Sheep

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Size
32 cm (10 1/2") tall, with DK weight alpaca wool and a 2,50 mm crochet hook.

Difficulty
3. Intermediate – includes some more complicated crochet stitches.

Skills required
Crocheting in spiral, crocheting in rounds, chain, slip, single and double crochet stitch, increasing and decreasing.

Contact Info
Pattern includes unlimited support from me over email or Skype. Crochet photo and video tutorials and helpful tips are available on my website.

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Tip! You can use the same pattern to make larger or smaller toys by using finer or bulkier yarn. Pick a crochet hook at least a size smaller than suggested on the yarn label and crochet tightly enough to achieve a tight gauge that will not allow the stuffing to show through the fabric. You may also need to adjust the size of the safety eyes.

Materials & Tools
- Yarn. I used DK weight 100% alpaca wool, 100 m = 50 g (109 yds = 50 g) / 8 ply / 11 wpi. You will need about 90 g of yarn for the fleece and about 40 g for the limbs and ears.
- 2,25 - 2,75 mm crochet hook (US size 1/B - 2/C) or according to the yarn.
- Polyester fiberfill, wool, wadding etc. for stuffing.
- 12 mm (1/2") safety toy eyes or buttons, beads, felt etc.
- Cotton embroidery floss.
- Yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker.

Abbreviations
- *mr*, *sc n* = magic ring – crochet n single crochet stitches in to the adjustable loop (see page 11).
- *sl st* = slip stitch (single crochet stitch in UK and Australia).
- *ch* = chain stitch.
- *sc* = single crochet stitch (double crochet stitch in UK and Australia).
- *bo* = bobble stitch – crochet 5 double crochet stitches together in the same stitch (see page 10).
- *inc* = increase – crochet two single crochet stitches in the same stitch.
- *inc3* = double increase – crochet three single crochet stitches in the same stitch.
- *dec* = crochet two single crochet stitches together using the invisible decrease (see page 10).
- *sc2tog* = crochet two single crochet stitches together using the regular method.
- *sc (or sl st, ch etc.) n* = make n single crochet stitches (or sl st, ch etc.), one in each stitch.
- *sc + bo* = crochet all stitches in the same stitch.
- *(sc 4, inc) x n* = repeat the pattern between parentheses n times.
- *(sc 4, inc) x 6 (36)* = number of stitches in a round after finishing round.

Notes
- Work in a continuous spiral, do not join or turn, unless instructed otherwise in the pattern.
- Use a stitch marker or a piece of yarn to mark the end or the beginning of a round.
- All stitches are worked in to both loops, unless instructed otherwise in the pattern.
**Color Code**

A – Yarn for the fleece, in this example ivory.
B – Yarn for the limbs and ears, in this example dark gray.

**Head**

The fleece is crocheted in rounds, starting each row with a chain and joining each round with a
*sl st* through the first stitch. Do not count them as stitches. Crochet the first *sc* or *bo* in the first stitch.

With **A**:

1: *mr, sc 10, sl st in 1st sc* (10)
2: *ch, (sc, bo + sc) x 5, sl st in 1st sc* (15)
3: *ch, (sc 2, inc) x 5, sl st in 1st sc* (20)
4: *ch, (sc, bo + sc) x 10, sl st in 1st sc* (30)
5: *ch, sc in each stitch, sl st in 1st sc* (30)
6: *ch, (bo + sc, sc) x 15, sl st in 1st bo* (45)
7: *ch, (sc 4, inc) x 9, sl st in 1st sc* (54)
8: *ch, (sc 2, bo) x 18, sl st in 1st sc* (54)
9: *ch, sc in each stitch, sl st in 1st sc* (54)
10: *ch, sc, bo, (sc 2, bo) x 17, sc, sl st in 1st sc* (54)