

# Little darling

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## **Materials:**

*When using the suggested materials, it will be about 20 cm tall.*

*The listed wool and hook sizes are only suggestions. It is, of course, entirely your personal choice, which yarn you use.*

*Please keep in mind that different yarn may result in a bigger or smaller piece. Make sure to adapt your hook size according to your yarn and personal tension. When crocheting Amigurumis you should use a much smaller needle size than indicated on the label or you would use it for other crochet projects so that no holes are made when the piece is stuffed.*

- Wool (DK), e. g. Red Heart Lisa / Schachenmayr Bravo (brown, skin color) - acrylic wool is very good for brushing to give it a fur like look, alternative use fancy yarn like Schachenmayr Brazilia
- (Optional) bulky wool for the clothes (with me: Gründl Shetland, pink)
- Some black and red thread for embroidering
- Hook size in suitable size (with me: 2.5 and 6 mm)
- (optional) Bow or ribbon for make a bow

## **Abbreviations (US Terms):**

MR = magic ring	inc = increase
sc = single crochet	dec = decrease
dc = double crochet	BLO = back loop only
tr = treble crochet	FLO = front loop only
bs = bobble stitch	st = stitch
ch = chain	slst = slip stitch
(-) x = repeat inside of () for x nr of times	

*Video to Bobble stitch (the video is German only but maybe helpful too) - just click this link: [Toe-Video](#)*

### **Special stitch: bobble stitch.**

*Bobble stitches are usually made of 5 unfinished double crochet stitches. In some cases I have to vary those stitches, for example when I need a bigger bobble for a toe or something like that. I explain in brackets how many and which of these unfinished stitches the bobble consists of.*

### **How to make those bigger bobble stitches:**

*Wrap the yarn twice around the hook (for tr), insert hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull through, yarn over and pull through 2 loops on hook, yarn over again and pull through 2 loops on hook - this unfinished treble crochet is ready for now and there should remain 2 loops on your hook now. Start the next unfinished treble crochet: wrap the yarn twice around the hook, insert hook in the **same** stitch as before, yarn over and pull through, yarn over and pull through 2 loops on hook, yarn over again and pull through 2 loops on hook, there should remain 3 loops on hook now. Repeat this until you have made the required number of unfinished treble*



*crochet stitches (you always have 1 more loop on hook as unfinished stitches made - for a bobble of 5 tr you should have 6 loops on hook), finally yarn over and pull the yarn through all loops in one go, tighten and sc 1 in next stitch. Usually the bobble is on the wrong side, the back side now. No problem, just push it to the front. You can also push the bobble to the front while crocheting the single crochet.*

### **Regular bobble stitches:**

*Wrap the yarn around the hook, insert hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull through, yarn over and pull through 2 loops on hook - this unfinished double crochet is ready for now and there should remain 2 loops on your hook now. Start the next unfinished double crochet: wrap the yarn around the hook, insert hook in the **same** stitch as before, yarn over and pull through, yarn over and pull through 2 loops on hook, there should remain 3 loops on hook now. Repeat this until you have made the required number of unfinished double crochet stitches (usually 5 - so you have 6 loops on hook), finally yarn over and pull the yarn through all loops in one go^, tighten and sc 1 in next stitch. Usually the bobble is on the wrong side, the back side now. No problem, just push it to the front. You can also push the bobble to the front while crocheting the single crochet.*





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*Crochet in continuous rounds (spirals), unless otherwise stated.*

*For help with invisible color changes, increases and decreases, please visit the „Tipps, Tricks and Tutorials“section on my website [www.zhaya.de](http://www.zhaya.de).*

