

## **Mythed Up Enthusiastic Easter Bunny**

### **What you will need for this pattern:**

- 100g of double knit yarn for main body (colour A – light purple on my bunny).
- A small amount of double knit yarn in a contrasting colour (colour B – dark purple on my bunny) for the inside of the mouth, the ears, and embroidering the paws.
- Scrap of yarn for the basket.
- Scraps of yarn for the eggs.
- Crochet hook - 3mm or 3.5mm.
- Ball point tapestry or wool needles.
- Plastic safety eyes (I'm using 20mm eyes), or two buttons.
- Stuffing.

### **Techniques you will need to know:**

- double crochet. The whole bunny and his egg and baskets are worked in double crochet.
- how to work in spiral, amigurumi style. It's easy, you just keep going.
- slip knot
- chain
- increase
- decrease
- slip stitch
- optional – make a “magic ring”

### **Abbreviations:**

DC = double crochet

DC2tog = double crochet two stitches together. This is the same as a decrease.

2DC = make two double crochet stitches into one stitch in the previous round. This is the same as an increase.

### **A few notes for beginners**

The majority of the pattern is worked amigurumi style, in a continuous spiral. You do not need to join rounds or turn the crochet. It's easy peasy!

The trickiest bit is starting each piece with a magic ring. If you've never made one before, I recommend you practice a few times until you've got it.

Mark the start of each round with a stitch marker, or a scrap of a different colour yarn, pulled through the first stitch. You will move this marker each time you start a new round. You need it to help you keep count of your stitches. As you are crocheting in a spiral, the first stitch of each round will move around too!

If you find your count is a stitch or two out on the head, body or tail, don't worry. The only important part is that the mouth piece should be folded in half so the top and bottom of the mouth have the same number of stitches. Other than that, as long as you like the look of your bunny, he/she is just fine.

Keeping count on the arms and legs is a little more important because you want them to look the same size.

### **Mouth**

We start by making the inside of the bunny's mouth. If you've made amigurumi before, you'll see that this begins with a familiar pattern of increasing spiral rounds. Watch out when you get to round 5 though, as it breaks the usual pattern.

Use colour B.

Round 1: Double crochet 6 into a magic ring. Or instead chain 2, double crochet 6 into 2<sup>nd</sup> stitch.) (6 stitches)

Round 2: 2DC into every stitch in round. (12 stitches)

Round 3: (DC into next stitch, 2DC into next stitch) repeat until end of round. (18 stitches)

Round 4: (DC into next 2 stitches, 2DC into next stitch) repeat until end of round. (24 stitches)

Round 5: (DC into next 2 stitches, 2DC into next stitch) repeat until end of round. (32 stitches)

Round 6: (DC into next 3 stitches, 2DC into next stitch) repeat until end of round (40 stitches)

Tie off thread and weave end in.

### **Head**

The bunny's head follows the usual amigurumi pattern to begin.

Use colour A.

Round 1: Double crochet 6 into a magic ring. Or instead chain 2, double crochet 6 into 2<sup>nd</sup> stitch.) (6 stitches)

Round 2: 2DC into every stitch in round. (12 stitches)

Round 3: (DC into next stitch, 2DC into next stitch) repeat until end of round. (18 stitches)

Round 4: (DC into next 2 stitches, 2DC into next stitch) repeat until end of round. (24 stitches)

Round 5: (DC into next 3 stitches, 2DC into next stitch) repeat until end of round. (30 stitches)

Round 6: (DC into next 4 stitches, 2DC into next stitch) repeat until end of round. (36 stitches)

Round 7: (DC into next 5 stitches, 2DC into next stitch) repeat until end of round . (42 stitches)

Rounds 8 – 13: DC around. (42 stitches)

Round 14: To start this round, place the mouth piece against the head piece, wrong sides together.

For the next 20 stitches (half way around the mouth piece), double crochet through both pieces, as shown in the picture below.





Then continue with normal double crochet through the head piece only, until the end of the round.  
(42 stitches).



Round 15: This round completes joining the mouth to the head. To start this round, double crochet through the unattached bottom half of the mouth piece for 20 stitches. See picture below.





