

CatchMeHooking - Best in Show Alpaca Stuffed Animal with sheep and two-tone variation steps

Supplies needed:

3.75 Clover crochet hook
4.0 Clover crochet hook
Scissors
12mm safety eyes (2)
Small amount of black or dark yarn for nose/mouth
Fiber fill for stuffing.
Stitch marker, which can simply be a small piece of yarn.

Caron Simply Soft Yarn. 2 skeins for 1 color stuffed animal, 3 skeins for 2 tone. Entire animal takes approximately 600 yards. Yards based off basic Solid colors at 315 yards/6 oz per skein so adjust accordingly for Heathers or other styles.

A regular 4 worsted/aran yarn will work just fine for the fleece, but I do suggest using Caron or similar like Yarn Bee Soft Secret for the face, neck, feet, and ears for best outcome.

Flower wreath can be any color, very small amounts are needed for each flower and small amount of green for leaves.

Complimentary yarn colors for halter and blanket*.

Instructions included for halter, tassels, and flower wreath.



Alpaca is made in parts and sewn together. Head and neck are sewn to chest, ears, legs and tails are sewn to head and body.



*Blanket instructions not included. I suggest picking out a favorite grannie square pattern and size about 5"x4", connect around neck with simple crochet chain. Alpacas can't actually carry things so it's purely decorative.



Two tone variation needs less than 1 skein for face, neck, ears, and lower legs. Fleece requires 2 using about 1.5 total.

Two tone will switch between face color and fleece color in pattern.



Optional: Thin knitting needle to hold leg while sewing to body.

Skills required: Magic circle/Adjustable ring, single crochet, double crochet, decrease, increases, and crochet chains. Half double crochet for sheep ears. Popcorn stitch for flower wreath.

Dec (Decrease) – SC 2 stitches into 1
Inc (Increase)– 2 SCs into 1 stitch

Basic sewing to attach head/neck to chest, ears to head, tail to body, and legs to body.

Alpaca will measure approximately 11" tall, 10" long, and 5" wide. Sheep will be slightly shorter by about an inch.



Fleece Stitch

Round 1: Chain 8, SC into next (front loop only*)
Chain 8, repeat around

Round 2: SC into back loops all around

Round 3: SC into both loops, all around.

*front loop will be the outward facing loop for your head, body or leg.

Face – Use 3.75 hook and face color yarn.

Round 1: Magic circle, 6 SC in circle, pull closed

Round 2: 2 SCs in each stitch around (12 stitches)

Round 3: 1 SC, Inc, repeat (18 stitches)

Round 4, 5 and 6: SC all around (18 stitches)

Round 7: Inc, 2 SC in next 2, repeat around (24)

Round 8 and 9: SC all around

Round 10: Inc, SC in next 3 stitches, repeat around. (30 stitches)

Round 11: Inc, SC in next 4 stitches, repeat around. (36 stitches)

Round 12: SC all around.

Round 13: Chain 10, skip 9, SC in 10th.

Round 14: SC all around to chain and to end of chain

Round 15: SC around again to start of chain

Place eyes, I suggest starting at outer corners of neck opening and counting up 8 stitches.



Then place eye between stitch 8 or 9, moving one row forward towards the nose.



Using black or other dark yarn, sew Y pattern onto tip of face. The top part of the Y should angle towards each eye, and bottom of the Y should line up with center stitch of neck opening chain. This will help keep it even.

Head – switch to 4.0 hook.

If doing two-tone variation, change color here for Fleece.

Round 16, and 17: Round 1, and 2 of Fleece Stitch

Round 18: Both loops, Dec, SC in the next 6 stitches, repeat around. SC in last 4 (32)

Round 19, 20 and 21: Round 1, 2, and 3 of Fleece Stitch

Round 22 and 23: Round 1 and 2 of Fleece Stitch

Round 24: Both loops, dec, SC in next 5, repeat around

Round 25 and 26: Round 1, and 2 of Fleece Stitch

Round 27: Dec, SC in next 4, repeat around

Round 28 and 29: Round 1 and 2 of Fleece Stitch

Stuff head lightly, use fingers to shape nose as desired or push stuffing more firmly.

