

# Benedict the Bear

**Height:** 13.5" standing

**Skill Level:** Intermediate

**Ravelry:** Benedict the Bear



If you can bear the cuteness, Benedict would love to be your friend. Pop by to say hello next time you're in his neck of the woods!

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## Supplies

- 3.5mm (E) hook
- 15mm safety eyes (buy here)
- Yarn needle
- Fiber fill

## Yarn (acrylic, weight 4)

- Cream (I used RHSS – Aran)
- Dark Brown (I used RHSS – Coffee)
- Medium Brown (I used RHSS – Cafe Latte)

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## Notes

### Abbreviations

ch: chain

sc: single crochet

inc: 2sc increase

dec: invisible decrease

BLO: back loop only

### Attaching with thread vs. yarn tail

For a cleaner look on the snout, I opted to cut a short tail, weave it in, and attach it to the head with matching thread. However, you can also attach the snout using a yarn needle and the yarn tail. It's up to you!

### Optional: Skip arm & leg pads

Instead of attaching separate arm and leg pads, you can simply start with cream yarn for rounds 1 - 3 on the arms, and rounds 1 - 4 on the legs, then switch to medium brown yarn for the remaining rounds. I prefer the look of the separate pads, but skipping them is definitely easier. :)

## Regarding stitch markers

Note: The photos above show a fox, but the technique is the same for all of my patterns.

The pattern indicates to insert 4 different stitch markers in various places besides the one you use to track the beginning/end of each round.

I recommend using strands of yarn in 3 different colors as your stitch markers: Two strands in color 1 (blue) to mark where you will place each eye, Two strands color 2 (pink) to mark where you will start attaching each ear, and one long strand in color 3 (green) to track the beginning/end of each round.

The photos above demonstrate how to mark a stitch while crocheting a round: lay your strand of yarn acting as a marker over your working yarn and the stitch you'll be working into, then complete the stitch as normal.

You'll essentially be weaving the long strand in color 3 through your work with each round. On odd rounds you'll be laying the strand back-to-front, and on even rounds you'll be laying the strand front-to-back.

The advantage of using this technique is you'll have the beginning of every single round marked, which makes it much easier to find your place if you make a mistake. That said, It's perfectly fine to use a regular ol' safety pin-like marker to keep track of your rounds instead. :)

## How to indent the eyes

Note: The video above shows a unicorn, but the technique is the same for all of my patterns.

*Step 1* – Cut a strand of yarn approximately 18" long. Tie a large, secure knot in one end and thread the other end through your yarn needle.

*Step 2* – Insert your needle through the back opening of the head and sew between the two spots where you'll be placing your safety eyes (marked with your color 1 stitch markers).

*Step 3* – Pull your strand of yarn taut, which will create indents.

*Step 4* – Fasten off with a knot and hide your yarn tail inside the head.

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## Instructions

Be sure to read the "notes" section before proceeding.

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## Snout

*With cream yarn:*

01. Chain 5 start: ch5, inc in 2nd ch from hook, sc 2, 5sc in the last ch. Continue on the other side of the chain base, sc 2, 3sc in the last ch [14]
02. inc, sc 4, \*inc\* 3 times, sc 4, \*inc\* 2 times [20]
03. inc, sc 6, \*inc\* 2 times, sc, inc, sc 6, \*inc\* 2 times, sc [26]
04. inc, sc 8, \*inc, sc\* 2 times, inc, sc 8, \*inc, sc\* 2 times [32]
05. inc, sc 10, inc, sc 2, inc, sc, inc, sc 10, inc, sc 2, inc, sc [38]
- 06 - 07. sc in each st around [38]
08. sc in each st around, dec last 3 st together [36]

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing.

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**Nose***With dark brown yarn:*

01. start 6 sc into a magic ring [6]
02. \*sc, inc\* [9]
03. \*sc 2, inc\* [12]
04. \*sc 3, inc\* [15]
05. \*sc 4, inc\* [18]

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing. Fold the top opening in half and slip stitch closed.

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**Head***With medium brown yarn:*

01. start 6 sc into a magic ring [6]
02. inc in each st around [12]
03. \*sc, inc\* [18]
04. sc, inc, \*sc 2, inc\* 5 times, sc [24]
05. \*sc 3, inc\* [30]
06. sc 2, inc, \*sc 4, inc\* 5 times, sc 2 [36]
07. \*sc 5, inc\* [42]
08. sc 3, inc, \*sc 6, inc\* 5 times, sc 3 [48]
09. \*sc 7, inc\* 4 times, sc 5, insert marker color 1 into next sc (42nd st from start of round), sc 1, inc, sc 7, inc [54]
10. sc 4, inc, sc 7, insert marker color 1 into next sc (14th st from start of round), inc, \*sc 8, inc\* 4 times, sc 4 [60]
- 11 - 16. sc in each st around [60]
17. sc 50, insert marker color 2 into the next sc, sc 9 [60]
18. sc 9, insert marker color 2 into the next sc, sc 50 [60]
- 19 - 20. sc in each st around [60]
21. sc 4, dec, \*sc 8, dec\* 5 times, sc 4 [54]
22. \*sc 7, dec\* [48]
23. sc 3, dec, \*sc 6, dec\* 5 times, sc 3 [42]

24. \*sc 5, dec\* [36]  
 25. sc 2, dec, \*sc 4, dec\* 5 times, sc 2 [30]

The starting magic ring will be in the middle of the bear's face, and the markers in rounds 9 and 10 are where you will place the eyes in a later step.

