



SNUGGLE BUNNY

Brenda's design turns a simple bit of amigurumi into something truly special, embellishing with a clever use of embroidered lace motifs



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Aran



2.25 & 3.75mm

★★ Fun finishing

Yarn used

Sirdar Supersoft Aran
3 balls in 0914 (MC), 1 ball in 0921 (CC)

About the yarn

Aran (4) weight; 236 m per 100g ball;
100% acrylic

Tension

18 sts x 20 rnds = 10cm measured over
dc worked in the Rnd. OR follow directions
for belly through Rnd 10. Circle measures
10cm in diameter

Hooks used

3.75mm
2.25mm for features and flower on ear

Other supplies

6 stitch markers including one contrasting
marker, toy stuffing, tapestry needle, piece
of cardboard that measures about 8cm
wide (for making pompon tail), embroidery
needle, quilters pins (or sewing pins),
purchased lace fabric that is similar in
colour to tummy

Sizing

Bunny measures 31cm tall (not including
ears). Bunny ears measure 18cm tall

Special abbreviations

**Modified double crochet two
stitches together (moddc2tog):** This
decrease stitch is very similar to the
dc2tog but is a little less noticeable. You
will insert your hook under the front
loop of the next st, and then under the
front loop of the following stitch, yrh,
and pull loop through to front of work,
yrh and pull through both loops

Inner ears and facial features are worked
flat, in turned rows. Turning chains do not
count as a stitch.

The patterns for the bunny's body, tummy,
outer ears, arms, legs, and flower (at ear)
are worked in the amigurumi style, in
a spiral without slip stitching or turning



The ears will
stand up on their
own if crocheted
at a tight
enough tension

chains. Do not turn your work at the end of
the rnd. Use a removable stitch marker to
mark the end of the rnd.

Bunny body begins at the bottom and
is worked in a spiral to the top of
bunny's head.

Unless otherwise instructed, to make an
increase work 2 dc into a stitch. Unless
otherwise instructed, to make a decrease
work moddc2tog across next two stitches.
Outer ears, inner ears, tummy, arms, legs,
flower (at ear), whiskers, eyes and nose/
mouth outlines are all crocheted separately
and stitched onto bunny. You may choose
to forgo the directions for the facial features
and embroider them directly onto the face
instead. However, crocheting them first
makes it much easier to get a symmetrical
and tidy face. Embroidery on tummy is
created by using pieces of purchased lace
as a template, and filling it in with satin
stitch embroidery.

Start crocheting

Bunny

Rnd 1: Using larger hook and MC, working
into a magic ring, 6 dc.

Rnd 2: 2 dc into each st around. 12 sts

Rnd 3: [1 dc, 2 dc into next st, pm in last st]
6 times. 18 sts, 6 markers placed

Move markers up each rnd. Use
contrasting marker to mark last st of rnd.

Rnds 4-18: Dc around, increasing once
between each set of markers (6 increases
per Rnd). Make your increases in a
different location each rnd so that they
do not end up stacked on top of each
other. 108 sts at end of Rnd 18

Rnds 19-36: Dc around.

Rnds 37-44: Dc around, decreasing
once between each set of markers (6
decreases per rnd). Make your decreases
in a different location each rnd so that
they do not end up stacked on top of
each other. 60 sts at end of Rnd 44

Rnds 45 & 46: Dc around. Remove first,
3rd and 5th stitch markers (3 stitch
markers remain).

Rnds 47-54: for next 8 rnds: Dc around,
increasing once between each set of
markers (3 increases per rnd). 84 sts at
end of Rnd 54

Rnds 55-66: Dc around. 84 sts

Rnds 67-79: Dc around, decreasing
twice between each set of markers (6
decreases per rnd). 6 sts

Stuff bunny firmly when hole in top is about
the size of your fist. Continue adding toy
stuffing as you work.)

