

Plush German Shepherd



Edition and sample status

Version 1.0 | October 12, 2026. Prototype-ready reading draft; this edition, its proposed corrections and new components have not been physically crocheted, washed or checked for recipient use. Complete supplied instruction, photograph and chart pages are included after the reading notes. The notes expand or clarify the reference; they do not establish tested errata.

Reference size and measurement

Reference size: 20 x 15 cm. No numerical gauge supplied. For a figure, measure height from crown to lowest foot in its display pose, then widest body width; for a head measure widest head width. For the pouch, measure laid-flat bag width and length separately from overall figure length. Measure only a completed relaxed sample, not a photo. These targets are reference values, not independent results.

Materials and starting hook

Himalaya Dolphin Baby 100 g/120 m: one skein beige, one black; a little pink YarnArt Jeans; 3.5 mm main hook and 2.5 mm tongue hook; stuffing, markers, strong shaping thread, long needle. Reference hardware: 16-18 mm eyes, 23 x 18 or 26 x 21 mm nose, 40 mm head and 30 mm leg joints. Optional clay pads are decorative. Use a yarn needle suitable for the chosen yarn, a movable marker, scissors and measuring tape. Listed balls, skeins and gram amounts are reference allowances rather than measured consumption for this edition. Buy an additional allowance only after planning your own sample; no exact new total is promised.

Gauge and resizing

No numerical tested gauge is established for this reading edition. Where the reference has no stitch gauge, make a single crochet swatch larger than 10 cm square, let it rest, and record stitches and rounds in the middle 10 cm. Make a small stuffed component to check gaps. If stuffing shows through, trial a smaller hook and repeat. For a display figure rescale, $\text{ratio} = \text{desired finished height} / \text{measured original sample height}$. Trial yarn and hook together to produce approximately that scale while preserving the complete stitch schedule, then make the whole sample and remeasure. Check muzzle, ears, neck and base separately. Hardware and yardage do not scale automatically. This is a sampling method, not a verified second size. For the jar cover use the actual-container method in the written chart reading.

Terms and how to read the pages

US terms in the added notes: ch=chain; sc=single crochet; hdc=half double crochet; dc=double crochet; tr=treble; sl st=slip stitch; MR=magic ring; inc=2sc in one stitch; dec=sc2tog; BLO/FLO=back/front loop only. A decrease consumes 2 base stitches and produces 1. A three-stitch increase consumes 1 and produces 3. Move marker each spiral round; do not count an offset stitch as a new increase. Turning chains are not counted in added flat-row instructions. Follow each original pattern's own stated terminology and colour key. English, US terms.

Construction route

This pattern uses joints and needle sculpting as well as crochet. Its colour changes are marked in the PDF, so read the colour pages in full rather than relying on plain-text stitch counts. Upright ears and a dark face mask make the German shepherd look quite different from the round-headed puppies. The plush yarn gives it a thicker texture, and colour changes create the coat markings as you crochet. This is one to choose for the breed details.

Count and completeness review

Tail round 10 produces 13 stitches; rounds 11-17 say 17 without increases. Proposed reading: 13 sc each for those seven rounds. Neck line 6 says two rounds; treat as rounds 6-7 at 30. Do not follow generic boiling directions for polymer clay; cure only to the actual product label. No joint pull test.

Assembly and final checks

Follow the retained photographs and numbered assembly directions. Place paired ears and paws with temporary markers, compare front, side and rear, then sew securely around open edges or through flattened tops as directed. Do not force unmatched stitch counts into a seam: check the previous shaping round first. Add stuffing in small pieces while keeping any intended flat base flat. After sewing, remove every pin, secure tails and inspect every attached piece. Test any proposed seam or count repair on a sample before final gifting.

