

## Nonyghan

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**Difficulty level:** Intermediate

This pattern was inspired by these teddy bear blankets:

Suzy Rigby Baby's First Teddy Bear <http://www.angelfire.com/va/thevelvetpumpkin/crochet.html>

Aunt B Teddy Bear Blanket <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/abpatterns/files/Blankets%20and%20Afghans/>

Pat Liles Bearghan <http://yarncrazy.blogspot.com/>

I originally was going to make a puppy. My family thought it looked like a bear, except for my hubby who said it was an Ewok. He gets credit for originality. Since Ewok is already taken, I decided to name mine the Nonyghan, after my stuffed moose, Nonymoose. Then I added the long, floppy ear option and my daughter said it now looks like a dog -- or a flying squirrel. LOL Lastly, I added hair. So this has been an evolving project and still going strong. So please check for latest additions/changes often. Thanks!

Pictures using different color schemes and variations in design are placed at the end of the pattern for those who want to conserve printer ink. You don't have to print all the pics.

Read each section in its entirety as I give choices—there are two kinds of ears, two kinds of eyes etc.

Of course you can use any colors you want. It doesn't have to be brown. I wouldn't use glue-on eyes as they could come off in the mouth of a little one. I'm presently making a purple and white one, and plan to make one in green too. I'm also thinking of doing a pink and white bunny now that I have long ears. \*wink\*

**Materials:** For all ghans: large eye needle (I like #16), 4-ply worsted weight yarn, approx 12 ozs each, one dark color, one light color, hook(s) You can use one hook for everything (H) or use the hook I mention for the particular part. (the most I used was three hooks -- G, H and J)

**Size:** approx. 52" tall (top of head to bottom of "feet") x 41" wide (arm to arm) Size of finished product will vary depending on hook.

Abbreviations:

Abbreviations beg = beginning ch = chain corner = (3dc, ch 3, 3dc) dc = double crochet ea = each	hk = hook IFO - Invisible Finish Off MC = main color rnd(s) = round rep = repeat	shell = 3dc sl st = slip stitch sp = space wk = work YO = yarn over
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*Pattern notes:*

- 1) Feel free to use ch-2 rather than ch-3 to bring rnd up to height
- 2) Change color in either of the following ways:
  - a) finish off old color using Invisible Finish Off (IFO) noted below, then join new color with a slip stitch in any corner space and continue pattern working (shell, ch 3, shell) in each corner ch-3 sp and (shell, ch 1) in ea ch-1 sp
  - b) insert hk in top ch of beg ch-3, pull through (2 lps on hk), clip old yarn, with new color, pull through both lps to complete sc. Continue pattern as before.
- 3) Use IFO below as needed to finish off (when changing colors, joining new yarn when you run out or cut off a bad portion of strand, when ending square)
- 4) Don't forget to check the abbreviation list if you don't understand something
- 5) When you sew in the center thread, pull it a bit tight so the center hole is almost closed, especially on the facial parts.

#### **Invisible Finish Off:**

- 1) ch 1 if needed for pattern, snip the yarn about 6" from the end and pull through
- 2) thread a large eye needle with the strand you just cut, insert needle from front under top 2 strands of stitch to left of beginning ch-3, pull yarn through to back
- 3) Entering from front, insert needle into the middle (back loop) of the last stitch completed, which was your ch-1.
- 4) Pull through to back and weave ends in on the wrong side as normal.

#### **Pattern Instructions:**

##### **Squares:**

Make (6) 13-round granny squares, changing colors as follows:

Square A legs (make 2)  
13 rounds warm brown

Square B body (make 1)  
3 rnds warm brown, 10 rounds soft white

Square C arms (make 2)  
7 rnds soft white, 3 rnds warm brown, 3 rnds soft white

Square D head (make 1)  
2 rnds warm brown, 8 rnds soft white, 3 rnds warm brown

**Alternate** Square D head (make 1) - if you do this one, you don't have to center the muzzle on the warm brown middle square. However, I found it easier to have the center square as a guide. **Don't make both square D's.** You only need one head.  
10 rounds soft white, 4 rounds warm brown

Placement of squares:

D  
C                      C  
B  
A                      A

### **Square A (legs) (make 2)**

With warm brown, ch 5, join with a sl st to form a ring.

