MINI MOON BEAR PLUSH

ASIAN BLACK BEAR AMIGURUMI | SAME MINI-BEAR SHAPE AS PANDA, POLAR AND GRIZZLY

A black mini bear with a warm cream muzzle and a wide cream V/crescent on its chest. Work the same crocheted shell as the other bears; stitch the chest blaze over the finished black body.

Supplies

- DK/light worsted yarn in deep black or charcoal-black for head, body, ears, arms, legs and optional tail
- Small amount of warm cream yarn for muzzle and bold crescent/V-shaped chest marking
- Dark espresso embroidery thread for the nose and mouth; optional tiny cream or amber stitches to highlight the eyes
- 3.25-3.75 mm crochet hook, or a size that produces firm amigurumi stitches
- Polyester toy stuffing
- Yarn needle, locking stitch marker and scissors
- Optional 8 mm safety eyes only for an ornament intended for adults; use embroidered eyes for child-safe designs

Before you begin

US terms. Work in continuous spiral rounds; do not join unless instructed. Mark the first stitch of each round.

sc = single crochet; inc = 2 sc in one stitch; invdec = invisible single-crochet decrease over 2 stitches; MR = magic ring; ch = chain; sl st = slip stitch.

Head, body, ears, muzzle, arms and legs use the SAME stitch counts as Panda, Polar and Grizzly. Moon Bear differs in black yarn, cream muzzle and a pale chest crescent.

If making these for a young child, embroider the eyes rather than using safety eyes; avoid loose accessories, scarf ties and metal hardware.

Head - make 1 (black)

Round	Instruction	Count
H01	6 sc in a magic ring	**6**
H02	inc in each stitch	**12**
H03	(1 sc, inc) x 6	**18**
H04	(2 sc, inc) x 6	**24**
H05	(3 sc, inc) x 6	**30**
H06	(4 sc, inc) x 6	**36**
H07-H11	sc in every stitch for 5 rounds	**36**
H12	(4 sc, invdec) x 6	**30**
H13	(3 sc, invdec) x 6	**24**
H14	(2 sc, invdec) x 6	**18**
H15	(1 sc, invdec) x 6	**12**
H16	invdec x 6, pull opening closed	**6**

Stuff lightly as you decrease before H15. Thread the finishing tail through the remaining six stitches and draw the opening shut.

BODY & SMALL COMPONENTS

These rounds use the same stitch counts as the other bear designs.

Body - make 1 (black)

Round	Instruction	Count
B01	6 sc in a magic ring	**6**
B02	inc in each stitch	**12**
B03	(1 sc, inc) x 6	**18**
B04	(2 sc, inc) x 6	**24**
B05-B09	sc in every stitch for 5 rounds	**24**
B10	(2 sc, invdec) x 6	**18**
B11	(1 sc, invdec) x 6	**12**
B12	invdec x 6, pull opening closed	**6**

Stuff before B11-B12; draw the final six stitches shut.

Ears - make 2 (black)

Round	Instruction	Count
E01	6 sc in a magic ring	**6**
E02	inc in each stitch	**12**
E03	sc in every stitch; leave unstuffed	**12**

Leave flat, unstuffed, with long tails for sewing.

Muzzle - make 1 (cream)

Round	Instruction	Count
M01	6 sc in a magic ring	**6**
M02	inc in each stitch	**12**
M03	sc in each stitch	**12**

Add just a pinch of stuffing to shape the cream muzzle.

Arms - make 2 (black)

Round	Instruction	Count
A01	6 sc in a magic ring	**6**
A02	(1 sc, inc) x 3	**9**
A03-A05	sc in every stitch for 3 rounds	**9**

Leave unstuffed or barely stuffed; flatten each open top and sew closed.

Legs - make 2 (black)

Round	Instruction	Count
L01	6 sc in a magic ring	**6**
L02	(1 sc, inc) x 3	**9**
L03-L04	sc in every stitch for 2 rounds	**9**

Flatten both openings and sew them closed.

Optional tail - make 1 (black)

Round	Instruction	Count
T01	5 sc in a magic ring	**5**
T02	sc in every stitch; close as a tiny nub	**5**

ASSEMBLY & MOON-BEAR DETAILS

Add the cream crescent to the body before sewing on head and arms. The decoration does not change the base rounds.

Assembly

1. Sew the completed body below the head, lining the body center with the head center and placing the seam toward the back. Add extra stitches across the neck until the join is secure.

2. Attach the ears symmetrically on head rounds H06-H08; use the eye placement as a guide before fixing both ears.

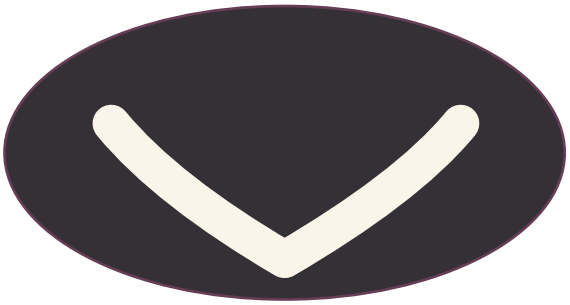
3. Set the muzzle at the lower front of the head (around H11-H13); add the eyes around H09-H10, spaced about 7 head stitches apart.

4. Sew the arms to either side of body rounds B08-B10. Sew the legs along the lower front/side of B03-B05; check the bear sits straight before knotting threads.

5. Attach the optional tiny tail low on the back near B03-B04. Weave all ends through several neighboring stitches.

6. Use the same yarn weight, hook and stuffing amount as Panda, Polar and Grizzly to make all four bears the same scale.

Cream chest marking - key identifying detail



Upper body:

cream crescent / V

approx. B06-B09

7 stitches across

Diagram shows placement only: the crescent is embroidered onto black single crochet, not worked as a separate increase round.

1. Crochet head, body, two ears, two arms, two legs and optional tail in black. Crochet the muzzle with warm cream yarn; do not change any shared rounds.

2. Mark the upper body center before attaching the head or arms. On the front of B06-B09, mark a shallow V/crescent about 7 body stitches wide: upper tips sit near B06, roughly 3-4 stitches left and right of the center; bottom curves to a point near B09.

3. Thread a yarn needle with doubled cream yarn. Make neat surface stitches from the left tip down toward the center and back up to the right tip. Make a second adjacent pass to give each side a 1-2 stitch-wide cream band. Keep the black center visible above the V to create the classic moon-bear crescent effect.

4. Hold the body upright to check that the cream blaze is centered and clearly visible. Secure yarn tails on the inside before attaching the head; keep the chest motif flat, not padded.

5. Sew the black rounded ears near H06-H08. Center the cream muzzle over H11-H13 and embroider a tiny dark espresso nose and short mouth line.

6. Add two small eye details near H09-H10, about 7 stitches apart. On black yarn, use subtle amber or cream embroidered eye highlights for visibility; do not sew loose beads or accessories onto toys for young children.

Pattern note: complete the four related bears in the same yarn weight and hook size for matching proportions. Final size will depend on gauge.