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Chunky Benji

## CHUNKY BENJI

It was clear to me that Benji The Bear needed a Chunky brother, from the very first moment he was sitting on our living room couch. At first I thought I will pick up a bulky yarn from my stash and crochet the original pattern just as is. But eventually it came out as a new pattern especially made for a chunky creature. The result is a soft and bulky bear that is not just a dream to hug but also a good friend for all loved hearts no matter what age or gender. Chunky Benji is a quick project that can make a great gift.

## LEVEL

This pattern is written step by step to make it easier for you to follow. You have to be familiar with the basic crochet stitches. Watch "how to single crochet" on Youtube to get some help if needed.

## SIZE & MEASUREMENTS

Length from ear to toe - 15.7" (40 cm)

Height while sitting - 10.6" (27cm)

## YARN

Approximately 300 meters Bulky weight yarn.

Chunky Benji as seen in pictures was crocheted in de rerum natura Cyrano 150m / 100 g - 2 skeins.

Sample shown in colour Poivre Blanc.

## SUGGESTED HOOK SIZE

4.5 mm crochet hook.

Use any hook size to obtain gauge.

## GAUGE

16 sts & 18 rows = 4 x 4" (10 x 10 cm) measured on a sc sts.

## NOTIONS & MORE MATERIALS YOU'LL NEED

A small piece of black or brown yarn for the first part of the nose.

8 - 10 mm safety eyes (use a black yarn to embroider when made for a baby)

Soft stuffing material (cotton or acrylic)

Stitch markers, row counter, tapestry needle and crafty scissors.

Chunky Benji is made to be sited. It also made to be soft and to give warm hugs so don't fill his body parts too much. Keep it soft and half empty.

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**ABBREVIATIONS (US crochet terms)**

beg	=	beginning
BLO	=	Back loop only
ch	=	chain stitch
cont	=	continue
FLO	=	front loop only
lp(s)	=	loop(s)
pre	=	previous
rep	=	repeat
(s)	=	round(s)
st(s)	=	stitch(es)
sl st	=	slip stitch
sc	=	single crochet
yo	=	yarn over
*...*	=	rep instructions between **x times
inc	=	increase: make 2 sc in same stitch.
sc2tog	=	single crochet next two stitches together as follows: insert your hook into the next st to FLO, insert hook into the next st FLO, yo and pull back through both picked lps (2 lps on hook), yo and pull through 2 remaining lps.

**NOTES**

This project works spiral. Mark the first stitch every round. It will make it easier for you to know where is the end of each round.

If this Bear is made for a child under three yo, use safety eyes or embroider eyes with any black / brown yarn you have in stash.

**VIDEO TUTORIALS**

Standing Single Crochet

<https://bit.ly/3Wa77XX>

First three rounds of the body

<https://bit.ly/3fexueD>

Make holes for the legs

<https://bit.ly/3NmsYqZ>

How to crochet the nose

<https://youtu.be/njCjfVoidEY>

How to invisible join

cut the yarn leaving 15 cm tail. Pull the lp out. Thread a needle onto the yarn tail, insert the needle under both lps of the second st ahead of you - not the next one but the one after - left bottom picture. Pull the yarn out. Insert needle in the middle of the last sc made - centre bottom picture. Pull the yarn all the way out. Weave in tail. You have just created a clean edge to your work.



# INSTRUCTIONS

## Make nose

Start with making the nose, when it's done, leave it aside, we'll attach it to the body later.

First rnd of nose will be made with any Black or Brown yarn you have in stash. I used 4ply cotton and crocheted holding a double strand together.

