DAISY

THE DEER

Complete Digital Crochet Amigurumi Pattern



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Skill level: Advanced Beginner / Intermediate | US crochet terminology

1. Digital Download Notice

IMPORTANT - THIS IS A PATTERN, NOT A FINISHED TOY
This PDF contains written crochet instructions for making Daisy the Deer. No finished amigurumi, yarn kit, or other physical item is included or shipped.

CHILD SAFETY
Safety eyes and other small or rigid components can present a choking hazard and may not be suitable for children under 3 years old. For a child-safe alternative, embroider the eyes securely with black yarn or embroidery thread and avoid buttons, beads, wire, or other rigid inserts.

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2. Finished Measurements

The following ranges are design targets when worked in a firm amigurumi tension with super-bulky chenille yarn and a 4.5 mm hook. They are not physically guaranteed.

Overall seated height, including antlers	Approx. 22-25 cm / 8.75-9.75 in
Seated height to head crown	Approx. 17-19 cm / 6.75-7.5 in
Overall width, ear to ear	Approx. 20-22 cm / 7.75-8.75 in
Body width	Approx. 9-10 cm / 3.5-4 in
Body depth	Approx. 9-11 cm / 3.5-4.25 in
Head width	Approx. 11-12.5 cm / 4.25-5 in
Head height	Approx. 10-11.5 cm / 4-4.5 in
Foreleg length	Approx. 7-8 cm / 2.75-3.25 in
Hind leg length	Approx. 7.5-9 cm / 3-3.5 in
Ear size	Approx. 5 x 4 cm / 2 x 1.5 in
Antler height above head	Approx. 6.5-8 cm / 2.5-3.25 in
Muzzle width	Approx. 4.5-5.5 cm / 1.75-2.25 in
Tail length including tip	Approx. 3-3.5 cm / 1.2-1.4 in

SIZE VARIATION
A looser tension, larger hook, or thicker chenille will create a larger plushie and use more yarn. A smaller hook or denser tension will produce a smaller, firmer result.

3. Materials and Tools

Recommended yarn

Super-bulky / jumbo-style plush chenille yarn (approximately CYC #6), preferably 100% polyester. Choose a smooth chenille that can tolerate firm amigurumi tension.

Warm tan - main colour	Approx. 120-150 g / 130-170 m
Cream - face, muzzle, inner ears, belly, tail tip	Approx. 55-70 g / 60-80 m
Dark brown - antlers and hooves	Approx. 35-45 g / 40-55 m
White - forehead/crown spots	Approx. 8-12 g / 9-14 m
Pink - cheeks	Approx. 5-8 g / 6-10 m
Black embroidery yarn/thread	Approx. 1-2 m for eyelashes; also suitable for embroidered eyes
Dark-brown embroidery yarn	Approx. 1-2 m for nose and mouth

Tools and notions

- 4.5 mm crochet hook, or the size needed to achieve a dense fabric with your yarn
- Polyester fibre filling, approximately 120-180 g depending on density
- 2 black safety eyes, 14 mm recommended
- Tapestry needle suitable for chenille yarn
- Stitch markers - at least 2 removable markers are helpful
- Pins or locking stitch markers for assembly
- Scissors
- Measuring tape
- Row counter, optional

No craft wire, pipe cleaners, felt, or reinforcement inserts are required for this design. The antlers are supported by dense crochet and light stuffing.

4. Gauge and Tension

Amigurumi should be worked with a firm, dense tension so the filling does not show through the stitches. Gauge is included to help reproduce the intended proportions; it does not guarantee an exact finished size.

Target gauge	About 8 sc x 8 rounds = 5 cm / 2 in
Hook	4.5 mm
Method	Single crochet worked in continuous spiral rounds
Swatch / test piece	Work a small tube of 24 sc in continuous spiral rounds for at least 10 rounds. Measure an unstretched 8-stitch-wide by 8-round-high section in the straight-sided portion of the tube. Do not use increasing or decreasing rounds for the gauge measurement.

TENSION CHECK
If stuffing is visible between stitches, first try tightening your tension. If the gaps remain large, move down one hook size. Do not overstuff to compensate for a loose fabric.

5. Crochet Method and Terminology

- US crochet terminology is used throughout.
- Unless a section says otherwise, pieces worked in the round use continuous spiral rounds. Do not join with a slip stitch at the end of each round.
- Place a removable marker in the first stitch of every round and move it up after each completed round.
- For the head and body, use the beginning-of-round (BOR) marker only to track round starts. Continuous spiral rounds naturally shift, so do not treat BOR as a fixed vertical centre-back line. For the small limbs, the colour-change point may be positioned toward the underside/back where practical.
- Single crochet may be worked yarn-over or yarn-under. Yarn-under gives a tighter, more X-shaped fabric; use the same method consistently for the entire project.
- The finished/right side of all spiral pieces faces outward.
- Flat pieces are worked in turned rows. Ch 1 at the end of a row and turn; the turning chain does not count as a stitch.
- Unless otherwise stated, decreases in spiral pieces use dec (the invisible front-loop decrease). Decreases in flat turned rows use sc2tog through both loops.
- Right and left always mean Daisy's right and Daisy's left - the amigurumi's point of view, not the viewer's.

