CROCHET DOG: CLASSIC TAN PUPPY AMIGURUMI

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Printable pattern, adapted in my own words from the free Storyland Amis puppy design listed in sources.txt. US crochet terms.

SKILL LEVEL

Beginner friendly. The source calls this one of its more beginner friendly cuddle sized patterns. It uses mostly single crochet in continuous rounds, with simple increases and decreases.

MATERIALS

- Worsted weight yarn (4 ply) in tan and dark brown. For the sample dog, the source used Red Heart Super Saver in the color Buff and Red Heart Soft Yarn in the color Chocolate.
- Crochet hook: size G (4 mm)
- 15 mm black safety eyes
- 18 mm black or brown safety nose
- Fiberfill (or your stuffing of choice)
- Bent tip tapestry needle
- Scissors
- Stitch marker
- Straight pins

GAUGE

Not stated by the source. No gauge figure is given here and none has been invented. Because this is a stuffed toy, exact gauge is less critical than keeping your stitches tight and even so the stuffing does not show through.

FINISHED SIZE

Approximately 8 inches (20.5 cm) tall. Your own dog may be a little smaller or larger depending on your tension, your yarn, and how firmly you stuff it.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch: chain

sc: single crochet

sl st: slip stitch

dec: decrease (join the next 2 stitches together)

inc: increase (2 single crochet in the next stitch)

st: stitch

rep: repeat

R: round

PATTERN NOTES

- All rounds are worked continuously, not joined. Use a stitch marker to mark the start of each round.
- You can start each piece with a chain 2 and 6 single crochet in the second chain from the hook, or with a magic ring. Both give the same result.
- Work with the right side of the stitches facing out.
- Sew pieces together with the whipstitch unless a step says otherwise.
- Safety eyes and safety noses pose a choking risk for children under the age of 3. For a baby gift, embroider the eyes and nose with yarn instead.

HEAD (using tan yarn)

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook (6 sts).

R2: Inc in each st around (12 sts).

R3: *Sc 1, inc 1* rep 6 times (18 sts).

R4: *Sc 2, inc 1* rep 6 times (24 sts).

R5: *Sc 3, inc 1* rep 6 times (30 sts).

R6: *Sc 4, inc 1* rep 6 times (36 sts).

R7: *Sc 5, inc 1* rep 6 times (42 sts).

R8: *Sc 6, inc 1* rep 6 times (48 sts).

R9: *Sc 7, inc 1* rep 6 times (54 sts).

R10: *Sc 8, inc 1* rep 6 times (60 sts).

R11: *Sc 9, inc 1* rep 6 times (66 sts).

R12-15: Sc in all 66 sts (4 rounds).

R16: *Sc 10, inc 1* rep 6 times (72 sts).

R17-20: Sc in all 72 sts (4 rounds).

R21: *Sc 11, inc 1* rep 6 times (78 sts).

R22-24: Sc in all 78 sts (3 rounds).

R25: *Sc 12, inc 1* rep 6 times (84 sts).

R26: *Sc 12, dec 1* rep 6 times (78 sts).

R27: *Sc 11, dec 1* rep 6 times (72 sts).

R28: *Sc 10, dec 1* rep 6 times (66 sts).

R29: *Sc 9, dec 1* rep 6 times (60 sts).

R30: *Sc 8, dec 1* rep 6 times (54 sts).

R31: *Sc 7, dec 1* rep 6 times (48 sts).

R32: *Sc 6, dec 1* rep 6 times (42 sts).

ADDING THE FACE

Insert the 15 mm safety eyes between R25 and R26 of the head, spaced 18 stitches apart. Count 18 stitches from the first eye to place the second eye.

R33: *Sc 5, dec 1* rep 6 times (36 sts).

Finish off, leaving a short tail. Stuff the head firmly. Push the stuffing out toward the cheeks to help fill them out and keep the head shape. Do not sew the opening closed yet.

MUZZLE (using tan yarn)

R1: Ch 6. Starting in the 2nd ch from the hook, work inc 1, sc 3, inc 1, then turn the work 180 degrees and work into the other side of the chain: inc 1, sc 3, inc 1 (14 sts).

R2: *Sc 1, inc 1* rep 7 times (21 sts).

R3: *Sc 2, inc 1* rep 7 times (28 sts).

R4-6: Sc in all 28 sts (3 rounds).

Finish off and leave a long tail for sewing. Insert the 18 mm safety nose between R1 and R2 of the muzzle and secure it. If you prefer, embroider the nose on instead.

Position the muzzle over R21-30 of the head and pin it in place with straight pins. Sew it to the head with the whipstitch. Just before you finish sewing, stuff the muzzle lightly.

EARS, make 2 (using dark brown yarn)

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook (6 sts).

R2: Inc in each st around (12 sts).

R3: *Sc 1, inc 1* rep 6 times (18 sts).

R4: *Sc 2, inc 1* rep 6 times (24 sts).

R5: *Sc 3, inc 1* rep 6 times (30 sts).