Then continue the round with double crochet through the head piece only, 22 stitches until the end of the round (42 stitches).





Round 16: (DC into next 5 stitches, DC2tog), repeat until end of round / (36 stitches).

If you are using safety eyes, attach them now. Stuff the top of the head.

Your bunny may look slightly like a demented frog at this stage. Don't worry, this is normal.



Round 17: (DC into next 4 stitches, DC2tog) repeat until end of round. (30 stitches)

Round 18: (DC into next 3 stitches, DC2tog) repeat until end of round. (24 stitches)

Round 18: (DC into next 2 stitches, DC2tog) repeat until end of round. (18 stitches)

Round 19 : DC around. (18 stitches)

Round 20 : DC around. (18 stitches)

Cut the yarn leaving a tail and pull the end through the loop of the last stitch. Weave the end of the yarn in. Finish stuffing the head. When you're mostly finished, you can fill out the tricky bits with small pieces of stuffing, and push them in with the blunt end of your crochet hook.

### **Body**

We're starting with the bottom and working up to the neck. Again, we're following the usual amigurumi pattern to begin.

Use colour A.

Round 1: Double crochet 6 into a magic ring. Or instead chain 2, double crochet 6 into 2<sup>nd</sup> stitch.) (6 stitches)

Round 2: 2DC into every stitch in round. (12 stitches)

Round 3: (DC into next stitch, 2DC into next stitch) repeat until end of round. (18 stitches)

Round 4: (DC into next 2 stitches, 2DC into next stitch) repeat until end of round. (24 stitches)

Round 5: (DC into next 3 stitches, 2DC into next stitch) repeat until end of round. (30 stitches)

Round 6: (DC into next 4 stitches, 2DC into next stitch) repeat until end of round. (36 stitches)

Round 7: (DC into next 5 stitches, 2DC into next stitch) repeat until end of round. (42 stitches)

Round 8: (DC into next 5 stitches, 2DC into next stitch) repeat until end of round. (49 stitches)

Round 9: (DC into next 5 stitches, 2DC into next stitch) repeat 8 times, then 1 DC to finish the round. (57 stitches)

Round 10: (DC into next 5 stitches, 2DC into next stitch) repeat 9 times, then 3 DC to finish the round. (66 stitches)

Round 11: DC all around. (66 stitches)

Now we start reducing from the bunny's belly to his neck. Reducing using a constant number (every 6<sup>th</sup> stitch) gives a cone shape.

Round 12: (DC into next 5 stitches, DC2tog) repeat 9 times, then 3 DC to finish the round. (57 stitches)

Round 13: DC all around (57 stitches)



Round 14: (DC into next 5 stitches, DC2tog) repeat 8 times, then 1 DC to finish the round (49 stitches).

Round 15: DC all around (49 stitches)

Round 16: (DC into next 5 stitches, 2DCtog) repeat 7 times. (42 stitches)

Round 17: DC all around (42 stitches)

Round 18: (DC into next 5 stitches, 2DCtog) repeat 6 times (36 stitches)

Round 19: DC all around (36 stitches)

Round 20: (DC into next 5 stitches, 2DCtog) repeat 5 times, then 1 DC to finish the round. (31 stitches)

Round 21: DC all around (31 stitches)

Round 22: (DC into next 5 stitches, 2DCtog) repeat 4 times, then 3 DC to finish the round. (27 stitches)

Round 23: DC all around (27 stitches)

Round 24: (DC into next 5 stitches, 2DCtog) repeat 3 times, then 6 DC to finish the round. (24 stitches)

Round 25: DC all around (24 stitches)

Round 26: (DC into next 5 stitches, 2DCtog) repeat 3 times, then 3 DC to finish the round. (21 stitches)

Round 27: DC all around (21 stitches)

Round 28: (DC into next 5 stitches, 2DCtog) repeat 3 times. (18 stitches)

Round 29: DC all around (18 stitches)

Round 30: DC all around (18 stitches)

Tie the yarn off, leaving a long tail. You will use it to stitch the bunny's head to its body. Stuff the bunny's body, making sure to get plenty of stuffing into his belly to fill it out properly all around. Sew the body to the head. If you have got the stitch count right, you should have 18 stitches around his neck on both head and body parts, so you can sew them together neatly. If not, don't worry, yarn is flexible. Just go ahead and stitch his head on as neatly and securely as you can.



