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The joy of crochet lies in its creativity, and there's nothing more satisfying than taking a pattern you love and adding your own twist on it using your favourite yarns and colours. And, here in *Amigurumi Collection*, you'll find plenty of inspiration from the pages of *Simply Crochet* to really let loose on, as well as some brand new patterns to tackle! Enjoy a whole menagerie of creatures to hook in **ANIMAL MAGIC**, including a cute llama with joyful sparkles, and a cool cat too, ideal for giving as a gift.

You'll also find a gang of crocheted figures just waiting to be hooked in our **HELLO DOLLY!** section. We love the Aisha doll, with her bright and beautiful outfit, and if you prefer things more quirky, why not try the super-cute Little April Doll. You can also find out how the queen of crocheted characters, Kerry Lord, creates her figures over on page 67.

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It's time to grab your yarn and get ready to hook. Have fun!



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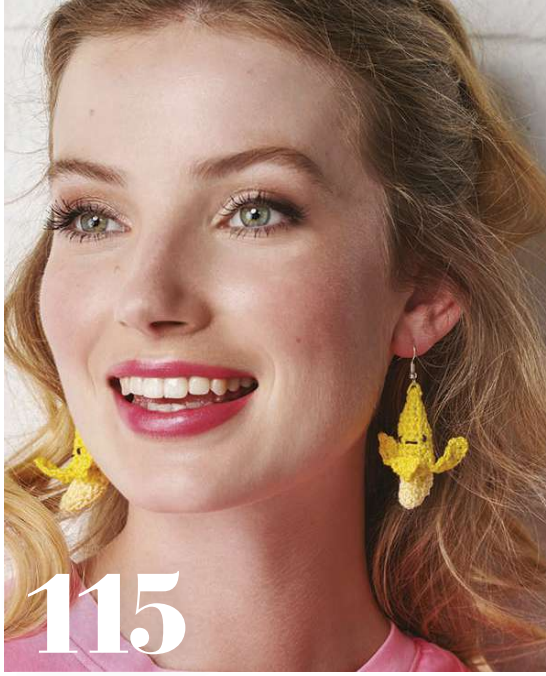
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18 adorable animals to make today!

ANIMAL MAGIC

Hook a whole menagerie of cute pets from cuddly hedgehogs to the sweetest snails and foxes





Jump around

Hook this sweet kangaroo and joey in cute and cuddly supersoft yarn. Designed by Kate Hancock





YOU WILL NEED

- UK Alpaca Superfine Alpaca DK (75% superfine alpaca, 25% wool, 50g/112m)
  3 balls of **Yarn A** Lunar Grey
  1 ball of **Yarn B** Grey
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- Two 20mm safety eyes
- Toy stuffing
- Stitch markers
- Strong thread for stitching jointed limbs
- Black embroidery thread

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MEASUREMENTS

Kangaroo measures approx 30cm (12in)

ABBREVIATIONS

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Aren't these just the cutest marsupials you ever did see? This mother and baby amigurumi duo are stitched with a wool and alpaca blend DK, so it's supersoft and has a fuzzy halo for a furry look. The arms and legs of the kangaroo are movable and the joey can hop in and out of the pouch.

NOTES

The pattern is 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.
Use a 3.5mm hook, unless the pattern states differently.
Change colour in last yrh of previous st.

EVIE THE KANGAROO

HEAD

The Head starts at the muzzle and is worked toward the back of the Head.
Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each dc around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next dc, dc in next dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Rounds 5-10 Dc in each dc around.
Round 11 (2dc in next dc) 6 times, dc in next 18 dc. [30 sts]
Round 12 (2dc in next dc, dc in next dc) 6 times, dc in next 18 dc. [36 sts]
Round 13 (2dc in next dc, dc in next 5 dc) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 14 (2dc in next dc, dc in next 6 dc) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 15 (2dc in next dc, dc in next 7 dc) 6 times. [54 sts]
Rounds 16-20 Dc in each dc around.
Round 21 (Dc2tog, dc in next 7 dc) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 22 (Dc2tog, dc in next 6 dc) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 23 (Dc2tog, dc in next 5 dc) 6 times. [36 sts]

Attach the safety eyes now, placing them between Rounds 12 and 13 of the Head, 9 stitches apart.
Stuff the Head firmly and continue to stuff as you go.
Round 24 (Dc2tog, dc in next 4 dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 25 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 26 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 27 (Dc2tog, dc in next dc) 6 times. [12 sts]



Evie the kangaroo toy has a sturdy amigurumi tail that helps her stay sitting upright

Round 28 (Dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc to join. **Fasten off**, leaving a long tail. [6 sts]

Finish stuffing.
Thread the yarn tail onto a needle and pass repeatedly through all 6 sts, gathering together to close. Weave in end.

FIRST EYELID

Using Yarn A, ch7.
Row 1 Dc into second ch from hook, htr in next ch, tr in next ch, htr in next ch, dc in next ch, ss into last ch.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

SECOND EYELID

Using Yarn A, ch7.
Row 1 Ss into second 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.

OUTER EAR (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, ch15.
Round 1 3dc into second ch from hook, dc in next 3 ch, htr in next 6 ch, dc in next 3 ch, 3dc in last ch, rotate to work along opposite side of starting chain, dc in next 3 ch, htr in next 6 ch, dc in next 3 ch. [30 sts]
Round 2 (2dc in next dc, dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc, dc in next 3 dc, htr in next 6 dc, dc in next 3 dc) 2 times. [34 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc, dc in next 3 dc, htr in next 10 dc, dc in next dc) twice. [36 sts]
Round 4 Dc in next 20 dc, dc and htr in next dc, htr and dc in next dc, dc in next 14 dc. [38 sts]
Mark the 22nd st on Round 4 with a stitch marker. This will indicate where to join the ears. **Fasten off**.

INNER EAR (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn B and a 3mm hook, ch15.
Rounds 1-3 Work as Rounds 1-3 of Outer Ear.
Change to Yarn A.
Round 4 Working in the front loops of Round 3, ss in each dc around. [36 sts]
Round 5 Working in the back loops of Round 4; dc in next 20 dc, dc and htr in next dc, htr and dc in next dc, dc in next 14 dc, do not fasten off. [38 sts]
Mark the 23rd st on Round 5 with a stitch marker. This will indicate where to join the ears. **Fasten off**.

JOINING THE EARS
Place an Inner Ear on top of an Outer Ear with wrong sides facing.
Match the stitch markers up, so that the stitches are aligned to start the next round. Pick up Yarn A and working through the stitches of both Inner and Outer to join them, ss in each dc around. [38 sts]
Fasten off.

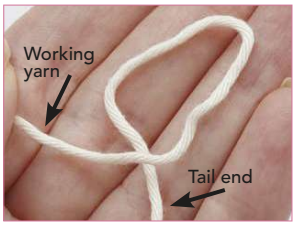
BODY
Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each dc around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next dc, dc in next dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (2dc in next dc, dc in next 3 dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (2dc in next dc, dc in next 4 dc) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 7 (2dc in next dc, dc in next 5 dc) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 8 (2dc in next dc, dc in next 6 dc) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 9 (2dc in next dc, dc in next 7 dc) 6 times. [54 sts]
Rounds 10-14 Dc in each dc around.
Round 15 (Dc2tog, dc in next 7 dc) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 16 Dc in each dc around.
Round 17 (Dc2tog, dc in next 6 dc) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 18 Dc in each dc around.
Round 19 (Dc2tog, dc in next 5 dc) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 20 Dc in each dc around.
Round 21 (Dc2tog, dc in next 4 dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 22 Dc in each dc around.
Round 23 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 24 Dc in each dc around.
Round 25 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 26 Dc in each dc around, ss to first dc to join. **Fasten off**, leaving a long tail.
Stuff Body firmly.

ARMS (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each dc around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next dc, dc in next dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Rounds 4-8 Dc in each dc around.
Round 9 (Dc2tog) twice, dc in next 14 dc. [16 sts]
Rounds 10-23 Dc in each dc around.
Round 24 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 dc) 4 times. [12 sts]
Stuff Arm.
Round 25 (Dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc to join. **Fasten off**, leaving a long tail. [6 sts]
Finish stuffing.
Thread the yarn tail onto a needle and pass repeatedly through all 6 sts, gathering together to close. Weave in ends.

LEGS (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each dc around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next dc, dc in next dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (2dc in next dc, dc in next 3 dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (2dc in next dc, dc in next 4 dc) 6 times. [36 sts]
Rounds 7-10 Dc in each dc around.
Round 11 (Dc2tog, dc in next 4 dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 12 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 13 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Stuff the Leg and continue to stuff as you go.
Round 14 (Dc2tog, dc2tog, dc in next 5 dc) twice. [14 sts]
Rounds 15-19 Dc in each dc around.
Round 20 Dc in each dc around, ss to first dc to join.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

FEET (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn A, ch9.
Round 1 3dc into second ch from hook, dc in next 6 ch, 3dc in last ch, rotate to work along opposite side of starting chain, dc in next 6 ch. [18 sts]
Round 2 (2dc in next dc, dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc, dc in next 6 dc) twice. [22 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next dc, dc in next 3 dc, 2dc in next dc, dc in next 6 dc) twice. [26 sts]
Rounds 4-8 Dc in each dc around.
Round 9 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 dc, dc2tog, dc in next 6 dc) twice. [22 sts]
Rounds 10-12 Dc in each dc around.

SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO WORK A MAGIC LOOP



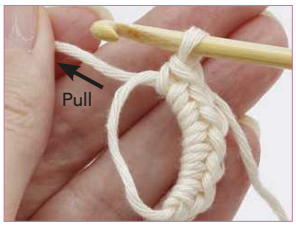
1 To start a Magic Loop, don't make a slipknot. Instead, make a loop with the yarn, leaving a tail around 10cm long. Make sure the tail end is under the working yarn.



2 Insert your hook into the loop, from front to back. Wrap the working yarn around the hook anticlockwise and pull the yarn through the loop.



3 Make a t-ch for the sts you want to work (above, we made 1 t-ch for dc). Now work your sts into the Magic Loop, making sure you work over both the loop and the tail end (so two yarn strands).



4 Once you've worked the number of stitches you need, simply pull the tail end of the yarn to draw up the ring. Work a slip stitch to join the first and last stitches and finish the first round.

Round 13 (Dc2tog, dc in next dc, dc2tog, dc in next 6 dc) twice. [18 sts]
Stuff Foot and continue to stuff as you go.
Rounds 14-18 Dc in each dc around.
Round 19 (Dc2tog, dc in next dc) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 20 (Dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc to join. **Fasten off**, leaving a long tail. [6 sts]
Finish stuffing.
Thread the yarn tail onto a needle and pass repeatedly through all 6 sts, gathering together to close. Weave in ends.

SHAPING THE TOES

Use Yarn A to shape the Toes. You will be sewing in between Rounds 7 and 8 of the Foot, making five stitches to create three Toes.
Make your first stitch a third of the way across the Foot, stitching into the Foot from the front and exiting straight through the back. Stitch again in the same place, looping the yarn horizontally, around the side of the Foot.
Pull yarn tightly and repeat. Then stitch again in the same place, but this time loop the yarn vertically, around the top of the Foot, to create the first Toe. Pull thread tightly and repeat. Now make a stitch across the middle third of the Foot horizontally and repeat these two stitches on the last third of the Foot.
Stitch around the horizontal middle stitch repeatedly, pulling the yarn tight as you go, to finish the middle Toe. **Fasten off**.

PAW PADS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn B, ch10.
Round 1 3dc into second ch from hook, dc in next 4 ch, htr in next 3 ch, 3htr in last ch, rotate to work along opposite side of starting chain, htr in next 3 ch, dc in next 4 ch. [20 sts]
Round 2 2dc in next dc, dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc, dc in next 4 dc, htr in next 4 htr, 2htr in next htr, htr in next htr, 2htr in next htr, htr in next 4 sts, dc in next 2 dc, ss to first dc to join.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail. [24 sts]

POUCH

The Pouch is started with a magic loop, but initially worked in rows back and forth.
Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Row 1 4dc into loop, turn. [4 sts]
Row 2 Ch1, 2dc in each dc across, turn. [8 sts]
Row 3 Ch1, (2dc in next dc, dc in next dc) 4 times, turn. [12 sts]
Row 4 Ch1, (2dc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc) 4 times, turn. [16 sts]
Row 5 Ch1, (2dc in next dc, dc in next 3 dc) 4 times, turn. [20 sts]



Round 6 Ch1, (2dc in next dc, dc in next 4 dc) 4 times, rotate to work into Row ends, work 12 dc evenly across Row ends back to the start of the round. [36 sts]
Round 7 Dc in next 24 dc, 2dc in next dc, dc in next 10 dc, 2dc in next dc, ss to first dc to join. **Fasten off**, leaving a long tail. [38 sts]

TAIL

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 5dc into loop. [5 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each dc around.
Round 3 2dc in first dc, dc in each remaining dc around. [6 sts]
Rounds 4-13 As Round 3. [16 sts]
Round 14 (2dc in next dc, dc in next 3 dc) 4 times. [20 sts]
Round 15 Dc in each dc around.
Round 16 (2dc in next dc, dc in next 4 dc) 4 times. [24 sts]
Round 17 Dc in each dc around.
Round 18 (2dc in next dc, dc in next 5 dc) 4 times. [28 sts]
Round 19 Dc in each dc around.
Round 20 (2dc in next dc, dc in next 6 dc) 4 times. [32 sts]
Round 21 Dc in each dc around, ss to first dc to join. **Fasten off**, leaving a long tail.
Stuff the Tail.

TO MAKE UP

Sew the Eyelids on, making sure to curve them around the eyes.
Using Yarn B, embroider a 'Y' shape on the muzzle for the Nose.
Pin the Ears with the insides facing forward, on Round 18 of the Head.
When you are happy with the placement, sew them securely in place.
Sew the inside of the bottom part of the Ears to the Head for a firmer attachment.

Place the Head on top of the open neck of the Body and stitch on firmly.
Stitch the Paw Pads to the Feet.
Place the open edge of the Leg on the heel of the Foot and stitch it on.
Repeat for the second Leg.

Take a long length of strong yarn and stitch through the first Leg at about 1cm from the top, through the Body and into the second Leg at about 1cm from the top, then stitch back through the second Leg, then the body and the first Leg in the same place and pull firmly.
Repeat these stitches back and forth through the Legs and Body, until Legs are securely attached but still movable.
Fasten off.

Repeat this process for the Arms, attaching them in the same way, below the neck.
Pin the Pouch to the tummy and sew securely in place. Sew the Tail to the lower back. Weave in all ends.

JOEY

HEAD

The Head starts at the muzzle and is worked toward the back of the Head.
Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each dc around.
Round 3 Dc in next 4 dc, 2dc in next 2 dc. [8 sts]
Round 4 Dc in each dc around.
Round 5 (2dc in next dc, dc in next dc) 4 times. [12 sts]



Round 6 Dc in next 2 dc, 2dc in each of next 4 dc, dc in next 6 dc. [16 sts]
Round 7 (2dc in next dc, dc in next 3 dc) 4 times. [20 sts]
Rounds 8-10 Dc in each dc around.
Round 11 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 dc) 4 times. [16 sts]
Round 12 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 dc) 4 times. [12 sts]
Stuff the Head firmly.
Round 13 (Dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc to join.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail. [6 sts]
Finish stuffing.

Thread the yarn tail onto a needle and pass repeatedly through all 6 sts, gathering together to close.
Weave in ends.

EARS (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]
Rounds 4-5 Dc in each dc around.
Round 6 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 dc) twice. [6 sts]
Round 7 Dc in each dc around, ss to first dc to join. **Fasten off**, leaving a long tail.

BODY

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each dc around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next dc, dc in next dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Rounds 4-7 Dc in each dc around.
Round 8 (Dc2tog, dc in next dc) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 9 Dc in each dc around.
Round 10 (Dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc to join. **Fasten off**, leaving a long tail. [6 sts]
Stuff the Body.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Rounds 2-9 Dc in each dc around, ss to first dc to join.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Stuff the Arm.
Thread the yarn tail onto a needle and pass repeatedly through all 6 sts, gathering together to close.
Weave in ends.

TO MAKE UP

Flatten the Ears and position them along Round 9 of the Head, 2 stitches apart. Sew them on firmly.
Place the Head on top of the open neck and stitch on firmly.
Take a long length of yarn and stitch through the Arm at about 5mm from the top, through the Body and into the second Arm at about 5mm from the top, then stitch back through the second Arm, then the Body and the first Arm in the same place and pull firmly.
Repeat these stitches back and forth through the Arms and Body, until the Arms are securely attached but still movable.
Fasten off.

Taking your black thread, embroider two little diagonal lines either side of the muzzle for eyes and a 'Y' shape at the tip of the nose.



Fa-la-la-llama

Hook up this sweet and sparkly llama to make someone's day. Designed by Erinna Lee



YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft Special DK (100% acrylic, (100g/295m), 1 ball of Sherbet (1034)
- Oddments of Grey, Red, Yellow and Gold yarn
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D3) hook
- Toy stuffing
- Stitch markers
- Gold sequins
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TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project but may affect size and yarn quantities required

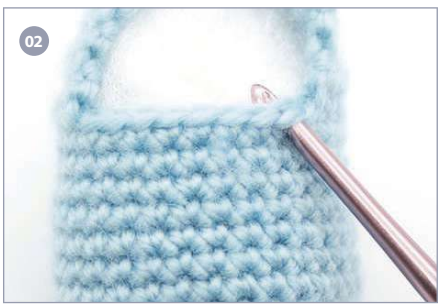
MEASUREMENTS

Approx 14cm (5¾in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130





Want to brighten up your home? No prob-llama! This fun mini amigurumi project is super-cute and has plenty of glitzy details to stitch. It's a fab gift to make for your llama-loving friends too…

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 st of each round, moving it up as you work.

LLAMA

BODY

Using Sherbet yarn, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 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 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in next 14 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [32 sts]
Rounds 7-8 Dc in each st around.
Round 9 Dc in next 13 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 13 sts. [30 sts]
Round 10 Dc in next 14 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 14 sts. [29 sts]
Round 11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 Dc in next 15 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 12 sts. [28 sts]
Rounds 13-14 Dc in each st around.
Round 15 Dc in next 15 sts, 2dc in each of next 2 sts, dc in next 11 sts. [30 sts]
Stuff Body with toy stuffing.
Begin to work in rows to make chest.
Row 16 Ch1, dc in next 22 sts, leave rem 8 sts unworked, turn. [22 sts]
Row 17 Ch1, dc in next 10 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 10 sts, turn. [21 sts]
Row 18 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 19 Ch1, dc in next 10 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 9 sts, turn. [20 sts]
Row 20 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 21 Ch1, dc in next 9 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 9 sts, turn. [19 sts]
Row 22 Ch1, dc in next 19 sts, turn.
Row 23 Ch1, dc in next 9 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 8 sts, turn. [18 sts]
Row 24 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Fold and bring front edges of 2 sides of chest tog 01 such that first and last sts of Row 25 meet. Ch1, skip first st, working into back loops only of next st and the one across from it at same time, ss into next 8 pairs of sts down front to close front of chest. **Fasten off** and weave in ends. Stuff Body with toy stuffing.

BASE OF NECK

Using Sherbet yarn, join to next unused st from Round 16 of Back, as in 02.
Round 1 Dc in first 2 sts, (dc2tog) twice, dc in last 2 sts, dc in edges of next 9 dc along left side of Body (created by Rows 16-24), dc in edges of next 9 dc along right side of Body, ss in next st. [24 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing Body to Head.

BACK LEG (MAKE 2)

Using Grey yarn, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 Dcbl in each st around.
Change to Sherbet yarn.
Rounds 3-5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [9 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [12 sts]
Rounds 8-11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 (Dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog) twice, ss in next st. [10 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing each Back Leg to Body. Stuff Back Legs with toy stuffing. Sew Back Legs to underside of Body. The top of each Back Leg should be sewn over Rounds 6-8 of Body. The insides of top of Back Legs should meet.

FRONT LEG (MAKE 2)

Using Grey yarn, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-5 Work as Rounds 1-5 of Back Leg. [6 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [8 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [10 sts]
Rounds 8-11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 (Dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog) twice, ss in next st. [8 sts] **Fasten off** leaving long tail for sewing each Front Leg to Body. Stuff Front Legs with toy stuffing. Sew Front Legs to underside of Body. The top of each Front Leg should be sewn over Rounds 21-23 of Body. The insides of top of Front Legs should be one st apart.

HEAD AND NECK

Using Sherbet yarn, make a magic loop.
Round 1 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 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Rounds 5-9 Dc in each st around.
Rounds 10-11 Dc2tog, dc in each st to end. [22 sts]

Round 12 Dc in each st around.
Round 13 2dc in next st, dc in each st to end. [23 sts]
Round 14 Dc in next st, 2dc in next st, dc in each st to end, place loop on hold with a stitch marker. [24 sts]

TO MAKE UP FACE

The centre of face is on opposite side to where the dc2tog and 2dc sts were made between Rounds 10-14 creating the bump on back of Head. Cut a long length of Grey yarn and unravel to use just a single strand to embroider eyes and eyelashes using image as a guide.
Rounds 15-20 Remove marker from loop on hold, dc in each st around, ss in next st.
Fasten off and weave in ends. Stuff Head and Neck with toy stuffing. Sew Body to Head using whip stitches.

EAR (MAKE 2)

Using Sherbet yarn, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 4dc into loop. [4 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) twice. [6 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [8 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [10 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [12 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog) twice. [10 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog) twice. [8 sts]
Do not stuff. Flatten base of each ear. Working through both layers, dc in next 4 sts to close opening. Next fold base of each Ear tog such that two outer corners meet each other, then st two sides of base tog to create an indent in centre of ear.
Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing Ear to Head. Sew base of Ears to Round 3 at top of Head.

MUZZLE

Using Sherbet yarn, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as a st), 4dc into the loop. [4 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) twice. [6 sts]
Round 3 Dc in next st, 2dc in each of next 3 sts, dc in next 2 sts. [9 sts]
Round 4 Dc in next st, (dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 3 times, dc in next 2 sts, ss in next st. [12 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing Muzzle to Head. Unravel length of Grey yarn and using just one strand, embroider Nose and Mouth using image as a guide. Stuff Muzzle with toy stuffing. Sew Muzzle to front of head centred between eyes. Muzzle should be sewn over Rounds 8-11 of Head.

HAIR (MAKE 2)

Using Sherbet yarn, ch5.
Round 1 Dc in second ch from hook, htr in next 2 ch, ss in next ch, ch2, rotate to work along opposite side of foundation ch, ss back into underside of last ch used, htr in next 2 ch, ss in next ch, ss to top of first dc. [8 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing Hair to Head. Weave in ends. Attach Hair pieces to top of Head. One end of each Hair piece should be sewn between Rounds 1 and 2 of top of Head between Ears. The two Hair pieces should be sewn side by side. Sew a crown of approx 9 sequins over top of Head between Ears and above Hair pieces using Sherbet yarn. The ends of Sherbet yarn should be sewn between Rounds 4 and 5 of top of Head.

TAIL

Using Sherbet yarn, make a magic loop.
Round 1 4dc into the loop. [4 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) twice. [6 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [8 sts]
Round 4 Dc in each st around.
Round 5 (Dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) twice. [6 sts]
Do not stuff Tail. Flatten base of Tail. Working through both layers, dc in next 3 sts to close the opening.
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing Tail to Body. Sew Tail to centre of back of Body. The flat edge should be attached between Rounds 3 and 4.

SADDLE

Using Red yarn, ch15.
Round 1 Dc in second ch from hook and next 12 ch, 3dc in last ch, rotate to work along the opposite side of the foundation ch, dc in next 12 ch, 2dc in the last ch. [30 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing sequins. Change to Yellow yarn.
Round 2 Ch1, 2dc in same st, dc in next 12 sts, 2dc in each of next 3 sts, dc in next 12 sts, 2dc in each of next 2 sts, ss in next st. [36 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing Saddle onto Back.
Using Red yarn tail left after Round 1, sew approx 8 gold sequins along red section of top side of Saddle. Sew Saddle to top of Body. Saddle should be sewn over Rounds 9-14 of Body.
To create fringe, cut 6 strands of Red yarn and 4 strands of Yellow yarn, each 6.5cm long. Fold each strand in half. Using image as a guide, pull each loop through a st on short edge of Saddle then pull yarn tails through loop. Alternate Red and Yellow yarn strands. Cut ends of yarn to desired fringe length.



This lucky llama has a crown of sequins, as well as sequinned reins and a sparkly saddle

REIN

Leave a long piece of yarn before starting ch; you'll need it for sewing to Llama later. Using Sherbet yarn, ch28.
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing to Llama.
Use a length of Sherbet yarn to sew approx 28 sequins along one side of Rein. Sew sequinned Rein to front of chest.
Attach each end between Rounds 14 and 15 at top of Body, approx 8 sts apart. To keep Rein from twisting, secure it against front of Body with a few sts.

HANGING CORD

Leave a long piece of yarn before starting ch, you'll need it for sewing to Llama later. Using Gold yarn, ch25.
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing to Llama.
Attach each end of Hanging Cord between Rounds 1 and 2 of top of Head between Ears.

Lion around

You won't be able to resist this roarsome little chap, designed complete with cap by Ilaria Caliri





YOU WILL NEED

- Scheepjes Catona (100% mercerized cotton, 50g/25m), 1 ball of each:
  Yarn A Saffron (249)
  Yarn B Root beer (157)
  Yarn C Bridal white (105)
  Yarn D Emerald (515)
- Scheepjes Luca (70% acrylic, 30% wool, 100g/180m), 1 ball of
  Yarn E Orange (14)
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- A 3 mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Black stranded cotton
- 2 safety eyes (9mm)
- A safety nose (10mm)
- Stitch markers
- Toy stuffing

For yarn stockists contact Scheepjes
www.scheepjes.com/en

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 14 cm (5½in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Ilaria Caliri's amigurumi lion is way too cute to be a fiercesome beast! Despite his thick mane, he's more like a cub looking for a friend… could it be you? He's obviously a team player.

NOTES

The Lion is 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.

HEAD

With Yarn A and a 2.5mm hook, 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 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 dc]
Round 6 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 dc]
Round 7 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 dc]
Round 8 (6dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [48 dc]
Round 9-14 Dc in each st around. [48 dc]
Round 15 (Dc2tog, 6dc) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 16 (Dc2tog, 5dc) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 17 (Dc2tog, 4dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 18 (Dc2tog, 3dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 19 (Dc2tog, 2dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 20 Dc in each st around. [18 dc]
Fasten off.
Do not stuff Head yet.

MUZZLE

With Yarn A and a 2.5mm hook, 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 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 5-6 Dc in each st around. [24 dc]
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

EAR (MAKE 2)

With Yarn A and a 2.5mm hook, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into the loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in next st, 5dc. [7 dc]
Round 3 2dc in next st, 6dc. [8 dc]
Round 4 2dc in next st, 7dc. [9 dc]



Make a wild woolly mane for your little lion by looping orange yarn through your stitches.

Round 5 2dc in next st, 8dc. [10 dc]
Round 6 (2dc in next st, 4dc) twice. [12 dc]
Round 7 Dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

BODY

With Yarn A and a 2.5mm hook, 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 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 dc]
Round 6 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 dc]
Round 7-12 Dc in each st around. [36 dc]
Round 13 (Dc2tog, 1dc) 4 times. [32 sts]
Round 14 Dc2tog 4 times, 24dc. [28 sts]
Round 15 (5dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [24 sts]
Round 16-17 Dc in each st around. [24 sts]
Round 18 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 19 Dc in each st around, ss to first st to join. [18 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.
Stuff the Body.

TAIL

With Yarn A and a 2.5mm hook, ch11.
Row 1 Dc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across. [10 dc]
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.
Use three 2cm strands of Yarn E to add a fringe at the end of the tail.

ARM (MAKE 2)
With Yarn A and a 2.5mm hook, 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 3-4 Dc in each st around. [10 dc]
Round 5 3dc, dc2tog twice, 3dc. [8 sts]
Round 6-9 Dc in each st around. [8 dc]
Stuff the arm.
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

LEG (MAKE 2)
With Yarn A and a 2.5mm hook, ch5.
Round 1 Dc in second chain from the hook, dc in next 2 ch, 3dc in last ch, rotate to work along opposite side of starting ch, 2dc, 2dc in last ch. [10 dc]
Round 2 (4dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [12 dc]
Round 3 (4dc, 2dc in each of next 2 sts) twice. [16 dc]
Round 4-5 Dc in each st around. [16 dc]
Round 6 5dc, dc2tog twice, 7dc. [14 sts]
Round 7 4dc, dc2tog twice, 6dc. [12 sts]
Round 8 (Dc2tog, 2dc) 3 times. [9 sts]
Stuff the leg.
Round 9 Dc in each st around. [9 dc]
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

MANE
With Yarn E and a 3mm hook, 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 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 dc]
Round 6 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 dc]
Round 7-10 Dc in each st around. [36 dc]
Do not fasten off.
Continue with the lower part of the Mane (it will look like a beard). Ch15, dc in second ch from hook and each ch across, ss into the next st of Round 10, turn to work back along Lower Mane, dc in next 15 sts.
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

CAP
With Yarn D and a 2.5mm hook, 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 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 5-8 Dc in each st around. [24 dc]



Each limb is worked separately and stitched together at the end.

Change to Yarn C.
Round 9 8ss, 2dc in next st, 1htr, 2tr in each of next 3 sts, 1htr, 2dc in next st, 9ss.
Fasten off leaving a long tail of yarn and decorate the cap with some long stitches.

TO MAKE UP
(If making the lion for a child under 3 years, embroider the nose and eyes.)
Place the safety nose on the Muzzle between Rounds 3 and 4.
Stitch the mouth to the Muzzle, under the nose, using the black stranded cotton.
Sew the Muzzle between Rounds 9 and 18 of the head, stuffing lightly while sewing.
Insert the safety eyes between Rounds 12 and 13 of the Head, 2 stitches away from the muzzle.
Stuff the Head with toy stuffing.
Sew the Head to the Body.
Position Legs and Arms. Sew the Arms between Rounds 12 and 13 of the Body approximately 2 stitches apart. Sew the Legs between Rounds 4 and 6 of the Body.
Sew the tail to the bottom.
Sew the Mane on the Head with the wrong side up, positioning the narrow strap under the Muzzle and sewing the end to the other side of the Mane. This piece is used as a base for securing the hair of the Mane. Cut several strands of Yarn E (approx 6 cm long). Fold each strand in half and use the crochet hook to join it in a stitch into the visible loops. Cover the last round of the Mane completely and approx. half of the total stitches.
Sew the Ears on the Mane.

Hipster hound

This super-cool canine makes the cutest gift for dog lovers! By Matt Spiers





YOU WILL NEED

- DROPS Muskat (100% cotton, 50g/100m) 1 ball of each:
  Yarn A White (18)
  Yarn B Black (17)
  Yarn C Taupe (24)
  Yarn D Denim Blue (36)
  Yarn E Dark Orange (49)
  Yarn F Light Orange (51)
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- Sewing needle and invisible thread (or matching colour thread)
- Toy stuffing
- Safety eyes, 5mm diameter

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project but may affect size and yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 21cm (8in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

W hether you're chilling with friends at the local trendy hangout or grabbing a coffee to go, this stylish pup is the perfect companion! Donning a boho waistcoat and hat combo, he's got his own sense of style – you can tailor the clothes to suit your recipient by using different colours if you prefer.

NOTES

The Head, Body and Shorts 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.

HEAD

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout patt), 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 5 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 dc]
Rounds 6-14 Dc in each st around. [30 dc]
Round 15 (Dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 16 (Dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 17 (Dc in next st, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 dc]
Ss in next st, **fasten off** and leave a long tail.

MUZZLE

Using Yarn A, ch5.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and in next 2 ch, 3dc in last ch, working in opposite side of ch, dc in next 2 ch, 2dc in next ch, ss in first dc to join, ss in next st. [10 dc]
Round 2 Ch1, dc in same st as ss, dc in next st, 2dc in next st, 2htr in next st, 2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st, 2htr in next st, 2dc in next st, ss in first dc to join. [16 sts]
Round 3 Ch1, dc in next 2 sts, (dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 3 times, dc2tog, (2dc in next st, dc in next st) 3 times, ss in first dc to join. [21 dc]
Rounds 4-6 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss in first dc to join.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

BODY

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop
Rounds 1-14 As Rounds 1-14 of Head. [30 dc]
Round 15 (Dc in next 8 sts, dc2tog) 3 times. [27 dc]
Round 16 Dc in each st around.
Round 17 (Dc in next 7 sts, dc2tog) 3 times. [24 dc]
Round 18 Dc in each st around.
Round 19 (Dc in next 6 sts, dc2tog) 3 times. [21 dc]
Round 20 Dc in each st around.
Round 21 (Dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog) 3 times. [18 dc]
Round 22 Dc in each st around.
Round 23 (Dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog) 3 times. [15 dc]
Round 24 (Dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog)3 times. [12 dc]
Ss into next st, **fasten off**and leave a long tail.