Care and intended use

These are dog-themed display and gift crafts, not chew toys or walking equipment for real pets. Keep stuffing, hard fittings, keys, joints, loose fibres and doll accessories away from pets. Follow the actual yarn and component labels for cleaning; trial care on a spare sample before washing the figure. Avoid heat on untested plastic fittings or glued components. No washability, attachment-strength or child-toy compliance test has been completed for this edition.

Sample record and troubleshooting

Record yarn brand/fibre and colour, hook, gauge, finished height/width, yarn used, proposed changes and care result. If fabric gaps appear, try a smaller hook and recheck size. If head droops, check stuffing distribution and seam positions; do not add concealed weights or wire absent from the design. For a distorted face, check marker positions and muzzle alignment before undoing the entire head. For the jar, remove the sleeve to clean the container; do not treat a crochet cover as protection against glass breakage. Read coloured stitch lines on the original PDF pages because plain-text extraction can lose colour segmentation.

Complete pattern pages

The full supplied pages begin next, including foundations, rows/rounds, stitch counts, colour cues, assembly photographs and charts available in the reference. Original page numbering restarts there. Use the count review above where a proposed alternative is given. For Milo, use the separate completion draft to supply the absent pieces; for the keychain, choose the marked alternative muzzle when sampling.

Crochet pattern *«German Shepherd»*

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Skill level - intermediate



Pattern Notes:

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Final size of the toy with the recommended materials and tools – 20 * 15 cm

There are hyperlinks in the pattern, Internet access is required to watch the videos.

You can use your favorite materials and tools, but final size of the toy may differ.

Enjoy the crocheting!

Recommended materials and tools:

1. Yarn Himalaya Dolphin Baby 100g/120m, 80317 (beige color) – 1 skein
80311 (black color) – 1 skein
2. Some Yarn Art Jeans pink color for the tongue
3. Size 3,5 mm crochet hook (main) and size 2,5 mm for the tongue
4. Safety eyes d.18-16 mm
5. Safety nose size 23 x 18 or 26 x 21mm
6. Cotter pin joint: for the head d.40 mm, for the legs d.30 mm
7. Toy stuffing (hollow fiber)
8. Stitch markers, strong thread for sculpting and long wide-eyed needle.
9. Polymer clay, glue, stationery knife for paw pads (optionally)

Abbreviations (US crochet terms):

MR – magic ring

SC – single crochet

DEC – decrease (2 sc crochet as one)

SL ST – slip stitch

INC – single crochet increase (2 sc in a stitch)

DC – double crochet

HDC – half double crochet

CH – chain stitch

Almost all the details of this toy are crocheted using the Jacquard technique. Crochet in two colors at the same time gives the effect of wool on the toy. To make the design correct, do not close the last loop before each yarn changing, but finish this stitch in a new yarn color.

*Each yarn changing in the description of the jacquard is marked in **Red color**.*

Watch some video examples and use them to crochet toy:

<https://youtu.be/ZSJQcuzAsBk>

<https://youtu.be/jgGk9PXACi8>



Head

Hook size 3,5 mm

Crochet black color

1. Ch6, start in the second loop from hook: 4 sc, 3 sc in the last loop, continue into the unused loops on the opposite side of the chain: 3 sc, 2 sc in the first loop = (12)
2. Inc, 3 sc, 3 inc, 3 sc, 2 inc = (18)
3. Inc, 5 sc, 4 inc, 5 sc, 3 inc = (26)
4. 9 sc, inc, 2 sc, inc, 9sc, inc, 2 sc, inc = (30)
- 5-8. 30 sc – 4 rounds



Crochet with two colors of yarn at the same time.

Black color is indicated in **Red color** in the pattern.

9. (1 sc, inc)*2, 1 sc, inc, 1 sc, inc, (1 sc, inc)*2, 1 sc, 17 sc = (36)

10. 1 sc, 1 sc, inc, 2 sc, inc, 1 sc, 1 sc, inc, 2 sc, inc, (2 sc, inc)*2, 18 sc = (42)

11. 2 sc, 4 sc, inc, 2 sc, 4 sc, inc, 2 sc, 4 sc, inc, 2 sc, 4 sc, inc, (6 sc, inc)*2 = (48)

12. 3 sc, 7 sc, 8 sc, 7 sc, 23 sc = (48)

Install safety nose between round 2 and 3.