R6-9: Sc in all 30 sts (4 rounds).

R10: *Sc 3, dec 1* rep 6 times (24 sts).

R11: Sc in all 24 sts.

R12: *Sc 2, dec 1* rep 6 times (18 sts).

R13-15: Sc in all 18 sts (3 rounds).

R16: *Sc 1, dec 1* rep 6 times (12 sts).

R17-18: Sc in all 12 sts (2 rounds).

Finish off and leave a long tail for sewing. Flatten each ear and sew the opening closed with the whipstitch.

Position the ears on either side of the head so the top flat edges sit over R9 of the head. Pin them in place and sew the flat edge of each ear to the head with the whipstitch. If an ear sticks out instead of lying down, weave the tail down to between R14 and R15 of the head under the ear, take a stitch in the ear, and tack it down to the side of the head. Repeat once or twice to make it secure, then knot and weave the tail into the head to hide it.

BODY (using tan yarn)

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook (6 sts).

R2: Inc in each st around (12 sts).

R3: *Sc 1, inc 1* rep 6 times (18 sts).

R4: *Sc 2, inc 1* rep 6 times (24 sts).

R5: *Sc 3, inc 1* rep 6 times (30 sts).

R6: *Sc 4, inc 1* rep 6 times (36 sts).

R7: *Sc 5, inc 1* rep 6 times (42 sts).

R8: *Sc 6, inc 1* rep 6 times (48 sts).

R9: *Sc 7, inc 1* rep 6 times (54 sts).

R10-14: Sc in all 54 sts (5 rounds).

R15: *Sc 7, dec 1* rep 6 times (48 sts).

R16: Sc in all 48 sts.

R17: *Sc 6, dec 1* rep 6 times (42 sts).

R18: Sc in all 42 sts.

R19: *Sc 5, dec 1* rep 6 times (36 sts).

R20-24: Sc in all 36 sts (5 rounds).

Finish off and leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff the body firmly.

SEWING THE BODY TO THE HEAD

The last round of the head and the last round of the body each have 36 stitches, so the two pieces line up. Sew them together with the whipstitch. When you are about three fourths of the way around, add a little more stuffing to the neck to make it sturdier. When finished, knot the tail from the head and the tail from the body together, then weave the tails into the body to hide them.

ARMS, make 2 (using tan yarn)

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook (6 sts).

R2: Inc in each st around (12 sts).

R3-4: Sc in all 12 sts (2 rounds).

R5: *Sc 1, dec 1* rep 4 times (8 sts).

R6-9: Sc in all 8 sts (4 rounds).

Finish off and leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff lightly and sew the open ends closed. Position the arms on either side of the body with the flat edge over the last round of the body. Pin them in place and sew them to the body with the whipstitch. Knot to secure and weave the tails into the body.

LEGS, make 2 (using tan yarn)

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook (6 sts).

R2: Inc in each st around (12 sts).

R3-5: Sc in all 12 sts (3 rounds).

R6: *Sc 2, dec 1* rep 3 times (9 sts).

R7-11: Sc in all 9 sts (5 rounds).

Finish off and leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff lightly and sew the open ends closed. Position the legs on the sides of the body so the dog can sit up on its own on a flat surface. The source sewed the back flat edge of the legs to R8-12 of the body. Set your dog on a flat surface to check that it sits well before you sew. Pin the legs in place, then sew the flat back edge of each leg to the body with the whipstitch, and sew down three to four stitches from the top of the thigh to the body. Knot to secure and weave the tail into the body.

TAIL (using dark brown yarn)

R1: Ch 2, 4 sc in 2nd ch from hook (4 sts).

R2: *Sc 1, inc 1* rep 2 times (6 sts).

R3: Sc in all 6 sts.

R4: Inc 1 rep 2 times, sc 4 (8 sts).

R5: Sc in all 8 sts.

R6: *Sc 1, inc 1* rep 2 times, sc 4 (10 sts).

R7: Sc in all 10 sts.

Finish off and leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff the tail lightly, then position it over R7-11 of the back of the body. Pin it in place and sew it to the body with the whipstitch. Knot to secure and weave the tail into the body.

FINISHING

- Weave in every yarn end neatly and trim close.
- Check that the eyes, nose, ears, arms, legs, and tail are all firmly attached. Tug each piece gently before giving the toy to a child.
- Sit the dog on a flat surface and check that it sits up on its own. Adjust the legs if it tips.
- Optional: tie a small ribbon around the neck as a collar, or add an eye patch or spots for a lookalike of a real pet. The source lists many color combinations, including black and white, blue and yellow, gray and blue, brown and cream, white and pink, and rainbow.
- Optional: for a baby gift, use embroidered eyes and nose instead of safety eyes and a safety nose.

Source credit: adapted from Storyland Amis, Free Puppy Dog Amigurumi Crochet Pattern (Chet the Puppy Dog) by Holly Lanier. See sources.txt for the full link.

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