

Marianas Bear

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Materials:

Using the stated materials, the bear will be approx 16 cm tall

- Yarn, e.g. approx. 50 g Lana Grossa Estivo II (Fb. 008 - brown) – you can achieve a similar, but much bigger result by using wool such as myboshi Flausch, small amount of black, e.g.. Schachenmayr Catania (Fb. 110 - black), small amount of white
- Crochet hook in size appropriate for your yarn – for me 2,0 mm
- Stuffing
- 8 buttons as joints (I used 2x 30 mm and 2x 20 mm diameter), alternatively you can use doll joints (wooden or plastic). If you cannot source any of these, you could use stiff plastic discs cut from packaging material or similar – this plastic tends to be too thin and therefore will require you use 2 or 3 layers to achieve a rigid enough surface.
- Safety eyes (I used: 10 mm)
- Wire Brush (for fluffy wool, a normal hairbrush or comb will be enough), To achieve the fur effect it is best to use a pet wire brush to brush out the yarn. It is easiest to brush the body and limbs before sewing them together.



Abbreviations (US terms used):

MR = Magic Ring

ch = chain

slst = slip stitch

sc = single terms

st = stitch

() x y = repeat inside of the bracket e.g. (1sc, inc) x 3 work the inside of the bracket three times.

Inc = increase, work 2 sc in one st

Dec = decrease, crochet 2 sc together

The materials given above are suggestions and guidelines only. You are, of course, free to use whatever yarn/wool you prefer, but this may result in a bigger or smaller bear. Be sure to use a crochet hook that is suitable for your choice of yarn and your personal tension. It is normal to use a hook 1 size smaller than called for when making amigurumis to avoid the stuffing showing through..

You are – unless specified otherwise – working in continuous rounds.

For this bear, it is important to make the body first, I recommend you follow the pattern instructions.

To achieve invisible in- and decreases, please see the „Tipps, Tricks and tutorials“ section of my website www.zhaya.de.

Head:

Estivo brown, Hook size 2,0 mm

You are working an oval shape, the diagram opposite is for guidance only, the stitch count is not accurate..

1. ch5, 3sc, 3sc in last ch, continue on the bottom of the chain: 2sc, 2sc in last ch (10)
 2. inc, 2sc, inc x3, 2sc, inc x 2 (16)
 3. 1sc, inc, 2fM, (1 sc, inc) x 3, 2sc, (1 sc, inc) x 2 (22)
 4. 2sc, inc, 2sc, (2 sc, inc) x 3, 2sc, , (2 sc, inc) x 2 (28)
 5. 11sc, inc, 14sc, inc, 1sc (30)
 - 6.-7. [2 Rounds] sc in each st (30)
 8. 15sc, dec, 2sc, dec, 2scdec, 5sc (27)
 9. inc, 9sc, (1 sc, inc) x 8, 1sc (36)
 10. 1sc, inc, 9sc, (2 sc, inc) x 8, 1sc (45)
 11. (14 sc, inc) x 3 (48)
 12. (7 sc, inc) x 6 (54)
 - 13.-22. [10 Rounds] sc in each st (54)
- If you are using safety eyes, these should be inserted in rounds 10-11, with approximately 8 stitches distance. Check placement before securing the eyes.*
23. (7sc, dec) x 6 (48)
 24. Sc in each st (48)
 25. (6sc, dec) x 6 (42)
 26. (5sc, dec) x 6 (36)
 27. (4sc, dec) x 6 (30)
 28. (3sc, dec) x 6 (24)
- Stuff and shape head.*
29. (2sc, dec) x 6 (18)
 30. (1sc, dec) x 6 (12)
- If needed, stuff more.*
31. Dec x 6 (6)

Fasten off, leave long tail for sewing.

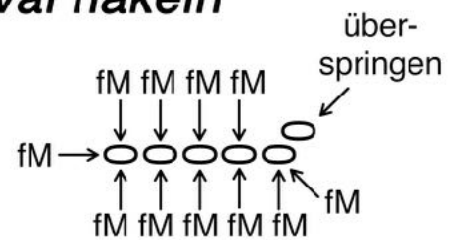
Ear (2x):

Estivo brown, hook size 2,0 mm

1. 6sc in MR (6)
2. Inc x 6 (12)
3. (1 sc, inc) x 6 (18)
- 4.-6. [3 Rounds] sc in each st (18)

Fold along the edge and crochet together with a row of sc, fasten off, leave long tail for sewing.

Oval häkeln



○ = Luftmasche

Nose:

black, Hook size 2,0 mm

You are working in an oval again, see „Head“ for guidance.

- 1.** Ch 4, 2sc, 3sc in last ch, continue on bottom of chain: 1sc, 2sc in last ch (8)
- 2.** inc, 1sc, inc x 3, 1sc, inc x 2 (14)

2slst, fasten off, leave long tail for sewing.

