MOCHI THE KOALA

Complete Digital Crochet Amigurumi Pattern

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Skill level	Terminology
Confident Beginner / Intermediate	US crochet terms

Designed for super-bulky chenille/plush yarn. Finished size is a calculated design target and may vary with yarn, hook, tension, stuffing, and technique.

2. Digital Download Notice

IMPORTANT

This listing is for a digital crochet pattern. It is not a finished amigurumi, physical toy, kit, or made-to-order item. No physical item will be shipped.

Pattern at a Glance

Feature	Design target
Style	Seated koala with oversized round head and large round ears
Main yarn	Super bulky (6) chenille / plush yarn
Hook	5.0 mm (H-8) recommended starting point
Construction	Mostly continuous spiral rounds; leaf is worked in turned rows
Eyes	16 mm safety eyes or embroidered yarn alternative
Accessory	Crocheted green leaf sewn securely between the arms
Approx. finished height	22-24 cm / 8.5-9.5 in

3. Finished Measurements

These are target ranges for a finished Mochi made with the recommended yarn class and a firm amigurumi tension. They are not guarantees.

Part	Calculated target
Overall seated height	22-24 cm / 8.5-9.5 in
Overall width incl. ears	23-25 cm / 9-10 in
Front-to-back depth	12-14 cm / 4.75-5.5 in
Head	15-17 cm wide x 12-14 cm high / 6-6.75 x 4.75-5.5 in
Body	10-12 cm wide x 10-11 cm high / 4-4.75 x 4-4.25 in visible
Outer ear	7.5-8.5 cm / 3-3.35 in diameter incl. edging
Inner ear	4-5 cm / 1.6-2 in diameter
Arm	5-6 cm / 2-2.4 in long
Leg	6-7 cm / 2.4-2.75 in long
Paw pad	2.5-3.2 cm / 1-1.25 in diameter
Nose	3.5-4.2 cm wide x 4-5 cm high / 1.4-1.65 x 1.6-2 in
Cheek	1.5-2 cm / 0.6-0.8 in diameter
Tail	2.5-3.5 cm / 1-1.4 in diameter
Leaf	7.5-8.5 cm long x 4-5 cm wide / 3-3.35 x 1.6-2 in

SIZING NOTE

If your stitches are looser than the suggested gauge, Mochi will be larger and will use more yarn. If your stitches are tighter, Mochi will be smaller and may feel firmer.

4. Materials and Tools

Material	Recommendation	Approx. amount
Yarn - grey	Super bulky (6) chenille/plush; soft medium grey	120-140 g
Yarn - cream	Same yarn class; warm cream/ivory	25-35 g
Yarn - black	Same plush yarn for crocheted nose	8-12 g
Yarn - pink	Same or slightly thinner plush yarn for cheeks	2-4 g
Yarn - green	Same plush yarn for leaf	8-12 g
Embroidery yarn	Smooth black yarn/thread for optional eyes + eyebrows; dark green optional for leaf veins	Small scraps
Crochet hook	5.0 mm (H-8), or size needed for firm fabric	1
Safety eyes	16 mm black, with secure washers	2
Stuffing	Polyester fibre filling	Approx. 180-250 g
Other tools	Tapestry needle, stitch markers, pins, scissors, measuring tape; row counter optional	As needed

SAFETY WARNING

Safety eyes and any rigid or small components may be unsuitable for children under 3 years old. For a hardware-free alternative, embroider the eyes securely with black yarn or embroidery floss and avoid buttons, beads, wire, or other hard components. Always supervise use according to the materials you choose.

Yarn selection

A low-shed chenille or plush yarn gives the rounded, soft surface seen in the concept. Use the same yarn family for grey and cream whenever possible so the ears, belly, and paw pads have matching stitch scale. Smooth yarn is easier than chenille for eyebrows and optional embroidered eyes.

5. Gauge and Tension

Amigurumi fabric should be firm and dense enough that stuffing does not show through. Work the main pieces with the finished/right side facing outward.

PRACTICAL GAUGE TARGET

About 12 sc x 12 rounds = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4 in using a 5.0 mm hook and the suggested plush yarn, measured on firm single crochet fabric without stretching. The gauge piece may be worked in continuous rounds.

- If stuffing is visible between stitches, try a smaller hook before changing the pattern.
- If the fabric is very stiff and difficult to work, move up 0.5 mm in hook size.
- Gauge affects finished size and yarn usage; it does not guarantee an exact final measurement.
- Keep tension consistent between paired pieces such as ears, arms, and legs.

