

Supplies needed to crochet these adorable rattles:

- Cotton or acrylic yarn
- 5.0 mm crochet hook
- Stuffing
- Small plastic rattle inserts
- 12mm Safety eyes
- Black embroidery floss
- Embroidery needle

Skill level: Beginner

Crochet terminology:

- St Stitch
- SC Single Crochet
- INC Increase

• INV DEC - Invisible Decrease

We are going to start off with the bear head:

Rnd 1: start with a magic circle (6sc) Rnd 2: INC in all 6 stitches (12sc) Rnd 3: SC in the next st, INC, Repeat 6 times (18sc) Rnd 4: SC in the next 2 st, INC, Repeat 6 times (24sc) Rnd 5: SC in the next 3 st, INC, Repeat 6 times (30sc) Rnd 6: SC in the next 4 st, INC, Repeat 6 times (36sc) Rnd 7-14: SC in the next 7 rows Rnd 15: SC in the next 6 st, INV DEC, Repeat for 5 rows (18sc)

Handle:

Rnd 1: start with a magic circle (6sc) Rnd 2: INC in all 6 stitches (12sc) Rnd 3: SC in the next st, INC, Repeat 6 times (18sc) Rnd 4: SC in the next 18 rows.

Ears X2:

Rnd 1: start with a magic circle (6sc) Rnd 2: INC in all 6 stitches (12sc) Rnd 3: SC for 1 row (12sc) Rnd 4: SC in the next 2 st, INV DEC, for 1 row (9sc)

Now it's time to sew everything together.

- 1. Sew the head and the body together leaving an opening for you to attach the safety eyes, (I find it easier to put the eyes on after sewing the head and body together, that way you don't have to worry about keeping the eyes in the middle when sewing) stuffing, and rattle insert.
- 2. I place my safety eyes in the middle row of the head, about 10 stitches apart
- 3. Using the embroidery thread, sew on the nose and mouth on the row that's just below the eyes.
- 4. Attach the ears, they can be as high or low on the head as you'd like. I generally place mine starting on the 4th row from the middle.

That's it! You have an adorable new baby rattle!

If you don't want to make one yourself, you can find premade rattles on illuminecreative.com