A jaunty hat stitched on at an angle is the finishing touch for this well dressed pooch

NOSE

Using Yarn B, ch4.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and in next ch, 3dc in last ch, working in opposite side of ch, dc in next ch, 2dc in next ch, ss in first dc to join. [8 dc]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn B, make a magic loop
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop, ss in first dc to join. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around, ss in first dc to join, turn to start working back and forth in rows. [12 dc]
Row 3 Ch2 (counts as htr), (dc2tog) twice, htr in next st, turn. [4 sts]
Rows 4-5 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.
Row 6 Ch1, (dc2tog) twice, turn. [2 dc]
Rows 7-8 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn. [2 dc]
Fasten off and leave a long tail.

ARMS AND LEGS (MAKE 4)

Using Yarn B, make a magic loop

Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop, ss in first dc to join. [6 dc]
Round 2 Ch1, (dc in next st, 2dc in next) 3 times, ss in first dc to join. [9 dc]
Round 3 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss in first dc to join.
Change to Yarn A.
Rounds 4-14 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss in first dc to join.
Fasten off and leave a long tail.

HAT
Using Yarn C, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop, ss in first dc to join. [6 dc]
Round 2 Ch1, 2dc in each st around, ss in first dc to join. [12 dc]
Round 3 Ch1, (dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 6 times, ss in first dc to join. [18 dc]
Round 4 Ch1, (dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times, ss in first dc to join. [24 dc]
Rounds 5-6 Working in back loops only; ch1, dc in each st around, ss in first dc to join.
Round 7 Working in front loops only; ch1, (dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times, ss in first dc to join. [30 dc]
Round 8 Ch1, (dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times, ss in first dc to join. [36 dc]
Round 9 Ch1, (dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times, ss in first dc to join. [42 dc]
Round 10 Ch1, (dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times, ss in first dc to join. [48 dc]
Fasten off and weave in all ends.

SHORTS
Using Yarn D, make a magic loop
Rounds 1-13 Work as Rounds 1-13 of Head. [30 dc]
Ss in next st and **fasten off**. Weave in end but leave beginning tail for assembly.

SHORTS LEGS (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn D, ch15, join with ss in first ch to make a ring.
Rounds 1-7 (RS) Ch1, dc in each st around, ss in first dc to join. [15 dc]
Fasten off and leave a long tail.

SHIRT
Using Yarn E, ch16.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and in next 4 sts, htr in next 5 sts, tr in next 5 sts, turn. [15 sts]
Row 2 Ch3 (counts as tr), tr in next 4 sts, htr in next 5 sts, dc in next 5 sts, turn.
Rows 3-10 Repeat Rows 1 and 2.
Fasten off and weave in all ends.
Using length of Yarn F, randomly embroider 5-point stars on shirt.

TO MAKE UP
Insert safety eyes into Head and stuff. Insert a small amount of stuffing into Muzzle, pin Muzzle so the top is aligned to bottom two thirds of Head and sew to Head using long tail left from Muzzle. With invisible thread, sew Nose to Muzzle.
Using tail left at end of Ears, sew ears to side of Head, roughly in line with eyes.
Using tail, sew Body to Head. Take Shorts and use starting tail to attach to bottom of Body. Firmly stuff two of the Legs, position on bottom of Body and use tail to sew into place. Slide Shorts Legs over Legs and sew into place using tails.
Pin Shirt to top of Body, leaving an opening in centre of chest of approx. 1cm. Use invisible thread to sew both ends of Shirt to the Body.
Using the tail of two Arms, fold the end of each Arm flat and sew opening together.
Using invisible thread, sew each Arm to side of Body (you can also catch the top of your Shirt with some of these stitches to fold it over, creating a collar effect.
Pin Hat to Head at an angle and sew into place using invisible thread.



Simple embroidered stars jazz up this natty waistcoat

Short & sweet

What could be sweeter than candy-coloured sugar mice? Admit it, you're tempted. Designed by Rachel Wain





YOU WILL NEED

- Paintbox Yarns Cotton DK (100% cotton, 50g/125m), 1 ball of each:
  Candyfloss Pink (149)
  Dusty Rose (141)
  Seafoam Blue (131)
  Duck Egg Blue (135)
  Pistachio Green (124)
  Peach Orange (154)
  Banana Cream (120)
  Bubblegum Pink (150)
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- Toy stuffing

For yarn stockists contact LoveCrochet 0845 544 2196 www.lovecrochet.com

MEASUREMENTS

8cm (3in) long excluding tails

ABBREVIATIONS

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Did you know that a group of mice is called a mischief? These amigurumi sugar mice look like they're up to no good!

NOTES

The mice are worked from tail to nose 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.

MOUSE

Using any colour except Bubblegum Pink, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 6dc into loop.
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 *Dc in next st, 2dc in next st; repeat from * around. [18 dc]
Round 4 *Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st; repeat from * around. [24 dc]
Round 5 *Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st; repeat from * around. [30 dc]
Rounds 6-9 Dc in each st around. [30 dc]
Round 10 *Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts; repeat from * around. [24 dc]
Rounds 11-12 Dc in each st around. [24 dc]
Round 13 *Dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts; repeat from * around. [20 dc]
Round 14 Dc in each st around. [20 dc]
Round 15 *Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts; repeat from * around. [16 dc]
Round 16 *Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts; repeat from * around. [12 dc]
Stuff mouse, and cont stuffing as you go.
Round 17 *Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts; repeat from * around. [9 dc]
Round 18 *Dc2tog, dc in next st; repeat from * around. [6 dc]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Weave yarn tail through all sts of Round 18 and pull to close. Weave in ends.

EARS

FIRST EAR

Row 1 Leave a tail of yarn (approx 10cm) and join yarn in Round 13 to work back towards mouse's tail. Using image as a guide for placement, ch1, dc in same Round, working diagonally away from nose, dc in Round 12, dc in Round 11, dc in Round 10, ss in Round 9, turn. [4 dc]
Row 2 Ch1, dc in each of next 4 dc.
Fasten off leaving a long tail. Sew tail to Round 14 using a tapestry needle to create a curve in Ear using the image as a guide.

SECOND EAR

Row 1 Leave a tail of yarn (approx 10cm) and join yarn in Round 10 to work back towards mouse's nose. Ch1, dc in same round, working diagonally away from nose, dc in Round 11, dc in Round 12, dc in Round 13, ss in Round 14, turn. [4 dc]
Row 2 Ch1, dc in each of next 4 dc.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Sew tail to Round 9 using a tapestry needle to create a curve in Ear using image as a guide. Weave in ends.



The ears are made in just two rounds and sewn to the head at a jaunty angle



An essential for any mouse, the pretty pink tail is knotted in position to finish the look

TAIL

Cut two lengths of Bubblegum Pink yarn approx 36cm long. Thread needle from one side to the other between Rounds 1 and 2, so that there is an equal length each side. Holding all ends tog, tie a knot close to body and trim yarn tails.

Bertie and Bettie

These hedgehogs are the cutest little creatures, hooked in fluffy yarn for a non-spiky, huggable finish! By Lucy Pollock





YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft Special DK, (100% acrylic, 100g/295m)
  1 ball of Mocha (1064)
  Small amount of Black (1002)
- King Cole Moments DK, (100% polyester, 50g/90m)
  1 ball each of:
  Beaver (497)
  Ginger (1876)
- A 4mm (US G/6) hook
- Embroidery needle
- Stitch marker
- Toy stuffing
- Pins (optional)
- 4 x 10mm black safety eyes
- 2 x 10mm triangle nose

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project but must be tight. Variations in tension may affect size and yarn quantities required.

MEASUREMENTS

Approx. 20cm (8in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

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Real hedgehogs are undeniably sweet, but also a little bit prickly for stroking and cuddling! So, instead, why not hook these crochet cuties, Bertie and Betty, who both sport super-soft 'hair' rather than spines? We hear they enjoy trips to the park, story time on the sofa and snuffling around in the garden, so they make ideal playmates for a little one. You can make both creatures using one ball of DK, plus soft 'eyelash' yarn for the hair.

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 st of each round, moving it up as you work.

HEDGEHOG

HEAD

Starting at tip of nose, using Mocha, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 4dc into loop. [4 sts]
Round 2 (1dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [6 sts]
Round 3 Dc in each st around. [6 sts]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [8 sts]
Attach nose through magic loop and continue as follows:
Round 5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 (3dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [10 sts]
Round 7 (2dc in next st, 4dc) twice. [12 sts]
Round 8 (5dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [14 sts]
Round 9 (2dc in next st, 6dc) twice. [16 sts]
Round 10 (7dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [18 sts]
Round 11 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 12 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 13 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 14 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 15 (6dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 16 (7dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [54 sts]
Insert eyes between Rounds 13 and 14, 8 sts apart.
Rounds 17-24 Dc in each st around.
Round 25 (7dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 26 (6dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 27 (5dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 28 (4dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 29 (3dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Stuff to this point.
Round 30 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 31 (1dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 32 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Round 33 (Dc2tog) 3 times. [3 sts]
Ss in next st, **fasten off** and secure well.

BODY

Using Mocha, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st 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]



Finish each creature with a cute little black nose, eyes and eyebrows

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]
Rounds 10-17 Dc in each st around. [54 sts]
Round 18 (7dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 19 Dc in each st around.
Round 20 (6dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 21 Dc in each st around.
Round 22 (5dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 23 Dc in each st around.
Round 24 (4dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 25 Dc in each st around.
Round 26 (3dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Rounds 27-28 Dc in each st around.
Stuff to this point.
Round 29 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Rounds 30-31 Dc in each st around.
Stuff to this point.
Ss in next st and **fasten off**, leaving a long tail.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Using Mocha, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 4dc into loop. [4 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [8 sts]
Rounds 3-5 Dc in each st around.
Ss in next st and **fasten off,** leaving a long tail.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using Mocha, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 4dc into loop. [4 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [8 sts]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [12 sts]
Rounds 4-5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 (1dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [8 sts]
Stuff the hand only.
Rounds 7-18 Dc in each st around.
Ss in next st and **fasten off,** leaving a long tail.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Using Mocha, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Rounds 4-5 Dc in each st around. [18 sts]
Round 6 5dc, (dc2tog) 4 times, 5 dc. [14 sts]
Round 7 5dc, (dc2tog) twice, 5dc. [12 sts]
Stuff feet only.
Rounds 8-15 Dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Ss in next st and **fasten off,** leaving a long tail.



These cuties are so cuddly – a perfect toy for nature-loving kids

TO ASSEMBLE

Using Black yarn, sew an eyebrow above each eye (2 sts across). Secure yarn at the back of Head (you'll cover it up later).
Attach the Ears to the top of the Head on approx. Round 33, 6 sts apart.
Now using the King Cole Moments yarn, work htr surface crochet on the Head, working around existing sts, starting from the fastening off point of the Head. Work in a spiral, continuing until you get to the back of the Ears. To make the fringe, do an extra row between the two Ears so it sits more towards the front.
Ss in next st, fasten off and trim the yarn to blend in with the other 'hair'.
For the back of the Body, using a scrap piece of yarn and needle, mark out where the King Cole yarn will be (you'll be removing it later). Starting at the top of the Body, using King Cole yarn, htr back and forth using your lines as your guide, until you meet the bottom of the Body.
Ss in next st, fasten off and trim the yarn to blend in with the other 'hair'.
Remove scrap yarn.
Sew the Arms and Legs to either side of the Body, making sure not to sew over the 'hair'. Only sew the top part of the Legs onto the Body.
Weave in all ends.



YOU WILL NEED

- Ricorumi DK (100% cotton, 25g/57m), 1 ball of each:
  Yarn A Light Brown (052)
  Yarn B Beige (055)
  Yarn C Chocolate (057)
  A small amount of:
  Yarn D Black (060)
- A 4mm (US G/6) hook
- Stitch marker
- 8x8cm piece of brown felt
- 38mm brooch bar (available at www.the-beadshop.co.uk)

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

TENSION

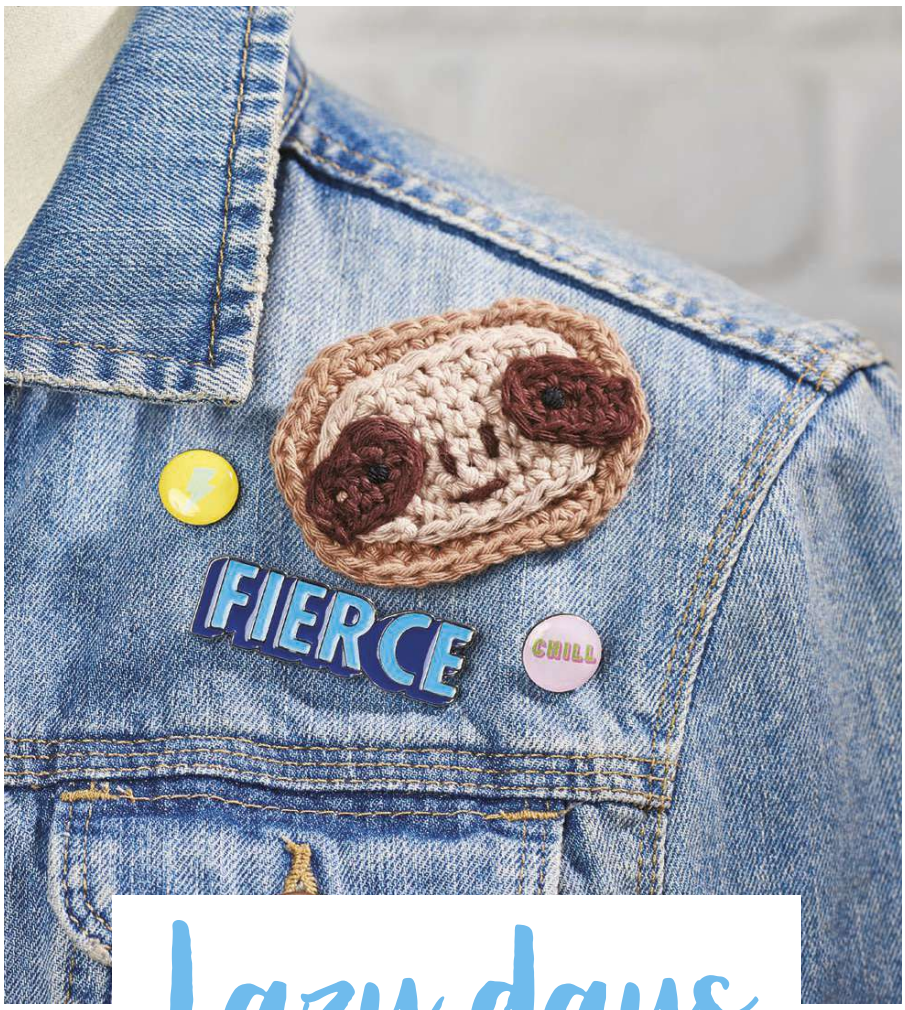
Tension is not critical for this project but may affect size and yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

The Brooch measures 4x7cm (1½x2¾in)

ABBREVIATIONS

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Lazy days

Pin this friendly sloth brooch by Vicki Roberts to your jacket or bag for a cheeky finish to any outfit

Sloths may just hang around and cause trouble very slowly, but they're super quick to hook! Make this cute brooch to adorn your favourite jacket or give to your favourite friend.

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 st of each round, moving it up as you work.

HEAD

Using Yarn A, ch6.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in second chain from hook, dc in next 3 ch, 5dc in last ch, rotate to work along opposite side of foundation chain, dc in next 3 ch, 4dc in next ch. [16 dc]
Round 2 (Dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next 3 sts) twice. [22 dc]
Round 3 *Dc in next 5 sts, (2dc in next st, dc in next st) 3 times; repeat from * once more. [28 dc]
Round 4 *Dc in next 5 sts, (2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) 3 times; repeat from * once more. [34 dc]
Round 5 *Dc in next 5 sts, (2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) 3 times; repeat from * once more. [40 dc]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

FACE

Using Yarn B, ch6.
Rounds 1-3 Repeat Rounds 1-3 of the Head. [28 dc]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

EYE PATCHES (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn C, ch5.
Round 1 Dc in second chain from hook, dc in next 2 ch, 3dc in last ch, rotate to work along opposite side of foundation chain, dc in next 2 ch, 2dc in next st, ss to beg dc. [10 dc]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

TO MAKE UP

Draw around the Face onto paper and use this outline to cut out a piece of felt.
Using the image as a guide, sew the Face to the Head using Yarn B, and the Eye Patches to the Face with Yarn C. Using Yarn C, sew 2 vertical lines in between the Eye Patches for nostrils, and 1 horizontal line for the mouth.
Using Yarn D, sew an eye onto each Eye Patch and 2 small stitches in the centre of each eye.
Attach the brooch fastening to the back of the felt and sew the completed Sloth onto the front.

Inky the octopus

Introducing the amigurumi octopus guaranteed to bring a smile to your face, designed by Melanie Morita



Photography by Melanie Morita



YOU WILL NEED

- Sirdar Snuggly 4ply (55% nylon, 45% acrylic, 50g/226m) 1 ball of Lilac (219)
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- 2 black safety eyes, 6mm
- Scrap piece of black yarn for embroidery
- Toy stuffing
- Cosmetic blush, for adding cheeks (optional)

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project but may affect size and yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

13x13cm (5x5in)

ABBREVIATIONS

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This project is taken from *Hooked On Amigurumi* by Melanie Morita (Page Street Publishing, £16.99). This 160-page book is packed with 40 fun patterns that will let you hook everything from a cinnamon bun to the Loch Ness Monster! Find out more about the book at www.pagestreetpublishing.com.

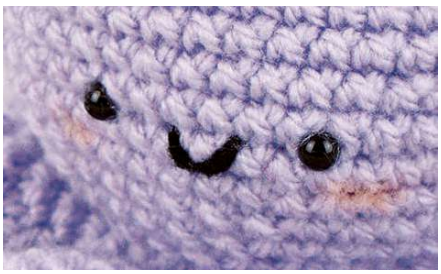
Some days you just need an extra set of arms (or four) to get you through your never-ending to-do list. Well, Inky the Octopus has got you covered and he's quick to hook too. He is worked in continuous rounds and requires no sewing. The tentacles are made first and worked into the body. This pattern calls for purple yarn, but feel free to choose your own colour!

TENTACLES (MAKE 8)

This piece starts at the tip of the Tentacle.
Make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in magic loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Rounds 3-5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 (2dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [9 sts]
Round 7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 (1dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [6 sts]
Stuff to this point.
Flatten the opening and turn ready to work across both layers 01:
Row 9 Ch1 (does not count as st), 3dc through both layers to close.
Fasten off.

HEAD

This piece starts at the top of the Head.
Make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in magic loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each st 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]
Rounds 9-16 Dc in each st around.
Round 17 (6dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 18 (5dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 sts]



Stitch on a simple smile with a scrap piece of black yarn

Round 19 (4dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 20 (3dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Place the eyes between Rounds 15 and 16, about 6 sts apart. Using black, embroider the mouth onto the front of the face, just below the eyes. Add blush for rosy pink cheeks, if you'd like.
In the next round, we will attach the Tentacles by working through Head and Tentacles simultaneously 02:
Round 21 (3dc through both Tentacle and next round) 8 times. [24 sts]
Round 22 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 23 (1dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 24 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Stuff and **fasten off.**
Weave in all ends.









Georgina the giraffe

Our irresistible amigurumi giraffe will bring 'ahhh' factor into your life. By Liz Ward



YOU WILL NEED

- DMC Natura (100% cotton, 50g/155m) 1 ball of each:
  Canelle (N37)
  Siena (N41)
  Giroflée (N85)
- A 3mm (UK 11) hook
- Black safety eyes, 15mm
- Wool needle
- Toy stuffing and pellets
- Beige felt
- Brown embroidery thread
- Clear fabric glue
- Fake eyelashes

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project but may affect size and yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

30x20cm (11¾x8in)

ABBREVIATIONS

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Who could resist the huge eyes and fluttering lashes on this charming animal character? Our giraffe is simple to make and fun to give as a gift. Grab your hook and get started now!

EYES

Make the eyes first. Cut two circles of felt slightly larger than the safety toy eye and blanket stitch around the edge of each one with two strands of brown embroidery thread. Cut a hole in the centre of each felt circle to insert the post of the toy eye later. Cut two rectangles of felt slightly larger than the toy eye for eyelids. Coat the top third of the toy eyes with fabric glue. Mould a felt piece over the glued area, so it covers half the eye. Leave to dry, then cut off the excess. Attach eyelashes to the edge of the eyelid – stitch to the felt for extra security, then cut off any excess. Push the decorated eyes through the holes in the eye patches, then put to one side.

LEGS (MAKE 4)

Using Siena, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in first st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 Dc bl in each st around.
Rounds 6-7 Dc in each st around.
Change to Giroflée yarn.
Round 8 Dc2tog, dc in each st around. [23 sts]
Round 9 Dc in each st around.
Rounds 10-19 Repeat the last 2 rounds 5 more times. [18 sts after Round 19]
Rounds 20-27 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.
Stuff with toy stuffing pellets to make the finished giraffe stand up or with normal toy stuffing if you want a soft plush toy.

BODY

Using Giroflée, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in first st, 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]
Rounds 8-21 Dc in each st around.
Round 22 (dc2tog, 5dc) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 23 (dc2tog, 4dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 24 (dc2tog, 3dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 25 (Dc2tog, 2dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 26 (Dc2tog, 1dc) 6 times. [12 sts]
Stuff to this point.
Round 27 (Dc2tog) repeat 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off and sew closed the gap in the bottom of the Body.



Georgina's huge eyes and pretty eyelashes will set hearts aflutter

HEAD

Using Canelle, ch5.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next 2 sts, 3dc in st, working along other side of foundation ch, dc in 2 sts, 2dc in last st. [10 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in first st, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [15 sts]
Round 3 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [20 sts]
Round 4 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [25 sts]
Round 5 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 5 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]
Rounds 9-13 Dc2tog, dc in each st around.
Change to Giroflée.
Rounds 14-26 Dc2tog, dc in each st around. [30 sts after Round 26]
Insert the Eyes now on Round 15 (one above the colour change) and 9 sts apart.
Round 27 (Dc2tog, 3dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 28 (Dc2tog, 2dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 29 (Dc2tog, 1dc) 6 times. [12 sts]
Stuff to this point.
Round 30 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off and sew closed the hole at the back of the Head.

NECK

Using Giroflée, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in first st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 Dc bl in each st around.
Round 6 (11dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [26 sts]

Rounds 7-9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 (12dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [28 sts]
Rounds 11-12 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off and stuff well.
Use the image as a guide to sew the closed end to the underside of the Neck and the open end to the front of the Body. Sew the Legs on the underside of the Body.

EARS (MAKE 2)
Using Giroflée, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 4dc into the loop. [4 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in first st, 2dc in next st) twice. [6 sts]
Round 3 (2dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [8 sts]
Round 4 (3dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [10 sts]
Round 5 (4dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [12 sts]
Round 6 (5dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [14 sts]
Rounds 7-9 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off. Pinch the bottom edge together and sew in place on the sides of the Head.

HORNS (MAKE 2)
Using Canelle, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc into each st around. [12 sts]
Rounds 3-4 Dc in each st around.
Round 5 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Rounds 6-7 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off, stuff and sew in place on the Head.

LARGE SPOTS (MAKE 8)
Using Siena, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc into each st around, ss to first dc. [12 sts]
Fasten off and sew in place randomly over the Body and Neck.

SMALL SPOTS (MAKE 8)
Using Siena, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc into the loop, ss to first dc. [6 sts]
Fasten off and sew in place randomly over the Body.

MANE
Using Siena, ch62.
Dc in second ch from hook and work along ch as follows:
(Ch1, dc in next st) 10 times, (ch2, dc in next st) 15 times, (ch3, dc in next st) 10 times, (ch2, dc in next st) 15 times, (ch1, dc in next st) 10 times.
Fasten off. Fold in half and sew in place along the Neck of the giraffe.

TAIL
Plait three lengths of Giroflée together. Knot the end and sew securely in place, to complete your giraffe. Weave in all ends.



Spots are easy to make with a magic loop and a round or two of dc

True blue

Spread your wings and show off your skills with this super-cute peacock by Ilaria Caliri





YOU WILL NEED

- Yarn and Colors Must-Have (100% cotton, 50g/125m), 1 ball of **Yarn A** Petroleum (70)
- Yarn and Colors Must-Have Minis (100% cotton, 10g/25m), 1 ball of each:
  Yarn B Glass (72)
  Yarn C Mustard (15)
- A 2.5mm (US C/1 or B/2) crochet hook
- 2 safety eyes or black beads approx 5mm diameter
- Stitch markers
- Toy stuffing

For yarn stockists contact www.yarnandcolors.com

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project but may affect size and yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

11 cm (4¼in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

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We can't get enough of Ilaria's gorgeous designs, and her latest has us all aflutter. This perfect peacock with his proud plumage takes full advantage of the jewel-bright shades from Yarn and Colors, too. He's bound to turn plenty of heads. Hook one and keep him as your favourite, or create a whole flock to give away as gifts….

NOTES

The Peacock is 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.

The Head and Body are worked as one piece starting from the top of the Head. All the other pieces are sewn to the body.

HEAD AND BODY

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.

Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout pat), 6dc into the loop. [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 (2dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 dc]
Rounds 5-8 Dc in each st around. [24 dc]
Round 9 7dc, (dc in next st, dc2tog) 3 times, 8dc. [21 dc]
Rounds 10-11 Dc in each st around. [21 dc]
Round 12 8dc, (2dc in next st, dc in next st) 3 times, 7dc. [24 dc]
Round 13 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 3 times, 12dc, (2dc in next st, dc in next st) 3 times. [30 dc]
Round 14 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times, 12dc, (2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) 3 times. [36 dc]

Insert the safety eyes between Rounds 6 and 7 approx 7 sts apart. If you're using black beads, sew the eyes when you have stuffed and finished the Body. Stuff the Head and continue stuffing as you go.

Round 15 Dc in each st around. [36 dc]
Round 16 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 3 times, 24dc, (2dc in next st, dc in next st) 3 times. [42 dc]
Rounds 17-21 Dc in each st around. [42 dc]
Round 22 (5dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 dc]
Round 23 (4dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 dc]
Round 24 (3dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 25 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 26 (1dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 dc]
Round 27 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 dc]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

BEAK

Using Yarn C, make a magic loop.

Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 5dc into the loop. [5 dc]
Round 2 2dc in next st, 4dc. [6 dc]
Round 3 2dc in next st, 5dc. [7 dc]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.



Simple but effective chains are looped over to make up the crest on the peacock's head

Do not stuff. Pinch the Beak and sew it between Rounds 7 and 9 of the Head.

TAIL

LARGE FEATHER (MAKE 3)

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, 5dc) twice. [14 dc]
Round 4 (2dc in next st, 6dc) twice. [16 dc]
Rounds 5-6 Dc in each st around. [16 dc]
Round 7 (Dc2tog, 6dc) twice. [14 dc]
Round 8 Dc in each st around. [14 dc]
Round 9 (Dc2tog, 5dc) twice. [12 dc]
Round 10 Dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 11 (Dc2tog, 4dc) twice. [10 dc]
Round 12 Dc in each st around. [10 dc]
Round 13 (Dc2tog, 3dc) twice. [8 dc]
Round 14 Dc in each st around. [8 dc]
Round 15 (Dc2tog, 2dc) twice. [8 dc]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
Do not stuff.

LARGE FEATHER DETAIL (MAKE 3)

Using Yarn C, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into the loop. [6 dc]
Change to Yarn B.
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 Ch4, ss in second ch from hook, dc in next ch, htr in next ch, skip first 2 sts in Round 2, ss in next st.
Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing this piece on to the Large Feather.

MEDIUM FEATHER (MAKE 3)

Using Yarn C, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 dc]
Change to Yarn B.
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 Ch6, dc in second ch from hook and next ch, htr in next 2 ch, tr in next ch, skip first 3 sts in Round 2, ss in next st. **Fasten off**, leaving a tail for sewing.

SMALL FEATHER (MAKE 3)

Using Yarn A, ch7.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, htr in next 3 ch, dc in next ch, ss in last ch. **Fasten off**, leaving a tail for sewing.

TO MAKE UP

Sew the Large Feather Detail onto the centre of the Large Feathers. Pin the Feathers to the base of the Body at the back, starting with the Large Feathers and layering the Medium and Small ones on top, using the image as a guide. Sew securely into place.

CREST

Using Yarn A, ch5.
Ss in to the 5th ch from hook, ch8 and ss into the 8th ch from hook, ch5 and ss into the 5th ch from the hook.



The tail feathers are sewn on in layers to create that famous peacock fan

Fasten off, leaving a tail. Sew to the centre back of the Head using the image as a guide.

FOOT (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn C, ch3.
Ss in second ch from hook and next ch.
Ch4, ss in second ch from hook and next 2 ch, ch3, ss in second ch from hook and next ch, ch6, ss in second ch from hook and next 4 ch, ss in the first ch to join. **Fasten off** leaving a tail.
Sew the Feet to the Body.

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FEELING SHEEPISH

A gambolling lamb is perfect to herald the arrival of warmer weather. Designed by Vanessa Mooncie



YOU WILL NEED

- Rico Essentials Cotton DK (100% cotton, 50g/130m),
  2 balls of **Yarn A** Natural (51)
  1 ball of **Yarn B** Taupe (89)
  Small amounts of:
  Yarn C Dusky Pink (19)
  Yarn D Gold (26)
  Yarn E Grass Green (66)
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- A pair of safety eyes, 6mm diameter
- Toy stuffing
- Black embroidery thread
- An embroidery needle

For yarn stockists contact Rico www.rico-design.co.uk or Black Sheep Wools 01925 764231 www.blacksheepwools.com

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project but may affect size and yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 20cm (8in) tall (excluding ears) and 14cm (5½in) long

ABBREVIATIONS

Bobble (Yrh, insert hook into next st, yrh and pull up loop, yrh and draw through 2 loops) 4 times, inserting hook in same st each time, yrh and draw through all 5 loops on hook.
Petal Ss into next st, ch3, yrh, insert hook into same st, yrh and pull up loop, yrh and draw through 2 loops, yrh, insert hook into same st, yrh and pull up loop, yrh and draw through 2 loops, yrh, draw through all 3 loops, ch3, ss into the same st

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Leaping for joy, Gwendoline the Lamb is an adorable addition to your crochet menagerie. She has a wonderfully tactile coat covered in textured bobbles that just beg to be stroked, made using a clever combo of loop stitches. Truly baa-rilliant.

NOTES

The Head, Tail and the first part of the Body and Legs 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.
The front of the Body and Legs are worked in rows.
The bobble pattern appears on the reverse side of the Lamb as you crochet.

BODY

Using a 3mm hook and Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout patt), 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (Dc and Bobble in next st) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in Bobble) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc in next st, Bobble in next st, dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (2dc in next st, Bobble in next st, dc in next 2 sts, Bobble in next st) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 7 (2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 8 (2dc in next st, Bobble in next st, dc in next 3 sts, Bobble in next st, dc in next st) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 Dc in next st, (Bobble in next st, dc in next 3 sts) 11 times, Bobble in next st, dc in next 2 sts. [48 sts]
Round 11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 (Bobble in next st, dc in next 3 sts) 12 times.
Round 13 Dc in each st around.
Round 14 (Dc in next 3 sts, Bobble in next st) 12 times.
Round 15 Dc in each st around.
Round 16 Dc in next 2 sts, (Bobble in next st, dc in next 3 sts) 11 times, Bobble in next st, dc in next st.
Rounds 17-24 Repeat Rounds 9-16.
Ss into next st, turn.

