



CROCHET PATTERN · US CROCHET TERMS

Little Frog

A squat, smiley frog for keychains, bag charms and desks

SKILL

Easy



FINISHED SIZE

4 cm / 1.6 in

YARN

DK (weight 3)

HOOK

3.0 mm (between US C-2 and D-3)

WELCOME

Hello, maker!

Welcome to Little Frog: a round little frog with big eyes and a wide smile. Clip him to your keys or a bag, or let him sit on your desk.

He is a quick make: one round body, two eyes, two little front legs and two flat feet.

With love, YaraDream



● At a glance

SKILL	Easy
TIME	1 to 2 hours
SIZE	About 4 cm / 1.6 in wide and 4 cm / 1.7 in tall with the eyes, with DK yarn and a 3.0 mm hook
YARN	DK (weight 3), about 9 g in 3 colours (amounts per colour on page 3)
HOOK	3.0 mm (between US C-2 and D-3)
PIECES	Body x1, Eyes x2, Front legs x2, Back feet x2
WORKED	In spiral rounds; the feet are ovals
TERMS	US crochet terms; abbreviations on page 4

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Tick as you go

Every round has a box. Tick it when it is done, on paper or on a tablet.

Count your stitches

The number at the end of each round is your stitch total.

US crochet terms

Prefer UK terms? The UK-terms files are in your download.

Safety. Small enough to be a choking hazard: not for children under 3. Keyrings and clips are not toys.

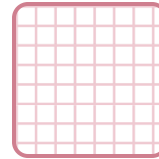
BEFORE YOU START

Materials & tools

One main colour of DK yarn, plus small amounts for the face.



● Gauge



About 24 sc and 26 rounds = 10 cm (4 in) in single crochet worked in the round. Gauge is not critical for a toy, but the fabric must be tight: if stuffing shows between the stitches, go down a hook size. A thicker yarn or a looser tension makes a bigger piece.

● Yarn

- | | | |
|----------|---|-------------------|
| A |  Frog green
DK cotton or acrylic | 7 g / 14 m |
| B |  Cheek pink
Any DK, for embroidery | 1 g / 1 m |
| C |  Black
Any DK or embroidery floss | 1 g / 2 m |

Amounts come from the stitch totals of this pattern, plus about 25% for tails and tension.

● Tools & notions

- ☐ 3.0 mm (between US C-2 and D-3) crochet hook, or the size that gives a tight fabric
- ☐ Polyester fibrefill, about 8 g
- ☐ Tapestry needle
- ☐ Stitch marker
- ☐ Sewing pins
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Optional: a keyring or bag clip

● Good to know

- For a keychain, stuff firmly so he keeps his shape.
- Cotton makes a crisp frog; acrylic a softer one.

STITCH GUIDE

Stitches & abbreviations

This copy uses US crochet terms. The UK name of each stitch is shown beside it.

US	UK	WHAT IT MEANS
[] n times	[] n times	repeat the stitches inside the brackets n times
ch	ch	chain
dec	dec	invisible decrease: insert the hook into the front loops of the next 2 sts, yarn over, pull through both front loops, yarn over, pull through the 2 loops on the hook
inc	inc	increase: 2 sc in the same stitch
MR	MR	magic ring (also called magic circle)
Rnd	Rnd	round
sc	dc	single crochet
st(s)	st(s)	stitch(es)
Sts	Sts	the stitch total at the end of the round or row

● Magic ring

A closed centre with no hole. Every piece in this pattern starts with one.

1. Wrap the yarn twice around two fingers, crossing it over itself.
2. Insert the hook under both strands, catch the working yarn and pull up a loop.
3. Chain 1 to secure. This chain does not count as a stitch.
4. Work the stitches of round 1 into the ring, over both strands and the tail.
5. Pull the tail firmly to close the centre, then continue with round 2.



● Working in a spiral

Amigurumi rounds are not joined, so there is no seam.

1. After the last stitch of a round, go straight on into the first stitch of the next round.
2. Put a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up as you go.
3. Count the stitches at the end of every round. The number in the pill is the total you need.

● Invisible decrease (dec)

The neatest way to decrease in amigurumi: it leaves no gap.

