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Materials Needed -

- Size 0 / 3.25mm Steel Crochet Hook
- Red Heart Classic Worsted Medium Weight Yarn & TLC Amore Worsted Medium Weight Yarn
- Embroidery thread for eyelashes, eyebrows and mouth
- Polymer Clay for nose
- Long, sturdy needle
- 4mm Czech Druk Beads for eyes or 4mm Teddy Eyes
- Polyester fiberfill
- Chenille Pipe Cleaners for arms
- Dental Floss for joining

Abbreviations -

- sc = single crochet
- hdc = half double crochet
- st = stitch
- ch = chain
- tog = together
- ea = each

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 TLC Amore Yarn)

Rnd 1: ch 2, 7 sc in 2nd ch from hk (7)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in ea st around (14)

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) around (21)

Rnd 4-6: sc in ea st around (21)

Rnd 7: (sc in next st, sc next 2 st tog) around (14)

Rnd 8: (sc next 2 st tog) around (7)

- Leave a long thread tail for closing. Stuff head. Going under the front loops only, gather the opening and sew shut. Hide thread inside head.

-Body (Use Red Heart Classic Yarn)

Rnd 1: ch 2, 7 sc in 2nd ch from hk (7)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st (14)

Rnd 3-8: sc in ea st around (14)

Rnd 9: (sc next 2 st tog) around (7)

- Leave a long tail for closing. Stuff body. Going under the front loops only, gather the opening and sew shut. Hide thread inside body

-Arms (Use Red Heart Classic Yarn)

Rnd 1: ch 2, 7 sc in 2nd ch from hook (7)

Rnd 2-10: sc in each st around (7)

- Leave a long tail. *Stuff arms. Going under the front loops only, gather the opening and sew shut. Hide thread inside arm.

*Use a doubled-over chenille pipe cleaner instead of stuffing. This will allow the bears arms to bend and hold their pose.

-Legs (Use Red Heart Classic Yarn)

Rnd 1: ch 9, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 6 ch, 3 sc in last ch, [working on other side of ch] sc in next 6 ch, 2 sc in last ch (18)

Rnd 2: sc in each st around (18)

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

Rnd 4: sc in next 2 st, sc next 2 st tog (4 times), sc in next 2 st (8)

Rnd 5-9: sc in each st around (8)

- Leave a long tail. Stuff legs. Going under the front loops only, gather the opening and sew shut. Hide thread inside arm.

-Ears (Use Red Heart Classic Yarn)

Rnd 1: ch 2, 7 sc in 2nd ch from hook (7 sc)

- Leave a long tail to use when attaching the ears to the head.

-Muzzle (Use TLC Amore Yarn, optional -not used on Anime-style bears)

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

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

Rnd 3: sc in each st around

- Leave a long tail to use when attaching the muzzle to the face.

- 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.

