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Hello!

Crochet is such a versatile craft, giving you free rein to make clothes, accessories, treats for your home… anything you can think of. But by far the most fun thing you can do with a hook and some yarn is create amigurumi figures. Whether you prefer to make dolls and figures, or be a bit more experimental (try ice cream with a smiley face!), there's a world of cute creatures to be discovered.

In this magazine we've brought together some of our favourite amigurumi projects from *Simply Crochet* magazine. There's a chapter on **ANIMAL MAGIC** featuring bunnies, bears, penguins and more. You can also get **ALL DOLLED UP** with our more human figures (and the odd fairy and elf!). And finally, it's **JUST FOR FUN,** with everything from children's toys to smiley slippers and a vegetable brooch!

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Enjoying meeting all our fabulous friends!



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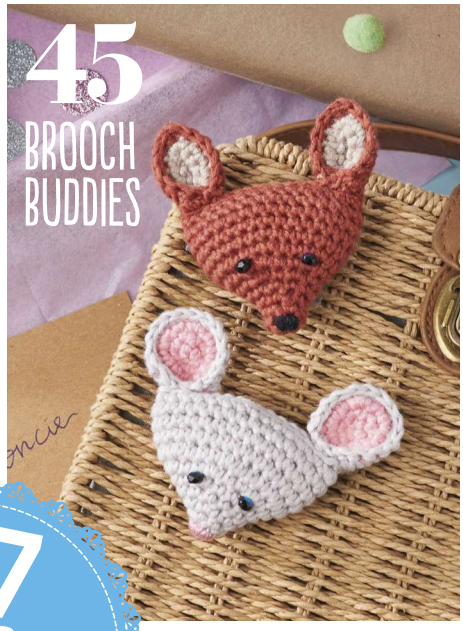












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ANIMAL MAGIC

Discover a world of wonderful wildlife, from bunnies to bears and even a sleepy sloth

23 adorable animals to make today





Bedtime buddy

Slowcoaches don't come much cuter than this handsome fella, designed by Ilaria Caliri





YOU WILL NEED

- Scheepjes Catona (100% mercerized cotton, 50g/125m), 1 ball of each:
  Yarn A Hazelnut (503)
  Yarn B Root beer (157)
  Yarn C Linen (505)
  Yarn D Powder blue (384)
  Yarn E Petrol blue (400)
  Yarn F Bridal white (105)
- A 2.5 mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- A pair of 6mm safety eyes
- An oval safety nose
- Black embroidery thread
- Stitch markers
- Tapestry needle
- Toy stuffing
- Pipe cleaners (optional)

For yarn stockists contact Scheepjes www.scheepjes.com

MEASUREMENTS

Sloth measures 26cm (10in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

Bl back loop only
Fl front loop only
For a full list, see page 130

This beady-eyed chap is never more than a few moments away from nodding off, so he keeps his stripy nightcap on at all times. Will you give him a place to nap?

NOTES

Arms and legs are made first and then joined to the body as you work.

Insert pipe cleaners into the arms and legs to make them able to move in any position, otherwise stuff the limbs with toy stuffing.

The Sloth is worked in a continuous spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. You may find it helpful to place a marker in the first st of each round and move it up as you work.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

FEET

With Yarn B, ch4.
Row 1 (WS) Dc in second ch from hook and each ch across, turn. [3 dc]
Row 2 (Ch4, ss in second ch from hook and in each of next 2 ch, ss in bl of next st of Row 1) 3 times working last ss into beg ch-1 of Row 1. **Fasten off**.

LEGS

Round 1 Join Yarn A in fl of first st of Row 1, ch1, dc in fl loop only of each st in Row 1, continue along the other side of the foundation ch, dc in next 3 ch. [6 dc]
Round 2 (2dc in next st, 2dc) twice. [8 dc]
Rounds 3-5 Dc in each st around. [8 dc]
Round 6 2dc in next st, 7dc. [9 dc]
Rounds 7-8 Dc in each st around. [9 dc]
Round 9 2dc in next st, 8dc. [10 dc]
Rounds 10-11 Dc in each st around. [10 dc]
Round 12 2dc in next st, 9dc. [11 dc]
Rounds 13-14 Dc in each st around. [11 dc]
Round 15 2dc in next st, 10dc. [12 dc]
Rounds 16-20 Dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Fasten off.
Insert a pipe cleaner and stuff lightly.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

With Yarn B, ch4.
Rows 1-2 Work as Rows 1-2 of Feet.
Rounds 1-4 Work as Rounds 1-4 of Legs.
Round 5 (2dc in next st, 3dc) twice. [10 dc]
Round 6 Dc in each st around. [10 dc]
Round 7 (2dc in next st, 4dc) twice. [12 dc]
Rounds 8-9 Dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 10 Dc2tog, dc in next 10 dc. [11 sts]
Rounds 11-12 Dc in each st around. [11 dc]
Round 13 Dc2tog, dc in next 9 dc. [10 sts]
Round 14 Dc in each st around. [10 dc]



Our friendly three-toed sloth has claws on his hands and feet, made with simple chains

Round 15 Dc2tog, dc in next 8 dc. [9 sts]
Round 16 Join Yarn D in first st, dc in each st around. [9 dc]
Round 17 Dc in each st around. [9 dc]
Fasten off.
Insert a pipe cleaner and stuff lightly.

BODY

The Body is worked from the base upwards.
With Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into the ring. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, 1dc) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 (2dc in next st, 2dc) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 5 (2dc in next st, 3dc) 6 times. [30 dc]
Round 6 (2dc in next st, 4dc) 6 times. [36 dc]
Round 7 2dc in next st, 4dc, 2dc in next st, to join the first leg work the next 6 dc in the sts of both the Body and Leg, 2dc in next st on body, 4dc, 2dc in next st, for the second leg work the next 6 dc in the sts of both the Body and Leg, (2dc in next st, 5dc) 2 times. [42 dc]
Round 8 (2dc in next st, 6dc, 2dc in next st, 6dc in the remaining sts of the leg) twice, (2dc in next st, 6dc) 2 times. [48 dc]
Rounds 9-18 Dc in each st around. [48 dc]
Round 19 (Dc2tog, 6dc) 6 times.
Fasten off. [42 sts]
Round 20 Join Yarn D in first st, dc in each st around. [42 dc]
Round 21 Dc in each st around. [42 dc]
Round 22 (Dc2tog, 5dc) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 23 Dc in each st around. [36 dc]
Round 24 (Dc2tog, 4dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 25 Dc in each st around. [30 dc]
Round 26 Dc in next 6 sts, to join the first arm work the next 3 dc in the sts of both the Body and Arm, 12dc, for the second

arm work the next 3 dc in the sts of both the Body and Arm, 6dc. [30 dc]
Round 27 Dc in next 6 sts, dc in the remaining 6 sts of the first arm, 12dc, dc in the remaining 6 sts of the second Arm, 6dc. [36 dc]
Rounds 28-30 Dc in each st around. [36 dc]
Round 31 Rotate so that the Sloth is upside down, crochet the collar working in bl as follows: Ch1 (does not count as st), 13dc, 2htr, 2tr, (tr, ch3, ss) in next st, (ss ch3, tr) in next st, 2tr, 2htr, 13dc, ss in first dc to join. [36 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Fold the last Round to create the collar.

HEAD
With Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into the loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, 1dc) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 (2dc in next st, 2dc) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 5 (2dc in next st, 3dc) 6 times. [30 dc]
Round 6 (2dc in next st, 4dc) 6 times. [36 dc]
Round 7 (2dc in next st, 5dc) 6 times. [42 dc]
Rounds 8-17 Dc in each st around. [42 dc]
Round 18 (Dc2tog, 5dc) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 19 (Dc2tog, 4dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Rounds 20-21 Dc in each st around. [30 dc]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

FACE PATCH
With Yarn C, ch6.
Round 1 Dc in second ch from the hook and each of next 3 ch, 5dc in last ch, working along opposite side of the starting ch, 3dc, 4dc in last st. [16 dc]
Round 2 (5dc, 2dc in each of next 3 sts) twice. [22 dc]
Round 3 5dc, (2dc in next st, 1dc) 3 times, 5dc, (2dc in next st, 1dc) 3 times. [28 dc]
Round 4 5dc, (2dc in next st, 2dc) 3 times, 5dc, (2dc in next st, 2dc) 3 times. [34 dc]
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Pin the face patch between Rounds 9 and 17 of the Head and sew securely into place using the long tail.

EYE PATCHES (MAKE 2)
With Yarn B, ch8.
Round 1 Dc in second ch from hook and in next 5 ch, 5dc in last ch, working along opposite side of the starting ch, 5dc, 4dc in last st. [20 dc]
Round 2 (7dc, 2dc in each of next 3 sts) twice. [26 dc]
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Insert the safety eyes into a corner of the eye patch, then insert between Rounds 2 and 3 of the face patch (Rounds 12 and 13 of the head) approx 8 stitches apart. Rotate the eye patches downward before securing the safety eyes.

Insert the nose between the eyes into the very centre of the face patch.
Using black thread, embroider a small mouth 2 rounds below nose.

Stuff the head with toy stuffing and sew it to the body using the remaining loops behind the collar to join them together.

HAT
Start with Yarn D, change colour after every two Rounds using Yarns D, E and F. Do not fasten off yarn, carry yarn up the hat on the WS.

Make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 5dc into the loop. [5 dc]
Round 2 Dc in each st around. [5 dc]
Round 3 4dc, 2dc in next st. [6 dc]
Round 4 Dc in each st around. [6 dc]
Round 5 Dc in each st around to last st, 2dc in last st. [7 dc]
Round 6 Dc in each st around. [7 dc]
Rounds 7-12 Repeat (Rounds 5 and 6) 3 times. [10 dc]
Round 13 (4dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [12 dc]
Round 14 Dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 15 (5dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [14 dc]
Round 16 and all even rounds to Round 34 Repeat Round 14.
Round 17 (6dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [16 dc]
Round 19 (7dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [18 dc]
Round 21 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [21 dc]
Round 23 (6dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [24 dc]
Round 25 (7dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [27 dc]
Round 27 (8dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [30 dc]



You'll make one face patch and two eye patches then add eyes, nose and a grin



The top is finished with a little collar and the nightcap has a teeny tiny bobble

Round 29 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 dc]
Round 31 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 dc]
Round 33 (6dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [48 dc]
Rounds 34-40 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

POMPOM
With Yarn F, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into the loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Stuff the small pompom. With a tapestry needle, weave the tail through the front loops of the last round, then pull to close the hole. Sew to the tip of the hat.



Freddie Fox

Make a sweet, bushy-tailed little creature to sit on your desk. By Liz Ward



YOU WILL NEED

- Scheepjes Cahlista (100% cotton, 50g/85m)
  1 ball of each:
  Old Lace (130)
  Rust (388)
  Or use small amounts of any cream and brown DK yarn from your stash
- A 3.5mm crochet hook
- 2 safety eyes, 9mm size
- Tapestry needle
- Toy stuffing
- Stitch marker
- Small amounts of cream and brown felt
- Black and brown embroidery thread
- Fabric glue

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MEASUREMENTS

Approx 12x6cm (4¾x2½in)

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Don't worry, this crocheted creature is more cutie than cunning! Get started today and you'll have a friendly desk buddy in next to no time. Or keep going to end up with a whole litter of cute little cubs!

NOTES

Ch1 at beginning of rows does not count as stitch.

FOX

WHITE PATCH

With Old Lace, ch16.
Row 1 Dc in 2nd ch from hook, dc along ch to end. [15 sts]
Row 2 Ch1, turn, dc2tog, dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog. [12 sts]
Row 3 Ch1, turn, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog. [9 sts]
Row 4 Ch1, turn, dc2tog, dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog. [7 sts]
Row 5 Ch1, turn, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog twice. [4 sts]
Row 6 Ch1, turn, dc in each st to end. [4 sts]
Fasten off, put to one side to sew to head later.

HEAD AND BODY

With Rust, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in the first 2 sts, 2dc in the next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in the first 3 sts, 2dc in the next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in the first 9 sts, 2dc in the next st) 3 times. [33 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in the first 10 sts, 2dc in the next st) 3 times. [36 sts]
Rounds 8-10 Dc in each st to the end. [36 sts]
Round 11 (Dc2tog, dc in next 10 sts) 3 times. [33 sts]
Round 12 (Dc2tog, dc in next 9 sts) 3 times. [30 sts]
Round 13 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 14 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts), repeat to end. [18 sts]
Insert the toy eyes at Round 9, 7 sts apart.
Round 15 (Dc2tog, dc in next st) 6 times. [12 sts]
Fill the head with toy stuffing.
Round 16 Dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 17 (Dc in the first 3 sts, 2dc in the next st) 3 times. [15 sts]
Round 18 (Dc in the first 4 sts, 2dc in the next st) 3 times. [18 sts]
Rounds 19-25 Dc into each st to the end.
Round 26 (Dc2tog, dc in next st) 6 times. [12 sts]
Fill the body with toy stuffing.
Round 27 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail and pull through loop to secure.
Using a tapestry needle, weave the yarn through the last 6 stitches and pull tight to close. Weave in any loose ends.

ATTACHING WHITE PATCH

Pin the White Patch in place using the photo as a guide to get the positioning right. When happy with the position, sew in place with Old Lace yarn. Weave in any loose ends.

EARS (MAKE 2)

With Rust, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 4dc into the loop. [4 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st) twice. [6 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in the first 2 sts, 2dc in the next st) twice. [8 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in the first 3 sts, 2dc in the next st) twice. [10 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in the first 4 sts, 2dc in the next st) twice. [12 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in the first 5 sts, 2dc in the next st) twice. [14 sts]
Fasten off.
Cut felt to fit inside and sew to the ear with brown embroidery thread. Then sew in place on the Head. Weave in any loose ends.

TAIL

With Old Lace, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 (Dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st) 3 times. [9 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in the first 2 sts, 2dc in the next st) 3 times. [12 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in first 3 sts, 2dc in the next st) 3 times. [15 sts]
Rounds 5-6 Dc in each st to end.
Change to Rust.
Rounds 7-12 Dc2tog, dc in each st to end. [9 sts]
Round 13 Dc in each st to end. [9 sts]
Fasten off and sew in place on the Fox's body.

TO FINISH

Cut a small triangle out of brown felt and round off the corners. Glue or sew in place between the eyes. Use black embroidery thread and long stitches to form a mouth.



HELLO DOLLY

With a bow in her fleece and eyelashes aflutter, Dolly is no ordinary ewe! By Liz Ward



YOU WILL NEED

- DROPS Alpaca Bouclé (5% polyamide, 15% wool, 80% alpaca, 50g/140m)
  1 ball of Light Pink (3125)
- DROPS Paris (100% cotton, 50g/75m), 1 ball of each:
  Vanilla (35)
  Off White (17)
  Light Grey (23)
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- A 4mm (US G/6) hook
- Toy stuffing
- 15mm black safety eyes
- Beige stranded cotton
- Fabric glue
- Cream felt
- False eyelashes

For yarn stockists contact
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TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but keep the stitches tight

MEASUREMENTS

18x12x12cm (7x4¾x4¾in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Say hello to Dolly, a fun-loving sheep who's really pleased to meet ewe! Hooked in soft dreamy shades of pink and cream, fluffy little Dolly is always ready for a woolly good time. We're loving her fluttery eyelashes – who could resist them?

NOTES

Light Grey yarn is used to sew the mouth and nose – you could use yarn from your stash.
The pattern is worked mostly using the amigurumi method. Work in a continuous spiral without closing off the round with a ss. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.

EYES

Make the Eyes first. Cut a circle of felt slightly larger than the safety Eye and blanket stitch around the edge with two strands of beige stranded cotton. Cut a hole in the centre of the circle of felt to insert the post of the safety Eye later.
Cut a rectangle of felt slightly larger than a safety Eye. Coat the top third of the safety Eyes with a good, clear fabric glue. Mould the felt piece over the glued area – this is how the fake Eyelashes attach to the Eyes. Leave to dry then cut off the excess felt.
Affix fake Eyelashes to the edge of the felt using more glue if required, or stitch to the felt for extra security, cutting off any excess.
Place the safety Eye through the hole in the felt circle. Leave to one side until needed.

HEAD

Using Off White and a 3.5mm hook, ch5.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next 2 ch, 3dc in last ch, turn and work along the back of the ch, dc in next 2 ch, 2dc in last ch. [10sts]
Round 2 (Dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st) 5 times. [15 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in the first 2 sts, 2dc in the next st) 5 times. [20 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in the first 3 sts, 2dc in the next st) 5 times. [25 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in the first 4 sts, 2dc in the next st) 5 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in the first 4 sts, 2dc in the next st) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in the first 5 sts, 2dc in the next st) 6 times. [42 sts]
Rounds 8-13 Dc2tog, dc in each st to the end. Mark Round 12 with a stitch marker. [36 sts]
Round 14 (Dc2tog, dc in the next 10 sts) 3 times. [33 sts]
Round 15 (Dc2tog, dc in the next 9 sts) 3 times. [30 sts]
Round 16 (Dc2tog, dc in the next 3 sts) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 17 (Dc2tog, dc in the next 2 sts) 6 times. [18sts]
Insert the Eyes on the marked Round 12, 13 stitches apart.
Round 18 (Dc2tog, dc in the next st) 6 times. [12 sts]
Stuff with toy stuffing.
Round 19 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off and sew the gap closed at the top of the Head.

HAIR

Using Light Pink and a 4mm hook, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc into each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in the next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in the next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in the next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in next 9 sts, 2dc in the next st) 3 times. [33 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in the next 10 sts, 2dc in the next st) 3 times. [36 sts]
Rounds 8-9 Dc in each st to the end.
Round 10 (Dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 11 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 12 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 13 (Dc2tog, dc in next st) 6 times. [12 sts]
Stuff with toy stuffing.
Round 14 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off and sew the gap closed.
Sew to the top of the Head, you can use the image as a guide.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Using Off White and a 3.5mm hook, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 4dc into the loop. [4 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in next st, 2dc in the next st) twice. [6 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in the next st) twice. [8 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in the next st) twice. [10 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in the next st) twice. [12 sts]
Round 6-7 Dc in each st to the end.
Fasten off.

Pinch the bottom edge together and sew in place on the sides of the Head.

BOW
Using Vanilla and a 3.5mm hook, ch7.
Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook, dc in each ch across, turn. [6 sts]
Rows 2-10 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn. [6 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Wrap yarn tightly around the middle of the rectangle and fasten off securely to create a bow shape. Sew in place on the Head.

BODY
Using Light Pink and a 4mm hook, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the ring. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc into each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in the first 2 sts, 2dc in the next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in the first 3 sts, 2dc in the next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in the first 9 sts, 2dc in the next st) 3 times. [33 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in the first 10 sts, 2dc in the next st) 3 times. [36 sts]
Round 8 (Dc in the first 11 sts, 2dc in the next st) 3 times. [39 sts]
Round 9 (Dc in the first 12 sts, 2dc in the next st) 3 times. [42 sts]
Round 10 (Dc in the first 13 sts, 2dc in the next st) 3 times. [45 sts]
Round 11 (Dc in the first 14 sts, 2dc in the next st) 3 times. [48 sts]
Round12 (Dc in the first 15 sts, 2dc in the next st) 3 times. [51 sts]
Round 13 (Dc in the first 16 sts, 2dc in the next st) 3 times. [54 sts]
Rounds 14-17 Dc in each st to the end.
Round 18 (Dc2tog, dc in next 7 sts) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 19 (Dc2tog, dc in next 6 sts) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 20 (Dc2tog, dc in next 5 sts) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 21 (Dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 22 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 23 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 24 (Dc2tog, dc in next st) 6 times. [12 sts]
Stuff with toy stuffing.
Round 25 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off.
Sew hole closed at base of the Body.



Pop her lashes on and Dolly is good to go

LEGS
Using Off White and a 3.5mm hook, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into the ring. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 4 Dc in each st around.
Round 5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 (Dc2tog) 9 times. [9 sts]
Fasten off.
Stuff well with toy stuffing and sew in place at the base on the Body.

TO FINISH
Using Light Grey, sew straight stitches for the nose and mouth. Use the image as a guide.

Twoo's company

Give owl your love to this charming duo by Liz Ward. We promise you, they're a hoot!





YOU WILL NEED

LARGE OWL

- Rico Essentials Cotton Aran, 1 ball of each:
  Beige (51)
  Fuchsia (13)
  Candy Pink (64)
  Orange (76),
  White (80)

SMALL OWL

- Rico Essentials Cotton Aran, 1 ball of each:
  Cream (62)
  Turquoise (36)
  Teal (47)
  Orange (76)
  White (80)

Note *If you are making both Owls you will only need one ball of each Orange and White*

- A 4mm (US G/6) hook
- Toy stuffing
- 12mm black safety eyes
- Stitch markers
- Black stranded cotton

For yarn stockists contact Rico Design www.rico-design.co.uk

MEASUREMENTS

18x12x12cm (7x4¾x4¾in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

This enchanting duo might be the best of friends, but opposites attract – one's a night owl while the other is wide-awake and ready to go. One thing's for sure, though, they're a hoot to make and definitely won't be ruffling any feathers if you're new to amigurumi.

NOTES

The pattern is worked mostly using the amigurumi method. Work in a continuous spiral without closing off the round with a ss. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.

EYE PATCHES (MAKE 2)

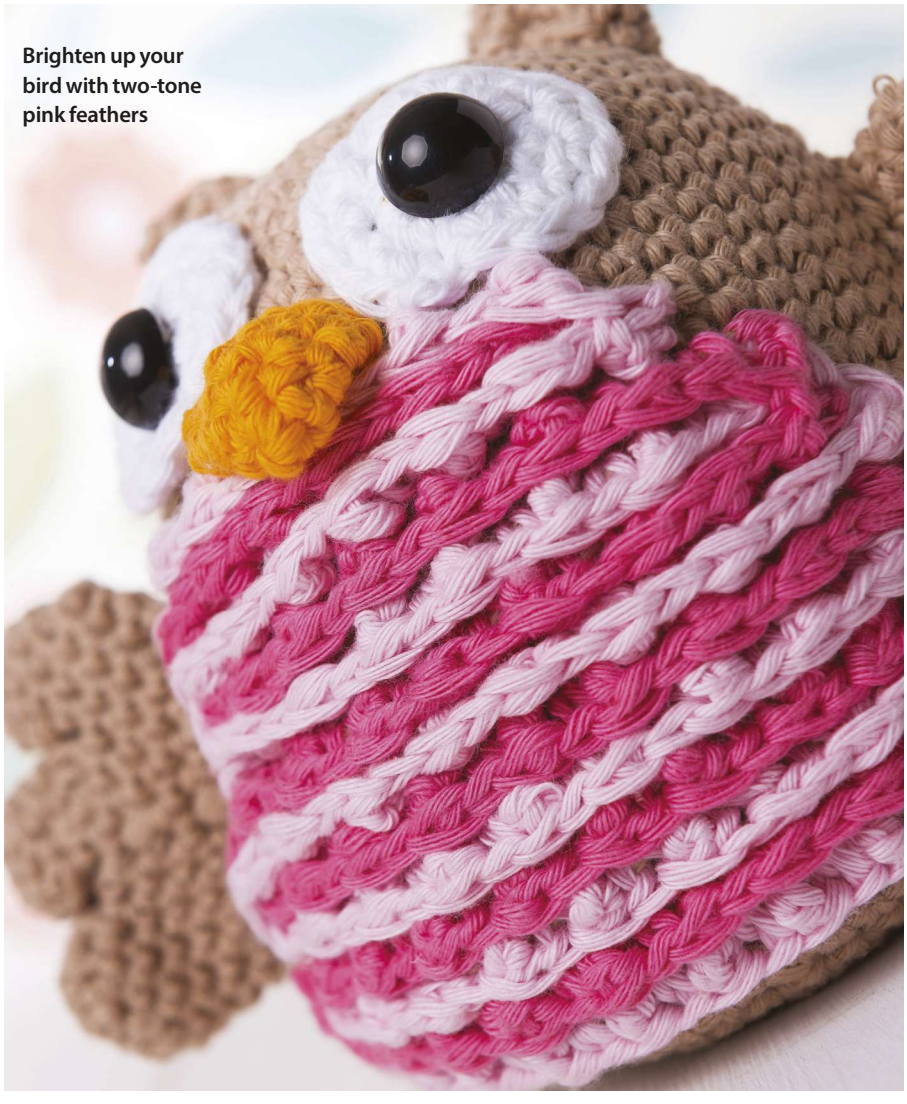
Using White, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1(does not count as st throughout), 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc into each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Fasten off.
Attach a safety eye to the centre of each Eye. Patch.

LARGE OWL BODY

Using Beige, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc into each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [30 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in next 9 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [33 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in next 10 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [36 sts]
Round 8 (Dc in next 11 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [39 sts]
Round 9 (Dc in next 12 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [42 sts]
Round 10 (Dc in next 13 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [45 sts]
Round 11 (Dc in next 14 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [48 sts]
Round 12 (Dc in next 15 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [51sts]
Round 13 (Dc in next 16 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [54 sts]
Mark Round 13 with a stitch marker.
Round 14-15 Dc in each st to the end. [54 sts]
From now on you will work some of the stitches in the back loop only. This will create the loops you need to work the feathers on the stomach.
Round 16 Dc in bl of next 12 sts, dc in each st to the end. [54 sts]



Round 17 Dc in bl of next 12 sts, dc to one st before the beginning of the bl dc. [54 sts]
Round 18 Dc in bl of next 14 sts, dc in each st to the end. [54 sts]
Round 19 Dc in bl of next 14 sts, dc to one st before the beginning of the blo dc. [54 sts]
Round 20 Dc in bl of next 16 sts, dc in each st to the end.
Place the Eye Patches so the safety eyes attach over the marked round, 10 sts apart. Remove st marker.
Round 21 Dc in bl of next 16 sts, dc to one st before the beginning of the bl dc. [54 sts]
Round 22 Dc in bl of next 18 sts, dc in each st to the end.
Round 23 Dc in bl of next 18 sts, dc to one st before the beginning of the bl dc. [54 sts]
Round 24 Dc in bl of next 20 sts, dc in each st to the end.
Round 25 Dc in bl of next 20 sts, dc to one st before the beginning of the bl dc. [54 sts]
Round 26 Dc in bl of next 22sts, dc in each st to the end.
Round 27 Dc in bl of next 22sts, dc to one st before the beginning of the bl dc. [54 sts]
Round 28 Dc in bl of next 24 sts, dc in each st to the end.
Round 29 (Dc2tog, dc in next 7 sts) repeat to end. [48 sts]
Round 30 (Dc2tog, dc in next 6 sts) repeat to end. [42 sts]
Round 31 (Dc2tog, dc in next 5 sts) repeat to end. [36 sts]
Round 32 (Dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts) repeat to end. [30 sts]
Round 33 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 34 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 35 (Dc2tog, dc in next st) repeat to end. [12 sts]
Stuff Owl with toy stuffing.
Round 36 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off and use the tail to close the sts of Round 36.



Brighten up your bird with two-tone pink feathers

OVERWORK FEATHER BELLY PATCH
Join Candy Pink to the first unused fl from Round 15.
Row 1 Ch1, (dc in next st, dtr in next st) repeat to end, turn. [12 sts]
Change to Fuchsia.
Row 2 Ch1**,** (dc in next st, dtr in next st) repeat to last unused fl, dc in last st, turn.
Change to Candy Pink.
Repeat the last two rows until you have used up all the rows of back loop only stitches.

WINGS (MAKE 2)

WING TIPS (MAKE 6)

Using Beige, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in next st, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [9 sts]
Rounds 3-4 Dc in each st to end. [9 sts]
Fasten off.

JOIN WING TIPS
To make the Wings you will work around the sts of Round 4 of each of the Wing Tips to join them. Each Wing is made up of 3 Wing Tips. Join Beige into any st on Round 4 of a Wing Tip.
Round 1 Ch1**,** dc in first 4 sts of the first Wing Tip, dc in the first 3 sts of the second Wing Tip, dc in the first 8 sts of the third Wing Tip, skip the next st on the middle Tip, dc in the next 3 sts on this Tip, skip the next st on the first Tip, dc in the last 4 sts on this Tip. [24 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each st to end. [24 sts]
Round 3 (Dc2tog, dc in next 10 sts) twice. [22 sts]
Round 4 (Dc2tog, dc in next 9 sts) repeat to end. [20 sts]
Round 5 (Dc2tog, dc in next 8 sts) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Fasten off and stuff lightly if required.
Sew each Wing in place on either side of the Body. You can use the images as a guide.

EARS (MAKE 2)
Using Beige, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 4dc into loop. [4 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in next st, 2dc in the next st) twice. [6 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in the next st) twice. [8 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in the next st) twice. [10 sts]

Fasten off, sew in place either side of Head.

BEAK
Using Orange, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 4dc into loop. [4 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in next st, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [6 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [8 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [10 sts]
Round 5 Dc in each st to end. [10 sts]
Fasten off and sew between the Eyes.
You can use the image as a guide.

SMALL OWL BODY
Using Cream, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in the next st) Repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [30 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in next 9 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [33 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in next 10 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [36 sts]
Round 8 (Dc in next 11 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [39 sts]
Round 9 (Dc in next 12 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [42 sts]
Rounds 10-12 Dc in each st to end. [42 sts]
Round 13 Dc in bl of next 10 sts, dc to one st before the beginning of the bl dc. [42 sts]
Round 14 Dc in bl of next 12 sts, dc in each st to the end. [42 sts]
Round 15 Dc in bl of next 12 sts, dc to one st before the beginning of the bl dc. [42 sts]
Round 16 Dc in bl of next 14 sts, dc in each st to the end. [42 sts]
Round 17 Dc in bl of next 14 sts, dc to one st before the beginning of the bl dc. [42 sts]
Round 18 Dc in bl of next 16 sts, dc in each st to the end. [42 sts]
Round 19 Dc in bl of next 16 sts, dc to one st before the beginning of the bl dc. [42 sts]
Round 20 Dc in bl of next 18 sts, dc in each st to the end. [42 sts]
Round 21 Dc in bl of next 18 sts, dc to one st before the beginning of the bl dc. [42 sts]
Round 22 Dc in bl of next 20 sts, dc in each st to the end. [42 sts]
Round 23 (Dc2tog, dc in next 5 sts) repeat to end. [36 sts]
Round 24 (Dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts) repeat to end. [30 sts]



A little nap is owl-right by us!

Round 25 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 26 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 27 (Dc2tog, dc in next st) repeat to end. [12 sts]
Stuff with toy filling.
Round 28 (Dc2tog) repeat to end. [6 sts]
Fasten off as before.

FEATHER BELLY PATCH
Using Turquoise and Teal, work the feathering on the belly as for the Large Owl.

EARS, BEAK AND EYE PATCHES
Make Ears using Cream, a Beak and Eye Patches as for the Large Owl. Instead of using safety eyes, sew a U shape using small back stitches onto the Eye Patches. Use the photo as a guide and sew the Eyes onto the Owl above the belly feathers.
Attach the Ears and Beak as per the instructions for the Large Owl to finish.







AMI CLUB IS GO!

FreshStitches designer Stacey Trock gets a community together



I learned to crochet from my mum when I was little. She'd been crocheting for years, but always made the same afghan over and over again because she couldn't read patterns. She wanted to learn more, but (especially before the internet!) almost all crochet instructions were written out. And even though I could read the patterns, their terminology and abbreviations could be particularly confusing.

My goal has always been to create animals that are suitable for anyone who can do a basic stitch. I'm always thinking, "What can I teach someone in this pattern?" When I release a new pattern, it's full of basic techniques, then I add a new technique and provide step-by-step photos – people are always making really adorable things and learning.

JOIN THE CLUB

Clubs are a great way for me to share my designs. I had the FreshStitches Kit Club, which ran for three years. Members received a pattern, yarn, craft eyes and a goodie. It was successful, but many members told me they loved the pattern but either didn't need the yarn or lived overseas and the shipping was costing too much. So I had the idea for a digital club! I was just going to email out a monthly pattern, but I realised since it was digital I could do so much more. One of the comments I've had from crocheters is how much they love the community aspect of crafting. I've built up lovely communities online, but until now they've been separate. It occurred to me that I could bring them together on my site! I took time off 'clubbing' to redevelop my website for Ami Club and I'm just so excited!

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Ami Club is an amigurumi forum with an emphasis on crocheting with (virtual) friends and learning new skills. FreshStitches patterns are known for their step-by-step tutorials and the blog is cheered for video content, so I'm bringing those aspects together. Members receive an exclusive pattern each month, accompanied by step-by-step tutorials and videos of any tricky bits. Members also get a supply of e-books on topics from selecting a hook to teaching new skills.

The club will feature extra goodies, too – swaps, crochet-alongs and charity projects. There'll also be an area of the forum with tips for selling finished items, plus members get 10% off craft-eye purchases and access to other exclusives. Phew!

I'm often asked if I could design a leopard or some other crazy animal, but I don't want someone to pick up my pattern and feel discouraged because it's complicated. My goal is always to inspire confidence and teach. And add cuteness! That's my main aim: how can I make an animal cute and break it down into shapes that are accessible to a beginner? And what do I need to teach to help a beginner become more advanced? That's what it's all about for me.

To join Stacey's Ami Club, just hop online and visit www.freshstitches.com/shop/club



BUDDY UP!

Decorate your shelves with this fun trio of firm friends, designed by Hannah Cross



YOU WILL NEED

- DMC Natura Just Cotton (100% cotton, 50g/155m), 1 ball of each:
  Ivory (N02)
  Rose Soraya (N32)
  Tournesol (N16)
  Plus small amounts of:
  Ombre (N39)
  Safran (N47)
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- Plastic pellets, 10g per project

For yarn stockists contact DMC 01924 231669 www.dmc.com

MEASUREMENTS

8x6.5cm (3x2½in) without legs or ears

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

This trio of pretty pals love hanging out together. Their bodies are a cinch to hook in no time at all – just give each one its tail, wings or ears, then pop them on your shelves for a true display of friendship.

NOTES

Each Body is made using the same pattern, using Ivory for the Lamb, Rose Soraya for the Bunny and Tournesol for the Chick.
Work in a continuous spiral without closing off the round with a ss. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.
Work every round in the back loop only of each stitch.

BODY

Using chosen colour, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 4dc in second ch from hook. [4 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [8 dc]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [12 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in each of next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [16 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in each of next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [20 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in each of next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [24 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in each of next 5 sts, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [28 sts]
Rounds 8-9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 (Dc in each of next 6 sts, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [32 sts]
Rounds 11-12 Dc in each st around.
Round 13 (Dc in each of next 7 sts, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [36 sts]
Rounds 14-19 Dc in each st around.
Round 20 (Dc in each of next 4 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 21 (Dc in each of next 3 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Stuff with the pellets before continuing.
Round 22 (Dc2tog) 12 times. [12 sts]
Round 23 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Thread onto tapestry needle and gather the last round to close the hole.

CHICK

Using Tournesol, make Body as given above.

WINGS (MAKE 2)

Using Tournesol, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 4dc in second ch from hook. [4 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [8 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [12 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in each of next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times, htr in next st, tr in next st, (tr, htr) in next st, ss to first dc. [12 dc, 2 tr, 2 htr]
Fasten off. Sew in place on Body.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Using Safran, ch25.
Row 1 Ss in second ch from hook and in each



The trio have the same body shape, perfect for hanging out together

of next 2 ch, *ch4, ss in second ch from hook and in each of next 2 ch, ss back into foundation ch; rep from * once more.
Fasten off.
Tie the 2 legs tog at the top and sew to the centre front of the Body on the underside.

TUFT
Cut 3 pieces of Safran, approx 2cm long. Tie together and sew to the top centre of Body. Trim to the same length, ruffle and separate the cotton threads to create a tufted look.

