# Crochet yourself 3 whimsical Suga' Dudes!



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The little **Dudes** live among us, but only a child at heart can truly see them. They are bald and shy, so they cover their heads and half of their faces with whatever they find in their surroundings.

These endearing amigurumi/crochet dolls are faceless little fantasy creatures. They are educational dolls for learning and for play-therapy, as well as unique collectible decorative figurines. The **Dudes**' minimalist features, inspired by the Waldorf approach, are designed to stimulate the imagination, and their pocket size is suitable for those little hands to make the perfect companions.

#### Materials:

- Fine (level 2) 100% mercerized cotton yarn
   Colors: stone | beige | white | red | green | pink | 2 shades of brown
- Crochet hook (depends on your tension): 2.5mm 3mm
- Yarn needle
- Polyester fiberfill
- Scissors

#### Notes:

- Work in a **spiral** = continuous rounds (vs. joined rounds), unless otherwise indicated.
- **Crochet tightly** to prevent the stuffing from showing. If you find that your stitches are too loose, try a smaller hook size.
- Begin the pieces with a **magic ring** (= magic circle / adjustable ring).
- Use a **stitch marker** / **scrap of yarn** to mark the last stitch in the round.
- Use the **Invisible Decrease** to minimize the appearance of holes and bumps.
- Stuff your work firmly to keep its shape.
- All dimensions and stitch counts assume the use of yarns of the same thickness, to get a perfect fit between the Dudes' heads and their caps.

**Finished dimensions** (Dude + Cap) vary according to the measurements of the caps and are specified individually for each design.

Skill level: Intermediate.

## Abbreviations (US Terms):

**Special stitches: fphdc** = front post half double crochet | **fpdc** = front post double crochet | **dc dec** = double crochet decrease | **BB** = back bump/back bar (explained in detail in the pattern)

R = round / Rs = rounds

**mr** = magic ring

**ch** = chain stitch

**sc** = single crochet

**hdc** = half double crochet

**dc** = double crochet

**Inc** = increase (2sc in the same stitch)

**Dec** = decrease (2sc together)

**ss** = slip stitch

st = stitch / sts = stitches

 $\mathbf{sk} = \mathbf{skip}$ 

rep = repeat

FO = fasten off

**FL/FLO** = front loop/front loop only

**BL/BLO** = back loop/back loop only

[ ] = number of stitches

( ) x \_ = repeat pattern in parentheses as many times as indicated

\*..\* = repeat pattern between asterisks

# The Dude's pattern

Finished dimensions (approx.): Height: 8cm (3"). Width: 5cm (2").

With stone color yarn and a 2.5mm crochet hook -

First Leg

Make a mr

**R1:** 6sc in mr [6]

**R2:** (Inc, sc) x 3 [9]

**R3-4 (2 Rs):** Sc around [9]

One leg is done. Cut the yarn but leave a tail for later sewing.

Repeat Rs1-4 for the second leg. Don't cut the yarn, but continue to crochet the body and the head as one piece, by leaving the hook in the last loop of the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg <sup>a</sup>. Then, insert the hook into the 1<sup>st</sup> sc from the last round of the 1<sup>st</sup> leg <sup>b</sup>.





Now you will crochet around both legs in a spiral <sup>c</sup>-



## **Body & Head**

**R5:** 9sc around 1<sup>st</sup> leg + 9sc around 2<sup>nd</sup> leg [18]

With the tail left from the 1<sup>st</sup> leg, sew to close the hole between the legs.

**R6:** (Inc, 2sc) x 6 [24]

**R7:** 2sc, (Inc, 3sc) x 5, inc, sc [30]

**R8-10 (3 Rs)**: Sc around [30]

R11: (Dec, 3sc) x 6 [24]

**R12:** Sc around [24]

## Start stuffing the legs and the body with fiberfill and continue stuffing as you go.



**R13:** (2sc, dec) x 6 [18]

**R14:** (Dec, sc) x 6 [12]

**R15**: (Inc) x 12 [24]

**R16:** (Inc, 3sc) x 6 [30]

R17: 3sc, (Inc, 4sc) x 5, inc, sc [36]

**R18:** (Inc, 5sc) x 6 [42]

R19-22 (4 Rs): Sc around [42]

