

# TOASTIE BREAD BAG



## ABOUT THIS PATTERN

This design was inspired by a plush bread bag that I saw online. I instantly fell in love with it because of how much it resembled a soft toy!

The main body is constructed using two slices that will form the front and back of the bag, after which you will crochet the bread crust directly onto each of the two slices. The two slices are then attached to each other. The eyes are crocheted and sewed onto the front slice while the mouth is embroidered on. The arms and legs are attached and finally, a strap is crocheted and sewed onto the bag.



This pattern is made in one size but its shape and size (height, width and thickness) is highly customisable. You can also decide on the toppings for your toastie and change up the face!

# INFORMATION



**Level:** Advanced beginner

## **Abbreviations (US Terminology):**

ch - Chain

sl st - Slip stitch

sc - Single crochet

inc - Increase (2 sc in the same stitch)

dec - Decrease (sc 2 stitches together)

sc blo - Single crochet in back loop only

sk - Skip a stitch

st - Stitch

This pattern also requires you to know basic amigurumi techniques such as making a magic ring and working in the round.

## **Materials:**

- DK weight 3 yarn in **cream**, **light brown**, **dark brown**, and **black**.

I used milk cotton yarn and approximately 28g cream, 21g light brown, 21g dark brown, and 1g black for the entire bag. Unless you plan to line your bag with fabric, I recommend a non-stretchy yarn to ensure your bag doesn't stretch.

- 4mm hook (G-6) and 3.5mm hook (E-4)
- Tapestry needle
- Stitch marker
- Stuffing

## **Gauge**

Single crochet stitch

4x4" square = 20 stitches by 23 rows

## **Final product measurements of bread**

Vertical height: 6.7"

Horizontal length: 5.8"

Width: 1.2"

# Front and back slice

In **cream** yarn and using **4mm** hook.

Make a slip knot and ch 26. Turn.

**Row 1:** Sc in 2nd st from the hook. Sc in every st until the end of the row. Ch1, turn. (25)

**Row 2-25:** Sc in every st. Ch1, turn. (25)

You should end up with a rectangle like this by the end of row 25. If you want your bread to be shorter and more squarish, you can adjust the number of sc rows or number of stitches in the starting chain.



**Row 26:** Inc in first 2 st. Sc in every st until you have 2 st left. Inc in last 2 st. Ch1, turn. (29)



**Row 27:** Inc in first st. Sc in every st until you have 1 st left. Inc in last st. Ch1, turn. (31)

**Row 28-29:** Sc in every st. Ch1, turn. (31)

**Row 30:** Dec. Sc in every st until you have 2 st left. Dec. Ch1, turn. (29)



**Row 31:** Sc in every st. Ch1, turn. (29)

**Row 32:** Dec, dec. Sc in every st until you have 4 st left. Dec, dec. Ch1, turn. (25)

**Row 33:** Dec. Sc in every st until you have 2 st left. Dec. Ch1, turn. (23)

**Row 34:** Dec. Sc in every st until you have 2 st left. Dec. Cut yarn and fasten off. (21)

You have now completed the front slice. Repeat rows 1-34 to make the identical back slice.