Crochet in beige color to the end of the head

13-17. 48 sc – 5 rounds

18. (6 sc, dec)*6 = (42)

Install cotter pin joint or plastic toy joint d. 40 mm into the 12th round under the muzzle.

Install safety eyes between round 11 and 12 with the distance 10 sc between them.

19. (5 sc, dec)*6 = (36)

20. (4 sc, dec)*6 = (30)

21. (3 sc, dec)*6 = (24)



22. (2 sc, dec),*6 = (18)

Stuff the head tight.

23. (1 sc, dec)*6 = (12)

24. 6 dec = 6 sc

Close the hole and fasten off off.



Sculpting

- In the 4 round under the muzzle, mark 2 points with needles with the distance 1 sc between them.

- Use a large needle and strong thread. Insert into point 1 under the muzzle and pull out of point 2, insert into point 3 and pull out of point 4, insert into point 5 and pull

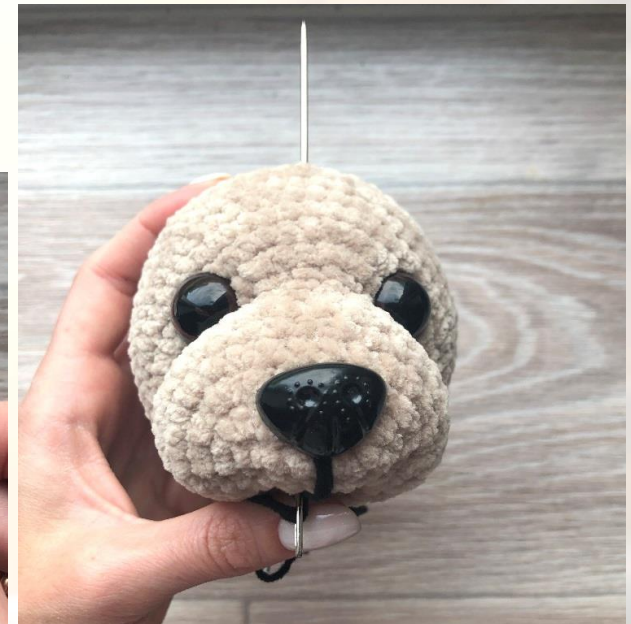


out of point 6 under the muzzle. Repeat the step once again, pull and tie a knot.

Next, pull the muzzle a little with black acrylic thread.

- Draw thread through the nose and tie the knot. Insert the ends of the threads into the needle, insert under the muzzle at the sculpting point and pull out at the top of the head. Pull, tie a knot and hide the ends of the threads in the head.