## Put a stitch marker between Rs19-20 to mark where to place the nose.

**R23:** (Dec, 5sc) x 6 [36]

**R24:** 3sc, (Dec, 4sc) x 5, dec, sc [30]

**R25:** (Dec, 3sc) x 6 [24]

**R26:** Sc, (Dec, 2sc) x 5, dec, sc [18]

Continue to stuff -

**R27**: (Dec, sc) x 6 [12]

**R28:** (Dec) x 6 [6]



Leave a tail long enough to close the head opening and to embroider the nose - Thread the yarn through the needle and draw through the front loops of the final stitches  $^{a, b}$ . Pull the yarn to close  $^{c}$ .





#### Nose

With the same yarn, insert the needle into the top of the head and pull it out through the middle of the face between Rs19-20 <sup>a</sup> (where you put the stitch marker). Insert the needle into the next horizontal hole and pull again through the first hole (make sure the nose is in the middle of the face) <sup>b</sup>.

Wrap the yarn around the horizontal line that was created <sup>c</sup> 4-6 times, as needed <sup>d</sup>.









Hide the excess yarn inside the work. FO and weave in the ends.

## Arms (make 2)

Make a mr

**R1:** 6sc in mr [6]

**R2:** (Inc, sc) x 3 [9]

**R3:** (Dec, sc) x 3 [6]

R4-7 (4 Rs): Sc around [6]

Leave a long tail to sew the arms to the body. The arms don't need to be stuffed.



Flatten the opening of the arms and sew only the 3 upper loops to the crease of the neck <sup>a</sup>. Insert the needle at the side of the body <sup>b</sup>, pick 1 stitch from the inner side of the arm <sup>c</sup> and pull tightly to secure <sup>d</sup>. FO and weave in the ends.



Now you've created your very own Dude!

Make two more, and cover their bald heads with caps...



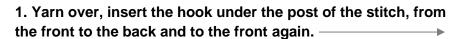
Finished dimensions (approx.): Height: 9.5cm (3.7"). Width: 5cm (2").

Cup

The cup is worked in joined rounds from the bottom-up and consists of front post half double crochet (fphdc) stitches.

## How to make a front post half double crochet (fphdc)

fphdc is a standard hdc that is worked around the post (= the vertical bar of the stitch) instead of working into the chain of the stitch.





2. Complete as a standard hdc: yarn over a, pull up a loop, yarn over b and pull through all three loops on the hook c.







## With pink yarn and a 2.5mm crochet hook -

R1: Ch 40, ss to 1st ch to form a circle, ch 1.

**R2:** Hdc around [40], ss to 1<sup>st</sup> hdc, ch 1.

R3: \*Sc, fphdc\* rep around [40], ss to 1st sc FL.

**Note -** Make sure to work the sc in one stitch and the fphdc in the **next** stitch to end up with the right amount of stitches.



The next round requires working in the front and the back loops of R3 separately.

In the front loops only work 3hdc Shell = (3hdc in the same loop) -

R4: In FLO - \*Sk1, 3hdc shell, sk1, ss\* rep around [10 shells] Leave an approx. 30cm (12") long tail for later sewing.



#### Cake

The cake is worked in a spiral.

Attach brown to the back loop of the 1st sc of R3 -

**R4: In BLO -** (19sc, inc) x 2 [42]

**R5-9 (5 Rs):** Sc around [42]

**R10:** (Dec, 5sc) x 6 [36]

**R11:** 3sc, (Dec, 4sc) x 5, dec, sc [30]

R12: (Dec, 3sc) x 6 [24]

**R13:** Sc, (Dec, 2sc) x 5, dec, sc [18]

**R14:** (Dec, sc) x 6 [12]

**R15**: (Dec) x 6 [6]

FO and cut the yarn.

Thread a needle with the cup's tail to fix the shells to the cap by making invisible stitches from the inside of the cap to get the shells to point upwards.

FO and weave in the ends.