EYES AND BEAK
Using the images as a guide, embroider 2 eyes with Ombre and satin stitch, then stitch a V-shaped beak in Safran.

BUNNY
Using Rose Soraya, make Body as given above.

EARS (MAKE 2 OUTER AND 2 INNER)
Using Rose Soraya, make 2 outer ears (work to end of Round 2).
Using Ivory, make 2 inner ears (work to end of Round 1).
Using chosen colour, ch11.
Round 1 Dc in second ch from hook and in each of next 8 ch, 3dc in last ch, rotate to work along other side of ch, dc in each of next 9 ch, turn. [21 sts]
Round 2 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), htr in each of next 10 sts, 3tr in next st, htr in each of next 10 sts. [20 htr, 3 tr]
Fasten off. Sew the inner ear on top of the outer. Pinch the ears tog at the bottom and sew in place on Body.

LEGS (MAKE 2)
Using Rose Soraya, ch22, join Ivory, ch4.
Row 1 Htr in second ch from hook and in each of next 2 ch, ss in next ch.
Fasten off.
Tie the 2 legs tog at the top and sew to the centre front of the Body on the underside.

ARMS (MAKE 2)
Using Rose Soraya ch5, join Ivory, ch3.
Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook and in next ch, ss in next ch.
Fasten off. Sew arms in place on Body.

TAIL
Using Ivory, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 4dc in second ch from hook. [4 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [8 sts]
Round 3 (Dc2tog) 4 times. [4 sts]
Fasten off. Sew in place on Body.

EYES AND NOSE
Using the images as a guide, embroider 2 eyes with Ombre and a nose in Safran, using satin stitch. Embroider the rem facial features using Ombre.

LAMB
Using Ivory, make Body as given above.

EARS (MAKE 2 OUTER AND 2 INNER)
Using Ivory, make 2 outer ears (work to end of Round 2).
Using Rose Soraya, make 2 inner ears (work to end of Round 1).
Using chosen colour, ch8.
Round 1 (RS) Htr in second ch from hook and in each of next 5 ch, 3htr in last ch, rotate to work along opposite side of ch, htr in each of next 6 ch. [15 sts]
Round 2 Ch1 (does not count as st), htr in each of next 7 sts, 3htr in next st, htr in each of next 7 sts. [17 sts]
Fasten off.
Sew the inner ear on top of the outer ear. Pinch together at bottom and sew in place on Body.

TAIL
Work as given for Bunny.

LEGS
Work as given for Bunny, using Ivory and Ombre.

EYES AND NOSE
Using the images as a guide, embroider 2 eyes with Ombre, using satin stitch. Then add a nose with Ombre and straight stitches.



The dangly legs are speedy to make and will look cute swinging on your shelves!



Don't forget to sew on your bunny's whiskers to guarantee an extra cheeky look

Puppy love

Hook up an adorable pair of pups in sweet and soft pastel shades. By Liz Ward



PUPPY PAIR



YOU WILL NEED

- DROPS Paris Cotton Aran (100% cotton, 50g/70m), 1 ball of each:
  Light Turquoise (02)
  Light Grey (23)
  Beige (26)
  Vanilla (35)
  Light Old Pink (59)
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- Toy stuffing
- Scraps of felt in a mix of colours
- Grey, cream and black stranded cotton
- Black toy eyes, size 12mm
- Fabric glue
- Tapestry needle

For yarn stockists contact Wool Warehouse 01926 882818 www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project

MEASUREMENTS

Each Puppy measures 20x10cm

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

With their soft, sweet noses and ice cream colours, it's no wonder we've fallen for this adorable duo. Their dear little faces are so smiley and their black eyes seem to twinkle with glee. You'll have a fab time making them and kids will love them. Liz's design is a great introduction to amigurumi – the perfect beginner project.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Use Light Turquoise for the Boy Puppy and Vanilla for the Girl Puppy.
Make a magic loop and work 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 1 2dc in each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st), repeat to end. [18 sts]
Rounds 3-5 Dc in each st to the end. [18 sts]
Rounds 6-16 Dc2tog, dc in each st to end. [7 sts at end of row 16]
Fasten off.
Press flat to form the Ear shape.

ARMS AND LEGS (MAKE 4)

Use Beige yarn for the Boy Puppy and Light Old Pink for the Girl Puppy.
Make a magic loop and work 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 1 (Dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st), repeat to end. [9 sts]
Rounds 2-8 Dc in each st to the end. [9 sts]
Fasten off.
Stuff well with toy stuffing.

BODY

Use the same colour as the Arms and Legs.
Make a magic loop and work 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 1 2dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st), repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in the first 2 sts, 2dc in the next st), repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in the first 2 sts, 2dc in the next st), repeat to end. [30 sts]
Rounds 5-14 Dc in each st to the end. [30 sts]
Round 15 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts), repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 16 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts), repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 17 (Dc2tog, dc in next st), repeat to end. [12 sts]
Stuff firmly.
Round 18 Dc2tog, repeat to end. [6 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail of yarn.
Thread the cut yarn onto a wool needle and weave through the last 6 sts, pull the yarn tightly to close the hole. Weave in yarn and cut off any loose ends.



For a quick and easy finish, cut a nose shape from felt and stitch on the mouth detail

MUZZLE

Use Vanilla for the Boy Puppy and Grey for the Girl Puppy.
Ch5.
Round 1 Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next 2 sts, 3dc in last ch st, turn and work along the back of the ch, dc in 2 sts, 2dc in last st. [10 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st), repeat to end. [15 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next two sts, 2dc in the next st), repeat to end. [20 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next three sts, 2dc in the next st), repeat to end. [25 sts]
Rounds 6-9 Dc in each st to end. [25 sts]
Fasten off.
Stuff well with toy stuffing.

TAIL

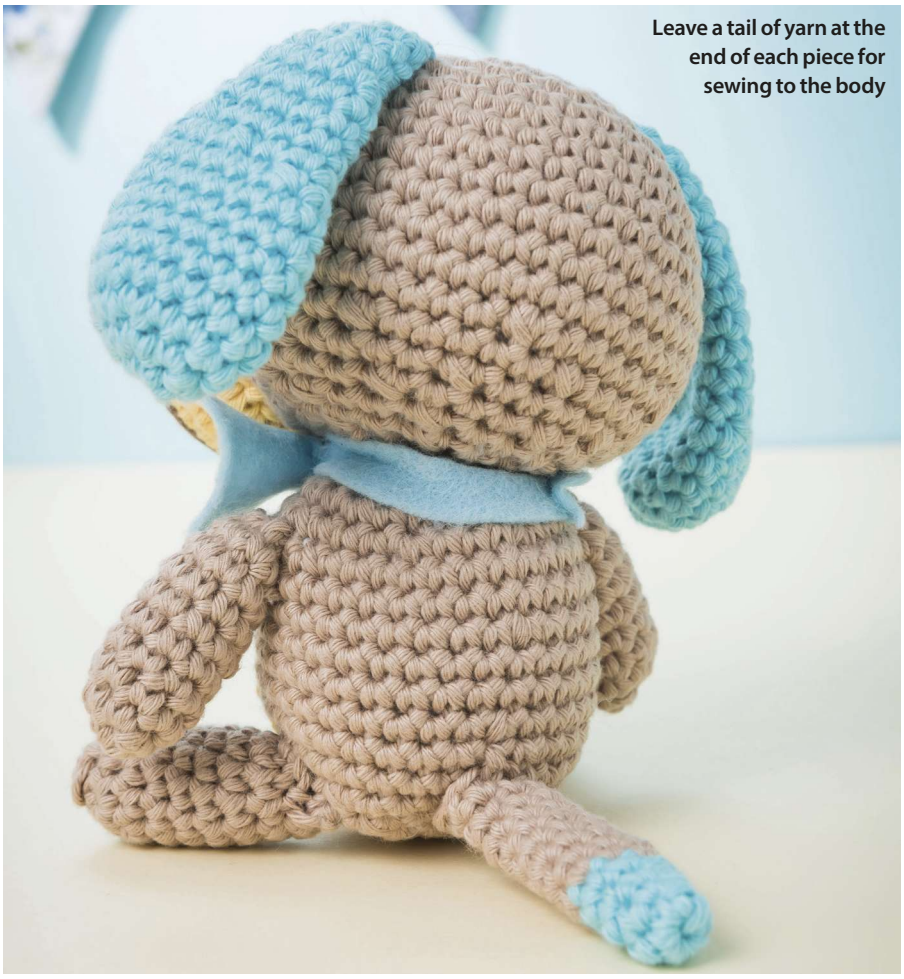
Use the same colour as the Ears.
Make a magic loop and work 4dc into the loop. [4 sts]
Rounds 1-3 2dc in the first st, dc in each st to the end. [7 sts]
Change to Body colour after Round 3.
Rounds 2-13 Dc in each st to the end. [9 sts]
Fasten off.
Stuff well with toy stuffing.

BELLY PATCH

Use Vanilla for the Boy Puppy and Grey for the Girl Puppy.
Make a magic loop and work 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 1 2dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 2 Dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st, repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 3 Dc in the first 2sts, 2dc in the next st, repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 4 Dc in the first 3sts, 2dc in the next st, repeat to end. [30 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

HEAD
Use the same colour as Body, Arms and Legs. Make a magic loop and work 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 1 2dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st), repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in the first 2 sts, 2dc in the next st), repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in the first 3 sts, 2dc in the next st), repeat to end. [30 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in the first 9 sts, 2dc in the next st), repeat to end. [33 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in the first 10 sts, 2dc in the next st), repeat to end. [36 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in the first 11 sts, 2dc in the next st), repeat to end. [39 sts]
Round 8 (Dc in the first 12 sts, 2dc in the next st), repeat to end. [42 sts]
Round 9 (Dc in the first 13 sts, 2dc in the next st), repeat to end. [45 sts]
Round 10 (Dc in the first 14 sts, 2dc in the next st), repeat to end. [48 sts]
Round 11 (Dc in the first 15 sts, 2dc in the next st), repeat to end. [51 sts]
Round 12 (Dc in the first 16 sts, 2dc in the next st), repeat to end. [54 sts]
Mark the next round with a stitch marker.
Rounds 13-14 dc in each st to the end. [54 sts]
Round 15 (Dc2tog, dc in next 7 sts), repeat to end. [48sts]
Round 16 (Dc2tog, dc in next 6 sts), repeat to end. [42 sts]
Insert the toy eyes 12 sts apart on the marked round.
Round 17 (Dc2tog, dc in next 5 sts), repeat to end. [36 sts]
Round 18 (Dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts), repeat to end. [30 sts]
Round 19 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts), repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 20 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts), repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 21 (Dc2tog, dc in next st), repeat to end. [12 sts].
Stuff firmly.
Round 22 Dc2tog, repeat to end. [6 sts]
Fasten off.
Thread the cut yarn onto a wool needle and weave through the last 6 sts, pull the yarn tightly to close the hole. Weave in yarn and cut off any loose ends.

TO MAKE UP
With matching yarn, sew the Ears and Muzzle to the Head. Sew the Arms, Legs, Belly Patch and Tail to the Body. Sew the Head to the Body securely.
Fasten off and weave in ends.



Leave a tail of yarn at the end of each piece for sewing to the body

FELT NOSE
Cut a triangle to fit neatly on the Muzzle (with outer points meeting the side of the Muzzle and the inner point meeting the foundation row). Glue or sew to Muzzle and, with stranded cotton, make a long stitch from inner point to the bottom of the Muzzle and work little stitches along the curve of the Muzzle for the mouth.

GIRL PUPPY EMBELLISHMENTS

COLLAR
With Vanilla, ch3.
Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next st. [2 sts]
Rows 2-20 Dc 1, turn, dc in each st to the end. [2 sts]
Fasten off.
Sew in place round the Girl Puppy's neck.

FELT FLOWERS
Using a pencil, draw small flower shapes onto pieces of pastel felt. Cut out, place on top of each other in size order and sew together, then sew in place on the Girl Puppy's Head, where one of her Ears joins.

FELT BUCKLE
Cut a small 1-2cm square out of white felt. Fold in half and cut the centre out to form a buckle shape. Glue or stitch in place on the collar of the Girl Puppy.

BOY PUPPY EMBELLISHMENTS

FELT BOW TIE
Cut a rectangle 3x6cm out of aqua felt, then cut a long strip out of the same felt. Pinch the rectangle together in the middle, wrap the strip around this and glue or sew to hold in place. When dry, sew or glue in place on the Boy Puppy.



Popper the penguin

Introducing this playful little swimmer, who loves to be beside the seaside. By Erinna Lee



YOU WILL NEED

- DY Choice Fruity DK (100% acrylic, 100g/250m), 1 ball of each:
  Yarn A Bilberry (03)
  Yarn B White (02)
  Yarn C Raspberry (09)
  Yarn D Peach (07)
  Yarn E Lime (05)
  Yarn F Strawberry (10)
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- Toy stuffing
- 5mm black safety eyes for the Penguin
- 3mm black safety eyes for the Frog
- Black stranded cotton
- Stitch markers

For yarn, contact Stash Fine Yarns
www.stashfineyarns.co.uk
Although the yarn is discontinued, it is still available at some retailers

MEASUREMENTS

Penguin is approx 11cm (4¼in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Erinna Lee's happy bird is all set for his holidays and can't wait to hit the seaside in his colourful trunks, goggles and toys. We're sure he'll have the best of times splish-splashing about on the ocean waves. What a cute little water baby.

NOTES

Work in a continuous spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. You may find it helpful to place a marker in the first st of each round and move it up as you work.
The Head is worked in two colours. When changing colour mid-round, twist the ends of the two colours together. Pick up the new colour in the last yrh of the previous stitch. Carry the unused strands of yarn along the top of the sts.

PENGUIN

HEAD

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each dc around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in each of next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in each of next 3 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in each of next 4 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in each of next 5 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 8 (Dc in each of next 6 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times. [48 sts]
Rounds 9-10 Dc in each dc around. [48 sts]
Round 11 Dc in each of next 15 dc, change to Yarn B, dc in each of next 3 dc, change to Yarn A, dc in each of next 7 dc, change to Yarn B, dc in each of next 3 dc, change to Yarn A, dc in each of next 20 dc. [48 sts]
Round 12 Dc in each of next 13 dc, change to Yarn B, dc in each of next 7 dc, change to Yarn A, dc in each of next 4 dc, change to Yarn B, dc in each of next 7 dc, change to Yarn A, dc in each of next 17 dc. [48 sts]
Round 13 Dc in each of next 12 dc, change to Yarn B, dc in each of next 9 dc, change to Yarn A, dc in each of next 2 dc, change to Yarn B, dc in each of next 9 dc, change to Yarn A, dc in each of next 16 dc. [48 sts]
Round 14 Dc in each of next 12 dc, change to Yarn B, dc in each of next 9 dc, change to Yarn A, dc in each of next 3 dc, change to Yarn B, dc in each of next 9 dc, change to Yarn A, dc in each of next 15 dc. [48 sts]
Round 15 Dc in each of next 12 dc, change to Yarn B, dc in each of next 10 dc, change to Yarn A, dc in each of next 2 dc, change to Yarn B, dc in each of next 10 dc, change to Yarn A, dc in each of next 14 dc. [48 sts]
Round 16 Dc in each of next 12 dc, change to Yarn B, dc in each of next 22 dc, change to Yarn A, dc in each of next 14 dc. [48 sts]
Round 17 Dc in each of next 13 dc, change to Yarn B, dc in each of next 21 dc, change to Yarn A, dc in each of next 14 dc. [48 sts]
Round 18 Dc in each of next 6 dc, dc2tog, dc in each of next 6 dc, change to Yarn B, dc2tog, (dc in each of next 7 dc, dc2tog) twice, change to Yarn A, (dc in each of next 5 dc, dc2tog) twice. [42 sts]
Round 19 (Dc in each of next 5 dc, dc2tog) twice, change to Yarn B, (dc in each of next 6 dc, dc2tog) twice, change to Yarn A, (dc in each of next 4 dc, dc2tog) twice. [36 sts]
Round 20 (Dc in each of next 4 dc, dc2tog) twice, dc in next dc, change to Yarn B, dc in each of next 5 dc, dc2tog, dc in each of next 4 dc, dc2tog, change to Yarn A, (dc in each of next 3 dc, dc2tog) twice. [30 sts]

Secure the eyes between Rounds 15 and 16, approx 11 sts apart, with the centre part in Yarn A positioned centrally between the eyes. Stuff the Head with toy stuffing and continue stuffing as you go.

Round 21 (Dc in each of next 3 dc, dc2tog) twice, dc in each of next 2 dc, change to Yarn B, dc in next dc, dc2tog, dc in each of next 4 dc, dc2tog, dc in next dc, change to Yarn A, (dc in each of next 2 dc, dc2tog) twice. [24 sts]
Round 22 (Dc in each of next 2 dc, dc2tog) twice, dc in each of next 2 dc, change to Yarn B, (dc2tog, dc in each of next 2 dc) twice, change to Yarn A, dc2tog, dc in each of next 2 dc, dc2tog. [18 sts]
Round 23 Dc in each of next 4 dc, dc2tog, dc in each of next 2 dc, change to Yarn B, dc in each of next 2 dc, dc2tog, dc in each of next 2 dc, change to Yarn A, dc in each of next 2 dc, dc2tog, ss to first st to join. [15 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

BODY

Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 8dc into loop. [8 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each dc around. [16 sts]
Change to Yarn C.
Round 3 (Dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc) 8 times. [24 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in each of next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc) 8 times. [32 sts]

Change to Yarn B.
Round 5 (Dc in each of next 3 dc, 2dc in next dc) 8 times. [40 sts]
Round 6 Dc in each dc around.
Change to Yarn C.
Rounds 7-8 Dc in each dc around.
Change to Yarn B.
Rounds 9-10 Dc in each dc around.
Change to Yarn C.
Round 11 Dc in each dc around.
Round 12 Working in the back loops only, dc in each dc around.
Change to Yarn A.
Round 13 Dc in each dc around.
Round 14 (Dc in each of next 8 dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [36 sts]
Round 15 (Dc in each of next 4 dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 16 (Dc in each of next 3 dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 17 Dc in each dc around.
Round 18 (Dc in each of next 2 dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 19 (Dc in each of next 4 dc, dc2tog) 3 times, ss to first st to join. [15 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail to sew the Body to the Head.
Stuff the Body with toy stuffing.

WINGS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in each of next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc) twice. [8 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in each of next 3 dc, 2dc in next dc) twice. [10 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in each of next 4 dc, 2dc in next dc) twice. [12 sts]
Rounds 5-6 Dc in each dc around.
Round 7 (Dc in next dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [8 sts]
Round 8 Dc in each dc around. [8 sts]
Flatten the top of each wing.
Working through both layers, dc in each of next 4 sts to close the opening.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing each Wing to the Body.

BEAK

Using Yarn D, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in each of next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc) twice. [8 sts]
Flatten the top of the Beak. Working through both layers, dc in each of next 4 sts to close the opening.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing to the Head.



Popper's lifesaver ring also saves the day when it comes to busting the yarn stash!

FEET (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn D, ch5.
Round 1 Starting in the 2nd ch from hook, dc in each of next 3 ch, 3dc in next ch, working along the other side of the starting chain, dc in each of next 2 ch, 2dc in last ch. [10 sts]
Rounds 2-3 Dc in each dc around.
Round 4 (Dc in each of next 3 dc, dc2tog) twice. [8 sts]
Rounds 5-6 Dc in each dc around.
Round 7 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 2 dc) twice, ss to first st to join. [6 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Using a tapestry needle, thread the tail through the front loops of all 6 dc, pull the tail to close.
Insert the needle through the hole and pull through the Foot bringing the tail out between Rounds 6 and 7 on one side of the Foot. This will be used to sew each Foot to the Body.

LIFESAVER RING

Using Yarn E, ch10.
Round 1 Dc in the first ch to make a ring, being careful not to twist, dc in each of next 9 ch. [10 sts]
Rounds 2-7 Dc in each dc around.
Change to Yarn D.
Rounds 8-14 Dc in each dc around.
Stuff the Lifesaver Ring with toy stuffing and continue stuffing as you go.
Change to Yarn E.
Rounds 15-21 Dc in each dc around.
Change to Yarn D.
Rounds 22-49 Repeat Rounds 8-21 twice more.
Change to Yarn D.
Rounds 50-56 Dc in each dc around. [10 sts]
Change to Yarn E.
Round 57 Dc in each dc around, ss to first st to join. [10 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Bend Lifesaver Ring into a ring and sew the ends together neatly, using the long tail.

FROG HEAD

Using Yarn E, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each dc around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in each of next 3 dc, 2dc in next dc) 3 times. [15 sts]
Rounds 4-6 Dc in each dc around. [15 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in each of next 3 dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [12 sts]
Round 8 (Dc in next dc, dc2tog) 4 times, ss to first st to join. [8 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Stuff the Frog Head with toy stuffing.
Using a strand of black stranded cotton, sew a smile on the Frog's Head, using the image as a guide.

FROG EYES

Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in each of next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc) twice, ss to first st to join. [8 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Stuff the Frog Eyes with toy stuffing if needed.
Insert a 3mm safety eye between Rounds 1 and 2 of each Frog Eye.

GOGGLES

LENSES

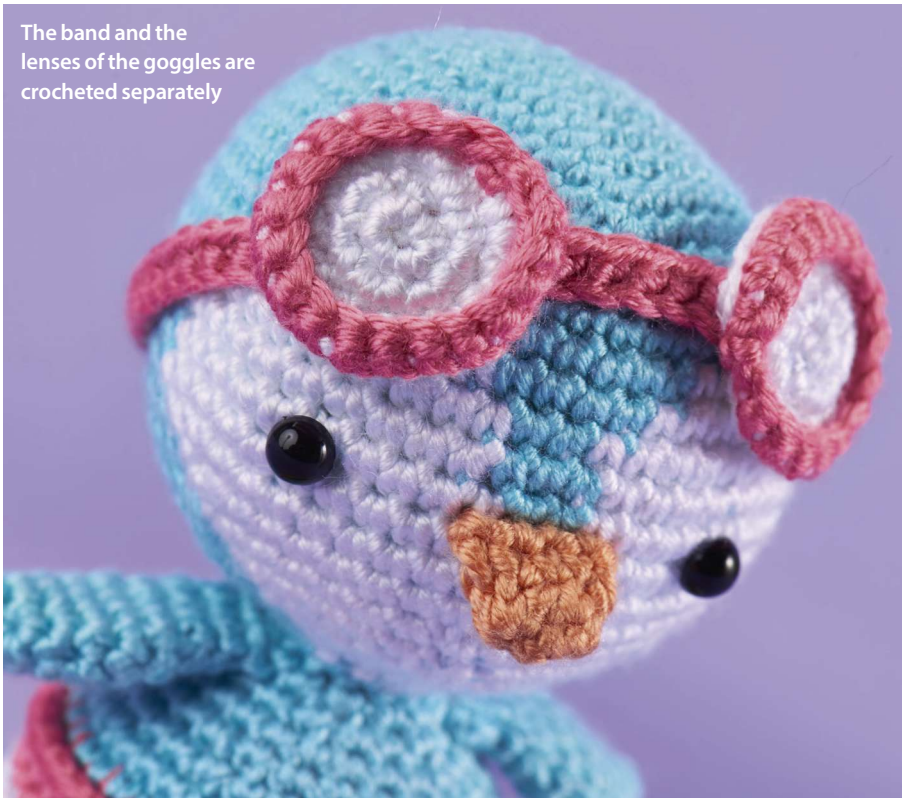
Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each dc around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Change to Yarn C.
Round 4 Working in the front loops only, dc in each dc around, ss to first st to join. [18 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends, leaving 1 tail in Yarn B to sew each Goggle Lens to the Goggle Band.

BAND

Using Yarn C, ch55.
Row 1 Starting in the 2nd ch from hook, dc in each of next 54 dc. [54 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

BEACH BALL

Using Yarn F, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each dc around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Change to Yarn B, dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc, change to Yarn F, dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc) 3 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (Change to Yarn B, dc in each of next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc, change to Yarn F, dc in each of next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc) 3 times. [24 sts]
Rounds 5-8 (Change to Yarn B, dc in each of next 4 dc, change to Yarn F, dc in each of next 4 dc) 3 times. [24 sts]
Round 9 (Change to Yarn B, dc in each of next 2 dc, dc2tog, change to Yarn F, dc in each of next 2 dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [18 sts]
Round 10 (Dc in next dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Stuff the Beach Ball with toy stuffing and continue stuffing as you go.
Round 11 (Dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first st to join. **Fasten off**. [6 sts]
Using a tapestry needle, thread the tail through the front loops of all 6 dc.
Pull the tail to close.



The band and the lenses of the goggles are crocheted separately



Remember to keep stuffing the ball as you go so that it keeps its plump round shape

TO MAKE UP

PENGUIN

Sew the Body to the Head using whip stitch. Ensure that the colour change seam of the Body faces the back.
Sew each Wing to the Body between Rounds 18 and 19, at the front approx 6 sts apart.
Attach the Beak to the Head between Rounds 15 and 16 of the Head between the Eyes.
Align the inside of each Foot between Rounds 1 and 2 of the Body. Position the back of each Foot between Rounds 3 and 4 along the back half of the Body. Sew just the tops of each Foot to the Body so that the sts do not show on the bottom side of each Foot.

GOGGLES

Find the middle of the Goggle Band. Sew each Goggle Lens on either side of this middle point, 4 sts apart.
Place the Goggle Band around the Penguin's Head and sew the ends of the Goggle Band together at the back of the Head. If you wish to secure the Goggles to his Head, sew a few stitches through the Head as well.

LIFESAVER RING

Sew the base of each Frog Eye over Rounds 2-4 on either side of the Frog Head, ensuring that the safety eyes are facing forward.
Sew the Frog Head to a Yarn E section of the Lifesaver Ring away from the join. Slip the Lifesaver Ring over the Penguin's Body.



RUN RABBIT

Tracy Coldwell's adorable bunny toy is poised and ready to spring into action



YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft Classique Cotton (100% cotton, 50g/92m):
  Yarn A 4 balls of Dove (3096)
  Yarn B 2 balls of Shell Pink (3666)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- 2 black safety eyes, 8mm size
- Toy stuffing
- Stitch markers
- A 5cm (2in) white pompom (you can use yarn from your stash)

For yarn stockists contact Stylecraft 01484 848435 www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk

MEASUREMENTS

Rabbit measures approx 17cm (6¾in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

inv dec (invisible decrease) Insert your hook into the front loop of the first st. Without putting the yarn round the hook, bring the hook to the front of the work and insert the hook into the front loop of the next st (3 loops on hook), yrh and draw through all 3 loops.

For a full list, see page 130

Fluffy pompom tail, little pink nose, floppy ears and feet ready for bouncing? Check! Make a start today and you'll have this super-cute amigurumi bunny hopping around in next to no time.

NOTES

Work in a continuous spiral without closing off each round with a ss. You may find it helpful to place a marker in the first st of each round and move it up as you work.

HEAD

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into loop.
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 Dc in each st around.
Round 7 (4dc, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [36 sts]
Rounds 8-9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 (5dc, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [42 sts]
Rounds 11-13 Dc in each st around.
Round 14 (6dc, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [48 sts]
Rounds 15-18 Dc in each st around.
Round 19 (7dc, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [54 sts]
Rounds 20-23 Dc in each st around.



The ears are folded at the base before they're sewn on, to give a more realistic shape

Round 24 (7dc, inv dec) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 25 (6dc, inv dec) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 26 Dc in each st around.
Round 27 (5dc, inv dec) 6 times. [36 sts]
Insert safety eyes in between Rounds 17 and 18, 12 sts apart.
Round 28 (4dc, inv dec) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 29 Dc in each st around.
Round 30 (3dc, inv dec) 6 times. [24 sts]
Fill Head firmly with toy stuffing.
Round 31 (2dc, inv dec) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 32 (1dc, inv dec) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 33 (Inv dec) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off, weave tail through last 6 sts and pull tight. Weave in ends.

Embroider the nose using Shell Pink and the image as a guide.



EARS (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-4 Repeat Rounds 1-4 of Head. [24 sts]
Rounds 5-23 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.

BODY
Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-5 Repeat Rounds 1-5 of Head. [30 sts]
Round 6 (4dc, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 7 (5dc, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 8 (6dc, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 9 (7dc, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [54 sts]
Round 10 (8dc, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [60 sts]
Round 11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 (9dc, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [66 sts]
Rounds 13-20 Dc in each st around.
Round 21 (1dc, inv dec) 10 times, dc in next 36 sts. [56 sts]
Rounds 22-23 Dc in each st around.
Round 24 (1dc, inv dec) 7 times, dc in next 35 sts. [49 sts]
Rounds 25-26 Dc in each st around.
Round 27 (1dc, inv dec) 6 times, dc in next 31 sts. [43 sts]
Rounds 28-31 Dc in each st around.
Round 32 1dc, (5dc, inv dec) 6 times. [37 sts]
Rounds 33-34 Dc in each st around.
Round 35 1dc, (4dc, inv dec) 6 times. [31 sts]
Round 36 Dc in each st around.
Round 37 1dc, (3dc, inv dec) 6 times. [25 sts]
Round 38 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.

ARMS (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-6 Repeat Rounds 1-6 of Head. [30 sts]
Rounds 7-10 Dc in each st around.
Round 11 (3dc, inv dec) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 12 Dc in each st around.
Round 13 (2dc, inv dec) 6 times. [18 sts]
Rounds 14-22 Dc in each st around.
Stuff lower Arm.
Round 23 (1dc, inv dec) 6 times. [12 sts]
Rounds 24-36 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.
Lightly stuff the rest of the Arm.

FEET (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-7 Work as for Rounds 1-7 of Body. [42 sts]
Rounds 8-11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 (5dc, inv dec) 6 times. [36 sts]
Rounds 13-16 Dc in each st around.
Round 17 (4dc, inv dec) 6 times. [30 sts]
Rounds 18-20 Dc in each st around.
Round 21 (3dc, inv dec) 6 times. [24 sts]
Rounds 22-27 Dc in each st around.
Round 28 (2dc, inv dec) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 29 (1dc, inv dec) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 30 (Inv dec) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off and weave tail through last 6 sts and pull tight. Weave in ends.

FOOT PADS

SMALL CIRCLES (MAKE 6)
Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into loop [6 sts].
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing on the feet.

LONG FOOTPAD (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
The rest of the footpad is worked in Rows.
Ch8.
Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook and each ch across, ss into first st of Round 4, turn. [7dc, 1ss]
Row 2 Ch1 (does not count as st), dc in each dc across, turn. [7 dc]
Row 3 Ch1 (does not count as st), dc in each dc across, ss in next st of Round 4. [7 dc]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing on the feet.

Sew the footpads onto the feet using the image as a guide.

TO MAKE UP
Fold the open end of each Ear in half, pin into place and sew onto the back of the head behind the eyes, using the image as a guide.

Position the Head into the open end of the Body and sew carefully into place.

Using the image as a guide, sew the Arms and Feet into place on the Body and finally add a white pompom for a tail.



Use some white yarn from your stash to create a fluffy pompom for the bunny's tail



It's all in the detail – the cute pink footpads are made up of just two simple shapes

Annie the alpaca

Long-limbed and with lashes of lashes, this characterful toy by Janine Tsakisiris has us smitten





YOU WILL NEED

- King Cole Baby Alpaca DK (100% alpaca, 50g/100m),
  Yarn A 4 balls of Fawn (501)
  Yarn B 1 ball of Straw (1791)
- Small amounts of black 4-ply yarn for facial details
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Toy safety eyes (15mm dia)
- Toy stuffing
- Craft glue (optional)

For yarn stockists contact King Cole 01756 703670 www.kingcole.com

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 30cm (12in) tall excluding hair

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130



Naturally, an amigurumi alpaca toy just has to be hooked with super-soft alpaca yarn. And this King Cole DK doesn't disappoint in the strokability stakes, with a little bit of fuzz and plenty of character.

NOTES

Work in a continuous spiral without closing off the round with a ss. It may help to use a stitch marker to mark each round, moving it up as you work.

Make the Arms and Legs first, so that they can be joined in as you work the Head and Body. Ears, Nose, Hair and Eyebrows are made separately and sewn onto the Body.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each dc around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 Working in back loops only, 1dc in each st around.
Round 7 1dc in each dc around.
Round 8 (3dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 9 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Change to Yarn A.
Rounds 10-14 1dc in each dc around.
Start to stuff firmly. Continue to stuff as you go, maintaining shape.
Round 15 (1dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Rounds 16-20 1dc in each st around.
Round 21 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 22 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Rounds 23-25 1dc in each st around.
Round 26 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 27 (1dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Rounds 28-32 1dc in each dc around.
Round 33 (5dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [14 sts]
Round 34 (6dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [16 sts]
Round 35 (3dc, 2dc in next st, 4dc) twice. [18 sts]
Round 36 (2dc, 2dc in next st, 6dc) twice. [20 sts]
Rounds 37-40 1dc in each dc around.
Stuff Arm, do not overstuff the end.
Flatten end, working through both layers to close the end, work 10dc across. [10 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.



Annie the Alpaca has a cute tail that is gently flattened at one end for joining

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-14 Work as for Rounds 1-14 for Arms, changing to Yarn A after Round 9. [18 sts]
Rounds 15-20 1dc in each dc around.
Start to stuff firmly. Continue to stuff as you go, maintaining shape.
Round 21 (8dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [20 sts]
Rounds 22-26 1dc in each dc around.
Round 27 (9dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [22 sts]
Rounds 28-32 1dc in each dc around.
Round 33 (10dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [24 sts]
Rounds 34-38 1dc in each dc around.
Round 39 (11dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [26 sts]
Round 40 1dc in each dc around.
Stuff Leg, do not overstuff the end.
Flatten end, working through both layers to close the end, work (2dc, dc2tog) 3 times, 1dc. [10 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

HEAD AND BODY

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each dc around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 7 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 8 (6dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 9 (7dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [54 sts]
Round 10 1dc in each dc around.
Round 11 (8dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [60 sts]
Round 12 1dc in each dc around.
Round 13 (9dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [66 sts]
Rounds 14-15 1dc in each dc around.
The following round leaves spaces for the stems of the safety eyes to be inserted:
Round 16 28dc, ch2, skip next 2 sts, 12dc, ch2, skip next 2 sts, 22dc. [62 sts, 2 ch-2 sps]
Round 17 (Dc2tog, 9dc) 6 times. [60 sts]
Rounds 18-19 1dc in each dc around.

Round 20 (8dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [54 sts]
Rounds 21-22 1dc in each dc around.
Round 23 (7dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [48 sts]
Attach and secure safety eyes through ch-2 sps in Round 16.
Rounds 24-25 1dc in each dc around.
Round 26 (6dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 sts]
Rounds 27-28 1dc in each dc around.
Round 29 (5dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 sts]
Rounds 30-36 1dc in each dc around.
Start to stuff. Continue to stuff as you go, maintaining shape.
Round 37 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 38 1dc in each dc around.
Round 39 (6dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [48 sts]

The Arms are attached in the next Round by crocheting through the stitches of flattened end of the Arm and the working Round of the Body.
Round 40 18dc, take first Arm and work 10dc through both Arm and Body to join, 8dc, take second Arm and work 10dc through both Arm and Body to join, 2dc. [48 sts]
Round 41 (7dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [54 sts]
Round 42 1dc in each dc around.
Round 43 (8dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [60 sts]
Rounds 44-46 1dc in each dc around.
Round 47 (9dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [66 sts]
Rounds 48-64 1dc in each dc around.
Round 65 (9dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [60 sts]
Round 66 (8dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [54 sts]
The Legs are attached in the next Round by crocheting through the stitches of flattened end of the Leg and the working Round of the Body.
Round 67 29dc, take first Leg and work 10dc through both Leg and Body to join, 3dc, take second Leg and work 10dc through both Leg and Body to join, 2dc. [54 sts]
Round 68 (7dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 69 (6dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 sts]
Continue to stuff as you go.
Round 70 (1dc, dc2tog) 14 times. [28 sts]
Round 71 (2dc, dc2tog) 7 times. [21 sts]
Round 72 (1dc, dc2tog) 7 times. [14 sts]
Round 73 (Dc2tog, 1dc) 4 times, dc2tog. [9 sts] Complete stuffing.
Round 74 (1dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

NOSE
Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each dc around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 1dc in each dc around.
Round 7 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 sts]
Rounds 8-10 1dc in each dc around.
Round 11 12dc, 12htr, 12dc.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
With the htr-12 as the upper side of the Nose, embroider nose and mouth detail using Black yarn, using the image as a guide.