### **Head:**

*Skin color, hook size 2.5 mm*

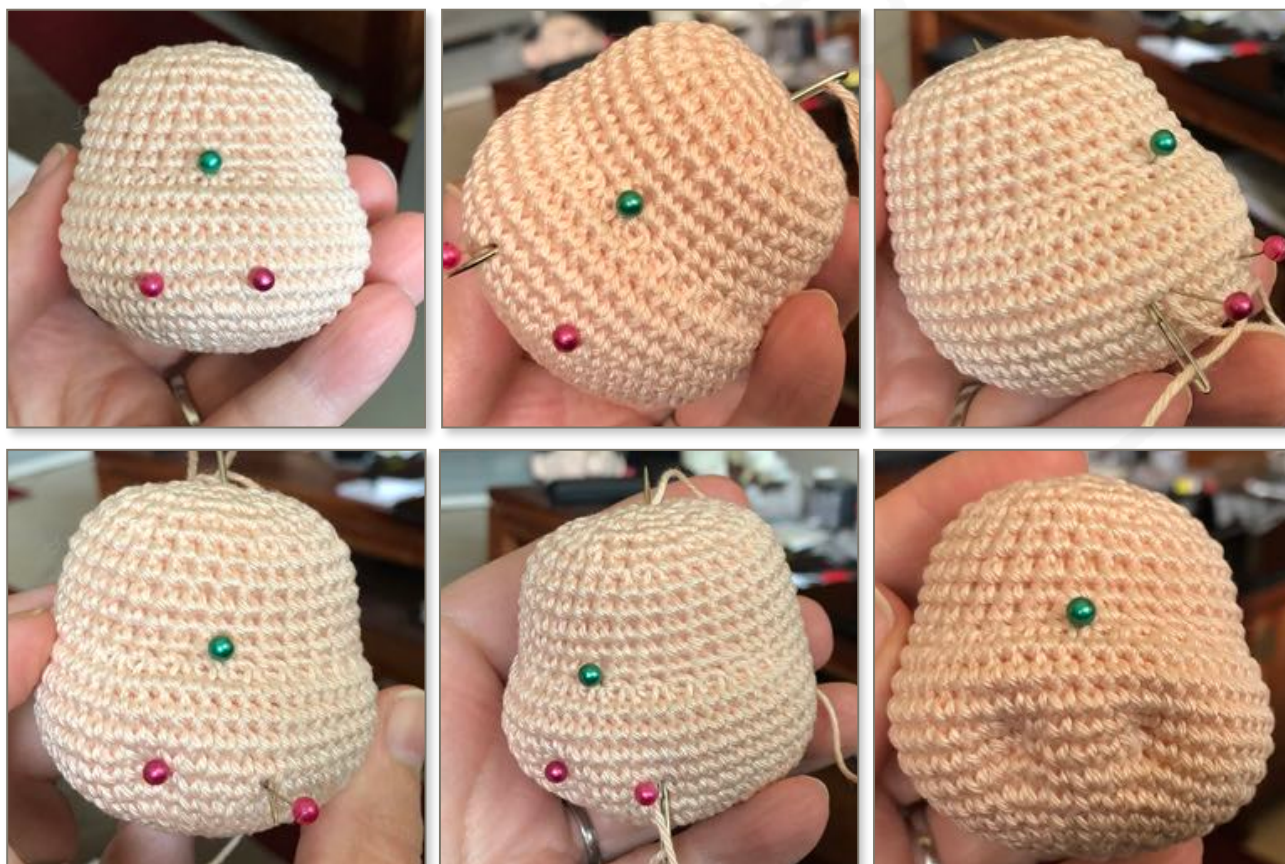
1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)
6. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
7. (sc 5, inc) x6 (42)
8. (sc 6, inc) x6 (48)
- 9.-13. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (48)
14. sc 12, dec x12, sc 12 (36)
- 15.-19. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (36)
20. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
21. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
22. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)
23. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)
24. dec x6 (6)

*Fasten off, weave in loose ends.*



### **Sculpting the face (you can still do this later):**

*Mark the spots for nose (in the middle of the decreases) and the corners of the mouth (between round 9 and 10 with about 5 stitches in between - see left picture).*





*Thread a needle with a sturdy thread and guide the needle from the middle of the top of the head through one of the mouth markers, re-insert a stitch offset to the outside and go to the second mouth pin. Re-insert again a stitch offset to the outside and go back to the starting point, gently tighten both yarn tails so that the corners of the mouth form and knot well. Embroider the mouth with pink or red yarn.*



*Thread the needle with black thread now and go from an unobtrusive spot a stitch offset of the nose pin, re-insert a stitch offset on the other side of the pin and whipstitch a few times (the more stitches you do here the bigger the nose will be later). Now wrap the thread around these made stitches (guide the needle from below or above under the nose threads, always in the same direction) and push each wrap to on side, repeat until the whole nose is filled with these wrapped stitches (see pictures below). If the nose isn't big enough, you can add one more layer of these windings.*



*When the nose is finished, the (closed) eyes are embroidered directly. To do this, insert the needle on one side of the nose and come out a stitch offset to the nose and one round up, skip to stitches to the outside, re-insert the needle there and come out in the middle of the 2 skipped stitches but one round down, the thread is placed under the needle (see pictures below), re-insert the needle in the same stitch but on the other side of the thread and go to the other side of the nose, same position as for the first eye here: a stitch offset to the nose and one round up. Repeat the steps to*

*embroider the second closed eye. If you like you can make some eyebrows, too.  
When you're done, go back to the starting point, knot well and weave in loose ends.*



*Of course my version of the face is just a suggestion, you can design the face as you like.*

### **Ear (make 2):**

*Skin color, hook size 2.5 mm*

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. sc in each st around (12)
4. (sc 1, dec) x4 (8)