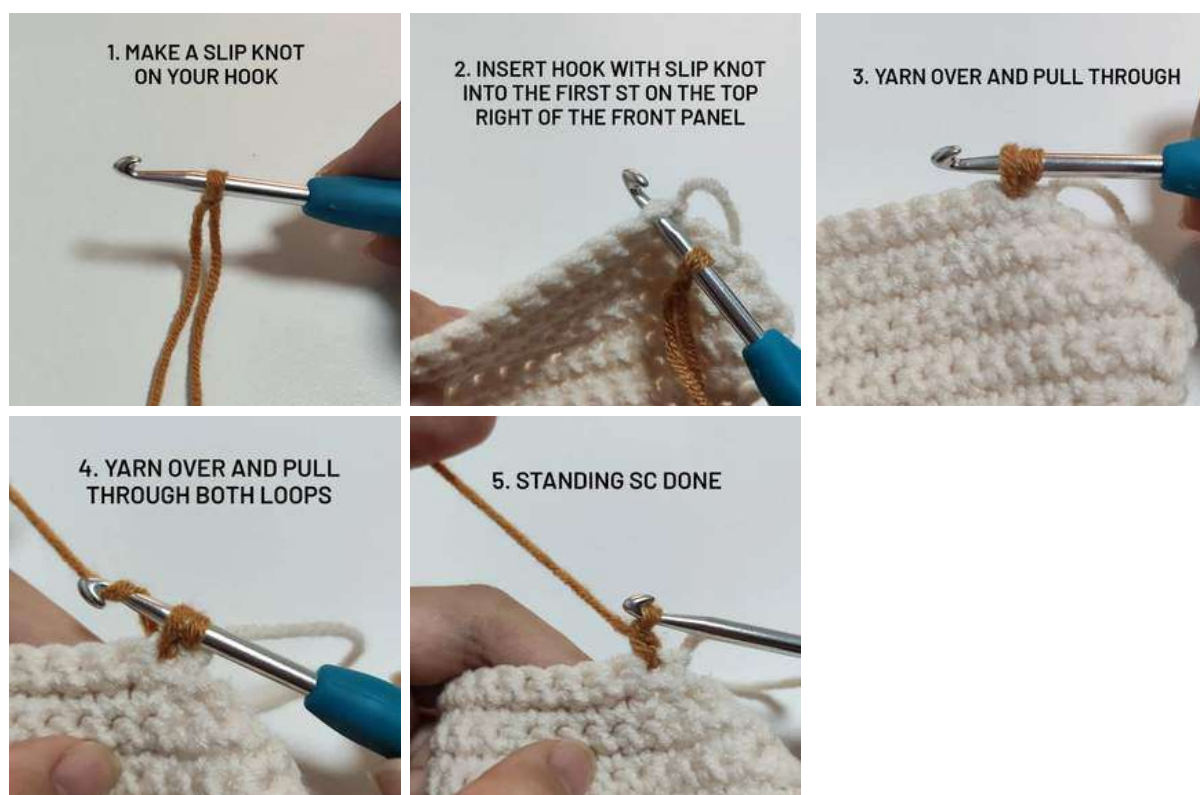


## Bread crust

In **light brown** yarn and using **4mm** hook.

**Row 1:** Start by making a standing sc on the top row of the front slice. A standing sc will achieve a neater finish as compared to the usual method of attaching the yarn to your work then ch 1. It may sound intimidating but it's really easy!

To make a standing sc, make a slip knot on your hook. Insert your hook with the slip knot into the first st, yarn over, pull through, yarn over, then pull through both loops, as if you are making a regular sc. You may watch this video tutorial by Tamara Kelly for clearer instructions: <https://youtu.be/8MsVell2UY>



Continue to sc around the entire slice, forming the bread crust.

Follow the diagrams below to know how many sc to place in each st.



Step 1:

Starting from the standing sc, continue to sc in every st along the top row until you have 1 st left. Place 2 sc in the last st of the row.



Step 2:

Place 2 sc in every hole you see along the curved portion. You should make a total of 9 inc, including the one done in the previous step.



Step 3:

Sc next 2 st together (dec).



Step 4:

Place 1 sc in every hole along the vertical portion of the slice till you reach the bottom left-hand corner. You should have made 22 sc. Place 3 sc in the hole at the bottom left-hand corner. This will form the corner turn.



**Step 5:**

Place 1 sc in every st along the bottom of the slice till you reach the bottom right-hand corner. You should have made 23 sc. Place 3 sc in the last st at the bottom right-hand corner. This will form the corner turn.



**Step 6:**

**Sk 1 st. This is to ensure that there are the same number of sc on each side of the bread.**

Sc along the vertical portion of the slice till you reach the curved portion. You should have made 22 sc.



