



Billy the Bookworm Crochet Pattern

MAKE YOUR OWN BILLY



Supplies:

Size 4 Crochet hook

Size 2.5 Crochet hook

Stitch markers / Scissors / Yarn needle

Medium weight yarn in colors:

Body:

- Skin – peach or orange
- Shirt/Vest – red

Wig Cap: black

Eyebrows/nose: light/medium brown

Antenna: beige (or can use any skin color)

Mane: black eyelash (or feather) novelty yarn

10mm safety eyes (1 set of 2 eyes)

Fiberfill stuffing

Craft Bells (optional)

Sewing pins to temporarily attach body parts for sewing

Crochet Techniques to Know:

- Chain
- Magic Circle
- Single Crochet Stitch
- Increase
- Decrease
- Double Crochet stitch (US terms)
- Color change
- Fasten Off
- Whipstitch

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HEAD

Use peach or orange yarn for skin and size 4 crochet hook.

Round 1: magic circle 6 single crochet stitches. (6 stitches)

Round 2: (increase) 6 times. (12)

Round 3: (sc, inc) repeat 6 times (18)

Round 4: (2 sc, inc) 6 times. (24)

Round 5: (3 sc, inc) 6 times. (30)

Round 6: (4 sc, inc) 6 times. (36)

Rounds 7-15: sc around (insert stitch markers at beginning of round 11 and 12). (36)

At this point, insert the safety eyes between Rounds 11 and 12 with 6 stitches between. Start stuffing head as you decrease.

Round 16: (4 sc, decrease) 6 times. (30)

Round 17: (3 sc, dec) 6 times. (24)

Round 18: (2 sc, dec) 6 times. (18)

Round 19: (sc, dec) 6 times. (12)

Round 20: (dec) 6 times. (6)

Round 21: Cut long tail (at least a 12 inches) and sew each final stitch closed, then pull until head closes. Fasten off. Leave long tail for sewing the head to the body later.

Round 21 (of head): Take tail and sew each final stitch, then pull until head closes up and F/O



WIG CAP

Use black yarn and size 4 hook.

Round 1: magic circle 6 single crochet. (6 stitches)

Round 2: (increase) 6 times. (12)

Round 3: (sc, inc) 6 times. (18)

Round 4: (2 sc, inc) 6 times. (24)

Round 5: (3 c, inc) 6 times. (30)

Round 6: (4 sc, inc) 6 times. (36)

Round 7-11: sc around (36 each)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.



BODY

Begin in peach or orange or skin colored yarn and size 4 hook up until beginning of Round 21.

Round 1: magic circle 4 single crochet. (4 stitches)

Round 2: sc around. (4)

Round 3: (sc, inc) 2 times. (6)

Rounds 4-5: sc around. (6 each)

Round 6: (2 sc, inc) 2 times. (8)

Round 7: sc around. (8)

Round 8: (3 sc, inc) 2 times. (10)

Round 9: sc around. (10)

Round 10: (4 sc, inc) 2 times. (12)

Round 11: sc around (12)

Round 12: (3 sc, inc) 3 times. (15)

Rounds 13-14: sc around. (15)

Round 15: (4 sc, inc) 3 times. (18)

Rounds 16-17: sc around. (18)

Round 18: (5 sc, inc) 3 times. (21)

Rounds 19-20: sc around (21)

Now, color change to shirt colored yarn.

Round 21: (5 sc, dec) 3 times. (18)

Rounds 22-23: sc around (18)

Round 24: (4 sc, dec) 3 times. (15)

Rounds 25-26: sc around (15)

Round 27: (3 sc, dec) 3 times. (12)

Round 28: sc around. (12)

Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Use size 4 hook and begin in Skin color yarn up until beginning of Round 4.

Round 1: magic circle 6 single crochet. (6)

Round 2: (sc, inc) 3 times. (9)

Round 3: sc around. (9)

Now, color change to shirt color yarn.

Round 4: (sc, dec) 3 times. (6)

Round 5-10: sc around. (6 each)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

ANTENNA (MAKE 2)

Complete in Beige or Skin color with size 2.5 hook.

Round 1: mc 6 (6)

Round 2: sc around (6)

Round 3: (2 sc, dec) 2 times (4)

(If the round is too tight, try decreasing once (2 sc, dec, 2 sc) in Round 3, as long as the antenna can stand on its own)

Round 4-10: sc around (4)

F/O leave long tail for sewing

ASSEMBLY

First, whipstitch Billy's head closed with the yarn needle.

Next, attach his wig cap with the long tail of yarn attached to it. Make sure the wig cap is flush to his naked head as it will be sewn with the matching feather/lash yarn later. It will look like Billy is wearing a hat at this stage.

Sew his Antennas on top of his head through the wig cap.

Next, moderately stuff the thickest portion of the worm body; the bottom portion of the tail can be empty or have a light amount of stuffing to give it a slight curl.

Once the body is stuffed, it can be attached to his head now or after sewing on his hair.

Pin the arms to the body right under the seam between the head and the body on the sides. Attach them with the long tail and sew a length of the tail into the arms to prevent unraveling. Cut off remaining yarn.

HAIR:

Use black yarn and Size 2.5 hook

Turn Billy upside down and start at nape of neck with 2.5 hook and sc the eyelash yarn through the wig cap around the head in a spiral. First round will follow the outline of the wig cap and then continuing around in the spiral narrowing towards the center. Work around the antenna, rounds do not need to be tightly next to each other, as close as preferred. Billy's hair is messy so this doesn't have to be perfect. Can add extra rounds to reach desired fullness/hairiness. F/O or continue to sc towards side of hairline to begin the **Beard**.

BEARD:

After hair, work your way to or just start at jawline, sc around the lower jawline of face until reaching the hairline of the other side. Then turn and work your way back close to the same line. Again, doesn't need to be perfect, the eyelash yarn is forgiving. Can add any extra rounds to get desired fullness/hairiness. F/O

SHIRT/VEST:

Use shirt color yarn and size 4 hook.

Round 1: 22 chain – turn (22)

Round 2: 22 sc – turn (22)

Round 3: Ch 2/Skip 1st stitch – 22 dc – turn (22)

Round 4: 3sc – ch 5/skip 4 st – 7sc (starting after the 4 skipped st) – ch5/skip 4 st (starting after the 4 skipped st) – 3 sc - turn (24)

Round 5-10: ch 2/skip 1st stitch – 24dc – turn (24) (or as short or long as you want this)

Round 11: ch 2/skip 1st stitch – 24dc (24)

Round 12: sc around entire piece, at each corner 2sc in single corner stitch, F/O

(If desired, cut a piece of the yarn and thread it through the front of his vest & tie in a bow to help keep vest closed.)

Next, pull Billy's arms through the arm holes of the vest. He now has a cool crocheted vest to show off to Browser!