*Fasten off, don't close, don't stuff, leave a long tail for sewing.*

### **Fur (head):**

*Brown, hook size 4.0 mm*

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)
6. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
7. (sc 5, inc) x6 (42)
8. (sc 6, inc) x6 (48)
9. (sc 7, inc) x6 (54)
10. (sc 8, inc) x6 (60)
- 11.-20. (10 Rounds) sc in each st around (60)

*Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.*

*Place the fur „cap“ on the head.*

*See description and video link for bobble stitch above.*

### **Right foot / leg:**

*Skin color, hook size 2.5 mm*

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)

*The chains of the following round are not counted and will not be crocheted later.  
They are only used for fixing, so tighten them well.*

3. sc 1, bs 1 (using tr 5), ch 1, (bs 1, ch 1) x3 (using dc 3 for each bs), sc 7 (12)

4. sc in each st around (12) < - *skip the chains of the previous round*

5.-6. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)

*Color change to brown.*

7. sc in each st around (12)

8. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)

9. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)

10.-15. (6 Rounds) sc in each st around (24)

*Fasten off, weave in loose ends.*

### **Left foot / leg:**

*Skin color, hook size 2.5 mm*

1. sc in each st around (6)

2. inc x6 (12)

*The chains of the following round are not counted and will not be crocheted later.*

*They are only used for fixing, so tighten them well.*

3. sc 1, (bs 1, ch 1) x3 (using dc 3 for each bs), bs 1 (using tr 5), ch 1, sc 7 (12)

4. sc in each st around (12) < - *skip the chains of the previous round*

5.-6. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)

*Color change to brown.*

7. sc in each st around (12)

8. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)

9. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)

10.-15. (6 Rounds) sc in each st around (24)

*Do **not** fasten off.*

*Hold the right and left leg next to each other, making sure that the feet are facing forward. Now mark the stitches on the legs where they touch and until then crochet with single crochet stitches.*

*Insert hook through the marked stitch of the first crocheted (right) leg from inside to outside and pull the working loop of the second (left) leg through.*

*From here begins the*

### **Body:**

16. sc 24 around the left leg and 24 around the right leg (48)

17. sc in each st around (48)

18. (sc 7, inc) x6 (54)

19.-22. (4 Rounds) fM in jede M (54)

*Stuff the legs.*

23. (sc 25, dec) x2 (52)

24. sc in each st around (52)

25. (sc 24, dec) x2 (50)

26. sc in each st around (50)

27. (sc 22, dec) x2 (48)

28. sc in each st around (48)

29. (sc 6, dec) x6 (42)

30. sc in each st around (42)

31. (sc 5, dec) x6 (36)

32. sc in each st around (36)

33. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)

34. sc in each st around (30)

*Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.*



*Loosely stuff the body. Sew the body and the head together (I prefer to use the mattress stitch, this makes the seam very stable and my heads never wobbles).*

*Brush cap and body until they look really fluffy and furry. Actually I don't like to use acrylic yarn, but it can easily be brought into fur look. Alternatively, you can also use fancy yarn.*

*You can finish the head now if you like. Pin the ears on the head, sew on the fur cap and the ears. If not done yet, sculpt the mouth and embroider the face.*



### **Hand / Arm (make 2):**

*Skin color, hook size 2.5 mm*

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
- 3.-5. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)
6. sc 1, bs (using dc 5), sc 10 (12)
7. (sc 2, dec) x3 (9)

*Color change to brown.*

8. sc in each st around (9)
9. (sc 2, inc) x3 (12)

*Stuff the hand.*

- 10.-22. (13 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)

*Loosely stuff the arm.*

*Fold the top edge together and seam using a single crochet along the top edge, crocheting through both stitches.*



*Now sculpt the hand using skin colored yarn. I like to use pins as guidelines and to help the yarn glide nicely. Insert your needle from the bottom, just behind the first pinhead (leaving a tail), guide the yarn around the front to the pin on the top of the hand, pull tight and adjust the tension if needed. Now repeat this step, but start on the second pin on top. Bring your needle out just behind the top pinhead, feed the yarn down to the other pin, again pulling and adjusting tension to achieve the desired form, and exiting your needle through your initial point of entry. Adjust your tension, once more, as needed and knot both ends well. The tails can be pulled back into the hand/arm to hide them.*



*Sew on the arms to the left and right directly under the head.*

### **Tail:**

*Brown, hook size 2.5 mm*

1. sc 4 in MR (4)
2. inc x4 (8)
- 3.-22. (20 Rounds) sc in each st around (8)

*Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.*

*Stuffing is not necessary.  
Sew the tail on the body.*

*The specifications of the wool and needle sizes are only examples/references. If You use other wool than specified, the clothes/figure will become taller or smaller. It's your choice which wool you use. The needle size must be chosen to match the wool used. For clothes I usually use the size of the hook indicated on the label. When crocheting clothes, always try them on the doll, because different yarn, hook size and personal tension may alter the final product. Adapt if necessary.*

