



Animal Mug Cosies

Crochet Pattern

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Notes on this Pattern:

Approximate finished size: These cosies were made to fit a straight sided mug 8cm in diameter, although can be stretched onto a bigger mug. The finished cosy is roughly 8cm high.

Skill level:

Easy.

Supplies:

8ply yarn (the equivalent of light worsted yarn) in two colours.

Black embroidery cotton.

12mm glue-on eyes and craft glue, or buttons

15mm safety nose or more embroidery cotton in the colour of your choice

A button roughly 12-15mm in diameter

A small amount of stuffing

5mm crochet hook

4mm crochet hook

Scissors

Yarn needle

Sewing pins

Stitch marker, or equivalent (otherwise you will just have to keep count!).

Abbreviations:

This pattern is written with UK crochet terminology. US terminology is included in brackets in this section, but will not be used throughout the pattern.

ch - chain

sl st - slip stitch

dc - double crochet (sc - single crochet)

tr - treble crochet (dc - double crochet)

st(s) - stitch/es

rep - repeat

dec - decrease.

A decreasing stitch is a way of lessening the number of stitches in a round by cinching two stitches together to make one, it is used when decreasing the width of a round. Insert hook through both loops of first st, wrap yarn over hook and draw back through, insert hook through both loops of next st, wrap yarn over hook and draw through - this leaves three loops on the hook. Wrap yarn over the hook again and draw it through the remaining loops on the hook, leaving just one loop on the hook.

Note: Some of this pattern is worked in continuous rounds. I find it helpful to use something to mark the beginning of each round to make it easier to keep count. Move the marker up to the first stitch of the next round after finishing the previous one.

Pattern:



Cosy:

Create the base of your cosy using a 5mm crochet hook.

- 1) 44ch, sl st into first ch creating a big loop. (44)
- 2) 1ch. 1dc in each ch st around. (44)
- 3) 3ch (counts as 1 tr), 1tr in each of next 41 sts. (42)
- 4-7) Flip work over, 3ch, 1tr in each of next 41 sts. (42)
- 8) Flip work over, 6ch, 1dc in last tr of previous round, 1dc in each st around. (42dc plus button hole loop). Fasten off yarn.
- 9) Join contrasting colour to the last st of the previous round. 1ch. 1dc in each dc of previous round. Fasten off yarn.
- 10) Turn the cosy upside-down. Join contrasting colour to the bottom loop of any ch st from the 1st row. 1ch. 1dc in all bottom loops from original starting chain. Sl st into first dc. (44) Fasten off yarn.

Sew a small button on the top corner of the cosy opposite the button hole loop. Using your yarn needle, tuck in any loose ends. This completes the base of the cosy.



Animal Features!

There are two facial features to crochet for each animal; the muzzle which is the same for all three animals, and the ears - each animal has a different type of ear to crochet. These parts of the pattern are worked in continuous rounds. I find it helpful to use something to mark the beginning of each round to make it easier to keep count of the rows. Move the marker up to the first stitch of the next round after finishing the previous one. Use a 4mm crochet hook to crochet the muzzle and ears.

Muzzle (make one for either Bear, Rabbit, or Cat):

- 1) 2ch, 6dc into first ch. (6)
- 2) 2dc into each st of previous round. (12)
- 3) (1dc in next st, 2dc in following st) rep x 6. (18)
- 4) (1dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in following st) rep x 6 (24)
- 5) 1dc in each st of previous round. (24)

Fasten off leaving a short yarn tail to use when sewing to the base of the cosy. Use the black embroidery cotton to stitch on a mouth, whisker spots or whatever markings you wish give your animal cosy it's unique expression. Clip the safety nose into the centre hole of the muzzle or use embroidery cotton to stitch a nose. Pin the muzzle onto the base cosy, I positioned mine about 15mm up from the bottom of the cosy and on the side of the cosy so that when I hold my mug in my right hand the animal is facing me. Where you position yours is up to you! Using the yarn needle and the tail of yarn left from crocheting the muzzle, start stitching the muzzle in place. When you are about three quarters of the way around, stop and stuff the muzzle with a small amount of stuffing. Finish stitching around the muzzle, fasten off the yarn and tuck in the end.



Bear Ears (make two):

- 1) 2ch, 6dc into first ch. (6)
- 2) 2dc into each st of previous round. (12)
- 3) (1dc in next st, 2dc in following st) rep x 6. (18)
- 4) 1dc in each st of previous round. (18)

Fasten off leaving a short yarn tail to use when sewing to the base of the cosy. Fold these small circles you have made in half, they will naturally curve slightly creating a nice ear shape. Pin the ears onto the base cosy, I positioned mine just below the final contrasting row, one on either side of the bear's face. Using the yarn needle and the tail of yarn left from crocheting each ear, stitch the ears in place. Fasten off the yarn and tuck in the ends.



Cat Ears (make two):

- 1) 2ch, 4dc into first ch. (4)
- 2) 2dc into each st of previous round. (8)
- 3) (1dc in next st, 2dc in following st) rep x 4. (12)
- 4) (1dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in following st) rep x 4 (16)
- 5) 1dc in each st of previous round. (16)

Fasten off leaving a short yarn tail to use when sewing to the base of the cosy. Flatten out these small cone shapes you have made, they will naturally curve slightly creating a nice ear shape. Pin the ears onto the base cosy, I positioned mine just below the final contrasting row, one on either side of the cat's face. Using the yarn needle and the tail of yarn left from crocheting each ear, stitch the ears in place. Fasten off the yarn and tuck in the ends.



Rabbit Ears (make two):

- 1) 2ch, 6dc into first ch. (6)
- 2) 2dc into each st of previous round. (12)
- 3) (1dc in next st, 2dc in following st) rep x 6. (18)
- 4) 1dc in each st of previous round. (18)
- 5) (1dc in next 7 sts, dec) rep x 2 (16)
- 6) 1dc in each st of previous round. (16)
- 7) (1dc in next 6 sts, dec) rep x 2 (14)
- 8) 1dc in each st of previous round. (14)
- 9) (1dc in next 5 sts, dec) rep x 2 (12)
- 10-12) 1dc in each st of previous round. (12)

Fasten off leaving a short yarn tail to use when sewing to the base of the cosy. Flatten out these flopsy ears, they will naturally curve slightly creating a nice ear shape. Pin the ears onto the base cosy, I positioned mine just below the final contrasting row, one on either side of the Rabbit's face. Using the yarn needle and the tail of yarn left from crocheting each ear, stitch the ears in place. Fasten off the yarn and tuck in the ends.



Nearly there...

The final step before you complete your animal mug cosy is to secure the eyes in place! Either glue glass eyes into position or sew on buttons. With positioning I quite like the cat and rabbit to have wide-set eyes and the bear to have close together eyes—but this is up to you!

Woohoo! Your mug cosies are complete!!!

A few reminders:

- You can wash your cosy gently by hand in cool water with a little bit of detergent (if you are using craft glue, it might pay to check that once dry the glue will be safe for washing without deteriorating). Let it dry flat in the shade.
- Make sure not to put your cosy in the microwave unless you swap out the buttons, eyes and nose for microwave-safe options.

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