Electric Sheep

Crochet Pattern

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<u>Materials</u>

- Yarn in yellow, white, black, and red
- Safety eyes
- Stuffing
- Crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

Optional:

- *Material to make a neck support**
- *Poly-Pellet beads + stocking*

For reference, I used size 7 jumbo chenille yarn (Loops and Threads Sweet Snuggles yarn) with a size 9mm hook and 30mm safety eyes.

*The neck support helps stabilize the neck. I made a crocheted tube with a 12mm hook and thick yarn like Bernat Blanket Big. You may also use foam tubing (e.g. pool noodle), armature wiring, stick, cardboard tube, felting, etc. Just make sure it fits in the neck!

<u>Abbreviations</u>

R – round
MR – magic ring
ST – stitch
SC – single crochet
HDC – half double crochet
DC – double crochet
INC – increase (2SC in the same ST)
TR-INC – triple increase (3SC in the same ST)
HDC-INC – 2 HDC in the same ST
DEC – invisible decrease
SLST – slip stitch
CH – chain
FLO – front loop only
BLO – back loop only
F/O – fasten off with SLST in the next ST
(….)x# – repeat (…) # times
[..] – number of stitches in round

<u>Notes Before Starting</u>

- This pattern is written in US crochet terms.
- Crochet in **continuous rounds** (no SLST at the end of each round).
- Final plushie may vary based on tension, hook size, yarn type.

Method: _Mid-Round_ Color Changing

(For the belly)

To make a color change:

In the last stitch of the previous color, stop halfway through the SC and finish the SC in the new color:

Example:

Change from yellow to white

(1) For the last yellow SC, Yarn under* in yellow

(2) Yarn over* in white

(3) Continue crocheting in white

*Adjust the "yarn under, yarn over" with your preferred method of making a SC stitch

Method: *New Round* Color Changing

(For the ears, neck, and tail)

(1) At the end of the round, cut the yarn and pull the tail through.

Stitch markers:
- Purple = first ST
- Blue = second ST
- Red = last ST

(2) Thread the yarn through the second ST of the round.

(3) Thread yarn through the last stitch of the round to make a "fake" first stitch.

(4) Make a slip knot with the new color onto the hook. Start crocheting into the "fake" first stitch with the new color. *Secure the yarn tail.*

✅ **Using this method**

❌ **Not using this method**

This method of color changing results in a smooth finish

<u>**Neck Support**</u>

Highly recommended if using soft yarn like chenille yarn! Acrylic yarn is typically sturdy enough that a neck support is not needed.

> ***Why?***
> The plushie has a skinny neck and a heavy head. The neck will need help keeping the head upright. Without the neck support, the stuffing will start to move and won't provide enough support to keep the head up.

The "Head & Body" pattern will indicate when to make the neck support. Take note of how ***tall*** the plushie is and how ***wide*** the neck is.

> <u>Other options to make a neck support:</u>
> Foam (e.g. pool noodle), armature wiring, stick, cardboard tube, needle felt the stuffing, or find something lying around and be creative!
> *Suggested length: 50-75% the height of the plushie*

To make a crocheted neck support:

Yarn: 3-4x thicker than the yarn used for the plushie (in any color)

Hook: About half as small as the manufacture recommended size

Example: If I use Sweet Snuggles size 7 jumbo chenille yarn for the plushie, I'll use a size 12mm hook with Bernat Blanket Big (manufacture recommends 25mm hook) for the neck support.

-> Once a tube starts to form, check that it will fit in the neck snuggly. The neck support should be enough to fill out the neck, additional stuffing should not be needed in the neck.
   -> If too thin, make R1 with 8SC in MR, use thicker yarn, or a larger crochet hook.
   -> If too thick, make R1 with fewer SC in MR, use thinner yarn, or a smaller crochet hook.
-> Stuff the neck support AS FIRMLY AS POSSIBLE. Stuff as you go.

R1: 6SC in MR
R2+: SC around [6] *Crochet as many rounds as necessary to reach 50-75% the height of the plushie.*
F/O, weave through the FLO to close the hole.

Head & Body.

