

Easter Bunnies – CROCHET PATTERN

You will need:

2.5 or 3.5 hook (smaller if you crochet loosely)
Darning & sewing needles
Double knit wool (any colour for body, another colour for bow tie)
Black wool for nose & eyes
Scissors
Toy stuffing
A Creme Egg (to check the size!)
Tiny pompom and white thread



You'll need to know

(stitches in UK terminology)

Magic ring
Slip stitch (ss)
Chain stitch (ch)
Half treble (htr)
You'll also need to know how to increase/decrease by doing two stitches into the same space, or crocheting two stitches together. (If in doubt, search YouTube!)

HEAD (6 rows in total)

Row 1: Magic ring. Into this, ch2, then 11 htr; ss to join into a circle. Pull magic ring tight and weave/sew in before you go any further.

Row 2: ch2, into 1st htr of row 1, do 2htr; into 2nd htr of row 1, do 1htr, and keep alternating 2htr, 1htr until row is completed (18 stitches in total), ss to join.

Row 3: ch2, 17htr, ss to join.

Row 4: as row 3.

Row 5: ch2, do 2htr together to decrease, then 1htr, then 2htr together, then 1htr and so on until ring meets, ss to join (18 in total, down to 12). Fill head with stuffing now.

Row 6: ch2. This is the first part of the 1st htr together to continue decreasing, of which you do 6 in total to complete head, ss to join. Leaving a long tail (to sew head to body), cut wool.

BODY

Row 1: Cast on, leaving long tail for sewing up. Chain 25 (last two form first stitch of row 2).

Row 2: Htr into base of first 'stitch', then 1htr into each ch, until the last ch: into that do 2htr.

Row 3: ch2, into base of ch2, do 1htr. Then 1htr into each stitch of row until last stitch of row. Into that, do 2 htr.

Row 4, 5, 6, 7, 8: as before, so increasing by 2htr each row. At end of row 8, fasten off, weave in end.

Holding horizontally, fold vertically down the centre. Sew up body, leaving room to get the egg in and out (but held firmly – you should be able to hold the bunny by its head without the egg dropping out), and gather where the head will go so it's rounded. Sew head to body, weaving in ends. Sew on a pompom for a tail.

EARS (Make 2)

Row 1: ss (leaving a tail 30cm max to sew with). ch8 (ch 7&8 form first stitch of row 2).

Row 2: htr into each of the stitches of row 1 (you should have 7 stitches).

Row 3: ch2. htr into base of chain2; htr into each stitch (8 in total).

Row 4: ch 2, htr 2 together, htr the three middle stitches, htr2 together.

Row 5: ch2, htr 2 together, htr, htr 2 together,

Row 6: ch2, htr together all the stitches into a cluster, and then fasten off and weave in.

When you have made both, fold each one in half vertically and using the tail of the wool, sew the edges together to form a long, pointed ear shape. Then sew the ears to each other. Don't cut the wool, you can use it to attach the ears to the head.

BOW TIE (essentially a tiny 5 stitch by 7 row scarf)

Row 1: ss, ch6 (last two chain stitches form first stitch of row 2).

Row 2: htr into each of chains (5 stitches in total).

Row 3: ch2, htr, htr, htr, htr.

Row 4: As row 3.

Rows 5, 6,7: The same. Finish off, weave in. Make a bow tie either by wrapping wool round the middle or sewing it into a ruched/gathered shape. Leave a tail; you'll need this to sew the bow tie on.

Please send finished bunnies to the below address by **Mar 25th 2019**, marking your parcel 'Easter Bunnies'.
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