EARS (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (2dc in next st, 2dc) twice. [8 sts]
Round 3 1dc in each dc around.
Round 4 (2dc in next st, 3dc) twice. [10 sts]
Round 5 and each subsequent odd Round 1dc in each dc around.
Round 6 (2dc in next st, 4dc) twice. [12 sts]
Round 8 (2dc in next st, 5dc) twice. [14 sts]
Round 10 (2dc in next st, 6dc) twice. [16 sts]
Round 12 (2dc in next st, 7dc) twice. [18 sts]
Round 14 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [21 sts]
Round 16 (6dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [24 sts]
Round 18 1dc in each dc around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

TAIL
Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Leave a long tail at the beg for sewing.
Bring it to the right side of work.
Round 1 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 1dc in each dc around.
Round 3 2dc in each dc around. [12 sts]
Round 4 1dc in each dc around.
Round 5 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Rounds 6-8 1dc in each dc around.
Round 9 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Rounds 10-12 1dc in each dc around.
Round 13 (4dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [20 sts]
Round 14 1dc in each dc around.
Round 15 (3dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [16 sts]
Round 16 (2dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [12 sts]
Stuff gently. Tail will need to sit slightly flattened against Body. Flatten end, working through both layers to close the end, work 6dc across. [6 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends. Using the beg tail, fold tip of tail over slightly and st to 3rd Round of Tail to form a little bump.
Fasten off and weave in this end.

HAIR
You will work along both sides of a starting ch.
Using Yarn A, ch25.
Row 1 Dc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next 9 ch, (ch10, dc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next 8 ch, dc in next 2 ch along starting ch-25) 7 times. [8 tendrils formed]
Row 2 Ch10, 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next 8 ch, rotate Hair to work back along starting ch-25, dc in first 2 ch, (ch10, dc in next ch on starting ch-25) 11 times.
Fasten off, leaving long tail.



Annie's hair is made up of eight tendrils hooked with double crochet stitches



The eyelashes are formed last. They are loops attached to the eyebrow edges

EYEBROWS (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn A, ch7.
Row 1 1dc in 2nd ch from hook, 4htr, 1dc. [6 sts] **Fasten off**, leaving long tail.

TO MAKE UP
Pin Nose to Head so that the top of the Nose is in line with the Eyes. Stuff Nose before sewing in place.
Flatten Ears, curving them at the base and sew to Head at a slight angle, using the image as a guide.
Form a U-shape with the Hair and position between Ears in middle of Head, slightly forward. Sew in place.
Sew the Tail centrally to bottom rear of the Alpaca approx 8 rounds up from the Legs.
Cut 4 pieces of Black yarn approx 8cm long for the eyelashes. Fold each length in half, thread both ends through the same eyebrow stitch and pull the ends back through the folded loop. Attach loops to the 2nd, 4th and 5th sts along Eyebrow edge. Pull tight, use a small dab of glue on wrong side to help secure them if desired. Trim to desired length.
Shape the Eyebrows over the eyes as desired to create your facial expression.
Sew in place.
Fluff out eyelashes if desired.
Weave in all ends.



Lily the lamb

Crochet this baa-rilliant lamb with the fluffiest of coats. By Liz Ward



YOU WILL NEED

- Sirdar Snuggly Snowflake DK (100% polyester, 25g/85m), 1 ball of Creamy (631)
- Oddments of any DK in grey, and red (or colour of your choice)
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- Toy stuffing
- 9mm black safety eyes
- Black felt and fabric glue
- Tapestry needle and sharp sewing needle

For yarn stockists contact Sirdar 01924 231682 www.sirdar.co.uk

MEASUREMENTS

15x12cm (6x4¾in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

A pretty sheep deserves a pretty coat and this little cutie doesn't disappoint. Sirdar Snuggly Snowflake DK is just the thing to give this cuddly creature plenty of cosiness.

BODY

Using Creamy, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in the first 2 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in the first 3 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [30 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in the first 4 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [36 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in the first 5 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [42 sts]
Rounds 8-16 Dc in each st to the end.
Round 17 (Dc2tog, dc in the next 5 sts) repeat to end. [36 sts]
Round 18 (Dc2tog, dc in the next 4 sts) repeat to end. [30 sts]
Round 19 (Dc2tog, dc in the next 3 sts) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 20 (Dc2tog, dc in the next 2 sts) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 21 (Dc2tog, dc in the next st) repeat to end. [12 sts]
Fill with toy stuffing.
Round 22 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off and sew closed the gap in the bottom of the Body.

HEAD

Using grey yarn, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 3 Dc in each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [16 sts]
Mark this round with a stitch marker.
Round 5 Dc in each st to the end. [16sts]
Round 6 (Dc in the first 3 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [20 sts]
Round 7 Dc in each st to the end. [20 sts]
Round 8 (Dc in first 4 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Rounds 9-10 Dc in each st to the end. [24sts]
Insert the eyes on the marked round 6 sts apart.
Round 11 (Dc2tog, dc in the next 2 sts) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 12 (Dc2tog, dc in the next st) repeat to end. [12 sts]
Fill with toy stuffing.
Round 13 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off and sew closed the hole at the base of the Head.



Add a little flower for a little embellishment, using a scrap of your favourite colour yarn

FLUFFY HAIR

Using Creamy, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc into each st around. [12sts]
Fasten off and sew in place on the Head.

LEGS (MAKE 4)

Using grey yarn, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [9 sts]
Round 3-8 Dc in each st to end.
Fasten off, stuff then sew in place on the underside of the body.
Sew the Body to the Head.

TO MAKE UP

Cut a small rounded triangle out of black felt and glue or sew in place on the head. Use black embroidery thread and long stitches to create the mouth. Weave in any loose ends.

FLOWER

Using red yarn, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 5dc into the loop. [5 sts]
Round 2 (Dc, 3tr) in each st, ss into next st.
Fasten off and sew in place on the Head.



Ernest, your ocean friend

Introducing the sweet little turtle who loves nothing more than a slow stroll on the sand. By Kate Hancock

SEA TURTLE



YOU WILL NEED

- Wendy Merino DK (100% merino wool, 50g/116m):
  Yarn A 1 ball of Apple Green (2373)
  Yarn B 10g of Birch (2365)
  Yarn C 5g of Oasis (2389)
- Small amounts of black and white yarn for the crochet eyes
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) crochet hook
- Toy stuffing
- Stitch marker

For yarn stockists contact TB Ramsden 01943 872264 www.tbramsden.co.uk

MEASUREMENTS

13cm (5in) from nose to back

ABBREVIATIONS

5-tr cluster (Yrh, insert hook in st indicated, yrh and pull up loop, yrh and draw through 2 loops) 5 times, inserting hook in same st each time, yrh, draw through all 6 loops on hook.

For a full list, see page 130

Kate Hancock's happy little sea turtle is a perfect companion for a day out at the beach. With his bright blue shell and relaxed manner, he's a real charmer!

NOTE

Work stitches continuously in a spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.

HEAD

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each dc around.
Round 3 2dc in each dc around. [12 sts]
Round 4 2dc in each of next 6 dc (this will become top of the Head), dc in each of next 6 dc. [18 sts]
Rounds 5-9 Dc in each dc around.
Round 10 (Dc2tog, dc in next dc) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 11 Dc in each dc around, ss to first dc to join.
Fasten off. Stuff the Head. The opening will become the neck edge to attach to Body.

BODY

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each dc around. [12 sts]
Round 3 Dc in each dc around.
Round 4 (2dc in next dc, dc in next dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 5 Dc in each dc around.
Round 6 (2dc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 7 Dc in each dc around.
Round 8 (2dc in next dc, dc in next 3 dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 9 Dc in each dc around.
Round 10 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 11 Dc in each dc around.
Round 12 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 13 Dc in each dc around.
Round 14 (Dc2tog, dc in next dc) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 15 Dc in each dc around.
Round 16 Dc in each dc around, ss to first dc to join.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Stuff the Body.

EYE SOCKET (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch2 (counts as htr), 11htr into loop. [12 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each st around, ss to first dc to join.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

EYE (MAKE 2)

Using black yarn, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch2 (counts as htr), 11htr into loop, ss to top of beg ch-2 to join. [12 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

FIRST EYELID

Using Yarn A, ch7.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in 2nd ch from hook, htr in next ch, tr in next ch, htr in next ch, dc in next ch, ss into last ch.



The fabulous shell detail is created with a series of cluster stitches in blue

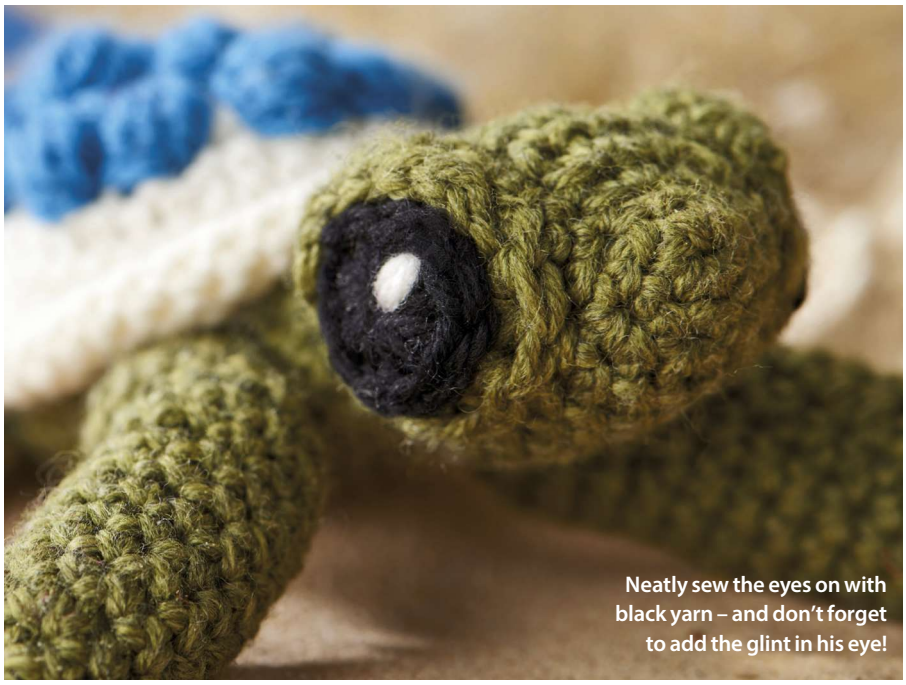
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

SECOND EYELID
Using Yarn A, ch7.
Row 1 (RS) Ss in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch, htr in next ch, tr in next ch, htr in next ch, dc into last ch.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

SHELL
The shell involves a colour change in the cluster sts. These are not stated in pattern below but you will need to change to Yarn C for every 5-tr cluster st. Change back to Yarn B for all other sts. To change colour smoothly, start your cluster in Yarn C but when you have your 6 loops left on the hook, yrh with Yarn B and pull through all 6 loops on hook to complete the st. When making colour changes, drop the yarn you are not using to back of work and pick it up again when you need it, being careful not to leave it too loose or pull it too tight when starting with it again. You will have tails running behind work, but they won't be seen in the finished piece because they'll be on the inside.

Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each dc around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next dc, 5-tr cluster in next dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc in next dc, dc in next 2 sts) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (2dc in next dc, 5-tr cluster in next dc, dc in next dc, 5-tr cluster in next dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (2dc in next dc, dc in next 4 sts) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 7 (2dc in next dc, dc in next 5 dc) 6 times. [42 sts]
Rounds 8-11 Dc in each dc around.
Round 12 Dc in each dc around, ss to first dc to join. **Fasten off**, leaving a long tail. Roll up edge of shell so it rests on top of shell at Round 8.
Sew in place using long tail.

FRONT FLIPPER (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 4dc into loop. [4 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each dc around. [8 sts]
Rounds 3-4 Dc in each dc around.
Round 5 (2dc in next dc, dc in next dc) 4 times. [12 sts]
Rounds 6-13 Dc in each dc around.
Stuff Flipper lightly and cont to stuff as you go.
Rounds 14-15 Dc2tog twice, dc in next 3 dc, 2dc in each of next 2 dc, dc in next 3 dc. [12 sts]
Round 16 Dc2tog twice, dc in rem 8 dc. [10 sts]
Round 17 Dc2tog twice, dc in rem 6 dc, ss to first dc to join. [8 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Stuff Flipper lightly.


Neatly sew the eyes on with black yarn – and don't forget to add the glint in his eye!

BACK FLIPPER (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 4dc into loop. [4 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each dc around.
Round 3 2dc in each dc around. [8 sts]
Round 4 Dc in each dc around.
Round 5 (2dc in next dc, dc in next dc) 4 times. [12 sts]
Rounds 6-9 Dc2tog twice, dc in next 3 dc, 2dc in next 2 dc, dc in next 3 dc, ss to first dc to join. [12 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Stuff Flipper lightly.

TO MAKE UP
Using the image as a guide, sew Head to Body along neck edges.

Sew Eyes firmly into Eye Sockets. With the point of nose on the lower half of the Head, place Eye Sockets so the centres are between Rounds 7 and 8, on either side of the Head. Sew them on firmly. Sew the Eyelids on, making sure to curve them around the eyes. Using white yarn, embroider 3 small straight sts to form a highlight on each Eye.

Using the image as a guide and Round 14 as a starting point, st Front Flipper to lower half of Body. Rep on opposite side for second Front Flipper.

Using Round 6 as a starting point, st Back Flipper to lower half of Body. Rep on opposite side for second Front Flipper.

Place Shell on top of Body and sew on firmly. Weave in any loose ends.

Oliver the bear

Go on a beach bear adventure with this fantastic little guy by Mary's Amiland



BEACH TEDDY



YOU WILL NEED

- DMC Natura Just Cotton (100% cotton, 50g/155m), 1 ball of each:
  Linen (N78)
  Golden Lemon (N43)
  Safran (N47)
  Small amounts of Black (N11) and Star Light (N27)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Toy stuffing
- Stitch markers

For yarn stockists contact
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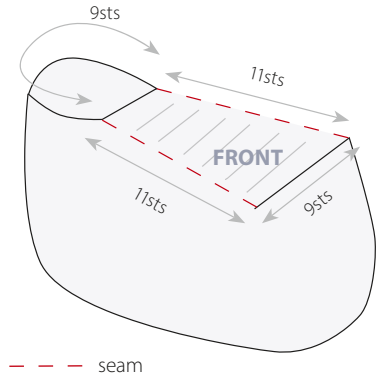
MEASUREMENTS

20cm (7¾in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

Invisible Decrease (inv dec) Insert hook through the front loops of the next two sts, (yrh, pull through 2 loops on the hook) twice
Inv dec bl Work an invisible decrease as above, but using the back loops rather than the front loops of the stitches
For a full list, see page 130

FOOT CONSTRUCTION



Meet Oliver the bear – he has headed to the beach for a spot of fishing but just can't resist jumping in for a splash about. With his arm bands on, of course.

BEAR

With Linen, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 8dc in second ch from hook. [8 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [16 sts]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) rep around. [24 sts]
Round 4 Dc in each st around.
Round 5 (2dc, 2dc in next st) rep around. [32 sts]
Round 6 (3dc, 2dc in next st) rep around. [40 sts]
Rounds 7-8 Dc in each st around.
Round 9 (4dc, 2dc in next st) rep around. [48 sts]
Rounds 10-11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 (2dc in next st, 5dc) rep around. [56 sts]
Rounds 13-19 Dc in each st around.
Round 20 (5dc, inv dec) rep around. [48 sts]
Rounds 21-22 Dc in each st around.
Round 23 (4dc, inv dec) rep around. [40 sts]
Round 24 Dc in each st around.
Round 25 (3dc, inv dec) rep around. [32 sts]
Round 26 (2dc, inv dec) rep around. [24 sts]
Round 27 (1dc, inv dec) rep around. [16 sts]
Stuff with toy stuffing.
Fasten off and leave long end for sewing Head to Body.

BODY

WIth Linen, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, 1dc) rep around. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc in next st, 2dc) rep around. [24 sts]
Round 5 (2dc in next st, 3dc) rep around. [30 sts]
Round 6 (4dc, 2dc in next st) rep around. [36 sts]
Round 7 (5dc, 2dc in next st) rep around. [42 sts]
Rounds 8-9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 (2dc in next st, 6dc) rep around. [48 sts]
Rounds 11-15 Dc in each st around.
Round 16 (6dc, inv dec) rep around. [42 sts]
Rounds 17-18 Dc in each st around.
Round 19 (inv dec, 5dc) rep around. [36 sts]
Rounds 20-22 Dc in each st around.
Round 23 (inv dec, 4dc) rep around. [30 sts]
Rounds 24-25 Dc in each st around.
Round 26 (inv dec, 3dc) rep around. [24 sts]
Round 27 (inv dec, 2dc) rep around. [18 sts]
Round 28 (inv dec, 7dc) rep around. [16 sts]
Stuff body with toy stuffing.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

With Linen, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (2dc, 2dc in next st) rep around. [16 sts]
Round 4 Dc in each st around.
Round 5 (7dc, 2dc in next st) rep around. [18 sts]
Rounds 6-7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 (4dc, inv dec) rep around. [15 sts]
Round 9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 (3dc, inv dec) rep around. [12 sts]
Round 11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 (3dc, 2dc in next st) rep around. [15 sts]
Begin stuffing with toy stuffing as you go. Stuff lightly towards the end.
Rounds 13-18 Dc in each st around.
Round 19 1dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc, 2dc in next st, 4dc, (inv dec, 1dc) twice. [15 sts]
Round 20 Dc in each st around.
Round 21 (3dc, inv dec) rep around. [12 sts]
Round 22 Dc in each st around.
Round 23 (2dc, inv dec) rep around. [9 sts]
Finish stuffing, and shape arms so they arch a little. Sew open end tog and leave long end for sewing Arm to Body.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

With Linen, ch7.
Round 1 (RS) 5dc beg in second ch from hook, 3dc in last ch, rotate to work on other side of foundation ch, 4dc, 3dc in last ch. [15 sts]
Round 2 2dc in next st, 5dc, (2dc in next st) 3 times, 5dc, 2dc in next st. [20 sts]
Round 3 2dc in next st, 7dc, (2dc in next st) 4 times, 7dc, 2dc in next st. [26 sts]
Round 4 2dc in next st, 9dc, 2dc in next st, 3dc, 2dc in next st, 9dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc. [30 sts]
Rounds 5-8 Dc in each st around. Remove hook from loop and place a st marker in loop to keep sts from unravelling. Do not cut this yarn as you will need it to cont later. Count back 12 sts from end of last Round and rejoin the other end of skein to 12th st, leaving a long tail.

FRONT OF THE FOOT

Now working in rows:
Row 1 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 9dc, turn leaving rem sts unworked. [9 sts]
Rows 2-3 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.
Row 4 Ch1, 1dc, inv dec bl, 3dc, inv dec bl, 1dc, turn. [7 sts]
Rows 5-6 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.
Row 7 Ch1, 1dc, inv dec, 1dc, inv dec, 1dc, turn. [5 sts]
Row 8 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.
Row 9 Ch1, 1dc, inv dec, 2dc.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

SEWING UP THE FOOT

See diagram for Foot Construction on prev page. Turn foot WS out and sew one straight side of Front Foot to next 11 sts of Round 8, and the other straight side to prev 11 sts of Round 8. Turn RS out. This will leave 9 unworked sts of Round 8 and 4 sts across the top of the Front Foot to cont working for Leg. Pull foot into shape to smooth out any square angles. Pick up the prev working yarn at the beg of Round 8 to cont:
Round 9 Dc in each st around. [13 sts]
Round 10 1dc, (5dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [15 sts] Stuff with toy stuffing as you go.
Rounds 11-19 Dc in each st around.
Round 21 (1dc, inv dec) rep around. [10 sts] Finish stuffing.
Fasten off and leave long tail for sewing Leg to Body.

EARS (MAKE 2)

With Linen, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, 1dc) rep around. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc in next st, 2dc) rep around. [24 sts]
Round 5 (5dc, 2dc in next st) rep around. [28 sts]
Rounds 6-7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 9dc, (inv dec) 5 times, 9dc. [23 sts]
Round 9 Dc in each st around.
Flatten Ear with last st in the centre and sew the open ends across the top. Leave a long tail for sewing the Ear to the Head. The front of the Ear will be the side with the Round 8 decreases.

TO MAKE UP

Pin Ears in place and mark the position of Eyes with pins. Make a small st at centre of each Eye (between Rnds 13 and 14, 9 sts apart). Pull the st tight to make an indentation and rep for 2nd eye. Take yarn inside head to base of the Head.
Fasten off securely.
Using Black, embroider eyes with small straight sts, then complete nose and mouth using image as a guide. Split a strand of yarn to make a finer line for the mouth. Check position of Ears. They should be pinched tog slightly and positioned in line with Round 6 at top of Head. Sew them in place. Position arms 4 Rounds from top of Body and sew in place. Position Legs with feet slightly turned out and sew in place. Pin Head and sew in place, adding stuffing as you sew to keep Head from tipping.

SHORTS

LEGS (MAKE 2)

With Star Light, ch30.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and in each ch to end.
Fasten off. [29 sts]
Turn and join Golden Lemon in first st.
Rows 2-4 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.
Fasten off.

Join the two Shorts Legs as follows:
Row 1 (RS) With Golden Lemon, ch2, with RS facing, dc in each st across the first Leg, ch2, dc in each st across the second Leg, do not fasten off. [62 sts]
On next Round the Legs will be joined in to the Round, with the 'ch2' sections forming the centre front and centre back of Shorts. The side leg and crotch seam will be sewn up later.
Round 2 (RS) Join into the Round by working a dc st into first ch of Row 1, and cont working a dc st into each st and ch around. [62 sts]
Round 3 Dc in each st around.
Round 4 15dc, inv dec, 29dc, inv dec, 14dc. [60 sts]
Round 5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 (Inv dec, 28dc) twice. [58 sts]
Round 7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 (Inv dec, 27dc) twice. [56 sts]
Round 9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 (Inv dec, 26dc) twice. [54 sts]
Round 11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 (Inv dec, 25dc) twice. [52 sts]
Round 13 Dc in each st around.
Change to Star Light.
Round 14 Dc in each st around, ss in first st of next Round to finish.
Fasten off and weave in ends.



The magic of this project is in the detail. The arm bands and shorts are made separately

DRAWSTRING

With Star Light, ch76.
Fasten off.
Thread drawstring onto a yarn needle and weave it in and out between sts of the last 2 rows of Shorts, starting at centre front. Tie a knot in each end of drawstring and cut off yarn ends. Sew up side legs and crotch seam in one.

ARM BANDS (MAKE 2)

With Safran, ch27 and ss into first ch to join into the Round, being careful not to twist.
Round 1 Ch1, dc into each ch around. [27 sts]
Rounds 2-16 Dc in each st around.
Ss in first st of next Round to finish.
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.
Fold Arm Band long edge to long edge and sew tog, adding stuffing as you go. Do not add any stuffing within 7 sts of the start of Round, so that one side of Band stays flatter. Back stitch across width of Band at this point to keep this section flat.



Mini menagerie

Accessorise adorably with Vanessa Mooncie's fox, mouse and rabbit brooches



YOU WILL NEED

- Small amounts of DK cotton yarn (100% cotton, 50g/113m):
  Yarn A Terracotta
  Yarn B Beige
  Yarn C Grey
  Yarn D Pink
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- Black sewing thread
- Sewing needle and thread to match yarn
- 3 sew-on brooch backs
- Stranded embroidery cotton in black and pink
- Stitch marker
- Embroidery needle
- Toy stuffing
- 6 x 7mm beads

TENSION

26 sts and 20 rows measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over double crochet using a 2.5mm hook. Matching the tension isn't critical but will affect overall size and yarn quantities

MEASUREMENTS

Fox measures approximately 5½x5cm (2¼x2in) excluding ears
Mouse and Rabbit measure approximately 5½x4½cm (2¼x1¾in) excluding ears

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Adorn your outfits with one of these sweet brooches, which are simple to make and brimming with all the charm of a woodland scene. Be warned though, the trio of friends are so cute, that picking a favourite is not an option – here's how to make all three.

NOTES

Use dc throughout.

Heads are worked using the amigurumi method. Work stitches continuously in a spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.

The heads are joined at the top by crocheting through stitches of both pieces at the same time.

Ears are made from 2 pieces. Fox and Rabbit ear pieces are worked in rows and Mouse's ears are worked in rounds of dc. The two pieces are crocheted together to join. Noses are embroidered and beads are stitched to the face for the eyes.

Ch1 at beg of the row/round does not count as a st throughout.

FOX

Starting at the nose, using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Rounds 2-3 Dc in each st around.
Round 4 (2dc in next st) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 (2dc in next st, dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 7 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 2 sts) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 8 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 3 sts) 6 times. [30 sts]
Rounds 9-13 Dc in each st around.

JOIN TOP OF HEAD

Flatten the piece and ss in back loops only of the 15 dc from each side of the last round to join, leaving an opening to stuff the piece, keeping a flattened shape, before closing.
Fasten off.

FOX EARS (MAKE 2)

Inner Ear

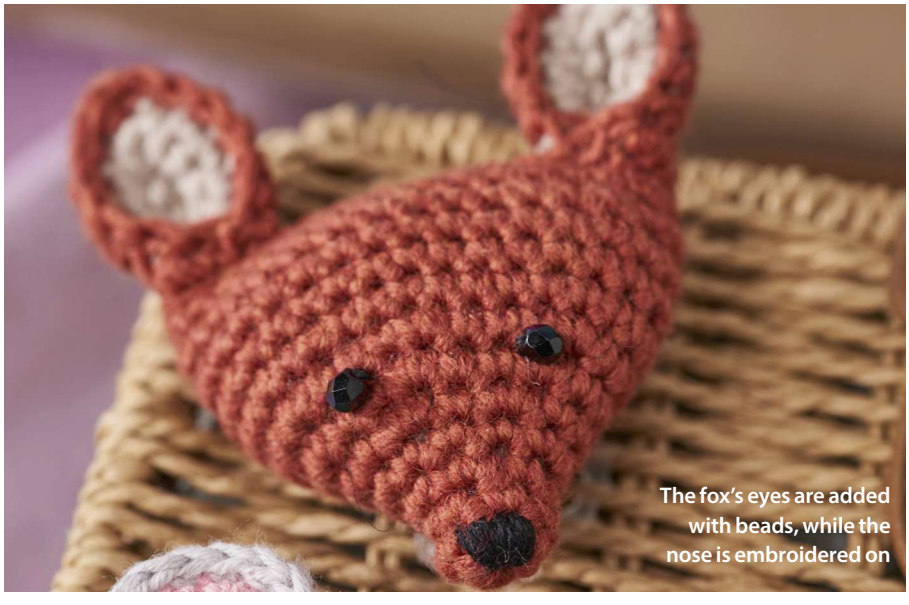
Using Yarn B, ch5.
Row 1 (WS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in each of next 2 ch, 3dc in next ch, now work along opposite side of ch, dc in each of next 3 ch, turn. [9 sts]
Row 2 (RS) Ch1 (not counted as a st), dc in each of next 4 sts, 3dc in next st, dc in each of next 4 sts. [11 sts]
Fasten off.

Outer Ear

Using Yarn A, ch5.
Rows 1-2 As Rows 1-2 of Inner Ear.
Do not fasten off at the end.

Join Ear Pieces

Place wrong sides of Inner and Outer Ear together, with the Inner Ear facing up.
Join Yarn A with a ss, inserting the hook



The fox's eyes are added with beads, while the nose is embroidered on

under both loops of each stitch of the Inner Ear first, then the Outer Ear to join, ch1 (not counted as st), dc in each of next 5 sts, 3dc in next st, dc in each of next 5 sts, ss to first dc to join the lower corners and shape the ear. [13 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail of yarn at the end.

MOUSE
Starting at the nose, using Yarn C, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each st around.
Round 3 (2dc in next st) 6 times. [12 sts]
Rounds 4-6 As Rounds 6-8 of Fox. [30 sts]
Rounds 7-11 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.

JOIN TOP OF HEAD
Work as for Fox.

MOUSE EARS (MAKE 2)
Inner Ear
Using Yarn D, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 5dc into the loop. [5 sts]
Round 2 (2dc in next st) 5 times. [10 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in next st) 5 times. [15 sts]
Fasten off.

Outer Ear
Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-3 As Round 1-3 of Inner Ear.
Do not fasten off at the end.

Join Ear Pieces
Place wrong sides of Inner and Outer Ear together, with the Inner Ear facing up.
Join Yarn C with a ss, inserting the hook under both loops of each st of the Inner Ear first, then the Outer Ear to join, ch1 (not counted as st), (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 2 sts) 4 times, skip next 3 sts, ss to the first dc to join the lower corners and shape the ear.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail of yarn at the end.

RABBIT
Starting at the nose, using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Rounds 2-6 As Rounds 4-8 of Fox. [30 sts]
Rounds 7-11 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.

JOIN TOP OF HEAD
Work as for Fox.

RABBIT EARS (MAKE 2)
Inner Ear
Using Yarn D, ch7.
Row 1 (WS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in each of next 4 ch, 3dc in next ch, now work along opposite side of ch, dc in each of next 5 ch, turn. [13 sts]
Row 2 (RS) Ch1, dc in each of next 6 sts, 3dc in next st, dc in each of next 6 sts, turn. [15 sts]
Fasten off.

Outer Ear
Using Yarn B, ch7.
Rows 1-2 As Rows 1-2 of Inner Ear.
Do not fasten off at the end.

Join Ear Pieces
Place wrong sides of Inner and Outer Ear together, with the Inner Ear facing up.
Join Yarn A with a ss, inserting the hook under both loops of each st of the Inner Ear first, then the Outer Ear to join, ch1 (not counted as st), dc in each of next 7 sts, 3dc in next st, dc in each of next 7 sts. [17 sts]
Ss to first dc to join the lower corners and shape the ear.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail of yarn at the end.

TO FINISH

EARS
With the length of yarn left after fastening off, sew each ear neatly to each side of the top of the head, stitching all around the edges to attach them securely in place.

NOSE
Use 3 strands of embroidery thread in black for the Fox and Rabbit and Pink for the Mouse. Embroider the Fox and Mouse's nose in satin stitch and work a cross stitch for the Rabbit.

EYES
Sew beads to the face for the eyes. Alternatively, French knots can be embroidered using 6 strands of black embroidery thread.

Finally, sew a brooch back securely to the top edge of the back of the head.



The ears are made in two pieces and then both parts are neatly joined together



Start making each brooch at the nose with a magic loop, then crochet a dc into each round

Egg-cellent!

Emily Ashbourn's cheeky-chick egg cosy is sure to put a smile on your face at breakfast time





YOU WILL NEED

- Paintbox Yarns Simply Aran (100% acrylic, 100g/184m), 1 ball of Daffodil Yellow (221)
- DMC Natura Just Cotton (100% cotton, 50g/155m) 1 ball of each: Steel (318) Tournesol (16)
- A 4mm (US G/6) hook
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- A 2mm (US B/1) hook
- White and black stranded cotton

For yarn stockists contact LoveCrochet 01409 404010 www.lovecrochet.com

MEASUREMENTS

To fit medium hen egg

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Get your day off to a sunny start with this cheerful chick egg cosy and her bunny hat. You don't have to sew the hat on – you could make several in different colours and then swap them around. Or make several chicks, of course – one for all the family!

NOTES

The Chick Body is worked from the top down.

CHICK

BODY

Using Daffodil Yellow and a 4mm hook, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as a st throughout), 5dc into loop. [5 dc]
Round 2 2dc into each st around. [10 dc]
Round 3 (2dc into first st, dc into next st) 5 times. [15 dc]
Round 4 (2dc into first st, dc into next 2 sts) 5 times. [20 dc]
Rounds 5-7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 (Dc2tog) 10 times. [10 dc]
Round 9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 (2dc into next st, dc into next st) five times. [15 dc]
Round 11 (2dc into next st, dc into next 2 sts) 5 times. [20 dc]
Rounds 12-18 Dc in each st around.
Round 19 Ss in each st around.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

WINGS (MAKE 2)

Using Daffodil Yellow and a 4mm hook, ch5.
Row 1 (WS) Dc into second ch from hook and in each ch to end, turn. [4 dc]
Rows 2-3 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 4 Ch1, (dc2tog) twice, turn. [2 dc]
Row 5 Ch1, (dc2tog), turn. [1 dc]
Row 6 (RS) Ch1, dc, do not turn. [1 dc]
Work around the Wing.
Round 7 (RS) Ch1, dc in each row end and st around, ss to top of first dc to join. [17 dc]
Fasten off and weave in ends.
Sew the Wings to the Chick Body over Rounds 8 and 9. Use the image as a guide.

BEAK

Using Tournesol and a 2mm hook, ch4, ss into last ch to form a loop.
Round 1 Ch1**,** 4dc into loop, ss to first dc to join.
Fasten off.
Use the tail to attach the Beak to the Chick's Head.

BONNET

Using Steel and a 3mm hook, ch5.
Row 1 Dc into 2nd ch from hook and in each ch to last ch, 5dc in last ch, turn to work down the opposite side of the foundation ch, dc in each ch to end, turn. [11 dc]
Row 2 Ch1, dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in 3 sts, dc in next 4 sts, turn. [14 dc]
Row 3 Ch1, dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in next 2 sts, dc in next 6 sts, turn. [16 dc]
Row 4 Ch1, dc in next 7 sts, 2dc in next 2 sts, dc in next 7 sts, turn. [18 dc]
Rows 5-7 Ch1, dc in each st around, turn.
Rows 8-10 Ch2 (counts as st throughout), htr in each st across. [18 htr]
Ch22 to create one of the ties.
Fasten off.
Join Steel to the top of beg ch-2 of Row 10, ch22 to create the second tie.
Fasten off and weave in ends.



Make a selection of hats in different colours so you can co-ordinate with your cosy!

EARS (MAKE 2)

Using Steel and a 3mm hook, ch13.
Row 1 (RS) Htr in the third ch from hook, htr in next 4 ch, tr in next 4 ch, htr in last 2 sts. [8 htr, 2tr]
Round 2 (RS) Ss in each st and row end around the Ear.
Fasten off.
Use the tails to attach the Ears to the Bonnet, over Round 9, approx 6 sts from each edge. You can use the image as a guide.

TO FINISH

Using black stranded cotton, sew small sts to create the eye shape. Add a couple of sts using white to give the eyes more detail.

Polar pals

Becky Schooley's trio of cheeky penguins are waddling in a winter wonderland!





