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## "Willow The Baby Deer"

### Crochet Pattern

#### Material:

1. Worsted Weight #4
  - White
  - Tan
  - Cream
  - Pink
  - Black
2. Embroidery Thread *\*optional*
  - Black
  - White
3. Hook - G or 4mm & E or 3.5mm
4. Needle
5. Scissors
6. Hot glue or Fabric Glue *\*optional*
7. Safety eyes:
  - 6mm or size of choice

#### Stitches:

**Mr** - Magic Ring *\*see tutorial on page 7*

**Ch(s)** - chain(s)

**Sc** - single crochet

**Sl st** - slip stitch

**Dc** - double crochet

**Tr** - treble/triple crochet

**Sp(s)** - space(s)

**Sk** - skip

**St(s)** - stitch(es)

**Hdc2tog** - hdc two stitches together

**#st** - complete # number of sts in same space

**St #** - complete stitch in next # number of spaces

**( )** - do all in the same stitch/space

**Skill Level / Language** - Beginner. If you are unsure of any stitches, Youtube is a great resource! American Standard Terms are used throughout the pattern.

**Pattern Info** - This pattern is quick and easy! You can use your baby deer applique on blankets, pillows, backpacks, diaper bags, and more! Willow is approximately 7.5 inches wide and 10 inches tall. This will vary based on how you choose to assemble her.

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## Pattern Instructions

*\*beginning chains do not count as a st unless otherwise noted*

*\*begin each st in the same space as the beginning chain on rounds*

*\*leave long tail for sewing or weave in ends if gluing*

*\*use G hook for all parts except the Micro Heart Nose and Spots 1, 2 and 3*

## Inner Face: Cream or White

**Begin:** MR, ch 1.

**Round 1:** Hdc 10 in MR, pull tight to close, sl st to join, ch 2. (10st)

**Round 2:** \*2dc, 2dc, 2hdc in next 3 sts\* repeat \* to\*, sl st to join, ch 2. (20st)

**Round 3:** Dc, 2dc, dc, 2dc, \*hdc, 2hdc\*, repeat \*to\* 2 more times, dc, 2dc, dc, 2dc, \*hdc, 2hdc\*, repeat \*to\* 2 more times, sl st to join, ch 2. (30st)

**Round 4:** \*Dc 2, 2dc\*, repeat \*to\* 1 more time, \*hdc 2, 2hdc\*, repeat \*to\* 2 more times, \*dc 2, 2dc\*, repeat \*to\* 1 more time, \*hdc 2, 2hdc\*, repeat \*to\* 2 more times, sl st to join, fasten off. (40st)

## Forehead: Tan

**Begin:** Ch 3

**Row 1:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc, ch 1. (2st)

**Row 2 & 3:** Turn, Sc 2, ch 1. (2st)

**Row 4:** Turn, (sc, hdc), (hdc, sc), ch 1. (4st)

**Row 5:** Turn, (sc, hdc), hdc 2, (hdc, sc), ch 1. (6st)

**Row 6:** Turn, (sc, hdc), hdc 4, (hdc, sc), ch 1. (8st)

**Row 7:** Turn, (sc, hdc), hdc 6, (hdc, sc), ch 1. (10st)

**Row 8:** Turn, (sc, hdc), hdc 8, (hdc, sc), ch 1. (12st)

**Row 9:** Turn, (sc, hdc), hdc 10, (hdc, sc), fasten off. (14st)

## Micro Heart Nose: Pink - E 3.5mm hook

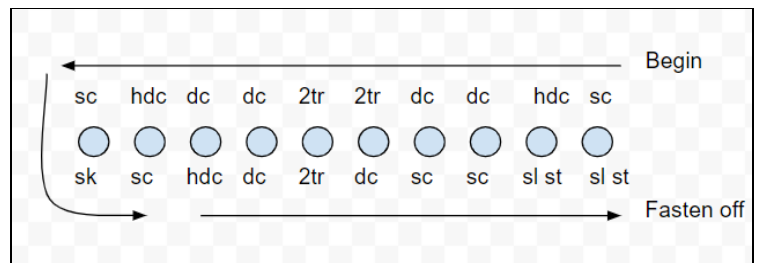
**Begin:** MR, ch 1.

**Round 1:** All in MR (Sl st, sc, hdc, ch 2, sl st, ch 2, hdc, sc, sl st, ch 1), pull tight to close, sl st to join to 1st sl st of round. (6 st)

## Ears: Tan - make 2

**Begin:** Ch 11

**Round 1:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc, dc 2, 2tr in next 2sts, dc 2, hdc, sc, continue around to unworked side of beginning ch, sk, sc in next st ch sp, hdc, dc, 2tr, dc, sc 2, sl st 2, fasten off. (22st) *\*see diagram below for assistance*



## Main Body: Tan

**Begin:** Ch 6

**Row 1:** Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc next 4, ch 1. (5st)

**Row 2:** Turn, hdc 5, ch 1. (5st)

**Row 3:** Turn, 2hdc, hdc 3, 2hdc, ch 1. (7st)

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**Row 4:** Turn, hdc 7, *neck section complete*, ch 15. (7st, 15chs).

