

Clown Lovey

Crochet
Pattern



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Pattern notes:

- Pattern is written in American crochet terms.
- When a dec (decrease) is called for in the pattern, I suggest you work an “invisible” decrease which means you work on the front loops only when decreasing. If you are unfamiliar with this technique, you can find quick tutorials on YouTube.
- Arms and heart patch pieces are completed first as they will be attached as the head is worked.
- Lovey size (with suggested yarns):
Blanket: 13in x 13in
Height (assembled): 14in approx.
- You can easily alter the final size by changing yarn weights and/or hook sizes.
- For a larger blanket (the square blanket attached to the head and arms), simply continue to work more rows around in the established pattern in the colors of your preference and add the border row when satisfied with the size.
- I provide 2 different color schemes examples. Consider different color combinations if you want to make the lovey more girly or boyish.
- If you have questions while following this pattern, please feel free to email me at yarnstruly@gmail.com

Abbreviations used in this pattern:

st(s) - stitch / stitches

ch - chain

sc - single crochet

hdc - half double crochet

dc - double crochet

tr - treble crochet

BLO - back loop only

inc - 2 sc in indicated stitch (increase)

dec - sc next 2 stitches together (decrease)

slst - slip stitch

sp(s) - space / spaces



Materials:

**A list of the specific yarns and colors I used can be found in the next page.*

For the clown:

- Bulky weight yarn (#5) in Cream (for the head and ears), White (for the gloves), and 2 other colors of your choice (for each one of the sleeves)
- Worsted weight yarn (#4) in Red (for the nose) and 6 other colors of your choice (for the hat, the hat band, the heart patch, the bow tie and each of the sleeve's ruffles)
- Hook 7 (4.5mm), Hook G (4mm) and Hook D (3.25mm)
- Sock or fingering yarn (#1) in Black, Yellow and White (for the daisy and eyebrows)
- 2 safety eyes 14mm
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Small piece of cardboard (optional)
- Blush powder (optional)
- Tapestry Needle

For the blanket:

- Worsted weight yarn (#4) in White and 4 solid colors of your choice (from the same used to make the clown's parts)
- Hook J (6mm)



Here are the specific yarns I used for your reference:

For the clown:

Red Heart's Soft Essentials in Cream (Head and ears)
Red Heart's Soft Essentials in White (Gloves)
Red Heart's Soft Essentials in Minty (Right Sleeve)
Red Heart's Soft Essentials in Misty Rose (Left Sleeve)
Caron's Simply Soft in Harvest Red (Nose)
Caron's Simply Soft in Blackberry (Heart patch)
Caron's Simply Soft in Sunshine (Right ruffle)
Caron's Simply Soft in Lavender Blue (Left ruffle)
Caron's Simply Soft in Strawberry (Hat band)
Caron's Simply Soft in Soft Blue (Bow tie)
I love this Yarn in Lollipop Love (Hat)

For the blanket:

Caron's Simply Soft in White
Caron's Simply Soft in Soft Blue
Caron's Simply Soft in Blackberry
Caron's Simply Soft in Strawberry
I love this Yarn in Lollipop Love



For the clown:

Red Heart's Soft Essentials in Cream (Head and ears)
Red Heart's Soft Essentials in White (Gloves)
Red Heart's Soft Essentials in Sugar Plum (Right Sleeve)
Red Heart's Soft Essentials in Seafoam (Left Sleeve)
Caron's Simply Soft in Harvest Red (Nose)
Caron's Simply Soft in Soft Pink (Heart patch)
Caron's Simply Soft in Limelight (Right ruffle)
Caron's Simply Soft in Super Duper Yellow (Left ruffle)
Caron's Simply Soft in Soft Blue (Hat band)
Caron's Simply Soft in Strawberry (Bow tie)
I love this Yarn in Navy Tweed (Hat)

For the blanket:

Caron's Simply Soft in White
Caron's Simply Soft in Strawberry
Caron's Simply Soft in Soft Blue
Caron's Simply Soft in Soft Pink
I love this Yarn in Navy Tweed



Arms (make 2):

Bulky yarn #5 in White and 2 other solid colors of your choice (one for each arm) and Hook 7 (4.5mm)

Start both arms with White:

Rd 1: 6 sc in Magic Ring (6)

Rd 2: inc in each st around (12)

Rd 3: (sc in next st, inc) repeat 6 times (18)

Rd 4-6: sc around (24)

Rd 7: (sc in next st, dec) repeat 6 times (12)

Stuff the hand with fiberfill.

