



KAS Cuddlebug

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This delightful toy has been designed as the mascot for KAS. It will give hours of fun to the child who receives it.

The Cuddlebug on the right was made in DK (sport weight) acrylic yarn using a 3 mm/ D US crochet hook. The one on the left was made in worsted (Aran) weight yarn using a 4 mm/ G US hook. Remember to use a smaller hook than usual to keep the stitches tight. The DK version is about 5 inches high x 14 inches long/12.7 cm high x 35.5 cm long



Materials and Equipment:

- Yarn in 6 colours (approx. 30 gm/1 oz of each colour, depending on yarn weight)
- Hook one size smaller than you would normally use to keep the tension tight
- Scraps white and black yarn
- Toy filling
- Yarn needle
- Stitch markers (or scraps of contrasting yarn)

Abbreviations:

Note: Pattern uses American terminology

American	British
slipstitch(sl st)	single crochet(sc)
single crochet(sc)	double crochet(dc)

Special stitch: Sc dec = single crochet decrease (insert hook into next stitch, yarn over and draw through stitch, insert hook into next stitch, yarn over and draw through stitch. Yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook)

Instructions:

Note: Rounds are worked without joining unless otherwise indicated

Head

Make a magic ring [see note below]

Rnd 1: 6 sc into ring and draw closed

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around (12 sc)

Rnd 3: *sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc*. Rep from * to * 5 more times (18 sc)

Rnd 4: *sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc*. Rep from * to * 5 more times (24 sc)

Rnd 5: *sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc*. Rep from * to * 5 more times (30 sc)

Rnd 6: *sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc*. Rep from * to * 9 more times (40 sc)

Rnd 7: Sc in each sc around (40 sc)

Rnds 8 – 12: Rep round 7 (40 sc)

Rnd 13: *sc in each of next 8 sc, sc dec over next 2 sc*. Rep from * to * 3 more times (36 sc)

Rnd 14: *sc in each of next 4 sc, sc dec over next 2 sc*. Rep from * to * 5 more times (30 sc)

Rnd 15: *sc in each of next 3 sc, sc dec over next 2 sc*. Rep from * to * 5 more times (24 sc)

Rnd 16: Sc in each sc around (24 sc)

Rnd 17: *sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc*. Rep from * to * 5 more times (30 sc)

Rnd 18: *sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc*. Rep from * to * 5 more times (36 sc)

Rnd 19: Sc in each sc around (36 sc)

Rnd 20: Rep round 19 (36 sc)

Rnd 21: Rep round 14. (30 sc)

Rnd 22: Rep round 15. (24 sc) Stuff the head at this stage

Rnd 23: *sc in next sc, sc dec over next 2 sc*. Rep from * to * 7 more times (16 sc)

Rnd 24: *sc dec over next 2 sc*. Rep * to * 8 times (8 sc)

Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Finish stuffing head, run a gathering stitch around the stitches in the last round and pull tight. Fasten off.

Tail and First Body Section

Make a magic ring

Rnd 1: 6 sc into ring and draw closed

Rnd 2: Sc into each sc around (6 sc)

Rnd 3: 2 sc into each sc around (12 sc)

Rnd 4: Sc in each sc around (12 sc)

Rnd 5: *sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc*. Rep from * to * 5 more times (18 sc)



Rnd 6: Sc in each sc around (18 sc)

Rnd 7: *sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc*. Rep from * to * 5 more times (24 sc)

Rnd 8: *sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc*. Rep from * to * 5 more times (30 sc)

Rnd 9: *sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc*. Rep from * to * 5 more times (36 sc)

Rnd 10: Sc in each sc around (36 sc)

Rnds 11 – 14: Rep round 10. (36 sc)

Rnd 15: *sc in each of next 4 sc, sc dec over next 2 sc*. Rep from * to * 5 more times (30 sc)

Rnd 16: *sc in each of next 3 sc, sc dec over next 2 sc*. Rep from * to * 5 more times (24 sc)

Rnd 17: *sc in each of next 2 sc, sc dec over next 2 sc*. Rep from * to * 5 more times

Change to new colour on last stitch of this round. (18 sc).

Second body section

With new colour, repeat rounds 6 to 17 of the first body section. Stuff the tail and first body section before starting the next round.

Continue adding the rest of the body sections in the same way as the second body section, stuffing the body as you go. On the last round of the fifth body section, fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing to the head. Stuff the last body sections. Sew the body to the head as indicated in the photo, adding more stuffing to the body as you sew if necessary.

Antennae

Using same colour as head:

Make a magic ring.

Rnd 1: 8 sc into ring and draw closed

Rnd 2: 2 sc into each sc around (16 sc)

Rnd 3: Sc into each sc around (16 sc)

Rnd 4: Sc dec over next 2 sc 8 times (8 sc)

Rnd 5: Sc in each sc around (8 sc)

Rnds 6 – 9: Rep round 5 (8 sc)

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff lightly.

Make second antenna in the same way.

Sew the antennae to the top of the head as indicated in the photo, adding more small pieces of stuffing if necessary to keep the antennae upright.

Feet

Make two feet in each of the body section colours.



