Crochet Koala Pattern

Free amigurumi pattern — soft grey koala with big fluffy ears, a cream belly, a big black nose and a sage-green eucalyptus leaf



Finished koala, about 20 cm tall, worked in worsted-weight yarn with a 4.0 mm hook.

Materials

- Worsted-weight yarn in grey (about 90 g); cream (about 35 g); black (about 10 g); sage-green (about 10 g)
- 4.0 mm crochet hook; 10 mm black safety eyes (2); polyester fiberfill stuffing
- Yarn needle, stitch marker, scissors. A slicker brush or old toothbrush is handy for fluffing the ears. US crochet terms throughout. Work in continuous rounds unless stated.

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

Head

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

Body

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

Sew the cream belly onto the front of the body before stuffing; it is far easier while the piece is still flat.

Belly (cream, make 1)

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

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

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

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

Rnd 5: Sc in each st around (cream). Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. [24]

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

Outer ears (grey, make 2)

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

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

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

Rnds 4-5: Sc in each st around (grey, 2 rounds). Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. [18]

Brush the grey yarn gently with a slicker brush to pull the fibres into a soft halo.

Inner ears (cream, make 2)

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

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

Rnd 3: Sc in each st around (cream). Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. [12]

Sew each cream inner ear onto a grey outer ear, then pinch the base of the ear as you sew it to the head.

Legs (make 2)

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

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

Rnds 3-4: Sc in each st around (cream, 2 rounds). [12]

Rnds 5-10: Change to grey. Sc in each st around (6 rounds). Stuff firmly, fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. [12]

Sew under the body so the koala sits level.

Arms (make 2)

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

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

Rnds 3-7: Sc in each st around (grey, 5 rounds). Stuff lightly, fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. [12]

Sew at the sides of the body.

Nose (black, make 1)

Rnd 1: Ch 7. Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 4 ch, 3 sc in last ch, sc in next 4 ch along the other side, 2 sc in last ch. [14]

Rnd 2: Inc, sc 4, inc x 3, sc 4, inc x 2. [20]

Rnd 3: Sc in each st around. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. [20]

Sew to the centre of the face, just below and between the eyes.

Eucalyptus leaf sprig (sage-green, make 3 leaves)

Ch 8. Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in last ch.

Work along the other side of the chain: sc, hdc, dc in next 2 ch, hdc, sc, sl st. Ch 6 for the stem and fasten off.

Join the three leaves onto one short stem to form a little sprig. Tuck it beside one ear when you finish.

Assembly & Face

Sew the head firmly to the top of the body, then attach the ears, arms and legs, pinning every piece first and checking the balance from the front and the side. Sew the nose to the centre of the face and embroider a small smile under it with black yarn. Tuck the eucalyptus sprig beside one ear, weave in all ends, and set your koala upright.

Tips

- Brush the ears to fluff them. A gentle brush turns flat grey circles into the big fluffy ears that make a koala look like a koala — brush before you sew them on.
- Sew the belly on first. Attach the cream belly patch while the body is still unstuffed and flat; it is much easier to sew a flat oval onto a flat piece than onto a stuffed, curved body.
- Pin before you sew. Check the head, ears, arms and legs from every angle while they are pinned — once sewn, moving them means unpicking.

Happy crocheting! This pattern is free for personal use.