In yellow,
R1: 6SC in MR
R2: INC around [12]
R3: (SC, INC)x6 [18]
R4: (2SC, INC)x6 [24]
R5: (3SC, INC)x6 [30]
R6: (4SC, INC)x6 [36]

R7: 14SC, INC, 5SC, INC, 15SC [38]
R8: 15SC, INC, 6SC, INC, 15SC [40]
R9: 18SC, INC, 2SC, INC, 18SC [42]
R10: 20SC, 2 INC, 20SC [44]
–> Mark the 13th and 31st stitches in R10 to help with eye placement later

R11: SC around [44]
R12: 20SC, 2 DEC, 20SC [42]
R13: 18SC, DEC, 2SC, DEC, 18SC [40]
R14: (4SC, DEC)x2, DEC, (SC, DEC)x4, DEC, (4SC, DEC)x2 [30]
R15: (3SC, DEC)x2, 5 DEC, (3SC, DEC)x2 [21]
–> Secure eyes between R10–11, 9 stitches from the middle (stitches marked earlier)
–> Stuff the head firmly, but leave space near the neck for the neck support.

R16: (2SC, DEC)x2, 4 DEC, 2SC, DEC, SC [14]
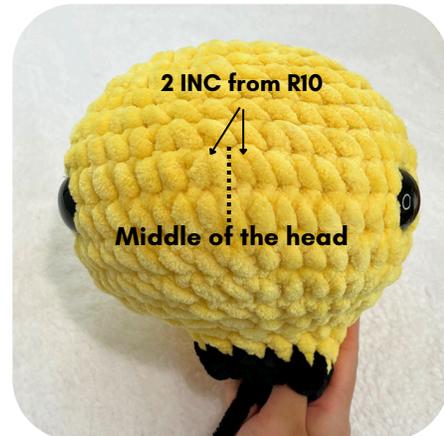**R17:** SC around [14]

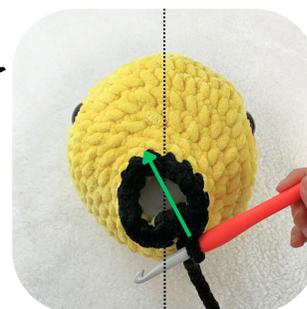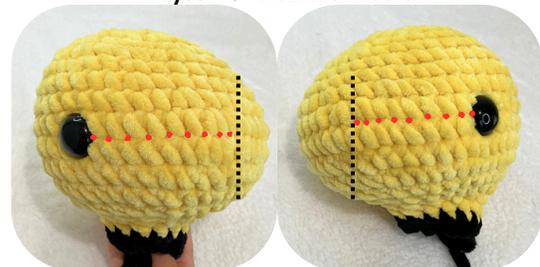> Use the *new round* color changing method.
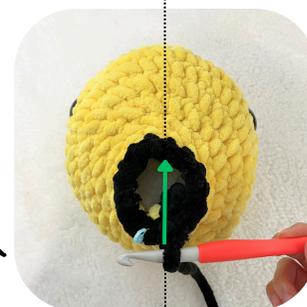
In black,
R18: SC around [14]

> **R18**
> The ***last*** stitch of the round should be centered in the back. If not, make additional SC until the last stitch is aligned. This is now the new beginning of subsequent rounds.

2 INC from R10
Middle of the head

Eyes 9 ST from the middle

End of R18
(Last ST not centered)

Make additional SC until the last ST is centered
(blue marker = new start of next round)

Head & Body

Tip: For the first ST of R19-21, crochet into both back loops of the new "fake" ST from the color change and the original first ST under the "fake" ST. This will help prevent the bottom ST from popping out.

Crochet into both back loops

Prevent bottom ST from popping out

To make reading the pattern easier:
R19-31 are palindromic (reads the same forward and backward)

In yellow,
R19: *BLO of R18* 5SC, INC, 2SC, INC, 5SC [16]

In black,
R20: *BLO of R19* (SC, INC)x2, 8SC, (INC, SC)x2 [20]

In yellow,
R21: *BLO of R20* (INC, 2SC)x2, 8SC, (2SC, INC)x2 [24]

Working in the BLO helps define the neck rings

R21: Like R18, check that the last stitch of the round is centered in the back. If not, make additional SC and mark the new beginning.

Crochet green text in white yarn.
Use the _mid-round_ color changing method.

R22: (3SC, INC)x2, SC, 5SC, 2SC, (INC, 3SC)x2 [28]
R23: 2SC, INC, 8SC, SC, INC, 2SC, INC, SC, 8SC, INC, 2SC [32]

R24: (INC, 4SC)x2, SC, 10SC, SC, (4SC, INC)x2 [36]
R25: (5SC, INC)x2, SC, 10SC, SC, (INC, 5SC)x2 [40]
R26: (3SC, INC, 3SC)x2, 12SC, (3SC, INC, 3SC)x2 [44]
R27: 16SC, 12SC, 16SC [44]
R28-29: 15SC, 14SC, 15SC [44] 2 rounds

Head & Body

R30: 15SC, DEC, 10SC, DEC, 15SC [42]
-> Make the neck support and put it in place (the neck should sit about halfway down the neck support).
-> Stuff the body as you go. You may use poly pellet beads to add weight to the booty.

