Chubby Sheep
Crochet Pattern by Underground Crafter
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EASY

This rotund sheep is fun to play with and simple to make. The round shape and textured bottom allow it to "sit up" without legs. Optional instructions are included to transform the sheep into an ornament or hanging decoration.

Finished Size

✂ Approximately 3.75" tall (9.5 cm) from base of body to top of head.

Materials

✂ Galler Yarns Flore II yarn (1.75 oz/50 g/100 yds/91 m/75% Kid Mohair, 15% Wool, 10% Nylon) – 1 skein each Color 023 (Main Color) and Color 105 (Color B) *(Each sheep uses approximately 100 yds in Main Color and 35 yds in Color B.)*
✂ Small amount of brown embroidery floss
✂ E-4 (3.5 mm) crochet hook *or any size needed to obtain gauge*
✂ Yarn needle
✂ Stitch marker
✂ Fiber filling

Gauge

✂ Body through Round 12 = 3.75" (9.5 cm). *Exact gauge is not critical for this project but stitches should be small so that fiber filling doesn't show.*

Abbreviations Used in This Pattern (✿ see Special Stitch Patterns, below)

CB	Color B
hdc(s)	half double crochet
Rnd(s)	Rounds
st(s)	stitches

ch(s)	chain
MC	Main Color
sc(s)	single crochet
yo	yarn over

invdec	invisible decrease✿
pop	popcorn✿
sl st	slip stitch
** Repeat between asterisks as indicated.	

Special Stitch Patterns

- ✂ invdec = invisible decrease = Insert hook in front loop only of each of next two sts. Yo and draw up a loop. Yo and draw through two loops.
- ✂ pop = popcorn = Hdc four times in same st. Remove hook from loop and insert hook from front to back of first hdc in group. Pick up dropped loop and pull through loop on hook.

Pattern Notes

The head and body are worked in spirals without joining. Place stitch marker in last stitch of each round and move up at the end of each round.

For the ears, ch 2 **does not** count as hdc.

Pattern Instructions

Head

- ✂ Beginning at crown, with MC, start with magic adjustable ring.
- ✂ Rnd 1: Ch 1. 6 sc in ring. Pull the yarn tail tightly to close ring.
- ✂ Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st. (12 sts)
- ✂ Rnd 3: Sc in each st.
- ✂ Rnd 4: *2 sc in next st, sc in next st.* Repeat from * to * around. (18 sts)
- ✂ Rnds 5 & 6: Repeat Rnd 3 twice.
- ✂ Rnd 7: Change to CB in last yo of next sc. Sc in each st to marker.
- ✂ Rnds 8 - 13: Repeat Rnd 3 six times.
- ✂ Rnd 14: *Invdec, sc.* Repeat from * to * around. (12 sts) Do not fasten off.

Create eyes.
Thread yarn needle with embroidery floss. Starting with floss inside of the head, stitch two eyes in third row of CB, using photos as a guide. Stuff head firmly with fiber filling.

Finish snout.
- ✂ Rnd 15: *Invdec.* Repeat from * to * around. (6 sts)
- ✂ Rnd 16: *Invdec.* Repeat from * to * around. (3 sts). Fasten off with long yarn tail. Using yarn needle, sew yarn tail through remaining sts to close snout. Weave in yarn tail through head before finishing off.

Ears (Make 2)

- ✂ With CB, ch 3.
- ✂ Row 1: Turn. 2 hdc in third ch from hook.
- ✂ Row 2: Turn. Ch 2 (see pattern notes). Hdc in next st. 2 hdc in next st. (3 sts)

- ✂ <u>Row 3:</u> Turn. Ch 2. Hdc in each of next two sts. 2 hdc in next st. (4 sts)
- ✂ <u>Row 4:</u> Turn. Ch 2. Hdc in each of next three sts. 2 hdc in next st. (5 sts)
- ✂ <u>Row 5:</u> Turn. Ch 2. Hdc in each of next four sts. 2 hdc in next st. (6 sts) Do not fasten off. Fold ear in half across Row 5, so that first and last stitch of row are back to back. Join with sl st to top of first hdc.
- ✂ <u>Row 6:</u> Do not turn. Ch 1. Join edge of ear with sc in each of next 3 sts, working through both layers. Fasten off with a 9" yarn tail.

