**Crochet Bear Paw Potholder**

A good potholder for Men!  
(and ladies too)

Finished size,  
approximately 7 inches high and 6 inches wide.

Materials: Worsted weight yarn, about 1 ounce, or about 35 yards. Crochet hooks, sizes G and K.

Gauge – approx. 7 sc = 2 inches

Beginning at bottom of paw with size G hook, ch 10. Sc in 2nd chain from hook, and each ch across (9 sc)
Ch 1, turn, work 2 sc in first sc, work sc across to last sc, then work 2 sc in last sc. (11 sc)

Ch 1, turn, repeat last row above until there are 21 sc. Ch 1, turn, work even across in sc, each row, until length from beginning is about 5 inches.

Top foot decrease:
Ch 1 , turn, next row, work a decrease by working 2 sc together to make 1 sc, sc across to last 2 sc, work 2 sc together to make 1 sc. ( 19 sc )
Repeat this last row until there are 17 sc. Fasten off. Weave in yarn ends.

Make 4 "toe claws"
With size K hook ch 4, slip st in first ch to form ring. Now work 9 dc in ring around. Fasten off.

Arrange "toes", having 2 at center top, and the other 2 down a bit each side at top. Sew in place, and weave in any yarn ends.

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