

Stummelchen

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Materials:

When using the suggested materials, it will be about 18 cm tall sitting. The head width is about 13 cm.

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. When crocheting Amigurumis you should use a much smaller needle size than indicated on the label or you would use it for other crochet projects so that no holes are made when the piece is stuffed.

- Wool in color of choice (I used: Alize Cotton Gold Batik Color 3304 - yardage 360 yards/ 100 grams)
- Crochet hook in suitable size (for me: 2,0 mm)
- Stuffing
- Eyes in suitable size (in my case: 10 mm)

Abbreviations (US Terms):

MR = magic ring

sc = single crochet

dc = double crochet

tr = treble crochet

bs = Bobble stitch (see explanation below)

ch = chain

st = stitch

slst = slip stitch

inc = increase

dec = decrease

BLO = back loop only

FLO = front loop only

You are working in continuous rounds (spirals), unless otherwise stated.

Special stitch: bobble stitch

Bobble stitches are usually made of 5 unfinished double crochet stitches. In some cases I have to vary those stitches, for example when I need a bigger bobble for a toe or something like that. I add in brackets how many and which of these unfinished stitches the bobble consists of, e. g. bs x5 (tr 3) < - this means: make 5 bobble stitches using 3 unfinished treble crochet stitches.

Stummelchen is a very special case. I used 2 stitches of the previous round for each toe, so make 4 unfinished treble crochet stitches in the first stitch and directly 4 more unfinished treble crochet stitches in the next stitch, and NOW pull the yarn through all 9 loops on hook, sc 1.

How to make those bigger bobble stitches for his toes:

Wrap the yarn twice around the hook (for tr), insert hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull through, yarn over and pull through 2 loops on hook, yarn over again and pull through 2 loops on hook - this unfinished treble crochet is ready for now and there should remain 2 loops on your hook now. Start the next unfinished treble crochet: wrap the yarn twice around the hook, insert hook in the **same** stitch as before, yarn over and pull through, yarn over and pull through 2 loops on hook, yarn over again and pull through 2 loops on hook, there should remain 3 loops on hook now. Repeat this until you have made 4 of these unfinished treble crochet stitches (there should be 5 loops on hook), wrap the yarn twice around the hook, insert hook



in the **next** stitch now and make 4 more unfinished treble crochet stitches into this stitch (you have 9 loops on hook), finally yarn over and pull the yarn through all 9 loops in one go, tighten and sc 1 in next stitch. Usually the bobble is now on the wrong side (at the back). No problem, just push it to the front. You can also push the bobble to the front while crocheting the single crochet.

Regular bobble stitches:

Wrap the yarn around the hook, insert hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull through, yarn over and pull through 2 loops on hook - this unfinished double crochet is ready for now and there should remain 2 loops on your hook now. Start the next unfinished double crochet: wrap the yarn around the hook, insert hook in the **same** stitch as before, yarn over and pull through, yarn over and pull through 2 loops on hook, there should remain 3 loops on hook now. Repeat this until you have made the required number of unfinished double crochet stitches (usually 5 - so you have 6 loops on hook), finally yarn over and pull the yarn through all loops in one go, tighten and sc 1 in next stitch. Usually the bobble is on the wrong side, the back side now. No problem, just push it to the front. You can also push the bobble to the front while crocheting the single crochet.

Video to Bobble stitch (German only but maybe helpful too): <https://zhaya.de/stummeltoe.html> (just click the link).

Head and Body:

1. 6 sc 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. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
7. (sc 5, inc) x6 (42)
8. (sc 6, inc) x6 (48)
9. (sc 7, inc) x6 (54)
10. (sc 8, inc) x6 (60)
11. (sc 9, inc) x6 (66)
12. (sc 10, inc) x6 (72)
13. (sc 11, inc) x6 (78)
14. (sc 12, inc) x6 (84)
15. sc in each stitch (84)
16. inc, sc 39, inc x3, sc 39, inc x2 (90)
17. sc in each stitch (90)
18. sc 1, inc, sc 39, (sc 1, inc) x3, sc 39, (sc 1, inc) x2 (96)
19. sc in each stitch (96)
20. sc 2, inc, sc 39, (sc 2, inc) x3, sc 39, (sc 2, inc) x2 (102)
- 21.-24. (4 rounds) sc in each stitch (102)
25. (sc 15, dec) x6 (96)
26. (sc 14, dec) x6 (90)
27. (sc 13, dec) x6 (84)
28. (sc 12, dec) x6 (78)
29. (sc 11, dec) x6 (72)
30. (sc 10, dec) x6 (66)
31. (sc 9, dec) x6 (60)