**Inner Ears (make two)**

We want a long oval shape for our ears, so we're starting with a chain instead of a ring. We'll crochet up one side of the chain, go around the end and down the other side, and carry on crocheting around in a spiral as we've done for the other pieces. We'll only increase at the ends of the ovals.

Use colour B.

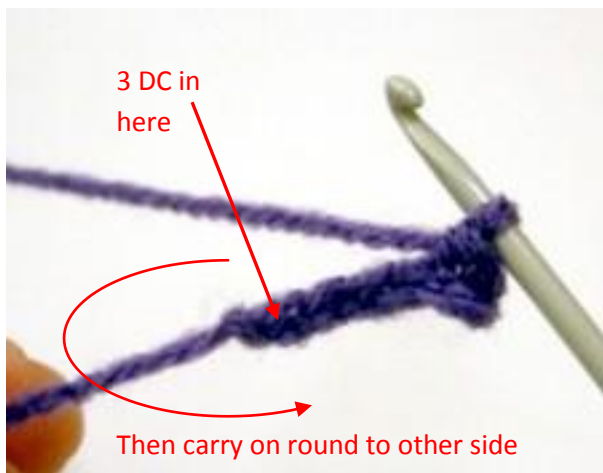
To begin:

CH 5 stitches.



CH 1 more stitch and use it to make a turn. To do this, put the hook through second stitch from hook (see picture below), and do a double crochet, working back along the chain.

DC through next 3 chain stitches. Make 3 DC into the last stitch on the row. Now carry on around to the other side of the original row of chain stitches.



DC for 3 stitches down the other side of the central chain. 2DC into the last stitch on the row. Keep working around in a spiral.



Round 1: Put a stitch marker in the first stitch of this round, and use stitch markers from now on. DC for 5 stitches. 2DC into the stitch at the end. DC for 5 stitches. 2DC into the stitch at the end. DC into next stitch.

Round 2: DC for 4 stitches. 2DC, 2DC. DC for 5 stitches. 2DC, 2DC, DC into next 2 stitches.

Round 3: DC for 4 stitches, 2DC, 2DC. DC for 7 stitches, 2DC, 2DC. DC for 4 stitches.

Round 4 : DC for 4 stitches, 2DC, 2DC. DC for 9 stitches, 2DC, 2DC. DC for 6 stitches.

Round 5: DC for 4 stitches, 2DC, 2DC, 2DC. DC for 10 stitches, 2DC, 2DC, 2DC. DC for 7 stitches.

Round 6: DC for 4 stitches, 2DC, 2DC, 2DC. DC for 13 stitches, 2DC, 2DC, 2DC. DC for 10 stitches.

Round 7 : This is not a complete round – you will not come back to your stitch marker. DC for 5 stitches, 2DC, 2DC, 2DC. DC for 15 stitches.

Tie off yarn and weave end in.

