



Complete Crochet Tutorial: Cute Sleeping Dragon (US Terms)

This step-by-step guide will walk you through everything you need to crochet your own adorable sleeping dragon—from materials to final assembly. It's written in clear US crochet terminology so anyone can follow along, even beginners with some basic stitch knowledge.

COMPLETE VISUAL GUIDE: CROCHET A CUTE SLEEPING DRAGON

MATERIALS & TERMINOLOGY (US TERMS)

Main Yarn:
Plush Chenille Yarn (Dark Blue)

Accent Yarn:
Plush Chenille Yarn (Light Blue)

Tools:
4.5mm Crochet Hook
Yarn Needle
Scissors
8mm Black Safety Eyes
Dark Embroidery Thread

1. CROCHET THE HEAD (Make 1)

Rnd 1-5 build-up
R1: 6 sc in MR (6)
R2: inc x6 (12)
R3: (1 sc, inMR) (6)
R4: (4 sc, inc) x3 (24)
R5: (4 sc, dec) x6 (24)
R10: (4 sc, dec) x6 (24)
R11: sc, dec x6 (18)

Stuff firmly. Place Eyes between R6-R7.

CROCHET HEAD (Make 1)

Rnd 1-5 build-up
R1: 6 sc in MR (6)
R2: inc x6 (12)
R3: (1 sc, 1MR) (18)
R4: (1 sc, inc) x3 (24)
R5: sc around x6 (24)
R13: sc, dec x6 (18)
R14: (1 sc, dec) x6 (12)
R15: dec x6 (6)

2. CROCHET THE BODY (Make 1)

Rnd 1-5 build-up
R1: 6 sc in MR (6)
R2: inc x6 (12)
R3: (1 sc, in1R) (18)
R4: (7 sc, inc) x3 (24)
R13: sc, dec x6 (18)
R14: (1 sc, dec) x6 (12)
R15: dec x6 (6)

Stuff firmly. Leave a 10-inch (25cm) tail for sewing.

3. ARMS / LEGS (Make 4 total)

R1: 6 sc in MR (6)
R2: (1 sc, inc) x3 (9);
R3-R5: sc around (9)

4. CROCHET THE TAIL

Dark Blue yarn – Make 1
R1: 5 sc in MR (5)
R2: inc x6 (12)
R3: (1 sc, inc) x3 (18)
R4: (1 sc, inc) x3 (24)
R5-R12: sc around (24)
R13: (2 sc, dec) x6 (18)
R10: (dec, 1 sc) x2 (5)

Stuff lightly. Color switch for the tip is optional.

5. SPIKES (Make 8 in total)

Dark Blue yarn –
 Light Blue yarn:
R1: 4 sc in MR (4)
R3: sc around (4)

Light Blue yarn
 Light Blue yarn:
R3: (dec, st st, ch1) in R2, sl st along sc made.

6. APPENDAGES

Dark Blue yarn – Make 2
R1: 6 sc in MR
R2: (1 sc, inc) x3 (9);
 ...
 Stuff firmly.

6. APPENDAGES (Make 2 ears, 2 fins, 2 wings)

Fins (Make 2 in Dark Blue)
R1: 6 sc in MR
R2: (1 sc, inc) x3 (9);
 ...

Wings (Make 2 total; 1 in Dark Blue, 1 in Light Blue)
 Special Instruction: Use Dark Blue (D) and Light Blue (L) yarns.
R1: ch2, (D) (L) (D)
 6 sc in MR using Dark Blue after each row row (refer to diagram) a single component.

7. ATTACHMENT GUIDE

Head: Center to body, tilt slightly forward
Spikes: Line along of head
Wings: Upper back, level with each other
Limbs: Sides of body below head (Arms)
Fins: Below ears, on sides
Legs: to bottom sides of body
Tail: Lower back center

FINAL PLACEMENT & FINISHING

Embroidering Details:
 Add simple black mouth line. Add sleepy eyes (optional but recommended).

