



## Teddy Bear Hand Puppet

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The children in South Africa have very few if any playthings. A puppet will give a child many hours of fun and laughter.



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### Materials and Equipment

- Light worsted weight yarn (American)/ DK (UK)/ 8ply (Aust)
- 4.00mm/US 6 Hook

### Abbreviations

Note: Pattern uses American terminology

American	British
slip stitch (sl st)	single crochet (sc)
single crochet (sc)	double crochet (dc)

### Instructions

Chain(ch) 19. Sc in 2nd chain from hook and in each stitch across. Ch 1, turn.

**Row 1:** Sc in each stitch across; ch 1, turn. (18 stitches)

**Rows 2-15:** Repeat Row 1 until work measures 10 cm/4". At the end of the last row, chain 11.Turn.

- Row 16:** Sc in 2nd chain from hook and in each chain; sc in each stitch across; ch 11, turn.
- Row 17:** Sc in 2nd chain from hook and in each chain; sc in each stitch across; ch 1, turn. (38 sts)
- Row 18:** Sc in each stitch across; ch 1, turn. (38 sts)
- Row 19-20:** Sc in next 38 stitches; ch 1, turn. (38 sts)
- Row 21:** Sc in next 28 stitches; ch 1, turn. (28 sts)
- Row 22:** Sc in next 18 stitches; ch 1 turn. (18 sts)
- Rows 23-41:** Repeat Row 22 until work measures 14cm/5.5". At the end of the last row, chain 11; turn.
- Row 42:** Sc in 2nd chain from hook and in each chain; sc in each stitch across; ch 11, turn.
- Row 43:** Sc in 2nd chain from hook and in each chain; sc in each stitch across; ch 1, turn. (38 sts)
- Row 44:** Sc in each stitch across; ch 1, turn. (38 sts)
- Row 45-46:** Sc in next 38 stitches; ch 1, turn. (38 sts)
- Row 47:** Sc in next 28 stitches; ch 1 turn. (28 sts)
- Row 48:** Sc in next 18 stitches; ch 1 turn. (18 sts)
- Repeat Row 48** until work measures 10cm/4". Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

Puppet open, before folding in half.



## Finishing

Leaving the bottom open, fold in half and sew the edges together. Turn right side out. Sew diagonally across the top corners to make ears\*. Add a little padding in the head. Tie wool or ribbon around securely to make a neck.

Weave in yarn ends. Sew on a happy face.

*Remember not to use buttons for eyes as they might come off and cause a choking danger*

*\*Note: If you stitch a diagonal across the corner bigger than you want the ears to be; e.g. 2-3 cm/1" and then draw the thread tight, it curves the ears. [see photos below]*



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## Variations

To give your teddy a bit more personality, why not crochet a small scarf and hat in bright, cheerful colours. Make sure any accessories are firmly sewn onto the puppet, so that they don't fall off or get lost.

This pattern also works well to create other animals such as a Panda or a Tiger.



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