SHAPE FRONT

The following is worked in rows:
Row 1 (RS) Dc in same st as ss, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next 5 sts, ss into next st, turn. [13 sts]



The pretty pink flower is threaded carefully through stitches that form the lamb's mouth

Row 2 (WS) Ch1, dc in same st as ss, dc in next st, Bobble in next st, dc in next 2 sts, Bobble in next st, dc in next 3 sts, Bobble in next st, dc in next 2 sts, Bobble in next st, dc in next 2 sts of Round 24, ss into next st, turn. [16 sts]
Row 3 Ch1, dc in same st as ss, dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next 5 sts, dc in next st of Round 24, ss into next st, turn. [16 sts]
Row 4 Ch1, dc in same st as ss, dc in next st, Bobble in next st, (dc in next 3 sts, Bobble in next st) 3 times, dc in next st, dc in next st of Round 24, ss to the next st, turn. [18 sts]
Row 5 Ch1, dc in same st as ss, dc in next 6 sts, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next 6 sts, dc in next st of Round 24, ss into next st, turn. [18 sts]
Row 6 Ch1, dc in same st as ss, dc in next st, Bobble in next st, dc in next 3 sts, (Bobble in next st, dc in next 2 sts) twice, Bobble in next st, dc in next 3 sts, Bobble in next st, dc in next st, dc in next st of Round 24, ss into next st, turn. [20 sts]
Row 7 Ch1, dc in same st as ss, dc in next 7 sts, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next 7 sts, dc in next st of Round 24, ss into next st, turn. [20 sts]
Row 8 Ch1, dc in same st as ss, dc in next st, Bobble in next st, (dc in next 3 sts, Bobble in next st) 4 times, dc in next st, dc in next st of Round 24, ss into next st, turn. [22 sts]
Row 9 Ch1, dc in same st as ss, dc in next 8 sts, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next 8 sts, dc in next st of Round 24, ss into next st, turn. [22 sts]
Row 10 Ch1, dc in same st as ss, dc in next st, Bobble in next st, (dc in next 3 sts, Bobble in next st, dc in next 2 sts, Bobble in next st) twice, dc in next 3 sts, Bobble in next st, dc in next 2 sts, ss into next st, turn. [24 sts]
Row 11 Ch1, dc in same st as ss, dc in next 9 sts, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next 9 sts, dc in next st of Round 24, ss into next st, turn. [24 sts]
Row 12 Ch1, dc in same st as ss, dc in next st, Bobble in next st, (dc in next 3 sts, Bobble in next st) 5 times, dc in next st, dc

in next st of Round 24, ss into next st, turn. [26 sts]
Row 13 Ch1, dc in same st as ss, dc in next 10 sts, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next 10 sts, dc in next st of Round 24, ss into next st, turn. [26 sts]
Row 14 Ch1, dc in same st as ss, dc in next st, Bobble in next st, (dc in next 3 sts, Bobble in next st) twice, (dc in next 2 sts, Bobble in next st) twice, (dc in next 3 sts, Bobble in next st) twice, dc in next st, dc in next st of Round 24, ss into next st, turn. [28 sts]
Row 15 Ch1, dc in same st as ss, dc in next 11 sts, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next 11 sts, dc in next 6 sts of Round 24, do not turn. [32 sts]

SHAPE NECK

Next Round (RS) (Dc2tog, 2dc) 3 times, dc2tog, dc in next st, (dc2tog, 2dc) 4 times, dc in next st, ss to first st to join into the round. [24 sts, not including ss]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

HEAD
Starting at Lamb's nose, using a 2.5mm hook and Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (2dc in next st) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc in next st, 2dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Rounds 5-6 Dc in each st around.
Round 7 (2dc in next st, 3dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Rounds 8-9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 (2dc in next st, 4dc) 6 times. [36 sts]
Rounds 11-12 Dc in each st around.
Round 13 (2dc in next st, 5dc) 6 times. [42 sts]
Rounds 14-18 Dc in each st around.
Round 19 (Dc2tog, 5dc) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 20 (Dc2tog, 4dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 21 (Dc2tog, 3dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 22 (Dc2tog, 2dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 23 (Dc2tog, dc) 6 times. [12 sts]
Ss into next st.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail of yarn.

EARS (MAKE 2)

INNER EAR

Using a 2.5mm hook and Yarn C, ch9.
Row 1 (WS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next 6 ch, 3dc in next ch, working along opposite side of starting ch, dc in next 7 ch, turn. [17 sts]
Row 2 (RS) Ch1, dc in first 8 dc, 3dc in next st, dc in next 8 dc, turn. [19 sts]
Row 3 Ch1, dc in first 9 dc, 3dc in next st, dc in next 9 dc, turn. [21 sts]. **Fasten off**.



OUTER EAR

Using a 2.5mm hook and Yarn B, ch9.
Rows 1-3 Work as Rows 1-3 of Inner Ear. Do not fasten off.

JOIN EAR PIECES

Place WS of Inner and Outer Ear together, with the Inner Ear facing up.
Row 4 With Yarn B, ch1, inserting the hook under both loops of each stitch of the Inner Ear first, then the Outer Ear to join, dc in each of first 10 dc, 3dc in next st, dc into each of the next 10 dc. [23 sts]
Ss to the first dc of Row 4 to join the lower corners and shape the Ear.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

FRONT LEGS (MAKE 2)
Starting at the foot, with a 2.5mm hook and Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (2dc in next st) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 3 Dc in back loop only of each st around.
Rounds 4-16 Dc in each st around.
Round 17 (2dc in next st, 3dc) 3 times.
Fasten off. [15 sts]

SHAPE TOP OF LEG

The following is worked in rows:
Row 1 (RS) Join Yarn A in first st, dc in first 2 dc, (2dc in next dc, 1dc) 6 times, dc in next dc, turn. [21 sts]
Row 2 (WS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc in first 2 dc, (Bobble in next st, 1dc in next 3 sts) 4 times, Bobble in next st, dc in next 2 sts, turn.
Row 3 Ch1, dc in each st, turn.
Row 4 Ch1, dc in first 4 sts, (Bobble in next st, dc in next 3 sts) 4 times, dc in next st, turn.
Row 5 Dc in each st, turn.
Rows 6-7 Repeat Rows 2-3.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

HIND LEGS (MAKE 2)
Starting at the foot, using a 2.5mm hook and Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-17 As Rounds 1-17 of Front Legs. [15 sts]

SHAPE TOP OF LEG

The following is worked in rows:
Row 1 (RS) Join Yarn A in first st, dc in next dc, (2dc in next dc, 1dc) 3 times, dc in next 2 dc, (2dc in next dc, dc) 3 times, turn. [21 sts]
Row 2 (WS) Ch1, dc in next 2 dc, (Bobble in next st, dc in next 3 sts) 4 times, Bobble in next st, dc in next 2 sts, turn.
Row 3 Ch1, (2dc in next st, 1dc) 3 times, dc in next 9 sts, (1dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times, turn. [27 sts]

Row 4 Ch1, (dc in next 3 sts, Bobble in next st) 6 times, dc in next 3 sts, turn.
Row 5 Ch1, (2dc in next st, 1dc) 3 times, dc in next 15 sts, (1dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times, turn. [33 sts]
Row 6 Ch1, dc in next 4 sts, Bobble in next st, (dc in next 3 sts, Bobble in next st) 6 times, dc in next 4 sts, turn.
Row 7 Ch1, dc in each st across.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail of yarn.

TAIL
Using a 2.5mm hook and Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 5dc into loop, ss into first dc to join. [5 sts]
Round 2 (2dc in next dc) 5 times. [10 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next dc, 1dc) 5 times. [15 sts]
Rounds 4-8 Dc in each st around.
Round 9 (Dc2tog in next dc, 1dc) 5 times. [10 sts]
Rounds 10-12 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail of yarn.

FLOWER (MAKE 5 IN YARN A AND 6 IN YARN C)
Using a 2.5mm hook and Yarn D, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 5dc into loop, ss into first dc to join. **Fasten off**. [5 sts]
Round 2 Join Yarn A or C in first st, Petal 5 times, ss into first st to join.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

STEM AND LEAF (MAKE 1 FOR EACH FLOWER)
Using 2.5mm hook and Yarn E, ch21.
Row 1 (RS) Ss into second ch from hook and next 13 ch, ch7, ss into second ch from hook, dc in next ch, htr in next ch, tr in next ch, htr in next ch, dc in next ch, ss in remaining 6 ch of the starting ch21.
Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

BODY
Stuff the Body, filling it up to the opening at the neck.

HEAD
Attach the safety eyes to the Head in Round 8 approx 8 sts apart. Stuff the Head firmly.
Thread the tail of the yarn onto a needle and run a gathering stitch around the last round of stitches, draw up tightly. **Fasten off**.
Embroider the nose in fly stitch (see opposite), using 4 strands of embroidery thread.
Sew the Head to the Body, stitching all around the neck edge and neatly inserting more stuffing into the neck before closing, if necessary.

EARS
Using the long tail, sew each ear neatly to the top of the Head, stitching all around the edges to attach them securely in place.

LEGS
Use the long tail, sew together the seam of the top shaping. Stuff the Legs firmly, filling them to the top and keeping the base flat. Stitch the front Legs side by side, just before the front shaping of the Body, with the seam facing towards the back. Sew the hind Legs next to each other at the back of the Body, with the seam in the Leg facing towards the front.
Stitch all around each Leg to hold them securely in place, inserting more stuffing if necessary.

TAIL
Use the end of the crochet hook to push a small amount of stuffing into the end of the Tail. Using the yarn tail, run a gathering stitch around the last round of stitches, draw up to close.
Fasten off.
Sew the Tail to the back of the Body.

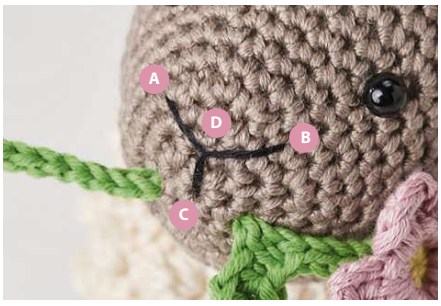
Stitch the Flowers to the top of the Stems.
To attach a pink Flower to the Lamb's mouth, thread a short length of yarn through the end of the Stem.
Thread the ends of the yarn through a needle and draw the needle between the stitches on one side of the front of the face, below the nose, and through to the other side pulling the Stem through. Secure in place with a few hidden stitches.
Tie together the remaining Flowers into bunches of 5 Flowers with a crocheted cord of ch60.
Weave in all yarn ends.



Inner and outer parts of the lambs ears are worked separately then joined with a dc seam



The cheeky little tail is worked after the legs and has a small amount of stuffing in the end



Embroider the lambs nose by making a large stitch A to B then come up at C and down at D



Cool for cats

Hook this totally rad character for a skater boy or girl! By Lucy Pollock



YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft Special DK, (100% acrylic, 100g/295)m
  1 ball each of:
  Grey (1099)
  Fondant (1241)
  Black (1002)
  Aster (1003)
  Lipstick (1246)
  Spice (1711)
- A 4mm (US G/6) hook
- Embroidery needle
- Stitch marker
- Toy stuffing
- Black safety eyes, 10mm diameter

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project but may affect size and yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 30cm (12in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

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Grab your board and join in the fun with Lucy Pollock's cool skater dude! This funky feline will make a great gift for anyone who loves to hit the half-pipe and get their tail in a spin. Once you've finished the making up and embroidery, style up your kitty with a mini skateboard to finish the look!

NOTES

The Cat is 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.

LEGS (MAKE 2}
Using Grey, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout patt), 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, 1dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc in next st, 2dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (2dc in next st, 3dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (2dc in next st, 4dc) 6 times. [36 sts]
Rounds 7-9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 12dc, (dc2tog) 6 times, 12dc. [30 sts]
Round 11 11dc, (dc2tog) 4 times, 11dc. [26 sts]
Round 12 11dc, (dc2tog) twice, 11dc. [24 sts]
Round 13 9dc, (dc2tog) 4 times, 7dc. [20 sts]
Round 14 8dc, (dc2tog) 3 times, 6dc. [17 sts]
Stuff to this point.
Rounds 15-29 Dc in each st around. [17 sts]
Stuff to this point.
Fasten off only on first leg.
On second leg cont as follows:
Round 30 Ch5, lay the legs facing opposite ways so the feet are pointing out (use picture for guidance), ss together then dc in each st around including both sides of the chain to connect both legs together. [44 sts]

CONTINUE FOR BODY

Rounds 31-46 Dc in each st around. [44 sts]
Round 47 Dc2tog, 40dc, dc2tog. [42 sts]
Round 48 (5dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 49 Dc in each st around. [36 sts]
Round 50 (4dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 51 Dc in each st around. [30 sts]
Round 52 (3dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 53 Dc in each st around. [24 sts]
Round 54 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 55 Dc in each st around. [18 sts]
Round 56 (1dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Rounds 57-58 Dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Stuff to this point.

CONTINUE FOR HEAD

Round 59 2dc in each st around. [24 sts]
Round 60 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 61 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 sts]



Give your kitty character with some simple embroidery stitches and statement whiskers



The impressive tail is crocheted separately to the shorts and then threaded through

Round 62 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 63 (6dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 64 (7dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [54 sts]
Round 65 (8dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [60 sts]
Rounds 66-75 Dc in each st around. [60 sts]
Insert eyes between Rounds 73 and 74, 6 sts apart.
Round 76 (8dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [54 sts]
Round 77 (dc2tog, 7dc) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 78 (6dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 79 (dc2tog, 5dc] 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 80 (4dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 81 (dc2tog, 3dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Stuff to this point.
Round 82 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 83 (Dc2tog, 1dc) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 84 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Round 85 (Dc2tog) 3 times. [3 sts]
Ss to next st and **fasten off**, leaving a long tail. Sew the last three sts together.

ARMS (MAKE 2)
Using Grey, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Rounds 4-7 Dc in each st around. [18 sts]
Round 8 (1dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Stuff to this point.

Rounds 9-32 Dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Ss to next st and **fasten off,** leaving a long tail.

EARS (MAKE 2)
Using Grey, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 4dc into loop. [4 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each st around. [4 sts]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [6 sts]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [8 sts]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [10 sts]
Round 6 (4dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [12 sts]
Round 7 (5dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [14 sts]
Round 8 (6dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [16 sts]
Round 9 (7dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [18 sts]
Ss to next st and **fasten off**, leaving a long tail.
Do not stuff.

TAIL
Using Grey, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Rounds 3-38 Dc in each st around, stuffing as you go. [12 sts]
Ss to next st and **fasten off**, leaving a long tail.

SHIRT

BACK

Using Aster, ch25.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in each st to end, turn. [24 sts]
Rows 2-27 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

FRONT (MAKE 2)

Using Aster, ch13.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in each st to end, turn. [12 sts]
Rows 2-13 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn. [12 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail on first side only. Cont on second Front piece as follows:
Row 14 Ch1, dc in each st to end, pick up first Front piece and with WS facing dc in each st across last row to join, turn. [24 sts]
Rows 15-26 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Align Front and Back WS together and seam 6 sts together at each shoulder. Sew each side seam for 8 rows.

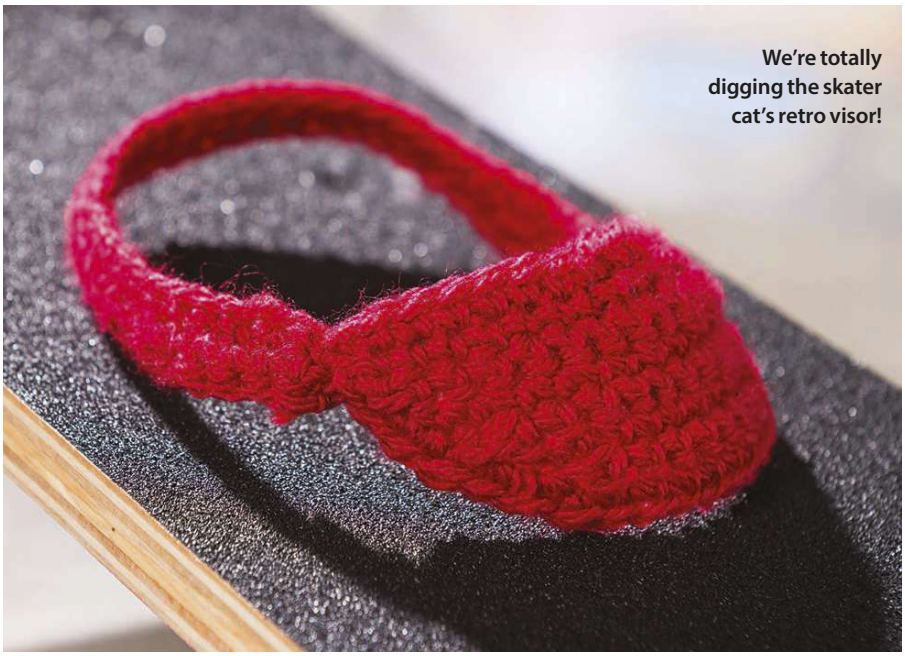
SHORTS

FIRST LEG

Using Spice, ch24, ss into first ch to join into the round, being careful not to twist, ch1.
Rounds 1-10 (RS) Dc in each st around. [24 sts]
Fasten off.

SECOND LEG

Using Spice, ch5, ss to top of First Leg.



We're totally digging the skater cat's retro visor!

Round 11 Ch1, dc in each st around including both sides of the joining ch. [58 sts]
Rounds 12-16 Dc in each st around.
Round 17 52dc, ch6, skip 6 sts (tail hole made), 1dc.
Rounds 18-21 Dc in each st around.
Round 22 (Dc2tog, 3dc) 11 times, dc2tog, 1dc. [46 sts]
Round 23 (Dc2tog, 2dc) 11 times, dc2tog. [34 sts]
Ss to next st and **fasten off**, leaving a long tail.

VISOR
Using Lipstick, ch19.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in each st to end, turn. [18 sts]
Row 2 Ch1, skip next st, 15dc, skip next st, 1dc, turn. [16 sts]
Row 3 Ch1, skip next st, 13dc, skip next st, 1dc, turn. [14 sts]
Row 4 Ch1, skip next st, 11dc, skip next st, 1dc, turn. [12 sts]
Row 5 Ch1, skip next st, 9dc, skip next st, 1dc, turn. [10 sts]
Row 6 Ch1, skip next st, 7dc, skip next st, 1dc. [8 sts]
Row 7 Ch1, dc evenly around the entire piece, ss to first dc.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

STRAP
Using Lipstick, ch35 leaving a long starting tail.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in each st to end, turn. [34 sts]
Row 2 Ch1, dc in each st to end.]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Sew each end of the Strap to the side of the Visor. Weave in ends.

SHOES (MAKE 2)
Using Aster, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-6 Work as Rounds 1-6 of Legs. [36 sts]
Round 7 Working in back loop only; dc in each st around.
Rounds 8-10 Dc in each st around.
Round 11 12dc, (dc2tog) 6 times, 12dc. [30 sts]
Round 12 11dc, (dc2tog) 4 times, 11dc. [26 sts]
Round 13 11dc, (dc2tog) twice, 11dc. [24 sts]
Round 14 9dc, (dc2tog) 4 times, 7dc. [20 sts]
Round 15 8dc, (dc2tog) 3 times, 6dc. [17 sts]
Rounds 16-18 Dc in each st around.
Ss to next st and **fasten off**, leaving a long tail.

TO MAKE UP
Using Fondant, sew a straight st across 4 sts between Rounds 70 and 71, then make a triangle with straight sts with the point in Round 68. Fill in with satin stitch, then sew around the triangle again to tidy it up.
Using Black, sew straight stitches for the whiskers and mouth using the image as a guide. Use the same length of Black yarn to sew two lines above the eyes, between Rounds 74 and 75. Secure well.
Sew Ears to either side of the Head, making sure not to bring them down too low due to the Visor.
Sew Arms to each side of the neck. Put the Shorts on to check the position of the Tail, pin and sew the Tail in place. Weave in ends. Dress the Cat with the garments and Shoes, putting the Shirt on over the bottom of the Cat. Sew Shoes in place if you wish.

Sunshine snail

Come out of your shell and bring out your sunniest yarn to make Vanessa Mooncie's adorable snail





YOU WILL NEED

- Rico Essentials Cotton DK (100% cotton, 50g/130m), 1 ball of each:
  Yarn A Gold (26)
  Yarn B Berry (15),
  Yarn C Dark Teal (40)
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- A pair of safety eyes, 6mm diameter
- Toy stuffing
- Black embroidery thread

For yarn stockists contact
Rico www.rico-design.co.uk
Black Sheep Wools 01925 764231
www.blacksheepwools.com
Also available from your favourite yarn store

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project but may affect size and yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 18cm (7in) in length

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

It's all about the details for this happy little snail, with a shell embellished using slip stitches worked in a contrasting colour, plus curly crocheted streamers and tiny flowers decorating the hat. It's also a fantastic project to practise your shaping on – in fact, once complete, you'll feel as if you've totally snailed it…

NOTES

The Body is made in two pieces that are joined and then edged. The shaping at the front is worked in rows, working into one extra stitch on each side of every row and decreasing the stitches.

The Head and most of the Shell 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 first st of each round and move it up as you work.

The Shell is crocheted in rounds and rows. Slip stitches are worked into the front loops of the stitches to produce three decorative bands on the surface of the Shell.

BODY

TOP

Using Yarn A, ch24.
Row 1 (WS) Dc into second ch from hook, dc into next 21 ch, 3dc in last ch, working along the opposite side of the starting ch, dc in next 22 ch, turn. [47 sts]
Row 2 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout patt), dc in first 23 dc, 3dc in next st, dc in next 23 dc, turn. [49 sts]
Row 3 Ch1, dc in first 24 dc, 3dc in next st, dc in next 24 dc, turn. [51 sts]
Row 4 Ch1, dc in first 25 dc, 3dc in next st, dc in next 25 dc, turn. [53 sts]
Row 5 Ch1, dc in first 26 dc, 3dc in next st, dc in next 26 dc, turn. [55 sts]
Row 6 Ch1, dc in first 27 dc, 3dc in next st, dc in next 27 dc, turn. [57 sts]
Row 7 Ch1, dc in first 28 dc, 3dc in next st, dc in next 28 dc, turn. [59 sts]
Row 8 Ch1, dc in first 29 dc, 3dc in next st, dc in next 29 dc, turn. [61 sts]
Row 9 Ch1, dc in first 30 dc, 3dc in next st, dc in next 30 dc, turn. [63 sts]
Row 10 Ch1, dc in first 31 dc, 3dc in next st, dc in next 31 dc. [65 sts]
Fasten off.

FOOT

Using Yarn A, ch29.
Row 1 (WS) Dc into second ch from hook, dc into next 26 ch, 3dc in next ch, working along the opposite side of starting ch, dc in next 27 ch, turn. [57 sts]
Rows 2-5 Work as Rows 7-10 of the Top of the Body.
Do not fasten off.

JOIN BODY PIECES

Place WS of Top and Foot together, with the top facing up.
Row 1 (RS) Ch1, inserting hook under both loops of each stitch of Top first, then Foot to join, dc in first 32 dc, 3dc in next st, dc into next 32 dc. Do not fasten off. [67 sts]



SHAPE FRONT

Round 1 (RS) Rotate Body to work into Row ends of Top, work 20 dc evenly into Row ends of Top, then work 10 dc evenly into Row ends of Foot, ss to first dc to join, turn. [30 sts]
Row 1 (WS) Ch1, dc in same st as ss, dc in next 11 dc, ss into next st, turn leaving rem sts unworked. [12 dc, 1 ss]
Row 2 (RS) Ch1, dc in same st as ss, dc in next 12 dc, dc in next st of Round 1, ss into next st, turn. [14 dc, 1 ss]
Row 3 Ch1, dc in same st as ss, dc in next 14 sts, dc in next st of Round 1, ss into next st, turn. [16 dc, 1 ss]
Row 4 Ch1, dc in same st as ss, (dc, dc2tog, dc) 4 times, dc in next st of Round 1, ss into next st, turn. [14 sts, 1 ss]
Rows 5-8 Repeat Rows 3-4 twice.
Row 9 Repeat Row 3.
Row 10 Ch1, dc in same st as ss, dc in next 16 dc, dc in next st of Round 1, turn. [18 dc]
Row 11 Ch1, dc in each dc of previous row, turn. [18 dc]
Row 12 Ch1, 2dc in first dc, dc in next 6 dc,

(dc2tog) twice, dc in next 6 dc, 2dc in next dc, turn. [18 dc]
Rows 13-14 Repeat Rows 11-12.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail of yarn at the end.

FOOT EDGING

With the Foot facing up, join Yarn A with a ss to the first dc in Row 1 that joined Foot to Top of the Body.
Row 1 (WS) Dc into same st as ss, dc in next 32 dc, 3dc in next dc, dc in next 33 dc, ss into front shaping, turn. [69 dc]
Row 2 (RS) Ch1, dc in next 34 dc, 3dc in next dc, dc in next 34 dc, ss into front shaping. [71 dc]
Fasten off.

HEAD

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, 1dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc in next st, 2dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (2dc in next st, 3dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (2dc in next st, 4dc) 6 times. [36 sts]
Rounds 7-16 Dc in each st around.
Round 17 (Dc2tog, 4dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 18 (Dc2tog, 3dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 19 (Dc2tog, 2dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 20 (Dc2tog, 1dc) 6 times. [12 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

ANTENNAE (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 Dc in each st around.
Round 4 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Rounds 5-12 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

SHELL

Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 Dc in each st around. **Fasten off**.
Round 4 Join Yarn A in first st, dc in each st around. **Fasten off**.
Round 5 Join Yarn B in first st, (2dc in back loop only of next st) 12 times. [24 sts]
Round 6 (2dc in next st, 1dc) 12 times. [36 sts]
Round 7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 (Dc2tog) 18 times. [18 sts]
Fasten off.
Round 9 Join Yarn A in first st, 2dc in each st around. [36 sts]



Fasten off.
Round 10 Join Yarn B in first st, (2dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next st) 18 times. [54 sts]
Rounds 11-13 Dc in each st around.
Round 14 (Dc2tog) 27 times.
Fasten off. [27 sts]
Round 15 Join Yarn A in first st, 2dc in next 15 sts, dc in next 12 dc. [42 sts]
Fasten off.
Round 16 Join Yarn B in first st, (2dc in back loop only of next dc, dc in back loop only of next 4 dc) 6 times, dc in back loop only of next 12 dc. [48 sts]
Round 17 (2dc in next st, 5dc) 6 times, dc in next 12 dc, do not fasten off. [54 sts]

TOP OF SHELL

The Top is worked in Rows.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in next 42 sts, turn. [42 dc]
Rows 2-7 Ch1, dc in next 42 sts, turn.
Row 8 (WS) Ch1, dc in next 42 sts, ch12, ss to first dc, turn, do not fasten off. [42 dc, 12 ch]

BACK OF SHELL

The Back is worked in Rounds.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in next 12 ch, dc in next 42 dc. [54 sts]



The snail has a double crochet edging around its foot to help it glide along

Round 2 (Dc2tog, 7dc) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 3 (Dc2tog, 6dc) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 4 (Dc2tog, 5dc) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 5 (Dc2tog, 4dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (Dc2tog, 3dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 7 (Dc2tog, 2dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 8 (Dc2tog, 1dc) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 9 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing up. Thread the yarn tail through the sts in Round 9, pulling tightly on the yarn to close.

DECORATIVE BANDS

Join Yarn A to the front loop of the first dc of Round 4 and ss into each st around, ss into the first st to join. **Fasten off**.

Repeat on Rounds 9 and 15 to finish the Decorative Bands around the surface of the Shell.

HAT

CROWN

Using Yarn C, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-6 Work as Rounds 1-6 of the Head. [36 sts]
Round 7 (2dc in next st, 5dc) 6 times. [42 sts]
Rounds 8-11 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.
Round 12 Join Yarn A in first st, dc in each st around.
Round 13 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.

BRIM

Round 14 Join Yarn C in first st, ss into next st, ch2 (counts as htr), htr in same st as ss, htr in next dc, (2htr in next st, htr in next st) 20 times, ss to top of beg ch-2 to join. [63 sts]
Round 15 Ch2 (counts as htr), htr in next 62 htr, ss to top of beg ch-2 to join.
Fasten off.

FLOWERS (MAKE 3)

Follow pattern for Lamb's Flower (p40), using Yarn A for the Flower Centre and Yarn B for the Petals.

RIBBON

Using Yarn A, *ch25.
Row 1 (RS) 1tr in the fourth ch from hook, tr in next ch, (2tr in next ch, tr in next ch) twice, (2htr in next ch, htr in next ch) 6 times, dc in next 3 ch, ss into next ch.
Repeat from * twice more. **Fasten off**, leaving a long tail of yarn at the end.

TO MAKE UP

BODY

Stuff the Body, keeping the base flat. Use the yarn tail to sew the edges together at the back of neck. Add more stuffing, filling to the top of the neck.

HEAD

Attach the safety eyes to the Head in Row 10, approximately 5 sts apart.
Stuff the Head firmly.
Embroider the mouth using 3 strands of embroidery thread and the image as a guide.
Sew the Head to the Body, stitching all around the neck edge and inserting more stuffing into the neck before closing, if necessary.

ANTENNAE

Use the end of the crochet hook to push a small amount of stuffing into the Antennae.
Sew the Antennae to the top of the Head at the front, stitching all around the edges.

SHELL

Stuff the Shell firmly.
Sew the Shell to the top of the Body, stitching all around the open edges

HAT

Using the yarn tail, sew the Ribbon and Flowers to the Hat.
Weave in all the yarn ends.





On the back of the swirly snail shell, the shaping forms a pretty star shape



Tucked beneath the flowers, the dangling tendrils act as the bonnet's ribbon ends

Life's a beach

Join Val Pierce's cute teddy, Elsie, for a fun-packed day of sun, sand and sea!

IDEAL GIFT!



BEACH BEAR



YOU WILL NEED

- Rico Essentials Cotton DK (100% cotton, 50g/130m), 2 balls of **Yarn A** Beige (91), 1 ball each of:
  Yarn B Rose (01)
  Yarn C Aquamarine (31)
  Yarn D Pistachio (86)
  Yarn E Azalea (68)
  Yarn F Lemon (62)
  Yarn G Silver Grey (03)
- Rico Ricorumi DK (100% cotton, 25g/58m), 1 ball each of:
  Yarn H Black (060)
  Yarn I Cream (002)
  Yarn J Caramel (053)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Toy stuffing
- 2 buttons

For yarn stockists contact Rico www.rico-design.co.uk or Black Sheep Wools 01925 764231 www.blacksheepwools.com

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project but may affect size and yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 28cm (11in) high

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Pack up your picnic and don't forget your rubber ring – it's time to hit the beach! This cheery project is the next best thing to a day at the seaside, and we can't wait to start hooking Elsie the bear and all her accessories. There's quite a lot of assembly at the end of this project, so don't forget to leave plenty of time if you're making it as a gift for somebody.

NOTES

As most of the body parts are worked in the round, there will be little or no sewing up so you must remember to stuff parts as you work.

HEAD

Using Yarn F, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook, ss to first ch to join into a ring. [6 dc]
Round 2 Ch1 (does not count as a st throughout patt), 2dc in each dc to end, ss to first dc. [12 dc]
Round 3 Ch1, (dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [18 dc]
Round 4 Ch1, (dc in next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [24 dc]
Round 5 Ch1, (dc in next 3 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [30 dc]
Round 6 Ch1, (dc in next 4 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [36 dc]
Round 7 Ch1, (dc in next 5 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [42 dc]
Rounds 8-23 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to first dc.
Round 24 Ch1, (dc in next 5 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [36 dc]
Round 25 Ch1, (dc in next 4 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [30 dc]
Round 26 Ch1, (dc in next 3 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [24 dc]
Round 27 Ch1, (dc in next 2 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [18 dc]
Round 28 Ch1, (dc in next 4 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [12 dc]
Fasten off.

BODY

Using Yarn F, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook, ss to first ch to join into a ring. [6 dc]
Round 2 Ch1, 2dc in each dc to end, ss to first dc. [12 dc]
Round 3 Ch1, (dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [18 dc]
Round 4 Ch1, (dc in next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [24 dc]
Round 5 Ch1, (dc in next 3 dc, 2dc in next dc) ss to first dc. [30 dc]
Round 6 Ch1, (dc in next 4 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [36 dc]
Round 7 Ch1, (dc in next 5 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [42 dc]
Round 8 Ch1, (dc in next 6 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [48 dc]
Work 8 rounds in dc, break Yarn F and join in Yarn A.
Rounds 9-22 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to first dc, do not fasten off.

SHAPE TOP

Round 1 Ch1, (dc in next 6 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [42 dc]
Round 2 Ch1, (dc in next 5 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [36 dc]
Round 3 Ch1, (dc in next 4 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [30 dc]
Round 4 Ch1, (dc in next 3 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [24 dc]
Round 5 Ch1, (dc in next 2 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [18 dc]
Round 6 Ch1, (dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [12 dc]
Fasten off.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook, ss to first ch to join into a ring. [6 dc]
Round 2 Ch1, 2dc in each dc to end, ss to first dc. [12 dc]
Round 3 Ch1, (dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [18 dc]
Round 4 Ch1, (dc in next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [24 dc]
Rounds 5-7 Ch1, dc in each st around.
Round 8 Ch1, (dc in next 2 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [18 dc]
Round 9 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to first dc.
Round 10 Ch1, (dc in next dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [12 dc]
Rounds 11-22 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to first dc.
Round 23 Ch1, (dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc.
Fasten off.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook, ss to first ch to join into a ring. [6 dc]
Round 2 Ch1, 2dc in each dc to end, ss to first dc. [12 dc]
Round 3 Ch1, (dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [18 dc]
Round 4 Ch1, (dc in next 2 dc, 2dc into next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [24 dc]
Round 5 Ch1, (dc in next 3 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [30 dc]
Rounds 6-9 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to first dc.

