

■ Crochet Dog Appliqué Tutorial for Absolute Beginners

This tutorial will guide you step-by-step through creating an adorable crochet dog appliqué, even if you've never crocheted before. We'll start from the basics — understanding your tools and stitches — and move toward shaping the dog's body, head, ears, and tail. This pattern uses simple stitches, so it's perfect for beginners who want to learn while making something cute!

Materials You Will Need

- 3mm crochet hook
- Worsted weight yarn (cream, white, or your choice of color)
- Small amount of black yarn or embroidery thread for nose and eyes
- Yarn needle for sewing and weaving ends
- Scissors
- Stitch marker (optional)

Abbreviations

- ch = chain
- sc = single crochet
- sl st = slip stitch
- inc = increase (2 single crochets in the same stitch)
- st(s) = stitch(es)
- MR = magic ring

Basic Stitch Guide

Chain (ch): Yarn over and pull through the loop on your hook.

Single Crochet (sc): Insert hook into stitch, yarn over, pull through (2 loops on hook), yarn over and pull through both loops.

Slip Stitch (sl st): Insert hook into stitch, yarn over and pull through both loops.

Increase (inc): Work 2 single crochets into the same stitch.

Practice these stitches a few times before starting your dog to get comfortable with the movements.

Step-by-Step Crochet Instructions

Step 1: Start the Body

1. Begin with a chain of 9 stitches (ch 9).
2. Starting from the second chain from the hook, make 1 sc in each stitch across. (8 sc)
3. Ch 1, turn, and continue making 1 sc in each stitch for 4 rows. This forms the dog's body.

Step 2: First Leg

1. Ch 1 and turn your work.
2. Make 1 sc in the first 2 stitches, then ch 1 and turn.
3. Make 1 sc in each st for 3 more rows to form the leg.

4. Fasten off and weave in the ends.

Step 3: Second Leg

1. Attach your yarn to the opposite side of the body base.
2. Repeat the same steps as the first leg.
3. You now have the lower part of the dog finished.

Step 4: Head

1. Attach yarn to the top front of the body.
2. Ch 1 and work 2 sc in the same stitch (inc).
3. Continue with 1 sc in the next few stitches to create a slight curve.
4. Add another increase where the nose will be to make it rounder.
5. Work 3–4 rows to shape the head.

Step 5: Ears

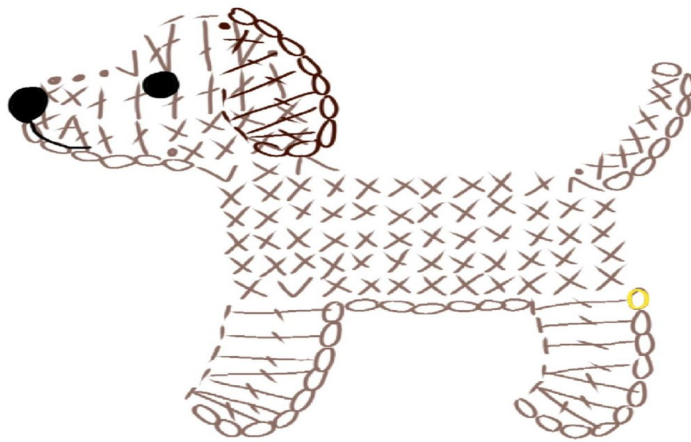
1. Ch 4 from the top side of the head.
2. Starting from the second chain from hook, make 1 sc in each stitch.
3. Sl st back to the head to attach the ear.
4. Repeat for the other ear.

Step 6: Tail

1. Attach yarn at the back of the body.
2. Ch 6 and make 1 sc in each chain.
3. Sl st back to secure the tail and fasten off.

Step 7: Embroidery Details

1. Use black yarn or embroidery thread to sew the nose and mouth.
2. Stitch a small black dot for the eye.
3. Optional: Add a small pink stitch for a cute tongue or blush.



Finishing and Helpful Tips

- Gently stretch your appliqué to shape it evenly.
- You can lightly block it by placing it under a damp cloth and pressing gently.
- Use fabric glue or sewing to attach it to bags, hats, or blankets.
- Try different colors for a variety of cute dogs!

Congratulations! You've finished your first crochet dog appliqué — a perfect beginner project that's both fun and rewarding!