Sculpting the head using any other eyes than safety eyes:

If you have not inserted safety eyes yet, place 2 markers in rounds 10 and 11, approximately 8 stitches apart. Using a long needle and strong thread, in a colour that matches your yarn, start from the back of the head, where you will be sewing the head to the body later. Feed the needle to the front, close to where you placed your first marker, (if using buttons or eyes with shanks, thread these now, if using crochet or fabric eyes proceed with shaping the eye socket), reinsert your needle into the same stitch to the back, now repeat but exit one stitch next to the original point. Pull the thread tight (if using eyes with a shank, make sure the eye sinks into the head and secure it properly, using 3 knots to anchor it.) Repeat these steps for the other eye.

Sculpting the head when using safety eyes:



When using safety eyes, the sculpting may not give as neat a finish as with other eyes. Begin as described above, from the back of the head and push your needle to a point, as close to the eye as you can, reinsert your needle 1 or 2 stitches on the other side of the shank and push through to the back. Pull the thread tight and repeat this step one more time, if required. Now work the second eye in the same manner. To finish off, pull the thread to the back of the head and knot securely, hide ends inside the head.

Now place and pin the nose in position. The bottom of the nose should be between rounds two and three above the first round. Using small stitches and the tail end, sew the nose in place, you do not stuff the nose. If you have enough yarn remaining, you can immediately finish embroidering the face, otherwise thread a new length of black to finish. See photos below for guidance.

The accents of the eyes are made with white thread or yarn. Make sure that the eye is deep and secure in the socket or the thread might disappear under the eye. Using white yarn, place a long stitch below each eye. To make sure that the thread stays in place, you can use a drop of clear drying craft glue to fix it in place. Push the stitch slightly on to the eye, apply the glue and move the thread back into position. Leave to dry completely. See photos for guidance.



I positioned the ears between rounds 22 and 23, with the bottom edge in rounds 17 and 18. The distance between the top and bottom edges of the ear is about 18 stitches. It is, of course, entirely up to you where you place the ears.

Legs (2x):

Estivo brown, Hook size 2,0 mm

You are working in an oval again, see „Head“ for guidance.

1. Ch 5, inc, 2sc, 4sc in last ch, continue on bottom of chain: 2sc, 2sc in last ch (12)
2. Inc x 2, 2sc, inc x 4, 2sc, inc x 2 (20)
3. 7sc, 3sc in next sc, 4sc, 3sc in next sc, 7sc (24)
- 4.-6. [3 Rounds] sc in each st (24)
7. 6sc, dec, 1sc, dec, 2sc, dec, 1sc, dec, 6sc (20)
8. dec, 3sc, dec, 1sc, dec, 2sc, dec, 1sc, dec, 3sc (15)
9. (3sc, dec) x 3 (12)
10. sc in each st (12)

Stuff and shape foot.

11. inc, 2sc, inc, (1scm inc) x 2, 2sc, inc, 1sc (17)
12. sc in each st (17)

If needed, work 1 or 2 shift stitches (sc) to move the beginning of the round to the middle. Your seam should follow the initial chain and be a straight line. In amigurumi, working in the round means that stitches sometimes slant to left or right, so working extra stitches will make sure the seam remains centred.

13. 4sc, inc, (sc, inc) x 4, 4sc (22)

- 14.-17. [4 Rounds] sc in each st (22)

You will now determine the right size for your button or joint. Fold the top edge of the leg in half, measure and select a button or joint with the according diameter (in my example, I used a 30mm button). To ensure that you have the correct size button or joint, insert it into the leg, it should fill the entire leg, without stretching your stitches. See photos below for guidance. Remove the button/joint and proceed as follows:



18. 3sc, dec, 4sc, dec, 2sc, dec, 3sc, dec, 2sc

(18)

Using a strong cotton thread (you can also use dental floss), thread through two holes of your button, make sure that both thread ends are on the same side. Now



*take both thread ends and thread a needle using **both** strands. Insert the button into the leg and guide the needle through the middle of the leg, between rounds 15 and 16 (make sure that the foot is pointing in the right position). Now repeat this step for the other leg, making sure that you are pulling your needle through to the right side of the leg. The thread ends should be on the inside of the legs. Leave long ends for later. If you are using joints with shanks, make sure that these will protrude from rounds 15 and 16, again on the inside of the leg.*

Treat „handmade plastic joints” in the same way we fixed the buttons. You will, of course, have to punch 4 holes into the plastic discs, just like a button. Make sure that the discs are suitably strong and that the holes are positioned correctly and not too close together.

You can also work without using joints. In this case you would use a length of thread or yarn to make the limbs posable or simply sew the legs to the sides of the body. I will add a link to a tutorial at the end of this pattern.