YOU WILL NEED

- Rowan Handknit Cotton (100% cotton, 50g/85m), 1 ball of each:
  Atlantic (346)
  Florence (350),
  Ecru (251)
- A 4mm (US G/6) hook
- Small amount of toy stuffing
- Safety eyes or black beads

For yarn stockists contact Rowan 01484 950630 www.knitrowan.com

MEASUREMENTS

Large Penguin approx 10cm (4in) tall
Medium Penguin approx 7cm (3¾in) tall
Small Penguin approx 5.5cm (2¼in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

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These fun-loving penguins love nothing more than messing around in the snow. And if you're new to amigurumi then they're a great project to start with. There are no fancy stitches or fiddly bits – just dc worked in spirals and a bit of sewing up!

NOTES

The pattern is worked using the amigurumi method. Work in a continuous spiral without closing off the round with a ss. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.
Leave long tails of yarn to use in sewing up later, if required.

LARGE PENGUIN

BODY & HEAD

With Atlantic, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, 1dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 (2dc in next st, 1dc in each of next 2 sts) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 5 (2dc in next st, 1dc in each of next 3 sts) 6 times. [30 dc]
Round 6 (2dc in next st, 1dc in each of next 4 sts) 6 times. [36 dc]
Rounds 7-16 Dc in each st around.
Round 17 (Dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 2 sts) 9 times. [27 dc]
Rounds 18-20 Dc in each st around.
Round 21 (Dc2tog, 1dc in next st) 9 times. [18 dc]
Round 22 Dc in each st around.
Stuff Body and (if using) attach safety eyes at this point and then continue.
Round 23 (Dc2tog) around. [9 dc]
Fasten off and sew up Head.

WINGS (MAKE 2)

With Atlantic, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, 1dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 (2dc in next st, 1dc in each of next 2 sts) 6 times, ss to first dc. [24 dc]
Fasten off.
Fold Wing in half and seam edges together. Squash flat so that the seam is underneath the Wing and the centre of the circle is seen on top.

TUMMY PATCH

With Ecru, work as given for Wings to the end of Round 4. **Fasten off**.
Sew flat onto Body (without folding in half), positioning so bottom of circle sits where shaping for Body begins.

FEET (MAKE 2)

With Florence, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 (2dc in next st, 1dc in next st) 3 times. [9 dc]
Rounds 3-4 Dc in each st around.
Round 5 (Dc2tog, 1dc in next st) 3 times. [6 dc]
Fasten off and weave in ends.
Don't stuff, squash flat and leave open. Sew Feet at base of Body, either side of the Tummy Patch.

BEAK

With Florence, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 5dc in second ch from hook. [5 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [10 dc]
Rounds 3-4 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off and weave in ends.
Fold flat, don't stuff, pull middle of circle into a point.
Sew to Body above Tummy Patch, so that it hangs over slightly.

TO FINISH

Sew Wings to side of Body, on the same Round as the Beak.
If using black beads for eyes, sew on approx 3 rounds above Beak.

MEDIUM PENGUIN

BODY

With Atlantic, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, 1dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 (2dc in next st, 1dc in each of next 2 sts) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 5 (2dc in next st, 1dc in each of next 3 sts) 6 times. [30 dc]
Rounds 6-14 Dc in each st around.
Round 15 (Dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 3 sts) 6 times. [24 dc]
Rounds 16-17 Dc in each st around.
Round 18 (Dc2tog) around. [12 dc]
Stuff Body and (if using) attach safety eyes at this point and then continue.
Round 19 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 2 sts) 3 times. [9 dc]
Round 20 (Dc2tog, dc in next st) 3 times, ss in first dc. [6 dc]
Fasten off and sew up Head.

WINGS (MAKE 2)
Work as for Wings of Large Penguin, working only Rounds 1-3.

TUMMY PATCH
Work as for Tummy Patch of Large Penguin, working only Rounds 1-3.

FEET (MAKE 2)
With Florence, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Rounds 2-3 Dc in each st around.
Round 4 Dc in each st around, ss to first dc.
Fasten off.
Sew Feet at base of Body, either side of the Tummy Patch.

BEAK
With Florence, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 5dc in second ch from hook. [5 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [10 dc]
Fasten off and weave in ends.
Fold flat, don't stuff, pull middle of circle into a point.
Sew to Body above Tummy Patch, so that it hangs over slightly.

TO FINISH
Sew Wings to side of Body, on the same Round as the Beak.
If using black beads for eyes, sew them on approx 2 rounds above Beak. (Pin them in place first to check positioning.)

SMALL PENGUIN
BODY
With Atlantic, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, 1dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Rounds 4-9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 (Dc in each of next 2 sts, dc2tog) 4 times, dc in each of next 2 sts. [14 dc]
Rounds 11-12 Dc in each st around.
Stuff Body and (if using) attach safety eyes at this point and then continue.
Round 13 (Dc2tog) around, ss to first dc. [7 dc]
Fasten off and sew up Head.

WINGS (MAKE 2)
With Atlantic, ch5.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and each ch across. [4 dc] **Fasten off**.

TUMMY PATCH
With Ecru, make a magic loop.



Each of the penguins has a flat, round base so they can sit up without any wobbles

Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around, ss in first dc. [12 dc] **Fasten off**.
Sew flat onto Body (without folding in half), positioning so bottom of circle sits where shaping for Body begins.

FEET (MAKE 2)
With Florence, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into magic loop, ss in first dc. [6 dc] **Fasten off**.
Sew Feet at base of Body, either side of the Tummy Patch.

BEAK
With Florence, stitch a small nose horizontally, 1 dc wide, at approx Round 9 of Body. Repeat to make more stitches in the same place 3 or 4 times.

TO FINISH
Sew Wings to side of Body, on the same Round as the Beak.
If using black beads for eyes, sew on approx 1 round above Beak.



The feet, belly, beak and eyes are positioned very close together for a cute tubby look



Squash the beak into a flat cone shape before stitching it in place on the face.



BEAR HUGS

Show some love for this tiny guy with a big heart.
Designed by Little Bear Crochets



YOU WILL NEED

- Small amounts of any cotton DK from your stash, in White, Beige, plus oddments of Aqua blue and Dark pink
- Short length of black embroidery thread
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- A fine sewing needle
- A pair of safety eyes, size 6mm, or small black beads
- Toy stuffing

MEASUREMENTS

13cm (5in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see p130

Small is beautiful. This pocket-sized pal by Little Bear Crochets is speedy to hook, and makes a very cute companion.

NOTES

Work stitches continuously in a spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.

HEAD

Using White, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in every st. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in each of next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in each of next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Rounds 6-11 Dc in each st around. [30 sts]
Round 12 (Dc in each of next 3 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Place the safety eyes between Rounds 8 and 9.
Round 13 (Dc in each of next 2 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Slowly start stuffing as you crochet along.
Round 14 (Dc in next st, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 15 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off.

SNOUT

Using White, ch3.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, 3dc in next ch, continue on opposite side of the foundation ch, dc in next ch, 3dc in next ch. [8 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [12 sts]
Round 3 Dc in each st around. **Fasten off**.

With black embroidery thread, embroider a mouth and nose on the snout. The easiest way is to work diagonal lines from top to bottom centre point. Then even out the top



of the nose by making one horizontal line across the tops of the stitches. Complete it by making a small vertical line under the centre.

EARS (MAKE 2)
Using White, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in every st. [12 sts]
Round 3 Dc in each st around. **Fasten off**.
Fold the ears into two flat pieces.
Now sew the ears with a slight curve to top of the head.

LEGS (MAKE 2)
Using White, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in every st. [12 sts]
Rounds 3-12 Dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Fasten off the first leg.
Do not fasten off the second leg.
Merge the last 2 rounds of the two legs into one round as follows: continuing from the last stitch you made in Leg 2, dc in each st around Leg 1, then continue onto Leg 2 again and dc in each st around. This makes one larger round of 24 dc in total.

BODY
Continue from the two merged legs.
Rounds 1-2 Dc in each st around, changing to Aqua blue during last dc of Round 2. [24 sts]
Stuff the legs.
Round 3 Dc in each st around, changing to Beige during last dc.
Rounds 4-6 Dc in each st around, changing to Dark Pink during last dc of Round 6.
Round 7 Dc in each st around, changing to Aqua blue during last dc.
Round 8 Dc in each st around, changing to Dark Pink during last st.
Round 9 (Dc in each of next 4 sts, dc2tog) 4 times, changing to Beige during last dc2tog. [20 sts]
Stuff the Body whilst crocheting along.
Round 10 (Dc in each of next 3 sts, dc2tog) 4 times. [16 sts]
Round 11 (Dc in each of next 2 sts, dc2tog) 4 times, changing to White during last dc2tog. [12 sts]
Round 12 Working in the back loop only, dc in each st around.
Fasten off and finish stuffing.

COLLAR
Join Beige to the back of the Body, in the front loops that are visible from crocheting Round 12 in the back loops only. The collar is worked in continuous rounds. The complete first round will be made in these front loops.



Start the tail with a magic loop and hook five stitches for two speedy rounds

The collar will form an extra layer around the neck and is folded.
Round 1 (Dc in each of next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [15 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in each of next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [18 sts]
Round 3 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off and weave in ends.
Flip the collar over so the end of the neck and the collar are an even length.

TAIL
Using White, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 5dc into centre of the loop. [5 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.
Sew the tail onto the lower back of the Bear.

ARMS (MAKE 2)
Using White, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 5dc into centre of the loop, changing to Aqua blue during last dc. [5 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each st around, changing to Beige during last dc.
Rounds 3-8 Dc in each st around.
Press the last round of the arm flat and close the hole with two stitches across.

TO FINISH
Sew Arms to both sides of Body, at the top of the sweater but just below the collar. Don't accidentally sew the arms onto the collar!





Bob the bat

New to amigurumi? Start simple. This little guy has tabs for feet so he can hold on tight. Designed by Sara Huntington

YOU WILL NEED

- Any black DK yarn from your stash
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- Safety eyes
- Toy stuffing
- Tapestry needle
- Stitch marker
- Small amount of black felt

MEASUREMENTS

13cm (5in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see p130

Bob's a brilliant companion – he's always got a unique perspective on things and is more than content just hanging out.

NOTES

The bat is worked in a continuous spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. Place a marker in the first st of each round and move it up as you work.

HEAD

Using Black, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), 8dc into loop. [8 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each dc around. [16 sts]
Round 3 (1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc) 8 times. [24 sts]
Rounds 4-11 Dc in each dc around.
Round 12 (Dc in next st, dc2tog) 8 times. [16 sts]
Round 13 Dc in each dc around.
Round 14 (Dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 4 times. [12 sts]
Round 15 Dc in each dc around.

BODY

Round 16 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [16 sts]
Rounds 17-22 Dc in each dc around.
Do not fasten off. Place eyes 6 sts apart between Rounds 10 and 11. Stuff Head and Body firmly. Press last Round of Body flat, making sure eyes are in centre of face. Work 8 ss across base of body to close, working each ss through both front and back of Body. **Fasten off** and weave in ends.

FEET

FIRST FOOT

Working into the ss seam, join Black in the first st.
Row 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), dc in same st and next 2 sts, turn, leaving rem sts unworked. [3 dc]
Rows 2-9 Ch1 (does not count as st), dc in each dc across, turn. [3 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

SECOND FOOT

Skip next 2 sts on ss seam. Join Black in next st and rep Rows 1-9.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Fold each foot in half and using the long tail and a tapestry needle sew the last row to the ss seam to create a loop for hanging the bat upside down.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Using Black, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch3 (counts as tr), 11tr into loop, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join. [12 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Position ears onto head using the image as a guide and sew to secure.

WINGS

Using black felt, cut out wings using the image as a guide.
Glue or sew them in place onto head using the image as a guide and sew to secure.





ALL DOLLED UP

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Princess story

Create your very own fairy tale with Lynne Rowe's golden girl Rapunzel – and her tower!





YOU WILL NEED

RAPUNZEL

- DMC Natura Just Cotton (100% cotton, 50g/155m), 1 ball of each:
  Yarn A Ivory (N02)
  Yarn B Orquidea (N45)
  Yarn C Rose Layette (N06)
  Yarn D Blé (N83)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Toy stuffing
- A pair of 6mm safety eyes

TOWER

- DMC Natura Just Cotton (100% cotton, 50g/155m), 1 ball of each:
  Yarn E Sable (N03)
  Yarn F Pistache (N13)
  Oddments of Ivory (N02), Orquidea (N45), Rose Layette (N06), Blé (N83) for the flowers
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- Scrap of black and grey felt with matching sewing threads and needle and PVA glue
- Tin of spray starch
- 1 empty card tube, about 7.75cm diameter (such as potato snack container), cut down to approx 16cm high with plastic lid replaced

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MEASUREMENTS

Rapunzel measures 16cm (6¼in) high
Tower measures 20cm (8in) high

ABBREVIATIONS

surface crochet This is a chain of slip stitches made onto the surface of crochet fabric as follows: make a slip knot onto hook, *insert hook down into the gap between 2 dc sts and out through the next gap along, yhr and pull hook back through the sts and through the loop on hook (1 ss made); continue from * working vertically or horizontally as instructed, until desired length is reached, fasten off, weave in ends

For a full list, see page 130

With her long blonde hair and beautiful princess dress, Rapunzel knows exactly what to do to get herself out of a tricky situation and make her dreams come true.

RAPUNZEL

HEAD

Using 3mm hook and Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1**,** 6dc into the centre of the loop. [6 sts]
Pull yarn end gently to close up magic loop.
Round 2 2dc into every st. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc into next st, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (Dc into next 2 sts, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (Dc into next 3 sts, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Rounds 6-8 Dc into each st around.
Round 9 (Dc into next 3 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 10 Dc into each st around.
Round 11 (Dc into next 2 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 12 [Dc into next st, dc2tog] 6 times. [12 sts]
Fix safety eyes between Rounds 6 and 7, leaving 4 sts between. Fill Head firmly with toy filling until it measures approx 14cm around.
Round 13 [Dc into next st, dc2tog] 4 times, ss into next st. [8 sts]
Fasten off.

LEG 1

Using 3mm hook and Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1**,** 6dc into the centre of the magic loop. [6 sts]
Pull yarn end gently to close up magic loop.
Round 2 [Dc into next 2 sts, 2dc into next st] twice. [8 sts]
Round 3 (Working into back loops only), dc into each st around.
Round 4 Dc into next st, dc2tog, dc into next 2 sts, dc2tog, dc into next st, changing to Yarn A. [6 sts]
Round 5 Dc into each st around.
Rounds 6-12 Rep Round 5 seven times more, changing to Yarn B during last dc of Round 12.
Round 13 Dc into each st around, ss in next st.
Fasten off.
Fill with toy filling.

LEG 2

Rep all instructions as given for Leg 1 but do not ss into next st after Round 13 and do not fasten off. Place working st onto a stitch marker and carefully fill Leg 2 with toy filling. Replace working st back onto hook.

JOIN LEGS

Dc into next st of Leg 2, dc into each st around on Leg 1, dc into remaining 5 sts of Leg 2. [12 sts]

BODY

The Body is worked up from the Legs.
Round 1 Dc into each st around. [12 sts]
Round 2 (Dc into next st, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 3 Rep Round 1.
Round 4 (Dc into next st, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 5 Rep Round 1.
Round 6 (Working into bl only), dc into each st around.
Fill lower Body with toy filling.
Round 7 Rep Round 2. [18 sts]
Round 8 (Dc into next 5 sts, 2dc into next st) 3 times. [21 sts]
Round 9 Rep Round 1.
Round 10 [Dc into next 5 sts, dc2tog) 3 times. [18 sts]
Change to Yarn D.
Round 11 Rep Round 4. [12 sts]
Round 12 (Dc into next st, dc2tog) 4 times, ss into next st. [8 sts]
Fasten off.
Fill Body firmly with toy filling. Pin Head to Body, lining up the eyes with the front of the Body and stitch in place.

DRESS

Hold Body upside down with back of Body facing you. Using 3mm hook, make a slip knot onto hook with Yarn B and join with a ss to the spare front loop of the centre back st of Round 6 of Body.
Round 1 Ch3 (counts as first tr throughout), 1tr into front loop of same st at base of ch-3, 2tr into front loop of each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join. [24 sts]
Round 2 Ch3, tr into same stitch at base of ch-3, tr into next st, (2tr into next st, tr into next st) around, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join. [36 sts]
Round 3 Ch3, tr into each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join.
Round 4 Rep Round 3.
Round 5 Ch3, tr into same st at base of ch-3, tr into next 2 sts, (2tr into next st, tr into next 2 sts) to end, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join. [48 sts]
Rounds 6-7 Rep Round 3.
Round 8 (Working into bl only), rep Round 3.
Round 9 Rep Round 8. **Fasten off**.

DRESS EDGING

*Hold Rapunzel upright with the back of her Head facing you. Make a slip knot onto a 3mm hook with Yarn C and join to the spare loop of centre back st of Round 8 with a ss. Working to the left, skip 1 st, (3tr into next st, skip 1 st, ss into next st, skip 1 st) around to last 2 sts, 3tr into next st, skip 1 st, ss into top of first tr.
Fasten off and weave in ends.**
Repeat from * to ** working around the spare loops of Round 9.



ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using 3mm hook and Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch3, (4tr, 6htr, 5tr) into loop, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join. [16 sts].
Round 2 (Working into bl only), (dc2tog) 8 times. [8 sts]
Round 3 Dc into next 2 sts, (dc2tog) twice, dc into each of next 2 sts, changing to Yarn A during last dc. [6 sts]
Rounds 4-11 Dc into each st around, ss into next st.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Fill Arm lightly with toy filling, leaving the top of the Arm free from filling. Thread tail end onto a wool needle and thread through each of the 6 sts of Round 11. Pull to close the hole.

HAIR CAP

Using 3mm hook and Yarn D, work Rounds 1-3 as given for the Head.
Round 4 (RS) Dc into next 2 sts, 2dc into next st, htr into next 2 sts, 2htr into next st, (tr into next 2 sts, 2tr into next st) twice, htr into next 2 sts, 2htr into next st, dc into next 2 sts, 2dc into next st. [24 sts]
Round 5 Dc into next 3 sts, 2dc into next st, htr into next 3 sts, 2htr into next st, (tr into each of next 3 sts, 2tr into next st) twice, htr into each of next 3 sts, 2htr into next st, dc into each of next 3 sts, 2dc into next st. [30 sts]
Round 6 Dc into each of next 5 sts, htr into each of next 5 sts, tr into each of next 10sts, htr into each of next 5 sts, dc into each of next 5 sts.
Round 7 Dc into each st around.
Round 8 Dc into each of next 29 sts, ss into next st, turn.
Round 9 (Ch3, ss into same st at base of ch-3, ss into each of next 2 sts) rep around.
Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Pin Arms in place and stitch to Body using Yarn B. Wrap a long length of Yarn C around waist, then tie tightly at the back and weave ends into Body.
Wrap a long length of Yarn B around neck, tie tightly at the back and weave ends into Body.
Place Hair Cap onto Head and stitch in place around the edge using Yarn D.
Use Yarn B to stitch two French knots for earrings to each side of Head along the hair line and just below eye level.

PLAIT

Cut 36 strands of Yarn D measuring 120cm each and attach to centre of Hair Cap, using the crochet hook method. Split the strands of yarn into 3 equal portions and Plait. Wrap a long strand of Yarn B tightly around the end of the Plait to secure. Trim ends of Plait. Stitch Hair Cap to the Head with Yarn D using small running stitches. Wind the Plait across the front of the Head once. Stitch in place using Yarn D. Pin Plait to Arm and stitch in place (this stops the Plait from pulling the Head to one side).

FLOWERS (MAKE 5)

Using 3mm hook and any colour, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Pull yarn end gently to close up magic loop.
Ss into first dc. **Fasten off**.
Cut a 20cm length of yarn in a contrasting colour to the Flower. Make 4 or 5 knots in the centre of the yarn. Thread the yarn ends through the centre of the Flower from front to back, leaving the knot visible at the front of the Flower.
Tie ends together on WS and use the ends to stitch Flower in place along the stem.

TOWER

Using 3mm hook and Yarn E, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Pull yarn end gently to close up magic loop.
Round 2 2dc into each st around. [12 sts].
Round 3 (Dc into next st, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (Dc into each of next 2 sts, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (Dc into each of next 3 sts, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 Dc into each of next 2 sts, 2dc into next st, (dc into next 4 sts, 2dc into next st) 5 times, dc into each of next 2 sts. [36 sts]
Round 7 (Dc into each of next 5 sts, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 8 (Dc into each of next 6 sts, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 9 (Dc into each of next 7 sts, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [54 sts]
Round 10 (Working into bl only), dc into each st around.
Repeat Round 10 until piece is long enough to completely cover the card tube.
Next round (Working into fl only), (dc into each of next 8 sts, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [60 sts]
Repeat Round 10 for 3cm.
Next round (turrets) (Working into fl only), *skip 2 sts, (3tr, ch3, ss into 3rd ch from hook, 3tr) into next st, skip 2 sts, ss into next st; repeat from * to end. [10 turrets]

INSIDE EDGE

Ss into the bl of any st from the last Round 10 repeat before the turrets.
Repeat Round 10 for 3cm. **Fasten off**.
Fold inside edge to the inside and ss into place. Spray turrets with spray starch and leave to dry then slide Tower over crisp tube.

FOLIAGE

You will find it easier to work the Foliage onto the Tower when it's on the tube.
*Using 3.5mm hook and Yarn F, make a slip knot onto hook. Join with a ss to any stitch along the bottom edge of the Tower. For the main stem, surface crochet (see special stitches), vertically up the front of Tower for 8cm then continue to surface crochet, leaning towards the left for 3cm. **Fasten off**.
Work 3 or 4 additional branches from the main stem in the same way using the image as a guide.**

LEFT SIDE

Repeat instructions as given for the RS from * to ** joining yarn to bottom edge of Tower approx 7cm to the left of first stem and leaning the main stem towards the right after 8.5cm. Remove Tower from tube, then weave ends through to the inside and trim.

FLOWERS (MAKE 10)

Repeat the instructions for the Flowers in Rapunzel's Hair.
Attach Flowers to the Tower – you can use the image as a guide.

DOOR

You will find it easier to stitch the Door on the Tower when it's on the tube.
Cut a door-shaped template from paper or card (using the image as a guide) that measures approx 5.5cm wide x 7.5cm high.
Use the template to cut out a Door from black felt. Pin onto Tower and stitch in place with black sewing thread, using small running stitches approx 0.5cm from the edge.
Cut out a small keyhole shape from grey felt and glue to one side of door.
Stand Rapunzel in the Tower.



This magical project is from *Once Upon A Time In Crochet* by Lynne Rowe, published by Search Press (RRP £9.99). Take a look at www.searchpress.com to find out more.



Wind the plait around just the once for princess power



Princesses love to accessorise! Don't forget to add her pretty flowers and earrings

Bone idol

Creepy meets cute in this Mexican-inspired amigurumi doll, designed by Ilaria Caliri





YOU WILL NEED

- Scheepjes Catona (100% cotton, 50g/130m), 1 ball of each:
  Yarn A Jet Black (110)
  Yarn B Tyrian Purple (128)
- Scheepjes Catona (100% cotton, 25g/62.5m), 1 ball of each:
  Yarn C Bridal White (105)
  Yarn D Candy Apple (516)
  Yarn E Emerald (515)
  Yarn F Tropic (253)
  Yarn G Petrol Blue (400)
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- Black tulle fabric (2 pieces 48x8cm/19x3in)
- A pair of safety eyes, approx 8mm diameter
- 1 small button (10mm)
- Sewing pins
- Tapestry and sewing needle
- Stitch markers
- Toy stuffing
- Adhesive tape

For yarn stockists contact Scheepjes www.scheepjes.com

MEASUREMENTS

Doll measures 27cm (10½in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

This little lady's all dressed up for Halloween in a macabre outfit inspired by Mexican Day of the Dead celebrations. It's the embroidery that makes it – stitch on delicate skeleton details and face paint.

NOTES

The Body Parts are worked using the amigurumi method. Work in a continuous spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. You may find it helpful to place a marker in the first st of each round and move it up as you work.

BODY AND HEAD

With Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into the loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, 1dc) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 (2dc in next st, 2dc) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 5 (2dc in next st, 3dc) 6 times. [30 dc]
Round 6 (2dc in next st, 4dc) 6 times. [36 dc]
Rounds 7-12 Dc in each dc around.
Round 13 (Dc2tog, 4dc) 3 times, 18dc. [33 sts]
Round 14 (Dc2tog, 3dc) 3 times, 18dc. [30 sts]
Round 15 Dc in each dc around. [30 dc]
Round 16 (Dc2tog, 3dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 17 Dc in each dc around.
Round 18 (Dc2tog, 2dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 19 Dc in each dc around.
Fasten off and stuff the body.
Round 20 Join Yarn C in first st, working in back loops only, (dc2tog, 1dc) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 21 Dc in each dc around.
Round 22 (2dc in next st, 1dc) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 23 (2dc in next st, 2dc) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 24 (2dc in next st, 3dc) 6 times. [30 dc]
Round 25 (2dc in next st, 4dc) 6 times. [36 dc]
Round 26 (2dc in next st, 5dc) 6 times. [42 dc]
Round 27 (2dc in next st, 6dc) 6 times. [48 dc]
Rounds 28-34 Dc in each dc around. [48 dc]
Round 35 (6dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 sts]
Secure the eyes between Rounds 29 and 30 approx 12 sts apart.



As you sew the hair to the hair cap, your line of stitches becomes the centre parting

Stuff the Head with toy stuffing and continue stuffing as you go.
Round 36 (5dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 37 (4dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 38 (3dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 39 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 40 (1dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 41 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

With Yarn C, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 5dc into the loop. [5 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [10 dc]
Rounds 3-5 Dc in each dc around.
Fasten off.
Rounds 6-12 Join Yarn A in first st, dc in each dc around. [10 dc]
Round 13 Dc2tog, 8dc. [9 dc]
Round 14 Dc2tog, 7dc. [8 dc]
Round 15 Dc2tog, 6dc. [7 dc]
Stuff. **Fasten off** leaving a long tail for sewing the Arms to the Body.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

With Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 5dc into the loop. [5 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [10 dc]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, 1dc) 5 times. [15 dc]

Round 4 (partial round) 1htr, 3tr in each of next 2 sts, 1htr, dc in each of next 2 sts. [19 sts]
Place a stitch marker in the first st of the next round to mark the new start of the round.
Round 5 10dc, dc2tog, 2dc, dc2tog, 3dc. [17 sts]
Round 6 10dc, (dc2tog) twice, 3dc. [15 sts]
Round 7 (Dc2tog, 3dc) 3 times. [12 sts]
Rounds 8-18 Dc in each dc around.
Round 19 (Dc2tog, 4dc) twice. [10 sts]
Rounds 20-29 Dc in each dc around. [10 dc]
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.
Stuff the legs and sew to the bottom of the body.

SHOES (MAKE 2)
With Yarn D, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 5dc into the loop. [5 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [10 dc]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, 1dc) 5 times. [15 dc]
Round 4 (partial round) 1htr, 3tr in each of next 2 sts, 1htr, dc in each of next 2 sts, ss in next st [19 sts]
Place marker in the first dc of the next round to mark the new start of the round.
Round 5 Ch1, dc in back loop only in each st around. [19 dc]
Round 6 10dc, dc2tog, 2dc, dc2tog, 3dc (place marker in 16th st of Round). [17 sts]
Round 7 (partial round) 6dc, ch30.
Fasten off.

Join Yarn in marked st of Round 16, ch30.
Fasten off and weave in the yarn ends.

HAIR CAP
With Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into the loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, 1dc) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 (2dc in next st, 2dc) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 5 (2dc in next st, 3dc) 6 times. [30 dc]
Round 6 (2dc in next st, 4dc) 6 times. [36 dc]
Round 7 (2dc in next st, 5dc) 6 times. [42 dc]
Round 8 (2dc in next st, 6dc) 6 times. [48 dc]
Rounds 9-15 Dc in each dc around.
Fasten off leaving a tail for sewing.

The Hair Cap is used as a base for securing the Hair. Sew the Hair Cap onto the Head (place it between Round 35 of the Head at the front and Round 23 at the back).
To make strands of hair cut a long piece of adhesive tape and fix it to a flat work surface, sticky side up.
Cut lengths of Yarn B measuring approx 40cm. Place the midpoint of each length at right angles to the adhesive tape, positioning them close together. Cover 12cm of tape, then remove it from the work surface. Using Yarn D sew along the 12 cm with back stitches, securing all lengths as you go, then remove the tape from the yarn.
Place this piece onto the hair cap with the stitching line in the position of the centre parting. Sew in place with small stitches along the previous stitching line.
Plait the hair into 2 plaits and secure at the ends with Yarn F.

HEADBAND
With Yarn E, ch27, leaving a long starting tail for sewing.
Row 1 Skip the first ch, 4ss, 3dc, 12htr, 3dc, 4ss, rotate Headband to work along the other side of the starting ch, ch1, 4ss, 3dc, 12htr, 3dc, 4ss.
Fasten off leaving a tail for sewing.
Pin the hairband on the head and sew with a single stitch at each end to Hair Cap under the Hair.

FLOWERS (MAKE 3)
With Yarn D, F or G, ch5, ss to first ch to join in a ring.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 5dc into the ring. [5 dc]
Join Yarn D, F or G.
Round 2 (Ch2, 3tr in st at base of ch, ch2, ss into the same st) 5 times.
Fasten off leaving a tail for sewing the flowers on to the headband.

BELT AND SKIRT
With Yarn D, ch40.
Row 1 Skip 5 ch (for buttonhole), dc in next 35 ch.
Fasten off leaving a tail for sewing the button at the opposite side of the buttonhole.

Place the 2 pieces of tulle fabric on top of each other. Fold the tulle fabric in half lengthwise and with a tapestry needle and a tail of Yarn C, make long stitches along the fold. Pull the yarn to gather fabric until it is the same length as the belt (without the buttonhole).
With the same yarn, sew tulle to the inside of the Belt.

Using Yarn E embroider the edge of the first layer of tulle fabric, make long stitches and a French knot between each one.

Using Yarn C embroider the bones on to the body, legs and arms with long stitches using the images as a guide.

Using Yarns A, D and E, embroider the facial features onto the Head.



The simplest of stitches can be so effective. Use French knots for the dots above the eyes



She's got to have a flower crown headband! This one has a trio of bright blooms on it



Just a few simple stitches embroidered in white cotton give the illusion of a rib cage



Flower fairy

Little ones will love this pretty-as-a-picture summer fairy. By Liz Ward



YOU WILL NEED

- Rico Baby Cotton Soft (50% cotton, 50% acrylic)
  1 ball of each:
  White (001)
  Fuchsia (021)
  Lemon (028)
  Emerald (032)
  Nude (046)
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- 10mm safety toy eyes
- Toy stuffing
- Fabric glue
- Flower sequins
- Glitter
- Cocktail stick
- Scraps of felt

For yarn stockists contact
Rico Design
www.rico-design.co.uk

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

This pretty fairy princess is a special design you'll have fun making. We love the details Liz has added in, especially her rose petal skirt. We've gone for bold, candy shades but you can use any colours you like to create your own unique doll. We've used Rico Baby Cotton Soft to give this doll a soft but solid feel, but you could use up DK remnants in your stash.

NOTES

Work in a continuous spiral without closing off each round with a ss. You may find it helpful to place a marker in the first st of each round and move it up as you work.

HEAD AND BODY

Using Nude yarn, start with 6dc into magic loop. [6 sts]
Round 1 2dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in the first two sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in the first 3 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [30 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in the first nine sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [33 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in the first ten sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [36 sts]
Round 7- 10 Dc in each st to the end.
Mark Round 8 with a stitch marker.
Round 11 (Dc2tog, dc in next ten sts) repeat to end. [33 sts]
Round 12 (Dc2tog, dc in next nine sts) repeat to end. [30 sts]
Round 13 (Dc2tog, dc in next three sts) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 14 (Dc2tog, dc in next two sts) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Insert the toy eyes on the marked round, placed 7 sts apart. Fill Head with toy stuffing.
Round 15 (Dc2tog) 9 times. [9 sts]
Stuff the Head.
Round 16 Dc into each st to the end. [9 sts]
Change to Fuchsia.
Round 17 (Dc in the first two sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [12 sts]
Round 18 Dc into each st to the end.
Round 19 (Dc in the first three sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [15 sts]
Round 20 Dc into each st to the end.
Round 21 (Dc in the first 4 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 22 Dc into each st to the end.
Round 23 (Dc in the first 5 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [21 sts]
Round 24 Dc into each st to the end. [21 sts]
Round 25 (Dc in the first 6 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 26 (Dc in the first 5 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [28 sts]
Round 27 Dc into each st to the end.
Round 28 (Dc in the first 13 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [30 sts]
Round 29 Dc into each st to the end.
Round 30 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 31 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 32 (Dc2tog, dc in next st) repeat to end. [12 sts]
Stuff the Body.
Round 33 (Dc2tog) repeat to end [6 sts]
Cut the yarn leaving a long tail and pull through loop to secure.
Using a tapestry needle, weave the yarn through the last 6 stitches and pull tight to close. Weave in yarn ends and cut off remaining yarn.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Using Emerald yarn, start with 6dc into magic loop. [6 sts]
Round 1 2dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]
Rounds 2 and 3 Dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 4 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2sts) repeat to end. [9 sts]
Change to Nude yarn at the end of this round
Rounds 5-16 Dc into each st to the end. [9 sts]
Cut the yarn leaving a long tail and pull through loop to secure.
Stuff and sew in place on the Body.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using Nude yarn, start with 6dc into a magic loop. [6 sts]
Round 1 (Dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [9 sts]
Round 2 Dc into each st to the end. [9 sts]
Round 3 (Dc2tog, dc in next st) repeat to end. [6 sts]
Rounds 4 to 13 Dc into each st to the end. [6 sts]
Cut the yarn leaving a long tail and pull through loop to secure.
Stuff and sew in place on the Body.

SKIRT

Using Fuchsia, ch122.
Row 1 2tr in second ch from hook, 2tr in each ch along. [240 sts]
Row 2 Ch2, turn, 2tr in the first 120 sts, 2htr in the next 120 sts. **Fasten off**.
Starting at the top of the Doll wrap the Skirt around the Body. When you are happy with the look of the Skirt, sew in place to secure.

HAIR CAP
This sits under the hair so the scalp colour doesn't show through.
Using Lemon yarn, start with 6dc into magic loop. [6 sts]
Round 1 2dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in the first 2 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in the first 3 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [30 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in the first 9 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [33 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in the first 10 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [36 sts]
Round 7-10 Dc in each st to the end.
Cut the yarn leaving a long tail and pull through loop to secure.
Sew in place on the Head then weave in and cut off any loose ends.

HAIR
To make the Hair, cut lengths of Lemon yarn to 50cm long. Lay over the hair cap and sew down the centre parting securing the hair in place as you go. Wrap the hair to one side and plait together. Secure with a tie made from Emerald yarn around the base of the plait.

WINGS (MAKE 4)
Using White yarn, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Start with 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [9 sts]
Round 3-5 Dc in each st to the end. [9 sts]
Round 6-9 D2tog, dc in each st to end. [5 sts at end of round 9]
Round 10-11 Dc in each st to end.
Fasten off and press flat.
When you have made all four, arrange on the back of the Doll and sew in place to secure.

CROWN
Using Fuchsia yarn, start with 6dc into a magic loop. [6 sts]
Round 1 2dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 2 Bl dc in each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 3-7 2dc in the first st, dc in each st to end. [17 sts at end of Round 7]
Round 8 (Ch3, dc) in each st to end.
Fasten off.
Add a bit of glitter to the edge of the Crown by dabbing a bit of glue to the final round and rolling in glitter. Sew in place on the Head.

TO FINISH
Use Nude, sew the nose. Work 4-5 long stitches in the same place between the eyes.