Stuffing tension

Stuff firmly enough to hold the rounded silhouette, but do not stretch the crochet fabric. The head should feel full and smooth; the lower body should be firm enough to support a seated pose; arms and tail need much less filling.

6. Crochet Method and Terminology

- Terminology: US crochet terms throughout.
- Main pieces: worked in continuous spiral rounds unless a section says otherwise. Do not join at the end of each round.
- BOR marker: place a removable marker in the first stitch of every round and move it up after every completed round.
- Beginning-of-round orientation: keep the BOR toward the centre back on the head and body.
- Single crochet style: standard yarn-over single crochet is intended. Yarn-under single crochet may be used consistently, but it can change stitch height and proportions.
- Rows: the leaf is worked flat in turned rows. Chain 1 to turn; the turning chain never counts as a stitch.
- Outer ear edging: Rnds 1-4 are continuous; Rnd 5 is a joined decorative edging. The final joining slip stitch is not counted as a stitch.
- Finished side: the normal right side of the crochet should face outward.

7. Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Meaning
MR	Magic ring
ch	Chain
sl st	Slip stitch
sc	Single crochet
hdc	Half double 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
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

COUNTING NOTE

Unless specifically stated, the BOR marker, turning chain, and final joining slip stitch are not counted as stitches.

8. Construction Overview

Right and left are always described from Mochi's point of view. When Mochi faces you, Mochi's right side appears on your left.

Piece	Qty	Stuffing	Construction / role
Head	1	Firm	Closed sphere; safety eyes fitted before final decreases
Body	1	Firm lower / moderate upper	Top opening remains open for neck join
Outer ears	2	None	Flat grey discs with decorative edge
Inner ears	2	None	Cream circles sewn to outer ears
Arms	2	Light paw only	Short tapered cylinders; upper ends left flatter
Legs	2	Moderate-firm	Seated feet attached to lower body sides
Paw pads	2	None	Cream circles sewn to front of feet
Belly patch	1	None	Cream oval applique
Nose	1	Very light	Vertical black oval applique, softly raised
Cheeks	2	None	Small pink circles
Tail	1	Very light	Small grey bobble centred at CB
Leaf	1	None	Flat green leaf with embroidered/surface veins

Recommended assembly order

- Complete the head and facial features, including the eyebrows.
- Prepare the inner ears and attach the ears to the head.
- Complete the body and sew on the belly patch.
- Join the head to the body.
- Attach the legs and paw pads.
- Confirm the leaf veins are complete, then sew the leaf diagonally across the front.
- Attach the arms so they rest against/around the leaf.
- Attach the tail.
- Check symmetry, balance, seam security, and yarn tails.

9. Complete Written Crochet Pattern

A. Head - Grey

Work in continuous spiral rounds. Keep BOR at centre back. Stuff firmly without stretching the stitches.

Rnd / Row	Instruction
Rnd 1	6 sc in MR. (6 sts)
Rnd 2	Inc in each st around. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	(Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 4	(Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnd 5	(Sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. (30 sts)
Rnd 6	(Sc in next 4 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. (36 sts)
Rnd 7	(Sc in next 5 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. (42 sts)
Rnd 8	(Sc in next 6 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. (48 sts)
Rnd 9	(Sc in next 7 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. (54 sts)
Rnd 10	(Sc in next 8 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. (60 sts)
Rnds 11-17	Sc in each st around. (60 sts each rnd)
Rnd 18	(Sc in next 8 sts, dec) 6 times. (54 sts)
Rnd 19	(Sc in next 7 sts, dec) 6 times. (48 sts)
Rnd 20	(Sc in next 6 sts, dec) 6 times. (42 sts)
Rnd 21	(Sc in next 5 sts, dec) 6 times. (36 sts)
Rnd 22	(Sc in next 4 sts, dec) 6 times. (30 sts)
Rnd 23	(Sc in next 3 sts, dec) 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnd 24	(Sc in next 2 sts, dec) 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 25	(Sc in next st, dec) 6 times. (12 sts)
Rnd 26	Dec 6 times. (6 sts)

EYE INSTALLATION - BEFORE RND 18

With the face toward you, mark CF 30 sts from BOR on the 60-st rounds. Insert the safety eyes between Rnds 14 and 15, with centres about 10 sts apart: approximately 5 sts to each side of CF. Fit washers securely before continuing the decreases. For embroidered eyes, mark the same centres and embroider after stuffing while the final opening is still accessible enough to secure and bury yarn.

