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The bear is made with a number 20 crochet thread (I used Manuella) and two polystyrene 'balls' which are easily obtained from craft stores. The finished bear is 3 ¾" high.

Abbreviations

| | | | |
|--------|--|------|-------------------------|
| R | ring | Ch | chain |
| - or p | picot | SR | split ring |
| / | after the / make 2nd half of SR | B | move bead in place of p |
| +B | add bead to picot before joining | Btwn | between |
| seta | four first half of ds | setb | four second half ds |
| vsp | very small picot (smallest you can make) | + | join |
| Fp | false picot | Cl | close |
| T & C | Tie and cut | | |

Materials required:- 2 polystyrene balls. 1 measuring 6 ½" in circumference (body) and 1 measuring 5" (head), no. 20 thread, four shuttles (not to be used all together!), three beads (size 4mm).

Skills required – split rings, Victorian 'sets'.

Tension – head (this is only if you want to check before starting.

R1: 4 - 4 - 4 - 4

Ch: 4 - 4 14 fit round the circumference of the head.

Tension – body

SR: 8 vsp 8 / 8 vsp 8 - 14 SR's or 17 rings and chains (as in the head) fit round circumference of body

Head – using smaller ball & 2 shuttles with one B on

Wsh1

Snout

Centre R: 2 - 2 - 2 - 1 seta B setb 1 - 2 - 2 - 2 See fig. 1 & continue to

Round 1

SR1: Fp 2 vsp 3 - 3 / Fp 2

SR2: 3 - 3 / 2 + (next p centre SR) 2

SR3 - SR6 as last SR

SR7: 3 / 2 + (next p centre SR) 2 + (vsp SR1) 3 See fig. 2 & continue to

Round 2

SR8: Fp 4 vsp 4 - 4 / Fp 4

SR9: 4 - 4 / 4 + (next SR round 1) 4

SR10 - SR13 as last SR

SR14: 4 / 4 + (next SR round 1) 4 + (vsp SR8) 4 See fig. 3 & continue to

Round 3 Add beads to picots for eyes in this round.

SR15: 4 - 4 / 4 - 4



Fig. 1

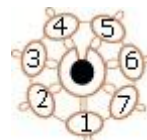


Fig. 2

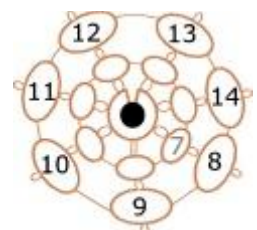


Fig. 3

Ch: vsp 7
 R16: 4 + (last SR) 4 + (space btwn last & next SR round 2) 4 - 4
 Ch: vsp 7
 R17: 4 + B (last R) 4 + (p next SR Round 2) 4 - 4
 Ch: vsp 7
 R18: 4 + (last SR) 4 + (space btwn last & next SR round 2) 4 - 4
 Ch: vsp 7
 R19: 4 + (last R) 4 + (p next SR Round 2) 4 - 4
 Ch: vsp 7
 R20: 4 + B (last SR) 4 + (space btwn last & next SR round 2) 4 - 4
 Ch: vsp 7
 *R21: 4 + (last R) 4 + (p next SR Round 2) 4 - 4
 Ch: vsp 7
 R22: 4 + (last R) 4 + (space btwn last & next SR round 2) 4 - 4
 Ch: vsp 7 Repeat from *twice
 R27: 4 + (last R) 4 + (p next SR Round 2) 4 - 4
 Ch: vsp 7
 R28: 4 + (last R) 4 + (space btwn last & next SR round 2) 4 + (p on SR15) 4
 Ch: vsp 7 + base SR15 continue to round 4 with SR

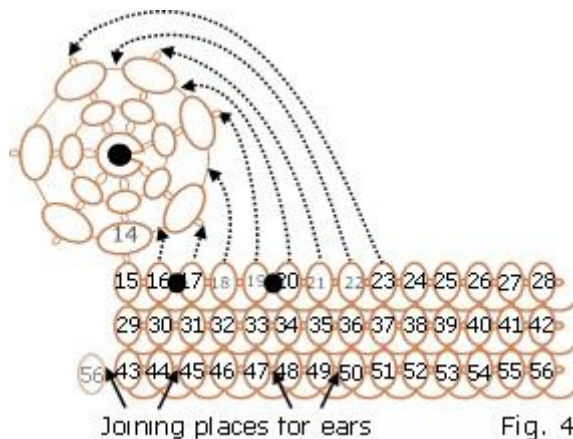


Fig. 4

Round 4

SR29: 4 - 4 / 4 - 4
 *Ch: vsp 8
 R30: 4 + (last SR or R) 4 + (vsp base next R on Round 3) 4 - 4

Repeat from * all round joining 3rd p of R42 to 1st p SR29 and following chain to base SR29 continue to round 5

Round 5

SR43: 4 - 4 / 4 - 4
 *Ch: vsp 7
 R44: 4 + (last SR or R) 4 + (vsp base next R on round 4) 4 - 4
 Repeat from * all round joining 3rd p of R56 to 1st p SR43 and following chain to base SR43

After R56 leave head with both shuttles attached and continue with

Ear 1 – using one shuttle and chain thread both in dark brown

R1: 4 + (with the front of the head towards the worker, find the R btwn the eyes on round 5 – move 3 rings to the right and join to the join btwn this ring and the next ring – see figs. 4 & 5 & 6) 6 - 4

Ch: 10
 R2: 4 + (R1) 6 - 4
 Ch: 10
 R3: 4 + (R2) 6 - 4
 Ch: 10
 R4: 4 + (R3) 6 + (miss the join btwn the next 2 rings on round 5 and join to the following one) 4 T & C

Ear2

Make a second ear on the other side to match joining R1 to the joining picots above the right eye of the bear on round 5.