#### Ganache

### With dark brown yarn and a 2.5mm crochet hook -

#### Make a mr

**R1:** 6sc in mr [6] **R4:** (2sc, inc) x 6 [24]

**R2:** (Inc) x 6 [12] **R5:** (Inc, 3sc) x 6 [30]

**R3:** (Inc, sc) x 6 [18] **R6:** 3sc, (Inc, 4sc) x 5, inc, sc [36]

The next round (R7) is worked as Rows in the round. In this pattern a Row contains the vertical work-line that forms the dripping (instructions in parentheses) and the sc stitches that attach the dripping to the main piece.







#### **R7**:

Row 1: Sc, (ch 7 a, in 3rd ch from hook - dc, 4hdc) [5 sts], sk, 2sc b.

**Row 2:** Sc, (ch 5, **in 3**<sup>rd</sup> **ch from hook -** dc, 2hdc) **[3 sts]**, sk, 2sc.

Row 3: Sc, (ch 6, in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch from hook - dc, 3hdc) [4 sts], sk, 2sc.

Row 4: Sc, (ch 7, in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch from hook - dc, 4hdc) [5 sts], sk, 2sc.

Row 5: Sc, (ch 5, in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch from hook - dc, 2hdc) [3 sts], sk, 2sc.

Row 6: Sc, (ch 6, in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch from hook - dc, 3hdc) [4 sts], sk, 2sc.

Row 7: Sc, (ch 7, in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch from hook - dc, 4hdc) [5 sts], sk, 2sc.

Row 8: Sc, (ch 5, in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch from hook - dc, 2hdc) [3 sts], sk, 2sc.

Row 9: Sc, (ch 6, in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch from hook - dc, 3hdc) [4 sts], sk, 2sc. Ss in 1<sup>st</sup> st. [9 drips] c

Leave an approx. 70cm (28") long tail and sew the frosting onto the cap by making invisible stitches around the edges of the ganache.



## Cherry

## With red yarn and a 2.5mm crochet hook -

Make a mr

**R1:** 6sc in mr [6]

**R2:** (Inc) x 6 [12]

R3-4 (2 Rs): Sc around [12]

**R5**: (Dec, sc) x 4 [8]

Leave a tail for later sewing.

#### Stem

Thread a needle with a scrap of brown yarn and draw from the inside of the top of the cherry out. Make a knot inside to secure and cut the yarn to your desired length.

Stuff the cherry with fiberfill and sew it onto the cap.

FO and weave in the ends.





**Tip -** To stiffen and stabilize the stem, apply a thin layer of PVA glue (white glue).

## **Candy sprinkles**

Sprinkle some candy by freely embroidering small lines on the ganache with scraps of yarn in colors of your choice.





Finished dimensions (approx.): Height: 10cm (3.9"). Width: 5cm (2").

Cap

The cap is worked in rows as a flat parallelogram d.

Start with white yarn and a 2.5mm crochet hook, or a smaller hook size (if necessary) to get the cap to fit snug -

Ch 23 a.

Row 1: In 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook - 22sc across [22]

Attach pink to the hook b - pull up a loop, ch 1, turn.

**Row 2: In 1<sup>st</sup> sc BLO -** (Inc, 19sc, dec) <sup>c</sup>, ch 1, turn [22]

Row 3: In 1st sc BLO - (Dec, 19sc, inc) [22]

Attach white to the hook - pull up a loop, ch 1, turn.







Repeat rows 2-3 14 more times, alternating between the colors, so you have 8 rows of each color.



Rule of Thumb Always increase on one side
and decrease on the other to
get the parallelogram shape.

**Note -** You should end up with 16 ridges. If you find the cap too small/big, adjust the number of repetitions to add/subtract ridges.

Cut the yarns, leaving approx. 40cm (16") tail to each color.

Thread a needle with the white tail and position the two edges facing each other.

Weave through the two corresponding loops of the two edges to be joined.

Repeat across to form a cylinder.



Thread the needle with the pink tail to close the top opening -

Weave through the gaps between the ridges a.

Pull the yarn as you go to gradually gather the opening b.





FO and weave in the ends.

## Raspberry (make 3)

## With red yarn and a 2.5mm crochet hook -

Make a mr

**R1**: 6sc in mr [6] **R4-5 (2 Rs)**: Sc around [12]

**R2**: (Inc, sc) x 3 [9] **R6**: (Dec, 2sc) x 3 [9]

**R3:** (2sc, inc) x 3 [12] **R7:** (Sc, dec) x 3 [6], ss in 1<sup>st</sup> sc.

Leave a tail and cut the yarn. Thread a needle and weave through the front loops of the final stitches <sup>a</sup>. Pull the yarn to close <sup>b</sup>.





