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What's that? Summer's here? Well, it is with our latest yarn kit, that's for sure. Your

Apricot yarn pack features five sunshine-y shades, plus a totally unique **variegated yarn** that can't wait to get on your hook or needles – which are included too, woohoo! As always, we've got a wealth of patterns to put your kit to great use.

There's a red squirrel (in a mini bowler hat, might I add) and a **jaw-dropping baby mobile**, both by Heather Gibbs. Then there's Sachiyo Ishii's beach-hitting hippo, Dawn Finney's floral artwork, Sarah-Jane Hicks' **summery granny squares**... oh, it's all just wonderful.

This issue marks the start of a **brand new crochet-along** AND knit-along – that's right! Turn to pages 20 and 54 to see what's in store. Plus, **Knitting vs Crochet returns** with a unicorn edition – which one will you be making? Be sure to let us know.

Elsewhere in this lively edition you'll hear the latest from Stuart Hillard, enjoy **two bonus blanket patterns** – one of them is wearable! – and discover how you can **knit toys from the telly**. On page 66 we got chatting with Megan Matthews, whose vibrant makes have summer written all over them. Pure joy!

We hope you while away a sunny afternoon in the garden with Let's Get Crafting for company. Yarns, tools, patterns, great prizes and wonderful reads... what more could you want? Enjoy it, lovely crafters.

Rosie

ROSIE SAVAGE, EDITOR



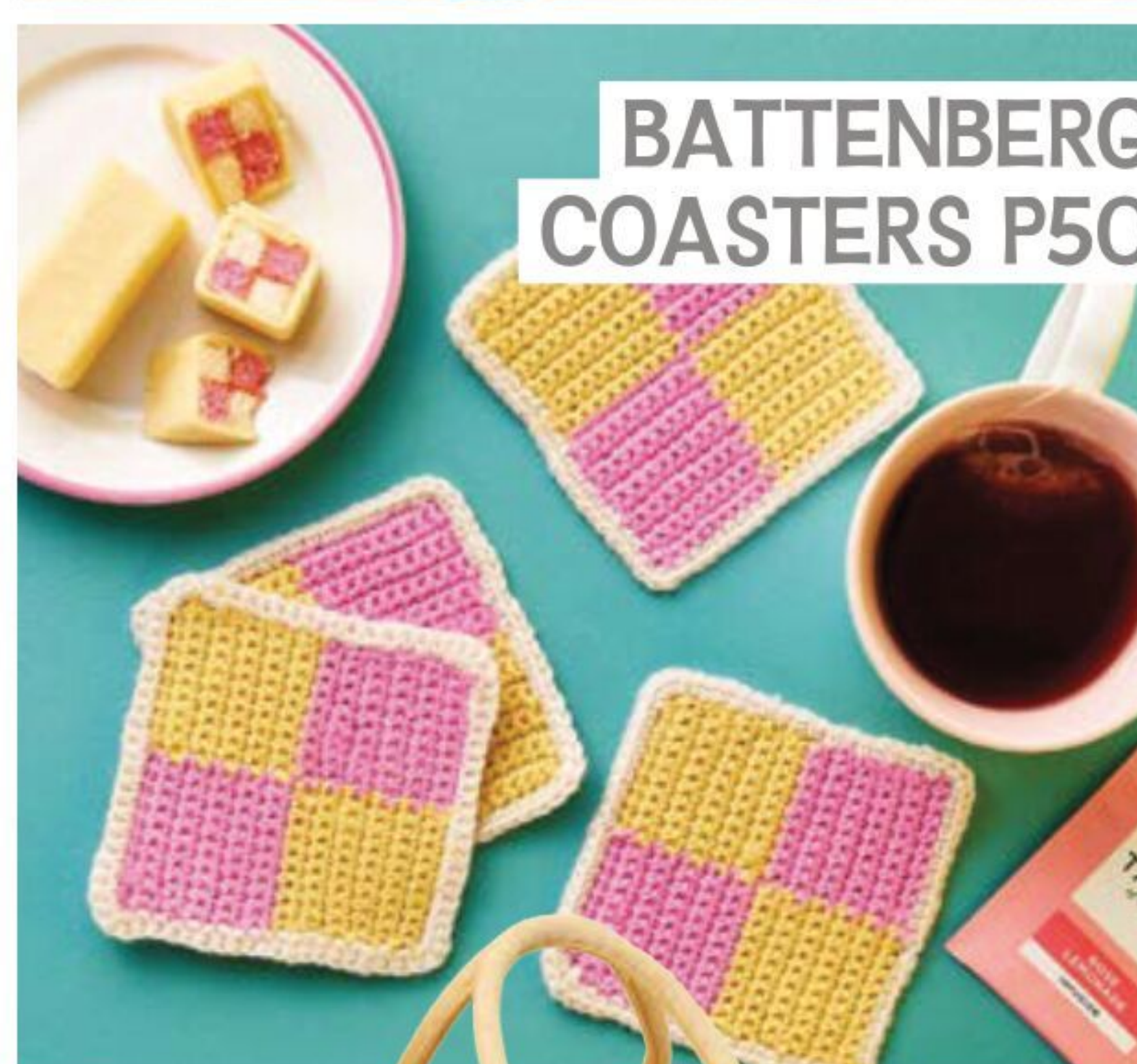
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"You can practically feel the sun on your skin with our latest kit. I'm particularly enjoying the combo of the Lovely Pink and Bright Coral skeins, and that variegated yarn is something else! Just stunning"

ROSIE SAVAGE, EDITOR

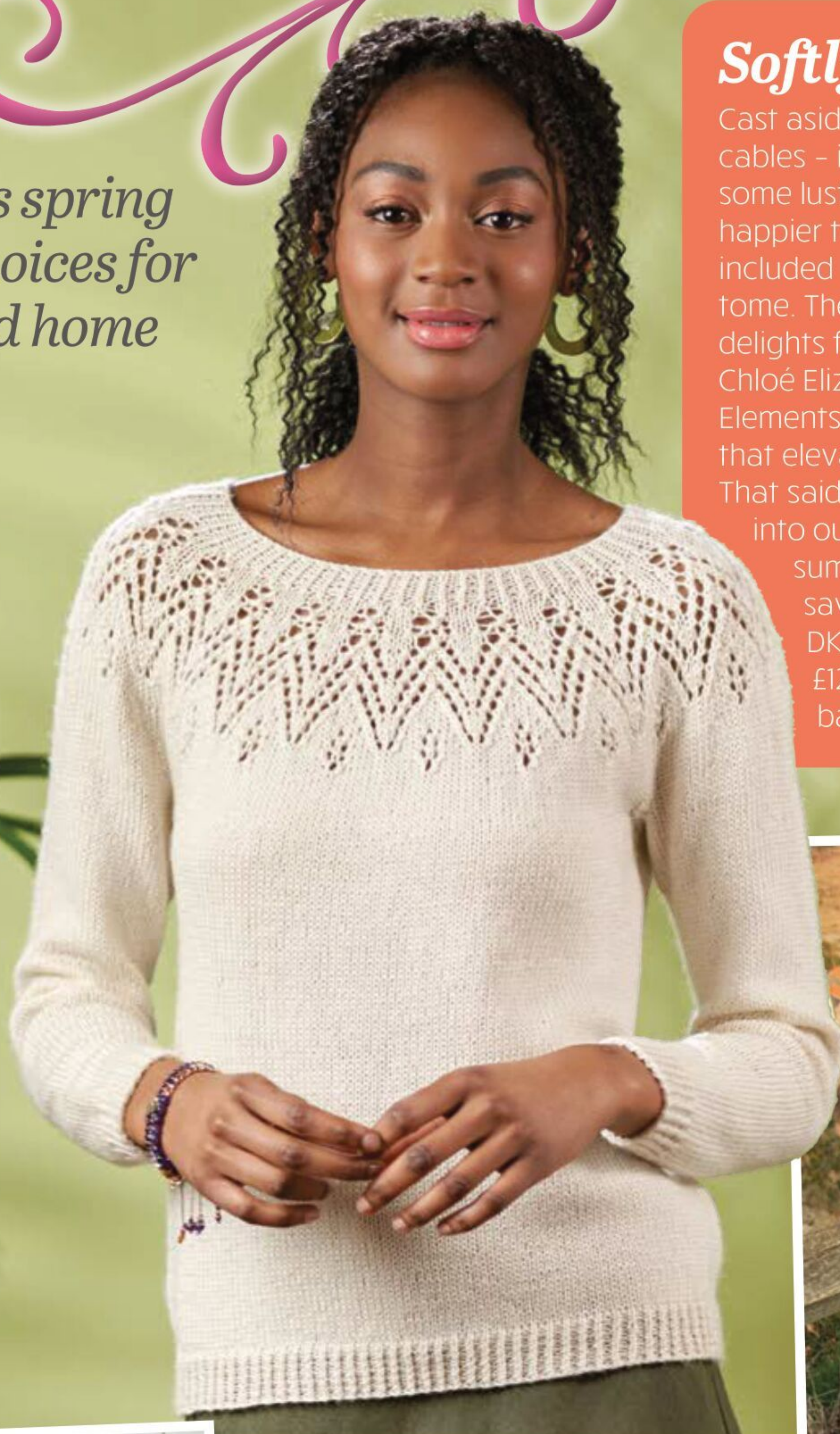
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Newsflash!

Style it out this spring
with our top choices for
wardrobe and home



Softly does it



Cast aside those cosy cables – it's time to spring into summer with some lustrous lace! We couldn't have been happier to discover the delicate designs included in West Yorkshire Spinners' latest tome. The collection of eight lightweight delights from the needles of Sarah Hatton and Chloé Elizabeth Birch are all crafted using Elements DK yarn – a lyocell/Falkland wool mix that elevates makes beyond the everyday. That said... we can't wait to pop these beauties into our wardrobes for some layer-and-love summer essentials that we won't be saving for special occasions! Elements DK Timeless Summer Pattern Book, £12.95; Elements DK yarn, £3.95 for 50g ball from wyspinners.com



Craft together

COMING
SOON!

Get excited, crocheters! Launching on 23rd May is the brand new Postcards With Love Crochet Along from King Cole. This patchwork-style blanket, designed by Eleonora Tully, is made in six weekly instalments, which will be available from the King Cole website. And it's utterly wonderful! It can be created in either King Cole Cottonsoft DK or Big Value DK. For further details and to locate your nearest King Cole stockist, visit kingcole.com.



Join the party

Embrace the maximalism trend and add some serious style to your home this summer with this bold geo design from Helen Anderson for Scheepjes' The After Party. Crocheted in standout shades of Cahlista yarn, the splayed geometric shell pattern has been crafted using a tapestry technique to seamlessly combine the contrasting hues.

Plus, with an impressive palette of 109 yarns to choose from, selecting a colour combo will be a pleasure in itself. The After Party 141 crochet pattern, £1; 100% Natural Cotton Scheepjes Cahlista, £1.94 from woolwarehouse.co.uk



2-4-1

Are you suffering from single sock syndrome? You know... where you knit one sock but never get around to making its twin. If so, you're not alone. Enter Safiyyah Talley's *Knit 2 Socks In 1* – a visual feast of delightful patterns that tackles exactly this knitty ailment. The book comes complete with 21 different sock styles and is suitable for all abilities, so you'll be crafting your footwear companions in no time at all! £12.99, storey.com



Dining out

As crafters, we know that it's all about detail... and that isn't confined to our knitting and crochet projects. Next time you're gathering together your crafty friends for some al fresco dining, why not set the scene with these cute yarn-themed disposable cutlery sets from Ginger Ray? Combine them with a set of homemade placemats and you're good to go with your handmade tablescape. Each set contains four wooden spoons, forks and knives. £8.99, gingerray.co.uk



Coming next month! Keep an eye out for issue 142 when we will be bringing you a giraffe beanie pattern straight from the pages of this book

Bootie-ful baby makes

Ahhhhh! How adorable is this super-sweet baby bee? This buzzy beauty is one of the makes included in *Head To Toe Crochet* by Gurinder Kaur Hatchard (Herbert Press) – a collection of 15 delightful patterns for the babies and toddlers in your life. These modern makes come complete with step-by-step illustrated tutorials, making this the perfect book for beginner crocheters and beyond. We just wish Gurinder had scaled them up for us 'big kids'! On sale 12th May, bloomsbury.com



EASY COLOURWORK EFFECTS WITH...

Stuart Hillard

As soon as I saw the Apricot yarn pack, I thought of canopies and summer awnings on buildings – you know the ones... the kind of thing you shade under when the sun is really hot, and maybe sit a while eating an ice cream or drinking fresh lemonade. Awnings mean stripes, and stripes mean colourwork; my favourite kind of knitting! There are many ways to achieve colourwork, in particular a striped or ombré effect, and these are some of my favourite techniques.

- Use the 3.75mm needles included in your kit to cast on the required number of stitches. Knit the first (right side) row and purl the wrong side rows. Change colour every two rows for a neatly striped effect.
- For a bit more of an edgy, jagged look to your stripes, work stocking stitch in one colour for two and a half rows, then change colours mid row. Continue working stocking stitch for another three or four rows and when you are ready to change colours again do it mid row, in the centre again and staggering the joins a little. Weave in your ends when you've finished knitting.
- For a lovely ombré, work two rows of stocking stitch in one colour. Join in a new colour on the third row and work alternate stitches of the new and original colour. This will create a 'speckled' effect. On the fourth row, purl the wrong side with the new colour. Continue in this way, using all the gorgeous colours in the pack, working through Lovely Pink, Ombré, Soft Yellow, Bright Coral and Light Vanilla before topping off with that gorgeous Top Turquoise for contrast!

Why not use your yarn pack to practise your colourwork and make yourself a striped pouch for sunglasses? However you use your yarns, have fun in the sun!

Stu X



PLUS

stitch markers, tapestry needle, white embroidery thread or string, 15 16mm natural wooden beads, 185mm wooden mobile hoop, stuffing

SIZE

Large Ball diameter: 5cm
Medium Ball diameter: 4cm
Small Ball diameter: 3cm
Smallest Ball diameter: 2.5cm
Mobile height: 44cm



Perfect for beginners

HUSH LITTLE BABY

large ball

Make three

Using 3.75mm hook and Ombré (Light Vanilla, Bright Coral) make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in

next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

Rnds 5-9: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 10: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 11: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Note: stuff as you go

Rnd 12: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 13: 2dc in each st to end. Six sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

medium ball

Make six

Using 3.75mm hook and Ombré (Light Vanilla, Bright Coral, Top Turquoise, Lovely Pink, Soft Yellow) make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnds 1-3: rep Rnds 1-3 of Large Ball. 24 sts

Rnds 4-8: 1dc in each st to end

Note: stuff as you go

Rnds 9-11: rep Rnds 11-13 of Large Ball. Six sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

small ball

Make six

Using 3.75mm hook and Ombré (Light Vanilla, Bright Coral, Top Turquoise, Lovely Pink, Soft Yellow) make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnds 1-2: rep Rnds

1-2 of Large Ball. 18 sts

Rnds 3-7: 1dc in each st to end

Note: stuff as you go

Rnds 8-9: rep Rnds 12-13 of Large Ball. Six sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

smallest ball

Make six

Using 3.75mm hook and Ombré (Light Vanilla, Bright Coral, Top Turquoise, Lovely Pink, Soft Yellow) make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnds 2-6: 1dc in

each st to end

Note: stuff as you go

Rnd 7: 2dc in each st to end. Six sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

to make up

Sew Balls closed and weave in all ends. Using white embroidery thread or string, make three large drop-down lengths as folls: leave length of 7cm, secure Large Ball, * leave length of 2.5cm, secure wooden bead, rep from * alternating between crocheted balls in descending order

and wooden beads, ending with the Smallest Ball. Make three smaller drop-down lengths as folls: leave length of 7cm, secure Medium Ball, ** leave length of 2.5cm, secure wooden bead, rep from ** alternating between crocheted balls in descending order and wooden beads, ending with the Smallest Ball. Attach these lengths alternately around wooden hoop, leaving a gap of approx 10cm between each section. Attach more thread between each drop-down and knot all strands into a loop at the top for hanging

Hush little baby

Merge crocheted spheres with haberdashery heroes to make our mobile

How utterly gorgeous is this mixed media mobile by **HEATHER GIBBS**? The crochet elements are lovely on their own, but throw in the wooden accompaniments and subtle embroidery thread, and it's like something out of a posh department store. It is surprisingly simple to make – in fact, it's a really enjoyable process that'll keep you entertained over a few evenings. Happy crafting!



"I got the hoop and beads from Etsy, but you could also try your local haberdashery or Hobbycraft store"

HEATHER GIBBS, DESIGNER

USE ALL
SIX
YARN
COLOURS!





PLUS

stuffing, 7cm circle of cardboard, tapestry needle

SIZE

Cone height: 13cm
Scoop height: 9.5cm
Sauce width (when flat): 13.5cm



Perfect for beginners

ICE CREAM GAME cone

Using 3.75mm needles and Soft Yellow cast on five sts

Row 1 and every odd-numbered row: p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. Ten sts

Row 4: (kfb, k1) to end. 15 sts

Row 6: (kfb, k2) to end. 20 sts

Rows 7-9: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 10: (kfb, k3) to end. 25 sts

Rows 11-13: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 14: (kfb, k4) to end. 30 sts

Rows 15-19: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 20: (kfb, k5) to end. 35 sts

Row 21-25:

starting with a p row work in st st

Row 26: (kfb, k6) to end. 40 sts

Rows 27-31:

starting with a p row work in st st

Row 32: (kfb, k7) to end. 45 sts

Rows 33-36:

starting with a p row work in st st

Row 37 (bottom of rim): k

Rows 38-42:

starting with a k row work in st st

Row 43: p1, (yrn, p2tog) to end

Rows 44-48:

starting with a p row work in st st

Row 49 (inner edge of rim): k

Row 50: (k7, k2tog) to end. 40 sts

Row 51 and every odd-numbered row: k

Row 52: (k6, k2tog) to end. 35 sts

Row 54: (k5, k2tog) to end. 30 sts

Row 56: (k4, k2tog) to end. 25 sts

Row 58: (k3, k2tog) to end. 20 sts

Row 60: (k2, k2tog) to end. 15 sts

Row 62: (k1, k2tog) to end. Ten sts

Row 63: (k2tog) to end. Five sts

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

scoop

Make four

Using 3.75mm needles and Bright Coral (Ombré, Lovely Pink, Light Vanilla) cast on five sts

Row 1 and every odd-numbered row: k

Row 2: (kfb) to end. Ten sts

Row 4: (kfb, k1) to end. 15 sts

Row 6: (kfb, k2) to end. 20 sts

Row 8: (kfb, k3) to end. 25 sts

Row 10: (kfb, k4) to end. 30 sts

Row 12: (kfb, k5) to end. 35 sts

Row 14: (kfb, k6) to end. 40 sts

Row 16: k

Row 18: (kfb, k7) to end. 45 sts

Rows 19-21:

starting with a p row work in st st

Row 22: (kfb, k8) to end. 50 sts

Rows 23-27: starting with a p

row work in st st

Row 28: (k8, k2tog) to end. 45 sts

Rows 29-31:

starting with a p row work in st st

Row 32: (k7, k2tog) to end. 40 sts

Rows 33-35:

starting with a p row work in st st

Row 36: (k6, k2tog) to end. 35 sts

Row 37 and every odd-numbered row: p

Row 38: (k5, k2tog) to end. 30 sts

Row 40: (k4, k2tog) to end. 25 sts

Row 42: (k3, k2tog) to end. 20 sts

Row 44: (k2, k2tog) to end. 15 sts

Row 45: p1, (p2tog) to end. Eight sts

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

sauce

Make two

Using 3.75mm needles and Light Vanilla (Lovely Pink) cast on 16 sts

Row 1: p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 16 sts

Row 3: (kfb, k1) to end. 17 sts

Row 4: (kfb, k2) to end. 18 sts

Row 5: (kfb, k3) to end. 19 sts

Row 6: (kfb, k4) to end. 20 sts

Row 7: (kfb, k5) to end. 21 sts

Row 8: (kfb, k6) to end. 22 sts

Row 9: (kfb, k7) to end. 23 sts

Row 10: (kfb, k8) to end. 24 sts

Rows 1-2:

Row 3: cast off two sts, k to last three sts, turn

Row 4:

k

Row 5: cast off two sts, k to last five sts, turn

Row 6:

k

Row 7: cast on two sts, k to last seven sts, turn

Row 8-10:

k

Row 11: cast off two sts, k to last three sts, turn

Row 12 and every even-numbered row: k

Row 13: cast on two sts, k to last five sts, turn

Row 15: cast on two sts, k to last seven sts, turn

Row 17: k7, turn

Row 18: k

Rep Rows 1-18 five times

Cast off

cherry

Make two

Using 3.75mm needles and Bright Coral cast on eight sts

Row 1: p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 16 sts

Row 3-9: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 10: (k2tog) to end. Eight sts

Cut yarn leaving a

long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

to make up

Seam row edges of Cone, leaving a gap for stuffing. Fold rim down so both garter st lines meet and sew through them, all the way around the cone. This creates lip to hold Scoop in place. Insert cardboard circle so it sits in top of Cone and helps to define shape. Stuff Cone and close up rem seam. Seam row edges of Scoop, leaving a gap for stuffing. Gather around cast-on sts. Stuff well and close up rem seam. Sew tog cast-on and cast-off edges of Sauce. Gather around short row edge and fasten off. Seam row edges of Cherry. Stuff lightly, then gather round cast-on edge and fasten off. Sew Cherry to top of Sauce. Weave in all ends



MIX AND MATCH!