DECREASE FOR TOP

Round 10 Ch1, dc in next 10 dc, (dc2tog) 5 times, dc in next 10 dc, ss to first dc. [25 dc]
Round 11 Ch1, dc in next 10 dc, dc2tog,

1dc, dc2tog, dc in next 10 dc, ss to beg of round. [23 dc]
Rounds 12-27 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to first dc.
Fasten off.

MUZZLE
Using Yarn A, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook, ss to first ch to join into a ring. [6 dc]
Round 2 Ch1, 2dc in each dc to end, ss to first dc. [12 dc]
Round 3 Ch1, (dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [18 dc]
Round 4 Ch1, (dc in next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [24 dc]
Rounds 5-8 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to first dc.
Fasten off.

EARS (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn A, make ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook, ss to first ch to join into a ring. [6 dc]
Round 2 Ch1, 2dc in each dc to end, ss to first dc. [12 dc]
Round 3 Ch1, (dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [18 dc]
Round 4 Ch1, (dc in next 2 dc, 2dc into next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [24 dc]
Rounds 5-8 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to first dc.
Fasten off.

DRESS
SKIRT (WORKED SIDEWAYS)
Using Yarn F, ch7.
(Work in back loop of stitches in all rows)
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc into each ch to end, turn. [6 dc]
Row 2 Ch1, dc into each dc to end, turn.
Join in Yarn D.
Work in stripes of 2 rows Yarn D, 2 rows Yarn F until you have 30 stripes in all.
Fasten off.

BIB AND STRAPS
Using Yarn F, work across one long side of the skirt as follows:
Rejoin yarn and work 60dc across piece; 2dc into each stripe.
Work 2 more rows dc.
Next row Ss across 24 dc, dc in next 12 dc, ss across last 24dc.
Fasten off.
Rejoin Yarn F to centre 12 dc, work 4 rows of dc on these sts.
Next row Ch1, dc in next 4 dc, turn leaving rem sts unworked.
Work a further 17 rows of dc on the sts.
Fasten off.
Skip 4 sts at centre of Bib, rejoin yarn to next dc, work in dc to end.


"Make mine a double scoop," says Elsie!

Work 17 rows dc on these 4 sts.
Fasten off.

SUN VISOR
Using Yarn D, ch43.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc into each dc to end, turn. [42 dc]
Row 2 Ch1, dc into each dc to end.
Fasten off.

TOP OF PEAK
Next row Skip 15 dc, rejoin yarn to next dc, dc into same place as join, dc in next 11dc.
Fasten off.

WORK PEAK
Working along opposite side of main piece, rejoin yarn as for Top of Peak.
****Next row** Dc in same place as join, dc in next 11dc, turn. [12 dc]
Next row Skip next dc, work in dc to last 2 sts, skip 1 dc, dc into last dc, turn.
Repeat last row twice more.
Fasten off. **

UNDER PEAK
Using Yarn D, ch13, dc into second ch from hook, dc in next 11 dc, turn.
Now work from ** to ** as on Peak.

BEACH BAG
FRONT AND BACK
Using Yarn D, ch18.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, (tr in next ch, dc in next ch) 8 times, turn. [17 sts]
Row 2 Ch1, (tr in next dc, dc in next tr) 8 times, tr in last dc, turn.
Rep Row 2 for pattern.
Work 1 more row of pattern in Yarn D.
Now working in pattern as set:
Work 3 rows Yarn B.
Work 3 rows Yarn C.
Work 3 rows Yarn E.
Work 3 rows Yarn F.
Work 3 rows Yarn D.
Work 3 rows Yarn B.
Work 3 rows Yarn C.
Fasten off.

HANDLES (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn F, ch27.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and in each ch to end, turn. [26 sts]
Row 2 Ch1, dc in each st to end.
Fasten off.

SWIM RING
Using Yarn C, ch51.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, and in each ch to end, turn. [50 sts]
Row 2 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.

Work 3 more rows in dc.
Change to Yarn E.
Work 2 rows in dc.
Change to Yarn C.
Work 5 rows in dc.
Fasten off.

ELEPHANT'S HEAD

Using Yarn G, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook, ss to first ch to join into a ring. [6 dc]
Round 2 Ch1, 2dc in each dc to end, ss to first dc. [12 dc]
Round 3 Ch1, (dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [18 dc]
Rounds 4-7 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to first dc.
Round 8 Ch1, (dc in next dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [12 dc]
Round 9 Ch1, (dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [6 dc] **Fasten off**.

ELEPHANT'S EARS

Make 2 in Yarn G and 2 in Yarn B.
Using either Yarn G or Yarn B, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook, ss to first ch to join into a ring. [6 dc]
Round 2 Ch1, 2dc in each dc around, ss to first dc. [12 dc]
Round 3 Ch1, (dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [18 dc]
Round 4 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to first dc.
Fasten off.

ELEPHANT'S TRUNK

Using Yarn G, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook, ss to first ch to join into a ring. [6 dc]
Rounds 2-7 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to first dc.
Fasten off.

ICE CREAM CONE

CONE

Using Yarn J, ch18, join into a ring with a ss, being careful not to twist ch.
Rounds 1-4 (RS) Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to first dc. [18 dc]
Round 5 Ch1, (dc in next dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [12 dc]
Rounds 6-7 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to first dc.
Round 8 Ch1, (dc in next dc, dc2tog) 4 times, ss to first dc. [8 dc]
Rounds 9-12 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to first dc.
Round 13 Ch1, (dc2tog) 4 times, ss to first dc. [4 dc]
Round 14 Ch1, (dc2tog) twice, ss to first dc. [2 dc]
Fasten off.

ICE CREAM

Make 1 in Yarn B and 1 in Yarn I.
Using either Yarn B or Yarn I, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook, ss to first dc. [6 dc]
Round 2 Ch1, 2dc in each dc to end, ss to first dc. [12 dc]
Round 3 Ch1, (dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [18 dc]
Rounds 4-7 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to first dc.
Fasten off.

TO ASSEMBLE

Add extra stuffing to Body and Head if needed. Take Ears and flatten them in half, with the join running down the back of the Ear. Curl them into a semi-circle shape. Sew an Ear to each side of the top of the Head. Pin Muzzle in position to the front of the Head. Add stuffing to pad out. Sew in place. Using Yarn H, embroider a nose, mouth and eyes on the Head. Sew the Head firmly to the Body. Add extra stuffing to Arms and Legs if needed. Sew an Arm to either side of the Body at shoulder height. Sew Legs to base of Body in a standing position.
Sew the back seam of the Dress, slip onto bear and then sew straps in place at the back of the Dress. Sew a button onto the Bib front. Sew side seams of Bag, working in any ends of yarn. Attach handles to either side of the top of the Bag. Sew a button onto one side of Bag.
Sew back seam on Sun Visor, stitch under Peak in place and place onto Head.
Fold main piece of Swim Ring in half, sew into a tube shape, stuffing as you do so. Join the short ends neatly. Stuff Elephant's Head. Sew Ears together in pairs, 1 pink and 1 grey together. Sew to Head on either side. Add a tiny bit of stuffing to the Trunk, curl a little then sew onto Head. Embroider eyes using Yarn H.
Stuff Cone quite firmly. Stuff each piece of Ice Cream. Place on Cone and overlap colours slightly whilst sewing in place.



Keep the sun's rays at bay with a handy visor in a fresh shade of green yarn



Elsie's delightful beach bag is worked in stripes of bright summer colours

Foxy friend

Take a walk with Lucy Pollock's Fernando the fox, who loves to meander through the leaves





YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft Special DK (100% acrylic, 100g/295m), 1 ball each of:
  Spice (1711)
  Black (1002)
  Cream (1005)
  Meadow (1065)
- A 4mm (US G/6) crochet hook
- Embroidery needle
- Stitch marker
- Toy stuffing
- Pins (optional)
- Black safety eyes, 10mm diameter

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project but may affect size and yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 30cm (12in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

There's something very cosy and comforting about Fernando the fox. Perhaps it's his warm autumnal colours, and the way he's wrapped up toasty against the chill in a scarf and hat.

NOTES

The Fox is 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.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Using Black, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout patt), 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [16 sts]
Round 4-7 Dc in each st around.
Change to Spice.
Round 8 (2dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [12 sts]
Stuff as you go.
Rounds 9-38 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off on first leg only.
Round 39 On second leg, ch4, ss to first leg, Dc in each st around and work into both sides of chain sts. [32 sts]
Continue to make body:
Rounds 40-45 Dc in each st around.
Change to Cream.
Rounds 46-47 Dc in each st around.
Change to Spice.
Rounds 48-49 Dc in each st around.
Change to Cream.
Rounds 50-51 Dc in each st around.
Change to Spice.
Rounds 52-53 Dc in each st around.
Change to Cream.
Rounds 54-55 Dc in each st around.
Change to Spice.
Rounds 56-57 Dc in each st around.
Change to Cream.
Round 58 Dc in each st around.
Round 59 Dc2tog, 28dc, dc2tog. [30 sts]
Change to Spice.
Round 60 (3dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 61 Dc in each st around.
Stuff to this point and change to Cream.
Round 62 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 63 Dc in each st around.
Change to Spice.
Round 64 (1dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 65 Dc in each st around.
Change to Cream, continue to work on Head:
Round 66 2dc in each st around. [24 sts]
Round 67 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 68 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 69 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 70 (6dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 71 (7dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [54 sts]
Rounds 72-73 Dc in each st around.
Change to Spice.
Rounds 74-79 Dc in each st around.
Insert eyes between Rounds 76 and 77, 8 sts apart.
Round 80 (7dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 81 (6dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 82 (5dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 83 (4dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 84 (3dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Stuff to this point.
Round 85 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 86 (1dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]



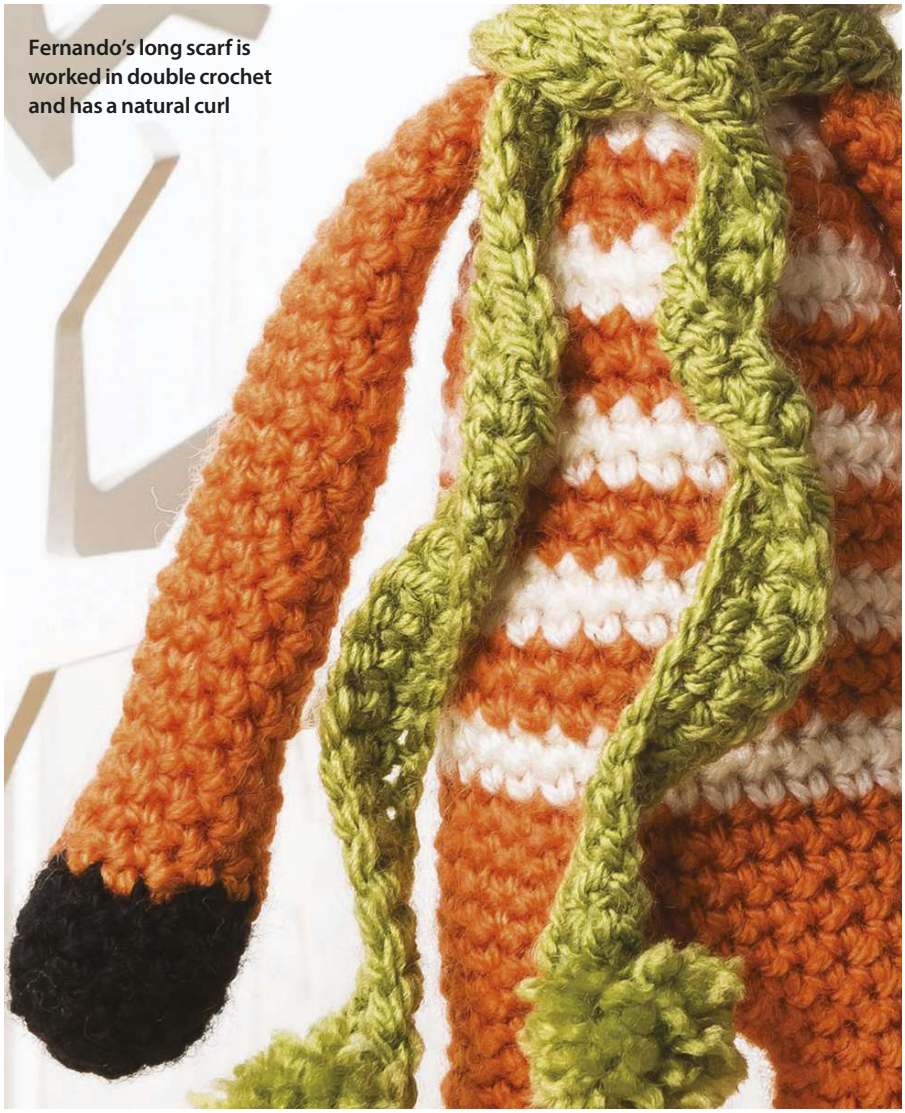
The little ears appear to poke out of the hat, but are actually sewn on top!

Round 87 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Round 88 (Dc2tog) 3 times. [3 sts]
Ss in next st and **fasten off**, leaving a long tail. Sew in the remaining sts.

NOSE
Using Black, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 4dc into loop. [4 sts]
Change to Spice.
Round 2 (1dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [6 sts]
Round 3 Dc in each st around.
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [8 sts]
Round 5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 (3dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [10 sts]
Ss in next st and **fasten off**, leaving a long tail. Lightly stuff.

EYEBROWS
Use Black yarn to sew Eyebrows above the eyes. Hide the yarn end at the top of the Head (it will be covered up eventually).

HAT
Using Meadow, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st 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 (15dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [51 sts]
Rounds 10-19 Dc in each st around.
Ss in next st and **fasten off**, leaving a long tail. Fold the front of the Hat so the Eyebrows can be seen well.



Fernando's long scarf is worked in double crochet and has a natural curl

POMPOM FOR HAT

Using Meadow, wrap yarn around two fingers 20 times. Cut yarn and carefully pull from your fingers. Thread a long piece of the same yarn through the middle of the loops. Tie it tightly around and secure well with a few knots. Cut the loops, trim it into a nice shape and sew it to the top of the Hat.

ARMS (MAKE 2)
Using Black, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Rounds 3-6 Dc in each st around.
Change to Spice.
Round 7 (4dc, dc2tog) twice. [10 sts]
Stuff hand only.
Rounds 8-29 Dc in each st around.
Ss in next st and **fasten off**, leaving a long tail.

TAIL
Using Black, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 4dc into loop. [4 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [8 sts]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [12 sts]
Round 4 Dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 5 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [16 sts]
Round 6 Dc in each st around. [16 sts]
Change to Spice.
Rounds 7-12 Dc in each st around.
Round 13 (2dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [12 sts]
Rounds 14-15 Dc in each st around.
Round 16 (1dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [8 sts]
Rounds 17-20 Dc in each st around.
Stuff to this point.
Ss in next st and **fasten off**, leaving a long tail.

EARS (MAKE 2)
Using Black, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 4dc into loop. [4 sts]
Round 2 (1dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [6 sts]
Round 3 Dc in each st around.
Change to Spice.
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [8 sts]
Round 5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 (3dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [10 sts]
Round 7 Dc in each st around.
Ss in next st and **fasten off**, leaving a long tail.

SCARF
Using Meadow, ch81.
Work back and forth in rows.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and in each ch to end, turn. [80 sts]
Row 2 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.
Fasten off and weave in all ends.

POMPOM FOR SCARF

Make two in the same way as Pompom for Hat. Sew a Pompom to each end of the Scarf.

TO ASSEMBLE
Sew the Nose to the Fox's face, making sure the top part of the Nose only covers one round of the Spice colour. Sew the Hat to the Head, keeping the flap at the front loose. Sew the Ears onto the Hat using the image as a guide.
Sew the Arms to the side of the Body.
Either tie or sew the Scarf to the neck. Attach the Tail to the back of the fox, sewing a few more stitches higher up the body to keep it in place. Weave in all ends.



Little tree hugger

Hook up a mini koala for adventures and cuddles. By Ricorumi



YOU WILL NEED

- Ricorumi DK (100% cotton 25g/57m), 1 ball of each:
  Ivory (061)
  Slate (080)
  Blush (065)
  Black (060) – for face embroidery
- Ricorumi Spray DK (100% cotton, 25g/57m), 2 balls of Grey (010)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Toy stuffing
- Stitch markers

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

TENSION

24 sts and 26 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over double crochet in the round with a 3mm hook. Tension is not critical but may affect size and yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

13cm (5in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130



This pattern is taken from *Ricorumi Wild Wild Animals* published by Rico Design. Featuring lions, monkeys, narwhals and more, it's a super-cute menagerie!

Hook up this adorable eucalyptus-munching fella, and he'll soon become your new best friend! He also makes the cutest gift for someone in need of some koala hugs right now, if you can bear to part with him… He's not tricky to make either, so once you've made him, why not make him a pal in a different colour?

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.

NOSE

Using Slate, ch6.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in 2nd ch from hook, 3dc, 3 dc in next ch, working in other side of foundation ch, 3dc, 2dc in next ch. [12 sts]
Round 2 (2dc in next st, 3dc, 2dc in next st, 1 dc) twice. [16 sts]
Round 3 Dc in each st around.
Ss in next st, **fasten off** leaving a long tail.

CHEEK (MAKE 2)

Using Blush, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 8dc into loop. [8 sts]
Ss in next st, **fasten off** leaving a long tail.

HEAD & BODY

Using Grey, ch14.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in 2nd ch from hook, 11dc, 3dc in next ch, working in other side of foundation ch, 11dc, 2dc in next ch. [28 sts]
Round 2 *2dc in next st, 11dc, (2dc in next st) twice; rep from * once more. [34 sts]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st, 12dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [40 sts]
Round 4 (5dc, 2dc in next st, 5dc, 2dc in next st, 8dc) twice. [44 sts]
Round 5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 (5dc, 2dc in next st, 7dc, 2dc in next st, 8dc) twice. [48 sts]
Rounds 7-18 Dc in each st around.
Assemble face on the side facing you when stitch marker is to the left. Using Black, embroider a straight line for mouth at Round 13 about 10 sts long. Sew on cheeks at each end of mouth over Rounds 12 – 14. Sew on and stuff Nose with the top over Round 9 and the bottom over Round 14. Embroider eyes above cheeks over Rounds 9 – 11.
Rounds 19-27 Dc in each st around.
Round 28 23dc, (dc2tog, 4dc) twice, 13dc. [46 sts]
Round 29 25dc, dc2tog, 19dc. [45 sts]
Round 30 23dc, (dc2tog, 2dc) twice, 14dc. [43 sts]
Round 31 21dc, (dc2tog, 1dc) 3 times, 13dc. [40 sts]
Round 32 Dc in each st around.
Round 33 20dc, (dc2tog, 1dc) 3 times, 11dc. [37 sts]
Round 34 19dc, (dc2tog, 1dc) 3 times, 9dc. [34 sts]
Round 35 2dc, dc2tog, 13dc, (dc2tog, 1dc) 3 times, 8dc. [30 sts]
Round 36 (partial round) 3dc, ss in next st.
Fasten off. Stuff firmly and sew opening closed.

ARM (MAKE 2)

Using Grey, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Rounds 3-6 Dc in each st around.
Ss in next st, **fasten off.** Stuff firmly and attach to side of Body over Rounds 16–20.

LEG (MAKE 2)

Using Grey, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 7dc into loop. [7 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [14 sts]
Rounds 3-6 Dc in each st around.
Ss in next st, **fasten off.** Stuff firmly and attach to side of Body over Rounds 29–34.

BELLY

Using Ivory, ch17.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in 2nd ch from hook, 14dc, 3dc in next ch, working in other side of foundation ch, 14dc, 2dc in next ch. [34 sts]
Round 2 *2dc in next st, 14dc, (2dc in next st) twice; rep from * once more. [40 sts]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st, 15dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [46 sts]
Round 4 (1dc, 2dc in next st, 16dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc) twice. [52 sts]
Ss in next st, **fasten off** leaving a long tail.
Sew onto Body in space between Arms and Legs.

EAR (MAKE 2)

Using Grey, ch4.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc, 3 dc in next ch, working in other side of foundation ch, 1dc, 2dc in next ch. [8 sts]
Round 2 *2dc in next st, 1dc, (2dc in next st) twice; rep from * once more. [14 sts]
Rounds 3-6 Dc in each st around.
Ss in next st, **fasten off.** Stuff firmly and sew onto Body at corners of Head.

EAR FUR

Cut 24 8cm pieces of Grey. Insert hook under st on side of Ear from back to front. Fold 2 strands of yarn over hook. Bring yarn loop halfway through st. Pull yarn ends through loop and tighten knot. Repeat for a total of 6 fur clusters on each ear. Trim yarn and brush if desired.





HELLO DOLLY!

Crochet a gorgeous gathering of new best friends made with your favourite yarns

Read our interview on page 67 with Kerry Lord!



Hook this sweet fairy for a magical adventure on page 64



Girl power

With her bright dress and pretty hair bow, Aniqua Wilkerson's doll is as cute as can be





YOU WILL NEED

- Scheepjes Softfun (60% cotton, 40% acrylic, 50g/140m), 1 ball of each:
  Yarn A Mauve (2624)
  Yarn B Black (2408)
  Yarn C Lace (2426)
  Yarn D Hot Pink (2495)
  Yarn E Canary (2518)
  Yarn F Tangerine (2427)
- A 2.75mm (US C/2) hook
- A 3.25mm (US D/3)
- A 3.5mm (US E/4)
- A pair of safety eyes, 15mm (½in) diameter
- A pair of white felt circles, 2cm (¾in)
- 1 fuchsia button, 2cm (¾in) diameter
- 2 orange buttons, 3cm (1¼in) diameter
- 4 yellow buttons, 2cm (¾in) diameter
- A wooden dowel, 23.5cm (9¼in) long x 0.8cm (⅓in)wide
- Toy stuffing

For yarn stockists contact Scheepjes
www.scheepjes.com/en

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project but may affect size and yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Doll measures approx 48cm (19in)

ABBREVIATIONS

Bobble (Yrh, insert hook in st indicated, yrh and pull up loop, yrh and draw through 2 loops) 5 times, inserting the hook in the same st each time, yrh and draw through all loops on hook
Spike dc (spike double crochet) Insert hook into st 2 or 3 rows below as specified, yrh and pull up a loop to height of working round, yrh and draw through both loops on hook
For a full list, see page 130

Designer Aniqua Wilkerson says: "Aisha (meaning 'she is life' in Swahili) was created to celebrate crochet dolls of colour, with not just brown yarn for her skin, but tightly curled hair and braided bangs to illustrate the kinky texture often associated with African/black hair. The vibrant pink, orange and yellow yarn used to create her clothing serves as a really great contrast to the brown used for her skin tone. This happy little design was created to add some colourful diversity to the world of crochet dolls!"

NOTES

The Doll is made with separate Head and Body pieces, and the hair is sewn to a Wig Cap which is sewn to the Head. The Body has integrated underwear and jumper and Dress and Shoes are made separately.
The Doll is 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.
Fasten off leaving long tails for sewing pieces together.

HEAD

Using Yarn A and a 3.5mm hook, ch5, ss to first ch to join into a ring.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout patt), 10dc into the ring. [10 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each stitch around. [20 dc]
Round 3 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [25 dc]
Round 4 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [30 dc]
Round 5 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [35 dc]
Round 6 (6dc, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [40 dc]
Round 7 (7dc, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [45 dc]
Round 8 (8dc, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [50 dc]
Round 9 (9dc, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [55 dc]
Round 10 (10dc, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [60 dc]
Round 11 (11dc, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [65 dc]
Eyes will be placed on Round 12, 8 to 10 stitches apart. Mark location after Round 12.
Rounds 12-21 Dc in each st around.
Round 22 (11dc, dc2tog) 5 times. [60 sts]
Round 23 5dc, dc2tog, (10dc, dc2tog) 4 times, 5dc. [55 sts]
Round 24 (9dc, dc2tog) 5 times. [50 sts]
Round 25 4dc, dc2tog, (8dc, dc2tog) 4 times, 4dc. [45 sts]



Make her curls separately then sew them to a wig cap before attaching to her head



The bright headband fits around the doll's hair and is finished off with a pretty bow

Round 26 (7dc, dc2tog) 5 times. [40 sts]
Round 27 3dc, dc2tog, (6dc, dc2tog) 4 times, 3dc. [35 sts]
Round 28 (5dc, dc2tog) 5 times. [30 sts]
Round 29 2dc, dc2tog, (4dc, dc2tog) 4 times, 2dc. [25 sts]
Round 30 (3dc, dc2tog) 5 times. [20 sts]
Round 31 1dc, dc2tog, (2dc, dc2tog) 4 times, 1dc. [15 sts]
Round 32 (1dc, dc2tog) 5 times. [10 sts]
Rounds 33-34 Dc in each st around.
Round 35 Working in sts 2 rows below, spike dc in each st around. [10 sts]
Round 36 Working in sts 3 rows below, spike dc in each st around. [10 sts]
Fasten off.
Attach felt and safety eyes in marked location, embroider nose with Yarn A and mouth with Yarn A and Yarn C, using the image as a guide.

WIG CAP
Using Yarn B and a 3.5mm hook, ch5, ss to first ch to join into a ring.
Rounds 1-19 Work as Rounds 1-19 of Head. [65 dc]
Round 20 (1dc, 1htr, 1tr, 3dtr in next st, 1tr, 1htr, 1dc) 5 times, *1dc, 1htr, (1tr, 1dtr) in next st, (1dtr, 1tr) in next st, 1htr, 1dc; repeat from * 4 more times. [85 sts]
Fasten off.

EARS (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn A and a 2.75mm hook, ch8.
Row 1 (RS) Htr in second ch from hook, 1tr, (2dtr in next st) twice, 1tr, 1htr, 1dc.
Fasten off.
Sew Ears to Head placing tops level with Nose, using photo as a guide.

HAIR
Use Yarn B and a 3.25mm hook for each hair type and leave 2cm (5in) tails for each for sewing up.

BRAIDS (MAKE 10)
Ch11, ss in second ch from hook and each ch across. **Fasten off**.

SHORT CURLS (MAKE 25)
Ch15, 2htr in third ch from hook, 2htr in each ch across to last 3 ch, ss in each of last 3 ch.
Fasten off.

MEDIUM CURLS (MAKE 25)
Ch22, 2htr in third ch from hook, 2htr in each ch across to last 3 ch, ss in each of last 3 ch.
Fasten off.

LONG CURLS (MAKE 25)
Ch27, 2htr in third ch from hook, (2htr in each ch) across to last 3 ch, ss in each of last 3 ch.
Fasten off.
Attach Braids at front of Wig Cap and Curls as desired to rest of Wig Cap.
Sew Wig Cap to Head.

BODY
Using Yarn C and a 3.5mm hook, ch5, ss to first ch to join into a ring.
Rounds 1-10 Work as Rounds 1-10 of Head. [60 dc]
Round 11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 (10dc, dc2tog) 5 times. [55 sts]
Round 13 Dc in each st around, change to Yarn A in last st.
Round 14 Dc in bl of each st around.
Round 15 27dc, bobble in next st (for belly button), 27dc.
Round 16 Dc in each st around, change to Yarn E in last st.
Rounds 17-22 Dc in each st around.
Round 23 (9dc, dc2tog) 5 times.
Round 24 Dc in each st around.
Round 25 4dc, dc2tog, (8dc, dc2tog) 4 times, 4dc. [45 sts]
Round 26 Dc in each st around. [45 dc]
Round 27 (7dc, dc2tog) 5 times. [40 sts]
Round 28 Dc in each st around. [40 sts]
Round 29 3dc, dc2tog, (6dc, dc2tog) 4 times, 3dc. [35 sts]
Round 30 (5dc, dc2tog) 5 times. [30 sts]
Begin stuffing Body, continue to stuff as you go.
Round 31 2dc, dc2tog, (4dc, dc2tog) 4 times, 2dc, change to Yarn A in last st. [25 sts]
Round 32 (3dc in bl, dc2tog in bl) 5 times. [20 sts]
Rounds 33-34 Dc in each st around.
Round 35 Working in sts 2 rows below, spike dc in each st around.
Fasten off.

After stuffing the Body, insert wooden dowel. The dowel should reach the base of the Body and up to the top of the Head. This technique will keep the Head from flopping under the weight of the Hair.
Sew Body to Head.

RIGHT SHOE
Using Yarn D and a 3.5mm hook, ch4, ss to first ch to join into a ring.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into the ring. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each stitch 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, 3dc, 2htr, 2htr in next st, (5tr, 2htr in next st) twice, 3htr, 2dc, 2dc in next stitch, 5dc, 2dc in last stitch. [42 sts]
Round 8 10dc in bl, 21htr in bl, 11dc in bl. [42 sts]
Round 9 Dc in each st around. [42 sts]
Round 10 10dc, 21htr, 11dc.
Round 11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 15dc, (dc2tog) 6 times, 15dc. [36 sts]
Round 13 26dc, ch30, ss in each of first 3 ch made (for strap), 10dc, change to Yarn A in last st, continue to Leg. [36 dc]

FIRST LEG
Round 14 12dc in bl, (dc2tog) 6 times, 12dc. [30 sts]
Round 15 Dc in each st around.
Round 16 9dc, (dc2tog) 6 times, 9dc. [24 sts]
Rounds 17-43 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.

LEFT SHOE
Using Yarn D and a 3.5mm hook, ch4, ss to first ch to join into a ring.
Rounds 1-6 Work as for Rounds 1-6 of Right Shoe. [36 dc]
Round 7 5dc, 2dc in next stitch, 4dc, 1htr, 2htr in next st, (5tr, 2htr in next stitch) twice,

SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO WORK DOUBLE CROCHET IN A SPIRAL



1 Make a foundation ring and work the t-ch (1ch for dc). Now work 12 dc stitches into the ring, but do not join the last stitch and first stitch of this first round with a slip stitch.



2 Instead, work the first dc stitch of the second round into the first stitch of the first round. To do this, insert the hook into the stitch, yrh, pull yarn through, yrh and pull the yarn through both loops.



3 You'll now be working in a spiral. Continue to work more rounds of dc stitches in a spiral, according to your pattern instructions.



4 On the last round, after you've worked the last dc stitch, you'll need to finish off the spiral with a slip stitch for a neat edge: insert the hook into the next stitch, yrh and pull through both loops.

4htr, 1dc, 2dc in next st, 5dc, 2dc in last stitch. [42 sts]
Round 8 11dc in bl, 21htr in bl, 10dc in bl.
Round 9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 11dc, 21htr, 10dc.
Round 11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 15dc, (dc2tog) 6 times, 15dc. [36 sts]
Round 13 10dc, ch30, ss in each of first 3 ch made (for strap), 26dc, change to Yarn A in last st, continue to Leg. [36 dc]

SECOND LEG

Round 14 12dc in bl, (dc2tog) 6 times, 12dc. [30 sts]
Round 15 Dc in each st around. [30 dc]
Round 16 9dc, (dc2tog) 6 times, 9dc. [24 sts]
Rounds 17-43 Dc in each st around. [24 dc]
Fasten off.
Layer a yellow button on top of an orange and sew to outside of each shoe, bring strap over button. Sew Legs to bottom of Body.

LEFT HAND AND ARM
Using Yarn A and a 3.5mm hook, ch4, ss to first ch to join into a ring.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 10dc into the ring. [10 sts]
Round 2 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [15 sts]
Round 3 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [20 sts]
Rounds 4-5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 9dc, bobble in next st (for thumb), 10dc.
Round 7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 (2 dc, dc2tog) 5 times. [15 sts]
Rounds 9-15 Dc in each st around, change to Yarn E in last st of Round 15.
Rounds 16-34 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.

RIGHT HAND AND ARM
Using Yarn A and 3.5mm hook, ch4, ss to first ch to join into a ring.
Rounds 1-5 Work as Rounds 1-5 of Left Hand. [20 sts]
Round 6 19dc, bobble in last stitch (for thumb). [20 sts]
Rounds 7-34 Work as Rounds 7-34 of Left Hand.
Fasten off.
Sew Arms to top of Body.