Round 1: ch 3, 2 dc in ring, (ch 3, 3dc in ring) 3 times, join by making a double crochet into top st of beg ch-3

Round 2: in same sp wk (ch 3, 2 dc, ch 3, shell) (first corner),  
ch 1, in next ch-3 sp wk (shell, ch 3, shell) (2nd corner),  
ch 1, in next ch-3 sp wk (shell, ch3, shell) (3rd corner),  
ch 1, in next ch-3 sp wk (shell, ch3, shell) (4th corner)  
join with a sc or hdc in top ch of beg ch-3. (8 shells)

Round 3: ch3, 2dc in same sp (first side),  
ch 1, (shell, ch 3, shell) in ch-3 sp (first corner)  
ch 1, shell in ch-1 sp between groups (second side)  
ch 1, in next corner ch-3 sp work (shell, ch 3, shell), (2nd corner)  
ch 1, shell in ch-1 sp between groups (third side)  
ch 1, in next corner ch-3 sp work (shell, ch 3, shell), (3rd corner)  
ch 1, shell in ch-1 sp between groups (fourth side)  
ch 1, in next corner ch-3 sp work (shell, ch 3, shell), (4th corner)  
join with sc or hdc in top ch of beg ch-3. (12 shells)

Round 4: ch3, 2dc in same sp, ch 1, shell in next ch-1 sp (first side),  
ch 1, (shell, ch 3, shell) in ch-3 sp (first corner)  
ch 1, shell in ch-1 sp, ch 1, shell in next ch-1 sp (second side),  
ch 1, in next corner ch-3 sp work (shell, ch 3, shell), (2nd corner)  
ch 1, shell in ch-1 sp, ch 1, shell in next ch-1 sp (third side),  
ch 1, in next corner ch-3 sp work (shell, ch 3, shell), (3rd corner)  
ch 1, shell in ch-1 sp, ch 1, shell in next ch-1 sp (fourth side)  
ch 1, in next corner ch-3 sp work (shell, ch 3, shell), (4th corner)  
join with sc or hdc in top ch of beg ch-3. (16 shells)

Round 5-13: ch3, 2dc in same sp, ch 1, (shell in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) to corner (first side),  
[(shell, ch 3, shell) in ch-3 corner sp, ch 1, \* shell in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, rep from \* to corner to form side] rep from [ to ] twice, (shell, ch 3, shell), (4th corner), join with sc or hdc in top ch of beg ch-3.

Repeat Round 5 (each round adding 4 shells - Round 5 will have 20 shells, Round 6 will have 24 etc.), changing colors as needed. At end of round 13, finish off using invisible. You

will have 52 shells, 13 on each side.

*Extra note: Depending on when and how you change color for each square, your side may consist on one shell, or many shells.*

Work Squares B, C, and D using Square A pattern but changing color at the appropriate spot. Remember that if you choose to finish off old color and join new color in corner space, you will have to adjust your rounds. You will work (shell, ch 3, shell) in each corner ch-3 space, and work (shell, ch 1) in every ch-1 space. There will always be a ch-1 before and after corners.

**You can join squares now (see [Joining](#) below) or wait until you have all parts finished. I usually put them together when I finish the squares and then make the face parts.**

### **Ears**

#### **Short Ears**

Corner = (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc)

With H hook and warm brown, Ch 5, join with sl st to form a ring

Rnd 1: ch 3, 2dc (first corner), ch 3, shell (second corner), ch 3, shell (third corner), join with dc to beg ch-3 (3 corners)

Rnd 2: (ch 3, 2dc, ch 3, shell) (first corner), ch 1, corner (2<sup>nd</sup>), ch 1, corner (3<sup>rd</sup>), join with sc to beg ch-3 (you should still have 3 corners - this will be a triangle)

Rnd 3: Ch 3, 2 dc, (first side) ch 1, corner (first corner), ch 1, 3dc (second side), ch 1, corner (second corner), ch 1, shell (third side), ch 1, corner (third corner), ch 1, IFO

#### **Floppy Ears**

With H hook and warm brown, Ch 5, join with sl st to form a ring

Rnd 1: ch 3, 2dc (first corner), ch 3, shell (second corner), ch 3, shell (third corner), join with dc to beg ch-3 (3 corners) This is the top of your ear.

Row 2: (ch 3, 2 dc), ch 1, sk next dc, shell in next dc, ch 1, sk next dc, shell in next ch-3 sp

Row 3: ch 4, turn, shell in ch-1 sp, ch 1, shell in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, dc in top of tch (2 shells)

Row 4: ch 3, turn, 2 dc in first ch-1 sp, ch 1, shell in ch-1 sp, ch 1, shell in last sp (3 shells)

Rows 5-12: Repeat rows 3 and 4, IFO

**You can place the ears on the head square now if you want to or you can wait until all pieces are finished.**



### **Muzzle**

With warm brown, ch 5, join with sl st to form a ring  
Rnd 1: ch 3, 11 dc in ring, join with sl st to beg ch-3

Rnd 2: ch 3, dc in same st, 2 dc in ea st around, join with sl st to beg ch-3 (24 dc)

Rnd 3: ch 3, 2 dc in next st, \* dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, rep from \* around, join with sl st to beg ch-3 (36 dc)

Rnd 4: ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, \* (sc in next st) twice, 2sc in next st, rep from \* around, IFO (48 dc)

**Nose** - With black and H hook (or larger if you want a larger nose) Ch 5, join with sl st to form a ring

Rnd 1: ch 3, 2dc (first corner), ch 3, shell (second corner), ch 3, shell (third corner), do not chain 3 here but join with a sl st or IFO. That will give you a closed top to your nose and the two holes below for nostrils. (3 corners)

*I recommend sewing the nose on now. It will be easier before the muzzle is placed on the square. . I put the two "holes" at the bottom, for nostrils.*

### **Mouth**

With needle, using black, stitch mouth as shown in photo. Don't worry if the back is messy as it will be hidden by the square. Do this now, not after the muzzle is sewn on the square.