If using safety eyes, attach those between 25th and 26th round with 16 stitches distance. Best way to do it is to stuff the head, mark the spots for the eyes, remove stuffing and attach the eyes.

Beginn stuffing the head.

32. (sc 8, dec) x6 (54)
33. (sc 7, dec) x6 (48)
34. (sc 6, dec) x6 (42)
35. (sc 5, dec) x6 (36)
36. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
37. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)

Add more stuffing.

38. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)
39. **FLO:** slst in each stitch (18)
40. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
41. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)

Stuff and shape the head.

42. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
- 43.-44. (2 rounds) sc in each stitch (36)
45. (sc 5, inc) x6 (42)
- 46.-47. (2 rounds) sc in each stitch (42)
48. (sc 6, inc) x6 (48)
- 49.-50. (2 rounds) sc in each stitch (48)

- 51. (sc 7, inc) x6 (54)
- 52. (sc 8, inc) x6 (60)
- 53. (sc 9, inc) x6 (66)
- 54. sc in each stitch (66)
- 55. (sc 9, dec) x6 (60)
- 56. (sc 8, dec) x6 (54)
- 57. (sc 7, dec) x6 (48)
- 58. (sc 6, dec) x6 (42)

Begin stuffing the body.

- 59. (sc 5, dec) x6 (36)
- 60. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
- 61. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
- 62. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)

Stuff and shape the body.

- 63. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)
- 64. dec x6 (6)

Fasten off, weaving in all ends.

Ears (2x):

- 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. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
- 7. (sc 5, inc) x6 (42)
- 8.-10. (3 rounds) sc in each stitch (42)
- 11. (sc 5, dec) x6 (36)
- 12.-13. (2 rounds) sc in each stitch (36)
- 14. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
- 15. sc in each stitch (30)
- 16. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
- 17. sc in each stitch (24)
- 18.-20. (3 rounds) sc in each stitch (24)

Flatten the ears and sew or crochet together the top. Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Arm (2x):

- 1. 6 sc in MR (6)
- 2. inc x6 (12)
- 3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
- 4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
- 5. sc in each stitch (24)
- 6. 1 regular bobble (with 5 dc), sc 23 (24)
- 7. sc in each stitch (24)
- 8. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)
- 9. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)

Stuff the paw.

- 10.-25. (16 rounds) sc in each stitch (12)

Do not stuff the arm.

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Legs (2x):

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. sc 5, make 4 big bobble stitches (*see instructions above*) - you should have 4 toes now, sc 13 (30)
7. sc 5, sc 12 (crochet 3 sc over each toe), sc 13 (30)
8. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
9. sc in each stitch (24)
10. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)
11. sc in each stitch (18)

Stuff the foot.

12. (sc 4, dec) x3 (15)
- 13.-20. (8 rounds) sc in each stitch (15)

Stuff the leg loosely.

21. (sc 3, dec) x3 (12)
22. sc in each stitch (12)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Tail:

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
- 4.-6. (3 rounds) sc in each stitch (18)
7. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing, stuff the tail.

Finishing:

Important for a good result in my opinion is that you have to pin all pieces to the right place. Change the position until the result looks nice for You and only then fix it.

Find out which side is the front. (head is a an oval). If you haven't used safety eyes attach your eyes between round 25 and 26 with 16 stitches in between.

Sew legs to body. Sew arms left and right just below the head, thumb forward.

Sew the ears left and right a little backwards to the head.

Sew tail behind, so that the figure can sit well.