**Row 5:** *Beginning chest and back sections*, turn, hdc in 2nd ch from the hook, hdc next 13, hdc 7 across neck section, ch 1. (21st)

**Row 6:** Turn, 2hdc, hdc 19, (hdc, sc), ch 1. (23st)

**Row 7:** Turn, (sc, hdc), hdc 22, ch 1. (24st)

**Row 8 - 10:** Turn, hdc 24, ch 1. (24st)

**Row 11:** Hdc2tog, hdc 21, sl st, ch 1. (23st)

**Row 12:** Turn, sl st, sc, hdc 20, sl st, fasten off. (23st)

**Legs: Tan - make 2 or 4**

**Begin:** Ch 6

**Row 1:** Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc next 4, ch 1. (5st)

**Row 2:** Turn, hdc 5, ch 1. (5st)

**Row 3:** Turn, hdc2tog, hdc, hdc2tog, ch 1. (3st)

**Row 4 - 7:** Turn, hdc 3, ch 1. (3st)

**Row 8:** Turn, hdc 3, fasten off. (3st)

**Hoof Accents \*optional:** Black - make for each leg

**Begin:** Ch 6

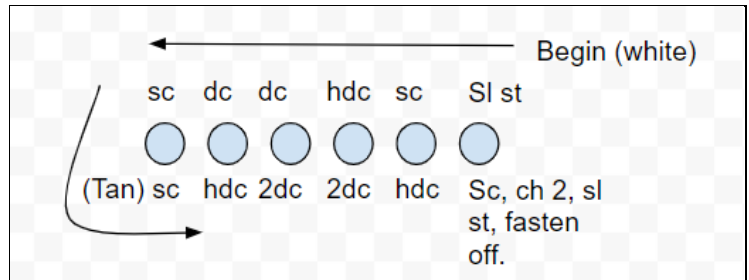
**Row 1:** Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 4, fasten off. (5st)

**Tail: White & Tan**

**Begin:** White - Ch 7

**Round 1:** Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc, hdc, dc 2, sc, *change colors to tan before finishing st*, sc in same space, continuing around unworked side of chain, hdc in next

ch sp, 2dc, 2dc, hdc, sc, ch 2, sl st in same space, fasten off. (14st, 2ch) *\*see diagram below for assistance.*



**Spots:**

Note: *Spot options if you do not want to crochet them - Embroider the spots with white embroidery thread or yarn.*

OR

*You can use french knots. Photos and option ideas with yarn provided by Pattern Tester Cindy Hanlon.*



**Spot 1: White - E**

**3.5mm hook**

**Begin:** MR, ch 1.

**Round 1:** Sl st, sc, hdc, sl st, sc, all in MR, pull tight to close, sl st to join, fasten off. (5st)

**Spot 2: White - E 3.5mm hook**

**Begin:** MR, ch 1.

**Round 1:** 3 sc in MR, pull tight to close, do not sl st to join, fasten off, tie the two tails in a knot. (3st)

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## Spot 3: White - E 3.5mm hook

**Begin:** MR, ch 1.

**Round 1:** Sl st, ch 1, sc, sl st, ch 1, sc, all in MR, pull tight to close, sl st to join, fasten off. (4st)

## Eyes Option: Black - E 3.5mm hook

*If you do not want to use safety eyes you can crochet them.*

**Begin:** MR, ch 1.

**Round 1:** Sc 3 in MR, pull tight to close, sl st to join, fasten off. (3st)

## Assembly

**Note:** I assemble my appliques with hot glue which is a fast and safe method. The glue adheres to the fibers quite well and the applique is very secure. The hot glue packaging that I use says non-toxic so it is safe in my opinion. In addition, you can machine wash on cold, and lay flat to dry or tumble dry/lowest heat setting. You may also use other fabric safe glue or use the traditional method of sewing your pieces together.

## How I assemble my Deer:

1. I lay out all my pieces to get the look I want first. You can use pins to hold it together if you desire and/or take a picture of your layout with your phone to reference as you are putting it together.

- a. You can pose the deer in a variety of ways to get different looks. (i.e. change the position of her legs to make her look like she is leaping or dancing, flip the body the other direction, tilt the head differently, etc.  
Have fun!

2. First I assembled my head by lining the top of the forehead up with the top of the main head section. Then I attached the micro heart nose and last I placed my eyes.

- a. Eyelashes are optional, if you would like to add them do not attach the backs to your safety eyes right away. Leave the safety eyes loose so that you can take a needle and embroidery thread and make three small stitches to the sides to make it look like eyelashes.
- b. Once you have your eyelashes where you want them to be then you can put your safety eye backings on.
  - i. Note - for extra security I add a glob of hot glue to the back of my safety eyes.
- c. Last I attached my ears. I lined them up with the edges of the forehead section. Point your ears away from one

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another. Since both ears were made pointing the same direction you will simply flip one over and push it in to make it concave.

3. Next I attached the head tilted to the left onto the body.
4. Then I attached the tail to the back end of the deer and then placed the spots. You can place your spots anywhere you desire. Feel free to add more spots if desired!
5. Last I attached all the hoof accents to the legs and then attached my legs to the back of the main body section.

## **Congratulations!**

Your Baby Deer is complete! I hope you enjoyed her and I look forward to seeing your baby blanket photos and other projects that you use Willow on!



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*How to do a Magic Ring:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qWpvXI>

YTUHg

## Magic Ring

Yellow = tail  
Blue = working yarn



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