There are eight variations for this ice cream, some of which you can see here...



"Velcro could be added to the bottom of each ice cream flavour and inside the cone to hold the scoop on more firmly"

ÁINE MARRIOTT, DESIGNER

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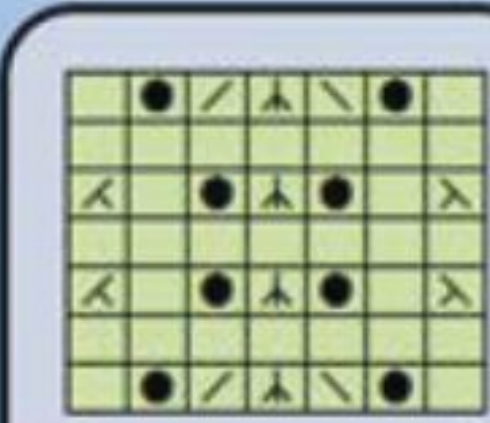
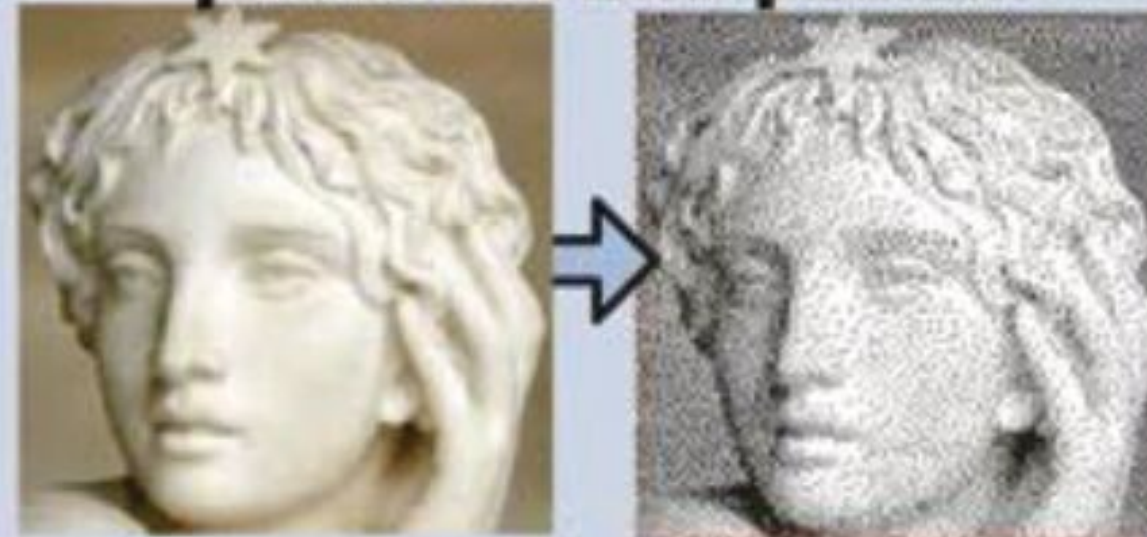


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tapestry
needle,
stuffing, two
8mm black
safety eyes,
black
embroidery
thread

SIZE
Height: 16cm



RED SQUIRREL head

Using 3.75mm hook and Light Vanilla make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnd 2: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 16 sts
Rnd 3: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 20 sts
Rnd 4: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
Change to Bright Coral
Rnd 5: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 28 sts
Rnds 6-7: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 8: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 32 sts



TOP TIP
MAKE SURE YOU LEAN THE BODY FORWARDS WHEN ATTACHING THE FEET AND TAIL, OTHERWISE YOUR SQUIRREL MAY TOPPLE OVER

Amigurumi hero **HEATHER GIBBS** strikes again with this incredible red squirrel pattern. There's so much to enjoy – the striping, the no-effort colourwork on the tail, the dinky bowler hat, the perfectly round cheeks... oh, we're in love. Spend time stuffing your toy correctly if you want to emulate what Heather has done – a little at a time is best, and don't stuff the arms and ears.



Rnds 9-13: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 14: (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 28 sts
Rnd 15: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
Insert safety eyes between Rnds 10-11, approx nine sts apart
Embroider nose and smile over Rnd 1 using black thread
Note: stuff as you go
Rnd 16: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 17: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
Rnd 18: (dc2tog) to

end. Six sts
Fasten off
body
Using 3.75mm hook and Bright Coral make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
Rnd 6: (5dc, 2dc in

next st) to end. 42 sts
Rnds 7-10: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Top Turquoise
Rnd 11: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 12: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts
Rnd 13-14: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Soft Yellow
Rnd 15: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 16: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts
Rnds 17-18: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Top Turquoise
Rnd 19: 1dc in each

st to end
Rnd 20: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
Rnds 21-22: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

tail
Using 3.75mm hook and Ombré make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnds 1-5: rep Rnds 1-5 of Body. 36 sts
Rnds 6-9: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 10: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts
Rnds 11-14: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 15: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
Note: stuff as you go, leaving last few rnds unstuffed
Rnds 16-19: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 20: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
Rnds 21-24: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 25: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
Rnds 26-27: 1dc in each st to end
Fold sides tog and, using yarn tail, oversew six sts, leaving a long tail

cheek
Make two
Using 3.75mm hook and Lovely Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

ear
Make two
Using 3.75mm hook and Bright Coral make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts
Rnd 1: 2dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc. Six sts
Rnds 2-3: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

arm
Make two
Using 3.75mm hook and Bright Coral make a magic ring, work 8dc into ring. Eight sts
Rnds 1-3: 1dc in each st to end
Fold sides tog and, using yarn tail, oversew four sts, leaving a long tail

foot
Make two
Using 3.75mm hook and Bright Coral make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnds 2-6: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

base of hat
Using 3.75mm hook and Soft Yellow make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnds 1-3: rep Rnds

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Lamb Toy



Unicorn Headband



1-3 of Body. 24 sts
Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

top of hat

Using 3.75mm
hook and Soft
Yellow make a
magic ring, work
6dc into ring.
Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each
st to end. 12 sts

Rnds 2-3: 1dc in
each st to end
Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

to make up

Stuff Top Of Hat
and attach to
Base Of Hat.
Attach Ears to
either side of Head
on Rnds 12-13. Sew
Cheeks to Head.

Sew hat to top of
Head. Sew Head
closed, then sew
to Body. Attach
Arms to either side
of Body on Rnd 18,
approx five sts
apart. Note: when
attaching Feet
and Tail, make
sure Body leans
forward slightly
to ensure your

toy balances
correctly. Stuff top
of Feet, leaving
last rnd unstuffed,
and sew to front
of Body on Rnd 6,
approx six sts
apart. Attach Tail
to back of Body,
tacking into place
on Body and Head
to secure. Weave
in all ends

Run out of yarn?

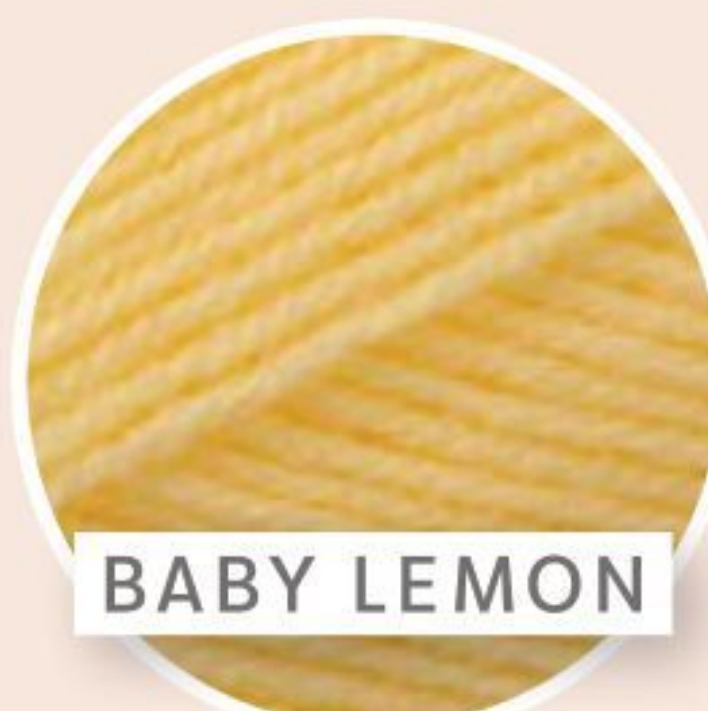
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embroidery
needle, fabric,
box frame,
tapestry
needle

SIZE
Small Flower
diameter: 4cm
Large Flower
diameter:
5.5cm



Take the
next step

SMALL FLOWER

Make 14

Using 3.75mm
needles and Yarn
A cast on 32 sts,
leaving a long tail

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: k1, (k1, sl st
back to LH needle,
lift next five sts
over first st on LH
needle, yfwd, k
first st again) five
times, k1. 12 sts

Row 3: p

Change to Yarn B,
leaving short tails

Row 4: k

Row 5: (p2tog) to
end. Six sts

Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread
tail onto tapestry
needle and thread
through rem sts,
fasten off

LARGE FLOWER

Make 11

Using 3.75mm
needles and Yarn
A cast on 56 sts,
leaving a long tail

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: k1, (k1, sl st
back to LH needle,
lift next five sts
over first st on LH
needle, yfwd, k
first st again) nine
times, k1. 20 sts

Row 3: p

Change to Yarn B,
leaving short tails

Row 4: k

Change to Yarn C,

leaving short tails

Row 5: (p2tog) to
end. Ten sts

Row 6: k

Row 7: (p2tog) to
end. Five sts
Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread
tail onto tapestry
needle and thread
through rem sts,
fasten off

to make up

Small Flowers:
using tapestry
needle and
cast-off tail of
Yarn B, work
gathering st
through cast-off
sts and join sides

of Flower tog to
colour change.
Use cast-on tail of
Yarn A to join rest
of sides tog.
Weave in all ends.
Large Flowers:
using tapestry
needle and
cast-off tail of
Yarn C, work
gathering st
through cast-off
sts and join sides
of Flower tog to
first colour
change. Use
cast-on tail of
Yarn A to join rest
of sides tog.
Weave in all ends.
To make picture,

use embroidery
needle and sewing
thread to tack
finished Flowers to
rectangle of fabric
(see Great Advice)
with small sts, then
fit finished piece
into box frame



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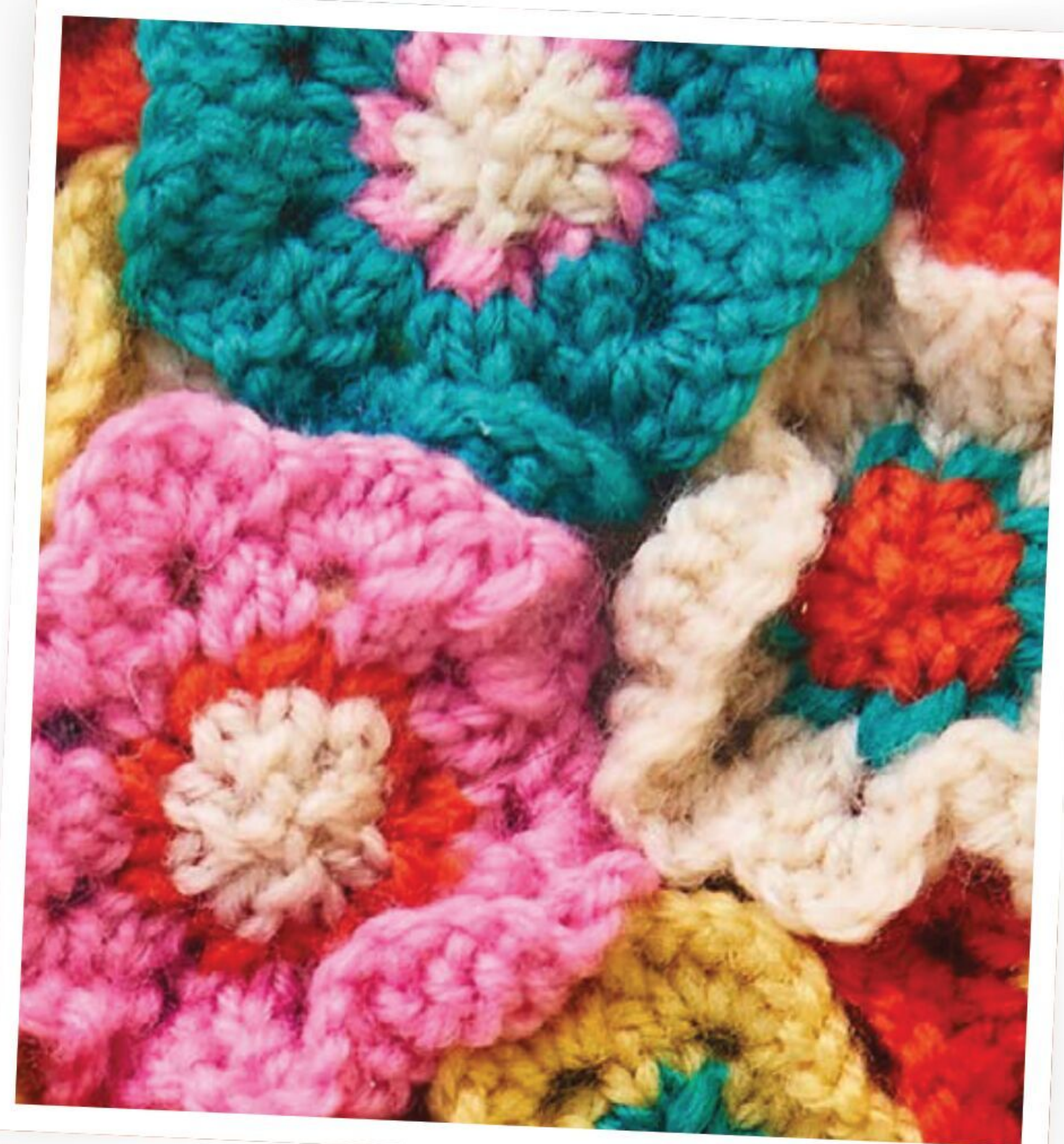
You'll be stitching
these flowers onto
fabric – our
oddment
measured 18cm x
23.5cm. Begin by
arranging the
picture from the
centre, placing a
few flowers on the
fabric at any one
time and sewing
them in place.

This approach
will enable you to
check the colours
look well balanced
and avoid ending
up with any
awkward empty
spaces. Rest
assured that you
don't have to be a
skilled stitcher,
just make sure
they're firmly
attached



MORE WAYS WITH YOUR FLOWERS

- Sew them together in a row to make a sweet floral garland
- Give one to a friend 'just because' – wouldn't that be lovely to receive inside a greetings card?
- Make a gorgeously modern wreath by adding a cluster to the corner of a wooden embroidery hoop
- Scatter them on your dining table for next-level tablescaping
- Add a couple onto a headband for the ultimate hair accessory







All about you

Have we ever told you how talented you are?

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LET'S GET CRAFTING SUPERFAN

I love to knit and crochet and I love your magazine! Here's my Maria doll from issue 138. I also crocheted the Andy and Jodie elephants from that issue, they are so cute!

Marianne Pearson, Bury St Edmunds

GNOME SWEET GNOME

I started up knitting again during lockdown in 2020 but hadn't knitted for years before that. I have enjoyed getting into toymaking and loved the details on Sachiyo Ishii's gnome.

Gillian Eales, Essex



A RIGHT ROYAL MAKE

I crocheted a miniature Queen Elizabeth for the Platinum Jubilee. The pattern I used was from Amour Fou by Carla Mitrani on Etsy. I really loved making her!

Linda Cummings



I've crocheted two crown postbox toppers for the Platinum Jubilee. I didn't have a pattern for it, I just adjusted as I crocheted – the second was much easier than the first! One will be put out for the Platinum Jubilee week in Heamoor Penzance, the second will be displayed in nearby Connor Downs, Cornwall.

Sue Rouncefield, Cornwall

💎 Ooh we're feeling all patriotic – what an amazing make!

I could knit as a teenager but didn't think about it for a few years. About six or seven years ago, I was sick on the sofa for a while and mentioned to my husband that I wanted to take knitting back up. He came home with a copy of Let's Get Crafting and I was blown away by all the toy patterns, so I also taught myself crochet. This is a photo of my huge amigurumi collection. It was all down to your magazine.

Kendra Hanna, Northern Ireland

💎 Wow! What a joyful collection you have, we're so happy to see them all together



I've been knitting and crocheting for about ten years and this Harry Potter blanket is my proudest achievement. I made it for my eight year-old daughter, and it took me nearly six months to finish as I have ME and Fibromyalgia, so I had to work on it on my good days. The pattern is a free one from Ravelry and it was a true labour of love but worth every second!

Tracy Roach, Uxbridge

💎 What an incredible achievement, Tracy. We absolutely love your blanket



"The pattern was a true labour of love but worth every second!"



What are your top
crochet tips?

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"Flip your work! When working in rounds make sure you're working into the front of the piece, and it's not all finished inside out"

@tracycoldwelldesign



"Use stitch markers on the first and last stitch of every row for straight edges"

@cocobelle79



"Don't worry about how you hold the working thread through your fingers. Eventually you'll just do it and it'll feel right"

@kathscreative



"If you can't master the magic ring, making 3ch and working the initial stitches into the first chain works very well!"

@loulou123666



"Don't worry if your technique is unconventional, if it works for you then it's RIGHT ❤️"

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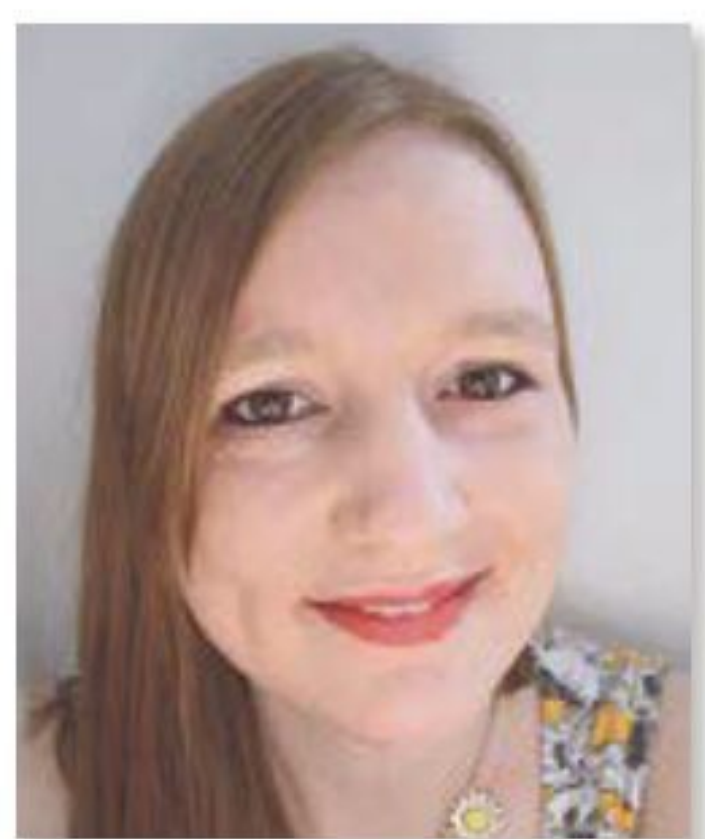
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PLUS: stuffing, six black 6mm safety eyes, stitch markers, embroidery needle, tapestry needle, craft wire
SIZE: Meerkat height: 9.5cm
 Owl height: 7cm
 Hedgehog length: 6.5cm
 Balloon height: 3.5cm
 Party Hat height (excl tufts and loop): 2cm
 Party Bag height: 3cm



HANNAH COOPER,
DESIGNER

“What’s cuter than mini amigurumi animals? Mini amigurumi animals at a party, of course! Over the next three issues, I’ll be sharing a variety of critters for you to crochet. Up first is this trio: a meerkat, hedgehog and owl. With party hats, party bags and balloons in tow. Aren’t they adorable? They’re made simply, but you will be working a little popcorn stitch for the hedgehog and incorporating craft wire so the balloons can ‘float’ – just make sure you curl the ends so no sharp edges poke out. You’ll be using every colour in your Apricot kit. Run out? Simply substitute them with other DK yarns. For a sneak peek at part two (eek, it’s amazing!) make sure you turn the page...”

