

# *Helga the Badger*



This is my first improvised pattern, so I make no guarantees. :) I used the yarn that I happened to have at home, which was acrylic DK / 8 ply (11 wpi) for the white and black parts, and wool mix Aran / 10 ply (8 wpi) for the grey. I used a 2,5 mm hook for this yarn. This gave me a badger at about 10 centimeters/4 inches long. I also used polyester stuffing, a 9 mm safety nose and a pair of brown 6 mm safety eyes.

## **Body**

Begin with white yarn.

Round 1: 6 sc in a magic ring

Round 2: [1 sc, 2 sc in next st] x 3 = 9 sc

Round 3: 9 sc

Round 4: [2 sc, 2 sc in next st] x 3 = 12 sc

Round 5: 12 sc

Round 6: [3 sc, 2 sc in next st] x 3 = 15 sc

Round 7: [4 sc, 2 sc in next st] x 3 = 18 sc

Round 8: 18 sc

Round 9: [2 sc, 2 sc in next st] x 6 = 24 sc, change to grey yarn in last sc. Continue with grey.

Round 10: 24 sc

Round 11: [3 sc, 2 sc in next st] x 6 = 30 sc

Round 12-15: 30 sc for four rounds

Pause here, and make two **Face Stripes/Ears**, using black yarn

- Chain 13 or enough stitches to make a stripe along your badger's face, see pictures below.
- Turn. In second stitch from hook, make 5 sc. This will be the badger's ear.
- Continue to the end of the chain. Fasten off, leaving a long tail to sew stripe onto face.
- Embroider some white yarn inside the ears.

Stuff the face part of your partially finished badger body. Place the stripes with the ears where the colour of the body changes from white to grey, and with a small gap between the stripes at the other end, where the nose will go. Attach the stripes, sewing around the little ears.

Remove the stuffing and attach safety nose and eyes. Put stuffing back in.



Continue with **Body**

Round 16-22: 30 sc for seven rounds

Round 23: [8 sc, decr across 2 st] x 3 = 27 sc

Round 24: [7 sc, decr across 2 st] x 3 = 24 st

Round 25: [6 sc, decr across 2 st] x 3 = 21 st

Round 26: [5 sc, decr across 2 st] x 3 = 18 st

Begin stuffing body

Round 27: [1 sc, decr across 2 st] x 6 = 12 st

Add last of stuffing

Round 28: [decr across 2 st] x 6 = 6 st

Fasten off. Weave yarn through the front loops of the remaining six stitches and pull to close the opening. Pull the yarn through the badger's body a couple of times to fasten it, and then cut off close to the body.

**Paws**, make four using black yarn

Round 1: 6 sc in a magic ring

Round 2: [1 sc, 2 sc in next st] x 3 = 9 sc

Round 3: 9 sc

Round 4: 9 sc

**Tail**, using grey yarn

Round 1: 4 sc in a magic ring

Round 2: [2 sc in st] x 4 = 8 sc

Round 3: 8 sc

Round 4: 8 sc

Fasten off, leaving yarn tail. Use yarn from the beginning to stuff paw/tail.

Attach paws and tail to body according to pictures. All done! :) Enjoy your badger friend!

