eyes.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. **[6]**

Rnd 2: (Sc in next st, inc in next st) 3 times. **[9]**

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

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Flatten each ear - do not stuff it - and pinch the bottom edge together slightly when you sew it on for a natural curve.

Paws (make 4, cream)



Step 5 - little cream paws and the tiny tail.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. **[6]**

Rnd 2: (Sc in next st, inc in next st) 3 times. **[9]**

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

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Stuff very lightly, or leave flat - the two front paws sit flat against the belly like applique, and the two foot paws get a small pinch of stuffing.

Tail (caramel brown)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. **[6]**

Rnds 2-4: Sc in each st around (3 rounds). **[6]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Stuff very lightly, or leave it flat, and sew it to the back of the body, low down.

Belly Patch (cream, optional)

For a paler belly, work this flat oval and sew it to the front of the body before assembly.

Row 1: Ch 9. Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. **[8]**

Rows 2-7: Ch 1, turn. Sc in each st across (6 rows). **[8]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail and sew the patch to the front of the body, centred, with the bottom edge just above the foot paws.

Face Details



Step 6 - the finished hedgehog, face added, ready to assemble.

- **Eyes:** 8 mm safety eyes, already placed between Rnds 8 and 9 of the face, about 6 stitches apart.
- **Nose:** sew the small black button on at the tip of the face, centred between the eyes.
- **Mouth:** with black yarn, embroider a small smile curving down from the button nose.
- **Cheeks:** with pink embroidery yarn, work 3-4 loose horizontal stitches on Rnd 10 of the face, just outside and below each eye.

Finish the whole face before assembly - it is far easier to place everything while you can still check it from a distance.

Assembly

1. **Face to body:** pin the cream face to the front of the spiky brown body, centred, with the button nose pointing slightly upward. Whipstitch all the way around with the face's long tail, adding a last pinch of stuffing just before you close the final stitches.
2. **Ears:** sew one ear to the top of the face on each side, angled slightly outwards. Pinch each ear's base as you sew for a gentle curve.
3. **Front paws:** sew two paws flat against the front of the body, side by side on the belly (around Rnds 10-12 of the body).
4. **Foot paws:** sew the remaining two paws at the base of the body, pointing forwards, so the hedgehog sits steadily.
5. **Tail:** sew the tail to the back of the body, low down.
6. **Belly patch (optional):** if you made it, sew the cream patch to the front of the body before the paws go on.
7. Weave in all remaining ends. Give the hedgehog a gentle squeeze all over to even out the stuffing - and it is finished!

3 Tips for a Perfect Hedgehog

1. Keep the bobbles even. Pull every loop of a bobble stitch to the same height, and space the bobbles evenly across the back. Even spikes are what make the hedgehog look prickly instead of patchy - count them as you go: 18 bobbles per bobble round.

2. Finish the face before assembly. Eyes, nose and smile are far easier to place while the face is still separate from the body. Pin the face on only after it looks right from a distance.

3. Pin everything before sewing. Ears, paws and tail all shift as you stitch. Pin the full assembly first, check the symmetry from the front, and only then pick up your needle.

Happy crocheting! Make one for your bookshelf, gift one to your favourite woodland-animal lover - and keep this pattern handy so your next hedgehog is never more than an afternoon away.