**To start** ch 4 with Black / Brown yarn and 4.5mm hook..

**Rnd 1.** Work around the foundation ch as follow: sc in the 2nd ch from hook, sc in next, 3sc in last st - corner made. Work from the other side of ch now: sc in next, sc where first sc - corner completed. Cut the yarn leaving 15 cm tail. Pull the lp out and make an invisible join. Mark your invisible join st you just made. (8 sts)

**Rnd 2.** work in BLO (back lp only) from now. Attach your main yarn to BLO of the invisible st you have just created. ch1 and sc in same st (or you can make a standing sc instead). inc in next, sc, inc in next 3 sts, sc, inc, sc in same st where first sc made. (14 sts)

Continue working spiral in BLO

**Rnd 3.** sc in first sc from pre rnd, inc, sc in next 2, (inc, sc in next) x3, sc, inc, sc, inc in last st. (20 sts)

**Rnd 4.** sc around in BLO. Close with invisible join to BLO of 2nd st ahead. Cut the yarn leaving about 30 cm' tail to attach the nose to the head later. Put all other tails into the nose to fill it. Put nose aside, for later and continue working.



## Body part 1

Work spiral, mark the first st in each rnd.

**To start** ch 6.

Work around the foundation ch as follow:

**rnd 1.** sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3, make 3 sc in last st - corner made. Now work from the other side of the ch: sc in next 3, make one more sc into the same st where your first st made - corner completed. (12 sts including the skipped st from the beg).

**rnd 2.** inc in next 2 sts (the first one is the skipped one from the foundation ch). sc in next 3 sts, inc in next 3 sts, sc in next 3 sts, inc in last. (18 sts)

**rnd 3.** (inc, sc) x2. sc in 3, (inc, sc) x3, sc in 3, inc, sc in last. (24 sts)

**rnd 4.** (inc, sc in 2) x2, sc in 3, (inc, sc in 2) x3, sc in 3, inc, sc in last 2. (30 sts)

**rnd 5.** (inc, sc in 3) x2, sc in 3, (inc, sc in 3) x3, sc in 3, inc, sc in last 3. (36 sts),

**rnd 6.** (inc, sc in 4) x2, sc in 3, (inc, sc in 4) x3, sc in 3, inc, sc in last 4. (42 sts)

**rnd 7.** (sc in 2, inc) x3, sc in 12, (sc in 2, inc) x3. sc in last 12. (48 sts)

## Create holes for legs

**rnd 8.** sc, ch8, sk6, sc, inc, sc in 20, inc, sc, ch8, sk6, sc in last 11. (38 sc's + 2x ch8).

**rnd 9.** sc, sc in each ch8, use uper lp only, sc in 6, inc, sc in 12, inc, sc in 6, sc in each ch8, sc in 2, inc, sc in 6, inc, sc in last. (58 sts)

The legs will be made out of these open parts later. Continue working the body as follows.

