

# BearSKIMO

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## Materials Needed -

- Size 7 / 1.65mm Steel Crochet Hook
- 2 Colors of Size 8 perle cotton crochet thread or Dee-Lite Punch Thread
- Embroidery thread for nose, mouth and eyebrows (for this bear I used a 6mm round acrylic cabochon for the nose)
- Long, sturdy needle
- 11/0 Black seed beads for the eyes
- Polyester fiberfill
- Dental Floss for joining

## Abbreviations -

sc = single crochet  
hdc = half double crochet  
st = stitch  
ch = chain

## Important Note-

DO NOT join rounds. Mark the beginning of each round with contrasting thread.

Hide the ends of yarn inside the body.

Run a small stitch of white embroidery thread under the eyes for added depth..

If you want to be able to pose your bear's arms then I suggest not to over-stuff them. Stuff the hands until they are firm and very lightly stuff the arms. Smaller hook and thread will make a smaller bear. Larger hook and thread will make a larger bear.

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## **-HEAD**

Use MC from Rnd 1 to end of Rnd 5, change to AC at beginning of Rnd 6.

Rnd 1: ch 2. 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. (6 sc)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around (12 sc)

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) around (18 sc)

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) around (24 sc)

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) around (30 sc)

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) around (36 sc)

Rnd 7: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) around (42 sc)

Rnd 8-9: sc in each st around (42 sc)

Rnd 10: (sc in next 5 st, sc next 2 st together) around (36 sc)

Rnd 11: (sc in next 4 st, sc next 2 st together) around (30 sc)

Rnd 12: (sc in next 3 st, sc next 2 st together) around (24 sc)

Rnd 13: (sc in next 2 st, sc next 2 st together) around (18 sc)

Rnd 14: (sc in next st, sc next 2 st together) around (12 sc)

Stuff head, gather opening with a needle and sew shut.  
Hide thread inside head.

## **-Body**

Use MC from Rnd 1 to end of Rnd 5, change to AC at beginning of Rnd 6.

Rnd 1: ch 2. 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. (6 sc)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around (12 sc)

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) around (18 sc)

Rnd 4-9: sc in each st around (18 sc)

Rnd 10: (sc in next st, sc next 2 st together) around (12 sc)

Rnd 11-15: sc in each st around (12 sc)

Stuff body, gather opening with a needle and sew shut.  
Hide thread inside body

## **-Arms**

Use MC from Rnd 1 to end of Rnd 5, change to AC at beginning of Rnd 6.

Rnd 1: ch 2. 9 sc in 2nd ch from hook. (9 sc)

Rnd 2-13: sc in each st around (9 sc)

Stuff arm, gather opening with a needle and sew shut.  
Hide thread inside the arm.

## **-Legs**

Use AC from Rnd 1 to Rnd 7, change to MC at beginning of Rnd 8

Rnd 1: ch 2, 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook. (8 sc)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st (16 sc)

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) around (24 sc)

Rnd 4: sc next 2 st together (3 times), sc in next 18 st (21 sc)

Rnd 5: sc next 2 st together (3 times), sc in next 15 st (18 sc)

Rnd 6: sc next 2 st together (3 times), sc in next 12 st (15 sc)

Rnd 7-13: sc in each st around (15 sc)

Stuff leg, gather opening with a needle and sew shut. Hid thread inside the leg.

## **-Ears**

Use MC

Rnd 1: ch 2, 8 hdc in 2nd ch from hook.

Fasten off. Leave a long enough tail to attach the ears to the head.

Position the ears wherever they suit you. Pin them in place with a straight pin and sew them to the head working behind the ears so your stitches will not show in front.



### -Embellishing your bear

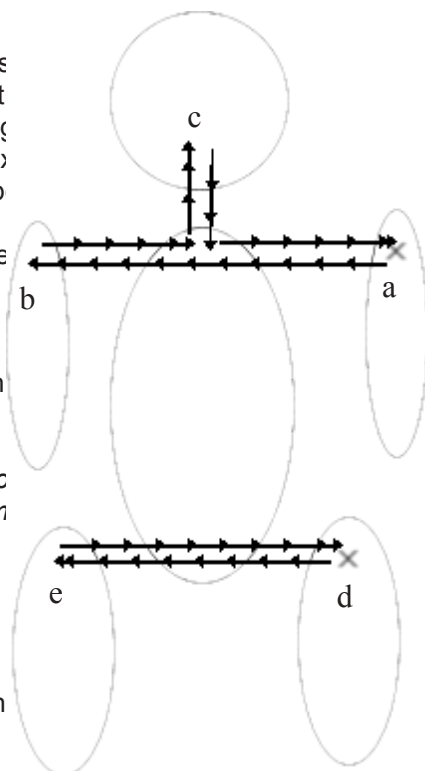
When making a bear with incorporated clothing, like a hoodie and booties, I like to add a little trim around the hood, wrists, waist and at the top of the boots. A single strand of yarn, ribbon or a crochet chain will give your bear added dimension. Fit the trim to the bear and tack the trim in place with coordinating embroidery thread. Dress up your bear. Make it uniquely yours by adding buttons, beads, charms, etc. Embellishing is the best part of bear making!



### - Thread Joining

Use strong Dental floss threaded on a long, st needle. Leaving a long insert needle at "a", go back through the b you entered and out through "the top of the neck, take a deep stitch through the base of the head ("c"), go back through the neck in the same hole and exit at "a".

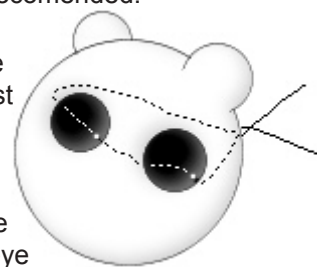
*Notice that you are not going through the arm completely. Just through the insides where the arms meet the body. That way your joints will not show. Tie a very strong knot. Use at least 3 tight knots. Hide the*



dental floss in the body. Cut off excess thread. The legs are done in the same way. Your bear is now posable! If the knots are too loose then your bear will not be able to hold position. Dental floss is highly recommended.

### - Placing the Eyes

Insert the needle into the back of the head and exit the front where the first eye will be placed. Pick up the eye (bead, glass eye, etc.) and go back into the head just 1 stitch away from where you exited and back out of the head in the spot where the second eye will be placed. Pick up the eye and go back into the head, one stitch away from where you exited, and exit the back of right where you first entered. Tie a strong knot and hide the thread inside of the head.



### - Attaching the Ears

After firmly stuffing the head and placing the eyes, use a straight pin and position the ears on the head. Using the thread tail from the ear sew the ear in place.

### - Embroidering

Using embroidery thread in the color of your choice, begin by entering the front of the face where the bottom of the nose will be. Leave a long tail. Start with an outline of about 5 stitches. Then begin to fill in the gaps. Try your best to keep your tension even.

Never pick at stray thread, always work the stitches vertically and not horizontally.

