

# Free Crochet Pattern **Lion Brand® Baby Soft® Boucle Feels Like Butta** Polar Bear Baby Mat Pattern Number: L80077

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## SKILL LEVEL - Easy

## SIZE

About 18 x 34 in. (45.5 x 86.5 cm)

## **MATERIALS**

- Lion Brand® Baby Soft® Boucle (Art. #918)
  - 100 White 6 balls (A)
  - 101 Ballet Pink 1 ball (B)
- Lion Brand® Feels Like Butta (Art. #215)
  - 149 Pale Grey 1 ball (C)
  - 100 White 2 balls (D)
  - 153 Black 1 ball (E)
- Lion Brand® crochet hook size G-6 (4.25 mm)
- Lion Brand® stitch markers
- Lion Brand® large-eyed blunt needle



Fiberfill stuffing

## **GAUGE**

13 hdc = about 4 1/2 in. (11.5 cm). BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

## STITCH EXPLANATIONS

hdc2tog (hdc 2 sts together) (Yarn over, insert hook in next st and draw up a loop) twice, yarn over and draw through all 5 loops on hook – 1 st decreased. sc2tog (sc 2 sts together) (Insert hook in next st and draw up a loop) twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook – 1 st decreased.

## **NOTES**

- 1. Body, Head, Arms, Feet and other details are all worked separately, then sewn together to make the Mat.
- 2. Features are embroidered.
- 3. Head, Arms, and Feet are stuffed.

#### **BODY**

**Note:** The top of the Body will be the back of the Head.

Beg at lower edge of body, with A, ch 52.

**Row 1:** Hdc in 3rd ch from hook (2 skipped ch do not count as st) and in each ch across – you will have 50 hdc in this row.

**Rows 2 and 3:** Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn, 2 hdc in first st, hdc in each st to last st, 2 hdc in last st – 54 hdc in Row 3.

Row 4: Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn, hdc in each st across.

Rep Row 4 until piece measures about 27 in. (68.5 cm) from beg.



**Next 5 Rows:** Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn, (hdc2tog) twice, hdc in each st to last 4 sts, (hdc2tog) twice – 34 hdc in last row. Fasten off.

#### **HEAD**

Beg at lower edge of head, with A, ch 56.

**Row 1:** Hdc in 3rd ch from hook (2 skipped ch do not count as st) and in each ch across – 54 hdc.

Row 2: Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn, hdc in each st across.

Rep Row 2 until piece measures about 7 in. (18 cm) from beg.

**Next 5 Rows:** Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn, (hdc2tog) twice, hdc in each st to last 4 sts, (hdc2tog) twice – 34 hdc in last row. Fasten off.

## CHEEKS (make 2)

With B, ch 2.

**Rnd 1:** Work 6 sc in first ch; do not join, work in continuous rnds (spiral).

Place a marker in last sc made. Move marker up as each rnd is completed.

Rnd 2: Work 2 sc in each st around – 12 sc.

Rnd 3: \*2 sc in next st, sc in next st; rep from \* around – 18 sc.

Fasten off.

#### MUZZLE

With C, ch 18.

**Row 1:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 9 ch, hdc in next 6 ch, 4 hdc in last ch; working along opposite side of foundation ch, hdc in next 6 ch, sc in next 10 ch - 36 sts.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, turn, sc in first 12 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts, sc in last 12 sts – 40 sts.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, turn, sc in first 14 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in last 14 sts – 44 sts.

**Row 4:** Ch 1, turn, sc in first 16 sts, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in each of last 16 sts – 48 sts.

**Row 5:** Ch 1, turn, sc in first 18 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in last 18 sts – 52 sts.

Fasten off.

## OUTER EARS (make 2)

With A. ch 4.

**Row 1:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across – 3 sc.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first st, sc in next st, 2 sc in last st -5 sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in last st – 7 sc.

Rows 4-7: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

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**Row 8:** Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog – 5 sc.

**Row 9:** Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog – 3 sc.

Fasten off.

## **INNER EARS (make 2)**

With C, ch 4.

**Row 1:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across – 3 sc.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first st, sc in next st, 2 sc in last st -5 sc.

Rows 3-5: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

**Row 6:** Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog – 3 sc.

Fasten off.

#### **TUMMY**

With C, ch 14.

**Rnd 1:** Work 2 hdc in 3rd ch from hook (2 skipped ch do not count as a st), hdc in next 10 ch, 4 hdc in last ch; working along opposite side of foundation ch, hdc in next 10 ch, 2 sc in last ch – 28 sts.

Place a marker in last st made. Move marker up as each rnd is completed.

Rnd 2: Work 2 hdc in each of first 2 sts, hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 4 sts, hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in last 2 sts – 36 sts.

Rnd 3: Hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, 12 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, hdc in next st, hdc in last st and remove marker. Now work 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st and mark hdc just made – 44 sts.