After Rnd 24, add most of the stuffing and shape a smooth forehead and rounded cheeks. Add small amounts after Rnd 25 as needed. After Rnd 26, FO leaving a 20 cm / 8 in tail, thread through the remaining 6 front loops, pull closed, secure, and bury the tail.

B. Body - Grey

Work from the base upward in continuous rounds. Keep BOR at CB. The 24-st top opening remains open for the neck join.

Rnd / Row	Instruction
Rnd 1	6 sc in MR. (6 sts)
Rnd 2	Inc in each st around. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	(Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 4	(Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnd 5	(Sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. (30 sts)
Rnd 6	(Sc in next 4 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. (36 sts)
Rnd 7	(Sc in next 5 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. (42 sts)
Rnd 8	(Sc in next 6 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. (48 sts)
Rnds 9-12	Sc in each st around. (48 sts each rnd)
Rnd 13	(Sc in next 6 sts, dec) 6 times. (42 sts)
Rnds 14-15	Sc in each st around. (42 sts each rnd)
Rnd 16	(Sc in next 5 sts, dec) 6 times. (36 sts)
Rnds 17-18	Sc in each st around. (36 sts each rnd)
Rnd 19	(Sc in next 4 sts, dec) 6 times. (30 sts)
Rnds 20-21	Sc in each st around. (30 sts each rnd)
Rnd 22	(Sc in next 3 sts, dec) 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnds 23-24	Sc in each st around. (24 sts each rnd)

Begin stuffing after Rnd 18. Keep the base firm and flat, the centre comfortably full, and the top slightly softer so the neck seam can be shaped. FO after Rnd 24, leaving a 60 cm / 24 in tail for the head-to-body seam. Do not close the 24-st opening.

C. Belly Patch - Cream

Work around both sides of the foundation chain to form a flat oval.

Rnd / Row	Instruction
Rnd 1	Ch 8. Sc in 2nd ch from hook and next 5 ch; 3 sc in last ch. Rotate to work along unused loops; sc in next 5 loops; 2 sc in final loop. (16 sts)
Rnd 2	Inc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, inc in next 3 sts, sc in next 5 sts, inc in next 2 sts. (22 sts)
Rnd 3	(Sc in next st, inc) once; sc in next 5 sts; (sc in next st, inc) 3 times; sc in next 5 sts; (sc in next st, inc) 2 times. (28 sts)

FO leaving a 40 cm / 16 in sewing tail. Keep flat and unstuffed.

D. Outer Ears - Make 2 - Grey

Rnds 1-4 are worked in continuous spirals. Rnd 5 is a joined decorative edging.

Rnd / Row	Instruction
Rnd 1	6 sc in MR. (6 sts)
Rnd 2	Inc in each st around. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	(Sc in next st, inc) 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 4	(Sc in next 2 sts, inc) 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnd 5	Remove BOR marker. (Sl st in next st, 3 hdc in next st) 12 times. Join to first sl st with an uncounted sl st. (48 edge sts)

FO leaving a 45 cm / 18 in sewing tail. Do not stuff. Gently flatten the disc; the edging should form a soft rounded ruffle.

E. Inner Ears - Make 2 - Cream

Rnd / Row	Instruction
Rnd 1	6 sc in MR. (6 sts)
Rnd 2	Inc in each st around. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	(Sc in next st, inc) 6 times. (18 sts)

FO leaving a 30 cm / 12 in tail. Centre one cream circle on each grey outer ear and sew neatly around the edge before attaching the ears to the head.

F. Arms - Make 2 - Grey

Rnd / Row	Instruction
Rnd 1	6 sc in MR. (6 sts)
Rnd 2	Inc in each st around. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	(Sc in next st, inc) 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnds 4-5	Sc in each st around. (18 sts each rnd)
Rnd 6	(Sc in next st, dec) 6 times. (12 sts)
Rnd 7	Sc in each st around. (12 sts)

Stuff the rounded paw through about Rnd 5. Leave Rnds 6-7 mostly unstuffed so the arm can sit flat against the body. FO leaving a 35 cm / 14 in sewing tail.

G. Legs - Make 2 - Grey

Rnd / Row	Instruction
Rnd 1	6 sc in MR. (6 sts)
Rnd 2	Inc in each st around. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	(Sc in next st, inc) 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 4	(Sc in next 2 sts, inc) 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnds 5-6	Sc in each st around. (24 sts each rnd)
Rnd 7	(Sc in next 2 sts, dec) 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 8	Sc in each st around. (18 sts)

Stuff the foot end moderately firmly, keeping Rnds 7-8 slightly softer. FO leaving a 40 cm / 16 in sewing tail. Do not close the opening; it will lie against the body.

