

Crochet Panda Bamboo Doily Tutorial

This adorable crochet panda doily combines lace crochet, appliqué work, and amigurumi-inspired details. The design features a sweet panda sitting among bamboo stalks, surrounded by layered flower petals, decorative hearts, and a pointed lotus-style border. The finished piece is perfect as a nursery decoration, wall hanging, table centerpiece, or handmade gift.



Finished Size: Approximately 16–18 inches (40–46 cm) in diameter

Skill Level: Intermediate to Advanced

Materials Needed

Yarn Colors

- Cream or Ivory (main doily)
- Black (panda markings)
- Light Green (bamboo and border)
- Dark Green (leaf details)
- Pink (hearts, cheeks, paw pads)
- Black embroidery thread

Hook

- 3.5 mm crochet hook

Additional Supplies

- 12 mm safety eyes
- Yarn needle
- Stitch markers
- Scissors
- Polyester stuffing (small amount)
- Blocking board

Crochet Abbreviations

- MR = Magic Ring
- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- hdc = half double crochet
- dc = double crochet
- tr = treble crochet
- inc = increase
- dec = decrease
- st = stitch
- sp = space

Step 1: Create the Center Circle

Using cream yarn.

Round 1

MR, 12 dc into ring.

Join with sl st.

Round 2

Ch 2.

Work 2 dc in each stitch around.

24 dc.

Round 3

1 dc, inc.

Repeat around.

36 dc.

Round 4

2 dc, inc.

Repeat around.

48 dc.

Round 5

3 dc, inc.

Repeat around.

60 dc.

Round 6

4 dc, inc.

Repeat around.

72 dc.

The circle should measure approximately 6 inches (15 cm).

Step 2: Create the Inner Petal Layer

Round 7

Ch 5, skip 2 stitches, sc in next stitch.

Repeat around.

Round 8

Into each chain space work:

- Sc
- Hdc
- 5 dc
- Hdc
- Sc

Repeat around.

This forms the first petal ring around the panda.

Step 3: Create the Lace Layer

Attach cream yarn behind the petals.

Round 9

Ch 6, sc between petals.

Repeat around.

Round 10

Work:

- Sc
- Ch 3
- Sc

inside every chain arch.

Repeat around.

This creates the open lace texture visible behind the panda.

Step 4: Create the Lotus Border

Continue with cream yarn.

Round 11

Ch 8, sc in next joining point.

Repeat around.

Round 12

Inside each arch work:

- Sc
- Hdc
- 3 dc
- 3 tr
- 3 dc
- Hdc
- Sc

Repeat around.

You will create pointed lotus petals.

Round 13

Using light green yarn.

Work slip stitches around each petal edge.

This gives the decorative green outline seen in the image.

The finished doily should now measure approximately 14 inches (35 cm).

Step 5: Crochet the Panda Head

Using cream yarn.

Round 1

MR, 6 sc.

Round 2

Increase around.

12 sc.

Round 3

1 sc, inc.

18 sc.

Round 4

2 sc, inc.

24 sc.

Round 5

3 sc, inc.

30 sc.

Round 6

4 sc, inc.

36 sc.

Round 7

5 sc, inc.

42 sc.

Rounds 8–12

Sc around.

Fasten off.

The head should measure approximately 4½ inches (11 cm).

Lightly stuff before attaching.

Step 6: Create the Eye Patches

Using black yarn.

Make 2.

Round 1

MR, 6 sc.

Round 2

Increase around.

12 sc.

Round 3

Sc around.

Flatten slightly into an oval.

Attach to the face.

Position approximately 1½ inches apart.

Step 7: Create the Ears

Using black yarn.

Make 2.

Round 1

MR, 6 sc.

Round 2

Increase around.

12 sc.

Round 3

Increase around.

18 sc.

Fasten off.

Fold slightly and sew to the top of the head.

Step 8: Add the Face

Attach safety eyes in the center of the eye patches.

Using black embroidery floss:

Embroider a small triangle nose.

Add a curved smiling mouth.

Using pink yarn:

Create soft blush circles beneath the eyes.

Step 9: Crochet the Panda Body

Using cream yarn.

Foundation

Chain 20.

Row 1

Sc across.

Rows 2–12

Sc across.

Shape slightly inward at the neck.

Finished body:

- Height: 4 inches (10 cm)

- Width: 3 inches (7.5 cm)

Attach beneath the head.

Step 10: Create the Arms

Using black yarn.

Make 2.

Round 1

MR, 6 sc.

Round 2

Increase around.

12 sc.

Rounds 3–8

Sc around.

Lightly stuff.

Flatten slightly.

Attach to body.

Position arms as though holding bamboo.

Step 11: Create the Legs

Using black yarn.

Make 2.

Round 1

MR, 6 sc.

Round 2

Increase around.

12 sc.

Round 3

Increase around.

18 sc.

Round 4

Sc around.

Round 5

Increase around.

24 sc.

Lightly stuff.

Attach at lower body.

Step 12: Make the Paw Pads

Using pink yarn.

Large Pad

MR, 10 sc.

Small Toe Pads

MR, 6 sc.

Make 4 per foot.

Sew onto feet.

Step 13: Crochet the Bamboo Stalks

Using light green yarn.

Stalk

Chain 30.

Work sc back along chain.

Make 3 stalks.

Bamboo Sections

Wrap yarn around stalk every 1 inch (2.5 cm).

Secure with small stitches.

This creates realistic bamboo joints.

Step 14: Create Bamboo Leaves

Using dark green yarn.

Leaf

Chain 10.

Work:

- Sc
- Hdc
- Dc
- Dc
- Hdc
- Sc

to tip.

Work opposite side.

Join.

Make 12–16 leaves.

Attach to stalks.

Step 15: Arrange Bamboo

Place:

- One stalk on left
- One stalk in center
- One stalk on right

Position the panda's arms around the center stalk.

Sew securely.

Step 16: Crochet the Hearts

Using pink yarn.

Make 5 hearts.

Heart Pattern

MR.

Work:

- 3 dc
- 3 tr
- Ch 1
- 3 tr
- 3 dc

Join.

Pull tight.

Finished size:

1 inch (2.5 cm).

Attach around the doily.

Step 17: Final Assembly

Center the panda on the doily.

Attach:

- Head
- Body
- Arms

- Legs
- Bamboo
- Hearts

Check symmetry before sewing permanently.

Step 18: Blocking and Finishing

Weave in all ends.

Pin each lotus petal carefully.

Shape the bamboo leaves.

Adjust the panda's position.

Steam block lightly.

Allow to dry completely.

Finished Measurements

Your completed **Panda Bamboo Doily** should measure approximately:

- Diameter: 16–18 inches (40–46 cm)

The finished design features a sweet panda with dimensional ears, paws, bamboo stalks, pink hearts, layered floral lace, and a lotus-inspired border, creating a beautiful crochet decoration that is both elegant and adorable.