Crochet Raccoon

PATTERN

A cheeky grey amigurumi raccoon with a black eye mask, cream belly and a ringed tail - a sweet woodland make for confident beginners.



The finished raccoon, about 20 cm (8 in) tall when seated.

Finished size	Approx. 20 cm (8 in) tall when seated	**Skill level**	Confident beginner
Time	About 4 to 5 hours	**Terms**	US crochet terms

This little raccoon is all simple shapes: two spheres for the head and body, flat ovals for the eye mask, muzzle and belly, and tubes for the arms, legs and striped tail. The black mask is the star of the show, so pin it carefully before you sew. 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 **light grey**, approx. 90 g - head, body, ears, arms, legs and tail
- Worsted-weight yarn in **black**, approx. 30 g - eye mask, leg tips and tail stripes
- Worsted-weight yarn in **cream**, approx. 25 g - muzzle and belly patch
- Small amount of worsted-weight yarn in **pink** - ear inners
- 4.0 mm (US G-6) crochet hook
- 2 safety eyes, 12 mm (embroider the eyes for a child under three)
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Yarn needle, stitch markers, scissors, sewing pins
- Black embroidery thread - nose and smile

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

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 raccoon stands about 20 cm (8 in) tall when seated.

Head (light grey)



Step 1 - starting the round grey head and body.

Insert the safety eyes after Rnd 15, before the decreases: place them between Rnds 12 and 13, about 7 stitches apart (roughly 4 cm). Stuff the head firmly 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]**

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]**

Rnd 8: (Sc in next 6 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[48]**

Rnds 9-15: Sc in each st around (7 rounds). **[48]**

Rnd 16: (Sc in next 6 sts, dec) 6 times. **[42]**

Rnd 17: (Sc in next 5 sts, dec) 6 times. **[36]**

Rnd 18: (Sc in next 4 sts, dec) 6 times. **[30]**

Rnd 19: (Sc in next 3 sts, dec) 6 times. **[24]**

Rnd 20: (Sc in next 2 sts, dec) 6 times. **[18]**

Rnd 21: (Sc in next st, dec) 6 times. **[12]**

Rnd 22: 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 (light grey)



Step 2 - the round head and pear-shaped, stuffed body.

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 each st around. **[30]**

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

Rnd 15: Sc in each st around. **[24]**

Rnd 16: (Sc in next 2 sts, dec) 6 times. **[18]**

Stuff the body firmly. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Do NOT close the opening - the 18-stitch opening is sewn to the head in assembly, and you can add a last pinch of stuffing just before the final stitches.

Eye Mask (make 2, black)

The mask is a flat oval, worked around a short foundation chain. Make two identical pieces and pin them to the face before sewing, leaving a small gap between them.

Rnd 1: Ch 5. Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook, sc in the next 2 ch, 3 sc in the last ch, then working along the other side of the chain: sc in the next 2 ch, 2 sc in the last ch. **[11]**

Rnd 2: Inc in the first st, sc in the next 2 sts, inc in the next 3 sts, sc in the next 2 sts, inc in the next 2 sts, sc in the last st. **[17]**

Rnd 3: Sc in each st around. **[17]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. The masks sit tilted slightly, like a bandit's mask - the inner edges a little lower than the outer edges.

Muzzle (cream)

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]**

Rnds 5-6: Sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[24]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Sew the muzzle to the face centred just below and between the two masks, stuffing it very lightly first so it puffs out gently.

Belly Patch (cream)

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 6-7: Sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[30]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Sew the belly patch flat to the front of the body, centred, around Rnds 7-13 of the body.

Ears (make 2, grey with pink inner)



Step 3 - pointy ears with pink inners.

Outer ear (grey), worked flat in rows:

Row 1: Ch 7. Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. **[6]**

Row 2: Ch 1, turn. Dec, sc in next 2 sts, dec. **[4]**

Row 3: Ch 1, turn. Sc in each st across. **[4]**

Row 4: Ch 1, turn. Dec twice. **[2]**

Row 5: Ch 1, turn. Dec. **[1]**

Inner ear (pink), worked flat in rows:

Row 1: Ch 5. Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. **[4]**

Row 2: Ch 1, turn. Dec twice. **[2]**

Row 3: Ch 1, turn. Dec. **[1]**

Fasten off each piece leaving a long tail. Sew the pink inner onto the grey outer ear, then pinch the bottom edge together slightly when you sew the ear to the head - the little fold gives it a natural curve.

Arms (make 2, grey)



Step 4 - grey arms and black-tipped legs.

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

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

Rnds 3-6: Sc in each st around (4 rounds). **[9]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Stuff very lightly, or leave flat - the arms sit against the sides of the body.

Legs (make 2, black and grey)

Rnd 1: In black: 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]**

Rnds 5-8: Change to grey. Sc in each st around (4 rounds). **[9]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Add a small pinch of stuffing to the black foot section only, so the legs sit flat and the raccoon sits steadily.

Ringed Tail (grey and black)



Step 5 - the long, ringed tail.

Start in grey and change colour every 2 rounds: 2 rounds grey, 2 rounds black, repeating. Carry the unused yarn inside the tube and keep your tension even so the stripes stay crisp.

Rnd 1: In grey: 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]**

Rnds 4-27: Sc in each st around, changing colour every 2 rounds: 2 rounds grey, 2 rounds black, repeating to the end. **[18]**

Repeat Rnd 4 until the tail measures approx. 18 cm (7 in) - about 27 rounds. Stuff very lightly, or leave unstuffed for a softer curl. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Face Details



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

- **Eyes:** 12 mm safety eyes, already placed between Rnds 12 and 13 of the head, about 7 stitches apart, inside the black masks.
- **Nose:** with black embroidery thread, stitch a small triangle onto the cream muzzle, centred between the eyes.
- **Mouth:** from the base of the nose, embroider one short vertical stitch down, then two tiny curved lines outwards for a sweet smile.
- **Cheeks (optional):** with pink embroidery yarn, work 3-4 loose horizontal stitches on the head, just outside and below each eye.

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

Assembly

1. Head to body: pin the body's 18-stitch opening to the underside of the head, centred. Whipstitch all the way around with the body's long tail, adding a last pinch of stuffing just before you close the final stitches.

2. Eye mask and muzzle: sew the two black masks to the face with a small gap between them, then centre the cream muzzle just below them. Check from the front that both masks sit level.

3. Ears: sew one ear to the top of the head on each side, angled slightly outwards. Pinch each ear's base as you sew for a gentle curve.

4. Belly patch: sew the cream oval flat to the front of the body, centred.

5. Arms: sew one arm to each side of the body, about halfway up.

6. Legs: sew the legs to the front base of the body, pointing forwards, so the raccoon sits steadily.

7. Tail: sew the tail to the back of the body so it curls up beside your raccoon; stitch along its first 2-3 cm to fix the curve.

8. Weave in all remaining ends. Give the raccoon a gentle squeeze all over to even out the stuffing - and it is finished!

3 Tips for a Perfect Raccoon

1. Count out loud with black yarn. Dark stitches are famously hard to see. Work under a bright lamp, use a light-coloured stitch marker in every round, and count each round out loud so your mask and tail stripes stay even.

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

3. Keep the tail stripes crisp. Change colour at the same point in every round and carry the unused yarn inside the tube. Two rounds per colour, no more and no less, gives the classic raccoon rings.

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