

Skill level easy

Finished size

- 9" height without ears x 8.75" wide without hands and legs.

Materials

- #4-Medium / Worsted / Cotton / Approx: 175 yards
- (C1) 1 skein of Soft Smooth Cotton Natural Double Knitting Wool Yarn Ball Baby Woolcraft 200g– white 75 yards
- (C2) 1 skein of Soft Smooth Cotton Natural Double Knitting Wool Yarn Ball Baby Woolcraft 200g– black 100 yards
- Small amount of sport or DK weight black yarn and 3mm crochet hook
- I-9, 5.5mm crochet hook
- 1 triangle shaped button for the nose.
- 2 safety eyes
- Stitch markers
- Fiberfill
- 20" long cord for the drawstring / 50" long strap (I used the straps on old school bag)
- Tapestry needle for weaving ends.

Gauge: 13 sc x 14 rows = 4" with I-9, 5.5mm crochet hook

Abbreviations

- ch = chain
- sc = single crochet
- st = stitch
- sk = skip
- sl st = slip stitch
- ch-sp = chain space
- beg = beginning
- * to ; = repeat * to the instructions.
- [] = work instructions within brackets as many times as directed
- (RS) = right side
- (WS) = wrong side
- (C1) = color 1
- (C2) = color 2

Special stitches

- **sc2tog** = [Insert hook in next st and draw up a loop] 2 times, yarn over, pull back through all 3 loops on hook at once.

Notes

- Beg ch does not count as st.

Crochet Panda Backpack Pattern

With (C1), ch 16,

Round 1: (RS) 3 sc in second ch from the hook, sc in each of next 13 st, 3 sc in last st, working on opposite side of the foundation chain. sl st to the first st. (32 sts)

Round 2: ch 1, 2 sc in first st and each of next 2 sts, sc in each of next 13 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in each of next 13 sts, sl st to the first st. (38 sts)

Round 3: ch 1, sc in first st, 2 sc in next st, [1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 2 times, sc in each of next 13 sts, [1sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times, sc in each of next 13 sts, sl st to first st. (44 sts)

Round 4: ch 1, sc in first st and each of next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, 1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st, 1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 16 sts, sl st to the first st. (48 sts)

Round 5: ch 1, sc in first st and each st around, sl st to the first st. (48 sts)

Round 6: ch 1, sc in first st and next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, 1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 21 sts, 2 sc in next st, 1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 17 sts, sl st to the first st. (52 sts)

Round 7: ch 1, sc in first st and each st around, sl st to the first st. (52 sts)

Round 8: ch 1, sc in first st and next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, 1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 23 sts, 2 sc in next st, 1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 18 sts, sl st to the first st. (56 sts)

Round 9: ch 1, sc in first st and each st around, sl st to the first st. (56 sts)

Round 10: ch 1, sc in first st and next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, 1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 25 sts, 2 sc in next st, 1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 19 sts, sl st to the first st. (60 sts)

Round 11: ch 1, sc in first st and each st around, sl st to the first st. (60 sts)

Round 12 to 20: repeat round 11.

Round 21 to 33: repeat round 11 with (C2)

Round 34: ch 1, sc in first st and next st, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in each of next 4 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in each of next 8 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in each of next 4 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in each of next 6 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in each of next 4 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in each of next 8 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in each of next 4 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in each of next 4 sts. (8 ch-sp(s) / 44 sc total)

Round 35: ch 1, sc in each st across including chain spaces (crochet 2 sc in each ch-sp). (60 sts)

Round 36: ch 1, sc in first st and each st around, sl st to the first st. (60 sts) **Attach stitch markers on the 8th st and 51st st.**

Flap (Between marked stitches)



Row 1: with (C1), right side facing out, start at the one of marked st, ch 1, sc in first st and each 18 sts (the last st should be on the next marked st), turn. (18 sts)

Row 2: ch 1, sc in first st and each st across, turn. (18 sts)

Row 3 to 13: repeat row 2.