1. Insert the hook into the front loop only of the next stitch, then the front loop only of the stitch after it.
2. Yarn over and pull through both front loops (2 loops left on the hook).
3. Yarn over and pull through both loops. One stitch made from two.

● Stuffing

Firm, even stuffing gives a smooth, round shape.

1. Use small tufts of polyester fibrefill, not one big lump.
2. Fill the far end first and work towards the opening, shaping with your fingers.
3. Stuff firmly: the piece should hold its shape but not stretch the stitches open.

● Closing the last round

Pieces that end with 6 stitches are closed like a drawstring.

1. Fasten off, leaving a 15 cm tail.
2. Thread the tail on a tapestry needle and pass it through the front loop of each remaining stitch.
3. Pull tight to close the hole, then push the needle through the piece and out the other side.
4. Squeeze the piece, trim the tail close and let it disappear inside.



● French knot

A small raised dot for eyes, berries and ornaments.

1. Bring the needle up where the knot will sit.
2. Hold the yarn taut and wrap it twice around the needle.
3. Keeping the wraps snug, push the needle back down right beside where it came up.
4. Pull through slowly, holding the wraps with your thumb until the knot forms.

● Sewing pieces together (whipstitch)

A neat, strong seam for ears, arms and heads.

1. Pin the piece in place first and check it from every side.
2. With the long tail on a tapestry needle, go under one stitch of the piece, then under the stitch beside it on the body.
3. Repeat all around, pulling each stitch snug so the seam hides.
4. Knot the tail, push it into the body and trim.



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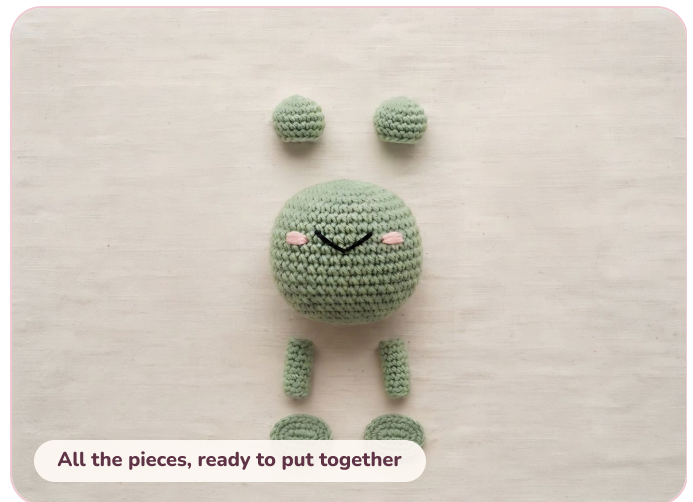
Pattern notes

● Before you start

- Rounds are worked in a continuous spiral unless the round says to join. Mark the first stitch of each round.
- The number in the pill at the end of a round is the stitch total for that round. Count before you move on.
- Work into both loops of each stitch unless the round says back loop (BLO) or front loop (FLO) only.
- Brackets [] are repeated the number of times shown after them.
- Leave a long tail (about 30 cm) when you fasten off a piece that will be sewn on.
- The body has one plain round fewer than a full ball, so it is a little wider than it is tall.
- Back feet: Rnd 1 is worked around both sides of a chain of 4.

● Construction at a glance

- 1 Body**
Make 1 · 13 rounds · colour A
- 2 Eyes**
Make 2 · 4 rounds · colour A
- 3 Front legs**
Make 2 · 3 rounds · colour A
- 4 Back feet**
Make 2 · 1 rounds · colour A



LET'S MAKE IT

The pattern

Four pieces. Embroider the face before you close the body.

