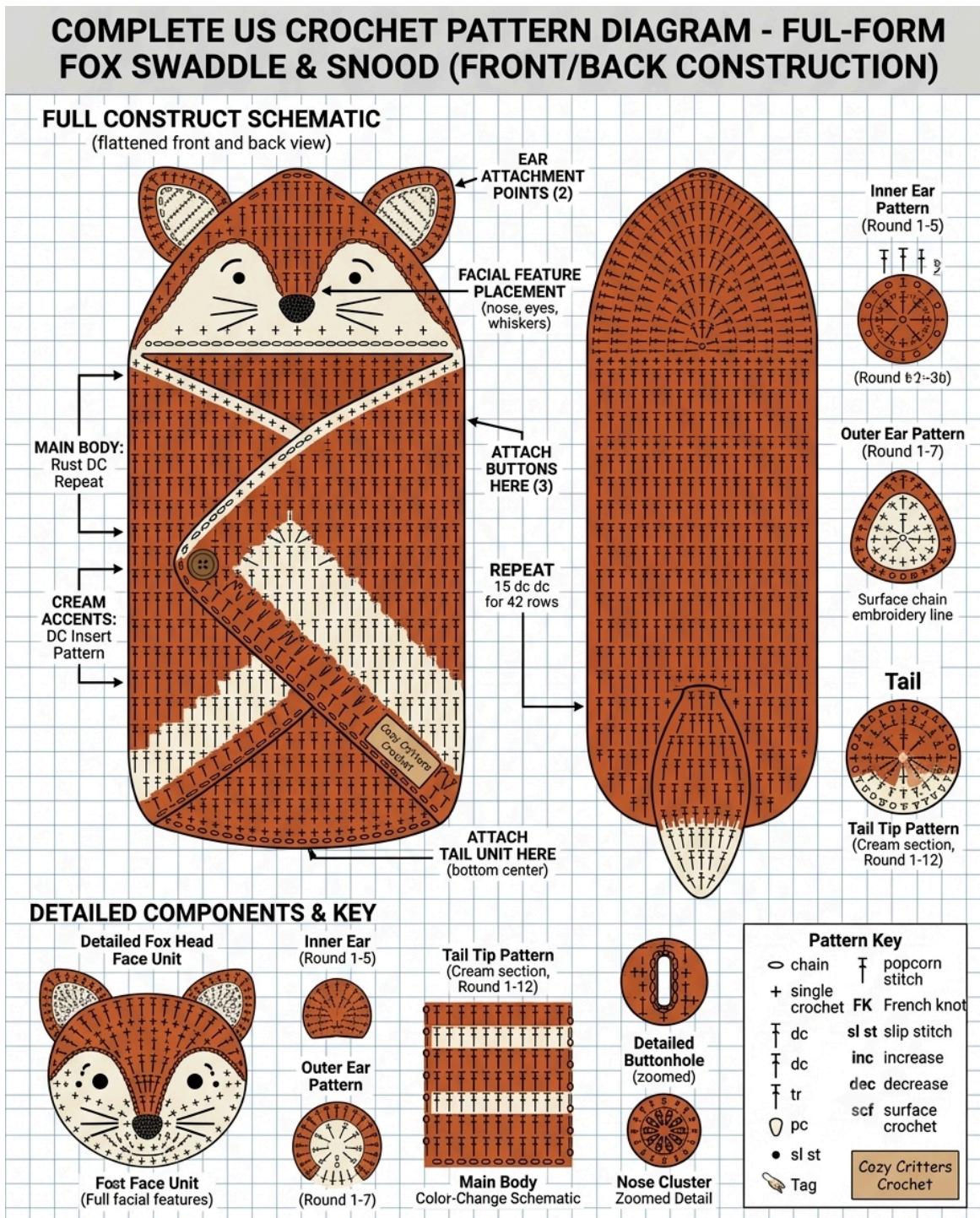


Crochet Baby Cocoon Bear with Hood and Ears

This tutorial is based directly on the crochet chart provided in the image. The design creates a cozy baby cocoon with an attached bear-style hood, two rounded ears, embroidered facial features, buttonholes, and a tail. The instructions below closely follow the structure, shaping, and layout shown in the chart while translating the symbols into detailed written instructions that are easy to follow.



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Skill Level

Intermediate

You should be comfortable with:

- Chain (ch)
- Slip Stitch (sl st)
- Single Crochet (sc)
- Half Double Crochet (hdc)
- Double Crochet (dc)
- Increasing stitches
- Working in rows
- Sewing crochet pieces together
- Basic embroidery

Finished Size

The cocoon is designed for newborns up to approximately 3 months old.

Approximate measurements:

- Length: 20–24 inches (51–61 cm)
- Width: 14–16 inches (36–41 cm)
- Hood height: 8–10 inches (20–25 cm)

Measurements may vary depending on yarn and tension.

