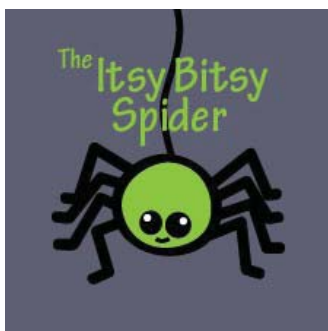


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The title, hastily scribbled at the top of the page in my pattern notebook, is simple: "A THING." At the time, I had no idea what it was, but it had to be made.



But, as I wove in the loose ends of the very first thing and presented it to my Little Miss, I discovered its purpose very quickly. "Bob," as the first thing was named, was there to spread some love.

At this point, Bob gets picked up, carried around, and put down many times throughout the day. Every time that happens, Bob also brings a smile. And, it's because of the smiles I see from Bob that I knew I had to offer this pattern freely.

I've made a few more things since Bob and realized that they're really customizable. Honestly, I can't wait to see what the world does with this pattern. If you make a thing of your own, I hope you'll share with the hashtag [#IHookedAThing](#)

## MATERIALS

- Worsted Weight yarn
- G Hook (4.25 mm)
- 12 mm doll eyes
- Fiber Fill
- Beads (optional)
- Yarn Needle
- Stitch Marker

## STITCHES & ABBREVIATIONS

CH	Chain Stitch
SC	Single Crochet
HDC	Half Double Crochet
DC	Double Crochet
TC	Treble (Triple) Crochet
DECR	Single Crochet Decrease
SL	Slip Stitch
ST/S	Stitch/Stitches
MM	Move Marker
FO	Finish Off

## PATTERN NOTES

For the project used in the photos, I used Red Heart Super Saver yarn.

Plastic safety eyes like those used in the pattern photos are readily available at some craft stores and through online sellers. My favorite supplier for quality safety eyes and noses is 6060 Eyes. You can purchase online through <http://6060.etsy.com>

**Safety Warning:** When determining whether to use buttons or other small embellishments, keep in mind the age of the intended recipient. Doll eyes and other decorations may pose a choking hazard for children under three. A safer alternative for the very young is to sew eyes and any other decorations using embroidery thread or yarn.

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## PART 1: HANDS (MAKE 2)

The hands are made in continuous rounds. It may be easier to use a stitch marker to keep track of your rounds.

You may also want to use a magic loop in round 1 (instead of the CH 2), if you have difficulty fitting eight stitches in.



**Round 1:** CH 2. 8 SC in second chain from hook. Place stitch marker in the last SC to mark the end of the round.

**Round 2:** Work 2 SC in each St around (16 SC). MM.

**Round 3:** SC in each ST around (16 SC). MM.

**Round 4:** DECR around (8 SC). MM.

**Round 5:** \*DECR across first 2 STS, SC in each of the next 2 STS. Repeat from \* once more (6 SC). MM.

**Round 6:** SC in each ST around (6 SC).FO, leaving a tail for sewing.

## PART 2: FEET (MAKE 2)

Because this piece is worked in a continuous spiral, you may want to use a stitch marker to keep track of your rounds.



**Round 1:** CH 4. 2 SC in second chain from hook. SC in next ST, then 4 SC in last. Rotate piece 180 degrees so the bottom side of the foundation chain is facing up. SC in next ST, then work 2 SC in final ST (10 SC). Place stitch marker in the last SC to mark the end of the round.

**Round 2:** 2 SC in first ST, then SC in each of the next 3 STS. 2 SC in each of the next 2 STS. SC in each of the next 3 STS. Work 2 SC in the final ST (14 SC). MM.

**Round 3:** 2 SC in first ST, then SC in each of the next 5 STS. 2 SC in each of the next 2 STS. SC in each of the next 5 STS. Work 2 SC in the final ST (18 SC). MM.