Sl st to fasten leaving long tail. Using yarn
needle, weave yarn tail through each of
remaining 6 sts and pull tight to close hole
in top of bunny. Weave in ends securely.

Outer Ear

Rnd 1: Using larger hook and MC, working
into a magic ring, 6 dc. Use st marker to
mark last st of rnd. Move marker up as
work progresses.

Rnds 2-10: Dc around making 2 increases
each rnd. Place each increase in a
different place each rnd. 24 sts at end of
Rnd 10

Rnds 11-22: Dc around making 1 increases
each rnd. 36 sts at end of Rnd 22

Rnds 23-36: 1 dc each st. 36 sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.



Inner ear (worked in turned rows)

Using Larger hook and CC, chain 25.

Row 1: Beginning with the 2nd ch from hook and working into the bottom of the chain, 1 sl st, 1 dc, 2 htr, 4 tr, 16 dtr sts.

Turn. 24 sts

Row 2: 2 ch, 17 dtr, 4 tr, 2 htr, dc in last st. Turn.

Row 3: 1 ch, 1 sl st, 1 dc, 2 htr, 4 tr, 16 dtr. Turn.

Edging row: 1 ch, 1 dc in next 24 sts, 1 dc into tip of ear, 1 dc in next 24 sts.

Fasten off leaving long tail for sewing inner ear into outer ear.

Arms

Rnd 1: Using larger hook and MC, working into a magic ring, 6 dc. Use st marker to mark last st of rnd. Move marker up as work progresses.

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st. 12 sts

Rnd 3: [1 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 4: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc in next 2 sts] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnds 5 & 6: Dc around.

Rnds 7-11: Dc around making 2 decreases each rnd. Place decreases in a different place each rnd so that you are not making a decrease stitch into the decrease from the previous rnd.

Rnds 12-15: Dc around. 12 sts

Fasten off leaving long tail for sewing. Stuff arms firmly in hand portion but lightly near top of arm.

Legs

Work through Rnd 4 of directions for arms.

Rnd 5: [Dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, 1 dc in next st] 6 times. 30 sts

Rnds 6 & 7: Dc around.

Rnds 8-14: Dc around making 2 decreases each rnd -16 sts at end of Rnd 14. Place decreases in a different place each rnd so that you are not making a decrease stitch into the decrease from the previous rnd.

Rnds 15 & 16: Dc around. 16 sts

Fasten off leaving long tail for sewing. Stuff legs firmly in foot but lightly near top of leg.

Tummy

Rnd 1: Using larger hook and CC, working into a magic ring, 6 dc.

Rnd 2: 2 dc into each st around. 12 sts

Rnd 3: [1 dc, 2 dc into next st, pm in last st] 6 times. 18 sts, 6 markers placed

Move markers up each rnd. Use a contrasting stitch marker to mark the last st of rnd.

Rnds 4-12: Dc around, increasing once between each set of markers (6 increases per Rnd). Make your increases in a different location each rnd so that they do not end up stacked on top of each other. 72 sts at end of Rnd 12

Rnds 13-14: Dc around, increasing 4 times per rnd. 84 sts at end of Rnd 14

Fasten off leaving long tail for sewing tummy to front of bunny.

Eyes (make 2)

Using embroidery floss and smaller crochet hook, chain 11. Starting in 2nd ch from hook, and working into the bottom ridge of the ch, 1 sl st in next 7 chs, *4 ch, beg with 2nd ch from hook and working into the bottom ridge of the chain 1 sl st in next 3 sts,** 1 sl st into each of next 2 sts of original chain; rep from * to **, 1 sl st in last st of original ch. Fasten off leaving long tail for sewing.

Nose/mouth

Using embroidery floss and smaller crochet hook, chain 12. Starting in 2nd ch from hook and working in bottom ridge of ch, 1 sl st in next 4, 5 ch, beg with 2nd ch from hook and working in bottom ridge of ch, 1 sl st in next 4, returning to original ch, 1 sl st in next 2 sts, 6 ch, beg with 2nd ch from hook and working in bottom ridge of ch, 1 sl st in next 5, returning to original ch, 1 sl st in last 5 sts.