Materials

- 500–700 yards of bulky (#5) or worsted weight (#4) yarn
- Crochet hook:
 - 5.5 mm (I-9) for worsted yarn
 - 6.5 mm (K) for bulky yarn
- Yarn needle
- Stitch markers
- Scissors
- 2 medium buttons (1–1¼ inch / 25–32 mm)
- Black yarn for facial embroidery

Abbreviations

- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- hdc = half double crochet

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- dc = double crochet
- st = stitch
- sts = stitches
- inc = 2 stitches worked into the same stitch
- RS = right side
- WS = wrong side

Construction Overview

The cocoon is made as one large body piece that includes:

1. Cocoon body
2. Front overlap flap
3. Hood section
4. Two ears
5. Tail
6. Buttonholes
7. Embroidered face

The body is worked from the bottom upward. The hood is formed directly from the top of the cocoon. Ears and tail are made separately and sewn on afterward.

Step 1: Crochet the Body Cocoon

Begin at the bottom center of the cocoon.

Foundation

Ch 52.

Row 1:

Work 1 dc in the 4th chain from hook and in each chain across.

Turn.

You should have approximately 50 dc.

Row 2

Ch 3.

Work dc across.

Turn.

Row 3

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Ch 3.

Work 2 dc in first stitch.

Dc across until last stitch.

Work 2 dc in last stitch.

Turn.

Rows 4–10

Repeat Row 3 every other row.

Work regular dc rows between increase rows.

This gradual widening creates the rounded lower body shown in the chart.

Rows 11–22

Continue working dc rows.

Increase only near both side edges every 3rd row.

The body should now begin forming the wider cocoon shape.

Rows 23–34

Work even without additional increases.

Check width periodically.

The cocoon should comfortably wrap around a newborn while maintaining the rounded silhouette visible in the chart.

Step 2: Form the Front Overlap Flap

The chart shows a diagonal flap crossing the front of the cocoon.

Right Side Flap

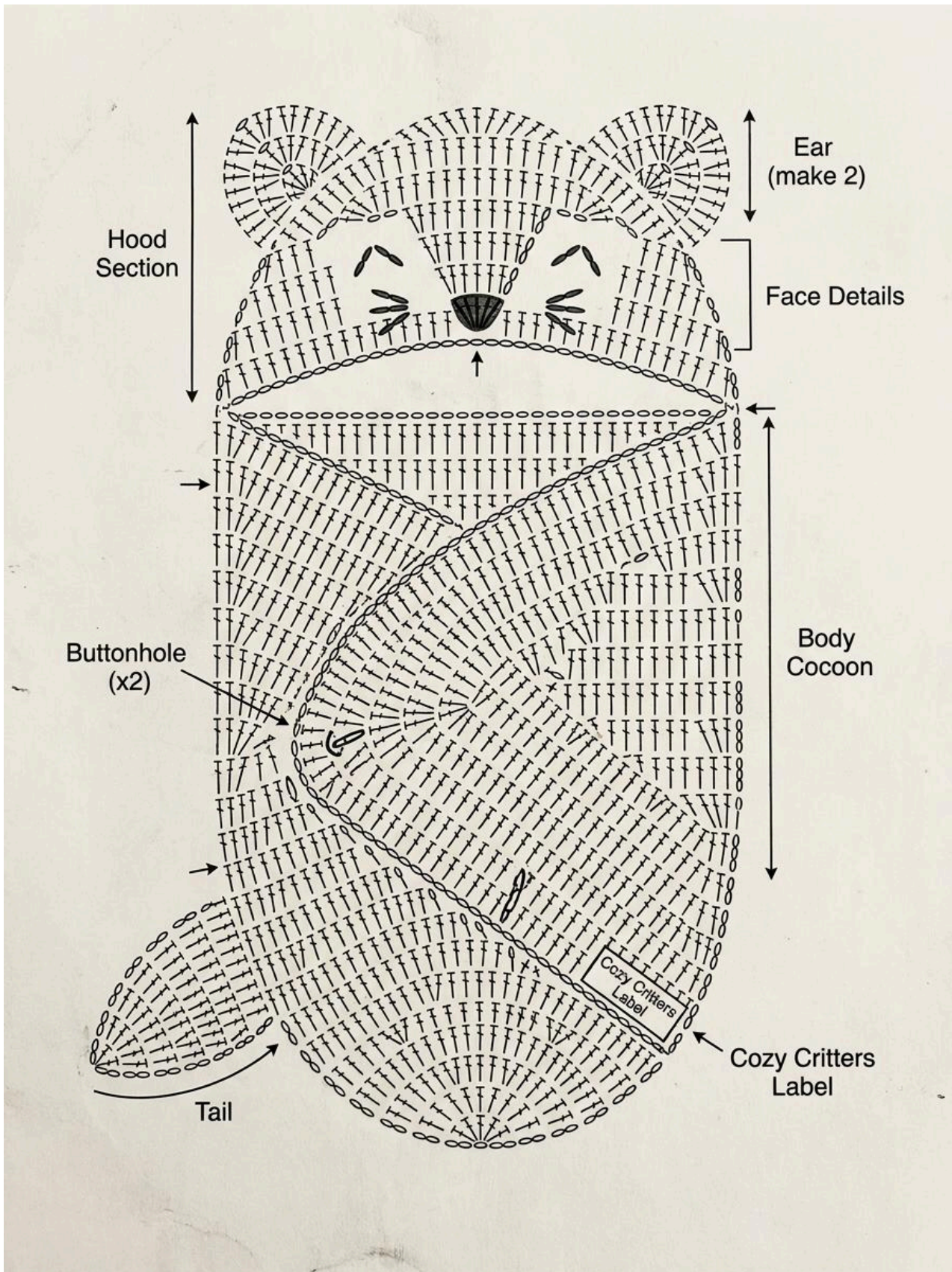
Attach yarn at the right front edge.