H. Paw Pads - Make 2 - Cream

Rnd / Row	Instruction
Rnd 1	6 sc in MR. (6 sts)
Rnd 2	Inc in each st around. (12 sts)

FO leaving a 25 cm / 10 in sewing tail. Keep flat.

I. Nose - Black

Work an oval around both sides of a short foundation chain.

Rnd / Row	Instruction
Rnd 1	Ch 5. Sc in 2nd ch from hook and next 2 ch; 3 sc in last ch. Rotate; sc in next 2 unused loops; 2 sc in final loop. (10 sts)
Rnd 2	Inc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, inc in next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts, inc in next 2 sts. (16 sts)

FO leaving a 30 cm / 12 in sewing tail. When pinning, rotate the oval so its foundation-chain axis runs vertically. Keep flat or place only a tiny pinch of stuffing under the centre for a softly raised look.

J. Cheeks - Make 2 - Pink

Rnd / Row	Instruction
Rnd 1	6 sc in MR. (6 sts)

FO leaving a 20 cm / 8 in sewing tail. Pull the MR snug and keep the small circle flat.

K. Tail - Grey

Rnd / Row	Instruction
Rnd 1	6 sc in MR. (6 sts)
Rnd 2	Inc in each st around. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	Sc in each st around. (12 sts)
Rnd 4	Dec 6 times. (6 sts)

Add a very small amount of stuffing if desired. FO leaving a 25 cm / 10 in tail. Draw the remaining 6 sts together, secure, and flatten slightly into a small bobble.

L. Leaf - Green

Work flat in turned rows. Ch 1 to turn; the turning chain never counts as a stitch.

Rnd / Row	Instruction
Row 1	Ch 2; sc in 2nd ch from hook. (1 st)
Row 2	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in the st. (2 sts)
Row 3	Ch 1, turn; inc in each st across. (4 sts)
Row 4	Ch 1, turn; inc, sc in next 2 sts, inc. (6 sts)
Rows 5-7	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across. (6 sts each row)
Row 8	Ch 1, turn; dec, sc in next 2 sts, dec. (4 sts)
Row 9	Ch 1, turn; dec twice. (2 sts)
Row 10	Ch 1, turn; dec. (1 st)

FO leaving a 35 cm / 14 in tail for sewing. With dark green smooth yarn or a strand of green yarn, embroider one centre vein from base to tip and 3 short diagonal veins on each side. Keep all knots and tails on the back and bury securely.

10. Stitch-Count Validation

CHECKED CONSTRUCTION

All shaped rounds and rows above were digitally checked so that each repeat consumes the available stitches and produces the stated final count. Chain spaces, turning chains, the joined ear edging, and applique construction were also checked for count consistency. This is an internal digital consistency check only and does not replace a physical test crochet.

For customer use, follow the written counts exactly and keep the BOR marker in place. If your live stitch count differs from the stated count, correct the round before continuing so later shaping stays aligned.

11. Shaping and Proportions

Area	Design target
Head-to-body ratio	Oversized head: about 1.4-1.5 times the visible body width.
Head shape	Broad and softly rounded, with fuller cheeks and no pointed crown.
Ears	Large round side discs, cream centres forward, grey ruffled rims visible around them.
Body	Short seated oval, widest in the lower half and gently narrowing toward the neck.
Arms	Short rounded paws angled inward to hug the leaf rather than hanging straight down.
Legs	Chunky seated feet placed low and forward, with cream pads facing front.
Tail	Small centred back bobble; it should not act as a support leg.
Leaf	Slim diagonal accessory across the belly, not wide enough to hide the cream patch.

12. Colour Changes and Surface Details

Mochi is designed so the main colour blocks are separate crocheted pieces rather than in-round colour changes. This keeps the face clean and avoids visible spiral steps.

Detail	Placement / method
Cream inner ears	Sew centred to grey outer ears before ear attachment.
Cream belly	Sew the oval to the centre front of the body.
Cream paw pads	Sew to the forward-facing surface of each leg.
Pink cheeks	Sew outside and slightly below the eyes.
Black nose	Sew centred below the eyes with the long axis vertical; tiny amount of stuffing optional.
Eyebrows	With black smooth yarn, make one short curved stitch about 1 rnd above each eye, roughly 2-3 sts wide.
Leaf veins	Embroider a central vein plus 3 short diagonal veins on each side.

