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Crochet quick, easy, beginner BONUS graduation gown for your

Helenmay Crochet Amigurumi Large Panda

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ABBREVIATIONS:

sc= single crochet

ch= chain stitch

FO= finish off or fasten off

“= inch (es)

dc= double crochet

YO= Yarn Over

Right side= The side you want showing.

inc= increase

hdc= half double crochet

Sl st= slip stitch

oz= ounce

mm=millimeter

St= Stitch

Wrong side= The side you don't
want showing.

hdc2tog= **half double crochet 2 stitches together:** YO, insert the hook into the desired st and bring up a loop. You should have 3 loops on your hook. YO, insert the hook into the next st and bring up a loop. You should have 5 loops on your crochet hook. YO and pull the yarn through all 5 loops on your crochet hook.

There is a separate video tutorial for the crochet large amigurumi panda.

Here is the direct blog link for details:

<https://helenmaycrochet.com/2020/03/18/crochet-amigurumi-large-panda-bear/>

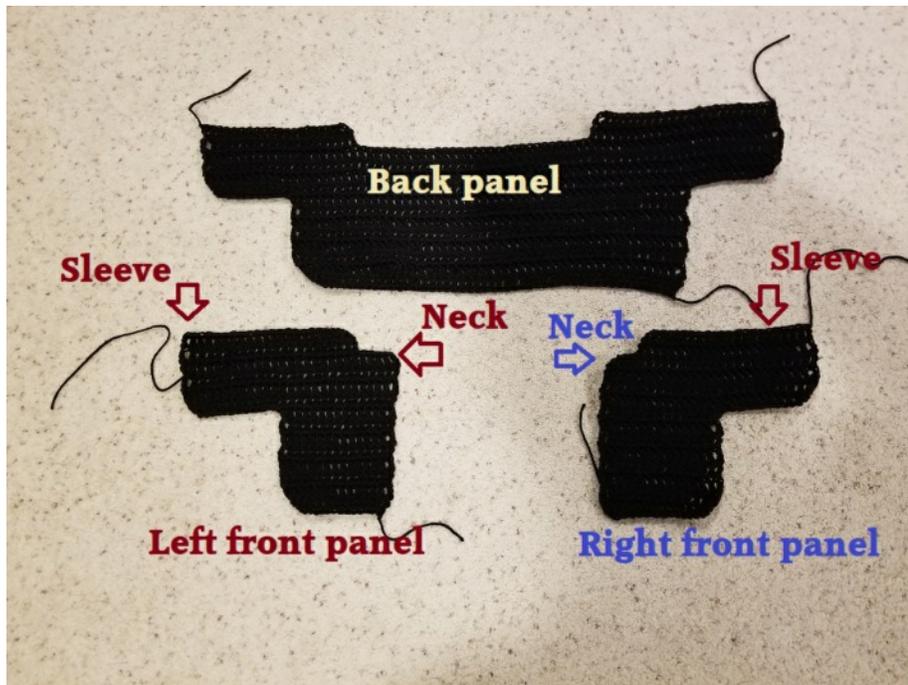
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GENERAL MATERIALS LIST: You can mix and match yarn colors for different looks. Just be aware that different yarn choices from mine can change how your graduation gown will look when finished. Also, if you change the crochet hook size, it may affect the size and look of your finished crochet graduation gown.

1. Any medium 4 sport black yarn would work.
2. 6.00mm crochet hook
3. 1 dark-colored button (The button should fit through the space between the dc stitches and be large enough to hold the front panels of the gown together.)
4. Sewing needle and thread to sew the button in place
5. 1 tapestry or darning needle
6. 1 pair of scissors

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First, make the 2 front panels:



The left and right front panels are both made the same way.