### **Outer Ears (make two)**

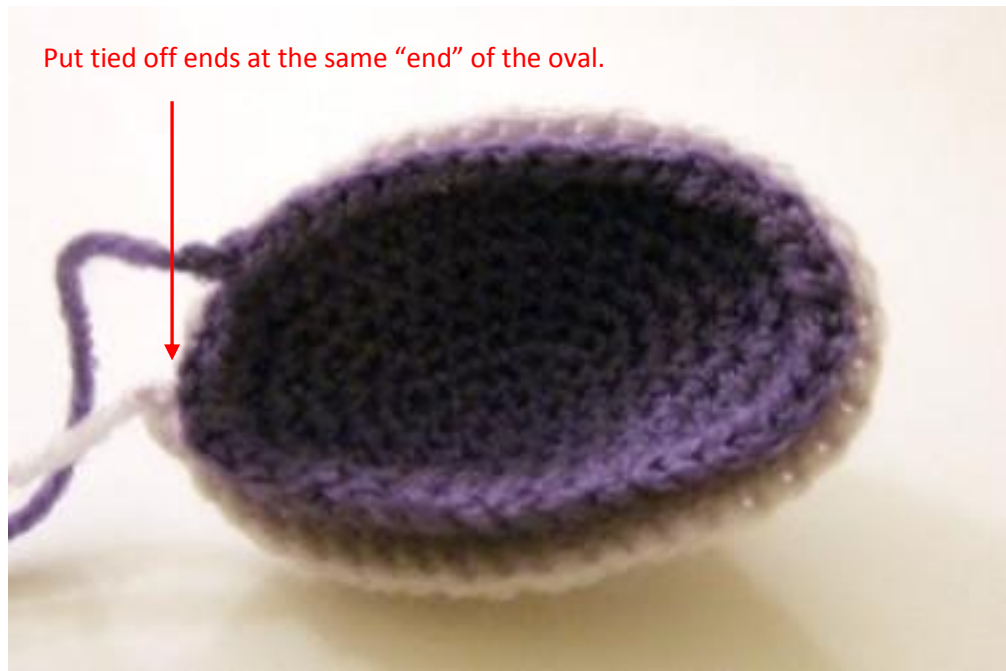
Use colour A.

Repeat the pattern for the inner ears.

When you get to the end, put in a stitch marker and make 3 more rounds of double crochet (42 stitches).

Leave a long tail; you'll need it to stitch in the inner ear and stitch the ear to the bunny's head.

Place the inner and outer ear wrong sides together, with the tied off end at the same "end" of the oval. Later, we will hide these untidy bits inside the fold of the bunny's ear.



If you have got your stitch count right, the inner and outer ear have the same number of stitches around, so you can sew them together neatly. Sew all around the two pieces. Don't worry that the outer ear is bigger. As you stitch and pull the stitches tight, the inner ear will fit in the outer snugly. The edges of the outer ear will wrap over a little.



Fold the end of the ear with the untidy ends together, and stitch over the ends to make it hold its shape.





Stitch the ear securely to the bunny's head. Repeat for other ear (but you knew that already, right?).



**Arms (make two)**

Use colour A.

Round 1: Double crochet 6 into a magic ring. Or instead chain 2, double crochet 6 into 2<sup>nd</sup> stitch.) (6 stitches)

Round 2: 2DC into every stitch in round. (12 stitches)

DC around for another 17 rounds to complete the arm. Leave a very long tail – we'll be doing some more crocheting and sewing with it. Stuff the arm.

Fold the arm in half, with the end of the crochet on the right hand side. Double crochet across the top, through both halves of the arm.



Pull the yarn end through the last stitch to tie it off, then use it to stitch the arm to the bunny's body. If you stitch the arm on a couple of rows below the bunny's neck, that should be the right place to give him shoulders. The end of his paw should be at about the same level as the widest part of his body.





**Foot (make two)**

Use colour A.

Round 1: Double crochet 6 into a magic ring. Or instead chain 2, double crochet 6 into 2<sup>nd</sup> stitch.) (6 stitches)

Round 2: 2DC into every stitch in round. (12 stitches)

Round 3: DC into next 5 stitches, 2DC into next stitch, 2DC into next stitch, DC into next 4 stitches, 2DC into next stitch. (15 stitches)

Round 4: 2DC into next stitch, DC into next 4 stitches, 2DC into next stitch, 2DC into next stitch, 2DC into next stitch, DC into next 5 stitches, 2DC into next stitch, 2DC into next stitch. (21 stitches)

Round 5: 2DC into next stitch, DC into next 6 stitches, 2DC into next stitch, 2DC into next stitch, 2DC into next stitch, DC into next 8 stitches, 2DC into next stitch, 2DC into next stitch, DC next stitch. (27 stitches)

Round 6, 7, 8, 9 : DC all around (27 stitches).

Round 10: (DC into next 5 stitches, DC2tog) repeat 3 times, then DC into next 6 stitches (24 stitches).

Round 11: (DC into next 5 stitches, DC2tog) repeat 3 times, then DC into next 3 stitches (21 stitches).

