

Little Forest Tall Capped Mushy



*Toy mushroom
Pattern in 2 sizes*

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***This pattern is not baby safe.

If making for a baby remember to embroider features using wool. Secure firmly inside. Leave thumbs off.

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Materials

- 3.5mm or 4mm crochet hook– or other hook to give firm tension
- 8 ply/DK wool in colours of your choice.
- Polyester stuffing
- Wool needle
- Clear craft glue optional



Gives pattern for tall pointy capped mushroom either 12cm, 5” tall for the small one or 19cm, 7.5” tall for the large.

Notes

1. I always start my pieces using this method=

- 3 chain and join back to first to make a circle
 - 2 chain, then sc the number of times given into the circle
 - Join back to the 2nd chain, insert marker after this and start the first round.
2. The marker counts rows but also indicates the back of the piece. This is where colour changing happens
3. You count rows at the right of a marker and a row up as the first row

The circle shows where the marker is and each arrow indicates the beginning of a new row.



4. Abbreviations are:
inc=increase
dec=decrease
st=stitch or stitches
x=number of times
5. Anything between *..* is to be repeated given number of times
6. I increase by work-

ing twice in same hole

7. There are 2 methods for decreasing. The first is below with pictures.
- The second method I only use when closing a piece by decreasing– e.g., heads. All you do is skip a hole in the row below and sc in the hole after. This gives a smoother close.
7. All pieces are worked in rounds (a spiral)
8. Follow the sequence for pattern pieces.

Special working methods– decreasing

The first is used through most of the piece:

1. go into the next hole and pull the wool through



2. Keep both loops on hook and go through the next hole and pull wool through



3. Now you have 3 loops on hook, hook the wool and pull through all 3 loops

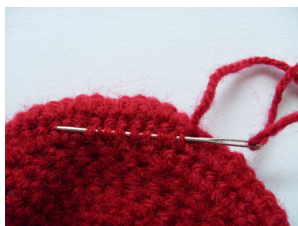


Top Cap– large mushroom

- Use starter ring. 3 chain join loop, 2 chain, 5 sc into loop, join to 2nd chain at beginning (6st) add marker.
- *inc all* (x6)(12st)
- Sc 3 rounds
- *2sc, inc* (x6)(24st)
- Sc 2 rounds
- *3sc, inc* (x6)(30st)
- Sc 2 rounds
- *3sc, inc* (x5)(25st)
- Sc 3 rounds
- *2sc, inc* (x8)(33st)

this is not an even round. Sc back to the marker stitch.

- End leaving a small tail to sew in.
- Weave tail back in underneath by just going in under the top layer of the crochet stitches.



If you add an extra row of sc after the last round for the cap, you can turn the edge up and sew.

Under Circle– same colour as stump

- Use starter ring. 3 chain join loop, 2 chain, 5 sc into loop, join to 2nd chain at beginning (6st) add marker.
- *inc all* (x6)(12st)
- *1sc, inc* (x6)(18st)
- *2sc, inc* (x6)(24st)
- End leaving a long tail to sew in under the cap later.



- Use starter ring. 3 chain join loop, 2 chain, 5 sc into loop, join to 2nd chain at beginning (6st) add marker.
- *inc all* (x6)(12st)
- *2sc, inc* (x6)(24st)
- Sc 4 rounds
- *2sc, dec* (x4)(12st)
- Sc 4 rounds
- *4sc, dec* (x2)(16st)
- Sc 3 rounds
- *6sc, dec* (x2)(10st)
- Sc 4 rounds

- *3sc, dec* (x2)(8st)
- Sc 4 rounds
- End leaving a tail of at least 20cm, 8" to sew stump to cap.



- when you stuff the stump do not stuff base too firmly, you don't want it to be too round..
- Stuff gently for about an inch and then push the base back up to create a flat bottom for the mushroom to stand on.
- Check the base will stand



- When you're happy with how the base stands finish stuffing the stump firmly.
- Make sure you stuff the opening completely. This gets sewn to the cap and has to be able to take the weight.

Finishing- under circle to cap

- Stuff the cap gently then pin in the base circle.



- Use a ladder stitch going just under the

threads of the cap.



- go back between the threads in the cap, over one space and back out.



- Then go back through the cap again



- Leave a gap and finish stuffing.

Putting It All Together— arms

- Take your stump and line up over the center of the cap and pin in place.



- Use a ladder stitch. go around twice for a firm finish.



Last Touches– stitching gills

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- Take a long piece of yarn in contrasting colour -40cm, 14"
- Knot and hide inside cap.
- be careful not to go through all the layers so it doesn't show on the other side.



- Now go through and under a stitch near the stump



- go under a couple of stitches on the outside edge



- Keep repeating around the whole cap

Top Cap– small mushroom

- Use starter ring. 3 chain join loop, 2 chain, 5 sc into loop, join to 2nd chain at beginning (6st) add marker.
- *1sc, inc* (x3)(9st)
- Sc 1 round
- 82sc, inc* (x3)(12st)
- Sc 2 rounds
- *1sc, inc* (x6)(18st)
- Sc 2 rounds
- *1 sc, inc* (x9)(27st)
- *1sc, inc* (x13)(40st)
- Weave tail in.

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With their long stalks and small caps the stumps on these mushies can be curved slightly when posed.

Under Circle

- Use starter ring. 3 chain join loop, 2 chain, 5 sc into loop, join to 2nd chain at beginning (6st) add marker.
- *inc all* (x6)(12st)
- *1sc, inc* (x6)(18st)
- End with long tail.

Stump

- Use starter ring. 3 chain join loop, 2 chain, 5 sc into loop, join to 2nd chain at beginning (6st) add marker.
- *inc all* (x6)(12st)
- Sc 4 rounds
- *4sc, dec* (x2)(10st)
- Sc 2 rounds
- *3sc, dec* (x2)(8st)
- Sc 3 rounds
- *2sc, dec* (x2)(6st)
- Sc 2 rounds.
- Leave long tail to