- Starting chain=** ch17
- Row 1=** Make 1dc into the 4th ch from the hook, 1dc into the next st, and 1dc in every st back across. (15 total st.)
- Row2 to Row8=** *Ch3, turn your work, make 1dc into the next st and 1dc into every st back across. Repeat from * 6 more times. (15 total st. Measures 5” x 5”)
- Row 9=** Ch14, turn your work, make 1dc into the 4th ch from the hook, make 1dc into the next st and 1dc in every st back across.
- Row 10 to Row12=** *Ch3, turn your work, make 1dc into the next st and 1dc into every st back across. Repeat from * 2 more times. (27 total st; 9” width and 3” height).
- Row 13 =** Ch3, turn your work, make 1dc into the next st and 1dc into every st until you have 5 unworked stitches remaining in the row. Leave these last 5 stitches unworked to form the neck. Remember that the neck portion is opposite the sleeve portion of the front panel. Use the picture above as a guide. (22 total st)
- Row 14 =** Ch3, turn your work, make 1dc into the next st and 1dc into every st back across. FO. Leave a long loose yarn end for sewing. (22 total st)

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Making the back panel: Use your black colored yarn. Make 1.

Starting chain: ch53

Row 1: Make 1dc into the 4th ch from the hook and 1dc into each of the stitches back across. (51 total st)

Row 2 to Row 8: *Ch3, turn your work, make 1dc into the next st and 1dc into every st back across. Repeat from * 6 more times. (51 total st; 17" x 5")