Fig. 5

Now return to the head and put the polystyrene ball into the tatting after about a half the rings and chains have been worked on this round.

Round 6

SR57: FP 4 – 3 / 4 – 3

*Ch: vsp 6

R58: 3 + (last SR or R) 4 + (vsp base next R round 5) 4 – 3

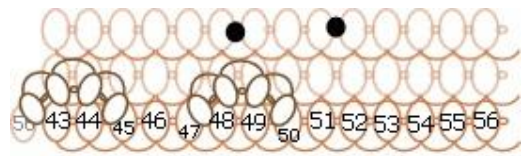


Fig. 6

Repeat from * all round joining 3rd p of R70 to SR57 and following chain to base SR57

Round 7

SR71: 3 – 2 / 3 – 2

*Ch: vsp 4

R72: 2 + (last SR or R) 3 + (vsp base next R round 6) 3 – 2

Ch: vsp 2

R73: 2 + (last SR or R) 3 + (vsp base next R round 6) 3 – 2

Repeat from * all round joining 3rd p of R84 to SR71 and following chain to base SR71

Round 8

SR85: 3 – 2 / 3 – 2

*Ch: 2

R86: 2 + (last SR or R) 3 + (miss next R round 7 & join to vsp base following R) 3 – 2

Repeat from * all round joining 3rd p of R91 to SR85 and following chain to base SR85 T & C

Body – using two shuttles.

Centre – hide both shuttles ends or use CTM

R: 1 *– 1 repeat from * 6 times continue to

Round 1

SR1: Fp 1 – 2 / Fp 1 – 2

*Ch: vsp 2 vsp 2

R2: 2 + (last SR or R) 1 + (next p on Centre) 1 – 2

Repeat from * to last R

R7: 2 + (p on last R) 1 + (next p on Centre) 1 + (p on SR1) 2

Ch: vsp 2 vsp 2 join to base SR1 continue to

Round 2

SR8: 2 – 3 / 2 – 3

*Ch: vsp 5

R9: 3 + (last SR) 2 + (vsp on next Ch round 1) 2 – 3

Ch: vsp 5

R10: 3 + (last R) 2 + (vsp base next R on Round 1) 2 – 3

Repeat from * all round joining 3rd p of R21 to SR8 and following chain to base SR8 continue to

Round 3

SR22: 4 – 4 / 4 – 4

*Ch: vsp 8

R23: 4 + (last SR or R) 4 + (vsp base next R of Round 2) 4 – 4

Repeat from * all round joining 3rd p of R35 to SR22 and following chain to base SR22 continue to

Round 4

SR36: 6 vsp 6 vsp 6 / 6

*SR37: 6 vsp 6 / 6 + (vsp base of next R round 3) 6

Repeat from * all round

SR49: 6 / 6 + (vsp base of next R round 3) 6 (vsp SR36) 6 continue to

Round 5

SR50: 8 vsp 8 vsp 8 / 8

*SR51: 8 vsp 8 / 8 + (vsp on next SR of Round 4) 8

Repeat from * all round

SR63: 8 / 8 + (vsp on next SR round 4) 8 + (vsp SR50) 8

Round 6

SR64: 7 vsp 7 vsp 7 / 7

SR65: 7 vsp 7 / 7 + (vsp on next SR of Round 5) 7

Repeat from * all round

SR77: 7 / + (vsp on next SR of Round 5) 7 + (vsp on SR64) 7 – insert the polystyrene ball, continue to

Round 7

SR78: 6 vsp 6 vsp 6 / 6

*SR79: 6 vsp 6 / 6 + (vsp on next SR of Round 6) 6 / 6 vsp 6

Repeat from * all round

SR91: 6 / 6 + (vsp on next SR of Round 6) 6 + (vsp on SR78) 6

Round 8

SR92: 4 vsp 3 vsp 3 / 4

SR93: 3 vsp 3 / 4 (vsp on next SR of Round 7) 4

Repeat from * all round

SR105: 3 / (vsp on next SR of Round 7) 4 + (vsp on SR92) 3

Round 9

SR106: 2 vsp 2 vsp 2 / 2

*SR107: 2 vsp 2 / 2 + (vsp on next SR of Round 8) 2

Repeat from * all round

SR119: 2 / 2 + (vsp on next SR of Round 8) 2 + (vsp on SR106) 2

Round 10

R120: *2 + (next p on Round 9) repeat from * 12 times until last vsp has been joined. Cl, T & C

