

# Little 'Uns



## Lotus Buddha

When crocheted with yarns and hooks specified, Buddha measures 17 inches L and 13 inches around belly, with a sitting height of 10 ½ inches. Lotus measures 2 ¾ inches across and 1½ inches high.

Buddha pattern is crocheted in the amigurumi style of continuous rounds beginning from a double yarn loop. Marking the last stitch of increase and decrease rounds with a small length of yarn or a safety pin will help you to keep track.



## **Materials**

F/3.75 Hook

1 (5 ounce) skein Caron Simply Soft Eco Soft Taupe yarn

1- 2 ounces Caron Simply Soft Eco Twig yarn

2 yards dark worsted weight yarn (for eyes and mouth)

Approx. ¼ ounce peach worsted weight yarn (for lotus)

A couple yards each orange, green and yellow worsted weight yarn (for lotus)

Sewing pins

Polyester fiberfill for stuffing (3 - 5 ounces)

Yarn needle

## **Pattern abbreviations**

Rnd - Round

ch - chain

sc - single crochet stitch

dc: double crochet stitch

hdc - half double crochet stitch

sc inc - single crochet increase (2 single crochet stitches into 1 stitch)

sc dec: single crochet decrease (insert hook into 1st sc, draw up loop, insert hook into next sc, draw up loop, yarn over and pull hook through all loops)

st dec: When working in the alternating sc and dc sts pattern, 'st dec' will be used, it is worked in the same manner as the sc dec above.

Sl st: Slip stitch

FLO: Front Loops Only

\*-\* Repeat directions between \* as indicated

## **Mouth**

Dark yarn and F hook

Leaving a 6 inch length of yarn on end of ch, ch 5, tie off, leaving an 8 inch yarn length. With yarn needle, thread shorter yarn length and pull yarn to inside below nose to anchor, arrange mouth in tranquil expression, thread yarn needle with longer end, pull to inside and back out through 1<sup>st</sup> ch on that end, sew in and out over chains to end, pull yarn to inside and tie together with shorter end, trim.



## **Eyes (make 2)**

Dark yarn and F hook

Leaving a 6 inch length of yarn on end of ch, ch 6, tie off, leaving an 8 inch yarn length. With yarn needle thread shorter yarn length, lay chain where you want the eye with shorter yarn length near the inside area of the eye, pull yarn to the inside to anchor, thread yarn needle with longer yarn length, arrange eye in a closed, half circle shape, pull yarn to inside and back out through 1<sup>st</sup> ch on that end, sew in and out over chains to end, pull yarn to inside and tie together with shorter end, trim.

## **Ears (make 2)**

Soft Taupe yarn and F hook

Crochet 6 sc into double loop, pull loop end to close, ch 1, turn

Rnd 1: 2 sc into each next 2 sc, 1 sc into each next 2 sc, 2 sc into each next 2 sc, ch 1, turn (10 sc)

Rnd 2: 2 sc into each next 3 sc, 1 sc into each next 4 sc, 2 sc into each next 3 sc (16 sc), tie off, leaving long enough yarn length to sew ear to head later.

## **Face/Head**

Begin with Soft Taupe yarn and F hook

Crochet 6 sc into double loop, pull loop end to close

Rnd 1: \*2 sc into each sc\* 6 times (12 sc)

Rnd 2: 12 sc

Rnd 3: \*1 sc, 2 sc inc\* 6 times (18 sc)

Rnd 4: \*2 sc, 2 sc inc\* 6 times (24 sc)

Rnd 5: \*5 sc, 2 sc inc\* 4 times (28 sc)

Rnd 6: \*13 sc, 2 sc inc\* 2 times (30 sc)

Rnd 7: \*5 sc, 2 sc inc\* 5 times (35 sc)

Rnd 8: 35 sc

Rnd 9: \*6 sc, 2 sc inc\* 5 times (40 sc)

Rnd 10: \*4 sc, 2 sc inc\* 8 times (48 sc)

Rnd 11: 23 sc; \*2 sc inc\* 2 times; 23 sc (50 sc)

Rnd 12: 24 sc; \*2 sc inc\* 2 times; 24 sc (52 sc)

Rnd 13: 24 sc; \*2 sc dec\* 2 times; 24 sc (50 sc)

Rnd 14: \*7 sc, 2 sc inc\* 2 times; 18 sc; \*2 sc inc, 7 sc\* 2 times (54 sc)

Rnds 15-18: 54 sc (4 rounds) Change yarn to Twig on last sc. Sew on eyes and mouth



From this point on use alternating sc and dc sts (Note: after working a st dec, work the opposite st into the next st; for example, if the next st is an sc, work a dc into it and continue alternating sts until the next st dec and repeat, this will help keep an even texture to the hair):

Rnd 19: 54 sts (sc, dc, sc, dc, etc.)