1 Body			A · Frog green	Make 1
Head and body in one round piece.				
RND	INSTRUCTIONS	STS		
☐ Rnd 1	6 sc in a magic ring.	6		
Tip. The frog is worked from the top of the head down.				
☐ Rnd 2	Inc in each st around.	12		
☐ Rnd 3	[sc in next st, inc] 6 times.	18		
☐ Rnd 4	[sc in next 2 sts, inc] 6 times.	24		
☐ Rnd 5	[sc in next st, inc, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times.	30		
☐ Rnds 6–9	Sc in each st around.	30		
☐ Rnd 10	[sc in next 3 sts, dec] 6 times.	24		
Tip. Embroider the mouth and cheeks now (see the placement guide), then start stuffing.				
☐ Rnd 11	[sc in next st, dec, sc in next st] 6 times.	18		
☐ Rnd 12	[sc in next st, dec] 6 times.	12		
☐ Rnd 13	Dec around. <i>Fasten off and close the hole.</i>	6		

2 Eyes			A · Frog green	Make 2
Two little domes for the top of the head.				
RND	INSTRUCTIONS	STS		
☐ Rnd 1	6 sc in a magic ring.	6		
☐ Rnd 2	Inc in each st around.	12		
☐ Rnds 3–4	Sc in each st around. <i>Fasten off and leave a 25 cm tail. Stuff lightly. Make 2.</i>	12		

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Front legs

Two short tubes.

A · Frog green

Make 2

RND	INSTRUCTIONS	STS
☐ Rnd 1	6 sc in a magic ring.	6
☐ Rnds 2–3	Sc in each st around. <i>Fasten off and leave a 20 cm tail. Do not stuff. Make 2.</i>	6

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Back feet

Two small flat ovals.

A · Frog green

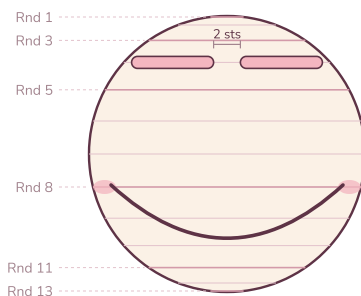
Make 2

RND	INSTRUCTIONS	STS
☐ Start	Ch 4.	4
☐ Rnd 1	Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook, sc in the next 1 ch, 3 sc in the last ch. Working along the other side of the chain, sc in the next 1 ch, 2 sc in the last ch (the one that already holds the first sc). <i>Sl st to the first st, fasten off and leave a 20 cm tail. Make 2.</i>	8

PUTTING IT TOGETHER

Putting your frog together

- **Placement guide**
 - Eyes: on top of the head, the open edge of each eye sewn over Rnds 3 to 5, with 2 stitches between the eyes at the front.
 - Pupils: a French knot in colour C on the front of each eye.
 - Mouth: a wide smile in colour C, one long stitch over 10 stitches of Rnd 8, caught down in the middle into a curve.
 - Cheeks: a small patch of colour B (3 straight stitches) at each end of the smile.
 - Front legs: under the smile, on Rnd 11, 4 stitches apart. Back feet: under the body, pointing back.



Front view: eyes on top, smile on Rnd 8

The eye domes are shown as bars where they are sewn. Stitches are counted from the centre front.

- ☐ **1 Face first.** Embroider the smile and cheeks on Rnd 8 before closing the body.



- ☐ **2 Eyes.** Pin both eyes on top, check from the front, and sew all around each eye. Add the pupils.



- ☐ **3 Legs and feet.** Sew the front legs under the smile and the feet under the body. Add a keyring at the top if you like.



● **Finishing & care**

- Weave in all ends inside the body.

HELP IS HERE

Troubleshooting

The questions makers ask most, answered before you need to ask.

The eyes flop.

Stuff them a little and sew all the way around the open edge.

The smile is crooked.

Count 10 stitches along Rnd 8, centred under the eyes, before you start.

He rolls over.

Sew the back feet flat under the body: they act as a little stand.

The keyring pulls out.

Sew it through several stitches at the top, not just one.

I can see stuffing.

Use a smaller hook or a tighter tension.

My stitch count is off.

Count from the marker and frog back to the last round that matched its pill.

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Project tracker

Keep this page next to your work. Tick off each piece and round.

YARN USED

HOOK SIZE

STARTED

FINISHED

MADE FOR

FINISHED SIZE

Pieces

1	Body	Make 1	☐
2	Eyes	Make 2	☐ ☐
3	Front legs	Make 2	☐ ☐
4	Back feet	Make 2	☐ ☐

Round counter

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36

My notes



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Classic green

Green frog, pink cheeks.



Strawberry frog

A pink frog with cream cheeks.



Lilac

A dreamy lilac frog.

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