ORIENTATION GUIDES
BOR marks round starts only and is not used as a fixed placement axis. Before placing features on the head or body, establish physical centre back (CB) with a removable vertical strand of contrasting scrap yarn and place a second guide directly opposite at physical centre front (CF). Use these physical guide lines for all stated placement offsets and for head-to-body alignment.

6. Abbreviations and Special Stitches

MR	magic ring
ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch
sc	single crochet
inc	increase - work 2 sc in the same stitch
dec	invisible decrease - work the front loops of the next 2 stitches together as 1 sc
sc2tog	Standard single crochet decrease - (insert hook under both loops of next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop) twice, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on hook
st / sts	stitch / stitches
rnd / rnds	round / rounds
row / rows	row / rows
FO	fasten off
BOR	beginning of round
CF	centre front
CB	centre back

Invisible decrease

Insert the hook through the front loop of the next stitch, then through the front loop of the following stitch. Yarn over and pull through both front loops; yarn over and pull through the remaining 2 loops. One stitch remains from the original 2 stitches.

Colour change

On the final sc before a colour change, stop with 2 loops on the hook. Yarn over with the new colour and pull through both loops to finish the stitch. Continue in spiral rounds. Keep the colour-change step on the underside/back of the limb when possible.

7. Construction Overview

Daisy is built as a seated amigurumi with a separate head and body joined at matching 24-stitch neck openings. All decorative pieces are sewn on after crocheting, except the safety eyes, which must be inserted before the head is closed.

Head	Crocheted separately in tan; stuffed. Face patches are secured before the head decreases are completed.
Face patches	2 cream flat pieces; unstuffed; safety-eye posts pass through patch and head.
Muzzle	1 cream round dome; lightly stuffed.
Cheeks	2 pink mini circles; unstuffed.
Forehead/crown spots	8 total: 5 small + 3 medium; unstuffed.
Ears	2 tan outer ears plus 2 cream inner-ear patches; unstuffed and lightly pinched at the base.
Antlers	2 main stalks and 2 side branches; lightly stuffed and assembled before attachment.
Body	Crocheted separately in tan; stuffed; 24-st neck opening left open.
Belly patch	1 cream flat piece; unstuffed.
Forelegs	2; dark-brown hoof to tan arm; lightly stuffed at lower half.
Hind legs	2; dark-brown hoof to tan leg; moderately stuffed.
Tail	1 one-piece tail with a rounded cream pom and short warm-tan connector; cream section lightly stuffed.

Recommended assembly order

1. Complete the head through Rnd 18; place the cream face patches and safety eyes before closing the upper head.
2. Finish and stuff the head. Sew the muzzle, cheeks, spots, ears, and assembled antlers to the head.
3. Finish and stuff the body. Sew on the belly patch.
4. Join the 24-st head opening to the 24-st body opening.
5. Attach the hind legs, then the forelegs.
6. Attach the tail at centre back.
7. Embroider the nose and mouth if not already completed, then make final symmetry and balance checks.
8. Secure and bury all yarn tails.

> **OPENINGS TO KEEP ACCESSIBLE**
> Do not close the head before the safety-eye washers are installed. Do not close the head/body neck openings individually; they are designed to be sewn directly together.

Reference silhouette



Visual goal: oversized rounded head, short seated body, broad ears, soft branching antlers, cream face and belly, dark hooves, and a small light tail tip.

8. Complete Written Crochet Pattern

DIGITAL CONSISTENCY CHECK
All shaped rounds below were digitally checked so the repeat consumes the stated starting stitch count and reaches the stated final stitch count. No physical test crochet was performed.

A. Head - make 1 in warm tan

Work in continuous spiral rounds. Keep the BOR marker for round counting only; do not treat it as a fixed centre-back line. Stuff firmly without stretching the stitches.

Round / Row	Instruction	Sts
Rnd 1	6 sc in MR.	6
Rnd 2	Inc in each st around.	12
Rnd 3	(Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times.	18
Rnd 4	(Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	24
Rnd 5	(Sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	30
Rnd 6	(Sc in next 4 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	36
Rnd 7	(Sc in next 5 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	42
Rnd 8	(Sc in next 6 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	48
Rnd 9	(Sc in next 7 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	54
Rnds 10-18	Sc in each st around for 9 rounds.	54

PAUSE AFTER RND 18 - FACE + SAFETY EYES
Do not begin the decrease rounds yet. Temporarily add a small amount of loose stuffing so the head holds its rounded shape while the inside remains accessible. Choose the physical back of the head and place a removable vertical guide thread at CB; place a second guide directly opposite at physical CF. Use these guides, not BOR, for all facial placement. Pin the 2 cream face patches over Head Rnds 12-18. Place the eye centres between Head Rnds 14-15, about 5 sts to each side of CF (about 10 sts between eye centres). Push each 14 mm safety-eye post through its cream patch and then through the tan head. Confirm the eyes are level from the front and top, install the washers inside the head, then sew the outer edge of each cream patch flat to the head. If using embroidered eyes, sew the patches now and embroider the eyes later. After the washers are installed, the temporary loose stuffing may be shifted or removed as needed before continuing.

