

Free Crochet Dumpling Pattern: How to Make Cute Kawaii Dumplings

Crochet dumplings are one of the cutest amigurumi trends — round, squishy and full of personality. In this tutorial you'll follow a free **crochet dumpling pattern** and learn the simple "pinch" technique that creates realistic pleats. Then you'll see how to turn plain dumplings into Christmas characters.

What You Need

- Worsted weight (#4) cotton or cotton blend in cream
- 3.5 mm (E-4) hook
- Two 6 mm safety eyes (or black floss for embroidered eyes), pink and black floss
- Fiberfill, yarn needle, stitch marker

Abbreviations (US terms): MR = magic ring, ch = chain, sl st = slip stitch, sc = single crochet, hdc = half double crochet, dc = double crochet, inc = 2 sc in the same stitch, dec = single crochet two together (invisible decrease recommended), BLO = back loop only. The number in brackets is the stitch count at the end of the round.

Free Pattern: Basic Crochet Dumpling (about 2.5 in / 6 cm wide)

- ☐ **Round 1:** 6 sc in MR. (6)
- ☐ **Round 2:** inc in each st around. (12)
- ☐ **Round 3:** (sc, inc) x6. (18)
- ☐ **Round 4:** (2 sc, inc) x6. (24)
- ☐ **Round 5:** (3 sc, inc) x6. (30)
- ☐ **Rounds 6–9:** sc in each st around. (30)

Insert the safety eyes between Rounds 7 and 8, about 4 stitches apart. Low-set eyes look cuter!

- ☐ **Round 10:** (3 sc, dec) x6. (24)
- ☐ **Round 11:** (2 sc, dec) x6. (18)
- ☐ **Round 12:** (sc, dec) x6. Stuff, but not too firmly. (12)
- ☐ **Round 13:** dec x6. Fasten off and close. (6)

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