Do not carry unused colours inside the head or body. Cut and secure separate applique yarns instead. Keep face yarn tails buried inside the head whenever access remains available.

Optional embroidered eyes

- Use smooth black yarn or embroidery floss at the same eye centres given for the safety eyes: between Head Rnds 14-15, about 10 sts centre-to-centre.

- Build each eye as a small rounded oval about 15-17 mm / 0.6-0.7 in across, using several closely packed satin-style passes over roughly 2 sts wide and 2 rnds high.

- Secure thread ends on the inside while the head opening is still accessible. A tiny cream highlight stitch at the upper outer edge is optional.

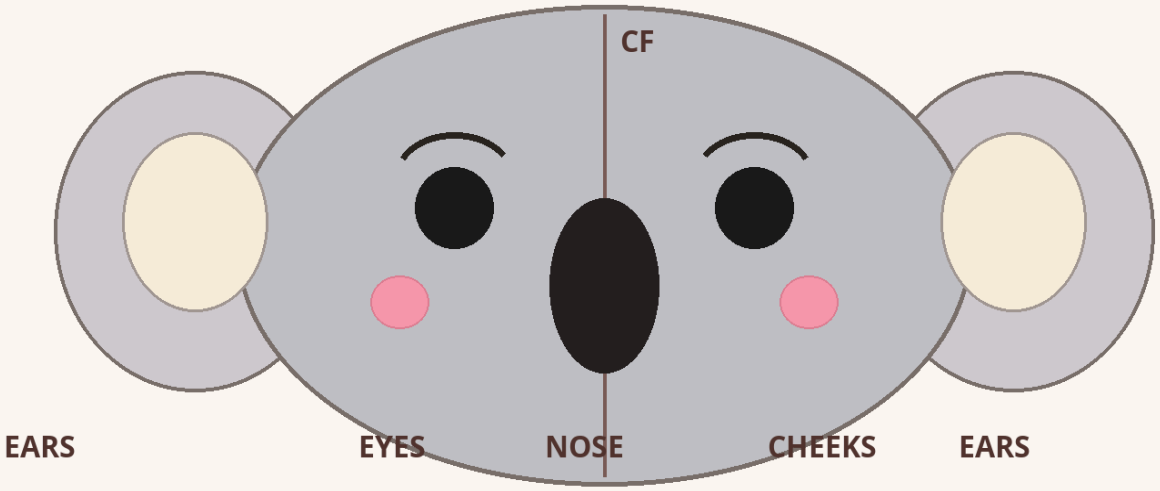
Surface-detail finishing order

For the cleanest finish, sew the nose first, then cheeks, then eyebrows. Add leaf veins before the leaf is sewn to the body so all embroidery tails remain hidden on the back of the leaf.

13. Placement Maps

Orientation before placing features: face Mochi toward you. The vertical line through the nose and belly is CF. CB is directly opposite. On the 60-st head rounds, CF is about 30 sts from BOR. Mochi's right appears on your left when viewed from the front.

Head & Face Placement Map



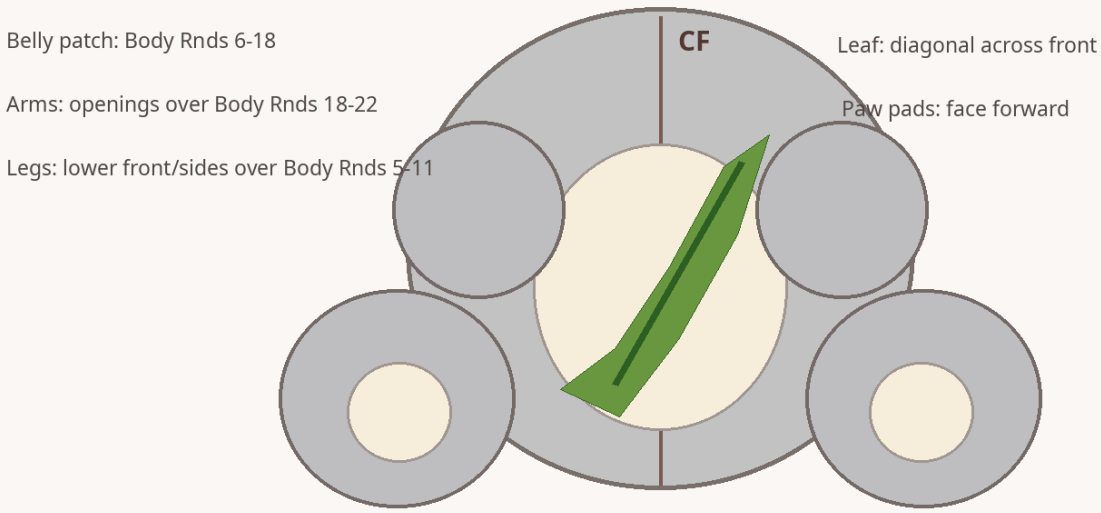
Exact round and stitch placements are listed in the table below.