DRESS
Using Yarn E and a 3.25mm hook, ch75.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in first ch to make a loop taking care not to twist the chain, dc in each rem ch around. [75 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each st around, change to Yarn F in last st.
Rounds 3-9 Tr in each st around.
Round 10 (13tr, tr2tog) 5 times. [70 sts]
Round 11 6tr, tr2tog, (12tr, tr2tog) 4 times, 6tr. [65 sts]
Rounds 12-16 13dc, 13htr, 13tr, 13htr, 13dc, change to Yarn D in last st of Round 16.
Round 17 26dc, 3htr, 7tr, 3htr, 26dc.
Round 18 (5dc, dc2tog) twice, 12dc, 3htr, 3tr, 3tr in next st, 3tr, 3htr, 11dc, dc2tog, 5dc, dc2tog, 6dc. [63 sts]
Round 19 4dc, *ch27 (for strap), dc in 8th ch from hook (for buttonhole), dc across ch**, 54dc; repeat from * to ** once more, 5dc. [103 dc]
Fasten off.
Sew yellow buttons onto Round 18 between dc and htr.

HEADBAND
Using Yarn E and a 3.25mm hook, ch71.
Round 1 (RS) Starting in second ch from hook, 14dc, 14htr, 14tr, 14htr, 14dc, ch6 (for buttonhole), working along opposite side of starting ch, 14dc, 14htr, 14tr, 14htr, 14dc. [140 sts]
Fasten off.
Sew fuchsia button on the end of Headband opposite the buttonhole.

BOW
Using Yarn F and a 3.25mm hook, ch16.
Row 1 (RS) Tr in third ch from hook (skipped ch count as first st), 2tr, 2htr, 3dc, 2htr, 4tr, turn. [15 sts]
Rows 2-5 Ch2 (counts as first st), 3tr, 2htr, 3dc, 2htr, 4tr.
Fasten off.
Using a length of Yarn F, pinch centre of Bow and tie around pinched section to hold shape. Use ends to sew Bow to Headband near the buttonhole taking care not to cover the buttonhole.



Sew the buttons on very securely if the doll will be played with by a baby or toddler



Pinch the bow in the middle, then sew it to the headband and add a button to the end

A touch of magic

Bring sunshine and flowers into your home with this sweet fairy by Liz Ward





YOU WILL NEED

- Drops Safran Cotton (100% cotton, 50g/160m)
  1 ball of each:
  Yellow (10)
  White (17)
  Off White (18)
  Lime (31)
- Drops Eskimo Super Chunky (100% wool, 50g/50m)
  1 ball of Powder Pink (51)
- Pink embroidery thread
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Two small flower buttons
- 2 x 12mm safety eyes (brown)

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project but may affect size and yarn quantities

MEASUREMENTS

15x8cm (6x3in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Liz Ward celebrates all things sweet and pretty with this cute character. With a flutter of wings and a dainty dance on tiptoe, this fairy has twirled her way into our hearts – we think she's just adorable. Add gorgeous details to bring her to life, like a floral hairband for her pink ponytail, big brown eyes and a stripy dress with a frilly trim. You'll love every stitch!

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.

SWEET FAIRY

HEAD AND BODY

Using Off White, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout patt), 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st to end. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in first st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. (18 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in first 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 Dc in first 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in first 9 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [33 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in first 10 sts, 2dc in next st) times. [36 sts]
Round 8 (Dc in first 11 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [39 sts]
Round 9 (Dc in first 12 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [42 sts]
Round 10 (Dc in first 13 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [45 sts]
Round 11 (Dc in first 14 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [48 sts]
Round 12 (Dc in first 15 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [51 sts]
Round 13 (Dc in first 16 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [54 sts]
Mark the next round with a stitch marker.
Rounds 14-15 Dc in each st to end.
Round 16 (Dc2tog, dc in next 7 sts) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 17 (Dc2tog, dc in next 6 sts) 6 times. [42 sts]
Insert the safety eyes on the marked round, 12 sts apart.
Round 18 (Dc2tog, dc in next 5 sts) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 19 (Dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 20 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 21 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) 6 times. [18 sts]
Stuff to this point.
Round 22 (Dc2tog) 9 times. [9 sts]



Super chunky yarn is perfect for the fairy's stylish pink hair, which is tied in a ponytail



Sew flower buttons onto the shoes for a touch of floral embellishment

Round 23 (Dc in first 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [12 sts]
Round 24 (Dc in first 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [15 sts]
Change to Yellow.
Round 25 (Dc in first 4 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [18 sts]
Round 26 (Dc in first 5 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [21 sts]
Round 27 (Dc in first 6 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [24 sts]
Round 28 Dc in each st to end.
Round 29 Dc bl in each st to end.
Rounds 30-36 Dc in each st to end.
Fasten off.
Rejoin White to the loops created on Round 29.
Round 1 (Dc in first 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in first 4 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 sts]
Change to Yellow.

Rounds 3-8 Dc in each st to end, changing to White after Round 4, back to Yellow after Round 6 and back to White after Round 8.

FRILL
Round 9 Working in bl throughout (ch2, dc bl in next st) repeat to end.
Stuff Body and sew the bottom seams together to form a flat seam.

LEG (MAKE 2)
Using Lime, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in first st, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [9 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in first 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [12 sts]
Rounds 4-5 Dc in each st to end. [12 sts]
Change to Off White yarn.
Rounds 6-21 As Round 4.
Fasten off and stuff.
Sew to Body along bottom seam.

ARM (MAKE 2)
Using Off White, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in first st, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [9 sts]
Rounds 3-16 Dc in each st to end. (9 sts]
Fasten off and stuff.
Sew in place at shoulders.

WING (MAKE 2)
Using White, ch4.
Round 1 (RS) Ss in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next st, 3htr in last st, turn and work along other side of foundation ch, dc in next st, ss in last st.
Fasten off.
Sew Wings onto back of fairy.



Give your fairy wings! This delicate pair is the finishing touch

FLOWER
Using White, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 5dc into loop. [5 sts]
Round 2 (3tr, ss) in each st around.
Fasten off.

LEAF
Work as for Wing using Lime.
Sew Leaf to Flower.

TO MAKE UP
Sew a few lines of Off White in between the eyes to form a nose. Use pink thread to sew a 'V' for the mouth.
Cut lots of lengths of the chunky yarn, 35cm long. Lay over the Head and sew a line down the centre of the Head with pink thread, catching the strands of hair as you go. Sweep hair into a side ponytail and tie to secure. Sew Flower to the ponytail. Sew flower buttons onto shoes to finish.

SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO CHANGE COLOUR IN ROWS



1 Start working the last stitch of the last row of the old colour, but stop before you work the final yrh of the stitch. Cut off the old yarn, leaving a tail about 7cm long.



2 Now loop your new yarn colour around the hook, leaving a long tail of yarn (about 7cm long).



3 Pull the new yarn loop through the remaining two loops to finish off the stitch. Pull the old and new yarn ends to tighten the loop on the hook.



4 Now you can work the turning chain of the new row in the new colour (for example, 3ch for treble, or 2ch for half treble). Then work the stitches of the new row in the new yarn colour.



ENDLESSLY INVENTIVE crochet



With her *Crochet Doll Emporium* Kerry Lord has made it possible for us to crochet all our favourite people! We had a chat with Kerry to find out how it all began





From far left: Kerry Lord with one of her dolls; each doll is made from the same basic pattern

From animals to monsters to dolls, it's been a whirlwind ride for Kerry Lord of TOFT. In 2017, she published *Edward's Crochet Doll Emporium* to offer a countless number of mix-and-match doll designs. We meet up to find out more about how the dolls came to be.

"We had the merman doll and my doll – the mini-me – on display in the TOFT shop, and customers couldn't help picking them up and playing with them – I'd overhear them planning all the characters they could make," Kerry exclaims.

The response to the inclusion of dolls in Edward's library has been positive, even if, as Kerry mentions, "there will always be people who only want me to make animals, forever."

Like all of Kerry's characters, the dolls are formed from a basic pattern, with extra details creating personality and individuality, which are the winning ingredients of the Edward's brand.

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

It all began in 2012, when Kerry's son Edward was just a baby. "The first book, *Edward's Menagerie*, was never part of any grand plan," Kerry says. "I didn't expect that at all. I made that first elephant just for Edward and it spiralled from there. It's been really exciting!"

The company has now expanded a lot, and Kerry's work life has changed enormously over the years. "I crochet constantly – every single day," she says. "There are now hundreds of Edward's Menagerie patterns. It just keeps going!"

As well as the books on the menagerie, there's also a subscription club, available via a dedicated Edward's website (find it at www.edwardscrochet.com). New patterns are released at regular intervals, and subscribers can choose subscriptions for different themes. "On average I design a new pattern every couple of weeks, sometimes every single week," Kerry says. "Crochet is a daily part of my job now."

The subscription service feeds into the addictive nature of the patterns. "There's such an appetite for new patterns! I think it's partly because they're easy and quick, and you get such a great reaction to them when you give them as gifts."

Every single element of the designs are crocheted, so no extra fiddly bits, such as plastic eyes, are added on, which keeps them as child-friendly (for three years old and up) and as safe as possible.

> "They couldn't help picking them up and playing with them"

In addition, each design is fully tested to make sure it's suitable for children, Kerry says, "but the trouble is I can't sew every one up. I always tell people that they're only as safe as you make them. You need to sew them securely."

A trend she's noticed, however, is the number of her patterns that aren't being made for children at all. ""When Edward started school, I made him a doll of himself in school uniform to mark the occasion. But people are also using the designs to mark occasions for adults – such as a customised bride and groom as a present," she says.

A NEW CHAPTER

The decision to name the 2017 collection *Edward's Crochet Doll Emporium* was simple, she says. "'Edward's' has become a brand in its own right and I didn't want to say that because he's a boy he can't have dolls. I also have a daughter, Alexandra, but the ideal of allocating the dolls to her just because of her gender turned my stomach. I crashed into that with the *Imaginarium*, when people perceived it as being for boys because it was about monsters. That didn't make sense to me at all."

Kerry confesses to not playing with dolls



The mix-and-match aspect of the dolls means each one has its own unique look

"The merman is the one everyone loves"



Each doll is a blank canvas, ready for its owner to add its personality

as a child, but agrees that including removable costumes for her crocheted dolls was crucial, although it did add to some of the challenges.

"I designed 25 heads and 25 costumes, with each needing to work interchangeably. They need to be up for interpretation as whatever their crocheter wants."

This was never truer than with the merman. "He was supposed to be a viking, but then we put him in the mermaid costume and it was like, 'That's the best thing we've ever seen!' The merman is the one everyone loves. He took us all by surprise."

Kerry was soon hearing talk of people planning to crochet their idols – "people are making pop stars and celebrities, and even politicians!" she says.

Right from the beginning, Kerry has encouraged her readers to customise patterns to suit themselves, and this emphasis on modification has never been stronger than in *Doll Emporium*. "A whole section of the book is dedicated to tips for doing this," Kerry says.

As a result, personalised versions of the characters have already started popping up on social media. *Doll Emporium*, she admits, is the book she's always wanted to do. "My style of making has always been about building from a shared form," she explains. "It enables people to go back to a familiar pattern to start each design, which is really comforting."

TRIAL RUN

Her *Imaginarium* book served as a sort of trial run for *Doll Emporium*. "I actually tried out an early doll shape before getting started on the monsters," she says. "*Imaginarium* was a flip book too, and I soon noticed quickly that customers and my team were drawn to making people-shapes."

Making them in crochet was an obvious choice for Kerry. "I love knitting, but when it comes to 3D shapes, crochet is ideal," she says. "You've got decreases and increases, and it's easy to make sure they're symmetrical. To knit the dolls would be far more complicated, and I'm sure part of the reason why the Edward's range is so popular is because they're suitable for beginners. We wanted them to attract people who are new to crochet, or haven't even tried it before."

The dolls were completed in good time, ready for show season. "We started at the The Knitting & Stitching Show at London's Ally Pally, showcasing them all, then headed to the other big shows – The Knitting & Stitching Shows in Harrogate and Dublin, and The Stitching, Sewing & Hobbycrafts show at the NEC."

Fortunately, thanks to the previous books, Kerry's accustomed to hauling precious luggage along with her. "You get used to being reasonably protective," she laughs. "I came back from Australia with 128 animals in a suitcase. It's my most valuable luggage, because of all the time – around 1,000 hours of work – and the TOFT yarns used to make them. You couldn't replicate them quickly – it would take around six months of work to replace them."

Customs must have been intrigued… "Oh yes, definitely! They searched through my bags. They must have been fairly confused."

Fitting all this in around other duties at TOFT isn't easy. "It's quite a juggle," she says. "Luckily, I've built up a really strong team of around 20 people over the past few years, so I don't have to do it all myself and I don't go to all the shows."

Parenting is the hardest act to balance with the business. "I work full-time so I pay



Clockwise from top: removable clothing is a crucial part of the Edward's experience; toy eyes give the dolls a sweet look; Kerry's inspiration board





"Eight people worked with me on the dolls"

someone to look after my children in the daytime," she says. "We live at TOFT, which is a change I made about a year ago to enable me to work full-time flexibly. Alpacas are there, in the background, but that's always run as a separate business."

CREATING CHARACTERS

Happily, Kerry hasn't been alone in crocheting the many dolls and their variations. "I work with a team of makers," she says. "I do all the unique shaping, then the team help me get through the rest of it. We had to make about 120 arms! You bash through it over and over again, which is an art in itself."

Doll Emporium took more making than any other Edward's book because of all the clothes required. "I hadn't added it all up before we started," says Kerry. "That was probably a good thing. Eight people worked with me on the dolls, and the hardest part was controlling the tension of the crochet so that it matched mine throughout. That's difficult to do, especially under pressure. Each doll had to be made in all the different skin tones and so on."

The most fun has been last-minute characters that came about spontaneously out of the figures and outfits. "It was amazing when we started combining outfits and figures for the photographs," says Kerry. "It's different to a straightforward pattern book. You swap certain heads and beards and outfits, and you have someone new!"

AND THERE'S MORE

Since the success of *Edward's Crochet Doll Emporium*, Kerry has gone on to publish two more books – *Edward's Menagerie: Dogs*, an adorable collection of fifty patterns, as well as an exciting follow-up for *Edward's Menagerie* with *The New Collection* that includes even more animals for crocheters to create, and include bonus patterns for TOFT customers who order directly from the website at www.toftuk.com.

There's certainly plenty to keep crocheters busy, and we can't wait to see what Kerry does next!

Written by Judy Darley

Find out more about the Edward range at www.edwardscrochet.com



PUDDLES OF FUN

Bring plenty of sunshine to all the rainy days with this cute doll who loves nothing more than jumping in puddles. By Kerry Lord



YOU WILL NEED

- TOFT DK (100% wool, 25g/60m)
  1 ball of each:
  Oatmeal
  Yellow
  Black
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Polyester toy filling
- Stitch marker

For yarn stockists contact LoveCrafts 01409 404010 www.lovecrafts.com

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project but may affect size and yarn quantities

MEASUREMENTS

Doll measures 22cm (8½in) tall, and all clothes and accessories are sized to fit the Doll

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

This little lady's all prepared for a rainy day, as she loves nothing more than the promise of sploshes. With a bright-yellow mackintosh and chunky wellies too, there's no puddle too big!

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. Please note that the Coat is intended to be put onto the Doll from the bottom up, rather than over the Head.

DOLL

BODY/HEAD

Starting at base of Body.
Using Oatmeal, ch6.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next 3 ch, 2dc in last ch, rotate and work along opposite side of ch, dc in next 4 ch, 2dc in next ch. [12 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [24 sts]
Rounds 3-11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 (Dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog) 4 times. [20 sts]
Round 13 Dc in each st around.
Round 14 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [24 sts]
Rounds 15-18 Dc in each st around.
Round 19 (Dc2tog) 4 times, dc in next 3 sts, (dc2tog) 4 times, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog. [15 sts]
Stuff with toy filling and continue.
Round 20 (Dc2tog) 7 times, dc in next st. [8 sts]
Round 21 Dc in each st around.
Round 22 Dc in next 2 sts, 3dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts. [10 sts]
Round 23 2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, (2dc in next st) 3 times, dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next st. [15 sts]
Round 24 2dc in each st around. [30 sts]
Rounds 25-26 Dc in each st around.
Round 27 Dc in next 10 sts, (dc2tog) twice, dc in next 2 sts, (dc2tog) twice, dc in next 10 sts. [26 sts]
Rounds 28-31 Dc in each st around.
Round 32 (Dc2tog) 13 times. [13 sts]
Round 33 (Dc2tog) 6 times, dc in next st. [7 sts]
Stuff Head with toy filling, gather remaining sts. **Fasten off**.

FOOT/LEG (MAKE 2)

Using Oatmeal, ch9.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next 6 ch, 2dc in last ch, rotate and work along opposite side of ch, dc in next 7 ch, 2dc in next ch. [18 sts]
Rounds 2-3 Dc in each st around.



Create a magic loop and hook 15 rounds of dc to give your doll a hood for her mac!

Round 4 (Dc2tog) 3 times, dc in next 6 sts, (dc2tog) 3 times. [12 sts]
Round 5 (Dc2tog) twice, dc in next 4 sts, (dc2tog) twice. [8 sts]
Rounds 6-8 Dc in each st around.
Stuff Foot with toy filling and continue.
Round 9 2dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts. [9 sts]
Round 10-12 Dc in each st around.
Round 13 2dc in next st, dc in next 8 sts. [10 sts]
Rounds 14-15 Dc in each st around.

Fold top of Leg flat with Foot facing forwards and oversew before sewing in place on bottom of Body.

HAND/ARM (MAKE 2)

Using Oatmeal, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, (does not count as st throughout patt), 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [9 sts]
Rounds 3-6 Dc in each st around.
Round 7 (Dc in next st, dc2tog) 3 times. [6 sts]
Stuff Hand with toy filling and continue.
Rounds 8-12 Dc in each st around.
Round 13 2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts. [7 sts]
Rounds 14-15 Dc in each st around.
Round 16 2dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts. [8 sts]
Rounds 17-21 Dc in each st around.
Fold top of Arm flat and oversew before sewing in place on 'shoulders'.

HAIR

Using Black, add hair by knotting yarn around a stitch as follows: fold yarn in half

to create a loop, insert hook into fabric, pull loop through and pull ends through loops. Trim to desired length and shape.

NOSE
Using Oatmeal, sew a nose in position with three horizontal wraps of yarn around two sts.

EYES
Embroider using straight stitches in Black.

BOOTS (MAKE 2)
Using Black, ch9.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in next st, rotate and work along opposite side of ch, dc in next 7 sts, 2dc in next st. [18 sts]
Round 2 2dc in next st, dc in next 15 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next st. [20 sts]
Rounds 3-5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 (Dc2tog) 3 times, dc in next 8 sts, (dc2tog) 3 times. [14 sts]
Round 7 Dc2tog, dc in next 10 sts, dc2tog. [12 sts]
Rounds 8-10 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.

MACKINTOSH
Using Yellow, ch18, ss into first ch to join into a ring.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in each ch around. [18 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [36 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 4 Skip next 10 sts for first armhole, dc in next 11 sts, skip next 10 sts for second armhole, dc in next 11 sts. [22 sts]
Rounds 5-25 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.

SLEEVE (MAKE 2)
Rejoin Yellow to armhole with a ss.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, dc in same st at base of ch-1, dc in each st around. [10 sts]
Rounds 2-10 Dc in each st around.
Change to Black.
Rounds 11-13 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.

HOOD
Using Yellow, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 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 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]
Round 6 (Dc in each of next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in each of next 5 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 sts]
Rounds 8-12 Dc in each st around.
Round 13 (Dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [48 sts]
Rounds 14-15 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off and sew to back neck of Mackintosh.



Stitch on some simple detail for the toggles, using a scrap of black yarn

TO FINISH
Add the stitched detail to the front of Mackintosh with Black using the image as a guide.





Little April

Crochet this cute companion to brighten up your day! By Khuc Cay



YOU WILL NEED

- Scheepjes Catona (100% cotton, 50g/125m), 1 ball of each:
  Yarn A Bridal White (105)
  Yarn B Lemon (280)
  Yarn C Lemon Chiffon (100)
  Yarn D Green Yellow (245)
  Small amounts of each:
  Kiwi (205), Powder Pink (238) & Baby Blue (509) for Flowers
- Scheepjes Softfun (60% cotton, 40% acrylic, 50g/140m) 1 ball of Brown (2623) for Hair
- Scheepjes Maxi Sweet Treat (100% cotton, 25g/140m) 1 ball of Black Coffee (162) for eyelashes and eyebrows
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook for Hair
- Stitch markers
- 2 safety eyes, 8mm
- 2 small beads or buttons
- Lacy ribbon, 2cm wide
- Thread to match ribbon
- Toy stuffing
- Cosmetic blusher and brush, for cheeks

For yarn stockists contact Scheepjes www.scheepjes.com

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project but may affect size and yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Approximately 22cm (8½in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130



This project is taken from *Sweet Crochet Friends* by Khuc Cay (Tuva Publishing, £14.99). The book is packed with 16 toy designs, each with its own personality and accessories. Find out more about the book at www.tuvapublishing.com. You can also see more great patterns from the designer at her website www.khuccay.com

Little April is full of happiness and loves to wear a bow in her flowing locks. Crochet her to bring sunshine into your life, and choose your fave colours for her dress too.

NOTES

The pattern is made 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 st of each round, moving it up as you work.
A 2.5mm hook is used for all pieces except the Hair, where a 3mm hook is used.

HEAD

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 8dc in loop. [8 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [16 dc]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [24 dc]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [32 dc]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [40 dc]
Round 6 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [48 dc]
Rounds 7-10 Dc in each st around.
Round 11 (7dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [54 dc]
Rounds 12-15 Dc in each st around.
Round 16 (8dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [60 dc]
Round 17 (8dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [54 dc]
Round 18 3dc, dc2tog, (7dc, dc2tog) 5 times, 4dc. [48 dc]
Round 19 (6dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 dc]
Round 20 2dc, dc2tog, (5dc, dc2tog) 5 times, 3dc. [36 dc]
Round 21 (4dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 dc]
Insert Safety Eyes between Rounds 14 & 15, about 9 sts apart.
Stuff Head firmly, adding more as you go.
Round 22 Dc in next st, dc2tog, (3dc, dc2tog) 5 times, 2dc. [24 dc]
Round 23 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 dc]
Ss in next st. **Fasten off**, leaving a long tail for sewing.
Using Maxi Sweet Treat Black Coffee, embroider an Eyebrow (2 rounds above Eye), and an Eyelash for each Eye (images 1 & 2).

ARM (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 8dc in loop. [8 dc]
Rounds 2-11 Dc in each st around.
Change to Yarn B, **fasten off** Yarn A.
Round 12 Working in bl; (dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [12 dc]
Rounds 13-15 Dc in each st around.
Round 16 (2dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [9 dc]
Round 17 (Dc in next st, dc2tog) 3 times. [6 dc]
Arms are not stuffed. Flatten the last round and working through both thicknesses, dc in next 3 dc.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

ARM DETAIL

Working in rem fl of Round 11, attach Yarn C to any st, (ch3, ss in next st) 8 times.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

LEGS

FIRST LEG

Rounds 1-2 Using Yarn D, repeat Rounds 1-2 of Head. [16 dc after Round 2]
Round 3 Dc in next st, 2dc in next st, 4dc, 2dc in next 4 sts, 4dc, 2dc in next st, dc in last st. [22 dc]
Rounds 4-6 Dc in each st around. [22 dc]
Change to Yarn C. Leave Yarn D hanging on the outside.
Round 7 Working in bl, 7dc, (dc2tog) 4 times, 7dc. [18 dc]
Round 8 Dc in each st around.
Round 9 5dc, (dc2tog) 4 times, 5dc. [14 dc]
Rounds 10-12 Dc in each st around.
Change to Yarn A. Leave Yarn C hanging on the outside.
Start stuffing Leg, adding more as you go.
Round 13 Working in bl, (5dc, dc2tog) 2 times. [12 dc]
Put yarn aside (place a stitch marker in the live loop) to work the Sock Frill and Shoe Detail and Strap below, before picking up again at Round 14.

SOCK FRILL

Working in fl of Round 12, insert hook in first st and pick up Yarn C, (ch2, ss in next st) 14 times.
Fasten off and weave in end.

SHOE DETAIL & STRAP

Working in fl of Round 6, insert hook in first st and pick up Yarn D, ch1, 7dc, (dc2tog) 4 times, 7dc, ss to first dc, ch15.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
Wrap the ch-15 Strap around the Leg, and using the tail, sew to the last st of Round 6.

Rounds 14-26 Dc in each st around. [12 dc]
At the end of Round 26, change to Yarn C. Fasten off Yarn A.
Round 27 Dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 28 Dc in next 11 sts, leaving rem st unworked. [11 dc]
Fasten off.

SECOND LEG

Rounds 1-27 Repeat Rounds 1-27 of First Leg. [12 dc after Round 27]
Round 28 7dc, leaving rem sts unworked.
Do not fasten off.

BODY

Join Legs in the following round:
Round 1 (RS) Working on Second Leg, ch4; working on First Leg, dc in last st made,

dc in next 11 sts; working in ch-4, dc in next 4 ch; working on Second Leg, dc in next 12 sts; working in unused loops on other side of ch-4, dc in next 4 ch. [32 dc]
Round 2 (12dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc, 2dc in next st) 2 times. [36 dc]
Rounds 3-8 Dc in each st around.
Round 9 (4dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 dc]
Start stuffing Body, adding more as you go.
Rounds 10-15 Dc in each st around.
Round 16 Working in bl, (3dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 17 Working in bl, dc in each st around.
Round 18 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 dc]
Ss in next st. **Fasten off**, leaving a long tail for sewing.

DRESS
Round 1 (RS) With Legs facing upwards, working in fl of Round 15 of Body, attach Yarn B to the last st worked, ch1, dc in each st around. [30 dc]
Rounds 2-6 Dc in each st around.
Round 7 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 dc]
Rounds 8-9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 dc]
Rounds 11-13 Dc in each st around.
Round 14 (6dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [48 dc]
Rounds 15-19 Dc in each st around.
Round 20 (7dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [54 dc]
Rounds 21-22 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.

COLLAR
Row 1 (RS) With Legs facing upwards, working in fl of Round 16 of Body, attach Yarn D to the st at centre front of Body, ch1, 2dc, 2dc in next st, (3dc, 2dc in next st) 5 times, dc in next st, turn. [30 dc]
Row 2 Ch1, dc in first st, htr in next st, tr in next 26 sts, htr in next st, dc in next st, change to Yarn C, turn. [30 sts]
Fasten off Yarn D.
Row 3 (Ch4, ss in next st) 30 times to make Ruffle.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

HAIR
Using Scheepjes Softfun Brown and a 3mm hook, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc in loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 Working in bl, (dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]

FIRST LAYER
Working in bl of Round 3, *(ss in next st, ch35, starting in second ch from hook, dc in each ch across, ss in next st) 5 times, (ss in next st, ch10, starting in second ch from hook, dc in each ch across, ss in next st) 4 times.* [5 long strands & 4 shorter strands]



It's the pretty details that makes Little April so adorable!

SECOND LAYER
Working in rem fl of Round 3, repeat from * to * of First Layer.

THIRD LAYER
Working in rem fl of Round 2, (ss in next st, ch35, starting in second ch from hook, dc in each ch across, ss in next st) 6 times. [6 long strands]
Fasten off, leaving a very long tail for sewing (image 15).

BOW
Using Lacy Ribbon, sew ends of Ribbon together to create a ring. Flatten the ring (with seam in center) and stitch.
Wind the thread tightly around the Ribbon, to create a Bow, and secure. Wrap a small length of Powder Pink around the center of the Bow (covering the thread). Secure and leave a long tail for sewing.

FLOWER
Make 3; one in each of Kiwi, Powder Pink and Baby Blue.
Make a magic loop, ch1, 5dc in ring, ss to first dc. [5 dc]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.



Crochet Little April's frilly socks and cute strappy shoes in harmonious shades

TO MAKE UP
Position the Arms on either side of the Body, at about Round 3 of Dress. Using long tails, sew them in place, working through the Dress into the Body, to secure them.
Sew the beads/buttons on front of Dress.
Position and sew the Flowers on one side of Dress.
Sew Head to Body.
Place Hair on Head, using pins to keep it in place. Using the long tail, sew the strands in place.
Sew on Head.
Using a small makeup brush, apply blusher to the cheeks.

tutu pretty!

Reignite that childhood passion for beautiful ballet with our crochet ballerina! By Liz Ward



PRETTY BALLERINA



YOU WILL NEED

- 50g Rico Essentials Cotton DK (100% cotton, 50g/130m), 1 ball of each:
  Red Brown (79)
  Nature (51)
  Rose (01)
  Berry (15)
  Lemon (62)
  Pistachio (86)
  White (80)
  Small amounts of pinks, lilac and green for Flowers
- Black embroidery thread
- Pink embroidery thread
- A 3.5mm hook
- Toy safety eyes, 12mm
- Toy stuffing
- Stitch marker
- Pink ribbon
- Pink net
- Strong thread
- Fabric glue

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project but may affect size and yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

30x15cm (12x6in)

ABBREVIATIONS

Bobble st *Work a tr into the st indicated, up until the last (yrh, draw loop through) to leave the last loop of the st on the hook. Rep from * 3 more times in same st, yrh and draw through all loops on hook

For a full list, see page 130

With grace and beauty floating across the stage to a full-orchestral accompaniment and curtsying to rapturous applause, it's no surprise that little (and big) girls everywhere dream of being ballerinas. This gorgeous creation sums up all we love about them – full tulle skirts, ribbon-styled hairdos and a bounty of bouquets. What's not to like?

NOTES

The pattern is made 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 st of each round, moving it up as you work.

HEAD AND BODY

Head and Body are worked together in one piece.
Using Red Brown, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 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]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (9dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [33 sts]
Round 7 (10dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [36 sts]
Round 8 (11dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [39 sts]
Round 9 (12dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [42 sts]
Round 10 (13dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [45 sts]
Change to Nature.
Round 11 (14dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [48 sts]
Round 12 (15dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [51 sts]
Round 13 (16dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [54 sts]
Place two stitch markers on the next round 12 sts apart to mark where you will put the toy eyes.
Rounds 14-15 Dc in each st around. [54 sts]
Round 16 (Dc2tog, 7dc) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 17 (Dc2tog, 6dc) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 18 (Dc2tog, 5dc) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 19 (Dc2tog, 4dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 20 (Dc2tog) repeat around. [15 sts]
Put the working loop onto a stitch holder and attach the toy eyes to the Head in the places you marked on Round 14.
Stuff the Head with toy stuffing.
Put the working loop back on the hook and continue.
Round 21 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [18 sts]
Round 22 Dc in each st around.
Change to Rose at the end of this round.
Round 23 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [21 sts]
Round 24 Dc in each st around.
Round 25 (6dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [24 sts]
Round 26 Dc in each st around.
Round 27 (7dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [27 sts]
Round 28 Dc in each st around.
Round 29 (8dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [30 sts]
Round 30 Dc in each st around.
Round 31 (9dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [33 sts]
Round 32 Dc in each st around.
Round 33 (10dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [36 sts]
Round 34 Dc in each st around.
Round 35 (Dc2tog, 10dc) 3 times. [33 sts]
Round 36 (Dc2tog, 9dc) 3 times. [30 sts]
Round 37 (Dc2tog, 3dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Rounds 38-40 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off. Stuff the Body but leave the gap at the bottom of the Body open.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using Nature, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 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]
Rounds 4-5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 Bobble st in first st, dc in each st to end.
Round 7 (Dc2tog, 4dc) 3 times. [15 sts]
Round 8 (Dc2tog, 3dc) 3 times. [12 sts]
Rounds 9-13 Dc in each st around.
Round 14 Dc2tog, dc in each st around. [11 sts]
Rounds 15-19 Repeat Rounds 8-13. [10 sts]
Rounds 20-26 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Stuff firmly. Sew in place on either side of the Body. Weave the yarn through the last 10 sts to close.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

using Nature make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [9 sts]
Rounds 3-5 2dc in first st, dc in each st around. [12 sts after Round 5]
Rounds 6-31 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Stuff firmly. Place the Legs inside the Body slightly and sew in place.

HAIR BUN

Using Red Brown, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 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 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (9dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [33 sts]
Round 7 (10dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [36 sts]
Rounds 8-9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 (Dc2tog, 4dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 11 (Dc2tog, 3dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 12 (Dc2tog, 2dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 13 (Dc2tog, dc in next st) 6 times. [12 sts]
Stuff to this point.
Round 14 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off and sew closed the gap at the base.
Take a long length of yarn and thread through the base to the top, then around the Bun, repeat until all the Bun is covered to create the hair.
Repeat this process with the Head of the doll so that face is framed with hair.
Stitch the Bun on top of the Head and finish with a pink ribbon.

CREATE THE FACE
Use black embroidery thread and work three short line stitches out from the outside corner of each eye to form the lashes.
Use Nature to work a few short stitches between the eyes to create the nose.
Use pink embroidery thread to work a V stitch under the nose to form the mouth.

