

## Spring Finger Puppets



Spring! The very word conjures images of flowers bursting from their winter sleep, warm sunshine, gusty days, and of course, baby animals. Get a jump on spring with this adorable trio of finger puppets! A chick, a sheep, and a bunny work up rapidly from tiny scraps of worsted weight yarn, and all three fit cozily inside their stripey egg-shaped bag. Instant gratification that's an instant hit with the kids? Sounds like a winner to me.

### Sizes and Materials List ...

<b>Size:</b>	Bag is approximately 4.5" high; puppets should fit up to adult-sized fingers.
<b>Hook(s):</b>	US H/8 (5.00 mm) or size needed to obtain gauge.
<b>Yarn:</b>	Red Heart Super Saver [100% Acrylic, 364 yds/195 g skein]
<b>Colors &amp; Approx. Yardage:</b>	<p><b>Chick:</b> Bright Yellow (A), 5 yds; Pumpkin, small amount; Black, small amount</p> <p><b>Bunny:</b> Cafe (B), 10 yds; Black, small amount</p> <p><b>Sheep:</b> Aran (C), 10 yds; Black, small amount</p> <p><b>Bag:</b> Light Blue (D), 25 yds; Rose Pink (E), 15 yds; Aran (C), 10 yds</p>
<b>Notions:</b>	Yarn Needle
<b>Gauge:</b>	15 sts and 16 rows = 4"/10 cm in single crochet. Precise gauge is less important in this project than a firm fabric.

### Notes ...

<b>Joining</b>	Do not join rounds unless directed.
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**Stitches Used**  
Chain (ch)  
Slip Stitch (sl st)  
Single Crochet (sc)  
Double Crochet (dc)

**Special Stitches**  
**Single Crochet Increase (sc inc)**  
Work two single crochet in the same stitch.  
**Single Crochet Decrease (sc dec)**  
Pull up a loop in each of the next two sts, yarn over, pull through both loops.

**Instructions ...** (Note: To help keep track of rounds, place marker in the last stitch of round.)

## Chick Body

**Base Chain** With A, ch 2.

**Round 1** Make 6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sc)

**Round 2** \*Sc in next st, sc inc in next st, \* repeat from \* to \* around. (9 sc)

**Rounds 3-8** Sc in each st around. To finish, sl st in next 2 sts, fasten off.

## Finishing ...

With scrap of pumpkin, embroider beak. With scrap of black, embroider eyes. Weave in all ends.

## Bunny

**Body** With B, work body as for Chick.

**Ears** \*Ch 6, sk 1st ch, sl st, sc, hdc, sc, sl st;\* repeat from \* to \* once. Fasten off.

## Finishing ...

Sew ears to head, weave in all ends. With scrap of black, embroider eyes and nose.

## Sheep Body

**Base Chain** With B, ch 2.

**Round 1** Make 5 sc in second ch from hook, join. (5 sts)

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Round 2	Ch 1, *sc in next st, dc in same st.* Repeat from * to * around, join. (10 sts)
Round 3	*Ch 2, dc in same st, ch 2, sl st in same st as dc* to make ear. Sl st across next 5 sts. Repeat from * to * in same st as last sl st for second ear. Sl st across next 4 sts and in same st as first ear to join. (10 sl st)
Round 4	Ch 1 and, skipping and working behind ear, sc in next st. *Dc in next st, sc in next st.* Rep from * to * once more. Skipping and working behind next ear, sl st in next st. Dc in same st; **sc in next st, dc in next st.** Rep from ** to ** once more. Join round. (10 sts)
Round 5	Ch 2, *dc in next st, sc in next st.* Rep from * to * four more times. Join.
Round 6	Ch 1, *sc in next st, dc in next st.* Rep from * to * four more times. Join.
Round 7	Repeat round 5.
Round 8	Repeat round 6. Fasten off.

### Sheep Face

Base Chain	With black, ch 2
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Round 1 Make 6 sc in second ch from hook. Join to first sc. Fasten off.

### Finishing ...

Sew face to body. With scrap of B, embroider eyes and nose. Weave in all ends.

### Bag

Base Chain	With D, ch 2. <i>Tip: When working with multiple colors, if you carry unused colors up the back of work you can minimize cut ends that must be woven in later.</i>
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Round 1 Make 6 sc in second chain from hook; join with sl st in first sc. (6 sts)

Round 2 Ch 1, sc inc around; join with sl st in first sc. (12 sts)

Round 3 Ch 1, \*sc in next st, sc inc in next st,\* repeat from \* to \* five times; join with sl st in first sc. Join E. (18 sts)

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Round 4	With E, ch 1, *sc in each of next 2 sts, sc inc in next st,* repeat from * to * five times more; join with sl st in first sc. (24 sts)
Round 5	Ch 1, *sc in each of next 3 sts, sc inc in next st,* repeat from * to * five times; join with sl st in first sc. (30 sts)
Round 6	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc. Join C. (30 sts)
Rounds 7-8	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc. Join D. (30 sts)
Rounds 9-11	With D, ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc. Join E. (30 sts)
Rounds 12-14	With E, ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc. Join C. (30 sts)
Round 15	With C, ch 1, *sc in each of next 8 sts, sc dec,* repeat from * to * twice; join with sl st in first sc. (27 sts)
Round 16	Ch 1, *sc in each of next 7 sts, sc dec.* Repeat from * to * twice; join with sl st in first sc. Join D. (24 sts)
Round 17	With D, ch 1, sc around; join with sl st in first sc. (24 sts)
Round 18	Ch 4 (counts as 1 dc and 1 ch), sk next st, *dc in next st, ch 1, skip 1 st.* Repeat from * to * around; join with sl st in beg dc. (12 sts, 12 ch-1 sp)
Round 19	Ch 1, sc in each dc and in each ch-1 sp around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off. (24 sts)

### Drawstring

Holding colors B, C, and D together, ch about 40, or approximately 13" in length. Fasten off tightly and trim ends to about two inches for fringe.

### Finishing ...

Weave in all ends, weave drawstring through eyelets in bag. Wash and block as needed.

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