

**Moon of Árann**  
by Heather Brett

# **Paudie the Kerry Bog Pony**



An original crochet pattern by Heather Brett.

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## **Foreword by Mr. Art Badger.**

Greetings to you, you creative crocheters and may I start by commending you on your choice of pattern! Paudie is an excellent friend of mine and I have no doubt that he will prove to be just as good a friend to you.

Paudie as the name suggests is a Kerry Bog Pony, a breed that is unfortunately not as numerous as it once was in Ireland, however here in Árann, I am delighted to say, they are thriving. Paudie may be short in stature but don't let that fool you, he is one of the most resilient creatures I know and has the ability to live in very harsh conditions indeed. His temperament is gentle and he loves nothing more than to be out on the bog eating heather!

Paudie is very proud of his luscious mane and tail and washes them daily in sparkling spring water. He is a great host and loves nothing more than to have all his friends and relations over for a good chat and a cup of tea. With his distinctive dished face and strong, intelligent and athletic personality I am certain that Paudie will win the heart of anyone lucky enough to meet him :)

Kindest Regards,  
**Art.**



## **A note from Heather:**

Hi there! I really hope you enjoy making your own Paudie as much as I did. If you would like to find out more information about the magical world of Árann where Paudie lives, then you can check out [www.moonofarann.com](http://www.moonofarann.com) and see what he and Mr. Art Badger are getting up to. If you would like to know a little more about my design process and any other randomness that pops into my head then you are more than welcome to visit me at [www.heatherlovesthemoon.com](http://www.heatherlovesthemoon.com). I am also on Instagram and Twitter and the links to my profiles are all on my blog!

Phew! And as if that wasn't enough Moon of Árann has it's own Facebook page [www.facebook.com/moonofarannamigurumi](http://www.facebook.com/moonofarannamigurumi) where I would be delighted to see any photos you take of your own Paudie :)

My biggest wish is that you have fun and really enjoy this pattern and you can get crafty and put your own creative stamp on it.

So with that in mind I wish you the very best of luck until we meet again,  
**Heather.**

Heres all the info you will need to get started:

MATERIALS:

- All instructions are given for double knit yarn, but feel free to try any weight yarn you choose, but remember that the end result will vary accordingly!
- For this pattern I used a 3.5mm (E) hook.

SIZE:

If using a 3.5mm hook and double knit yarn, Paudie will be approx. 7 inch tall & 5.5 inch long when finished.

GAUGE:

Gauge is unimportant for this pattern. All that matters is that the pieces are crocheted tight enough that when stuffed the stuffing will not show through the gaps.

NOTIONS:

- Polyester fiberfill stuffing.
- 2 eyes (approx. 12mm diameter). Safety eyes are recommended however feel free to switch it up and choose whichever method of giving Paudie eyes you like the most ie. embroidery, buttons, felt, etc.
- Yarn needle to weave in the ends.
- Stitch marker. I always use a bobby pin as my stitch marker and I find that it works perfectly!
- A piece of card to be inserted into the hooves for added stability (this is optional, see notes on Assembly for further details).

TERMINOLOGY:

	Standard / US	UK/Aus
ch	chain	chain
st	stitch	stitch
sc	single crochet	double crochet
sl st	slip stitch	slip stitch
magic ring	magic ring	magic ring
*cc*	colour change	colour change
invdec	invisible decrease	invisible decrease

### SEWING STITCHES USED:

- I used a simple whip stitch to attach all the components together.
- For the mane and tail I used a method known as “Turkey Work”.

### NOTES:

- Rounds (Rnd 1 etc.) are worked in continuous spirals, do not join at the end of each round.
- Always use a stitch marker at the beginning of each round to make sure you are where you are supposed to be in the pattern, and don't forget to move the stitch marker accordingly as you start each new round.
- Remember to change colour in the last loop of the stitch **before** the colour change. I have marked this with a \*cc\* to remind you that a colour change is now needed.

### COLOURS USED:

I used the following colours for my Paudie.....

**A:** Chestnut brown yarn.

**B:** Black yarn.

**C:** Dark brown yarn.

.....Kerry bog ponies come in a few colour varieties including grey, bay or chestnut with a flaxen mane, so feel free to experiment with the colours to give your pony his own unique personality :)



Now that you have all the necessary bits and bobs gathered let's get down to some crochet shall we?!

