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We've also got a whole host of exciting new patterns to tackle, which you can easily customise with your own fave stitches and shades. Fancy hooking up some mini pals? Turn to p7 to meet some wild critters or, if you've got little ones to stitch for, head to p59 for our collection of cool, cuddly and fun-to-make dolls.

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Party animal

Who's a good boy then? Not this up-all-hours party pug, the brain-puppy of Irene Strange

FUN MAKE





YOU WILL NEED

- DMC Natura Just Cotton (100% cotton, 155m/50g)
  1 ball of each:
  Yarn A Gardenia (N36)
  Yarn B Siena (N41)
  Yarn C Blue Jeans (N26)
  Yarn D Blé (N83)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Toy stuffing
- 2 black safety eyes, 12mm
- Black stranded cotton

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TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Pug measures 18cm (7in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

invdec (invisible decrease) Insert hook into the fl of the next st, insert hook into the fl of the next st, yrh and pull through the 2 sts, yrh and pull through the 2 loops on the hook (alternatively work a standard dc2tog)
bobble (Yrh, insert hook into st specified, yrh and pull up a loop, yrh and pull through 2 loops on the hook) 4 times working into the same st, yrh and pull through all loops on the hook

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Some dogs fetch sticks and others bury bones, and a few don hats and frequent nightclubs. Party Pug falls into this latter camp. Make sure to keep on top of all his separate pieces to avoid an unpicking atrocity, and remember to stuff as you go.

NOTES

You may find it useful to mark the first st of the round, moving the marker up as you work.
The Head is worked from the top down.

PUG

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 (Dc in next st, 3dc in next st, dc in next st) 4 times. [20 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next 2 sts, 3dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) 4 times. [28 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in next 3 sts, 3dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) 4 times. [36 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [48 sts]
Rounds 8-19 Dc in each st around.
Add safety eyes between Rounds 15-16, 10 sts apart.
Round 20 (Dc in next 4 sts, inv dec) 8 times. [40 sts]
Round 21 (Dc in next 3 sts, inv dec) 8 times. [32 sts]
Round 22 (Dc in next 2 sts, inv dec) 8 times. [24 sts]
Round 23 (Dc in next st, inv dec) 8 times. [16 sts]
Add toy stuffing.
Round 24 (Inv dec) 8 times. [8 sts]
Fasten off, thread the tail through the fl of last 8 sts pulling tight to close.

MUZZLE

Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-2 (RS) As Rounds 1-2 of Head. [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, 2dc in next st) 6 times, dc in next 12 sts. [30 sts]
Rounds 6-7 Dc in each st around. **Fasten off**.
Using black stranded cotton, sew a nose over Round 4 on the upper side of the Muzzle. We used multiple whipstitches worked over 4 sts across.
Add some stuffing and sew to the front of the Head below the eyes. You can use the image as a guide.



Add the eyes before stuffing the head, while you can still access the back of the fabric



Line up the ear and inner ear from the bottom edge for a more symmetrical finish

MOUTH

Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (3dc in next st, dc in next st) 3 times. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 3dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) 3 times [18 sts]
Round 4 Dc in next 4 sts, 3dc in next st, dc in next 9 sts, 3dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, ss in next st. **Fasten off**. [22 sts]
Sew the Mouth to back post of sts on the lower half of the Muzzle so that the top line of the Mouth protrudes slightly. You can use the image as a guide.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-3 (RS) Repeat Rounds 1-3 of Mouth. [18 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next 2 sts, 3dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) 3 times [24 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in next 3 sts, 3dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts) 3 times [30 sts]
Round 6 Dc in next 15 sts, ss in next st, leave rem sts unworked. **Fasten off**.

INNER EARS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-3 (RS) As Rounds 1-3 of Mouth. [18 sts]
Fasten off.
Sew the Inner Ear onto the Ear, lining up at the bottom edge.
Sew the Ears onto the Head using the images as a guide.

COLLAR
Using Yarn C, ch30, ss into last ch from hook to form a loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, dc in each ch around, ss to beg dc. [30 sts]
Rounds 2-3 Ch1, dc in each st around.
Fasten off.
Using Yarn D, sew the stud detail by working 2 small straight sts in the same position over Round 2. Repeat around the Collar.

BODY
Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 7dc into loop. [7 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [14 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 7 times. [21 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 7 times. [28 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 7 times. [35 sts]
Rounds 6-8 Dc in each st around.
Round 9 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times, dc in next 20 sts. [38 sts]
Round 10 Dc in each st around.
Round 11 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times, dc in next 23 sts. [41 sts]
Rounds 12-15 Dc in each st around.
Round 16 Dc in next 30 sts, (inv dec) 3 times, dc last 5 sts. [38 sts]
Round 17 Dc in each st around.
Round 18 Dc in next 30 sts, dc3tog, dc in last 5 sts. [36 sts]
Round 19 Dc in next 29 sts, dc2tog, dc in last 4 sts. [34 sts]
Round 20 (Dc in next 4 sts, inv dec) 3 times, dc in next 10 sts, dc3tog, dc in last 3 sts. [29 sts]
Rounds 21-23 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.
Stuff the Body and place the Collar over the opening. Sew to the base of the Head. We've turned the Head slightly to give the pug a jaunty look.

FRONT RIGHT LEGS
Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-2 (RS) As Rounds 1-2 of Head. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Bobble in next st, dc in next st) 3 times, dc in next 6 sts.
Round 4 Dc in each st around.
Round 5 Dc in next 8 sts, inv dec, dc in last 2 sts. [11 sts]
Rounds 6-8 Dc in each st around.
Round 9 Dc in next 6 sts, ss in bl of next 5 sts.
Round 10 Dc in next 6 sts, ss in next st.
Fasten off.

FRONT LEFT LEG
Rounds 1-8 As Rounds 1-8 of Front Right Leg.
Round 9 Ss in bl of next 2 sts, dc in next 6 sts, ss in bl of next 3 sts.
Round 10 Ss in bl of next 2 sts, dc in next 6 sts, ss into next st. **Fasten off**.
Add stuffing to both the Legs. Position the Legs over Round 12 of the Body so that they can support the weight of the Body.

BACK LEGS
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 next st, 2dc in next st) 6 times [18 sts]
Round 4 Dc in each st around, turn.
Round 5 (WS) Ch1, bobble in each of next 3 sts, ch1, ss in next st. **Fasten off**.
Add a small amount of stuffing to Rounds 1-4 and sew to the Body with the bobbles pointing down. You can use the images as a guide.

TAIL
Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1**,** 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 3dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts. [8 sts]
Round 3 Dc in each st around.
Round 4 Dc in next st, 3dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts. [10 sts]
Round 5 Dc in next 6 sts, inv dec, dc in last 2 sts. [9 sts]
Round 6 Dc in next 2 sts, 3dc in next st, dc in last 6 sts. [11 sts]
Rounds 7-11 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off, shape into a curl and sew to the back of the Body between Rounds 7 and 9.

HAT
Using Yarn C, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop.
Round 2 Dc in each st around.
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [9 sts]
Round 4 Dc in each st around.
Round 5 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [12 sts]



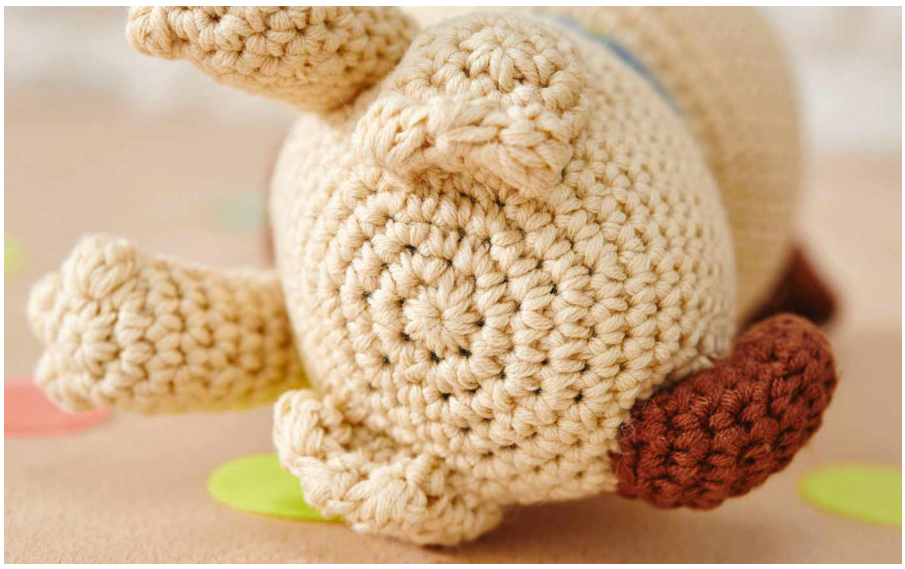
The diagonal stripes are sewn on Party Pug's hat separately after the hat shape is complete



You might want to add a piece of pipe cleaner inside the tail so that it's fully poseable

Round 6 Dc in each st around.
Round 7 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [15 sts]
Rounds 8-9 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.
Sew stripes onto the Hat with Yarn D, then sew to the top of Head.

TO FINISH
Weave in any remaining ends.





ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

Big flappy ears and adorable tassel tails – we love Samantha Fornino's sweet heffalumps



YOU WILL NEED

- West Yorkshire Spinners Bo Peep Luxury Baby DK (52% Falkland wool, 48% nylon, 50g/112m)

FOR STRIPED ELEPHANT

1 ball of each:
Raindrop (460)
Apple (213)
Seahorse (293)
Dolly (634)
Pumpkin (276)
Tooth Fairy (011)

FOR WHITE ELEPHANT

3 balls of Tooth Fairy (011)
1 ball of each:
Seahorse (293)
Robot (677)

- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- A pair of safety eyes
- Stitch marker
- Toy stuffing

For yarn stockists contact West Yorkshire Spinners 01535 664500 www.wyspinners.com

TENSION

Tension is not critical, but may affect yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Elephant measures approx 19cm (7½in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

These cute elephants will never be forgotten by children who play with them! Luxury Bo Peep DK means they're ultra-soft (as all toys should be), and you can choose between rainbow stripes or white with turquoise accents.

NOTES

It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.
Cut yarns after each colour change.
Always change to new colour on the last yrh of the last dc in old colour.
The pattern is written for the colour changes of the Striped Elephant. See notes at the beginning of each section for colours for the Two-colour Elephant.

ELEPHANT

TRUNK AND HEAD

For the White Elephant work in Seahorse for the first 3 rounds, then Tooth Fairy throughout.
Using Seahorse, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Rounds 2-3 Dc in each st around.
Change to Raindrop.
Round 4 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Rounds 5-6 Dc in each st around.
Change to Dolly.
Round 7 Dc in next 6 sts, (2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Rounds 8-9 Dc in each st around.
Change to Apple.
Round 10 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Rounds 11-12 Dc in each st around.
Change to Pumpkin.
Round 13 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]



The elephant's ears are folded slightly and sewn to the curve of the head

Rounds 14-15 Dc in each st around.
Change to Raindrop.
Round 16 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 sts]
Rounds 17-18 Dc in each st around.
Change to Seahorse.
Rounds 19-21 Dc in each st around.
Change to Pumpkin.
Round 22 (Dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 sts]
Rounds 23-24 Dc in each st around.
Change to Apple.
Round 25 (Dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 26 (Dc in next 7 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [54 sts]
Round 27 (Dc in next 8 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [60 sts]
Change to Dolly.
Rounds 28-29 Dc in each st around.
Place the safety eyes between Rounds 28-29.
Round 30 (Dc in next 9 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [66 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

LEGS (MAKE 4)

For the White Elephant work in Seahorse for the first 4 rounds, then Tooth Fairy throughout.
Using Pumpkin, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 8dc into the loop. [8 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [16 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [24 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [32 sts]
Change to Apple.
Round 5 Dc in bl of each st around.
Rounds 6-7 Dc in each st around.
Change to Raindrop.
Rounds 8-10 Dc in each st around.
Change to Seahorse.
Rounds 11-13 Dc in each st around.
Change to Raindrop.
Rounds 14-16 Dc in each st around.



Ss in next st and **fasten off**. Weave in ends.

JOIN INSIDE OF LEGS FOR UNDERSIDE OF BODY

Place the Legs next to each other in a 2x2 formation.
Using Raindrop, or Tooth Fairy for White Elephant, rejoin yarn with a ss to any stitch of one Leg.
Round 1 Ch1, dc in same st as ss, dc in each of next 5 sts, (pick up next Leg and dc in each of first 6 sts) 3 times. [24 sts]
Round 2 (Dc2tog) 12 times. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc2tog) 6 times [6 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

MAIN BODY

Use Tooth Fairy throughout for White Elephant.
Using Dolly, rejoin yarn with a ss to 2nd free stitch on any Leg.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, dc in same st as ss, dc in next 23 sts, dc2tog over last st of Leg and first st of next Leg, *dc in next 24 sts, (dctog) over last st of Leg and first st of next Leg; rep from * twice more. [100 sts]
Sew the small holes between the Body and the Underside closed.
Stuff the Legs and continue to as you work.
Round 2 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) 20 times. [120 sts]
Round 3 Dc in each st around.
Change to Raindrop.
Round 4 (Dc in next 8 sts, dc2tog) 12 times. [108 sts]
Rounds 5-6 Dc in each st around.
Change to Apple.
Round 7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 (Dc in next 7 sts, dc2tog) 12 times. [96 sts]
Round 9 Dc in each st around.
Change to Raindrop.
Rounds 10-12 Dc in each st around.
Change to Pumpkin.
Rounds 13-15 Dc in each st around.
Change to Raindrop.
Round 16 (Dc in next 6 sts, dc2tog) 12 times. [84 sts]
Round 17 Dc in next 32 sts, now join the Trunk to the Elephant's Body by holding Trunk against Body (with RS together) and, working through both sets of sts, work dc in each of next 20 sts of Trunk and Body, continue on Body, working dc in each of next 32 sts. [84 sts]
Continue to work in dc, following Body and outer edge of the Trunk as follows:
Change to Dolly.
Round 18 Dc in each st around. [110 sts]
Round 19 Dc in each st around.
Round 20 (Dc in each of next 8 sts, dc2tog) 11 times. [99 sts]
Change to Raindrop.
Round 21 Dc in each st around.
Round 22 Dc in next 30 sts, (dc2tog) 3 times, dc in next 12 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 12 sts, (dc2tog) 3 times, dc in next 31 sts. [92 sts]
Round 23 Dc in next 44 sts, (dc2tog) twice, dc in each of next 44 sts. [90 sts]
Change to Seahorse.
Round 24 (Dc in next 7 sts, dc2tog) 10 times. [80 sts]
Round 25 (Dc in next 6 sts, dc2tog) 10 times. [70 sts]
Round 26 (Dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog) 10 times. [60 sts]
Change to Raindrop.
Round 27 (Dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog) 10 times. [50 sts]
Round 28 (Dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog) 10 times. [40 sts]
Round 29 (Dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 10 times. [30 sts]
Change to Apple.
Round 30 Dc in each st around.
Round 31 (Dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog) 5 times. [25 sts]
Round 32 (Dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog) 5 times. [20 sts]
Change to Raindrop.
Round 33 (Dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog) 4 times. [16 sts]
Round 34 (Dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 4 times. [12 sts]
Round 35 (Dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 4 times. [8 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Weave the tail through the last 8 sts, pull tight to close.

TUSKS (MAKE 2)

Using Tooth Fairy, or Robot for White Elephant, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each st around.
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [12 sts]
Rounds 5-7 Dc in each st around.
Ss in next st and **fasten off**.

EARS (MAKE 2)

For White Elephant work (1 round of Seahorse, 2 rounds of Tooth Fairy) throughout.
Using Dolly, 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]
Change to Seahorse.
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]



If the toy is going to a little one, ensure you stitch the tail on very firmly

Change to Apple.
Round 7 (Dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 sts]
Rounds 8-9 Dc in each st around.
Change to Pumpkin.
Rounds 10-12 Dc in each st around.
Change to Raindrop.
Round 13 Dc in each st around, ss in next st.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

TASSEL TAIL

Make a Tassel using Pumpkin, or Seahorse for White Elephant as follows:
Wrap yarn held double approx 10 times around a 6cm length of strong card. Cut yarn. Cut a short length of yarn, thread it underneath one end of the wrapped yarn and tie tightly in a knot, leaving the tails ends to hang with. This is the top of the Tassel. At opposite end, cut the wrapped yarn and let the cardboard fall out. Cut another short length of yarn and tie it around the top end of the Tassel, approx 1cm from the top to create a bulb.

TO FINISH

Sew Tusks to each the side of the Trunk.
Fold the Ears in half and sew the final round together to form the Ear shape. Sew to the Head. Sew the Tail on the back of the Elephant.

Stuffed to the gills

This axolotl is almost as magical as its limb-regenerating real-life counterpart. By Erinna Lee





YOU WILL NEED

- Yarn and Colors Must-Have (100% cotton, 50g/125m)
  1 ball of each:
  Light Pink (044)
  Antique Pink (048)
  Larimar (062)
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- Black stranded cotton
- Toy stuffing
- 2 black safety eyes, 6mm

For stockists contact
Yarn and Colors
www.yarnandcolors.com

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Axolotl measures approx 15cm (6in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

picot Ch3, ss into last ch from hook
For a full list, see page 130

You've taken your tot to the petting zoo, but how do you teach them about species further flung? This adorable axolotl is the answer to your zoological concerns. Give to a littl'un to spark their curiosity (be sure to swot up on Wikipedia beforehand). Wait until they find out those 'pigtails' are gills!

NOTES

You may find it helpful to mark the first st of each round, moving the marker up as you work.

HEAD

Using Light Pink, 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 dc around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in next 3 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in next 4 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in next 5 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 8 (Dc in next 6 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 9 (Dc in next 7 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times. [54 sts]
Round 10 (Dc in next 8 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times. [60 sts]
Rounds 11-20 Dc in each st around.
Round 21 (Dc in next 8 dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [54 sts]
Round 22 (Dc in next 7 dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 23 (Dc in next 6 dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 24 (Dc in next 5 dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 25 (Dc in next 4 dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 26 (Dc in next 3 dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Place the safety eyes between Rounds 17 and 18, 9 sts apart.
Use a single strand of black cotton to sew two eyelashes from each eye. You can use the image as a guide.
Round 27 (Dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 28 (Dc in next dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Stuff the Head firmly with toy stuffing.
Round 29 (Dc2tog) 6 times, ss into next st to join. [6 sts]
Fasten off, thread the tail through the sts of Round 29, pull tight to close and weave in end.



The axolotl is known as the 'walking fish', so these feet are a central part of the design!

LEFT LEG

Using Light Pink, ch7.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in the second ch from hook, dc in next 4 ch, 3dc in next ch, working into the back of the foundation ch, dc in next 4 ch, 2dc in next ch. [14 sts]
Round 2 (2dc in next dc, dc in next 4 dc, 2dc in next 2 sts) twice. [20 sts]
Round 3 Dc in each st around.
Round 4 Dc in next 19 sts, (mark the last st as new end of Round). [19 sts]
Round 5 (Dc2tog, dc in next 7 sts) twice. [16 sts]
Round 6 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 7 dc) twice, dc in next st (marks new end of Round). [17 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in next 6 sts, dc2tog) twice. [14 sts]
Stuff the Foot.
Flatten the top of the Foot and work the next row through both sides to close.
Row 8 (The side facing you will be the front of the Left Leg), dc in next 6 sts, turn.
Round 9 Ch1, dc into the fl of next 6 sts, ch1, dc in the 6 unused bl loop. [12 sts]
Round 10 2dc in next st, dc in next 11 sts. [13 sts]
Round 11 2dc in next st, dc in next 12 sts. [14 sts]
Round 12 2dc in next 2 sts, dc in next 5 sts, (dc2tog), dc in next 5 sts. [15 sts]
Round 13 Dc in next 2 sts (mark last st), ss into next st to join. **Fasten off**. [2 sts]

RIGHT LEG

Repeat Rounds 1-12 of the Left Leg. On Row 8 the side facing away from you is the front of the Right Leg.
Round 13 (RS) Dc in next 2 sts, (mark last st). [2 sts]
Do not fasten off the Right Leg.

BODY

Continue from the Right Leg, using Light Pink.
Round 1 (RS) Ch3 (space between Legs), dc into the next dc after the marked st on Left

Leg, dc in next 14 sts on Left Leg, dc into bl of each 3 ch, dc in next 15 sts of Right Leg. [33 sts]
Round 2 Dc into fl of 3 ch, dc in next 33 sts around. [36 sts]
Rounds 3-14 Dc in each st around. [36 sts]
Round 15 (Dc in next 10 sts, dc2tog) 3 times. [33 sts]
Round 16 (Dc in next 9 sts, dc2tog) 3 times. [30 sts]
Round 17 (Dc in next 8 sts, dc2tog) 3 times. [27 sts]
Round 18 (Dc in next 7 sts, dc2tog) 3 times. [24 sts]
Round 19 (Dc in next 6 sts, dc2tog) 3 times. [21 sts]
Round 20 (Dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog) 3 times. [18 sts]
Round 21 Dc in next 4 sts, ss into next st to join. [4 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Stuff the Legs and Body. Sew the Body to the Head using the long tails. The opening of the Body should fall over Rounds 27-29 at the base of the Head. Tilt the Head slightly to one side to give a cute look.

ARMS (MAKE 2)
Using Light Pink, ch6.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next 3 ch, 3dc into last ch, turn to work down the opposite side of the foundation ch, dc in next 3 ch, 2dc in last ch. [12 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each st around.
Round 3 Dc in next 11 sts, (mark last st as new end of Round). [11 sts]
Round 4 (Dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts) twice. [10 sts]
Round 5 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts) twice. [8 sts]
Round 6 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) twice. [6 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [8 sts]
Rounds 8-13 Dc in each st around.
Round 14 Dc in next 6 sts, (mark last st as new end of Round). [6 sts]
Stuff the Arm and flatten the top. Work the next row through both sides to close.
Row 15 Dc in 4 sts across. [4 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Sew the Arms to the Body between Rounds 19-20, 7 stitches apart at the front.

TAIL
Using Light Pink, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [8 sts]
Round 3 Dc in each st around.
Round 4 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [10 sts]
Round 5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [12 sts]
Round 7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 Dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next 2 sts, dc in next 5 sts. [14 sts]
Round 9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 Dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in next 2 sts, dc in next 6 sts. [16 sts]
Round 11 Dc in next 7 sts, 2dc in next 2 sts, dc in next 7 sts. [18 sts]
Round 12 Dc in next 8 sts, 2dc next 2 sts, dc in next 8 sts. [20 sts]
Round 13 Dc in next 10 sts, 2dc in next 2 sts, (mark the 12th and 13th st of Round 13), dc in next 8 sts. [22 sts]
Round 14 (Dc2tog), dc in next 9 sts, 2dc in next 2 sts, dc in next 9 sts. [23 sts]
Round 15 Dc in each st around.
Round 16 (Dc2tog), dc in next 10 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 10 sts, ss into next st to close.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Stuff firmly.

TAIL FIN
Using Light Pink, ch32.
Row 1 Htr in third ch from hook, (htr in next ch, 2htr in next ch, htr in next ch) 9 times, htr in next ch, 2htr in last ch, turn. [40 sts]
Row 2 Ch2 (does not count as st), (htr in next st, 2htr in next st) 20 times. **Fasten off**. [60 sts]
Sew the Tail Fin around the Tail. Start by attaching the Tail Fin to the bottom side of the Tail, and finish by sewing the end of the Tail Fin to the top side of the Tail.
Sew the Tail to the Body. The marked sts from Round 13 of the Tail indicates the top centre of the Tail. The opening of the Tail should be sewn over Rounds 4-11 of the Body.

GILL (MAKE 6)
Using Antique Pink, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Rounds 2-10 Dc in each st around.
Round 11 Dc in each st around, ss into next st to join. **Fasten off**, leaving a long tail.
Lightly stuff each Gill.

GILL EDGING (MAKE 6)
Using Antique Pink, ch22.
Round 1 Ss into second ch from hook, (ss into next st, picot, ss into next st) 10 times. [10 picot]
Fasten off.

HEART
Using Antique Pink, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 Ch2, (3dtr, 4tr, dtr, 4tr, 3dtr, ch2, ss) into the loop. [16 sts]
Fasten off, and use the tail to sew the Heart onto the Body between Rounds 10 and 17.

BOW
Using Larimar, ch21.
Row 1 (RS) Dc into second ch from hook, dc into each ch across, turn. [20 sts]
Rows 2-10 Ch1, dc into each st across, turn.
Work around Rows 1-10 for the next round.
Round 11 Ch1, dc into each st across, *2dc into first row end, dc into next 8 row ends, 2dc into last row end**, dc into the back of each foundation ch across; repeat from * to **, ss to first dc to join. **Fasten off**. [64 sts]
Squeeze the centre of the Bow together and secure with a few sts of Larimar.



The tail fin is a separate piece, sewn around the tail to give a winding, water-rippled effect



This sea-blue bow is a nod to the axolotl's natural aquatic habitat (plus it's super-cute)

MIDDLE OF BOW
Using Larimar, ch10.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in each ch across, turn. [9 sts]
Rows 2-3 Ch1, dc into each st across.
Fasten off.
Wrap the Middle of the Bow around the centre of the Bow, then sew the ends together to make a loop.

TO FINISH
Sew each Gill Edging around the Gill with the start and end of each Edging attached between Rounds 10 and 11. Sew each Gill onto the Head; you can use the image as a guide. The top 2 Gills should fall over Rounds 9 and 10 of the Head, the middle Gills should fall over Rounds 13 and 14 of the Head, the bottom Gills should fall over Rounds 17 and 18 of the Head.
Sew the Bow to the Head in front of the top right Gill. Weave in any remaining ends.



BEAR HUGS

You can't beat a traditional teddy for cuddles and companionship – Val Pierce's sweet bear is sure to become a forever friend



YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft Naturals Organic Cotton (100% cotton, 50g/105m)
  3 balls in Peach (7176)
- Rico Ricorumi DK (100% cotton, 25g/57m)
  1 ball of each:
  Nude (023)
  Chocolate (057)
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- Toy stuffing

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Bear measures approx 28cm (11in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

This beautiful bear has all the makings of a classic, with his 'paw-fect' proportions and endearing expression. We love him for his simple pattern and construction, too. Hooked in double crochet throughout, Val has used soft shades of apricot for the bear's body, with dark brown for the details. This makes it extra quick to make as there are no fiddly colour changes. Little ones are sure to be charmed by this beary cute creation!

NOTES

You may find it useful to mark the first st of the round, moving it up as you work.
Stuff all parts as you work.

HEAD

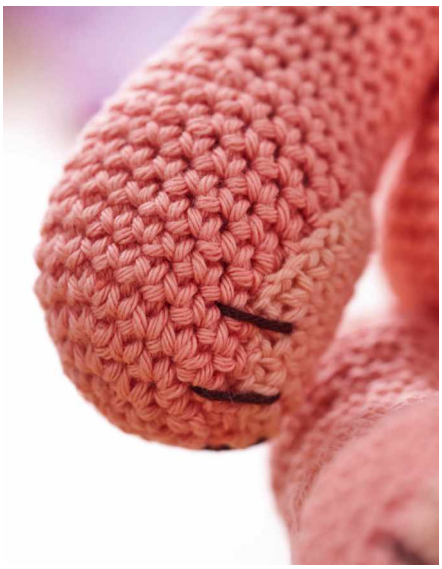
Using Apricot, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook, ss to first ch to join. [6 sts]
Round 2 Ch1(does not count as st throughout), 2dc in each dc to end, ss to first dc. [12 sts]
Round 3 Ch1, (dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [18 sts]
Round 4 Ch1, (dc in next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [24 sts]
Round 5 Ch1, (dc in next 3 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [30 sts]
Round 6 Ch1, (dc in next 4 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [36 sts]
Round 7 Ch1, (dc in next 5 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [42 sts]
Round 8 Ch1, (dc in next 6 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [48 sts]
Rounds 9-17 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to first dc. [48 sts]
Round 18 Ch1, (dc in next 6 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [42 sts]
Round 19 Ch1, (dc in next 5 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, join with a ss to first dc. [36 sts]
Round 20 Ch1, (dc in next 4 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [30 sts]
Round 21 Ch1, (dc in next 3 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [24 sts]
Round 22 Ch1, (dc in next 2 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [18 sts]
Fasten off.

MUZZLE

Using Nude, ch7.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next 4 ch, 3dc in last ch, turn to work in opposite side of foundation ch, dc in next 4 ch, 2dc in last ch, ss to first dc. [14 sts]
Round 2 Ch1, *dc in next 6 dc, 3dc in next dc (pm in secodn dc of inc); rep from * once more, ss to beg dc. [18 sts]
Rounds 3-6 Ch1, (dc in each st to maker, 3dc in marked st, move marker to second dc of inc) rep around, ss to beg dc. [26 sts]



Change up? Add eyelashes or alter the eyebrow angle for a different look!



The paws and feet are firmly stuffed for a squishy rounded shape

Rounds 7-9 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to beg dc.
Fasten off.

NOSE

Using Chocolate, ch8.
Row 1 (RS) Dc into second ch from hook, dc into each ch to end, turn. [7 sts]
Rows 2-4 Ch1, dc in each dc across, turn.
Rows 5-6 Ch1, dc2tog first 2 sts, dc in each st to final 2 sts, dc2tog, turn.
[3 sts at end of Row 6]
Row 7 Ch1, dc3tog.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using Apricot, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook, ss to first ch to join. [6 sts]
Round 2 Ch1(does not count as st throughout), 2dc in each dc to end, ss to first dc. [12 sts]
Round 3 Ch1, (dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc)

6 times, ss to first dc. [18 sts]
Round 4 Ch1, (dc in next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [24 sts]
Round 5 Ch1, (dc in next 3 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [30 sts]
Rounds 6-11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 Ch1 (dc in next 3 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [24 sts]
Rounds 13-24 Dc in each st around. [24 sts]
Round 25 Ch1, (dc in next 2 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [18 sts]
Rounds 26-27 Dc in each st around.
Round 28 Ch1, (dc in next dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [12 sts]
Round 29 Ch1, (dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [6 sts]
Fasten off.

PAW PADS (MAKE 2)

Using Nude, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook, ss to first ch to join. [6 sts]
Round 2 Ch1, 2dc into each dc to end, ss to first dc. [12 sts]
Round 3 Ch1, (dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [18 sts]
Round 4 Ch1, (dc in next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [24 sts]
Fasten off.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

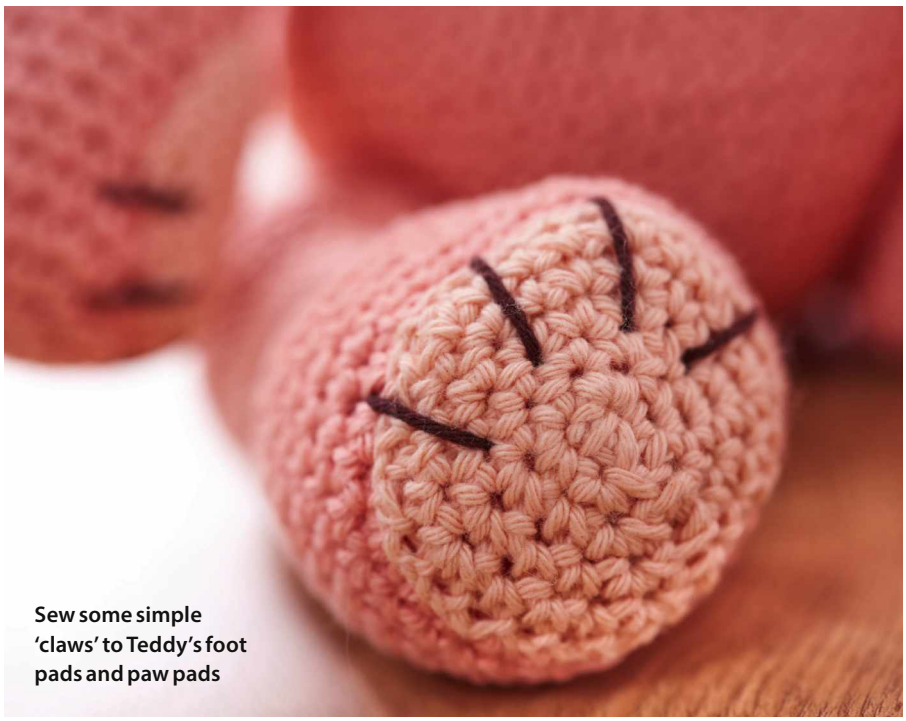
Using Apricot, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook, ss to first ch to join. [6 sts]
Round 2 Ch1(does not count as st throughout), 2dc in each dc to end, ss to first dc. [12 sts]
Round 3 Ch1, (dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [18 sts]
Round 4 Ch1, (dc in next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [24 sts]
Round 5 Ch1, (dc in next 3 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [30 sts]
Round 6 Ch1, (dc in next 4 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [36 sts]
Rounds 7-10 Dc in each st around.
Round 11 Ch1, (dc in next 4 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [30 sts]
Round 12 Dc in each st around.
Round 13 Ch1, (dc in next 3 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [24 sts]
Rounds 14-21 Dc in each st around.
Round 22 Ch1, (dc in next 3 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [30 sts]
Rounds 23-28 Dc in each st around.
Round 29 Ch1, (dc in next 3 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [24 sts]
Round 30 Ch1, (dc in next 2 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [18 sts]
Round 31 Ch1, (dc in next dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [12 sts]
Round 32 Ch1, (dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [6 sts]
Fasten off.

FOOT PADS (MAKE 2)

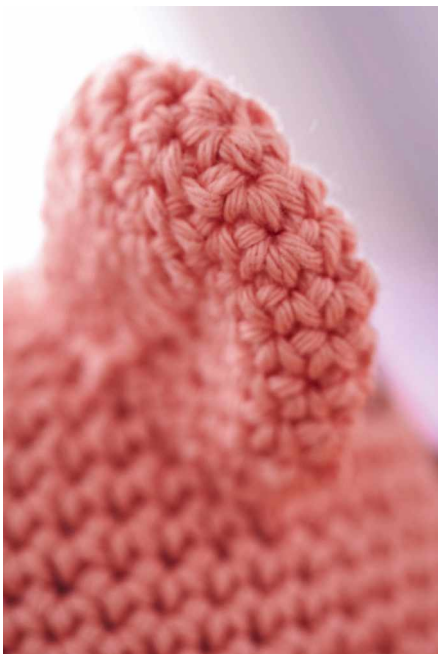
Using Nude, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook, ss to first ch to join. [6 sts]
Round 2 Ch1(does not count as st throughout), 2dc in each dc to end, ss to first dc. [12 sts]
Round 3 Ch1, (dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [18 sts]
Round 4 Ch1, (dc in next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [24 sts]
Round 5 Ch1, (dc in next 3 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [30 sts]
Fasten off.

