

# Little sheep

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## **Materials:**

*When using the suggested materials, it will be about 11 cm long.*

*The listed wool and hook sizes are only suggestions. It is, of course, entirely your personal choice, which yarn you use.*

*Please keep in mind that different yarn may result in a bigger or smaller piece. Make sure to adapt your hook size according to your yarn and personal tension.*

- Wool, e. g. Schachenmayr Catania / Scheepjes Catona (Sport weight) - No. 257, 130), some dark brown or black yarn for the nose
- Crochet hook in suitable size (for me: 2.0 mm)
- Stuffing
- Eyes in suitable size (for me: 10 mm) - may also be crocheted or embroidered

## **Abbreviations (US Terms):**

MR = magic ring

inc = increase

sc = single crochet

dec = decrease

ch = chain

BLO = back loop only

slst = slip stitch

FLO = front loop only

st = stitch

(-) x = repeat inside of ( ) for x nr of times

*Crochet in continuous rounds (spirals), unless otherwise stated.*

*For help with invisible color changes, increases and decreases, please visit the „Tips, Tricks and Tutorials“ section on my website [www.zhaya.de](http://www.zhaya.de).*

# Crochet an oval

## Head:

*light brown / beige*

*You will start with an oval (see the diagram).*

1. ch 6, starting in 2<sup>nd</sup> chain from hook: sc 4, sc 3 into last st, rotate 180 degrees and crochet along the opposite side of the foundation chain: sc 3, sc 2 into last st (12)
2. inc, sc 3, inc x3, sc 3, inc x2 (18)
3. sc 1, inc, sc 3, (sc 1, inc) x3, sc 3, (sc 1, inc) x2 (24)
4. sc 2, inc, sc 3, (sc 2, inc) x3, sc 3, (sc 2, inc) x2 (30)
- 5.-9. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (30)
10. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
11. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)
12. sc in each st around (18)

*Move round marker to the middle of the bottom by crocheting some more sc.*

*Color change to off white, white or light beige (which color the sheepskin should have).*

*IMPORTANT: for all the following rounds of the head crochet into the back loops only.*

13. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
- 14.-15. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (24)

*If you use safety eyes, attach it between round 9 and 10 with a distance of about 3 stitches. The bottom is where your round marker is.*

16. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)
17. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)

*Stuff and shape the head.*

18. dec x6 (6)

*Don't fasten off.*

*Now crochet back while using the unused front loops, crochet in each front loop: (slst 1, ch 6, slst 1). When you reach the end of the free front loops, fasten off invisibly.*

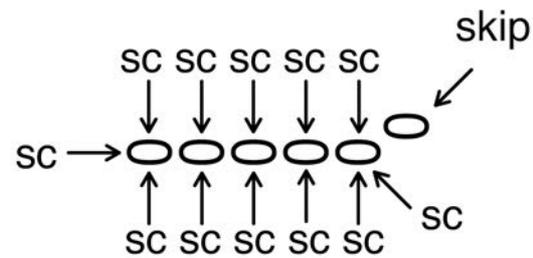
## Ear (make 2):

*Light brown / beige (same color as the face)*

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)

*Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.*

*Sew together the upper stitches to the left and right of the ending point to form the ear, go back with your needle to the end of the round and sew the ears left and right to the head.*



○ = chain  
sc = single crochet





Mark the spots for eyes, nose/mouth as shown at the picture. I've attached the eyes between round 9 and 10 with a distance of about 3 stitches. The upper spots for the nose (the pink pins) are between round 5 and 6 with a distance of 7 stitches, the

upper one in the middle (purple pin) 3 rounds below and the pin at the bottom (red) again 4 rounds below. Embroider the nose/mouth lines now with dark brown or black thread. If not done yet, attach the eyes.



### Body:

off white, white or light beige (sheepskin color)

**IMPORTANT:** for all the following rounds of the head crochet into the back loops only.

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)
- 6.-12. (7 Rounds) sc in each st around (30)
13. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
14. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)
15. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)
16. dec x6 (6)

Don't fasten off.

Again like for the sheepskin at the head before: in each of the free front loops: (slst 1, ch 6, slst 1), at the end: fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing on the head.

Exactly at this point of the last round of the sheepskin, sew on the head in a nice look while using the end thread. Nearly done yet :o)

### Leg (make 4):

Light brown / beige (same color as the face)

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 3, inc) x3 (15)
- 4.-5. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (15)
6. (sc 3, dec) x3 (12)

Loosely stuff the foot, flatten the edges and crochet both sides together with sc.

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.



*When you've finished all 4 legs, pin it to the body until it looks good for you and the sheep is able to stand alone. To do this, "unfold" the chains at the appropriate points, then attaching and sewing on the legs is no problem.*



*If you want, you can crochet a collar. Just make a chain in sufficient length and sc back. Put the collar around the neck, maybe add a bead and sew it together, weave in the end.*



*If you wanna use the sheep to hang on your bag (it could be too big for a key chain), crochet another chain and back with slip stitches. Sew on this ribbon to an appropriate place.*

