

Clover the Cow Amigurumi

A sweet stand-up amigurumi cow with floppy ears, tiny horns, and patchwork spots. Worked in continuous rounds with basic single crochet — a great project for confident beginners.



Original Loop Patterns illustration — finished toy shown in a cream, black and pink colourway.

CRAFT Crochet (amigurumi)	SKILL LEVEL Easy / Confident beginner	SIZE Approx. 8" (20cm) tall
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MATERIALS

Worsted weight (Aran) yarn: Cream/white (main), Black (spots + hooves), Pink (snout + inner ears) — small amounts of each, approx. 90g cream, 20g black, 10g pink.

3.5mm (US E/4) crochet hook, or size needed for a firm, tight fabric.

Polyester fiberfill stuffing.

2 x 12mm safety eyes (or embroider eyes for very young children).

Stitch marker, yarn needle, small amount of black embroidery thread for mouth/nostrials.

GAUGE

Gauge isn't critical, but work more tightly than usual so stuffing doesn't show through the fabric. Aim for approx. 18 sts and 20 rounds = 4" (10cm) in single crochet.

ABBREVIATIONS

Ch = Chain

Rep = Repeat

Sc = Single crochet

Inc = 2 sc in same st

Dec = Sc2tog (invisible dec)

Sl st = Slip stitch

Rnd(s) = Round(s)

St(s) = Stitch(es)

BLO = Back loop only

MR = Magic ring

Worked in continuous rounds (spiral) unless stated otherwise — do not join or turn. Use a stitch marker to track the beginning of each round, moving it up each time.

HEAD (make 1, cream)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MR. (6)

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. (12)

Rnd 3: *Sc 1, inc; rep from * around. (18)

Rnd 4: *Sc 2, inc; rep from * around. (24)

Rnd 5: *Sc 3, inc; rep from * around. (30)

Rnd 6: *Sc 4, inc; rep from * around. (36)

Rnds 7–13: Sc around, even. (36) — place safety eyes between rnds 9 and 10, approx. 9 sts apart, before continuing.

Rnd 14: *Sc 4, dec; rep from * around. (30)

Rnd 15: *Sc 3, dec; rep from * around. (24)

Rnd 16: *Sc 2, dec; rep from * around. (18) Begin stuffing firmly and continue to stuff as you close.

Rnd 17: *Sc 1, dec; rep from * around. (12)

Rnd 18: Dec around. (6)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Weave tail through front loops of last 6 sts, pull closed, secure.

SNOUT (make 1, pink)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MR. (6)

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. (12)

Rnd 3: *Sc 1, inc; rep from * around. (18)

Rnd 4: Sc around, even. (18)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. With black embroidery thread, stitch 2 small nostrils and a smile onto the snout before attaching to the head, centred over rnds 10–14.

EARS (make 2, cream + pink)

With cream: **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in MR. (6)

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. (12)

Rnd 3: *Sc 1, inc; rep from * around. (18)

Rnd 4: Sc around, even. (18)

Fasten off. Fold flat and sew a small pink oval to the centre front of each ear before attaching to the head just behind the eyes, angled slightly outward and down.

HORNS (make 2, cream)

Rnd 1: 5 sc in MR. (5)

Rnds 2–4: Sc around, even. (5)

Fasten off, leaving a tail. Stuff lightly and sew to top of head, one either side of centre, just in front of the ears.

BODY (make 1, cream)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MR. (6)

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. (12)

Rnd 3: *Sc 1, inc; rep from * around. (18)

Rnd 4: *Sc 2, inc; rep from * around. (24)

Rnd 5: *Sc 3, inc; rep from * around. (30)

Rnd 6: *Sc 4, inc; rep from * around. (36)

Rnds 7–16: Sc around, even. (36)

Rnd 17: *Sc 4, dec; rep from * around. (30) Begin stuffing firmly.

Rnd 18: *Sc 3, dec; rep from * around. (24)

Rnd 19: *Sc 2, dec; rep from * around. (18)

Rnd 20: *Sc 1, dec; rep from * around. (12) Finish stuffing.

Rnd 21: Dec around. (6)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Close as for Head.

Spots: Using black yarn, embroider or crochet-appliqué 2–3 irregular patches onto the body before stuffing rnds 12–16, and 1 patch onto the head if desired.

LEGS (make 4, cream with black hoof)

With black: Rnd 1: 6 sc in MR. (6)

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. (12)

Rnds 3–4: Sc around, even. (12)

Change to cream.

Rnds 5–12: Sc around, even. (12)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Stuff each leg firmly, leaving the last 2 rounds unstuffed and flattened for sewing to the body.

TAIL (make 1, cream + black)

With cream, ch 12. Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Fasten off, leaving tails at both ends. With a small wrapped bundle of black yarn, make a tassel and tie it to one end of the chain to form the tail tip.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the snout to the front of the head, centred between and slightly below the eyes.
2. Sew ears in place just behind and above the eyes, angled outward.
3. Sew horns to the top of the head, just in front of the ears.
4. Sew the head to the top of the body, keeping the snout facing forward.
5. Position the 4 legs evenly around the base of the body (2 front, 2 back) so the toy stands on its own; sew each one securely in place, flattened side to the body.
6. Sew the plain end of the tail to the back of the body, just above the back legs.
7. Using black embroidery thread, add a small smile and 2 nostril dots to the snout if not already worked.
8. Weave in all remaining ends.

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