Round 30: Dec, SC in next 3, repeat

Round 31: Round 1 of Fleece stitch

Round 32: Back loops only, Dec, SC in next 2 stitches, repeat around

Round 33: Both loops, Dec, SC in next 1 stitch, repeat around

Round 34: Round 1 of Fleece Stitch

Round 35: Back loops, dec around to close up. If needed, make a few Round 1 of Fleece stitch strategically on top of closing stitches to cover empty space. Then tie off and sew in tails.

Neck – Use 3.75 hook.

If doing two-tone, change back to face color.

Round 1: Join with SC at neck opening, at a corner. This will help lining up placement of sewing neck to chest. SC next 2, Inc, repeat around.

Round 2: Inc, SC around. (28 stitches)

If doing two-tone, change back to fleece color.

Round 3-8: Round 1, 2, and 3 of Fleece Stitch. (Fleece stitch 2 times) **For sheep variation STOP HERE. Jump to stuffing head steps.**

Round 9-14: Round 1, 2, and 3 of Fleece Stitch (Fleece stitch 2 times, 4 total for alpaca) Stuff head and neck firmly as desired. I suggest stuffing somewhat lightly on face and head to keep head from unbalancing the rest of the body. Stuff neck firmly to keep stable. Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing neck to body.

Chest and Body – Use 4.0 Hook

If doing two-tone, change back to Fleece color.

Round 1: Beginning at chest with 4.0 hook, make a magic circle. 6 SC into magic circle, pull tight.

Round 2: Round 1 of Fleece Stitch.

Round 3: 2 SC in each stitch around into back loops (12)

Round 4: 1 SC in next stitch, Inc repeat (18)

Round 5: Round 1 of Fleece Stitch.

Round 6: 2 SC, Inc, repeat around back loops (24)

Round 7: 3 SC, Inc, repeat around both loops (30)

Round 8: Round 1 of Fleece Stitch.

Round 9: 2 SC, Inc, repeat around back loops (40)

Round 10: 3 SC, Inc, repeat around in both loops (50)

Round 11: Round 1 of Fleece Stitch

Round 12: Chain 14, skip next 13 stitches, SC into 14th stitch in back loops, SC around to start of chain, and over chain.

Round 13: SC around to start of chain 14, working in both loops

Round 14, 15 and 16: Round 1, 2, and 3 of Fleece Stitch

Sew neck to body with chest facing forwards. Chest Fleece should be facing same direction as head. Be careful to not sew back row where body will be continued.



Round 17 through 47: Round 1, 2, and 3 of Fleece Stitch (10 times) Stuff body half full.

Round 48: Round 1 of Fleece Stitch.

Round 49: Dec, SC in next 5 stitches, repeat around in back loops.

Round 50: Dec, SC in next 4 stitches, repeat around in both loops.

Round 51: Work Round 1 of Fleece Stitch. Stuff body firmly.

Round 52: Dec, SC in next 3 stitches, repeat around in back loops.

Round 53: Dec, SC in next 2 stitches, repeat around in both loops.

Round 54: Round 1 of Fleece Stitch. Finish adding any stuffing as needed. Body should be firm especially below neck.

Round 55: Dec, SC in next 2 stitches, repeat around in back loops.

Round 56: Dec, SC in next 1 stitch, repeat around in both loops.

Round 57: Round 1 of Fleece Stitch.

Round 58: Dec all around back loops.

Round 59: Dec all around both loops.

Before sewing shut, I suggest doing 2-3 chain 8's and slip it into existing stitches to cover butt bald spot if needed. Knot off and sew in tail.

Legs (4) - Use 3.75 hook.

If doing two-tone, change back to face color.

Round 1: Magic circle, 6 SC into circle, pull closed

Round 2: 2 SC in each stitch around (12)

Round 3: 2 SC in next 2, Inc, repeat around (16)

Round 4: 3 SC in next 3, Inc, repeat around (20)

Round 5-12: 8 rows of SC all around

Switch to 4.0 hook.

If doing two-tone, change back to Fleece color.

Round 13 through 21: Round 1, 2, and 3 of Fleece Stitch (3 times)

Knot off, leave long tail for sewing to body. Stuff leg. Repeat for 4 legs.

