

Using Disc & Cotter Pin with A Two Piece Head

When you make a bear head that is two pieces (this is where the nose is made separate and you sew it onto the head piece), your rounds will end at the bottom of the head. With this style of head you would stuff the head before inserting the disc & cotter pin. Following are examples on how the disc & cotter pin work in this style head. Please note that pattern instructions may vary on how to do this, but these instructions should give you a general idea on how to use discs and cotter pins for jointing the heads to the bodies on thread crochet bears.



After you have your head stuffed and are ready to insert the disc and cotter pin; you would insert a cotter pin through the hole in the center of a disc. Insert the disc and cotter pin through the opening in head. Note that the pin sticks out of the bottom of the head while the rounded head part of the pin is on the inside of the head.



Continue to follow your pattern instructions for the finishing rounds of the head. Once this is done you would then use a needle to weave the ending head thread through the front loop of each stitch made on the last round. Gently pull the thread until the opening is closed. Run the thread back through the head and snip off. Once you have the disc inserted into the head and have the opening sewn closed your head will look like this. You can then continue to follow your pattern instructions.

Once you are to the point where you are going to attach the head to the body you will do the following: Using your crochet hook or an awl, make a small hole in the center of the body top. (This would actually be round 1 of the body. Open this hole up enough to insert the cotter pin through it). Be sure to go between the stitches and not through a stitch. (See A) Insert the cotter pin through this hole. Slip on the other disc to the cotter pin. Now you will need your cotter key or a small pair of needle nose pliers. Taking the longest part of the cotter pin first, turn it under. Do not over tighten. You can always snug them up later if you need to. Now turn under the second part of the pin. See Pictures B & C. You then continue to follow your pattern instructions.



A



B



C