Introducing our YOUR 3-PART



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next step

MEERKAT head

Using 3.75mm hook and Soft Yellow make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 2: 3dc, 2dc in each st to end. Nine sts
Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts
Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 15 sts
Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
Rnds 6-7: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 8: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
 Stuff firmly
 Insert safety eyes between Rnds 4-5, approx five sts apart
Rnd 9: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
 Fasten off

body

Using 3.75mm hook and Soft Yellow make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnd 2: (3dc, [2dc in next st] three times) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 3: 3dc, (2dc in

next st, 1dc) three times, 3dc, (2dc in next st, 1dc) to end. 24 sts

Rnds 4-5: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 6: (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 21 sts
Rnd 7: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 8: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 9: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 15 sts
Rnd 10: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
Rnds 11-14: 1dc in each st to end
 Stuff firmly
Rnd 15: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. Nine sts
Rnd 16: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. Six sts
 Fasten off

foot

Make two
 Using 3.75mm hook and Soft Yellow make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end
 Fasten off

tail

Using 3.75mm hook and Soft Yellow make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring. Four sts
Rnds 1-3: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 4: 2dc in next st, 1dc in each st to end. Five sts
Rnd 5: 2dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc. Six sts
Rnd 6: 1dc in each

st to end
 Fasten off

arm

Make two
 Using 3.75mm hook and Soft Yellow make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring. Four sts
Rnds 1-3: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 4: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Six sts
 Fasten off

ear

Make two
 Using 3.75mm hook and Light Vanilla make 3ch
 Fasten off

balloon

Cut 15cm length of wire and create loop at one end
 Using 3.75mm hook and Ombré make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnds 2-4: 1dc in each st to end
 Place wire loop inside and work around it as you go
Rnd 5: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. Nine sts
Rnds 6-7: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. Four sts
Rnd 8: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Six sts
 Fasten off

party hat

Using 3.75mm hook and Top Turquoise make a magic ring, work

6dc into ring.

Six sts

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts

Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 4: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end, one sl st. 12 sts

Fasten off

party bag

Using 3.75mm hook and Lovely Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: (3dc in next st) twice, 1dc, (3dc in next st) twice, 1dc. 14 sts

Rnd 2: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

Rnds 3-4: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 5: 3ch, miss two sts, 1dc,

dc3tog, 1dc, 3ch, miss two sts, 1dc,

dc3tog, 1dc. 12 sts

Rnd 6: 1dc in each st to end, working 3dc in each ch sp

Fasten off

to make up

Sew Head closed. Sew Head, Arms, Feet and Tail to Body. Sew Ears to Head. Thread yarn end of Balloon through last rnd and wrap it around Rnd 7 to tighten base. Thread wire end through Meerkat's hand. Place Party Hat on Head and wrap yarn end around chin to gauge required length. Secure to

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PARTY
animals

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other side of Hat to create strap. Cut 4" pieces of Soft Yellow, Lovely Pink and Bright Coral. Turn Hat inside out and sew middle of yarns to the top. Turn Hat RS out, thread

yarn ends through top of Hat and trim to 1". Weave in all ends

OWL **eye patch**

Make two
Using 3.75mm hook and Soft

Yellow make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join with a sl st in first st
Fasten off

head & body

Using 3.75mm hook and Light

Vanilla make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring.
Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 3: 7dc, place

st marker in seventh dc, 3dc, place st marker in third dc, 8dc

Rnds 4-6: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 7: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Insert safety eyes

through Eye Patches and then through Head between Rnds 3-4, approx three sts apart, where st markers were placed

CONTINUE CROCHETING

Rnd 8: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. Nine sts
Stuff firmly
Rnd 9: 2dc in each st to end. 18 sts
Rnd 10: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 11: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
Rnds 12-16: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 17: 12dc, (dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 18: dc2tog, 6dc, (dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
Stuff
Rnd 19: dc2tog, working in BLO, (dc2tog) three times, working in both loops, (dc2tog) twice
Fasten off

tail

Using 3.75mm hook, rejoin Light Vanilla to front loops left from Rnd 19 of Head & Body
Row 1: 1ch, 6dc, turn
Row 2: 1ch, 1dc, 1htr, 1tr, 1ch, 1tr, 1htr, 1dc
Fasten off

right wing

Using 3.75mm hook and Light Vanilla make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnd 2: 1htr, 2tr in next st, 1dtr, leave rem sts unworked
Fasten off

left wing

Using 3.75mm hook and Light Vanilla make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 2dc in each

st to end. 12 sts
Rnd 2: 3ch, turn, sl st in second ch from hook, 2tr in next st, 1htr, one sl st
Fasten off

beak

Using 3.75mm hook and Bright Coral make a magic ring, work 3dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st
Fasten off

foot

Make two
Using 3.75mm hook and Bright Coral make 5ch
Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, three sl sts, (4ch, turn, work in second ch from hook, three sl sts) twice, sl st in last ch left from start
Fasten off

tummy

Using 3.75mm hook and Soft Yellow make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnd 2: (3dc, [2dc in next st] three times) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 3: 3dc, (1dc, 2dc in next st) three times, 3dc, (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
Fasten off

balloon

Make two
Make as for Meerkat Balloon using Lovely Pink and Top Turquoise

party hat

Make as for Meerkat Party Hat using Ombré

party bag

Make as for Meerkat Party Bag using Bright Coral

to make up

Sew Head and Body closed. Sew Eye Patches and Beak to Head. Sew Wings, Tummy and Feet to Body. Complete Balloons as for Meerkat and thread wire end through Left Wing. Sew Party Bag to Right Wing. Complete Party Hat as for Meerkat, using Top Turquoise, Lovely Pink and Bright Coral for tufts. Weave in all ends

HEDGEHOG head & body

Using 3.75mm hook and Soft Yellow make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring.

Four sts

Rnd 1: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Six sts

Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts

Rnd 4: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 5: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 15 sts

Rnd 6: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 7: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Ombré

Rnd 8: 2dc, (popcorn st [see Skill Up], 1ch, 1htr) seven times, 2dc

Rnd 9: 2dc, (1dc in sl st, 1dc) seven times, 2dc
Insert safety eyes between Rnds 5-6, approx four sts apart so that eyes sit between third and fifth

popcorn sts

Rnd 10: rep Rnd 8

Rnd 11: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 12: 1dc, (popcorn st, 1ch, 1htr) five times, 1dc
Stuff

Rnd 13: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

foot

Make two

Using 3.75mm hook and Soft Yellow make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring. Four sts

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

balloon

Make as for Meerkat Balloon using Top Turquoise

COMING
NEXT ISSUE!

Make sure you pick up a copy of issue 142, on sale 9th June, for our party elephant, whale and giraffe



SKILL UP!

Popcorn stitch: 5tr in first st, remove hook and insert into first tr, grab loop and pull through existing st on hook





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Multi-strand C2C throw

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This blanket is one of **KATE ROWELL'S** absolute favourites. It's made using the 'corner to corner' method, which creates a grid-style pattern made of little squares. This technique produces a lovely texture, and by using all three yarn colourways at once, there are regular colour changes without the need to join new yarn and sew in ends! New to C2C crochet? This project is a great form of practice.

MULTI-STRAND C2C THROW

Hold all 3 yarns together throughout.

Row 1: Ch 6, dc into 4th ch from hook (skipped 3 chs count as ch space here and throughout), dc in remaining 2 chs to create first block

(1 block).
Increase Rows
Row 2: Ch 6, turn, dc into 4th ch from hook, dc in remaining 2 chs (first block made), sl st into next ch-3 space, ch 3, 3 dc in same space (2nd block made) (2 blocks).

Row 3: Ch 6, turn, dc into 4th ch

from hook, dc in remaining 2 chs, (sl st into next ch-3 space, ch 3, 3 dc in same space) across (3 blocks).
Rows 4-34: Repeat Row 3. Your stitch count will continue to increase by 1 block per row until you have a total of 34 blocks.

Decrease Rows
Row 35: Turn, ch 1, skip first dc, sl st in next 2 dc and into ch-3 space, ch 3, 3 dc in same space, (sl st into next ch-3 space, ch 3, 3 dc in same space) across until you reach the last ch-3 space, sl st in last ch-3 space (33 blocks).

Row 36: Turn, ch 1, skip first dc, sl st in next 2 dc and into ch-3 space, ch 3, 3 dc in same space, (sl st into next ch-3 space, ch 3, 3 dc in same space) across until you reach the last ch-3 space, sl st in last ch-3 space (32 blocks).

Rows 37-66: Repeat Row 36. Your stitch count will continue to decrease by 1 block per row until you have a total of 2 blocks.

Row 67: Turn, ch 1, skip first dc, sl st in next 2 dc and into ch-3 space, ch 3, 3 dc in same space, sl st in last ch-3 space, fasten off and sew in ends (1 block).

to make up

Holding all 3 yarns together, make 4 pom-poms and attach 1 to each corner



GREAT ADVICE

C2C METHOD

The 'corner to corner' technique is worked by creating blocks of stitches in diagonal rows, starting in one corner and ending in the opposite corner – as the name suggests.

Each 'block' is made up of three chain stitches and three double crochet stitches. Starting from the bottom right-hand corner, you work rows of blocks (increasing by one block each row) until you reach a desired number of blocks. You then start to decrease until you reach the opposite corner





This pattern comes from
Quick Crochet by Kate Rowell
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Let's Knit Together has teamed up with TikTok sensation Woolly McWoolface to bring members a varied collection of loveable children's characters, brought to life in knitted form. Already available are the friendly ogre Shrek, Disney's adorable Stitch, and best friends Winnie-the-Pooh and Piglet. Plus, more beloved characters are coming soon! Head to letsknit.co.uk/together to find out how to subscribe.



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If toy knits aren't your thing, but you still want to give the gift of character magic, check out this *Sesame Street* hat bundle – it includes a yarn and character topper for Big Bird, Elmo, Oscar or the Cookie Monster, allowing you to knit four characterful child-sized hats! The Sesame Street™ One Hat Wonder Bundle costs £20.91 from lionbrand.com



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Paige the doll

Elevate your dollmaking with embroidered details and make-up from your stash

PLUS
small amount of black yarn, stuffing, two 8mm black safety eyes, tapestry needle, blusher (optional)

SIZE
Doll height: 25cm
Bag width: 5cm



PAIGE THE DOLL leg

Make two

Using 3.75mm needles and Top Turquoise cast on 25 sts

Rows 1-5: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st
Change to Lovely Pink

Row 6: k9, k2tog, k3tog, k2tog, k9. 21 sts

Row 7: p7, p2tog, p3tog, p2tog, p7. 17 sts

Row 8: k5, k2tog, k3tog, k2tog, k5. 13 sts

Rows 9-13: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st

Rows 14-17: k
Change to Light Vanilla

Rows 18-27: starting with a p

(WS) row work in st st
Cast off

shoe sole

Make two

Using 3.75mm needles and Top Turquoise cast on five sts

Rows 1-7: k

Row 8: k2tog, k1, k2tog. Three sts
Cast off

shoe strap

Make two

Using 3.75mm needles and Top Turquoise cast on ten sts
Cast off

body & head

Using 3.75mm needles and Top Turquoise cast on 15 sts

Row 1 (RS): (kfb) to end. 30 sts

Rows 2-8: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st

Row 9: (k3, k2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rows 10-18: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st

Row 19: (k2, k2tog) to end. 18 sts
Change to Light Vanilla

Rows 20-24: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st

Row 25: (k1, k2tog) to end. 12 sts

Row 26: p2tog, p to last two sts, p2tog. Ten sts

Row 27: (kfb) to end. 20 sts

Row 28 and every even-numbered

row: p

Row 29: (k1, kfb) to end. 30 sts

Row 31: (k4, kfb) to end. 36 sts

Row 33: (k5, kfb) to end. 42 sts

Rows 34-44: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st

Row 45: (k5, k2tog) to end. 36 sts

Row 46 and every even-numbered

row: p
Row 47: (k3, k2tog) to last st, k1. 29 sts

Row 49: (k2, k2tog) to last st, k1. 22 sts

Row 51: (k1, k2tog) to last st, k1. 15 sts

Row 53: (k2tog) to last st, k1. Eight sts
Cut yarn leaving a

long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

arm

Make two

Using 3.75mm needles and Light Vanilla cast on ten sts

Rows 1-20: starting with a k (RS) row work in st st

Row 21: (k2tog) to end. Five sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

dress

Using 3.75mm needles and

Ombre cast on 29 sts

Rows 1-2: k

Row 3 (RS): k3, (kfb) 23 times, k3. 52 sts

Row 4: p

Row 5: k10, (kfb) eight times, k16, (kfb) eight times, k10. 68 sts

Row 6: p

Row 7: k

Row 8: p10, cast off 16 sts, p16, cast off 16 sts, p10. 36 sts

Row 9: k9, k2tog, k14, k2tog, k9. 34 sts

Row 10: p

Row 11: k8, (kfb) 18 times, k8. 52 sts

Rows 12-20:

starting with a p (WS) row work in st st

Change to Bright



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Coral

Rows 21-24: k

Rows 25: (k1, kfb)
to end. 78 sts

Rows 26-30:

starting with a p
(WS) row work in
st st

Cast off

headband

Using 3.75mm
needles and Bright
Coral cast on
30 sts

Row 1 (RS): k

Row 2: p

Cast off

collar

Using 3.75mm
needles and Bright
Coral cast on
56 sts

Row 1 (RS): k

Row 2: p

Cast off

to make up

With seam at back of Body and Head, sew cast-on sts tog and sew up row edges on WS, leaving fastened-off sts at top of Head open. Insert safety eyes. Turn RS out and stuff firmly, gather up fastened-off sts and secure. Cut 50cm lengths of Soft Yellow and sew centre of strands down middle of Head for

hair. Using Soft Yellow, embroider fringe. Secure hair where ears should be. Plait hair and secure with Lovely Pink bow at each end. Use black yarn to embroider mouth and Light Vanilla to embroider nose. Apply blusher to cheeks. Sew Headband around top of Head. Embroider small dots with Lovely Pink. Gather up fastened-off sts of Arms and sew up row edges on WS. Turn RS out and

stuff. Sew Arms to Body. Sew row edges of Legs tog, leaving seam at back on WS. Place Shoe Soles on bottom of Legs and sew. Turn RS out and stuff, sew up top of Leg and attach Legs to Body. Sew Straps to Shoes. Sew row edges of Dress tog. Place Collar around neck and sew. Place Dress on doll. Thread length of Bright Coral around waist and tie in a bow. Weave in all ends



"I've used some blusher to bring my doll to life – go in lightly, because it's easy to add more but harder to take away!"

NICOLA VALIJI, DESIGNER

BAG side

Make two

Using 3.75mm
needles and Top
Turquoise cast on
six sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: k1, m1, k to
last st, m1, k1.
Eight sts

Row 3: p

Rows 4-7: rep
Rows 2-3 twice.
12 sts

Rows 8-12:

starting with a k
(RS) row work in
st st
Cast off

handle

Make two

Using 3.75mm
needles and Top
Turquoise cast on
16 sts

Row 1 (RS): k

Row 2: p
Cast off

to make up

Sew two Sides
tog, leaving
cast-off edge
open. Embroider
flower on one
side of bag
using Soft Yellow
and Lovely Pink.
Sew cast-off and
cast-on edges
of Handles tog.
Sew Handles to
bag. Weave in
all ends





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UNICORN, THEN
TURN OVER FOR
THE PATTERN...





PLUS

two 8mm black eye beads or safety eyes, sewing thread, stuffing, tapestry needle

SIZE

Height: 14cm



Perfect for beginners

KNITTED UNICORN body

Using 3.75mm needles and Light Vanilla cast on 12 sts

Row 1 (WS) and every odd-numbered row: p

Row 2: (k1, kfb) three times, (kfb, k1) to end. 18 sts

Row 4: (k2, kfb) three times, (kfb, k2) to end. 24 sts

Row 6: (k3, kfb) three times, (kfb, k3) to end. 30 sts

Row 8: (k4, kfb) three times, (kfb, k4) to end. 36 sts

Rows 9-17: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 18: (k4, k2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rows 19-23: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 24: (k3, k2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rows 25-27:

starting with a p row work in st st

Row 28: (k2, k2tog) to end. 18 sts

Row 29: p
Cast off

head

Using 3.75mm needles and Soft Yellow cast on 12 sts

Rows 1-8: rep Rows 1-8 of Body. 36 sts

Rows 9-15: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 16: (k4, k2tog) to end. 30 sts

Change to Light Vanilla

Rows 17-21: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 22: (k3, k2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rows 23-25: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 26: (k2, k2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rows 27-29:

starting with a p row work in st st
Row 30: (k1, k2tog) to end. 12 sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

front leg

Make two

Using 3.75mm needles and Lovely Pink cast on ten sts

Row 1 (WS): (p1, pfb) to end. 15 sts

Row 2: k

Row 3 (edge): k
Rows 4-7: starting with a k row work in st st

Change to Light Vanilla

Row 8: k5, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k5. 13 sts

Rows 9-17: starting with a p row work in st st
Cast off

back leg

Make two

Using 3.75mm

needles and Top Turquoise cast on 12 sts

Row 1 (WS): (p1, pfb) three times, (pfb, p1) to end. 18 sts

Row 2: k

Row 3 (edge): k

Rows 4-9: starting with a k row work in st st

Row 10: k7, (k2tog) twice, k7. 16 sts

Row 11: p

Row 12: k7, k2tog, k7. 15 sts

Rows 13-15: starting with a p row work in st st
Cast off

ear

Make two

Using 3.75mm needles and Light Vanilla cast on six sts

Rows 1-3: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st

Row 4: k1, (k2tog) twice, k1. Four sts

Row 5: p

Row 6: (k2tog) twice. Two sts

Pass first st over second and fasten off

horn

Using 3.75mm needles and Top Turquoise cast on seven sts

Rows 1-3: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st

Row 4: k1, (k2tog, k1) to end. Five sts

Row 5: p

Row 6: k

Row 7: p2tog, p1, p2tog. Three sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

hair

Make four

Using 3.75mm needles and

Ombre cast on 75 sts

Cast off

Wrap around knitting needle to shape

tail

Cut Ombre to approx 80cm and tie ends tog. Fold three so you have six strands lying parallel. Hold both ends and twist yarn tightly until it folds up on itself, insert one end slightly through the other to secure (in the same manner you would twist and secure a skein of yarn) and tie end with another length of yarn. Cut loops of tied end and trim

to make up

With cast-on yarn end of Body, work gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly. Sew Body seam to cast-off edge and stuff. Fold Back Leg piece in half longways and sew sole. Sew Leg seam to cast-off edge and stuff. With threaded needle, pierce Leg from sole and take needle out from decreased row on Leg and rep. Pull thread to flatten sole and shape ankle. Sew Legs to Body. Rep for Front Legs. With fastened-off yarn end of Head, sew seam halfway. With cast-on yarn end, work gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly. Sew seam halfway, attach safety eyes if using. Stuff Head and close seam. Attach Ears. With fastened-off yarn end of Horn, sew seam to cast-off edge and attach to Head. Attach eye beads if using. With Bright Coral, embroider nostrils and mouth. Sew Head to Body. Sew Hair to Head, attaching it three quarters of the way along each strand so that both ends are free. Attach Tail to Body. Weave in all ends



PLUS
two 8mm black
eye beads or
safety eyes,
sewing thread,
stuffing,
tapestry
needle

SIZE
Height: 14cm



Perfect for
beginners

CROCHET UNICORN

Note: this pattern is worked in joined rnds, join with a sl st to first dc after each rnd. 1ch at beg of each rnd does not count as a st throughout

body

Using 3.75mm hook and Light Vanilla make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in

next st) to end.