Arms – using light brown on 2 shuttles changing to dark brown on 1 shuttle and brown chains

R1: 2 – 2 – 2 – 2

Ch: 6

R2: 3 + (3rd p R1) 3 – 3 – 3

Ch: 6

R3: 3 + (3rd p R2) 3 – 3 – 3

Ch: 3 vsp 3

R4: 3 + (3rd p R3) 3 – 3 – 3

Ch: 4 vsp 4

R5: 4 + (3rd p R4) 4 – 4 – 4

Ch: 5 vsp 5

SR6: 4 + (3rd p R5) 4 / 8

SR7: 4 – 4 / 8

Ch: 5 vsp 5

R8: 4 + (SR7) 4 + (R5) 4 – 4

Ch: 4 vsp 4

SR9: 4 + (R8) 4 + (R4) 4 – 4 / 2

Ch: 4 vsp 4

SR10: 4 + (SR9) 4 + (R3) 4 – 4 / 2

Ch: 10

SR11: 4 + (SR10) 4 + (R2) 4 – 4 / 2

Ch: 10

R12: 4 + (SR11) 3 + (R1) 2 – 2 Change both shuttles to dark brown

Ch: 8

R13: 3 + (R12) 2 – 2 – 3

Ch: 8

R14: 3 + (3rd p R13) 2 + (2nd p R13) 2 – 3

Ch: 8

R15: 3 + (3rd p R14) 2 + (2nd p R13) 2 + (1st p R1) 3

Ch: 10 + (base R1) T & C

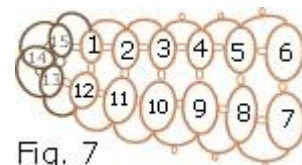


Fig. 7

Legs – starting with Foot – 2 shuttles with dark brown thread wound CTM

Foot - centre Ring – brown shuttles

R: 1 (- 2) x 6 – 1 continue to round 1 with next SR

Round 1

SR1: Fp 1 – 2 / 1 – 2

*Ch: 3 vsp 3

R2: 2 + (p last SR or R) 1 + (next p centre R) 1 – 2

Repeat from * seven times joining 3rd p R8 to 1st p R1

Ch: 3 vsp 3 T & C to base R1 Change to light brown shuttles - see fig. 8

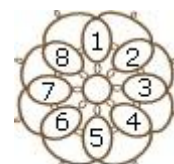


Fig. 8

Leg - two shuttles with light brown thread

Round 1

R1: 5 + (vsp on Ch round 1 of foot) 5 vsp 5 vsp 5

*SR2: 5 vsp 5 / 5 + (vsp next Ch round 1 of foot) 5

Repeat from * 5 times

R8: 5 / 5 + (vsp next Ch round 1 of foot) 5 + (vsp on R1)

5 - see fig. 9

Round 2

SR9: 5 vsp 5 vsp 5 / 5

*SR10: 5 vsp 5 / 5 + (vsp next SR round 1) 5

Repeat from * 5 times

SR16: 5 / 5 + (vsp next SR round 1) 5 + (vsp on SR9) 5

Round 3

SR17: 6 vsp 6 vsp 6 / 6

*SR18: 6 vsp 6 / 6 + (vsp next SR round 2) 6

Repeat from * 5 times

SR24: 6 / 6 + (vsp next SR round 2) 6 + (vsp on SR17) 6

Row 4 - see fig. 10

SR25: 6 vsp 6 vsp 6 / 6

*SR26: 6 vsp 6 / 6 + (vsp next SR round 3) 6

Repeat from * once

SR28: 6 / 6 + (vsp next SR round 3) 6 vsp 6

Row 5

SR29: 6 / 6 vsp 6 vsp 6

*SR30: 6 + (vsp next SR row 4) 6 / 6 vsp 6

Repeat from * once

SR32: 6 + (vsp next SR row 4) 6 vsp 6 / 6

R33: 8 + (3rd vsp SR29) 6 + (vsp SR30) 6 + (vsp SR31) 6

T & C

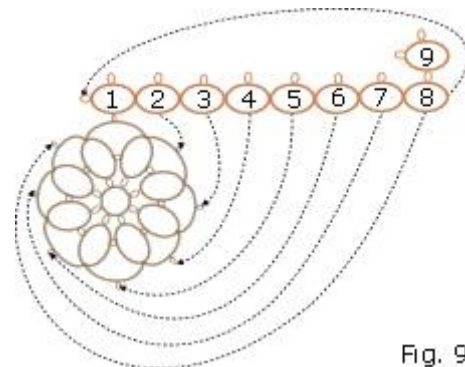


Fig. 9



Fig. 10

Assembling the Bear

Using the main coloured thread and with the first rounds of the body facing you, attach the head with the snout towards you.

When sewing on the arms and legs I took a length of thread and unraveled it into strands to make it into a sewing thread. The arms are sewn on with a 'bend' at the top and using the vsp's on the chains. The legs are sewn as they fit onto the front and side using the vsp's on the SR's. I cannot say exactly where they are joined onto the body as it is up to the individual!!! A ribbon can be tied round the neck to finish the bear off.

If you have any problems please [email me](mailto:en.e.btinternet.co.uk).