**Rnd 4:** 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 14 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 14 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in last st - 52 sts.

**Rnd 5:** (Hdc in first st, 2 hdc in next st) twice, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 16 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 16 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in last st - 60 sts.

**Rnd 6:** Hdc in first 2 sts, (2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts) twice, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 18 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 18 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in last 2 sts – 68 sts.

Rnd 7: 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 20 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 20 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in last 2 sts – 76 sts.

**Rnd 8:** Hdc in first 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 22 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 22 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in last 2 sts – 84 sts.

**Rnd 9:** Hdc in first 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 24 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 24 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in last 2 sts – 92 sts.

**Rnd 10:** Hdc in first 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 26 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 26 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in last 3 sts – 100 sts.

**Rnd 11:** Hdc in first 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 28 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 28 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in last 3 sts – 108 sts.

Rnd 12: Hdc in first 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 30 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 30 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in last 3 sts – 116 sts.

Rnd 13: Hdc in first 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 32 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 32 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in last 3 sts – 124 sts.

**Rnd 14:** Hdc in first 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st, (hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st) twice, hdc in next 42 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 42 sts, 2 hdc in last st - 132 sts.

Rnd 15: Hdc in first 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 36 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 36 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in last 5 sts – 139 sts.

Rnd 16: Hdc in first 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 46 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 46 sts, 2 hdc in last st – 147 sts.

Rnd 17: Hdc in first 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts; leave remaining sts unworked – 148 sts.

Fasten off.

#### **TUMMY SPOTS (make 7)**

With D, ch 8.

**Row 1:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch, hdc in next 3 ch, sc in next ch, 2 sc in last ch; working along opposite side of foundation ch, sc in next ch, hdc in next 3 ch, sc in last 2 ch – 14 sts.

Fasten off.

#### ARMS (make 2)

Beg at paw end of arm, with D, ch 2.

**Rnd 1:** Work 8 sc in first ch; do not join, work in continuous rnds (spiral).

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Place marker in last sc made. Move marker up as each rnd is completed.

Rnd 2: Work 2 sc in each st around – 16 sc.

Rnd 3: \*2 sc in next st, sc in next st; rep from \* around – 24 sc.

Rnd 4: \*2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts; rep from \* around – 32 sc.

Rnd 5: \*2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts; rep from \* around – 40 sc.

Rnds 6-11: Sc in each st around.

**Rnd 12:** Sc in first 13 sts, sc2tog, (sc in next st, sc2tog) 4 times for thumb, sc in last 13 sts – 35 sc.

Rnds 13-60: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 61: \*Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts; rep from \* around – 30 sc.

Rnd 62: \*Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts; rep from \* around – 25 sc.

Fasten off.

## FEET (make 2)

Beg at toe end of foot, with D, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Work 8 sc in first ch; do not join, work in continuous rnds (spiral).

Place marker in last sc made. Move marker up as each rnd is completed.

Rnd 2: Work 2 sc in each st around – 16 sc.

Rnd 3: \*2 sc in next st, sc in next st; rep from \* around – 24 sc.

Rnd 4: \*2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts; rep from \* around – 32 sc.

Rnd 5: \*2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts; rep from \* around – 40 sc.

Rnd 6: \*2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts; rep from \* around – 48 sc.

Rnds 7-26: Sc in each st around.

**Rnd 27:** (Sc2tog, sc in next 20 sts, sc2tog) twice – 44 sc.

Fasten off.

## CLAWS (make 12)

With C, ch 5.

**Row 1:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 2 ch, (sc, ch 2, sc) in last ch; working along opposite side of foundation ch, hdc in next 2 ch, sc in last ch – 8 sts. Fasten off.

#### **FINISHING**

Lay the Head onto a flat surface with the last row of Head at the top. Referring to the diagram, sew the Muzzle and Cheeks to the Head. With E, embroider a straight stitch nose and mouth onto the Muzzle and sleeping eyes and lashes onto the Head.

Lay the Body with RS facing onto a flat surface, then lay the Head on top of the Body.

Sew side and top edges of Head to Body.

Sew the lower edge of the Head to the Body, loosely stuffing just before you finish sewing.

Sew Inner Ears to Outer Ears, then sew the Ears to the Head.

Sew Spots onto the Tummy, then sew the Tummy onto the Body.

Stuff Arms, firmly at thumbs, loosely for the rest of the Arms. With thumbs pointing inward, sew Arms to Body.

Stuff Feet loosely and sew to Body.

Sew 3 Claws to the end of each Arm and Foot.

Weave in ends.

# **ABBREVIATIONS**

beg = begin(ning)
ch = chain
hdc = half double crochet
rep = repeat
rnd(s) = round(s)
sc = single crochet
st(s) = stitch(es)
tog = together

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