Change to a solid color (switch to a different color here for each arm)

Rd 8: sc BLO around (12)

Rd 9: inc in each st around (24)

Rd 10: (sc in next 5 sts, inc) repeat 4 times (28)

Rd 11-12: sc around (28)

Rd 13: (sc in next 5 sts, dec) repeat 4 times (24)

Rd 14: (sc in next 4 sts, dec) repeat 4 times (20)

Rd 15: sc around (20)

Rd 16: (sc in next 3 sts, dec) repeat 4 times (16)

Rd 17-18: sc around (16)

Rd 19: (sc in next 2 sts, dec) repeat 4 times (12)

Stuff the arm firmly with fiberfill up to this round. Do not stuff the last few rounds.

Rd 20-24: sc around (12)

Rd 25: pinch closed both sides together with the last stitch you just worked on the far right (Pic 1)* and work 6 sc across through both layers (Pic 2)*. Fasten off and weave in the ends. **Pictures shown in white yarn for illustration purposes only.*



Pic 1



Pic 2



Sleeve ruffles:

Worsted weight yarn #4 in 2 solid colors of your choice (one for each arm) and Hook 7 (4.5mm)

Holding the arm with the hand away from you, attach your choice of color yarn with a slst to the last leftover front loop from Round 8 of the arms (Pic 3)



Pic 3

Ch 2 (does not count as dc) and work 3 dc in the same stitch. Continue to work 3 dc in each stitch around. Slst to the first dc (36)

Fasten off and weave in the ends.

Eye heart patch:

Worsted weight yarn #4 in solid color of your choice and Hook G (4mm)

Rd 1: Start with a Magic Ring. Ch 2 and work 15 dc into the ring. Slst to the first dc.

Rd 2: Ch 2, 1 dc in the same st, 4 tr in the next st, 2 dc in the next st, 1 hdc in the next 4 sts, (1 dc, 1 tr, 1 dc) in the next st, 1 hdc in the next 4 sts, 2 dc in the next st, 4 tr in the next st, 1 dc in the last st, ch 2 and slst in the same last st. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

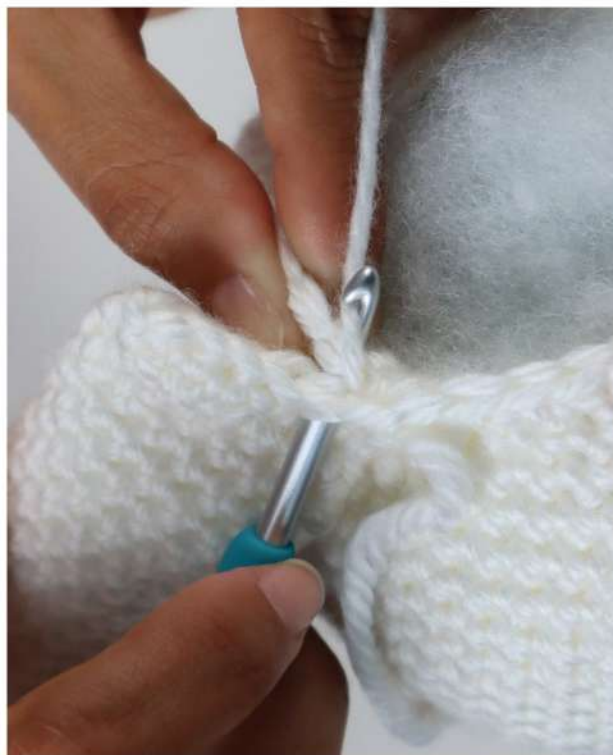


Head

Bulky yarn #5 in Cream and Hook 7 (4.5mm)

