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## Raccoon Crochet Lovey

Every baby needs a lovey for comfort and companionship. Our cute crochet raccoon is a true charmer and is just the right size to take wherever baby goes.

Lovey measures 22" x 22" (56 x 56 cm).

### Notes

1. Raccoon head, muzzle, ears, and arms are worked in continuous (spiral) rounds with right side facing at all times. Do not join at end of rounds unless stated otherwise. Place marker for beginning of round and move marker up as each round is completed.
2. Blankie is worked in joined rounds with right side facing at all times
3. To prevent a choking hazard, do not glue any eye pieces in place. Sew securely as instructed.

### Special Stitch

**sc2tog** = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

### Special Techniques

**Adjustable-ring method** = Wrap yarn into a ring, ensuring that the tail falls behind the working yarn. Grip ring and tail firmly between middle finger and thumb. Insert hook through center of ring, yarn over (with working yarn) and draw up a loop. Work stitches of first round in the ring, working over both strands (the tail and the ring). After the first round of stitches is worked, pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

**Join with sc** = Place a slip knot on hook, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.

### LOVEY

#### Raccoon Head

With smaller hook and **A**, make an adjustable ring.

**Round 1:** Ch 1, 6 sc in ring—6 sc. Place marker on first stitch and move up as each round is completed.

**Round 2:** Work 2 sc in each st around—12 sc.



**Round 3:** \*Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; repeat from \* around—18 sc.

**Round 4:** \*Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from \* around—24 sc.

**Round 5:** \*Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from \* around—30 sc.

**Round 6:** \*Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from \* around—36 sc.

**Round 7:** \*Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from \* around—42 sc.

**Round 8:** \*Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from \* around—48 sc.

**Round 9:** \*Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from \* around—54 sc.

**Rounds 10-19:** Sc in each st around.

**Round 20:** \*Sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog; repeat from \* around—48 sc.

**Round 21:** \*Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog; repeat from \* around—42 sc.

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### What you will need:

#### RED HEART® Baby Hugs™

**Medium:** 1 ball each 4410 Dolphin **A**, 4012 Ink **B**, 4001 Frosting **C**, and 4953 Fairy Tale **D**

#### Susan Bates® Crochet Hooks:

3.75mm [US F-5] and 5mm [US H-8]

Yarn needle, stitch marker, polyester fiberfill, small piece of white felt, sewing needle and black thread

**GAUGE:** 24 sts = 4" (10 cm); 20 rows = 4" (10 cm) with smaller hook; 12 sts = 4" (10 cm); 5 rows = 3¼" (8 cm) with larger hook. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.



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**Round 22:** \*Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog; repeat from \* around—36 sc. Stuff firmly with fiberfill and continue stuffing as rounds are completed.  
**Round 23:** \*Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog; repeat from \* around—30 sc.  
**Round 24:** \*Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog; repeat from \* around—24 sc.  
**Round 25:** \*Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog; repeat from \* around—18 sc.  
**Round 26:** \*Sc in next st, sc2tog; repeat from \* around; join with slip st in first sc—12 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

### Muzzle

With smaller hook and **B**, make an adjustable ring.  
**Round 1:** Ch 1, 4 sc in ring—4 sc. Place marker on first stitch and move up as each round is completed.  
**Round 2:** Sc in each st around—4 sc.  
**Round 3:** Working in back loops only, \*sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; repeat from \* once; change to **C**—6 sc.  
**Round 4:** Work 2 sc in each st around—12 sc.  
**Round 5:** Sc in each st around.  
**Round 6:** \*Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; repeat from \* around—18 sc.  
**Rounds 7 and 8:** Sc in each st around; at end of last round, join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

### Muzzle Blaze (Stripe)

**Row 1 (right side):** With smaller hook and working in unworked front loops of Round 3 of Muzzle, join **A** with sc in any st, sc in next st, turn—2 sc.  
**Row 2:** Ch 1, 2 sc in each st across, turn—4 sc.  
**Rows 3–5:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn. Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

### Eye (make 2)

With smaller hook and **B**, make an adjustable ring.  
**Round 1:** Ch 1, 4 sc in ring; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