The feet and legs are simple columns of rounds with one colour change

Using Fuchsia, sew a V in a long stitch to form the mouth. Weave in any loose ends at the back of your work and cut off.
Glue or sew a few flower sequins to the hair and shoes to add sparkle.
Cut a four-pointed star out of felt and glue it to a cocktail stick. Add glitter to the star as before. Place in the Doll's hands and sew securely.



Make your fairy a wand from felt, glitter and a cocktail stick. Colour the stick to coordinate

Globetrotter

See family and friends off on their holidays with this adventurous traveller. By Liz Ward





YOU WILL NEED

- DMC Natura (100% cotton, 50g/155m)
  1 ball of each:
  Ibiza (1)
  Gardenia (36)
  Tournesol (16)
  Safran (47)
  Blue Layette (05)
  Golden Lemon (43)
  Gris Argent (09)
  Noir (11)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- 9mm black safety eyes
- Toy stuffing
- Pink stranded cotton
- Small buttons
- Ribbon
- Air erasable pen
- Small block of foam
- Tapestry needle

For yarn stockists contact DMC 01924 231669 www.dmc.com

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project

MEASUREMENTS

12x10cm (5x4in)

ABBREVIATIONS

htr3tog half treble crochet the next three stitches together
bobble stitch Yarn over, insert hook in stitch, yarn over, draw loop through, yarn over, draw through two loops on hook, (yarn over, insert hook in same space, yarn over, draw loop through, yarn over, draw through two loops on hook) repeat four times, yarn over, draw through all six loops on hook

For a full list, see page 130

Our intrepid adventurer is the perfect gift for a loved one who is off on their travels. Surprisingly easy to hook up, this tourist figure's charm is all in the tiny details, like the cute little camera. One ball of each yarn will make multiple figures!

TOURIST

HEAD AND BODY

The Head and Body are worked together in one piece.
Using Cream, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in the first 2 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in the first 3 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [30 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in the first 9 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [33 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in the first 10 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [36 sts]
Round 8 (Dc in the first 11 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [39 sts]
Round 9 (Dc in the first 12 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [42 sts]
Round 10 (Dc in the first 13 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [45 sts]
Round 11 (Dc in the first 14 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [48 sts]
Round 12 (Dc in the first 15 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [51 sts]
Round 13 (Dc in the first 16 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [54 sts]
Place two stitch markers on the next row, 12 sts apart, to mark where the eyes will go.
Rounds 14-15 Dc in each st to the end. [54 sts]
Round 16 (Dc2tog, dc in next 7 sts) repeat to end. [48 sts]
Round 17 (Dc2tog, dc in next 6 sts) repeat to end. [42 sts]
Round 18 (Dc2tog, dc in next 5 sts) repeat to end. [36 sts]
Round 19 (Dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts) repeat to end. [30 sts]
Round 20 (Dc2tog) 15 times. [15 sts]
Put your working loop on a stitch holder and attach the toy eyes to your Head in the places you marked on round 13.
Stuff the Head with toy stuffing.
Put your working loop back on your hook and continue.
Round 21 (Dc in the first 4 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Change to Blue Layette.
Round 22 Dc in each st to the end. [18 sts]



Shiny black beads and buttons make cute accents on the tiny crocheted camera

Round 23 (Dc in the first 5 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [21 sts]
Round 24 Dc in each st to the end.
Round 25 (Dc in the first 6 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 26 Dc in each st to the end. [24 sts]
Round 27 (Dc in the first 7 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [27 sts]
Round 28 Dc in each st to the end. [27 sts]
Round 29 (Dc in the first 8 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [30 sts]
Round 30 Dc in each st to the end.
Round 31 (Dc in the first 9 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [33 sts]
Round 32 Dc in each st to the end.
Round 33 (Dc in the first 10 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [36 sts]
Round 34 Dc in each st to the end.
Change to Golden Lemon.
Round 35 (Dc2tog, dc in next 10 sts) repeat to end. [33 sts]
Round 36 (Dc2tog, dc in next 9 sts) repeat to end. [30 sts]
Round 37 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Fasten off and stuff the Body.

SPLIT TO MAKE THE LEGS

Put a stitch marker through the stitch on the last row at the centre front of the Tourist. The easiest way to do this is to lay it on a hard surface facing forward and flatten. Find the middle of the eyes and line it up, down the Body.

FIRST LEG

Join Golden Yellow into the marked st.
Round 37 Ch1, dc in marked st and next 11 sts, skip next 12 sts. [12 sts]
Round 38 Dc in next 10 sts, dc2tog last 2 sts. [11 sts]
Round 39-48 Dc in each st to the end. [11 sts]
Change to Gardenia.
Round 49 2dc in first st, dc in each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 50-57 Dc in each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 58 2dc in first st, dc in each st to the end. [13 sts]
Round 59-63 Dc in each st to the end.
Round 64 2dc in first st, dc in each st to the end. [14 sts]
Mark the centre front of the Leg with a stitch marker.
Round 65 Dc in each st until one st before the marker, 2dc in next st, dc in next st (mark this stitch), 2dc in next st dc in each remaining sts to end. [16 sts]
Change to Tournesol.
Round 66 Dc in each st until 2 sts before the marker, (dc, htr) in next st, 2tr in next st, 2tr in next st, 2tr in next st, (htr, dc) in next st, dc in each remaining st to end. [21 sts].
Round 67 (Dc in the first 6 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 68 (Dc in the first 7 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [27 sts]
Round 69 dc in each st to the end. [27 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail and thread through loop to secure.
Stuff the Leg now.

SECOND LEG

Rejoin yarn to Round 36 and work as for the First Leg.

TRAINER SOLE (MAKE 2)

Using Ibiza, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the ring. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 3 Dc in first 2 sts, 2dc in the next st, dc in the next 2 sts, 3htr in the next st, htr in the next 2 sts, 3htr in the next st, dc in the next two sts, 2dc in the last st. [18 sts]
Round 4 Dc in the first 3 sts, 2dc in the next st, dc in the next 2 stitches, htr in the next st, 2htr in the next st, htr in the next 4 sts, 2htr in the next st, htr in the next st, dc in the next st, 2dc in the next st, dc in the last two sts. [22 sts]
Round 5 2dc in the first st, dc in the next 8 sts, 3htr in the next st, htr in the next 5 sts, 3htr in the next st, dc in the last 6 sts. [27 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Sew onto the bottom of the Trainer using white yarn. Weave in and cut off loose ends.
To finish off the Shorts, wrap yellow yarn twice around the bottom edge of each cuff and the waistband.
Fasten off.
Weave loose ends in at the back of the Doll.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Stuff the Arms as you work.
Using Gardenia, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in the first 5 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [21 sts]
Round 5 Dc in each st to the end. [21 sts]
Round 6 (Dc2tog, dc in next 5sts) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 7 Bobble stitch in first st, dc in each st to end. [18 sts]
Round 8 (Dc2tog, dc in next 4sts) repeat to end. [15 sts]
Round 9 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts) repeat to end. [12 sts]
Rounds 10-19 Dc in each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 20 Dc2tog, dc in each st to the end. [11sts]
Rounds 21-25 Dc in each st to the end.
Round 26 Dc2tog, dc in each st to the end. [10sts]
Rounds 27-31 Dc in each st to the end. [10 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail and pull through loop to secure.
Finish stuffing the Arm with toy stuffing. Thread the tail onto a needle and weave through the last 10 stitches. Pull the yarn to close the hole at the top of the Arm and weave in yarn to secure.

T-SHIRT SLEEVES (MAKE 2)

Using Blue Layette, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [9 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in the first two sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [12 sts]
Rounds 4-7 Dc in each st to the end. [12 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail and pull through loop to secure.
Place over the top of the Arms and sew in place. Next, sew the Arms onto the Body using the photo above right as a guide.
Weave in yarn to secure and carefully cut off any loose ends.



Our tourist's hairstyle is made with long, embroidered stitches over the hair Cap

HAIR CAP

Using Safran, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in the first 2sts, dc in the next st) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in the first 3sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [30 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in the first 9sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [33 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in the first 10sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [36 sts]
Round 8 (Dc in the first 11sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [39 sts]
Round 9 (Dc in the first 12sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [42 sts]
Round 10 (Dc in the first 13sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [45 sts]
Round 11 (Dc in the first 14sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [48 sts]
Round 12 (Dc in the first 15sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [51 sts]
Round 13 (Dc in the first 16sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [54 sts]
Round 14-15 Dc in each st to the end. [54 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail and pull through loop to secure.
Place the Hair Cap onto the Head and sew in place with matching yarn.

WORK THE HAIR

The Hair is worked by stitching long embroidery stitches over the Hair Cap. Starting at the back of the Head, work round the bottom edge of the Hairline with stitches that are approximately 3cm (1¼in) long, covering all of the back Hair Cap. For the front of the Hair, mark where the parting will be with an air-erasable pen. Work the stitches from the parting in the same way as the back, working outwards to surround the face.

Continue until all of the Hair Cap is covered. Try not to make the stitches too regimented to give the Hair a nice, natural look.
To finish the Doll's face, use some of the cream yarn and sew a few long stitches between the eyes to create the nose. Sew a V-stitch in pink embroidery thread to create the mouth.
Sew in and cut off any loose ends.

CAMERA
Cut the block of foam to size 4x3x1cm.
Using Gris Argent, ch9.
Round 1 Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next 6ch, 3dc in last ch, turn and work in the back of ch dc in last 7 ch. [18 sts]
Round 2 Working in bl dc in each st taround.
Rounds 3-12 Dc in each st to the end.
Place the foam block inside the crochet.
Round 13 (Working in bl only), dc in first 2 sts, dc2tog twice, dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog twice, dc last 3 sts. [14 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail and pull through loop to secure.
Sew the opening closed and weave in any loose ends.

SHUTTER
Using Noir, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 3 Working in bl dc in each st to the end. [12 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail and pull through loop to secure.
Sew a button inside the shutter to give a reflective surface for the lens, then sew in place onto the camera. Use Doll buttons and fabric glue to create the buttons and decoration. Glue a wide, stripy ribbon to the sides of the camera to make the strap and then hang round the neck of your Tourist.



You could personalise your tourist to suit your recipient

Skills workshop

We show you the techniques you need to make beautiful things to keep or give

Amigurumi jointing

THE MAKING UP PROCESS FOR TOYS CAN BE FUN AND SIMPLE



So you've spent hours crocheting the body parts for your latest amigurumi project and now you want to get the toy finished – well, hang on just a minute! Spending a bit of time thinking about how to join the body parts together will make a big difference to the finished look of your new hooky friend.

A secure head-join is essential, while poseable limbs make toys infinitely more fun. We show you what you can do to nail these two features, using simple techniques that anyone can master. Then you can put these new skills to the test and make our adorable amigurumi elf on page 75. Thanks to the clever jointing technique, Elle the Elf has arms and legs that move, making her lots of fun to play with.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR JOINING

Make sure your body parts are ready

During the hooking process, there are a few things you can do to help yourself make joining easier. As you finish each body part, pin a label to the back to keep track of which ones you've made and which is which – sometimes there are subtle differences between a left and right leg, for example.

It's a good idea to weave in ends as you go, although this is usually easily solved with amigurumi because most tails can be tucked inside before stuffing. Some yarn ends can be left long, to be used in sewing up, but your pattern should tell you when to do this. As a general rule, all the ends on the main body piece can be tucked inside, while each body part needs a long tail at the place where it will be joined to the body, such as leg tops, arm tops and the base of the head.

When you're ready, arrange your finished parts on a clean work-surface and check that you have long tails in the right places for sewing up. Before joining, some toymakers like to add a few extra details, such as the face, but feel free to do whatever you prefer. For these photos, we added the face details and belt sequin.

BEFORE



AFTER



THE RIGHT STUFF

It's what's inside that counts

When you're stuffing, it's important to make sure each body part is stuffed firmly so it's solid and not too squishy – but don't overdo it or else the stuffing may be visible between stitches and the shape of the body part might become distorted. Before stuffing, it can help to add weight to the feet or legs of a figure to help it stand up. To do this, you could use weighted pellets, sand or dried rice – place this inside a separate fabric pouch, such as the toe of an old pair of tights. Insert this pouch into the feet or legs, then add the stuffing.

HOW TO ATTACH THE HEAD

It's easy to create a strong join between the head and body



















Attaching the head to the body is a great place to begin the joining process – this is when your toy really comes to life! Starting here will help ensure the head is aligned well with the body, which in turn helps position the limbs.

To start, make sure the long tail at the base of the head is right at the centre. Then locate the centre point at the top of the body – this is often the gap where you started the body with a magic loop.

Step 1 Thread the tail end of the head onto a tapestry needle and insert into the centre-top hole of the body.

Step 2 Bring the needle out a short distance away, at the outer point where you want the head to be attached to the body.

Step 3 Pull the thread tightly and align the head in the position you want – if you like, you can use pins to help hold the head in position. Locate one hole on the head that's aligned with the thread that's emerging from the body. Insert the needle into this hole and bring it out one hole to the left (or right if you'd prefer to work in the opposite direction). Pull the thread through loosely.

Step 4 Insert the needle into the hole in the body where the thread from the previous stitch is emerging. Bring it out one hole to the left and pull through loosely.

Step 5 Insert the needle into the hole in the head where the thread from the previous stitch is emerging. Bring it out one hole to the left and pull through loosely.

Step 6 Repeat Steps 4-5, bringing the needle out two holes to the left if needed to make sure the head is aligned with the body. We've left the stitches loose to show you how they look, but you'll need to pull the thread tight after every two or three stitches to create a firm join.

Step 7 Once you reach the starting point, continue with a few more stitches to overlap the previous ones.

Step 8 Now you can fasten off. To do this, push the needle into the head, bringing it out at the back of the head.

Step 9 Trim to approx 2cm, then push this end inside using the blunt end of a crochet hook or tapestry needle.

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HOW TO ATTACH THE LIMBS

Learn how easy it is to create poseable arms and legs



















Next up are the arms and legs, and you can make your amigurumi even more fun by joining the limbs in a way that makes them poseable. It's fairly simple and we'll show you just what to do. Start with the arms so you can align them with the head.

Step 1 Take one arm and thread the tail onto a needle. Insert the needle into the body where you want the arm to sit (we'll call this hole 1). Push the needle straight through to the other side of the body, bringing it out approximately where you'll position the other arm (we'll call this hole 2). Keep the thread loose for now.

Step 2 Insert the needle back into the body one stitch over. Push the needle back through to hole 1, but leave the needle inserted as shown in the photo.

Step 3 Now thread the arm onto the needle, passing the tip through the back of the arm and bringing it out at the front of the arm. By doing this, you can use the needle as a sort of pin to position the arm, adjusting until it's how you want it.

Step 4 When ready, pull the needle through. Insert it back into the arm one stitch over, pushing it into hole 1 in the body and through to hole 2 as before. Pull firmly to tighten. Insert the needle back into the body one stitch over and bring it out somewhere less visible, such as the base of the body, ready to fasten off.

Step 5 Repeat the process in Steps 1-4 with the second arm on the other side (swapping holes 1 and 2) – gently lift the first arm to bring the needle out underneath it. To fasten off, bring both ends to the base of the body, knot together firmly, trim the ends and push them inside the body.

Step 6 Next you can attach the legs. Take one leg and thread the tail onto a needle. Insert the needle into the leg near the top, from one side to the other, making sure the needle is straight.

Step 7 Position the leg next to the body and identify the holes that you want to align the leg with. Insert the needle into the first hole in the body, bringing it out at the second hole. Pull through loosely.

Step 8 Insert the needle back into the leg from one side to the other, as in Step 6.

Step 9 You will have formed a type of hinge,



which will allow the legs to rotate so the toy can sit down as well as stand up. Repeat the process to strengthen the hinge, then insert the needle into the body again, bringing it out somewhere less visible.

Step 10 Repeat Steps 6-9 with the second leg. Test the legs and add some extra stitches to strengthen the join if you need to. Fasten off both ends together in the same way as the arms.

Written by Becky Skuse



Elle the elf

Put those jointing skills to the test and hook this cutie who really knows how to move. By Becky Skuse



YOU WILL NEED

- Scheepjes Catona (100% cotton, 25g/62.5m)
  1 ball of each:
  Rosewood (258)
  Kiwi (205)
  Snow White (106)
  Nude (255)
  Root Beer (157)
- Scrap of blue yarn for eyes
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- Two sequins, one flat gold 13mm and one domed brown 10mm (or one button)
- Toy stuffing
- Weighted stuffing (optional)

For yarn stockists contact Scheepjes www.scheepjes.com

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 19cm (7½in) tall with hat

ABBREVIATIONS

Inv dec (Insert hook in front loop only of next stitch) twice, yrh and pull through the 2 stitch loops, yrh and pull through 2 loops on hook

For a full list, see page 130

Designer Becky Skuse says: "Meet Elle. She's a happy little elf who loves magic. She's quick to make, and easy to sew together using the techniques in our guide. Her hat is removable and her poseable legs mean she can sit or stand."

NOTES

Pattern is worked in spiral rounds, unless otherwise stated. Do not close each round with a ss. You may find it helpful to place a stitch marker in the first stitch of the round and move it up as you work.

Tuck the start and end tails inside each piece as you work, unless otherwise noted. A 'long tail' for sewing up needs to be approx 20cm in length.

The skirt is made by working stitches into the remaining front loops of stitches that have already had their back loops worked into on a previous round.

Rounds are labelled as 'a' and 'b' to denote that they are worked as part of two layers of a piece.

Ch1 does not count as a stitch throughout.

HEAD

Using Nude, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each dc around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (2dc into next dc, dc in next dc) around. [18 dc]
Round 4 (2dc in next dc, dc in each of next 2 dc) around. [24 dc]
Round 5 (2dc in next dc, dc in each of next 3 dc) around. [30 dc]
Rounds 6-13 Dc in each dc around.
Round 14 (Inv dec, dc in each of next 3 dc) around. [24 dc]
Round 15 (Inv dec, dc in each of next 2 dc) around. [18 dc]
Round 16 (Inv dec, dc in next dc) around. [12 dc] Stuff.
Round 17 (Inv dec) around. [6 dc]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Thread tail onto a needle and pass in and out of the stitches in the last round. Pull tight to close. Leave a long tail for sewing.

BODY

Using Nude, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each dc around. [12 dc]
Ss to next dc. **Fasten off**.

COLLAR

Join Rosewood in fl of any dc.
Round 3a Ch1, (2dc in next dc, dc in next dc) around. [18 dc]
Round 4a *Ch3, ss in second ch from hook, dc in next ch, (ss to next dc from Round 3a) twice; repeat from * around, omitting final ss. **Fasten off**, leaving a long tail for sewing up.

UPPER BODY

Join Kiwi in bl of any dc from Round 2.
Round 3b *(3dc in next dc) 3 times, dc in each of next 3 dc; repeat from * once more. [24 dc]
Rounds 4b-10 Dc in each dc around.
Ss to next dc. **Fasten off**.

FINISH COLLAR

Fold the Collar down so that it overlaps the Kiwi Upper Body. Thread Rosewood yarn end onto a tapestry needle and use it to sew the collar points in place, at the space between Rounds 4 and 5.

BELT

Join Root Beer in any dc from Round 10.
Rounds 11-13 Dc in each dc around. [24 dc]
Ss to next dc. **Fasten off**.

BASE OF BODY

Join Kiwi in bl of any dc.
Round 14a Dc in bl of each dc around.
Round 15a (Inv dec, dc in each of next 2 dc) around. [18 dc]
Round 16a (Inv dec, dc in next dc) around. [12 dc] Stuff.
Round 17a (Inv dec) around, ss to next dc. [6 dc]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Thread the tail onto a tapestry needle, weave in and out of the last 6 dc, pull tight and secure. Weave end inside.

SKIRT

Join Kiwi in the fl of any dc from Round 13.
Round 14b (2dc in next dc, dc in each of next 3 dc) around. [30 dc]
Round 15b (2dc in next dc, dc in each of next 4 dc) around. [36 dc]
Round 16b (2dc in next dc, dc in each of next 5 dc) around. [42 dc]
Round 17 (2dc in next dc, dc in next dc) around. [63 dc]
Round 18 (2dc in next dc, dc in each of next 2 dc) around. [84 dc]
Rounds 19-21 Dc in each dc around.
Ss to next dc. **Fasten off**.

SKIRT EDGING

Join Rosewood in any dc.
Round 22 Ch1, dc each dc around, ss to first dc.
Round 23 *Ch3, ss in second ch from hook, dc in next ch, (ss to next dc from Round 22) twice; repeat from * around, omitting final ss. **Fasten off**.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using Nude, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Rounds 2-3 Dc in each dc around.
Ss to next dc. **Fasten off**.

Join Kiwi in any dc.
Rounds 4-8 Dc in each dc around.
Stuff lightly. Ss to next dc.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

SHOE

Using Root Beer, ch5.
Round 1 Dc in second ch from hook, dc in each of next 2 ch, 3dc in last ch, rotate to work in other side of ch: dc in each of next 2 ch, 2dc in last ch. [10 dc]
Round 2 Dc in each of next 3 dc, 2dc in each of next 3 dc, dc in each of next 3 dc, 2dc in last dc. [14 dc]
Round 3 Dc in bl of each dc around.
Round 4 Dc in each of the next 5 dc, (inv dec) 3 times, dc in each of the next 3 dc. [11 dc]
Round 5 Dc in each of the next 4 dc, (inv dec) twice, dc in each of the next 3 dc. [9 dc]
Ss to next stitch. **Fasten off**.
Stuff shoe, adding weighted stuffing if you wish.

LEG STRIPES

Join Snow White at the back of the Shoe.
Round 6 Ch1, dc in each dc around. [9 dc]
Round 7 Dc in each dc around.
Ss to next stitch. **Fasten off**.

Join Rosewood at the back of the Leg and work as given for Rounds 6-7.
Repeat this stripe pattern, stuffing as you go, until you have four Snow White stripes and three Rosewood stripes.

HAT

With Rosewood, ch35, ss to first ch.
Round 1 Ch1, dc in each ch around. [35 dc]
Round 2 Dc in each dc around.
Rounds 3-5 As Round 2.
Round 6 (Dc in each of next 5 dc, inv dec) around. [30 dc]
Round 7 As Round 2.
Round 8 (Dc in each of next 4 dc, inv dec) around. [25 dc]
Round 9 As Round 2.
Round 10 (Dc in each of next 3 dc, inv dec) around. [20 dc]
Round 11 As Round 2.
Round 12 (Dc in each of next 2 dc, inv dec) around. [15 dc]
Round 13 As Round 2.
Round 14 (Dc in next dc, inv dec) around. [10 dc]
Round 15 As Round 2.
Round 16 (Inv dec) around. [5 dc]
Ss to next stitch.
Fasten off.

HAT EDGING

Join Snow White to any dc from Round 1 and work a round of dc, ss to first dc.
Fasten off.

HAT BOBBLE

Using Snow White, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 (2dc in next dc, dc in next dc) around. [9 dc]
Round 3 (Dc in next dc, inv dec) around. [6 dc]
Ss to next dc.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing up. Thread the tail onto a tapestry needle, weave in and out of the last 6 dc, pull tight and secure. Use the tail to sew the Bobble to the top of the Hat.

TO MAKE UP

Sew the Head to the Body, using the long tail at the base of the Head.
Sew the Arms to the sides of the Body, then sew the Legs to the base of the Body, underneath the skirt. You can make all these limbs poseable if desired, by following the instructions in the workshop.

FACE

Use blue yarn to sew eyes using vertical straight stitches across one dc stitch.
Use Rosewood yarn to sew mouth using one horizontal straight stitch across two stitches. Pull the stitch away from the face slightly so it forms a slight loop to look like a smile.

BELT DETAIL

Cut a 20cm-piece of Root Beer and tie a knot about halfway along. Layer a small domed brown sequin on top of a larger gold sequin. Fold the yarn in half and thread both ends through the sequin holes, pushing the sequins up to the knot. Use the yarn ends to sew the sequins in place on top of the belt, at the centre front of the Body.



The flared skirt on Elle's elf dress is finished off with a dainty edging in bright red



Two sequins layered together make a shiny belt buckle that an elf can be proud of

HAIR

Cut lengths of Root Beer to approx 22cm.
Secure a piece of tape, running vertically and sticky side up, on your work surface. Place the yarn lengths on top, running horizontally, with the centre of the piece over the tape. Continue until the yarn covers approx 8cm of the tape. Thread a sewing needle with cotton to match the yarn and sew tiny backstitches down the centre, through the tape. Carefully remove the tape.
Position the hairpiece, running from the back base of the Head up and over to the forehead. Sew in place using the same cotton thread, stitching over previous backstitches.
Cut one 20cm length of Snow White and Rosewood. Place together and use this to tie one half of the hair into a bunch.
Repeat with the other half of the hair.
Trim the hair as desired.
Place the Hat on the Head to finish.

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15 cool characters to make

JUST FOR FUN

Brighten up your day with a quirky crochet make, from a cactus to a cupcake and everything in between!







Animal magic

A duo of cute crocheted critters for baby to shake, rattle and roll! By Liz Ward



YOU WILL NEED

RABBIT

- Any DK from your stash in Pink, Yellow and Cream
- 3.5mm crochet hook
- Black thread
- Toy stuffing
- Empty Kinder Egg container
- Super glue
- Rice or beads

MONSTER

- Any DK from your stash in Grey and Green
- 3.5mm crochet hook
- Black thread
- Toy stuffing
- Black thread
- Scraps of white and black felt
- Fabric glue
- Toy stuffing

ABBREVIATIONS

bobble stitch Yrh, insert hook in st, yrh, draw loop through, yrh, draw through 2 loops on the hook, (yrh, insert hook in same space, yrh, draw loop through, yrh, draw through 2 loops on hook), repeat twice, yrh, draw through all 6 loops on hook
French knot Thread a wool needle with the black thread and tie a knot at the end of the thread (or black yarn); bring the needle up through the crochet, from back to front, in the place where you want the knot to be; wrap the yarn around the needle 3 or 4 times; place the needle back through the crochet, close to where you last came up; pull the wool needle through and pull tight; you may need to hold the knot with your thumbnail as the eye of the needle goes through the crochet so the knot doesn't pull to the back

For a full list, see page 130

It doesn't get much cuter than these firm friends who love to shimmy and shake. Little ones will adore playing with these tiny rattles. They're a cinch to make and are ideal for using up any oddments of yarn in your stash (just make sure it's a smooth cotton or acrylic DK.)

RABBIT

RING

Work continually in stripe pattern: 2 rounds Pink, 2 rounds White, 2 rounds Yellow.

Using Pink, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [9 sts]
Rounds 3-43 Dc in each st to the end. [9 sts]
Fasten off and stuff lightly. Curl round to form a ring and sew the ends together.

BODY

Fill the container from inside a Kinder Egg with a small amount of rice or beads. Glue the container shut and leave to dry.

Using Pink, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the ring. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Rounds 4-13 Dc in each st to the end. [18 sts]
Place the work over the container and continue working to cover the container.
Round 14 (Dc2tog, dc in next st) repeat to end. [12 sts]
Round 15 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off and then sew up the hole at the end of the Body.
Sew in place on the top of the Rattle and weave in any loose ends.

BUNNY EARS

Using Pink, ch12.
Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next nine ch, 3dc in last ch from hook, turn and work along the back of the foundation ch, dc in next sts, turn. [23 sts]
Do not join round.
Row 2 Ch1, dc in next 10 sts, 2dc in next three sts, dc in last 10sts. [26 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail and pull through the loop to secure.
Sew in place on the top of the Head.

TO FINISH

Using black thread, make long stitches to create the nose and mouth, as well as two French knots for the eyes. You can use the image as a guide.



No bunny is complete without its ears! The pair are made with just two simple rows each



Create the ring using a mix of candy colours, before lightly filling it with toy stuffing

MONSTER

FEET (MAKE 2)

Using Grey, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]
Rounds 3-4 Dc in each st to the end.
Round 5 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Change to Green.
Rounds 6-7 Dc in each st to the end.
Fasten off.
Stuff with toy stuffing.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using Green, make magic loop.
Round1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]

Round 2 2dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]
Rounds 3-4 Dc in each st to the end.
Round 5 Bobble st in first st, dc in each st around. [1 bobble, 11 dc]
Round 6 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Change to Green.
Rounds 7-8 Dc in each st to the end. [6 sts]
Fasten off and stuff with toy stuffing.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Using Green, make magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop, ss first dc to join. [6 sts]
Fasten off.

BODY

Using Green, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6sts]
Round 2 2dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in the first st, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in the first 2 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in the first 3 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [30 sts]
Round 6 Dc in each st to end.
Round 7 (Dc in the first 9 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [33 sts]
Rounds 8-9 Dc in each st to end.
Round 10 (Dc in the first 10 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [36 sts]
Round 11-12 Dc in each st to end, changing to Grey at the end of Round 11.
Round 13 (Dc in the first 11 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [39 sts]
Change to Green.
Rounds 14-16 Dc in each st to end, changing to Grey at the end of Round 15.
Round 17 (Dc in the first 12 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [42 sts]
Change to Green.
Rounds 18-19 Dc in each st to end.
Change to Grey.
Rounds 20-21 Dc in each st around.
Change to Green.
Rounds 22-23 Dc in each st around.
Round 24 (Dc2tog, dc in next 5 sts) repeat to end. [36 sts]
Round 25 (Dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts) repeat to end. [30 sts]
Round 26 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 27 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Fasten off.



This fun monster is definitely the friendly kind!

TO FINISH

Stuff the Body and flatten the end. Using the tail, sew the opening closed over 9 sts.
Sew the Arms, Ears and Legs in place and weave in any loose ends.
Knot a few strands of yarn at the top of the Head to create the hair.
Use the photo as a guide to create the face, using black yarn.
Cut eyes and teeth out of felt and glue in place.



Sunny side up

Get ready for spring with Becky Garratt's brilliant basket and Anne Egan's Easter eggs

EASTER BASKET



YOU WILL NEED

BASKET & MINI EGGS

- DMC Natura Just Cotton (100% cotton, 50g/155m), 2 balls of Turquoise (N49)
  1 ball of each:
  Ombre (N39)
  Pistache (N13)
  Rose Soraya (N32)
  Safran (N47)
  Tournesol (N16)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- Fabric for lining (optional)
- Small amount of toy stuffing
- Small amounts of black felt
- Glue

DECORATED EGGS

- DMC Natura Just Cotton (100% cotton, 50g/155m), 1 ball of each:
  Ivory (N02),
  Ombre (N39)
  Pistache (N13)
  Rose Soraya (N32)
  Safran (N47)
  Tournesol (N16)
  Turquoise (N49)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Polystyrene eggs, 9.5cm high
- Stitch marker

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MEASUREMENTS

Basket: 13cm (5in) circ x 10cm (4in) height
Eggs: 9.5x15cm (3¾x6in) (at widest point)

ABBREVIATIONS

dc5tog (double crochet 5 sts together) (Insert hook into next st, pull up a loop) 5 times, yrh, pull through all loops on hook

For a full list, see page 130

When Easter rolls around, make sure you're one step ahead of the game with this super-cute basket that's overflowing with gorgeous crocheted eggs in two sizes!

NOTE

Pieces are worked in a continuous spiral using the amigurumi method (without joining each round with a ss). Use a stitch marker to mark first dc of round and move marker up after every round.
For the Handle you will need to use 2 strands of the Turquoise yarn.

BASKET

Using Turquoise yarn doubled and a 3.5mm hook, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as a st throughout), 8dc into the ring. [8 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [16 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [24 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in each of next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [32 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in each of next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [40 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in each of next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [48 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in each of next 5 sts, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [56 sts]
Round 8 (Dc in each of next 6 sts, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [64 sts]
Round 9 (Dc in each of next 7 sts, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [72 sts]
Round 10 Dc in bl of each st around.
Cont in the round with no further inc until the sides of the basket measure 10cm from Round 10 to top. **Fasten off**.

HANDLE

Using Turquoise yarn doubled, join in any st along the top of the basket.
Row 1 (RS) Ch1, dc in next 5 sts, turn.
Rep Row 1 until the handle measures 25cm, or required length.
Fasten off and sew the handle to the opposite side of the basket.



Sew on the feet so that they are just peeking out from underneath the basket for fun

CHICK FACE

Using Tournesol and a 3mm hook, ch6.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and in each of next 3 sts, 3dc in next st, rotate and work along opposite side of ch, dc in each of next 3 sts, 2dc in same st as first dc. [12 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in each of next 4 sts, 2dc in each of next 2 sts) twice. [16 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in each of next 5 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next st, 2dc in next st) twice. [20 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in each of next 6 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in each of next 2 sts, 2dc in next st)



twice. [24 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in each of next 7 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in each of next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [28 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in each of next 8 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in each of next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [32 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in each of next 9 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in each of next 5 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [36 sts]
Round 8 (Dc in each of next 10 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in each of next 6 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [40 sts]
Rounds 9-12 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.

BEAK

Using Safran and a 3mm hook, ch6.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and in each of next 3 sts, 3dc in next st, rotate and work along opposite side of ch, dc in each of next 3 sts, 2dc in same st as first dc. [12 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in each of next 4 sts, 2dc in each of next 2 sts) twice. [16 sts]
Rounds 3-4 Dc in each st around. **Fasten off**.
Add stuffing, sew to Face. Cut black felt circles for eyes and sew or glue onto Face. Stuff Face and sew to Basket front.


The eyes are made from felt – just cut circles to the right size

WINGS AND TAIL (MAKE 6)

Using Tournesol and a 3mm hook, ch6.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and in each of next 4 sts, turn. [5 sts]
Row 2 Ch1 (does not count as a st throughout), dc in each of next 2 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in each of next 2 sts, turn. [6 sts]
Row 3 Ch1, dc in each of next 2 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in each of next 3 sts, turn. [7 sts]
Row 4 Ch1, dc in each of next 3 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in each of next 3 sts, turn. [8 sts]
Row 5 Ch1, dc in each of next 3 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in each of next 4 sts, turn. [9 sts]
Row 6 Ch1, dc in each of next 4 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in each of next 4 sts, turn. [10 sts]
Row 7 Ch2, skip st at base of beg ch-2, 6tr in next st, skip next st, dc in next st, skip next st, 6tr in next st, skip next st, dc in next st, skip next st, 6tr in next st, ss in same st as the last 6 tr. **Fasten off**.
Sew pairs tog, then sew onto basket at sides for wings and at the back for tail.

FEET (MAKE 2)

Using Safran and a 3mm hook, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 Dc in next st, (ch6, ss in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch, htr in next ch, tr in each of next 2 ch, dc in next st along main piece, dc in next st) twice, ch6, ss in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch, htr in next ch, tr in each of next 2 ch, dc in next st on main piece, ss in next st. **Fasten off**. Sew to base of basket.

FLOWER (MAKE 4)

Using either Rose Soraya or Turquoise and a 3mm hook, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), 10dc into the loop, ss to first dc to join. [10 sts]
Round 2 *(Htr, tr, htr) in next st, ss in next st; rep from * another 4 times.
[5 petals] **Fasten off**.

LEAF (MAKE 2)

Using Pistache and a 3mm hook, ch8.
Round 1 (RS) Ss in second ch from hook, dc in next ch, htr in next ch, 2tr in next ch, htr in next ch, dc in next ch, ss in last ch, ch1, rotate and work along opposite side of ch, ss in next st; mirror the sts on the other side of the ch, ss to first st.
Fasten off.
Sew flowers and leaves into bunches and sew onto each side of the handle.

TO FINISH

Weave in remaining ends.
Line Basket with fabric (optional).