Row 14: ch 1, sc in first st, sc2tog, sc in each of next 12 sts, sc2tog, sc in last st, turn. (16 sts)

Row 15: ch 1, sc in first st and each st across, turn. (16 sts)

Row 16: ch 1, sc in first st, sc2tog, sc in each of next 5 sts, ch 3, sc in each of next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in last st, turn. (14 sts)

Row 17: ch 1, sc in first st, sc2tog, sc in each of next 4 sts, sl st to ch-sp, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in last st, turn. (12 sts)

Row 18: ch 1, sc in first st, sc2tog, sc in each of next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in last st, turn. (10 sts)

Row 19: ch 1, sc in first st, sc2tog, sc in each of next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in last st, turn. (8 sts)

Edging: Right side facing, start at row 1 of the flap. Crochet sc around the edge of the flap. 2 sc in random stitch on curve side to make a smooth edge. Fasten off weave the end.

Ears (make 2)

With (C2) make a magic ring.

Round 1: ch 1 (does not count as st), 5 sc into the ring, sl st to the first st. (5 sts)

Round 2: ch 1 (does not count as st), 2 sc in each st around, sl st to the first st. (10 sts)

Round 3: ch 1 (does not count as st), sc in each st around, sl st to the first st. (10 sts)

Rounds 4 and 5: repeat round 3. Leaving 10 – 12” long yarn tail cut the yarn and fasten off.

Arms (make 2)

With (C2) make a magic ring.

Round 1: ch 1 (does not count as st), 6 sc into the ring, sl st to the first st. (6 sts)

Round 2: ch 1 (does not count as st), 2 sc in each st around, sl st to the first st. (12 sts)

Round 3: ch 1 (does not count as st), sc in each st around, sl st to the first st. (12 sts)

Rounds 4 to 10: repeat round 3. Leaving 10 – 12” long yarn tail cut the yarn and fasten off.

Legs (make 2)

With (C2) make a magic ring.

Round 1: ch 1 (does not count as st), 6 sc into the ring, sl st to the first st. (6 sts)

Round 2: ch 1 (does not count as st), 2 sc in each st around, sl st to the first st. (12 sts)

Round 3: ch 1 (does not count as st), sc in first st, *2 sc in next st, 1 sc in next st; repeat * to around, sl st to the first st. (18 sts)

Round 4: ch 1 (does not count as st), sc in first 2 sts, *sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts; repeat * to around, sl st to the first st. (14 sts)

Round 5: ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st to the first st. (14 sts)

Round 6: ch 1 (does not count as st), sc in first 2 sts, *sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts; repeat * to around, sl st to the first st. (11 sts)

Round 7: ch 1 (does not count as st), sc in each st around, sl st to the first st. (11 sts)

Round 8 to 9: repeat round 7. Leaving 10 – 12” long yarn tail cut the yarn and fasten off.

Eyepatch (make 2)

With sport or DK weight black yarn and 3mm crochet hook, crochet ch 3,

Round 1: 3 sc in 2nd ch from the hook, 3 sc in last st, sl st to the first st. (6 sts)

Round 2: ch 1, 2 sc in first st, 2 sc in each st around, sl st to the first st. (12 sts)

Round 3: ch 1, 2 sc in first st, *sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; repeat * to around, sl st to the first st. Fasten off and weave the end. (18 sts)

Assembly

RS facing, place eye patches between rows 9 and 14 on the flap and sew. Attach safety eyes to the eye patches.

And stitch mouth below the buttonhole



Ears: insert the yarn tail through the needle and sew each ear on two sides of the first row of the flap and angled a little bit. (See the photo above)

Arms: Add fiberfill first, insert the yarn tail through the needle and sew each arm on two sides of the bag (5 rounds below from the top of the bag). (See the photo below)

Legs: Add fiberfill first, insert the yarn tail through the needle and sew each leg on two sides of the first round of the bag. (See the photo below)

Please note that those eyepatches on the image below were not used to my finished backpack. Because it's looked so big and chunky with worsted weight yarns, I made another 2 eyepatches later with sport weight yarns and used them to make a final finished project.



Drawstring: Cut a 20" long cord and weave in and out of Round 34 every chain spaces.

Sew triangle shape button between rows 25 and 26 in the middle of the front side of the bag.

Shoulder straps: Cut 19" long 2 handles and sew well onto the back of the bag. Be sure not to twist the handles. I used two handles from old school bag. (see the photo below). That's all.