- Rd 1: 6 sc in Magic Ring (6)
Rd 2: inc in each stitch around (12)
Rd 3: (sc in next st, inc) repeat 6 times (18)
Rd 4: (sc in next 2 sts, inc) repeat 6 times (24)
Rd 5: (sc in next 3 sts, inc) repeat 6 times (30)
Rd 6: (sc in next 4 sts, inc) repeat 6 times (36)
Rd 7: (sc in next 5 sts, inc) repeat 6 times (42)
Rd 8: (sc in next 6 sts, inc) repeat 6 times (48)
Rd 9: (sc in next 7 sts, inc) repeat 6 times (54)
Rd 10-21: sc around (54)
Rd 22: (sc in next 7 sts, dec) repeat 6 times (48)
Rd 23: (sc in next 6 sts, dec) repeat 6 times (42)
Rd 24: (sc in next 5 sts, dec) repeat 6 times (36)
Rd 25: (sc in next 4 sts, dec) repeat 6 times (30)
Rd 26: (sc in next 3 sts, dec) repeat 6 times (24)

****Do not stuff the head yet.***



Pic 4

In the next round, we'll attach the arms:

Rd 27: sc in the next 5 sts, attach arm #1 (sc in next 6 sts through arm and head layers) (Pic 4)*, sc in next 6 sts, attach arm #2 (sc in next 6 sts through arm and head layers), sc in the last stitch (24) **Picture shown in white yarn for illustration purposes only.*

Head continues in the next page...



Head continuation:

***Insert safety eyes:** secure the eyes between rounds 15 and 16 and 9 stitches apart. For the left eye, insert through the middle ring of the heart patch (**See Note below**) We will sew the heart in place later so don't worry about its final position now. Use your judgement to place the eyes centered in the face relative to the arms. To ensure accuracy, it helps to stuff the head, pinpoint and mark the position of the eyes, then remove the stuffing and secure the eyes. Once secured, replace the stuffing back inside.

Note: It may be hard to attach the washer in the eye with the heart patch due to the thickness of the layers. You can use pliers to exert more force making sure you protect the eye part so it does not get scratched or damaged. Other solutions include using lighter weight yarn for the heart, making the heart out of felt instead, or securing the eye inside the head using a hot glue gun in lieu of the washer.

Rd 28: (sc in next 2 sts, dec) repeat 6 times (18)

Rd 29: dec around (9). Slst and fasten off leaving a tail to sew the gap closed. Finish stuffing the head firmly.

To sew the gap closed, use your tapestry needle to weave in the yarn tail through the 9 remaining stitches. Then pull the yarn tight to close. Fasten off and weave in the end.



Ears (make 2):

Bulky yarn #5 in Cream and Hook 7 (4.5mm)

Rd 1: 6 sc in Magic Ring (6)

Rd 2: inc in each st around (12)

Rd 3: sc around (12)

Rd 4: dec around (6)

Slst and fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Do not stuff the ears. Flatten them instead.

Nose:

Worsted weight yarn #4 in Red and Hook 7 (4.5mm)

Rd 1: 6 sc in Magic Ring (6)

Rd 2: inc in each st around (12)

Rd 3: (sc in next st, inc) repeat 6 times (18)

Rd 4: sc around (18)

Rd 5: (sc in next st, dec) repeat 6 times (12)

Slst and fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Stuff the nose with fiberfill (Pic 5)



Pic 5



Hat:

Worsted weight yarn #4 in color of your choice and Hook 7 (4.5mm)

Rd 1: 6 sc in Magic Ring (6)

Rd 2: inc in each st around (12)

Rd 3: (sc in next st, inc) repeat 6 times (18)