MINI EGGS (MAKE APPROX 14)

Using Rose Soraya, Pistache, Turquoise or Ombre and a 3mm hook, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 4dc into the loop. [4 sts]
Round 2 (2dc in next st, dc in next st) twice. [6 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 2 sts) twice. [8 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in each of next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [10 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in each of next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [12 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in each of next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [15 sts]
Round 7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 (Dc in each of next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [20 sts]
Round 9 (Dc in each of next 2 sts, dc2tog) 5 times. [15 sts]
Round 10 (Dc in next st, dc2tog) 5 times. 10 sts]
Round 11 (Dc2tog) 5 times. [5 sts]
Stuff.
Fasten off and sew up the gap.

DECORATED EGGS

NOTES

Eggs are worked in a continuous spiral using the amigurumi method (without joining each round with a ss). Use a stitch marker to mark first dc of round and move marker up after every round.

Embroidery is added and a polystyrene egg is placed inside the work before the egg is completed. Always change colour in last yrh of previous st.

VARIATIONS

Egg 1 Use Turquoise throughout, embroider dots in Tournesol.

Egg 2 Use Pistache for Rounds 1-11, then for Rounds 12-16 work 4dc in Rose Soraya and 4dc in Pistache around, then use Rose Soraya for Rounds 17-24.

Egg 3 Use Tournesol for Rounds 1-10, then for Rounds 11-16 work 1 round in each different colour of your choice, then use Tournesol for Rounds 17-24.

Egg 4 Use Pistache for Rounds 1-9 and Ivory for Rounds 10-24, then embroider grass in Pistache and the Rabbit outline in Ombre.

Egg 5 Use Rose Soraya for Rounds 1-13, Ombre for Round 14, Rose Soraya for Rounds 15-16, Turquoise for Round 17, and Rose Soraya for Rounds 18-24.

Egg 6 Use Ombre throughout, then embroider stars in Ivory.

Egg 7 Use Tournesol for Rounds 1-7, Safran for Rounds 8-16, then Ivory for Rounds 17-24, then embroider zigzags in Ivory.

Egg 8 Use Pistache for Rounds 1-11 and Safran for Rounds 12-24.

STANDARD EASTER EGG

Using chosen colour, ch2.

Round 1 (RS) 4dc in second ch from hook.

Round 2 2dc in each st around. [8 sts]

Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in next st) 4 times. [12 sts]

Round 4 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 2 sts) 4 times. [16 sts]

Round 5 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 3 sts) 4 times. [20 sts]

Round 6 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 4 sts) 4 times. [24 sts]

Round 7 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 5 sts) 4 times. [28 sts]

Rounds 8-9 Dc in each st around.

Round 10 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 13 sts) twice. [30 sts]

Round 11 Dc in each st around.

Round 12 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 14 sts) twice. [32 sts]

Rounds 13-18 Dc in each st around.

Round 19 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 14 sts) twice. [30 sts]

With RS facing outwards, insert polystyrene egg, narrow end first.

Round 20 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 13 sts) twice. [28 sts]

Round 21 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 5 sts) 4 times. [24 sts]

Round 22 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 2 sts) 6 times. [18 sts]

Round 23 (Dc2tog, dc in next dc) 6 times. [12 sts]

Round 24 (Dc5tog, dc in next dc) twice. [4 sts]

Ss in next st to smooth edge.

Fasten off and weave in ends.



Have fun experimenting with all sorts of patterns and colours on the larger eggs

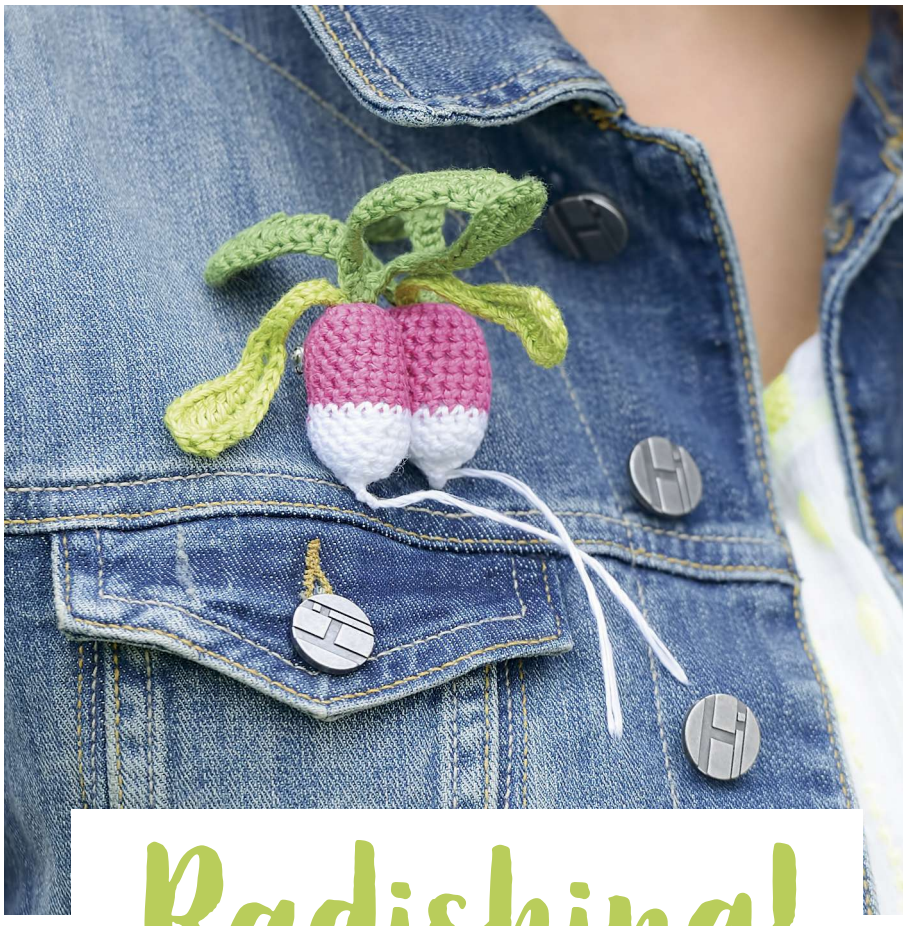




YOU WILL NEED

- DMC Petra 3 (100% cotton, 100g/280m)
  1 ball of each:
  Yarn A White (B5200)
  Yarn B Cerise (53805)
  Yarn C Lime Green (5907)
  Yarn D Grass Green (5905)
  Or use small amounts of any 4ply cotton yarn from your stash
- A 2.5mm (UK 12, US B/1 or C/2) hook
- Toy stuffing
- Brooch backing
- Spray starch (optional)

For yarn stockists contact
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Radishing!

Freshen up any outfit with Lara Messer's peppery pink brooch. The perfect gift for a gardener!

This unusual brooch is a real eye-catcher! What better way to show off your love of gardening, veg or unusual accessories?

NOTES

The radishes are worked using the amigurumi method. Work in a continuous spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. You may find it helpful to place a marker in the first st of each round and move it up as you work.

RADISH BROOCH

RADISH (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 9dc in the loop. (9 dc)
Round 2 2dc in each dc around. (18 dc)
Rounds 3-8 1dc in each dc around.
Change to Yarn A.
Rounds 9-10 1dc in each dc around.
Round 11 *Dc in the next 4 dc, dc2tog; repeat from * twice more. (15 dc)
Stuff the radish with toy stuffing.
Round 12 *Dc in next 3 dc, dc2tog; repeat from * twice more. (12 dc)
Round 13 *Dc in next 2 dc, dc2tog; repeat from * twice more. (9 dc)
Round 14 (Dc in the first dc, dc2tog) 4 times. (5 dc)
Ch2. **Fasten off**, leaving a 6cm tail for the root.

LEAVES (MAKE 6)

Make three leaves for each radish using a mixture of Yarn C and Yarn D.

Using Yarn C or Yarn D, ch19.
Row 1 (RS) Ss into the second ch from the hook and each of the next 9 ch, dc in the next 3 ch, htr in the next 3 ch, tr in the next ch, 8tr in the last ch, turn leaf to work down the other side of the foundation ch, tr in the next ch, htr in the next 3 ch, dc in the next 3 ch, ss in the next 2 ch, leave the remaining sts unworked.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail on one leaf for each radish.

TO MAKE UP

Using the long tail, string together three leaves for each radish and sew them to the top of the radish.
Sew the two radishes together to create the appearance of a bunch.
Position a brooch back on the reverse of the bunch of radishes.
Using Yarn B, sew the brooch back securely into place.
Give your radish leaves a light starch if you like.

All-a-flutter

Make little ones a sweet butterfly toy with a friendly face. By Mary's Amiland





YOU WILL NEED

- DMC Natura (100% cotton, 50g/155m), 1 ball of each:
  Glicine (30)
  Tropic Brown (22)
  Rose Layette (6)
  Crimson (61)
  A small amount of each:
  Noir (11)
  Coral (18)
  Geranium (52)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Tapestry needle
- Toy stuffing
- 4 cotton buds (for the wings)

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TENSION

Tension is not important for this project, but make sure your stitches are tight enough that the stuffing won't poke through

MEASUREMENTS

24cm (9½in) high, 7cm (2¾in) wide, not inluding antennae and wings

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

This cute butterfly will make a great gift this year. With beautiful wings, a bow on her head and a smile on her face, she'll be a fab mascot for a little one in need of a new friend. For a special touch, pick colours to match their favourites!

HEAD

Round 1 Using Glicine, ch 2, dc 8 in 2nd ch from hook. [8 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [16 sts]
Round 3 (Dc 1, 2dc in next st) repeat to end of round. [24 sts]
Round 4 Dc in each st around. [24 sts]
Round 5 (Dc 2, 2dc in next st) repeat to end of round. [32 sts]
Round 6 Dc in each st around. [32 sts]
Round 7 (Dc 3, 2dc in next st) repeat to end of round. [40 sts]
Round 8-9 Dc in each st around. [40 sts]
Round 10 (2dc in next st, dc 9) repeat to end of round. [44 sts]
Round 11-12 Dc in each st around. [44 sts]
Round 13 (2dc in next st, dc 10) repeat to end of round. [48 sts]
Round 14-18 Dc in each st around. [48 sts]
Round 19 (Dc2tog, dc 10) repeat to end of round. [44 sts]
Round 20-21 Dc in each st around. [44 sts]
Round 22 (Dec 1, dc 9) repeat to end of round. [40 sts]
Round 23 Dc in each st around. [40 sts]
Round 24 (Dc2tog, dc 3) repeat to end of round. [32 sts]
Round 25 Dc in each st around. [32 sts]
Round 26 (Dc2tog, dc 2) repeat to end of round. [24 sts]
Round 27 (Dc2tog, dc 1) repeat to end of round. [16 sts]
Fill with toy stuffing and leave long end for sewing the Head to the Body.

BODY

Round 1 Using Glicine, ch 2, dc 8 in 2nd ch from hook. [8 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [16 sts]
Round 3 (Dc 1, 2dc in next st) repeat to end of round. [24 sts]
Round 4 (Dc 2, 2dc in next st) repeat to end of round. [32 sts]
Round 5 (Dc 3, 2dc in next st) repeat to end of round. [40 sts]
Round 6-7 Dc in each st around. [40 sts]
Round 8 (2dc in next st, dc 4) repeat to end of round. [48 sts]
Round 9-12 Dc in each st around. [48 sts]
Round 13 (2dc in next st, dc 5) repeat to end of round. [56 sts]
Round 14-18 Dc in each st around. [56 sts]
Round 19 (Dc2tog, dc 5) repeat to end of round. [48 sts]
Round 20 Dc in each st around. [48 sts]
Round 21 (Dc2tog, dc 10) repeat to end of round. [44 sts]
Round 22 Dc in each st around. [44 sts]
Round 23 (Dc2tog, dc 9) repeat to end of round. [40 sts]
Round 24-25 Dc in each st around. [40 sts]
Round 26 (Dc2tog, dc 3) repeat to end of round. [32 sts]
Round 27 Dc in each st around. [32 sts]
Round 28 (Dc2tog, dc 2) repeat to end of round. [24 sts]
Round 29 Dc in each st around. [24 sts]



Round 30 (Dc2tog, dc 1) repeat to end of round. [16 sts]
Round 31 Dc in each st around. [16 sts]
Finish stuffing.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

ARMS (MAKE 2)
Round 1 Using Tropic Brown, ch 2, dc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc 2, 2dc in next st) repeat to end of round. [16 sts]
Round 4-5 Dc in each st around. [16 sts]
Round 6 (Dc 2, dec 1) repeat to end of round. [12 sts]
Round 7 Dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 8 (Dc 2, dc2tog) repeat to end of round. [9 sts]
Begin stuffing as you go but do not stuff from Round 19 onwards.
Round 9-22 Dc in each st around. [9 sts]
Round 23 (Dc 1, dc2tog) repeat to end of round. [6 sts]
Fasten off and sew open ends together. Leave long tail for sewing the Arm to the Body.

LEGS (MAKE 2)
Round 1 Using Tropic Brown, ch 2, dc 9 in 2nd ch from hook. [9 sts]
Round 2 (2dc in next st) 3 times, (dc 1, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [15 sts]
Round 3 (Dc 1, 2dc in next st) 3 times, (dc 2, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [21 sts]
Round 4 (Dc 2, 2dc in next st) 3 times, (dc 3, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [27 sts]
Round 5 (Dc 3, 2dc in next st) 3 times, (dc 4, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [33 sts]
Round 6-8 Dc in each st around. [33 sts]
Round 9 (Dc 3, dc2tog) 4 times, dc 1, dc2tog, dc 2, dc2tog, dc 1,dc2tog, dc 3. [26 sts]
Round 10 Dc 3, (dc2tog, dc 2) 2 times, dc 1, (dc 2, dc2tog 2 times] 2 times, dc. [20 sts]
Round 11 Dc 3, dc2tog 2 times, dc 4, dc2tog 4 times, dc 1. [14 sts]
Begin stuffing as you go.
Round 12-25 Dc in each st around. [14 sts]
Round 26 (Dc 3, dc2tog) 2 times, dc 2, dc2tog. [11 sts]
Finish stuffing. **Fasten off** and leave long end for sewing the Leg to the Body.

ANTENNAE (MAKE 2)
Round 1 Using Tropic Brown, ch 2, dc 3 in 2nd ch from hook. [3 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [6 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc 1) repeat to end of round. [9 sts]
Round 4 Dc in each st around. [9 sts]
Round 5 (Dc 1, dc3tog) repeat to end of round. [6 sts]
Round 6-9 Dc in each st around. [6 sts]
At round 6, begin stuffing the length of the Antenna lightly as you go.
Fasten off and leave long end for sewing it to Head.

WINGS (MAKE 2)
Use Crimson.
Each Wing is made of two sections, one large and one small, which are then sewn together to form the Wing, with a cotton bud inserted to keep the shape of the Wing.

LARGE WING SECTION
Round 1 Ch 2, dc 4 in 2nd ch from hook. [4 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [8 sts]
Round 3 (Dc 1, 2dc in next st) repeat to end of round. [12 sts]
Round 4 (Dc 2, 2dc in next st) repeat to end of round. [16 sts]
Round 5 (Dc 3, 2dc in next st) repeat to end of round. [20 sts]
Round 6 (Dc 4, 2dc in next st) repeat to end of round. [24 sts]
Round 7 (2dc in next st, dc 5) repeat to end of round. [28 sts]
Round 8 (2dc in next st, dc 6) repeat to end of round. [32 sts]
Round 9-19 Dc to each st around. [32 sts]
Round 20 (Dc 6, dc2tog) repeat to end of round. [28 sts]
Round 21 Dc to each st around. [28 sts]
Round 22 (Dc 5, dc2tog) repeat to end of round. [24 sts]
Round 23 (Dc 4, dc2tog) repeat to end of round. [20 sts]
Round 24 (Dc 3, dc2tog) repeat to end of round. [16 sts]
Round 25 Dc to each st around. [16 sts]
Round 26 (Dc2tog) 4 times, dc 8. [12 sts]
Round 27 Dc to each st around. [12 sts]
Round 28 (Dc2tog) 4 times, dc 4. [8 sts]
Round 29 (Dc2tog) repeat to end of round. [4 sts]
Fasten off.
Insert the cotton bud before stitching closed. Weave end in (no need to stuff).

SMALL WING SECTION
Round 1 Ch 2, dc 4 in 2nd ch from hook. [4 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [8 sts]
Round 3-4 Dc to each st around. [8 sts]
Round 5 (2dc in next st) 4 times, dc 4. [12 sts]
Round 6 Dc to each st around. [12 sts]
Round 7 (2dc in next st) 4 times, dc 8. [16 sts]
Round 8-9 Dc to each st around. [16 sts]
Round 10 (Dc 3, 2dc in next st) repeat to end of round. [20 sts]
Round 11 Dc to each st around. [20 sts]



Stuff the feet well so that they're nice and firm

Round 12 (Dc 4, 2dc in next st) repeat to end of round. [24 sts]
Round 13-18 Dc to each st around. [24 sts]
Round 19 (Dc 4, dc2tog) repeat to end of round. [20 sts]
Round 20 (Dc 3, dc2tog) repeat to end of round. [16 sts]
Round 21 Dc to each st around. [16 sts]
Round 22 Dc2tog 4 times, dc 8 sts. [12 sts]
Round 23 Dc to each st around. [12 sts]
Round 24 Dc2tog 4 times, dc 4 sts. [8 sts]
Round 25-26 Dc to each st around. [8 sts]
Round 27 Dc2tog repeat to end of round. [4 sts]
Fasten off.
Before closing off the item at the end, insert the cotton bud. Weave end in.

ASSEMBLE THE WINGS

Adjust the position of the cotton bud in the middle of each Wing section. In the Large Section, push it towards the last rounds worked, in the Small Section, push it towards the first rounds worked. Secure each cotton bud with a few neat stitches to fix in place.
Place the Small and Large Sections side by side. Pin them approx 9 rounds length from the closed end, using photo as a guide.
Sew in place along the joined side with neat stitches. Do not weave in end as you will use this to sew the Wing to the Body.

FACE PATCH

Round 1 Using Rose Layette, ch 2, dc 5 in 2nd ch from hook. [5 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [10 sts]
Round 3 (Dc 1, 2dc in next st), dc to each st around. [15 sts]
Round 4 (Dc 2, 2dc in next st), dc to each st around. [20 sts]
Round 5 (Dc 3, 2dc in next st), dc to each st around. [25 sts]
Round 6 (Dc 4, 2dc in next st), dc to each st around. [30 sts]
Round 7 (Dc 5, 2dc in next st), dc to each st around. [35 sts]
Round 8 (Dc 6, 2dc in next st), dc to each st around. [40 sts]
Round 9 (Dc 7, 2dc in next st) 2 times, dc 24 sts. [42 sts]
Round 10 Dc to each st around. [42 sts]
Ss2. **Fasten off** and leave long end.

BOW

Row 1 Using Coral, ch 5, dc 4 starting from 2nd ch from hook, ch 2. [4 sts]
Row 2 Tr 4 sts, ch1. [4 sts]
Row 3 Dc 4 sts. [4 sts]
Weave ends in on back centre.



Cotton buds are used to give the wings their shape

With a thread of the same colour, sew along the centre of the item, pull the opposite ends to shape the Bow.
Wrap the ends around the centre of the Bow three times. **Fasten off**, leaving a long end.

HEART

Using Geranium, make the following stitches through the centre of the magic loop:
Tr 3, htr 2, tr 1, htr 2, tr 3, ss.
Pull the magic loop closed. Leave long end for sewing the Heart to the Body.

WORK THE FACIAL DETAILS

Pin the Face Patch to the Head between round 7 from the top of the Head and 4 rounds from the bottom. Sew it in place.
Mark the positions of the facial features with pins. Embroider the eyes in Noir. Make a small line a stitch wide between rounds 5 and 6 from the top of the Patch and go over it a few times. Add a straight line at the bottom and on the top of the eye to smooth the shape. Move 6 stitches away and embroider the other eye.
Using a scrap of white yarn, add a couple of small lines to represent light in the eyes.
Shape the face by making two small stitches with Rose Layette yarn just below the eyes. After you have made the first stitch, pull until the spot becomes indented, then make the 2nd stitch, pull the yarn again. Fasten it off at the bottom of the Head with a few tight knots.
With a thinner black yarn or sewing thread, embroider a curved line for the mouth, as per the photo.
Embroider the nose with Rose Layette, going over the small, neat stitches several times.

TO MAKE UP

Place the Antennae on the top of the Head close to the first round from the centre. Sew them in position.
Use some pins to mark the centre of the Body to help you place the limbs. Pin the Arms to the Body. Place them at Round 3 from the top of the Body, 9 stitches apart.
Find the right position of the Legs. Legs are placed at the bottom centre of the Body close to the 2nd round from the centre.
Sew them in place with invisible stitches to make a seamless join.
Add some toy stuffing between the Leg and the Body before completely attaching.
Pin the Head onto the Body. Sew it up with neat stitches and add some toy stuffing between the Head and the Body before closing to avoid the Head hanging down.
Moving to the Wings, mark the centre of the Body with some pins to help you place them. Pin the Wings first and then sew along the edge of each Wing, ensuring there is no space between the edges of the Wings. The Wings are placed between rounds 5 and 13 from the top of the Body.
Finally, sew the Bow on the forehead of the butterfly and the Heart on her tummy.



Easter buns

Little ones with wriggling toes will love Val Pierce's sleepy bunny slippers. And you can make a pair with just 50g of yarn!



YOU WILL NEED

- Debbie Bliss Eco Baby (100% cotton, 50g/125m), 1 ball of Primrose (037)
- Oddments in white and green DK
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Pink and brown stranded cotton

For yarn contact
LoveCrochet
www.lovecrochet.com

MEASUREMENTS

Size to fit baby 6-9 months
Sole measures approx 9cm (3½in) in length

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Made from simple stitches and with a delicate string of white daisies to adorn the baby bunnies' heads, these dinky baby slippers will make the perfect gift for little ones. We're sure that you'll be able to finish them both in a single evening.

BUNNY SLIPPERS

SOLE (MAKE 2)

Using Primrose, ch12.
Round 1 2htr in second ch from hook, htr in next 9 ch, 6 htr in last ch, turn work 180 degrees to work into other side of foundation chain , htr in 9 ch, 2htr in last ch. [28 sts]
Round 2 2htr in next 2 sts, htr in next 9 sts, 2htr in next 6 sts, htr in next 9 sts, 2htr in next 2 sts. [38 sts]
Round 3 Htr in next 2 sts, 2htr in next 3 sts, htr in next 9 sts, 2htr in next 6 sts, htr in next 9 sts, 2htr in next 3 sts, htr in next st, ss into next st. [50 sts]
Continue working the Body of the Slipper.
Round 4 (Working in bl only) dc in each st around.
Rounds 5-7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 Dc in next 15 sts, (htr2tog) 10 times, dc in next 15 sts, ss in next st to join. [40 sts]
Round 9 Ch1, dc in next 15 sts, (dc2tog) 5 times, dc in next 15 sts, ss to top of first dc to join. [35 sts]
Round 10 Ch1, ss in each st around.
Fasten off.

EARS (MAKE 4)

Using Primrose, ch8.
Round 1 (RS) Dc into second ch from hook, htr in next st, tr in next 3 sts, htr in next st, dc in last ch, turn the work along other side of foundation ch, dc next 6 ch, turn. [13 sts]



Work both sides of the foundation chain for the soles, then work in rounds of half trebles

Round 2 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to first dc to join. **Fasten off.**

FLOWER STRIP

FLOWERS (MAKE 6)

Using white yarn, ch4 and sl st to form a loop,
Round 1 (Ch3, dc into loop) 5 times, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join.
Fasten off.

LEAF AND STEMS (MAKE 2)

Using green yarn, (ch8, ss into 4th ch from hook) 4 times, ch4.
Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Weave in ends. Using stranded cotton, sew two eyes and a nose on to the front of each Slipper. Attach the Flowers to the Stems. Embroider a yellow French knot in the centre of each flower.
Sew the strip around the top of the shoe at the toe end. Sew two ears together at the base, pleating them in to give shape. Sew to the front of each Slipper on the inside.





Happy campers

Pick up your hooks and make this cute toy caravan by Kate Bruning for the little ones in your life – something the family will treasure for years to come



YOU WILL NEED

For the caravan:

- Cotton DK yarn (50g balls), 3 balls of each: cream, green
- Cotton 4ply yarn, 1 ball of each: silver, pale blue and black
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- Cardboard
- Lightweight cotton fabric, approx 44x17cm
- Glue
- 1 button
- 1 red bead
- Duct tape
- Small amount of lace for curtains

For the bunk beds and bench:

- Cotton 4ply yarn, 1 ball of teal
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- Cardboard
- Wadding
- Dressmaking pins
- Strong needle
- Thin cord (for jewellery)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130



This cute crochet caravan project is from the book *Let's Go Camping* by Kate Bruning, published by Kyle Books (RRP £9.99). Photography by Keiko Oikawa. Visit www.kylebooks.com or call 020 7692 7215

This gorgeously vintage project is brimming with nostalgia and is a beautiful way to show a little one you care. They'll be able to add their own figures and put them to bed in the handy bunk beds or set out a yummy picnic. The opportunities are endless!

CARAVAN

FRONT AND BACK PANELS (MAKE 2)

Using cream and 3.5mm hook, ch31.
Row 1 Dc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch to end, turn. [30 dc]
Rows 2-3 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 1dc, 2dc into next dc, dc across to last 2 dc, 2dc into next dc, 1dc, turn. [34 dc after Row 3]
Row 4 Ch1, dc in each dc to end, turn.
Row 5 Repeat Row 2. [36 dc]
Rows 6-7 Ch1, dc into each dc, turn.
Row 8 Repeat Row 2. [38 dc]
Rows 9-10 Ch1, dc into each dc, turn.
Change to green yarn.
Rows 11-21 Ch1, dc into each dc, turn.
Row 22 Ch1, 1dc, skip 1 dc, 34dc, skip 1 dc, 1dc, turn. [36 dc]
Row 23 Ch1, dc into each dc, turn.
Rows 24-31 Ch1, 1dc, skip 1 dc, dc to last 2 dc, skip 1 dc, 1dc, turn. [20 dc]
Row 32 Ch1, 1dc, skip 1 dc, dc to last 2 dc, skip 1 dc, 1dc, turn. [18 dc]
Fasten off.

CARDBOARD FRONT/BACK PANELS

Trace around front panel onto cardboard and cut out.
Cut two more: one piece is for the front panel (piece A) and two are for the back panel (pieces B and C).
Take piece A and cut a matching piece of fabric with an extra 1cm seam allowance on all sides. Glue the fabric to piece A. Cut notches into the seam allowance around, then fold and glue the seam allowance to the back of the cardboard piece.

FINISH FRONT PANEL

Return to crocheting the front panel.
Using 3.5mm hook and with RS facing, join green yarn to row end at start of green section (Row 11).
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 62dc around panel until you reach the beg of Row 11. Change to cream yarn and work another 50dc to complete the round, ss back into first dc. [112 dc in total]
Round 2 Change to green, ch1, (2dc, skip 1 dc) 8 times, 14dc, skip 1 dc, (2dc, skip 1 dc) 7 times, 2dc. Change to cream, (2dc, skip 1 dc) 4 times, 26dc, skip 1 dc, (2dc, skip 1 dc) 3 times, 2dc, ss into first dc. [88 dc]
Fasten off.
Insert cardboard piece A, with the fabric facing out, into front panel.
Glue the overlapping crochet border (formed by Round 2) to the front of the fabric-covered cardboard piece.

EXTERNAL SIDES (OUTER WALLS, FLOOR AND ROOF)

This panel is formed by crocheting around the edge of the back panel and is worked in two parts (a and b) for each colour (green and cream).

Row 1a (RS) Using a 3.5mm hook, rejoin green yarn to row end at start of green section (Row 11) on back panel. Ch1, dc around panel to beg of Row 11, turn. [62 dc]
Rows 2a-22a Ch1, dc into each dc, turn. [62 dc]
Fasten off.
Row 1b (RS) Attach cream yarn to row at start of cream section (Row 10) on back panel. Ch1, dc around panel to end of Row 10, turn. [50 dc]
Rows 2b-22b Ch1, dc into each dc, turn. [50 dc]
Fasten off.
Sew the ends of the 2 panels together on

DIAGRAM 1

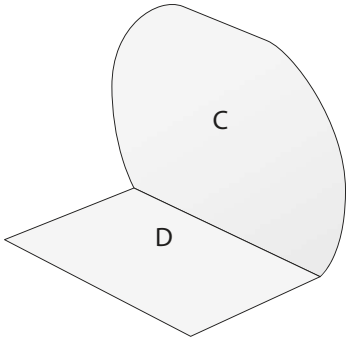
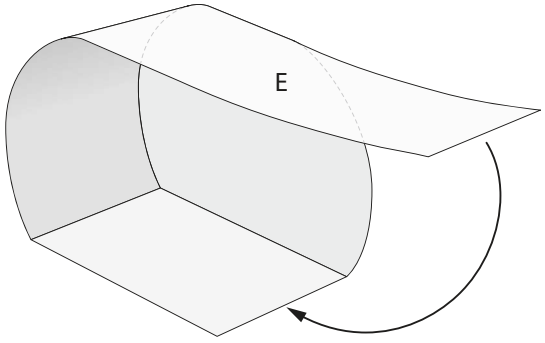


DIAGRAM 2



both sides to make a continuous band that runs all the way around the back panel.

CARDBOARD CARAVAN BODY

Measure the straight side of cardboard piece C, then the depth of the crochet external side panel.
Cut a piece of cardboard to match – this forms piece D, caravan floor (see Diagram 1).
Measure the perimeter of piece C from left-hand side of base, around curve to right-hand side of base.
Cut a rectangle of cardboard to this length by the width of piece D, to form piece E. Gently bend piece E to encourage a curve (see Diagram 2).

Using duct tape, attach piece D to the bottom of piece C. Tape piece E around the curved sides of piece C. Make cuts in the tape so it sticks to the curve neatly.
Tape the edges of pieces D and E together.
Insert cardboard caravan body inside crocheted caravan body.

INTERNAL BACK WALL

Take cardboard piece B and reduce its size by cutting away a 3mm border around the edge. Cut a matching piece of fabric with a 1cm seam allowance on all sides, and glue to the cardboard. Cut notches in the seam allowance, then fold and glue the seam allowance to the back of the cardboard piece.

INTERNAL SIDES (INNER WALLS, FLOOR AND CEILING)

Using cream yarn and a 3.5mm hook, ch108, ss to first ch to form a long loop, being careful not to twist the chain.
Rounds 1-20 Ch1, dc into each dc around, ss to first dc. [108 dc]
Round 21 Ch1, (5dc, skip 1 dc) to end. [90 dc]
Fasten off.

Carefully insert this panel inside cardboard caravan body. Stitch the internal and external panels tog around the edges.
Add glue to the back wall of cardboard body, then insert the fabric-covered cardboard back panel (piece B) against the back wall. This will secure the crocheted internal walls.

SILVER STRIPES

This runs around the outside of the caravan, to cover the join between the cream and green yarns. You will need to make two lengths, one for the external front panel and one for around the sides and back of the caravan.
Using silver yarn and 2.5mm hook, ch a length to fit along the front panel between Rows 10 and 11.
Sew in place. Repeat to fit around the sides and back of the caravan.

BUTTON LOOP

Using green and a 3.5mm hook, ch5.
Row 1 Dc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch to end, turn. [4 dc]
Rows 2-5 Ch1, dc in each dc, turn.
Row 6 Ch1, 1dc, skip 2 dc, 1dc. [2 dc]
Fasten off.
Sew to top of external front panel.
Sew the button onto the caravan roof, making sure they line up.



The caravan is fastened at the top with a button and loop

CARAVAN DOOR

Using cream and a 3.5mm hook, ch12.
Row 1 Dc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch to end, turn. [11 dc]
Rows 2-22 Ch1, dc into each dc, turn.
Fasten off.
Using 3.5mm hook, join green at bottom-right of door. Ch1, 21dc up one side of door, (1dc, ch2, 1dc) into corner st, 8dc across top of door, (1dc, ch2, 1dc) into corner st, 21dc down side of door.
Fasten off.
Using 2.5mm hook and silver yarn, ch a length to fit around door between cream and green sts and sew in place.
Sew on red bead for door handle.
Glue door to front panel of caravan.

WINDOWS (MAKE 2)

Using pale blue yarn and a 2.5mm hook, ch19.
Row 1 (RS) Starting in 2nd ch from hook, dc in each st to end, turn. [18 dc]
Rows 2-12 Dc into each st to end, turn.
Fasten off.
Round 13 Using silver yarn and a 2.5mm hook, dc into each st around each side and (dc, ch2, dc) into each corner.
Fasten off.
Cut a piece of lace to size and then sew to the internal window for a curtain.
Glue the windows into place as shown in the photographs, one internal and one external and line them up so they create the illusion of being the same window.

WHEELS (MAKE 3)

Work in a spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch.

TYRES

Round 1 (RS) Using black yarn and a 2.5mm hook, ch2, 6dc into the 2nd ch from hook. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc into each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc into the next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc into the next st) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc into the next st) 6 times. [30 dc]
Round 6 (4dc, skip the next st) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 7 (3dc, skip the next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 8 (2dc, skip the next st) 6 times. [12 dc]
Round 9 (1dc, skip the next st) 6 times. [6 dc]
Fasten off.

HUBCAP

Round 1 (RS) Using silver yarn and a 2.5mm hook, ch2, 6dc into the 2nd ch from hook. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc into each st around. [12 dc]

Sew to the centre of the wheel and then glue into place, one on each side and the spare wheel underneath the back external window.

BUNK BEDS (MAKE 2)

Using teal yarn and 2.5mm hook, ch25.
Round 1 Dc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch to last ch, 2dc in last ch, rotate to work in other side of the foundation ch, 23dc, ss to first dc. [48 dc]
Rounds 2-12 Ch1, dc into each dc, ss to first dc.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

TO MAKE UP

Trace around bunk bed onto a piece of cardboard and cut out. Repeat with wadding.
Place wadding and cardboard inside bunk bed and sew up the side.
Glue bunks in place on right-hand inner side of caravan and carefully hammer dressmaking pins through caravan and into cardboard section of bed (see Diagram 3).
Make sure the crochet caravan covers the pinheads.
To form the bunk strings, thread a strong needle with cord.



Hook up some mini granny square blankets to make the bunk beds nice and cosy

Insert needle into caravan ceiling, just above far corner of top bunk.
Insert needle through far corners of both bunks, run the thread along the side of the bottom bunk and then insert needle back up through front corners of both bunks (see Diagram 4). Push needle through roof, then back down through ceiling.
Tie two ends of cord together and trim.

BENCH

Work as for bunk to Round 8.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Make up and attach in same way as the bunks, on the left-hand inner side of caravan.
Do not add bunk strings.

DIAGRAM 3

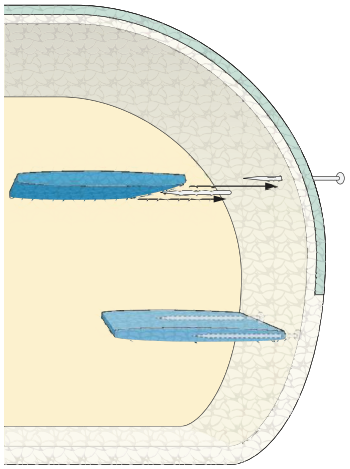
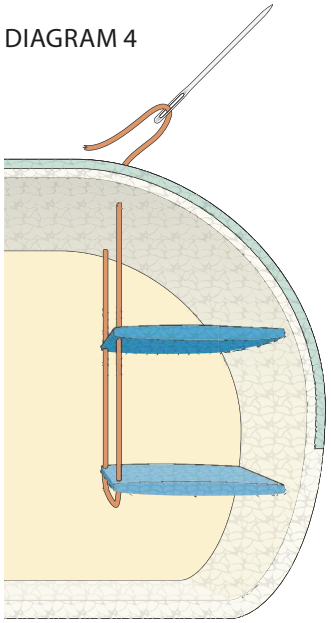
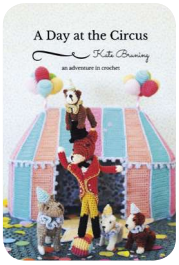


DIAGRAM 4













ROLL UP, ROLL UP!