BODY

Using Apricot, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook, ss to first ch to join. [6 sts]
Round 2 Ch1(does not count as st throughout), 2dc in each dc to end, ss to first dc. [12 sts]
Round 3 Ch1, (dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [18 sts]
Round 4 Ch1, (dc in next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [24 sts]
Round 5 Ch1, (dc in next 3 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [30 sts]
Round 6 Ch1, (dc in next 4 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [36 sts]
Round 7 Ch1, (dc in next 5 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [42 sts]
Round 8 Ch1, (dc in next 6 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [48 sts]
Round 9 Ch1, (dc in next 7 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [54 sts]
Rounds 10-21 Dc in each st around.
Round 22 Ch1, (dc in next 7 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [48 sts]
Rounds 23-25 Dc in each st around.
Round 26 Ch1, (dc in next 6 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [42 sts]
Rounds 27-28 Dc in each st around.
Round 29 Ch1, (dc in next 5 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [36 sts]
Round 30 Dc in each st around.



Sew some simple 'claws' to Teddy's foot pads and paw pads



Cotton yarn creates a lovely firm fabric, ideal for add-on pieces such as cute ears

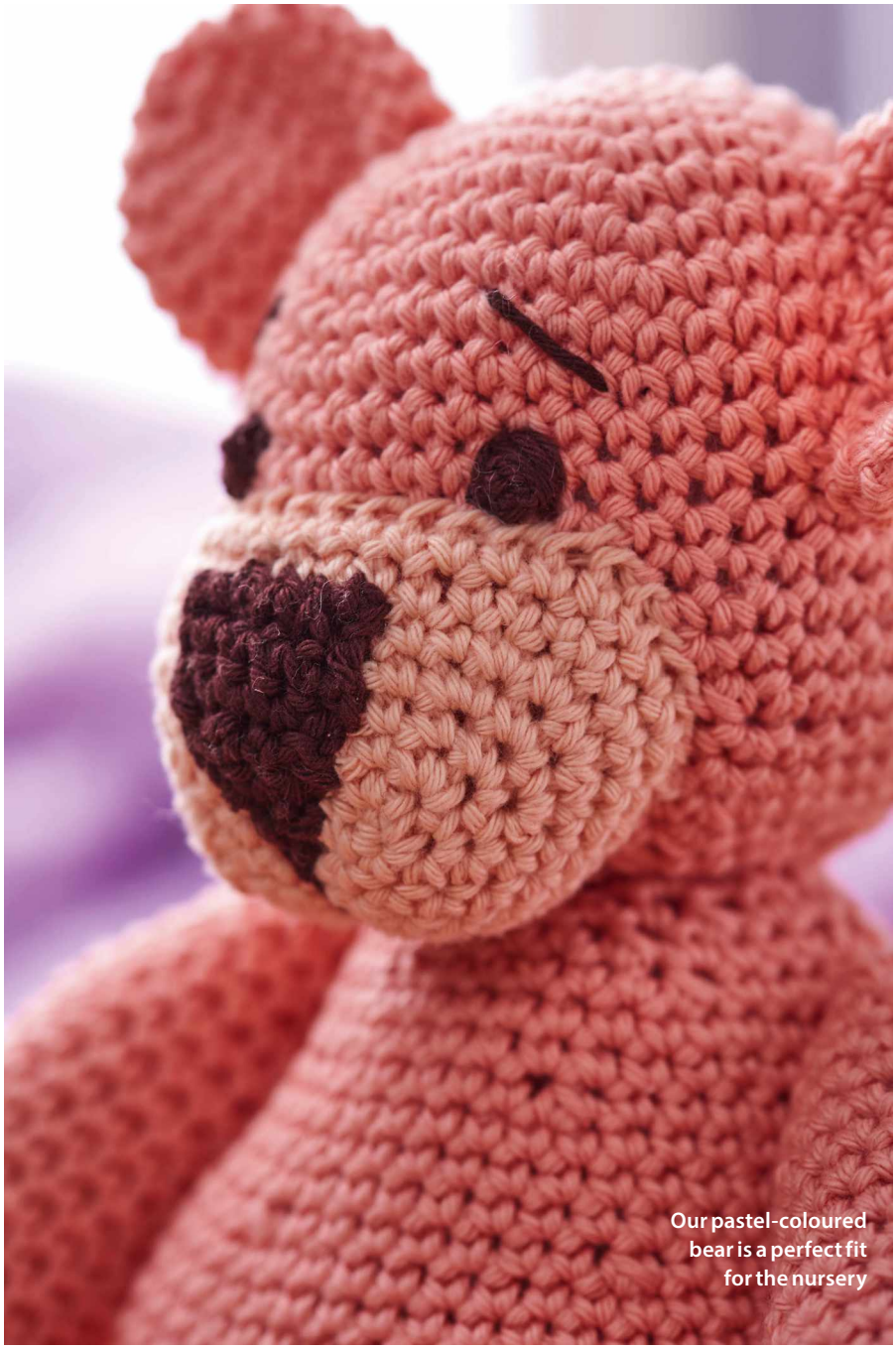
Round 31 Ch1, (dc in next 4 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [30 sts]
Round 32 Ch1, (dc in next 3 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [24 sts]
Round 33 Ch1, (dc in next 2 dc, dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [18 sts]
Fasten off.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Using Apricot, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in 2nd ch from hook, ss to first ch to join into a circle.
Round 2 Ch1 (not counted as a st throughout), 2dc in each dc to end, ss to first dc. [12 sts]
Round 3 Ch1, (dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [18 sts]
Round 4 Ch1, (dc in next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [24 sts]
Round 5 Ch1, (dc in next 3 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [30 sts]
Rounds 6-10 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to first dc..
Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Complete stuffing on each part if needed. Make sure the Head and Body are firmly stuffed. With the Arms and Legs, stuff the Paw and Feet parts well, but leave the tops of the Arms and Legs quite soft.
Fold Ears in half, curl into a semi-circle shape, pin in place on either side of Head and then sew firmly to the Head.
Pin the Muzzle to the Head. Once happy with the position sew in place, stuffing as you go.
Pin the Nose to the centre of the Muzzle and sew in place.
Using Chocolate, embroider the eyes above the Muzzle, and the eyebrows.
Sew Head to Body.
Sew the Paw and Feet pads to the Arms and Legs. Using Chocolate, embroider claws onto the Pads.
Sew the Arms and Legs to the Body of Bear, flattening the top of the limbs so that they sit nicely against the Body.



Our pastel-coloured bear is a perfect fit for the nursery



GYM BUNNY

Get motivated with your very own cardio companion, complete with leg warmers. By Beardie and Blondie.



YOU WILL NEED

- DMC Natura Just Cotton 4ply (100% cotton, 50g/155m)
  1 ball of each:
  Yarn A Ivory (02)
  Yarn B Sishuan (99)
  Yarn C Gris Argent (09),
  Yarn D Geranium (52)
  Yarn E Giroflee (85)
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- Stitch markers
- 2 safety eyes, 10mm
- Toy stuffing

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

TENSION

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

MEASUREMENTS

Bunny measures approx 23cm (9in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Using these beautifully coloured cotton yarns, Mike Scrivens and Jordon Graham (aka Beardie and Blondie) have created their very own gym buddy with classic '90s workout outfit, complete with leotard, legwarmers and the snazziest headband.

NOTES

You may find it useful to mark the first st of the round, moving it up as you work.
Make the Arms, Legwarmers and one Leg first. You will join the first Leg to the second Leg as you work it.
The Body and Head are worked up from the Legs, joining the Arms as you go.

BUNNY

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (2dc in next st, dc in next st) 3 times. [9 sts]
Rounds 3-4 Dc in each st around.
Round 5 (2dc in next st, 2dc) 3 times. [12 sts]
Rounds 6-14 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off leaving a 20cm tail.

LEG WARMERS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn B, ch12, ss to first ch (being careful not to twist ch) to form a loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as a st throughout), htr in each ch around, ss to top of beg htr to join. [12 sts]
Round 2 Ch1, htr in each st around, ss to top of beg htr, turn.
Work next 2 rows over 6 sts only.
Rows 3-4 Ch1, htr in next 6 sts, turn. [6 sts]
Round 5 (WS) Dc evenly around sts from Row 4 and unworked sts from Round 2.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

LEGS (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 (2dc in next 3 sts, 3dc) twice. [18 sts]
Rounds 4-7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 (Dc2tog) 3 times, 12dc. [15 sts]
Round 9 (Dc2tog) twice, 5dc, (dc2tog), 4dc. [12 sts]
Change to Yarn C.
Rounds 10-14 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off first Leg only and pm in 11th st of final round.
Place Legwarmers onto each Leg so the final round is facing down and continue working second Leg.
Round 15 Dc in next 8 sts.
Do not fasten off.

JOIN LEGS

Change to Yarn D.
Round 16 Ch3 (space between legs), dc in marked st on first Leg, dc in each st around, dc in next 3 ch, dc in each st around second Leg, 3dc into opposite side of ch-3 sp between Legs. [30 sts]



The bunny's arms are made separately and sewn onto the body while you make it



This rabbit is definitely channelling retro style with his adorable leg warmers!

BODY

Round 17 (2dc in next st, 4dc) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 18 (2dc in next st, 5dc) 6 times. [42 sts]
Rounds 19-30 Dc in each st around.
Round 31 (Dc2tog, 5dc) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 32 Dc in each st around.
Round 33 (Dc2tog, 4dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 34 Dc in each st around.
Round 35 (Dc2tog, 3dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 36 Dc in each st around.
Stuff Legs and Body, continuing to stuff as you work.

JOIN ARMS

Remove live loop from hook and secure with a marker to pick up later.
Mark out 4 sts either side of the Body and sew to 4 sts of each Arm using the tails from the Arms. Make sure you have 8 sts on the Body between each Arm.

Place live loop back onto your hook.
Round 37 Dc in each st of Body to first Arm, dc in next 8 sts of Arm, dc in next 8 sts of Body, dc in next 8 sts of second Arm, dc in each st to end. [32 sts]

NECK AND HEAD

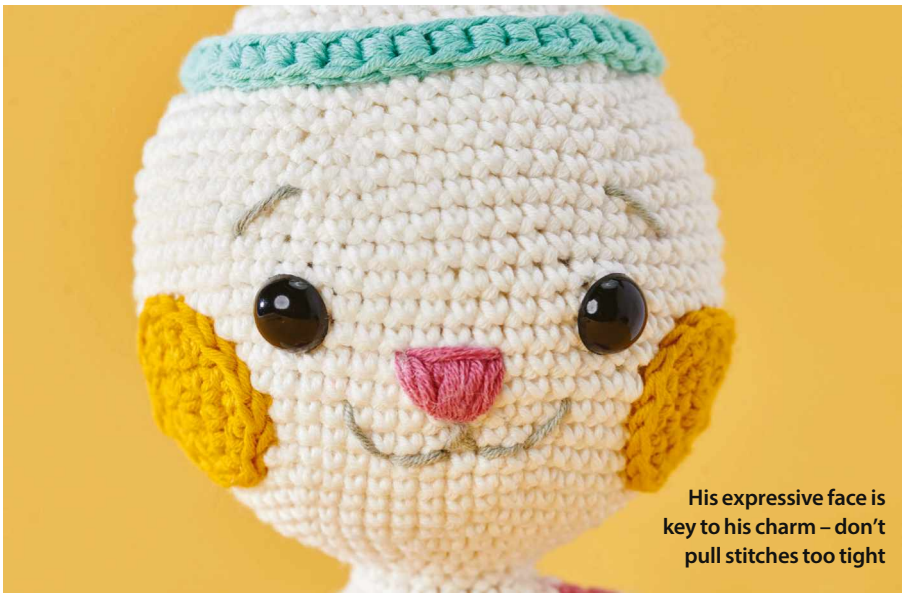
Continue with Yarn D.
Round 38 10dc, (dc2tog), 14dc, (dc2tog), 4dc. [30 sts]
Change to Yarn A.
Round 39 (Dc2tog, 3dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 40 (Dc2tog, 2dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Stuff Arms and Body.
Rounds 41-42 Dc in each st around.
Round 43 (2dc in next st, 2dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 44 (2dc in next st, 3dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 45-49 Increase evenly by 6 sts each round in same fashion. [60 sts]
Rounds 50-62 Dc in each st around.
Round 63 (Dc2tog, 8dc) 6 times. [54 sts]
Round 64 (Dc2tog, 7dc) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 65 Dc in each st around.
Round 66 (Dc2tog, 6dc) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 67 (Dc2tog, 5dc) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 68 Dc in each st around.
Stuff Head.
Round 69 (Dc2tog, 4dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 70 (Dc2tog, 3dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 71 Dc in each st around.
Round 72 (Dc2tog, 2dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Position safety eyes over Rounds 55-56, approx 9 sts apart.
Over the next round you will create 2 spaces for the Ears.
Round 73 6dc, ch3, skip 9 sts, 3dc. [9 dc]
Do not fasten off.

FIRST EAR

Each Ear is worked over 9 sts and the ch-3 sp of the final round of Head.
Continue with Yarn A.
Round 1 6dc, dc in next 3 ch, 3dc. [12 sts]
Round 2 (2dc in next st, 2dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Rounds 3-8 Dc in each st around.
Round 9 (Dc2tog, 4dc) 3 times. [15 sts]
Rounds 10-11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 (Dc2tog, 3dc) 3 times. [12 sts]
Rounds 13-14 Dc in each st around.
Round 15 (Dc2tog, 2dc) 3 times. [9 sts]
Round 16 (Dc2tog, dc in next st) 3 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off leaving Ear unstuffed.
Weave tail through final 6 sts of Ear, pulling tight to close hole.

SECOND EAR

Join Yarn A into any unworked st from final Round of Head.
Round 1 Dc in each st and ch around working into opposite side of ch-3 sp. [12 sts]
Rounds 2-16 As Rounds 2-16 of First Ear.
Fasten off as for First Ear.



His expressive face is key to his charm – don't pull stitches too tight

SWEAT BANDS (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn B, ch42.
Row 1 Htr in third ch from hook and each ch across. [40 sts]
Fasten off.
Using the tails sew a Sweat Band around the Head and stomach of the Bunny.

CHEEKS (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn E, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-3 As Rounds 1-3 of Legs. [18 sts]
Fasten off and use the tail to sew onto Head.

EAR PATCHES (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn D, ch7.
Round 1 Dc in second ch from hook and next 4 ch, 2dc in next ch, turn to work into opposite side of foundation ch, dc in next 5 ch. [12 sts]
Round 2 (Tr, ch3, ss into second ch from hook, tr) into next st, ss in next st.
Fasten off and use the tail to sew onto the Ear.

TAIL
Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Rounds 3-4 Dc in each st around.
Stuff lightly.
Round 5 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off and use the tail to sew to the back of the Body over Rounds 22-24.

TO FINISH
Use the images as a guide when finishing.
Using Yarn D, sew a small triangular nose between the eyes over Rounds 52-54.
Using Yarn C, sew small straight sts over the feet, sew eyebrows above each eye and sew a mouth below the nose.



The sweat band is a simple htr band that's then sewn onto the head

Shell's belles

Hook up this happy homebody in a pinch.
Designed by Irene Strange





YOU WILL NEED

- DMC Natura Just Cotton (100% cotton, 50g/155m) 1 ball of each:
  Yarn A Safran (N47)
  Yarn B Nacar (N35)
  Yarn C Chartreuse (N48)
  Yarn D Ixora (N104)
  Yarn E Aquamarina (N25)
- A 2.75mm (US C/2) hook
- 2 black safety eyes, 11mm
- Toy stuffing
- Tapestry needle
- Brown stranded cotton

For stockists contact DMC 01924 231669 www.dmc.com

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Crab measures approx 13cm (5in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

invdec (invisible decrease) Insert hook through fl of next 2 sts, yrh and pull through the two fl on hook, yrh and pull through two loops on hook (alternatively work standard dc2tog)
bobble Worked individually over surface of Shell, join yarn to st on Shell, ch2, tr3tog in same st, ch1, ss into Shell one round below
For a full list, see page 130

Kermit the hermit crab loves a day at the beach, but won't go without his home comforts – or even his home. We can all relate! This is a great time to master the invisible decrease – a simple adaptation that makes decreases barely detectable on tightly curved shapes, which is ideal for a toy as curvy as this crab!

NOTES

You may find it useful to mark the first st of each round, moving ithe marker up as you work.
The Crab is made up of separate pieces, which are joined together at the end.
Work standard decreases on Shell and invisible decreases (see Abbreviations) on all other pieces.

HERMIT CRAB

SHELL

Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 6dc into the loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 Dc in each st around.
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [9 dc]
Round 4 Change to Yarn C, (2dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [12 dc]
Round 5 Change to Yarn D, (3dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [15 dc]
Round 6 Change to Yarn B, (4dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [18 dc]
Rounds 7-8 As Round 2.
Round 9 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [21 dc]
Round 10 As Round 2.
Round 11 Change to Yarn C, (6dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [24 dc]
Round 12 Change to Yarn D, as Round 2.
Round 13 Change to Yarn B, ss in each st around.
Round 14 Working into ss, (dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 12 times. [36 dc]
Round 15 As Round 2.
Round 16 Change to Yarn C, (5dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 dc]
Round 17 Change to Yarn D, (6dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [48 dc]
Rounds 18-21 Change to Yarn B, as Round 2.
Round 22 Change to Yarn D, (6dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 23 Change to Yarn C, (5dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 24 Change to Yarn B, as Round 13.
Round 25 Working into ss, (2dc, 2dc in next st) 12 times. [48 dc]
Round 26 Change to Yarn C, (7dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [54 dc]
Round 27 Change to Yarn D, (8dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [60 dc]
Rounds 28-32 Change to Yarn B, as Round 2.
Round 33 Change to Yarn D, (8dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [54 sts]
Round 34 Change to Yarn C, (7dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [48 sts]



As you add stuffing inside the antennae, gently shape them so they curve upwards



The six back legs are made individually before being stitched to the body at the end

Round 35 Change to Yarn B, (6dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing Shell to Body.

BOBBLES

Using Yarn E, and using the image as a guide, add bobbles around the surface of the Shell over the Yarn B rounds, evenly spaced.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

BODY

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 7dc into the loop. [7dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [14 dc]
Round 3 (Dc, 2dc in next st) 7 times. [21 dc]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 7 times. [28 dc]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 7 times. [35 dc]
Round 6 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 7 times. [42 dc]
Rounds 7-9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 (4dc, inv dec) 7 times. [35 sts]
Round 11 (3dc, inv dec) 7 times. [28 sts]
Round 12 (2dc, inv dec) 7 times. [21 sts]
Stuff firmly.



Blue bobbles add colourful texture to the crab's shell

Round 13 (Dc, inv dec) 7 times. [14 sts]
Round 14 (Inv dec) 7 times. [7 sts]
Fasten off, thread tail through front loop of each st of final round and pull tight to close the hole. Weave in ends.

EYES (MAKE 2)
With 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]
Rounds 3-7 Dc in each st around.
Add a safety eye between Rounds 4-5.
Rounds 8-11 As Round 3.
Round 12 2dc in next 3 sts, dc, (inv dec) 3 times, 2dc. [12 sts]
Rounds 13-14 As Round 3.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing Eyes to Body.

CLAWS (MAKE 2)
Snip off a 25cm length of Yarn A; this will be used to sew the Claw into shape before you stuff and finish the Claw.
With 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 Dc in each st around.
Round 4 (Dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 5 As Round 3.
Round 6 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 7 As Round 3.
Round 8 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 dc]
Rounds 9-13 As Round 3.
Round 14 (3dc, inv dec) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 15 (2dc, inv dec) 6 times. [18 sts]
Fold Claw flat and, using the strand of Yarn A, backstitch a line from Round 1 to Round 14, one-third from side of Claw, to create claw shape. Add stuffing to both sections.
Round 16 (Dc, inv dec) 6 times. [12 sts]
Rounds 17-22 As Round 3.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing Claw to Body.

LEGS (MAKE 6)
Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 7dc into the loop. [7 dc]
Rounds 2-5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 3dc in first st, 6dc. [9 dc]
Rounds 7-10 Dc around.
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing Legs to Body.

TO MAKE UP
Stuff Shell. Place Shell over Body at an angle so it covers more of one side, then sew in place. For a tidy seam, sew Shell around the posts, rather than loops, of stitches from final round.
Add stuffing to Eyes and sew to front of Body, on opposite side from where Shell is angled.
Top up stuffing in Claws and sew them to sides of Body, close to, but behind the Eyes.
Add a little stuffing to Legs and sew to Body, 3 per side, behind the Claws.
Using Yarn D, embroider 2 cheeks between Eyes and Claws. Using brown stranded cotton, embroider a smile below the Eyes.
Weave in all ends.



Small and mighty

Hook up adorable dinosaur toys for prehistoric play. By Victoria Kairis



YOU WILL NEED

Small Diplodocus

- Scheepjes Catona (100% cotton, 50g/125m)
  2 balls of **Yarn A** Bluebird (247)
- Scheepjes Catona (100% cotton, 10g/25m)
  1 ball of each:
  Yarn B Bridal White (105)
  Yarn C Rich Coral (410)
  Yarn D Apple Granny (513)
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- 2 safety eyes, 8mm
- Toy stuffing

Large Diplodocus

- Scheepjes Cahlista (100% cotton, 50g/85m)
  3 balls of **Yarn A** Apple Green (389)
  1 ball of each:
  Yarn B Bridal White (102)
  Yarn C Garden Rose (251)
  Yarn D Lemon (280)
- A 4.5mm (US 7) hook
- 2 safety eyes, 9mm
- Toy stuffing

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Small diplodocus measures approx 24cm (9½in) tall
Large diplodocus measures approx 36cm (14¼in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

invdec Insert hook in front loop of first st to be decreased, insert hook into front loop of second st to be decreased, yrh and pull through 2 sts, yrh and pull through 2 loops on hook

For a full list, see page 130

A real diplodocus may have measured up to a whopping 24 metres long – thankfully this pair is much smaller and easier to cuddle!

NOTES

The pattern for the Small and Large Diplodocus is the same. The size is achieved through the yarn and hook size used.
It may help to mark the first stitch of each round, moving the marker up as you work.
Where the pattern specifies the right or left leg, it refers to the dinosaur's perspective.
If you are making this toy for a child under 36 months, do not use safety eyes; instead, embroider eyes with stranded cotton.

DIPLODOCUS

HEAD

Using Yarn A, ch5.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and next 2 ch, 3dc in next ch, turn to work in opposite side of foundation ch, dc in next 2 ch, 2dc in next ch. [10 sts]
Round 2 (2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next st) twice. [14 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) twice. [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 each st around.
Round 10 Dc in next 13 sts, 2dc in next st, (dc in next 7 sts, 2dc in next st) twice, dc in next 18 sts. [51 sts]
Round 11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 Dc in next 13 sts, 2dc in next st, (dc in next 8 sts, 2dc in next st) twice, dc in next 19 sts. [54 sts]
Round 13 Dc in each st around.
Round 14 Dc in next 13 sts, 2dc in next st, (dc in next 9 sts, 2dc in next st) twice, dc in next 20 sts. [57 sts]
Round 15 Dc in each st around.
Round 16 Dc in next 13 sts, 2dc in next st, (dc in next 10 sts, 2dc in next st) twice, dc in next 21 sts. [60 sts]
Round 17 Dc in each st around.



Use the same pattern for both dinos, but change the yarn and hook size for large and small



Begin working the diplodocus at the head and add eyes before moving on to the neck



Make a row of toenails for each leg by working treble stitches in white yarn

Round 18 Dc in next 43 sts, ch12, leave rem sts unworked. [43 sts]
A space is created over the next round. The Body will be worked from these skipped sts once the Head is complete.
Round 19 Skip first 11 sts from Round 18, dc in 12th st and each st to ch-12 sp, dc in next 12 ch. [44 sts]
Round 20 Dc in each st around.
Round 21 Invdec, (dc in next 8 sts, invdec) 3 times, dc in next 12 sts. [40 sts]
Round 22 (Dc in next 4 sts, invdec) 4 times, dc in next 16 sts. [36 sts]
Round 23 Dc in each st around.
Round 24 (Dc in next 4 sts, invdec) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 25 (Dc in next 3 sts, invdec) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 26 (Dc in next 2 sts, invdec) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 27 (Dc in next st, invdec) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 28 (Invdec) 6 times. [6 sts]. **Fasten off**.
Thread tail through the front loop of each st and pull tight to close.
Place the safety eyes between Rounds 15-16, approx 22 sts apart.

NECK AND BODY
Join Yarn A in first unworked st of Round 17 of Head.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in each skipped st from Round 17, 12dc in opposite edge of ch-12 from Round 18. [40 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each st around.
Round 3 Invdec, dc in next 24 sts, (invdec) twice, dc in next 8 sts, invdec. [36 sts]
Stuff Head, Neck and Body and cont stuffing as you work
Rounds 4-19 Dc in each st around.
Round 20 Dc in next 9 sts, (2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts) 4 times, dc in next 7 sts. [40 sts]
Round 21 Dc in next 18 sts, 2dc in next 2 sts, dc in next 20 sts. [42 sts]
Round 22 Dc in next 20 sts, ch9, dc in second ch from hook and next 7 ch, dc in same st as dc before ch-9, dc in next 22 sts. [51 sts]
Round 23 Dc in next 20 sts, work into opposite side of ch-9 from Round 22, dc in next 5 ch, 2dc in next 3 ch, turn to work in sts in opposite side of ch, 2dc in next 3 sts, dc in next 28 sts. [65 sts]
Round 24 Dc in next 7 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 11 sts, invdec, dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next st, 2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next st, 2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts, invdec, dc in next 11 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 10 sts. [69 sts]
Round 25 Dc in next 25 sts, (2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) twice, (dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) twice, dc in next 28 sts. [73 sts]
Round 26 Dc in each st around.
Round 27 Dc in next 25 sts, (2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts) twice, (dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) twice, dc in next 28 sts. [77 sts]
Round 28 Dc in each st around.
Round 29 Dc in next 8 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 16 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 10 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 16 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 11 sts. [83 sts]
Rounds 30-34 Dc in each st around.
Round 35 Dc in next 13 sts, invdec, dc in next 9 sts, invdec, dc in next 28 sts, invdec, dc in next 9 sts, invdec, dc in next 16 sts. [79 sts]
Rounds 36-37 Dc in each st around.
Round 38 Dc in next 77 sts, invdec, pm in last st. [78 sts]
Do not fasten off.
Legs are worked off the Body.

LEGS
LEFT FRONT LEG
Cont with Yarn A.
Round 1 Dc in next 16 sts, ch13. [16 sts]
Round 2 Being careful not to twist the chain, dc in marked st, dc in next 16 sts, dc in next 13 ch. [30 sts]
Round 3 Dc in next 15 sts, (invdec) twice, dc in next 11 sts. [28 sts]
Rounds 4-12 Dc in each st around.
Round 13 (Working in bl only), (dc in next 5 sts, invdec) 4 times. [24 sts]
Round 14 (Dc in next 2 sts, invdec) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 15 (Dc in next st, invdec) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 16 (Invdec) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off.
Thread tail through the front loop of each st and pull tight to close.

BACK LEFT LEG
Skip 5 sts from final round of Body after Front Left Leg. Join Yarn A in 6th st.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in same st as join and next 16 sts, ch13. [17 sts]
Round 2 Dc in first 17 sts, dc in next 13 ch. [30 sts]
Round 3 Invdec, dc in next 26 sts, invdec. [28 sts]
Rounds 4-16 Repeat Rounds 4-16 of Front Left Leg.
Fasten off.
Thread tail through the front loop of each st and pull tight to close.

BACK RIGHT LEG
Join Yarn A in next unworked st from Round 38 of Body after Back Left leg.
Rounds 1-2 (RS) As Rounds 1-2 of Back Left Leg. [30 sts]
Round 3 Dc in next 15 sts, (invdec) twice, dc in next 11 sts. [28 sts]
Rounds 4-16 As Rounds 4-16 of Front Left Leg.
Fasten off.
Thread tail through the front loop of each st and pull tight to close.

FRONT RIGHT LEG
Skip next 5 sts from Round 38 of Body after Back Right Leg. Join Yarn A in next st.
Rounds 1-16 As Rounds 1-16 of Back Left Leg.
Fasten off.
Thread tail through the front loop of each st and pull tight to close.

BELLY
LEFT BELLY FLAP
Join Yarn A in same st as final dc from Round 1 of Front Left Leg.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in same st as join and next 6 skipped sts, turn. [7 sts]
Row 2 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 3 Ch1, dc in each st to final st, 2dc in next st, turn. [8 sts]
Rows 4-5 As Row 2.
Row 6 Ch1, 2dc in first st, dc in each st to final st, 2dc in final st, turn. [10 sts]
Row 7 As Row 6. [12 sts]
Row 8 Ch1, dc in each st across in next st.
Fasten off.

RIGHT BELLY FLAP
Join Yarn A in same st as final dc from Round 1 of Back Right Leg.
Rows 1-2 As Rows 1-2 of Left Belly Flap.
Row 3 Ch1, 2dc in first st, dc in each st to end, turn. [8 sts]
Rows 4-7 As Rows 4-7 of Left Belly Flap. [12 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Sew the final rows of each Belly Flap together, stuffing the Legs and Belly as you join.
Sew the ch-sps from Round 1 of each Leg to the Belly Flap.

TAIL
Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc in the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [9 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [12 sts]
Round 4 Dc in each st around.
Round 5 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 4 times, dc in next 4 sts. [16 sts]
Round 6 Dc in each st around.
Round 7 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 4 times, dc in next 4 sts. [20 sts]
Round 8 Dc in each st around.
Round 9 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 4 times, dc in next 4 sts. [24 sts]
Round 10 Dc in each st around.
Round 11 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) 4 times, dc in next 4 sts. [28 sts]
Round 12 Dc in next st, invdec, dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st, (dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 5 times, dc in next 3 sts, invdec, dc in next st. [32 sts]
Round 13 Dc in next 2 sts, invdec, dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts, invdec, dc in next 2 sts. [34 sts]
Round 14 Dc in each st around.
Round 15 Dc in next 14 sts, (2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts) twice, dc in next 10 sts. [36 sts]
Round 16 Dc in next 2 sts, invdec, dc in next 28 sts, invdec, dc in next 2 sts. [34 sts]
Round 17 Dc in next st, invdec, dc in next 7 sts, (dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 4 times, dc in next 9 sts, invdec, dc in next st. [36 sts]
Round 18 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Stuff the Tail and then sew it to the back.

TOENAILS (MAKE 4)
Using Yarn B, ch10.
Row 1 (WS) Dc in second ch from hook and each ch across, turn. [9 sts]
Row 2 (RS) Ch1, (skip next st, 3tr in next st, ss in next st) 3 times. [12 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Sew the Toenails to the Feet with the flat edge of the Toenails sewn to the fl from Round 13 of Legs. Use the image as a guide.

SPIKES (MAKE 6)
Using Yarn C, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc in the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [8 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [10 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [12 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [14 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Flatten Spikes and pin them evenly along the Neck, Back and Tail. Once happy with the position, sew in place.

SPOTS
BIG SPOT (MAKE 4)
Using Yarn D, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 5dc in the loop. [5 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around, ss to beg dc. [10 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

SMALL SPOT (MAKE 4)
Using Yarn D, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc in the loop, ss to beg dc. [6 sts]
Fasten off with a long tail.

TO FINISH
Sew the Spots to the Body, using the image as a guide.



Spines and spots are made separately and stitched on the back with matching yarn



YOU WILL NEED

Small Triceratops

- Scheepjes Catona (100% cotton, 50g/125m)
  2 balls of **Yarn A** Rich Coral (410)
- Scheepjes Catona (100% cotton, 10g/25m)
  2 balls of **Yarn D** Apple Granny (513)
  1 ball of each:
  Yarn B Bridal White (105)
  Yarn C Bluebird (247)
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- 2 safety eyes, 8mm
- Toy stuffing

Large Triceratops

- Scheepjes Cahlista (100% cotton, 50g/85m)
  3 balls of **Yarn A** Lemon (280)
  1 ball of each:
  Yarn B Bridal White (105)
  Yarn C Apple Green (389)
  Yarn D Garden Rose (251)
- A 4.5mm (US 7) hook
- 2 safety eyes, 9mm
- Toy stuffing

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Small Triceratops measures approx 19cm (7½in) tall
Large Triceratops measures approx 28cm (11in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

invdec Insert hook in front loop of first st to be decreased, insert hook into front loop of second st to be decreased, yrh and pull through 2 sts, yrh and pull through 2 loops on hook

For a full list, see page 130

Its three-horned face, along with a pointed bony frill that resembles a fancy headband, gives the triceratops its name and very distinctive appearance.

NOTES

The pattern for the Small and Large Triceratops is the same. The size is achieved through the yarn and hook size used.
It may help to mark the first stitch of each round, moving ithe marker up as you work.
Where the pattern specifies the right or left leg, it refers to the dinosaur's perspective.
If you are making this toy for a child under 36 months, do not use safety eyes; instead, embroider eyes with stranded cotton.

TRICERATOPS

HEAD

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 6dc in 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]
Rounds 9-15 Dc in each st around.
Round 16 Dc in next 4 sts, (dc in next 7 sts, 2dc in next st) 4 times, dc in next 12 sts. [52 sts]
Round 17 Dc in next 4 sts, (dc in next 8 sts, 2dc in next st) 4 times, dc in next 12 sts. [56 sts]
Rounds 18-19 Dc in each st around.
Round 20 Dc in next 4 sts, (dc in next 9 sts, 2dc in next st) 4 times, dc in next 12 sts. [60 sts]
The top of the Head is sloped while the bottom is flat. Mark the top of the Head (30th st) with a marker so you can identify which way up the Head should go when stuffed.
Rounds 21-25 Dc in each st around.
Round 26 (Dc in next 8 sts, invdec) 6 times. [54 sts]
Round 27 (Dc in next 7 sts, invdec) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 28 (Dc in next 6 sts, invdec) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 29 (Dc in next 5 sts, invdec) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 30 (Dc in next 4 sts, invdec) 6 times. [30 sts]



Make either a large or a small triceratops using the same pattern, but different yarn and hooks

Round 31 (Dc in next 3 sts, invdec) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 32 (Dc in next 2 sts, invdec) 6 times. [18 sts]
Position safety eyes between Rounds 14-15, approx 16 sts apart.
Stuff the Head.
Round 33 (Dc in next st, invdec) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 34 (Invdec) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off.
Thread tail through final 6 sts, pulling tight to close.

