



# Betty the Beginner Cactus

by Louie's Loops

In this beginner amigurumi crochet pattern we'll be learning how to crochet by making a beginner friendly cactus! This cactus amigurumi pattern is designed with little to no sewing required at all, with various customizations to fit your level of difficulty. This tutorial is designed for complete beginners with little to no experience, and includes a full length video tutorial so you never miss a stitch!



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# Introduction

Hey there!

I'm Louie, the creator of this pattern and the owner of Club Crochet. I just wanted to quickly say thank you so so much for your support and choosing to crochet something that I designed! It truly means the world to me that others are able to use my designs to learn how to crochet, improve their art, and create something they'll be proud of with their own hands.

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Happy hookin'

- Louie (aka @louiesloops)



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# Pattern Info

## Materials

- The Yarn (Worsted Weight)
  - **Green** (Main color)
  - **Beige** (Pot)
  - **White** or **Black** (Spikes)
  - **Yellow** (Flower)
- Size G6/ 4.00mm Hook
- 8mm or 6mm Safety Eyes x 2
- Black Thread (Face)
- Stuffing
- Darning Needle



## Other Info



This pattern is interactive, featuring checkmarks at pivotal Rounds and sections to keep track of progress. It is best used when opened in a program or app rather than a browser window.

**Gauge:** 5 Rnds and 4 sts per 1"

**Finished Size:** about 5 inches long

**Worked in the Round (without turning)**

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# Video Tutorial






**Lefty Video Version**




[www.ClubCrochet.com/C4C7U51](http://www.ClubCrochet.com/C4C7U51)

This pattern includes a **full length video tutorial** where we'll be crocheting through this pattern stitch by stitch. Use the time codes in brackets in the written pattern (ie. **00:00**) to follow along with this video. You can also jump directly to tutorials for specific stitches and techniques by clicking any buttons that look like  in the digital pattern.

## The Stitches

 US English Terms\*

ch	Chain Stitch
st	Stitch
Rnd	Round (worked in a spiral)
 sc	Single Crochet
 slst	Slip Stitch
 inc	Increase (sc 2 in 1 st)

dc	Double Crochet	
invdec	Invisible Decrease	
FLO/BLO	Front / Back Loop Only	
bo	Bobble Stitch (See page 7)	

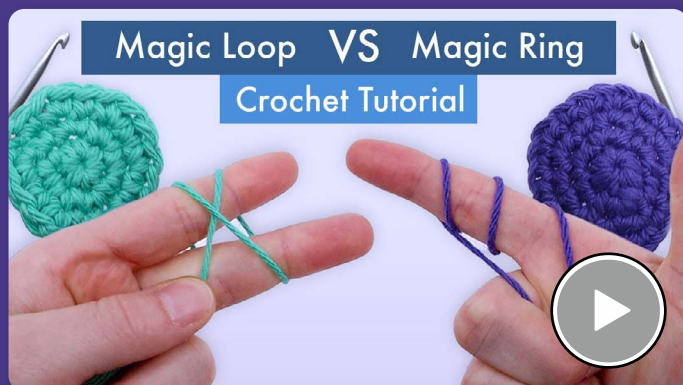


# Where to Start for Beginners

This pattern is designed with **complete beginners in mind**. You should not need any prior experience in crochet to get started with this pattern. I've included a **full length video tutorial for this pattern** (linked on the previous page) that will go through every single stitch and technique needed in detail, I highly encourage crocheting along with that video if you are a complete beginner.

If you need extra help, I've included a few pattern specific tutorials below from my starter series, **Crocheting 101: How to Crochet for Complete Beginners**. If you're having an exceptionally difficult time, I suggest starting from the beginning of that series to learn all the basics to this awesome craft. **You can jump right in by clicking here.**

## Important Tutorials



## How to Crochet the Single Crochet



Step 1:



Insert the hook into the stitch or magic loop.

Step 2:



Yarn over your hook, and pull it through the stitch.

Step 3:



Yarn over and pull through both loops on the stitch.

# Mini Cactus Body

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[All in **Green**] Magic loop 🎵

**Rnd 1:** sc 6 into the magic loop (6)

**Rnd 2:** inc in each (12)

**Rnd 3:** [sc 1, inc 1] 6 times (18)

The following Rnds are meant to give height to your cactus. You can repeat them as many times as you'd like, but I suggest at least 5 rounds to have your cactus taller than your pot.

**Rnd 4 - 8+:** sc in each st (18 x 5+)

See next section (Adding Feet) for how to use Bobble Stitches in the last Rnd of single crochet stitches to add **optional secret feet** to your cactus body!

Add face if desired (See page 8).

**Rnd 9:** [sc 1, invdec 1] 6 times (12)

**Rnd 10:** invdec in each (6)

Cut the yarn leaving enough to sew closed.  
Stuff fully, and sew closed.

Sew on any added sections or flowers.  
(Suggested: Mini Flower)

Add spikes (See page 9).

Embroider on a butt for good luck.



## Adding Feet

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To add feet to my cactuses I suggest using 2 Bobble Stitches (aka "bo") in the last round of single crochet stitches separated by a few single crochets. This should be done in the round right before decreasing (invdec) so that they're at the bottom of your cactus.

