

Crochet Bunny Keychain Pattern

Welcome to this beginner-friendly crochet bunny keychain pattern! If you're new to crochet, don't worry. I'll guide you through each step with easy-to-follow instructions.

Materials You'll Need:

- Yarn: Use a soft yarn like Gazzal Baby Cotton or any yarn of your choice.
- Crochet Hook: Size 2.20 mm (or whichever size works best for your yarn).
- Scissors
- Yarn Needle for weaving in ends
- Keychain clip (to attach your finished bunny)
- Safety eyes or small black beads (optional for the bunny's eyes)

Step 1: Make a Magic Ring

A magic ring (or adjustable ring) is used to start the crochet in the round. It creates a tight center so there's no hole in the middle of your work.

1. **Hold the yarn:** Wrap the yarn around your fingers, creating a loop.
2. **Insert hook:** Insert your crochet hook into the loop.
3. **Chain 1:** Chain 1 to secure the loop (this will act as the first stitch).
4. **Work stitches into the ring:** Make your stitches directly into the ring. For this pattern, you'll make 18 double crochet stitches inside the magic ring.

Tip: Don't worry if the loop is a bit loose at first! We'll pull the tail later to tighten it up.

Step 2: Join the Round

1. **Join the round:** Once you've made 18 double crochets into the ring, **slip stitch** into the top of the first double crochet stitch to close the round. This will join the round neatly.
2. **Pull the tail:** Pull the short end of your magic ring yarn to close up the center, so there's no hole.

Stitch Count at the End of Round 1: 18 double crochet stitches.

Step 3: Increase Stitches in Round 2

In this step, we'll increase the stitch count to make the bunny's head bigger.

1. **Chain 2:** This acts as the first double crochet of the round.
2. **Double crochet** into the next stitch.
3. **Increase:** In the next stitch, work 2 double crochet stitches in the same stitch.
4. **Repeat:** Continue making 2 double crochet stitches in each stitch around.

You'll have 36 double crochet stitches by the end of this round. Don't forget to count as you go!

Stitch Count at the End of Round 2: 36 double crochet stitches.

Step 4: Finish the Round

1. **Join the round:** Once you have 36 stitches, **slip stitch** into the top of the first double crochet stitch to join the round.
2. **Cut yarn:** Cut the yarn, leaving a tail long enough to weave in later.
3. **Invisible Join:** For a smooth finish, use an **invisible join** technique. This makes the end of your round almost undetectable. You can search for “invisible join crochet” on YouTube for a detailed tutorial on this technique.

Step 5: Make the Bunny's Ears

Now we'll create the bunny ears! You can choose any color you like for the ears. I'll show you how to make one ear, and you'll repeat the same steps for the second ear.

1. **Join new color:** Using a slip stitch, join your new color yarn into any stitch from the last round.
2. **Chain 9:** This will form the foundation for the ear.
3. **Treble Crochet (Tr):** Work a **treble crochet** into the 5th chain from the hook. To make a treble, yarn over twice, insert the hook into the chain, yarn over again, and pull through (you'll have 3 loops on your hook). Yarn over and pull through two loops, then yarn over and pull through the remaining two loops.
4. **Double Crochet:** In the next two chains, make 1 double crochet stitch into each chain.
5. **Half Double Crochet (HDC):** In the next two chains, work 1 half double crochet (HDC) stitch in each chain. A half double crochet is made by yarn over, insert the hook into the chain, yarn over again, and pull through all three loops on your hook.
6. **Slip Stitch:** Now, work 4 slip stitches in the back loops only of the next stitches to help shape the ear.
7. **Finish the Ear:** Cut the yarn and leave a tail for sewing. Repeat the same steps to make the second ear.

Step 6: Attach the Ears to the Bunny's Head

1. **Position the ears:** Place the two bunny ears on the top of the bunny's head. The wrong sides should be facing each other, and the ears should be spaced evenly.
2. **Join the ears:** Using the same yarn you used for the bunny head, join the two ears using a single crochet. Start at the base of the ear and work your way around to attach them securely.

Step 7: Make the Bunny's Nose

Let's make an adorable little puff stitch nose!

1. **Make a slip knot:** Create a slip knot with the yarn you're using for the nose.
2. **Chain 3:** This will serve as the base for the puff stitch.

3. **Work a Puff Stitch:** Insert your hook into the first chain. Yarn over, pull through, then yarn over and pull through twice. Repeat this two more times to create three loops. Yarn over and pull through all the loops. Finish with a chain 1 to secure it.
4. **Attach the nose:** Thread both yarn tails through the bunny head's magic ring hole (in the center of the bunny's face). Tie them securely to attach the nose to the center of the bunny's face.

Step 8: Assemble the Bunny

1. **Join the head pieces:** Place your two bunny head pieces together with the wrong sides facing each other. Using white yarn, single crochet around the edge to join them. Leave a small opening at the top for the keychain clip.
2. **Stuff lightly:** Gently stuff the head with a little bit of fiberfill or cotton.
3. **Attach the keychain:** Attach your keychain clip by sewing it into the top of the bunny's head.

Step 9: Final Touches

1. **Add eyes:** If you'd like, add safety eyes or small black beads to the bunny's face, placing them evenly on either side of the nose.
2. **Whiskers (optional):** Use black yarn to stitch small whiskers on each side of the bunny's nose for an extra touch of cuteness.