BODY
The beginning of the Body is made in short rows which will be connected into rounds later in the pattern.
Using Yarn A, ch40 and ss in first ch to make a ring (being careful not to twist the ch).
Row 1 (RS) Dc in next 28 ch, ss in next ch, turn leaving rem ch unworked. [29 sts]
Row 2 (WS) Ch1, ss in first ss, dc in next 18 sts, ss in next st, turn. [20 sts]
Row 3 Ch1, ss in first ss, dc in next 15 sts, ss in next st, turn. [17 sts]
Row 4 Ch1, ss in first ss, dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts, ss in next st, turn. [16 sts]
Row 5 Ch1, ss in first ss, dc in next 7 sts, ch9, dc in second ch from hook and next 7 ch, dc in same st at base of ch-8, dc in next 8 sts, dc in next 3 sts from Row 2, dc in next 11 ch of the foundation ch, do not turn. [39 sts]
Round 6 (RS) Dc in next 9 sts, dc in next 3 sts from Row 3, dc in next 8 sts from Row 5, working in opposite side of ch-8 from Row 5, dc in next 5 ch, 2dc in next 3 ch, turn to work in sts on opposite side of ch, 2dc in next 3 sts, dc in each st to end. [65 sts]
Round 7 Dc in next 7 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 11 sts, invdec, dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next st, 2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next st, 2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts, invdec, dc in next 11 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 10 sts. [69 sts]
Round 8 Dc in next 25 sts, (2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) twice, (dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) twice, dc in next 28 sts. [73 sts]
Round 9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 Dc in next 25 sts, (2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts) twice, (dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) twice, dc in next 28 sts. [77 sts]
Round 11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 Dc in next 8 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 16 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 10 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 16 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 11 sts. [83 sts]
Rounds 13-17 Dc in each st around.
Round 18 Dc in next 13 sts, invdec, dc in next 9 sts, invdec, dc in next 28 sts, invdec, dc in next 9 sts, invdec, dc in next 16 sts. [79 sts]
Rounds 19-20 Dc in each st around.
Round 21 Dc in next 77 sts, invdec. [78 sts]
Do not fasten off.

LEGS
FRONT LEFT LEG
Cont on from Body using Yarn A.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in next 16 sts, ch13. [16 sts]
Round 2 Being careful not to twist ch, dc in last st from Round 21 of Body, dc in next 16 sts, dc in next 13 ch. [30 sts]
Round 3 Dc in next 15 sts, (invdec) twice, dc in next 11 sts. [28 sts]
Rounds 4-12 Dc in each st around.
Round 13 (Working in bl only), (dc in next 5 sts, invdec) 4 times. [24 sts]
Round 14 (Dc in next 2 sts, invdec) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 15 (Dc in next st, invdec) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 16 (Invdec) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off.
Thread tail through final 6 sts, pulling tight to close.

BACK LEFT LEG
Skip 5 sts from Round 21 of Body after Front Left Leg, join Yarn A in next st.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in same st as join and next 16 sts, ch13. [17 sts]
Round 2 Being careful not to twist the ch, dc in first st from Round 1, dc in next 16 sts, dc in next 13 ch. [30 sts]
Round 3 (Invdec), dc in next 26 sts, (invdec). [28 sts]
Rounds 4-16 Repeat Rounds 4-16 of Front Left Leg.
Fasten off.
Thread tail through final 6 sts, pulling tight to close.

BACK RIGHT LEG
Join Yarn A in next unworked st from final round of Body, after Back Left Leg.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in same st as join and next 16 sts, ch13. [17 sts]
Round 2 Being careful not to twist the ch, dc in first st from Round 1, dc in next 16 sts, dc in next 13 ch. [30 sts]
Rounds 3-16 Rep Rounds 3-16 of Front Left Leg.
Fasten off.
Thread tail through final 6 sts, pulling tight to close.

FRONT RIGHT LEG
Skip the next 5 sts from final round of Body after Back Right Leg, join Yarn A in next st.
Rounds 1-16 Rep Rounds 1-16 of Back Left Leg.
Fasten off.
Thread tail through final 6 sts, pulling tight to close.



Attach the horns after you have completed and stuffed the head and body



Before sewing, pin on the bony frill and adjust until you're happy with the positioning

BELLY
LEFT BELLY FLAP
Join Yarn A in same st as last dc from Round 1 of Front Left Leg.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in same st as join and next 6 sts, turn. [7 sts]
Row 2 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 3 Ch1, dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in next st, turn. [8 sts]
Rows 4-5 As Row 2.
Rows 6-7 Ch1, 2dc in first st, dc in each st to final st, 2dc in final st, turn. [12 sts]
Row 8 Ch1, dc in each st across in next st.
Fasten off.

RIGHT BELLY FLAP
Join Yarn A in same st as last dc from Round 1 of Back Right Leg.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in same st as join and next 6 sts, turn. [7 sts]
Row 2 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 3 Ch1, 2dc in first st, dc in next 6 sts, turn. [8 sts]
Rows 4-7 As Rows 4-7 of Left Belly Flap. [12 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Sew the final rows of each Belly Flap together, stuffing the Legs and Belly as you join.
Sew the ch-sps from Round 1 of each Leg to the Belly Flap.

TAIL
Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc in the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in next 3 sts, dc in next 3 sts. [9 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 3 times, dc in next 3 sts. [12 sts]
Round 4 Dc in each st around.
Round 5 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 4 times, dc in next 4 sts. [16 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 4 times, dc in next 4 sts. [20 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 4 times, dc in next 4 sts. [24 sts]
Round 8 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) 4 times, dc in next 4 sts. [28 sts]
Round 9 Dc in next st, invdec, dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st, (dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 5 times, dc in next 3 sts, invdec, dc in next st. [32 sts]
Round 10 Dc in next 2 sts, invdec, dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts, invdec, dc in next 2 sts. [34 sts]
Round 11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 Dc in next 14 sts, (2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts) twice, dc in next 10 sts. [36 sts]
Round 13 Dc in next 2 sts, invdec, dc in next 28 sts, invdec, dc in next 2 sts. [34 sts]
Round 14 Dc in next st, invdec, dc in next 7 sts, (dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 4 times, dc in next 9 sts, invdec, dc in next st. [36 sts]
Round 15 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Stuff the Tail and sew it to the back of the Triceratops.

BONY FRILL (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn D, ch47.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and each ch across, turn. [46 sts]
Row 2 Ch1, dc in next st, (dc in next 8 sts, 2dc in next st) 5 times, turn. [51 sts]
Row 3 Ch1, dc in next st, (dc in next 9 sts, 2dc in next st) 5 times, turn. [56 sts]
Row 4 Ch1, dc in next st, (dc in next 10 sts, 3dc in next st) 4 times, dc in next 11 sts, turn. [64 sts]
Row 5 Ch1, (dc in next 12 sts, 3dc in next st) 4 times, dc in next 12 sts. [72 sts]
Fasten off the first Frill only.
Frills are joined together over the next row. Place Frills together with RS facing out. Work through sts on both pieces to join.
Row 6 Ch1, 2dc in first st, dc in next 12 sts, 2dc in next st, (dc in next 14 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times, dc in next 12 sts, 2dc in next st. [78 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

HORNS
NOSE HORN
Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 4dc in 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 next st) 3 times. [9 sts]
Round 4 Dc in each st around.
Round 5 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [12 sts]
Rounds 6-7 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

HEAD HORNS (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-7 As Rounds 1-7 of Nose Horn. [12 sts]
Round 8 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [15 sts]
Rounds 9-10 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

TOENAILS (MAKE 4)
Using Yarn B, ch10.
Row 1 (WS) Dc in second ch from hook and each ch across, turn. [9 sts]
Row 2 (RS) Ch1, (skip next st, 3tr in next st, ss in next st) 3 times. [12 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Sew the Toenails to the Feet with the flat edge of the Toenails sewn to the fl from Round 13 of Legs. Use the image as a guide.

SPOTS
BIG SPOT (MAKE 4)
Using Yarn C, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 5dc in the loop. [5 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around, ss to beg dc. [10 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

SMALL SPOT (MAKE 4)
Using Yarn C, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc in the loop, ss to beg dc. [6 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

TO FINISH
Stuff the Horns.
Pin the Horns and Bony Frill to the Head. Once happy with the position, sew in place.
Sew the Spots to the Body, using the image as a guide.
Weave in all ends.



The tail is made separately, then stuffed and sewn to the back of the body

The flower king

Inspired by bright blooms, hook up Natalie Beard's majestic feline in bold shades





YOU WILL NEED

- Caron Simply Soft (100% acrylic, 170.1g/288m)
  1 ball of each:
  Blue Mint (9608)
  Persimmon (9754)
  Fuchsia (9764)
  Chartreuse (9771)
  Grape (9610)
  Dark Country Blue (9711)
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- A 4.5mm (US 7) hook
- Toy stuffing
- 2 safety eyes
- Stitch marker

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Lion measures approx 38cm (15in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

This cat is just a big softy! Let it join your pride. Not only will this flower-loving lion cheer your day with bright colours, it's great for bedtime cuddles too!

NOTES

You may find it to mark the first st of the round, moving the marker up as you work. The Body is worked up from the Legs, all other parts are made separately and joined together at the end.

LION

HEAD

Using a 4.5mm hook and Persimmon, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as a st throughout), 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (RS) 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 next 9 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [66 sts]
Round 12 (Dc in next 10 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [72 sts]
Rounds 13-22 Dc in each st around.
Position safety eyes between Rounds 17-18, approx 15 sts apart.
Round 23 (Dc in next 10 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [66 sts]
Round 24 (Dc in next 9 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [60 sts]
Round 25 (Dc in next 8 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [54 sts]
Round 26 (Dc in next 7 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 27 (Dc in next 6 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 28 (Dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 sts]
Stuff the Head and continue to stuff as you go along.
Round 29 (Dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 30 (Dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 31 (Dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 32 (Dc in next st, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]



Little ones will love the vibrant colours of this friendly big cat

Round 33 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off and thread the tail through the final 6 sts, pulling tight to close.

NOSE

Using a 4.5mm hook and Persimmon, ch5.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and next 3 ch, turn. [4 sts]
Rows 2-10 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 11 Ch1, 2dc in first st, dc in each st to final st, 2dc in final st, turn. [6 sts]
Rows 12-14 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 15 As Row 11. [8 sts]
Rows 16-17 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Change to Dark Country Blue.
Row 18 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 19 Ch1, (dc2tog) first 2 sts, dc in each st to final 2 sts, (dc2tog) final 2 sts, turn. [6 sts]
Row 20 As Row 19. [4 sts]
Row 21 Ch1, (dc2tog) twice, turn. [2 sts]
Row 22 Ch1, dc2tog. [1 st]
Fasten off leaving a long tail to sew to Head.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Using a 4.5mm hook and Persimmon, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-2 (RS) As Rounds 1-2 of Head. [12 sts]
Rounds 3-5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Rounds 7-9 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.
Using the tail, fold the opening in half and secure with a few sts to create the shape.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Using a 4.5mm hook and Persimmon, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-5 (RS) As Rounds 1-5 of Head. [30 sts]
Rounds 6-10 Dc in each st around.

Change to Dark Country Blue.
Round 11 Dc in fl of each st around.
Fasten off.
Join Fuchsia into any unused bl from Round 10.
Round 12 Dc in bl of each st around.
Rounds 13-17 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off first Leg only.

BODY
Continue on from the second Leg.
Round 18 Ch3 (space between Legs), dc in each st around first Leg, dc into each ch of ch-3, dc in each st of second Leg, dc into back of each ch between Legs. [66 sts]
Rounds 19-21 Dc in each st around.
Round 22 (Dc in next 9 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [60 sts]
Rounds 23-25 Dc in each st around.
Round 26 (Dc in next 8 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [54 sts]
Rounds 27-36 Dc in each st around.
Pm in the fl of 18th st from Round 36 and leave in place until working the Dungarees.
Change to Persimmon.
Round 37 Dc in bl of each st around.
Stuff the Legs and Body, continuing to stuff as you go along.
Rounds 38-46 Dc in each st around.
Round 47 (Dc in next 7 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 48 (Dc in next 6 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 49 (Dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 50 (Dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 51 (Dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 52 (Dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 53 (Dc in next st, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 54 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off and thread tail through final 6 sts, pulling tight to close.

DUNGAREES
Using a 4.5mm hook, join Fuchsia into unused fl of marked st from Round 36 of Body.
Row 1 (WS) (Working in unused loops from Round 36) Ch1, dc in first st and next 17 sts, turn. [18 sts]
Rows 2-9 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 10 Ch26, dc in second ch from hook and next 24 ch (strap made), dc in next 18 sts from Row 9, ch26, dc in second ch from hook and next 24 ch (strap made). [68 sts]
Fasten off.
With RS facing join Dark Country Blue into any unused loop from Round 36 of Body.
Round 11 (RS) Ch1, dc in fl of each st to Dungarees, 9dc evenly up the side of Dungarees, dc evenly around strap, dc in each st across top of Dungarees, dc evenly around second strap, 9dc evenly down the side of Dungarees, dc in fl of remaining sts from Round 36 of Body.
Fasten off.

ARMS (MAKE 2)
Using a 4.5mm hook and Persimmon, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-4 (RS) As Rounds 1-4 of Head. [24 sts]
Rounds 5-9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 (Dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Stuff the Arm and continue to stuff as you go along.
Rounds 11-20 Dc in each st around.
Round 21 (Dc in next st, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Rounds 22-26 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Flatten Round 26 and use the tail to sew the opening closed.

TAIL
Using a 3.5mm hook and Chartreuse, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Rounds 2-28 Dc in each st around.
Do not fasten off.

LEAF
Continuing on from the end of the Tail, ch12.
Round 1 Dc in second ch from hook, *htr in next ch, tr in next 2 ch, dtr in next 3 ch, tr in next 2 ch, htr in next ch**, (dc, ch2, dc) in final ch, turn to work into opposite side of ch-12; rep from * to **, dc in final ch, ss to top of beg dc. [22 sts]
Fasten off.

FLOWER
Flower is worked in a single strip and sewn together at the end to form the Flower shape.
Using a 3.5mm hook and Grape, ch30.
Row 1 Tr in fourth ch from hook, tr in next ch, ch2, ss in next ch, ch3, tr in next 2 ch, ch2, ss in next ch, ch3, dtr in next 4 ch, ch3, ss in next ch, ch4, dtr in next 6 ch, ch4, ss in next ch, ch5, ttr in next 8 ch, ch4, ss in final ch.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Wrap the strip into the Flower shape and use the tail to secure. Sew into position between the end of the Tail and the Leaf.

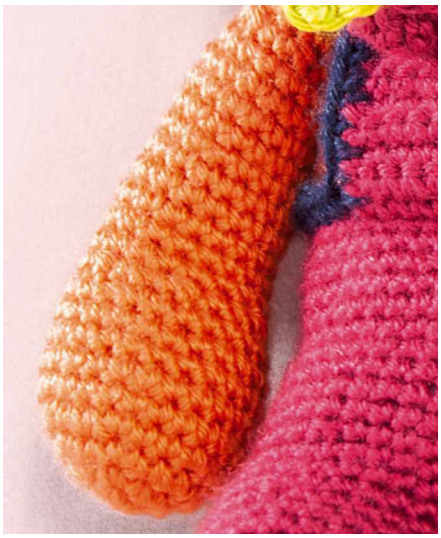
HEAD DECORATION

LEAF (MAKE 10)
Using a 4.5mm hook and Chartreuse, ch12.
Work as Leaf of Tail. [22 sts]
Fasten off.

FLOWERS (MAKE 9)
Make 3 each in Grape, Fuchsia and Blue Mint.
Using a 4.5mm hook, ch30.
Work as Flower of Tail. **Fasten off**.



The tail also has floral and leaf motifs for extra flower power!



You add stuffing to the lion's arms as you go, to ensure a lovely, squashy feel

TO MAKE UP
Sew the Head to the Body so the Eyes and Dungarees sit centrally at the front.
Using the image as a guide, pin on the Ears, Arms and Nose; once happy, sew into place.
Sew the straps of the Dungarees to the back over the sts from Round 11. Cross the straps and leave a gap of approx 5 sts.
Pin the Flowers and Leaves around the Head. Once you are happy with position, use the tails to sew into place.
Sew the Tail to the back of the Lion.
Using Dark Country Blue sew the mouth just below the nose.
Weave in all remaining ends.

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WHAT IS AMIGURUMI?

If you're new to amigurumi, read on as Joanne Scrace explains this wonderfully creative crochet technique



Amigurumi (said a-me-gurr-oomi) is a Japanese term for small knitted or crocheted stuffed toys. It's a blend of two words: ami, meaning crocheted or knitted, and nuigurumi, meaning stuffed doll. The word has been adopted in the crochet community to mean small toys made with a specific technique. A piece worked in the amigurumi style is worked in a spiral, with right side always facing, no joining stitches and no chains at the start of the row.

CHOOSING A HOOK

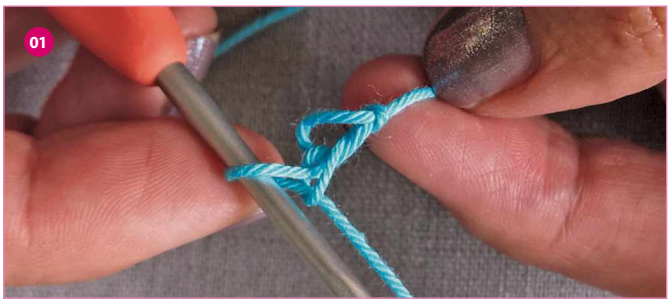
To achieve a tight finish that doesn't allow the stuffing to poke out, use a hook that's smaller than you'd normally choose. If you find it difficult to work at such a tight tension, then you can either work into the back loops only, which can help close the holes, or you can place stockings or tights inside the finished item to contain the stuffing.

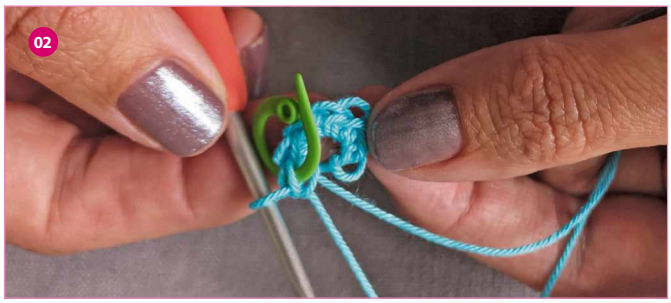
STARTING THE PATTERN

Because you want the hole in the first round to close, you will need to start with a magic loop (magic ring) or an alternative. Magic loops can be a little bit fiddly, so an easier alternative is to chain two and work the round into the first chain (the one nearest the slipknot.) 01

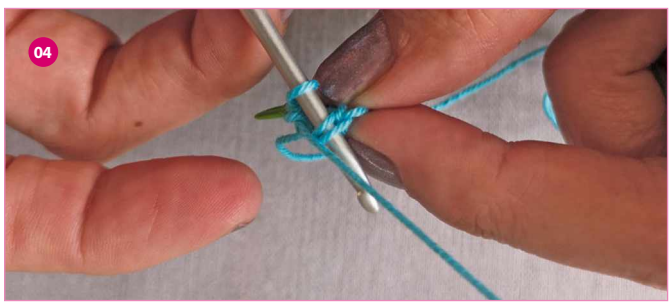
USING A STITCH MARKER

Because amigurumi is worked in a smooth spiral it can be hard – actually, make that almost impossible – to see where the round ends and starts. It's therefore crucial to mark the end of each round with a removable stitch marker or safety pin 02, and move it up each time you complete a round. Before you start the second round, pull the tail tightly to close the hole at the bottom of your stitches 03. Now work into the first stitch of the second round 04 and work up to the stitch marker 05. When you have finished the increases, you can leave the stitch marker in place and work in a continual spiral over and past it 06. This allows you to count the number of rows you have worked even. Don't forget to reinsert the stitch marker before you start decreasing! 07



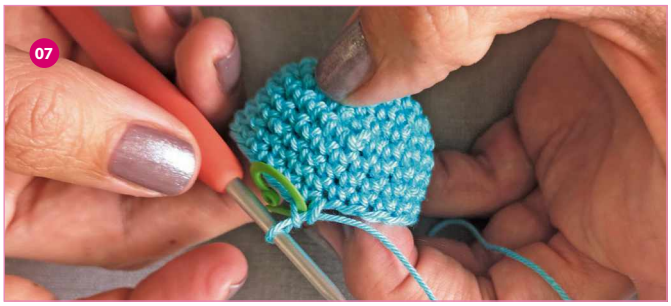












INCREASING AND DECREASING

Increasing is simply done by working two stitches into the same stitch. Decreases are made by working two stitches together, a dc2tog. To make this stitch, insert the hook into the stitch, yarn over, pull the yarn through the stitch (2 loops left on the hook) 08. Insert hook into next stitch, yarn over and pull the yarn through the stitch, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops 09. Two stitches become one.





ADDING FEATURES

Features are most easily added before you begin to decrease. If you're using safety eyes, you will need to push the backs on. If you're embroidering, you can do it at this point, or after stuffing – whichever you find easiest 10.

STUFFING

Stuffing the piece before you start the last round gives you more room to get the stuffing in 11.

Now thread the tail end through the final round of stitches and pull tight to close 12, before making any extra items, such as ears, as instructed 13.









TOP TIP

Keep stitches nice and tight so that the stuffing doesn't poke through any gaps or holes



HISS AND MAKE UP

Bring your interior alive with this colourful snake draught excluder by Sarah Jane Hicks



YOU WILL NEED

- King Cole Pricewise DK (100% acrylic, 100g/282m)
  2 balls of Topaz (341)
  1 ball of each:
  Jade (022)
  Shamrock (039)
  Natural (046)
  Black (048)
  Gold (055)
  Orange (144)
  Amber (3207)
  Baby Lilac (3208)
  Carnation (3286)
- 3.5mm (US E/4) crochet hook
- Polyester toy stuffing

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

TENSION

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

MEASUREMENTS

Length 150cm (59in)
Diameter 31cm (12in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130



The snake is made of individual diamonds sewn together, starting at the tail

Sew bright and bold diamond motifs together and what do you get? This gem of a snakey draught excluder, of course! This is a great, budget gift to make as a new home gift. We're sssold!

NOTES

Snake Body is constructed from 16 diamond motifs sewn together. For construction, refer to the Diagram below.

SNAKE

DIAMOND MOTIF (MAKE 16)

Make 12 in Topaz, 1 in half Amber/half Gold, 1 in half Orange/half Shamrock, 1 in half Natural/half Carnation, 1 in half Baby Lilac/half Jade.
Using your chosen colour, ch2.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, turn. [1 st]
Row 2 Ch1 (doesn't count as st throughout), 2dc in first st, turn. [2 sts]
Row 3 Ch1, 2dc in first st, dc in next st, turn. [3 sts]
Row 4 Ch1, 2dc in first st, dc in next 2 sts, turn. [4 sts]
Row 5 Ch1, 2dc in first st, dc in each st to end, turn. [5 sts]
Rows 6-25 As Row 5. [25 sts]
If using second colour, join here, otherwise continue in same colour
Row 26 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.
Row 27 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in each st to end, turn. [24 sts]
Rows 28-48 As Row 27. [3 sts]
Row 49 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in last st, turn. [2 sts]
Row 50 Ch1, dc2tog, turn. [1 st]
Fasten off.

HEAD (MAKE 2)

Using Topaz, ch2.
Rows 1-25 Repeat Rows 1-25 of Diamond Motif. [25 sts]
Row 26 Ch1, 2dc in first st, dc in each st to end, turn. [26 sts]
Rows 27-35 Rep Row 26. [35 sts]
Rows 36-40 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.
Row 41 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in each st to end, turn. [34 sts]
Rows 42-50 Rep Row 41. [25 sts]
Row 51 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in each st to last 2 sts, dc2tog, turn. [23 sts]
Rows 52-60 Rep Row 51. [5 sts]
Fasten off.

EYES (MAKE 2)

Using Shamrock, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook. [6 sts]
Continue to work in a spiral without joining each round.
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 Dc in next st, htr in next 2 sts, tr in next 3 sts, htr in next 2 sts, ss in next st, leave remaining sts unworked. [9 sts]
Fasten off.

PUPILS (MAKE 2)

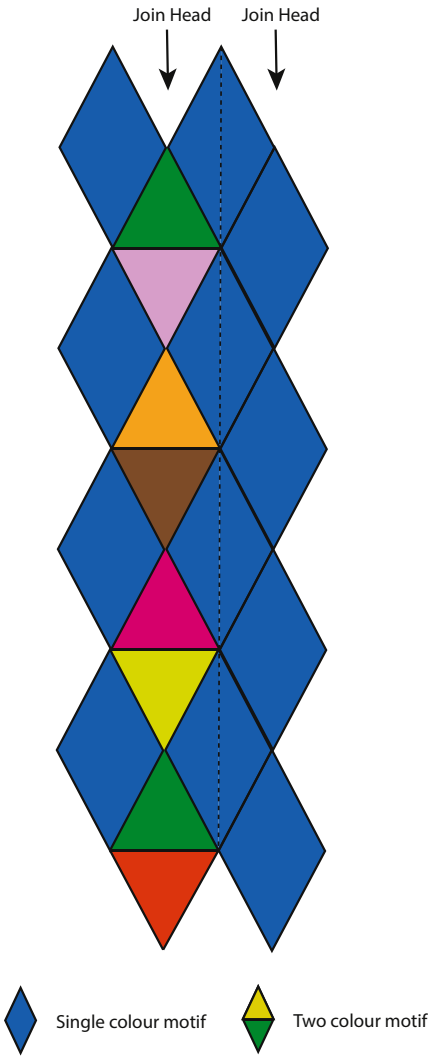
Using Black, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook, ss in first dc to join. [6 sts]
Fasten off.

TONGUE (MAKE 2)

Using Orange, ch10.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next 3 ch, ch5, dc in second ch from hook, dc in next 3 ch, dc into remaining ch to end. [13 sts]
Fasten off.

TO FINISH

For Body, sew Diamonds together starting at the tail, referring to the Diagram. Sew Head in place, stuffing Snake before finishing. Place Tongue pieces together, sew around the edges and attach to front of Head. Sew Pupils to Eyes and attach to Head.



Happy harvest

Stitch these harvest mice by Becky Skuse to celebrate autumn – what a pair of squeakhearts!





YOU WILL NEED

- DMC Natura Just Cotton (100% cotton, 50g/155m)
  1 ball of each:
  Canelle (N37)
  Bourgogne (N34)
  Moss Green (N75)
  Safran (N47)
  Orquidea (N45)
  Gardenia (N36)
- A small amount of any DK cotton yarn in black, green and pink
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook

For stockists contact
01924 231669
www.dmc.com

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Mice measure approx 7cm (2¾in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

inv dec (**invisible decrease)** Insert hook in front loop only of the next 2 dc, yrh and pull up a loop (drawing hook back through both sts), yrh and pull through both loops on hook

For a full list, see page 130

Harvest mice may be small in size, but they're big in character! This couple are ready for their harvest festival and have dressed up in their best clothes, made out of autumn's bountiful offerings, including leaves, flowers and fruits. They're only small, which makes them quick to crochet, and then you can enjoy adding the extra details that really bring them to life.

NOTES

You may find it useful to mark the first st of the round, moving the marker up as you work.
The Body is started from the legs and worked upwards. The Gent's Jacket is started from the collar and worked downwards. The Head is worked from the back of the Head to the Snout.
The Lady's Skirt is made in two tiers.
You can substitute any DK weight cotton yarn into this pattern. This may affect the final measurements.

HARVEST MICE

GENT'S BODY

Using Bourgogne, ch8.
Round 1 (RS) 2htr into third ch from hook, dc in next ch, ss in next 2 ch, dc in next ch, 4htr in next ch, turn to work in opposite side of foundation ch, dc in next ch, ss in next 2 ch, dc in next ch, 2htr in final ch, ss to top of beg ch-2 to join. [16 sts]
Round 2 Ch2 (counts as htr), htr in next htr, dc in next dc, ss in next 2 ss, dc in next dc, htr in next 4 htr, dc in next dc, ss in next 2 ss, dc in next dc, htr in next 2 htr, ss to top of beg ch-2.
Round 3 As Round 2.
Round 4 Ch1 (does not count as a stitch throughout), dc in each stitch around, ss to first dc.
Round 5 Ch1, dc in next 4 dc, inv dec, dc in next 6 dc, inv dec, dc in next 2 dc, ss to first dc. [14 dc]
Round 6 As Round 4.
Round 7 Ch1, dc in next 3 dc, inv dec, dc in next 5 dc, inv dec, dc in next 2 dc, ss to first dc. [12 dc]
Round 8 As Round 4.
Stuff as you work.
Round 9 Ch1, (dc in next dc, inv dec) 4 times, ss to first dc. [8 dc]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Weave the tail through fl of final 8 dc and pull tight to close.

LADY'S BODY

Using Moss Green, ch8.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next 5 ch, 3dc in final ch, turn to work down opposite side of foundation ch, dc in next 5 ch, 2dc in last ch, ss to first dc to join. [16 dc]
Rounds 2-4 Ch1, dc in each dc around, ss to first dc.
Round 5 Ch1, dc in next 6 dc, inv dec, dc in next 6 dc, inv dec, ss to first dc. [14 dc]
Round 6 As Round 2.
Round 7 Ch1, dc in next 5 dc, inv dec, dc in next 5 dc, inv dec, ss to first dc. [12 dc]
Round 8 As Round 2.
Stuff as you work.
Round 9 Ch1, (dc in next dc, inv dec) 4 times, ss to first dc. [8 dc]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Weave the tail through fl of final 8 dc and pull tight to close.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using Canelle, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 4dc into loop, ss to first dc. [4 dc]
Fasten off Canelle.
For Gent, join Safran in any stitch.
For Lady, join Moss Green in any stitch.
Rounds 2-3 Ch1, dc in each dc around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Use the long tail to sew the Arms to the Body.

HEAD

Using Canelle, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop, ss to first dc. [6 dc]
Round 2 Ch1, 2dc in each dc, ss to first dc. [12 dc]
Round 3 Ch1, (dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc) around, ss to first dc. [18 dc]
Rounds 4-6 Ch1, dc in each dc around, ss to first dc.
Round 7 Ch1, (dc in next dc, inv dec) around, ss to first dc. [12 dc]
Round 8 Ch1, (dc in next dc, inv dec) around, ss to first dc. [8 dc]
Stuff as you work.
Round 9 Ch1, (dc in next 2 dc, inv dec) twice, ss to first dc. [6 dc]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Weave the tail through fl of final 6 dc and pull tight to close.

EARS (MAKE 2 PER MOUSE)

Using Canelle, make a magic loop.
Row 1 (RS) Ch2, (htr, 2tr, htr, ch2, ss) in loop.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Weave the long tail in and out of the sts along the base of the Ear. Pull to cinch together.

FEET (MAKE 2 PER MOUSE)

FOOT PANEL (MAKE 2)

Each Foot is made up of two identical pieces.
Using Canelle, ch3.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, 3dc in last ch, turn to work in opposite side of ch, 2dc in last ch, ss to first dc. [6 dc]
Fasten off first Foot Panel only.
Place 2 Foot Panels together with RS facing out.
Ss the sts together to form a Foot.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Use the tail to sew the Feet to the base of the Body.

FACE

Using black yarn, embroider the eyes and nose (or you can use pink yarn for the Lady).

GENT'S JACKET
Using Safran, ch13.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and in each ch to end, turn. [12 dc]
Row 2 (WS) Ch1, dc in next 2 dc, ch2, skip 1 dc, dc in next 6 dc, ch2, skip 1 dc, dc in next 2 dc, turn. [10 dc, 2 ch-2 sps]
Row 3 Ch1, dc in next 2 dc, 2dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 6 dc, 2dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 2 dc, turn. [14 dc]
Row 4 Ch1, 2dc in first dc, dc in next 12 dc, 2dc in last dc, turn. [16 dc]
Row 5 Ch1, dc in each dc across.
Fasten off and weave in ends.
With the narrower collar at the neck of the Gent, place Jacket on the Gent, carefully pulling the Arms through the gaps in Row 2. If needed, use a length of Bourgogne to add a couple of stitches between the Body and the inside of the Jacket.

LADY'S SKIRT
TIER (MAKE 2)
Using Orquidea, ch19 (leaving a long tail).
Round 1 Htr in third ch from hook (skipped ch counts as htr), htr in each ch to end, ss to top of beg ch-2 to join into the round. [18 htr]
Use the long tail to sew the ends of the foundation ch together.
Round 2 *Ch3, dtr2tog across the st at base of ch-3 and the next htr, ch3, ss in same htr as second leg of the dtr2tog, ss in next 2 htr; rep from * around, omitting final ss. [6 petals]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Pull one Tier of the Skirt up over the Feet and lower Body until the starting chain sits at the waist.
Pull the second Tier of the Skirt up over the Feet and lower Body and position so it sits underneath the first tier.
Use the long tails to sew each tier in place.

TAIL
Cut a length of Canelle, approx 15cm long. Secure one end at the centre back, approx 1cm up from the feet. Trim tail to approx 7cm.

GENT'S CRAVAT
Cut a small length of black yarn and wrap it around the Gent's neck. Tie a double knot at the front and trim the ends so they sit just above the Jacket hem.

LADY'S HAT
Using Gardenia, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop, ss to first dc. [6 dc]
Round 2 Ch1, 2dc in each dc around, ss to first dc. [12 dc]
Round 3 Ch1, dc in next 2 dc, inv dec, dc in each of the next 4 dc, inv dec, dc in next 2 dc, ss to first dc. [10 dc]
Round 4 Ch1, dc in next 2 dc, ch3, dc in next 5 dc, ch3, dc in each of the next 3 dc. [10 dc and 2 ch-3 sps]
Round 5 Ch2 (counts as htr), htr in dc at base of ch-2, 2htr in each dc and 3htr in each ch-3 sp around, ss to top of beg ch-2. [26 htr]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

HAT DECORATIONS
Use Bourgogne and Orquidea make French knots over the Hat.

LARGE BERRY
Using Bourgogne, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 3dc into loop, ss to first dc. [3 dc]
Fasten off.
Use the end to sew the Berry to the Hat.
Repeat as desired, using Orquidea for some berries.

TO FINISH
Use the tail to attach the Ears to the Head. For the Lady's Ears, make sure they are positioned so they can fit through the ch-sps in the Hat. Weave in all ends.





SOCKTOPUS!

Hook up this snoozy octopus with socks to keep its tentacles toasty. By Beardie and Blondie



YOU WILL NEED

- Scheepjes Stonewashed (78% cotton, 22% acrylic, 50g/130m)
  2 balls of **Yarn A** Morganite (834)
  1 ball of each:
  Yarn B Turquoise (824)
  Yarn C Moonstone (801)
  Yarn D Carnelian (823)
- Scrap of black yarn
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Stitch markers
- Polyester toy stuffing
- Small bead (optional)

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Socktopus measures approx 16cm (6¼in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Octopuses aren't known for wearing socks but we're sure they'd love a few pairs to put on when the water's a bit chilly. And what fun for us humans to decide which sock goes on which tentacle! We'd be ten-tickled all over to receive this socktopus!

NOTES

The Socktopus is worked from the top down, in one piece. Eight Tentacles are worked off the sts of the final round of Body. The Base is worked into the opposite side of the Tentacles, in decreasing rounds to close.
It may help to mark the first stitch of each round, moving the marker up as you work.
You will alternate between two colours when working the Socks. Change colour on the final yrh of st before colour change is indicated and carry the unused colours across the top of the sts, enclosing them as you work.
The small hook was created using a 3D printer, but you could use a pipe cleaner or some craft wire to create your own.