Join ears to head.
Using yarn needle, join ears to second row of MC (Rnd 5 of head), using photos as a guide. Weave in yarn tail through head before finishing off.

Body

- ✂ Beginning at bottom of body, with MC, start with magic adjustable ring.
- ✂ <u>Rnd 1:</u> Ch 1. 6 sc in ring. Pull the yarn tail tightly to close ring.
- ✂ <u>Rnd 2:</u> 2 sc in each st. (12 sts)
- ✂ <u>Rnd 3:</u> *Pop in next st, 2 sc in next st.* Repeat from * to * around. (18 sts)
- ✂ <u>Rnd 4:</u> *Sc in each of next two sts, 2 sc in next st.* Repeat from * to * around. (24 sts)
- ✂ <u>Rnd 5:</u> *Pop in next st, sc in each of next two sts, 2 sc in next st.* Repeat from * to * around. (30 sts)
- ✂ <u>Rnd 6:</u> Sc in each st.
- ✂ <u>Rnd 7:</u> *(Sc in next st, pop in next st) twice, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st.* Repeat from * to * around. (35 sts)
- ✂ <u>Rnd 8:</u> *Sc in next six sts, 2 sc in next st.* Repeat from * to * around. (40 sts)
- ✂ <u>Rnd 9:</u> *(Pop in next st, sc in each of next two sts) twice, pop in next st, 2 sc in next st.* Repeat from * to * around. (45 sts)
- ✂ <u>Rnd 10:</u> *2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 8 sts.* Repeat from * to * around. (50 sts)
- ✂ <u>Rnd 11:</u> *(Pop in next st, sc in each of next two sts) three times, 2 sc in next st.* Repeat from * to * around. (55 sts)
- ✂ <u>Rnd 12:</u> *2 sc in next st, sc in each of next ten sts.* Repeat from * to * around. (60 sts)
- ✂ <u>Rnd 13:</u> *Pop in next st, sc in each of next two sts.* Repeat from * to * around.
- ✂ <u>Rnd 14:</u> Sc in each st.
- ✂ <u>Rnds 15 & 16:</u> Repeat Rnds 13 & 14 once.
- ✂ <u>Rnd 17:</u> *(Pop in next st, sc in each of next two sts) three times, sc, invdec.* Repeat from * to * around. (55 sts)
- ✂ <u>Rnd 18:</u> *Invdec, sc in each of next nine sts.* Repeat from * to * around. (50 sts)
- ✂ <u>Rnd 19:</u> *(Pop in next st, sc in each of next two sts) twice, pop in next st, sc in next st, invdec.* Repeat from * to * three more times. Pop in next st, sc in each of next 7 sts, invdec. (45 sts)
- ✂ <u>Rnd 20:</u> *Invdec, sc in each of next 7 sts.* Repeat from * to * around. (40 sts)
- ✂ <u>Rnd 21:</u> *(Pop in next st, sc in each of next two sts) twice, invdec.* Repeat from * to * three more times. Sc in each of next 6 sts, invdec. (35 sts)

✂ <u>Rnd 22</u>: *Invdec, sc in each of next 5 sts.* Repeat from * to * around. (30 sts)
✂ <u>Rnd 23</u>: *Pop in next st, sc in each of next 4 sts.* Repeat from * to * around.
✂ <u>Rnd 24</u>: *Invdec, sc in each of next 5 sts.* Repeat from * to * around. (24 sts)
✂ <u>Rnd 25</u>: *Invdec, pop in next st, sc in next st.* Repeat from * to * around. (18 sts)
   Do not fasten off.

Join head to body.
Using yarn needle and a 9" strand of MC, join head to body in flat area with fewer popcorns (Rnds 18-22), using photos as guide. Stuff body firmly. Weave in yarn tail from joining into body.

Finish body.
✂ <u>Rnd 26</u>: *Invdec, sc.* Repeat from * to * around. (12 sts)
✂ <u>Rnd 27</u>: *Invdec. pop. * Repeat from * to * around. (8 sts). Fasten off with long yarn tail. Using yarn needle, sew yarn tail through remaining sts to close body. Weave in yarn tail through body before finishing off.

Ornament/decorative hanging loop (optional)
To use Chubby Sheep as an ornament or decorative hanging, join MC with sl st to any st in center top after assembly. Sc in same st. Ch 25. Sc to another nearby st in center top. Fasten off. Weave in yarn tail through body before finishing off.