Attach the snout to the head. Stuff the snout when attached  $\frac{3}{4}$  around, then finish attaching. Attach the nose over the snout.

Stuff head  $\frac{3}{4}$  full. Next, create the indents for the eyes (see instructions at the bottom of the pattern). Insert eyes and secure backings.

26. \*sc 3, dec\* [24]  
 27. sc, dec, \*sc 2, dec\* 5 times, sc [18]  
 28. \*sc, dec\* [12]

Finish stuffing.

29. \*dec\* [6]

Cut working yarn and close with an ultimate finish.

### **Ears (make 2)**

*With medium brown yarn:*

01. start 6 sc into a magic ring [6]  
 02. inc in each st around [12]  
 03. \*sc, inc\* [18]  
 04. sc, inc, \*sc 2, inc\* 5 times, sc [24]  
 05. \*sc 3, inc\* [30]  
 06. sc in each st around [30]  
 07. \*sc 3, dec\* [24]  
 08. sc, dec, \*sc 2, dec\* 5 times, sc [18]  
 09. \*sc, dec\* [12]

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing. Fold the top opening in half and slip stitch closed. Attach each ear starting in your marked stitches, and each of the next 4 stitches on both sides.

### **Body**

*With medium brown yarn:*

01. start 6 sc into a magic ring [6]  
 02. inc in each st around [12]  
 03. \*sc, inc\* [18]  
 04. sc, inc, \*sc 2, inc\* 5 times, sc [24]

05. \*sc 3, inc\* [30]
06. sc 2, inc, \*sc 4, inc\* 5 times, sc 2 [36]
07. \*sc 5, inc\* [42]
08. sc 3, inc, \*sc 6, inc\* 5 times, sc 3 [48]
09. \*sc 7, inc\* [54]
10. sc 4, inc, \*sc 8, inc\* 5 times, sc 4 [60]
- 11 - 17. sc in each st around [60]
18. sc 4, dec, \*sc 8, dec\* 5 times, sc 4 [54]
19. sc in each st around [54]
20. \*sc 7, dec\* [48]
21. sc in each st around [48]
22. sc 3, dec, \*sc 6, dec\* 5 times, sc 3 [42]
- 23 - 24. sc in each st around [42]
25. \*sc 5, dec\* [36]
- 26 - 27. sc in each st around [36]
28. sc 2, dec, \*sc 4, dec\* 5 times, sc 2 [30]
- 29 - 30. sc in each st around [30]
31. \*sc 3, dec\* [24]

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff firmly with fiber fill.

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### **Arms (make 2)**

*With medium brown yarn:*

01. start 6 sc into a magic ring [6]
02. inc in each st around [12]
03. \*sc, inc\* [18]
04. sc, inc, \*sc 2, inc\* 5 times, sc [24]
05. BLO: sc in each st around [24]
- 06 - 08. sc in each st around [24]
09. sc 11, dec, sc 11 [23]
10. sc in each st around [23]
11. sc 21, dec [22]
12. sc in each st around [22]
13. sc 10, dec, sc 10 [21]
14. sc in each st around [21]
15. sc 19, dec [20]
16. sc in each st around [20]
17. sc 9, dec, sc 9 [19]
18. sc in each st around [19]
19. sc 17, dec [18]
20. sc in each st around [18]
21. sc 8, dec, sc 8 [17]
22. sc in each st around [17]
23. sc 15, dec [16]
- 24 - 25. sc in each st around [16]

26. \*sc 2, dec\* [12]

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff firmly with fiber fill. Fold the top opening in half and slip stitch closed.

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### **Arm Pads (make 2)**

*With cream yarn:*

01. start 6 sc into a magic ring [6]

02. inc in each st around [12]

03. \*sc, inc\* [18]

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing.

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### **Legs (make 2)**

*With medium brown yarn:*

01. start 6 sc into a magic ring [6]

02. inc in each st around [12]

03. \*sc, inc\* [18]

04. sc, inc, \*sc 2, inc\* 5 times, sc [24]

05. \*sc 3, inc\* [30]

06. BLO: sc in each st around [30]

07 - 09. sc in each st around [30]

10. sc 14, dec, sc 14 [29]

11. sc 27, dec [28]

12. sc 13, dec, sc 13 [27]

13. sc 25, dec [26]

14. sc 12, dec, sc 12 [25]

15. sc 23, dec [24]

16. sc 11, dec, sc 11 [23]

17. sc 21, dec [22]

18. sc 10, dec, sc 10 [21]

19. sc 19, dec [20]

20. sc 9, dec, sc 9 [19]

21. sc 17, dec [18]

22. \*sc 7, dec\* [16]

23. \*sc 2, dec\* [12]

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff firmly with fiber fill. Fold the top opening in half and slip stitch closed.

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### **Leg Pads (make 2)**

*With cream yarn:*

01. start 6 sc into a magic ring [6]
02. inc in each st around [12]
03. \*sc, inc\* [18]
04. \*sc 2, inc\* [24]

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing.

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### **Tail**

*With medium brown yarn:*

01. start 6 sc into a magic ring [6]
02. inc in each st around [12]
03. \*sc, inc\* [18]
04. \*sc 2, inc\* [24]
05. \*sc 2, dec\* [18]
06. \*sc, dec\* [12]
07. \*sc 2, dec\* [9]

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing. Fold the top opening in half and slip stitch closed.

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