Crochet Skull Pattern Tutorial

This tutorial will guide you step by step to create a crochet skull with crossbones. It is a beginner-friendly pattern, but it assumes you know basic crochet stitches such as chain (ch), single crochet (sc), slip stitch (sl st), and double crochet (dc). The finished piece can be used as an applique, decoration, or accessory for Halloween or themed projects.

Materials Needed:
- Cotton or acrylic yarn (White/Beige for the skull, Black for eyes and nose)
- Crochet hook suitable for your yarn (usually 3.5mm - 4mm)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

Abbreviations Used:
- ch: chain
- sc: single crochet
- sl st: slip stitch
- dc: double crochet
- st: stitch
- rnd: round

Skull Head:
1. Start with a magic ring.
2. Rnd 1: 6 sc into the ring. (6)
3. Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (12)
4. Rnd 3: *1 sc, 2 sc in next st* repeat around. (18)
5. Rnd 4: *2 sc, 2 sc in next st* repeat around. (24)
6. Rnd 5: *3 sc, 2 sc in next st* repeat around. (30)
7. Rnd 6: Work evenly 30 sc around. (30)
Fasten off and weave in ends.

Eyes and Nose:
- With black yarn, create 2 circles for the eyes: magic ring, 6 sc inside, join with sl st.
- For the nose, ch 4, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next, dc in last. Fasten off.
- Sew eyes and nose onto the skull head using a yarn needle.

Teeth:
- With black yarn, embroider vertical lines at the bottom of the skull head to represent teeth.
- You can use straight stitches with a needle for this detail.

Crossbones:
1. Ch 21.
2. Row 1: Starting from 2nd ch from hook, *sc in next 2, dc in next, sc in next 2*, repeat until end.
3. At both ends, make a small circle by working (2 dc, 2 sc, 2 dc) in the same st.
4. Make 2 crossbones and sew them behind the skull, forming an "X" shape.

Finishing:
- Arrange the crossbones behind the skull and stitch them securely.
- Add a hair clip, pin, or simply use it as an applique.
- Your crochet skull with crossbones is complete! Perfect for spooky decorations.