SOCKTOPUS

HEAD AND BODY

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as a st), 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 5-12 Continue in patt, increasing 6 sts each round. [72 sts at end of Round 12]
Rounds 13-27 Dc in each st around.
Round 28 (Dc2tog, 22dc) 3 times. [69 sts]
Round 29 Dc in each st around.
Round 30 (Dc2tog, 21dc) 3 times. [66 sts]
Round 31 Dc in each st around.
Round 32 (Dc2tog, 20dc) 3 times. [63 sts]
Round 33 Dc in each st around.
Round 34 (Dc2tog, 19dc) 3 times. [60 sts]
Round 35 Dc in each st around.
Round 36 (Dc2tog, 13dc) 4 times. [56 sts]
Round 37 Dc in each st around.
Do not fasten off.

TENTACLES

Tentacles are made as you work the next round from the Body. Tentacle pattern is written first; work from Round 38 referring back to the Tentacle pattern where 'make Tentacle' is stated.

TENTACLE STITCH PATTERN

Begin in first marked st of repeat.
Round 1 Dc in first 7 sts, dc in next 11 ch. [18 sts]
Round 2 (2dc in next st, 5dc) 3 times. [21 sts]
Rounds 3-8 Dc in each st around.
Round 9 15dc, (dc2tog) 3 times. [18 sts]
Round 10 Dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts, (dc2tog) twice. [17 sts]
Round 11 Dc in next 7 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts, (dc2tog) twice. [16 sts]
Round 12 Dc in each st around.
Round 13 (Dc2tog), dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts, (dc2tog). [15 sts]
Round 14 (Dc2tog), dc in next 11 sts, (dc2tog). [13 sts]
Round 15 (Dc2tog), dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts, (dc2tog). [12 sts]
Round 16 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) 3 times. [9 sts]
Round 17 (Dc2tog, dc in next st) 3 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off and rejoin yarn into second marked st.

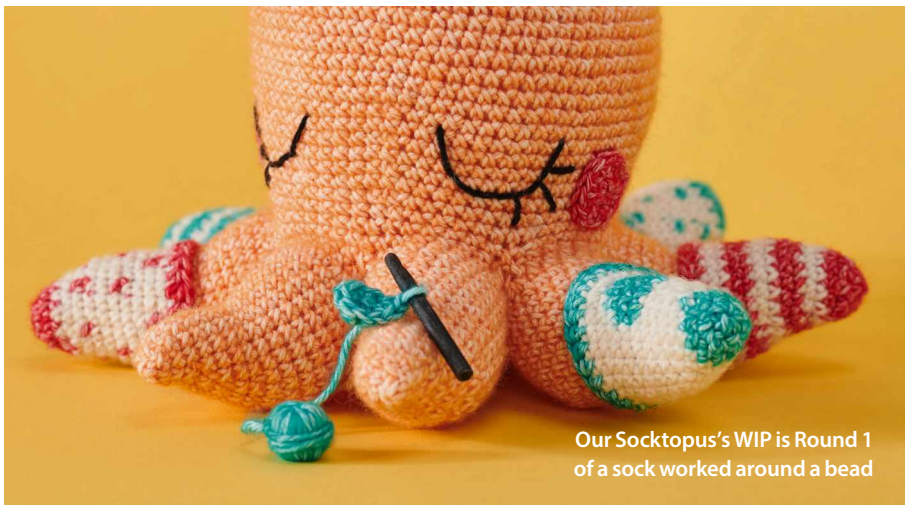
Round 38 *Dc in next st, pm, dc in next 6 sts, pm, ch11, make tentacle; rep from * 7 times more referring back to the Tentacle pattern as instructed.
Using the tails, sew the opening between the Tentacles closed over 3 ch on each. This will leave ch-5 at the base of each Tentacle which you will work over the next round.

BASE

Join Yarn A in any st on open side of Tentacles.
Round 39 Dc in each ch around. [40 sts]
Round 40 (Dc2tog, 6dc) 5 times. [35 sts]
Round 41 (Dc2tog, 5dc) 5 times. [30 sts]
Stuff Body and Tentacles.
Round 42 (Dc2tog, 4dc) 5 times. [25 sts]
Round 43 (Dc2tog, 3dc) 5 times. [20 sts]
Round 44 (Dc2tog, 2dc) 5 times. [15 sts]
Round 45 (Dc2tog, 1dc) 5 times. [10 sts]
Fasten off and thread tail through final five sts, pulling tight to close.

CHEEKS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn D, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-2 (RS) As Rounds 1-2 of Head and Body. [12 sts]
Round 3 Ss in each st around.
Fasten off.
Using the image as a guide, sew to the Socktopus.


Our Socktopus's WIP is Round 1 of a sock worked around a bead

HAT
Using Yarn B, ch16.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and each ch across, turn. [15 sts]
Row 2 Ch1, dc fl of each st around, turn.
Row 3 Ch1, dc in bl of each st around, turn.
Rep Rows 2-3 another 12 times.
Fasten off leaving a 25cm tail.
Using the tail, sew short ends of Hat together. Thread yarn in and out of one open side and pull tight to gather fabric and create the Hat shape. Secure with a sew small stitches.
Using Yarn C, make a small pompom and attach to top of the Hat.

SOCKS (MAKE 6)

SINGLE-SPOT SOCK (MAKE 2)

Make one using Yarn B as main colour and one using Yarn D as main colour.
Make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (2dc in next st, 1dc) 3 times. [9 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, 2dc) 3 times. [12 sts]
Change to Yarn C.
Round 4 Dc in each st around.
Round 5 (2dc in next st, 3dc) 3 times. [15 sts]
Round 6 (2dc in next st, 4dc) 3 times. [18 sts]
Rounds 7-8 Dc in each st around.
Change to Yarn B or D.
Round 9 2dc in next 3 sts, change to Yarn C dc in next 15 sts. [21 sts]
Change to Yarn B or D.
Round 10 Dc in next 6 sts, change to Yarn C dc in next 15 sts.
Round 11 Dc in next st, change to Yarn B or D, dc in next 4 sts, change to Yarn C, dc in next 16 sts.
Rounds 12-13 Dc in each st around.
Change to Yarn B or D.
Round 14 Ch1, htr in each st around, ss in beg htr.
Round 15 Ss in each st around.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

STRIPED SOCK (MAKE 2)

Make one using Yarn B and one using Yarn D.
Make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-5 (RS) As Rounds 1-5 of Single-Spot Sock, changing to Yarn C for Rounds 4-5. [15 sts]
Change to Yarn B or D.
Round 6 (2dc in next st, 4dc) 3 times. [18 sts]
Round 7 Dc in each st around.
Change to Yarn C.
Round 8 Dc in each st around.
Round 9 2dc in next 3 sts, dc in next 15 sts. [21 sts]
Change to Yarn B or D.
Rounds 10-11 Dc in each st around.
Change to Yarn C.
Rounds 12-13 Dc in each st around.
Change to Yarn B or D.
Rounds 14-15 As Rounds 14-15 of Single-Spot Sock.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

POLKA DOT SOCK (MAKE 2)

Make one using Yarn B and one using Yarn D.
Rounds 1-5 (RS) As Rounds 1-5 of Single-Spot Sock, changing to Yarn C for Rounds 4-5. [15 sts]
Continue with Yarn C.
Round 6 *2dc in next st, change to Yarn B or D, dc in next st, change to Yarn C, dc in next 2 sts, change to Yarn B or D, dc in next st, change to Yarn C; rep from * twice more. [18 sts]
Change to Yarn B or D.
Rounds 7-8 Dc in each st around.
Round 9 2dc in next st, change to Yarn C, dc in next st, change to Yarn B or D, dc in same st as last dc, 2dc in next st, *change to Yarn C, dc in next 2 sts, change to Yarn B or D, dc in next st; rep from * four times more. [21 sts]
Change to Yarn C.
Rounds 10-11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 Dc in next st, change to Yarn B or D, dc in next st, *change to Yarn C, dc in next 3 sts, change to Yarn B or D, dc in next st; rep from * once more, **change to Yarn C, dc in next 2 sts, change to Yarn B or D, dc in next st; rep from ** twice more, change to Yarn C, dc in next 2 sts.
Round 13 Dc in each st around.
Change to Yarn B or D.



Embroider the Socktopus's sleepy eyes with straight stitches using scraps of black yarn



Our Socktopus has six socks in three designs but you could make him the full set of eight!

Rounds 14-15 As Rounds 14-15 of Single-Spot Sock.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

TO FINISH
Using any black yarn, sew the eyes with small straight sts.
Leaving a long starting tail, wrap any colour yarn around your bead. Using the tail, work Round 1 of Single-Spot Sock.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO CHANGE COLOUR IN A SPIRAL



1 If you need to work stripes in a spiral, your pattern will ask you to change colour. Always do this on the last yrh of the last stitch of the round in the previous colour.



2 Work the first stitch of the new round in the new colour and place a stitch marker in this first stitch.



3 Work a round of double crochet stitches until you've worked the last stitch of the round. The next stitch you'll want to work into will have the stitch marker in it.



4 You'll need to remove the marker, work the first stitch of the new round and then replace the stitch marker in this first stitch, to mark the start of the round again.



BIRDS OF A FEATHER

Hook this happy family of owls by Val Pierce – with a wise old dad, gorgeous mum and cute little baby, they make a perfect trio!



YOU WILL NEED

- King Cole Cottonsoft DK (100% cotton, 100g/210m)
  1 ball of each:
  Oyster (742)
  Honey (1930)
  Ecru (711)
  Very small amounts of:
  Lime (1601)
  Coral (1574)
  Blush (3363)
  Buttercup (1600)
  Iris (3463)
  Black (746)
  Sky (714)
  Saxe (718)
- Any cotton DK yarn in pale blue and mid blue
- 3.5mm (UK 9 or 10, US E/4) hook
- 3mm (UK 11, US C/2) hook
- Toy stuffing
- 10mm safety eye, four
- 7mm safety eyes, two

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Small Owl: 5cm (2½in) tall
Medium Owl: 11.5cm (4½in) tall
Large Owl: 14cm (5½in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

This cheerful family of owls will bring a smile to anyone's face with their wide eyes and cute accessories. You'll need lots of different coloured cotton yarns to create the fun extras on each bird, so use up leftover yarn and have fun customising your owl family. They make excellent back-to-school gifts!

NOTES

You can substitute and DK weight cotton yarn into the pattern.
Stuff each part as you work.

LARGE OWL

BODY & HEAD

Using 3.5mm hook and Honey, ch2.
Foundation round (RS) 6dc into second ch from hook, ss to beg dc.
Round 1 Ch1, (does not count as st throughout), 2dc in each dc to end, ss to beg dc. [12 sts]
Round 2 Ch1, *dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc; rep from * to end, ss to beg dc. [18 sts]
Round 3 Ch1, *dc in next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc; rep from * to end, ss to beg dc. [24 sts]
Round 4 Ch1, *dc in next 3 dc, 2dc in next dc; rep from * to end, ss to beg dc. [30 sts]
Round 5 Ch1, *dc in next 4 dc, 2dc in next dc; rep from * to end, ss to beg dc. [36 sts]
Round 6 Ch1, *dc in next 5 dc, 2dc in next dc; rep from * to end, ss to beg dc. [42 sts]
Rounds 7-24 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to beg dc.

SHAPE TOP

Round 25 Ch1, *dc in next 5 dc, dc2tog; rep from * to end, ss to beg dc. [36 sts]
Round 26 Ch1, *dc in next 4 dc, dc2tog; rep from * to end, ss to beg dc. [30 sts]
Round 27 Ch1, *dc in next 3 dc, dc2tog; rep from * to end, ss to beg dc. [24 sts]
Next round Ch1, *dc in next 2 dc, dc2tog; rep from * to end, ss to beg dc. [18 sts]
Fasten off.

FEET (MAKE 2)

Using a 3mm hook and Coral, ch4.
Foundation row (RS) Dc into second ch from hook, dc into each ch to end, turn. [3 sts]
Row 1 Ch1, dc into each dc to end, turn.
Row 2 Ch1, 2dc in first dc, dc in next dc, 2dc in last dc, turn. [5 sts]
Row 3 Ch1, dc into each dc to end, turn.
Row 4 Ch1, 2dc in first dc, dc in each dc to last dc, 2dc in last dc, turn. [7 sts]
Row 5 Ch1, dc in each dc to end, turn.
Row 6 Ch1, 2dc in first dc, dc in each dc to last dc, 2dc in last dc, turn. [9 sts]
Row 7 Ch1, dc in each dc to end.
Row 8 Ch1, 2dc in first st, dc in each dc to last dc, 2dc in last dc, turn. [11 sts]



Give this owl an academic air with a black mortarboard, complete with tassel!



The wide tail helps to keep the owls steady when they're sitting down

Row 9 Ch1, dc in each dc to end, turn.
Row 10 Ch1, dc in next 2 dc, *2tr in next dc, ss in next dc, ss in next dc, dc in next dc; rep from * once more, dc in last dc.
Fasten off.

BEAK

Using 3mm hook and Oyster, ch5.
Foundation row (RS) Dc into second ch from hook, dc into each ch to end, turn. [4 sts]
Rows 1-2 Ch1, dc in each dc to end, turn.
Rep last row once more.
Rows 3-4 Ch1, skip first st, dc in each dc to end. [2 dc at end of Row 4]
Fasten off.

TAIL (MAKE 2)

The tail is worked in the back loop only throughout.
Using a 3mm hook and Honey, ch13.
Foundation row (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc into each ch to end, turn. [12 sts]
Row 1 Ch1, dc in each dc to end, turn.
Row 2 Ch1, skip first dc, dc to final 2 sts, skip 1 dc, dc in last dc, turn. [10 sts]
Rows 3-5 As Row 2. [4 sts at end of Row 5]
Row 6 As Row 1.
Fasten off.

WINGS (MAKE 2)

Follow number of stitches stated for different sizes: Small (Medium: Large)
Using 3mm hook and Honey (Honey: Oyster), ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook, ss to beg dc. [6 sts]

Round 2 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to beg dc.
Rep Round 2 another 2 (3: 5) times.
Next round Ch1, 2dc into each dc around, ss to beg dc. [12 sts]
Rep Round 2 another 1 (3: 3) times.
Next round Ch1, (dc2tog) 6 times.
Fasten off.

EYES
Use Sky for Section 1, Saxe for Section 2 and Ecru for Section 3.

SECTION 1
Using a 3mm hook, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook, ss to beg dc. [6 sts].
Round 2 Ch1, 2dc into each dc to end. [12 sts]
Fasten off.

SECTION 2
Work Rounds 1-2 of Section 1.
Round 3 Ch1, *dc into next dc, 2dc into next dc; rep from * to end. [18 sts]
Fasten off.

SECTION 3
Work as Rounds 1-3 of Section 2.
Next round Ch1, *dc in next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc; rep from * to end.
Fasten off.

MORTARBOARD

TOP OF HAT

Using a 3mm hook and Black, ch9.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in each ch to end, turn. [8 sts]
Rows 2-18 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Fasten off.

BASE

Using a 3mm hook and Black, ch19 and ss in last ch from hook to form a loop.
Rounds 1-4 (RS) Ch1, dc in each ch/st around, ss to beg dc. [19 sts]
Round 5 Ch1, 2dc into each dc to end, ss to beg dc. [38 sts]
Round 5 As Round 1.
Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP
Fold top piece of Hat in half and dc the edges together using Black.
Make a small balck tassel and attach to the top of the Hat.
Sew the Base around the edges of the Top.

TO FINISH
Add any extra stuffing to Body if needed.
Make each eye by placing the three sections on top of each other, insert the safety eye through the centre hole.
Sew onto the Head.
Fold Beak in from each side to make Beak shape. Secure with a few sts and sew to Head, between the Eyes.
Flatten Wing pieces and sew to side of Body.
Sew Feet together in pairs, adding a small bit of stuffing to each Foot.
Using Black, embroider claws onto each Foot.
Sew Feet to base of Owl.
Sew tail pieces together and attach to back of Owl.
Using Blush, embroider 'V' shapes onto front of Owl Body.
Place Mortarboard on to Head and sew in place.

MEDIUM OWL

BODY & HEAD
Using a 3.5mm hook and Oyster, ch2.
Foundation round (RS) 6dc into second ch from hook, ss to beg dc.
Round 1 Ch1, 2dc into each dc to end, ss to beg dc. [12 sts]
Round 2 Ch1, *dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc; rep from * to end, ss to beg dc. [18 sts]
Round 3 Ch1, *dc in next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc; rep from * to end, ss to beg dc. [24 sts]
Round 4 Ch1, *dc in next 3 dc, 2dc in next dc; rep from * to end, ss to beg dc. [30 sts]
Round 5 Ch1, *dc in next 4 dc, 2dc in next dc; rep from * to end, ss to beg dc. [36 sts]
Rounds 6-19 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to beg dc.

SHAPE TOP

Round 20 Ch1, *dc in next 4 dc, dc2tog; rep from * to end, ss to beg dc. [30 sts]
Round 21 Ch1, *dc in next 3 dc, dc2tog; rep from * to end, ss to beg dc. [24 sts]
Round 22 Ch1, *dc in next 2 dc, dc2tog; rep from * to end, ss to beg dc. [18 sts]
Fasten off.



Embroidery adds some fun details to the owl, such as its chest feathers

FEET (MAKE 2)
Make as for Large Owl Feet using Blush.

BEAK
Make as for Large Owl Beak using Blush.

TAIL (MAKE 2)
Make as for Large Owl Tail.

WINGS (MAKE 2)
Make Wings as for Medium size in Large Owl Wings.

EYES
Make as for Large Owl eyes, using Iris for Section 1, Sky for Section 2 and Saxe for Section 3.

HAT
Using a 3mm hook and Lime, ch2.
Foundation round (RS) 6dc into second ch



Decorate Mrs Owl's summer hat with a pretty pink flower

from hook, ss to beg dc. [6 sts]
Round 1 Ch1, 2dc in each dc to end, ss to beg dc. [12 sts]
Round 2 Ch1, *dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc; rep to end, join with a ss. [18 sts]
Rounds 3-4 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to beg dc.
Rounds 5-6 Ch3, tr in st at base of ch-3, *2tr in each dc to end, ss to top of beg ch-3. [72 sts at end of Round 6]
Fasten off.

BAND
Using a 3mm hook and Blossom, ch20 and ss in last ch from hook to form a loop.
Round 1 Ch1, dc in each ch around, ss to beg dc. [20 sts]
Round 2 Ss into each st to end.
Fasten off.

FLOWER (MAKE 2)
Using a 3mm hook and Blossom, ch5 and ss in last ch from hook to form a loop.
Round 1 (Ch5, dc in loop) 6 times, ss to base of beg ch-5.
Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP
Sew the two Flowers together. Embroider a French knot into the centre of the flower using Buttercup.
Sew Flower onto Band, then place Band around crown of Hat and secure with a few stitches.
Assemble as for Large Owl, using Coral for embroidery on Body.
Weave in all ends.

SMALL OWL

BODY & HEAD
Using a 3.5mm hook and Ecru, ch2.
Foundation round (RS) 6dc into second ch from hook, ss to beg dc. [6 sts]
Round 1 Ch1, 2dc into each dc to end, ss to beg dc. [12 sts]
Round 2 Ch1, *dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc; rep from * to end, ss to beg dc. [18 sts]
Round 3 Ch1, *dc in next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc; rep from * to end, ss to beg dc. [24 sts]
Round 4 Ch1, *dc in next 3 dc, 2dc in next dc; rep from * to end, ss to beg dc. [30 sts]
Rounds 5-12 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to beg dc.

SHAPE TOP

Round 13 Ch1, *dc in next 3 dc, dc2tog; rep from * to end, ss to beg dc. [24 sts]
Round 14 Ch1, *dc in next 2 dc, dc2tog; rep from * to end, ss to beg dc. [18 sts]
Round 15 Ch1, *dc in next dc, dc2tog; rep from * to end, ss to beg dc. [12 sts]
Fasten off.

FEET (MAKE 2)
Using a 3mm hook and Oyster, ch4.
Foundation row (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc into each ch to end, turn. [3 sts]
Row 1 Ch1, dc into each dc to end.
Row 2 Ch1, 2dc into first dc, dc in next dc, 2dc in last dc. [5 sts]
Row 3 Ch1, dc into each dc to end, turn.
Row 4 Ch1, 2dc in first dc, dc in each dc to last dc, 2dc in last dc, turn. [7 sts]
Rows 5-8 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Fasten off.

BEAK
Make as for Large Owl Beak using Blush.

TAIL (MAKE 2)
Using a 3mm hook and Oyster, ch11.
Foundation row (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc into each ch to end, turn. [10 sts]
Row 1 Ch1, dc in each dc to end, turn.
Row 2 Ch1, skip first dc, dc to last 2 dc, skip 1 dc, dc in last dc, turn. [8 sts]
Rows 3-4 As Row 2. [4 sts at end of Row 4]
Row 5 As Row 1.
Fasten off.

WINGS (MAKE 2)
Make Wings as for Small size in Large Owl Wings.

EYES
Make as for Large Owl eyes, using Sky for Section 1 and Saxe for Section 2. Do not work Section 3.

BOW
Using a 3mm hook and Buttercup, ch23.
Foundation row (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc into each ch to end, turn. [22 sts]
Rows 1-3 Ch1, dc into each dc to end, turn.
Fasten off.
Sew short ends of Bow together. Fold in half lengthways, placing join at centre back. Gather centre of piece to form Bow and secure with a few sts.

TO ASSEMBLE
Assemble as for Large Owl, remembering there are only two eye sections and no embroidery on the front of the body. Sew the Bow to the top of the head.





This sweet little bow can be made in any colour you choose, so it's an ideal stashbuster

Cheeky chappy

Who better to entertain your fave little monkeys than this cuddly one by Mary's Amiland?

PLAY PAL





YOU WILL NEED

- Schachenmayr Catania (100% cotton, 50g/125m)
  2 balls of Marone (00157)
  1 ball of each:
  Rose Gold (00433)
  Kirsche (00424)
  Creme (00130)
- A 2.5mm (US C/1 or D/2) hook
- Black stranded cotton
- 2 safety eyes, 15mm
- Stitch markers

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Monkey measures approx 26cm (10¼in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

spiked dc Yrh, insert hook into st 2 rounds below, yrh and pull loop up to height of current round, yrh and pull through 2 loops on hook

For a full list, see page 130

Animals are classic children's toys, and this simian specimen would be a great addition to any toy box or shelf. It could even take the prime spot next to a little one at night!

NOTES

It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of the round, moving it up as you work. If you are making this toy for a child under 36 months, do not use safety eyes; instead, embroider eyes using black stranded cotton.

MONKEY

EYE PATCH (MAKE 2)

Using Rose Gold, ch6.
Round 1 Dc in second ch from hook and next 3 ch, 3dc in next ch, turn to work into opposite side of foundation ch, dc in next 4 ch. [11 sts]
Round 2 2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next st, 2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in final st. [15 sts]
Round 3 Dc in next st, (2dc in next st, 3dc) 3 times, 2dc in next st, dc in final st. [19 sts]
Round 4 Htr in each st around, ss to beg htr.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Referring to the image on the next page, join the Eye Patches together. Position the Patches next to each other and insert the safety eyes through the right-hand side of the foundation ch. Then, sew the patches together over 4 sts.
Fasten off.

HEAD AND BODY

Head and Body are worked in one piece, from the Head down.
Using Marone, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 8dc into loop. [8 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [16 sts]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [24 sts]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [32 sts]
Round 5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [40 sts]
Round 7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [48 sts]
Rounds 9-10 Dc in each st around.
Round 11 (11dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [52 sts]
Rounds 12-21 Dc in each st around.
Round 22 (11dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [48 sts]
Round 23 (10dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [44 sts]
Round 24 (9dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [40 sts]
Position the Eye Patches over the Head so that the safety eyes are inserted between Rounds 14-15, approx 6 sts apart. The top of the Eye Patches should sit at Round 9 of the Head.
Stuff the Head and Body as you work.
Round 25 (Dc2tog, 3dc) 8 times. [32 sts]
Round 26 (Dc2tog, 2dc) 8 times. [24 sts]
Round 27 (Dc2tog, 1dc) 8 times. [16 sts]
Round 28 Dc in each st around.
Round 29 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [24 sts]
Round 30 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [32 sts]
Round 31 (7dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [36 sts]
Round 32 (8dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [40 sts]
Round 33 Dc in each st around.
Round 34 (9dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [44 sts]
Round 35 (10dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [48 sts]
Rounds 36-37 Dc in each st around.
Round 38 (11dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [52 sts]
Rounds 39-45 Dc in each st around.
Round 46 (11dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [48 sts]
Rounds 47-48 Dc in each st around.
Round 49 (10dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [44 sts]
Round 50 Dc in each st around.
Round 51 (9dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [40 sts]
Round 52 (8dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [36 sts]
Round 53 (7dc, dc2tog) 4 times. [32 sts]
Round 54 (2dc, dc2tog) 8 times. [24 sts]
Round 55 (1dc, dc2tog) 8 times. [16 sts]
Round 56 (Dc2tog) 8 times. [8 sts]
Fasten off.
Thread tail through final 8 sts, pulling tight to close.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using Rose Gold, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc in loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (5dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [14 sts]
Round 4 (6dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [16 sts]
Round 5 (7dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [18 sts]
Rounds 6-7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 5-tr cl in next st (thumb made), dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, (4dc, dc2tog) twice. [15 sts]
Push the 5-tr cl out so it's visible from the RS.
Round 9 Dc in each st around.
Stuff the Arm as you work.
Round 10 (3dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [12 sts]
Change to Marone.
Round 11 (Dc in next st, spiked dc, skip next st on current round) 6 times.
Round 12 Dc in each st around.
Round 13 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [15 sts]
Rounds 14-20 Dc in each st around.
Round 21 Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next st, 2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts, (dc2tog, dc in next st) twice.
Rounds 22-29 Dc in each st around.
Round 30 (3dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [12 sts]
Round 31 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off.
Thread tail through final 6 sts, pulling tight to close.
Shape Arm so it arches slightly over Round 21.

RIGHT LEG

Using Rose Gold, ch6.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next 3 ch, 3dc in next ch, turn to work into opposite side of foundation ch, dc in next 3 ch, 2dc in final ch. [12 sts]
Round 2 (4dc, 2dc in next 2 sts) twice. [16 sts]
Round 3 *Dc in next 2 sts, (2dc, 2dc in next st) twice; rep from * once more. [20 sts]
Rounds 4-8 Dc in each st around.
Round 9 Dc in next 18 sts, 5-tr cl in next st, dc in final st.

Round 10 Ch6, skip 6 sts, dc in next 13 sts, skip final st. [13 sts, 1 ch-6 sp]
Round 11 Ch8, skip ch-6 sp, skip next dc, dc in next 11 sts, skip next st. [11 sts, 1 ch-8 sp]
Round 12 Ch10, skip ch-8 sp, skip next dc, dc in next 9 sts, skip next st. [9 sts, 1 ch-10 sp]
Round 13 Ch12, skip ch-10 sp, skip next dc, dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog. [6 sts, 1 ch-12 sp]
Over the next round you will work into the skipped sts from Rounds 10-13. The ch-sps will be concealed as you work the Leg.
Round 14 Dc in first skipped sts from Rounds 12-10, dc in 6 unworked sts from Round 9, dc in final skipped st from Rounds 10-12, dc in next 6 sts from Round 13. [18 sts]
Round 15 Dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next 3 sts, dc in next 4 sts, (dc2tog) 3 times.
Stuff the Leg as you work.
Round 16 (1dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Change to Marone.
Round 17 (Dc in next st, spiked dc, skip next st on current round) 6 times.
Round 18 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Rounds 19-35 Dc in each st around.
Round 36 (1dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 37 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off and thread the tail through final 8 sts, pulling tight to close.

LEFT LEG
Using Rose Gold, ch6.
Rounds 1-8 As Rounds 1-8 of Right Leg. [20 sts]
Round 9 Dc in next 7 sts, 5-tr cl in next st, dc in next 12 sts.
Rounds 10-37 As Rounds 10-37 of Right Leg.
Fasten off and thread the tail through final 8 sts, pulling tight to close.

MUZZLE
Using Rose Gold, ch6.
Rounds 1-3 (RS) As Rounds 1-3 of Right Leg. [20 sts]
Round 4 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (4dc, 2dc in next st, 6dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [28 sts]
Round 6 (6dc, 2dc in next st, 4dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc) twice. [32 sts]
Round 7 *(6dc, 2dc in next st) twice, dc in next 2 sts; rep from * once more. [36 sts]
Rounds 8-9 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

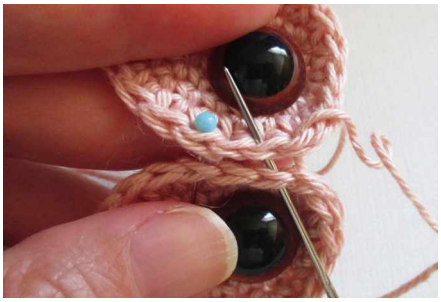
EARS (MAKE 2)
Using Rose Gold, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-2 (RS) As Rounds 1-2 of Arms. [12 sts]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (3dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 7 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 8 Dc in next 2 sts, (dc2tog) 3 times, dc in next 10 sts. [15 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Flatten the final round and use the tail to sew the opening closed.

TAIL
Using Marone, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 4dc in loop. [4 sts]
Round 2 (1dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [6 sts]
Lightly stuff the Tail as you work.
Rounds 3-44 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Using the tail, sew the opening closed.

TO MAKE UP
Use the images as a guide when constructing the Monkey.
Sew the Eye Patches to the Head.
Stuff the Muzzle and pin to the Head. Pin the Ears into position over Rounds 10-11 of Head. Once happy with the layout, sew into place.
Using black stranded cotton, embroider the eyebrows, nostrils and mouth.
Sew the Arms to the Body, approx 5 rounds down from the neck.
Attach the Legs to the base of the Body so the 5-tr cl at the ankle sits on the inside.
Join the Tail to the back.

BERET
Using Creme, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 8dc in loop. [8 sts]
Change to Kirche.
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [16 sts]
Round 3 *Change to Creme, dc in next st, change to Kirche, 2dc in next st (pm in final dc of rep); rep from * 7 times more. [24 sts, 8 markers]
Round 4 *Change to Creme, dc in each st to marker, change to Kirche, 2dc marked st (move marker to final dc of rep); rep from * 7 times more. [32 sts]
Rounds 5-6 As Round 4. [48 sts]
Round 7 Using Kirche,*dc in each st to marker, 2dc in marked st (move marker to final dc of rep); rep from * 7 times more. [56 sts]
Rounds 8-9 As Round 4. [72 sts]
Rounds 10-11 *Change to Creme, dc in next 7 sts, change to Kirche, dc in next 2 sts; rep from * 7 times more.
Fasten off Creme.
Round 12 (7dc, dc2tog) 8 times. [64 sts]
Round 13 (6dc, dc2tog) 8 times. [56 sts]
Round 14 (5dc, dc2tog) 8 times. [48 sts]
Rounds 15-16 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off Kirche.
Using Kirche, make a small pompom and attach it to the top of the Beret.

SCARF
Using Kirche, ch102.
Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook and each ch across, turn. [101 sts]



Join the two eye patches together through four sts before sewing them onto the head



Use black stranded cotton to embroider facial features on the eye patches and muzzle



This cute mini beret is a perfect little project to practise changing colour mid-round

Rows 2-5 Ch1, dc in bl of each st across.
Fasten off and weave in all ends.
Cut an 8cm length of both Kirche and Creme. Fold in half, and then use your hook to pull the folded ends through any row-end on the short edge of the Scarf. Thread the four tails through the folded ends and pull tightly to secure. Repeat across both short ends of the scarf.



PANDA LOVE!

Hook up your 'beary' best friend!
By Mary Benzon



YOU WILL NEED

- DMC Natura Just Cotton (100% cotton, 50g/155m)
  1 ball of each:
  Yarn A Star Light (N27)
  Yarn B Ivory (N02)
  Yarn C Noir (N11)
  Yarn D Tropic Brown (N22)
  A small amount of:
  Yarn E Light Green (N12)
  Yarn F Geranium (N52)
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- 2 safety eyes, 15mm
- Toy stuffing
- A snap fastener, 5mm
- Stitch markers

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Panda measures approx 22cm (8½in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

rdc (reversed double crochet) Working in opposite direction, insert hook into next st to the right (or left if left-handed), yrh and pull up a loop, yrh, pull through all loops on hook

For a full list, see page 130

Winston the panda postal worker has almost finished his round and is looking forward to putting his paws up, hopefully at your place!

NOTES

You may find it useful to mark the first st of the round, moving the marker up as you go.
Body and Head are worked up from the Legs; all other parts are made separately and joined together at the end.
Leave long starting and ending tails to use when joining the sections together.

WINSTON THE PANDA

EYE PATCHES

FIRST EYE

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as a st throughout), 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 3dc in next st) twice, (dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 3 times, dc in final 2 sts. [19 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next 2 sts, 3dc in next st) twice, (dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times, dc in final 4 sts. [26 sts]
Ss in next st.
Fasten off.

SECOND EYE

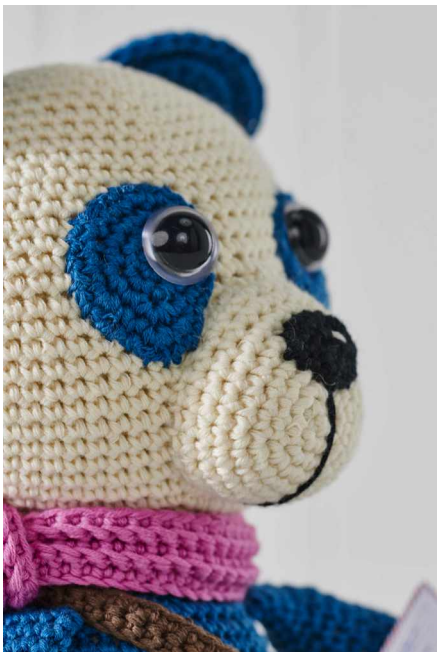
Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-2 (RS) As Rounds 1-2 of First Eye Patch. [12 sts]
Round 3 Dc in next 2 sts, (2dc in next st, dc in next st) 3 times, (3dc in next st, dc in next st) twice. [19 sts]
Round 4 Dc in next 4 sts, (2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) 3 times, (3dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) twice. [26 sts]
Ss in next st.
Fasten off.

LEGS (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 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]
Rounds 6-8 Dc in each st around.
Round 9 (Dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 10 Dc in each st around. [24 sts]
Round 11 (Dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Fasten off first Leg only.

