Basic Ami Puppy Pattern: Border Collie

Puppy is 5 1/2" tall (sitting)

Materials:
-Worsted weight yarn in MC and CC
-Size E crochet hook
-12mm animal eyes
-Size 8 or 12 perle cotton for eyewhites (optional)
-Size 9 steel hook (for eyewhites)
-Six strand black embroidery floss, nose and mouth

Gauge: work tightly so stuffing does not show throught the stitches

Eyewhite, perle cotton and size 9 hook
1. ch7, join to form a ring. 14 sc in ring, join, ch1.
2. (Sc in next st, two sc in next) twice; sc in next st, (sc, hdc) in next st, (dc in next st, two dc in next st) three times; dc in next st, (hdc, sc) in the last stitch. Finish off

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Place the eye post through the center hole of the eyewhite.

Head: With Main Color
1: Ch2, five sc in second ch from hook. 5sc
2: 2sc in each sc around. 10sc
3: (Sc in next st, 2sc in next) around. 15 sc
4: (Sc in next two sts, 2sc in next st) around. 20 sc
5: (Sc in next three sts, 2sc in next st) around. 25 sc
6: (Sc in next four sts, 2sc in next st) around. 30 sc
7: (Sc in next five sts, 2sc in next st) around. 35 sc
8-16: Sc in each st around. After round 14 is complete, attach safety eyes between rounds 13 and 14, seven stitches apart.
17: (Sc in next five sts, sc next two sts tog) around. 30 sc
18: (Sc in next st, sc next two sts tog) around. 20 sc. Stuff the head firmly, but do not let the stuffing show through the stitches.
19: (Sc next two sts tog) around. 10 sc. Finish stuffing the head
20: (Sc next two tog) around. 5 sc. Close opening and leave a long tail to sew the head to the body.

Muzzle and blaze: With Contrasting Color
1: Ch2, five sc in second ch from hook. 5sc
2: 2sc in each sc around. 10sc
3: (Sc in next st, 2sc in next) around. 15 sc
4: Sc in each sc around
5: (Sc in next four sc, two sc in next) around. 18 sc. Join to the first sc of round 5, ch1
6: Sc in next two sc, ch1, turn.
7: Sc in next two sc, ch1, turn.
8: Sc in next two sc, ch1, turn.
9: Increase one sc, ch1, turn. 3sc
10: Sc in next 3 sc, ch1, turn. 3sc
11: Increase one sc, ch1, turn. 4sc
12: Sc in next four sc, ch1, turn. 4sc
13: Increase one sc, ch1, turn. 5sc
14: Sc in next four sc, ch1, turn. 5sc
15: Sc in each sc across. At end of this row, sc evenly all around the blaze and muzzle; finish at the top of the blaze, fasten off leaving a very long tail to sew the blaze and muzzle to the head.

Position the muzzle between the eyes, low down on the head, and stuff the muzzle lightly. Sew to the head all around the muzzle and blaze. Take a couple of stitches through to the head at the point where the muzzle and blaze meet.

Ear: This ear is for the border collie pup, use Main Color
1: ch2, 3sc in second ch from hook, ch1, turn.
2: Increase one sc this row, ch1, turn. 4sc
3: Sc in each sc across, ch1, turn 4sc
4: Increase one sc this row, ch1, turn. 5sc

5: Increase one sc this row, ch1, turn. 6sc
6: Increase two sc this row, ch1, turn. 8sc
7: Increase two sc this row, ch1, turn. 10 sc
8-11: Sc in each sc across, ch1, turn. 10 sc
12: Decrease two sc this row, ch1, turn. 8sc
13: Decrease two sc this row, ch1, turn. 6sc
14: Sc in each sc across,   At the end of this row, sc evenly all around the ear, working (sc, ch1, sc) at the ear tip (beginning ch2). Leave a long tail to sew and shape the ear to the head

Sew the ears to the head angled across round five of the head.   Shape the ears to the head so they perk up slightly then fold down.

Using main color, take three straight stitches across the top of the eye at an angle to give a wistful 'puppy' look.

Using six strand embroidery floss (seperate the plies then put them back together) satin stitch a triangular nose at the end of the muzzle, then take two loose straight stitches for the mouth.

Body: with Main Color
1: Ch2, seven sc in second ch from hook. 7 sc
2: Two sc in each sc around. 14 sc
3: (Sc in next st, two sc in next st) around. 21 sc
4: (Sc in next two sc, two sc in next) around. 28 sc
5-8: Sc in each sc around. 28 sc
9: (Sc in next st, sc next two sts tog) three times, in in remaining 19 stitches. 25sc (back of body shaped)
10: Sc in each sc around. 25 sc
11: Sc in next 11 sc, (sc next two sc tog, sc in next) three times; sc in last five sc. 22 sc (front of the body shaped)
12: Sc in each sc around. 22sc
13: (Sc in the next nine sc, sc next two sc tog) around. 20 sc.
14: (Sc in next two sc, sc next two sc tog) around. 15 sc
15: Sc in each sc around. 15 sc. Stuff body firmly
16: (Sc in next st, sc next two sts tog) around. 10 sc. Fasten off. Finish stuffing the body.

Place the head on the neck and sew to the body.

Contrasing belly overlay: With Constrasting Color
1: Ch2, two sc in second ch from hook ch1, turn. 2sc
2: Sc in each sc across, ch1, turn. 2sc
3: Increase one sc this row, ch1, turn. 3sc
4: Sc in each sc acorss, ch1, turn. 3sc
5: Increase one sc this row, ch1,turn. 4sc
6: Increase one sc this row, ch1,turn. 5sc
7: Increase one sc this row, ch1, turn. 6sc
8: Increase one sc this row, ch1, turn. 7sc   At the end of this row,l sc evenly all around the belly

overlay. Join to the first sc of this row and fasten off leaving a long tail to stitch overlay to the front of the body.

Legs, make four: use CC
1: Ch2, six sc in second ch from hook. 6sc
2: Two sc in each sc around. 12 sc
3: Sc in next four sts, (dc in next, sc in next) three times; sc in last two sts.   12 sts
4: Sc in next three sts, (sc next two sts tog) three times, sc in last three sts. 9 sc
5: Sc in each sc around,
6-10: Sc in each sc around. Stuff the bottom half of the leg, less firmly than the body and head. At the end of round 10 take stitches as necessary to orient the top of the leg to be stitched to the body; flatten the top of the body and sc it closed.   Fasten off leaving a long tail to sew legs to body.

For the back legs, stitch the legs to the body toward the back of the body between rounds five and eight.

For the front legs, stitch the legs to the body on either side of the belly between rounds 11 and 14, angling the top of the leg toward the top of the body.

Tail: with MC
1: Ch2, five sc in second ch from hook. 5 sc
2-8: Sc in each sc around. 5sc
9: Increase one sc this round. 6sc
10-11: Sc in each sc around. 6sc
12: (sc in next st, two sc in next) around. 9sc. Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Cut a small piece of pipecleaner, bend in two and twist together. Insert this into the tail, then sew the tail to the body between the back legs. Bend the tail to it points up perkily :-)

Your Border Collie pup is done!