### HEAD:

*The head is worked from the back of the head forwards to the open end of the muzzle.*

Using yarn **A** make a magic ring and ch 1. Here we go!!!

Rnd 01: 5 sc into magic ring. (5st)

Rnd 02: 2 sc into each st around. (10st)

Rnd 03: 2 sc into next st, sc into next st, repeat around. (15st)

Rnd 04: 2sc into next st, sc into next 2 st, repeat around. (20st)

Rnd 05: 2sc into next st, sc into next 3 st, repeat around. (25st)

Rnd 06: 2sc into next st, sc into next 4 st, repeat around. (30st)

Rnd 07 + 08: sc into each st around. (30st)

Rnd 09: sc into next 4 st, invdec, repeat around. (25st)

Rnd 10: sc into next 3 st, invdec, repeat around. (20st)

Rnd 11: sc into next 2 st, invdec, repeat around. (15st)

Rnd 12: invdec, sc into next 11 st, invdec. (13st)

Rnd 13: sc around in each st. (13st)

\*If using safety eyes insert eyes now. Position them at Rnd 10 approx. and approx. 6 st apart.\*

**IMPORTANT:** See notes on Assembly for the correct positioning of the eyes.

Rnd 14: invdec, sc into next 9 st, invdec. (11st)

Rnd 15: sc around in each st. (11st)

Rnd 16: invdec, sc into next 9 st. (10st)

Rnd 17: sc around into each st. (10st)

Join with a sl st into next st and fasten off leaving a short tail which will be hidden inside the finished ami.

**Head done! Next the Muzzle!.....**

### MUZZLE:

Using yarn **B** make a magic ring and ch 1.

Rnd 01: 6 sc into magic ring. (6st)

Rnd 02: 2 sc into each st around. (12st)

Rnd 03: invdec, sc into next 8 st, invdec. (10st)

Join with a sl st into next st and fasten off leaving a long tail to be used to join muzzle to head.

**Next we will make the ears. Remember to make two!**

### EARS (MAKE TWO):

Using yarn **A** make a magic ring and ch 1.

Rnd 01: 4 sc into magic ring. (4st)

Rnd 02: 2 sc into next st, sc into next 2 st, 2 sc into next st. (6st)

Rnd 03: 2 sc into next st, sc into next 4 st, 2 sc into next st. (8st)

Rnd 04 & 05: sc around into each st. (8st)

Join with a sl st into next st, fasten off and leave a long tail to join ears to head.

**Now that you have two ears made, let's put them aside, and begin....The Neck!**

### NECK:

- To begin the neck first make a slip knot.
- Ch 20 st (Remember that the 1st ch does not count as a st)
- Join the ch by sc into 1 st on the row. (the one farthest from the hook).

Rnd 01: sc around into each st. (20st)

Rnd 02 to Rnd 06: sc around into each st. (20st)

Join with a sl st into next st and fasten off leaving a long tail to be used to sew neck to body.

**And now for the body of the piece.....the Body!**

### BODY:

Make a magic ring and ch 1.

Rnd 01: 6 sc into magic ring. (6st)

Rnd 02: 2 sc into each st around. (12st)

Rnd 03: 2 sc into next st, sc into next st. Repeat around. (18st)

Rnd 04: 2 sc into next st, sc into next 2 st. Repeat around. (24st)

Rnd 05: 2 sc into next st, sc into next 3 st. Repeat around. (30st)

Rnd 06: 2 sc into next st, sc into next 4 st. Repeat around. (36st)

Rnd 07 & 08: sc into each st around. (36st)

Rnd 09: sc into next 4 st, invdec. Repeat around. (30st)

Rnd 10: invdec, sc around into each st. (29st)

Rnd 11: invdec, sc around into each st. (28st)

Rnd 12: invdec, sc around into each st. (27st)

Rnd 13: sc around into each st. (27st)

Rnd 14: invdec, sc around into each st. (26st)

Rnd 15 & 16: sc around into each st. (26st)

Rnd 17: 2 sc into next st, sc around into each st. (27st)

Rnd 18: 2 sc into next st, sc around into each st. (28st)

Rnd 19: 2 sc into next st, sc around into each st. (29st)

Rnd 20: 2 sc into next st, sc around into each st. (30st)

Rnd 21: 2 sc into next st, sc around into next 4 st. Repeat around. (36st)

Rnd 22 to 24: sc around into each st. (36st)

Rnd 25: sc into next 4 st, invdec. Repeat around. (30st)