Rnd 20: \*7 st, 2 st dec\* 6 times (48 st) Sew on ears along front edge so they lie against the head, with top edge of ears just barely above the yarn color change row.

Rnd 21: \*4 st, 2 st dec\* 8 times (40 st)

Rnd 22: \*3 st, 2 st dec\* 8 times (32 st)

Rnd 23: \*6 st, 2 st dec\* 4 times (28 st)

Rnd 24: \*5 st, 2 st dec\* 4 times (24 st)

Rnds 25-26: 24 sts (2 rounds)

Stuff head, adding more stuffing as you crochet the last rounds

Rnd 27: \*1 dc, 2 st dec\* 8 times (16 st)

Rnd 28: \*2 st dec\* 11 times to close

Tie off, thread yarn needle with end, push needle through last round and back out a couple rounds away, pull taut and snip end to hide it inside the head.

## **Body**

Soft Taupe yarn and F hook

Crochet 6 sc into double loop, pull loop end to close

Rnd 1: \*2 sc into each sc\* 6 times (12 sc)

Rnd 2: \*1 sc, 2 sc inc\* 6 times (18 sc)

Rnd 3: \*2 sc, 2 sc inc\* 6 times (24 sc)

Rnd 4: \*2 sc, 2 sc inc\* 8 times (32 sc)

Rnd 5: \*7 sc, 2 sc inc\* 4 times (36 sc)

Rnd 6: \*5 sc, 2 sc inc\* 6 times (42 sc)

Rnd 7: \*5 sc, 2 sc inc\* 7 times (49 sc)

Rnd 8: 49 sc

Rnd 9: \*6 sc, 2 sc inc\* 7 times (56 sc)

Rnds 10-17: 56 sc (8 rounds)

Rnd 18: \*6 sc, 2 sc dec\* 7 times (49 sc)

Rnd 19: \*5 sc, 2 sc dec\* 7 times (42 sc)

Rnd 20: 42 sc

Rnd 21: \*5 sc, 2 sc dec\* 6 times (36 sc)

Rnd 22: \*7 sc, 2 sc dec\* 4 times (32 sc)

Rnds 23-27: 32 sc (5 rounds)

Rnd 28: \*6 sc, 2 sc dec\* 4 times (28 sc)

Rnds 29-32: 28 sc (4 rounds)

Rnd 33: \*5 sc, 2 sc dec\* 4 times (24 sc)

Rnd 34: 24 sc

Sl st into next sc, tie off, leaving long yarn length to sew head to body later.



## Legs (make 2)

Soft Taupe yarn and F hook

Crochet 6 sc into double loop, pull loop end to close

Rnd 1: \*2 sc into each sc\* 6 times (12 sc)

Rnd 2: \*2 sc into each sc\* 12 times (24 sc)

Rnd 3: Except for the hdc sts, work this round in FLO:

1 sc into each of 8 sc, \*3 hdc in next sc, 1 sc in next sc\* 4 times, 3 hdc in next sc, 1 sc into each next 7 sc (34 sts)

Rnd 4: 1 sc into each of 8 sc, \*skip hdc, 1 sc in next sc\* 4 times, skip hdc, 1 sc into each of 7 sc (19 sc)

Rnd 5: 2 sc dec, 1 sc into each next 5 sc, \*2 sc dec\* 3 times, 1 sc into each next 4 sc, 2 sc dec (14 sc)

Rnds 6-21: 14 sc (16 rounds)

Pull in double loop end, stuff foot and lower leg

Rnd 22: 1 sc into next 3 sc, 2 sc dec, 1 into each next 6 sc, 2 sc inc, 1 sc into each next 2 sc (14 sc)

Rnds 23-38: 14 sc (16 rounds)

Sl st into next sc, tie off, leaving long yarn length to sew leg to body later.

## Arms

Soft Taupe yarn and F hook

Left:

Crochet 6 sc into double loop, pull loop end to close

Rnd 1: \*2 sc into each sc\* 6 times (12 sc)

Rnd 2: \*2 sc, 2 sc inc\* 4 times (16 sc)

Rnd 3: 1 sc into each of 5 sc, \*3 hdc in next sc, 1 sc into next sc\* 3 times, 3 hdc into next sc, 1 sc into each next 4 sc (24 st)

Rnd 4: 1 sc into each next 2 sc, 3 dc into next sc, 1 sc into each next 2 sc, \*skip hdc, 1 sc\* 3 times, skip hdc, 1 sc into each next 4 sc (14 sc)

Rnd 5: 1 sc into each next 2 sc, skip dcs, 1 sc into each next 9 sc (11 sc)

Rnd 6: 11 sc Pull loop end through to inside, thread end with yarn needle and weave through to 2<sup>nd</sup> to last round worked, pull yarn to flatten palm, tack and trim.

