TWO FREE AMIGURUMI KEYCHAIN PATTERNS

Acorn Hedgehog & Flower Snail

Make a hedgehog holding a tiny acorn or a garden snail with a flower on its shell. Both patterns use US crochet terms.



Collection reference. Find the flower snail at the upper left and the acorn hedgehog at the upper right.

Choose a project

Gather your supplies on page 2. Start the hedgehog on page 3 or the snail on page 5. Finish either keychain on page 7.

These independently written patterns are inspired by the references. The drawings show how the pieces in this guide fit together. Stitch counts have been checked. Finished dimensions are estimates pending a physical sample.

MATERIALS & STITCH GUIDE

Set up your work

For either project

Use smooth DK (light / weight 3) cotton, a 2.5 mm hook, a stitch marker, stuffing, a blunt yarn needle, scissors and one 20-25 mm split ring per charm. Aim for dense fabric with no visible stuffing. A rough guide is 6 sc per inch.

Hedgehog: allow 10 g each of oatmeal and chestnut, with scraps of caramel, pink and dark brown. Snail: allow 10 g each of sand and sage, with scraps of rose, gold and dark brown.

How to read the instructions

Work in a continuous spiral unless a row says to turn. Mark the first stitch of every round. A range such as R5-8 means repeat the instruction for each round. The last column gives the stitch count for one completed round.

MR / magic ring

Form an adjustable loop, pull up yarn and ch 1. Work the specified stitches into the ring, pull the tail snug and weave it in. The starting chain does not count.

sc, inc and dec

Single crochet: insert hook, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through both loops. Increase: make 2 sc in one stitch. Invisible decrease: insert the hook under each of the next two front loops, yarn over, pull through both front loops, yarn over and pull through both remaining loops.

ch, sl st and hdc

Chain: yarn over and pull through the loop. Slip stitch: insert hook, yarn over and draw through the stitch and loop in one pull. Half double crochet: yarn over, insert hook, pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

Finish a closed piece

Cut yarn and thread the tail through the front loops of all remaining stitches. Pull closed. For an open piece, cut yarn and pull it through the working loop. Leave a 10-inch tail on pieces that will be sewn.

ACORN HEDGEHOG / MAIN PIECES

Body & textured back

Work the oatmeal body from the crown down. Mark the front with a scrap of yarn. Keep the face and belly on this side when you add the back panel.



R1	6 sc in MR.	**6**
R2	Inc around.	**12**
R3	(Sc, inc) 6 times.	**18**
R4	(2 sc, inc) 6 times.	**24**
R5-13	Sc around for 9 rounds.	**24**
R14	(2 sc, dec) 6 times.	**18**
R15	(Sc, dec) 6 times. Stuff evenly.	**12**
R16	Dec 6 times. Close the base.	**6**

Chestnut back panel / worked in rows

Ch 9. Row 1: sc in second ch from hook and across (8). Ch 1 and turn after each row except the last. Turning chains never count.

Row 2: (sc, bobble) 4 times (8). Row 3: sc across (8). Repeat rows 2 and 3 five more times, ending with row 13. Fasten off with a 20-inch tail. The panel has 6 textured rows.

Bobble: in one stitch, repeat [yarn over, insert hook, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops] 3 times. Yarn over and draw through all 4 loops. Push the bump to the same face as the others.

Pin the short top edge over the crown at R2 and center the panel down the back. Ease it over the curve, textured side out. Sew around all four edges. Keep the lower edge above the base. For a shorter fit, undo the last pair of rows before sewing.

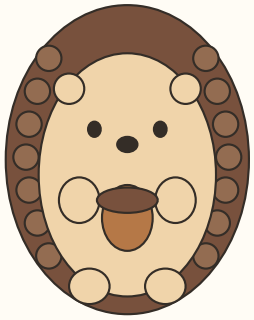


Keep the bumps on the outside as you sew the panel.

Give the hedgehog its acorn

Ears / make two

In oatmeal, make 5 sc in MR. Pull the ring closed and fasten off. Fold each disk slightly and pinch its base with a stitch. Add one pink stitch inside. Sew the bases near R4, just in front of the back panel.



Paws / make four

In oatmeal, R1: 5 sc in MR (5). R2: sc around (5). Fasten off. Flatten the open end and stitch it shut. Set aside two paws for the feet.

Acorn / make one

R1	Caramel: 4 sc in MR.	**4**
R2	(Sc, inc) twice.	**6**
R3	Sc around. Change to chestnut on final pull-through.	**6**
R4	In front loops only, (2 sc, inc) twice.	**8**
R5	Through both loops, dec 4 times. Close with the tail.	**4**

For the stem, bring a chestnut strand up through the cap, ch 2 and sl st back in the second chain. Secure both ends inside the cap. Sew the nut upright to the belly across R10-13 with a separate strand.

Place the face, paws and feet

Embroider dark eyes between R6 and R7 with 4 stitches between them. Center a small horizontal satin-stitch nose one round lower, then add a short vertical mouth. Place a pink stitch below each eye.

