Pocket Panda Puppy Plush

MINI BEAR TRIO | US crochet terms | one shared bear shell, three colorways

A little black-and-white panda with gently floppy ears, rounded muzzle and dusty-berry collar. The same bear-shaped head and body are used for the Polar and Grizzly variants.

Supplies

- DK/light worsted yarn in cream white and black, same yarn weight for all pieces
- Small amount of dusty-berry yarn for the optional neck accent
- 3.25-3.75 mm crochet hook (choose size giving firm stitches without stuffing gaps)
- Polyester toy stuffing
- Embroidery thread or contrasting yarn for eyes, nose and mouth
- Yarn needle, locking stitch marker and scissors
- Optional secured 8 mm safety eyes for decorative display pieces only

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 IDENTICAL stitch counts for all three designs. Only yarn shades and finishing decorations differ.

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 one

Round	Instruction	End 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

Add stuffing before H15; close the last six stitches with the finishing tail.

Body - make one

Round	Instruction	End 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 and draw the final six stitches shut.

Ears - make 2

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

Do not stuff. Fold ears flat and leave long tails.

Muzzle - make 1

Round	Instruction	End count
M01	6 sc in a magic ring	6
M02	inc in each stitch	12
M03	sc in each stitch	12

Add a tiny pinch of stuffing, not enough to stretch the edge.

Arms - make 2

Round	Instruction	End 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

Make two identical pieces; flatten and sew the top closed with a needle.

Legs - make 2

Round	Instruction	End 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

Make two identical pieces; flatten and sew the top closed with a needle.

Optional tail - make 1

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

Assembly - same for all three bears

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. Keep the same hook, yarn family and stuffing volume for the three bears if you want them to finish at comparable sizes.

Panda finishing details

1. For each black eye patch, make a magic ring with 5 sc; R2 inc in every stitch to reach 10 sc. Fasten off and flatten. Make 2 patches.

2. Before finishing head stuffing, sew eye patches symmetrically onto the front across head rounds H08-H10, centers approximately 7 stitches apart. Embroider one tiny white or black eye at each center; if using safety eyes, mount securely before the head is closed.

3. Place black ears on head rounds H06-H08. Stitch mostly along the top edge so the ears can tip outward in a puppy-style flop while keeping a panda silhouette.

4. Sew the cream muzzle over head rounds H11-H13 and embroider a tiny black triangle nose and short downward mouth line.

5. Finish with a dusty-red neck accent: chain approximately 26-32, check against the assembled neck without pulling tight, and secure the ends out of reach. Omit long loose ties for children.

Quick count check

Head 36-st maximum; body 24-st maximum; each ear 12; muzzle 12; each arm 9; each leg 9. The pattern is worked as separate pieces and assembled afterward.

Approximate sizing

The actual finished size changes with hook, yarn and stuffing. For consistent trio proportions, use the same hook and yarn weight on all three bears.