SKIRT
Take 50cm of net 15-20cm wide and gather along the top edge with strong thread.
Place around the ballerina and tie in place. Cover the gather with a pink ribbon. Glue or sew in place to secure.

SHOES
Make 1 pair in Rose and 1 in Berry.
Make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Rounds 3-4 2dc in first st, dc in each st around. [14 sts after Round 4]
Round 5 Dc in each st around.
Now work back and forth in rows to create the next part of the shoe.
Row 1 (RS) 10dc, turn leaving rem sts unworked. [10 sts]
Rows 2-6 Ch1 (does not count as st), 10dc, turn.
Row 7 Dc2tog, 6dc, dc2tog. [8 sts]
Fasten off.
Fold the last row in half and sew together to create the shoe. Attach pink ribbon to each side. Place on the doll and wrap the ribbon around the legs in a criss-cross pattern. Glue or sew in place to secure.

FLOWERS
Make lots of flowers in different shades of pinks, lilac, green and Lemon.
Make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (Ss, 2tr) in each st around. [6 petals]
Fasten off pulling yarn tight to create Flower.

LEAF
Make 3 for each Bouquet in Pistachio.
Row 1 (RS) Ch3, (4tr, 2dtr) in the last ch from hook.
Fasten off, pulling the yarn tight to create the Leaf.

BOUQUET
Using White, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 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 (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]
Fasten off. Roll up the fabric like an ice cream cone and sew together to keep the shape. Stuff lightly, then sew the Leaves and Flowers in place, using the image on page 73 s a guide to help you with the positioning.



A pretty ribbon adds a cute embellishment to this gorgeous doll

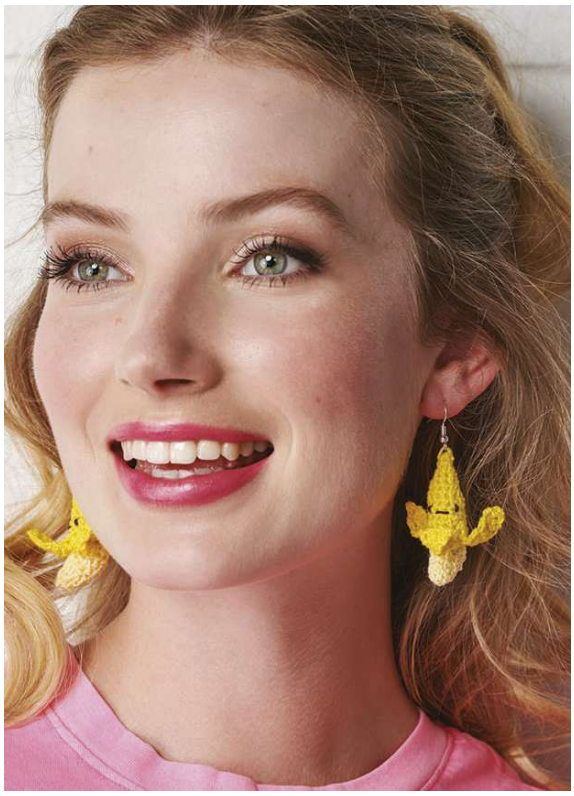




21 projects ideal to give as a gift

JUST FOR FUN

Hook up cute and quirky patterns to accessorise your home, your stationery and your outfit





Sunny side up!

Welcome the outdoors in with this sweet sunflower – a little plant with pots of personality! By Lucy Pollock





YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft Special DK, (100% acrylic, 100g/295m)
  1 ball of each:
  Green (1116)
  Citron (1263)
  Mocha (1064)
  Aster (1003)
- 4mm (US G/6) hook
- Embroidery needle
- Stitch marker
- Toy stuffing
- Safety eyes, 6mm

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project but may affect size and yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 25cm (10in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Brighten up the day with this Sonny the sunflower. Placed on the windowsill or on your desk at work, Sonny will bring colour and cheer to any space with his vibrant yellow petals and cheeky face! We've made him a pot using blue yarn, but you could choose another colour if you like – or make multiple pots so he can have a different look each day. He'll be the most fashionable plant in town!

SUNFLOWER HEAD

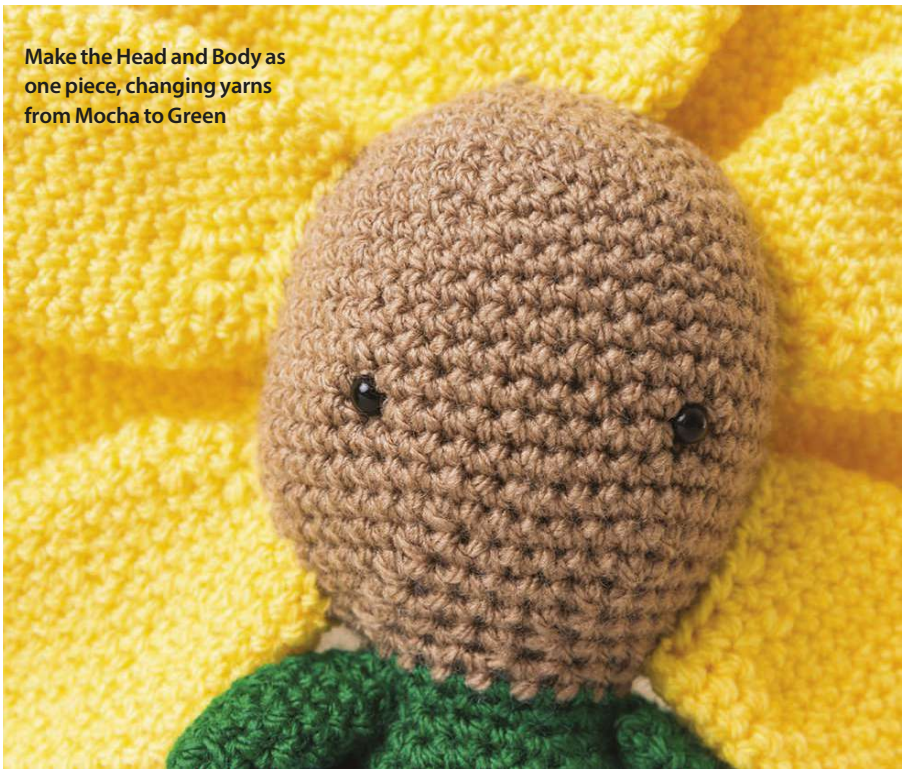
Using Mocha, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout patt), 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 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]
Rounds 9-18 Dc in each st around. [48 sts]
Add safety eyes between Rounds 15 and 16, 11 sts apart.
Round 19 (6dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 20 (5dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 21 (4dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 22 (3dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts] Stuff to this point.
Round 23 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 24 Dc in each st around.
Change to Green.

CONTINUE FOR BODY

Rounds 25-26 Dc in each st around.
Round 27 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 28 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 29 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 sts]
Rounds 30-39 Dc in each st around.
Round 40 (4dc bl, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 41 (3dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Stuff to this point.
Round 42 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 43 (1dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 44 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Round 45 (Dc2tog) 3 times. [3 sts]
Ss in next st and **fasten off**, leaving a long tail. Sew in the last 3 sts and secure.

PETALS (MAKE 9)

Using Citron, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 4dc into loop. [4 sts]
Round 2 (1dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [6 sts]
Round 3 (2dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [8 sts]
Round 4 (3dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [10 sts]
Round 5 (4dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [12 sts]
Round 6 Dc in each st around.
Round 7 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [16 sts]
Round 8 Dc in each st around. [16 sts]
Round 9 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [20 sts]
Round 10 Dc in each st around. [20 sts]



Make the Head and Body as one piece, changing yarns from Mocha to Green

Round 11 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [24 sts]
Rounds 12-21 Dc around. (24 sts]
Round 22 (Dec, 10dc) two times. (22 sts]
Round 23 (9dc, dc2tog) twice. [20 sts]
Round 24 (Dc2tog, 8dc) twice. [18 sts]
Round 25 (7dc, dc2tog) twice. [16 sts]
Ss in next st and **fasten off**, leaving a long tail.

LEAVES/ARMS (MAKE 2)
Using Green, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 4dc into loop. [4 sts]
Round 2 (1dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [6 sts]
Round 3 (2dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [8 sts]
Round 4 (3dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [10 sts]
Rounds 5-7 Dc in each st around. [10 sts]
Round 8 (3dc, dc2tog) twice. [8 sts]
Round 9 (2dc, dc2tog) twice. [6 sts]
Ss in next st and **fasten off**, leaving a long tail.

POT
Using Aster, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 7dc into loop. [7 sts]
Round 2 (2dc in next st) 7 times. [14 sts]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 7 times. [21 sts]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 7 times. [28 sts]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 7 times. [35 sts]
Round 6 (4dc bl, 2dc in next st) 7 times. [42 sts]
Rounds 7-20 Dc in each st around.
Ss in next st and **fasten off**, leaving a long tail.
Fold top part to create rim of the Pot.

TO MAKE UP
Sew the Leaves/Arms to either side of the body, in line with the eyes.



The yellow Petals are attached in two rows for a radiant effect

Add the Petals, by placing the first Petal on the top-middle of the Head. Pin and sew into place, then add two more on either side, leaving even spaces between each Petal. Now add the remaining four Petals, placing them behind the first row of Petals, in between the gaps. Pin and sew onto the Head, making sure you don't expose too much Yellow yarn through the Mocha yarn on the Head. If you sew through one strand of Mocha yarn, it is less noticeable, but make sure to sew through the two strands of yarn on the petal stitches to ensure it is secure. To hide the Yellow yarn end, sew down to the bottom of the plant, going in and out at the bottom to secure it.
Lastly, sew the Pot to the bottom of the plant, or place the Pot over the bottom of the plant if you wish to make Pots of multiple colours.



Create lots of Pots for little Sonny – How about one in every colour of the rainbow?

SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO ADD SAFETY EYES



1 Safety eyes need to be attached when you can still get to the back of the fabric, so it's best to add them before closing up and stuffing.



2 Take the eye piece and carefully insert it into the gap in your fabric. Make sure you're happy with the placement and move it around if you need to.



3 Turn the fabric over to where the stem of the eye piece is protruding and place the washer over the top, making sure that the washer is positioned with its domed side away from the fabric.



4 Press down hard on the washer until it snaps in place over the eye piece.



UNICORN SLIPPERS

The ultimate loungewear accessory for princesses everywhere. By Hannah Cross



YOU WILL NEED

- DROPS Muskat (100% cotton, 50g/100m),
  4 balls of White (18), 1 ball of each:
  Light Blue (02)
  Light Mint (20)
  Lilac (04)
  Peach (10)
  Light Yellow (07)
  Black (17)
- DROPS Glitter (10g/700m), 1 spool of Silver (02)
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- A 1mm (US 10 steel) hook (Eyes only)
- Flip-flop or slipper soles in sizes UK 4-7
- Toy stuffing for Head and Horn
- 2 pieces of white felt the same size as the slipper upper
- Stitch markers

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

TENSION

Not critical as slipper cover will stretch to fit sole

MEASUREMENTS

Slipper cover fits UK foot size 4-7 (25cm (9¾in) length)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

We're well aware that unicorns don't usually have wings, but we're not going to let that spoil our fun. These fantastical slippers are definitely on the wacky side but they're a must-have for the princesses and mermaids of this world. And they're super-cosy too!

NOTES

The ch1 at the beg of a row or round does not count as a st. Slipper Tops are worked in rounds that are joined.
Add Eyes, Ears, Horn and Nose to Unicorn Head before sewing Head to slipper base.
Use a 3.5mm hook throughout unless told otherwise. Apart from Inner Ears and Wings, Unicorn Head parts are worked 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.

SOLES

TOPS (MAKE 2)

Using White, ch21.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and in next 18 ch, 2dc in last ch, rotate to work along opposite side of chain, dc in next 19 ch, ss to first dc to join. [40 sts]
Round 2 Ch1, 2dc in next st, dc in next 18 sts, 2dc in next 2 sts, dc in next 18 sts, 2dc in next st, ss to first dc. [44 sts]
Round 3 Ch1, 2dc in next 2 sts, dc in next 12 sts, htr in next 6 sts, 2tr in next 4 sts, htr in next 6 sts, dc in next 12 sts, 2dc in next 2 sts, ss to first dc. [52 sts]
Round 4 Ch1, 2dc in next 2 sts, dc in next 14 sts, htr in next 6 sts, tr in next 2 sts, 2tr in next 4 sts, tr in next 2 sts, htr in next 6 sts, dc in next 14 sts, 2dc in next 2 sts, ss to first dc. [60 sts]
Round 5 Ch1, 2htr in next 2 sts, htr in next 2 sts, dc in next 14 sts, htr in next 6 sts, tr in next 2 sts, 2tr in next 8 sts, tr in next 2 sts, htr in next 6 sts, dc in next 14 sts, htr in next 2 sts, 2htr in next 2 sts, ss to first htr. [72 sts]
Round 6 Ch1, 2htr in next 2 sts, htr in next 4 sts, dc in next 14 sts, htr in next 6 sts, tr in next 6 sts, 2tr in next 8 sts, tr in next 6 sts, htr in next 6 sts, dc in next 14 sts, htr in next 4 sts, 2htr in next 2 sts, ss to first htr. [84 sts]
Round 7 Ch1, 2htr in next 2 sts, htr in next 6 sts, dc in next 14 sts, htr in next 12 sts, tr in next 4 sts, 2tr in next 8 sts, tr in next 4 sts, htr in next 12 sts, dc in next 14 sts, htr in next 6 sts, 2htr in next 2 sts, ss to first htr. [96 sts]
Round 8 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to first dc. [96 sts]
Fasten off.

BOTTOMS (MAKE 2)

Using Light Yellow, ch21.
Work Rounds 1-8 as given for Slipper Top in the following colour order and changing colour on yrh of ss join.
Round 1 Light Yellow
Round 2 Light Yellow
Round 3 Peach
Round 4 Lilac
Round 5 Light Mint
Round 6 Light Blue
Round 7 White
Round 8 White
Fasten off.
Place a Slipper Top and Bottom over the flip-flop soles (with RS outermost) and join using White, working dc in bl of each set of sts around.

SLIPPER UPPER (MAKE 2)

Identify the front 65 sts of the Slipper Sole and place a stitch marker at each end.
With the front of the Slipper Sole facing you, join White to fl of the marked stitch on the right-hand side.
Row 1 (RS) Ch1, dc in fl of each st around, turn. [65 sts]
Rows 2-3 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in each st to last 2 sts, dc2tog, turn. [61 sts at end of Row 3]
Row 4 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next 20 sts, (htr2tog) 3 times, tr in next 5 sts, (htr2tog) 3 times, dc in next 20 sts, dc2tog, turn. [53 sts]
Row 5 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next 16 sts, (htr2tog) 3 times, tr in next 5 sts, (htr2tog) 3 times, dc in next 16 sts, dc2tog, turn. [45 sts]
Row 6 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next 12 sts, (htr2tog) 3 times, tr in next 5 sts, (htr2tog) 3 times, dc in next 12 sts, dc2tog. [37 sts]
Row 7 Ch1 dc2tog, dc in next 8 sts, (htr2tog) 3 times, tr in next 5 sts, (htr2tog) 3 times, dc in next 8 sts, dc2tog, turn. [29 sts]
Row 8 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts, (htr2tog) 3 times, tr in next 5 sts, (htr2tog) 3 times, dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog, turn. [21 sts]
Row 9 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts, (tr2tog) 3 times, dtr in next st, (tr2tog) 3 times, dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog, turn. [13 sts]
Row 10 Ch1, dc2tog, (tr2tog) twice, dtr in next st, (tr2tog) twice, dc2tog. [7 sts]
Cut the white felt to shape and slot into the Slipper to add strength and shape.
With a strand of Light Mint and Glitter held tog, ss around the join of the soles. Repeat this round with Light Blue and Glitter. Ss around the edge of the Upper with Peach and Glitter, continuing the edging around the heel, and working above the edging rounds just worked. Work another edging round in the same fashion below the Light Blue round using Lilac.

UNICORN HEAD (MAKE 2)
Using White, 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, dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) 6 times. [18 sts]
Rounds 7-8 Dc in each st around.
Round 9 (2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 10 (2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 11 (2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 12 (2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 13 Dc in each st around.
Round 14 (Dc2tog, dc in next 5 sts) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 15 Dc in each st around.
Round 16 (Dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 17 Dc in each st around.
Round 18 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 19 Dc in each st around.
Round 20 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 21 Dc in each st around.
Stuff with toy stuffing.
Round 22 (Dc2tog, dc in next st) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 23 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off.

OUTER EAR (MAKE 4)
Using White, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 3dc in second ch from hook. [3 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [6 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in next st) 3 times. [9 sts]
Round 4 (2dc in next, dc in next 2 sts) 3 times. [12 sts]
Rounds 5-7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 (Dc2tog, dc in next st) 4 times. [8 sts]
Fasten off. Flatten and shape.

INNER EAR (MAKE 4)
Using Peach, ch5.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next ch, htr in next 2 ch. [4 sts]
Fasten off. Sew to Outer Ear and shape. Sew 2 Ears to each Head.

EYES (MAKE 4)
For the Eyes, split yarn to only use 3 single strands and a 1mm hook.
Using Light Blue, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around, changing to Lilac on last yrh of last dc. [12 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in next st) 6 times, changing to Lilac on last yrh of last dc. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) 3 times, changing to White on last yrh of last dc, in White (2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) 3 times. [24 sts]
Fasten off.

PUPIL
Using Black, work as given for Rounds 1-2 of Eye. **Fasten off**. Sew Pupil to inner corner of Eye. Using 2 strands of White, add pupil highlights. Sew Eyes onto Head, add eyelashes and nostrils using 2 strands of Black, using image as a guide.

HORNS (MAKE 2)
Using Light Yellow and a strand of Glitter held together, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 3dc in second ch from hook. [3 sts]
Round 2 2dc in bl of each st around. [6 sts]
Rounds 3-4 Dc in bl of each st around.
Round 5 (2dc in bl of next st, dc in bl of next st) 3 times. [9 sts]
Rounds 6-9 Dc in bl of each st around. [9 sts]
Fasten off and sew in place.

WINGS (MAKE 4)
Using Light Yellow and a strand of Glitter held together, ch16.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and in each ch to end. [15 sts]
Row 2 Ch1, dc in next 13 sts, turn leaving rem sts unworked. [13 sts]
Row 3 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.
Row 4 Ch1, dc in next 11 sts, turn leaving rem sts unworked. [11 sts]
Row 5 As Row 3.
Row 6 Ch1, dc in next 8 sts, turn leaving rem sts unworked. [8 sts]
Row 7 Ch1, dc in next st, htr in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, htr in next st, 2htr in last st, rotate to work along short side, 2tr in next st, tr in next 2 sts, htr in next 2 sts. [15 sts]
Fasten off. Pinch end tog and sew in place.

TO FINISH
Add a mane to each Head by tying full strands of yarn in every colour down the back of the Head. Use a fine needle to separate the strands of the yarn.



The soles have cool colour changes, but it's up to you how many shades you go for



To make the eyes, use a 1mm hook and split the yarn to use single strands



YOU WILL NEED

- Scheepjes River Washed (78% cotton, 22% acrylic, 50g/130m), 1 ball of Steenbras (942)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- 8 wooden beads, 1cm diameter (6 for necklace, 2 for bracelet)
- 4 wooden beads, 2cm diameter (2 for necklace, 2 for bracelet)
- A selection of buttons of your choice, 1-2.5cm diameter (approx 32 for necklace, 20 for bracelet)
- Leather cord, 1mm diameter, approx 1.2m (for necklace)
- Clear beading elastic, approx 30cm (for bracelet)
- Toy stuffing
- Stitch marker

For yarn stockists contact Scheepjes
www.scheepjes.com/en

MEASUREMENTS

Bead measures approx 2.5cm (1in)

ABBREVIATIONS

Inv dec Insert hook under fl of next st, then under fl only of next st, yrh, draw hook through first 2 loops on hook, yrh, draw yarn through final 2 loops on hook

For a full list, see page 130



Baublicious

Esme Crick's beautiful beads can be used for jewellery, or even light pulls and decorations!

These snazzy beads are a cinch to hook – simply double crochet all the way with a little bit of increasing here and decreasing there. They only use a small amount of yarn, so you can make them up in no time. Esme has fashioned the beads into a necklace and bracelet, but there are so many ways you can use them, you might find yourself making dozens!

NOTES

Use more or fewer Beads and buttons as required for your design.
Beads are worked in 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.

BEAD (MAKE 7)

Make 3 for the necklace, 4 for the bracelet.
Ch2.
Round 1 7dc in 2nd ch from hook. [7 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [14 sts]
Round 3 Dc in each st around. [14 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 7 times. [21 sts]
Rounds 5-6 Dc in each st around.
Round 7 (Inv dec, dc in next st) 7 times. [14 sts]
Round 8 Dc in each st around.
Fill Bead with toy stuffing.
Round 9 (Inv dec, dc in next st) 7 times. [7 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail, thread tail onto needle and weave through all sts of last round, pull tight to close.

TO MAKE UP

NECKLACE

Arrange Beads and buttons into your desired patterns before threading using the image as a guide, then thread onto the leather cord.
Tie knots at the start and end of each bead-button section to hold in place.

BRACELET

Arrange Beads and buttons into your desired patterns before threading using the image as a guide, then thread them onto the clear beading elastic.
Firmly knot the elastic ends together once you've finished.
Weave in ends and add a dab of strong glue to the knot to hold, if necessary.



Puppy love

This adorable beagle mug hug makes the perfect accessory all year round! By Matt Spiers



YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft Special Aran (100% acrylic, 100g/196m)
  1 ball of each:
  Yarn A Camel (1420)
  Yarn B Parchment (1218)
  Yarn C Dark Brown (1004)
- A 3.5mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Sewing needle and yarn needle
- Three 1cm buttons
- Brown/invisible sewing thread
- A small amount of toy stuffing
- Stitch markers
- Pins (optional)

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

TENSION

12 rows of 12dc to measure 7x7cm (2¾x2¾in)

MEASUREMENTS

7x27cm (2¾x10¼in) – to fit a mug with 26cm (10in) circumference

ABBREVIATIONS

Dc3tog (insert hook into first st, yrh and pull up a loop, insert hook into second st, yrh and pull up a loop, insert hook into third st, yrh and pull up a loop, yrh, and draw through all 4 loops)

For a full list, see page 130

We fell in love with this beagle mug hug at first glance, and loved the process of making it, too. The main panel is worked first of all in double crochet, with three little loops for securing the buttons, and then comes the really fun part – making the puppy's adorable features. Matt has captured this canine character so well, we're sure he'll be loved by all the family!

BEAGLE MUG HUG

MAIN PANEL

Using Yarn A, ch13.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and each ch to end, turn. [12 dc]
Row 2 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc in each st to end, turn.
Place markers on 2nd, 6th and 11th stitch – this is where you will sew the buttons later.
Rows 3-48 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.
Row 49 (RS) Do not ch1, (ss, ch10, ss) into first st, ss in next 5 sts, (ss, ch10, ss) into next st, ss in next 4 sts, (ss, ch10, ss) into final st.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

MUZZLE

Using Yarn B, ch8.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next 5 ch, 3dc in next ch, rotate to work along opposite side of foundation ch, dc in next 5 ch, 2dc in next ch, ss to first dc to join, ss in next dc, do not turn. [16 dc]
Round 2 Ch1, dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next 3 sts, dc in next 2 sts, ss in next st, dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next 3 sts, ss to first dc to join, do not turn. [21 dc]
Round 3 Ch1, dc in next 13 sts, skip ss, dc in next 8 sts, ss to first dc to join, do not turn.
Now work back and forth in rows across the top of the Muzzle:
Row 4 Ch1, dc in next 5 sts, turn. [5 dc]
Row 5 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, turn. [3 dc]
Row 6 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.
Row 7 Ch1, dc3tog, turn. [1 dc]
Rows 8-9 Ch1, 1dc, turn.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

LEFT EAR

Using Yarn A, ch10.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and in each st to end, turn. [9 dc]
Row 2 Ch1, dc in next 3 sts, htr in next 3 sts, tr in next 2 sts, dc in last st.
Fasten off and weave in final tail.

RIGHT EAR

Using Yarn A, ch10.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and in each st across, turn. [9 dc]
Row 2 Ch1, dc in next st, tr in next 2 sts, htr in next 3 sts, dc in last 3 sts.
Fasten off and weave in starting tail.

NOSE

Using Yarn C, ch2.
Row 1 (RS) 2dc in second ch from hook, turn. [2 dc]
Row 2 Ch1, 2dc in next 2 sts. [4 dc]
Fasten off and weave in final tail.

EYES (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn C, ch2.
Row 1 (RS) 4dc in second ch from hook, ss to first dc to join.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

TO MAKE UP

Sew buttons in same place as stitch markers on Row 2 of Main Panel.
Sew Nose to centre of Muzzle using sewing thread, then use a yarn needle to sew the tail of brown thread at bottom of nose down in a line to bottom of muzzle.
Fold the Main Panel in half to find the centre, then starting at the top, stitch the Muzzle to the Main Panel (it may help to pin this down first).
Halfway through sewing the Muzzle, insert a small amount of toy stuffing rolled into a sausage shape, then finish sewing up.
Sew Eyes approx. 1cm down from top and 1cm either side of Muzzle.
Sew Ears approx. 1cm either side of Eyes using tails.



Sew on big puppy dog eyes in a darker yarn for maximum beagle cuteness!



Choose three small buttons to secure your mug hug around the cup and prevent slipping



Sweet treat

Savour the flavour of your favourite ice cream with Liz Ward's tasty coasters!

ICE-CREAM COASTERS



YOU WILL NEED

- Rico Creative Cotton Aran, (100% cotton, 50g/85m)
  1 ball each of:
  Clay (51)
  Rose (00)
  Aquamarine (42)
  Nougat (56)
  Pastel Yellow (04)
  Light Blue (32)
  Brown (58)
- A4mm US G/6) hook
- Cream felt

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project but may affect size and yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

12x9cm (4¾x3½in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Whether you're partial to classic vanilla, raspberry ripple or mint choc-chip, there's an ice cream for you in this delicious collection! Liz has created a clever coaster design, where the scoop of ice cream supports your glass and protects your table – but you could also use these designs in other ways. How about a string of ice cream bunting for your kitchen, or a patch for a child's school bag? There are so many tasty ideas!

NOTES

The Ice Cream is 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.

COASTERS

CONE (MAKE 4)

Using Clay, ch2.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in 2nd ch from hook, turn. [1 st]
Row 2 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout patt), 2dc in st, turn. [2 sts]
Rows 3-12 Ch1, 2dc in first st, dc in each st to end, turn. [12 sts after Row 12]
Fasten off.

ICE CREAM

Make one in each of Rose, Aquamarine, Nougat and Pastel Yellow.
Make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc into each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in first st, 2dc in next st) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in first 2 sts, 2dc in next st); repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 5 Dc in first 3 sts, 2dc in next st); repeat to end. [30 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in first 4 sts, 2dc in next st); repeat to end. [36 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in first 5 sts, 2dc in next st); repeat to end. [42 sts]
Round 8 (Dc in first 6 sts, 2dc in next st); repeat to end. [48 sts]
Round 9 (Skip next 2 sts, 6tr in next st, skip next 2 sts, dc in next st) 3 times, ss in next st, rem sts are unworked.
Fasten off.
Sew Ice cream to Cone, overlapping slightly.

SAUCE

Using Brown, make a magic loop.
Row 1 (RS) Work 3dc into loop, turn. [3 sts]
Row 2 Ch1, 2dc in each st to end, turn. [6 sts]



Use brown yarn to stitch choc chips on your mint coloured ice-cream coaster



Make your ice cream scoops and decorate them before sewing them to the cones

Row 3 Ch1, (dc in first st, 2dc in next st) repeat to end, turn. [9 sts]
Row 4 Ch1, (dc in first 2 sts, 2dc in next st) repeat to end, turn. [12 sts]
Row 5 Ch1, (dc in first 3 sts, 2dc in next st) repeat to end, turn. [15 sts]
Rotate to work along the side of the piece; each row end counts as a st:
Row 6 Ch1, (skip next 2 sts, 6tr in next st, skip next 2 sts, dc in next st) twice, ch5, 2dc in 2nd ch from hook, ss in each st along ch, ss into main piece.
Fasten off.
Sew Sauce onto chocolate Ice Cream.

DECORATION

Using Rose, Aquamarine and Light Blue, sew lines randomly over the top half of the vanilla Ice Cream to look like sprinkles.
Use Brown yarn to sew two short stitches over any crochet stitch on the mint ice cream. Repeat randomly over the surface to create chocolate chips.
Weave in ends.
From cream felt, cut circles slightly smaller than the ice cream scoops. Glue or sew to the back of the Coasters.

Gnome sweet gnome

This adorable gnome by Matt Spiers brings the outdoors in, and will make a cheerful addition to your home!





YOU WILL NEED

- Rico Design Ricorumi DK (100% cotton, 25g/57m)
  1 ball each of:
  Yarn A Ecru (054)
  Yarn B Cream (002)
  Yarn C Red (028)
  Yarn D Denim (034)
  Yarn E Pistachio (047)
  Yarn F Chocolate (057)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Sewing needle and yarn needle
- Black embroidery thread
- 6mm safety eyes
- Toy stuffing
- 12mm yellow button

Optional:

- Cardboard toilet roll tube (and an additional scrap of cardboard)
- Stones or coins to weight the gnome
- Pipe cleaners
- Stitch markers

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project but may affect size and yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Gnome: approx. 20cm (8in) high
Mushroom: approx. 7.5cm (2.5in) high and 8cm (3.25in) wide

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Decorative gnomes aren't just for the garden – now you can enjoy them indoors too, by hooking this sweet amigurumi version! Perched atop a toadstool, there are plenty of things to love about this cheery fellow, from his cute little boots to his bushy white beard. If you can bear to part with him, he'll make a thoughtful gift for a green-fingered friend.

NOTES

Unless otherwise stated, this pattern is 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.

GNOME

HEAD

With Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout patt), 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 dc]
Rounds 6-13 Dc in each st around
Round 14 (3dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 15 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 16 (1dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 dc]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

NOSE

With Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 4dc into loop. [4 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [8 dc]
Round 3 (Dc2tog) around. [4 dc]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

BEARD

Using Yarn B, ch23.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch, (dc in next 2 ch, 2dc in next ch) twice, dc in next 6 ch, (2dc in next ch, dc in next 2 ch) twice, dc in last 2 ch, turn. [26 dc]
Row 2 Ch1, dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 12 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts, turn. [28 dc]
Row 3 Ch1, dc in next 8 sts, htr in next 2 sts, tr in next 8 sts, htr in next 2 sts, dc in next 8 sts. [28 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

HAT

With Yarn C, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Rounds 3-4 Dc in each st around.
Round 5 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Rounds 6-7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 dc]



This cute gnome has a quirky expression achieved with just a few sewn stitches

Rounds 9-10 Dc in each st around.
Round 11 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 dc]
Rounds 12-14 Dc in each st around.
Round 15 Ss in next st, ch1 (4dc fl, 2dc fl in next st) 6 times, ss to first dc. [36 dc]
Round 16 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to first dc.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

BODY

With Yarn D, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18dc]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 dc]
Round 6 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 dc]
Rounds 7-10 Dc in each st around.
Round 11 (4dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 dc]
Change to Yarn E.
Rounds 12-14 Dc in each st around.
Round 15 (3dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 dc]
Rounds 16-17 Dc in each st around.
Round 18 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 19 Dc in each st around.
Round 20 (Dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 dc]
Round 21 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

With Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 (1dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [8 dc]
Round 3 Dc in each st around.
Change to Yarn E.
Rounds 4-10 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Make as for Arms, but change to Yarn D after Round 3.