Kate Bruning shares her adorable circus-inspired patterns



When I came up with the idea for my book *A Day at the Circus*, I consulted the pocket in my brain still taken up with the imaginary world of a five-year-old and asked whether it would like to spend six months immersed in circus life. "Yes," it said.

As a child, I loved the circus. My plan aged five was to become a clown, or, failing that, the tutu-wearing, horse-riding lady. Then a few years ago, I took my (then very little) boys to see a circus act featuring a troupe of performing dogs. I was thrilled to relive the magic, knowing that happy animals were performing, and it didn't take long for my fingers to start twitching with new ideas.

UNFORGETTABLE CROCHET CHARACTERS

I fell in love with Vinni's Colours yarn, and was thrilled when they agreed to sponsor the book. I used Nikkim, Vinni's Colours' DK cotton, as it comes in the most perfect palette. The slightly marled colours lend such a wonderful vintage look, which I knew would be perfect. I also used Serina, a 4ply bamboo, for the pups' balloons, ruffs and hats and all the performance props. I always like to encourage stashbusting, so Franco the Foxy Ringmaster and the pups are all generic DK wool.

My favourite design from the collection is a circus pup called Sparkles Electro (aka Keith). He's a three-legged wonder, born missing his back leg due to a tragic yarn shortage. Always with a smile on his face, he recently started a mentoring programme for the younger members of the circus. Not only can Sparkles Electro stand, but he can also jump, balance, skip and whistle. (It must be noted that I spent an inordinate amount of time with these pups, with very little time for me to remain socialised. It would be fair to say their personalities became larger than life in the process...)

The best lesson I learnt was be brave and ask people for what you need. I tentatively put a call out for pattern testers on Instagram and received the most amazing response. The connections that I made within the crochet community was my favourite part of making this book. There's so much support and goodwill out there, it's breathtaking.

RUN AWAY TO THE CIRCUS!

To crochet your own circus, just make a cup of tea, wear a tutu and put your favourite show tunes on! Also don't be daunted by the projects, as each comes with pages of detailed photographic instructions. They took forever to write up as I wanted to document each step. The tent alone has 42 photographs accompanying the instructions. Be prepared to fall in love with your little pups, too! They all have their own unique personalities – and be aware that they do breed at quite a fast rate…

I'd love to see what people are making from the book. Feel free to tag me in your circus creations on Instagram @greedyforcolour, or use the hashtags #adayatthecircuscrochet and #greedyforcolour.

To buy a digital or print version of Kate's new *A Day at the Circus* book, visit www.greedyforcolour.com



Cherry on top

Keep it sweet with this simple little pencil topper, designed by Twinkie Chan

EASY PEASY ☆★☆ | DK WEIGHT | 4MM HOOK

YOU WILL NEED

- Any cotton DK from your stash:
  Yarn A White, **Yarn B** Pink,
  Yarn C Aqua blue, **Yarn D** Red,
  Yarn E Yellow, **Yarn F** Green,
  Yarn G Dark pink
  Or choose your own shades
- A 4mm (US G/6) hook
- Stitch markers
- Toy stuffing

TENSION

21 sts and 22 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over double crochet using a 4mm hook, or size needed to obtain correct tension

MEASUREMENTS

9x3½cm (3½x1½in)

ABBREVIATIONS

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NOTES

Most of this pattern is worked using the amigurumi method. When working in the round, work stitches continuously in a spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.
Change colour yarn on the last yrh of the previous stitch.

PENCIL SLEEVE

With Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 7dc into loop. [7 dc]
To create the spiral pattern on the sleeve work *2dc in Yarn A, 2dc in Yarn B carrying unused Yarn within the sts; repeat from * until Sleeve measures approx 6cm, ss to next st to join.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

ICING

With Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into ring. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 Dc in each st around.
Round 5 Dc in each st around, ss to next st, ch1, turn. [18 dc]
Round 6 Working in back loops only, (2htr in next st, ss in next st) 9 times. [27 sts]
Fasten off and weave in all ends.
Embroider French Knots onto the Icing using Yarns A and C-G using the image as a guide.

CHERRY

With Yarn D, make a magic loop leaving a starting tail of approx 20cm.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into ring. [6 dc]
Round 2 Dc in each st around.
Round 3 Dc in each st around, ss to next st.
Fasten off leaving a 20cm yarn tail.

With yarn tail and tapestry needle, weave through the front loops only of all sts in Round 3 and pull to close. Tie a knot to secure. With yarn still on tapestry needle, poke needle through the centre of the hole you just closed, up through the middle of Cherry, and out through the centre of magic loop. This is your stem. Tie a knot in the stem 2cm away from the top of the Cherry and trim yarn using image as a guide. Weave the other yarn tail back to the bottom of Cherry and use the yarn tail to sew Cherry to top and centre of Icing.

CUPCAKE CASE

Round 1 With Icing upside down, join Yarn C in any unused loop of Round 6 with a ss, ch1 (does not count as st), (4dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [15 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each st around.
Round 3 (3dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [12 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each st around, ss to next st to join. **Fasten off** leaving a 20cm yarn tail and weave in other end.
Add some stuffing inside.

TO FINISH

Insert a pencil into Pencil Sleeve. Insert approx 1.5cm of pencil and Pencil Sleeve into bottom opening of Cupcake Case. Use yarn tail to whipstitch bottom of Paper to Cupcake Case.



STAY SHARP

Introducing the cutest amigurumi pincushion duo in existence, as designed by Ilaria Caliri



YOU WILL NEED

- Small amounts of any DK yarn from your stash:
  Yarn A Green
  Yarn B Yellow
  Yarn C Brown
  Yarn D Pink
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Black thread (for features)
- Polyester toy stuffing
- Stitch markers

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project. You can use any yarn to make this amigurumi. If you use a larger hook and a suitable yarn, the amigurumi will be larger (and use a greater quantity of yarn)while maintaining the same proportions.

MEASUREMENTS

Round Cactus measures 9x15cm (3½x6in) using a 3mm hook
Tall Cactus measures 9x16cm (3½x6½in) using a 3mm hook

ABBREVIATIONS

Spike st Work a standard dc stitch into the corresponding stitch that is 2 rows below

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Succulent trend? Check. Desk plant you can't kill? Check. Pick your favourite, or hook two of these prickly peeps to keep your pins firmly in one place. And they're as friendly as they look – both designs are suitable for amigurumi newbies.

NOTES

Work in a continuous spiral without closing off the round with a ss. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.

ROUND CACTUS

Using Green yarn, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 2 sts) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 3 sts) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 4 sts) 6 times. [36 sts]
Rounds 7-12 Dc in each st around.
Round 13 (Dc in each of next 4 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 14 (Dc in each of next 3 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 15 (Dc in each of next 2 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 16 (Dc in next st, dc2tog) 6 times, changing to Yellow during the last yrh of the last dc2tog, do not fasten off. [12 sts]
Stuff the cactus with toy stuffing.
Next, continue to work the Cactus Sand.

TALL CACTUS

Using Green yarn, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), 5dc into the loop. [5 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [10 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in next st) 5 times. [15 sts]
Round 4 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 2 sts) 5 times. [20 sts]
Rounds 5-16 Dc in each st around.
Round 17 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 2 sts), 5 times. [15 sts]
Round 18 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 3 sts) 3 times, changing to Yellow during the last yrh of the last dc, do not fasten off. [12 sts]
Stuff cactus with toy stuffing.
Next, continue to work the Cactus Sand.



Pop coins in the bottom of the pots to help them stand

CACTUS SAND
Using Yellow yarn, continue after Round 16 of the Round Cactus or Round 18 of the Tall Cactus.
Round 1 (RS) (2dcfl in next st, dcfl in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 2 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 2 sts) 6 times. [24 sts]
Rounds 3-4 Dc in each st around.
Round 5 (Dc in each of next 6 sts, dc2tog) 3 times. [21 sts]
Rounds 6-7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 (Dc in each of next 5 sts, dc2tog) 3 times. [18 sts]
Round 9 Dc in each st around.
Stuff with toy stuffing and continue to stuff as you crochet.
Round 10 (Dc in each of next 4 sts, dc2tog) 3 times. [15 sts]
Round 11 (Dc in each of next 3 sts, dc2tog) 3 times. [12 sts]
Round 12 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off.

TALL CACTUS ARMS
Using Green yarn, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), 7dc into the loop. [7 sts]
Rounds 2-4 Dc in each st around.
Rounds 5-6 Ss in front loop only of each of next 3 sts, dc in next st, htr in each of next 2 sts, dc in next st.
Round 7 Ss in front loop only of each of next 3 sts, dc in each of next 4 sts.

Stuff the cactus arms with toy stuffing.
Fasten off leaving a tail for sewing the arms on to the cactus (sew right arm between Rounds 11 and 13; left arm between Rounds 13 and 15).

POT
Using Brown yarn, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 Dcbl in each st around.
Round 5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 5 sts) 3 times. [21 sts]
Rounds 7-8 Dc in each st around.
Round 9 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 6 sts) 3 times. [24 sts]
Round 10 Dc in each st around.
Round 11 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 7 sts) 3 times. [27 sts]
Rounds 12-13 Dc in each st around.
Round 14 Spike st in each st around, inserting the crochet hook 2 rounds below in each dc.
Fasten off.

FLOWER
Using Pink yarn, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), 5dc into the loop. [5 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [10 sts]
Round 3 Work in front loop only for this round; (ss in next st, ch3, 2tr in next st, ch3, ss into same st) 5 times. [5 petals]
Round 4 Work in remaining loop of Round 2, (ss in next st, ch3, 2tr in next st, ch3, ss into same st) 5 times. [5 petals]
Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP
Make a very loose pompom using Yellow yarn and sew it to the middle of the flower. Using black thread, embroider the eyes as a couple of long stitches across Round 11 or 15, the eyes are approx 8 or 4 stitches apart. Embroider the mouth by stitching a V-shape on the round below the eyes.



The cactus blooms are worked in four simple rounds and finished with a pompom centre



Move on to work the cactus sand and pot before you go on to make the other cactus





YOU WILL NEED

- Any white DK yarn from your stash
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- Safety eyes
- Toy stuffing
- Tapestry needle
- Stitch marker

MEASUREMENTS

13cm (5in) tall

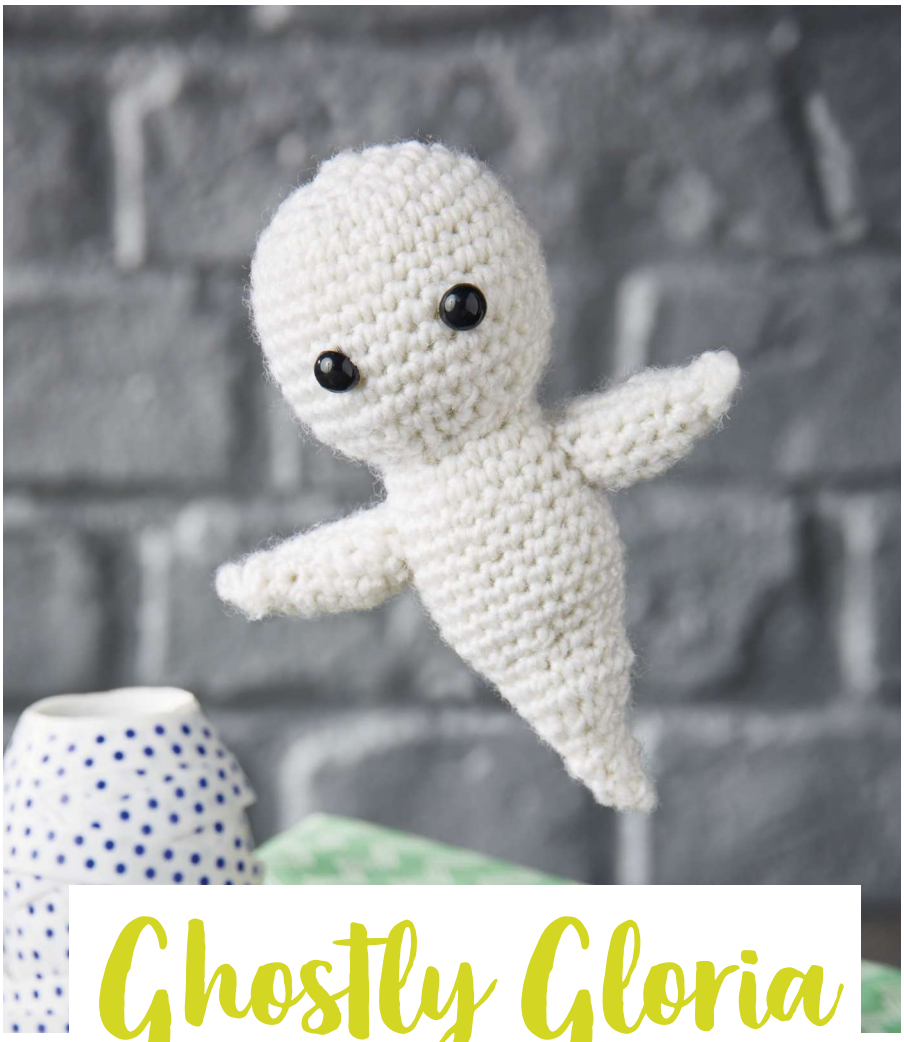
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Get your spook on with our friendly ghost. This gorgeous ghoul may be small but she's full of playful personality. Hooks at the ready!

NOTES

Work in a continuous spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch.
Place a marker in the first st of each round and move it up as you work.



Ghostly Gloria

Hook this tiny spook for mischievous pranks by moonlight. Designed by Sara Huntington

HEAD

Using White, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), 8dc into loop. [8 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each dc around. [16 sts]
Round 3 (1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc) 8 times. [24 sts]
Round 4 (1dc in next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc) 8 times. [32 sts]
Rounds 5-12 Dc in each dc around.

BODY

Round 13 (Dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 8 times. [24 sts]
Round 14 (Dc2tog, dc in next st) 8 times. [16 sts]
Round 15 (2dc in next st, dc in next st) 8 times. [24 sts]
Round 16 Dc in each dc around.
Round 17 (Make armholes) Dc in next 8 dc, ch3, skip 3 dc, dc in next 9 dc, ch3, skip 3 dc, dc in next dc. [18 dc and 2 ch-3 sps]
Round 18 Dc in next 8 dc, dc in back loop only of next 3 ch, dc in next 9 dc, dc in back loop only of next 3 ch, dc in next dc. [24 sts]
Rounds 19-23 Dc in each dc around.
Place eyes 5 sts apart between Rounds 9 and 10. Stuff Head and upper Body firmly.
Round 24 (Dc in next st, dc2tog) 8 times. [16 sts]
Rounds 25-27 Dc in each dc around.
Round 28 (Dc2tog) 8 times. [8 sts]
Rounds 29-31 Dc in each dc around.
Lightly stuff the lower Body.
Round 32 (Dc2tog) 4 times. [4 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

ARMS

Join White in front loop only of first skipped dc of one armhole.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), dc in front loop only of same st and front loop of next 2 skipped sts, rotating ghost to work in the round, 2dc in front loop only of each of next 3 ch. [9 sts]
Rounds 2-5 Dc in each dc around.
Round 6 (Dc in next st, dc2tog) 3 times. [6 sts]
Round 7 Dc in each dc around.
Lightly stuff the Arm.
Round 8 (Dc in next st, dc2tog) twice. [4 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.
Rep for second Arm.



Chilled out

It's the smiley faces that really make this ice cream toy – they're too cute to eat! By Jennifer Santos

ICE CREAM SUNDAE



YOU WILL NEED

- DY Choice Fruity DK (100% acrylic, 100g/250m), 1 ball of each:
  Yarn A Bilberry (04)
  Yarn B White (02)
  Yarn C Raspberry (09)
  Yarn D Peach (07)
  Yarn E Lime (05)
  Yarn F Strawberry (10)
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- Toy stuffing
- 3 black plastic safety eyes, 8mm
- Black stranded cotton
- Stitch markers
- Small circle of cardboard approx 5cm diameter – the same size as the internal base of your Bowl

For yarn, contact Stash Fine Yarns
www.stashfineyarns.co.uk
Although the yarn is discontinued, it is still available at some retailers. Alternatively, use similar colours from your stash.

MEASUREMENTS

Ice Cream Bowl measures approx 16x13cm (6¼x5¼in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Get ready for warmer weather with these three smiling scoops of tutti-frutti ice cream topped with a dollop of cream, a wafer and a handful of berries. You'll deserve a huge sundae when you've finished this sweet project.

NOTES

Work in a continuous spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. You may find it helpful to place a marker in the first st of each round and move it up as you work.

ICE CREAM (MAKE 3)

Make 1 each in Yarn A, Yarn C and Yarn E.
Make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each dc around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in each of next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in each of next 3 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in each of next 4 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in each of next 5 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times. [42 sts]
Rounds 8-15 Dc in each dc around.
Round 16 (Dc in each of next 5 dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 17 (Working in fl only), 4htr in first st, ss in next st, *4htr in next st, ss in next st; repeat from * around. Do not fasten off.

FACES

Yarn A Ice Cream Attach 2 safety eyes, approx 6 sts apart, between Rounds 11 and 12. Embroider a smile over Round 12 between the eyes.
Yarn C Ice Cream Attach 1 safety eye between Rounds 11 and 12. Embroider a winking eye approx 6 sts away over Rounds 11 and 12 and a smile in Round 12 between the eyes.
Yarn E Ice Cream Embroider 2 sleeping eyes approx 6 sts apart over Rounds 11 and 12 and a smile in Round 12 between the eyes.

Using Yarn F, embroider cheeks onto all Ice Creams either side and below the eyes. You could use the images as a guide.

Round 18 (Working in bl only from Round 16), (dc in next 4 dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 19 (Dc in each of next 3 dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 20 (Dc in each of next 2 dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Stuff the Ice Cream and continue to stuff as you go.
Round 21 (Dc in next dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 22 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Weave tail through last 6 sts and leave for sewing.

BOWL

Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.



Rounds 1-7 Work as Rounds 1-7 of Ice Cream. [42 sts]
Round 8 (Working in back loops only), dc in each st around.
Rounds 9-10 Dc in each dc around.
Round 11 (Dc in each of next 6 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times. [48 sts]
Rounds 13-15 Dc in each dc around.
Round 16 (Dc in each of next 7 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times. [54 sts]
Round 17 Dc in each dc around.
Change to Yarn A, do not fasten off Yarn B.
Round 18 Dc in each dc around.
Change back to Yarn B.
Fasten off Yarn A.
Round 19 Dc in each dc around.
Round 20 (Dc in each of next 8 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, turn without joining. [60 sts]
Round 21 (WS) With the opening of the Bowl facing you and working into the back loops only, 4htr in first st, skip next st, ss to next st, skip next st, *4htr in next st, skip next st, ss in next st, skip next st; repeat from * around, turn without closing round.
Trim cardboard to fit internal base of Bowl and place inside.
Round 22 (RS) Working in remaining unworked loops of Round 20, (dc in each of next 8 dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [54 sts]
Round 23 (Dc in each of next 7 dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 24 (Dc in each of next 6 dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 25 (Dc in each of next 5 dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 26 (Dc in each of next 4 dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 27 (Dc in each of next 3 dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Stuff the Bowl and continue to stuff as you go.
Round 28 (Dc in each of next 2 dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 29 (Dc in next dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 30 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Weave tail through last 6 sts and weave in ends.

FROSTING
Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-7 Work as Rounds 1-5 of Ice Cream. [42 sts]
Round 6 *4tr in next st, skip next st, ss in next st, skip next st, 4dc in next st, skip next st; repeat from * around.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

WAFFLE (MAKE 2)
Worked back and forth in rows.
Using Yarn D, ch2.
Row 1 2dc in second ch from hook, turn. [2 sts]
Row 2 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 2dc each dc across, turn. [4 sts]
Row 3 Ch1, dc in each dc across, turn.
Row 4 Ch1, 2dc in first st, dc in each st across to last st, 2dc in last st, turn. [6 dc]
Row 5 Ch1, dc each dc across, turn.
Rows 6-13 Repeat (Rows 4-5) four times more. [14 sts]
Row 14 Ch1, dc in each dc across, turn.
Rows 15-16 Repeat (Rows 4-5) once more. [16 sts]
Rows 17-18 Ch1, dc in each dc across, turn.
Fasten off the first, do not fasten off the second.
Holding both Waffles RS facing out, dc evenly around the edge working through both pieces.

STRAWBERRY (MAKE 5)
Using Yarn F, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each st around. [6 sts]
Round 3 2dc in each dc around. [12 sts]
Rounds 4-5 Dc in each dc around.
Round 6 Working in back loops only, (dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Weave tail through last 6 sts and weave in ends.

STRAWBERRY LEAF (MAKE 5)
Using Yarn E, make a magic loop, keeping the loop loose.
Round 1 *Ch3, dc in second ch from hook, (dc, ss) into loop; repeat from * 4 times more.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Using the long tail, sew the Leaf on to the Strawberry.

TO MAKE UP
Using the image as a guide, pin the Ice Creams into place and sew securely onto the Bowl.
Sew the Frosting on top of the top Ice Cream.
Pin one Strawberry on top of the Frosting and sew in place.
Pin two Strawberries next to each other at the front and two at the back of the Bowl between the bottom Ice Creams.
Pin the Waffle to the back of the Bowl and to one side and sew in place.



As it's worked in a spiral, the stripe on the bowl will have a jog – keep this to the back



Hook up five mini strawberries as extra toppings for your cute ice cream bowl



"Learning dc gave me a method to make the animals"

QUIRKY CROCHET CREATURES

Best known for her role at the helm of TOFT Alpaca, Kerry Lord has been exploring the animal kingdom through the art of crochet. We find out more

Growing up on an alpaca stud farm can't fail to shape a person. As a young adult, Kerry Lord left home to study English Literature at university, only to return to Warwickshire three years later, having devised a way to forge a niche in the family business. She launched The TOFT Alpaca Shop in 2006, selling products made from the alpaca yarn and designing and knitting items herself.

More recently, she discovered the joys of crochet and began a new chapter in her creative life. "I first picked up a hook when entering my final weeks of pregnancy in 2012. I had been a knitter for a number of years, but had always viewed crochet as something difficult and if I'm honest, not particularly desirable. I think there was a lack of inspiring crochet patterns even as recently as five or six years ago. Thankfully, that's all changed, and there's now no better time to learn to crochet."

Since then, she says, her love of crochet has developed "in a word, obsessively. I still can't believe what a whirlwind the last few years have been. I do still turn to two pointy sticks when I'm looking to make something to wear, but I can't imagine not having a crochet hook in my handbag."

A CROCHETED COMMUNITY

Before long, Kerry was branching out into designing her own crochet patterns. "I spent one determined night on YouTube learning the 'single crochet' – or as I now know, the British double crochet – stitch," she recalls. "The next day, I sat down on the sofa and crocheted what would become Bridget the elephant from my *Edward's Menagerie* book. She did have some limbs inside out and her eyes were a tad wonky, but as soon as I shared my creation with my colleagues back at TOFT, I knew I was onto something."

At that stage, Kerry had no idea she was creating the first of a whole book of crocheted characters. "Following my first elephant, I promptly went on to crochet a bunny, a zebra, a bear and a rhino. In fact, I made a dozen animals in the 14 overdue days that I had to wait for Edward to be born," she







says. "I was making toys for my baby, not planning projects for a book. It was only once I saw a reaction to the amigurumi animals that I realised other people might like to make them, too!"

"I think learning the double crochet stitch gave me a structure, tool and method to make the shapes and characters that had been living in me for a long time," Kerry says. "But the day I master crocheting and reading novels at the same, I'll be able to take over the world!"

Happily, Edward has been equally entranced by his crocheted companions. "Edward's always loved Siegfried the Monkey. Using TOFT's fine Baby Alpaca in Fudge for the body, with a silver muzzle and cream contrast, he is pretty precious to me, too. Siegfried has been with us on so many of our family's firsts, including camping, an aeroplane flight, and sleepovers at Granny's house, too!"

The menagerie has also accompanied Edward through the different early stages of learning and imaginative growth. "The greatest pleasure for me is watching the development of Edward's play with the menagerie," says Kerry. "It's even more rewarding for me to watch a role play where Esme the Fox is selling train tickets to Sophia the Flamingo, than it was to see him asking for Siegfried the Monkey before he fell asleep as a baby."

TEXTURES AND TIME

The next collection in the series focuses on birds, with dinosaurs following soon after in an evolutionary overturn. "I chose to move onto birds, but Edward did influence the move to dinosaurs. It's a lovely process to fuel his imagination by asking him to interact with choosing the yarn colour and so on. At the moment, Sophia the Flamingo is the favourite and he's put in a request for a mini peacock!"

The menagerie's characteristics were born, in part, through Kerry's experience with and knowledge of TOFT's yarns. "The softness, stitch definition and natural colour range inspired the makes, rather than the other way round," she explains. "At TOFT, we now manufacture more than just our alpaca yarn, with five weights available in multiple fibres including wool and silk in addition to the original alpaca."

> "THE SOFTNESS, STITCH DEFINITION AND NATURAL COLOUR OF TOFT YARNS INSPIRED EACH ANIMAL"

Her crochet heroes include Shauna Richardson, who Kerry says she has admired since long before she could crochet herself. "I would love the freedom to crochet freeform over large shapes without having to write down the patterns! There's something I really love about the surface pattern on her work."

Naturally, running TOFT, spending time with her family, designing patterns and writing books can be a tough balancing act for Kerry. "Of course, some weeks are a real strain, but other weeks I can enjoy the freedom of being my own boss," she comments. "With the help and support of my husband and mum, and a great team of colleagues at TOFT, I just about manage to keep on top of everything."

With this in mind, Kerry has become very accomplished at crocheting on the go. "I love to crochet on the train more than anywhere!" she says. "Just give me a ball of yarn, a good sandwich, a G&T in a can and a four-hour journey and I'll feel more inspired and motivated to create than anywhere else!"

TOFT celebrated its 12th birthday in August 2018, and there are plenty of exciting plans afoot still. "I feel that this longevity is something really worth celebrating," says Kerry. "Over the last few years we've celebrated the first batches of TOFT yarn that were spun, and the first time I ever stood behind a stall and chatted to crafters. I've published several books, and we've even held workshops to make Hope the Whale in the Natural History Museum – for over 350 crocheters at a time! The most important thing, though, is that I learned to knit and crochet in that time, and since then, have helped to teach tens of thousands of others to do the same."

Written by Judy Darley



A FEW OF HER FAVOURITE THINGS

"I love to spend time with my family and catch up on sleep. I am a big believer in an early night solving most problems, so I grab the opportunity to recharge my batteries when I can. My job does require me to think fast and creatively nearly every day, and this is impossible if you're tired. My ideal day off would involve not having to do anything at a particular time. Edward and I would ditch our routine, do the things we want when we want, and if that means we stay in our pyjamas reading and eating toast in bed then so be it!" See more at www.thetoftalpacashop.co.uk

Main image from *Edward's Menagerie*, photograph by David & Charles; other photographs by The TOFT Alpaca Shop

Dino pal

Isn't this the cutest ankylosaurus you've ever seen? Designed by TOFT UK's Kerry Lord





YOU WILL NEED

- TOFT DK (100% wool, 100g/225m), 1 ball of Camel
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Black stranded cotton for eyes
- Safety eyes or black beads
- Toy stuffing

For yarn stockists contact TOFT 01788 810626 www.toftuk.com

MEASUREMENTS

18cm (7in) tall when sitting

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

We're smitten with this prehistoric amigurumi cutie. Made from a single ball of DK, Anthony the anklyosauraus is a spiky fella with a bit of a tummy. The head, body, limbs and spikes are each made separately and sewn together afterwards. With his lovely soft spikes, he's the perfect companion for little monsters.

NOTES

Work stitches continuously in a spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.

Leave long tails of yarn when fastening off to use in sewing up.

BODY

Make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 3 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 7 (6dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 8 (7dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [48 sts]
Rounds 9-13 Dc in each st around.
Round 14 (1dc, dc2tog) 8 times, 24dc. [40 sts]
Round 15 (8dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [36 sts]
Rounds 16-18 Dc in each st around.
Round 19 (1dc, dc2tog) 6 times, 18dc. [30 sts]
Rounds 20-23 Dc in each st around.
Round 24 (3dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Rounds 25-28 Dc in each st around.
Round 29 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Rounds 30-31 Dc in each st around.
Round 32 (1dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Stuff Body.
Round 33 Dc2tog 6 times. [6 sts]



The head spikes and the simple embroidered eyes give the dinosaur such a cute character

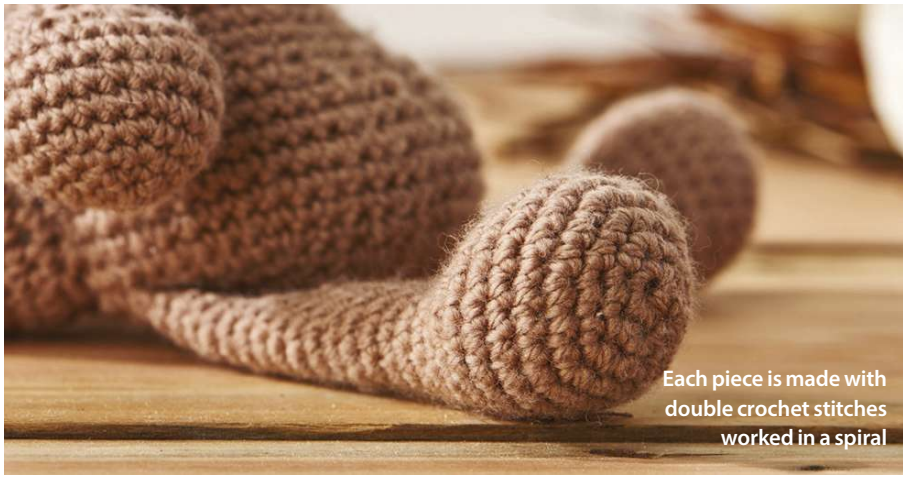
Fasten off.
Top up stuffing and use tail of yarn to close remaining hole.

HEAD

Rounds 1-7 Work as Rounds 1-7 of Body. 42 sts]
Rounds 8-12 Dc in each st around.
Round 13 (1dc, dc2tog) 7 times, 21dc. [35 sts]
Round 14 Dc in each st around.
Round 15 (5dc, dc2tog) 5 times. [30 sts]
Round 16 (1dc, dc2tog) 5 times, 15dc. [25 sts]
Round 17 Dc2tog 5 times, 15dc. [20 sts]
Rounds 18-22 Dc in each st around.
Round 23 Dc2tog 10 times. [10 sts]
Stuff Head.
Round 24 Dc2tog 5 times. [5 sts]
Round 25 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.
Top up stuffing and use tail of yarn to close remaining hole.

LEGS (MAKE 4)

Rounds 1-4 Work as Rounds 1-4 of Body. [24 sts]
Rounds 5-8 Dc in each st around.
Round 9 Dc2tog 9 times, 6dc. [15 sts]



Each piece is made with double crochet stitches worked in a spiral

Round 10 Dc2tog 5 times, 5dc. [10 sts]
Stuff the foot only before continuing.
Rounds 11-25 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.
Flatten top of leg and sew together across the top.

TAIL
Make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 3 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Rounds 4-6 Dc in each st around.
Round 7 (1dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 8 Dc2tog 6 times. [6 sts]
Stuff end of Tail before continuing.
Round 9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 (2dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [8 sts]
Rounds 11-16 Dc in each st around.
Round 17 (3dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [10 sts]
Rounds 18-20 Dc in each st around.
Round 21 (4dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [12 sts]
Rounds 22-23 Dc in each st around.
Round 24 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [15 sts]
Rounds 25-26 Dc in each st around.
Round 27 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [18 sts]
Rounds 28-29 Dc in each st around.
Round 30 (8dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [20 sts]
Round 31 (9dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [22 sts]
Rounds 32-34 Increase evenly twice on each round as set. [28 sts]
Round 35 Dc in each st around.
Round 36 (13dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [30 sts]
Fasten off and stuff tail.

HEAD SPIKES (MAKE 4)
Ch15 leaving a long tail, ss to first ch to join into a ring, being careful not to twist the chain.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), dc in each st around. [15 sts]
Round 2 (3dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [12 sts]
Rounds 3-4 Dc in each st around.
Round 5 (2dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [9 sts]
Rounds 6-7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 (1dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [6 sts]
Round 9 Dc2tog 3 times. [3 sts]
Fasten off.

CENTRAL BACK SPIKES (MAKE 4)
Ch10 leaving a long tail, ss to first ch to join into a ring, being careful not to twist the chain.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), dc in each st around. [10 sts]
Rounds 2-5 Dc in each st around.



The spikes decrease in size from the back, all the way down the tail

Round 6 (Dc2tog, 3dc) twice. [8 sts]
Round 7 (Dc2tog, 2dc) twice. [6 sts]
Fasten off.

SIDE BACK SPIKES (MAKE 8)
Make a magic loop, leaving a long tail.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Rounds 2-3 Dc in each st around.
Round 4 Dc2tog 3 times. [3 sts]
Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP
Sew the Head onto the top of the Body, and sew two Legs to the top of the Body on each side of the Head.
Sew two Legs onto the bottom of the Body, splaying them slightly so that the dinosaur will balance when sitting.
Stuff the Head Spikes and sew to the Head, using the image as a guide. Embroider two eyes with several straight stitches of black embroidery thread.
Top up stuffing and sew the Tail to the back of the Body.
Without stuffing, sew two of the Central Back Spikes to the back of the Body, and sew the other two on the top-centre of the Tail.
Sew four of the Side Back Spines on each side of the Central Spikes.



MIA THE MONSTER

Meet an amigurumi creation who's out of this world. Designed by TOFT UK's Kerry Lord, Mia's a floppy, colourful wonder!



YOU WILL NEED

- TOFT DK (100% wool, 100g/225m), 1 skein of **Yarn A** Steel
- TOFT DK (100% wool, 25g/60m), 1 ball of each:
  Yarn B Yellow
  Yarn C Lime
  Yarn D Orange
  Yarn E Pink
  Yarn F Blue
- Oddments of Cream and Black DK yarn for the eyes
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Toy stuffing

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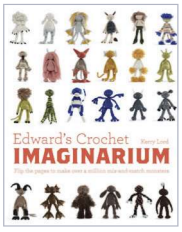
MEASUREMENTS

35cm (13¾in) from the top of the top knot to the bottom of the feet

ABBREVIATIONS

Loop Stitch Insert the hook as for a dc stitch, wrap the working yarn from front to back around the thumb of the hand not holding the hook, yrh, picking up the working yarn behind the loop, complete as for a dc stitch. Move the loop to place it on the RS of the fabric.

For a full list, see page 130



The elements of this pattern are taken from *Edward's Crochet Imaginarium* by Kerry Lord (RRP £14.99). If you buy your copy from www.toftuk.com, you'll also get a free bonus pattern PDF that includes new arms and legs and additional wings.

Say hello to Mia. Our friendly monster was dreamt up by the *Simply Crochet* team using TOFT founder Kerry Lord's ingenious book *Edward's Crochet Imaginarium*. The clever flip-book format of the book allows you to create over a million amigurumi monsters!