Flower centre

Rnd 1: Using red embroidery floss and smaller hook, working into a magic ring, 6 dc, do not join, pull on beginning yarn tail to tighten loop. 6 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st. 12 sts

Rnd 3: [1 dc, 2 dc in next st] around. 18 sts

Rnd 4: Sl st in each st. Fasten off.



Petals (make 5)

Rnd 1: Using yellow embroidery floss and smaller hook, working into a magic ring, 6 dc, do not join, pull on beginning yarn tail to tighten loop. 6 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st. 12 sts

Rnds 3-5: Dc around. 12 sts

Rnd 6: [1 dc, moddc2tog] 4 times. 8 sts
Sl st to fasten off leaving long tail for sewing.

Fold petal flat. Using ending tail, whip-stitch opening of petal closed. Butt the ending edge of the petal up with the last dc Rnd of the flower centre, and whip stitch the edges together being careful not to stitch around/into the slip stitches. (The slip stitches will help hide your whip stitches.)

Finishing

Block ear pieces if necessary. Fold outer ear flat. Place inner ear on top of outer ear and pin into place. Using yarn ends and tapestry needle, sew around edge of inner ear to attach it to the outer ear. Take care to only stitch through top layer of outer ear. Curl the base of outer ear into a tube and using MC yarn tails and tapestry needle, stitch edges of outer ear to each other for about 3cm. Pin ears to top of head and stitch in place using MC and tapestry needle. Pin Tummy to front of bunny body. Use CC to stitch tummy to body. Fold opening of each arm flat and whip stitch closed. Repeat for each leg. Pin, and then

stitch arms and legs to bunny body using photos as reference. Using ending tail, stitch flower to bunny's ear.

Tail (pompom)

Wrap each colour around cardboard 80 times.

Cut a piece of MC to 40cm and set aside. Wrap each colour of yarn loosely around piece of cardboard about 80 times.

Carefully remove loops from cardboard and center them over the 40cm piece of yarn. Tie yarn around the centre of loops – make sure you tie a very tight knot. Use scissors to cut all of the loops of the pompom, being careful not to cut either of the two longer strands that were used to tie the pompom together. Fluff pompom, and trim ends of pompom into a 6cm ball. Using tapestry needle and long strands of MC, attach pompom to back of bunny.

Facial features

Pin each eye, nose/mouth, and whiskers to head. Using ending tail and embroidery needle, stitch each piece to bunny's face. Using embroidery needle and pink embroidery floss, satin stitch a triangle onto bunny's face within the outlines for nose.

Embroidery on tummy (see photos)

1 Carefully cut lace motifs out of purchased lace yardage. It is OK to trim

“ Be sure that the lace you purchase for this project has motifs that are large enough to embroider – avoid the fine, all-over lace patterns. You may want to wait to purchase the lace until you have finished the bunny – that way you can see if you like the size and shape of the lace pieces on the actual bunny ”

down motifs if you only want to use part of it. **2** Pin lace motifs to tummy. If you want mirror image embroidery, just flip a second piece over and pin to bunny with wrong side up. (You will be covering these motifs completely with embroidery so it doesn't matter which side of the lace is showing). You can even combine parts of different motifs together if you want. Using lace for a template helps you clearly envision how the embroidery will look when it is finished. You can easily move your motifs around until you are happy with the placement of all of the pieces. **3 - 8** Using Embroidery floss and embroidery needle, fill in the lace motifs with satin stitches following example in photo. Be very careful not to pull too tightly on the embroidery floss, as this will constrict and/or distort the fabric. **9 - 11** Make French knots at center of flowers, and/or use chain stitch embroidery, or a backstitch to make outlines if desired. 🌀