Rd 4: (sc in next 2 sts, inc) repeat 6 times (24)

Rd 5: (sc in next 3 sts, inc) repeat 6 times (30)

Rd 6: (sc in next 4 sts, inc) repeat 6 times (36)

Rd 7: (sc in next 5 sts, inc) repeat 6 times (42)

Rd 8: (sc in next 6 sts, inc) repeat 6 times (48)

Rd 9: sc BLO around (48)

Rd 10-19: sc around (48)

Rd 20: (sc in next st, inc) repeat 24 times (72)

Rd 21-22: sc around (72)

Slt and fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

The last 3 rows will slightly curl up in themselves making the brim of the hat.

Optional (but recommended): Take a piece of cardboard and cut a circle the diameter of the bottom of the hat and place it inside as pictured (Pic 6). The cardboard will keep the top of the hat flat, preventing the stuffing from pushing up and curving the fabric. Do not stuff the hat yet as we have to sew the daisy and hat band in place.



Pic 6



Hat Band:

Worsted weight yarn #4 in color of your choice and Hook 7 (4.5mm)

Ch 50

Rd 1: hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across (48)

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Take the long tail and, with the tapestry needle, sew both edges together to form a ring. With the foundation chain facing up and the sewing tail towards the back of the hat, insert the ring through the top of the hat and rest it over rounds 17 to 19. Use the remaining band's tail to sew a few stitches around to secure it in place.

Daisy:

Sock or fingering yarn #1 and Hook D (3.25mm)

Start with Yellow:

Rd 1: 6 sc in Magic Ring

Change to White:

Rd 2: *Ch 7, 1 tr in 4th ch from hook, 1 dc in the next ch, 1 hdc in next ch, 1 sc in the last ch, slst to the next st* repeat from * to * 5 more times. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

With the hat's tail facing back, choose a place in the front for the daisy and pin it in place. My preference is off-centered, but not completely to the side as this would mostly hide it from view. Use the tapestry needle to sew around each petal taking care to reach the very edges so they don't curl up. Stuff the hat with fiberfill.

The daisy should cover the height of the hat between rounds 9 and 10 and over the hat band (Pic 7)



Pic 7



Bow tie:

Worsted weight yarn #4 in color of your choice and Hook 7 (4.5mm)

Main rectangle:

Ch 21

Rd 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Turn (20)

Rd 2-10: sc in each st across (20)

Rd 11: sc evenly down the left side, bottom edge and up the right side placing 3 sc in each corner. No need to sc across the top row. Slst to last st of Rd 10. Fasten off and weave in the ends.

Tie:

Ch 5

R1: sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Turn (4)

Rd 2-11: sc in each st across (4)

Rd 12: sc evenly down the left side, bottom edge and up the right side. Corners do not get special treatment as they will be hidden from view. Slst to the last st of Rd 11. Do not fasten off yet.

With right side facing up, pinch the main rectangle length-wise in the middle so that there are 3 folds with the outside edges going downward. Place the tie around it and slst the edges together directly in the back. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Making sure the tie is centered in the bow, use the tail and tapestry needle to place a couple of stitches in the back going through both the tie and the main rectangle. This will keep both pieces together, preventing the bow from being pulled out of the tie.

Keep the remaining of the tail to sew to the body when we assemble everything together.



Set the clown pieces aside and let's do the blanket.

➡ For the blanket switch to worsted weight yarn #4 in White and bigger Hook J (6mm)

This blanket is a classic granny square finished with a simple border.

With White:

Leaving a long starting tail (we will use it later to attach the blanket to the clown):
Ch 4 and slst to first chain to form a ring.

