Shaun the Sheep

The white parts of Shaun are first made out of cotton yarn and then fluffy baby-blanket yarn is crocheted over the top.
I use a magic ring to start each piece, but you can chain 2 and sc in the 2nd chain from the hook.
Don't join the rounds, just keep going.

Finished size:
Approx 5 1/2" tall by 6" long.

Materials:
white cotton yarn
black cotton yarn
fluffy white polyester yarn, such as Bernat Pipsqueak
1 pair 9mm safety eyes
stuffing
3.75mm hook (US F hook)

Abbreviations:
ch = chain
st = stitch or stitches
sl st = slip stich
sc = single crochet
dec = decrease by working 2 sc together

White of Eyes: (white cotton, make 2)
6 st in ring, sl st in first st. Don't pull it too tight, the safety eye post should fit in the middle. Tuck in ends on back side.

Head: (black cotton)
1) 6 sc in ring (6)
2) 2 sc in each sc around (12)
3) [sc in next 2 st, 2sc in next 2 st, sc in next 2 st] 2 times (16)
4) [sc in next 2 st, 2sc in next st, sc in next 2 st, 2sc in next st, sc in next 2 st] 2 times (20)
5) sc in each st (20)
6) sc in each st (20)
7) sc in each st (20)
8) sc in next 4 st, dec, sc in next 8 st, dec, sc in next 4 st (18)
9) sc in each st (18)
10) [sc in next 7 st, dec] 2 times (16)
11) sc in each st (16)
12) sc in next 3 st, dec, sc in next 6 st, dec, sc in next 3 st (14)
Install the eyes between rows 10 and 11, with only 1 stitch-hole between them.
Stuff the head.
Switch to white cotton yarn.
13) [sc in next 5 st, dec] 2 times (12)
14) [dec] 6 times (6)
Finish off. Add more stuffing if needed and sew the opening closed.
Join the fluffy yarn at the back of row 13. [sc in existing st, ch] around row 13 and in whatever space is left on the top of the head.

Ears: (black cotton)
1) 6 st in ring (6)
2) sc in each st (6)
3) [sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 2 times (8)
4) sc in next 7 st, 2 sc in next st (9)
5) sc in next 7 st, dec (8)
6) [sc in next 2 st, dec] 2 times (6)
7) sc in each st (6)
Finish off leaving a tail for sewing. Sew the opening flat, then attach to the head at row 11, about 1 st away from the white of the eyes.

Body: (white cotton)
1) 6 sc in ring (6)
2) 2sc in each st (12)
3) [sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 4 times (16)
4) [sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 4 times (20)
5 – 17) sc in each st (20)
18) [sc in next 3 st, dec] 4 times (16)
19) [sc in next 2 st, dec] 4 times (12)
Fill with stuffing.
20) [dec] 6 times (6)
Finish off, sew closed, tuck in ends.

Tail: (white cotton)
1) 6 sc in ring (6)
2) [sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 2 times (8)
3) [sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 4 times (12)
4) sc in each st (12)
5) [sc in next 4 st, dec] 2 times (10)
6) [sc in next 3 st, dec] 2 times (8)
7) [sc in next 2 st, dec] 2 times (6)
8) sc in each st (6)
9) sc in each st (6)
Finish off with long tail for sewing. Pinch the end flat and sew shut, then sew onto row 20 of the body, slightly above center.

Leg (black cotton, make 4):
1) 6 st in ring (6)
2) 2sc in each st (12)
3) sc in back loop only of each st (12)
4) [sc in next 2 st, dec] 3 times (9)
5) [sc in next st, dec] 3 times (6)
6 -15) sc in each st (6)
Stuff as you go; enough stuffing that the leg will support the weight of the body. Rather than counting rows you can just stop when the leg is the length you want. Mine are 2.5 inches.

Sew on the legs. Then crochet the body and tail with the fluffy yarn. Generally I did [sc in existing st, ch] starting at the neck and following each round. For more fluffy wool, try 2 ch rather than 1.

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