

Tux the Linux Penguin Crochet Pattern

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A desk-buddy for the Linux enthusiast in your life. Perfect for some [Yarn Penguin Debugging!](#) =P

Materials

- 5mm crochet hook
- black and white felt
- hot glue
- black, white, and yellow-gold worsted weight yarn. (I use Red Heart Super Saver.)
- weighted beads (optional)

Stitches Used

This pattern uses American crochet terminology.

- single crochet (sc)
- single crochet increase (inc)
- “single crochet two together” (sc2tog)

- “invisible decrease” (dec)
- double crochet (dc)
- treble crochet (tr)
- magic ring
- treble-bobble (tr-bobble)

sc2tog ≠ dec

For the pieces worked in rounds, sc2tog and dec are interchangeable. The pieces worked in rows must use sc2tog.

The Treble-Bobble Stitch

Tux’s toes are formed using what I’ll refer to as the treble-bobble in the below section, abbreviated as “tr-bobble”. The tr-bobble is fundamentally similar to the more common [bobble stitch](#). Each tr-bobble in is formed over two single crochet stitches. Each single crochet stitch will have two almost-completed treble crochet stitches. At the very last step, there should be five loops on your hook.

Head and Body

In black:

Round	Instruction	Count
1	6 sc in magic ring	6
2	inc in 6 sc	12
3	(sc, inc)*6	18
4	(sc 2, inc)*6	24
5-7	sc around	24
8	(sc 6, sc2tog)*3	21
9-11	sc around	21
12	(sc 6, inc)*3	24
13	sc around	24
14	(sc 7, inc)*3	27
15	sc around	27
16	(sc 8, inc)*3	30
17	sc around	30
18	(sc 9, inc)*3	33
19	sc around	33
20	(sc 10, inc)*3	36
21	(sc 11, inc)*3	39
22	(sc 5, inc)*3, sc 21	42
23	(inc, sc 6)*3, sc 21	45
24-28	sc around	45

29	sc 24, sc 10, (inc2), sc 10	47
30	sc 24, sc 10, (sc, inc2, sc), sc 10	49
31	(sc 13, dec)*2, sc 4, (sc 2, inc2, sc 2), sc 8, dec	48
32	(sc 2, dec, sc 10)*2, sc 2, dec, (sc 2, sc3tog, sc 2), sc 9	43
33	(sc 11, dec)*2, sc 3, (sc, sc3tog, sc), sc 7, dec	38
34	(sc, dec, sc 9)*2, sc, dec, sc3tog, sc 8	33
35	(sc 9, dec)*3	30
36	(sc 3, dec)*6	24
37	(sc 2, dec)*6	18
Pause here to stuff the penguin. He should be round, but not overstuffed. His bottom should be flat so that he won't tip over. Weighted beads will help.		
38	(sc, dec)*6	12
39	dec 6	6
Fasten off and hide the tail.		

Belly

The belly is a flat piece that gets stitched onto the body. Use turning chains between rows. Make the “chain” portion of the foundation single crochet stitches in the post of the nearest single crochet stitch.

In white:

Row	Instruction	Count
1	ch 7	7
2	sc 7, ch 1	7 + 1 ch
3	sc 8, fsc, ch 1	9 + 1 ch
4	sc 10, fsc, ch 1	11 + 1 ch
5	sc 12, fsc, ch 1	13 + 1 ch
6	sc 14, fsc	15
7-10	sc across	15
11	sc2tog, sc 11, sc2tog	13
12-13	sc across	13
14	sc2tog, sc 9, sc2tog	11
15-16	sc across	11
17	sc2tog, sc 7, sc2tog	9
18	sc across	9
19	sc2tog, sc 5, sc2tog	7
20	sc across	7
Fasten off and leave a very long tail for sewing.		

Wings (make two)

In black:

Round	Instruction	Count
1	ch 3, then sc 6 around the top and bottom of chain.	6
2	(sc, inc)*3	9
3-7	sc around	9
8	sc 4, inc, sc 4	10
9-12	sc around	10
13	sc 9, inc	11
14-16	sc around	11
17	sc 5, inc, sc 5	12
18	sc around	12

Fasten off and leave a tail for sewing.

Beak

Make two of the below triangles. Start one of them off with a very long tail. Use turning chains between rows.

In yellow-gold:

Row	Instruction	Count
1	ch 8, sc 8	8
2	sc2tog, sc 4, sc2tog	6
3	sc2tog, sc 2, sc2tog	4
4	sc2tog, sc2tog	2
5	sc2tog	1

Use the long tail to sew the two pieces together into a beak. After sewing the two pieces together, there should be enough left over for sewing the pieces onto Tux's head.

Feet (make two)

In yellow-gold:

Row	Instruction	Count
1	ch 4, sc 8 in top and bottom of chains	8
2	(sc 3, inc)*2	(10)
3	(sc 4, inc)*2	(12)
4	(sc 5, inc)*2	(14)
5	sc around	14
6	(sc 6, inc)*2	(16)
7	sc 16, ch 1	(16 + 1 ch)

Stop here to lightly stuff the feet. The feet should look mostly flat, just not pan flat. Then, press what you've got together so that the top of the feet have eight pairs of single crochet stitches together.

Do each of the stitches in the top row through two single crochet stitches. After one toe, your piece should look like Figure 1a.

Top row	t-bobble, sc 1, t-bobble, sc 1, t-bobble	5
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Fasten off by doing a slip stitch into the post of the outermost single crochet. It'll probably be the only easy place to make one. Leave a long tail for sewing. At this point, your piece should look like Figure 1b.

Then, stitch that row down and weave the tail through the stitches so that it comes out the center of the foot, like in Figure 1c.



(a) One Toe



(b) Three Toes



(c) Complete

Figure 1: Tux's Foot.

Assembly

All pieces can be stitched onto the head and body using a yarn needle. Guidelines for positioning of the crocheted components are:

- The top of the beak should be at round 12 of the head and body. The bottom should be sewn over round 13.
- The belly should be sewn right underneath the beak. Angle the top two corners slightly downwards so that there is a little bit of black between the corners of the beak and the belly. (I think this makes Tux look happier.) The top of the belly should be at round 15 and the bottom at round 33.
- The wings should be angled such that the top stitch of the seam is at round 15 and that the bottom is at round 19. There should only be 3-4 stitches between the top of the wings' seams and the top of the belly.
- The middle of the feet should be at round 31. They should be positioned so that all seven stitches in row 1 of the belly are visible.
- Finally, cut the eyes out of black and white felt. The pupils should be circles about $\frac{3}{8}$ inches in diameter. The white part of the eyes should be cut so that the bottoms are flush with the beak and the tops sit between rounds 7 and 8. Hot glue the eyes to the head.