Rd 1: Ch 3 (counts as first dc now and throughout), 2 dc in ring, ch 2 * 3 dc in ring, ch 2 * 3 times. Join with slst to first dc (12 dc and 4 ch-2 sps)

Rd 2: Slst in next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, * 3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 1 * repeat from * to * 2 more times. Join with slst to first dc (24 dc and 8 sps)

Rd 3: Slst in next 2 dc and in next ch-2 sp, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, 3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1, *(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1 * repeat from * to * 2 more times. Join with slst to first dc (36 dc and 12 sps)

Rd 4: Slst in next 2 dc and in next ch-2 sp, ch 3, (2dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, (3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1) twice, *(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, (3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) twice * repeat from * to * 2 more times. Join with slst to first dc (48 dc and 16 sps)

Rd 5-9: Continue in the pattern established for 5 more rounds for a total of 9. You'll be slip stitching in the first 2 dc and ch-2 space of each new round, working (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in each corner, and (ch 1, 3 dc, ch 1) in each ch-1 space. At the end of Rd 9, there will be 108 dc and 36 sps.

Fasten off at the end of Round 9.



Blanket continuation...

We are now going to work 3 more rows in different colors of your choice. Choose from the same colors you used to make the clown's parts for cohesiveness.

Repeat the same procedure below for each color change at the end of each round:

With right side facing, make a slip knot and join new yarn with a slip stitch in any corner ch-2 sp (Pic 8).



Pic 8

Rd 10-12: Ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, (ch 1, 3 dc, ch 1) in each ch-1 sp and (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in each corner. Slst to the first dc.(Fasten off at the end of each round and work next row with new color)

At the end of Rd 12, there will be 144 dc and 48 sps.

Weave in all ends.



Now we add the border:
Change to a contrasting color:

With right side facing, make a slip knot and join yarn with a slip stitch in any corner ch-2 sp.

Rd 1: Ch 1 (counts as first sc), work 2 more sc in the same corner, then work 1 sc in each dc and 1 sc in each ch-1 space around working 3 sc in each corner space.

Slst to the first sc.

Rd 2: Skip the first sc, *(sc,ch 3, sc) in the next st, skip the next st* repeat from * to * all around (including the corners which get no special treatment in this round).

Slst to the last sc and fasten off. Weave in all ends.

Your border will look as in Pic 9.



Pic 9



Assembling the lovey:

We are now ready to put everything together and add finishing touches:

We will first attach the head to the blanket: fold the blanket diagonally making sure the right side is up. Align the tips of the diagonal with the arms of the clown and the blanket's initial ring with the very bottom of the head (you can pin them in place if that helps). Take your tapestry needle and sew the pieces together starting in the center and moving outwards in a spiral way.

Important note: Make sure you sew the blanket up to where it meets the arms so there is no gap between them (Pic 10) *Pictures shown in white yarn for illustration purposes only.



Pic 10

Pivot the heart eye patch so it is at a very slight angle as pictured (Pic 11) and, with the long tail and tapestry needle, sew all around it to secure it in place.



Pic 11



Sew the nose between rounds 17 and 20 of the head, with the side edge barely touching (but not over) the heart patch. Finish stuffing it firmly before you completely sew it closed.

Sew the ears on each side between rounds 16 and 18. Take care to go through both layers of the ear when sewing them.

Take the hat, and with the tapestry needle, bring the tail between the stitches towards the inside of the hat a couple of rounds (Pic 12). Place the hat on the head: my preference is tilted to the side but it also looks pretty directly on top. Sew in place by going around **always** taking your needle in and out between rounds 20 and 21. This is important to keep the brim looking even. Also, keep your stitches close together so there are no gaps for the stuffing to “escape” later.



Pic 12



Sew the bow tie to the head right where it meets the blanket. Only attach the tie part so the bow falls nicely to the sides (Pic 13).



Pic 13

The last step is to embroider the eyebrows: with black sock or fingering yarn, insert the needle 2 stitches next to the eye and going up at an angle exiting 3 rows above. Fasten off and secure the tails.

Repeat the same for the eye with the patch. As you won't be able to see the stitches under it, use the other eyebrow as a guide to make a mirror one on the patch (Pic 14).



Pic 14

Finally, add a little blush to each cheek if you so desire, and you are done!
I hope you've enjoyed making this cute lovey!

