

## Baby Bear

1990s Crochet Pattern



**L**ittle bears make great buddies. This little buddy is crocheted from its toes to its head in one piece; you only sew seams for the legs and back. Plus, the clothes designed for the three little pigs (in this same issue) fit him perfectly.

**Materials:** Approximately one 3-ounce skein brown and a small amount black worsted weight acrylic yarn, a size G crochet hook, 12 inches of ribbon to tie around neck, tapestry needle and polyester stuffing.

**Finished Size:** 12 inches from head to toe

**Gauge:** 4 sc equal 1 inch

**TO SAVE TIME, TAKE TIME TO CHECK GAUGE.**

**Note:** Unless otherwise instructed, ch 1 and turn at end of each row for legs and body.

**Legs:** **ROW 1** Ch 3, 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, 2 sc in next ch — 4 sc. **ROWS 2 and 3** Sc in same st, sc until one st remains, 2 sc in last st — 8 sts at end of Row 3. **ROWS 4-7** Sc across. **ROW 8** Dec over next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, dec over

last 2 sts — 6 sts. **ROW 9** Dec over next 2 sts, sc in next st, dec over next 2 sts — 4 sts. **ROW 10** Sc across. **ROWS 11 and 12** Repeat Rows 2 and 3. **ROWS 13 and 14** Repeat Row 10. **ROW 15** Sc across. Ch 5, turn. **ROW 16** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each of remaining 3 ch, continue sc across row — 12 sts. Ch 9, turn. **ROW 17** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and remaining 7 ch, continue sc across — 20 sts. **ROWS 18-25** Sc across. Fasten off. Repeat for other leg reversing chains in Rows 15 and 16. Do not cut yarn.

**Body:** (working on both leg pieces) **ROW 1** Sc in each st across top of both leg pieces — 40 sts. **ROWS 2-10** Sc across. **ROW 11** Sc in next 2 sts, dec over next 2 sts, (sc in next 3 sts, dec over next 2 sts) across — 32 sts. **ROW 12** Sc in next st, dec over next 2 sts, (sc in next 2 sts, dec over next 2 sts) across — 24 sts. **ROW 13** Sc across.

**Head:** **ROW 1** 2 sc in next st, (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) across — 36 sts. **ROW 2** Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, (sc in

next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st) across — 48 sts. **ROWS 3-8** Sc across. **ROW 9** Sc in next 5 sts, dec over next 2 sts, (sc in next 6 sts, dec over next 2 sts) across — 42 sts. **ROW 10** Sc in next 4 sts, dec over next 2 sts, (sc in next 5 sts, dec over next 2 sts) across — 36 sts. **ROW 11** Sc in next 3 sts, dec over next 2 sts, (sc in next 4 sts, dec over next 2 sts) across — 30 sts. **ROW 12** Sc in next 2 sts, (dec over next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts) across — 24 sts. **ROW 13** Sc in next st, dec over next 2 sts, (sc in next 2 sts, dec over next 2 sts) across — 18 sts. **ROW 14** (Dec over next 2 sts, sc in next st) across — 12 sts. **ROW 15** Sc 3 tog across — 4 sts. Fasten off.

**Eyes:** With black, ch 2. Work 4 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Sl st. Fasten off.

**Nose:** With black, ch 2. Work 4 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Sl st. Join brown, ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st. Fasten off.

**Curls:** With brown, ch 6. Starting in 2nd ch from hook, sl st, sc 4, fasten off. Slip end

under stitch on head, tie knot and weave in end.

**Finishing:** Fold and sew leg seams. Sew back seam about 1 inch above legs and then sew head seam. Stuff with polyester filling and stitch back seam closed.

**Arms: RND 1** With camel, ch 2. Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. **RND 2** 2 sc in each st around, sl st — 12 sts. **RND 3** (Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) around, sl st — 18 sts. **RNDS 4-15** Sc around. Lightly stuff paw. **RND 16** Dec around, sl st — 9 sts. Fasten off. Stitch top closed and sew to shoulder. Repeat for other arm.

**Ears: RND 1** Ch 4, sl st to form circle, 2 sc in each st around, sl st — 8 sts. **RND 2** Sc around, sl st. **RND 3** (Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) around, sl st — 12 sts. Ch 1, turn. **RND 4** Sc around, sl st. Fasten off. Fold ear flat and stitch bottom seam. Sew to head. Repeat for other ear. 🐾