Click here to watch video instruction: <https://youtu.be/kYqTh5hQv6s>



Mouth and tongue

Crochet black color, hook size 3,5 mm

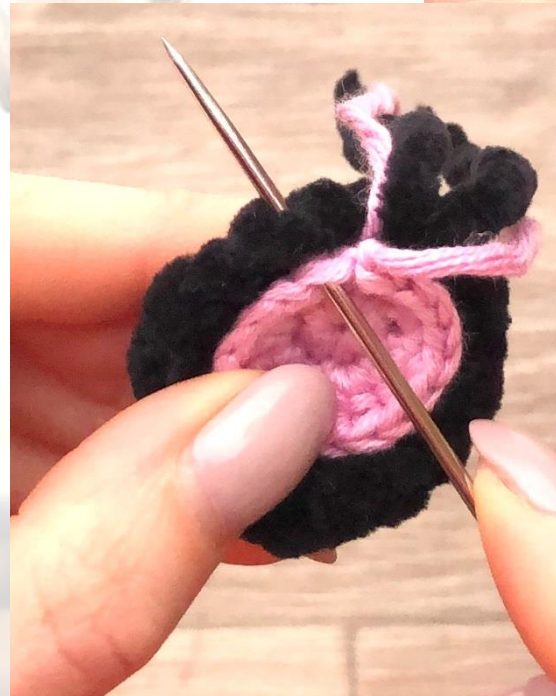
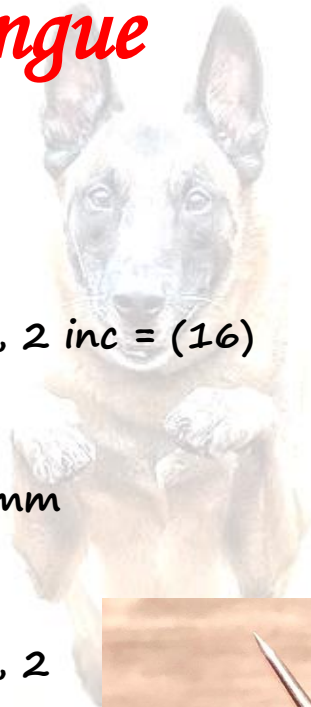
1. 8 sc in MR
2. 2 inc, 1 HDC inc, 2 DC inc, 1 HDC inc, 2 inc = (16)

Yarn Art Jeans pink color, hook size 2,5 mm

1. 8 sc in MR
2. 2 inc, 1 HDC inc, 2 DC inc, 1 HDC inc, 2 inc = (16)
3. 6 sc, 4 HDC inc, 6 sc = (20)

Put both parts together and sew to each other from the edge.

Sew mouth in a half circle in the bottom of the muzzle.



Decoration the muzzle

Embroider the white yarn of the whites of the eyes with beige eyelids.

Click the link to watch the video: <https://youtu.be/7cC6U6a8MWw>

Neck

Hook size 3,5 mm

Crochet with two colors of yarn at the same time.

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1. 6 sc in MR
2. 6 inc = (12)
3. (1 sc, inc)*3, **(1 sc, inc)*3** = (18)
4. (2 sc, inc)*3, **(2 sc, inc)*3** = (24)
5. (3 sc, inc)*3, **(3 sc, inc)*3** = (30)
6. 15 sc, **15 sc** – 2 rounds

Fasten off and cut the thread.

Install cotter pin or plastic toy joint to connect the head and the neck



Ears (make 4)

Hook size 3,5 mm

2 parts in beige color and 2 parts in black color.

Make ch1 at the end of each row.

Ch 11, start in the second loop from the hook:

1-3. 10 sc – 3 rows

4. Dec, 6 sc, dec = (8)

5. 8 sc

6. Dec, 4 sc, dec = (6)

7. 6 sc

8. Dec, 2 sc, dec = (4)

9. 4 sc

10. 2 dec = (2)

11. 1 dec

Fasten off the thread.

Put the parts together and crochet sc around the ear. Sew the ears on the 16th round of the head with the distance 4-5 sc between the ears.



Front legs (make 2)

Hook size 3,5 mm

Crochet beige color

1. 6 sc in MR
2. 6 inc = (12)
3. (1 sc, inc)*6 = (18)
4. 2 HDC inc, 2 DC inc, 2 HDC inc, 12 sc = (24)
5. 2 HDC dec, 2 DC dec, 2 HDC dec, 12 sc = (18)
6. 3 dec, 12 sc = (15)
- 7-16. 15 sc – 10 rounds

Install cotter pins or plastic toy joint d.30 mm into the 15th round

Stuff the legs tight

17. Make dec to close the hole.



Back legs (make 2)

Hook size 3,5 mm

Crochet beige color

1. 6 sc in MR
2. 6 inc = (12)
3. (1 sc, inc)*6 = (18)
4. 2 HDC inc, 2 DC inc, 2 HDC inc, 12 sc = (24)
5. 2 HDC dec, 2 DC dec, 2 HDC dec, 12 sc = (18)
6. 3 dec, 12 sc = (15)
- 7-9. 15 sc - 3 rounds
10. (1 sc, inc)*3, 9 sc = (18)
11. 18 sc
12. (2 sc, inc)*3, 3 sc, 3 dec = (18)
13. 14 sc, 2 dec = (16)
14. 14 sc, dec = (15)



Crochet with two colors of yarn at the same time.

