Crochet Monkey

PATTERN

A cheeky warm-brown amigurumi monkey with a cream muzzle and belly, big round ears, a long curvy tail and a tiny yellow banana - a gentle one-evening make for confident beginners.



The finished monkey, about 22 cm (8.5 in) tall sitting, holding its banana.

Finished size	Approx. 22 cm (8.5 in) tall sitting, 16 cm wide with the tail	**Skill level**	Confident beginner
Time	About 3 to 4 hours	**Terms**	US crochet terms

This cheeky little monkey has a soft warm-brown body, a cream muzzle and belly patch, big round ears with cream inner ears, a long curvy tail and a tiny yellow banana clutched in its paws. The head is a simple round ball and the body a soft egg shape, so the whole monkey comes together in one relaxed 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 **warm brown**, approx. 110 g - head, body, ears, arms, legs and tail
- Worsted-weight yarn in **cream**, approx. 35 g - muzzle, ear inners and belly patch
- Small amount of worsted-weight yarn in **yellow**, approx. 15 g - banana
- Brown embroidery thread - smile
- 3.5 mm (US E-4) crochet hook
- 2 safety eyes, 12 mm
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Yarn needle, stitch markers, scissors, sewing pins
- Optional: a tiny scrap of brown yarn for the banana tips

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

dc	double crochet	**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 monkey sits about 22 cm (8.5 in) tall.

Head (warm brown)



Step 1 - starting the round monkey head in warm brown.

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]**

Rnd 7: (Sc in next 5 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[42]**

Rnds 8-11: Sc in each st around (4 rounds). **[42]**

Rnd 12: (Sc in next 5 sts, dec) 6 times. **[36]**

Rnd 13: (Sc in next 4 sts, dec) 6 times. **[30]**

Rnd 14: (Sc in next 3 sts, dec) 6 times. **[24]**

Rnd 15: (Sc in next 2 sts, dec) 6 times. **[18]**

Rnd 16: (Sc in next st, dec) 6 times. **[12]**

Rnd 17: Dec 6 times. **[6]**

Stuff the head lightly as you go. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing the head to the body later.

Muzzle & Ears



Step 2 - the cream muzzle, big round ears and safety eyes.

Muzzle (cream):

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

Rnd 2: Inc in the first st, sc in the next 5 sts, inc in each of the next 2 sts, sc in the next 5 sts, inc in the last st. **[18]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Sew the muzzle low on the face, centred.

Ears (make 2): work Rnds 1-3 once in cream (inner) and once in warm brown (outer). Place the cream circle on the brown circle, wrong sides together, and sc around through both layers to join them. Fasten off leaving a long tail and sew the ears onto the sides of the head at eye level.

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]**

Eyes: set the 12 mm safety eyes just above the muzzle, about six stitches apart, before the head is stuffed and closed. For a child-safe toy (under 3), embroider two round eyes instead.

Body & Belly Patch



Step 3 - the soft body with its cream belly patch.

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

Rnd 12: (Sc in next 4 sts, dec) 6 times. **[30]**

Rnd 13: (Sc in next 3 sts, dec) 6 times. **[24]**

Rnd 14: (Sc in next 2 sts, dec) 6 times. **[18]**

Rnd 15: (Sc in next st, dec) 6 times. **[12]**

Rnd 16: Dec 6 times. **[6]**

Stuff the body firmly before the opening narrows. Fasten off, thread the tail through the front loops of the last 6 stitches, pull to close the hole and weave in the end.

Belly patch (cream):

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

Rnd 2: Inc in the first st, sc in the next 7 sts, inc in each of the next 2 sts, sc in the next 7 sts, inc in the last st. **[22]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Sew the patch onto the front of the body, centred and low, before stuffing the body.

Arms (make 2) & Legs (make 2)



Step 4 - the four small limbs, ready to sew on.

Arms - work in warm brown:

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

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

Rnds 3-9: Sc in each st around (7 rounds). **[9]**

Stuff the arms only very lightly so they stay soft and bendy. Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Legs - same construction, a few rounds longer:

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

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

Rnds 3-11: Sc in each st around (9 rounds). **[9]**

Stuff the legs only very lightly. Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Tail & Banana



Step 5 - the long curvy tail and the tiny yellow banana.

Tail (warm brown):

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

Rnds 2-16: Sc in each st around (15 rounds). **[6]**

Stuff the tail very lightly and curl it into a soft spiral with your fingers so it keeps its shape. Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Banana (yellow):

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

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

Rnds 3-8: Sc in each st around (6 rounds). **[9]**

Rnd 9: (Sc in next st, dec) 3 times. **[6]**

Stuff the banana lightly. Work a tiny brown tip at each end: ch 2, 3 sc in the 2nd ch from the hook, fasten off and sew one tip to each end of the banana.

Face Details



Step 6 - the finished monkey, face added, banana in hand.

- **Eyes:** 12 mm safety eyes, already set just above the muzzle. For a child-safe toy (under 3), embroider two round eyes instead.
- **Smile:** with brown embroidery thread, embroider one gentle curved stitch under the muzzle, from cheek to cheek.
- **Cheeks (optional):** a few loose stitches of pale pink yarn below each eye give the monkey a soft blush.

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

Assembly

1. **Head:** sew the head onto the body, centred, with the muzzle facing forward.
2. **Arms:** sew the arms to the sides of the body, angled forward, so the paws meet in front.
3. **Legs:** sew the legs low on the body, splayed slightly outward, so the monkey sits up on its own.
4. **Tail:** sew the tail to the back of the body, curving it up to one side.
5. **Banana:** tuck the tiny banana between the paws and tack it in place with 2-3 stitches.
6. **Face:** embroider the smile, then weave in all remaining ends.
7. Give the monkey a gentle squeeze all over to even out the stuffing - and it is finished!

3 Tips for a Perfect Monkey

1. Place the eyes before you stuff the head. Set the safety eyes while the head is still open - once the head is stuffed and closed, moving them is a fiddly job.

2. Keep the limbs soft. Stuff the arms and legs only lightly. Firm limbs look stiff and will not bend around the banana.

3. Curl the tail while it is warm from your hands. Roll the finished tail gently between your palms to set the curl - a curvy tail is what makes this monkey look like a monkey.

Happy crocheting! Make one for a nursery shelf, gift one to your favourite little monkey fan - and keep this pattern handy so your next monkey is never more than an afternoon away.