BOOTS (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn F, ch4.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch, 4dc in last ch, working in other side of ch; dc in next ch, 3dc in next ch, ss to first dc to join, ss in next st. [10 dc]
Round 2 Ch1, dc in same st as join, 2dc in next 4 sts, dc in next st, 2dc in next 4 sts, ss to first dc. [18 dc]
Round 3 Ch1, dc in same st as join, skip next st, htr in next 6 sts, skip next st, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog, ss to first dc. [14 sts]
Round 4 Ch1, dc in same st as join, skip next st, htr in next 4 sts, skip next st, dc in next 7 sts, ss to first dc. [12 sts]
Round 5 Ch1, dc in same st as join, skip next st, htr in next 2 sts, skip next st, dc in next 7 sts, ss to first dc. [10 sts]
Rounds 6-8 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to first dc.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

BELT
Using Yarn F, ch3.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch, turn. [2 dc]
Rows 2-38 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.
Ss together each st of row 38 with unworked loops of starting chains to form a ring.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

TOADSTOOL
CAP
With Yarn C, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12dc]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 dc]
Round 6 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 dc]
Round 7 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 dc]
Round 8 (6dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [48 dc]
Round 9 (7dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [54 dc]
Round 10 (8dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [60 dc]
Rounds 11-12 Dc in each st around.
Round 13 (8dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [54 dc]
Round 14 Working in bl only; (7dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [48 dc]
Round 15 (6dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 dc]
Round 16 (5dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 dc]
Round 17 (4dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [30dc]
Round 18 (3dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 dc]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

BASE
With Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 dc]
Round 6 Dc bl in each st around.
Rounds 7-11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 (3dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 dc]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

LARGE SPOTS (MAKE 3)
With Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop, ss to first dc. [6 dc]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

SMALL SPOTS (MAKE 6)
With Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 4dc into loop, ss to first dc. [4 dc]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

TO MAKE UP
Insert safety eyes in Head approx. 3cm away from each other, and lightly stuff Head.
Pin Beard to Head so each side of Beard is approx. 1cm away from each eye. Using tail of Beard, sew to Head along side of Beard, around inside starting edge and on remaining side. Weave in ends.
Sew Nose between and slightly below eyes using tail. Using sewing needle and embroidery thread, sew a curved mouth.
Using tail from Body, sew Head to Body.
Lightly stuff arms (or alternatively insert a doubled-up pipe cleaner and trim to length) and sew to sides of Body.
Roll up a very small amount of stuffing and insert into toe end of Boot. Insert Leg into Boot (use the handle of your crochet hook to push it in so it's snug), insert stuffing (or pipe cleaner) into Leg, then using tail sew Legs to bottom of Body.
Sew button to Belt using tails, then weave in ends. Bring Belt up around legs so it is in line with colour change on Body. Sew in place.
Sew Spots randomly around edge of Toadstool Cap with tails and weave in ends.
Stuff Toadstool Cap and Base, then using tail from base, sew the two together. Weave in any remaining ends.

OPTIONAL ASSEMBLY
If you want the Toadstool to be sturdier (especially if you want the gnome to be sitting on it), follow these steps before sewing the Cap and Base together.
Take a cardboard toilet roll tube and cut to 4.5cm long. Using scrap cardboard, draw around circumference of tube and cut out a circle. Place the circle in the Base along with the tube (it will poke out of the top a bit). Place weights into the Base as well as stuffing. Make sure the tube goes into the Cap enough so the final stitches of Base and Cap line up, then sew together. Sew Gnome to Toadstool if desired.



No buttons? Replace the belt button with a small circle of felt or some chain stitches



White spots are sewn on to give a realistic finish to the cute crocheted toadstool

Sleepy bunny

Hooked in candy pink, Becky Garratt's adorable rabbit makes a sweet project for animal lovers





YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft Special DK (100% acylic, 100g/295m)
  1 ball of Fondant (1241)
- Stranded embroidery cotton, 1 skein in black
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Toy stuffing
- Brooch pin

For yarn stockists contact King Cole www.kingcole.com

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project but may affect size and yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

5.5x8cm (2¼x3in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Bring a touch of cuteness to your crochet, with this adorable bunny brooch! Worked in the round, this accessory uses easy-peasy double crochet stitches, with a touch of simple embroidery for the face. The pink colour is so pretty, but you could use all kinds of pastel shades to make a family of sleepy rabbits!

BUNNY BROOCH

FRONT AND BACK (MAKE 2)

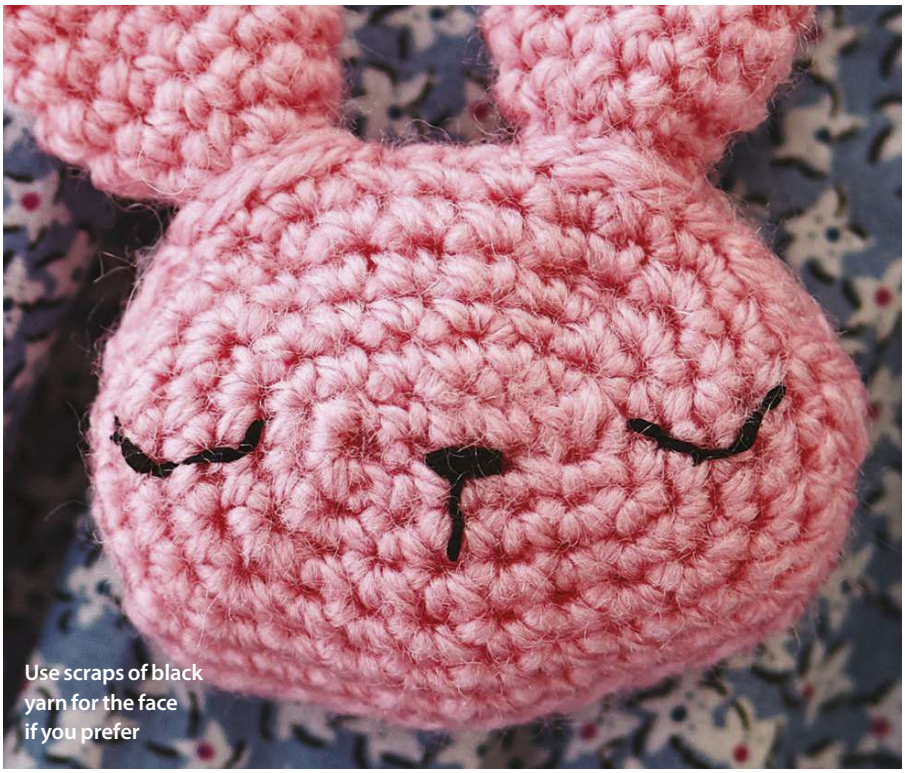
Ch6.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next 3 ch, 3dc in last ch, then working along the other side of the chain, 1dc in st just worked, dc in next 3 ch, 3dc in last ch, ss to first dc. [14 sts]
Round 2 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 5dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, 2dc in next st, 4dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, ss to first dc. [17 sts]
Round 3 Ch1, 2dc in first st, 5dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, 2dc in next st, 6dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, ss to first dc. [21 sts]
Round 4 Ch1, 2dc in first st, 6dc, 2dc in next st, 3dc, 2dc in next st, 6dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc, ss to first dc. [25 sts]
Round 5 Ch1, 1dc, 2dc in next st, 7dc, 2dc in next st, 4dc, 2dc in next st, 7dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc, ss to first dc. [29 sts]
Round 6 Ch1, 2dc, 2dc in next st, 8dc, 2dc in next st, 5dc, 2dc in next st, 8dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc, ss to first dc. [33 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Work continuously in a spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. You may find it helpful to put a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up as you work.
Make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) 4dc into loop.
Round 2 2dc in each dc around. [8 sts]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [12 sts]
Rounds 4-9 Dc in each dc around.
Round 10 (1dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [8 sts]
Round 11 Dc in each dc around.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

TO MAKE UP

Embroider the nose and eyes onto the Front piece with three strands of embroidery cotton and a sewing needle, using main image as a guide.
Attach the brooch pin and Ears to the Back piece.
Pinch the Ears at the base and stitch before sewing onto the Back piece to help them keep their shape.
Sew Front and Back together, adding the toy stuffing halfway through.


Use scraps of black yarn for the face if you prefer

Picnic for two

Share a glass of wine with this charming duo by Lucy Pollock. Martha and Ned are a hoot!





YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft Special DK (100% acrylic, 100g/295m), 1 ball each of:
  Sherbet (1034)
  Clematis (1390)
  White (1001)
  Stone (1710)
  Bright green (1259)
  Black (1002)
  Claret (1123)
  Saffron (1081)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- A 4 mm (US G/6) hook
- Embroidery needle
- Stitch marker
- Toy stuffing
- Pins (optional)
- 4 x 10mm black safety eyes

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project but may affect size and yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Owl approx. 15cm (6in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Twit twoo! These wide-eyed owls and their picnic for two are just so cute! You only need to follow one pattern for the owl body and wings, using pink for Martha and blue for Ned, or choose colours of your own. Then add the hats and picnic items to complete the scene.

NOTES

All pieces are made using the amigurumi method. Work 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.

OWL

EYES (MAKE 4)

Using a 4mm hook and White, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout patt), 4dc into loop. [4 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [8 sts]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [12 sts]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [16 sts]
Ss in next st and **fasten off**, leaving a long tail for sewing.

NED IN SHERBET YARN
MARTHA IN CLEMATIS YARN

Using a 4mm hook and either Sherbet/Clematis, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st 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]
Rounds 9-28 Dc in each st around.
Round 29 (6dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 30 (5dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 31 (4dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 32 (3dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Position the White Eyes on the body and attach a safety eye through the middle of each white eye, making sure you also put it through the body of the Owl.
Stuff to this point.
Round 33 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 34 (1dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 35 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Ss in next st and **fasten off**. Weave in ends.

WINGS (MAKE 2)

Using a 4mm hook and either Sherbet/Clematis, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 4dc into loop. [4 sts]
Round 2 (1dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [6 sts]
Round 3 Dc in each st around.
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [8 sts]



Make the eyes first, before starting the owl, then pop the centres on at the end

Round 5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 (3dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [10 sts]
Round 7 Dc in each st around. [10 sts]
Round 8 (4dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [12 sts]
Rounds 9-14 Dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Ss in next st and **fasten off**, leaving a long tail.

FLOPPY HAT FOR MARTHA

Using a 4mm hook and Stone, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st 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 (13dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [45 sts]
Rounds 9-14 Dc in each st around. [45 sts]
Round 15 Working in fl only; (2htr, 2htr in next st) 15 times. [60 sts]
Round 16 (3htr, 2htr in next st) 15 times. [75 sts]
Round 17 (4htr, 2htr in net st) 15 times. [90 sts]
Ss in next 2 sts and **fasten off**, leaving a long tail.

BEAK

Using a 4mm hook and Saffron, ch5.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch to end, turn. [4 sts]
Row 2 Ch1, skip next st, dc in next st, skip next st, dc in last st, turn. [2 sts]
Row 3 Ch1, skip next st, dc in last st. [1 st]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

PORK PIE HAT FOR NED

Using a 4mm hook and Black, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-7 Work as for Martha's Hat. [42 sts]
Round 8 (6dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 9 Dc bl in each st around.

Rounds 10-15 Dc in each st around.
Round 16 Working in fl only; (7dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [54 sts]
Round 17 (8dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [60 sts]
Round 18 (9dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [66 sts]
Ss in next st and **fasten off,** leaving a long tail.

BLANKET/GRASS
Using a 4mm hook and Bright Green, ch52.
Row 1 (RS) Tr in 3rd ch from hook (skipped ch count as st) and in each ch to end, turn. [50 sts]
Rows 2-21 Ch3 (counts as tr), tr in each st to end, turn.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

WINE BOTTLE
Using a 3mm hook and Claret, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 4dc into loop. [4 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [8 sts]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [12 sts]
Round 4 Dc bl in each st around.
Round 5 Dc in each st around.
Change to White.
Rounds 6-9 Dc in each st around.
Change to Claret.
Rounds 10-11 Dc in each st around.
Stuff to this point.
Round 12 (1dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [8 sts]
Round 13 (Dc2tog) 3 times, 2dc. [5 sts]
Rounds 14-16 Dc in each st around.
Ss in next st and **fasten off**, leaving a long tail.

WINE GLASS (MAKE 2)
BASE
Using a 3mm hook and White, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 4dc into loop. [4 sts]
Round 2 (2dc in next st) 4 times. [8 sts]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [12 sts]
Ss in next st and **fasten off**, leaving a long tail.

STEM AND CUP
Using a 3mm hook and White, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 4dc into loop. [4 sts]
Pull yarn to the other side.
Rounds 2-4 Dc around. [4 sts]
Change to Claret.
Round 5 2dc in each st around. [8 sts]
Round 6 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [12 sts]
Round 7 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [16 sts]
Rounds 8-9 Dc in each st around.
Ss in next st and **fasten off**, leaving a long tail.
Sew the bottom of the Stem to the Base.

BASKET
Using a 4mm hook ad Stone, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st 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]
Rounds 8-14 Dc in each st around.
Ch25. Ss to opposite side, ss again, turn, dc back across the ch, ss to the next st at base of ch.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

TO MAKE UP
Sew down the edges of the White Eyes to the body of the Owl.
Sew the Beak between both Eyes, with the triangle pointing downwards.
Sew the Wings to each side of the body, placing the top of each Wing in line with the bottom of the Eyes.
Sew the Hats to the top of the heads if you wish.
Weave all ends into the Blanket, Basket and Glasses. Go back and forth with a needle through the top of the bottle to make sure the stuffing doesn't fall out.



Martha's pretty double crochet stitch hat has a floppy brim worked in half trebles



Sew a line through the white section of the bottle to look like writing on a label



Use scraps of red for the wine



YOU WILL NEED

- West Yorkshire Spinners Bo Peep Luxury Baby DK (52% Falkland wool, 48% nylon, 50g/112m) 1 ball of each:
  Yarn A Cheeky Chops (210)
  Yarn B Tooth Fairy (011)
  Yarn C Space Hopper (725)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- 2 black beads 2mm
- Black thread
- Stitch markers
- 40mm swivel clasp

For yarn stockists contact WYS 01535 664500 www.wyspinners.com

MEASUREMENTS

6x16cm (2½x6¼in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130



Go flamingo!

Accessorise with this classy bird by Ilaria Caliri. She'll look exotic and charming clipped onto your keys or bag

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 st of each round, moving it up as you work. Head and Body are made in one piece; Legs, Beak and Wing are sewn to the body.

BODY (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn A, ch7.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in 2nd ch from hook and in each of next 4 ch, 5dc in next ch, rotate to work along opposite side of foundation ch, dc in each of next 4 ch, 4dc in last ch. [18 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in each of next 6 sts, 2dc in each of next 3 sts) twice. [24 sts]
Round 3 Ch13, dc in 2nd ch from hook, htr in each of next 3 ch, dc in each of next 8 ch, cont on body; dc in each of next 6 sts, htr in next st, 3tr in next st, htr in next st, dc in each of next 15 sts, cont along opposite side of foundation ch of flamingo's neck; dc in each of next 8 ch, htr in each of next 2 ch, 3tr in next ch, dc in last ch, ss to top of head. [52 sts] **Fasten off** leaving a tail.

BEAK
Using Yarn C, ch4.
Row 1 (RS) Htr in fourth ch from hook (first 3 ch counts as first htr), turn. [2 sts]
Row 2 Ch1, 2dc in next st, htr in next st, turn. [3 sts]
Row 3 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn. Change to Yarn B.
Row 4 Ch1, dc in each st to end. **Fasten off**.

WING (MAKE 3, 1 IN EACH COLOUR)
Ch4.
Row 1 (RS) 2tr in fourth ch from hook (first 3 ch counts as first tr), turn. [3 sts]
Row 2 Ch12, ss into st at base of beg ch-12, (ch12, ss in next st) twice. [3 loops]
Fasten off leaving a tail for sewing.

LEGS (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn C.
Row 1 (RS) Ch22 (leg), cont with (ch3, ss in 2nd and 3rd ch from hook) 3 times, cont along main leg, ss in each of next 22 ch.
Fasten off. Knot leg to create knee.

TO MAKE UP
Using beads for eyes, sew beads with black thread onto head at base of 3tr group.
Match 2 layers of body. Before sewing 2 pieces tog, pin beak and legs in position.
Sew in backstitch all around body using a tapestry needle and Yarn A.
For wing, place 3 parts next to each other (using image as a guide) and sew with a few hidden sts using Yarn A.

Happy hour!

Give your summer party a tropical flavour with Liz Ward's fruity bunting – perfect decoration for the cocktail corner!





YOU WILL NEED

- Ricorumi Cotton DK (100% cotton, 25g/58m), 1 ball each of:
  Raspberry (013)
  Tangerine (26)
  Emerald (42)
  Black (60)
  Light Green (46)
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- A stitch marker

For yarn stockists contact Rico www.rico-design.de

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project but may affect size and yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

1m (39in) long
Pineapple motif: 15x10cm (6x4in)
Watermelon motif: 15x8cm (6x3in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Put down your piña colada for a moment and pick up your crochet hook instead – this tropical bunting is just as fruity and delicious, plus it will last all year long! Liz has alternated motifs of pineapples and watermelon slices to create this fun decoration in mouthwatering shades of Ricorumi cotton.

BUNTING

PINEAPPLE (MAKE 4)

Using Tangerine, ch8.
Round 1 (RS) Htr in 3rd ch from hook, htr in next 4 sts, 3htr in next st, turn and work along the other side of the foundation ch, htr in next 4 sts, 2htr in last st. [14 sts]
Round 2 (1htr, 2htr in next st) rep to end. [21 sts]
Round 3 (2htr, 2htr in next st) rep to end. [28 sts]
Round 4 (3htr, 2htr in next st) rep to end. [35 sts]
Round 5 (4htr, 2htr in next st) rep to end, ss to next st. [42 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

LEAVES (MAKE 4)

Using Emerald, ch6.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, (ch10, ss in second ch from hook, dc in next 3 sts, htr in next 5 sts, dc in next st in foundation ch) rep on both sides of the foundation ch until you have 5 leaves.
Fasten off, weave in ends and sew leaves to top of Pineapple.

WATERMELON (MAKE 4)

Using Raspberry, make a magic loop.
Row 1 (RS) 6htr into the ring, turn. [6 sts]
Row 2 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), (1htr, 2htr in next st) rep to end, turn. [9 sts]
Row 3 Ch1, (2htr, 2htr in next st) rep to end, turn. [12 sts]
Row 4 Ch1, (3htr, 2htr in next st) rep to end, turn. [15 sts]
Row 5 Ch1, (4htr, 2htr in next st) rep to end, turn, change to Light Green. [18 sts]
Row 6 Ch1, (5dc, 2dc in next st) rep to end, turn, change to Emerald. [21 sts]
Row 7 Ch1, (6htr, 2htr in next st) rep to end, turn. [24 sts]
Fasten off. Using Black yarn, sew lines randomly over the Raspberry area. Weave in ends.

TAPE

Join the motifs as you go, alternating between a Pineapple and a Watermelon.
Using Emerald, ch20.
Row 1 (RS) (Dc in top of next motif, ch15) rep until you have connected all the motifs, ch20, turn.
Row 2 Ch2 (does not count as st), htr in each st to end.
Fasten off and weave in ends.



These juicy pineapples are worked in the round

Breakfast buddies!

Keep your eggs warm with these cute and cuddly sheep made by Matt Spiers





YOU WILL NEED

- Drops Karisma (100% wool, 50g/100m), 1 ball of each:
  White Sheep:
  Yarn A Off White (01)
  Yarn B Light Beige Brown Mix (55)
  Brown Sheep:
  Yarn A Beige Brown Mix (54)
  Yarn B Light Oak (77)
- A 4mm (US G/6) hook
- Sewing needle and yarn needle
- Black embroidery thread
- 6mm safety eyes
- Small amount of toy stuffing
- Stitch markers

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

MEASUREMENTS

Approx. 12x8cm (4¾x3¼in)

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project but may affect size and yarn quantities required

ABBREVIATIONS

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We can't resist adorable animals, so you can imagine our excitement when these woolly sheep flocked our way. Give them a go and you'll soon be hooked too!

SHEEP EGG COSY

NOTES

The Cosies are made 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.

INNER BODY PIECE

With Yarn A, 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 Dc in each st around.
Round 4 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 dc]
Rounds 7-9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 dc]
Rounds 11-12 Dc in each st around.
Round 13 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 dc]
Round 14 Dc in each st around, ss in next 2 sts. [36 dc and 2ss]
Fasten off and weave in ends. Turn piece inside out.

OUTER BODY PIECE

With Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 dc]
Rounds 6-8 Increase 6 sts evenly each round in same fashion. [48 sts after Round 8]
Rounds 9-15 Dc in each st around.
Round 16 (6dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 dc]
Round 17 (5dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 dc]
Place Inner Body Piece into Outer Body Piece so that a small piece of stuffing surrounds the Inner Body between the two layers.
In the next row join the Outer Body and Inner Body, working through both loops of each layer. When you come across ss on Inner Piece, work into the dc these ss are worked into instead.
Place stitch markers in stitches 4, 15, 22 and 33 on the following row.



If giving to a younger child, you can replace the safety eyes with embroidered stitches

Round 18 Dc in each st around through both layers. Slip stitch into next st. [36 dc]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

HEAD

With Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 Dc in each st around.
Round 4 2dc in first st, 2dc, 2dc in next st, dc in each remaining st around. [14 dc]
Round 5 (Dc, ch2, 2dc in second ch from hook, ss into first dc made in this bracket), dc in next 4 sts, (dc, ch2, 2dc in second ch from hook, ss into first dc made in this bracket), dc in each remaining st around. [12 dc and 2 'ears']
Round 6 6dc, (dc2tog) 3 times, dc in next st, ss into next st.
Fasten off and leave 15cm tail for sewing.
Insert safety eyes, and using black embroidery thread sew an upper case 'Y' at end of muzzle to make the nose. Insert a very small amount of toy stuffing in the head.

TAIL

With Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Rounds 2-3 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off, weave yarn through each st with a yarn needle and pull tight to close. Leave 15cm tail.

LEGS (MAKE 4)

With Yarn B and with RS facing, ss into marked st, ch6, ss in second ch from hook and each ch along, ss back into marked st. **Fasten off.** Repeat in each marked stitch, then weave in all ends.

TO MAKE UP

Sew Head to Body approx 2cm up and between Legs made in marked stitches 15 and 22. Sew Tail to the opposite side of the Body approximately 2cm up and between Legs made in marked stitches 4 and 33. Weave in all ends to finish.

Pretty kitty!

Don't even try to resist this snoozing kitty with her snuggly stripes – Liz Ward's doorstop is a must for any cat lover!





YOU WILL NEED

- James C Brett Flutterby (100% polyester, 100g/175m)
  1 ball each of:
  Pink (B12)
  Purple (B10)
  Rose Pink (B19)
- A 7mm (US K/10½ or L/11) hook
- Stitch marker
- Toy stuffing
- Pink felt for nose
- Black embroidery thread
- Small bag of plastic toy granules (for weighting down)

For yarn stockists contact LoveCrafts www.lovecrafts.com

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 28cm (11in) long,
18cm (7in) tall

MEASUREMENTS

Tension is not critical for this project but stitches should be tight to prevent stuffing showing through. Tension may affect size and yarn quantities required

ABBREVIATIONS

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Embroider your cat's face using black thread to give her that contented, sleepy kitty look!

There's always room for one more cat... especially if it's a cute crochet cat that doubles as a doorstop! This snoozy feline is extremely friendly, not to mention helpful around the house and easy to look after. And you won't be able to stop stroking her fur with its super-soft chenille feel! If you're looking for a fun project for a child's bedroom, look no further – you could even make a matching pair to create some adorable bookends!

CAT DOORSTOP

NOTES

The Cat is 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.

STRIPE PATTERN

2 rows Pink
2 rows Purple
2 rows Pink
2 rows Rose Pink

BODY AND TAIL

Using Pink, make a magic loop.
Round 1(RS) Work 6dc into the ring. [6 sts]
Continuing in stripe pattern as set:
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) rep to end. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) rep to end. [24 sts]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) rep to end. [30 sts]
Round 6 (4dc, 2dc in next st) rep to end. [36 sts]
Rounds 7-24 Dc in each st around.
Insert stuffing here. Use the toy stuffing first and stuff firmly around the top and sides of the Body, then put the bag of granules into the centre of the cavity and continue stuffing around it firmly.
Round 25 (Dc2tog, 4dc) rep to end. [30 sts]
Round 26 (Dc2tog, 3dc) rep to end. [24 sts]
Stuff the rest of the Body now.
Round 27 (Dc2tog, 2dc) rep to end. [18 sts]
Round 28 (Dc2tog, 1dc) rep to end. [12 sts]
Round 29 (Dc2tog, 2dc) rep to end. [8 sts]
Rounds 30-57 Dc in each st around.
Stuff tail as you go.
Fasten off. Sew end of tail closed.

HEAD

Using Pink, make a magic loop.
Round 1(RS) Work 6dc into the ring. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) rep to end. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) rep to end. [24 sts]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) rep to end. [30 sts]
Round 6 (4dc, 2dc in next st) rep to end. [36 sts]
Round 7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 (Dc2tog, 10dc) rep to end. [33 sts]
Round 9 (Dc2tog, 9dc) rep to end. [30 sts]
Round 10 (Dc2tog, 8dc) rep to end. [27 sts]
Round 11 (Dc2tog, 7dc) rep to end. [24 sts]
Round 12 (Dc2tog, 6dc) rep to end. [21 sts]
Round 13 (Dc2tog, 5dc) rep to end. [18 sts]
Round 14 (Dc2tog, 4dc) rep to end. [15 sts]
Stuff Head now.
Round 15 (Dc2tog, 3dc) rep to end. [12 sts]
Round 16 (Dc2tog) rep to end. [6 sts]
Fasten off.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Using Pink, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Work 4dc into the ring. [4 sts]
Round 2 (1dc, 2dc in next st) rep to end. [6 sts]
Round 3 (2dc, 2dc in next st) rep to end. [8 sts]
Round 4 (3dc, 2dc in next st) rep to end. [10 sts]
Round 5 (4dc, 2dc in next st) rep to end. [12 sts]
Round 6 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off. Pin Ears in place on the Head then sew in place.

TO MAKE UP

Use Black embroidery thread and long backstitches to work the detail on the face. Use the photo and pins as a guide for positioning. Sew on a small heart-shaped piece of felt for the nose.
Sew the Head onto the Body at a slight angle so it looks sleepy.
Curl the Tail around the Head and sew in place to secure.

EASY PEASY

4PLY WEIGHT

2.5MM HOOK

YOU WILL NEED

- King Cole Giza 4ply (100% cotton, 50g/160m), 1 ball of each:
  Yarn A White (2190)
  Yarn B Black (2201)
  Yarn C Amber (2200)
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- Embroidery thread in black and red for eyes
- 1 pipe cleaner per swan

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

MEASUREMENTS

8x7cm (3x2¾in)

ABBREVIATIONS

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Swan about

Cute and kitschy bird motifs to make your day. Designed by Kate Eastwood

Create these pretty birds to pep up your favourite notebooks, bags or scarves. Simple to make, and gorgeous to look at, they are perfect accessory.

NOTES

The swans are simple to make as the body is made from a crochet circle that is folded in half and gathered up to form the body shape. The neck is made separately and worked in a continuous round. A pipe cleaner inserted into the neck allows you to create the curve.

BODY

The body is made in a continuous round. Using Yarn A or B make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does nto count as st), 8dc into the loop.
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [16 dc]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in next st) 8 times. [24 dc]
Round 4 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 2 sts) 8 times. [32 dc]
Round 5 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 3 sts) 8 times. [40 dc]
Round 6 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 4 sts) 8 times. [48 dc]
Round 7 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 5 sts) 8 times. [56 dc]
Round 8 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 6 sts) 8 times, ss to first st to join. [64 dc]
Round 9 Ch3 (counts as tr), tr in st at base of ch-3, tr in each of next 7 sts, (2tr in next st, tr in each of next 7 sts) 7 times, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join. [72 tr]
Round 10 Ch3 (counts as tr), tr in st at base of ch-3, 2tr in each st around to last 12 sts. **Fasten off** leaving a long tail and last 12 sts unworked. [120 tr]

NECK

Using Yarn C, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 4dc into the loop.
Round 2 Dc in each st around. [4 dc]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in next st) twice. **Fasten off**. [6 dc]
Round 4 With Yarn B, dc in each st around. For a Black Swan cont in Yarn B, for the White Swan **fasten off** Yarn B and join Yarn A in first st of next round.
Round 5 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Rounds 6-11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 (Dc in next 4 dc, dc2tog) twice. [10 sts]
Rounds 13-34 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off leaving a long tail. Fold pipe cleaner into 3 and carefully push up into neck piece. Leave neck straight.

TO MAKE UP

Lay Body on a flat surface, RS facing down with unfrilled segment facing centre left. Fold bottom half of circle up so that you have a semicircle with a small unfrilled section at the left. Carefully tuck neck into body at unfrilled edge so that end of neck is placed at centre point of circle. Using tail of yarn at end of neck sew a couple of sts to hold neck in position. Using a length of matching yarn, run a gathering thread around upper curved edge of Body. Pull thread to gather Body, creating a feathered effect. Bend Neck so that it is pointing upwards and add curves to create shape of Neck. Push Neck back to edge of Body and stitch in place. Weave in ends.



Tasty treat

Hook yourself this delightfully sweet cover for a tape measure. Designed by Ilaria Caliri



YOU WILL NEED

- Scheepjes Catona (100% cotton, 25g/63m) 1 ball of each:
  Yarn A Candle Light (101)
  Yarn B Hot Red (115)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Round retractable tape measure (approx 5cm diameter)
- Stitch markers

For yarn stockists contact Scheepjes www.scheepjes.com

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project but may affect size and yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

To fit a round retractable tape measure, 5cm (2in) diameter

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

A tape measure is an essential tool for crochet, so why not have one that's super fun to work with? And what could be more fun than this fabulous famous biscuit cover by Ilaria Caliri? Just don't get confused with the real thing and dip it in your tea!

NOTES

All pieces are made using the amigurumi method. Work 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 Jammy Dodger's heart is placed over and covers the button of the tape measure.

BISCUIT TOP

Using Yarn A, ch15, ss to first ch to join into a ring.
Round 1 (RS) Skip ch at base of loop on hook, 2htr in next ch, skip 1 ch, 2dc in next ch, dc in next 4 ch, 2dc in next 2 ch, dc in next 4 ch, 2dc in last ch. [18 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 5 Ss in next st, ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc in same st at base of beg ch-1, 2tr in next st, dc in next st, (dc in next st, 2tr in next st, dc in next st) 11 times, ss to beg ch-1. [48 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

FILLING

Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 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 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 7 Ss in next st, ch3 (counts as first tr), tr in bl in next 33 sts, leaving the remaining stitches unworked to allow space for the tape measure to pull out and retract.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

BISCUIT BOTTOM

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 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]



Place the 'filling' around the tape measure, then sandwich it between the two biscuits

Round 4 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 7 Ss in next st, ch1, dc in same st at base of beg ch-1, 2tr in next st, dc in next st, (dc in next st, 2tr in next st, dc in next st) 11 times, ss to beg ch-1. [48 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

TO MAKE UP

Place the Filling on the tape measure, with the button on the top (so that the button is covered by the Filling). The gap at Round 7 of the Filling corresponds to the hole where the tape measure pulls out and retracts.
Place the Biscuit Bottom underneath the tape measure and sew all around, merging the inner side of the scalloped edge to the last round of the Filling.
Place the Biscuit Top on the Filling and sew around the edge, joining Round 6 of the Biscuit Top with Round 6 of the Filling.
Fasten off and in weave ends.



COSMIC POWER

Wonder at the planets from the comfort of home with Ruth Haydock's out-of-this-world mobile

PLANETS MOBILE



YOU WILL NEED

- Caron Simply Soft (100% acrylic, 170g/288m), 1 ball of each:
  Yarn A Purple (9781)
  Yarn B Dark Country Blue (9711)
  Yarn C Light Country Blue (9709)
  Yarn D Lavender Blue (9756)
  Yarn E Iris (9747)
- A 4mm (US G/6) hook
- Stitch marker
- 25cm (10in) polystyrene wreath
- Toy stuffing
- Small metal ring with a hook

TENSION

9 sts and 9 rows to measure 5x5cm (2x2in) over dc using a 3.5mm hook, or size needed to obtain correct tension

MEASUREMENTS

From Mobile ring to Pluto 55cm (21½in)
Diameter of Planets:
Mercury 3½cm (1¼in)
Venus 4½cm (1½in)
Earth 5½cm (2in)
Mars 4½cm (1½in)
Jupiter 8½cm (3¼in)
Saturn 7½cm (2¾in)
Uranus 5½cm (2in)
Neptune 5½cm (2in)
Pluto 2½cm (1in)

ABBREVIATIONS

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Crochet your own universe with Ruth Haydock's wonderful planets mobile. We've chosen cosmic purple but you can hook the planets in any colour you like.

PATTERN NOTES

For Planet Craters, once you have finished each crater, leave a short tail of 8cm for sewing the Crater onto the Planet. Sew on the Craters in any position that you like.

CHART NOTES

On the Chart (see page 94), each square represents 1 dc st. When a decrease symbol is shown in a square on the Chart, dc2tog over the next 2 sts, as the one square on the Chart represents the one stitch that remains once the decrease is complete. There will be fewer squares on the Chart in a decrease row to show the sts that remain at the end of the row after the decreases are worked. When an increase symbol is shown in a square on the Chart, work 2dc in that st. There will be a greater number of squares on the next row in the Chart to show the stitches that have been increased.
All rows on the Chart are read from right to left and each row represents one round.
When changing colour mid-row, twist the ends of the two colours together.
Change to the new colour in the last yrh of the previous stitch.
Carry the unused strands of yarn across the WS of the work.