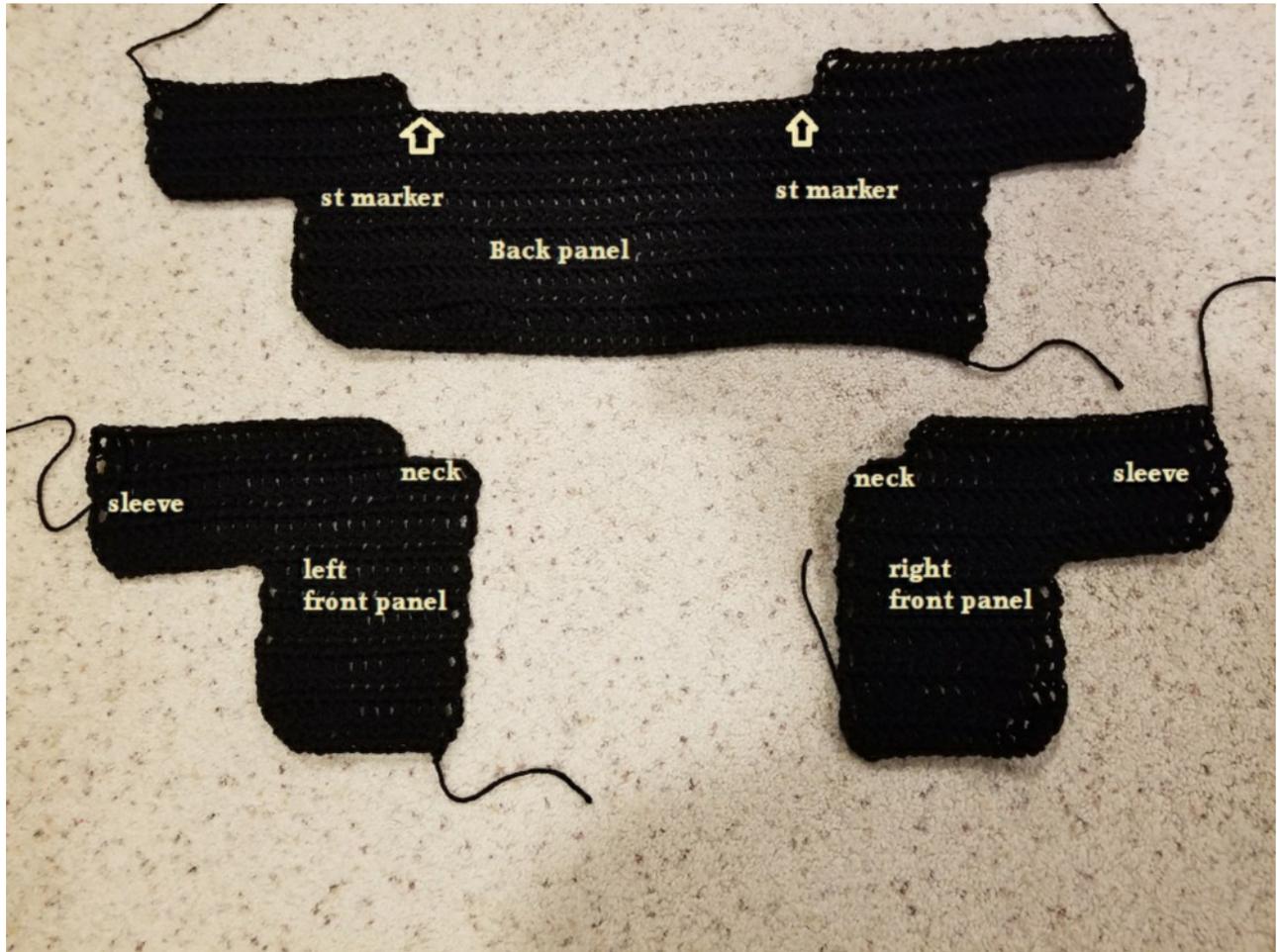


Row 9: Ch14 (For the sleeve), turn your work, make 1dc into the 4th ch from the hook, and 1dc into the next st and 1dc into the next 37 stitches (This should bring you to the middle of the back). FO. After you FO on the one side, join your black colored yarn on the opposite side, and then ch14 (We are now making the opposite sleeve), turn your work, make 1dc into the 4th ch from the hook, and 1dc into the next st and 1dc in every st until you meet up with where you finished off with the opposite sleeve. Slst into the top st of the opposite dc. FO. (75 total st.)

Row 10 to Row 12: Join your black colored yarn on one side of your back panel, ch 3, make 1dc into the next st and 1dc into every st back across. *Ch3, turn your work, make 1dc into the next st and 1dc in every st back across. Repeat from * 1 more time. DO NOT FO. We will continue crocheting and make the left neck portion. (75 total st)

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Forming the neck for the back panel:



Line up your left front panel and your right front panel on top of the back panel. Place your st markers so you know where to stop while forming the back neck portion. I placed st markers in the 23rd st from the left and the 23rd st from the right. Use the picture above as a guide.

Continuing to crochet where we left off:

-Ch3, turn your work, make 1dc into the next st and 1dc into every st until you reach a st marker. Do not dc into the st with the st marker. Ch3, turn your work, make 1dc into the next st and 1dc into every st back across. FO. Repeat the same thing on the opposite side of the back panel. Use the picture above as a guide. (22 total st)

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SEWING THE BACK PANEL AND THE FRONT PANELS TOGETHER:

Place the left and right front panels on top of the back panel. Make sure that the neck portions line up and that the “right sides” are facing each other. Sew the top portions of each sleeve, then sew the bottom portions of each sleeve, and lastly, sew both sides together.

Turn your work inside out.

Now, you will notice that the neck portion is really loose on the crochet large panda. I will show you how to crochet the collar of the graduation gown now, which will eliminate the gap created by the neck at this time.

COLLAR PORTION: Use your black colored yarn. The “right side” of the graduation gown is facing you.

Row 1: Join your yarn at the left neck portion to start crocheting the collar. Ch2, make 1hdc into every st until you reach the back of the gown (14 hdc). Then across the back of the gown, hdc2tog until you reach the next neck portion on the opposite side (16 hdc2tog). Make 1hdc in every st until you reach the end of the neck portion on the opposite side. (14 hdc st. Remember, we are only crocheting the collar portion)

Row 2: Ch2, turn your work, make 1hdc in every st until you reach the back portion of the gown. Across the back of the gown, *make 1hdc into 3 st and then hdc2tog. Repeat from * all the way across the back of the gown until you reach the next neck portion on the opposite side. Make 1hdc in every st until you reach the end of the neck portion on the opposite side. FO.

Bury any loose yarn ends.

Place the gown on your crochet amigurumi panda. The “right side” should be facing you. Sew the button on the right side, just below the collar portion. Use the space between the dc, just below the collar portion on the left side, as a button hole.



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