24 sts

Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

Rnds 6-8: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 9: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rnds 10-13: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 14: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnds 15-16: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 17: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Fasten off

head

Using 3.75mm hook and Soft Yellow make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnds 1-9: rep Rnds 1-9 of Body. 30 sts
Change to Light Vanilla

Rnds 10-12: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 13: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 14: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 15: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Insert safety eyes if using Stuff

Rnd 16: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 17: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

front leg

Make two

Using 3.75mm hook and Lovely Pink make a magic ring, work 7dc into ring. Seven sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 14 sts

Rnd 2: 1ch, working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

Rnds 3-4: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Light Vanilla

Rnd 5: 5dc, (dc2tog) twice, 5dc. 12 sts

Rnds 6-11: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

back leg

Make two

Using 3.75mm hook and Top Turquoise make a magic ring, work 8dc into ring. Eight sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 16 sts

Rnd 2: 1ch, working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

Rnds 3-4: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 5: 6dc, (dc2tog) twice, 6dc. 14 sts

Rnd 6: 6dc, dc2tog, 6dc. 13 sts

Rnds 7-9: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 10: 1dc, (dc2tog, 1dc) to end. Nine sts

Fasten off

ear

Make two

Using 3.75mm hook and Light Vanilla make 5ch
Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Four sts

Row 2: 1ch, 1dc in each st to

end, turn

Row 3: 1ch, (dc2tog) twice, turn. Two sts

Row 4: 1ch, dc2tog. One st
Fasten off

horn

Using 3.75mm hook and Top Turquoise make 6ch

Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Five sts

Rows 2-3: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

Row 4: 1ch, dc2tog, 1dc, dc2tog, turn. Three sts

Row 5: 1ch, 1dc, dc2tog. Two sts

Row 6: 1ch, dc2tog. One st
Fasten off

hair

Make four

Using 3.75mm hook and Ombré make 51ch

Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off
Wrap around knitting needle to shape

tail

Make as for Knitted Unicorn Tail



to make up

Stuff Body. Stuff Back Legs and attach to Body. Stuff Front Legs and sew to Body. Attach eye beads if using. With Bright Coral, embroider nostrils and mouth. Attach Ears. Fold Horn piece in half longways and sew sides tog. Add more stuffing to Head and weave through fastened-off edge. Sew Horn to Head. Sew Head to Body. Sew Hair to Head. Attach Tail. Weave in all ends



PLUS
tapestry
needle

SIZE
10cm square

Granny squares

'Wow' is the only word to describe these updated classics

How frickin' glorious are these grannies by **SARAH-JANE HICKS**?

We love every single one from the perfect-for-beginners classic design to the mouth-watering strawberry option and everything in between. Plus, that gingham number is bang on trend. Make a load and sew them together to create a cushion cover, summery table runner, vibrant blanket... the choice is yours!



Perfect for beginners

CLASSIC

Using 3.75mm hook and Soft Yellow make 4ch

Note: first 3ch counts as tr throughout

Rnd 1: starting in fourth ch from hook, 2tr, 2ch, (3tr, 2ch) three times, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. Four 3tr clusters

Rnd 2: sl st to 2ch sp, change to Bright Coral, (3ch, 2tr, 2ch, 3tr) in 2ch sp, ([3tr, 2ch, 3tr] in next 2ch sp) three times, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. Eight 3tr

clusters

Rnd 3: sl st to 2ch sp, change to Lovely Pink, (3ch, 2tr, 2ch, 3tr) in 2ch sp, 3tr in sp between 3tr clusters, ([3tr, 2ch, 3tr] in 2ch sp, 3tr in sp between 3tr clusters) three times, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 12 3tr clusters

Rnd 4: sl st to 2ch sp, change to Top Turquoise, (3ch, 2tr, 2ch, 3tr) in 2ch sp, 3tr in each of next two sps between 3tr clusters, ([3tr, 2ch, 3tr] in next 2ch sp, 3tr in each of next two sps between 3tr clusters) three times, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 16 3tr clusters

Change to Light

Vanilla

Rnd 5: 1ch, (1dc in each st to corner, [1dc, 2ch, 1dc] in corner) four times, 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to top of first st. 56 sts

Fasten off

STRAWBERRY

Work as for Classic in Soft Yellow with no colour changes

Fasten off

strawberry motif

Using 3.75mm hook and Lovely Pink make 4ch

Note: first 3ch counts as tr throughout

Rnd 1: starting in fourth ch from hook, 2tr, 2dtr, (3tr, 2dtr) twice, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 15 sts

Rnd 2: 3ch, 1tr in

first st, 1tr, 2tr in next st, (1tr, 2dtr) in next st, (2dtr, 1tr) in next st, (2tr in next st, 1tr, 2tr in next st, [1tr, 2dtr] in next st, [2dtr, 1tr] in next st) twice, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 33 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

leaves & stalk

Using 3.75mm hook, join Top Turquoise to top middle tr of Strawberry, make 4ch, 1dc in second ch from hook, 1tr, 1dc, 4ch, sl st in second ch from hook, two sl sts, 4ch, 1dc in second ch from hook, 1tr, 1dc, sl st in top middle tr of Strawberry

GINGHAM

Note: each row is worked in two

colours, with blocks of three sts in each colour, do not fasten off between colour changes but carry yarn across row and work sts around yarn to enclose thread. First 3ch counts as tr throughout

Using 3.75mm hook and Light Vanilla make 20ch

Row 1: 1tr in fourth ch from hook, 1tr, (change to Lovely Pink, 3tr, change to Light Vanilla, 3tr) to end, turn. 18 sts

Change to Bright Coral

Row 2: 3ch, 2tr, (change to Lovely Pink, 3tr, change to Bright Coral, 3tr) to end, turn

Change to Light Vanilla

Row 3: 3ch, 2tr, (change to Lovely Pink, 3tr, change

to Light Vanilla, 3tr) to end, turn

Rows 4-9: rep Rows 2-3 three times

Fasten off

FLOWER GARDEN

Using 3.75mm hook and Top Turquoise make 4ch

Note: 3ch counts as first tr throughout

Rnd 1: starting in fourth ch from hook, 2tr, 2ch, (3tr, 2ch) three times, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 12 sts

Rnd 2: 3ch, 2tr, (2tr, 2ch, 2tr) in ch sp, (3tr, [2tr, 2ch, 2tr] in ch sp) three times, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 28 sts

Rnd 3: 4ch, (counts as 1tr, 1ch), miss one st, 3tr, (2tr, 2ch, 2tr) in ch sp, (3tr, 1ch, miss one st, 3tr, [2tr, 2ch, 2tr] in ch sp) three times, 2tr, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 44 sts

Rnd 4: 3ch, 1tr in ch sp, 5tr, (2tr, 2ch, 2tr) in corner, (5tr, 1tr in ch sp, 5tr, [2tr,



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SARAH-JANE HICKS, DESIGNER



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2ch, 2tr] in corner) three times, 4tr, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch.

60 sts

Rnd 5: 1ch, (1dc in each st to corner, [1dc, 2ch, 1dc] in corner) four times, 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to top of first st. 68 sts
Fasten off

flower

Make four

Using 3.75mm hook, join Ombré around tr on one side of ch sp on Rnd 3 of Flower Garden square
Rnd 1: * 3ch, 2tr around tr, 3ch, sl st around tr, rep from *, sl st around tr on other side of ch sp on Rnd 3 and rep from * twice more, join with a sl st to base of first 3ch
Fasten off

SUNSHINE

Using 3.75mm hook and Soft Yellow make 3ch
Note: first 2ch counts as htr throughout unless otherwise stated
Rnd 1: starting in third ch from hook, 8htr, join with a sl st to top

of first 2ch. Nine sts

Rnd 2: 2ch, 1htr, 2htr in each st to end, join with a sl st to top of first 2ch. 18 sts

Rnd 3: 2ch, 2htr in next st, (1htr, 2htr in next st) eight times, join with a sl st to top of first 2ch. 27 sts

Rnd 4: 2ch, 1htr, 2htr in next st, (2htr, 2htr in next st) eight times, join with a sl st to top of first 2ch. 36 sts
Change to Lovely Pink

Rnd 5: 3ch (counts as tr), 3tr BLO, (2dtr BLO, 2ch, 2dtr BLO) in next st, (8tr BLO, [2dtr BLO, 2ch, 2dtr BLO] in next st) three times, 4tr

BLO, join with a sl st to first dc. 48 sts

Rnd 6: 3ch (counts as tr), 5tr, (2tr, 2ch, 2tr) in next ch sp, (12tr, [2tr, 2ch, 2tr] in next ch sp) three times, 6tr, join with a sl st to first dc. 64 sts
Fasten off

sunrays

Using 3.75mm hook, join Bright Coral with a sl st to first unworked front loop between Rnds 4-5 on Sunshine square

Rnd 1: (miss one st, [1dc FLO, 1htr FLO, 2ch, 1htr FLO, 1dc FLO] in next st, miss one st, sl st FLO in next st) to end. Nine points made

BLOCK

Using 3.75mm hook and Light Vanilla make 4ch
Note: first 3ch counts as tr throughout

Rnd 1: starting in fourth ch from hook, 2tr, 2ch, (3tr, 2ch) three times,

join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. Four 3tr clusters

Join Ombré to 2ch sp before first 3tr cluster of Rnd 1

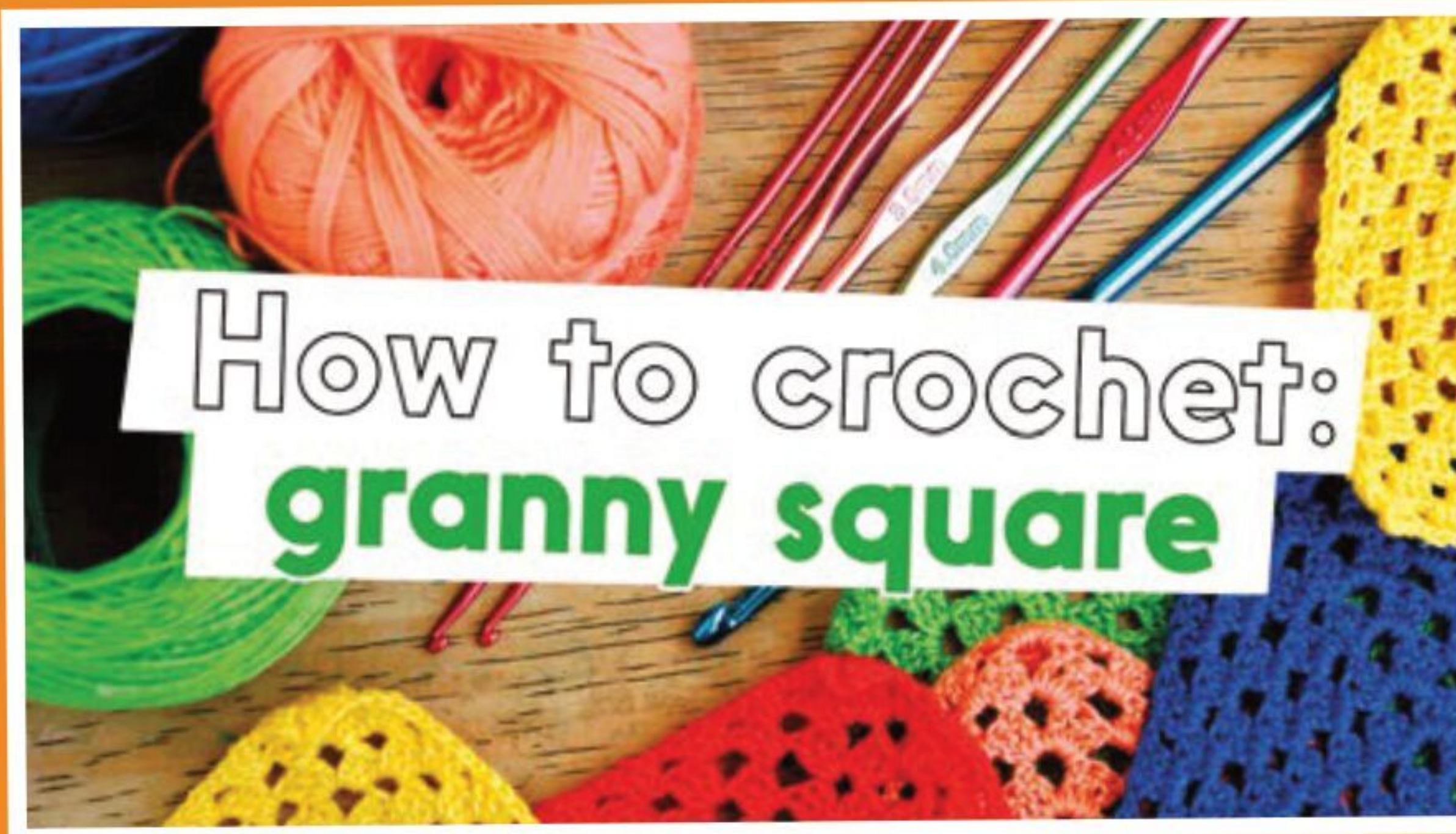
Rnd 2: 1ch, 1dc, 3ch, ([1dc, 2ch, 1dc] in 2ch sp, 3ch) three times, 1dc, 2ch, join with a sl st to top of first st. Eight sts, four 3ch sps

Join Light Vanilla to 3ch sp above first 3tr cluster of Rnd 1

Rnd 3: 3ch, 2tr in same 3ch sp, (3tr, 2ch, 3tr) in 2ch sp, (3tr in 3ch sp, [3tr, 2ch, 3tr] in 2ch sp) three times, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 12 3tr clusters

Join Ombré to sp before first 3tr cluster of Rnd 3

Rnd 4: 1ch, (1dc in sp between 3tr cluster, 3ch) twice, (1dc, 2ch, 1dc) in 2ch sp, 3ch, ([1dc in sp between 3tr cluster, 3ch] twice, [1dc, 2ch, 1dc] in 2ch sp, 3ch) three times, join with a sl st to top of first st. 16 sts and 12



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3ch sps

Join Light Vanilla to 3ch sp above first 3tr cluster of Rnd 3

Rnd 5: 3ch, 2tr in same 3ch sp, 3tr in next 3ch sp, (3tr, 2ch, 3tr) in 2ch sp, ([3tr in 3ch sp] three times, [3tr, 2ch, 3tr] in 2ch sp) three times, 3tr in 3ch sp, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 20 3tr clusters
Change to Ombré
Rnd 6: 1ch, (1dc in each st to corner, [1dc, 2ch, 1dc] in corner) four times,

1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to top of first st. 68 dc
Fasten off

to make up

Weave in all ends. For Strawberry square, use Light Vanilla to embroider seeds on Strawberry with small straight sts. Sew Strawberry to square. For Sunshine square, sew Sunray points in place with a few small sts

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Adriana Alpaca

Want to improve your amigurumi toys?
Add some tassels!

This lovely alpaca named by @linzlovescrafts on Instagram is sporting seven tassels in total and we're all for it. The little tufty ones evoke so much character. The neck accessory? Stylish doesn't cover it. Made with simple stitches and uncomplicated shapes, this amigurumi pattern by **SARAH-JANE HICKS** is a must for first-timers and those of you with skills up the wazoo too.

PLUS
stuffing, small amount of black yarn, tapestry needle

SIZE
Height (excl tufts): 20cm



ADRIANA ALPACA head & neck

Using 3.75mm hook and Soft Yellow make 2ch
Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from



GREAT ADVICE

HOW TO MAKE A TASSEL

Take equal lengths of yarn and fold in half – for our larger tassels here, you'll be using 8cm lengths to make a 4cm tassel. Tie a separate length of yarn around the top third of the folded yarn and knot securely. You can then pull this length into the body of the tassel to hide it neatly



hook. Six sts
Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 4: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 5: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
Rnd 6: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
Rnds 7-13: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 14: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts
Rnd 15: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 16: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
Rnds 17-23: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

nose

Using 3.75mm hook and Light Vanilla make 2ch
Rnds 1-3: rep Rnds 1-3 of Head & Neck. 18 sts
Rnds 4-6: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

ear

Make two

Using 3.75mm hook and Light Vanilla make 2ch
Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts
Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts
Rnds 3-6: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 7: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

body

Using 3.75mm hook and Soft Yellow make 2ch
Rnds 1-6: rep Rnds 1-6 of Head & Neck. 36 sts
Rnds 7-10: 1dc in each st to end
Work in foll stripe sequence: two rows Bright Coral, two rows Soft Pink, two rows Bright Coral, five rows Light Vanilla
Rows 11-21: 1dc in each st to end
Cont in Light Vanilla only
Rnd 22: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts
Rnd 23: (3dc, dc2tog) to end.

24 sts

Rnd 24: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 25: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 26: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

front leg

Make two

Using 3.75mm hook and Light Vanilla make 2ch
Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts
Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Note: change to Soft Yellow after Rnd 6
Rnds 3-10: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

back leg

Make two

Make as for Front Leg without colour change

tail

Using 3.75mm hook and Light Vanilla make 2ch
Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts
Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end.

Nine sts

Rnds 3-5: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 6: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

blanket

Using 3.75mm hook and Bright Coral make 17ch
Rnd 1: 2dc in second ch from hook, 14dc, 3dc in last ch, work along underside of ch as folls: 14dc, 1dc in same st as first 2dc, join with a sl

st to first st. 34 sts
Change to Lovely Pink

Rnd 2: 1ch, (2dc in next st) twice, 14dc, (2dc in next st) three times, 14dc, 2dc in last st, join with a sl st to first st. 40 sts
Change to Top Turquoise
Rnd 3: 1ch, (1dc, 2dc in next st) twice, 14dc, (1dc, 2dc in next st) three times, 15dc, 2dc in last st. 46 sts
Fasten off



to make up

Embroider small v sts for eyes using black yarn. Embroider x for nose using Bright Coral. Stuff Head and Neck. Stuff Nose and sew to Head. Flatten Ears, fold in half at base, and sew to Head. Stuff Body and Legs. Sew Head & Neck and Legs to Body. Flatten Tail and sew to Body. Using Top Turquoise, attach 2cm tassel to top of each Ear. With Ombré, attach 2cm tassel to top of Tail. Make four 4cm tassels using Top Turquoise, Lovely Pink, Ombré and Bright Coral. Thread onto length of Top Turquoise and tie in a bow around Neck. Sew tassels in place at front of Body with a few small sts. Sew Blanket on back of Body with a few small sts. Weave in all ends



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PROJECT
OVERLEAF





PLUS

two 8mm black safety eyes or eye beads, small amount of dark brown DK, stuffing, two 1cm orange buttons, two pairs of snap buttons, sewing needle and thread, stitch holder, tapestry needle

SIZE

Hippo height: 20cm
Bag width: 8.5cm
Hat circumference: 24cm



Take the next step

BEACH BABE legs & body

Note: working right Leg first
* Using 3.75mm needles and Bright Coral cast on 12 sts
Row 1 (WS): p
Row 2: (k1, kfb) three times, (kfb, k1) to end. 18 sts
Row 3: p
Row 4 (edge): p
Row 5: p
Row 6: k
Change to Lovely Pink
Rows 7-15: starting



That big grin says it all – **SACHIYO ISHII'S** hippo loves a paddle more than anything else in the world. And there's so much that we love about this make. The effortless ruffles on the swimsuit, the multicoloured hat (thank you, variegated yarn) and those vibrant orange buttons. Plus, who knew nostrils could be so cute? Follow Sachiyo's expert pattern and be thrilled at the result.

with a p row work in st st *
Cut yarn, keep sts on holder
Rep from * to * for left Leg and cont to Body
Change to Top Turquoise
Row 16: k18 (left Leg), k18 (right

Leg), connecting both legs. 36 sts
Row 17: p
Row 18: (k5, kfb) three times, (kfb, k5) to end. 42 sts
Row 19: p
Row 20: (k6, kfb) three times, (kfb, k6) to end. 48 sts
Rows 21-25:

starting with a p row work in st st
Change to Soft Yellow
Row 26: k
Row 27: p
Row 28: (k6, k2tog) to end. 42 sts
Rows 29-33: starting with a p

row work in st st

Row 34: (k5, k2tog) to end. 36 sts

Row 35: p
Change to Lovely Pink

Rows 36-39: starting with a k row work in st st

Row 40: (k4, k2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rows 41-45: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 46: (k3, k2tog) to end. 24 sts

Row 47: p
Cast off

head

Using 3.75mm needles and Light Vanilla cast on 12 sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (k1, kfb) three times, (kfb, k1) to end. 18 sts

Row 3 and every odd-numbered row: p

Row 4: (k2, kfb) three times, (kfb, k2) to end. 24 sts

Row 6: (k3, kfb) three times, (kfb, k3) to end. 30 sts

Row 8: (k4, kfb) three times, (kfb, k4) to end. 36 sts

Row 10: (k5, kfb) three times, (kfb, k5) to end. 42 sts

Rows 11-19: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 20: (k1, k2tog) to end. 28 sts

Change to Lovely Pink

Rows 21-33: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 34: (k2, k2tog) to end. 21 sts

Row 35: p

Row 36: (k1, k2tog) to end. 14 sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

ear

Make two

Using 3.75mm needles and Lovely Pink cast on 14 sts

Note: colour in brackets foll instruction indicates which yarn to use

Row 1 (WS): p8 (Lovely Pink), p6 (Light Vanilla)

Note: keep colours correct as set and cross yarn at colour change to avoid holes

Row 2: k

Row 3: p

Row 4: (k1, k2tog) three times, k2, k2tog, k1. Ten sts

Row 5: p

Row 6: (k2tog) to end. Five sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

Run out of yarn?