BODY AND HEAD

Continue on from second Leg.
Round 1 (RS) Ch2 (joining ch-sp between Legs), dc in each st around first Leg, dc in next 2 ch between Legs, dc in each st around second Leg, dc in back of next 2 ch. [40 sts]
Change to Yarn B.
Round 2 (Dc in next 19 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [42 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts) 6 times. [48 sts]
Stuff Legs and continue to stuff Body and Head as you work.
Rounds 4-14 Dc in each st around.
Change to Yarn A.
Rounds 15-16 Dc in each st around.
Round 17 (Dc in next 6 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 18 (Dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 19 (Dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 20 (Dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Change to Yarn B.
Round 21 Dc in each st around.



Secure the safety eyes to the eye patches, then carefully sew the patches to the head



Work both legs first, then work the body in the round from the legs up to the head

Round 22 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 23 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 24 (Dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 25 (Dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 26 (Dc in next 7 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [54 sts]
Round 27 (Dc in next 8 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [60 sts]
Round 28 (Dc in next 9 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [66 sts]
Round 29 (Dc in next 10 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [72 sts]
Rounds 30-41 Dc in each st around.
Round 42 (Dc2tog, dc in next 10 sts) 6 times. [66 sts]
Rounds 43-45 Dc in each st around.
Round 46 (Dc2tog, dc in next 9 sts) 6 times. [60 sts]
Round 47 Dc in each st around.
Push safety eyes through each Eye Patch and secure between Rounds 38-39 of Body and Head, leaving 6 sts of Head visible between the Patches. You can use the images as a guide.
Round 48 (Dc2tog, dc in next 8 sts) 6 times. [54 sts]
Round 49 (Dc2tog, dc in next 7 sts) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 50 (Dc2tog, dc in next 6 sts) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 51 (Dc2tog, dc in next 5 sts) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 52 (Dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 53 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 54 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 55 (Dc2tog, dc in next 1 sts) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 56 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off and thread tail through final 6 sts, pulling tight to close.

ARMS (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-3 As Rounds 1-3 of Legs.
Rounds 4-5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 (Dc in next st, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Rounds 7-8 Dc in each st around.
Round 9 (Dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog) twice. [10 sts]
Rounds 10-15 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off and use the tail to sew the opening closed.

EARS (MAKE 2)
Each Ear is made up of two pieces, which are joined together over the final round of the second piece.



With the amigurumi method, there will naturally be a step at the colour change

BACK EAR

Using Yarn A, ch6.
Row 1 (WS) Dc in second ch from hook and next 2 ch, 3dc in next ch, dc in final 2 ch, turn. [7 sts]
Row 2 (RS) Ch1, dc in first 2 sts, (2dc in next st, dc in next st) twice, dc in final st, turn. [9 sts]
Row 3 Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next 3 sts, dc in final 3 sts, turn. [12 sts]
Row 4 Ch1, dc in first 3 sts, 2dc in next 6 sts, dc in final 3 sts. [18 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

FRONT EAR

Using Yarn A, ch6.
Rows 1-4 As Rows 1-4 of Back Ear. [18 sts]
Do not turn at the end of Row 4.
Place the Back Ear behind the Front Ear, lining up the sts. Work Row 5 through both pieces to join.
Row 5 2dc in corner, dc in end of row 3, dc in end of row 2, dc2tog next 2 row ends, dc in next 2 row ends, 2dc in corner, htr in each st from Row 4, ss to beg dc.
Fasten off.

MUZZLE
Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 5dc into loop. [5 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [10 sts]
Round 3 2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next st, 2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next 2 sts. [15 sts]
Round 4 2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, (2dc in next st, dc in next st) twice. [20 sts]
Round 5 2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts, (2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) twice. [25 sts]
Round 6 2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts, (2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) twice. [30 sts]
Rounds 7-9 Dc in each st around.
Ss in next st and **fasten off**.



Sew the nose to the muzzle, then embroider a vertical line down the muzzle



The scarf is made from five rows of double crochet worked into the back loops only



The bag is stitched together with a decorative row of reverse double crochet

NOSE
Using Yarn C, ch4.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, skip 1 ch, 4dc in next ch, turn to work into opposite side of foundation ch, skip next ch, 3dc in final ch. [8 sts]
Round 2 2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st. [12 sts]
Ss in next st.
Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP
Refer to the images when making your Panda.
Stuff the Muzzle and sew to the centre of the Head, between the Eye Patches.
Using Yarn B sew a small straight st on the Nose. Sew the Nose to the Muzzle over Rounds 3-6, making sure the wider length sits horizontally across the Muzzle.
Using Yarn C, back stitch a straight line from the base of the Nose down the centre of the Muzzle.
Use the tails on the Ears to close any openings around the foundation ch. Sew Ears to the top of the Head, approx 7 sts apart.
Sew the Arms to the side of the Body over Round 17, 12 sts apart at the front.
Weave in all ends.

BAG
Using Yarn D, ch11.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and next 9 ch, turn. [10 sts]
Rows 2-10 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 11 Ch1, dc in each st across, ch12, turn. [10 sts, 1 ch-12]
Row 12 Dc in second ch from hook and next 10 ch, dc in each st across, ch12, turn. [21 sts, 1 ch-12]
Row 13 Dc in second ch from hook and next 10 ch, dc in next 21 sts, turn. [32 sts]
Row 14 Ch1, dc in first 21 sts, turn leaving rem sts unworked. [21 sts]
Row 15 Ch1, dc in next 10 sts, turn leaving rem st unworked. [10 sts]
Rows 16-31 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 32 Ss in first 2 sts, ch1, dc in next 6 sts, turn leaving rem sts unworked. [6 sts]
Row 33 Ss in first 2 sts, ch1, dc in next 2 sts. [4 sts]
Fasten off.

STRAP
Using Yarn D, ch63.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and each ch across, turn. [62 sts]
Row 2 Ch1, dc in each st across.
Fasten off.

BUTTON
Using Yarn E, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6htr into loop, ss to beg htr. [6 sts]
Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP BAG
Fold the Bag body into the Bag shape so that Rows 1-11 sit at the front, Rows 12-14 sit at the base and sides, and the final rows are at the opening. Sew the sides to the front and back.
Position the Strap inside the Bag against the sides and sew into place.
Work a round of rdc (see Abbreviations) around the opening of the Bag.
Sew the button to the opening of the Bag and secure the snap fastener in line with this.

SCARF
Using Yarn F, ch103.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and each ch across, turn. [102 sts]
Rows 2-5 Ch1, dc in bl of each st across, turn.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

FRINGE
Cut 20 strands of Yarn F, each 8cm long. Fold two strands in half, forming a loop at one end. Take your hook and draw the loop through any row-end on Scarf and thread the yarn ends through the loop. Repeat on each row-end along each side of the Scarf, 10 times in total. Trim to desired length.





Perfect gifts for little ones to enjoy

DOLLS

You won't be able to resist these gorgeous patterns, which include a cute clown, sweet flower girl and dancing cats!





Sunny side up

The flower of Wales is the daffodil, which makes a bloomin' lovely bonnet for Victoria Kairis' springtime doll





YOU WILL NEED

- Sirdar Happy Cotton DK (100% cotton, 20g/43m)
  3 balls of each:
  Treetop (780)
  Buttercup (771)
  2 balls of Sandcastle (773)
  1 ball of Cookie (777)
- A 2.75mm (US C/2) hook
- Stitch marker
- Toy stuffing
- 2 safety eyes, 8mm

For yarn stockists contact Sirdar 01924 231682 www.sirdar.com

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Doll measures 30cm (11¾in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

inv dec Insert hook in front loop of next st, insert hook in front loop of next st across, yrh and pull through both sts, yrh and pull through 2 loops on hook

For a full list, see page 130

Nothing signals the start of spring in the UK like the sight of bright yellow daffodils in our green spaces. This flower costume is a perky reminder, with a sweet bonnet that allows for the doll's pretty plaits to hang free.

NOTES

You may find it useful to mark the first st of the round, moving the marker up as you go.
Where the pattern mentions the right or left (ie. left Leg), it refers to the Doll's perspective.
If you are making this toy for a child under 36 months, do not use safety eyes; instead, embroider eyes with stranded cotton.

DAFFODIL DOLL

HEAD

Using a 2.75mm hook and Sandcastle, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 6dc in loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (RS) 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]
Rounds 9-16 Dc in each st around.
Round 17 Dc in next 18, 2dc in next st, dc in next 9, 2dc in next st, dc in next 19. [50 sts]
Round 18 Dc in next 24, 2-tr cl in next st, dc into next 25. [50 sts]
Rounds 19-20 Dc in each st around.
Round 21 Dc in next 18, invdec, dc in next 9, invdec, dc in next 19. [48 sts]
Round 22 (Dc in next 6 sts, invdec) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 23 (Dc in next 5 sts, invdec) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 24 (Dc in next 4 sts, invdec) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 25 (Dc in next 3 sts, invdec) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 26 (Dc in next 2 sts, invdec) 6 times. [18 sts]
Position 8mm safety eyes between Rounds 16-17, 9 sts apart. The eyes should be in line with the increase sts from Round 17.
Stuff the Head.
Round 27 (Dc in next st, invdec) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 28 (Inv dec) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using a 2.75mm hook and Sandcastle make a magic loop.



The skirt of the dress is worked directly onto the doll's body, starting at the centre-back



Sew the hair piece to the head, then use small stitches to sew the fringe to the forehead

Rounds 1-2 (RS) As Round 1-2 of Head. [12 sts]
Rounds 3-4 Dc in each st around.
Round 5 Dc in next 11 sts, popcorn in next st.
Round 6 Dc in each st around.
Round 7 (Inv dec, dc in next 4 sts) twice. [10 sts]
Change to Treetop.
Round 8 Dc in each st around.
Round 9 (2dc, dc in next 4 sts) twice. [12 sts]
Round 10 Dc in each st around.
Round 11 (2dc, dc in next 5 sts) twice. [14 sts]
Rounds 12-20 Dc in each st around.
Round 21 (Dc in next 6 sts, 2dc) twice. [16 sts]
Fasten off.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Using a 2.75mm hook and Treetop, ch7.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and next 4 ch, 3dc in next ch, turn to work in opposite side of foundation ch, dc in next 4 ch, 2dc in same ch as beg dc. [14 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [16 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next 7 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [18 sts]
Rounds 4-6 Dc in each st around.
The following part of the foot works in short rows to make the heel.
Row 7 (RS) (Dc2tog) first 2 sts, dc in next 5 sts, (dc2tog) next 2 sts, turn leaving rem sts unworked. [7 sts]
Row 8 (WS) Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, turn. [5 sts]

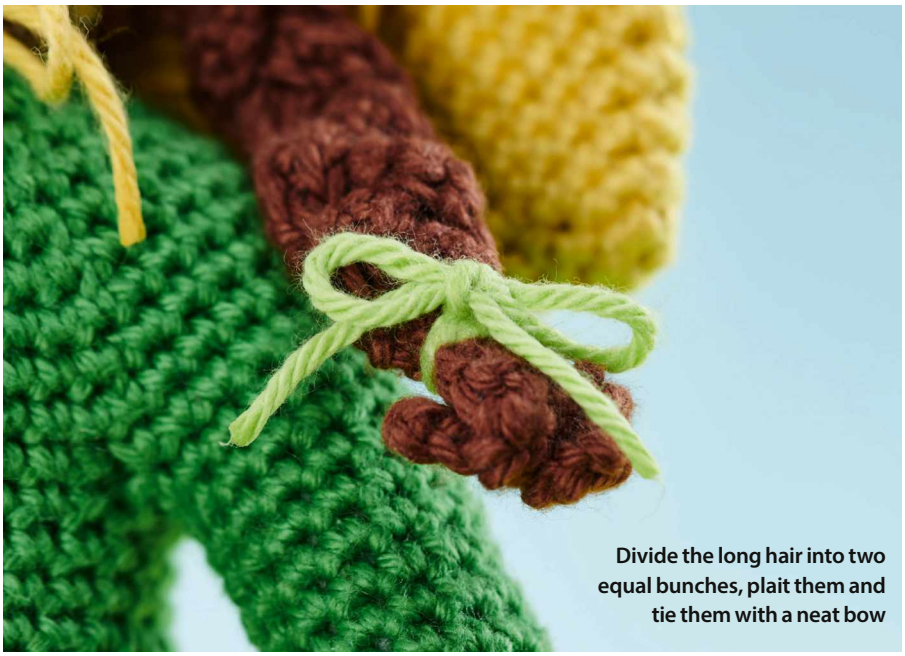
Row 9 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, turn. [3 sts]
Row 10 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 11 Ch1, 2dc, dc in next st, 2dc, turn. [5 sts]
Row 12 Ch1, 2dc, dc in next 3 sts, 2dc, turn. [7 sts]
The following round joins the heel to the unworked sts of the front of the foot. Note that there will be holes in either side of the heel, which you should sew closed at the end.
Round 13 (RS) Ch1, 2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in 9 unworked sts from Round 6. [18 sts]
Rounds 14-22 Dc in each st around
Round 23 Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 8 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts. [20 sts]
Rounds 24-25 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.
Stuff the feet and lower Legs. Sew the holes at the heels to close them.

BODY
Position both Legs together with the feet facing in the same direction.
Insert hook through the st at the inside of the right Leg and the corresponding stitch on the left Leg, yrh with Treetop and pull through both sts, ch1, dc in both sts. This point marks the centre-back of the Doll.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in next 19 sts on left Leg, skip joining dc, dc in next 19 sts around right Leg. [38 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc) twice, dc in next 26 sts, (2dc, dc in next 2 sts) twice. [42 sts]
Rounds 3-8 Dc in each st around.
Round 9 (Dc in next 2 sts, invdec) twice, dc in next 3 sts, invdec, dc in next 18 sts, invdec, dc in next 3 sts, invdec, dc in next 2 sts, invdec. [36 sts]
Round 10 (Working in the bl only) dc into each st around.
Round 11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 Dc in next 10 sts, invdec, dc in next 16, invdec, dc in next 6. [34 sts]
Rounds 13-14 Dc into each st around.
Arms are joined to the Body over the next 2 rounds. Make sure the thumbs face forward when positioning the join.
On the first round you will join the inside of the Arm, meaning you will insert your hook from WS to RS on the Arm sts.
Round 15 Dc in next 9 sts, place Arm next to Body, (dc through inside st of Arm and next st of Body) 3 times, dc in next 14 sts on Body, place Arm next to Body, (dc through inside st of Arm and next st of Body) 3 times, dc in final 5 sts.
Round 16 Dc in next 9 sts, dc in the 13 unworked stitches of Arm, skip the 3 joining sts on prev round, dc in next 14 sts of Body, dc in next 13 unworked sts of the Arm, skip the 3 joining sts on prev round, dc in final 5 sts of Body. [54 sts]
Round 17 Dc in each st around.
Round 18 Dc in next 8 sts, invdec, dc in next 11 sts, invdec, dc in next 12 sts, invdec, dc in next 11 sts, invdec, dc in next 4 sts. [50 sts]
Round 19 Dc in each st around.
Round 20 Dc in next 8 sts, invdec, dc in next 10 sts, invdec, dc in next 11 sts, invdec, dc in next 10 sts, invdec, dc in next 3 sts. [46 sts]
Round 21 Dc in next 8 sts, invdec, dc in next 9 sts, invdec, dc in next 10 sts, invdec, dc in next 9 sts, invdec, dc in next 2 sts. [42 sts]
Round 22 (Dc in next 5 sts, invdec) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 23 (Dc in next 4 sts, invdec) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 24 (Dc in next 3 sts, invdec) 6 times. [24 sts]
Change colour to Sandcastle.
Round 25 (Working in bl only) (dc in next 2 sts, invdec) 6 times. [18 sts]
Stuff the Body.
Round 26 (Dc in next 4 sts, invdec) 3 times. [15 sts]
Round 27 Dc into each st around.
Round 28 Dc in next 4 sts, ss in next st leaving rem sts unworked. [5 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Sew the Head to the neck.
Using black cotton, embroider the eyebrows, eyelashes and mouth. You can use the image as a guide.

HAIR
Using Cookie, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 6dc in 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 15 sts, 2dc) 3 times. [51 sts]
Rounds 10-14 Dc in each st around.
Round 15 Dc in next 8 sts, 2dc in next st, (dc in next 16 sts, 2dc in next st) twice, dc in next 8 sts. [54 sts]
Round 16 Dc in next 6 sts *ch27, ss in second ch from hook and next ch, dc in next 24 ch, dc in next st of Round 15**; rep from * twice more, dc in next 13 sts, (ch7, dc in second ch from hook and next 5 ch, dc in next 2 sts of Round 15) 6 times, dc in next 12 sts, rep from * to ** 3 times more, dc in next 5 sts from Round 15, ss to beg dc.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Using the tail, sew the Hair onto the Head so that the short strands are at the front to create the fringe.
Using Cookie, sew down the fringe at the end of each strand.

DAFFODIL COSTUME

SKIRT
With the Legs of the Doll facing away from you, join Treetop in an unused fl from Round 10 of Body at back of Doll.
Round 1 (RS) (Working in unused fl from Round 10) (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 12 times. [48 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each st around.



Divide the long hair into two equal bunches, plait them and tie them with a neat bow

Round 3 (Dc in next 7 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [54 sts]
Round 4 Dc in each st around.
Round 5 (Dc in next 8 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [60 sts]
Round 6 Dc in each st around.
Round 7 (Dc in next 9 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [66 sts]
Rounds 8-10 Dc in each st around.
Round 11 (Dc in next 10 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [72 sts]
Rounds 12-13 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

BONNET
Using Buttercup, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6htr in loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2htr in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Htr in next st, 2htr in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (Htr in next 2 sts, 2htr in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (Htr in next 3 sts, 2htr in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (Htr in next 4 sts, 2htr in next st) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 7 (Htr in next 5 sts, 2htr in next st) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 8 (Htr in next 6 sts, 2htr in next st) 6 times. [48 sts]
Rounds 9-10 Htr in each st around.
Round 11 Htr in next 32 sts, ch2, 3tr in next 16 sts. [80 sts]
Round 12 3tr in next 32 sts, ss in next st to join leaving rem sts unworked.
Fasten off and weave in ends.
Using Buttercup, cut a length of yarn long enough to go around the Head and tie in a bow at the chin. Begin in the final st and working in the opposite direction to Round 12, work a running stitch in each stitch in the gaps between Round 11 and Round 12, ending at the first stitch of Round 12.

PETALS (MAKE 6)
Using Buttercup, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc in loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc) twice. [8 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next 2 sts) twice. [12 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next 2 sts) twice. [16 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in next 2 sts) twice. [20 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in next 9 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [22 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in next 10 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [24 sts]
Round 8 (Dc in next 11 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [26 sts]
Round 9 (Dc in next 12 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [28 sts]
Rounds 10-12 Dc in each st around.



This daffodil doll would be the perfect present to celebrate St David's Day!

Round 13 *Dc in next 10 sts, (invdec) twice; rep from * once more. [24 sts]
Round 14 *Dc in next 8 sts, (invdec) twice; rep from * once more. [20 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Flatten Petal and pin into place in the gap between Rounds 8 and 9 of the Bonnet. Using the tail, sew each Petal to the Bonnet. You can use the image as a guide.

TO FINISH
Make 2 plaits from the long strands of Hair and secure with a small length of yarn.
Put the Bonnet onto the Doll's Head and pull the ends tight to secure the Bonnet to the Head, then tie with a bow under the Doll's chin. Weave in all ends.



The petals of the bonnet are worked in the round to create double-sided plumpness

Clowning around

Fun and laughter are in store with this traditional design by Sarah-Jane Hicks

EASY TO MAKE, EASY TO LOVE





YOU WILL NEED

- Paintbox Yarns Wool Mix Aran (50% wool, 50% acrylic, 100g/180m)
  1 ball of each:
  Champagne White (802)
  Rose Red (813)
  Mandarin Orange (817)
  Daffodil Yellow (821)
  Lime Green (828)
  Sailor Blue (839)
  Dusty Lilac (846)
- A 4.5mm (US 7) hook
- Toy stuffing

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Clown measures approx 30cm (12in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Clowns have been around in some form for thousands of years, making people laugh and bringing joy through silly performances. We hope your crochet clown will do the same.

NOTES

You may find it helpful to mark the first st of the round with a stitch marker for the amigurumi sections, moving it up as you work. The Body, Arms and Legs are made from Circles, which are threaded onto strands of yarn.

CLOWN

HEAD

Using Champagne White, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook. [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]
Rounds 7-12 Dc in each st around.
Round 13 (4dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 14 (3dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 15 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 16 (dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Stuff Head.
Round 17 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off.
Thread tail through final 6 sts, pulling tight to close.

HAT

Using Dusty Lilac, ch2
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook. [6 sts]
Round 2 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [9 sts]
Round 3 Dc in each st around.
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [12 sts]



Make the hair from one row of treble stitches and attach where the hat joins the head

Round 5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [15 sts]
Round 7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [18 sts]
Round 9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 13 Dc in each st around.
Round 14 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 15 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

HAIR

Using Daffodil Yellow, ch29.
Row 1 (RS) 3tr in fourth ch from hook, 4tr in each ch to end.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

SPOTS (MAKE 2)

Make one in Sailor Blue and one in Lime Green.
Ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook, ss to beg dc. [6 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

CIRCLES (MAKE 57)

Make 10 in each: Mandarin Orange, Daffodil



The body, arms and legs are made from circles threaded onto the hands and feet

Yellow, Lime Green, Sailor Blue and Dusty Lilac. Make 7 in Rose Red.
Ch4.
Round 1 (RS) 11tr in fourth ch from hook, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join. [12 sts]
Round 2 Ch3, tr in same st as beg ch-3, 2tr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3. [24 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

RUFFLE
Using Rose Red, ch4.
Rounds 1-2 As Rounds 1-2 of Circle. [24 sts]
Round 3 Ch2 (counts as htr), 3htr in same st, 4htr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-2. [96 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

HANDS AND ARMS (MAKE 2)
Using Daffodil Yellow, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 5dc in second ch from hook. [5 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [10 sts]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [15 sts]
Rounds 4-6 Dc in each st around.
Round 7 (1dc, dc2tog) 5 times. [10 sts]
Stuff Hands.
Round 8 (Dc2tog) 5 times. [5 sts]
Fasten off leaving a 50cm tail.
Use the tail to close the opening leaving at least 40cm to thread the Circles onto for the arms.
Cut an 80cm length of Daffodil Yellow, fold in half and sew to the opening of the Hand. You will now have three strands of yarn to thread the Circles. Thread the Circles in the following order: Dusty Lilac, Sailor Blue, Lime Green, Daffodil Yellow, Mandarin Orange, Rose Red, Dusty Lilac, Sailor Blue, Lime Green, Daffodil Yellow and Mandarin Orange. Repeat for the second arm and put to one side.

FEET AND LEGS (MAKE 2)
Using Mandarin Orange, ch2.
Rounds 1-8 As Rounds 1-8 of Hands. [5 sts]
Fasten off leaving a 50cm tail.
Use the tail to close the opening leaving at least 40cm to thread the Circles for the Leg.
Cut an 80cm length of Mandarin Orange, and repeat as for Arms using the following colour sequence: Dusty Lilac, Sailor Blue, Lime Green, Daffodil Yellow, Mandarin Orange, Rose Red, Dusty Lilac, Sailor Blue, Lime Green, Daffodil Yellow, Mandarin Orange and Rose Red.
Repeat for the second leg.

BODY
Holding the strands from both legs together, thread 11 Circles to form Body in the same order as for the Arms.
Knot the Arm and Leg threads at the top of the Body, then thread all strands through the Ruffle.
Pull the strands through the base of the Head and out of the top, being careful not too pull too tight. Secure strand with a few sts.
Fasten off.



The clown's head, hat, hands and feet are worked in amigurumi style

TO MAKE UP
Using the tails, sew the Hat to the Head and then sew the Hair around the join, with a gap of approx 12 sts at the front.
Sew the Spots to the Hat.
Using Sailor Blue, embroider 2 crosses for the eyes.
Using Rose Red, embroider a small, wide U-shape for the mouth.
Weave in all ends.



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Brand-new bestie

Welcome in a new friend with the most wide-eyed expression, designed by Aniqua Wilkinson





YOU WILL NEED

- Scheepjes Softfun (60% cotton, 40% acrylic, 50g/140m)
  2 balls of each:
  Shade 2623 (Brown)
  Shade 2511 (Blue)
  1 ball of each:
  Shade 2408 (Black)
  Shade 2426 (White)
  Shade 2517 (Green)
  Shade 2427 (Orange)
- A 2.75mm (US C/2) hook
- A 3.25mm (US D/3) hook
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- A 3.75mm (US F/5) hook
- 2 safety eyes, 15mm
- 2 white felt circles, 25mm
- 2 buttons, 20mm
- Wooden dowel, 1cm diameter, 20cm long
- Toy stuffing
- Stitch markers

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Doll measures 46cm (18in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

5-tr cluster *Yrh, insert hook into st specified, yrh and pull up a loop, yrh and pull through 2 loops on hook; rep from * another 4 times, yrh and pull through all loops on hook
FR (foundation ring) Ch4, ss to last ch from hook
For a full list, see page 130

Now that's the look of a young'un caught with one hand in the cookie jar. But with those big eyes, anything is forgiven. The doll's dungarees are fully removable so once made you can switch up the outfit for long-term appeal.

NOTES

It may help to mark the first st of each round, moving the marker up as you work.
Prepare white felt circles by cutting a straight line across using the images for guidance.
You may need to make a small hole in the centre of the felt to push the safety eye clasp through.

DOLL

HEAD

Using a 3.5mm hook and Brown, make an FR.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as a st throughout), 12dc into ring. [12 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 3 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 4 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 dc]
Round 5 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 dc]
Round 6 (Dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 dc]
Round 7 (Dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [48 dc]
Round 8 (Dc in next 7 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [54 dc]
Round 9 (Dc in next 8 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [60 dc]
Rounds 10-20 Dc in each st around.
Position safety eyes over Rounds 12-13 approx 5 sts apart. Place felt circles between the Head and eyes.
Round 21 Dc in first 4 sts, (dc2tog, dc in next 8 sts) 5 times, dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts. [54 dc]
Round 22 (Dc in next 7 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [48 sts]
Stuff Head as you work.
Round 23 Dc in next 3 sts, (dc2tog, dc in next 6 sts) 5 times, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts. [42 dc]
Round 24 Dc in each st around.
Round 25 (Dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 dc]
Round 26 Dc in next 2 sts, (dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts) 5 times, dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts. [30 dc]
Round 27 (Dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 28 Dc in first st, (dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) 5 times, dc2tog, dc in next st. [18 dc]
Round 29 (Dc2tog, dc in next st) 6 times. [12 dc]
Rounds 30-31 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.

HAIR CAP

Using a 3.5mm hook and Black, make an FR.



Make a hair cap, then hook and attach strips of hair made from chains and slip stitches

Rounds 1-8 (RS) Repeat Rounds 1-8 of Head. [54 dc]
Rounds 9-15 Dc in each st around.
Round 16 (Dc, htr, tr, dtr, 2dtr, dtr, tr, htr, dc) over next 9 sts; rep from * another 5 times, ss to top of beg dc. [60 sts]
Fasten off.

HAIR

Using a 3.5mm hook and Black, ch16.
Row 1 Ss in last ch from hook (first Hair loop made, PM), *ch15, ss in 14th ch from loop (Hair loop made); rep from * another 50 times.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Pin marked Hair loop to front centre of Hair Cap and position Hair so it runs down the centre of Hair Cap and back up to centre front. Use the yarn tail to secure the Hair into position.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Using a 2.75mm hook and Brown, ch8.
Row 1 Htr in second ch from hook, tr in next ch, 2dtr in next 2 ch, tr in next ch, htr in next ch, ss in final ch.
Fasten off.

BODY

Using a 3.5mm hook and White, make an FR.
Rounds 1-13 (RS) As Rounds 1-13 of Head. [60 dc]
Round 14 Dc in next 4 sts, (dc2tog, dc in next 8 sts) 5 times, dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts. [54 dc]
Change to Brown.
Round 15 Dc in bl of each st around.
Round 16 Dc in next 27 sts, 5-tr cluster in next st, dc in remaining 26 sts.
Round 17 Dc in each st around.
Change to Green.
Round 18 Dc in each st around.
Stuff Body as you work.

Round 19 (Dc in next 7 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [48 dc]
Rounds 20-23 Dc in each st around.
Round 24 Dc in first 3 sts, (dc2tog, dc in next 6 sts) 5 times, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts. [42 dc]
Rounds 25-29 Dc in each st around. [42 dc]
Rounds 30-32 As Rounds 25-27 of Head. [24 dc]
Change to Brown.
Round 33 (Working in bl only) As Round 28 of Head. [18 dc]
Rounds 34-35 Dc in each st around.
Place dowel into Body and position last round of Head inside the last round of Body to create a neck; the dowel will extend up into the Head.
Using brown, sew Head and Body together.

LEGS (MAKE 2)
Using a 3.5mm hook and White, make an FR.
Rounds 1-7 (RS) As Rounds 1-7 of Head. [48 dc]
Round 8 (Working in bl only) Dc in next 13 sts, htr in next 22 sts, dc in next 13 sts.
Change to Orange.
Round 9 Dc in first 13 sts, dc in bl of next 22 sts, dc in next 13 sts.
Rounds 10-11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 Dc in next 13 sts, (dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) 5 times, dc2tog, dc in next 13 sts. [42 dc]
Round 13 Dc in next 10 sts, (dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) 5 times, dc2tog, dc next 10 sts. [36 dc]
Round 14 Dc in next 7 sts, (dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) 5 times, dc2tog, dc in next 7 sts. [30 dc]
Round 15 Dc in next 4 sts, (dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) 5 times, dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts. [24 dc]
Rounds 16-18 Dc in each st around.
Change to Brown.
Round 19 Dc in bl of each st around.
Rounds 20-45 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.
Stuff Legs. Use White to whipstitch Legs to Body.

ARMS (MAKE 2)
Using a 3.5mm hook and Brown, make an FR.
Rounds 1-2 As Rounds 1-2 of Head. [18 dc]
Round 3 (Dc in next 8 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [20 dc]
Rounds 4-5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 Dc in next 9 sts, 5-tr cluster in next st (thumb made), dc in next 10 sts.
Note: When making the second Arm, work the 5-tr cluster into the last st on Round 6.
Round 7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts) 4 times. [16 dc]
Rounds 9-10 Dc in each st around.
Change to Orange.
Rounds 11-23 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.

SLEEVES (MAKE 2)
Using a 3.5mm hook and Green, ch16.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in last ch from hook to form a ring, dc in each ch around. [16 dc]
Rounds 2-4 Dc in each st around.
Position Sleeve around Arm so that the sts of Round 23 of the Arm line up with the final round of sts of the Sleeve.
Work next round through fl of sts on Arms and both loops of sts on Sleeve to join.
Round 5 Dc in each st around.
Rounds 6-7 Dc in each st around.
Stuff each Arm, flatten final round and ss across 8 sts to close.
Fasten off.
Sew Arms to Body over Rounds 29-30, 13 sts apart at the front.

DUNGAREES
Dungarees are worked from Legs up. Make Legs first, then join together with chains.

TROUSER LEGS (MAKE 2)
Using a 3.75mm hook and Blue, ch36.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in last ch from hook to form a ring, dc in each ch around. [36 dc]
Rounds 2-30 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off first Trouser Leg only.

JOIN TROUSER LEGS
Round 31 Ch3 (ch extension), dc into each st around first Trouser Leg, ch3, dc in each st around second Trouser Leg. [72 dc, 2 ch-3 sps]
Round 32 Dc in fl of next 3 ch, dc in each st on first Trouser Leg, dc in fl of next 3 ch, dc in rem 36 sts. [78 dc]
Rounds 33-37 Dc in each st around.
Round 38 (Dc in next 11 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [72 dc]
Rounds 39-40 Dc in each st around.
Round 41 Dc in next 5 sts, (dc2tog, dc in next 10 sts) 5 times, dc2tog, dc in next 5 sts. [66 dc]
Rounds 42-43 Dc in each st around.
Round 44 (Dc in next 9 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [60 dc]
Rounds 45-49 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off and use yarn tail from first Trouser Leg to close the hole at the join.

BIB
Mark out 20 sts across centre front of Trousers.
With RS facing, join Blue into marked st furthest to the right.
Row 1 (RS) Ch1, dc in next 20 sts, turn. [20 dc]
Rows 2-4 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 5 Ch1, dc in first 2 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 12 sts, dc2tog, dc in final 2 sts, turn. [18 dc]
Rows 6-8 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 9 Ch1, dc in first 2 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 10 sts, dc2tog, dc in final 2 sts, turn. [16 dc]
Row 10 Ch1, dc in first 2 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 8 sts, dc2tog, dc in final 2 sts, turn. [14 dc]
Fasten off.

BACK AND STRAPS
Skip 15 sts from Bib and join Blue into next st.
Row 1 (RS) Ch1, dc in next 10 sts, turn.



Make the front pocket of the dungarees separately, then stitch it to the bib section



The straps are worked from the back bib and include buttonholes on the front end

Rows 2-4 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 5 Ch1, dc in first st, *ch30, ss in sixth ch from hook (buttonhole made), ss in next 24 ch**, dc in next 8 sts; rep from * to **, dc in final st.
Fasten off.

FRONT POCKET
Using a 3.25mm hook and Blue, ch6.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in each ch across, turn. [5 dc]
Row 2 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 3 Ch16, dc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across, dc in next 5 sts, turn. [20 dc]
Rows 4-17 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 18 Ch1, dc in first 5 sts, turn leaving rem 15 sts unworked. [5 dc]
Row 19 Ch1, dc in each st across.
Fasten off.
Sew the Pocket to the front of the Dungarees; you can use the image as a guide.

TO FINISH
Use the images for guidance when making up the Doll.
Pin Hair Cap into place; once happy with the position sew into place using Black.
Using Brown, sew a nose using straight horizontal sts.
Using White, sew a mouth below the nose.
Using Black, sew eyebrows with small sts that curve around the top of the white felt.
Sew each Ear in front of the Hair Cap, either side of the Head.
Sew a button on each top corner of the Bib of the Dungarees, place Dungarees onto Doll and secure Straps over buttons.



JUST MAGICAL

Just wave your hook and 'pouf!' – your little witch is complete. Designed by Erinna Lee



YOU WILL NEED

- Any DK yarn from your stash in:
  - Purple
  - Flesh
  - Orange
  - Black
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or US C/2) hook
- Stitch markers
- Toy stuffing
- Black plastic safety eyes
- Black stranded cotton
- Pipe cleaners

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Witch measures 16.5cm (6½in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Yarn of stash and hook of stitch, help me make the cutest witch! **Did that work? If not, try the pattern below. This mischievous little darling has pipe cleaners in her limbs so she can assume a yoga class-worth of poses, but omit them if she'll be playing with toddlers.**

NOTES

You may find it helpful to mark the first st of each round and move the marker up as you work.
For the Legs change colours on the last yrh of st before colour change is indicated, carry unused yarn across the WS ready to use again on the next colour change.