Feature	Practical placement
Eyes	Between Head Rnds 14-15; centres about 10 sts apart, approx. 5 sts to each side of CF.
Nose	Centre on CF with the foundation-chain axis vertical, spanning about Head Rnds 14-19.
Cheeks	Centres around Head Rnds 17-18, approx. 7 sts to each side of CF; each sits slightly outside its eye.
Eyebrows	One short curve around Head Rnds 12-13, centred above each eye.
Ears	Attach each ear over the side of Head Rnds 8-15, centred about 14-15 sts to either side of CF. Cream inner circles face forward.

CHECK AFTER STUFFING

Plush yarn can shift visual positions as the head is filled. Pin the nose, cheeks, and ears first, then view from the front, both sides, and top before sewing.

Body Front Placement Map



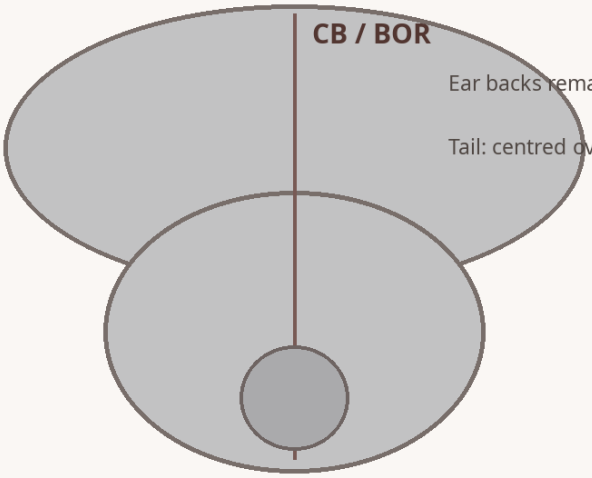
Feature	Practical placement
Belly patch	Centre on Body CF, spanning roughly Body Rnds 6-18. Lower edge stays above the base curve.
Legs	Attach to lower side/front over Body Rnds 5-11. Keep about 2.5-3.5 cm / 1-1.4 in clear between inner leg edges. Feet angle slightly forward.
Leaf	Lay diagonally across the belly from Mochi's right lower belly toward Mochi's left upper chest.
Arms	Attach upper openings over Body Rnds 18-22. Angle paw ends inward so they rest against the leaf.
Paw pads	Centre on the forward-facing surface of each leg; pads should be level when viewed from the front.

For the 48-st lower body rounds, CF is about 24 sts from BOR. As shaping decreases the stitch count, maintain the same visible CF line with a temporary yarn marker rather than recalculating each round.

Back & Orientation Map

Head BOR: centre back

Body BOR: centre back



Ear backs remain grey

Tail: centred over Body Rnds 6-9

Feature	Practical placement
Head/body alignment	Head CF aligns with body CF; head CB/BOR aligns with body CB/BOR.
Tail	Centre at CB over Body Rnds 6-9. Sew around its base and keep the small bobble visible from the back.
Ear backs	Remain entirely grey; cream circles face forward and should not wrap around the back edge.
Body base	After legs are pinned, confirm the lower body still sits flat rather than tipping backward.

14. Stuffing and Shaping

Part	Stuffing guidance
Head	Firmly stuffed without stretching. Build fullness gradually in cheeks and crown. Keep lower neck area slightly softer for joining.
Body	Firm at base, moderate through centre, slightly softer near top opening. Keep base flat.
Arms	Lightly stuff rounded paw through about Rnd 5; leave upper end mostly flat.
Legs	Moderately firm at foot; softer near opening so it can contour to body.
Nose	Usually flat; optional tiny pinch under centre for soft projection.
Tail	Very lightly stuffed or left nearly flat.
Ears / patches / cheeks / leaf	Do not stuff.