Round / Row	Instruction	Sts
Rnd 19	(Sc in next 7 sts, dec) 6 times.	48
Rnd 20	(Sc in next 6 sts, dec) 6 times. Begin stuffing after this round.	42
Rnd 21	(Sc in next 5 sts, dec) 6 times.	36
Rnd 22	(Sc in next 4 sts, dec) 6 times.	30
Rnd 23	(Sc in next 3 sts, dec) 6 times.	24
Rnd 24	Sc in each st around. FO, leaving a 70 cm / 28 in sewing tail. Leave the 24-st opening open.	24

Stuff the forehead and cheeks firmly enough to keep a round shape, but do not stretch the cream face patches. Leave the final 1-2 rounds moderately stuffed so the neck seam can be joined cleanly.

B. Cream face patches - make 2

Work flat in turned rows. These patches sit under the safety eyes and create the large cream cheek/eye areas.

Round / Row	Instruction	Sts
Foundation	Ch 6.	-
Row 1	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and across. Ch 1, turn.	5

Round / Row	Instruction	Sts
Row 2	Inc, sc in next 3 sts, inc. Ch 1, turn.	7
Row 3	Inc, sc in next 5 sts, inc. Ch 1, turn.	9
Rows 4-6	Sc across. Ch 1, turn after each of Rows 4-6.	9
Row 7	Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog. Ch 1, turn.	7
Row 8	Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog. FO, leaving a 35 cm / 14 in sewing tail.	5

Gently stretch each patch into a soft oval. Do not stuff. The flatter side of the stitches faces outward.

C. Muzzle - make 1 in cream

Round / Row	Instruction	Sts
Rnd 1	6 sc in MR.	6
Rnd 2	Inc in each st around.	12
Rnd 3	(Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times.	18
Rnd 4	(Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	24
Rnds 5-6	Sc in each st around.	24
Rnd 7	(Sc in next 2 sts, dec) 6 times. FO, leaving a 45 cm / 18 in sewing tail.	18

Lightly stuff only enough to make a shallow rounded dome. Keep the back opening flexible for sewing.

D. Pink cheeks - make 2

Round / Row	Instruction	Sts
Rnd 1	6 sc in MR. Sl st in first sc, FO, leaving a 20 cm / 8 in sewing tail.	6

Pull the magic ring firmly closed. Leave unstuffed and sew flat.

E. White forehead / crown spots

Small spots - make 5

Round / Row	Instruction	Sts
Rnd 1	4 sc in MR. Sl st in first sc, FO, leaving a sewing tail.	4

Medium spots - make 3

Round / Row	Instruction	Sts
Rnd 1	5 sc in MR. Sl st in first sc, FO, leaving a sewing tail.	5

All spots remain flat and unstuffed. Arrange them as an irregular but balanced cluster over the forehead and crown rather than in perfectly mirrored rows.

F. Outer ears - make 2 in warm tan

Round / Row	Instruction	Sts
Rnd 1	6 sc in MR.	6
Rnd 2	Inc in each st around.	12
Rnds 3-6	Sc in each st around for 4 rounds.	12
Rnd 7	(Sc in next 4 sts, dec) 2 times.	10
Rnd 8	(Sc in next 3 sts, dec) 2 times.	8
Closure	Flatten the opening. Sc through both layers across. FO, leaving a 45 cm / 18 in sewing tail.	4

Do not stuff. After adding the inner-ear patch, pinch the lower 2 closure stitches together with 1-2 hidden sewing stitches to create a gently cupped ear.

G. Inner-ear patches - make 2 in cream

Round / Row	Instruction	Sts
Foundation	Ch 3.	-
Row 1	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and across. Ch 1, turn.	2
Row 2	Inc in each st across. Ch 1, turn.	4
Rows 3-5	Sc across. Ch 1, turn after each row.	4
Row 6	Sc2tog 2 times. FO, leaving a 25 cm / 10 in sewing tail.	2

Sew one inner patch centrally to the front of each tan ear, leaving a visible tan border around the cream section.

H. Antlers

Work all antler pieces in dark brown. Use a slightly firmer tension than for the body. Lightly stuff the tubes as you go, but do not overstuff.