WITCH

HEAD

Using Flesh, 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 (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]
Round 6 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 dc]
Rounds 7-12 Dc in each dc around.
Round 13 (Dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 14 (Dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Insert safety eyes between Rounds 10 and 11, 2 sts apart.
Round 15 (Dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Do not fasten off. After sewing Mouth continue working on Head.

MOUTH

Embroider Mouth with a single strand of black stranded cotton.
When sewing, avoid pulling the thread too tightly, leave some slack to allow Mouth to curve slightly as pictured.
Starting with right-hand side corner of Mouth, secure stranded cotton on WS (indside) of Head, bring needle through to RS between Rounds 11 and 12 and approx 4 sts away from the outer edge of right-hand side eye. Insert needle between Rounds 13 and 14, approx 2 sts to left to sew a diagonal line towards centre. Bring needle back out in the middle of Round 11, and sew a diagonal line toward the outside, finishing in the middle of Round 12. Bring needle back out between Rounds 13 and 14, insert the needle between Rounds 13 and 14 again approx 4 st to left. Bring needle out between Rounds 11 and 12, approx 4 sts to away from the outer edge of left-hand side eye.



The witch doesn't need to colour co-ordinate – use up your stash with different shades of DK

Sew another diagonal line towards centre, inserting needle between Rounds 13 and 14, approx 2 sts to right. Bring needle back out in the middle of Round 11 and finish by inserting needle in the middle of Round 12.

Continue working on Head.
Round 16 (Dc in next st, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Stuff firmly.
Round 17 (Dc2tog) 6 times, ss in next stitch. [6 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail, approx 15cm. Thread tail through needle, weave needle through front loops of each 6 sts, from the centre out and under the loop, pull the tail tight to close the hole. Insert needle through middle of closed hole, pull through Head and weave in the end.

BODY

Using Purple, 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 (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]
Rounds 5-6 Dc in each st around.
Round 7 Dc in bl of each st around.
Round 8 Dc in each st around.
Round 9 (Dc in next 6 sts, dc2tog) 3 times. [21 sts]
Round 10 (Dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog) 3 times. [18 sts]
Round 11 (Dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog) 3 times. [15 sts]

Round 12 (Dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog) 3 times, slip stitch in next st. [12 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail, approx 18cm, for sewing Body to Head.
Stuff firmly.

SKIRT
With base of Body pointing away from you, join Purple to front loop of last st from Round 7 of Body.
Round 1 Ch2 (does not count as st throughout), starting in same front loop where yarn is joined, htr in next 24 sts, ss to first st to join. [24 htr]
Round 2 Ch2, (htr in next 3 sts, 2htr in next st) 6 times, ss to first st. [30 htr]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

BELT
Using Black, start by leaving a long tail, approx 20cm, then ch28.
Fasten off leaving a long tail, approx 20cm. Tails will be used to sew Belt to Body.

ARMS (MAKE 2)
Using Flesh, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 2 times. [8 dc]
Round 3 (Dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 2 times. [6 sts]
Change to Purple.
Rounds 4-10 Dc in each dc around.
Cut a 3cm piece of pipe cleaner and insert into Arm instead of stuffing.
Flatten top of Arm, working through both layers, dc in next 3 stitches to close the opening.
Fasten off leaving a long tail, approx 15cm for sewing Arms to Body.

LEGS (MAKE 2)
Using Black, ch4.
Round 1 Starting in second ch from hook, dc in next 2 ch, 3dc in next ch, continue working on the other side of foundation chain, dc in next ch, 2dc in next ch. [8 dc]
Round 2 2dc in next st, dc in next st, 2dc in next 3 sts, dc in next st, 2dc in next 2 sts. [14 dc]
Round 3 Dc in each st around.
Round 4 Dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next 5 sts. [12 sts]
Round 5 Dc in next 2 sts, (dc2tog) 4 times, dc in next 2 sts. [8 sts]
Change to Orange, do not fasten off Black.
Stuff Feet and continue working on Leg without stuffing.
Round 6 Working in bl only, (dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 2 times. [6 sts]
Round 7 As Round 3.
Change to Black.
Rounds 8-9 As Round 3.
Round 10 Dc in next st, change to Orange, dc in next 5 sts.
Round 11 As Round 3.
Round 12 Dc in next st, change to Black, dc in next 5 sts.
Round 13 As Round 3, ss in next st.
Fasten off leaving a long tail, approx 15cm for sewing Legs to Body.
Cut a 4cm piece of pipe cleaner and insert into Leg.

BOOT CUFFS (MAKE 2)
With top of Leg pointing away from you, join Black to fl of last st from Round 6 of Leg.
Round 1 Dc in each st around, ss to first st to join. [8 dc]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

HAT
Using Purple, starting by leaving a long tail, approx 18cm, before making a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 4dc into the loop. [4 dc]
Round 2 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 2 times. [6 dc]
Round 3 Htr in each dc around.
Round 4 (Htr in next 2 sts, 2htr in next st) 2 times. [8 htr]
Round 5 (Htr in next 3 sts, 2htr in next st) 2 times. [10 htr]
Bring the start yarn tail out between Rounds 1 and 2.
Round 6 (Htr in next 4 sts, 2htr in next st) 2 times. [12 htr]
Round 7 (Htr in next 5 sts, 2htr in next st) 2 times. [14 htr]
Round 8 (Htr in next 6 sts, 2htr in next st) 2 times. [16 htr]
Round 9 (Htr in next 7 sts, 2htr in next st) 2 times. [18 htr]
Round 10 (Htr in next 5 sts, 2htr in next st) 3 times. [21 htr]
Round 11 (Htr in next 6 sts, 2htr in next st) 3 times. [24 htr]
Round 12 (Htr in next 7 sts, 2htr in next st) 3 times. [27 htr]
Round 13 (Htr in next 8 sts, 2htr in next st) 3 times. [30 htr]
Round 14 (Htr in next 4 sts, 2htr in next st) 6 times. [36 htr]
Round 15 Working in fl only, (htr in next 5 sts, 2htr in next st) 6 times.
[42 htr]
Round 16 (Htr in next 6 sts, 2htr in next st) 6 times, ss in the next st. [48 htr]
Fasten off leaving a long tail, approx 30cm, to sew Hat to Head.

Use beg yarn tail that you pulled out between Rounds 1 and 2 to sew tip of Hat down between Rounds 8 and 9 of Hat. Make sure the end of Round 16 points to the back of Hat and fold the tip of Hat towards the side and front.

HAT BAND
Using Orange, start by leaving a long tail, approx 20cm, then ch44.
Fasten off leaving a long tail, approx 20cm. Tails will be used to sew Hat Band to Hat.



The hat band is a single chain sewn to the hat, then the hat is sewn to the witch's head

TO MAKE UP
Sew opening of Body to bottom of Head, over Rounds 16 and 17.
Sew Arms between Rounds 11 and 12 of Body, 4 sts apart from each other at front of Body.
Sew top of each Leg to base of Body. Legs should be touching in centre of Body and be sewn over magic loop and Rounds 1 and 2 on each side of Body.
Sew Belt to Round 7 of Body. Pinning Belt to Body before sewing it on helps keep it in place.
Cut approx 25cm of Orange yarn, sew it three times around centre front of Belt, to resemble a Belt Buckle and weave in ends.
Sew Hat Band to Round 14 of Hat and weave in ends.
Cut six 20cm lengths of Black yarn, loop a strand of Black yarn through each of the three adjacent back loops left from Round 15 of Hat, on both left and right side of Hat. Divide each bunch of Black yarn into three equal parts and braid each side, tying off the end of each braid with some Black yarn. Cut 2 15cm lengths of Orange yarn and tie a bow on each braid. Trim away any unwanted Orange yarn.
Sew Hat to Head, weave in all ends.



Victoria enjoys the challenge of getting shapes just right to make appealing characters

SWEET AND NEAT

Victoria Kairis shares her design process for creating beautifully made amigurumi characters and how she managed to recreate a long-lost friend in yarn

How and when did you learn to crochet?
I began crocheting nearly 10 years ago. It all began after finding a cute little bookshop on holiday. I love to support small businesses so was determined to buy a book from there. I looked through the craft section and found a book on crocheting. I didn't even know what crochet was, but I bought the book and thought I'd learn. After that I taught myself using the book and a lot of YouTube.

How did you come to start designing your own patterns?
After following a few amigurumi patterns I began to learn how to make the basic shapes and very quickly wanted to make the creatures from my own imagination. I began designing and writing down the patterns just for myself, but after a huge load of encouragement from friends and family I opened an online shop to sell my patterns.

Can you remember what your first crochet project was? How did it turn out?
My first amigurumi project was a bunny wearing a dress. It was OK, as the proportions all sort of worked out fine, but I didn't have any safety eyes so I used black beads I had instead, which made it look a bit creepy. Also, for years I made my amigurumi inside out – I got so confused by patterns trying to explain which way was right side out and always got it wrong.

Do you prefer making people or animals?
That's far too hard to choose! I love the challenge of getting the right shapes to make cute animals, but making dolls and designing their little outfits is so much fun. I think my patterns are roughly half doll patterns and half animal patterns, so I really couldn't pick!

How do you describe your design style?
I think my style is cute, modern and neat.

What research and preparation did you do ahead of designing the lovely dafffodil and lamb doll characters? (pages 60 and 76)
I draw my projects before I begin as it helps me work out the right shapes, and I play around with the colours on my computer until it looks the way I want. I then like to try out my ideas using scraps of yarn from my stash, so that I don't crush the nice yarn by frogging it so many times.

For this particular set of patterns I knew that I wanted to include some textured









stitches, so I researched different stitches to decide which ones would work.

Which of your recent designs is your favourite, and why?
Oh, definitely a little chick I designed for *Simply Crochet*. I couldn't get over how unbelievably cute he was. He also reminds me of a knitted chick from my childhood. My great aunt took me to a craft fair and bought me a knitted chick and I loved it, but I soon lost it and never really got over it. I feel like I've got my chick back!

What do you think separates good amigurumi from great amigurumi?
It's all about attention to detail, especially when it comes to sewing. Pinning all the pieces in place before sewing really makes a difference. Sewing faces is important, and I'll redo the embroidery until I get it just right. I also think stuffing is a game changer – if something is stuffed properly it can enhance the shaping of the piece.

What's your 'day job'?
I'm a full-time mum to two small boys who are four- and seven-years-old. It's a completely mad lifestyle chasing around after them and running a small business. I never have any down time during the day, but I wouldn't change it for the world as I get to be there to watch my children grow.

Can you describe a typical day for you?
Well, my aim is to do all the household and parenting activities that are needed, and try to have a crochet hook in my hand as often as possible. I'm not sure there is a typical day for me as such, but at 7pm every evening I get to sit down and work in peace for a few hours.

"IT'S ALL ABOUT ATTENTION TO DETAIL – PINNING ALL THE PIECES IN PLACE BEFORE SEWING REALLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE"

What craft blogs or Instagram feeds to you enjoy?
I love following other amigurumi accounts on Instagram, as I find I get so much inspiration, especially learning different tips and tricks that I can use. For example @airali_gray (Ilaria Caliri) had lots of great advice about working with chenille yarn recently, which was so helpful for the little lamb doll. Other accounts that I love to browse are @littleaquagirl (Erinna Lee), @irenestrange, @amalou.designs (Marielle Maag) and @aradiyatoys (Olka Novytska) – just to name a few. There is so much talent on display out there.

Where in do you most like to work on crochet designs?
I tend to sit in 'my spot' on the sofa, snuggled up in a crocheted blanket (made by me of course). However, I keep all my essential crochet bits and bobs in a little tray that I can move around the house with me as I go, so I've always got access to them.

What's coming up for you this year?
I'm just hoping to write lots more patterns. I have so many ideas and I'm really enjoying sharing them with everyone. Writing patterns for a magazine was a massive goal for me and I'm so honoured that I've had a chance to do it. I definitely want to keep doing more of the same.



A few of her favourite things

When Victoria's not with her hooks…
"I've recently begun a patchwork memory quilt made from my husband's late grandmother's clothes. It's a labour of love that will take me years, but it is nice to do something different to switch off from everything else."
Follow Victoria on Instagram and Facebook at @smileycrochetthings


TRY POPCORN STITCH!
NEARLY THERE!



LITTLE LAMBKIN

Have you any wool? We hope ewe do as Victoria Kairis' lovely lamb needs a new home



YOU WILL NEED

- Sirdar Happy Cotton DK (100% cotton, 20g/43m)
  3 balls of Stomp (774)
  2 balls of Sandcastle (773)
  1 ball of Buttercup (771)
- Sirdar Happy Chenille DK (100% polyester, 15g/38m)
  1 ball of Soda Pop (0021)
- A 2.75mm (US C/2) hook
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- Stitch marker
- Toy stuffing
- 2 safety eyes, 8mm
- 1 button, 10mm

For yarn stockists contact Sirdar 01924 231682 www.sirdar.com

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Doll measures approx 30cm (11¾in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

invdec Insert hook in front loop of next st, insert hook in front loop of next st across, yrh and pull through both sts, yrh and pull through 2 loops on hook
popcorn Work 3tr in same st, remove live loop from hook, insert hook into top of first tr, place live loop back on hook and pull through st
For a full list, see page 130

Don't be sheepish, we know you love this lamb just as much as we do. With a fleece as white as snow and sweet sheepy ears, who wouldn't? Grab your hook (crochet not shepherd's) and bring this little lamb to life.

NOTES

You may find it useful to mark the first st of the round, moving the marker up as you go.
Where the pattern mentions the right or left (ie. left Leg), it refers to the Doll's perspective.
If you are making this toy for a child under 36 months, do not use safety eyes; instead, embroider eyes with stranded cotton.

LAMB DOLL

DOLL

Follow the Doll pattern for Daffodil Doll on page 60 (Head, Arms, Legs, Body).
Use Sandcastle for the Head.
Use Sandcastle for Rounds 1-7 of Arms.
Use Stomp for Rounds 8-21 of Arms.
Use Stomp for the Legs and Body up to Round 24.
Use Sandcastle for Round 24 of Body to end.

HAIR

Using a 2.75mm hook and Buttercup, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 6dc in 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 15 sts, 2dc) 3 times. [51 sts]
Rounds 10-14 Dc in each st around.
Round 15 Dc in next 8 sts, 2dc in next st, (dc in next 16 sts, 2dc in next st) twice, dc in next 8 sts. [54 sts]
Round 16 Dc in next 6 sts *ch27, ss in second ch from hook and next ch, dc in next 24 ch, dc in next st of Round 15**; rep from * twice more, dc in next 13 sts, (ch7, dc in second ch from hook and next 5 ch, dc in next 2 sts of Round 15) 6 times, dc in next 12 sts, rep from * to ** 3 times more, dc in next 5 sts from Round 15, ss to beg dc.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Using the tail, sew Hair to Head so the short strands are at the front to create the fringe.
Using Buttercup, sew down the fringe at the end of each strand.



The thumb is made with a perfectly placed popcorn stitch in the fifth round of the hand



Embroider eyebrows, eyelashes and mouth using stranded cotton and small stitches



The ear of the hood is made as a flat piece, then pinched to make the curved shape

Plait the long stands and secure with a small length of yarn.

LAMB COSTUME

TUNIC

The Tunic is worked from the top down.
Using a 3.5mm hook and Soda Pop, ch30.
Row 1 (RS) 3-tr cl in third ch from hook, dc in next ch, (3-trcl in next ch, dc in next ch) 13 times, turn. [28 sts]
Row 2 (WS) Ch4 (button hole made), dc in first 3 sts, (2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) 6 times, dc in final st, turn. [34 sts]
Row 3 Ch1, (3-tr cl in next st, dc in next st) 17 times, turn.
Row 4 Ch1, dc in next 4 sts, ch7, skip 8 sts, dc in next 9 sts, ch7, skip 8 sts, dc in next 5 sts, turn.

[18 sts and 2 ch-7 sps]
Row 5 Ch1, working in each st and ch across, (3-tr cl in next st, dc in next st) 16 times, do not turn. [32 sts]
Continue on in rounds.
Round 6 Dc in first st of prev row to join into round, dc in each st around.
Round 7 (3-tr cl in next st, dc in next st) 16 times.
Round 8 Dc in each st around.
Rounds 9-13 Rep Rows 7-8, ending on a Row 7 rep.
Round 14 Dc in next 6 sts, invdec, dc in next 3 sts, invdec, dc in next 9 sts, (invdec, dc in next 3 sts) twice. [28 sts]
Round 15 (3-tr cl in next st, dc in next st) 14 times, ss to beg dc to join.
Fasten off and weave in ends.
Sew a small button to the inside of the left side of the neck opening opposite the buttonhole loop.

HOOD
Using a 2.75mm hook and Stomp, ch54.
Row 1 (WS) Htr in third ch from hook and each ch across, turn. [52 sts]
Row 2 Ch2 (does not count as st throughout), (htr2tog), htr in each st to final 2 sts, (htr2tog), turn. [50 sts]
Rows 3-6 As Row 2. [42 sts at end of Row 6]
Row 7 Ch2, htr in each st across, turn.
Row 8 Ch2, htr in next 15 sts, htr2tog, htr in next 8 sts, htr2tog, htr in next 15 sts, turn. [40 sts]
Row 9 Ch2, htr in next 15 sts, htr2tog, htr in next 6 sts, htr2tog, htr in next 15 sts, turn. [38 sts]
Row 10 Ch2, htr in next 15 sts, htr2tog, htr in next 4 sts, htr2tog, htr in next 15 sts, turn. [36 sts]
Row 11 Ch2, htr in next 15 sts, htr2tog, htr in next 2 sts, htr2tog, htr in next 15 sts, turn. [34 sts]
Row 12 Ch2, htr in next 13 sts, (htr2tog) 4 times, htr in next 13 sts, turn. [30 sts]
Row 13 Ch2, htr in next 8 sts, (htr2tog) 7 times, htr in next 8 sts. [23 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Fold Row 13 of the Hood in half and sew the edges together to create the Hood shape. Sew the bottom edge of the Hood to the neck of the Tunic.

EARS (MAKE 2)
Using a 2.75mm hook and Stomp, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-2 As Rounds 1-2 of Long Hair.
Rounds 3-4 Dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Rounds 6-7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 9 Dc in each st around.



Plait the strands of hair, worked as lengths of double crochet, and secure with a stitch

Round 10 (Dc in next 2 sts, invdec) 6 times. [18 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Flatten the Ear and pinch the opening to curve the Ear. Using the tail, sew the Ears to the Hood. You can use the images as a guide.



A tunic covered in popcorn stitch creates a very realistic – and tactile – lamb costume

Curtain call

Hook up this dazzling duo of fairytail felines – they're the stars of the show! By Liz Ward

FAB GIFT





YOU WILL NEED

- Rico Essentials Cotton DK (100% cotton, 50g/120m)
  1 ball of each:
  Banana (63)
  Taupe (89)
  Black (90)
- Rico Creative Lamé (62% polyester, 38% polyamide, 25g/135m)
  1 ball of Gold (02)
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- Black and grey stranded cotton
- A small amount of tulle fabric
- Toy stuffing

For yarn stockists contact Rico Design www.rico-design.com

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Cats measure 15cm (6in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

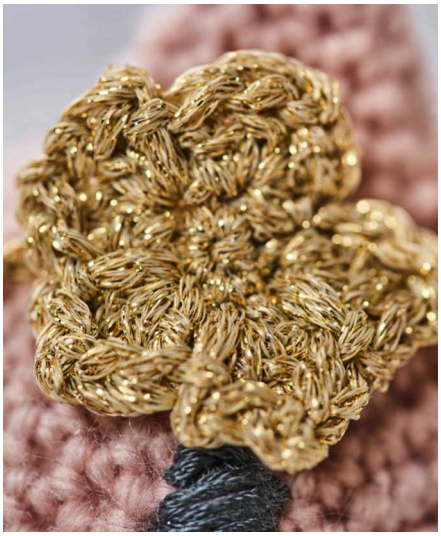
Enjoy a night at the ballet when you stitch these adorable dancing kitties! Donning matching golden outfits, embellished with tulle fabric and sparkly thread, they're all dressed for a very special performance. Hook these up for a dance lover, then take a bow and wait for the rave reviews!

NOTES

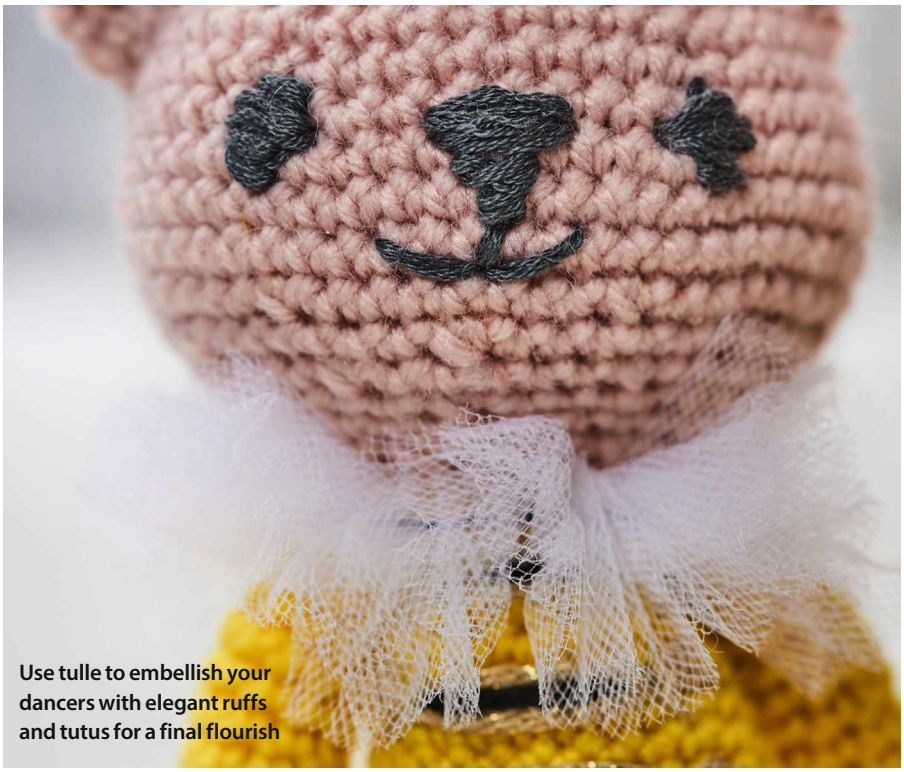
Main instructions are for both Dancers, but some variations for the Dancer in a Suit are given in brackets throughout.

HEAD AND BODY

Using Taupe, make a magic loop.
Foundation round (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 6dc in loop. [6 sts]
Round 1 2dc in each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in next st, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [30 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in next 9 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [33 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in next 10 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [36 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in next 11 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [39 sts]
Round 8 (Dc in next 12 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [42 sts]
Round 9 (Dc in next 13 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [45 sts]
Round 10 (Dc in next 14 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [48 sts]
Round 11 (Dc in next 15 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [51 sts]
Round 12 (Dc in next 16 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [54 sts]
Mark the next round with a stitch marker.
Rounds 13-14 Dc in each st to the end.
Round 15 (Dc2tog, dc in next 7 sts) repeat to end. [48 sts]
Round 16 (Dc2tog, dc in next 6 sts) repeat to end. [42 sts].
Round 17 (Dc2tog, dc in next 5 sts) repeat to end. [36 sts]



Gold yarn adds an extra special magical touch to the ballet dancer's headband



Use tulle to embellish your dancers with elegant ruffs and tutus for a final flourish

Round 18 (Dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts) repeat to end. [30 sts]
Round 19 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 20 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) repeat to end. [8 sts]
Stuff as you work.
Round 21 (Dc2tog) repeat to end. [9 sts]
Change to Banana for the Dancer in Suit only.
Round 22 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [12 sts]
Round 23 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [15 sts]
Change to Banana for Dancer in Tutu only.
Round 24 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 25 (Dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [21 sts]
Round 26 (Dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [24 sts]

BALLET DANCER IN TUTU ONLY
Rounds 27-35 Dc in each st to end.
Fasten off.

BALLET DANCER IN SUIT ONLY
Round 27 Dc in each st to end.
Round 28 Dc in bl of each st to end.
Rounds 29-35 Dc in each st to end.
Fasten off.

BOTH DANCERS
Stuff the Head and Body firmly.
Then, flatten the final round and then sew together to close the gap.

LEGS (MAKE 2)
Using Banana (Black), make a magic loop.
Foundation round (RS) Ch1, 6dc in loop. [6 sts]
Round 1 (Dc in next st, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [9 sts]
Rounds 2-4 2dc in first st, dc in each st to end. [12 sts at end of Round 4]
Change to Taupe (Banana).
Stuff Legs as you work.
Rounds 5-20 Dc in each st to end. [12 sts]
Fasten off.
Sew to Body.

ARMS (MAKE 2)
Using Taupe (Taupe), make a magic loop.
Foundation round (RS) Ch1, 6dc in loop. [6 sts]
Round 1 (Dc in next st, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [9 sts]
Rounds 2-3 Dc in each st to end.
Change to Banana for the Ballet Dancer in Suit only.
Rounds 4-15 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.
Stuff the Arms and then sew both of them to sides of the Body, using the image as a guide.



Wrap a length of Banana around each leg to create the ribbons of the slippers

EARS (MAKE 2)
Using Taupe (Taupe), make a magic loop.
Foundation round (RS) Ch1, 4dc in loop. [4 sts]
Round 1 (Dc in next st, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [6 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [8 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [10 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [12 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [14 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [16 sts]
Fasten off.
Flatten final round and sew to top of Head.

TAIL
Using Taupe, make a magic loop.
Foundation round (RS) Ch1, 6dc in loop. [6 sts]
Round 1 (Dc in next st, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [9 sts]
Rounds 2-20 Dc in each st to end.
Fasten off and sew to back of body.

TO MAKE UP BALLET DANCER IN TUTU
Firstly, mark where you want the face details with a pencil or pins to get placement right. Then, using grey embroidery thread, sew on the eyes, mouth and nose. You can use the image below as a guide if needed.

HEADBAND
Using Gold, make a magic loop.



Foundation round (RS) Ch1, 5dc in loop. [5 sts]
Round 1 (2tr, ch2, 2tr, ss) in each st around, ch28.
Fasten off and sew in place around Head.

BALLET SLIPPERS
Cut a length of Banana 50cm (20in) long. Thread yarn from one side to the other (leaving two loose ends) on the colour change row of the Leg. Hold the two ends as you would shoelaces and wrap around the Leg a couple of times, crossing over as you go (see image on left for a guide). Tie in place with a knot at the back and trim off the excess yarn. Repeat for the other Leg.

TUTU
Cut a length of tulle fabric, approx 15x6cm. Sew a running stitch down one long edge of the tulle fabric (not too close to the edge as it can tear). Gather and tie in place around the ballet dancer's waist.

TO MAKE UP BALLET DANCER IN SUIT
Work face details as Ballet Dancer in Tutu.

COAT
Rejoin Banana to the unused bl from Round 27 of the Body to work down and over the top of the Legs.
Rounds 1-9 Dc in each st around. [24 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

COAT DETAILS
Using Black, sew four long straight lines across the Body.
Using Gold, sew an outline around these lines, adding a decorative 'V' at each side.

RUFF
Using tulle fabric, cut a length approx 20x6cm. Fold it in half so it measures approx 3cm deep and sew a running stitch along the folded edge. Gather together and tie in place around the Ballet Dancer's neck.



Working into the loops on Round 28 adds extra length to the Dancer's coat

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Hello sugar

Get your pinny on and cook (or hook!) up these super-cute cupcakes in a jiffy. By Jennifer Santos





YOU WILL NEED

- Paintbox Yarns Cotton DK (100% cotton, 50g/125m)
  1 ball of each:
  Yarn A Coffee Bean (411)
  Yarn B Tomato Red (413)
  Yarn C Lime Green (429)
  Yarn D Mandarin Orange (418)
  Yarn E Blush Pink (454)
  Yarn F Slate Green (427)
  Yarn G Champagne White (403)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Cardboard, 10x10cm
- Safety eyes, 6mm diameter
- Black thread
- Toy stuffing

For stockists contact
Love Crochet
www.lovecrochet.com
01409 404010

TENSION

Tension is not critical but may affect yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Cupcake measures 8cm (3¼in) tall without fruit topping

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130



The fruit slice is made in white with an orange or yellow dc border and long stitch detail

Give your sweetheart a sweet tart – a cupcake cutie or all three. This is a lovely weekend project that's a great way to share the amigurumi love!

NOTES

The yarn listed is enough to make 8 Cupcakes.
Each Cupcake is topped with either a Strawberry or a Fruit Slice.
You may find it helpful to mark the first st of each round, moving the marker up as you work.

CUPCAKE CASE

Using any colour 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 dc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (Working in bl only) Dc in each st around.
Round 6 Dc in each st around.
Round 7 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Rounds 8-9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 11 Dc in each st around, turn.
Round 12 (WS) (Working in bl only) (4htr in next st, skip next st, ss in next st, skip next st) 9 times.
Fasten off.
Attach the safety eyes between Rounds 9-10, approx 5 sts apart.
Use black thread to sew the mouth and either Yarn B or Yarn E for the blush. You can use the image as a guide.
Cut a circle out of the cardboard to fit into the base of the Cupcake Case.

CAKE

Join Yarn A into any unused loop from Round 11 of the Cupcake Case.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, dc in each unused loop around. [36 sts]
Rounds 2-3 Dc in each st around.
Round 4 (Dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]
Place the cardboard circle into the base and stuff as you work.
Round 5 (Dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 7 (1dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 8 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off and thread the tail through the last 6 sts, pulling tight to close.

FROSTING

Using Yarn G, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-4 (RS) Repeat Rounds 1-4 of Cupcake Case. [24 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 *4tr in next st, skip next st, ss in next st, 4dc in next st, ss in next st; repeat from * 5 times more.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Using the tail sew the Frosting over the Cake; Round 6 of the Frosting should sit over Round 4 of the Cake.

WHIPPED CREAM

Using Yarn G, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-3 Repeat Rounds 1-3 of Cupcake Case. [18 sts]
Round 4 (Working in fl only) 4dc in each st around, ss into next st to join. [72 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Use the tail to sew the Whipped Cream onto the Frosting; you can use the image as a guide. Weave in any remaining ends.

STRAWBERRY

Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each st around.
Round 3 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Rounds 4-5 Dc in each st around.
Stuff the Strawberry.
Round 6 (Working in bl only) (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off.

STRAWBERRY LEAF

Using Yarn F, make a magic loop.
Round 1 *Ch3, dc into second ch from hook, dc in next ch, ss into loop; repeat from * 4 times more. **Fasten off**.
Sew the Leaf onto the Strawberry, then sew this to the top of the Cupcake.

FRUIT SLICE

Using Yarn G, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-3 (RS) Repeat Rounds 1-3 of Cupcake Case. [18 sts]
Fasten off.
Fold the circle in half with RS facing out, then work the next row into the sts on both sides to make a semi-circle.
Join either Yarn C or Yarn D into the first st on the right.
Row 4 (RS) Ch1, 9dc evenly across to join.
Fasten off and weave in ends.
Using the same yarn used for Row 4, sew 5 long sts from the magic loop to the sts of Row 4; you can use the images as a guide.
Sew the Fruit Slice to the top of the Cupcake.

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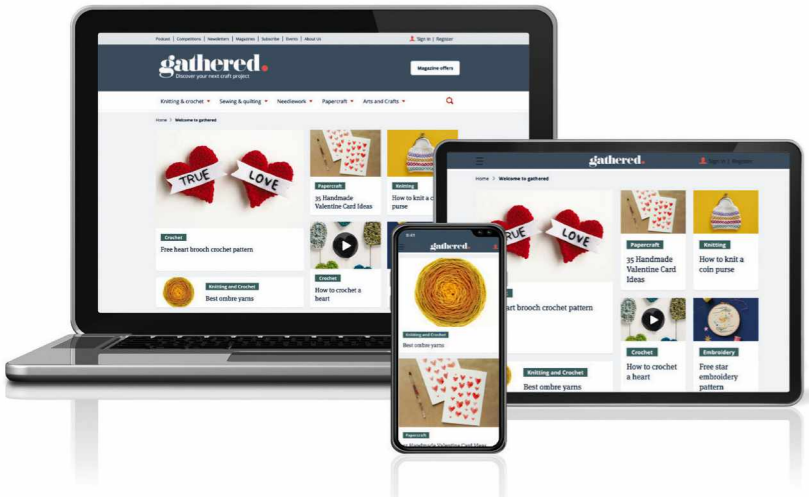
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Jawesome!

Add a lighthearted touch to your interior with this quirky shark pouffe. Designed by Samanta Fornino





YOU WILL NEED

- Rico Essentials Super Super Chunky (50% wool, 50% acrylic, 100g/90m)
  4 balls of each:
  Yarn A Smokey Blue (038)
  Yarn B Cream (001)
- A small amount of:
  Any chunky black yarn
  Any chunky white yarn
- A 30mm (US50) hook
- A 9mm (US13) hook
- Toy stuffing or single duvet

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Shark circumference measures approx 125cm (49¼in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Like a rapidly tiring toddler, this shark is downright adorable while still vaguely threatening, and the perfect piece to host your feet and scare your pets. To keep it in long-term health consider your stuffing carefully – foam stuffing can be better for keeping the shape of items such as footrests.

NOTES

Use two strands of yarn held together as one when making the Body, Tail and Fins *(the original pouffe photographed features a discontinued chunky yarn)*. It may help to mark the first stitch of each round, moving the marker up as you work.

SHARK POUFFE

BODY

Using 30mm hook and 2 strands of Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 10dc into loop. [10 sts]
Round 2 (RS) 2dc in each st around. [20 sts]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 10 times. [30 sts]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 10 times. [40 sts]
Rounds 5-9 Dc in each st around.
Change to 2 strands of Yarn B.
Rounds 10-15 As Round 5.
Stuff the Shark, or insert single duvet. If using toy stuffing, continue to stuff as you work.
Round 16 (Dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog) 8 times. [32 sts]
Round 17 (2dc, dc2tog) 8 times. [24 sts]
Round 18 (1dc, dc2tog) 8 times. [16 sts]
Round 19 (Dc2tog) 8 times. [8 sts]
Round 20 (Dc2tog) 4 times. [4 sts]
Fasten off.
Use the tail to close off Round 20.

DORSAL FIN

Using 30mm hook and 2 strands of Yarn A, ch10.
Row 1 Dc in the second ch from hook and in each ch to end, turn. [9 sts]
Row 2 Ch1, (dc2tog) first 2 sts, dc in each dc to end, turn. [8 sts]
Rows 3-8 As Row 2. [2 sts at end of Row 8]
Row 9 Ch1, (dc2tog).
Fasten off.

PECTORAL FIN (MAKE 2)

Using 30mm hook and 2 strands of Yarn A, ch6.
Rows 1-4 As Rows 1-4 of Dorsal Fin. [2 sts at end of Row 4]
Row 5 Ch1, (dc2tog).
Fasten off.