Shaping checks

- Massage the head into a broad oval with a softly rounded forehead, not a tall cone.
- Keep the body widest at the lower half and slightly narrower toward the neck.
- Flatten the bottom of the body with your palm before attaching the legs.
- Do not overstuff the arms; thick arms can hide too much of the belly and leaf.
- Before the final head closure, confirm the safety-eye washers are fully seated and no hardware is loose.

15. Assembly Instructions

Step 1 - Complete the face

With the stuffed head facing you, confirm the eye line is level. Pin the black nose centred on CF with its long axis vertical over about Rnds 14-19. Sew around about three-quarters of the nose edge, add only a tiny pinch of stuffing if you want extra projection, then finish the seam. Secure and bury the tail. Pin and sew the pink cheeks around Rnds 17-18, about 7 sts to each side of CF. Add the short curved eyebrows about one round above the eyes.

Step 2 - Prepare and attach ears

Sew one cream inner-ear circle to the centre of each grey outer ear. Pin the ears to the sides of the head over Rnds 8-15, with the cream centres facing forward and the top edges slightly above the eye line. Sew only the inner attachment zone to the head so the outer ruffle remains free. Mirror the angle on both sides.

Step 3 - Attach belly patch

Pin the cream belly oval to body CF spanning about Rnds 6-18. Smooth it flat without stretching. Whip stitch around the outer edge through the patch edge and shallow bites of the grey body fabric. Secure and bury the tail.

Step 4 - Join head and body

Finish body stuffing first. Align body CF with head CF and body CB/BOR with head CB/BOR. Pin the 24-st body opening to the lower head around Head Rnds 23-25. Use the body sewing tail to whip stitch the top edge of the body to the head surface, working evenly around the opening. Add a little stuffing through any remaining gap if the neck feels hollow, then complete the seam. The head should sit centred rather than leaning.

ACCESS CHECK

Do not close the neck seam until the body stuffing and head alignment are final. Once the seam is complete, direct access to the body interior is lost.

Step 5 - Attach legs

Sew each cream paw pad to the forward-facing end of a leg first. Pin the legs to the lower front/sides of the body over Rnds 5-11, leaving a clear gap between the inner edges. The pads should face forward and slightly upward. Check that both feet sit at the same height. Sew around each open leg edge to the body. If needed, add a very small amount of stuffing before the final few stitches, then close the seam.

Step 6 - Place and secure the leaf

Lay the leaf diagonally across the belly from Mochi's right lower belly toward Mochi's left upper chest. Pin the centre and lower half of the leaf. Sew it to the belly/body with small hidden stitches along the back of the leaf, leaving the upper edges visually free. The leaf should not cover the nose or face.

Step 7 - Attach arms around the leaf

Pin the arm openings over Body Rnds 18-22. Angle each paw end inward so the arms appear to hug the leaf. One paw may overlap the leaf slightly more than the other, but the shoulder heights should match. Sew the flattened upper opening of each arm to the body with whip stitch. Add one or two hidden anchoring stitches between the paw and leaf if needed to hold the pose.

Step 8 - Attach tail

Pin the tail at CB over Body Rnds 6-9. Sew around the tail base, keeping the bobble centred and slightly flattened. Make sure the tail does not force the body to rock forward or prevent a stable seated pose.

Step 9 - Final symmetry check

Set Mochi on a flat surface. Check the face from directly in front, the ear height from the top, the legs from the base, and the tail from behind. Correct any loose seam before burying the last yarn tails.

16. Sewing Methods

Join	Recommended method	How to work it
Flat applique to surface	Whip stitch	Pass through the outer edge of the applique and take shallow bites of the body/head fabric. Pull just snug enough to lie flat.
Open limb to body	Whip stitch through both layers	Pass through both loops of the limb edge and one or two body strands. Keep tension even so the opening does not pucker.
Head/body neck	Whip stitch	Catch both loops of the body opening and shallow head stitches around Head Rnds 23-25. Add extra passes only where support is needed.
Hidden leaf anchors	Small tack stitches	Enter from the back of the leaf, catch a body stitch, and return close to the entry point. Keep stitches invisible from the front.
Closing a small ring	Draw-through closure	Thread the yarn tail through remaining front loops, pull closed, secure with two small passes, then bury.

Do not pull seams so tightly that the plush yarn compresses into a hard ridge. The seam should be secure but soft enough to preserve the rounded amigurumi shape.