Make a magic ring and rep rounds 1 – 7 of the antennae. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff lightly then flatten the top edge of the foot and oversew across. Sew the feet to the body at a slight angle as indicated in the photo.

Eyes

With white, make a magic ring and repeat rounds 1 – 2 of the head. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

With black, ch 3 and join into a ring with a sl st to the first ch. Fasten off leaving a tail. Sew black to the centre of the white circle

Make a second eye in the same way and sew to head as shown

Nose

With green make as for the white section of the eye. Sew to centre front of head, inserting a tiny amount of filling under the nose before finishing.

Embroider a long V shape for the mouth to make your Cuddlebug smile!

Note: Please check YouTube videos for “How to make a Magic Ring” instructions. [Crochet Geek has a simple explanation]

Variations:

1. There are many ways to embellish and personalise your Cuddlebug. With 5 body sections and ten legs (with room for more) there is plenty of scope for adding numbers or letters or flowers or anything else that inspires you.

2. Baby Bug

Baby Bug is a miniature version of the KAS Cuddlebug. Made in DK (sport, #3, 8 ply) yarn and using a 3 mm/ D US hook, Baby measures just 3 inches tall by 8 inches long/7.5 cm tall by 20 cm long. He's quick to make using scraps of colourful yarn.



Head

Make a magic ring

Rnd 1: 8 sc into ring and draw closed

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around (16 sc)

Rnd 3: *sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc*. Rep from * to * 7 more times (24 sc)

Rnd 4: *sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc*. Rep from * to * 5 more times (30 sc)

Rnd 5: sc in each sc around (30 sc)

Rnds 6 & 7: Rep rnd 5 (30 sc)

Rnd 8: *sc in each of next 3 sc, sc dec over next 2 sc*. Rep from * to * 5 more times (24 sc)

Rnd 9: Rep rnd 5 (24 sc)

Rnd 10: *sc in each of next 2 sc, sc dec over next 2 sc*. Rep from * to * 5 more times (18 sc)

Rnd 11: Rep Rnd 5 (18 sc)

Rnd 12: *sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc*. Rep from * to * 5 more times (24 sc)

Rnd 13: Rep rnd 5 (24 sc)

Rnd 14: *sc in each of next 2 sc, sc dec over next 2 sc*. Rep from * to * 5 more times (18 sc)

Rnd 15: *sc in each of next 7 sc, sc dec over next 2 sc*. Rep from * to * once more (16 sc)

Stuff the head at this stage

Rnd 16: sc dec over next 2 sc 8 times (8 sc) Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Finish stuffing head, run a gathering stitch around the stitches in the last round and pull tight. Weave in end.

Tail and First Body Section

Make a magic ring

Rnd 1: 6 sc into ring and draw closed

Rnd 2: sc into each sc around (6 sc)

Rnd 3: 2 sc into each sc around (12 sc)

Rnd 4: sc in each sc around (12 sc)

Rnd 5: *sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc*. Rep from * to * 5 more times (18 sc)

Rnd 6: *sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc*. Rep from * to * 5 more times (24 sc)

Rnd 7: sc in each sc around (24 sc)

Rnd 8: Rep rnd 7 (24 sc)

Rnd 9: *sc in each of next 2 sc, sc dec over next 2 sc*. Rep from * to * 5 more times (18 sc)

Rnd 10: *sc in next sc, sc dec over next 2 sc*. Rep from * to * 5 more times (12 sc). Change to new colour on last stitch of this round.

Second body section

With new colour, repeat rounds 4 to 10 of the first body section. Stuff the tail and first body section before starting the next round.

Continue adding the rest of the body sections in the same way as the second body section, stuffing the body as you go. On the last round of the fifth body section, fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing to the head. Stuff the last 2 body sections. Sew the body to the head as indicated in the photo, adding more stuffing to the body as you sew if necessary.

Antennae

Using same colour as head:

Make a magic ring.

Rnd 1: 6 sc into ring and draw closed

Rnd 2: 2 sc into each sc around (12 sc)

Rnd 3: sc dec over next 2 sc 6 times (6 sc)

Rnd 4: *sc in next sc, sc dec over next 2 sc*. Rep from * to * once more (4 sc)

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff lightly.

Make second antenna in the same way.

Sew the antennae to the top of the head as indicated in the photo, adding more small pieces of stuffing if necessary to keep the antennae upright.

Feet

Make two feet in each of the body section colours.

Make a magic ring

Rnd 1: 6 sc into ring

Rnds 2 & 3: sc into each sc around (6 sc).

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Draw magic ring closed. Stuff lightly and sew the feet to the body.

Eyes

With white, make a magic ring and repeat round 1 of the head. Draw ring closed and fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Thread yarn needle with black yarn and tie a small knot in the end of the yarn. Pass the needle from back to front through the eye then work a French knot for the pupil. Pass the needle back through the eye and fasten off.

Make a second eye in the same way and sew to head as shown

Note: Please visit YouTube videos for instructions on "How to make a French knot".

Nose

Using any suitable colour, repeat rounds 1 & 2 of the feet. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Push a small ball of stuffing into the nose and sew to centre front of head.

Embroider a long V shape for the mouth to make your Baby Bug smile!

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