19. (sc, dec) x 6 (12)

20. Sc in each st (12)



Stuff and shape the leg. The stuffing is placed on the side without the threads, behind the button.

21. Dec x 6 (6)

Fasten off, close and weave in ends.

The second leg is worked in the same manner. The positioning for the button/joint and stuffing is reversed.

Arm (2x):

Estivo brown, Hook size 2,0 mm

1. 6 sc in MR (6)

2. Inc x 6 (12)

3. (sc, inc) x 6 (18)

4.-8. [5 Rounds] sc in each st (18)

Shape and stuff the paw.

9. 5sc, dec, (sc, dec) x 2, 5sc (15)

24.-24. [15 Rounds] sc in each st (15)

Stuff the bottom of the paw/arm, but leave the top unstuffed so that you can check the placement of the button/joint. Now, follow the instructions for the legs to fit the correct size button/joint (in my case it was a 20mm button) and join it the same way, with strong thread, as the legs. The placement is between rows 23 and 24, the thread ends should be in the middle again. Make sure that the round with the decreases is facing forward.

25. (3 sc, dec) x 3 (12)

Fill lightly between the back of the button and arm.

26. Dec x 6 (6)

Fasten off, close, weave in ends.

Repeat for the second arm, making sure you have the right way turned to the front.



Body:

Estivo brown, hook size 2,0 mm

You are working in an oval again, see „Head“ for guidance.

1. 6sc in MR (6)

2. Inc x 6 (12)

3. (sc, inc) x 6 (18)

4. (2sc, inc) x 6 (24)

5. (3sc, inc) x 6 (30)

6. (4sc, inc) x 6 (36)

7. (5sc, inc) x 6 (42)

8. (6 sc, inc) x 6 (48)

9. (sc 7, inc) x 6 (54)

10.-18. [9 Rounds] sc in each st (54)

Mark the position for the legs. The markers should be placed between rounds 10 and 11, 9 stitches to the left and right from the beginning of the round. Take the legs, making sure the toes are pointing in the correct direction and pull the threads/shanks through the marked position. If using button joints, take another button (this button does not have to be the same size as the one in the legs), feed the threads through

corresponding holes and tie them very securely inside the body. Work 2 or 3 knots to make sure that the joint is securely fitted. If you want to, you can also use a drop of glue to fix the thread ends to the button. It is, however, important to make sure that the knots are secure or the leg joint will become loose over time. If you are using proper doll joints, fix and close those according to the instructions. See photos below for guidance and help.



19. 11sc, dec, (4 sc, dec) x 5, 11sc (48)

20. Sc in each st (48)

You may need to work 1 or 2 shift stitches to maintain an even line. To do this, simply crochet 1 or 2 sc and move your stitch marker to the left or right, this will be the new starting point for your round.

21. 2sc, dec, 7sc, dec, (6sc, dec) x 3, 7sc, dec, 2sc (42)

22. Sc in each st (42)

23. (5sc, dec) x 6 (36)

24. Sc in each st (36)

Start stuffing the bottom half of the body.

25. 9sc, dec, (6 sc, dec) x 2, 9sc (33)

26. Sc in each st (33)

27. 9sc, dec, (5sc, dec) x 2, 8sc (30)

28. Sc in each st (30)

29. 6sc, (sc, dec) x 6, 6sc (24)

30.-33. [4 Rounds] Sc in each st (24)



Fasten off, do not close, leave tail for sewing the head.

Next, mark where the arms will be affixed. The placement should be between rounds 28 and 29, six stitches to the right and 7 stitches to the left from the beginning of the round. The arms are fixed to the body in the same way as the legs, pull both

threads through the corresponding holes of the button in the body, secure in place with a few strong knots. The placement is the same for real doll joints. Finish stuffing and shaping the body, make sure to stuff the neck firmly so that the



head will not wobble later.

If you decided against using joints for your teddy, you can now either sew the legs to the body or follow the tutorial on <http://www.amigurumi-design.de/site/fadentechnik-gelenke-yarn-technique-arms-legs/> for a thread joining technique.

Fix the head in place with a few pins and start sewing, using small, even mattress stitches. I admit that it is a bit fiddly, especially around the front of the head, but it is so worth it for the cutest result. :o)

All that is left to do now is his

Tail:

Estivo brown, hook size 2,0 mm

1. 6 sc in MR (6)
2. (sc, inc) x 3 (9)
3. (2sc, inc) x 3 (12)
- 4.-5. [2 Rounds] sc in each st (12)

Fold in half lengthwise, do not stuff. Sew the tail to the middle of the back, between rows 10 and 11.

Your new lifesaver bear friend is now ready for hugs and kisses. :o)

