



MR TED & MISS BUNNY AMIGURUMI

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*Not suitable for young children. Small parts may be a choking hazard.
Size approx 20cm/8" tall not incl. ears.*

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MATERIALS

3.5mm crochet hook - *Or other hook to give firm tension*

8 ply/DK yarn in colours of your choice

8mm toy safety eyes - *You can also sew on small beads or sew on yarn eyes*

Polyester toy stuffing

Wool needle - *Large eye with a blunt point*

Other embellishments like small buttons, ribbons, pom poms, appliqués to decorate are optional

ABBREVIATIONS

dc = double crochet. *For US makers a double crochet is the same as a single crochet*

dec = decrease

inc = increase

st = stitch

x = times

Anything between stars *.* is to be repeated given number of times in brackets after

NOTES

There are several methods for starting amigurumi crochet. The method I use is below:

STARTER RING:

3 chain and join back to first chain to make a circle. 2 chain, then dc 5 times into the circle. Join back to the 2nd chain, insert marker after this and start the first round - you should now have 6 stitches. You can substitute another starting method like the magic ring as long as you have 6 dc stitches when you begin the pattern. You can use purchased stitch markers but I just use an offcut of yarn. It goes in between the last stitch of a round and the first stitch of the next round. All pieces are worked in continuous spiral rounds.

INSTRUCTIONS

1 HEAD

Use starter ring giving 6 stitches. Add marker between last stitch and first stitch of next round below.

inc all (x6)(12 st)

inc all (x12)(24 st)

dc 1 round

2 dc, inc (x8)(32st)

dc 2 rounds

7 dc, inc (x4)(36 st)

dc 4 rounds

8 dc, inc (x4)(40 st)

dc 1 round

3 dc, dec (x8)(32 st)

It's time to put on the face so loosen the loop and remove hook to continue later. Place eyes about 3 rounds up from working edge, about 2-3 cm and about 5-6 cm apart. Poke eye stalks through but don't put on backs. If you're unhappy with their placement you can still move them at this stage. When the eye backs go on you can't remove them. You also need to stitch the nose and mouth now. I've used a little cross for Miss Bunny. For Mr. Ted a couple of horizontal stitches between the eyes and then an upside-down V or Y for the mouth. If you're happy with the look of the face, place the safety back on the eyes. Start stuffing the top of the head but make sure you don't stuff too close to the working edge. Restart crocheting by placing hook back through yarn loop and tightening.

dc 1 round

2 dc, dec (x8)(24 st)

1 dc, dec (x8)(16 st)

Cut yarn leaving a tail 3-5 cm which will be tucked back into the head after stuffing. Finish stuffing the head making sure to go around the eyes. Check the head from a few different angles to make sure stuffing is even so your teddy or bunny won't end up with a wonky head.

2 EARS make 2

Use starter ring giving 6 stitches. Add marker between last stitch and first stitch of next round below.

1 dc, inc (x3)(9 st)

For Mr. Ted dc 2 rounds. Cut yarn leaving a long tail about 15-20 cm so you can sew on ears later.

For Miss Bunny dc 7 rounds. Cut yarn leaving a long tail about 15-20 cm so you can sew on ears later.

3 ARMS make 2

Use starter ring giving 6 stitches. add marker between last stitch and first stitch of next round below.

1 dc, inc (x3)(9 st)

dc 8 rounds in total for arm

**If you want your teddy or bunny to have a sweater, change colour for the 4th round and continue in sweater colour. Add a couple of extra stitches on the last round and the colour seam will be on the underside of the arm.

**Arms are crocheted into the body later so cut yarn leaving a tail 3-5 cm. If you don't feel comfortable with this technique, just leave a long tail 15-20 cm and you can sew the arms to the body. Place a little stuffing in the paw area, but not the whole arm.



INSTRUCTIONS (CONT...)

4 LEGS *make 2*

Use starter ring giving 6 stitches. Add marker between last stitch and first stitch of next round below.

* 2 dc, inc* (x2)(8 st)

dc 10 rounds.

Cut yarn leaving a long tail about 15-20 cm so you can sew on legs later.

Stuff legs to the top.

5 BODY

Use starter ring giving 6 stitches. add marker between last stitch and first stitch of next round below.

inc all (x6)(12 st)

1 dc, inc (x6)(18 st)

2 dc, inc (x6)(24 st)

dc 8 rounds total

**If you want your teddy or bunny to have a sweater change colour for the 3rd round and continue in sweater colour.

Fold body in half and use sewing pins to mark where you will crochet arms in along the top edge. Hold the arms in place and crochet through all the layers. Make sure you tie the cut yarn of the arm to the working yarn for extra security.

dc 1 round - cut yarn leaving a long tail about 30 cm so you can sew the body to head later. Stuff body.

6 BOW

To crochet a bow, leave a long tail of about 30 cm before starting. You need this for stitching later. Chain 6, dc into second stitch from hook, dc into each stitch back to start. There should be 5 dc stitches in total.

Turn and chain 1, dc in each stitch back to other end. 5 dc stitches in total. Repeat this for the length of the bow tie. Tie length should be about 8-10 cm long. Fold one short end to the other to check size. When happy, end leaving a long tail of about 30 cm. Sew the short ends together. Use the long tails of yarn to wrap tightly around the middle of the bow. Knot at the back. DO NOT cut these tails, you'll use them to sew to the body or head later.

FINISHING

Use a large eyed wool/yarn needle. I normally sew using a ladder stitch but you can also use a whip stitch to sew your bunny or teddy together.

7 HEAD

Check ear placement carefully before sewing to make sure you don't have a lopsided bunny or bear. Miss Bunny should have her ears sewn on close to the top of her head. Mr. Ted also has his ears sewn close to the top of the head but you can place them further down if you like for a different look. *If your Miss Bunny is wearing her bow on her head you'll be gluing then stitching the bow.* Decide where you want the bow to sit, then use clear craft glue on the center back of the bow. Place bow on head and hold for a minute so the glue dries a little. Then finish stitching the bow to her head.

8 BODY

If your Mr. Ted is wearing a bow tie on his chest, you'll be gluing then stitching the bow tie on. Decide where you want the bow to sit. Make sure it isn't too close to the top edge, less than 2 cm from the top will make it difficult to sew on the head. Then use clear craft glue on the center back of the bow, place bow on chest and hold for a minute so the glue dries a little. Then finish stitching the bow tie to the chest. Pin the neck to the head. Make sure you look from several angles to check the body is in the correct position. Don't forget to look from the top down. Sew around the top edge. I usually sew around the neck twice to make sure the head is secure.

9 LEGS

The legs are sewn on close to the center bottom of the body.

EXTRA IDEAS

Double-sided satin ribbon from a craft store would make a great headband for Miss Bunny. Add some craft flowers or felt flowers on top for super cute girliness. Embroidered appliqués from a craft store can be sewn onto the sweater for a different look, or you could embroider your own design onto the front of the sweater using different yarn or embroidery floss. Tiny little matching buttons sewn on the front of the sweater can change it into a cardigan.