**rnd 10.** (sc in 4, inc) x3, sc in16, inc, (sc in 4, inc) x2, sc in last 16. (64 sts)

**rnd 11.** sc in 6, inc, sc in 3, inc, sc in 6, inc, sc in 18, inc, sc in 6, inc, sc in 3, inc, sc in 16. (70 sts)

**rnd 12.** sc in 12, inc, sc in 32, inc, sc in 24. (72 sts)

**rnds 13 - 22.** (10 rnds) sc around.

## Body part 2

**rnd 1.** sc2tog, sc around. (71 sts)

**rnd 2.** sc in 34, sc2tog, sc in 35. (70 sts)

**rnd 3.** sc around.

**rnd 4.** sc in 12, sc2tog, sc in 30, sc2tog, sc in 24 (68 sts)

**rnd 5.** sc around.

**rnd 6.** sc in 14, sc2tog, sc in 26, sc2tog, sc in 24 (66 sts)

**rnd 7.** sc in 18, sc2tog, sc in 20, sc2tog, sc in 24 (64 sts)

**rnd 8.** sc in 30, sc2tog, sc in 32 (63 sts)

**rnd 9.** sc in 20, sc2tog, sc in 15, sc2tog, sc in 24 (61 sts)

**rnd 10.** sc around.

**rnd 11.** sc in 10, sc2tog, sc in 32, sc2tog, sc in 15 (59 sts)

**rnd 12.** sc around.

**rnd 13.** sc in 28, sc2tog, sc in 29 (58 sts)

**rnd 14.** sc in 55, sc2tog, sc in last (57 sts)

**rnd 15.** sc in 18, sc2tog, sc in 16, sc2tog, sc in 19 (55 sts)

**rnd 16.** sc around.

**rnd 17.** sc in 20, sc2tog, sc in 12, sc2tog, sc in 19 (53 sts)

## Create holes for arms

**rnd 1.** sc in 10, ch5, sk 5 sts, sc in 22, ch5, sk 5 sts, sc in 9, sc2tog, (42 sts + 2x ch5)

**rnd 2.** sc in 10 sts, sc in each ch5 st, using one lp of each ch st, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc in each ch5 st, sc in last 10 sts. (51 sts)

Fill in some stuffing material into the lower part of the body and the sitting area, leave the upper part of the body almost empty.

## Head

**rnd 1.** sc in 12, sc2tog, sc in 24, sc2tog, sc in 11 (49 sts)

**rnd 2.** sc in 12, sc2tog, sc in 23, sc2tog, sc in 10 (47 sts)

**rnd 3.** sc in 24, sc2tog, sc in 21 (46 sts)

**rnd 4.** sc in 11, sc2tog, sc in 22, sc2tog, sc in 9 (44 sts)

**rnd 5.** sc around.

**rnd 6.** sc in 11, sc2tog, sc in 21, sc2tog, sc in 8 (42 sts)

**rnd 7.** sc2tog, sc in 20, sc2tog, sc in 18 (40 sts)

**rnd 8.** sc around.

**rnd 9.** sc in 10, sc2tog, sc in 18, sc2tog, sc in 8 (38 sts)

**rnd 10.** sc in 19, sc2tog, sc in 17. (37 sts).

**rnd 11.** sc in 11, sc2tog, sc in 24. (36 sts)

**rnd 12.** \* sc in 7, sc2tog \* rep 4 times. (32 sts)

## Locate Nose and Eyes

Place the nose 2 rnds below the last one, in the middle of the front side. Use the yarn left from the nose, thread a needle and attach it to the face. Place the eyes at the top of the nose, as in pictures. Leave about 5 sc's between the eyes.

Fill in some stuffing material into the head, try to keep the stuffing material up.

## Continue working the head

**rnd 13.** \* sc in 2, sc2tog \* rep 8 times. (24 sts)

Fill in some more stuffing material.

**rnd 14.** \* sc in 4, sc2tog \* rep 4 times. (20 sts)

**rnd 15.** \* sc in 3, sc2tog \* rep 4 times. (16 sts)

**rnd 16.** \* sc2tog \* rep 8 time. (8 sts)

Leave about 30 cm' yarn and break the yarn. You will finish the head after attaching ears as follow.

Before making the last rnd of the head go ahead make the ears and attach them. The little hole left in top of the head will help you attaching them.

Follow instructions in page #7.

After the ears are attached, finish head as follow:

**rnd 17.** \* sc2tog \* rep twice.

Cut yarn, leaving about 20 cm. pull the lp, weave in tail to close the hole, hide yarn tail and cut.

## Legs

Create the legs using the sts around the open parts at the bottom of the body. Work Spiral

**Rnd 1.** Attach yarn in 3rd st in the opening part, at the bottom of the body, in the part close to 1st rnd. ch1 and sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, sc in each of ch8 sts. sc in next 2 sts that are located next to the st you started from. (14 sts)