Main stalks - make 2

Before making the MR, leave a 45 cm / 18 in starting tail at the base for sewing the antler to the head.

Round / Row	Instruction	Sts
Rnd 1	6 sc in MR.	6
Rnds 2-10	Sc in each st around for 9 rounds.	6
Rnd 11	Dec 3 times. FO and close the remaining tip opening.	3

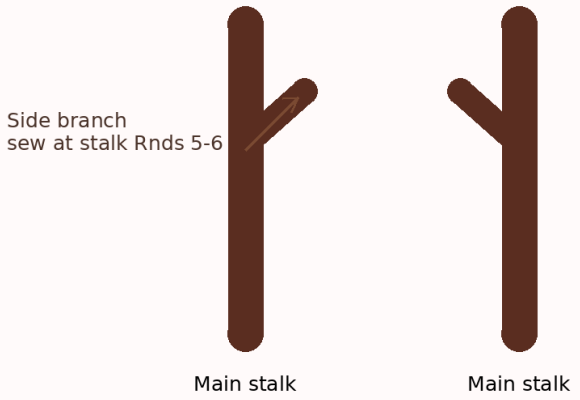
Side branches - make 2

Before making the MR, leave a 25 cm / 10 in starting tail at the base for sewing the branch to the stalk.

Round / Row	Instruction	Sts
Rnd 1	6 sc in MR.	6
Rnds 2-5	Sc in each st around for 4 rounds.	6
Rnd 6	Dec 3 times. FO and close the tip.	3

Sew one side branch to each main stalk around Stalk Rnds 5-6. From the front, position each branch on the inner side of its stalk so the two branches point slightly upward toward the centreline between the antlers. Mirror the branch angle on the second antler. Sew through several stitches around each branch base and the stalk; tighten only enough to eliminate gaps.

ANTLER ASSEMBLY MAP



Mirror the side-branch direction so both antlers frame the face symmetrically.

ANTLER CHECK

Before attachment, compare both antlers side by side. Each antler should have one main tip and one side-branch tip. Main stalks should be the same length, branch bases should be gap-free, and the side-branch positions and angles should be mirrored.

I. Body - make 1 in warm tan

Work in continuous spiral rounds. Use the BOR marker only to track round starts; do not treat it as a fixed centre-back line. The body begins at the lower base and narrows upward to a 24-st neck opening.

Round / Row	Instruction	Sts
Rnd 1	6 sc in MR.	6
Rnd 2	Inc in each st around.	12
Rnd 3	(Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times.	18
Rnd 4	(Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	24
Rnd 5	(Sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	30
Rnd 6	(Sc in next 4 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	36
Rnd 7	(Sc in next 5 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	42
Rnds 8-10	Sc in each st around for 3 rounds.	42
Rnd 11	(Sc in next 5 sts, dec) 6 times.	36
Rnds 12-13	Sc in each st around for 2 rounds.	36
Rnd 14	(Sc in next 4 sts, dec) 6 times. Begin stuffing after this round.	30
Rnd 15	Sc in each st around.	30
Rnd 16	(Sc in next 3 sts, dec) 6 times.	24
Rnd 17	Sc in each st around. FO, leaving a 70 cm / 28 in sewing tail. Leave the 24-st opening open.	24

Stuff the lower body firmly enough to form a flat seated base. Add most of the filling to the lower and middle body. Keep Rnds 16-17 moderately stuffed so the 24-st neck opening remains flexible for joining.

After stuffing and shaping the body, place a removable vertical guide thread at physical centre back (CB) and a second guide directly opposite at physical centre front (CF). Use these guides for the belly patch, limbs, tail, and neck alignment.

J. Belly patch - make 1 in cream

Round / Row	Instruction	Sts
Foundation	Ch 5.	-
Row 1	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and across. Ch 1, turn.	4
Row 2	Inc, sc in next 2 sts, inc. Ch 1, turn.	6
Rows 3-10	Sc across. Ch 1, turn after each of Rows 3-10.	6
Row 11	Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog. Ch 1, turn.	4
Row 12	Sc in each st across. FO, leaving a 45 cm / 18 in sewing tail.	4

Leave unstuffed. Gently round the top and bottom edges with your fingers before pinning to the body.

K. Forelegs / arms - make 2

Start each foreleg in dark brown for the hoof. BOR can face the underside/back of the limb.

Round / Row	Instruction	Sts
Rnd 1 - dark brown	6 sc in MR.	6
Rnd 2 - dark brown	Inc in each st around.	12
Rnd 3 - dark brown	Sc in each st around. Change to warm tan in the final stitch.	12
Rnds 4-10 - tan	Sc in each st around for 7 rounds.	12
Rnd 11 - tan	(Sc in next 4 sts, dec) 2 times.	10

Round / Row	Instruction	Sts
Rnd 12 - tan	Sc in each st around.	10
Closure	Stuff the dark-brown hoof firmly and the tan arm only lightly. Flatten the opening and sc through both layers across. FO, leaving a 45 cm / 18 in sewing tail.	5

L. Hind legs - make 2

Start each hind leg in dark brown for the hoof. The finished legs sit at the lower sides of the body with the hooves pointing forward.

