

Complete Crochet Tutorial: Gingham Puppy Appliqué

This step-by-step guide will walk you through creating a cute gingham puppy appliqué from start to finish. It's written in **US crochet terms** and designed so beginners and experienced crocheters alike can follow along.

COMPLETE DETAILED CROCHET TUTORIAL: GINGHAM PUPPY APPLIQUÉ (IMAGE_19.PNG PATTERN)

SECTION 1: MATERIALS & PREPARATION

Collect all materials. Ensure gradient yarn starts. Ensure gradient yarn starts at light pink and moves to deep pink.



SECTION 2: THE PATTERN DIAGRAM KEY

-  ch
-  sc (US terms) / dc (UK terms)
*Note: use US terms
-  dc (US) / tr (UK)
-  tr (US) / dtr (UK)
-  slip stitch (sl st)
-  Complex symbols (e.g., in legs and tail) are simplified e.g. "leg stitch formation" (3 dc cluster + sl st)
-  **Red-bar dc**
The special symbols for the red ear are clearly decoded as dc-cluster stitches on a chain base.



SECTION 3: ROUND-BY-ROUND GUIDE

Step A: Starting with Off-White (Light Blue Yarn is used to show white stitches against light background in tutorial)



Ch 6. (Diagram inset shows ch 6 formation).



Round 1: 12 sc in 6th ch from hook. Sl st to first sc to join. (Point to the circular center sc ring in



Round 2: [Sc, ch 2, dc] x 12, sl st to first sc. (Arrow points to the petal-like shapes).

Step B: Connecting for the Body



Switch to Gingham Gradient Yarn (Light Pink). Join yarn at petal 6.



Row 3: Ch 4, (dc in next petal, ch 2), repeat, following diagram (point to body ch/dc grid).

Step C: Forming the Legs & Body Detail







LEG FORMATION (Front Leg):
Work 2 rows dc and complex leg symbols. Color gradient deepens. Arrow points to front leg.

LEG FORMATION (Back Leg): Similar. (Arrow points to back leg).

LEG FORMATION (Back Leg): Simpl. (Arrow points to back leg).

Final Body/Leg integration step.

Sta D: Tail & Ear Detail



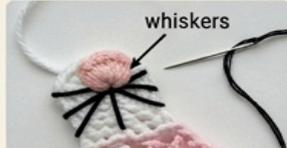


Tail: Form at body corner. Work complex tail symbols. Arrow points to tail.

Ear Base: Follow off-white section diagram. (Arrow points to ear area).

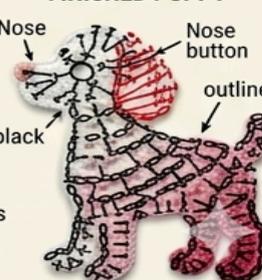
Red Detail: Join red thread. Work red-bar dc clusters as specified. (Direct magn:).

Sta E: Final Assembly



whiskers
Nose
Nose button

Secure Nose Button. Use needle and black thread to stitch whiskers and reinforce stitch patterns as an overall outline. The black stitch diagrams in <IMAGE_0> serve as the sewing pattern.



FINISHED PUPPY
Nose
Nose button
outline
black



Section 1: Materials & Preparation

Before starting, gather all your supplies:

- Crochet hook: **Size 3.0 mm**
- Yarn A: **Off-white cotton yarn**
- Yarn B: **Gingham gradient cotton yarn** (light pink → deep pink)
- Small amount of **black yarn or thread**
- Small amount of **red yarn**
- **Tapestry needle**
- **Scissors**
- **Small nose button** (pink or black)



Tip: Make sure your gradient yarn starts at the **lightest pink** and gradually transitions to darker shades as you work.



Section 2: Understanding the Pattern Symbols

Here are the stitches used in this pattern:

- **ch** = chain
- **sc** = single crochet
- **dc** = double crochet
- **tr** = treble crochet
- **sl st** = slip stitch

Special notes:

- Some areas (like legs and tail) use **cluster stitches** (3 dc worked together + sl st).
- Red markings in the diagram represent **decorative cluster stitches** for the ear.



Section 3: Round-by-Round Base (Head & Body Start)



Step A: Create the Center Circle

1. With **off-white yarn**, chain 6.
2. Join with a slip stitch to form a ring.



Round 1:

- Work **12 sc into the ring**.
- Join with a slip stitch to the first stitch.

Round 2:

- (sc, ch 2, dc) in each stitch around.
- Repeat 12 times.
- Join with slip stitch.

This creates a circular base with petal-like shapes.

Step B: Connecting for the Body

1. Switch to **light pink (gingham yarn)**.
2. Attach yarn at **petal 6** (this marks the start of the body).
3. Chain 4.
4. Work (dc in next petal, ch 2) across.
5. Repeat following the circular pattern.

You are now forming the puppy's **upper body shape**.

Step C: Forming the Legs & Body Details

Front Leg

1. Work **2 rows of dc downward** from the body edge.
2. Use cluster stitches where indicated.
3. Allow the gradient yarn to deepen naturally.

Back Leg

1. Repeat the same process as the front leg.
2. Use fewer clusters for a simpler shape.
3. Maintain consistent stitch tension.

Integration

- Attach both legs back into the body using slip stitches.
- Ensure symmetry before fastening off.

Step D: Tail & Ear Details

Tail

1. Attach yarn at the back corner of the body.
2. Work a short chain and cluster stitches.
3. Curve slightly to create a natural tail shape.

Ear Base

1. Using **off-white yarn**, follow the diagram placement.
2. Work small dc stitches to form a rounded ear.

Red Ear Detail

1. Join **red yarn**.
2. Work **dc clusters** along the ear.
3. This creates the gingham-style decorative effect.

Step E: Final Assembly

Nose & Whiskers

1. Sew the **nose button** securely onto the face.
2. Using black thread:
 - Stitch **whiskers** (3 lines on each side).
 - Outline the puppy's shape using simple stitches.

 Tip: Use the diagram as a guide for outlining—it helps define the gingham look.

Finished Puppy

At this point, your puppy appliqué should have:

- A textured circular head/body
- Two legs with gradient shading
- A small curved tail
- A detailed ear with red stitching
- A stitched face with whiskers and nose

 Congratulations! You've completed your gingham puppy appliqué.