



CROCHET
SKILL LEVEL
EASY



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What you will need:

RED HEART® Bunches of Hugs™: 1 (1, 1) ball 6327 Princess

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 5 mm [US H-8]

Yarn needle, 4 (5, 6) buttons - ¾" [19 mm]

GAUGE: 14 sts = 4" [10 cm]; 8½ rows = 4" [10 cm], in double crochet. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.



RED HEART® Bunches of Hugs™, Art E866 available in solid color 14 oz (397 g), 948 yd (836 m); print 10 oz (284 g), 678 yd (620 m) balls.



Baby Bear Crochet Hoodie

Crochet a cozy hoodie and baby's mama will have the perfect extra layer to keep her little cub comfy. It takes just one big ball of Bunches of Hugs to create this adorable cardigan sweater with teddy bear ears.

Directions are for size 6 months. Changes for sizes 12 months, and 18 months are in parentheses.

Finished Chest: 20 (22½, 24½)" [51 (57, 62) cm]

Finished Length: 10½ (13½, 16½)" [26.5 (34.5, 42) cm], not including hood

Notes

1. Sweater is worked in one piece from the neck downwards. Piece is divided at underarms and body is then worked to lower edge.
2. Sleeves are worked directly into armholes and are worked in rounds down to cuff.
3. Hood is worked directly onto neck edge and is worked upwards.
4. Ears are worked separately and sewn to hood.

Special Stitch

dc2tog (double crochet 2 stitches together) = [Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times, yarn over, draw through all 3 loops on hook.

SWEATER

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Beginning at neck edge, ch 52.

Row 1 (foundation row): Dc in 4th ch from hook (3 skipped ch count as dc), dc in next 6 ch for first front, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch, dc in next 8 ch for first sleeve, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch, dc in next 14 ch for back, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch, dc in next 8 ch for second sleeve, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch, dc in last 8 ch for second front—54 dc and 4 ch-2 spaces.

Row 2 (increase row): Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), turn, [dc in each dc to next ch-2 space, (dc, ch 2, dc) in ch-2 space] 4 times, dc in each dc across—62 dc and 4 ch-2 spaces.

Rows 3–9 (11, 13): Repeat Row 2 for 7 (9, 11) more times—118 (134, 150) dc and 4 ch-2 spaces.

Note: At this point, you will have 17 (19, 21) sts for each front, 26 (30, 34) sts for each sleeve, and 32 (36, 40) sts for the back.

Body

Row 1 (dividing row): Ch 3, turn, *dc in each dc to next ch-2 space, dc in ch-2 space, ch 4 for underarm, skip all sts of next sleeve, dc in next ch-2 space; repeat from * once more, dc in each dc across—70 (78, 86) dc and 2 ch-4 spaces.

Row 2: Ch 3, turn, dc in each st and ch across—78 (86, 94) dc.

Row 3: Ch 3, turn, dc in each st across. Repeat Row 3 until body measures about 6 (8, 10)" [15 (20.5, 25.5) cm] from underarm.

Fasten off.

Sleeves

Round 1: Working over sts of one sleeve and beginning along opposite side of underarm ch, join yarn with slip st in 3rd underarm ch, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each underarm ch and dc of sleeve and also work 1 dc in edge of body row at each end of sleeve opening; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—32 (36, 40) dc.

Round 2 (decrease round): Ch 3, dc2tog, dc in each dc to last 2 dc, dc2tog; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—30 (34, 38) dc.

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Round 3: Ch 3, dc in each dc around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3. Repeat Rounds 2 and 3 for 4 (6, 7) more times—22 (22, 24) dc. Repeat Round 3 until sleeve measures about 6 (8, 9)" [15 (20.5, 23) cm] from underarm. Fasten off. Repeat for second sleeve.

Hood

Row 1 (right side): With right side facing and working along opposite side of foundation ch, skip ch at base of first dc, join yarn with slip st in ch at base of second dc of neck edge, ch 3, dc in next 17 ch, 2 dc in each of next 14 ch, dc in next 18 ch; leave last ch unworked—62 dc.

Row 2: Ch 3, turn, dc in each dc across. Repeat Row 2 until hood measures about 8" [20.5 cm] from neck edge. Do not fasten off. Fold last row of hood in half to bring the right side of stitches together. Working through both thicknesses, slip st in each st across to seam top of hood.

EARS (make 2)

Ch 5.

Row 1: Work 6 tr in 5th ch from hook (4 skipped ch count as tr)—7 tr.

Row 2: Ch 4 (counts as tr), tr in first st, 2 tr in each remaining st across—14 tr.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Use tail to sew ear to hood, curving ear into a crescent shape toward the front as you sew.

Repeat for second ear.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Block as desired. Sew buttons along left front, spaced as desired. Use spaces between dc stitches along right front for buttonholes.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **tr** = treble (triple) crochet; **()** = work directions in parentheses into same st; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

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