Rnds 7-15: 11 sc (9 rounds)

Rnd 16: 1 sc into next sc, 2 sc dec, 1 sc into each next 4 sc, 2 sc inc, 1 sc into each next 3 sc (11 sc)

Rnds 17-27: 11 sc (11 rounds)

Sl st into next sc, tie off, leaving long enough yarn length to sew arm to body later.

Right:



Crochet 6 sc into double loop, pull loop end to close

Rnd 1: \*2 sc into each sc\* 6 times (12 sc)

Rnd 2: \*2 sc, 2 sc inc\* 4 times (16 sc)

Rnd 3: 1 sc into each of 4 sc, \*3 hdc in next sc, 1 sc into next sc\* 3 times, 3 hdc into next sc, 1 sc into each next 5 sc (24 st)

Rnd 4: 1 sc into each next 4 sc, \*skip hdc, 1 sc\* 3 times, skip hdc, 1 sc into each next 2 sc, 3 dc into next sc, 1 sc into each next 2 sc (14 sc)

Rnd 5: 1 sc into each next 9 sc, skip dcs, 1 sc into each next 2 sc (11 sc)

Rnd 6: 11 sc Pull loop end through to inside, thread end with yarn needle and weave through to 2<sup>nd</sup> to last round worked, pull yarn to flatten palm, tack and trim.

Rnds 7-15: 11 sc (9 rounds)

Rnd 16: 1 sc into next sc, 2 sc dec, 1 sc into each next 4 sc, 2 sc inc, 1 sc into each next 3 sc (11 sc)

Rnds 17-27: 11 sc (11 rounds)

Sl st into next sc, tie off, leaving long enough yarn length to sew arm to body later.

## **Lotus Flower**

Begin with peach yarn and F hook

Petals (make 5)

Ch 4

Row 1: In 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook – 2 sc into 1<sup>st</sup> ch, 1 sc into next ch, 2 sc into last ch, ch 1, turn (5 sc)

Row 2: 2 sc into 1<sup>st</sup> sc, 1 sc into each next 3 sc, 2 sc into last sc, ch 1, turn (7 sc)

Row 3: 7 sc, ch 1, turn

Row 4: 2 sc dec, 1 sc into each next 3 sc, 2 sc dec, ch 1, turn (5 sc)

Row 5: 2 sc dec, 1 sc, 2 sc dec, ch 1, turn (3 sc)

Row 6: 1 sc, 2 sc dec, ch 1, turn (2 sc)

Row 7: 2 sc dec, ch 1, turn

Work sc from petal tip down row ends and around perimeter back to tip, change yarn to orange on last sc at tip, work a row of sc around petal, ending on top of the first sc in orange, tie off, weave in all ends and trim close.

Bottom piece

F hook and green yarn

Crochet 5 sc into double loop, pull loop end to close

Rnd 1: \*2 sc into each sc\* 5 times (10 sc)

Rnd 2: \*1 sc into next sc; 1 sc, ch 2, 1 sc all into the next sc\* 5 times, tie off, weave in ends.



Top pieces

F hook and green yarn

Crochet 6 sc into double loop, pull loop end to close

Rnd 1: \*2 sc into each sc\* 6 times (12 sc)

Rnd 2: \*2 sc into each sc\* 12 times (24 sc)

Tie off, leaving a long enough yarn length (8-10 inches) to sew top piece to lotus

F hook and yellow yarn

Crochet 6 sc into double loop, pull loop end to close

Rnd 1: \*2 sc into each sc\* 6 times (12 sc)

Rnd 2: \*1 sc, 2 sc inc\* 6 times (18 sc) Tie off, weave in yarn end (leave loop end for now).

Using yarn needle and green yarn, tack petals (with 3–4 stitches) onto the top of the green bottom piece, slightly overlapping the petal edges, sewing just behind the orange trim edge and with the pointed edges of the green piece at the center back of each petal. Leave yarn ends on the top, tie together and trim (if you don't want to trim them too closely, hide the ends under the green top piece when sewing that on). With yarn needle pull loop yarn end of yellow piece through center of the green top piece and tack to underside, place both in the middle of the lotus over the petal edges, sew through all layers at the edge of the top green piece, weave in any remaining ends. Gently pull edges of yellow piece upwards to form cup.



### Assembly

Stuff hands/arms and pin to either side of body near neck opening with thumbs on the top, sew each on along the top stitches of the last round of arms. Stuff upper legs (bending the legs at the knee while stuffing) and pin to body on either side of front under belly area on the bottom of body, pointing toes slightly to the side, sew each on. Stuff body firmly (making sure neck area is firm enough to keep head up), pin on head, centering face with body, sew on, keeping enough neck width around base of head (and adding small amounts of stuffing as you go, if necessary) so head doesn't flop over. Situate Buddha in lotus position and place flower nearby.



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