Tassel and Knotting

Assemble as per attachment guide. Secure all loose tails.
Your Dragon is Complete!



Materials & Tools

Before you begin, gather the following:

Yarn:

- Main Yarn: Plush chenille yarn (Dark Blue)
- Accent Yarn: Plush chenille yarn (Light Blue)

Tools:

- 4.5 mm crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- 8 mm black safety eyes
- Dark embroidery thread (for facial details)



Stitch Key (US Terms)

- MR = Magic Ring (start here)
- ch = Chain
- sl st = Slip Stitch
- sc = Single Crochet
- inc = Increase (2 sc in one stitch)
- dec = Decrease (single crochet 2 stitches together)
 - = Stuffing (firm or light as noted)



Step 1: Crochet the Head

Make 1 piece using dark blue yarn.

Build-Up Rounds:

- R1: 6 sc in MR (6)
- R2: inc x6 (12)
- R3: (1 sc, inc) x6 (18)
- R4: (4 sc, inc) x3 (24)
- R5: (4 sc, dec) x6 (24)
- R10: (4 sc, dec) x6 (24)
- R11: sc, dec x6 (18)

Stuff firmly as you go.

Place safety eyes between rounds 6 and 7.

Step 2: Crochet the Body

Make 1 piece using dark blue yarn.

Build-Up Rounds:

- R1: 6 sc in MR (6)
- R2: inc x6 (12)
- R3: (1 sc, inc) x6 (18)
- R4: (2 sc, inc) x3 (24)
- R13: sc, dec x6 (18)
- R14: (1 sc, dec) x6 (12)
- R15: dec x6 (6)

Stuff firmly.

Leave a 10-inch (25 cm) yarn tail for sewing.

Step 3: Arms & Legs (Make 4 Total)

Using dark blue yarn:

- R1: 6 sc in MR (6)
- R2: (1 sc, inc) x3 (9)
- R3–R5: sc around (9)

Lightly stuff each piece.

Step 4: Crochet the Tail

Using dark blue yarn, make 1:

- R1: 5 sc in MR (5)
- R2: inc x6 (12)
- R3: (1 sc, inc) x3 (18)
- R4: (1 sc, inc) x3 (24)
- R5–R12: sc around (24)
- R13: (2 sc, dec) x6 (18)
- R10: (dec, 1 sc) x2 (5)

Stuff lightly.

Optional: switch to light blue yarn for the tail tip.

▲ Step 5: Spikes (Make 8 Total)

Dark Blue Spikes:

- R1: 4 sc in MR (4)
- R3: sc around (4)

Light Blue Detail:

- Work slip stitches and chains along edges for decorative ridge

Make small cone shapes. No stuffing needed.

👂 Step 6: Appendages

Ears (Make 2):

- R1: 6 sc in MR
- R2: (1 sc, inc) x3 (9)

Stuff lightly.

Fins (Make 2):

- Same pattern as ears

Wings (Make 2 total):

- One dark blue, one light blue
- ch 2
- Work 6 sc into MR
- Alternate colors after each row
- Shape into a curved wing

🧩 Step 7: Assembly & Attachment Guide

Now bring your dragon to life!

- **Head:** Attach centered to the body, slightly tilted forward
- **Spikes:** Sew in a line along the back of the head and body
- **Arms:** Attach to the sides just below the head
- **Legs:** Sew to the bottom sides of the body
- **Fins:** Place under ears on each side
- **Wings:** Attach to upper back, aligned evenly
- **Tail:** Sew to lower back center

Make sure everything is securely stitched.

Step 8: Final Details & Finishing

Embroidery:

- Use black thread to stitch a simple curved mouth
- Add sleepy eyelids above the safety eyes (optional but adorable 😊)

Finishing Touches:

- Tie off and weave in all loose ends
- Adjust stuffing if needed for shaping
- Check all parts are secure