### **(optional) Oversized jumper:**

*Bulky wool, hook size 6 mm*

*Crochet in rows first. At the end of each row, chain 1 and turn.*

*It is crocheted top down, starting with the turtleneck.*

- ch 13, starting in 2<sup>nd</sup> chain from hook: (loose) slst 12

*In the following rows crochet in the back loops only and continue crocheting loose slip stitches. Crochet as many rows as needed so that the fabric loosely reaches*



*around the body including arms or head (depending on the smaller circumference, the jumper can then be put on over this), the yarn tail from the beginning and the working loop should be on the same side, if not, undo one row or crochet 1 row more (depending on whether it is rather tight or very loosely around), it follows a last row.*



*Now fold the piece so that the working loop is at the back and the first row (with the starting thread) is at the front, insert hook through the first stitch of the front row and pull the working loop through. Furthermore always work through the next front*



*stitch and the back loop of the stitch at the back and crochet 11 more loose slip stitches, do not fasten off.*

*On the inside (which is later rolled outwards) there is almost no difference to the other rows (picture below left).*



*Crochet in joined rounds (join each round with a slst and chain 1).*

*Crochet a pattern of alternating a single crochet and a double crochet and invert it in the following round (i.e. crochet the double crochet into the single crochet and vice versa). Whenever I say st (= stitch), it means that the pattern is crocheted. If there is sc, however, this also means that single crochet is crocheted (of course you can also simply crochet single crochet stitches if you like it better).*

*Crochet the next round along the side (see photo above right), I have done one stitch per rib.*

1. sc 1 per rib (with me there were 18 - this can be different with you and must be adapted if necessary), join round with slst in 1<sup>st</sup> st, ch 1 (18)

*The number of stitches at the end of the following round should be a multiple of 4.*

2. (sc 2, inc) x6, join round with slst in 1<sup>st</sup> st, ch 1 (24)

*Now divide the number of stitches by 4 (in my case this is 6) and start with half of it (if your number is odd, just take one of the two numbers - at 5 this means 2 or 3). I always marked the chain. Continue to work in pattern.*

3. st 3, ch 1, (st 6, ch 1) x3, st 3, join round with slst in 1<sup>st</sup> st, ch 1

*Crochet everything inside the brackets in the following rounds into the chain space.*

4. st 3, (sc, ch, sc), st 6, (sc, ch, sc), st 6, (sc, ch, sc), st 6, (sc, ch, sc), st 3, join round with slst in 1<sup>st</sup> st, ch 1
5. st 4, (sc, ch, sc), st 8, (sc, ch, sc), st 8, (sc, ch, sc), st 8, (sc, ch, sc), st 4, join round with slst in 1<sup>st</sup> st, ch 1
6. st 5, (sc, ch, sc), st 10, (sc, ch, sc), st 10, (sc, ch, sc), st 10, (sc, ch, sc), st 5, join round with slst in 1<sup>st</sup> st, ch 1
7. st 6, (sc, ch, sc), st 12, (sc, ch, sc), st 12, (sc, ch, sc), st 12, (sc, ch, sc), st 6, join round with slst in 1<sup>st</sup> st, ch 1





*Now try it on best, the short sections come backwards, the outer areas will be the sleeves and these should reach loosely around the arm of the character. If this is not the case, crochet more rounds the same way (or stop sooner if necessary).*

*Now crochet only over the middle part (body).*

**8.** st 7, st 1 in first chain space, st 1 in next chain space, st 14, st 1 in next chain space, st 1 in next chain space, st 7, join round with slst in 1<sup>st</sup> st, ch 1

**9.-11.** (3 Rounds) st 1 in each st, join round with slst in 1<sup>st</sup> st, ch 1

*Try on again and if necessary crochet more or less rounds. Another round follows:*

**12.** sc in each st around, join round with slst in 1<sup>st</sup> st, ch 1

*Fasten off, weave in loose ends.*

### **Sleeves:**

*Re-join at the bottom of the armhole, continue crocheting in joined rounds, still in pattern. The number of stitches and rounds can also differ here, just try on again and adapt if necessary.*

**1.** st 18 around, join round with slst in 1<sup>st</sup> st, ch 1 (18)

**2.** st in each st around, join round with slst in 1<sup>st</sup> st, ch 1 (18)

**3.** (sc 4, dec) x3, join round with slst in 1<sup>st</sup> st, ch 1 (15)

**4.** (sc 3, dec) x3, join round with slst in 1<sup>st</sup> st, ch 1 (12)

**5.** st in each st around, join round with slst in 1<sup>st</sup> st, ch 1 (12)

*Fasten off, weave in loose ends.*

*Make the second one the same way.*