**Two color eyes** (make 2 unless you want a strange looking animal)

With **H hook** and black, ch 5, join with a slip stitch to form a ring

Rnd 1: ch 2, work 11 hdc in ring, join to top ch of beg ch-2, change to white (*as noted above you either finish off black and join white with sl st before beginning rnd 2 (preferred), OR you can insert hook into top chain of beg ch-3, grab white and pull through both loops (this leaves a small brown loop which is visible)*)

Rnd 2: with white brown, ch 2, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in each stitch around, join with sl st to top of beg ch-2

**Three color eyes** (make 2 unless you want a strange looking animal)

With **G hook** and black, ch 5, join with a slip stitch to form a ring

Rnd 1: ch 2, work 9 hdc in ring, join to top ch of beg ch-2, change to warm brown (*as noted above you either finish off black and join white with sl st before beginning rnd 2 (preferred), OR you can insert hook into top chain of beg ch-3, grab white and pull through both loops (this leaves a small brown loop which is visible)*)

Rnd 2: with warm brown, ch 2, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in each stitch around, join with sl st to top of beg ch-2, change to soft white

Rnd 3: with soft white, ch 2, 2 hdc in next st, (hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st) around, join to top ch of beg ch-2, finish off with Invisible Finish Off

### Joining:

If you haven't already done so, sew in ends. When you sew in the center thread, pull it a bit tight so the center hole is almost closed, especially on the face parts.

Join the granny squares using the photo as a guide. I use the dark color yarn to join the leg squares and the lighter color to join the others. The dark color does show a little, but I look at it as decorative. Placing right sides together, whipstitch through the back loops only of each square. This will give you a pretty ridge on the right side. I like the way the squares fall into place when using the whipstitch, but feel free to use another joining method if you prefer.

Be careful as you sew them together as it is easy to grab the wrong two squares. Then you will have to rip and re-sew, making you very sad.

**Ears** - If you have not already done so, now's the time to sew on the ears. With brown, place ear on the fourth shell from top corner. Hold ear and head, right sides together, and whip stitch in place, matching shell to shell, ch-1 to ch-1, as you sew. You can go one over on either side if you want a wider, flatter look.

If you prefer a different placement, that's okay, as long as the distance is equal on both sides. *If you are doing the floppy ears, note that your shells will be upside down since your three corner start is the top of your ear. In other words, place your long, flat side at the seam, the pointy side--first round--will be the top of the ear. See pic.*

**Nose** - If you have not done so already, use black to sew nose onto top of muzzle as shown. I tried to keep the two "nostrils" more open and close up the rest.

**Eyes** - With soft white, place eyes as in photo (3 shells in) (or some other crazy placement if you prefer \*grin\*). To sew, thread large eye needle, grab a **front** stitch from the **head** square and go through that front or top loop and the **back** loop of the **last round** of the **eye** so your stitch is on the inside, where it won't be seen. Go around, grabbing the closest stitches. Make sure eyes are an equal distance apart and level, unless you're doing the crazy eye thing. When finished, sew in ends. You can sew them into the back side of the eye or the back side of the square, whatever works best for you. Just try to make it as invisible as possible.

**Muzzle** - with warm brown, sew Muzzle onto the 2 rounds in the center of the head square or if you made Square D without a brown center, just center the muzzle between the two eyes.

With soft white or warm brown, work a round of single crochet around entire afghan. I usually use the lighter color to make the ears stand out a bit, but I have done some using the darker color as well. Adjust spacing of stitches so afghan lies flat. This will probably be one sc in ea stitch, one sc in ea ch-1 between shells, and 3 sc in each corner space. If you need the ghan to be larger, you can use a round of dc rather than sc.

**Hair (fringe)** - If you would like your Nonyghan to have hair, you can add fringe in every other stitch between the two ears, as in the picture. If you don't know how to make fringe, A tutorial on the basics coming soon. For the Nony, I used double strands. You can make yours thicker or thinner if you like.



You're done! Congratulations! The first time is the hardest. Now you should be able to whip through another ghan.

Before you do that though, wrap this one around a child and add a great big hug!