Round 12: (DC into next 5 stitches, DC2tog) repeat 3 times (18 stitches).

Round 13: (DC into next 5 stitches, DC2tog) repeat 2 times, then DC into next 3 stitches (15 stitches).

Round 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 DC all around.

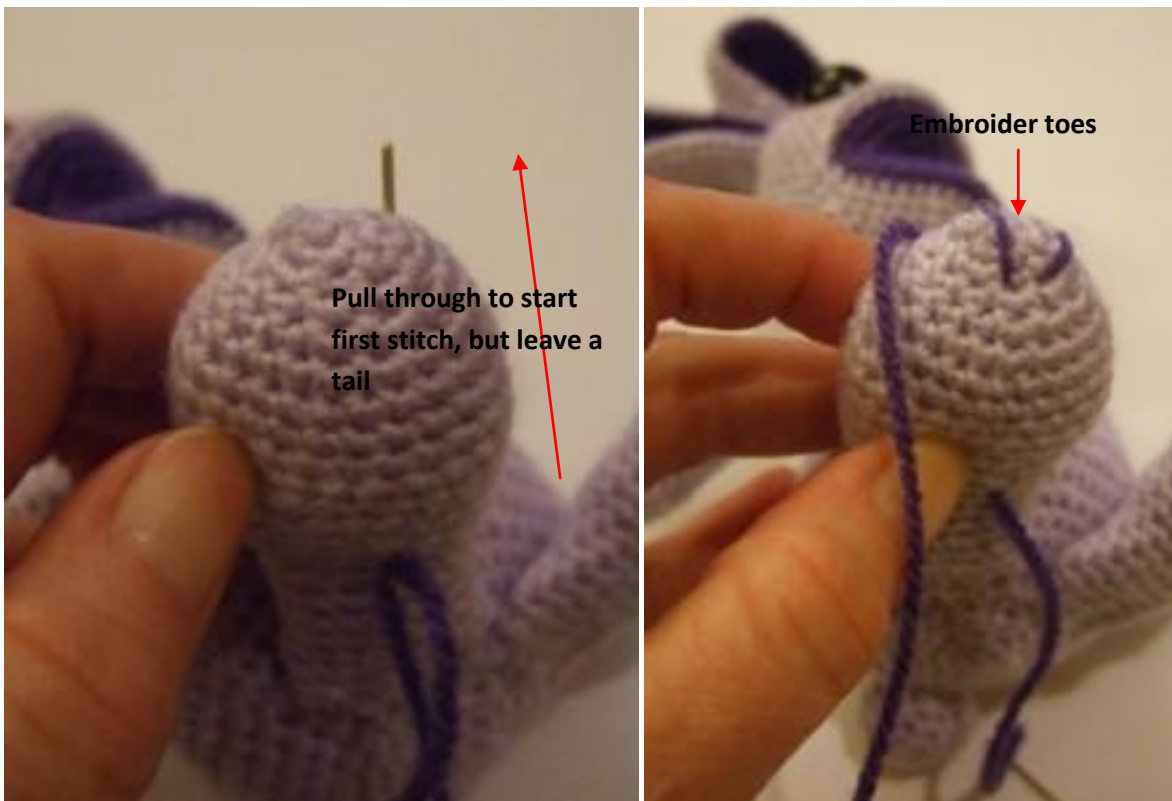
Stuff the foot at the toes, leaving the other end flat. You will need a stable base for your bunny to stand on.

Double crochet across the top of the foot as you did for the arm.



