

## Crochet Balloon Dog

*A lot of people love balloon animals! But they always have an unfortunate tendency to pop or deflate over time. So why not make a more long-lasting version? This cuddly plush has a beginner-friendly pattern, and makes a perfect companion for any dog and/or balloon lover.*

### **Materials:**

- 5mm crochet hook
- Worsted weight yarn (about 200g)
- Polyester fiberfill
- Yarn needle

(You can use whatever yarn and hook size you'd like, just be aware that it will change the size of the finished product. I used the materials above, and my plush measures 8 ½ inches long and 8 inches tall.)

### **Abbreviations:**

Sc = single crochet

Inc = increase stitch

Dec = decrease stitch

(Pictures of the finished product can be found at the bottom of page 3.)

### **Tail**

Make a magic ring with 6 sc.

**Rows 1-4:** sc around (6)

This is the “uninflated” part at the tip of the tail, inc or dec number of rows to your preference.

**Row 5:** inc around (12)

**Row 6:** repeat **Row 5** (24)

Pull yarn end from the magic ring tight and weave in before continuing.

**Rows 7-16:** sc around (24)

**Row 17:** dec around (12)

Stuff segment to preferred firmness.

**Row 18:** dec around (6)

**Rows 19-22:** sc around (6)

### **Legs**

**Row 23:** inc around (12)

**Row 24:** repeat **Row 23** (24)

**Rows 25-38:** sc around (24)

**Rows 39:** dec around (12)

Stuff segment to preferred firmness.

**Row 40:** dec around (6)

**Rows 41-44:** sc around (6)

Repeat to make the second hind leg, ending on **Row 66**.

## **Body**

**Row 67:** inc around (12)

**Row 68:** repeat **Row 67** (24)

**Rows 69-78:** sc around (24)

**Row 79:** dec around (12)

Stuff segment to preferred firmness.

**Row 80:** dec around (6)

**Rows 81-84:** sc around (6)

Repeat **Legs** Pattern **2 more times** to make the front legs.

Ending on **Row 128** with a total of **6 segments** so far.

## **Neck**

**Row 129:** inc around (12)

**Row 130:** repeat **Row 129** (24)

**Rows 131-138:** sc around (24)

**Row 139:** dec around (12)

Stuff segment to preferred firmness.

**Row 140:** dec around (6)

**Rows 141-144:** sc around (6)

## **Ears**

**Row 145:** inc around (12)

**Row 146:** repeat **Row 145** (24)

**Rows 147-156:** sc around (24)

**Row 157:** dec around (12)

Stuff segment to preferred firmness.

**Row 158:** dec around (6)

**Rows 159-162:** sc around (6)

Repeat for the second ear, ending on **Row 180**.

## **Head**

**Row 181:** inc around (12)

**Row 182:** repeat **Row 181** (24)

**Rows 183-190:** sc around (24)

**Row 191:** dec around (12)

Stuff segment to preferred firmness.

**Row 192:** dec around (6)

**Row 193:** sc around (6)

**Row 194:** inc around (12)

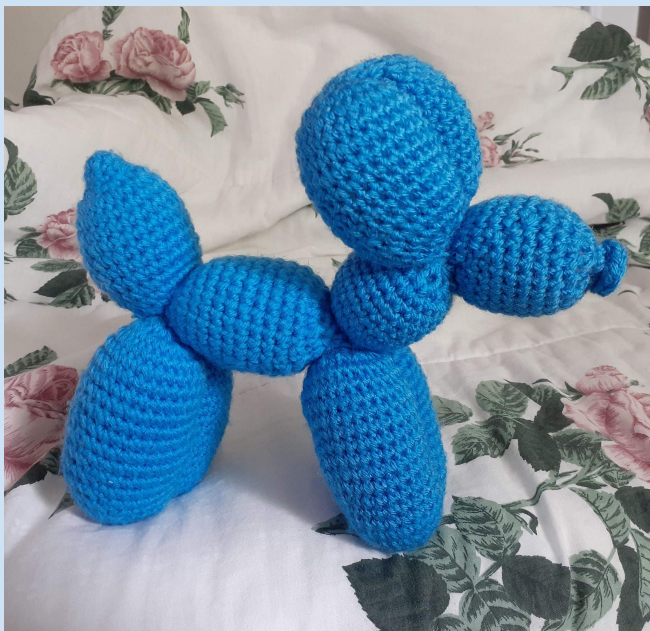
Secure yarn end and cut tail long enough to weave in.

Twist to form a dog shape as one would with a balloon

(**Ohana Craft Amigurumi** has a good visual guide for this here: <https://youtu.be/HdbpN5B3a20>)

Once twisted, you can sew the joints for extra stability if you want.

**Enjoy your new plush pet, or gift it to a friend or loved one. Happy crocheting!**



*I can even  
stand up on  
my own!*

My first attempt at making this pattern. There are a few differences in proportion between this and the pattern above, as I was figuring it out as I went.

Once completed your dog should look somewhat like this, but it won't be exactly the same, and that's ok. It's the little differences that make our projects unique :)

