

Crochet Skull Bandana Tutorial

CROCHET SKULL BANDANA TUTORIAL



MATERIALS & KEY

- Black cotton yarn
- Orange/Gold yarn
- Crochet hooks (e.g., G/4mm)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors



US Stitches:

- st = stitch
- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- hdc = half double crochet
- dc = double crochet
- tr = treble crochet

BANDANA BODY

- Start:** Ch 3 or use magic ring. DC into ring, ch 1. Repeat for 6 initial segments, creating a triangle.
- Turn.** Ch 3 (counts as 1st DC), 2 DC in same ch-1 (1, 3 DC in next ch-1 space) across. Repeat pattern of 3 DC clusters in each ch-1 space and on ends.
- Building:** Continue adding rows. Increase at edges. Each row adds a cluster row to show texture at edges. Each row adds a cluster to the edge and maintains granny stitch texture. Stop when bandana is desired size (e.g., 20 inches base width).
- Tie Ends:** At top corners, attach black yarn and create chain-loop tie-ends with slip stitches and hdc/dc for a finished look. Attach black fabric strap for stability.



ASSEMBLY

- Center the completed Skull Applique on the front of the Black Bandana Body.
- Using a yarn needle and orange yarn, whipstitch or slip-stitch the perimeter of the skull applique securely to the bandana.
- Tie-on Details: Show the tie-ends being formed.



SKULL APPLIQUE - BONE COLOR

- Ch 4 or use magic ring (Orange yarn). Rnd 1: 12 DC in ring, join with sl st.
- Rnd 2: (Increase) (2 DC in next 3 st, 2 Tr in next 3 st, 2 DC in next 3 st, 2 Tr in next 3 st, 2 DC in next 3 st, 2 Tr in next 3 st). (This creates a rounded shape).
- Rnd 3: Add rounds with increases (2 DC in some, 1 DC in others) to form the overall skull outline. Then, for jaw section, work smaller rounds below. Work hdc to dc for a textured bone look.



SKULL APPLIQUE - BLACK DETAILS

- Using Black yarn. Ch 2, 8 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, join. Create two.
- Using Black yarn. Ch 3, sc in 2nd ch, sl st in 1st ch.
- Sew nose below eyes. Cut eye holes from bone color, insert and sew black eyes.
- With black yarn, work surface sl st and small sc clusters across the jawline to form a smile. Detail black yarn into eye sockets.
- Finishing Applique: Sew finished eye units, nose, and teeth features securely onto the orange skull applique.



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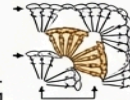
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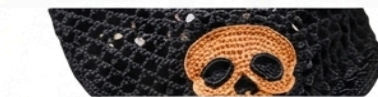


KEY TERMINOLOGY & LEGEND

- **Row/Rnd:** Linear vs. Circular work.
- **Cluster:** Multiple stitches worked in one space.
- **Increase (inc):** 2 stitches in one loop.
- **Decrease (dec):** (e.g., sc2tog) joining stitches.
- **Surface Crochet:** Stitching on the surface of an existing fabric (used for teeth details).
- **Joining:** Connecting motifs (applique to body).



FINISHING



FINISHED PROJECT - A Stylish Skull Bandana!
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This detailed step-by-step guide will walk you through creating a stylish crochet skull bandana, from the triangular bandana base to the skull appliqué and finishing touches. Follow carefully and you'll be able to complete the entire project even as an intermediate beginner!

Materials & Tools

Before starting, gather everything you need:

- Black cotton yarn (for bandana)
- Orange or gold yarn (for skull base)
- Small amount of black yarn (for skull details)
- Crochet hook (recommended: G/4mm)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

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Bandana Body (Triangle Base)

Step 1: Starting the Triangle

Begin by creating the foundation:

- Ch 3 OR use a magic ring
- Work DC stitches into the ring
- Ch 1 at the end

Repeat this process to form **6 initial segments**, shaping a small triangle.

 **Tip:** If using a magic ring, pull it tight to avoid a hole in the center.

Step 2: Building the First Rows

- Turn your work
- Ch 3 (counts as your first DC)
- Work **2 DC in the same ch-1 space**
- Then *(3 DC in next ch-1 space)* across

Repeat this pattern across the row.

At the edges and each space, you will always create clusters of 3 DC.

Step 3: Expanding the Triangle

Continue adding rows:

- Turn your work each row
- Ch 3 at the beginning
- Increase at both edges by adding extra DC clusters
- Maintain the pattern of **3 DC clusters in each space**

Each new row:

- Adds width
- Maintains the triangular shape
- Builds a textured, slightly lacy/granny-style fabric

Continue until the bandana reaches your desired size (approx. **20 inches wide** for adults).

Step 4: Creating Tie Ends

Once your triangle is complete:

- At each top corner:
 - Attach black yarn
 - Chain a long length (for tying)
 - Slip stitch back along the chain OR leave as is
 - Optionally reinforce with hdc or dc

You can also:

- Add a fabric strip for extra durability
- Keep ties simple or decorative

Skull Appliqué – Bone Color Base

Step 1: Create the Skull Base

Using orange/gold yarn:

- Ch 4 OR magic ring
- Round 1: Work **12 DC into the ring**, join with sl st

Step 2: Increase for Shape

Round 2:

- Work increases to expand shape:
 - 2 DC in some stitches
 - 1 DC in others
 - Include a few TR stitches to round the skull top

This creates a slightly oval/rounded shape.

Step 3: Define the Skull Shape

Round 3:

- Continue increasing strategically
- Focus on:
 - Widening the top
 - Slightly narrowing toward the jaw

Then:

- Add smaller rounds below for the **jaw section**
- Use HDC to DC stitches for texture

This gives the skull its recognizable silhouette.

♥ Skull Appliqué – Black Details

Step 1: Eyes

Using black yarn:

- Ch 2
- Work **8 HDC into 2nd chain from hook**
- Join with sl st

Make **two identical circles**

Step 2: Nose

- Ch 3
- Work SC into 2nd chain
- Sl st into first chain

Forms a small triangular nose

Step 3: Assemble Facial Features

- Sew eyes onto skull
- Cut small openings in skull base (optional for inset look)
- Insert and stitch securely
- Sew nose below eyes

Step 4: Mouth and Details

Using black yarn:

- Surface crochet along jawline
- Use sl st and small sc clusters to form a **smile/teeth effect**

Add small vertical stitches for teeth detail.

Step 5: Final Appliqué Assembly

- Secure all parts tightly
- Weave in ends neatly
- Ensure symmetry and placement looks balanced



Assembly

Step 1: Position the Skull

- Place skull in the center of the bandana triangle
- Adjust until visually balanced

Step 2: Attach the Appliqué

Using a yarn needle and matching yarn:

- Whipstitch or slip stitch around the edge of the skull
- Sew evenly and securely
- Avoid puckering the fabric

Step 3: Secure and Reinforce

- Check all seams
- Reinforce weak points
- Make sure ties are sturdy

Finishing Touches

- Trim any loose ends
- Block lightly if needed (optional)
- Adjust shape with hands