**Rnd 2.** \* sc in 6, inc \* rep twice. (16 sts)

**Rnd 3.** sc in 15, inc in last. (17 sts)

**Rnd 4.** sc around.

**Rnd 5.** sc in 7, inc, sc in 9. (18 sts)

**Rnds 6 - 7.** (2 rnds) sc around.

**Rnd 8.** sc in 17, inc in last. (19 sts)

**Rnds 9 - 11.** (3 rnds) sc around.

**Rnd 12.** sc in 14, inc, sc in 4. (20 sts)

**Rnds 13 - 14.** (2 rnds) sc around.

**Rnd 15.** sc in 6, inc, sc in 13. (21 sts)

**Rnds 16 - 18.** (3 rnds) sc around.

**Rnd 19.** sc in 3, sc2tog, sc in 16. (20 sts)

**Rnd 20.** \* sc in 3, sc2tog \* rep 4 times. (16 sts)

Fill in some stuffing material, not too much - Leave the upper part of the leg empty.

The leg has to be flexible so the bear can sit.

**Rnd 21.** \* sc in 2, sc2tog \* rep 4 times. (12 sts)

**Rnd 22.** \* sc in next st, sc2tog \* rep 4 times. (8 sts)

Fill some more stuffing material in the toe part.

**Rnd 23.** Make just one or two sc2tog. (7 sts)

Cut the yarn, leaving 15 cm tail. Thread a needle onto the tail and close the hole. Weave the tail and cut. Make the second leg. just the same as you created the first one.

## Arms

Create the arms by using the 10 sts around the open parts that we created on two sides of the body. Just as we made the legs.

**rnd 1.** Attach a new yarn to the 4th st of the body's open part, at the underarms.

Make a standing sc, sc in next, sc in each single st of the ch5, sc in next 3 sts in underarms. (10 sts)

Cont working spiral. Mark the first st in each rnd.

**rnd 2.** sc in 9, inc in last. (11 sts)

**rnd 3.** sc in 6, inc, sc in 4. (12 sts)

**rnds 4.** sc around.

**rnd 5.** sc in 11, inc in last. (13 sts)

**rnd 6.** sc around.

**rnd 7.** sc in 5, inc, sc in 7. (14 sts)

**rnds 8 - 11.** (4 rnds) sc around.

**rnd 12.** sc in 13, inc. (15 sts)

**rnd 13.** sc around.

**rnds 14.** sc in 14, inc, in last. (16 sts)

**rnds 15.** sc around.

**rnd 16.** sc in 9, inc, sc in 6. (17 sts)

**rnds 17 - 20.** (4 rnds) sc around.

**rnd 21.** sc in 6, sc2tog, sc in 7, sc2tog. (15 sts)

Fill in stuffing material into the lower half of the hand, leave the upper part completely empty.

**rnd 22.** \* sc in 3, sc2tog \* rep 3 times. (12 sts)

**rnd 23.** \* sc in next, sc2tog \* rep 4 times. (8 sts)

**rnd 24.** sc2tog twice. (6 sts) Cut the yarn, leave 12 cm tail, thread a needle and weave it in to close hole at to hide the tails. Make the second hand.

**Ears** make 2

Work spiral, mark first st in each rnd.

**To start** make a magic lp.

**rnd 1.** sc 6 in the yarn lp and tighten the lp..

**rnd 2.** inc in each st around (12 sts).

**rnd 3.** \* sc in next, inc \* rep 6 times (18 sts).

**rnd 4.** \* sc in 8, inc \* rep twice (20 sts).

**rnd 5.** sc around (20 sts).

**rnd 6.** sc in 10, sc2tog x5 (15 sts).

The ears should look like the top picture. They got a little bowl shape. Leave about 25 cm yarn tail, cut the yarn and pull the lp.

**Attach the ears**

Place the ears on top of the bear head. Look at the picture to see the right place to locate them. Attach both ears to head, using the yarn tail left on each ear. Stitch around the ear hiding your sts between the crochet sts. Don't try to make it perfect, it can't be perfect, that's what gives your bear it's special character.

Fill the head with some stuffing material.  
Make the last head rnd to close it, weave in tails .  
Your Chunky Benji is ready to be hugged !!




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