



CrochetRooms

Penguin Plush: Free Crochet Pattern

Finished Size & Skill Level

- **One size:** approximately 8 in (20 cm) tall, feet to top of head
- **Skill level:** Beginner - chain, single crochet, increases, decreases, working in continuous rounds, simple seaming
- **Time:** one or two evenings

Materials

- **Chenille-style yarn:** about 1.5 skeins in the main color (dark grey or black), plus a small amount of white and a small amount of orange
- **3 mm crochet hook**
- **15 mm button or safety eyes** (embroider the eyes with yarn for babies and toddlers)
- Polyester fiberfill stuffing
- Yarn needle, scissors, stitch markers

Abbreviations (US Terms)

- **ch** = chain | **st(s)** = stitch(es) | **sc** = single crochet (UK: double crochet)
- **sl st** = slip stitch | **inc** = increase (2 sc in same st) | **dec** = decrease (sc2tog)
- **BLO** = back loop only | **MR** = magic ring | **Rnd(s)** = round(s)

Gauge

Gauge is not critical for this toy. Keep your stitches snug and even so the stuffing does not show through.

Pattern Notes

- The body and head are worked as one piece in continuous spiral rounds. Do not join rounds unless a step says to. Place a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up as you go.
- The belly patch, wings, feet, beak, and tail are worked separately and sewn on.
- Stuff the body firmly as you go, especially before the head closes, so the penguin stands up straight.
- For babies and toddlers, embroider the eyes with yarn instead of using button or safety eyes, and sew every small piece on very firmly.

Body and Head (one piece, main color)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MR. (6 sc)

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. (12 sc)

Rnd 3: *Sc in next st, inc in next st; repeat from * around. (18 sc)

Rnd 4: *Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st; repeat from * around. (24 sc)

Rnd 5: *Sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st; repeat from * around. (30 sc)

Rnd 6: *Sc in next 4 sts, inc in next st; repeat from * around. (36 sc)

Rnd 7: *Sc in next 5 sts, inc in next st; repeat from * around. (42 sc)

Rnd 8: *Sc in next 6 sts, inc in next st; repeat from * around. (48 sc)

Rnd 9: *Sc in next 7 sts, inc in next st; repeat from * around. (54 sc)

Rnd 10: *Sc in next 8 sts, inc in next st; repeat from * around. (60 sc)

Rnds 11-20: Sc in each st around. (60 sc)

Rnd 21: *Sc in next 8 sts, dec in next 2 sts; repeat from * around. (54 sc)

Rnd 22: *Sc in next 7 sts, dec in next 2 sts; repeat from * around. (48 sc)

Rnd 23: *Sc in next 6 sts, dec in next 2 sts; repeat from * around. (42 sc)

Rnd 24: *Sc in next 6 sts, inc in next st; repeat from * around. (48 sc)

Rnd 25: *Sc in next 7 sts, inc in next st; repeat from * around. (54 sc)

Rnd 26: *Sc in next 8 sts, inc in next st; repeat from * around. (60 sc)

Rnds 27-32: Sc in each st around. (60 sc)

Stuff the body firmly now, before the head closes.

Rnd 33: *Sc in next 8 sts, dec in next 2 sts; repeat from * around. (54 sc)

Rnd 34: *Sc in next 7 sts, dec in next 2 sts; repeat from * around. (48 sc)

Rnd 35: *Sc in next 6 sts, dec in next 2 sts; repeat from * around. (42 sc)

Rnd 36: *Sc in next 5 sts, dec in next 2 sts; repeat from * around. (36 sc)

Rnd 37: *Sc in next 4 sts, dec in next 2 sts; repeat from * around. (30 sc)

Rnd 38: *Sc in next 3 sts, dec in next 2 sts; repeat from * around. (24 sc)

Rnd 39: *Sc in next 2 sts, dec in next 2 sts; repeat from * around. (18 sc)

Rnd 40: *Sc in next st, dec in next 2 sts; repeat from * around. (12 sc)

Rnd 41: Dec in each 2 sts around. (6 sc)

Fasten off, leaving a tail. Weave the tail through the remaining 6 stitches and pull closed. Weave in the end.

Belly Patch (white)

Row 1: Ch 10. Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 7 ch, 3 sc in last ch; working along the opposite side of the chain, sc in next 7 ch, 2 sc in last ch. (20 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, turn. 2 sc in first st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts. (26 sc)

Row 3: Ch 1, turn. Sc in first st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) 3 times, sc in next 7 sts, (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) 2 times. (32 sc)

Row 4: Ch 1, turn. Sc in each st across. (32 sc)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Wings (make 2, main color)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MR. (6 sc)

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. (12 sc)

Rnd 3: *Sc in next st, inc in next st; repeat from * around. (18 sc)

Rnds 4-7: Sc in each st around. (18 sc)

Rnd 8: *Sc in next st, dec in next 2 sts; repeat from * around. (12 sc)

Rnd 9: Sc in each st around. (12 sc)

Flatten the wing and work 6 sc across the top edge to close it. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Feet (make 2, orange)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MR. (6 sc)

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. (12 sc)

Rnd 3: *Sc in next st, inc in next st; repeat from * around. (18 sc)

Rnd 4: Working in BLO, sc in each st around. (18 sc)

Rnd 5: Sc in each st around. (18 sc)

Rnd 6: *Sc in next st, dec in next 2 sts; repeat from * around. (12 sc)

Flatten the foot and work 6 sc across the top edge to close it. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Beak (orange)

Rnd 1: 4 sc in MR. (4 sc)

Rnd 2: *Sc in next st, inc in next st; repeat from * around. (6 sc)

Rnd 3: Sc in each st around. (6 sc)

Rnd 4: *Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st; repeat from * around. (8 sc)

Rnd 5: Sc in each st around. (8 sc)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff the beak lightly before sewing it on.

Tail (main color)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MR. (6 sc)

Rnd 2: *Sc in next st, inc in next st; repeat from * around. (9 sc)

Rnds 3-4: Sc in each st around. (9 sc)

Flatten the tail. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Scarf (contrast color)

Ch 81.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. (80 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, turn. Sc in each st across. (80 sc)

Fasten off and weave in the ends.

Assembly

Pin the belly patch to the front of the body, centered, with the top of the patch just below the eye line. Sew it on with the long tail, using small whip stitches around the edge.

Attach the eyes between Rounds 30 and 31, about 9 stitches apart, above the top edge of the belly patch.

Sew the beak to the center of the face, just above the top of the belly patch. Sew the wings to the sides of the body, angled slightly forward. Sew the feet to the base of the body, side by side at the front. Sew the tail to the lower back of the body.

Wrap the scarf once around the neck and tie it in a simple knot. Weave in any remaining ends.

Finishing

Give the penguin a gentle squeeze to even out the stuffing. Your penguin plush is ready to gift or keep.