Round / Row	Instruction	Sts
Rnd 1 - dark brown	6 sc in MR.	6
Rnd 2 - dark brown	Inc in each st around.	12
Rnd 3 - dark brown	(Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times.	18
Rnds 4-5 - dark brown	Sc in each st around for 2 rounds. Change to warm tan in the final stitch of Rnd 5.	18
Rnds 6-8 - tan	Sc in each st around for 3 rounds.	18
Rnd 9 - tan	(Sc in next st, dec) 6 times.	12
Rnds 10-11 - tan	Sc in each st around for 2 rounds.	12
Closure	Moderately stuff the hoof and lower leg; keep the upper edge slightly softer. Flatten the opening and sc through both layers across. FO, leaving a 50 cm / 20 in sewing tail.	6

M. Tail - make 1

Work from the cream tip toward the warm-tan base in continuous spiral rounds.

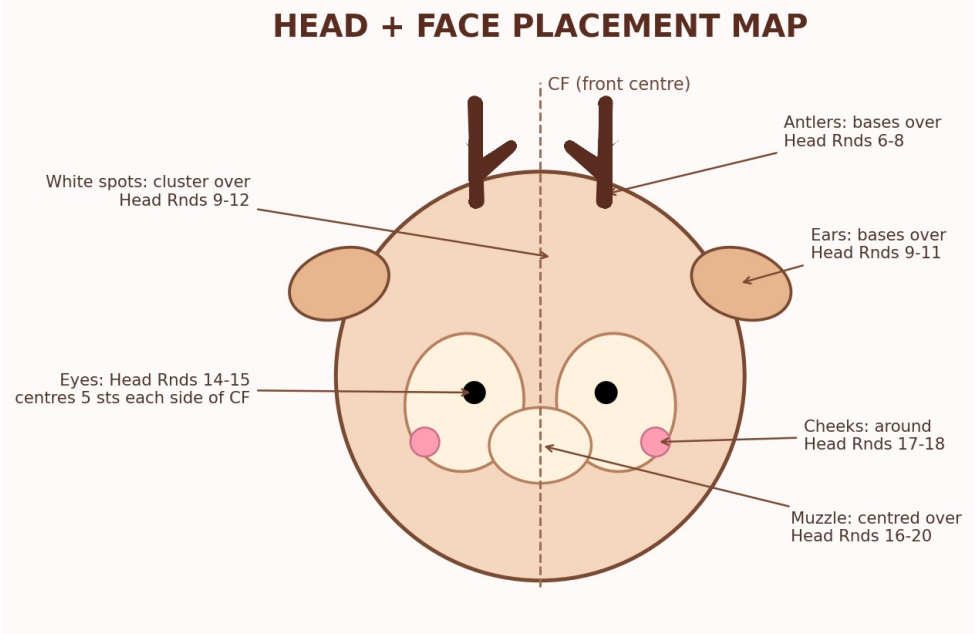
Round / Row	Instruction	Sts
Rnd 1 - cream	6 sc in MR.	6
Rnd 2 - cream	Inc in each st around.	12
Rnd 3 - cream	Sc in each st around. Lightly stuff the cream tip now.	12
Rnd 4 - cream	Dec 6 times. On the final yarn-over of the last decrease, change to warm tan.	6
Rnd 5 - tan	Sc in each st around. FO, leaving a 40 cm / 16 in sewing tail. Leave the 6-st opening unclosed.	6

Do not stuff the tan base. Keep it short and flexible. The finished tail should read as a rounded cream pom attached close to the body with only a small tan connector visible.

9. Placement Maps and Surface Details

Orientation before pinning

- Use the physical CB and CF guide threads established on the head and body. BOR markers are used for round counting only and do not need to form a vertical line.
- Physical centre front (CF) is directly opposite physical centre back (CB).
- All placement offsets in this section are measured from these physical guide lines, not from BOR.
- Check every paired feature from the front, back, top, and both sides before sewing.
- Placement round ranges are practical targets. A shift of about 1 round or 1 stitch may be necessary if your tension changes the proportions.



Head placement details

Cream face patches	Span approximately Head Rnds 12-18. Inner edges sit about 1 st from CF at the eye line; outer edges curve toward the sides of the head.
Eyes	Between Head Rnds 14-15; centres about 5 sts to each side of CF, or about 10 sts apart.
Muzzle	Centre over CF, approximately Head Rnds 16-20. The upper edge may overlap the lower inner corners of the face patches.
Pink cheeks	Centre near Head Rnds 17-18, outside the muzzle and below/outer to each eye.