PLANET

This is the basic planet pattern. See specific instructions for each planet below.
Make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 8dc into the ring. Pull the short tail to close the magic loop after the first round. [8 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [16 sts]
Round 3 Dc in each st around.
Weave in the end from the magic loop.
Round 4 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [32 sts]
Round 7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [40 sts]
Round 9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [48 sts]
Round 11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 (Dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st 8 times. [56 sts]
Round 13 Dc in each st around.
Round 14 (Dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog) 8 times. [48 sts]
Round 15 Dc in each st around.
Round 16 (Dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog) 8 times. [40 sts]
Round 17 Dc in each st around.
Round 18 (Dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog) 8 times. [32 sts]
Round 19 Dc in each st around.
Round 20 (Dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 8 times. [24 sts]
Round 21 Dc in each st around.
Round 22 (Dc in next st, dc2tog) 8 times. [16 sts]
Round 23 Dc in each st around.
Round 24 (Dc2tog) 8 times. [8 sts]
Fasten off and weave end through top of all final sts and pull the thread to close the gap at the top. Weave in the end.

MERCURY

Using Yarn C, work Rounds 1-5, then work Rounds 22-24 of the Planet pattern.

SMALL CRATER (MAKE 8)

Make 4 in Yarn A and 4 in Yarn E.
Make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as a st), 4dc into the loop, ss to first dc to join. [4 sts]
Fasten off and sew craters to planet.

VENUS

Using Yarn A, work Rounds 1-7, then Rounds 20-24 of the Planet pattern.

EARTH

Using Yarn C, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as a st), 8dc into the loop. [8 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [16 sts]
Round 3 Dc in next 6 sts, change to Yarn D, dc in next 4 sts, change to Yarn C, dc in next st, change to Yarn D, dc in next 5 sts. Cut Yarn C, leaving a short tail to weave in.
Round 4 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 Dc in next st, change to Yarn A, dc in next 2 sts, change to Yarn D, dc in next 5 sts, change to Yarn A, dc in next 2 sts, change to Yarn D, dc in next 5 sts, change to Yarn A, dc in next st, change to Yarn D, dc in next 8 sts.
Round 6 Change to Yarn A, dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next st, change to Yarn D, dc in next st, 2dc in next dc, change to Yarn A, dc in next st, change to Yarn D, dc in next st, change to Yarn A, 2dc in next dc, dc in next st, change to Yarn D, dc in next st, 2dc in next dc, dc in next 2 sts, change to Yarn A, 2dc into next dc, dc in next st, change to Yarn D, dc in next st, 2dc in next dc, dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next dc, change to Yarn A, dc in next st, change to Yarn D, dc in next st, 2dc in next st. [32 sts]
Round 7 Dc in next st, change to Yarn A,

dc in next st, change to Yarn D, dc in next st, change to Yarn A, dc in next st, change to Yarn D, dc in next 7 sts, change to Yarn A, dc in next 3 sts, change to Yarn D, dc in next 4 sts, change to Yarn A, dc in next 3 sts, change to Yarn D, dc in next 11 sts.
Round 8 Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, change to, dc in next st, change to Yarn D, 2dc in next Yarn A st, dc in next 2 sts, change to Yarn A, dc in next st, 2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, change to Yarn D, dc in next st, 2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, change to Yarn A, dc in next st, 2dc into next dc, dc in next 2 sts, change to Yarn D, dc in next st, 2dc in next st, (dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [40 sts]
Round 9 Dc in next 2 sts, change to Yarn A, dc in next st, change to Yarn D, dc in next st, change to Yarn A, dc in next st, change to Yarn D, dc in next st, change to Yarn A, dc in next 4 sts, change to Yarn D, dc in next st, change to Yarn A, dc in next 2 sts, change to Yarn D, dc in next st, change to Yarn A, dc in next 5 sts, change to Yarn D, dc in next 7 sts, change to Yarn A, dc in next 3 sts, change to Yarn D, dc in next 11 sts.
Round 10 Dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, dc in next st, change to Yarn A, dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog, change to Yarn D, dc in next st, change to Yarn A, dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, change to Yarn D, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts, change to Yarn A, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts,change to Yarn F, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog. [32 sts]
Round 11 Dc in next 2 sts, change to Yarn A, dc in next st, change to Yarn D, dc in next st, change to Yarn D, dc in next 9 sts, change to Yarn F, dc in next 7 sts, change to Yarn A, dc in next st, change to Yarn F, dc in next st, change to Yarn D, dc in next 6 sts, change to Yarn F, dc in next 4 sts.
Round 12 Dc in next 2 sts, change to Yarn A, (dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) twice, dc2tog, dc in next st, change to Yarn D, dc in next st, change to Yarn A, dc2tog, change to Yarn D, dc in next 2 sts, change to Yarn A, (dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) twice, dc2tog, change to Yarn D, dc in next 2 sts, change to Yarn A, dc2tog. [24 sts]
Round 13 Change to Yarn D, dc in next 3 sts, change to Yarn A, dc in next 8 sts, change to Yarn D, dc in next 3 sts, change to Yarn A, dc in next 9 sts, change to Yarn D, dc in next st.
Round 14 Dc in next st, change to Yarn A, (dc2tog, dc in next st) twice, dc2tog, change to Yarn D, (dc, dc2tog) twice, dc in next st, change to Yarn A, (dc2tog, dc) twice, change to change to Yarn D, dc2tog. Cut Yarn A, leaving a short end to sew in. [16 sts]
Round 15 Change to Yarn D, dc in next 2 sts, change to Yarn A, dc in next 14 sts. Cut Yarn D, leaving a short end to sew in.
Round 16 (Dc2tog) 8 times. [8 sts]
Fasten off and thread Yarn A through the sts on the hook left from the last round.
Fasten off.

MARS
Using Yarn A, work Rounds 1-7, then Rounds 20-24 of the Planet pattern.
Fasten off.

SMALL CRATER (MAKE 3)
Using Yarn D, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into the loop, ss to first dc to join. [6 sts]
Fasten off.

LARGE CRATER (MAKE 3)
Using Yarn D, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Fasten off and sew craters to planet.

JUPITER
Using Yarns B, D and F, work Rounds 1-24 of the Planet pattern, changing colours as follows: (2 rounds in Yarn B, 2 rounds in Yarn A and 2 rounds in Yarn D), rep to end.
Fasten off.

SATURN
Using Yarns B, D, E and F, work Rounds 1-11, then Rounds 16-24 of the Planet pattern, changing colours as follows: (1 round in Yarn B, 1 round in Yarn A, 1 round in Yarn E and 1 round in Yarn D), rep to end.

RING OF SATURN
Round 1 (RS) Using Yarn C, surface crochet around centre of the Planet on Round 11 as follows: inserting hook into any st, draw up a loop and ch1 (does not count as st), (dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next stitch) 8 times. [56 sts]
Round 2 Continuing in a spiral on Round 1 sts, dc in next 3 sts, (2dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts) 7 times, 2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts. [64 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next 7 sts, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [72 sts]
Fasten off.

URANUS
Using Yarns F and E, work Rounds 1-9, then Rounds 18-24 of the Planet pattern, changing colours as follows: (1 round in Yarn D and 1 round in Yarn E), rep to end.
Fasten off.

SMALL CRATER (MAKE 3)
Using Yarn E, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), 8dc into the loop, ss to first dc to join. [8 sts]
Fasten off.



It's easy to change between colours to create the different shades for mini Planet Earth



Create Saturn's ring by working double crochet into a round of surface stitches

LARGE CRATER (MAKE 3)
Using Yarn E, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), 8dc into the loop, ss to first dc to join. [8 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [16 sts]
Fasten off and sew craters to planet.

NEPTUNE
Using Yarn E, work Rounds 1-9, then Rounds 18-24 of the Planet pattern.
Fasten off.

RING OF NEPTUNE
Round 1 (RS) Using Yarn B, surface crochet around centre of the Planet on Round 9 as follows: inserting hook into any stitch draw up a loop and ch1 (does not count as st), (dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [48 sts]
Round 2 Continuing in a spiral on Round 1 sts, dc in next 2 sts, (2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts) 7 times, 2dc in next stitch, dc in next 3 sts. [56 sts]
Fasten off.

PLUTO
Using Yarn B, work Rounds 1-3, then Round 24 of Planet pattern.

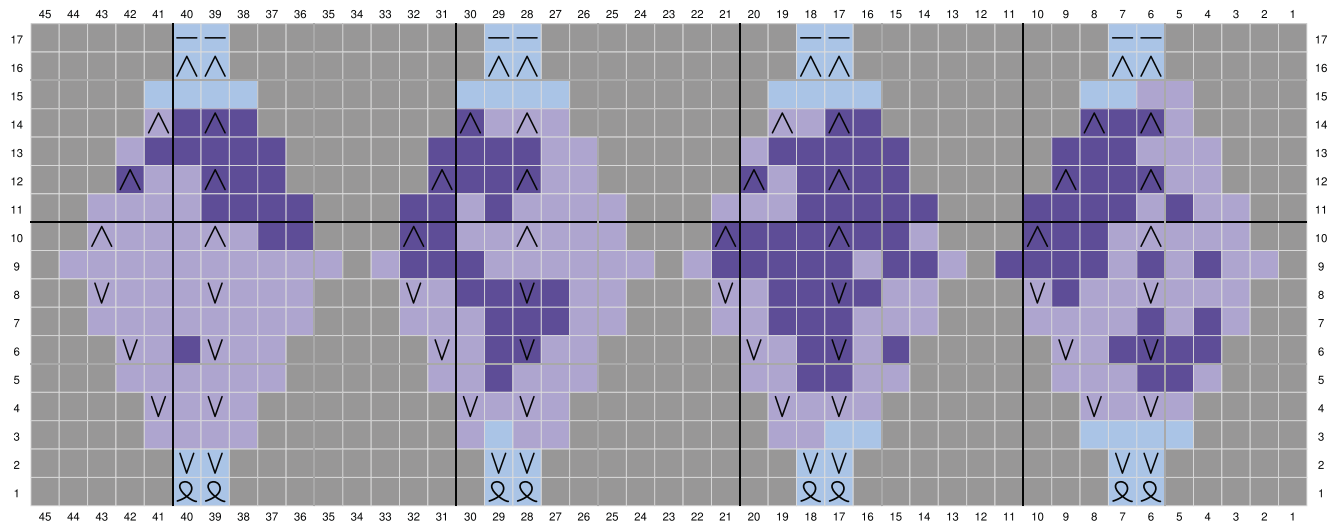
RING COVER
The ring cover uses all yarn shades, in order D, E, F, C and B.
Using Yarn A, ch26.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in each ch to end. [25 sts]
Row 2 Ch1 (doesn't count as st throughout), dc in each st to end, turn.
Row 3 Change to next colour, ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.
Row 4 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.
Repeat Rows 3-4 until work measures 77cm in length, changing colour every 2 rows. Cut the yarn after each colour change leaving an 8cm tail for sewing up later. Sew the crocheted Ring Cover around the polystyrene ring, using the tails from the colour changes. Sew the final row to the first row.

TO MAKE UP
Cut two 38cm lengths of each colour. Sew each length evenly spaced around the top of the ring, then gather the loose ends together, knot and attach them to the metal hook. Cut lengths of yarn to attach each Planet to the mobile as follows:
Mercury: 13cm of Yarn C
Venus: 18cm of Yarn E
Earth: 23cm of Yarn D
Mars: 28cm of Yarn A
Jupiter: 33cm of Yarn B
Saturn: 38cm of Yarn A
Uranus: 43cm of Yarn E
Neptune: 48cm of Yarn D
Pluto: 53cm of Yarn B

Start by attaching the yarn length for Mercury to the ring with a safety pin, then sew that length to the Planet. Then continue attaching the Planets in the order listed, making sure that each Planet hangs slightly lower than the Planet before it so that the Planets hang in a spiral and can be seen easily. Once you are happy with the placement, sew into position.

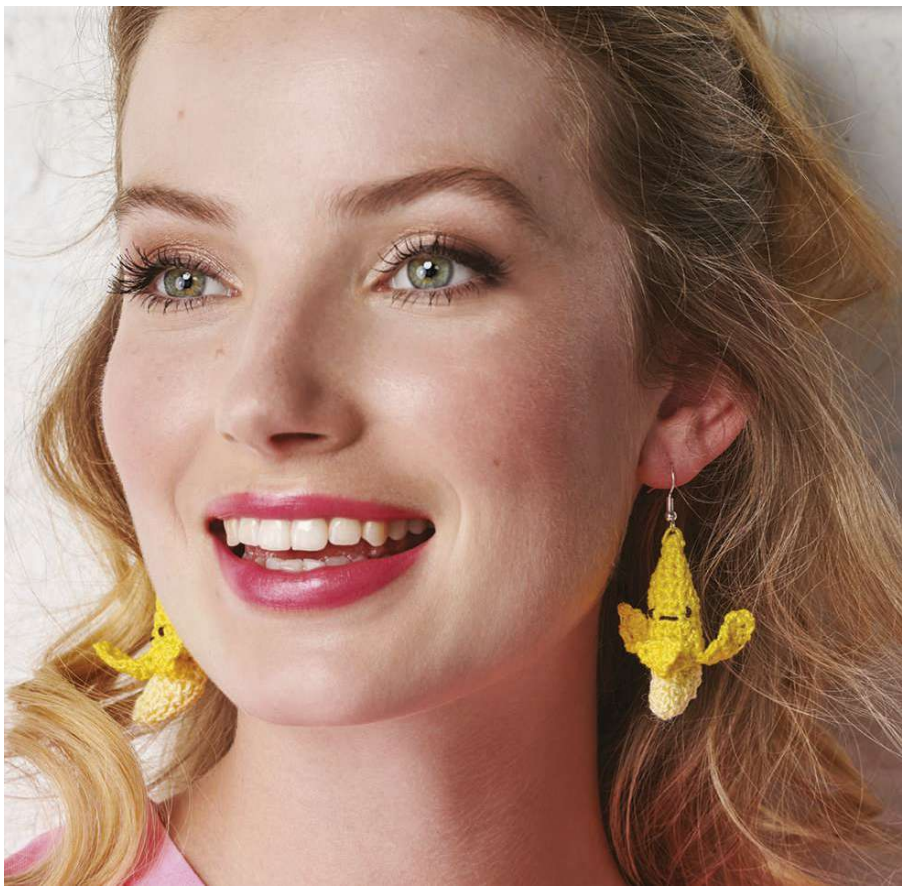


Start with a magic loop to make a crater for the planet, then add a round or two of dc



Key

- No Stitch
- Magic loop
- 2dc increase into next stitch with D
- Dc with D
- Dc2tog with D
- Dc with A
- 2dc increase into next stitch with A
- Dc2tog with A
- Dc with C
- 2dc increase into next stitch with C
- Dc2tog with C
- Thread Yarn D through the stitches on the needles left from the last round (acts as your cast off round)



Banana-rama

What an ap-peeling pair! You'll hook up this fruity fun jewellery by Bryony Hitchcock in just one evening

BANANA EARRINGS



YOU WILL NEED

- Scheepjes Maxi Sugar Rush (100% mercerised cotton, 50g/280m), 1 ball of each:
  Yarn A Lemon (280)
  Yarn B Lemonade (403)
  Oddment of **Yarn C** Black Coffee (162) or a short length of brown/black stranded cotton
- A 2.5mm (US B/1) hook
- 2 earring hooks, available from www.hobbycraft.co.uk
- A small amount of toy stuffing

For yarn stockists visit Scheepjes at www.scheepjes.com/en

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project

MEASUREMENTS

Each Earring measures 5cm (2in) in length

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130



Dust off your 2.5mm hooks and give this fun mini project a try. You'll have plenty of the yummy cotton yarn left over to make extra bunches for friends and family, or for a length of delicious mini bunting. Make sure you give yours names – just look at their sweet little faces!

EARRINGS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop, leaving a long tail.

Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 6dc into the ring, ss to top of beg dc to join, turn. [6 sts]
Round 2 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to first dc, turn. [6 sts]
Round 3 Ch1, 2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts, ss to first dc, turn. [7 sts]
Round 4 Ch1, dc next 3 sts, 2dc in next st, dc last 3 sts, ss to first dc, turn. [8 sts]
Round 5 Ch1, dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in next st, dc, ss to first dc, turn. [9 sts]
Round 6 Ch1, 2htr in next st, htr next st, dc in next 6 sts, htr next st, ss to first htr, turn. [10 sts]
Round 7 Repeat Round 2. [10 sts]
Round 8 Ch1, 2htr in next st, htr in next st, dc in next 7 sts, htr in next st, ss to first htr, turn. [11 sts]
Round 9 Ch1, 2dc in next st, dc in next 9 sts, 2dc in next st, ss to first dc, turn. [13 sts]
Round 10 Ch1, dc next 3 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st, dc next 3 sts, ss to first dc, turn. [15 sts]
Round 11 Repeat Round 2. [15 sts]
Work on in rows.
Row 12 Ch1, dc in fl of next 5 sts, turn. [5 sts]
Row 13 Ch1, dc each st across, turn. [5 sts]
Row 14 Ch1, dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog, dc, turn. [4 sts]
Row 15 Ch1, dc, dc2tog, dc, turn. [3 sts]
Rows 16-17 Ch1, dc next 3 sts, turn. [3 sts]
Row 18 Ch1, dc2tog, dc, turn. [2 sts]
Row 19 Ch1, dc2tog.
Fasten off.

Join Yarn A to the first unworked st of Round 11 and repeat Rows 12-19 twice more so you have 3 sections of banana peel.
Join Yarn B in bl of seventh st of Round 11.
Row 20 (RS) Working in the bl, ch1, dc next 2 sts, htr in next 4 sts, dc next 2 sts, turn. [8 sts]
Row 21 Ss first 2 sts, htr in next 4 sts, turn. [6 sts]
Now work in rounds over Row 21 and the remaining unworked bl from Round 11.
Round 22 Ch1, dc in next 6 sts, (dc2tog) 3 times, dc in next 3 sts, ss to first dc, turn. [12 sts]
Stuff top section loosely.



This little fella's face is sewn on afterwards. Turn the peel upwards for the finishing touch

Round 23 Ch1, (dc next 2 sts, dc2tog) twice, dc next 4 sts, ss to first dc, turn. [10 sts]
Round 24 Ch1, htr next 3 sts, dc2tog, dc next 3 sts, dc2tog, ss to first htr, turn. [8 sts]
Round 25 Ch1, dc each st around, ss to first dc, turn. [8 sts]
Add more stuffing.
Round 26 Ch1, dc2tog, dc next 2 sts, dc2tog, dc next 2 sts, ss to first dc. [6 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Adjust stuffing and use tail to close the end of the Banana.

TO FINISH

With Yarn C, sew on eyes and a mouth. Use the tail from the magic loop to attach the earring hook and weave in ends. Turn the peel up as shown in the photos. Use hairspray to help keep in place if desired.

Tea party!

Stitch Louise Smith's super-cute teacup pincushion for a fun, quick project





YOU WILL NEED

- DROPS Safran (100% cotton, 50g/160m), 1 ball of each:
  Light Blue Purple (05)
  Beige (21)
  Peach (12)
  Off White (18)
- A 3mm (C/2 or D/3) hook
- A stitch marker
- Stranded cotton in black
- Stranded cotton in light pink
- Small amount of stuffing

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

TENSION

22 sts and 30 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over dc using 3mm hook

MEASUREMENTS

Teacup measures 7cm (2¾in) tall and 8cm (3¼in) in diameter

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130



Create this cute little tea-bag label with a magic loop and just three rounds of dc

What a little sweet-tea! Hook up this cute pincushion for a quick crochet fix. The soft pastel colour palette and face means you'll want this little friend next to you whenever you're finishing off your next project – and she makes a perfect gift for any sewist friend, too. Adorable.

NOTES

This pattern is 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 stitch marker in the first st of each round and move it up as you work.

CUP

Using 3mm hook and Light Blue Purple, make a magic loop.
Round 1 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 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 8 (Dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 9 (Dc in next 7 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [54 sts]
Round 10 (Dc in next 8 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [60 sts]
Round 11 Dc in each st around.
Rounds 12-27 Repeat Round 11, ending Round 27 with a ss.
Fasten off.

TEA

Using Beige, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-10 Repeat Rounds 1-10 of Cup, ending Round 10 with a ss.
Fasten off. [60 sts]

JOIN CUP AND TEA PIECES

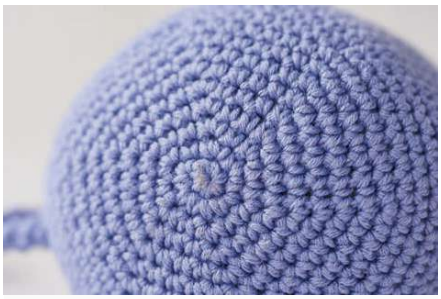
Lightly fill the Cup with stuffing, and continue to stuff as you join on the Tea.
Using Peach, join yarn to Round 27 of the Cup and Round 10 of the Tea, working through both rounds at once.
Round 1 Dc in each st around the Cup and the Tea. [60 sts]
Round 2 Ss in each st around.
Fasten off.

HANDLE

Using Light Blue Purple, ch4, ss to first ch to form a ring.



Fill the cup with stuffing so the 'tea' is a domed shape, ready to fill with your pins



The cup base of the pincushion is worked in a continuous spiral for a pleasing finish

Round 1 Dc in each ch around. [4 sts]
Rounds 2-13 Dc in each st around, ending Round 13 with a ss to first st to join.
Fasten off.

TEA BAG LABEL

Using Off White, make a magic loop.
Round 1 4dc into loop, place marker to mark end of round. [4 sts]
Round 2 3dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 Dc in next st, (3dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) 3 times, 3dc in next st, dc in next st, ss to first st to join.
Fasten off leaving a long tail to sew in place. [20 sts]

TO MAKE UP

Using the yarn tail, sew the Tea Bag Label into place, just between the Tea and the rim at the front side of the Tea Cup. Using light pink stranded cotton, embroider a heart onto the Label, using the image as a guide.
Sew the Handle in place just behind the Tea Bag Label, at Round 14 and Round 21 of the Cup.
Using black and light pink stranded cotton, embroider facial details (as shown, or to your own design) onto the front of Tea Cup, using chain stitch.



Under the sea

Take just one of Pony McTate's epic sea creatures and turn it into a fun, quick-to-hook brooch

EASY PEASY ☆★☆ | 4PLY WEIGHT | 3MM HOOK

YOU WILL NEED

- Scheepjes Catona (100% cotton, 10g/25m), 1 ball of:
  Watermelon (252)
- Scheepjes Maxi Sweet Treat (100% cotton, 25g/140m), 1 ball of each:
  Powder Pink (238)
  Jet Black (110)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- A 2.5cm brooch clasp
- A tapestry needle

For yarn stockists contact www.scheepjes.com/en

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project

MEASUREME NTS

The Octopus should measure approx 4x8cm (1½x3in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

NOTES

The Head of the Octopus is worked in rows around both sides of the foundation ch. The Arms are continued on from the Head and are worked along the edge in two rows.

This cool octopus brooch is the perfect present for all the ocean-loving friends in your life. It looks great in any colour too, ideal for stash-busting!

HEAD

Using Watermelon, ch7.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next 4 ch, 3dc in last st, working back down the unworked side of the foundation ch, dc in last 5 ch, turn. [13 sts]
Row 2 (WS) Ch1 (does not count as a st throughout), dc in first 6 sts, 3dc in next st, dc in last 6 sts, turn. [15 sts]
Row 3 Ch1, dc in first 5 sts, htr in next st, 2tr in next 3 sts, htr in next st, dc in next 4 sts, ch3, ss in third ch from hook (eye bump made), dc in last st, do not fasten off. [10 dc, 2 htr, 6 tr]

ARMS

Row 1 (RS) *Ch16, ss in second ch from hook, dc in each ch to end, ss in next 2 row ends on the Head; repeat from * 3 times more working the last ss into the first st from Row 3 of the Head, turn. [4 Arms]
Row 2 (WS) Ch1, ss into the ss at the base of the last Arm made, *ch16, ss in second ch from hook, dc in each ch to end,ss into next row end from th Head, ss into the ss at the base of the next Arm; repeat from * 3 times more. [4 Arms]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

EYE

Using Watermelon, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Fasten off and use the yarn tail to sew the Eye onto the Head, using the image as a guide. The eye bump made at Row 3 of the Head suggests the second Eye.
Using Black, stitch a French knot into the centre of the Eye.

SUCKERS

With WS facing, use Powder Pink to work a running st beginning at the top of the Arm. Once you reach the tip of each Arm, secure the yarn around the last st and work a running st back along to the top of the Arm, inserting the needle under the same sts.

TO FINISH

To make up the Brooch, use Watermelon to sew the Octopus onto a brooch clasp. Work small stitches and check the RS to make sure they aren't visible on the front.







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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 to make really great amigurumi.

Where to find the projects on this page: Kangaroo & Joey page 8, Aisha Doll page 60

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.

IN THE DETAIL

One of the most important parts of toy-making is the finishing detail, especially on 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 quite right. See our workshop on



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 limbs, fingers and long 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



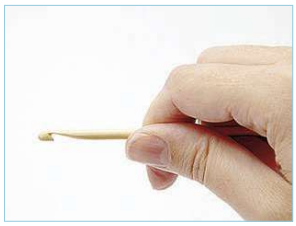
Over the next few pages, you'll find simple step-by-step guides to many useful stitches and techniques that you'll use every time you pick up a hook.

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.

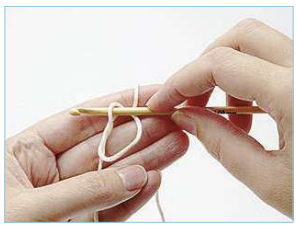
MAKING A SLIPKNOT The first loop on the hook.



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

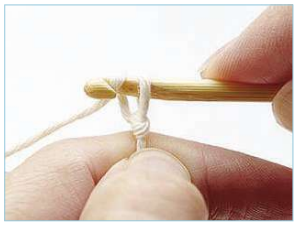


Each chain or loop counts as one stitch. Never count your first slipknot or the loop on the hook (called the working loop). So that you can be accurate, make sure the chain is not twisted and that the front is facing you.

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.

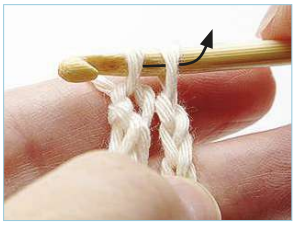
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SLIP STITCH (ss)

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).



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.

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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.

Where to find the patterns in this book: JSwan Pair page 108



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.



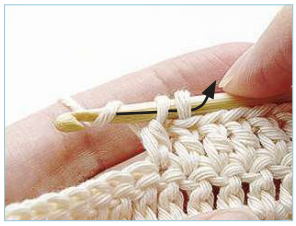
1 To work a treble crochet, start by winding yrh and then insert the hook under the top two loops of the stitch on the previous row.



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 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).

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.

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

Where to find the patterns in this book: Teacup pin cushion page 117

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.

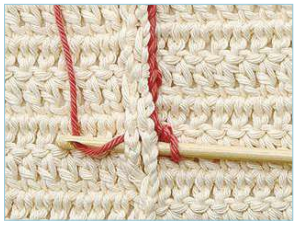
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SEWING SEAMS

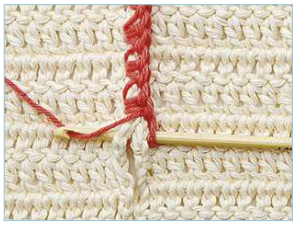
You can join crochet seams by using a tapestry needle or a crochet hook, using one of these four methods.



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.

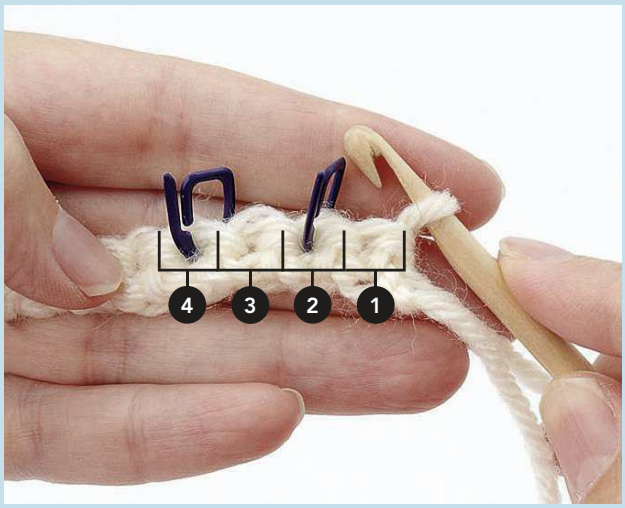
Using stitch markers

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.

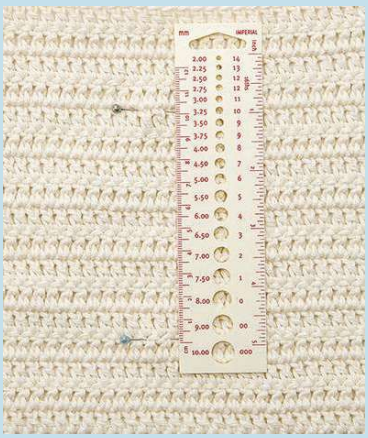
Another great way to use stitch markers is to mark stitches where you need to make increases or decreases. Try using one colour of marker for working increases and another for decreases.



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.



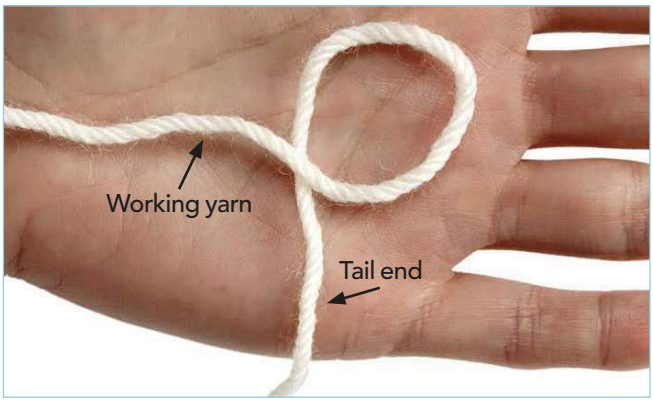


After working the last stitch of the first round, all you have to do is simply pull on the tail end of the yarn to tighten the loop, as if by magic!

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.

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.

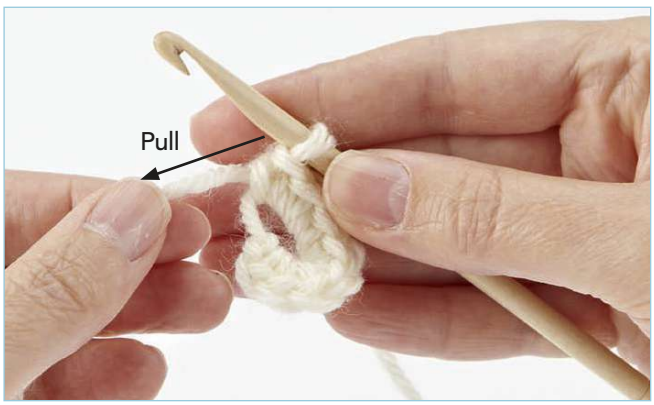


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2 Now insert your hook into the loop, from front to back. Wrap the working yarn around the hook anticlockwise and pull the yarn through the magic loop.



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 patterns in this book: Banana earrings page 115, Lion page 16

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).

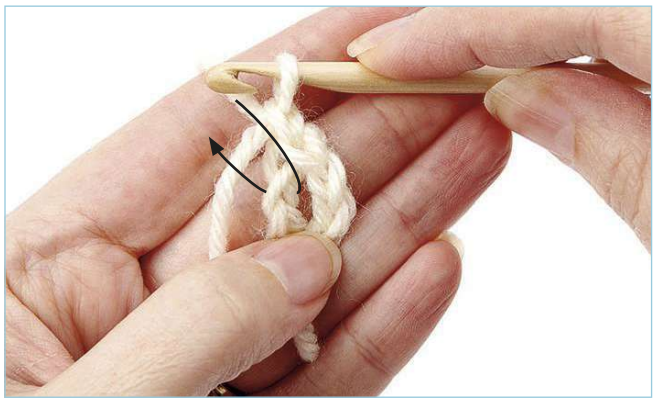
On the first round of a long foundation ring, you will need to work each stitch into each chain as usual, starting from the second chain from the hook.

On the first round of a small ring, you will 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 patterns in this book: Lamb page 38, Koala page 57

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 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 patterns in this book: Ice-cream coaster page 91, Cat door stop page 106

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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