Insert the hook from the opening through the center hole of the magic ring  $^{\rm c}$  and pull tightly to fold the opening inside  $^{\rm d}$ .





Sew the raspberries on top of the sundae. FO and weave in the ends.





Finished dimensions (approx.): Height: 9.5cm (3.7"). Width: 5cm (2").

## Waffle

The cap is worked in joined rounds, from the bottom-up and consists of front post double crochet (fpdc) stitches to create the waffle pattern. Like fphdc (page 7), fpdc is a standard dc that is worked around the post of the stitch.

## With beige yarn and a 2.5mm crochet hook -

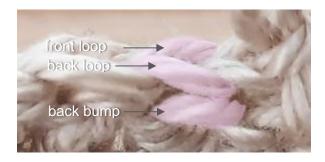
R1: Ch 36, ss to 1st ch to form a circle, ch 1.

R2: Hdc around [36], ss to 1st hdc, ch 1.

R3: \*2dc, fpdc\* rep around [36], ss to 1st dc, ch 1, turn.



Rounds 4, 6 and 8 are worked in the opposite direction with the inner side of the cap facing you (see note below). Some stitches are worked in the back bump/back bar (BB) of the stitch (= the loop that lies under the back loop).







**Note -** When changing the working direction, you can also turn the work inside-out (when working from the inner side) and back again (when working from the outer side).

R4: \*Dc in BB, 2fpdc\* rep around [36], ss to 1st dc, ch 1, turn.

**R5-6 (2Rs):** Rep Rs3-4 [36]

Rounds 7 and 9 require working a double crochet decrease (dc dec) (see instructions on the next page)

R7: \*(2dc, fpdc) x 2, dc dec, fpdc\* rep 4 times [32], ss to 1st dc, ch 1, turn.

R8: \*Dc in BB, fpdc, (dc in BB, 2fpdc) x 2\* rep 4 times [32], ss to 1st dc, ch 1, turn.

R9: \*(Dc dec, fpdc) x 2, dc, fpdc\* rep 4 times [24], ss to 1st dc, ch 1.

R10: Sc dec around [12], ss to 1st sc

FO and weave in the ends.

## How to make a double crochet decrease (dc dec)

Yarn over, insert the hook into the stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop <sup>a</sup>, yarn over and pull through two loops only (2 loops on the hook) <sup>b</sup>.





Yarn over, insert the hook into the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop (4 loops on the hook) <sup>c</sup>. yarn over and pull through two loops only (3 loops on the hook) <sup>d</sup>. Yarn over and pull through the remaining 3 loops <sup>e</sup>.







## **Whipped Cream**

Attach white to the back loop of the 1<sup>st</sup> sc of the cap's final round <sup>a</sup> and work 4dc shell = (4dc in the same loop) in the back loops only <sup>b</sup> around [12 shells].

Now you'll continue by working 5dc shell = (5dc in the same loop) in the front loops only  $^{\rm c}$  around [12 shells]. FO and weave in the ends.







## **Strawberry**

With green yarn and a 2.5mm crochet hook -

Make a mr

R1: 6sc in mr [6], ss in 1st sc FL.

R2: In FLO - (Ch 2, ss same st, ss next st) x 6 [6

leaves]

Draw the yarn tail that formed the mr through the center hole of the mr to the other side - This will be the stem.

FO and weave in the end.

Attach red to the 1st back loop of R1 sc -

**R3: In BLO -** (Inc) x 6 [12]

**R4-5 (2Rs):** Sc around [12]

**R6:** (Dec, 2sc) x 3 [9]

Stuff with fiberfill.

**R7:** (Sc, dec) x 3 [6], ss in 1<sup>st</sup> sc.

Leave a tail and cut the yarn.

Thread a needle and weave through the front loops of the final stitches.

Pull the yarn to close.

Cut the stem to your desired length and sew the strawberry on top of the cream.

FO and weave in the end.











# Hope you enjoy making these 3 little Suga' Dudes!

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