Pin the upper paws at R9-10, one on each side of the acorn. Sew through the paw bases, then tack the tips to the acorn. Sew the feet near R14-15, about 3 stitches apart. Finish the hanging loop on page 7.

FLOWER SNAIL / MAIN PIECES

Head, foot & shell

Sand head / start at the crown

R1	6 sc in MR.	**6**
R2	Inc around.	**12**
R3	(Sc, inc) 6 times.	**18**
R4-6	Sc around for 3 rounds.	**18**
R7	(Sc, dec) 6 times. Stuff lightly.	**12**
R8	Dec 6 times. Close and save the tail for sewing.	**6**

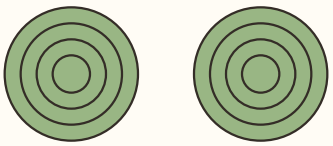
Sand foot / start at the head end

R1	6 sc in MR.	**6**
R2	(Sc, inc) 3 times.	**9**
R3-14	Sc around for 12 rounds.	**9**
R15	(Sc, dec) 3 times. Add a wisp of stuffing and close.	**6**

Sage shell disks / make two

R1	6 sc in MR.	**6**
R2	Inc around.	**12**
R3	(Sc, inc) 6 times.	**18**
R4	(2 sc, inc) 6 times.	**24**
R5	Sc around. Sl st to next stitch to finish.	**24**

Weave in the first disk's tail. Leave 18 inches on the second. Place wrong sides together. Whipstitch through both top loops on each disk, matching 24 pairs. Skip the finishing slip stitches. After 18 pairs, add a thin layer of stuffing. Sew the final 6 pairs.

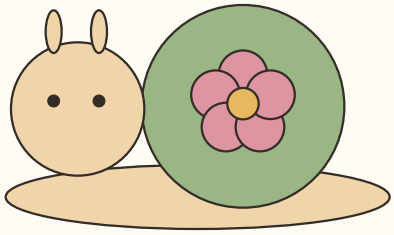


Match each edge stitch to one on the other disk.
Add stuffing just before you close the seam.

FLOWER SNAIL / DETAILS

Flower & assembly

A flower with five petals



Gold center: 5 sc in MR. Pull closed, sl st to the first sc and fasten off. Join rose with a sl st in any gold sc.

Petal: in that same gold stitch work (ch 2, 2 hdc, ch 2, sl st). Sl st into the next unused gold stitch and repeat the petal. Stop after 5 petals. Leave a sewing tail.

Feelers and smile

Make two feelers in sand. Leave a 6-inch starting tail, ch 4, then sl st in the second chain from the hook and in each remaining chain (3 sl sts). Leave a second 6-inch tail. Sew the two bases at opposite sides of head R2.

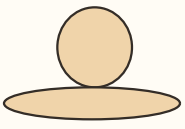
Between head R4 and R5, embroider two short eyes with 3 stitches between them. Center a shallow V one round below for a smile.

Build from the foot up

1. Lay the foot horizontally. Sew the closed base of the head to its starting end, taking small stitches in an oval around the contact area.

2. Stand the shell on its edge directly behind the head. Sew 5 paired edge stitches to the foot on one side, then sew a second line on the other side. Tack the shell to the back of the head to stop it swiveling.

3. Center the flower on the visible shell disk. Sew through the gold center and catch the base of each petal once. Keep the petal tips free.



1 Seat the head



2 Brace the shell

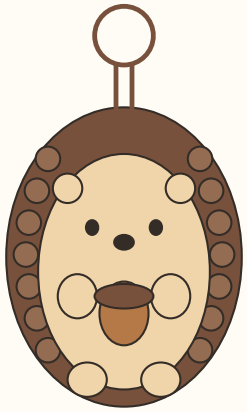


3 Tack the petals

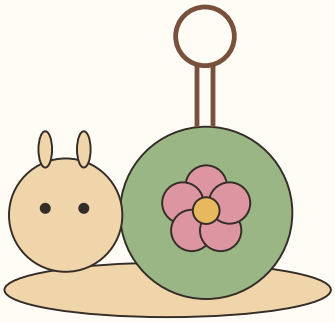
FINISHING BOTH PROJECTS

Anchor the key ring

Pinch the top of the charm between two fingers and lift it gently. Move your fingers until it hangs at the angle you want. Mark that spot.



Through panel + body



Across the shell seam

Thread a doubled 16-inch strand of matching cotton through a blunt needle. Leave a 3-inch tail at the anchor. Pass through the ring, then under two neighboring stitch posts. For the hedgehog, catch the firm body beneath the panel. For the snail, catch stitches on both sides of the shell seam.

Repeat that path twice more for three passes total. Tie the working yarn to the starting tail, bury the ends in different directions and trim. Give the ring a gentle tug. If the charm tips forward, move the anchor slightly toward its face.

Check the finish

Smooth the stuffing away from seams. Tug each paw, feeler and flower gently. Add a hidden stitch wherever a sewn piece shifts. Hang the charm once more before attaching it to a bag.

Further technique reading

Spin a Yarn Crochet / joining a two-piece snail shell

Crochet 3D / textured stitches for a hedgehog back

PlanetJune / amigurumi stitch tutorials