TAIL

Using 30mm hook and 2 strands of Yarn B, ch5.
Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook and in each ch across, turn. [4 sts]



The pouffe is hooked using the amigurumi method, ending with the cream base



The cartoon-esque eyes are brought to life with a white twinkle highlight stitched on



No shark is complete without a swishing tail – this one is worked in dc, tr and dtr stitches

Rows 2-4 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 5 Ch4 (counts as dtr throughout), tr in st at base of ch-4, dc in next 2 sts, (tr, dtr) in last st. [6 sts]
Row 6 Ch4, tr in next st, dc in next 2 sts, tr in next st, dtr in last st, turn.
Next round Ch1, dc in each st and row end around, ss to beg dc.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

EYES (MAKE 2)

Using a 9mm hook and black, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 12dc into loop, ss to top of beg dc to join. [12 sts]
Fasten off.
Using white chunky yarn scrap, sew a small straight line on each Eye, as shown.

TO MAKE UP

Use the photos as a guide to make up the Shark. Using black chunky yarn scrap, sew the mouth in a zigzag shape over Rounds 10-11.



Share bears

These dinky bears are the perfect, grabbable size for your little cub. By Samantha Osmond



YOU WILL NEED

- Rico Baby Cotton Soft DK (50% cotton, 50% acrylic, 50g/125m)
  1 ball per bear of:
  Mint (031)
  Light Purple (062)
  Pastel Pink (041)
  Powder (060)
  Saffron (059)
  Turquoise (056)
- Small amount of contrasting yarn for muzzle
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- Stitch markers
- 2 safety eyes per bear, 7.5mm in diameter
- Polyester toy stuffing

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Squish Bear measures 10cm (4in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Have you met our latest squeeze? He's short, light and handsome, and while he loves a cuddle he definitely won't hog your little one's cot. What a dreamboat! He's mainly a simple make but the gusset upgrades him to tricky, so pay close attention on Round 6.

NOTES

It may help to mark the first st of each round, moving the marker up as you work.
Each Bear is made using one colour. A second, contrasting colour is used to sew the facial features at the end.

SQUISH BEAR

BODY

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Using any colour, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout) 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [15 sts]
Rounds 4-5 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off first Leg and weave in ends.
Do not fasten off the second Leg.

TORSO AND HEAD

Continuing from second Leg:
Round 6 Ch3 (counts as ch-3 sp between Legs), dc in each st around first Leg, dc in next 3 ch of ch-3 sp, dc in each st around second Leg, 3dc into opposite side of ch-3 sp. [36 sts]
Rounds 7-18 Dc in each st around.
Round 19 (Dc in next 7 sts, dc2tog) 4 times. [32 sts]
Rounds 20-24 Dc in each st around.
Round 25 (Dc in next 6 sts, dc2tog) 4 times. [28 sts]
Rounds 26-27 Dc in each st around.
Round 28 (Dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog) 4 times. [24 sts]



If you're making bears for small children, embroider eyes instead of using safety eyes

Round 29 (Dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog) 4 times. [20 sts]
Add safety eyes between Rounds 23-24.
Stuff the Body, continuing to stuff as you go.
Round 30 (Dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog) 4 times. [16 sts]
Round 31 (Dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 4 times. [12 sts]
Round 32 (Dc in next st, dc2tog) 4 times. [8 sts]
Fasten off and use end to close final round.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using same colour as Body, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-2 As Rounds 1-2 of Legs. [12 sts]
Rounds 3-10 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail to sew Arms to the Body between Rounds 16-17.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Using same colour as Body, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-2 As Rounds 1-2 of Legs. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Rounds 4-6 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Flatten the last round of the Ear and sew to the side of the Bear's head, over Rounds 23-30. You can use the image as a guide.

TAIL

Using same colour as Body, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-2 As Rounds 1-2 of Legs. [12 sts]
Rounds 3-4 Dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Sew the Tail to the back of the Bear over Rounds 9-12.

TO FINISH

Using a small amount of contrasting yarn, stitch a nose and mouth onto Bear's face. Refer to the image for guidance.



The bear's tail is worked in the round in double crochet



ON THE NOSE

A creative combination of popular hooky styles makes Teri Hamilton's rhino toy



YOU WILL NEED

- Sirdar Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m)
  1 ball of:
  Light Grey Mix (814)
  or
  Silver Grey (838)
- A small amount of black acrylic yarn from your stash
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Toy stuffing
- Stitch markers

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Rhino measures approx 22x22cm (8¾x8¾in) across widest points

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

An inventive melding of three of crochet's most popular trends, this handsome grey playmate will keep you on your crochet toes as you incorporate granny squares with hexagonal shaping and amigurumi.

NOTES

Body is worked in two pieces. Each piece is a Hexagon shape before being folded and joined. Legs are worked from each folded section.
All other sections are worked using the amigurumi method. You may find it helpful to mark the first st of the round, moving the marker up as you work.

RHINO

BODY (MAKE 2)

Ch4, ss in last ch from hook to form a loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch5 (counts as tr, ch2), (3tr, ch2) 5 times, 2tr, ss to third ch of beg ch-5 to join, ss into ch-2 sp. [6 3-tr groups]
Round 2 Ch6 (counts as tr, ch3 throughout), 3tr in same sp, (3tr, ch3, 3tr) in next 5 ch-2 sps, 2tr in same sp as beg ch-6, ss to third ch of ch-6, ss into ch-3 sp. [12 3-tr groups]
Round 3 Ch6, 3tr in same sp, *3tr in sp between 2 groups of tr, (3tr, ch3, 3tr) in ch-3 corner sp; rep from * around, 2tr in same sp as beg ch-6, ss to third ch of beg ch-6, ss into ch-3 sp. [18 3-tr groups]
Round 4 Ch6, 3tr in same sp, *3tr in sp between each group of tr, (3tr, ch3, 3tr) in corner ch-3 sp (PM in ch-3 sp on first rep); rep from * around, 2tr in same sp as beg ch-6, ss to third ch of beg ch-6, ss into ch-3 sp. [24 3-tr groups]

Fold Hexagon so marked ch-sp lines up with current ch-sp forming a J shape, ss through both corners to join. Make sure you keep the RS facing out.
Do not fasten off, leave marker in ch-sp.

LEGS

Work next round over the sts between the joined ch-sps.
Round 5 Ch3 (counts as tr), 3tr in next ch-3 sp, 3tr in next 3 sps between 3-tr groups, 2tr in same sp as beg ch-3, ss to top of beg ch-3, ss in space between 3-tr groups. [5 3-tr groups]
Rounds 6-9 Ch3, 3tr in sp between each group of tr, 2tr in same sp as beg ch-3, ss to top of beg ch-3, ss into sp between groups of 3-tr.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

TO MAKE UP

We have used the dc seam to join the Body sections together but you can use your prefered method.
Place Body sections together with WS facing out, so that the Legs are pointing down.
Join yarn into marked ch-sp on either section of Body, ss into marked ch-sp on second section



The rhino toy's body is made in the granny square method, but in a hexagonal shape



The head is worked from the nose out, with the eyes and two horns added afterwards

to join, dc both sections together working up to the next ch-3 sp from Round 4 of Body, turn piece over so opposite side is facing and dc seam back down to sp between legs.
Fasten off.
Dc seam the opening at the top of the Body together to form the arms. Begin in the ch-3 sp on one corner, across the cetre join and across to the next ch-3 sp. **Fasten off.**
Turn so RS is facing out and sew the openings of the Arms and Legs closed.

HANDS AND FEET (MAKE 4)

Ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 7dc in second ch from hook. [7 sts]
Round 2 (RS) 2dc in each st around. [14 sts]
Round 3 (Htr in next st, 2htr in next st) 7 times, ss to top of beg htr. [21 sts]
Round 4 Dc in bl of each st around.
Rounds 5-7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 (Dc in next st, dc2tog) 7 times. [14 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Stuff Hand/Foot and flatten the sts of the last round. Using the tail, sew across 7 sts working through both layers to close Round 8.
Sew a Hand/Foot to the end of each Arm and Leg.

HEAD

Ch2.
Rounds 1-2 (RS) As Rounds 1-2 of Hands/Feet. [14 sts]

Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 7 times. [21 sts]
Rounds 4-9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 Htr in each st around, ss to top of beg htr.
Round 11 (Working in bl only) (dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 7 times. [28 sts]
Round 12 Dc in next 10 sts, 2dc in next 8 sts, dc in next 10 sts. [36 sts]
Rounds 13-14 Dc in each st around.
Round 15 Dc in next 33 sts, leave rem sts unworked.
Body is joined to Head over the next round. Mark out the central sp where you will join your head, approx 7 sts wide.
Round 16 Dc through sp of first marker from Body and next st from Round 15 to join, dc next 5 sts of Head in same way joining evenly across to next marker on Body, dc next st of Head with sp of second marker on Body, dc in each rem st from Round 15.
Round 17 Dc in each st around.
Round 18 (Dc in next 7 sts, dc2tog) 4 times. [32 sts]
Round 19 (Dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 8 times. [24 sts]
Round 20 Dc in each st around.
Round 21 (Dc in next st, dc2tog) 8 times. [16 sts]
Stuff.
Round 22 (Dc2tog) 8 times. [8 sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Thread tail through the final 8 sts and pull tight to close.
Using black yarn, and using the image as a guide, sew two eyes onto the Head.



You could also try making the tail into a hanging loop, to help keep your rhino safe

LARGE HORN
Ch2.
Round 1 4dc in second ch from hook. [4 sts]
Rounds 2-4 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

SMALL HORN
Work Rounds 1-2 of Large Horn.
Using the image as a guide, sew the Horns onto the Head, positioning the Small Horn further back between the eyes and the Large Horn closer to the snout.

EARS (MAKE 2)
Ch2.
Round 1 4dc in second ch from hook. [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]
Rounds 4-6 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
Sew the Ears over Rounds 16-18 of Head.

TAIL
Ch10.
Round 1 Ss in second ch from hook and next 3 ch, ch5, ss in second ch from hook and next 3 ch, ss in remaining 5 ch from foundation ch.
Fasten off and sew the Tail onto the back of the Rhino.



Leave a long tail after you fasten off the hands and feet, for securing to the limbs

Smashed hit

This easy super-chunky avocado cushion from Samantha Fornino is just ripe for the hooking!

GREAT FOR TEENS





YOU WILL NEED

- DMC Natura XL (100% cotton, 100g/75m)
  2 balls of each:
  Yarn A Dark Green (08)
  Yarn B Soufre (90)
  1 ball of each:
  Yarn C Ivory (03)
  Yarn D Black (02)
  Yarn E Bonbon (40)
- A 6mm (US J/10) hook
- Toy stuffing
- Clover pompom maker in size S

For stockists contact
DMC 01924 231669
www.dmc.com

TENSION

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

MEASUREMENTS

Finished Cushion measures 30x15cm (11¾x6in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130



Using a pompom maker results in incredibly thick and fluffy pompoms – and it's quick!

First avocados wangled their way into our fruit bowls, and now they want a spot on our sofas. But who could deny world dominion to something so delicious? This cutie is simple to make – once you've mastered the front and back pieces, the features are plain sailing. Skip the pompoms if you like.

NOTES

The Avocado Cushion is worked as two separate pieces, Front and Back, which are then sewn together. The two parts are embellished with Eyes, Mouth, Cheeks, Belly and pompoms.

FRONT AND BACK (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A for the Back and Yarn B for the Front, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch2 (counts as htr), 11htr into the loop, ss to top of beg ch-2 to join. [12 htr]
Round 2 Ch3 (counts as a tr throughout), 2tr in next st, dc in next st, 2htr in next 5 sts, dc in next st, tr in next 3 sts, ss to top of beg ch-3. [18 sts]
Round 3 Ch3, tr in next 2 sts, dc in next st, 2htr in next 10 sts, dc in next st, tr in next 3 sts, ss to top of beg ch-3. [28 sts]
Round 4 Ch3, tr in st at the base of ch-3, 2tr in next 2 sts, dc in next st, *tr in next st, 2tr in next st; repeat from * another 9 times, dc in next st, 2tr in next 3 sts, ss to top of beg ch-3. [44 sts]
Round 5 Ch3, 2tr in next st, (tr in next st, 2tr in next st) 2 times, dc in next st, htr in next 30 sts, dc in next st, (tr in next st, 2tr in next st) 3 times, ss to top of beg ch-3. [50 sts]
Round 6 Ch3, tr in next 8 sts, dc in next st, (tr in next st, 2tr in next st) 15 times, dc in next st, tr in next 9 sts, ss to top of beg ch-3. [65 sts]
Round 7 Ch3, tr in next 8 sts, dc in next st, dc in next 45 sts, dc in next st, tr in next 9 sts, ss to top of beg ch-3.
Round 8 Ch3, tr in next 8 sts, dc in next st, htr in next 45 sts, dc in next st, tr in next 9 sts, ss to top of beg ch-3.
Round 9 Ch3, 2tr in next st, (tr in next st, 2tr in next st) 3 times, dc in next 2 sts, tr in next 45 sts, dc in next 2 sts, (tr in next st, 2tr in next st) 4 times, ss to top of beg ch-3. [73 sts]
Round 10 Ch3, tr in next 12 sts, dc in next st, tr in next 45 sts, dc in next st, tr in next 13 sts, ss to top of beg ch-3.
Round 11 Ch3, tr in next 12 sts, dc in next 47 sts, tr in next 13 sts, ss to top of beg ch-3.
Round 12 Ch3, tr in next 12 st, dc in next st, (tr in next 2 st, 2tr in next st) 15 times, dc in next st, tr in next 13 sts, ss to top of beg ch-3. [88 sts]
Round 13 Ch3, tr in st at the base of ch-3, 2tr in next 4 sts, tr in next 5 sts, htr in next 10 sts, tr in next 48 sts, htr in next 10 sts, tr in next 5 sts, 2tr in the next 5 sts, ss to top of beg ch-3. [98 sts]
Round 14 Ch3, tr in next 9 sts, htr in next 10 sts, dc in next 5 sts, htr in next 5 sts, tr in next 38 sts, htr in next 5 sts, dc in next 5 sts, htr in next 10 sts, tr in next 10 sts, ss to top of beg ch-3.
Fasten off.

BELLY

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch3, 13tr into the loop, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join. [14 sts]
Round 2 Ch3, tr in st at base of ch-3, 2tr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3. [28 sts]
Round 3 Ch3, 2tr in next st, (tr in next st, 2tr in next st) 13 times, ss to top of beg ch-3. [42 sts]
Round 4 Ch3, tr in next st, 2tr in next st, (tr in next 2 st, 2tr in next st) 13 times, ss to top of beg ch-3. [56 sts]
Fasten off.

CHEEKS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn E, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch3, 11tr into the loop, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join. [12 sts]
Round 2 As Round 2 of Belly. [24 sts]
Fasten off.

MOUTH

Using Yarn D, ch20.
Fasten off.

EYES (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn C, ch9.
Round 1 Working around both sides of the chain, tr in fourth ch from hook, tr in next 4 sts, 3tr in next st, tr in next 4 sts, 2tr in next st, ss to top of beg ch-3. [14 sts]
Round 2 Ch3, tr in next 5 sts, 3tr in next st, tr in next 6 sts, 3tr in next st, ss to top of beg ch-3. [18sts]
Fasten off.

PUPILS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn D, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch3, 11tr into the loop, ss to top of beg ch-3. [12 sts]
Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Sew the Pupils to the Eyes. With Yarn C, embroider a dash inside the Pupils. Sew the Belly, Cheeks, Eyes and Mouth to the Front, using image as a guide.
Using Clover pompom maker in size S, make 9 pompoms with Yarn C. Attach pompoms to the Back of the cushion.
Place WS of Front and Back together, sew around the cushion. Before closing the cushion completely, fill the inside with toy stuffing.

Monster bunch

Hook up a tiny trio of trouble with these three mischief makers, designed by Kate McCully

THREE TO MAKE!





YOU WILL NEED

- King Cole Bamboo Cotton (50% bamboo, 50% cotton, 100g/230m) 1 ball of each:
  Yarn A Grey (522)
  Yarn B Dusty Pink (618)
  Yarn C Lemon (3199)
  Yarn D Cream (538)
- King Cole Moments (100% polyester, 50g/90m) 1 ball of each:
  Yarn E Grey (3229)
  Yarn F Soft Pink (479)
  Yarn G Yellow (1610)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or US D/3) hook
- Toy stuffing
- Stitch markers
- 3 pairs safety eyes, 12mm, with flat metal washers
- Stiff cardboard or plastic canvas

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Blue Fuzzy Monster measures 12cm (4¾in) tall
Pink Fuzzy Monster measures 11cm (4¼in) tall
Yellow Fuzzy Monster measures 8cm (3¼in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

These mini monsters do sometimes hide under the bed, but it's certainly not to scare anyone – they're just a little shy. It can be tricky to see your stitches with eyelash yarn, so it's a good idea to use a targeted light source such as a gooseneck lamp.

NOTES

Bodies are worked from base up; after the base all sts are worked in the bl only. After all parts are assembled, eyelash yarn is worked over surface of Monsters, in unused fl of Body. It may help to mark the first stitch of each round, moving the marker up as you work. Cut out a circle in plastic or cardboard and place into each Monster before stuffing. This will reinforce the base. Instructions for this are written for the Blue Monster after Round 9.

BLUE MONSTER

BODY

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (doesn't count as st throughout), 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (RS) 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 (2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts) 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, dc in next 6 sts) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 9 (2dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts) 6 times. [54 sts]
Place work on cardboard or plastic canvas, trace circle around it and cut slightly smaller than traced. Put aside to use later as reinforcement for base of Monster.
Rounds 10-23 Working in bl only from now to end of Body, dc in each st around.
Place cut-out circle into base of Monster. Start stuffing Body and cont as you go.
Round 24 (Dc2tog, dc in next 7 sts) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 25 (Dc2tog, dc in next 6 sts) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 26 (Dc2tog, dc in next 5 sts) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 27 (Dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 28 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 29 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 30 (Dc2tog, dc in next st) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 31 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off, thread tail through final 6 sts, pulling tight to close. Weave in ends.



For a seamless finish, the ears are worked in the round, and pinched to make a dimple



Trace around the bottom and cut card or plastic to create a stable base

EARS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-4 (RS) As Rounds 1-4 of Body. [24 sts]
Rounds 5-10 Dc in each st around.
Round 11 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) 6 times. [18 sts]
Rounds 12-14 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

FACE

Using Yarn D, ch5.
Round 1 (RS) 2dc in second ch from hook, dc in next 2 ch, 4dc in last ch, turn to work into opposite side of foundation ch, dc in next 2 ch, 2dc in next ch. [12 sts]
Round 2 (RS) 2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st. [16 sts]
Round 3 2dc in next 2 sts, dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next 3 sts, dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st. [22 sts]
Round 4 2dc in next st, dc in next st, 2dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in next st, dc, 2dc in next st, dc, 2dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in next st, dc. [28 sts]
Round 5 (Dc, 2dc in next st, dc, 2dc in next st, dc in next 9 sts, 2dc in next st) 2 times. [34 sts]
Round 6 (2dc in next st, dc, 2dc in next st, dc, 2dc in next st, dc in next 12 sts) 2 times. [40 sts]
Ss in next st.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

HORN

Using Yarn D, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (RS) Dc in each st around.

Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) 2 times. [8 sts]
Round 4 Dc in each st around.
Round 5 (2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) 2 times. [10 sts]
Round 6 Dc in each st around.
Round 7 (2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts) 2 times. [12 sts]
Round 8 Dc in each st around.
Round 9 (2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts) 2 times. [14 sts]
Round 10 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

TAIL
Using Yarn D, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (RS) 2dc in next st (mark both sts), 2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts. [8 sts]
Round 3 2dc in next 2 marked sts (mark first two sts), dc in each st around. [10 sts]
Rounds 4-11 As Round 3. [26 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

PINK MONSTER

BODY
Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-8 As Rounds 1-8 of Blue Monster Body. [48 sts]
Rounds 9-25 Working in bl only from now to end of Body, dc in each st around.
Place cut-out circle into base of Monster (see notes). Start stuffing Body and continue as you go.
Round 26-32 As Rounds 25-31 of Blue Monster Body. [6 sts]
Fasten off, thread tail through final 6 sts, pulling tight to close. Weave in ends.

FACE
Using Yarn D, work as Rounds 1-5 of Blue Monster Face.
Ss in next st.
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

HORNS (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn D, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in next st (mark first st), dc in each st to end. [7 sts]
Round 3 2dc in marked st (move marker to first st), dc in each st to end. [8 sts]
Rounds 4-12 As Round 3. [17 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

TAIL
Using Yarn B, as Pink Monster Horn using Yarn B.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

SPINE 1 (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 5dc into the loop. [5 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [10 sts]
Rounds 3-5 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

SPINE 2 (MAKE 1)
Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Rounds 3-5 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

SPINE 3 (MAKE 1)
Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-5 As Rounds 1-5 of Spine 2. [12 sts]
Round 6 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

YELLOW MONSTER

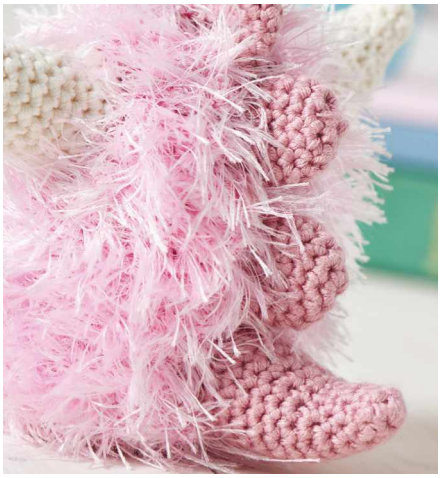
BODY
Using Yarn C, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-7 As Rounds 1-7 of Blue Monster Body [42 sts]
Rounds 8-18 Working in bl only from now to end of Body, dc in each st around.
Place cut-out circle into base of Monster (see notes). Start stuffing Body and cont as you go.
Rounds 19-24 As Rounds 26-31 of Blue Monster Body. [6 sts]
Fasten off, thread tail through final 6 sts, pulling tight to close. Weave in ends.

EARS (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn C, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-3 As Rounds 1-3 of Blue Monster Body. [18 sts]
Rounds 4-8 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

HORNS (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn D, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) 2 times. [8 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) 2 times. [10 sts]
Round 4 (2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts) 2 times. [12 sts]
Round 5 (2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts) 2 times. [14 sts]
Round 6 (2dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts) 2 times. [16 sts]
Round 7 (2dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts) 2 times. [18 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

TAIL
Usign Yarn C, as Rounds 1-9 of Pink Monster Horn.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

FACE
Using Yarn D, as Rounds 1-4 of Blue Monster Face, ss in next st.
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.



The eyelash yarn is worked into leftover front loops over the base stitches of the body



Using safety eyes means the toys are not suitable for children under 36 months

TO ASSEMBLE
Secure 2 safety eyes on each Face and using Yarn B, embroider a mouth. Position Face onto corresponding Body, push eye posts between sts of Body and sew in place.
Attach Ears, Horns and Tails to corresponding Bodies, then place Spine 3 just above Pink Monster's Tail, followed by Spine 2 and Spine 1, last of which sits at top of Head.
Weave in all ends.

TO FINISH
Once all parts are attached, crochet eyelash yarn over surface of each monster, in leftover front loops of Body, avoiding the face.
Join Yarn E in first front loop at base of Blue Monster's Body.
Round 1 Dc into each fl until Body is covered from base to top; as you come to attached parts, change direction of work or fasten off and rejoin yarn, as needed.
Fasten off and weave in ends.
Repeat using Yarn F for Pink Monster, and Yarn G for Yellow Monster.



SWEETER DREAMS

Cosy and cuddly, Becky Skuse's elephant comforter is a gentle way to soothe your baby's snooze



YOU WILL NEED

- Sirdar Snuggle Baby Bamboo (80% bamboo, 20% wool, 50g/95m)
  1 ball of each:
  Yarn A Nellie (099)
  Yarn B Lemonade (116)
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- Toy stuffing
- Stitch markers
- Black stranded cotton

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Elephant Snuggle Comforter measures 13x13cm (5x5in)

ABBREVIATIONS

inv dec (invisible decrease) Insert hook under front loop only of next 2 sts, yrh and pull up a loop, yrh and pull through both loops on hook (alternatively work a dc2tog)

For a full list, see page 130

Any parent with long hair will know the surprising power of an infant's grabby fist. Spare your tresses and let this sleepy elephant take the strain. Be sure to block the square after hooking to keep it smooth.

NOTES

Comforter is worked in rounds, changing colour each round by fastening off working yarn and joining new yarn into any corner ch-2 sp.
Elephant is worked using the amigurumi method. You may find it helpful to mark the first st of each round, moving the marker up as you work.

COMFORTER

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch3 (counts as tr throughout), (2tr, ch2) into loop, (3tr, ch2) 3 times into the loop, ss to top of beg ch-3. [12 tr, 4 ch-2 sps]
Fasten off Yarn A. Join Yarn B into any ch-2 sp.
Round 2 Ch3, (tr, ch2, 2tr) into same ch-2 sp, *tr in each st across to next ch-2 sp, (2tr, ch2, 2tr) in ch-2 sp; rep from * around, ss to top of beg ch-3. [28 tr, 4 ch-2 sps]
Fasten off Yarn B. Join Yarn A into any ch-2 sp.
Rounds 3-7 As Round 2 alternating colour for each round. [108 tr, 4 ch-2 sps]
Fasten off.

ELEPHANT

HEAD

Head is worked from the tip of the trunk to the back of the Head.
Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as a stitch throughout), 6dc into the loop. [6 dc]
Rounds 2-6 Dc in each st around.
Round 7 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 8 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 9 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 dc]
Rounds 10-12 Dc in each st around.
Round 13 (Dc in next 2 sts, inv dec) 6 times. [18 sts]
Tuck in starting tail and stuff, continue stuffing as you work.
Round 14 (Dc in next st, inv dec) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 15 (Inv dec) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off and use tail to close final round.
Weave in ends.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A and leaving a long tail at the beginning, make a magic loop.
Row 1 (RS) Ch1, dc, 2htr, 2tr, 2dtr, 2tr into loop. [9 sts]
Do not close off the round with a ss but pull tail tight to close magic loop.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.



The head is worked from the trunk back, so you'll finish by pulling in the last few stitches



Stitch black stranded cotton into a pair of shut peepers to make baby-safe closed eyes

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 (2dc in next st, dc in next st) 6 times. [9 dc]
Rounds 3-8 Dc into each st around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

TO FINISH

Use the image as a guide. Stitch tip of trunk to base of Head. Attach Ears to sides of Head and sew short sts on Head to create eyes using the black stranded cotton.
Cut approx 20cm of Yarn A and secure to base of Head with a knot. Sew Head to centre of Comforter. Do not fasten off yet.
Push beg tail inside Arm and stuff bottom of Arm only. Flatten top of Arm and stitch it closed. Tuck top of Arms between Head and Comforter, on sides of Head, and sew to Comforter.
Use leftover tail from securing Head to Comforter to secure Head, Arms and Comforter together.
Weave in all ends.



DESK BUDDY

Work or study time is always better with good company. By Marianne Rawlins

DOG WRIST REST



YOU WILL NEED

- King Cole Giza Cotton 4ply (100% cotton, 50g/158m)
  1 ball of each:
  Teal (2414)
  Cream (2191)
  Coral (2196)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Black stranded cotton
- Toy stuffing
- 2 safety eyes, 6mm

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Wrist Rest measures approx 50x11cm (19¾x4¼in) not including Feet, Tails or Ears

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Keep your wrists in a neutral position with this doggie wrist rest by Marianne Rawlins. You'll not only help protect them from strain, but you'll have a super-cute and loyal keyboard companion too.

NOTES

Body is worked in two identical Panels; the second Panel will be flipped over when sewn together. Feet, Ears and Tail are added to each Panel before being joined together.

BODY PANEL (MAKE 2)

Using Teal, ch110.
Row 1 (WS) Ch1 (does not count as a st throughout), dc in each ch across, turn. [110 sts]
Rows 2-32 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Fasten off.

FEET

With WS facing, join Teal in first ch on opposite side of foundation ch on one Panel.
Row 1 (WS) Dc in first 6 sts, turn. [6 sts]
Rows 2-4 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 5 Ch1, dc in next 6 sts, ch4, turn.
Row 6 Dc in second ch from hook and next 2 ch, dc in next 6 sts. [9 sts]
Rows 7-9 As Row 2.
Fasten off and weave in ends.
Join Teal into 21st st on same Body Panel and repeat Rows 1-9 of Feet.
Join Teal into 83rd st on same Body Panel and repeat Rows 1-9 of Feet.
Join Teal into 105th st on same Body Panel and repeat Rows 1-9 of Feet.
Work all four feet on the second Panel.

EARS

Join Teal in final st of final row on a Body Panel.
Row 1 (WS) Ch1, dc in first 8 sts across final row of Body, turn. [8 sts]
Row 2 (Dc2tog), dc in next 4 sts, (dc2tog), turn. [6 sts]
Row 3 (Dc2tog), dc in next 2 sts, (dc2tog), turn. [4 sts]
Row 4 (Dc2tog) twice. [2 sts]
Fasten off.
Skip 12 sts on Body after Row 1 of Ear.
Join Teal into next st and repeat Rows 1-4 of Ear.
Repeat Ears on second Body Panel.

TAIL

Join Teal into fifth st of final row of Body Panel.
Row 1 (WS) Ch1, dc in 5 sts across to end of Body, turn. [5 sts]
Rows 2-14 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 15 (Dc2tog), dc in next st, (dc2tog). [3 sts]
Fasten off.
Repeat on the second Body Panel.

EYES (MAKE 2)

Using White, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch3 (counts as a tr), 11 tr into loop, ss to top of beg ch-3. [12 sts]
Fasten off.

MOUTH

Using Coral, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) As Round 1 of Eyes. [12 sts]
Round 2 Ch3, tr in same st, 2tr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3. [24 sts]
Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Sew the Eyes and Mouth to one of the Body Panels.
Using black stranded cotton, embroider the whisker, nose and mouth details.
Insert the safety eyes through each Eye; we've positioned ours to the bottom-left of each Eye.
Place Body Panels together so the Feet, Tails and Ears line up.
Join Teal into any corner and work all sts through both Panels to join.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, dc in each st and row-end around, working 2dc in each corner, filling with stuffing as you work, ss to beg dc.
Round 2 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to beg dc.
Fasten off.
Weave in all ends.



No safety eyes? Just crochet or embroider a small black circle instead



UP, UP & AWAY!

Take to the skies with your stitching and bring those sunny days indoors with Liz Ward's colourful balloon



YOU WILL NEED

- Rico Creative Cotton Aran (100% cotton, 50g/85m)
  1 ball of each:
  Cardinal (11)
  Turquoise (36)
  Light Green (40)
  Light Yellow (63)
  Cherry (65)
  Tangerine (76)
  White (80)
- A 4mm (US G/6) hook
- Toy stuffing

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Balloon measures 22x28cm (8½x11in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Look up! Get to grips with rainbow stripes and contrasting rows of slip stitch with this fun project. Add a mini basket to hold one of baby's favourite toys – they'll have a great view of the nursery from up there!

NOTES

The slip stitch pattern is created by working into the same round twice. We've added this into the pattern as an uncounted slip stitch round. It may be helpful to mark the first st of each round, moving the marker up as you go.

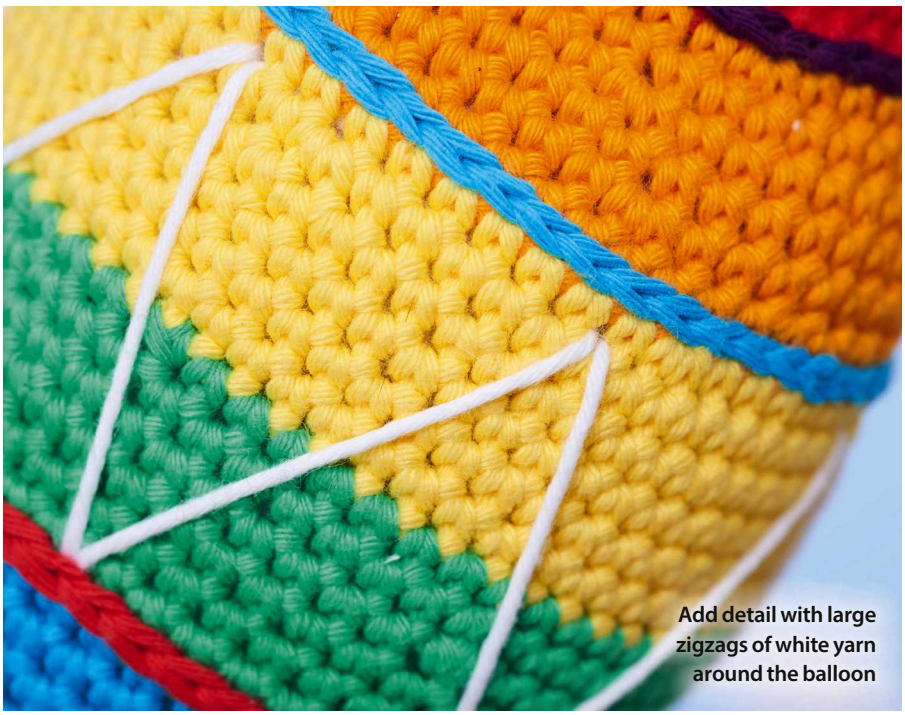
HOT AIR BALLOON

Using Cherry, make a magic loop.
Foundation round (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 6dc in the loop. [6 sts]
Round 1 2dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 2 (1dc, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 3 (2dc, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 4 (3dc, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [30 sts]
Round 5 (9dc, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [33 sts]
Change to Cardinal.
Slip stitch round Ss in each st to end.
Change to Tangerine.
Round 6 (10dc, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [36 sts]
Round 7 (11dc, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [39 sts]
Round 8 (12dc, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [42 sts]
Round 9 (13dc, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [45 sts]



Simple rounds of slip stitch are used for the stripy details on the balloon

Round 10 (14dc, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [48 sts]
Round 11 (15dc, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [51 sts]
Change to Turquoise.
Slip stitch round Ss in each st to end.
Change to Light Yellow.
Round 12 (16dc, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [54 sts]
Round 13 (17dc, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [57 sts]
Round 14 (18dc, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [60 sts]



Add detail with large zigzags of white yarn around the balloon

Rounds 15-18 Dc in each st to end.
Change to Light Green.
Round 19 Dc in each st to end.
Round 20 (Dc2tog, dc in next 18 sts) repeat to end. [57 sts]
Round 21 Dc in each st to end.
Round 22 (Dc2tog, dc in next 17 sts) repeat to end. [54 sts]
Round 23 Dc in each st to end.
Round 24 (Dc2tog, dc in next 16 sts) repeat to end. [51 sts]
Chnage to Cherry.
Slip stitch round Ss in each st to end.
Change to Turquoise.
Round 25 Dc in each st to end.
Round 26 (Dc2tog, dc in next 15 sts) repeat to end. [48 sts]
Round 27 Dc in each st to end.
Round 28 (Dc2tog, dc in next 14 sts) repeat to end. [45 sts]
Round 29 Dc in each st to end.
Round 30 (Dc2tog, dc in next 13 sts) repeat to end. [42 sts]
Change to Tangerine .
Slip stitch round Ss in each st to end.
Change to Cardinal.
Round 31 (Dc2tog, dc in next 5 sts) repeat to end. [36 sts]
Firmly stuff the Balloon.
The next round, worked into the back of the loops only, is what creates the flat base of the Balloon.
Round 32 (Working in bl only) (Dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts) repeat to end. [30 sts]
Round 33 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 34 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Top up stuffing.
Round 35 (Dc2tog) repeat to end. [9 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

BASKET
Using White, make a magic loop.
Foundation round (RS) Ch1, 6dc in loop. [6 sts]
Round 1 2dc into each st to the end. [12 sts]
Round 2 (1dc, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [18 sts]
Round 3 (2dc, 2dc in the next st) repeat to end. [24 sts]
Round 4 Dc in bl of each st to end. [24 sts]
Rounds 5-8 Dc in each st to end.
Fasten off, leaving a tail 150cm long.