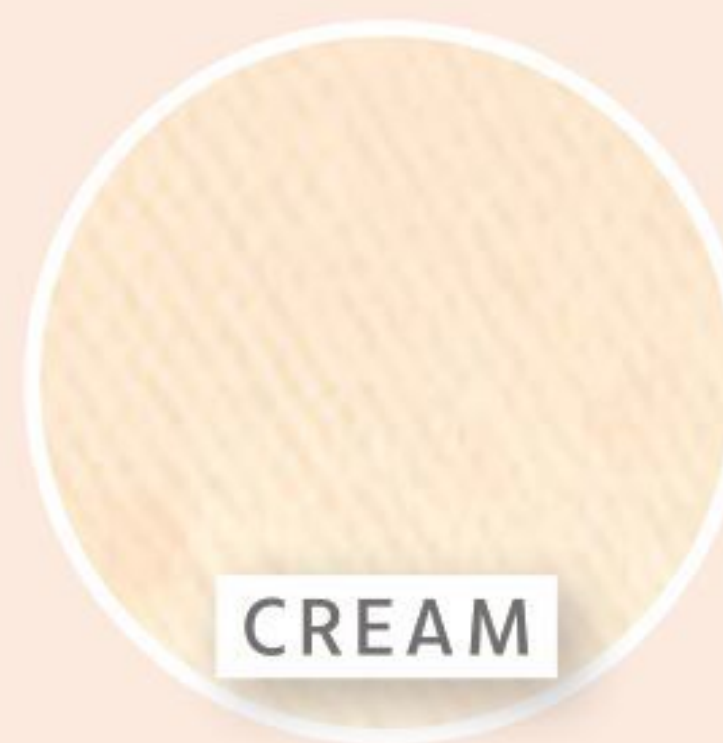
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nostril**Make two**

Using 3.75mm needles and Light Vanilla cast on ten sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off
Sew ends tog to make semicircle

arm**Make two**

Using 3.75mm needles and Bright Coral cast on seven sts

Row 1 (WS) and every odd-numbered row: p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 14 sts

Row 4 (edge): p

Row 6: k

Change to Lovely Pink

Rows 7-13: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 14: k1, k2tog, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 12 sts

Rows 15-21:

starting with a p row work in st st
Cast off

SWIMSUIT

Using 3.75mm needles and Top Turquoise cast on 100 sts

Rows 1-4: starting with a k (RS) row work in st st

Row 5: (k2tog) to end. 50 sts

Change to Soft Yellow

Rows 6-9: (k1, p1)



to end

Change to Top Turquoise

Rows 10-13:

starting with a p row work in st st
Change to Soft Yellow

Rows 14-16:

starting with a p row work in st st

Row 17: (k8, k2tog) to end. 45 sts

Row 18: k1, (p1, k1) to end

Row 19: p1, (k1, p1) to end

Cast off in rib

strap**Make two**

Using 3.75mm needles and Soft Yellow cast on five sts

Row 1: k1, (p1, k1) to end

Row 2: p1, (k1, p1)

to end

Rows 3-30: rep Rows 1-2 14 times
Cast off in rib

HAT

Using 3.75mm needles and Ombré cast on 12 sts

Rows 1-6: rep Rows 1-6 of Head. 30 sts

Row 7: p

Row 8 (create ear holes): k9, cast off next st (one loop on RH needle), k9, cast off next st, k to end. 28 sts

Row 9: p9, cast on one st, p10, cast on one st, p to end. 30 sts

Rows 10-14:

starting with a k row work in st st

Row 15 (brim edge): k

Row 16: k1, (kfb) to last st, k1. 58 sts

Row 17: p

Row 18: k2, (kfb, k2) to last two sts, k2. 76 sts

Rows 19-20: (k1,

p1) to end

Cast off in rib

BAG

Using 3.75mm needles and Bright Coral cast on 40 sts

Rows 1-3: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st

Row 4: k2, (yfwd, k2tog) to end

Rows 5-15: rep Rows 1-4 twice then Rows 1-3 again

Rows 16-18: k
Cast off kwise

strap**Make two**

Using 3.75mm needles and Bright Coral cast on 30 sts
Cast off

to make up

With cast-on yarn end of Body, work gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly. Sew sole of foot and Leg

seam as far as crotch. Rep for other Leg. Sew back seam halfway and stuff Legs. Thread Bright Coral and insert needle from opening of Body, take needle out from centre of sole and rep. Pull thread to flatten sole. Stuff Body and sew back seam up to cast-off edge. With fastened-off yarn end of Head, sew seam halfway. With cast-on yarn end, work gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly. Sew seam halfway. Attach safety eyes if using. Stuff Head and close seam. Seam Ear, sew bottom side corners tog and attach to Head. Rep for other Ear. Attach eye beads

if using. Attach Nostrils. With dark brown DK, embroider mouth. Sew Head to Body. With cast-on yarn end of Arms, work gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly. Seam Arm and stuff. Thread Bright Coral and insert needle to Arm, take needle out from centre of cast-on centre and rep. Pull thread to shape. Sew Arms to Body. Seam Swimsuit. Sew Straps to Swimsuit, sewing buttons on front and snap buttons on back. Dress Hippo. With cast-on yarn end of Hat, work gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly. Seam Hat. Seam Bag and sew Straps to Bag. Weave in all ends



"I love our hippo's little handbag – why not make it for more toys in your collection?"

ROSIE SAVAGE, EDITOR

USE YOUR
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PLUS
tapestry
needle, longer
pair of 3.75mm
needles or
3.75mm circular
needles
(optional)

SIZE
Circumference:
46cm

Jubilee accessory

This kid's pattern by Dawn Finney really takes the crown

Whether you're having a street party or celebrating from the comfort of your own garden, how much more fun will this year's Jubilee festivities be with a knitted crown in tow? Better still, make a bunch and get them out for birthday parties and the like for years to come. You'll learn how to sl 2, cdd pwise and MB with this pattern too – bettering your skillset, the Queen would be proud!



JUBILEE ACCESSORY

Using 3.75mm needles and Top Turquoise cast on 182 sts, leaving a long tail

Row 1 (RS): k1, (k9, sl 2 [see Skill Up], k1, p2sso, k8) nine times, k1. 164 sts

Row 2: p1, (k7, cdd pwise, k8) nine times, p1. 146 sts

Row 3: k1, (k7, sl 2, k1, p2sso, k6) nine times, k1. 128 sts

Row 4: p1, (k5, cdd pwise, k6) nine times, p1. 110 sts



SKILL UP!

sl 2: slip two sts kwise at the same time

cdd pwise: one by one slip the next two sts kwise. Insert the tip of the LH needle into both slipped sts from right to left and slip them back onto the LH needle (this reverses their order), p3tog

MB (make bobble): k into front, back and front of the same st (three sts), turn and p3, turn and k3, turn and p3, turn and k3, then pass worked sts two and then one on RH needle over third (one st)

Change to Bright Coral, leaving short tails

Row 5: k

Row 6 and every even-numbered row: p

Row 7: k1, (k1, yfwd, k4, sl 2, k1, p2sso, k4, yfwd), nine times, k1

Row 9: k1, (k2, yfwd, k3, sl 2, k1, p2sso, k3, yfwd, k1), nine times, k1

Row 11: k1, (k3, yfwd, k2, sl 2, k1,

p2sso, k2, yfwd, k2), nine times, k1

Row 13: k1, (k4, yfwd, k1, sl 2, k1, p2sso, k1, yfwd, k3), nine times, k1

Row 15: k1, (k5, yfwd, sl 2, k1, p2sso, yfwd, k4), nine times, k1

Row 16: p
Change to Top Turquoise, leaving short tails

Rows 17-20: k
Change to Ombré, leaving short tails

Row 21: k

Row 22: p
Change to Light Vanilla, do not cut Ombré

Note: colour in brackets foll instruction indicates which yarn to use

Row 23: k1 (Ombré), (MB [Light Vanilla], k3 [Ombré]) to last st, k1 (Ombré)

Cut Light Vanilla, leaving a short tail



GREAT ADVICE

SIZING UP AND DOWN

Fancy being a prince or princess yourself, or looking to make a gift for a regal baby? To easily scale this crown up or down, work additional or fewer repetitions of the points, changing the number of stitches cast on by 20 stitches per point



Cont in Ombré only

Row 24: p

Row 25: k

Change to Top Turquoise, leaving short tails

Rows 26-30: p
Cast off kwise, leaving a short tail

to make up

Using tapestry needle and cast-on tail, join each side tog. Weave in all ends

ICED GEMS

We love tucking into a cool, creamy cone as the sun shines and the temperatures soar... and we know we're not alone! In honour of the nation's favourite icy treat, we've rounded up six scoopfuls of yarn in beautifully retro ice cream shades of vanilla and banana, raspberry and strawberry, pistachio and blueberry. Enjoy!

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Yarns Recycled
Ribbon, shade
016 Yellow, £8 per
250g (120m) ball,
lovecrafts.com



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shade 483
Whizz, £3.29 per
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DROPS Air,
shade 22 Yellow,
£4.60 per 50g (150m)
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Mmm, Battenberg!

Make four cake-inspired coasters with your kit

Got a sweet tooth? These coasters by **SACHIYO ISHII** might be right up your street. The eye-catching designs feature basic stitches with not-too-tricky intarsia, so you'll have them whipped up in no time. Follow Sachiyo's advice within the pattern to ensure neat colour changes, and you'll surely be onto a winner. Now, time for a brew we think.

COASTERS

Make four

Using 3.75mm hook and Soft Yellow make 10ch, then use Lovely Pink to make 11ch
Row 1: starting in second ch from

hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Ten sts of each colour
Note: keep colours correct as set. At colour change, bring yarn in front of work and move

on to next colour
Rows 2-11: 1ch (does not count as a st throughout), 1dc in each st to end, turn
Note: colour in brackets foll instruction indicates which yarn to use
Row 12: 1ch, 10dc (Soft Yellow), 10dc, turn (Lovely Pink)
Note: keep colours correct as set

Rows 13-21: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
 Fasten off

edging

Join Light Vanilla and 1dc in each st around square evenly, working 3dc in each of the four corner sts
 Fasten off

to make up

Weave in all ends



"Are your coasters curling up? Press them very carefully with a steam iron, using fabric on top to protect them from the heat"

SACHIYO ISHII, DESIGNER

DOUBLE CROCHET (DC)

THIS IS ONE OF THE EASIEST, MOST FREQUENT STITCHES IN CROCHET - LET'S SEE HOW IT'S DONE...



Step 1: Insert hook into stitch or chain and wrap the yarn around the hook



Step 2: Pull yarn through stitch, so you have two loops on your hook



Step 3: Yoh (yarn over hook) and pull through both loops



DID YOU KNOW?

The first Battenberg cake was baked in 1884 to celebrate Prince Louis of Battenberg marrying Princess Victoria, Queen Victoria's granddaughter and Prince Philip's grandmother



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YARN

Stylecraft Special DK:
(A) 1420 Camel,
(B) 1002 Black,
(C) 1001 White,
(D) 1063 Graphite, one 100g ball of each; (E) 1821 Grass Green, (F) 1257 Fiesta, (G) 1114 Sunshine, (H) 1831 Lapis, oddments of each

PLUS

3mm and 3.25mm needles, tapestry needle, stitch holder, stuffing, elastic (two 20cm x 12mm lengths), ribbon (blue, 20cm), corrugated card or craft foam (15cm x 6cm), netting (white, 30cm x 30cm), thin wire (10cm, six), beads (small, six), gems (small, two), buttons with shanks (black, round, four), flat buttons (black, small, three; white, small, one)

TENSION SQUARE

22 sts x 32 rows
10cm x 10cm
Stocking stitch
3.25mm needles

SIZE

Height: 25cm



Take the next step

Bridal bears knit-along

Wedding bells ringing, needles clicking...
let's do this!

PART ONE



Welcome to our very celebratory knit-along. This adorable duo by **SUSIE JOHNS** will make a fabulous gift for a happy couple on their special day. In part one, we'll be sharing how to knit the bears themselves, plus the beautiful bouquet. Then in part two, you'll learn to make the all-important outfits. The You Will Need panel opposite includes everything you need for both parts.

BEAR

Note: the instructions are for one bear, repeat for the second bear

legs, body & head

Note: worked in one piece

RIGHT LEG

Using 3mm needles and yarn A, cast on 16 sts using two-needle method

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 32 sts

Rows 3-9: beg with a p row, work seven rows in st st

Row 10: k4, (k2tog) eight times, k12. 24 sts

Row 11: p

Row 12: k4, (k2tog) four times, k12. 20 sts

Beg with a p row, work 19 rows in st st

Cut yarn and place sts on holder

LEFT LEG

Using 3mm needles and yarn A, cast on 16 sts using two-needle method

Work Rows 1-9 as for Right Leg

Row 10: k12, (k2tog) eight times, k4. 24 sts

Row 11: p

Row 12: k12,

(k2tog) four times, k4. 20 sts

Beg with a p row, work 19 rows in st st
Do not cut yarn

BODY

Row 1: k20 from needle, k20 from holder. 40 sts

Rows 2-20: beg with a p row, work 19 rows in st st

Row 21: k6, (skpo) five times, k8, (k2tog) five times, k6. 30 sts

Beg with a p row, work seven rows in st st

HEAD

Row 1: (k2, kfb) to end. 40 sts

Row 2: p

Row 3: (k9, kfb) to end. 44 sts

Rows 4-22: beg with a p row, work 19 rows in st st

Row 23: k4, (k2tog, k2) to end. 34 sts

Row 24: p

Row 25: k3, (k2tog, k1) ten times, k1. 24 sts

Row 26: (p2tog) to end. 12 sts

Row 27: (k2tog) to end. Six sts

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread

tail through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

arm

Make two

Using 3mm needles and yarn A, cast on eight sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 16 sts

Rows 3-21: beg with a p row, work 19 rows in st st

Row 22: cast off two sts, k to end. 14 sts

Row 23: cast off two sts, p to end. 12 sts

Row 24: k1, skpo, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1

Row 25: p

Rows 26-29: rep last two rows twice more. Six sts

Row 30: (k2tog) to end. Three sts

Cast off

ear

Make two

Using 3mm needles and yarn A, cast on six sts

Row 1: p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 12 sts

Row 3: p

Row 4: (k1, kfb) to end. 18 sts

Row 5: p

Row 6: (k2, kfb) to end. 24 sts

Rows 7-9: beg with a p row, work three rows in st st

Row 10: (k2, k2tog) to end. 18 sts

Row 11: p

Row 12: (k1, k2tog) to end. 12 sts

Row 13: p

Row 14: (k2tog) to end. Six sts

Row 15: p

Cast off

muzzle

Using 3mm needles and yarn A, cast on six sts

Row 1: p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 12 sts

Row 3: p

Row 4: (k1, kfb) to end. 18 sts

Row 5: p

Row 6: (k2, kfb) to end. 24 sts

Row 7: p

Row 8: (k3, kfb) to end. 30 sts

Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st

Cast off

nose

Using 3mm needles and yarn B, cast on nine sts

Row 1: p

Row 2: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog

Rows 3-6: rep last two rows twice more. Three sts

Row 7: p

Row 8: sl 1, k2tog, pssso. One st

Fasten off



CONTINUE
KNITTING

to make up

Pull up tail of yarn at top of head, then stitch seam to halfway along neck. Stitch underfoot and leg seams, then Back seam towards neck, leaving an opening of about 3cm. Turn right sides out. Stuff legs, Body and Head and close gap in back seam, then run a gathering thread around neck and fasten off. Stitch Arm seams, leaving sloping edges at top unstitched. Stuff Arms, then stitch tops to body, one on either side. Fold each Ear in half and stitch to Head. Stitch a gem on each of Bride's ears, for earrings. Stitch seam on Muzzle; positioning seam on underside, pin Muzzle to face, then stitch in place, adding stuffing as you go.

Weave in all ends. Stitch Nose in place and embroider mouth in backstitch. Stitch two buttons firmly in place, for eyes

BOUQUET leaves

Using 3mm needles and yarn E, cast on six sts
Row 1 (RS): k
Row 2: p
Row 3: cast off five sts, transfer st from RH to LH needle, cast on five sts, do not turn
Rep Rows 1-3 four times and Rows 1-2 once more
Cast off five sts, do not turn. One st
Do not cut yarn

cone

Row 1 (RS): pick up and k 13 sts along straight edge. 14 sts
Rows 2-4: beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
Row 5: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog
Row 6: p

Rep Rows 5-6 until two sts rem
Cast off

flowers

Make three in yarn F and three in G
Using 3mm needles, cast on 12 sts
Row 1: k
Row 2: p
Cut yarn, thread

through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

to make up

Pull up yarn end and stitch side seam of Flowers. Slip a bead on to centre of each wire, fold wire in half and twist to form stem. Pass a stem through

centre of each Flower. Arrange Flowers in a bunch and wrap stems with yarn to hold them together. Curl leaf to form a cone and stitch side seam, then push stems down into cone and stitch to hands

GREAT ADVICE

MAKING UP
When knitting items such as these bears, making up is very important. Stitch the seams neatly and firmly, and attach additional pieces such as the muzzle, ears and arms by grafting. When attaching the nose and embroidering the mouth, thread a blunt needle with a single strand of yarn and insert the needle into an inconspicuous point, such as the nape of the neck, and bring it through the work to the point where you wish to add embroidery stitches, so that the end of the yarn is lost inside the stuffing



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YARN

Stylecraft Batik Swirl, shade 3738 Hedgerow, two 200g balls

PLUS

5.5mm circular needles, tapestry needle

TENSION SQUARE

16 sts x 40 rows
10cm x 10cm
Garter stitch
5.5mm needles

SIZE

160cm x 200cm

Wearable blanket

Get double the use out of a project with this two-in-one design by Julie Ferguson



Take the next step

This unique poncho makes use of two short pattern sequences, repeating them again and again to create gorgeous alternating garter stitch and dropped stitch sections, accentuated by the colour-change yarn. You'll be matching your pattern switches to these shade transitions. Throw over the top of any outfit to take the chill off your shoulders in the evenings, or snuggle up with it on the sofa, blanket style!



WEARABLE BLANKET

Using 5.5mm needles, cast on 120 sts

Row 1 (RS): k to last st, sl 1 wyif
Row 1 forms Garter st patt

Rep Row 1 until yarn changes colour, ending after a WS row
Beg Dropped st patt as folls:

Row 1: * k1 wrapping yarn three times around needle, rep from * to last st, sl 1 wyif

Row 2: k1, * k1 dropping extra loops from needle,

rep from * to last st, sl 1 wyif

Row 3: k to last st, sl 1 wyif

Row 4: k to last st, sl 1 wyif

Rows 1-4 form Dropped st patt

Rep Rows 1-4 until yarn changes colour, ending after a WS row

Alternate Garter st patt and Dropped st patt as set until work meas 160cm

Cast off loosely

to make up

Fold work in half and join top seam, leaving a gap of 30cm for head hole



"Once you've memorised the sequence, you won't need to keep referring back to the pattern, making this

design a great one to work on while you're on the go"

ROSIE SAVAGE, EDITOR



GREAT ADVICE

CIRCULAR NEEDLES

Using circular needles can be a great way to take some of the weight off your project while you're knitting flat, as the knitting is held mainly on the cord rather than the needles in your hands, making for a more comfortable experience. Cast on normally and knit your first row just as you would with two regular needles. Then, when you finish your row, switch over your needles so that the one with the stitches on is now in your left hand instead of the right. Work normally again across the row, and when you get to the end, swap your needles again and so on



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STITCH SCHOOL

New to knitting or crochet? You'll get the hang of it in no time with our certified visual guides

TOOLKIT ESSENTIALS

Tapestry needle A blunt needle with a large eye, perfect for threading with yarn, that's used for weaving in ends, sewing seams and embroidery – a must-have!