Sewing to body: Use yarn needle to sew in between fleece chains to attach legs under body. I suggest using a thin pointed needle, like a knitting needle to poke through leg, into body, to hold leg position to assist in sewing.

See page 4 for guide on placing legs.

Alpaca Ears (2)- Use the 3.75 hook.

If doing two-tone, change back to face color.

Round 1: Make magic ring, SC 5 into ring

Round 2: Inc in all 5 (10)

Round 3: SC in next 9, inc (11)

Round 4: SC in next 10, inc (12)

Round 5: SC in next 5, inc, repeat 2x (14)

Round 6-11: SC around

Tie off, leave about an 8 inch tail to sew to head

Sew to head behind second row of fleece, I suggest lining up the outer sides of the ear, with the eyes.



Sheep Ears (2)- Use the 3.75 hook.

Leave a long beginning tail for sewing ear to head, about 6 inches.

If doing two-tone, change back to face color.

Round 1: Chain 9

Round 2: 1 HDC in 2nd chain from hook, and 1 HDC in each of next 6 chains. Put 3 HDC in last chain.

Round 3: Working on opposite side of chain, 1HDC in each of next 6 stitches, and 2 HDC in first HDC at beginning of round. Slip stitch to first HDC at beginning.

Round 4: Chain 1, 2 HDC in first stitch, 1 HDC in next 6, 2 HDC in each of next 3 stitches, 1 HDC in next 6, 2 HDC in next 2 stitches, join with slip stitch into first HDC.

Round 5: Chain 1, 2 HDC in first stitch, 2 HDC in next 2 stitches, 1 HDC in next 6, 1 SC in next 4, 1 HDC in next 6, 2 HDC in next 5, join with slip stitch to first HDC.

Round 6: Fasten off and leave long tail to sew onto sheep's head. Before sewing to toy, sew a few stitches together at the end to pull together.



Suggested placement of ears, level with eyes on side of head. Sew to head behind second row of fleece chains.



Alpaca and sheep tail: Use 4.0 hook and Fleece yarn color.

Round 1: Chain 7

Round 2: SC in 2nd chain from hook, SC down one side of chain, turn, and SC on other side. This will work in rounds.

Round 3-14: Round 1, 2 and 3 of Fleece stitch (4 times)

Round 15-17: SC around 3 times.

Knot off, leave long tail for sewing to body.

Attach on back end of alpaca/sheep.

Sew in any other loose tails on animal.

Flower wreath (6 flowers, add more if desired):

Use 3.75 hook and small amounts of any desired color for flower, and suggested green yarn for background.

Round 1: Magic circle, SC 8 into circle, pull closed. 6 SC for 6 point flower, 8 SC for 8 points.

Round 2: Chain 3, DC 4 times into same stitch. Create popcorn stitch. Chain 3.

Create popcorn stitches, with a chain 3 in between, in each of the remaining 7 SCs. Slip stitch into top of first popcorn stitch. Fasten off, sew in tails. Pull ring tight when hiding original tail.

Round 3: Change color. Border is 3 SC in the chain of 3 between petals, all around. Tie off and sew in tails.

Pull ring tight when hiding original tail.

Round 3: Change color. Border is 3 SC in the chain of 3 between petals, all around. Tie off, leave tails to tie together.

To connect, sew flowers together near petal point together, by tying the ends together, then sewing in.



Alpaca Halter: Use 3.75 hook and desired complimentary color yarn.

Round 1: The halter is a simple chain formed into a circle to fit around the nose. Suggested chain 20 but size on your project as it may vary depending on how much stuffing was used. Slip stitch into beginning chain to form a circle.

Round 2: Chain enough to go around the back of the ears to the other side of the halter and slip into opposite side of circle. Tie off and sew in tails.

Round 3: Tassels can be created by cutting 5 strands of yarn about 7 inches in length. Fold in half and insert bottom loop downwards and under halter as pictured.



Leg placement examples:



Fold yarn ends over top of halter chain and insert ends into loop. Slide into position carefully before pulling tight. Trim ends as desired. Tassels can be added on halter at circle connection points, and behind ears.



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