NOTES

The pattern is worked using the amigurumi method. Work sts continuously in a spiral without closing off each round with a ss. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first st of each round, moving it up as you work.

HEAD/BODY

TOP KNOT

With Yarn A, ch2, 4dc into first ch.
Rounds 1-2 Dc in each st around. [4 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in next st) twice. [6 sts]
Rounds 4-11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 (2dc in next st, 2dc) twice. [8 sts]
Rounds 13-32 Dc in each st around.
Round 33 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [12 sts]
Do not stuff, tie tube in a knot as shown in the image. Continue as follows:

HEAD

Round 1 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 2 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 3 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 4 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 5 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 6 (6dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 7 (7dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [54 sts]
Rounds 8-12 Dc in each st around.
Round 13 (7dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 14 (6dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 15 (5dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 16 (4dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 17 (3dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 18 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 19 (Dc2tog) 9 times. [9 sts]
Do not fasten off, stuff the Head and continue for the Body.

BODY

Rounds 20-21 Dc in each st around.
Round 22 (2dc in next st) 9 times. [18 sts]
Round 23 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Rounds 24-29 Dc in each st around.
Round 30 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Rounds 31-33 Dc in each st around.
Round 34 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 35 12dc, (dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 6 times, 12dc. [42 sts]
Round 36 (6dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [48 sts]
Rounds 37-41 Dc in each st around.
Round 42 (6dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 43 (5dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 44 Dc in each st around.
Round 45 (4dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 46 (3dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 47 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 48 (Dc2tog) 9 times. [9 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail, stuff and run the tail of yarn through the remaining sts and pull to close. Sew a few small sts to secure.

ARMS/HANDS (MAKE 2)

With Yarn A, ch12 and ss to first ch to join into a ring, being careful not to twist.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), dc in



each st around. [12 sts]
Rounds 2-20 Dc in each st around.
Change to Yarn E for the first Arm, and Yarn D for the second arm and continue working in Loop Stitch every third st on odd rounds and every fourth st on even rounds.
Round 21 6dc, (2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 22 6dc, (dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Rounds 23-26 Dc in each st around.
Round 27 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 28 (Dc in next st, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 29 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off, stuff the Hand end and sew top closed.

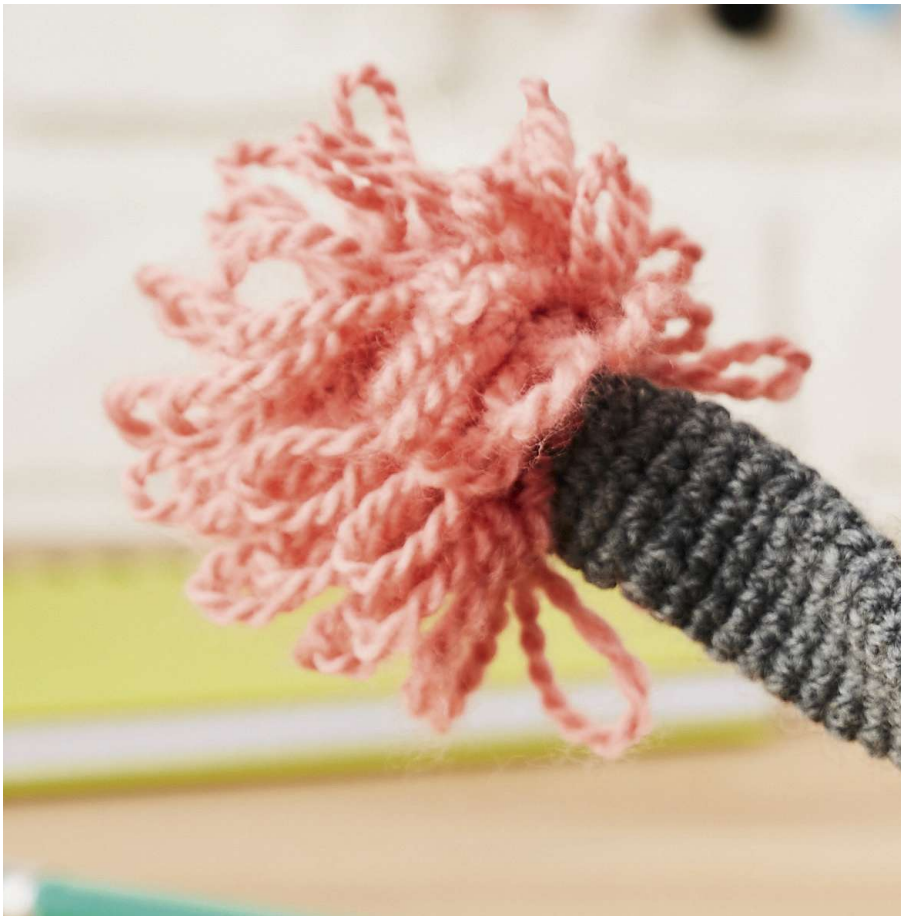
LEGS/FEET (MAKE 2)
With Yarn A, ch12 and ss to first ch to join into a ring, being careful not to twist.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Rounds 2-22 Dc in each st around.
Change to Yarn C for first Leg and Yarn B for second Leg and continue working in Loop Stitch every third st on odd rounds and every fourth st on even rounds.

Repeat from Round 21 to end of the Arms/Hands.

TAIL
With Yarn A, ch6 and ss to first ch to join into a ring.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), dc in each st around. [6 sts]
Rounds 2-36 Dc in each st around.
Change to Yarn F and continue working in Loop Stitch every third st on odd rnds and every fourth st on even rnds.
Rounds 37-45 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off, do not stuff.

TO MAKE UP
Sew the Arms, Legs and Tail to the Body using the image as a guide. To sew the eyes, make long stitches in the Cream yarn, in a triangle shape. Using black yarn, sew a couple of stitches in the centre bottom of the triangle.







The colourful, pompom-style hands, feet and tail on Mia are made using simple loop stitch



Be-ewe-tiful!

Crochet your own flock of fluffy lovelies to keep draughts at bay! By Liz Ward

DRAUGHT EXCLUDER



YOU WILL NEED

- DROPS Alpaca Bouclé (80% alpaca, 15% wool, 5% polyamide, 50g/140m),
  3 balls of Off White (0100)
  1 ball of Dark Grey Mix (0506)
- DROPS Cotton Light (50% cotton, 50% polyester, 50g/105m),
  4 balls of Pearl Grey (31)
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- A 4.5mm (US 7) hook
- A 2mm (US B/1) hook
- Toy stuffing
- 9mm safety eyes
- Fabric glue
- Pink and black stranded cotton

For yarn stockists contact
Wool Warehouse 01926 882 818
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 18x12x12cm (8x5x5in) per Sheep

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

We all know how lovely and snuggly crocheted garments can be, but these helpful hooked sheep will keep your whole house warm by blocking out any wintry draughts! The bouclé yarn gives the sheep a wonderfully 'woolly' texture.

NOTES

The Draught Excluder is made up of 7 Sheep, made up as one piece.

BODY

Using Off White and a 4.5mm hook, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in the next 2 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in the next 3 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [30 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in the first 9 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [33 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in the next 10 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [36 sts]
Round 8 (Dc in the first 11 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [39 sts]



All the sheep are busy keeping watch – apart from a cheeky snoozer on the end (below)!



Mark Round 8.
Round 9 (Dc in the next 12 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [42 sts]
Round 10 (Dc in the next 13 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [45 sts]
Round 11 (Dc in the next 14 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [48 sts]
Round 12-13 Dc in each st to end.
Round 14 (Dc2tog, dc in the next six sts) repeat to end. [42 sts]
Round 15 (Dc2tog, dc in next 5 sts) repeat to end. [36 sts]
Round 16 (Dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts) repeat to end. [30 sts]
Round 17 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 18 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 19 (Dc2tog, dc in the next st) repeat to end. [12 sts]
Stuff the Body of the first Sheep, continuing to stuff as you work.
Repeat Rounds 3-19, 4 times more.
Change to Dark Grey.
Repeat Rounds 3-19 once more.
Change to Off White.
Repeat Rounds 3-19 once more.
Next Round (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off and sew the hole closed.

HEAD (MAKE 7)
Using Pearl Grey and a 3.5mm hook, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 3 Dc in each st to the end.
Round 4 (Dc in the next 2 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [16 sts]
Round 5 Dc in each st to the end.
Round 6 (Dc in the next 3 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [20 sts]
Mark Round 6)
Round 7 Dc in each st to the end.
Round 8 (Dc in the next 4 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 (Dc in the next 5 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [28 sts]
Round 11-12 Dc in each st to the end.
Insert the eyes on the marked round, approx 8 sts apart.
Round 13 (Dc2tog, dc in the next 5 sts) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 14 (Dc2tog, dc in the next 2 sts) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 15 (Dc2tog, dc in the next st) repeat to end. [12 sts]
Fill Head with toy stuffing.
Round 16 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off and sew the hole at the base of the Head closed.
Sew a Head onto the Bodies, using the photo as a guide.

LEGS (MAKE 28)
Using Pearl Grey and a 3.5mm hook, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]



Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 4-5 Dc in each st around.
Fill with toy stuffing.
Round 6 (Dc2tog) 9 times. [9 sts]
Fasten off and sew 4 Legs onto each Sheep.

EARS (MAKE 14)
Using Pearl Grey and a 3.5mm hook, ch5.
Row 1 Ss in second ch from hook, dc in next st, htr in next st, tr in last st.
Fasten off and sew 2 onto each Head.

FLOWER
Using pink stranded cotton and a 2mm hook, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 5dc into the loop ss to first dc to join. [5 sts]
Round 2 Ch1, (dc, 3tr) in each st around, ss to beg dc to join. [5 petals]
Fasten off and sew in place by the mouth on one Sheep.

MAKE FACES
Use black stranded cotton and long stitches to create a V in the centre for the sheep noses and a line down from this for the mouth. Highlight with pink thread on some noses.
Kissing sheep have a stitched X shape for their mouths
Backstitch a semi-circle onto one face to give the appearance of sleepy eyes.



You can treat more than one of the sheep to a tasty flowery treat if you like!



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Getting started

Here's a bit of beginner's info about making amigurumi so you're equipped with the best knowledge from the start

THE BASICS

Some essential information for making really great amigurumi

DENSE FABRIC

Amigurumi toys are usually made using only double crochet stitches. The yarns are usually around DK in weight, with a hook that's smaller than you'd normally use for that weight of yarn. This helps to create a firm, dense fabric that won't allow the stuffing to show through.



SIMPLE TECHNIQUES

Amigurumi patterns may seem daunting, but they usually use simple techniques, most of which are covered here. You'll need to work double crochet stitches in the round (see page 128), but in spirals, which we'll also show you how to do (page 129). You'll also find it helpful to use stitch markers to keep track of each spiral round, which you'll need to move up after each round.

Finally, you'll also need to work double crochet increases and decreases.

SEWING AND STUFFING

Some amigurumi patterns involve crocheting lots of different pieces. It's a good idea to label each piece after you fasten off so it's easier to identify the pieces when you come to sew them together. Some patterns will ask you to stuff the toy while you're sewing the pieces together, or even while you're still crocheting. Always use specialist toy stuffing and insert small amounts at a time, adding more slowly until you achieve the right look. Your stuffing should be firm but not distort the fabric. See page 72 for our guide to assembling your figures.

IN THE DETAIL

One of the most important parts of toy-making is the finishing detail, especially the face. Some patterns ask you to add these details with felt, buttons or embroidery. Take your time, and don't be afraid to start again if the expression doesn't look right.



Where to find the projects on this page:
Fox, page 11; Penguin, page 50

CROCHET SPHERES

Perfect for making heads and rotund bodies

Most amigurumi creatures involve making a basic sphere, which is perfect for heads and bodies. Making spheres involves increasing the number of stitches on the first few rounds, working straight for a row or two, then decreasing the number of stitches on the last few rounds. If you can make this shape, then you'll be able to make almost any amigurumi toy.

SEAMLESS ROUNDS

To work a sphere, you need to work in the round. Start with a magic loop and work the first round of stitches into the centre. This gives a tight closure at the 'poles' of the spheres and prevents stuffing from poking through. By working in the round, there will be no seams to sew up later – you can crochet the creature three-dimensionally and even stuff it as you go.



CROCHET TUBES

Great for making limbs, fingers and snake-like shapes

Many amigurumi toys feature basic tube shapes – they're ideal for arms and legs. Making tubes is very simple because they're worked straight. You just work on the same number of stitches around and around in a spiral. If you can make a sphere and this shape, you can make almost any amigurumi toy.

STUFF AS YOU GO

To work a tube like this, you need to work in the round. Start with a magic loop foundation ring and work the first round of stitches into the centre. Continue on these stitches, around and around. By working in the round, there'll be no seams to sew up later – you can crochet the creature three-dimensionally and even stuff it as you go.

USING STITCH MARKERS

With tubes like this, you'll have a small number of stitches and a large number of spiral rounds to cope with. You'll find it helpful to use a stitch marker to mark the start/end of each round and help you keep track of where you are in the pattern.





Crochet basics

Over the next few pages, you'll find simple step-by-step guides to many useful stitches and techniques that you'll use every time you pick up a hook

HOLDING THE HOOK

Try these methods and see which works best



PENCIL METHOD
Hold the hook like a pencil, in your right hand (if you're right-handed), about 3-5cm from the hooked end. If your hook has a flat area, you'll find it comfortable to hold it here.



KNIFE METHOD
Hold the hook between your thumb and forefinger, about 3-5cm from the hooked end, resting the end of the hook against your palm. This will give you lots of control.

HOLDING THE YARN

Even tension results in even stitches



METHOD ONE
Pass the ball end of the yarn between the little finger and third fingers of your left hand (if you are right-handed), then behind the third and middle fingers, over your index finger.



METHOD TWO
Loop the ball end of the yarn loosely around the little finger of your left hand, then take it over the third finger, behind the middle finger and over your index finger.

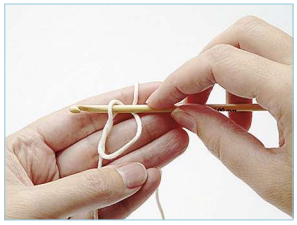
MAKING A SLIPKNOT The first loop on the hook



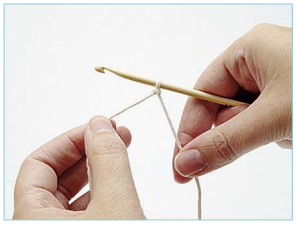
1 Hold the tail of the ball of yarn in your left hand and drape the yarn clockwise over the top of it to form a circular loop.



2 Hold the loop between left thumb and forefinger, then insert the crochet hook through the centre of the loop from front to back.



3 Catch the ball end of the yarn with the hook and pull it back through the centre of the loop, taking the yarn through with it.



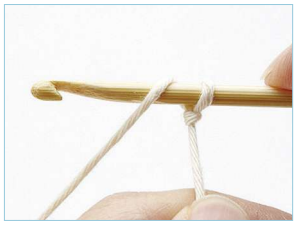
4 Pull both ends of the yarn to tighten the knot, then pull just the ball end to tighten the loop so it's close to the hook, but not touching it.

How to count

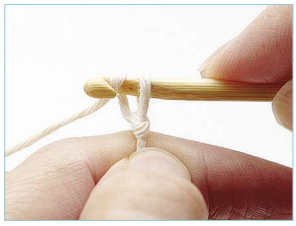


Each chain or loop counts as one stitch. Never count your first slipknot or the loop on the hook (called the working loop). So that you can be accurate, make sure the chain is not twisted and that the front is facing you.

CHAIN STITCH Use this stitch to make your foundation chain



1 Hold the hook in your right hand, and both the yarn end and the working yarn in your left hand. Move the hook under and over the yarn to wrap it around anticlockwise.



2 Pull the hook towards the slipknot, catching the yarn in the hook, and pulling it through the slipknot loop. This forms your first chain (ch) stitch. Repeat steps 1 and 2 to form a chain length.



3 This is what your row of chains will look like. Hold the chain with your left hand near the hook, to keep the tension. Keep going until you have the number of chains stated in your pattern.

Where to find the project on this page: Turtle, page 39

SLIP STITCH (ss)

This stitch has no height – often used to join rounds



1 The slip stitch is used to join a length of chain into the round. Insert the hook from front to back into the first chain you worked. Wrap yarn round the hook (yrh) in an anticlockwise direction.



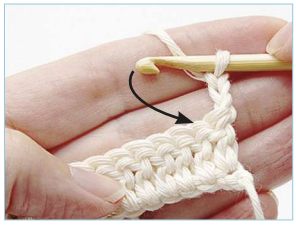
2 Pull the yarn through the chain stitch (as shown) and then the loop already on the hook to make a slip stitch. You can also work this stitch into each stitch along a row to form a neat edging.

WORKING IN ROWS

Follow these simple rules to construct crochet fabric



1 The first row is made by working across the foundation chain from right to left. At the end of the chain or row, turn the work so that the yarn is behind the hook.



2 For the next row, first make the turning chain for the stitch you're about to work (see opposite). Now work the next stitch into the top of the stitches on your first row, missing the first stitch.

DOUBLE CROCHET (dc) US term: single crochet

One of the key stitches in crochet, doubles are simple, compact stitches that form a dense fabric



1 To make a double crochet stitch, insert the hook under the top two loops of the next stitch on the previous row.



2 Wind the yarn around the hook (yrh).

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3 Pull the yarn through the stitch, giving you two loops on your crochet hook.



4 Yarn round hook again, then pull the yarn through both loops. There's your double crochet made and you'll have one loop left on the hook, ready to do the next stitch.

HALF TREBLE CROCHET (htr) US term: half double crochet

A handy stitch that's between double and treble crochet in size, and it looks slightly looser than double crochet



1 To make a half treble crochet stitch, work to where you want the htr and then wind the yarn round the hook (yrh).



2 Insert the hook under the top two loops of the next stitch in the previous row. Wrap yarn around the hook again (yrh).



3 Pull the yarn through the stitch only (3 loops on hook).



4 Yarn round hook again, pull the yarn through all 3 loops, and you've made a half treble crochet.

TREBLE CROCHET (tr) US term: double crochet

One of the most popular stitches in crochet, this simple stitch is twice as high as a double crochet stitch



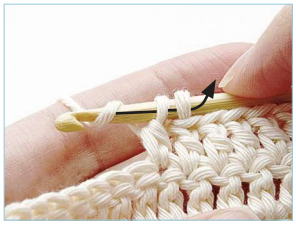
1 To work a treble crochet, start by winding yrh and then insert the hook under the top two loops of the stitch on the previous row.



2 Wrap the yarn around the hook (yrh) and pull the yarn through the stitch only.



3 You will now have 3 loops on the hook. Yrh again, and draw the yarn through just the first 2 loops on the hook.



4 You will now have 2 loops on the hook. Yrh again and draw the yarn through the remaining loops on the hook. Your treble crochet is complete.

INCREASING AND DECREASING

Shaping stitches are vital for making garments



INCREASE To increase one stitch is very simple – work one stitch into the next stitch on the row below. When you've finished, work another stitch into the same stitch.



DECREASE For a quick decrease, just skip one stitch. For a neater look, work the first part of one stitch and then begin the next stitch. Finish both together.

HOW TO GET A PERFECT FINISH

To prevent your hard work unravelling once you've finished crocheting, fasten the end off carefully



Complete the final stitch, then cut the yarn about 15cm from the work. Pull it through the last loop on the hook and pull to close the loop. Thread the yarn tail onto a tapestry needle and weave into the back of the work. Most crochet items don't need a lot of blocking, but cotton lace work usually does. To do this, carefully pin out the item with rust-proof pins, mist with a water spray and leave to dry naturally.

How to count stitches

Check your work is correct





Being able to count your stitches is very important and helps you to ensure that you're following a pattern correctly. It's a good idea to count your stitches at the end of every row. To count short stitches such as double crochet, look at the plaited tops (see above left). For taller stitches, count the upright 'stems' – each 'stem' is counted as a stitch (see left).

TURNING CHAIN (t-ch)

For an even finish, start each row with a turning chain

In crochet, you need to add turning chains (t-chs) to the beginning of rows. The reason for this is to bring the hook up to the height of the stitches you're crocheting. Each basic stitch has its own number of chains. The table below tells you how many t-ch sts form the first stitch. *For dc, usually the turning chain does not count as a stitch, and the first stitch of the row is worked into the stitch at the base of the turning chain.

STITCH	Add to foundation chain before starting row	**Skip at start of foundation row (counts as first st)**	For turning chain (counts as first st)
Double crochet	1 ch	**1 ch***	1 ch*
Half treble	1 ch	**2 ch**	2 ch
Treble	2 ch	**3 ch**	3 ch
Double treble	3 ch	**4 ch**	4 ch
Triple treble	4 ch	**5 ch**	5 ch

HOW TO CHANGE COLOUR

Create stripes and other colour effects



1 Before you work the final yrh (yarn round hook) on the last stitch of a row in the old colour, drop the old yarn and pick up the new one with your hook.



2 Pull through a loop of the new yarn to finish the old stitch. The working loop will be in the new colour. Continue, keeping the old yarn at the wrong side.

FOUNDATION RING

Create a foundation ring for working in the round



1 Make a chain the length stated in the pattern instructions. Next, insert the crochet hook into the first chain. Close the ring with a slip stitch, working yrh…



2 …and pull yarn through 2 loops on hook. Now you're ready to start crocheting in the round, following the instructions given below.

WORKING STITCHES INTO A RING

Make circles, tubes and other shapes by working simple rounds of crochet stitches



1 Make a foundation ring (as described above right) and then work the correct number of chains for the t-ch, for example, 3ch for a treble.



2 Now work the stitch as you would on a row, but insert the hook into the centre of the ring rather than each chain loop. For a treble, yrh, insert into the ring.



3 Continue with the treble stitch, working in the same way as you would on a row. So yrh and pull yarn through the loop. Then yrh and pull yarn through first 2 loops.



4 Finish off the treble stitch by working yrh and pull yarn through 2 loops. Continue making stitches into the ring as instructed in your pattern.

JOINING ROUNDS

Finish off each round of crochet stitches nice and neatly by using a slip stitch



1 To close a round of stitches, work a slip stitch into the top of the turning chain. To do this, insert the hook into the top stitch of the turning chain.



2 Then place the yarn round the hook. Pull the yarn through the turning chain stitch and through the original stitch on your hook.



3 You've slip stitched the round together! Before working another round, be sure to make the required turning chain. Always work rounds on the right side, unless your pattern instructs you otherwise.

Rounds or spirals



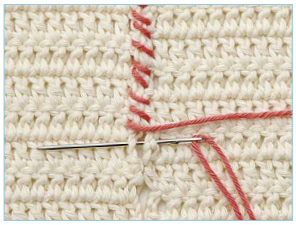
Check which technique to use

Some patterns are worked in rounds that are joined together at the end of each round (see left). Other patterns are worked in a spiral so you don't need to join the rounds at the end, just keep going, working into the next stitch on the previous row. Amigurumi toys are often worked in a spiral like this.

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SEWING SEAMS

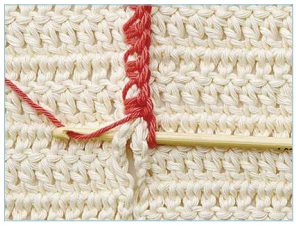
You can join crochet seams by using a tapestry needle or a crochet hook, using one of these four methods



1 Sewing with a tapestry needle is the regular and neat way to join seams. Place two pieces of crochet right sides together and oversew them as shown above, using a tapestry or yarn needle.



2 To slip stitch a seam, place the crochet pieces right sides together. *Insert hook into both edge stitches, yrh and pull through to complete 1 slip stitch; rep from * working into the next edge stitches, keeping work fairly loose.



3 For a dc seam, place the crochet pieces right sides together, or wrong sides together for a visible seam. Work as for slip stitch seam, using double crochet instead of slip stitch.



4 A useful variation on the dc seam, the dc and chain seam is used when less bulk and/or greater flexibility is needed. Work 1 double crochet and 1 chain alternately.

Using stitch markers

How to keep track of spiral rounds…

With any crochet pattern, it's vital that you can count your stitches. One way to make that easier is to use stitch markers. The picture (right) shows a simple row of double crochet stitches, with stitch markers in the second and fourth stitches. The numbers show how to count the stitches in the row.

Stitch markers are also helpful when you're working spirals of stitches in amigurumi. Place a stitch marker in the first stitch of the round to make it clear when you finish a round of the pattern you're using. Move the marker up after every round to help you keep track of each round.

Another great way to use stitch markers is to mark stitches where you need to make increases or decreases. Try using one colour of marker for working increases and another for decreases.



How to check your tension

Make and measure a swatch to check your tension

Some crochet patterns state the tension required, in rows and stitches of a specific type. Make a swatch at least 15cm square and check that your tension matches. Place a ruler across the swatch and insert two pins, 10cm apart. Then place the ruler along a column of stitches and insert two pins 10cm apart. Count the stitches and rows between the pins – if you have less than the pattern, your tension is too loose so you need to use a smaller hook, but if you have too many, use a larger hook. It's usually better to match the stitches than rows, because you can often work more or fewer rows.







Magic loop

This is a popular method to start working in the round

The magic loop method is a common way to start working in the round. It's particularly popular for making toys – we'll show you how to do it below. You might need to practise it a few times in order to get the hang of it, but you'll definitely soon learn to love it! The magic loop method (also called the drawstring loop) involves making a simple loop of yarn and then working your first round of stitches into that loop.



You don't need to make a slipknot with this method and you can work as many stitches into the ring on the first round as you need to. You can even start with larger stitches than double crochet, such as half trebles or trebles, which can be worked into the centre. After working the last stitch of the first round, all you have to do is simply pull on the tail end of the yarn to tighten the loop, as if by magic!

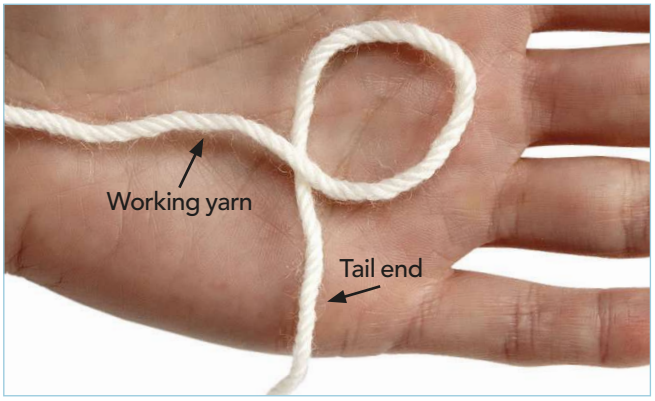


The finished magic loop ring will have no hole at the centre, which is useful for projects like stuffed toys where you don't want stuffing to poke out of any gaps.

As with any new technique, try it out a few times and you'll soon master it!

MAKING A MAGIC LOOP

Follow these steps to master the magic loop



1 To start a magic loop, don't make a slipknot. Instead, make a loop with the yarn, leaving a tail around 10cm long. Make sure the tail end of yarn lies underneath the strand of working yarn.

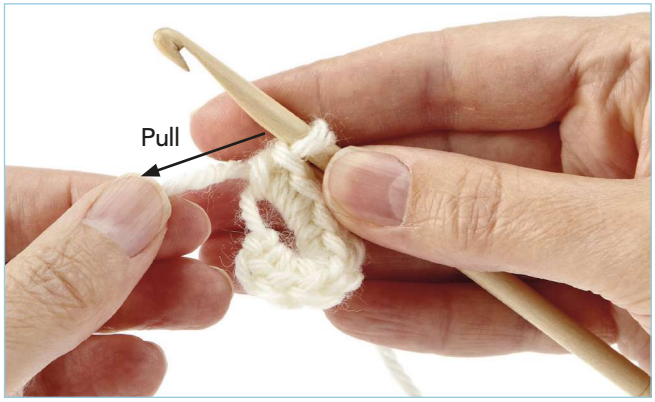


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2 Now insert your hook into the loop, from front to back. Wrap the working yarn around the hook anticlockwise and pull the yarn through the magic loop.



3 Make the turning chain (above, we made one turning chain, ready for dc stitches). Work the stitches into the loop, making sure they are all worked over both the loop itself and the tail end (so two strands of yarn).



4 Once you've worked the number of stitches you need, pull on the tail end of the yarn to draw up the ring – magic! Close the round with a slip stitch or work a dc in the first dc to work in spiral rounds.

Where to find the projects on this page: Alpaca, page 34; Bunny, page 31; Oliver bear, page 42



Double crochet rounds

How to work the first round in double crochet



Once you have a foundation ring, you can make the first round of stitches. We'll show you how to work the first round in double crochet below. The rules for working in the round are simple, although some patterns differ, so always follow the instructions in the pattern you're using.

Whichever stitch you're using, you'll need to make a turning chain at the start of each round (see page 124 for number of chains per stitch type). Then you can work the stitches of that round. At the end of every round, join the last stitch to the first stitch using a slip stitch (see below).

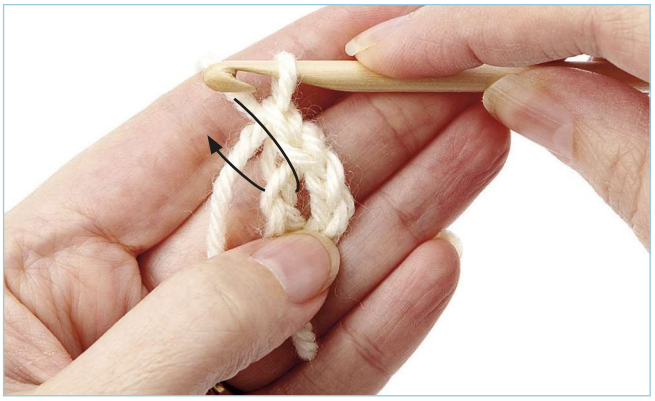
On the first round of a long foundation ring, you'll need to work each stitch into each chain as usual, starting from the second chain from the hook.



On the first round of a small ring, you'll need to insert the hook into the gap that's at the centre of the ring and work your stitches here instead of into each chain (and also remembering to do a turning chain first).

WORKING IN THE ROUND

Follow these steps to work the first round of double crochet



1 Make a basic foundation ring and don't turn the work. Make one turning chain for double crochet (does not count as stitch). To start your first double crochet stitch, insert the hook into the centre of the ring.



2 Work yarn round hook and pull yarn through the centre of the foundation ring (two loops on hook). Finish the stitch as usual (yarn round hook again, pull yarn through remaining two loops on hook).



3 Work more double crochet stitches in the same way (inserting hook into the centre of the ring), as instructed in your pattern, pushing the stitches closer if you need to.



4 After the last stitch, insert hook under the top two loops of the first double crochet stitch (not the turning chain). Work a slip stitch (yrh, pull through both loops).

Where to find the projects on this page: Owls, page 16; Ghost, page 104; Elf, page 75



Work in spirals

How to work in the round using the amigurumi method

When you work amigurumi toys, most patterns ask you to work your stitches in the round, but in a spiral shape rather than individual circles (with the spiral method it's a good idea to mark each round with stitch markers to keep your place). To start off, you'll still need to make a foundation ring – the magic loop is best because it leaves no hole at the centre (see page 127 for how to make a magic loop).



If you prefer, you could work a different type of foundation ring, such as a basic ring (see page 125), but you may need to sew up the hole at the centre before stuffing. Once you have your foundation ring, make a turning chain (t-ch) and work your first round of dc into the ring.



To practise the spiral technique, try working 12 or so double crochet stitches. Stop after you've worked the last stitch of the first round. If you've worked a magic loop, tighten it up. Then follow our instructions below to practise working in a spiral.

WORKING IN SPIRALS

Follow these steps to work stitches in a spiral

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1 After working the last stitch of the first round, don't join it to the first stitch with a slip stitch, like you usually do when working in the round. Instead, work the next double crochet stitch into the first stitch you made.



2 To do this, insert the hook under the top two loops of the first stitch of the first round. Yrh, pull yarn through, yrh, pull yarn through two loops. That's your dc stitch made and you'll now be working in a spiral.



3 Continue to work more rounds of double crochet stitches in a spiral, according to your pattern instructions. On the last round, you need to finish off the spiral neatly.



4 To do this, after you've worked the last dc stitch of the last round, insert hook into the next stitch and work a slip stitch (yrh and pull through all loops). (There's no need to do this if you're just changing colour.)

Where to find the projects on this page: Cacti, page 101; Little bear, page 53; Penguin, page 27

Abbreviations

across	to end of the row
alt	alternate/alternating
approx	approximate(ly)
beg	beginning
bl	insert hook under back loop only
BPtr	Back Post treble: yrh, starting from the back, insert hook from back to front to back around post of st in row below, complete as treble st
ch(s)	chain/chain stitch(es)
ch-sp(s)	chain space(s)
ch-	refers to ch made previously eg ch-3
cl(s)	clusters
cont	continue
dc	double crochet
dc2tog	(insert hook in next st, yrh and draw a loop through) twice, yrh and draw through all 3 loops on hook
dec	decrease
dtr	double treble crochet
dtr2tog	work 2dtr together
fl	insert hook under front loop only
foll/folls	following/follows
FPtr	Front Post treble: work in opposite way to BPtr
htr	half treble
htr2tog	work 2htr together
in next	sts to be worked into the same stitch
inc	increase
LH	left hand
lp(s)	loop(s)
meas	measures
p or pc	picot
patt(s)	pattern(s)
pm	place marker
prev	previous
rem	remains or remaining
rep	repeat
RH	right hand
rnd(s)	round(s)
RS	right side
sk	skip
sp(s)	space(s)
ss	slip stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)
tbl	through back loop
t-ch(s)	turning chain(s)
tog	together
tr	treble crochet
tr2tog	(yrh, insert hook in next st, yrh and pull up loop, yrh and draw through 2 loops) 2 times, yrh and draw through all loops on hook
ttr	triple treble crochet
WS	wrong side
yoh	yarn over hook
yrh	yarn round hook
*	work instructions immediately foll *, then rep as directed
[] or ()	work or repeat all instructions in the brackets as directed

Crochet abbreviations conversions

Use this handy table to convert UK crochet terms to US crochet terms, or vice versa. Also see individual stitch explanations on previous pages.

UK		US	
chain	ch	**chain**	ch
slip stitch	ss	**slip stitch**	ss
double crochet	dc	**single crochet**	sc
half treble	htr	**half double**	hdc
treble	tr	**double**	dc
double treble	dtr	**treble**	tr
triple treble	ttr	**double treble**	dtr

Crochet hook conversions

UK	METRIC	US
14	2mm	**–**
13	2.25mm	**B/1**
12	2.5mm	**–**
–	2.75mm	**C/2**
11	3mm	**–**
10	3.25mm	**D/3**
9	3.5mm	**E/4**
–	3.75mm	**F/5**
8	4mm	**G/6**
7	4.5mm	**7**
6	5mm	**H/8**
5	5.5mm	**I/9**
4	6mm	**J/10**
3	6.5mm	**K/10½**
2	7mm	**–**
0	8mm	**L/11**
00	9mm	**M/13**
000	10mm	**N/15**

Which hook do I use?

Choosing the right size hook for the yarn you're crocheting is important.

Hook size	UK yarn weight
2.5-3.5mm hook	4ply yarn
3.5-4.5mm hook	double knitting (DK)
5-6mm hook	aran yarn
7mm and bigger	chunky yarn

Crochet naturally

Work crochet stitches your own way.

Everyone has their own style when crocheting, so if you find any of our instructions hard to follow, just practise with a hook and some yarn to find a style you're comfortable with. Most people crochet with the hook in one hand and the working yarn in the other hand, but you don't have to. To get some ideas, look at how other crocheters work, or watch some videos on the internet. As long as you have some tension between the working yarn and your work, your crochet results should work out fine.



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