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Left leg

15. 3 sc in a stitch, 3 sc, **2 sc**, 7 sc,
inc, 3 sc in a stitch = (20)

16. 3 sc, **7 sc**, 10 sc = (20)

17. 2 sc, **10 sc**, 8 sc = (20)

18. **20 sc**

19. (**2 sc, dec**)*5 = (15)

20. (**1 sc, dec**)*5 = (10)



Right leg

15. 3 sc in a stitch, 8 sc, **2 sc**, 2 sc,
inc, 3 sc in a stitch = (20)

16. 10 sc, **7 sc**, 3 sc = (20)

17. 8 sc, **10 sc**, 2 sc = (20)

18. **20 sc**

19. (**2 sc, dec**)*5 = (15)

20. (**1 sc, dec**)*5 = (10)

Stuff the leg tight. Install a cotter pin in the 19 round.

Make dec to close the work.

Click the link to watch the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8gX16KOcwks&t=74s>

Body

Hook size 3,5 mm

Crochet in two colors at the same time

Black color is indicated in **red color** in the pattern.

1. 6 sc in MR
2. 6 inc = (12)
3. (1 **sc**, inc)*3, (1 sc, inc)*3 = (18)
4. (2 **sc**, inc)*3, (2 sc, inc)*3 = (24)
5. (3 **sc**, inc)*3, (3 sc, inc)*3 = (30)
6. (4 **sc**, inc)*3, (4 sc, inc)*3 = (36)
- 7-11. **18 sc**, 18 sc = 36 sc – 5 rounds
12. **19 sc**, 8 sc, dec, 7 sc = (35)
13. **19 sc**, 7 sc, dec, 7 sc = (34)
14. **20 sc**, 6 sc, dec, 6 sc = (33)

Connect the front legs and the body in 8 round. Step 8 rounds from a MR on the body and 3 stitches down from black yarn color.

15. **20 sc**, 5 sc, dec, 6 sc = (32)





16. **21 sc**, 4 sc, dec, 5 sc = (31)
 17. **21 sc**, 4 sc, dec, 4 sc = (30)
 18-19. **22 sc**, 8 sc = 30 sc - 2 rounds
 20-21. **23 sc**, 7 sc = 30 sc - 2 rounds
 22. (**3 sc**, dec)*5, 3 sc, dec = (24)
 23. (**2 sc**, dec)*5, 2 sc, dec = (18)

Connect back legs and the body in the 19th round. Step 19 rounds from a MR of the body and 3 stitches up from beige body color.

Stuff the body tight.