Head placement details - continued

Outer ears	Sew the 4-st closure edge over about Head Rnds 9-11. Ear centres sit about 14-16 sts to each side of CF when measured around the widest head area.
Antlers	Sew each stalk base over about Head Rnds 6-8, approximately 3-4 sts to each side of CF. Keep about 6-8 sts between the stalk centres at the attachment level and tilt the stalks slightly outward.
White spots	Arrange across Head Rnds 9-12 and the crown. Keep the cluster irregular. Place 1 medium spot near CF and distribute the remaining spots around it; allow 1-2 spots to sit slightly behind the crown so they remain visible from the back.

EMBROIDERED-EYE ALTERNATIVE

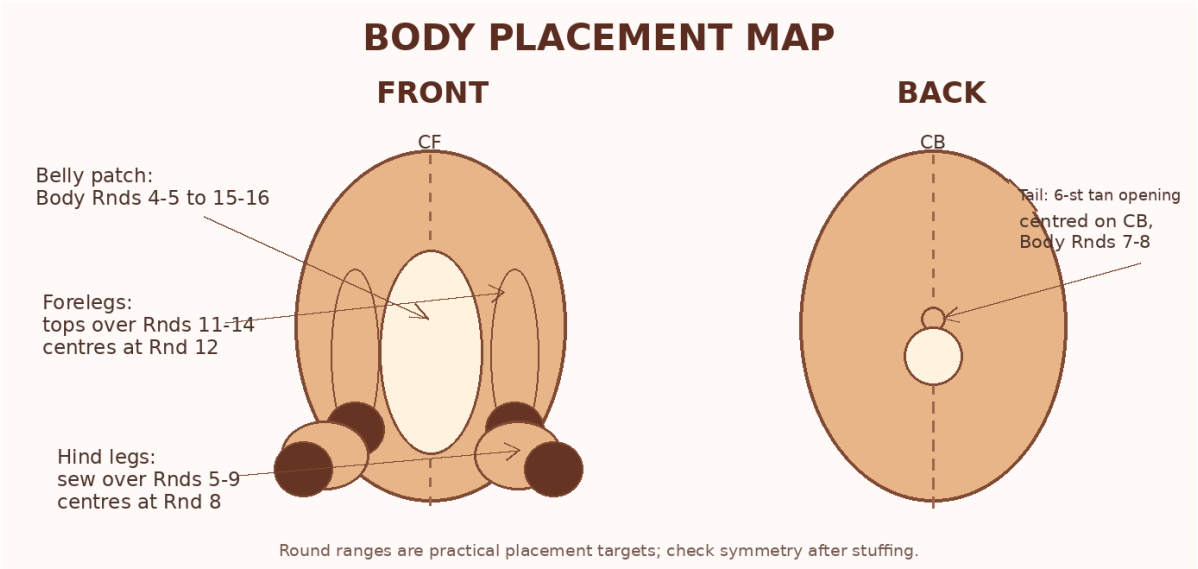
Instead of safety eyes, use black yarn or embroidery thread to stitch a dense oval at each eye position between Head Rnds 14-15. Aim for each eye to be about 1.2-1.4 cm / 0.5-0.55 in wide. Make both eyes the same number of satin-stitch passes, secure inside the head, and bury the thread.

Eyelashes

- Using black embroidery yarn/thread, make one short straight stitch at the outer upper corner of each eye, approximately 0.4-0.5 cm / 0.15-0.2 in long. Angle each stitch slightly upward and outward. Mirror the two eyelashes from the front view.

Muzzle, nose, and mouth

- Pin the lightly stuffed muzzle to CF over Head Rnds 16-20. The long axis should be horizontal.
- Sew around about three-quarters of the muzzle opening with small whip stitches. Adjust stuffing to keep the muzzle softly rounded, then close the final section.
- With dark-brown yarn, embroider a rounded triangular nose about 1.2-1.5 cm / 0.5-0.6 in wide near the upper centre of the muzzle.
- With dark-brown embroidery yarn, bring the needle down about 0.8-1 cm / 0.3-0.4 in from the nose, then embroider a short vertical line and a gentle curved smile to each side. Secure and bury the yarn inside the head.



Body placement details

Belly patch	Centre on CF. Bottom sits around Body Rnds 4-5; top reaches about Rnds 15-16, just below the neck seam.
Forelegs	Sew the 5-st closure edge over Body Rnds 11-14. Centres sit about 6 sts to each side of CF when measured around Body Rnd 12. Let the forelegs angle slightly inward so the dark hooves rest in front.
Hind legs	Sew the 6-st closure edge over Body Rnds 5-9. Centres sit about 9-10 sts to each side of CF when measured around Body Rnd 8. Rotate the dark-brown hoof sections forward before sewing.
Tail	Centre the 6-st tan opening on CB around Body Rnds 7-8. Keep the tan connector close to the body and angle the cream pom slightly upward.