### Eye Mask

With smaller hook, **B**, and leaving a long tail, ch 27.  
**Row 1:** Working in back bars, slip st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 2 ch, sc in next 2 ch, hdc in next 2 ch, dc in next 2 ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, slip st in next 4 ch, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 ch, hdc in next 2 ch, sc in next 2 ch, slip st in last 3 ch, turn—26 sts.  
**Row 2 (right side):** Ch 1, sc in first 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, slip st in next 4 sts, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in last 3 sts. Fasten off.  
**Row 3:** With wrong side of Row 1 facing and working in opposite side of foundation ch, join **B** with slip st in first ch, slip st in next 2 ch, sc in next 2 ch, hdc in next 2 ch, dc in next 2 ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, slip st in next 4 ch, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 ch, hdc in next 2 ch, sc in next 2 ch, slip st in last 3 ch, turn.  
**Row 4:** Repeat Row 2. Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

### Ear (make 2)

With smaller hook, **A**, and leaving a long tail, ch 16; join with slip st in first ch.  
**Round 1:** Sc in each ch around—16 sts. Place marker on first stitch and move up as each round is completed.  
**Round 2:** \*Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts; repeat from \* around—14 sts.  
**Round 3:** \*Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts; repeat from \* around—12 sts.

**Round 4:** Sc in each st around.  
**Round 5:** \*Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts; repeat from \* around—10 sts.  
**Round 6:** [Sc2tog] 5 times; join with slip st in first sc—5 sts. Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

### Arm (make 2)

With smaller hook and **A**, make an adjustable ring.  
**Round 1:** Ch 1, 6 sc in ring—6 sc. Place marker on first stitch and move up as each round is completed.  
**Round 2:** Work 2 sc in each st around—12 sts.  
**Rounds 3–24:** Sc in each st around, inserting fiberfill as work progress. Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

### Blankie

With larger hook and **D**, make an adjustable ring.  
**Round 1:** Ch 1, 12 dc in ring; join with slip st in first dc—12 dc.  
**Round 2:** Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), \*(2 dc, tr) in next dc, (tr, 2 dc) in next dc, dc in next dc; repeat from \* twice, (2 dc, tr) in next dc, (tr, 2 dc) in next dc; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—20 dc and 8 tr.  
**Round 3:** Ch 3, \*dc in each dc around to next tr, (2 dc, tr) in next tr, (tr, 2 dc) in next tr; repeat from \* 3 times, dc in each remaining dc; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—36 dc and 8 tr.  
**Rounds 4 and 5:** Repeat Round 3—68 dc and 8 tr.  
**Round 6:** Repeat Round 3; change to **C**—84 dc and 8 tr.  
**Round 7:** Repeat Round 3; change to **B**—100 dc and 8 tr.  
**Round 8:** Repeat Round 3; change to **D**—116 dc and 8 tr.  
**Rounds 9–13:** Repeat Rounds 4–8—196 dc and 8 tr.

**Rounds 14–16:** Repeat Rounds 5–7—244 dc and 8 tr.  
**Round 17:** Repeat Round 3—260 dc and 8 tr. Fasten off.

## FINISHING

Refer to photograph as a guide for placement of pieces.  
**Nose:** With strand of **B**, embroider straight stitches vertically over Rounds 2 and 3 of muzzle. Weave in end tail to wrong side and secure.  
**Ears:** Weave end tail through last round and pull gently to close. Secure and weave in end. Flatten ear and hold with edges of Round 1 together. With beginning tail, sew edges together, then sew edges to top of head, placing corner of each ear at round 7.  
**Muzzle:** With blaze at top, align muzzle at Round 16. Holding blaze away from stitching, sew muzzle to head with **C**-colored end tail, stuffing with fiberfill as work progress. With **A**-colored end tail, sew blaze to top of muzzle and head.  
**Eyes:** Weave in ends. Cut 2 circles of felt slightly larger than each eye. With sewing needle and thread, sew each eye to felt piece.  
**Eye Mask:** Position inner curve of mask over seamline of blaze, pin mask in place across head and whipstitch edges with end tails. Pin eye pieces in place and sew with needle and thread.  
**Arms:** Weave beginning tail through stitches of Round 1 and pull gently to close. Hold edges of last round together and, with end tail, sew edges together. Spread blankie on flat surface. Place flat edge of each arm between Rounds 1 and 2; positioning rounded ends

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towards opposite corners. Sew arms securely in place with end tails.

**Head:** Add additional stuffing if needed. Weave end tail through last round, pull gently to close, knot securely. Center head on Round 1 between arms. With end tail, sew securely in place through last rounds so head is not floppy. Weave in ends.

### ABBREVIATIONS

**A, B, C** = Color A, Color B, Color C, etc.;  
**ch** = chain(s); **dc** = double crochet;  
**hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single 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.