Stitch marker Used to identify an important place in your knitting or crochet so you don't forget – there are ring stitch and locking stitch markers available

Stuffing We're all about the toys, so you'll need stuffing to turn them from 2D to 3D

Safety eyes Bring your toys to life with a pair of eyes, but don't let the name fool you – they're not suitable for youngsters

Stitch holder Used by knitters to hold open stitches when not being used by the needles

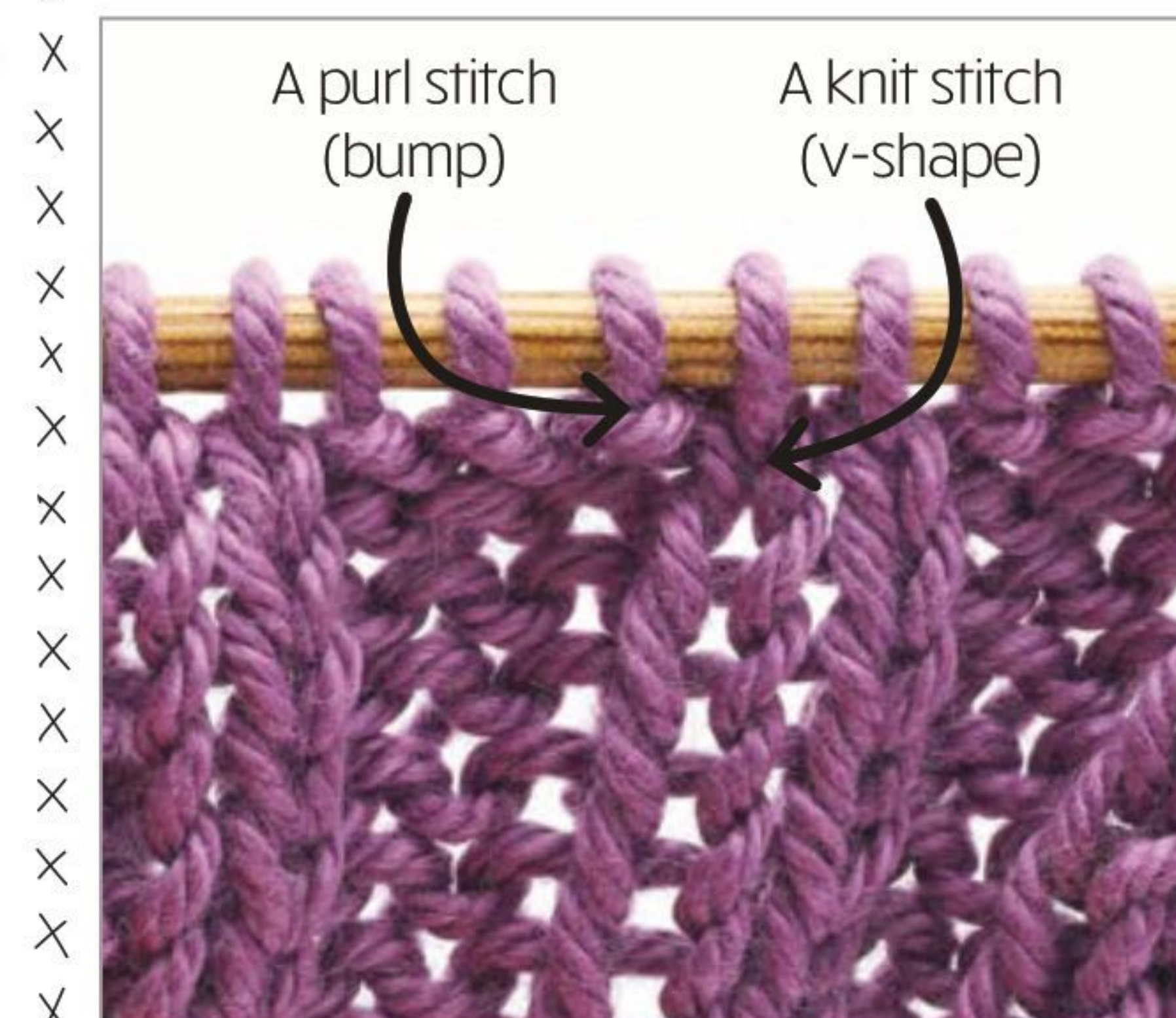


BEGINNER BUY

This handy pouch contains nine crochet hooks in the most popular sizes with stunning colour-coded grips to provide you with a few bursts of inspiration. The set's been designed by people who know and understand the art of crochet, so each hook has been ergonomically developed. KnitPro Waves Aluminium Crochet Hook Set Pink, £29, hobbycraft.co.uk

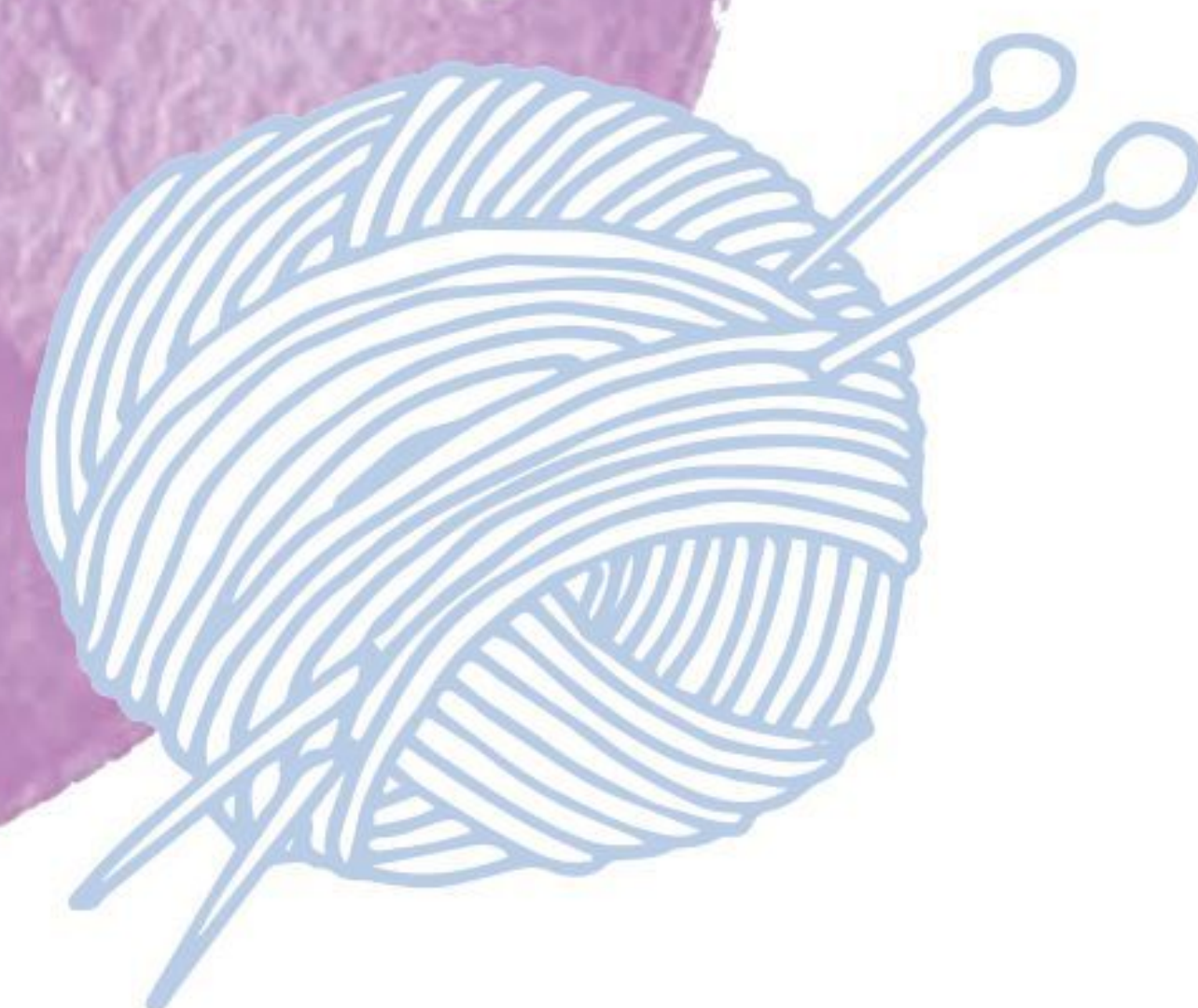
IDENTIFYING STITCHES

Beginner knitters often ask, "How do I know when to knit or purl?" – it's actually really easy to tell. A knit stitch looks like a v-shape and a purl stitch will have a bump. This is what is meant when you are instructed to 'knit the knit stitches and purl the purl stitches as they appear.'



Turn over for our classic stitch illustrations

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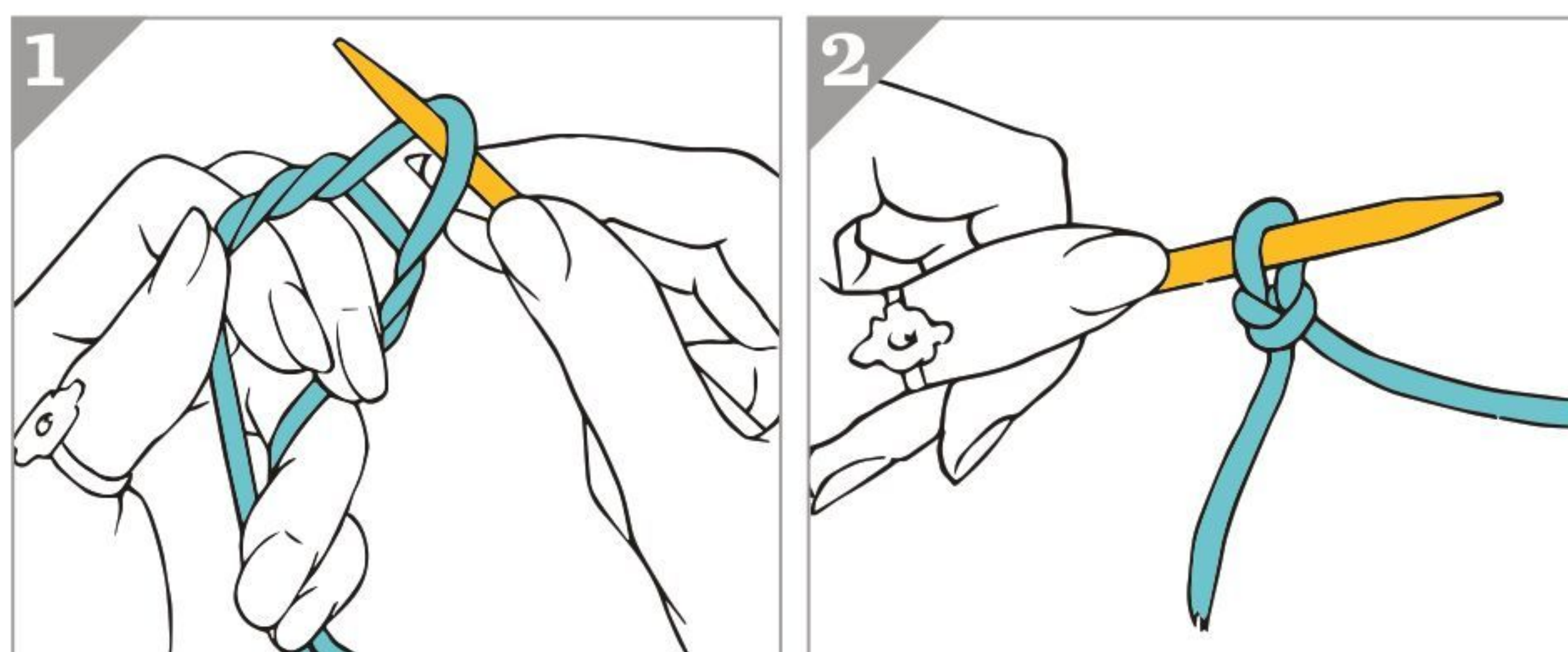
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slip knot

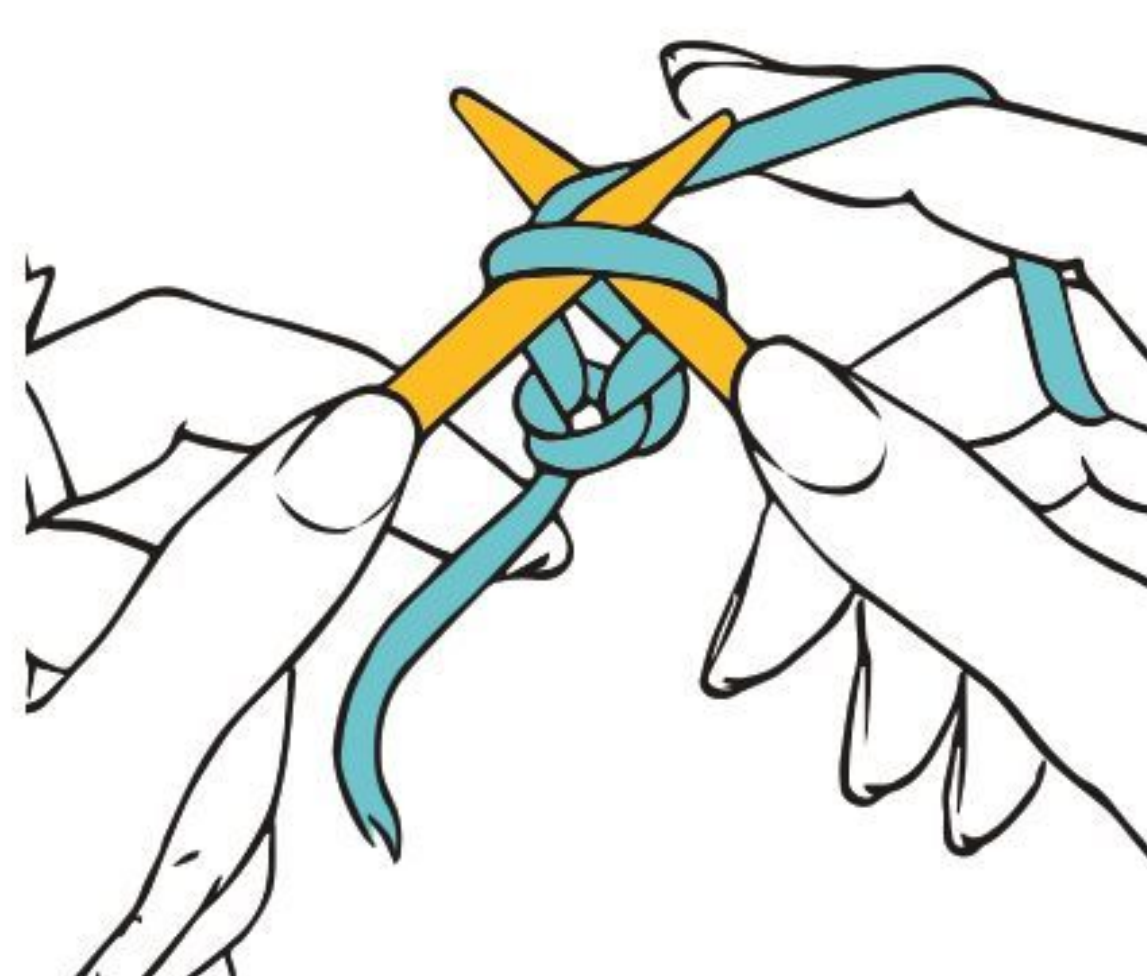
You need to make a slip knot on your needle before casting on. It counts as your first cast-on stitch



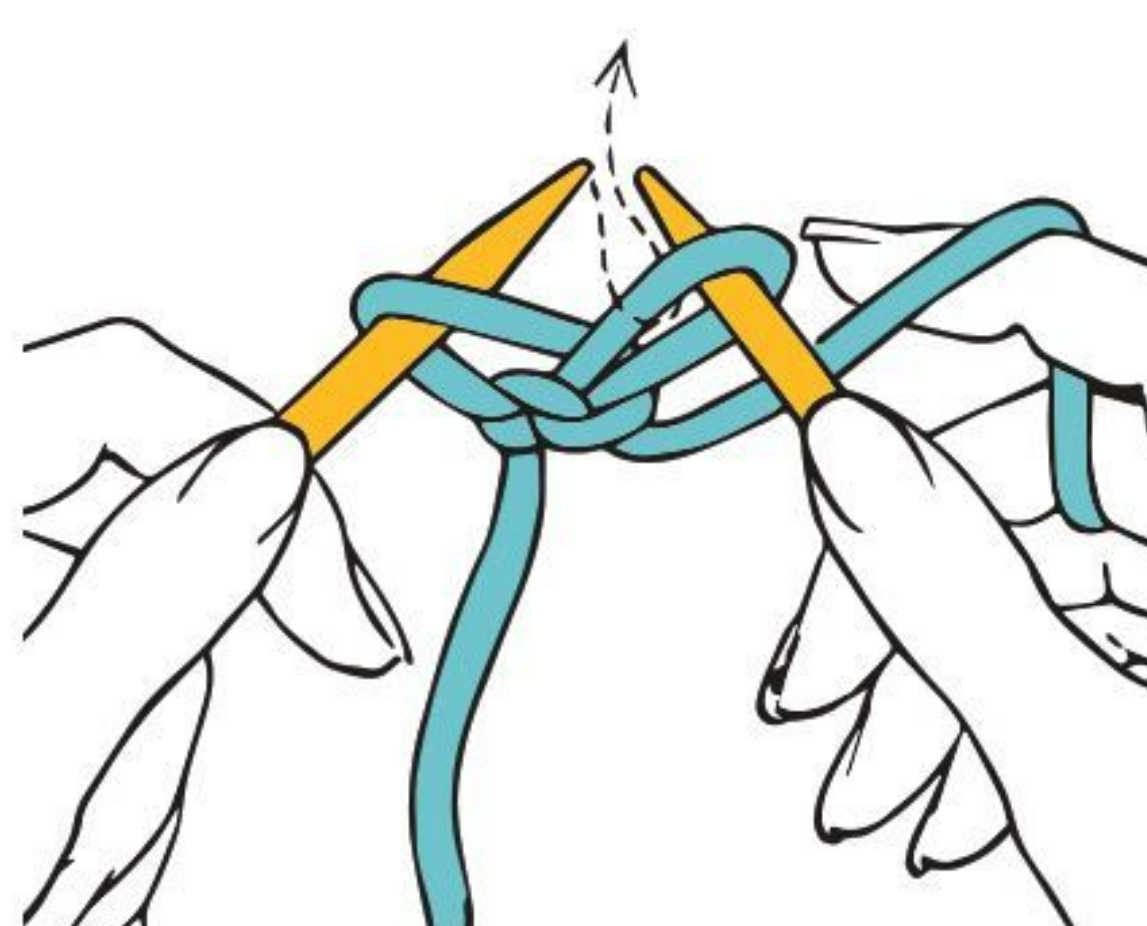
- 1 Hold the yarn under your left thumb, wrap it twice around your left index and middle fingers, with the second loop closer to the base of the fingers. With the backs of the fingers uppermost, insert the tip of the needle beneath the first loop and over the second, then pull the second loop under the first.
- 2 Remove your two fingers and gently tug on both ends of yarn to tighten the slip knot around the needle.

cast on

This method, also called the 'two-needle method', is great for beginners



- 1 Make a slip knot on the LH needle and pull it taut. Insert the RH needle into the knot from front to back, passing under the LH needle. Wrap the ball end of yarn anti-clockwise around the point of the RH needle.