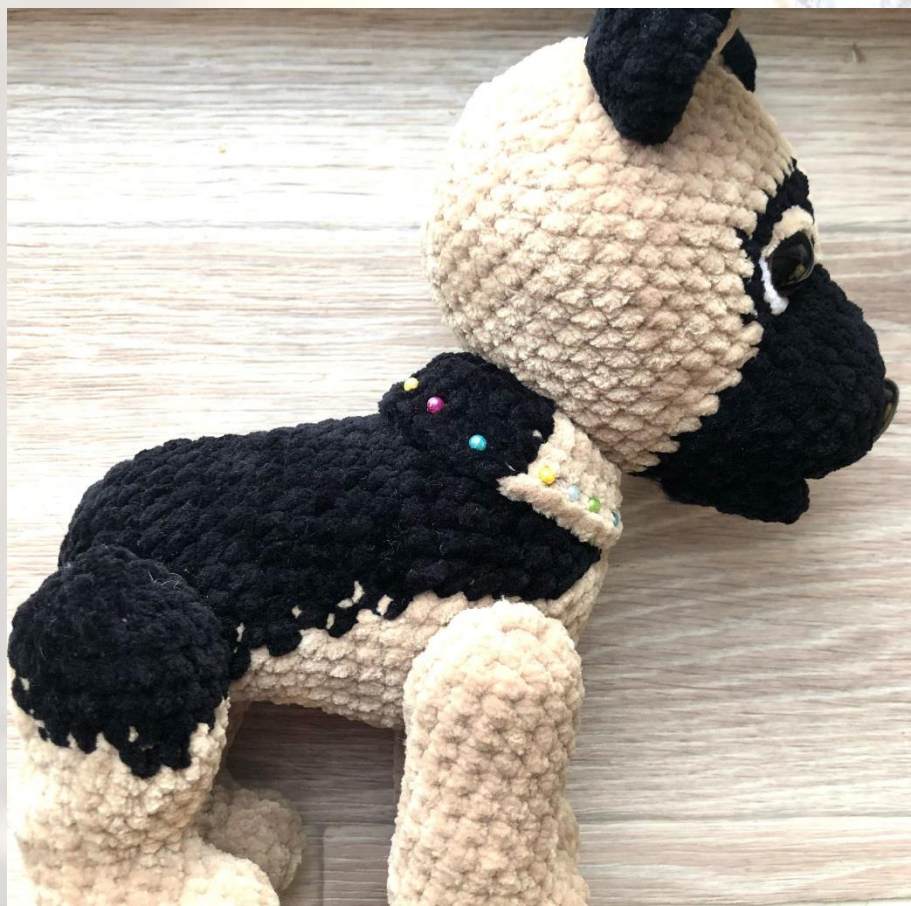
24. (**1 sc**, dec)*5, **1 sc**, dec = (12)

25. **6 dec** = 6 sc

Close the hole, fasten off yarn.



*Pin and sew the neck and the body. Place pins as pictured below.
Use strong thread to sew space around the neck.*



Tail

Hook size 3,5 mm
Crochet beige color.

1. 4 sc in MR
2. 4 sc
3. 2 sc, 2 inc = (6)
4. 3 sc, 2 inc, 1 sc = (8)
5. 8 sc
6. 4 sc, 2 inc, 2 sc = (10)
7. 5 sc, 2 inc, 3 sc = (12)
8. 12 sc
9. 2 sc, 2 inc, 3 sc, 2 dec, 1 sc = (12)
10. 5 sc, inc, 6 sc = (13)
- 11-17. 17 sc – 7 rounds

Stuff the tail slightly, fold the tail in half and crochet sc
Sew in 20 rounds of the body.



The dog is almost finished.

Sculpting paws video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HS-1tamoQWU>

Instructions for sculpting paw pads from polymer clay

Materials:

1. Any baked polymer clay (small piece)
2. Stationery knife
3. Thick marker pen and felt-tip marker pen
4. Any smooth surface for work (glass, ceramic tiles, plastic surface)

Bake parts of polymer clay in an oven, follow instructions on the label, or boil them.

Soften a piece of clay in your hands, make a ball and flatten it on the surface, it should be ~2 mm thick.

Remove the cap from a thick marker and squeeze out 4 circles, then use the cap from the small felt-tip pen to squeeze out 16 more small circles. Place the parts in boiling water and boil for 5 minutes. Then pull out, leave to dry and stick to the paws.

Video instruction on modeling polymer clay pads: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYIC1_XfDMU

Congrats!

*Your toy is finished. I hope you liked while making
the toy*

*I will really appreciate if you find a moment
and leave a review in my Etsy store.*

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