**Step 7:**

Sc next 2 st together (dec).



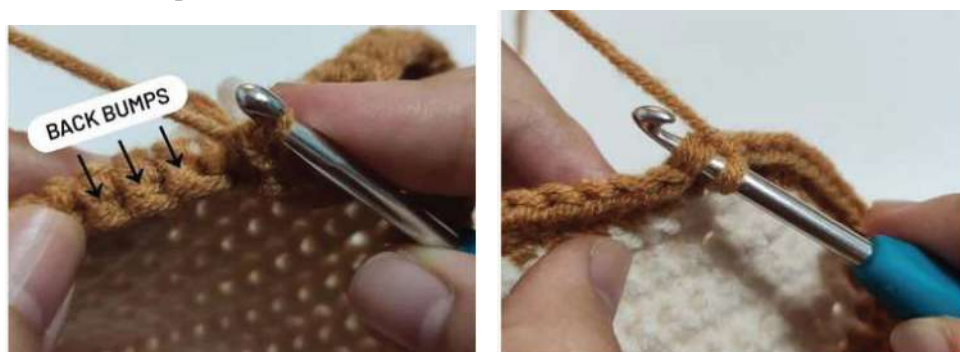
**Step 8:**

Place 2 sc in every hole you see along the curved portion until you reach the first standing sc. Place 1 sc in the same st you made the standing sc in. You should end up with a total of 9 inc, including the one done with the standing sc. Sl st into the first st. Ch 1.

**Row 2:** Sc in the st that you did the sl st in and continue to sc in every st until the bottom left-hand corner of the slice. Place 2 sc in the 2nd st of the corner turn. Sc in every st until the bottom right-hand corner of the slice. Place 2 sc in the 2nd st of the corner turn. Sc in every st until the first st. Sl st in the first st. Ch 1.



**Row 3:** Scblo in every st. To ensure that the st made are more secure, instead of just going through the back loop, I recommend going through the bumps at the back when doing scblo. It may be hard to go through the back bumps but you may use your finger to help push your hook through.



Your work should start to bend like this.



Note: The first sc in every round goes into the same st you did the sl st in.

Continue doing scblo in every st until the first st. Sl st into the first st. Ch 1.

**Row 4:** Sc in every st. Sl st into the first st. Ch 1.

**Row 5:** Sc in every st. Sl st into the first st. Fasten off and cut yarn.

Note: You may repeat row 4 to make the bag as thick as you want.

Repeat rows 1-5 to make the bread crust for the back slice but do not fasten off for the second slice. Ch 1.



## Joining both slices

Place a stitch marker on the st that you did the sl st in. Count 23 st to the left and place another stitch marker in that st. This will form the opening of the bag. Repeat with the other slice and put stitch markers to mark the opening.



Place both slices back-to-back with the "right" sides facing each other. The slice with the working yarn end should be the slice nearer to you. Sc the two slices together in the direction of the white arrow, starting from the red dot (the st right after the stitch marker) to the blue dot (the st right before the stitch marker).



Fasten off and cut yarn. Flip the bag inside-out and remove stitch markers. The main body of the bag is now complete.



## Eyes (make 2)

In **black** yarn and using **4mm** hook.

Make a magic ring and place 7 sc in it (7). Pull the magic ring close. Sl st into the first st. Fasten off and cut yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing.



**Right eye:** Thread the starting yarn from the magic ring into the selected hole on the main body where you want the eye placed. I selected the hole in between the 18th and 19th row from the bottom, and the **6th** hole from the right of the slice as indicated by the tapestry needle in the photo. Thread the long tail end of the yarn one hole to the right of the hole where the starting end of the yarn was threaded.



