

Here's an easy cotton chew toy for your little fuzzy friends. Made in the round with the ears made as you go and stuffed with fabric scraps (or polyfil), this toy is sure to please.

Recommended for small puppies and dogs. My two year old Shih Poo had the bottom open by the time I finished taking pictures. Fortunately, it will be easy to fix and I was expecting it. We've bought toys for him that were supposed to be extra tough and he can chew off a leg in about half an hour or less.

Sizes and Materials List ...

Size:	Model measures 3"w x 6" high
Hook(s):	US 7 (4.50 mm)
Yarn:	Pisgah Peaches & Creme [100%, 98 yds/2.0 oz ball]
Colors & Approx. Yardage	Any color, 50 yds
Notions	Yarn Needle Stitch Markers
Gauge:	Gauge not important for this project
	EASY
Notes	
Construction	Worked in the round. Do not join unless specifically instructed to do so.

Chain (ch) Slip Stitch (sl st) Single Crochet (sc)

Stitches Used Foundation Single Crochet (fsc)

Half-Double Crochet (hdc)

Double Crochet (dc)

Treble Crochet (trc)

Abbreviations

Each (ea) Loop (lp)

Place Marker (pm)

Skip (sk)

Stitch(es) (st / sts)



Instructions ...

Head and Ears

Round 1	Using a magic loop, ch 1, 6 sc in loop, do not join. Pull yarn end fairly tightly but do not cut off. Instead, carry the yarn end around as you go crocheting it into the next round. (6 sc)
Round 2	Pm in last sc of first round, 2 sc in each sc around, moving marker up after last sc, do not join. (12 sc)
	Note: At the end of round 2, let the yarn end hang free. This can be used to mark the end of the round.
Round 3	Sc in first sc, *2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc,* rep from * to * around. (18 sc)

Round 4	Sc in first two sc, *2 sc in next sc, sc in next two sc,* rep from * to * around. (24 sc)
Round 5	Sc in first three sc, *2 sc in next sc, sc in next three sc,* rep from * to * around. (30 sc)
Round 6	Sc in ea sc around. (30 sc)
Round 7 (Ears)	Ea ear is made using a fsc so that the ears are permanently attached to the head. See bottom of pattern for images showing how this is done if you're having difficulty.
	Ear 1: Ch 1, insert hook in side of previous sc, yo, pull through, yo, pull through both lps on hook (first fsc made), make 13 more fsc, ch 1, sl st in bottom of last fsc, sc in next 2 fsc, hdc in next 2 fsc, dc in next 3 fsc, trc in next fsc, dc in next 2 fsc, hdc in next fsc, sc in last 2 fsc, sc in original sc on head.
	Sc in next 10 sc. Rep Ear 1 instructions for Ear 2, sc in ea sc around to first ear.
Round 8	Sc in the same st where the ear starts to go up, make sure ear is in front of hook and sc in next sc at base of other side of ear (you may need to do the sc by inserting the hook from behind instead of from the front), sc around to next ear, sc in same st where ear starts to go up, make sure ear is in front of hook and sc in next sc at base of other side of ear, sc around.
Round 9 (Nose)	Fold piece in half with the ears lining up and mark the front center for nose placement.
	Sc in ea sc around to marked st, 2 sc in marked st, sc around to beg.
Rounds 10-11	Sc in ea sc around
Round 12	Sc in ea sc around until you get to nose, sc3tog, sc around to beg.
Body	
Round 13	Fold piece in half and mark the two side sts. Use the ears as nose location to determine where to fold it. Two sc in first sc, sc around to marked st, 2 sc in marked st, sc around back to the
	beg.
Round 14	Rep round 13.

Base

Round 1	Fold piece in half to check and mark the location of ea side. Sc around to second st from marked st, sc3tog, sc around to second st from next marked st, sc3tog.
Round 2	Sc in ea sc to next side, sc2tog, sc around to next side, sc2tog.
Round 3	Sc in ea sc around, fasten off leaving an 18" tail.

Finishing ...

Stuff inside of piece with polyfil or fabric scraps. If wanted, add some crinkly plastic and/or a piece of leather (if your dog loves leather) in the center. Pack as tightly or as loosely as you want to.

Using the 18" tail, sew the edges together, fasten off tightly then run the strand into the piece, then pull out and cut off making sure end is pulled inside.



Making the Ears (Rounds 7 & 8)

Ch 1, insert hook into the same sc ...



Yo, pull through, yo, pull through both lps on hook (first fsc made). Rep 13 times. (14 fsc)



Ch 1, sl st in bottom of last fsc ...



Sc in next 2 fsc, hdc in next 2 fsc, dc in next 3 fsc, trc in next fsc, dc in next 2 fsc, hdc in next fsc, sc in last 2 fsc ...



Sc in original sc on head - this is the same sc you started the ear with.



Sc in next 10 sc. Rep Ear 1 instructions for Ear 2, sc in ea sc around to first ear.

Sc in the same st where the ear starts to go up, make sure ear is in front of hook and sc in next sc at base of other side of ear (you may need to do the sc by inserting the hook from behind instead of from the front).



Sc around to next ear, sc in same st where ear starts to go up, make sure ear is in front of hook and sc in next sc at base of other side of ear, sc around.



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