R31: (5SC, DEC)x2, 2SC, 3SC, 2 DEC, 3SC, 2SC, (DEC, 5SC)x2 [36]
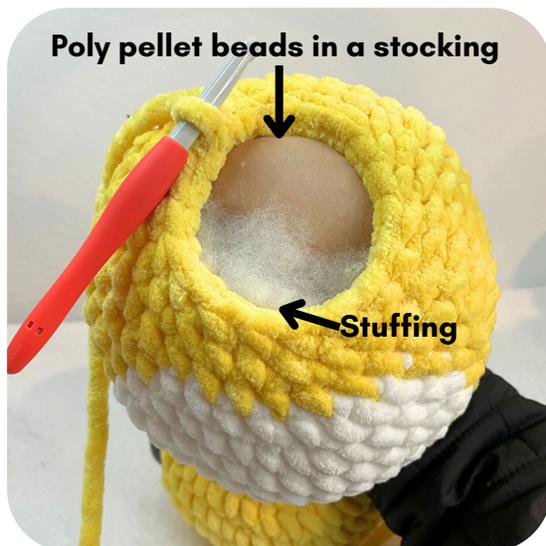**R32:** (4SC, DEC)x6 [30]
R33: (3SC, DEC)x6 [24]
R34: (2SC, DEC)x6 [18]
R35: (SC, DEC)x6 [12]
R36: DEC around [6]
F/O, weave through the FLO to close the hole.

Poly pellet beads in a stocking

Stuffing

Ears (make 2)

Use the *new round* color changing method.

In black,
R1: 6SC in MR
R2: INC around [12]
R3: (3SC, INC)x3 [15]

In yellow,
R4: (2SC, INC, 2SC)x3 [18]
R5: (5SC, INC)x3 [21]

In black,
R6: SC around [21]
R7: (5SC, DEC)x3 [18]

In yellow,
R8: SC around [18]
R9: (4SC, DEC)x3 [15]
-> Stuff the ears

F/O, leave a tail for sewing.

Feet (make 2)

Foot

In yellow,

R0: CH 5

Starting in the 2nd CH from the hook, work around the foundation chain to make an oval.

R1: (3SC, TR-INC)x2 [12]

TR-INC = 3SC into the same stitch

R2: (3SC, 3 INC)x2 [18]

R3: 3SC, (INC, SC)x3, 3SC, (INC, SC)x3 [24]

R4: 15SC, (DEC, SC)x3 [21]

R5: DEC, 11SC, 4 DEC [16]
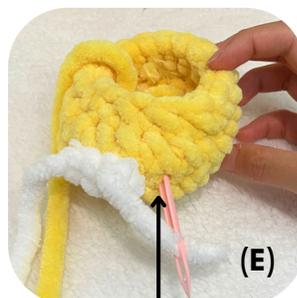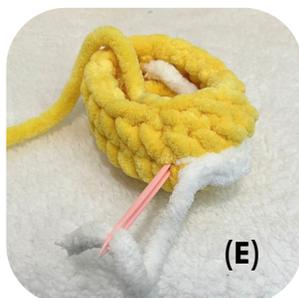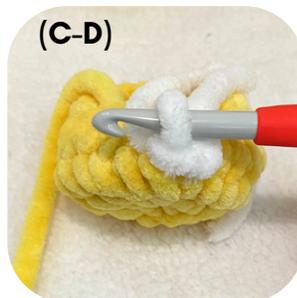
-> Stuff the feet

F/O, leave a tail for sewing.

Front   Back

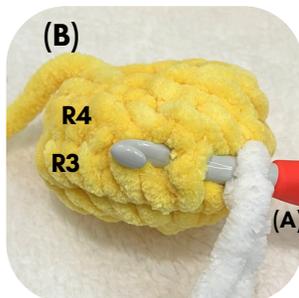**Crochet nail into the front of the foot**

Nail

(A) With white yarn, slip knot onto the hook.

(B) Insert the hook between R3-4 and out the next ST.

(C) Make a SLST.

(D) Repeat steps B-C three more times for a total of 4 SLST.

(E) Cut the yarn and pull through the loop. Weave the yarn ends into the foot and secure.