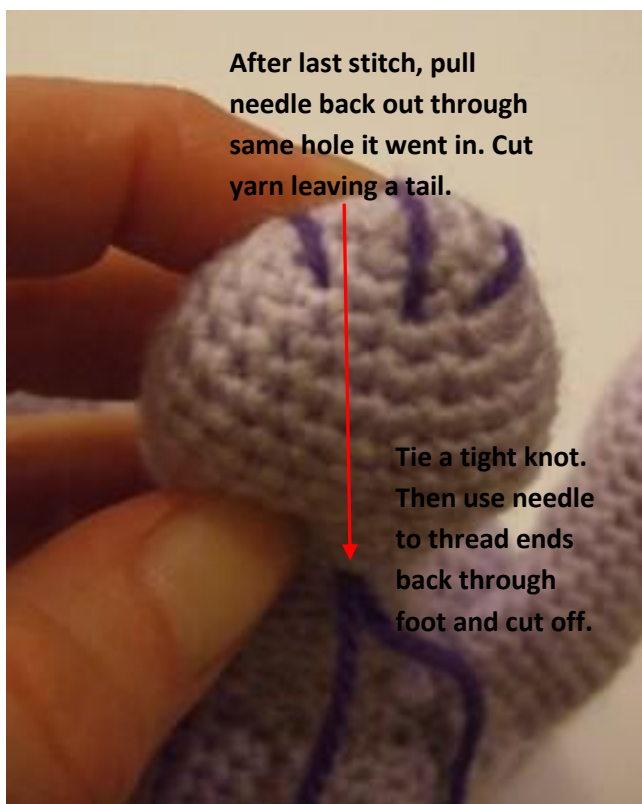
Stitch the foot securely to the underside of your bunny.

Embroider your bunny's feet using colour B (or any contrasting colour you like). I do this by starting from the underside of the foot and putting the needle through to the top of the first paw mark.





I embroider the 3 lines and then put the needle through to come out where it came in.



I tie the two ends together, and then use the needle to pull the loose ends through the leg. Pull quite tightly, and when you snip off the excess yarn it will be pulled back inside the leg.

### **Tail**

Round 1: Double crochet 6 into a magic ring. Or instead chain 2, double crochet 6 into 2<sup>nd</sup> stitch.) (6 stitches)

Round 2: 2DC into every stitch in round. (12 stitches)

Round 3: (DC into next stitch, 2DC into next stitch) repeat until end of round. (18 stitches)

Round 4: DC all around (18 stitches)

Round 5: DC all around (18 stitches).

Round 6: (DC, DC2tog) repeat until end of round (12 stitches).

Round 7: (DC, DC2tog) repeat until end of round (6 stitches).

Stuff the bunny's tail and stitch it on.



### **Basket**

Round 1: Double crochet 6 into a magic ring. Or instead chain 2, double crochet 6 into 2<sup>nd</sup> stitch.) (6 stitches)

Round 2: 2DC into every stitch in round. (12 stitches)

Round 3: (DC into next stitch, 2DC into next stitch) repeat until end of round. (18 stitches)

Round 4: (DC into next 2 stitches, 2DC into next stitch) repeat until end of round. (24 stitches)

Round 5: (DC into next 3 stitches, 2DC into next stitch) repeat until end of round. (30 stitches)

Round 6: DC all around (30 stitches)

Round 7 : DC all around (30 stitches)

Round 8 : DC all around (30 stitches)

Round 9 : DC all around (30 stitches)

Round 10 : DC all around (30 stitches). Slip stitch the last stitch into the previous round.

Chain 15.



Fold the basket in half to find where the handle will come down on the other side. Double crochet into the basket from the outside.



DC into next stitch around the basket's rim. Double crochet back along the basket handle from the inside.



Double crochet into the basket's rim from the inside. Slip stitch into the next stitch around. Tie off the yarn and weave the end in.

**Eggs (5 is a good number)**

Round 1: Double crochet 6 into a magic ring. Or instead chain 2, double crochet 6 into 2<sup>nd</sup> stitch.) (6 stitches)

Round 2: 2DC into every stitch in round. (12 stitches)

Round 3, 4: DC all around (12 stitches).

Round 5: DC2tog all around (6 stitches)

Stuff the egg. I use yarn scraps for this.

Round 6: DC2tog all around (3 stitches)

Cut the thread leaving a long tail and pull back through the loop. Sew the top of the egg closed. You can try decorating with embroidery, or use a different colour in the middle. You can always hide a couple of foil wrapped chocolate ones inside the basket too!

Arrange your bunny's ears in a suitably perky attitude. There you go – one hoppity chocolate-distributing rabbit.