For this pattern, replace Rnd 8 with...

**Rnd 8:** sc 6, **bo**, sc 4, **bo**, sc 6 (18)

## How to Crochet a Bobble Stitch (aka "bo")

Bonus Video Tutorial:



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### Step 1:

Yarn over and insert hook into the stitch.



### Step 2:

Yarn over again and pull through.



### Step 3:

Yarn over a 3rd time and pull through **only 2 loops**.



### Step 4:

Repeat steps 1 – 3 four times total for a classic bobble stitch.



### Step 5:

Yarn over and pull through all the loops on the hook

**Pro tip:** Use more of a scooping motion when pulling through to more easily finish the stitch.



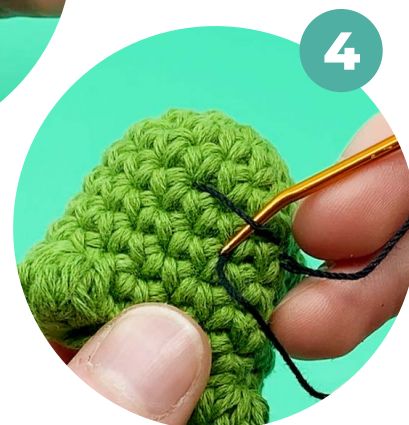
## Adding Faces

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To add a face I like to start with the mouth, then add eyes using safety eyes on either end of the edges of the mouth 1 stitch away.

### Simple Smile

1. Using Black thread insert the needle from the inside of the body and exiting where you want a smile to begin. If you made feet for your cactus, try to make the smile centered with the feet.
2. Pull to the opposite corner of where you want the smile to end, and insert your needle back into the body. This will create a straight line.
3. Insert your needle to exit the body where you want the bottom of the smile to be. Go around the straight line and insert back into the body through the same stitch you last exited.
4. Double knot the two ends on the inside of the body and cut close.



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## Loose Yarn Spikes

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This technique is by far the quickest and easiest of the methods for spikes, however it is the least secure and over time, if handled often, you may find your spikes being pulled out or lost on the inside of your cactus.

Therefore, **this is not a pet or child friendly option for spikes** if you plan on giving your cactus to a child, or using it as a pet toy, since the spikes can be easily removed and therefore can be a choking hazard.

For this method, thread a long strand of yarn in White, Black, or an alternative Green onto your needle. Begin on the body wherever you want your first spike to be, and insert into the stitch. I personally like using the center of stitches by going between the V in each stitch, this gives the yarn a slightly better hold.

Exit the body from the opposite side or an adjacent stitch. Wherever you want your next spike to be. Pull the yarn through almost entirely, leaving a short end on the outside of your piece from where you initially inserted the needle.

Cut the yarn short from where you exited leaving a similar length for the cut end as the initial tail end was.

Continue this method working all the way around your body to cover the cactus entirely. You can try gluing these ends in to prevent them from pulling out by using a dab of tacky glue for each spike, but be wary, this can leave a messy outside if done improperly.

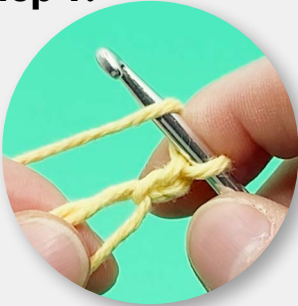


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# How to Crochet the **Double Crochet** (aka "dc")

**Step 1:**



Yarn over and insert the hook into the next st.

**Step 2:**



Yarn over and pull through.

**Step 3:**



Yarn over and pull through only 2 loops.

**Step 4:**



Yarn over and pull through the final 2 loops.

## Mini Flower

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[All in **Petal Color**] Magic loop

**Rnd 1:** [ch 2, dc 1, ch 1, slst 1] 5 times in the magic loop (5 petals)

Cut the yarn and pull through leaving enough to sew onto the cactus. Pull this end through the center of the flower so both tail ends are on the same side.

Use the two tail ends to sew onto the cactus.



# Small Pot

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This pot is designed to fit crocheted pieces with 18 stitches in diameter (ie. Mini Cactus Body)

[All in **Beige** or Pot Color] Magic loop

**Rnd 1:** sc 6 into the magic loop (6)

**Rnd 2:** inc in each (12)

**Rnd 3:** [sc 1, inc 1] 6 times (18)

**Rnd 4:** Working in the FLO, slst in each (18)

**Rnd 5:** ch 1, working in the unused BLO from Rnd 3, sc in each st (18)

**Rnd 6:** [sc 5, inc 1] 3 times (21)

**Rnd 7:** sc in each (21)

**Rnd 8:** [sc 6, inc 1] 3 times (24)

**Rnd 9:** sc in each (24)

Repeat Rnd 9 for added height if desired.

**Rnd 10:** Working in the FLO, slst in each (24)

Cut the yarn, pull through, and hide the end in the first slst made in Rnd 10.

FLO / BLO = Front or Back Loop Only  
Slst = Slip Stitch





## Finished Photos



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