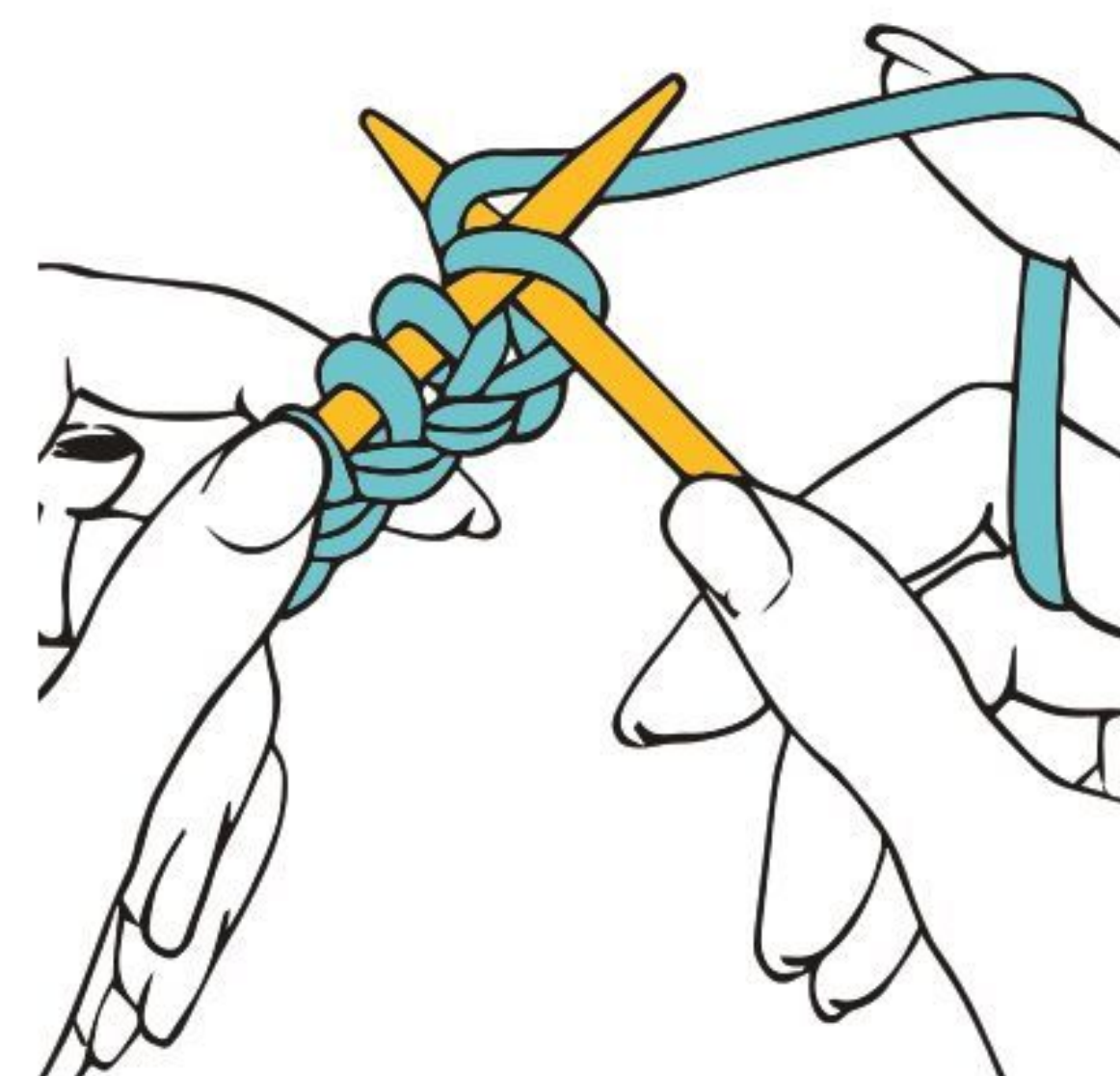
- 2 Pull the loop that forms back through the original stitch and insert the tip of the LH needle into the new stitch from underneath to transfer from the RH to LH needle. There should now be two stitches on the LH needle.



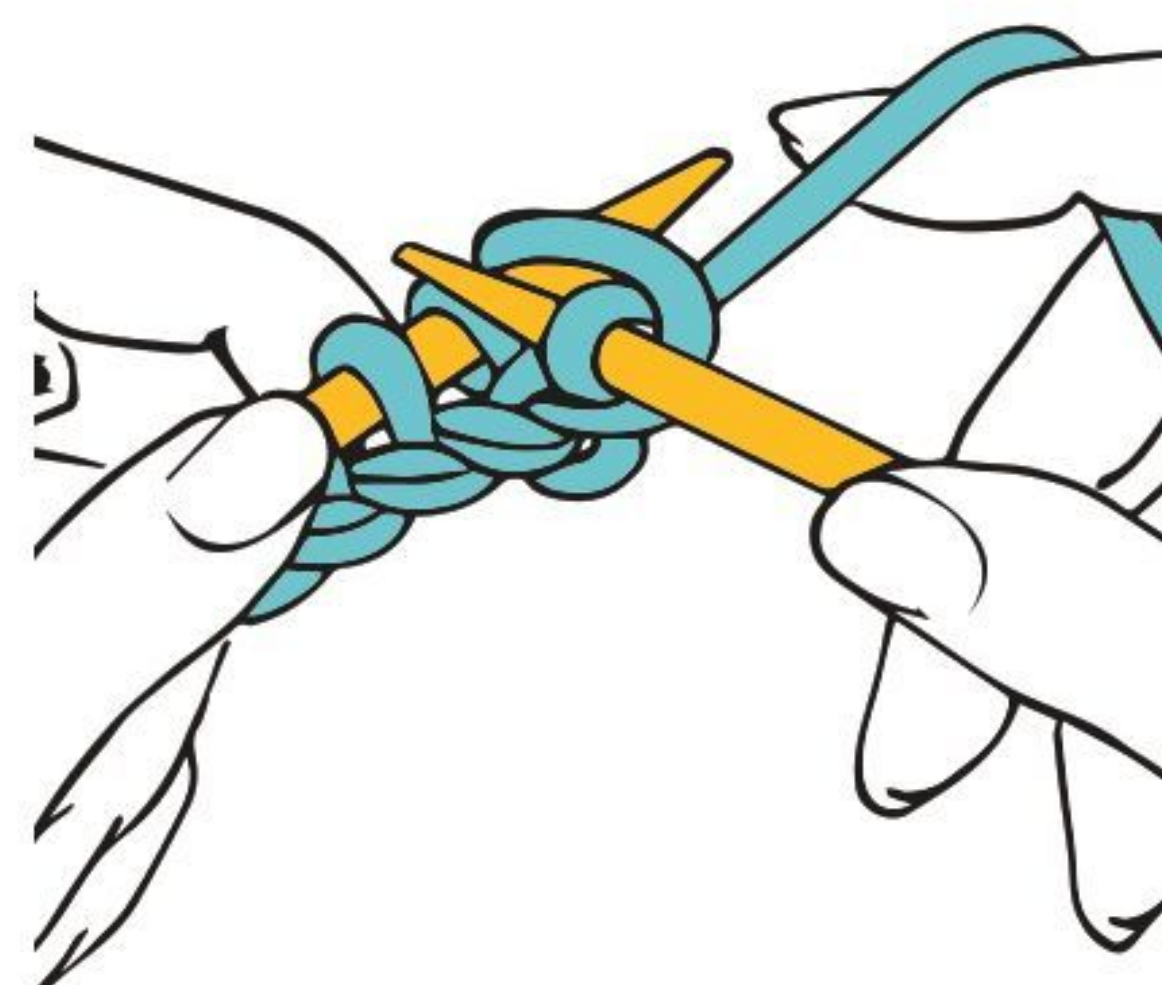
- 3 Repeat the above steps, knitting into the top stitch on the LH needle and returning the new stitches from the RH to the LH needle until you have the required number of stitches.

knit stitch (k)

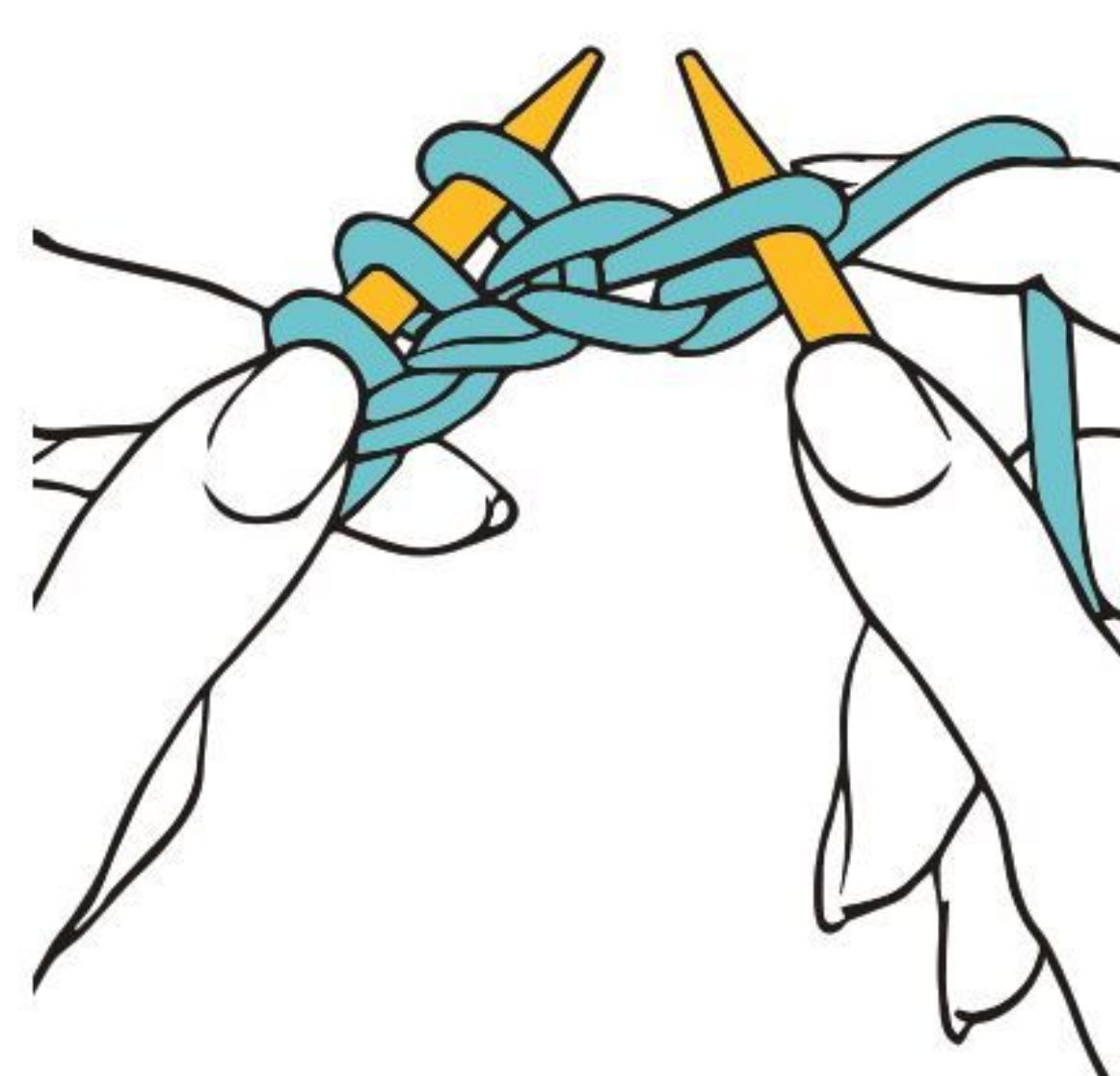
Also known as garter stitch, the knit stitch is the foundation of knitting



- 1 Once cast on, insert the tip of the RH needle upwards and from front to back into the top stitch on the LH needle. The RH needle should sit behind the LH one. Wrap the ball end of yarn anti-clockwise around the tip of the RH needle.



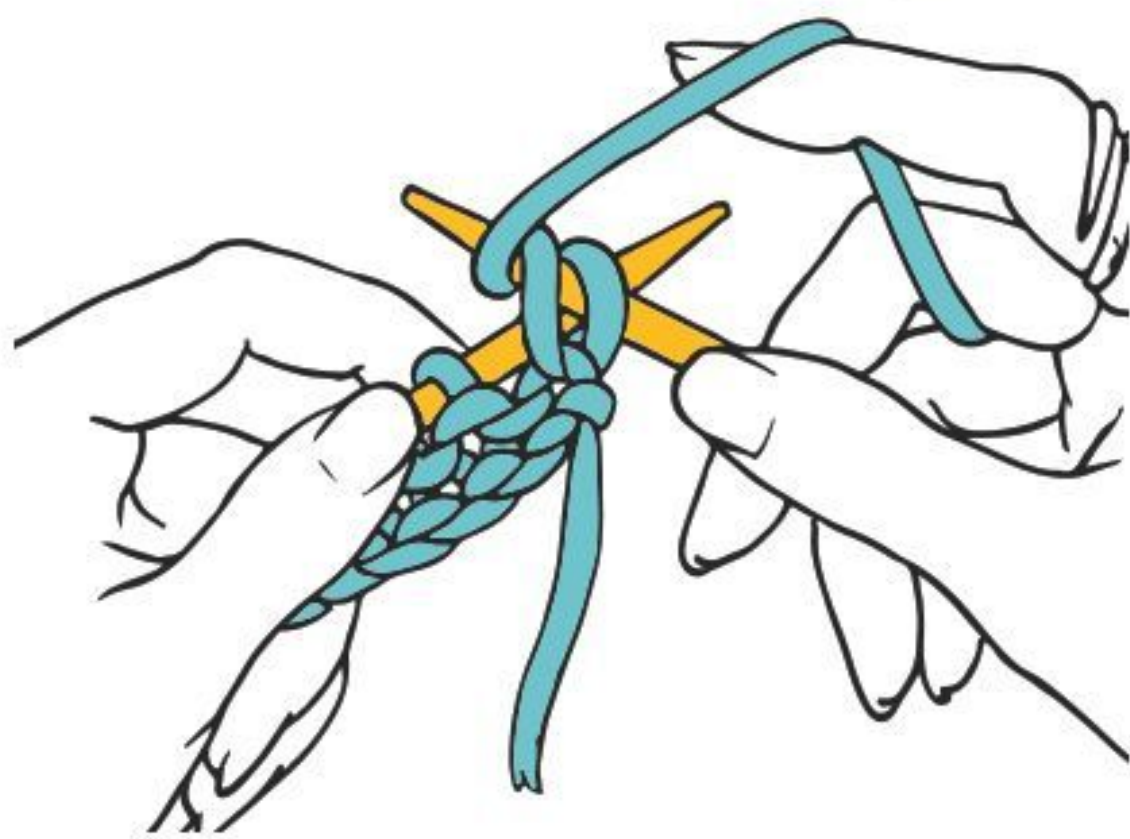
- 2 Using the RH needle, pull a loop of the wrapped yarn through the original stitch to create a new one on the RH needle.



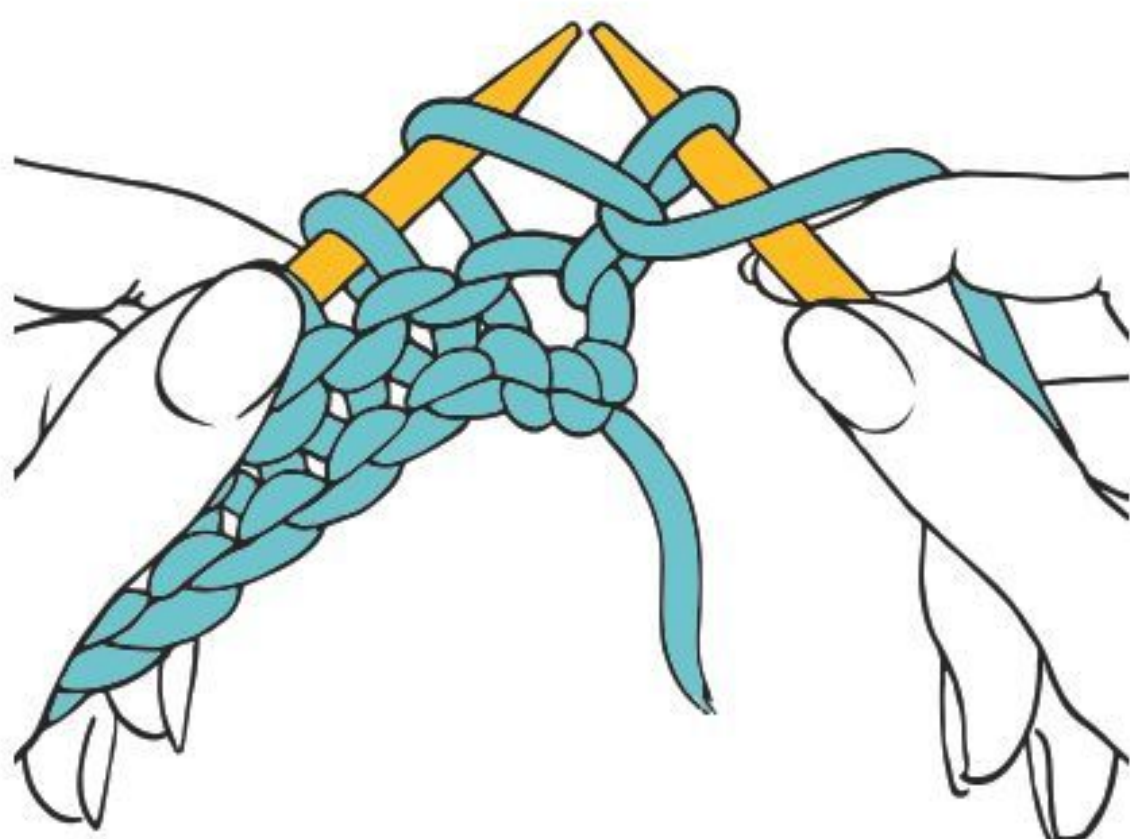
- 3 Slide the original stitch off the LH needle. Repeat from step 1.

purl stitch (p)

Most frequently seen paired with the knit stitch to create different stitch patterns like stocking stitch and ribbing



1 With the ball-end of the yarn at the front (towards you), insert the tip of the RH needle into the front loop of the first stitch from right to left, with the RH needle in front of the LH one. Wrap the ball end of the yarn anti-clockwise around the RH needle.



2 Draw this needle backwards and upwards, forming a new stitch on the RH needle.

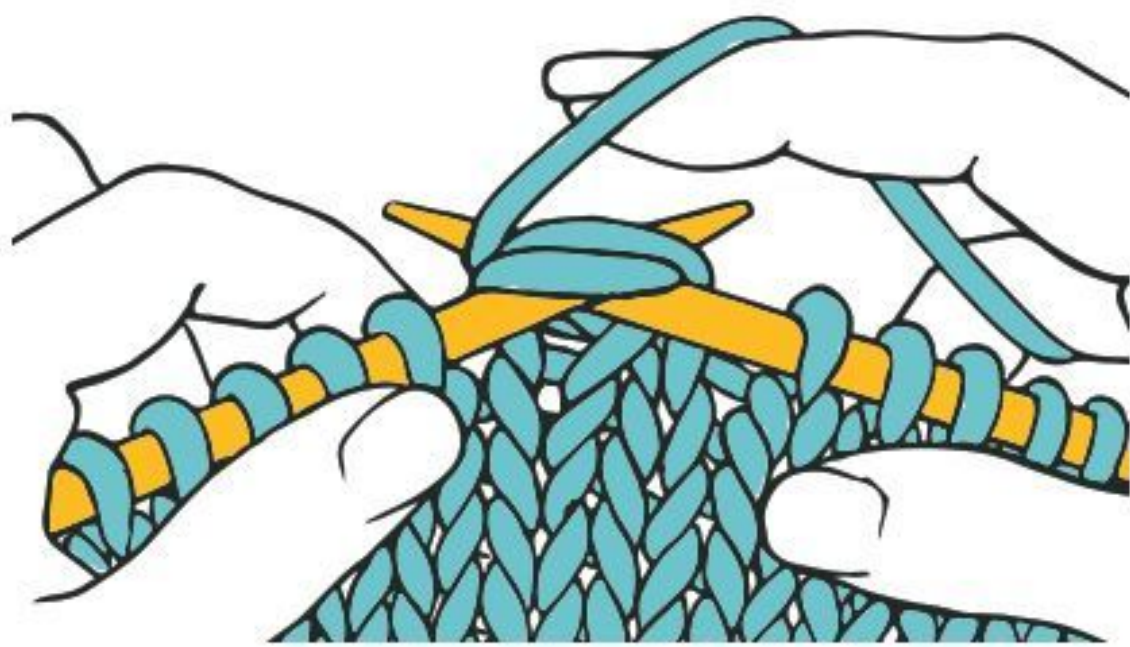


3 Once the new stitch has been formed on the RH needle you can let the loop from the LH needle slide off the end. Repeat until all the stitches have been purled and you have completed the row.