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## PART 2: FEET (CONT)

**Round 4:** (Working in back loops only) SC in each ST around (18 SC). MM.

**Round 5:** SC in each ST around (18 SC). MM.

**Round 6:** SC in each of the first 4 STS, then DECR. SC in each of the next 6 STS, Then DECR. SC in each of the remaining 4 STS (16 SC). MM.

**Round 7:** SC in each of the first 3 STS. Work 5 DECR across the next 10 STS, then SC in each of the remaining 3 STS (11 SC). MM.

**Round 8:** SC in each of the first 4 STS, then DECR. SC in each of the remaining 5 STS (10 SC). FO, leaving a tail for sewing.

## PART 3: BODY

The body is made in continuous rounds and you will almost certainly want a stitch marker for this part. It's shaped a bit like a lumpy potato, but I guess that's what makes a thing so hard to put down.



**Round 1:** CH 2. 6 SC in second chain from hook.

Place stitch marker in the last SC to mark the end of the round.

**Round 2:** 2 SC in each ST around (12 SC). MM.

**Round 3:** \*2 SC in first SC, 1 SC in next. Repeat from \* around (18 SC). MM.

**Round 4:** \*2 SC in first SC, 1 SC in each of next 2 STS. Repeat from \* around (24 SC). MM.

**Round 5:** \*2 SC in first SC, 1 SC in each of next 3 STS. Repeat from \* around (30 SC). MM.

**Round 6:** \*2 SC in first SC, 1 SC in each of next 4 STS. Repeat from \* around (36 SC). MM.

**Round 7:** \*2 SC in first SC, 1 SC in each of next 5 STS. Repeat from \* around (42 SC). MM.

**Round 8:** \*2 SC in first SC, 1 SC in each of next 6 STS. Repeat from \* around (48 SC). MM.

**Rounds 9-10:** SC in each ST around (48 SC). MM.

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### PART 3: BODY (CONT)

**Round 11:** \*2 SC in first SC, 1 SC in each of next 7 STS. Repeat from \* around (54 SC). MM.

**Round 12:** SC in each ST around (54 SC). MM.

**Round 13:** \*DECR across first 2 STS, SC in each of the next 7 STS. Repeat from \* around (48 SC). MM.

**Rounds 14-16:** SC in each ST around (48 SC). MM.

**Round 17:** \*DECR across first 2 STS, SC in each of the next 6 STS. Repeat from \* around (42 SC). MM.

**Round 18:** SC in each ST around (42 SC). MM.

**Round 19:** \*DECR across first 2 STS, SC in each of the next 5 STS. Repeat from \* around (36 SC). MM.

**Rounds 20-22:** SC in each ST around (26 SC). MM.

**Round 23:** \*DECR across first 2 STS, SC in each of the next 4 STS. Repeat from \* around (30 SC). MM.

**Round 24:** SC in each ST around (30 SC). MM.

Note: Insert eyes at this point, using cover photo as guide. I like my eyes right about at round 20, with 3-4 stitches in between, but how you make your thing is completely up to you!



Note: This is also a good time to start stuffing your thing. I prefer to add some pony beads into the bottom of my things to give their bottoms a little weight, but this is also up to you. I use about 1/2 cup, then cover the beads with fiber fill.

**Round 25:** \*DECR across first 2 STS, SC in each of the next 3 STS. Repeat from \* around (24 SC). MM.

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### PART 3: BODY (CONT)

**Round 26:** \*DECR across first 2 STS, SC in each of the next 2 STS. Repeat from \* around (18 SC). MM.

**Note:** This is a good place to add in a bit more stuffing (so your thing doesn't get a flat head).

**Round 27:** \*DECR across first 2 STS, SC in next. Repeat from \* around (12 SC). MM.

**Round 28:** DECR around (6 SC). FO, leaving a tail to gather remaining STS.

### PART 4: FINISHING

1. Using the tail left over from the body, gather the stitches at the top of the head and knot off, hiding your knot at the bottom of your thing.
2. Stuff the legs and using the left-over tails from these pieces, sew in place as shown:



3. Sew the arms in place as shown.



4. Share your thing with me and the world!

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