Colour-change placement

All limb colour changes occur in continuous spiral rounds. Keep BOR on the underside/back of each limb so the small colour-change step is less visible in the finished plushie. Cut the old colour after securing the new colour; do not carry unused dark-brown yarn through the tan limb.

10. Stuffing and Shaping

Head	Firmly stuffed without stretching stitches. Add small amounts around the cheeks and crown so the head stays evenly round. Keep the neck edge moderately stuffed.
Muzzle	Lightly stuffed; shallow rounded projection only.
Body	Firm lower base, moderately firm middle, softer upper 2 rounds for neck joining. Press the base flat as you fill.
Forelegs	Firm dark hoof, lightly stuffed tan arm. Leave the top section flexible.
Hind legs	Moderately stuffed, with extra filling in the hoof/front and less near the sewing edge.
Ears	Unstuffed. Pinch base lightly for shape.
Antlers	Very lightly stuffed. Enough to keep the tube open, not enough to make it rigid or oversized.
Tail	Lightly stuff the cream pom only. Leave the short tan connector unstuffed and flexible.
Flat patches / spots / cheeks	Unstuffed and sewn flat.

BASE SHAPING

While stuffing the body, press the lower rounds gently against a flat surface. Add filling around the side walls rather than directly into the centre of the base. This helps Daisy sit instead of rocking.

11. Assembly Instructions

> **PIN FIRST, SEW SECOND**
> For every attachment, pin or clip both sides first. Check Daisy from the front, back, top, bottom, and both side views before committing to the seam.

Step 1 - Finish the head

- If using safety eyes, confirm both washers are locked securely. If using embroidered eyes, complete both eye ovals now. Confirm that both cream face patches are fully sewn down.
- Embroider one short black eyelash at the outer upper corner of each eye, mirrored left to right.
- Sew the muzzle at CF over Head Rnds 16-20 and adjust its stuffing before closing the seam.
- Sew one pink cheek to each side of the muzzle around Head Rnds 17-18.
- Embroider the nose and mouth.
- Arrange and sew the 8 white spots over the forehead/crown. Do not force a perfectly mirrored arrangement; the reference look is softly irregular.

Step 2 - Attach the ears

- Pin each ear by its 4-st closure edge over Head Rnds 9-11.
- Angle the upper tips slightly outward and upward. The cream inner-ear patch must face front.
- From the front, compare the height of both ear tips. From above, compare their forward/back angle.
- Sew through the ear closure edge and the head fabric with small whip stitches. Make a second pass through the lowest 2 stitches if the ear base feels loose.

Step 3 - Attach the antlers

- Check that each antler has one side branch and that the side-branch direction is mirrored.
- Pin the stalk bases over Head Rnds 6-8, about 3-4 sts each side of CF, leaving approximately 6-8 sts between the stalk centres at the attachment level.
- Tilt each stalk slightly outward so the branches frame the face and do not cross the ears.
- Sew around the full stalk base. Make one additional stabilizing pass through the centre of the base and into the head fabric, then bury the tail.

Step 4 - Prepare the body

- Adjust stuffing so the lower body sits flat.
- Pin the cream belly patch to CF from about Body Rnds 4-5 through Rnds 15-16.
- Sew the patch flat around its entire edge. Avoid pulling the seam so tightly that the body narrows.

Step 5 - Join head and body

- Place the head above the body with the physical CB guide lines aligned and the physical CF guide lines aligned. The head and body BOR markers do not need to line up.
- The head opening and body opening each contain 24 sts. Match them one-to-one.
- Using the longer available sewing tail, whip stitch through both loops of one head stitch and both loops of the matching body stitch. Continue around all 24 matched positions.
- Before closing the final 4-5 stitches, check the neck stuffing and add a small amount if needed. The head should sit upright without a hollow neck.
- Finish the seam, secure with 2 small backstitches hidden in the seam, and bury the tail inside the body.

Step 6 - Attach the hind legs

- Pin the 6-st closure edge of each hind leg over Body Rnds 5-9, about 9-10 sts to each side of CF at Body Rnd 8.
- Rotate both dark hooves forward. The legs should touch or nearly touch the sitting surface.
- Check from the back that both legs attach at the same height.
- Sew the full closure edge to the body. Add 1-2 hidden anchoring stitches along the inner upper side of each leg if needed for a stable seated pose.

Step 7 - Attach the forelegs

- Pin each foreleg top over Body Rnds 11-14, about 6 sts to each side of CF at Body Rnd 12.
- Let the arms hang downward and slightly inward so the brown hooves sit in front of the belly.
- Check that the hoof tips end at the same height.
- Sew the flattened top edge securely to the body. Keep the arm fabric soft rather than pulling the seam tight against the body.

Step 8 - Attach the tail

- Pin the 6-st tan tail opening at CB around Body Rnds 7-8. Keep the tan section close to the body and angle the cream pom slightly upward and a little to one side.
- Whip stitch around all 6 base stitches to nearby body stitches.
- Do not flatten the tail base.