Row 1:

Work dc across approximately half the width of the cocoon.

Turn.

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Shaping

At the beginning of every row:

Skip the first stitch.

Continue dc across remaining stitches.

Turn.

Repeat until the flap reaches the center lower section of the cocoon.

Fasten off.

Left Side Flap

Attach yarn to the opposite front edge.

Repeat the same shaping in reverse.

The two flaps should overlap naturally, matching the diagonal closure shown in the chart.

Step 3: Create the Buttonholes

The chart indicates two buttonholes positioned along the side overlap.

Buttonhole Row

At the location of each buttonhole:

Work dc to desired position.

Ch 2.

Skip 2 stitches.

Continue dc across.

On the next row:

Work 2 dc into the chain space.

Create a total of two buttonholes spaced evenly apart.

Step 4: Continue to the Hood Section

The hood is worked directly from the top edge of the cocoon.

Attach yarn if necessary.

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Foundation Hood Row

Work dc evenly across the entire upper edge.

Turn.

Hood Rows 1–8

Ch 3.

Work dc across.

Turn.

Hood Shaping Rows 9–14

Continue dc rows.

Decrease one stitch at each side edge every other row.

This creates the gentle hood curve shown in the diagram.

Hood Rows 15–20

Work straight without shaping.

The hood should now comfortably cover a baby's head.

Fasten off.

Step 5: Close the Hood

Fold the hood in half with right sides facing.

Using a yarn needle:

Sew the top seam closed.

Turn right side out.

The hood should now form a rounded bear-head shape.

Step 6: Crochet the Ears (Make 2)

The chart shows two rounded ears attached near the top corners of the hood.

Round 1

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Magic Ring.

Work 8 dc into ring.

Join with sl st.

Round 2

Ch 2.

Work 2 dc in each stitch around.

Join.

(16 sts)

Round 3

Ch 2.

1 dc, inc.

Repeat around.

Join.

(24 sts)

Round 4

Work dc evenly around.

Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Make a second identical ear.

Step 7: Attach the Ears

Flatten each ear slightly.

Position one ear on each upper corner of the hood.

Use the chart placement as a guide.

Sew securely.

The ears should angle slightly outward to create the classic teddy-bear appearance.

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Step 8: Crochet the Tail

The chart shows a small rounded tail at the lower back.

Round 1

Magic Ring.

Work 6 sc into ring.

Join.

Round 2

2 sc in each stitch around.

(12 sts)

Round 3

1 sc, *inc.*

Repeat around.

(18 sts)

Round 4

Work even.

Fasten off leaving a sewing tail.

Lightly stuff if desired.

Sew onto the lower back center of the cocoon.

Step 9: Embroider the Face Details

Using black yarn:

Nose

Embroider a small triangle in the center front of the hood.

Eyes

Create two curved eyes above the nose.

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Use short satin stitches.

Eyebrows

Add small angled stitches above each eye.

Optional Mouth

Add a short vertical stitch beneath the nose.

The placement should closely resemble the face shown in the chart.

Step 10: Attach the Buttons

Sew two buttons onto the opposite side of the cocoon closure.

Align them carefully with the buttonholes.

Check that:

- The overlap closes securely
- The cocoon wraps comfortably
- The buttons do not pull excessively

Step 11: Final Finishing

Weave in all yarn ends.

Inspect all seams.

Ensure:

- Ears are securely attached
- Tail is firmly sewn
- Hood seam is strong
- Buttons are tightly fastened

Lightly steam block if desired.

How to Use the Cocoon

Place the baby on the opened cocoon.

Slide the baby's feet toward the bottom rounded section.

Wrap the front flaps across the body.

Fasten the buttons.

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Pull the hood gently over the baby's head.

The finished cocoon should resemble a cozy teddy bear with rounded ears, embroidered facial features, a small tail, and a secure overlapping front closure exactly as shown in the chart. 🐻💕

Safety Notes

- Never leave a baby unattended while using the cocoon.
- Always place babies on their backs for sleep.
- Ensure buttons are securely attached.
- Check frequently for loose yarn ends.
- Use only under appropriate supervision and according to safe-sleep recommendations.