Rnd 26: sc into next 3 st, invdec. Repeat around. (24st)

Rnd 27: sc into next 2 st, invdec. Repeat around. (18st)

\*Stuff body now. You want to stuff it nice and solid, but not too solid that the stuffing shows through the stitches. Also at this point you will notice that there is a slight dip on one side of the body. This is the hollow in Paudie's back so make sure to stuff the body in such a way as to maintain this dip. I think it's worth that little extra bit of time to make sure that stuffing emphasises the curves produced by the pattern.\*

Rnd 28: sc into next st, invdec. Repeat around. (12st)

Rnd 29: invdec in each st around. (6st)

Join with a sl st and fasten off leaving a long tail. Using this tail and your yarn needle sew up the hole. Paudie's tail will cover this so don't worry if it's less than perfect!

**Phew! We are on the home stretch now! Should we pause for a tea break or keep going?.....Keep going it is! Onto the legs, you will need four!**

### LEGS (MAKE FOUR):

Using yarn **C** make a magic ring and ch 1.

Rnd 01: sc 6 st into magic ring. (6st)

Rnd 02: 2 sc into each st around. (12st)

Rnd 03: 2 sc into next st, sc into next st. Repeat around. (18st)

Rnd 04: In **back loop only** sc into each st around. (18st)

Rnd 05: sc around into each st. (18st)

Rnd 06: invdec, sc into next st. Repeat around. (12st) \*cc\*

Using yarn **B**:

Rnd 07 & 08: sc around into each st. (12st) \*cc\*

Using yarn **A**:

Rnd 09 to 15: sc around into each st. (12st)

Join with a sl st into next st, fasten off leaving a long tail to sew legs to body.

**Congratulations! You now have all the components made to make your very own Paudie :) Now for the fun part; the assembly!**

### ASSEMBLY:

- As with the body there will be a natural curve (dip) to the head. Position the head and the eyes so that this curve is on top of the head (see image below). Once you are happy that the eyes are in the right position, go ahead and stuff the head.
- Using your yarn needle sew the muzzle to the open end of the head. Continue to sew until you are roughly half way around and then lightly stuff the muzzle and sew up the remaining hole, taking care not to get any stray stuffing caught in your stitches.
- To attach the ears, position them approx. at round 5 and approx. 6 stitches apart. Sew them into position. Don't worry if at this stage the ears look slightly askew, the mane will bring the whole head together.
- To attach the neck, take the end with the tail of yarn and sew it to the body. Stuff the neck quite solidly, but leave a slight gap towards the top of the neck to allow for tapering when sewing. Then take the head, a yarn needle and a piece of yarn **A** and sew the neck to the head.
- Using some of yarn **A**, embroider two nostrils and a mouth onto Paudie's muzzle. Make sure to give him a big smile; Paudie is always in a good mood!
- For each of the legs, I took a piece of card, lightly drew around the shape of the hoof and inserted it into the base of the leg before adding the stuffing. I found this a useful way of giving Paudie a little extra stability without making him too heavy, but feel free to improvise or omit this step as you wish.
- To add the hair to Paudie's legs take your yarn needle and some of yarn **B** (this is a good way to use any yarn scraps you may be left with) and simply stitch roughly three loops at the back of the leg where the colour jog appears, thus covering the jog and adding a little detail. Snip the loops and untangle the yarn to give a fluffy effect.
- Stuff each of the legs solidly and sew to the body, making sure the hair is at the back of the leg.
- And finally for Paudie's favourite features; his mane and tail! To make the mane, take your yarn needle and a long piece of yarn **B** and use the "Turkey Work" method of embroidery or any other method that will give the same result. Start at the front of the head roughly halfway between the ear and eye and continue to work downwards towards the body. When you have worked your way across to the other ear and are happy with how full the mane looks you can either leave it at that, or as I did, unravel each piece of yarn to give Paudie his full and luscious mane! A good tip I found to make this a little faster and easier is to hold the piece of yarn between your thumb and forefinger and twist anti-clockwise. The yarn will begin to separate and using your other hand, insert your nail in between the threads to separate them out.
- The same technique is used for the tail, making sure to keep the length no longer than his legs.
- Fluff up his mane and tail and you're done! You now have your very own Paudie the Kerry Bog Pony :)

Remember to make sure the "dip" is at the top of the head when attaching the eyes.



I really hope you enjoyed making your very own Paudie! Until next time, happy crocheting :)