Step 9 - Final symmetry and balance

- Set Daisy on a flat surface and gently redistribute body stuffing if one side sits higher.
- Check eyes, ears, antlers, forelegs, hind legs, and hoof directions from straight front and back views.
- Check from above that the ears and antlers have matching angles.
- Secure and bury every remaining yarn tail. Remove all temporary pins, guide threads, and markers.

12. Sewing Methods

Whip stitch - main attachment method

For ears, antlers, limbs, muzzle, tail, and flat patches, pass the needle through the edge stitch of the piece and then through one or two strands of the matching body/head stitch directly underneath. Repeat around the seam. Pull only until the edges meet; do not cinch the seam hard enough to dent the crochet fabric.

One-to-one neck seam

For the 24-st head/body join, match one head stitch to one body stitch. Pass through both loops of the head stitch and both loops of the corresponding body stitch. This keeps the neck seam even and prevents twisting.

Flat applique sewing

For the belly patch, face patches, cheeks, inner ears, and spots, use small stitches close to the outer edge of the applique. Catch only enough of the base fabric to secure the piece. The applique should lie flat without puckering.

Securing and burying tails

After the final seam stitch, make 1-2 tiny backstitches in the seam allowance. Insert the needle through the plushie and exit several centimetres away. Pull gently, clip the yarn close to the surface, and massage the fabric so the cut end retracts inside.

13. Final Visual Checklist

- Face is centred and balanced
- Eyes are level and evenly spaced
- Black outer eyelashes are mirrored and angle slightly upward/outward.
- Nose and mouth are centred on the muzzle
- Muzzle sits straight with an even rounded projection
- Cream face patches have smooth, flat edges
- Pink cheeks sit at matching heights
- White spots form a balanced irregular cluster over the forehead/crown
- Ears are symmetrical and inner cream sections face front
- Antlers are secure, branches are mirrored, and both stalks tilt outward similarly
- Head sits upright over the body without a visible neck gap
- Belly patch is centred on CF
- Forelegs hang at matching heights and angle slightly inward
- Hind legs are aligned and both hooves face forward
- Tail is secure at CB and the cream tip remains visible
- Daisy sits as intended on a flat surface
- No stuffing shows through the crochet fabric
- No large gaps remain around sewn pieces
- Safety-eye washers and securing knots are fully enclosed; no unintended rigid or sharp component protrudes through the crochet fabric.
- No loose seams remain
- All yarn tails are secured and buried
- All temporary markers and pins are removed

14. Troubleshooting

Problem	Solution
Stuffing shows through the stitches	Use a smaller hook or firmer tension. Remove excess stuffing rather than forcing the fabric wider.
Finished amigurumi is too large or too small	Keep the written stitch counts unchanged. Change hook size or yarn thickness, then expect all dimensions and yarn usage to scale accordingly.
BOR marker drifts around the head or body	This is normal in continuous spiral crochet. Use BOR only for round counting and use the physical CF/CB guide threads for placement. If the stitch count changes unexpectedly, recount the round for an accidental increase, decrease, skipped stitch, or extra stitch.
Colour-change step is obvious	Place BOR on the underside/back of the limb. Finish the last stitch with the new colour and keep the yarn tails inside the piece.
Eyes look uneven	Before installing washers, view the head straight-on and from above. Reposition one post by 1 stitch or 1 round if needed.
Muzzle sits off-centre	Re-pin with CF marked by a contrast thread. Compare the distance from the muzzle edge to each eye before sewing.
Head leans to one side	Open the last few neck seam stitches, redistribute neck stuffing, and resew while matching the 24 head/body stitches one-to-one.

14. Troubleshooting - continued

Problem	Solution
Forelegs or hind legs are uneven	Compare both attachment edges to the same body round. Re-pin the higher piece before sewing.
One ear or antler sits higher	Measure the base against the same head-round range on both sides; adjust the higher piece by about 1 round.
Tail points the wrong direction	Rotate the 6-st tan base before sewing. Keep it centred on CB around Body Rnds 7-8 and aim the cream pom slightly upward/sideways.
Antler branches twist or collapse	Use a small amount of extra stuffing in the branch base and add one hidden stabilizing stitch through branch base and stalk.
Gaps appear around sewn pieces	Use smaller, closer whip stitches and catch the edge stitch plus the base fabric directly underneath. Do not over-tighten.
Attachment feels loose	Make a second sewing pass around the base, offset from the first pass by about half a stitch.
Body base becomes rounded	Remove some centre filling and move it toward the lower side walls. Press the base flat on a table while reshaping.
Visible holes appear after decreases	In spiral pieces, use the invisible dec through the front loops only and keep tension firm. In flat turned pieces, use sc2tog through both loops as written.

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