17. Final Visual Checklist

[ ] Face is centred and balanced on the head.
[ ] Eyes are level and approximately 10 sts centre-to-centre.
[ ] Nose is centred on CF, vertically oriented, and sits below the eye line.
[ ] Cheeks are mirrored and slightly outside the eyes.
[ ] Eyebrows are matched in height and curve.
[ ] Ears are symmetrical, cream centres face forward, and outer ruffles are not trapped in the seam.
[ ] Head is centred on the body and does not lean to one side.
[ ] Belly patch is centred and flat.
[ ] Arms are attached at matching shoulder heights and hug the leaf.
[ ] Leaf runs diagonally across the belly and its veins face forward.
[ ] Legs are mirrored and the paw pads face forward.
[ ] Both feet touch the surface at a similar height.
[ ] Tail is centred at CB and does not destabilize the seated pose.
[ ] No visible stuffing shows through the stitches.
[ ] No large crochet holes are visible around decreases or seams.
[ ] No safety-eye washer, knot, reinforcement, or loose end is exposed.
[ ] All seams are secure but not over-tightened.
[ ] All temporary markers and guide threads have been removed.
[ ] All yarn tails are secured and buried.

18. Troubleshooting

Problem	Practical fix
Stuffing shows through	Use a smaller hook or slightly firmer tension; replace large stuffing lumps with smaller pieces.
Mochi is too large / too small	Check yarn weight, hook size, and gauge. Keep the same stitch counts; change hook/yarn consistently for all pieces.
Continuous rounds twist	Keep BOR marked and reshape the fabric before stuffing. Minor spiral drift is normal.
Visible colour-change step	This pattern avoids main in-round colour changes. For embroidery details, start/finish on the back and bury ends cleanly.
Eyes look uneven	Check from straight ahead. If using safety eyes, correct placement before the washers are fitted.
Nose is off-centre	Remove pins/seam before fully securing; realign with CF and keep the long axis vertical.
Head leans	Open a small section of neck seam, adjust stuffing and re-pin head/body CF and CB before resewing.
Uneven limbs	Compare piece round counts and stuffing amounts; pin both sides before sewing either one permanently.
One ear sits higher	Check that both attachment zones span the same Head Rnds 8-15. Re-pin before completing the seam.
Tail points sideways	Re-pin the base directly on CB and keep the bobble centred over Body Rnds 6-9.
Gaps around sewn pieces	Add a second seam pass only through adjacent crochet strands; do not pull so tightly that the fabric puckers.
Loose attachment	Add small hidden reinforcing stitches at stress points, especially arm-to-body and head-to-body joins.
Flat base becomes rounded	Redistribute lower-body stuffing away from the centre base and press the base flat before attaching legs.
Holes after decreases	Use invisible decreases through the front loops and keep tension firm.

19. Printing and Customer Notes

- DIGITAL DOWNLOAD ONLY - NO PHYSICAL ITEM WILL BE SHIPPED.

- This pattern uses US crochet terminology.

- Recommended print setting: A4 paper, portrait orientation, 100% / Actual Size. Use Fit to Page only if your printer cannot print within the page margins.

- Finished measurements are calculated design targets. No physical prototype or test crochet was used.

- You may use this pattern for personal handmade projects and may sell finished handmade Mochi koalas in small quantities. Please credit the pattern name where practical.

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CUSTOMER NOTE

Keep a digital backup of the pattern and print only the pages you need. Marking the BOR, CF, and CB positions directly on a working copy can make assembly much easier.

20. Quick Reference

Piece	Key count / size	Placement
Head	Max 60 sts; 26 rnds	Eyes Rnds 14-15; nose Rnds 14-19
Body	Max 48 sts; top 24 sts open	Belly Rnds 6-18; arms Rnds 18-22
Outer ears	24 sts + 48-st ruffle edge	Head Rnds 8-15
Inner ears	18 sts	Centred on outer ears
Arms	18 -> 12 sts; 7 rnds	Upper body; angle inward
Legs	Max 24 sts; 8 rnds	Body Rnds 5-11
Paw pads	12 sts	Front of feet
Nose	16-st oval	Centred on CF; long axis vertical
Cheeks	6 sts each	Around Head Rnds 17-18
Tail	12-st bobble	CB, Body Rnds 6-9
Leaf	Rows 1-10, max 6 sts	Diagonal across belly

Before You Finish

Mochi is complete when the face is centred, the ears and legs are mirrored, the leaf is held neatly between the arms, the tail is centred at CB, all seams are secure, and the koala sits in a stable seated pose without exposed stuffing or loose yarn tails.

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