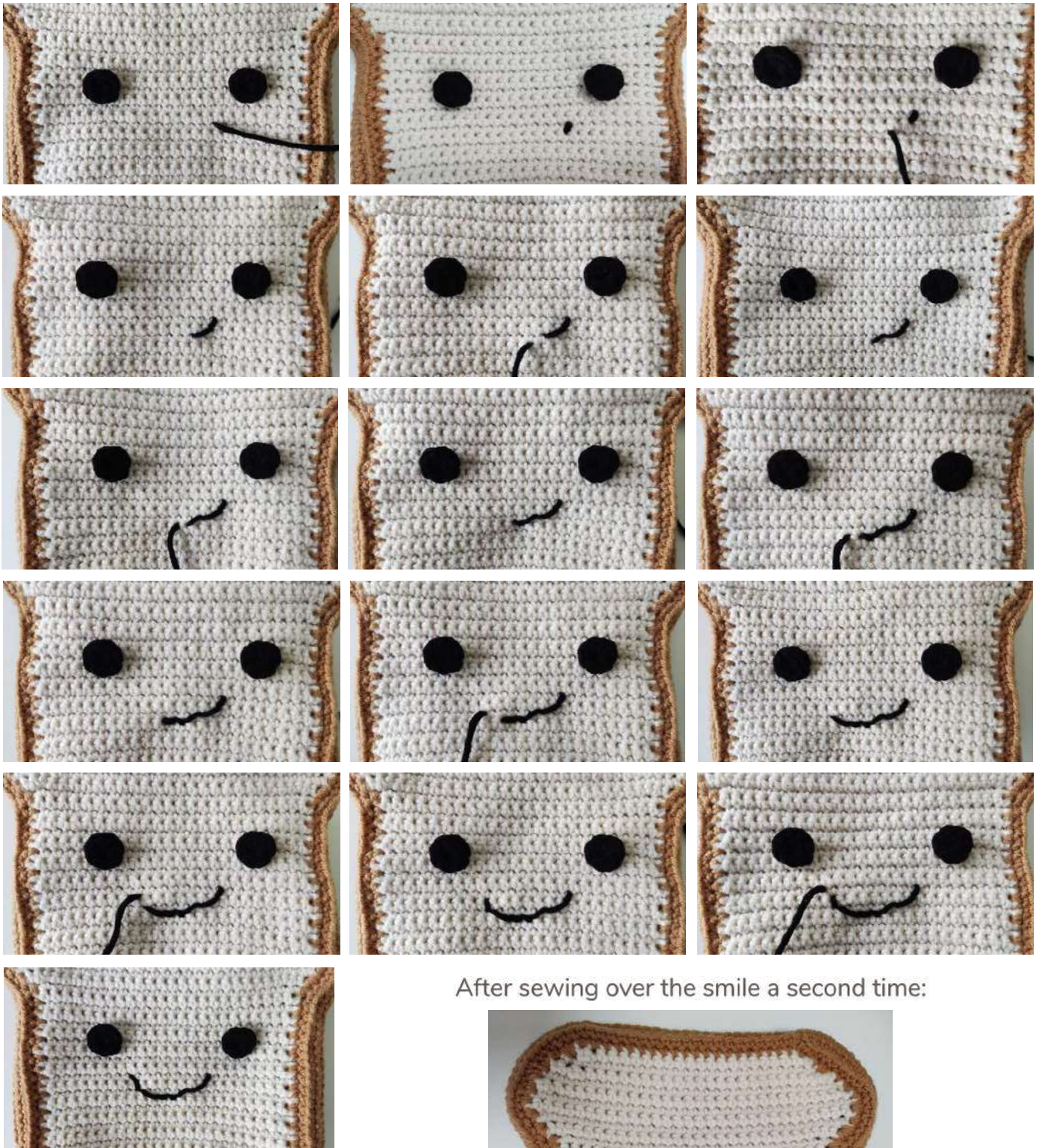
**Left eye:** For the left eye, select the hole in the same row, but the **7th** hole from the left side of the slice. Thread the long tail end of the yarn one hole to the right of where the starting end of the yarn was threaded.