(B)

R4

R3

(A)

(C-D)

(E)

(E)

Thread the end with the slip knot one ST out to make the nail look like it is tapering out

Forehead Dot

In red,
R1: 6SC in MR
R2: INC around [12]
F/O, leave a tail for sewing.

Arms (make 2)

In yellow,
R1: 6SC in MR
R2: (2SC, INC)x2 [8]
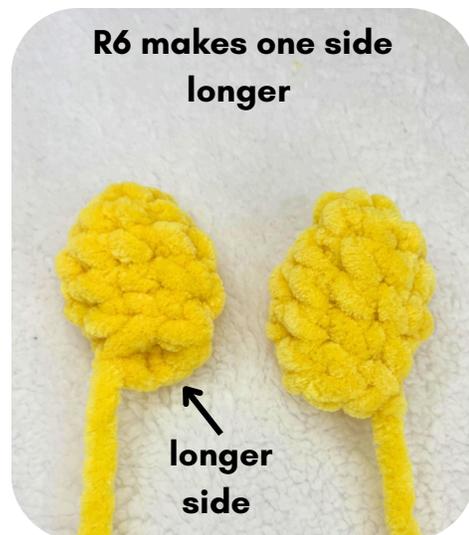**R3:** (3SC, INC)x2 [10]
R4: (3SC, DEC)x2 [8]
R5: (2SC, DEC)x2 [6]
R6: 3SC partial round
F/O, leave a tail for sewing.
Do not stuff.

R6 makes one side longer

longer side

Tail

Use the *new round* color changing method

In red,
R1: 6SC in MR
R2: INC around [12]
R3-4: SC around [12] 2 rounds
R5: DEC around [6]
-> Stuff the red ball

In black,
R6: 3 DEC [3]
R7: INC around [6]

In yellow,
R8: (2SC, INC)x2 [8]
R9: 3SC, 2 HDC-INC, 3SC [10]

In black,
R10: 4SC, 2 HDC-INC, 4SC [12]
R11: (2SC, INC)x4 [16]

In yellow,
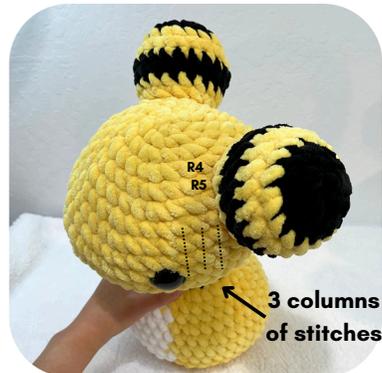**R12:** (3SC, INC)x4 [20]
R13: 8SC, INC, 2SC, INC, 8SC [22]
-> Stuff the tail

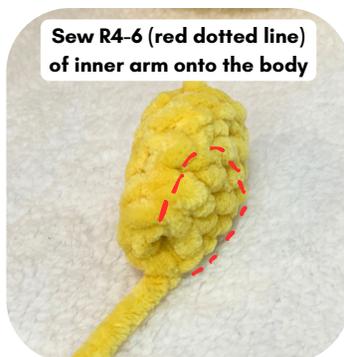F/O, leave a tail for sewing.

<u>Assembly</u>.

(A) Sew the ears across R5-9, positioned about 3-4 columns of stitches behind the eyes.

(B) Sew the forehead dot across R4-7. Sew the BLO down.

(C) Sew the arms horizontally (for hugging arms) across R22-24 of the body on either side of the white belly. Sew R4-6 of the inner arm (shorter side) onto the body to keep the arms down.
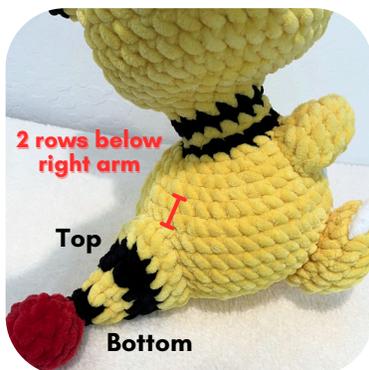
Assembly

(D) For sitting feet, sew the feet across R29-33 on either side of the white belly. For standing feet, sew the feet across R33-35 on the bottom.

Sitting

Standing

(E) Sew the tail across R27-32 centered in the back. Since the plushie is crocheted in a spiral, R27 is two rows below the right arm and one row below the left arm (looking from the back of the plushie).

Top (with the HDC stitches)
Bottom

2 rows below right arm
Top
Bottom

1 row below left arm

<u>360° Reference</u>

Congratulations!

Your Electric Sheep plushie is complete!

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