TO MAKE UP
Thread the 150cm-long yarn tail from the Basket onto a needle. Sew through any stitch on the bl round of the Balloon. Do not pull the yarn taut at this point, instead leave a 3cm (1¼in) length of yarn between the Basket and the Balloon. Keeping this yarn length in place, oversew to secure the stitch in place.
Thread the yarn through the fabric of the Balloon to come up on the same round, 4-5 stitches along. Then, sew through the edge of the Basket at the same spot, making sure to leave 3cm (1¼in) of yarn between the Basket and Balloon again. As before, oversew this stitch to secure it in place.
Continue in this way, going from Basket to Balloon and back again until the Basket is secured to the base of the Balloon.
Fasten off and weave in all ends.



The basket is attached to the base of the balloon in six places, at regular intervals

TO FINISH
Using White, sew long zigzag stitches in the middle section of the Balloon, using the image as a guide.

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SWEET SERVICE

Get a zest for life with these juicy coasters!

By Sharna Moore









STRAWBERRY

EASY PEASY ☆★☆ | ARAN WEIGHT | 5MM HOOK

YOU WILL NEED

- Lily Sugar 'n Cream Solids (100% cotton, 70.9g/109m)
  A small amount of each:
  White (00001)
  Red (00095)
  Mod Green (01223)
- A 5mm (US H/8) hook

For yarn stockists contact Love Crafts 01409 404 010 www.lovecrafts.com

MEASUREMENTS

Strawberry measures approx 11cm (4¼in) in diameter

TENSION

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

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

NOTES

Coasters are worked in rounds, with RS facing throughout.
One ball of each colour is enough to make all five Coasters.

COASTER

Using Red, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch3, 11tr in loop, ss to top of beg ch-3. [12 sts]
Round 2 Ch3, tr in st at base of ch-3, 2tr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3. [24 sts]
Round 3 Ch3, tr in st at base of ch-3, tr in next st, (2tr in next st, tr in next st) 11 times, ss to top of beg ch-3. [36 sts]
Round 4 Ch1, dc in first 30 sts, 2dc in next st, 2htr in next st, 2tr in next 2 sts, 2htr in next st, 2dc in final st, ss to beg dc.
Fasten off.

LEAF (MAKE 3)

Using Mod Green, ch6.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and next 4 ch, ch5, dc in second ch from hook and next 3 ch, ch6, dc in second ch from hook and next 4 ch.
Fasten off.
Using the tail, sew to the top of the Strawberry.

TO FINISH

Using White, sew small straight sts over the Strawberry for the pips.
Weave in all ends.



KIWI

EASY PEASY ☆★☆ | ARAN WEIGHT | 5MM HOOK

YOU WILL NEED

- Lily Sugar 'n Cream Solids (100% cotton, 70.9g/109m)
  A small amount of each:
  White (00001)
  Hot Green (01712)
  Jute (00082)
- Black stranded cotton or any black yarn
- A 5mm (US H/8) hook

MEASUREMENTS

Kiwi measures approx 12cm (4¾in) in diameter

NOTES

Refer to Strawberry for yarn stockists, tension and abbreviation information, and for pattern notes.

COASTER

Using White, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) As Round 1 of Strawberry. [12 sts]
Change to Hot Green.
Rounds 2-3 As Rounds 2-3 of Strawberry. [36 sts]
Round 4 Ch1, (2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) 9 times, ss to beg dc. [45 sts]
Change to Jute.
Round 5 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to beg dc.
Fasten off.

TO FINISH

Using black, sew small straight sts over Round 2. You can use the image as a guide.
Weave in all ends.











GRAPEFRUIT

EASY PEASY ☆★☆ | ARAN WEIGHT | 5MM HOOK

YOU WILL NEED

- Lily Sugar 'n Cream Solids (100% cotton, 70.9g/109m)
  A small amount of each:
  Yellow (00010)
  Hot Pink (01740)
  White (00001)
- A 5mm (US H/8) hook

MEASUREMENTS

Grapefruit measures approx 12cm (4¾in) in diameter

NOTES

Refer to Strawberry for yarn stockists, tension and abbreviation information, and for pattern notes.

COASTER

Using Yellow, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as a st throughout), 6dc in loop, ss to beg dc to join. [6 sts]
Change to Hot Pink.
Round 2 Ch3 (counts as a tr throughout), 2tr in same st, 3tr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3. [18 sts]
Round 3 Ch3, tr in st at base of beg ch-3, tr in next st, (2tr in next st, tr in next st) 8 times, ss to top of beg ch-3. [27 sts]
Round 4 Ch3, tr in st at base of beg ch-3, tr in next 2 sts, (2tr in next st, tr in next 2 sts) 8 times, ss to top of beg ch-3. [36 sts]
Change to White.
Round 5 Ch1, (2dc in next st, 3dc) 9 times, ss to beg dc. [45 sts]
Change to Yellow.
Round 6 As Round 5.
Fasten off.

TO FINISH

Using White, sew 6 straight sts over Rounds 2-4. You can use the image as a guide.
Weave in all ends.

APPLE

EASY PEASY ☆★☆ | ARAN WEIGHT | 5MM HOOK

YOU WILL NEED

- Lily Sugar 'n Cream Solids (100% cotton, 70.9g/109m)
  A small amount of each:
  White (00001)
  Mod Green (01223)
  Hot Green (01712)
  Jute (00082)
- Black stranded cotton or any black yarn
- A 5mm (US H/8) hook

MEASUREMENTS

Apple measures approx 13cm (5in) in diameter

NOTES

Refer to Strawberry for yarn stockists, tension and abbreviation information, and for pattern notes.

COASTER

Using White, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-3 (RS) As Rounds 1-3 of Strawberry. [36 sts]
Change to Hot Green.
Round 4 Ch3, (2tr in next st, tr in next 2 sts) 4 times, 2tr in next st, tr in next st, 2tr in next 2 sts, dc in next st, ss in next st, dc in next st, 2tr in next st, (2tr in next st, tr in next 2 sts) 3 times, (2tr in next 2 sts, tr in next st) twice, ss to top of beg ch-3. [51 sts]
Fasten off.

STALK

Join Jute into top of Apple.
Row 1 (RS) Ch5, dc in second ch from hook and each ch across, ss in next st on final round of Apple.
Fasten off.

LEAF

Using Mod Green, ch5.
Round 1 (RS) Ss in second ch from hook, dc in next ch, (htr, tr) in next ch, 4tr in next ch, turn to work into opposite side of foundation ch, (tr, htr) in next ch, dc in next ch, ss in final ch.
Fasten off.

TO FINISH

Sew Leaf to top of Apple. Using black, sew 2 straight lines between Rounds 1-2 for pips. Weave in ends.







WATERMELON



YOU WILL NEED

- Lily Sugar 'n Cream Solids (100% cotton, 70.9g/109m)
  A small amount of each:
  White (00001)
  Red (00095)
  Mod Green (01223)
- Black stranded cotton or any black yarn
- A 5mm (US H/8) hook

MEASUREMENTS

Watermelon measures approx 12cm (4¾in) in diameter

NOTES

Refer to Strawberry for yarn stockists, tension and abbreviation information, and for pattern notes.

COASTER

Using Red, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-3 (RS) As Rounds 1-3 of Strawberry. [36 sts]
Change to White.
Round 4 Ch1, (2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) 9 times, ss to beg dc. [45 sts]
Change to Mod Green.
Round 5 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to beg dc.
Fasten off.

TO FINISH

Using black, sew small straight sts over Round 2. You can use the image as a guide.
Weave in all ends.





5 MORE SWEET AND JUICY MAKES

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Taste sunshine from the tropics with the Pineapple bag from issue 35



Hook up the zesty Juicy bag from issue 73



What a lovely pair! There's a whole host of cute fruit 'n' veggies in issue 34's supplement!



Add a slice of fun with the Watermelon jumper from issue 87



Freshen up using the Strawberry scrubbie from issue 58



CRAFTY COMPANION

Keep track of pins and have a smiley face to keep you company in your crochet space. By Kate McCully

EASY PEASY ☆★☆ | DK WEIGHT | 3MM HOOK

YOU WILL NEED

- Rico Baby Cotton Soft DK (100% cotton, 50g/125m)
  1 ball of each:
  White (001)
  Emerald (032)
  Saffron (059)
  Flamingo (053)
  Lobster (029)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- 2 safety eyes, 8mm
- Stitch markers
- Toy stuffing

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical for thsi project, but may affect yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Shelf Buddy measures 19cm (7½in) long

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130



The antennae are made from plaited lengths of yarn hooked into the head

Brighten up your craft space with this friendly caterpillar that's only hungry for pins and good conversation. Hook Kate's cute companion for yourself or as a surprise gift for a fellow crafter.

NOTES

Change colour on the final yrh of st before colour change is indicated. You may find it useful to mark the first st of each round, moving the marker up as you work.

CATERPILLAR

Using Emerald, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (doesn't count as a st throughout), 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) 6 times. [30 sts]
Rounds 6-10 Dc in each st around.
Round 11 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 12 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) 6 times. [18 sts]
Position safety eyes between Rounds 7-8, approx 11 sts apart.
Stuff Caterpillar as you work.
Round 13 (Dc2tog, dc in next st) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 14 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Change to Lobster.
Rounds 15-27 As Rounds 2-14.
Change to Saffron.
Round 28-40 As Rounds 2-14.
Change to White.
Rounds 41-53 As Rounds 2-14.
Change to Flamingo.
Round 54-66 As Rounds 2-14.
Fasten off.
Thread tail through final 6 sts, and pull tight to close.

TO FINISH

Refer to the images for the finishing touches to the Caterpillar.
For the mouth, use Lobster to sew a backstitch between Rounds 4-5, approx 10 sts long.
For each of the antennae, cut 3 lengths of Saffron about 25cm long. Secure the three lengths to the Head, approx 3 sts around from one eye. Plait the strands and secure with a small amount of Saffron yarn. Repeat for the second antennae on the opposite side of the Head.
Weave in any remaining ends.



BEARY HANDY

Hey sweet cheeks, embrace the teenage you with your very own pencil case by Fran Morgan



YOU WILL NEED

- King Cole Giza Cotton 4ply (100% cotton, 50g/158m)
  1 ball of each:
  Coral (2196)
  Argent (2249)
  Cream (2191)
- A 2.25mm (US B/1) hook
- Black stranded cotton
- Zip (see Notes for size)
- Lining fabric
- 3 safety eyes, 6mm

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

TENSION

Tension is not critical but may affect yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Pencil Case measures approx 18x11cm (7x4¼in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Store your knick-knacks and essentials in Fran Morgan's bear-y good design. Keep it handy on your desktop or take it out and about for those heady office days.

NOTES

You can use a 2.5mm hook if 2.25mm is not easily available. It might affect the finished size slightly and therefore also the length of the zip needed, so choose a zip to fit the length once finished. We've used an 18cm zip.

LITTLE BEAR PENCIL CASE

Using Ardent, ch40.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 2dc in second ch from hook, dc in each ch to final ch, 4dc in final ch, turn to work in opposite side of foundation ch, dc in next 38 ch, 2dc in final ch. [84 sts]
Rounds 2-28 Dc in each st around.
Ss in next st and **fasten off**.

CHEEKS (MAKE 2)
Using Coral, 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 dc, dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Ss in next st. **Fasten off**.

MOUTH
Using Cream, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-3 (RS) As Rounds 1-3 of Cheeks. [18 sts]
Round 4 (2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) 6 times. [24 sts]
Ss in next st and **fasten off**.

EARS (MAKE 2)
Using Argent, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 3dc into loop, change to Coral, 3dc in loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 Change to Argent, 2dc in next 3 sts, Change to Coral, 2dc in final 3 sts. [12 sts]
Round 3 Change to Argent, *(2dc in next st, dc in next st) 3 times,** change to Coral; rep from * to ** once more. [18 sts]
Round 4 Change to Argent, *(2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) 3 times**, change to Coral; rep from * to ** once more. [24 sts]
Round 5 Change to Argent, (2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) 3 times, ss in next st. **Fasten off**.
Fold Ear in half so RS are facing out, with the side worked in Coral facing front. Sew through bl of the sts in Coral to the post of the sts from Round 5 to form shape.



The bear's nose is made from a third safety eye, while his whiskers are stitched on

TO MAKE UP
Sew the Cheeks, Mouth and Ears into place.
Insert two safety eyes for the eyes, and one for the top of the nose.
Using black stranded cotton, embroider the nose and Mouth details.
Pin zip in place over opening and sew into position.
Cut fabric to the measurements of the Pencil Case plus a 1cm seam allowance. Fold in half with RS together and sew the side seams. Press the 1cm allowance around the top open edge to the WS. Insert into the Pencil case and sew the pressed edges to the inside of the zip tape.



You can use up some fabric from your stash to create the pencil case's lining



QUICK MAKE

TWINKLE TOES

These two-tone slippers by Joanna Benner are soft, comfortable and (as if that wasn't enough) easy to hook!



YOU WILL NEED

- Rico Creative Cotton Aran (100% cotton, 50g/85m)
  1 ball of each:
  Sky Blue (37)
  Natural (60)
- A 5mm (US H/8) hook

For yarn stockists contact Rico Design www.rico-design.com

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

To fit UK adult sizes 5-6

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Worked in a stitch every crocheter has in their library – double crochet – these slippers are a breeze to make. They're worked as single pieces and then sewn together at the backs, using whipstitch. So, they're ideal for beginners, and a great way to learn how to work two colours.

NOTES

The Slippers are worked from the Toe in rounds. Work continues in rows for the Foot Section. Instructions are included for altering the size of the Slippers. Note, this may affect the yarn quantities required though.

SLIPPERS

TOE SECTION

Using Sky Blue, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 5dc in loop, ss to beg dc. [5 sts]
Round 2 Ch1, 2dc in each st around, ss to beg dc. [10 sts]
Round 3 As Round 2. [20 sts]
Round 4 Ch1, *2dc in the next stitch, dc in next st; rep from * to end, ss to beg dc. [30 sts]
Rounds 5-11 Ch1, dc in each stitch around, ss to beg dc.
Fasten off.
Join Natural in any stitch of the previous round of Sky Blue stitches.
Rounds 12-16 Ch1, dc in each stitch around, ss to beg dc.
You can adjust the size by working fewer or extra rounds at this point.
Fasten off.

FOOT SECTION

With RS facing, join Natural in 19th st.
Row 1 (RS) Ch1, dc in next 22 sts, turn, leaving rem sts unworked. [22 sts]
Row 2 (WS) Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.
Rep Row 2 another 19 times, or to desired length of Slipper.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Fold the final row in half and use the tail to whipstitch the ends together.

EDGING
Join Natural in the back seam and dc evenly around the opening, ss to beg dc.
Fasten off and weave in all ends.



Slip into something stylish, yet cosy, with these colourblock beauties



In the detail

Combine the pretty with the practical in this elegant pouch, using soft cotton shades and fun tassels. By Jennifer May



YOU WILL NEED

- Rico Baby Cotton Soft DK (50% cotton, 50% acrylic, 50g/125m), 1 ball each of:
  Yarn A Dark Pink (061)
  Yarn B Saffron (059)
- A 4mm (US G/6) hook
- Stitch marker
- Scrap of cardboard (to make tassels)

For yarn stockists contact Rico Design www.rico-design.com

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Bag measures approx 18cm (7in) tall (excluding the base)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

This pretty pouch is the perfect size to hold makeup, toiletries and other items that tend to go astray at the bottom of bigger bags. Hooked in soft pink, with yellow for those all-important finishes, it's satisfying (and quick!) to stitch up – with double crochet and half treble clusters creating that irresistible texture…

NOTES

Work in rounds with WS facing to begin.
Pay attention at the end of each round as some rounds end with a turn and others continue with the same side facing.
Parts of this pattern are worked using the amigurumi method.
If your tension tends to be on the tighter side, try using a larger hook for Round 10 so that Round 11 is easier to work.

BAG

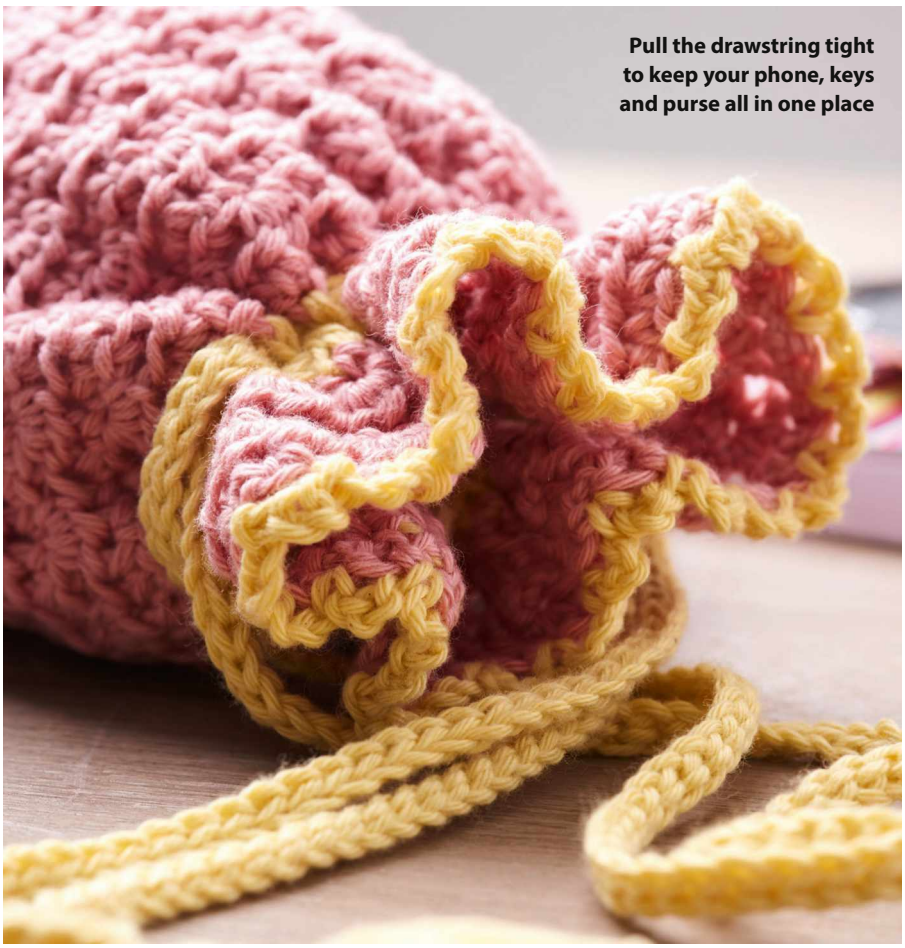
BASE

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (WS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 4dc in loop. [4 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [8 sts]
Round 3 As Round 2. [16 sts]
Round 4 (2dc in next st, dc in next st) 8 times. [24 sts]



Alternate between rows of double crochet and half treble clusters for striking texture

Round 5 (2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) 8 times. [32 sts]
Round 6 (2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) 8 times. [40 sts]
Round 7 (2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts) 8 times. [48 sts]
Round 8 (2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts) 8 times. [56 sts]
Round 9 (2dc in next st, dc in next 13 sts) 4 times. [60 sts]
Round 10 Keeping your stitches loose to ensure the next round is easier to work (switching to a larger hook if needed), ss in each st around, ss in beg ss.



Pull the drawstring tight to keep your phone, keys and purse all in one place


Trim the tassels using a pair of sharp scissors for a neater finish

SIDE
Continue to work in rounds, but no longer using the amigurumi method.
Round 11 (WS) Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to beg dc. [60 sts]
Round 12 Ch2 (counts as htr), 2htr in st at base of ch-2, skip 2 sts, (3htr in next st, skip 2 sts) rep to end, ss to top of beg ch-2, turn.
Round 13 (RS) As Round 11, turn.
Round 14 (WS) Ss in next st, ch2 (counts as htr), 2htr in same st, skip 2 sts, (3htr in next st, skip 2 sts) rep to end, ss to top of beg ch-2, turn.
Rounds 15-33 Repeat Rounds 13-14 another 9 times, then rep Round 13 once more.
Fasten off.
With RS facing, join Yarn B in any st.
Round 34 Ch3 (counts as tr), (ch1, skip 1 st, tr in next st) rep around, ss in top of beg ch-3. [30 sts, 30 ch-1 sps]
Fasten off.
With RS facing, join Yarn A in any st.
Round 35 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to beg dc, turn. [60 sts]
Round 36 As Round 12.
Round 37 As Round 11.
Round 38 As Round 14.
Fasten off.
With RS facing, join Yarn B in second st.
Round 39 (Ch3, skip 1 st, ss in next st) rep around, ss in base of beg ch-3.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

CORD (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn B and leaving a long tail, ch121. Ss in second ch from hook and in each ch to end.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Thread one cord through Round 34, going over and under the tr sts. Thread the second tie starting on the opposite side of the bag, either above or below the first tie, weaving over and under the tr sts in the opposite way to the first tie to create a woven effect. Use the long tails to attach the ends of the ties to each other.

TASSELS (MAKE 3)
Make all three Tassels using Yarn B.
Cut a piece of card 5cm tall. Wrap the yarn around the card 30 times. Cut a strand of yarn approx 30cm long and use it to tightly tie the yarn bundle at the folds at one end. Leave the tails of the tie loose. Cut the yarn bundle at the opposite fold. Cut a second piece of yarn approx 30cm and wrap it around the tassel several times, about 1cm from the tied top. Using a tapestry needle, hide the yarn ends inside the Tassel.
Using the long tails from tying the top, attach a tassel to the bottom of the bag and each tie at the join. Weave loose threads through the centre of each Tassel and trim the Tassels to desired length using sharp scissors.


The third tassel, at the base of the bag, creates a bolster cushion effect



Getting started

HOW-TO VIDEOS
For handy videos and step-by-step tutorials, visit www.gathered.how/crochet-for-beginners

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

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 page 72.

Where to find the projects on this page:
Party Pug page 8; Avocado Cushion, page 96



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

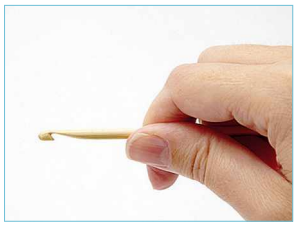
Over the next few pages, you'll find simple step-by-step guides to many useful stitches and techniques that you'll use every time you pick up a hook

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

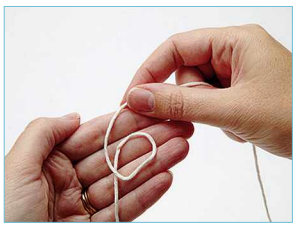


METHOD ONE
Pass the ball end of the yarn between the little finger and third fingers of your left hand (if you are right-handed), then behind the third and middle fingers, over your index finger.

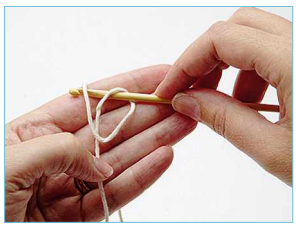


METHOD TWO
Loop the ball end of the yarn loosely around the little finger of your left hand, then take it over the third finger, behind the middle finger and over your index finger.

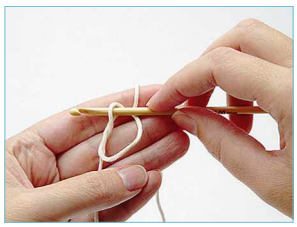
MAKING A SLIPKNOT The first loop on the hook



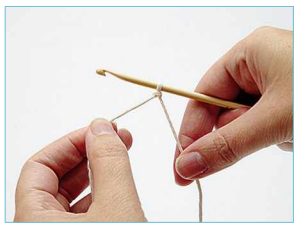
1 Hold the tail of the ball of yarn in your left hand and drape the yarn clockwise over the top of it to form a circular loop.



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

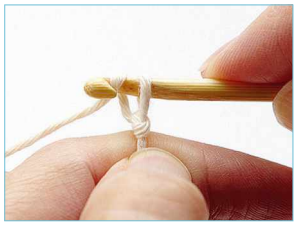


Each chain or loop counts as one stitch. Never count your first slipknot or the loop on the hook (called the working loop). So that you can be accurate, make sure the chain is not twisted and that the front is facing you.

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.

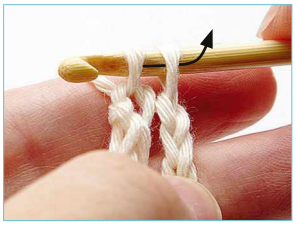
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SLIP STITCH (ss)

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.



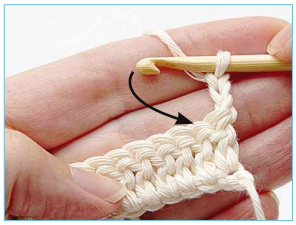
2 Pull the yarn through the chain stitch (as shown) and then the loop already on the hook to make a slip stitch. You can also work this stitch into each stitch along a row to form a neat edging.

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.

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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



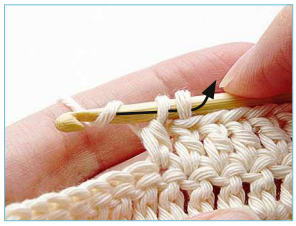
1 To work a treble crochet, start by winding yrh and then insert the hook under the top two loops of the stitch on the previous row.



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



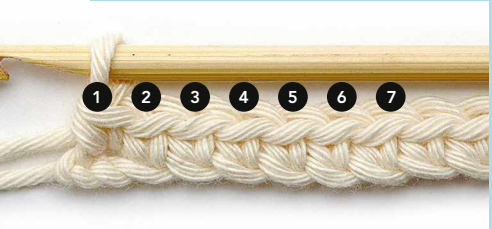
INCREASE To increase one stitch is very simple – work one stitch into the next stitch on the row below. When you've finished, work another stitch into the same stitch.



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 projects on this page: Little Witch, page 71

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…



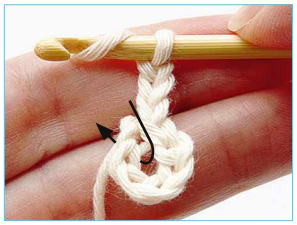
2 …and pull yarn through 2 loops on hook. Now you're ready to start crocheting in the round, following the instructions given below.

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.

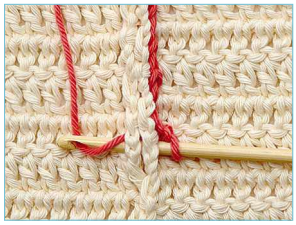
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SEWING SEAMS

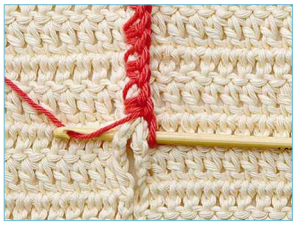
You can join crochet seams by using a tapestry needle or a crochet hook, using one of these four methods.



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.

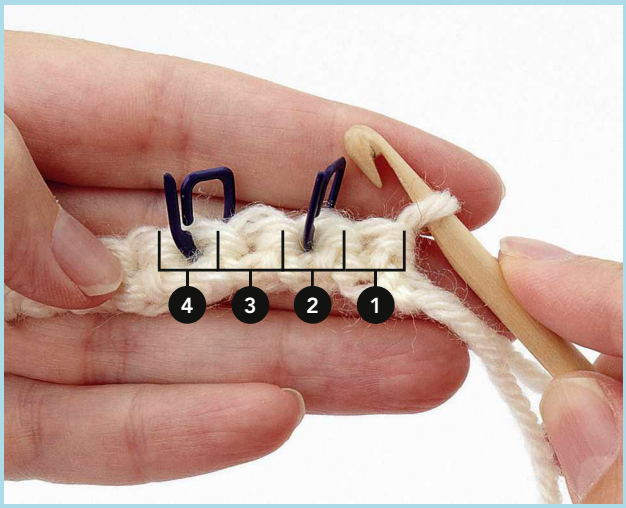
Using stitch markers

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.

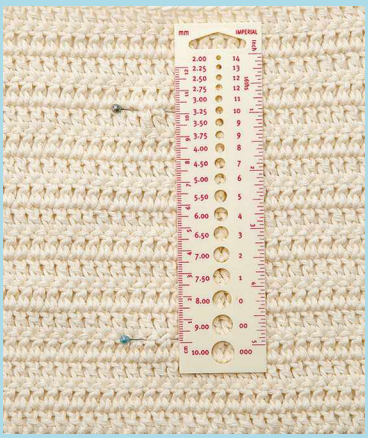
Another great way to use stitch markers is to mark stitches where you need to make increases or decreases. Try using one colour of marker for working increases and another for decreases.



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!

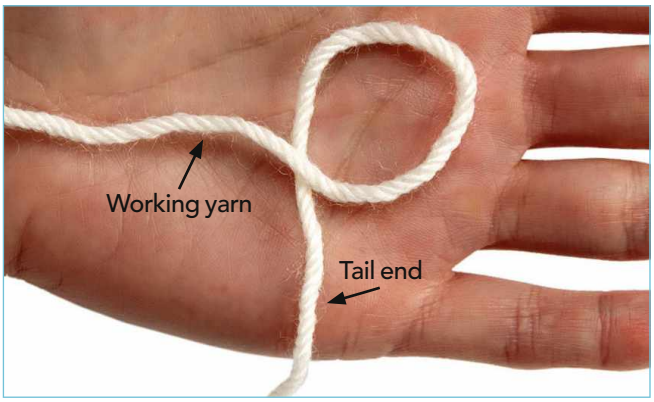
The finished magic loop ring will have no hole at the centre, which is useful for projects like stuffed toys where you don't want stuffing to poke out of any gaps.

HOW-TO VIDEOS

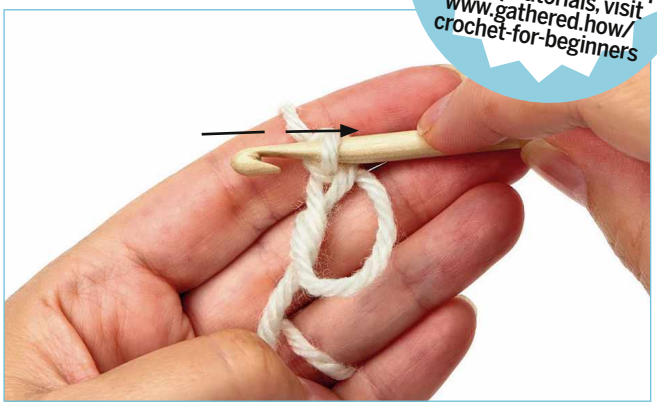
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MAKING A MAGIC LOOP

Follow these steps to master the magic loop.



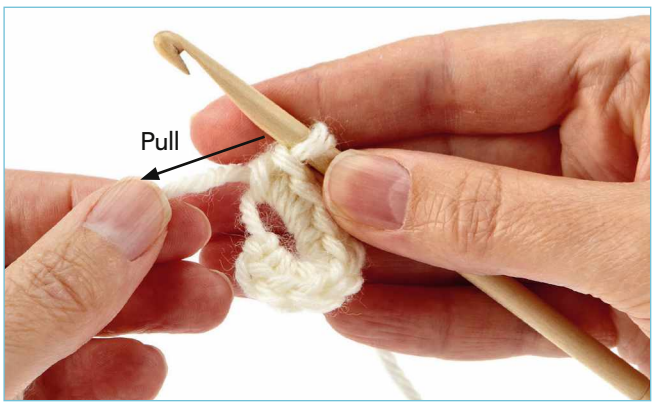
1 To start a magic loop, don't make a slipknot. Instead, make a loop with the yarn, leaving a tail around 10cm long. Make sure the tail end of yarn lies underneath the strand of working yarn.



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



3 Make the turning chain (above, we made one turning chain, ready for dc stitches). Work the stitches into the loop, making sure they are all worked over both the loop itself and the tail end (so two strands of yarn).



4 Once you've worked the number of stitches you need, pull on the tail end of the yarn to draw up the ring – magic! Close the round with a slip stitch or work a dc in the first dc to work in spiral rounds.

Where to find the projects on this page: Cupcakes, page 86; Socktopus, page 45

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).

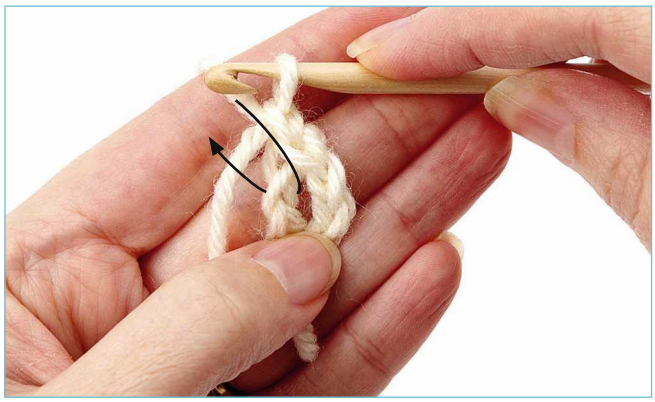
On the first round of a long foundation ring, you will need to work each stitch into each chain as usual, starting from the second chain from the hook.

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 projects on this page: Axolotl, page 14; Shark Pouffe, page 89

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.

If you're left-handed, go to www.gathered.how/simply-crochet for tutorials



1 After working the last stitch of the first round, don't join it to the first stitch with a slip stitch, like you usually do when working in the round. Instead, work the next double crochet stitch into the first stitch you made.



2 To do this, insert the hook under the top two loops of the first stitch of the first round. Yrh, pull yarn through, yrh, pull yarn through two loops. That's your dc stitch made and you'll now be working in a spiral.



3 Continue to work more rounds of double crochet stitches in a spiral, according to your pattern instructions. On the last round, you need to finish off the spiral neatly.



4 To do this, after you've worked the last dc stitch of the last round, insert hook into the next stitch and work a slip stitch (yrh and pull through all loops). (There's no need to do this if you're just changing colour.)

Where to find the projects on this page: Share Bears, page 91; Caterpillar Pincushion, page 113

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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