To secure both eyes, tie a knot at the back using the two ends to fix the placement, then proceed to sew them on tightly onto the main body.

# Mouth

In **black** yarn and using tapestry needle, embroider the mouth on according to the following steps. You may change up the face if you wish!



After sewing over the smile a second time:



It is normal for the smile to look a little crooked now. Sew over the smile once more to thicken the line and smoothen it out. Adjust your tension such that the smile looks as even as possible.

When making the arms and legs, you will work in the round. Do not sl st to join after every round. I highly recommend using a stitch marker to keep track of the first st of every round as you go along. Feel free to adjust the length of the limbs by adjusting the number of sc rows.

## Arms (make 2)

In **dark brown** yarn and using **3.5mm** hook.

**Row 1:** Make a magic ring and place 6 sc in it (6).

Pull the magic ring close.

**Row 2:** Inc in every st (12)

**Row 3-4:** Sc in every st (12)

**Row 5:** (Sc, sc, dec) repeat 3 times till the end of the round (9)

**Row 6:** Dec, then sc in every st until the end of the round (8)

**Row 7-14:** Sc in every st (8)

Stuff and shape arm.

**Row 15:** Flatten the opening of the arm and sew or slip stitch it shut like in the photo. Ensure that the part where you sew shut is not slanted. Fasten off and cut yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing.



## Legs (make 2)

In **dark brown** yarn and using **3.5mm** hook.

**Row 1:** Make a magic ring and place 6 sc in it (6).

Pull the magic ring close.

**Row 2:** Inc in every st (12)

**Row 3:** (Sc, inc) repeat until the end of the round (18)

**Row 4-7:** Sc in every st (18)

**Row 8:** (Dec, sc) repeat 4 times. Sc in the next 6 st (14)

**Row 9:** (Dec, sc) repeat 3 times. Sc in the next 5 st (11)

**Row 10:** Dec, then sc in every st until the end of the round (10)

**Row 11-18:** Sc in every st (10)

Stuff and shape leg.

**Row 19:** Flatten the opening of the leg and sew or slip stitch it shut like in the photo. Ensure that the part where you sew shut is not slanted. Fasten off and cut yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing.



## Assembling the arms and legs

Arrange how you wish to connect the legs and arms onto the main body and place stitch markers to mark them out. I vertically aligned the two legs to the eyes, and the two arms to the same height as the mouth.



Sew both the arms on using a tapestry needle as shown.



Here, the arms are sewn vertically such that they stick straight out. However, you may choose to sew the arms horizontally instead such that they droop downwards if you prefer.

Sc both legs on instead of sewing to ensure more support. This help the legs stay up and slightly slanted towards the front instead of dangling straight down. Please ensure that the legs are facing front before beginning to sc.



There should be 4 sc done. Fasten off, cut yarn, and weave in ends.



## Sling strap

In **dark brown** yarn and using **4mm** hook.

Leave a long tail for sewing when making a slip knot. This will be used for sewing the strap later. Ch 6.

**Row 1:** Sc in 2nd st from the hook. Sc in every st until the end of the row. Ch1, turn. (5)

**Row 2:** Sc in every st. (5)

Repeat row 2 until the desired length. Fasten off and cut yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Note: Do take into consideration how much the strap will stretch after things are placed into the bag. You may line the strap with fabric if you do not want it to stretch at all.



Mark out where you want to sew the straps on using stitch markers and sew them on using a tapestry needle. Ensure that the straps are symmetrically attached.



Congratulations, you have completed your very own Toastie Bread Bag!

You may line the inside of the bag with fabric or add a zipper or button closure if you wish. You can even make it into a backpack or shoulder bag by changing up the straps. Feel free to customise your Toastie with different facial expressions, colours or add toppings to make it your own. You may find inspiration for toppings from my amazing testers' versions, which are showcased in the testers' gallery!