INCREASING & DECREASING

knit two together (k2tog)

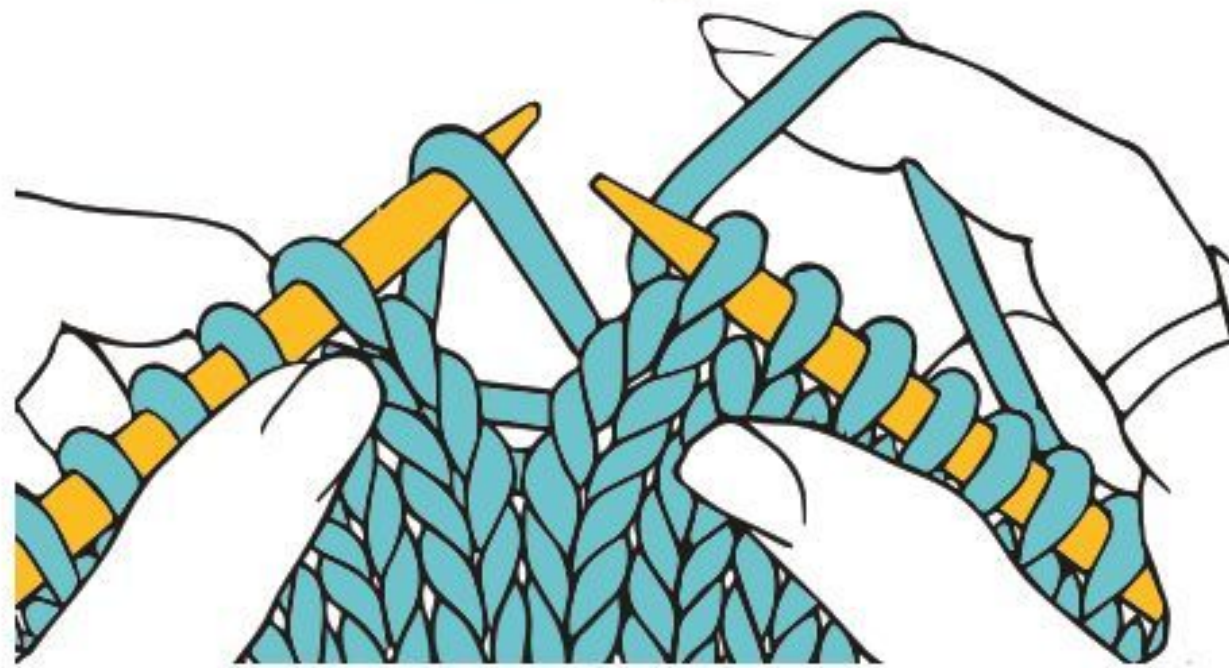
Decrease two stitches to one by knitting them together



Insert the RH needle into the front loops of the next two stitches on the LH needle. Then wrap the yarn anti-clockwise around the tip and knit both stitches at the same time.

make one (m1)

Form a new stitch and increase your stitch count by one



1 Insert the LH needle into the horizontal bar of yarn lying between the stitch just knitted and the next stitch to be knitted. Hook and lift it with the needle tip in a backwards direction (away from you).

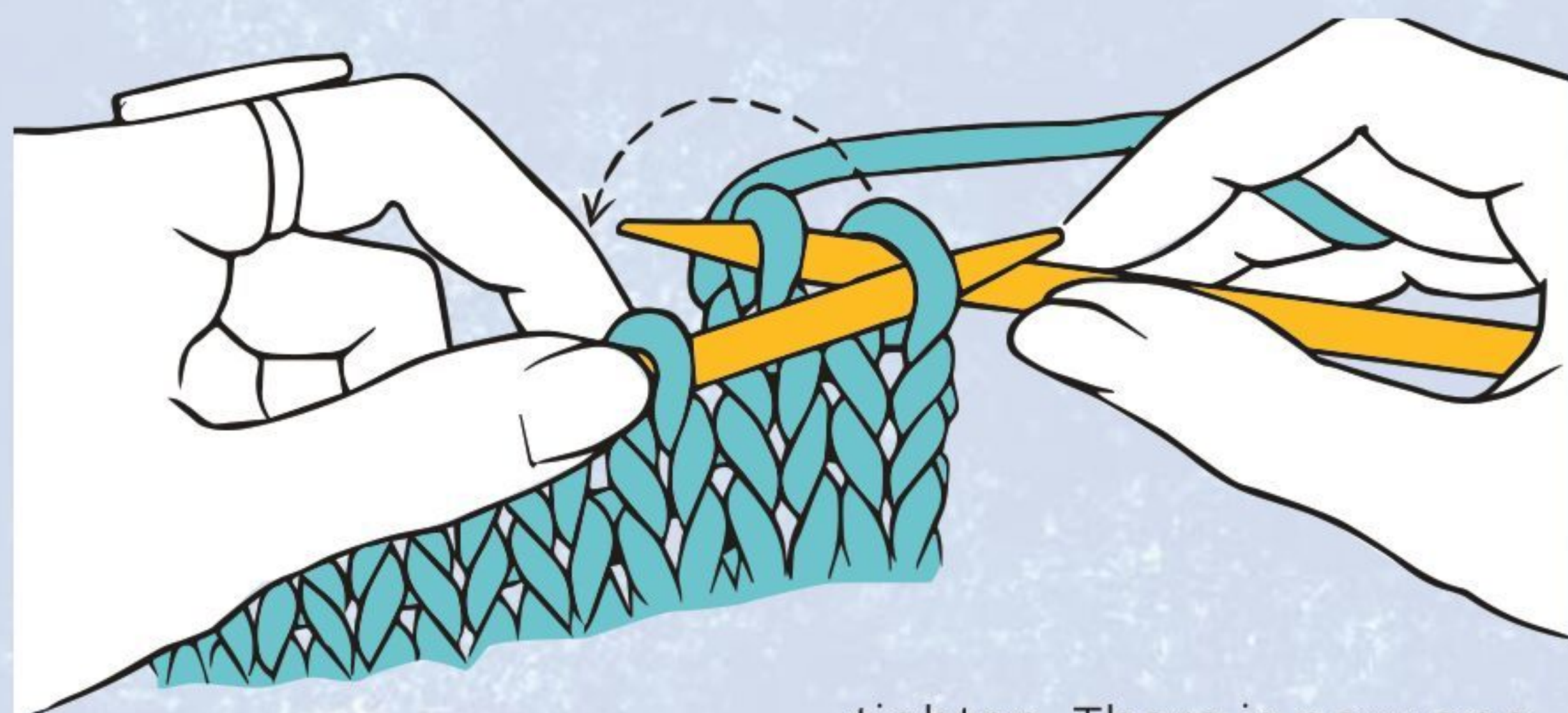


2 Push the RH needle into the back part of the loop that now lies over the LH needle and knit this stitch. You will now have an additional stitch on the RH needle.

FINISH HERE

cast off

Once you have completed the number of rows needed for your project, you'll need to cast off. This fastens the work and keeps it from unravelling



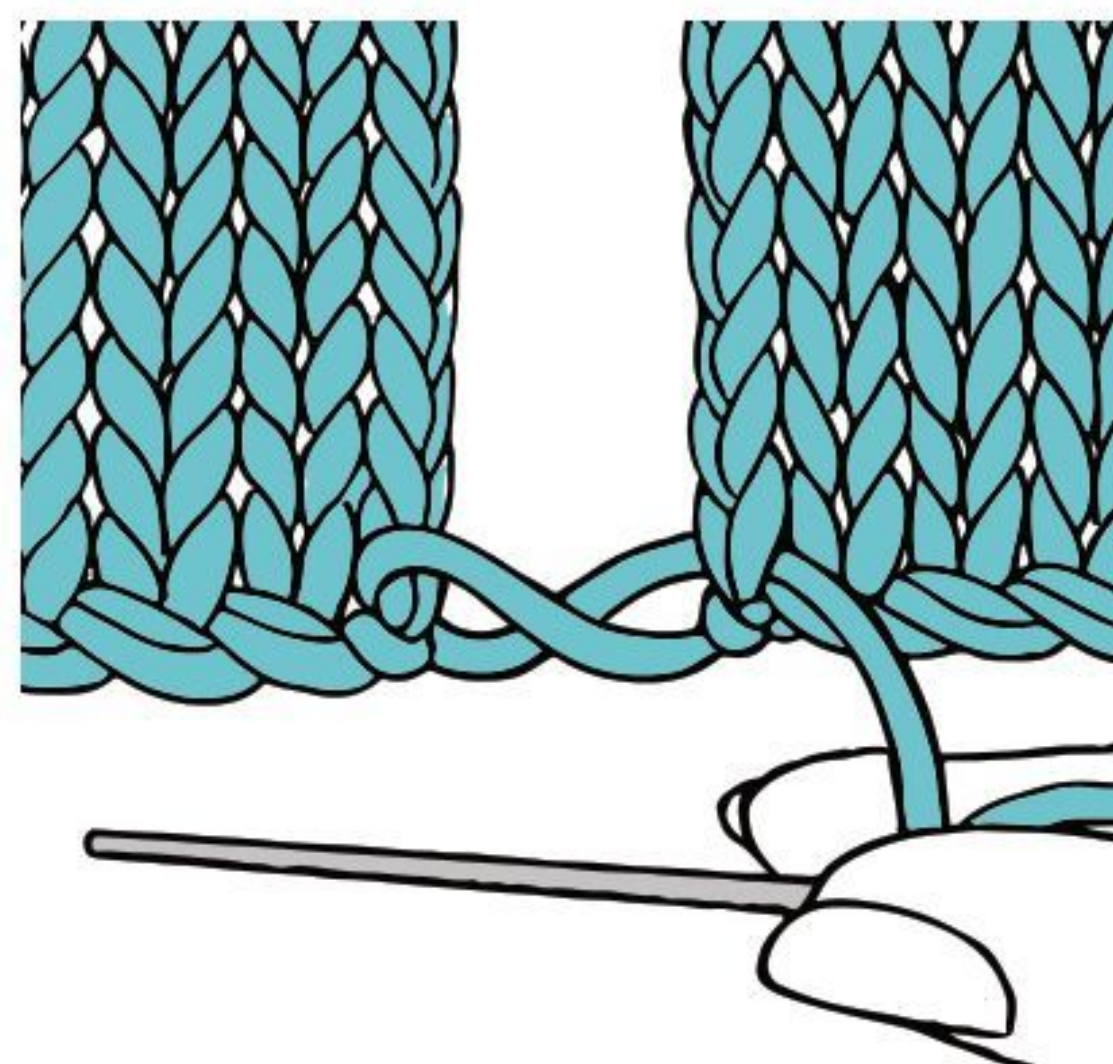
1 Knit two stitches as normal. Insert the tip of the LH needle into the second stitch on the RH needle (the stitch closest to you). Carefully lift it up and over the top stitch, dropping it off the tip of the RH needle and pulling the yarn to

tighten. There is now one stitch on the RH needle.

2 Knit one more stitch and repeat the process in step one. Continue until there is one stitch remaining. Cut the yarn, leaving a long tail. Slip the loop off the needle and pull the tail through, pulling it tight.

beginning a seam

How to start sewing up your project



Place the pieces next to each other RS up, push a threaded tapestry needle through the fabric after the first stitch, moving from front to back. Push through after the first stitch on the second piece, moving from back to front.

mattress stitch

Join knitted pieces together with this invisible method



With the two pieces next to each other, hook the horizontal bar of the first stitch with a needle. Move to the other piece and hook the first horizontal bar of the stitch on that side. Repeat, moving from one piece to the next.

ABBREVIATIONS

Here's a handy list of the most common abbreviations

alt: alternate
approx: approximately
beg: beginning
BLO: back loops only
ch: chain
ch sp: chain space
cn: cable needle
cont: continue
dc: double crochet

dec: decrease
dtr: double treble
FLO: front loops only
foll: following
htr: half treble
inc: increase
k: knit
kfb: knit into front and back of next stitch
kwise: knitwise
k2tog: knit two together
LH: left-hand

m1: make one stitch by picking up horizontal loop before next stitch and knitting into back of it
meas: measures
p: purl
pfb: purl into front and back of next stitch
pm: place stitch marker
psso: pass slipped stitch over
pwise: purlwise

p2tog: purl two together
rem: remaining
rep: repeat
rev: reverse
RH: right-hand
RS: right side
skpo: slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over
sl 1: slip one stitch
sl st: slip stitch
sm: slip stitch marker
sp(s): space(s)
ssk: one by one, slip next two stitches

knitwise, put left-hand needle through front loops of both slipped stitches and knit them together
st(s): stitch(es)
st st: stocking stitch (knit one row, purl one row)
tbl: through back loop
tog: together
tr: treble
WS: wrong side
wyib: with yarn

in back
wyif: with yarn in front
yb: yarn back
yfwd: yarn forward (between knit stitches)
yoh: yarn over hook
yon: yarn over needle (between a purl and a knit stitch)
ym: yarn round needle (between purl stitches and between a knit and a purl stitch)



slip knot & chain (ch)

1

2

x x

1

2

3

4



THE BASIC STITCHES

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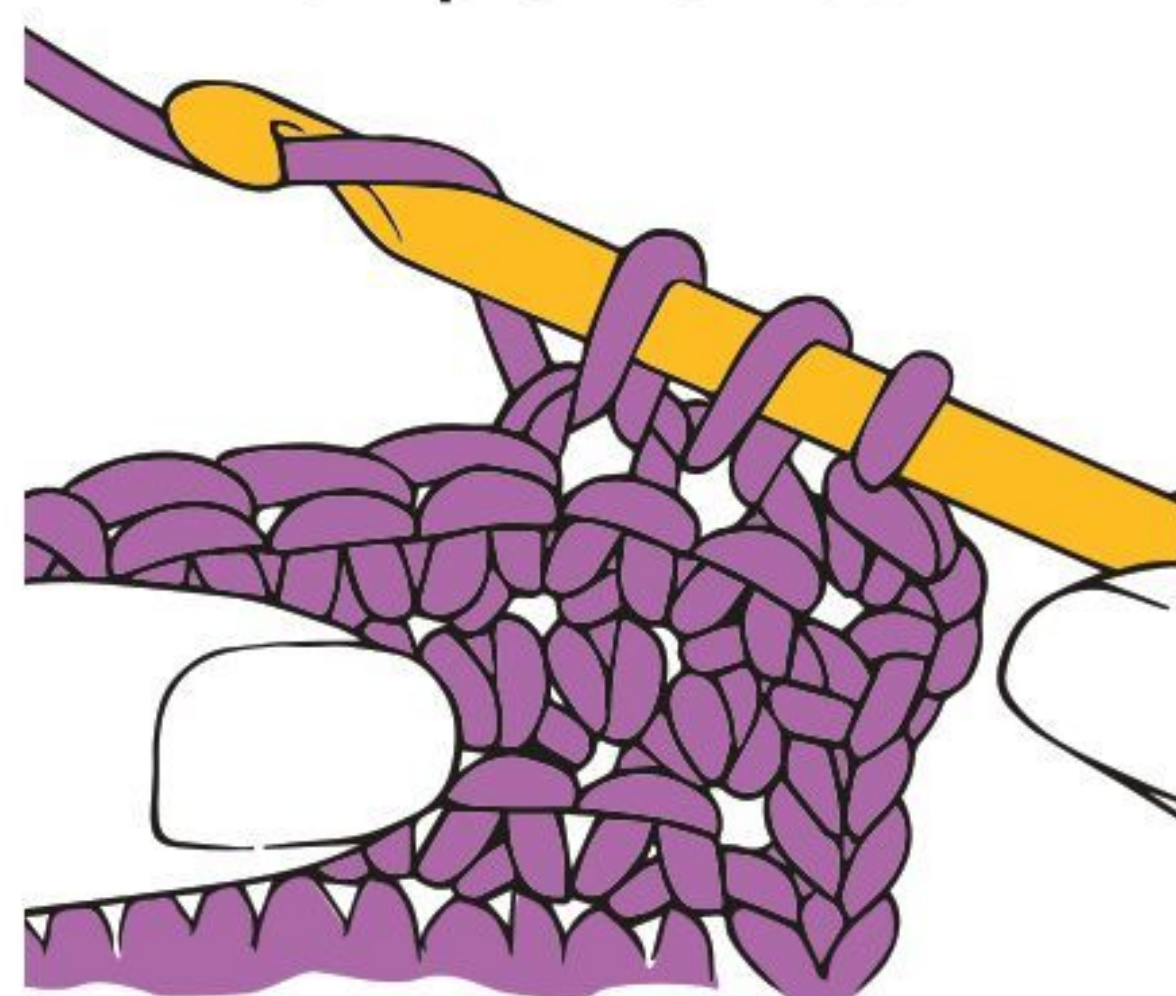
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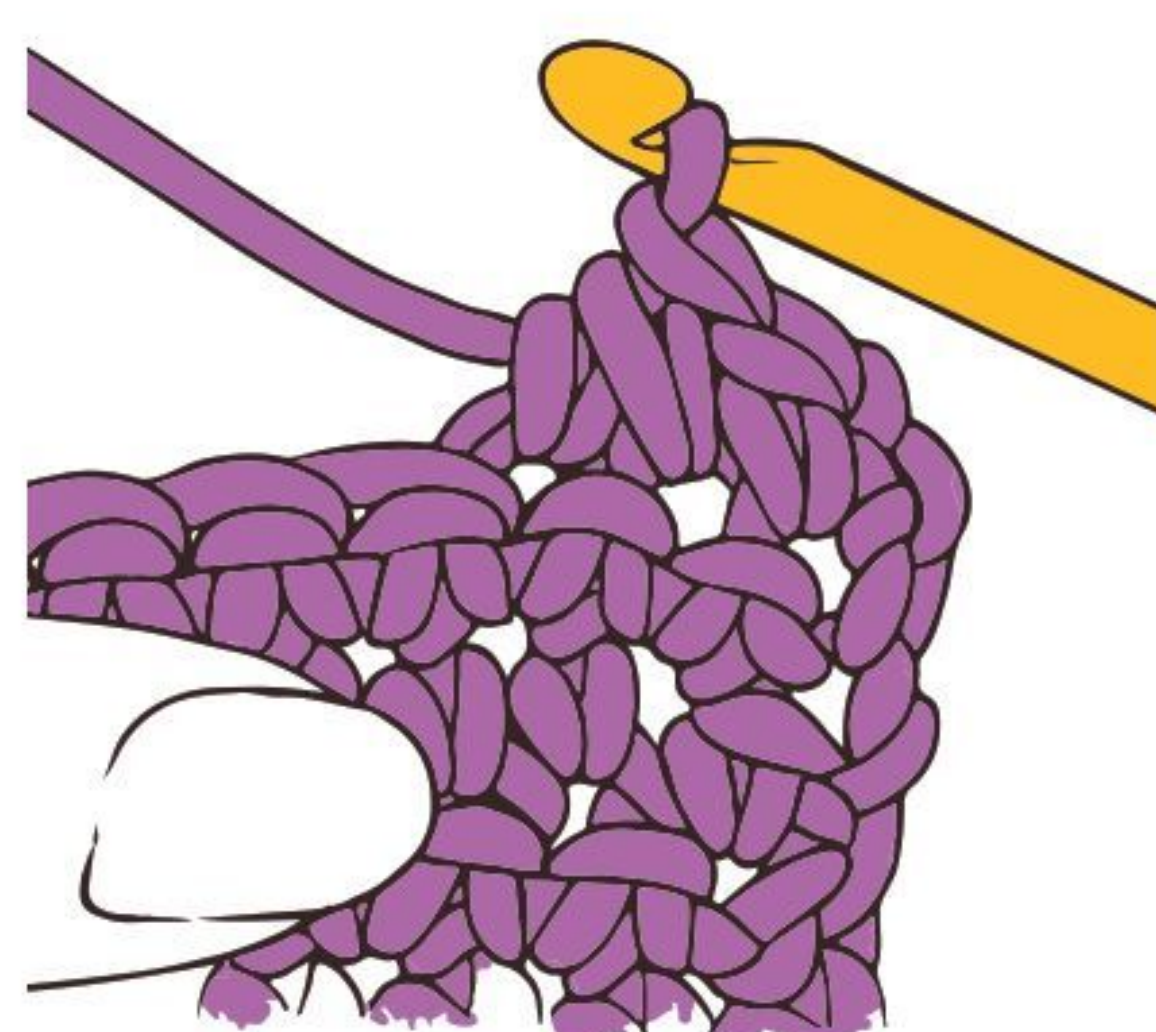
DECREASING

double crochet two together (dc2tog)

Turn two crochet stitches into one with this simple method



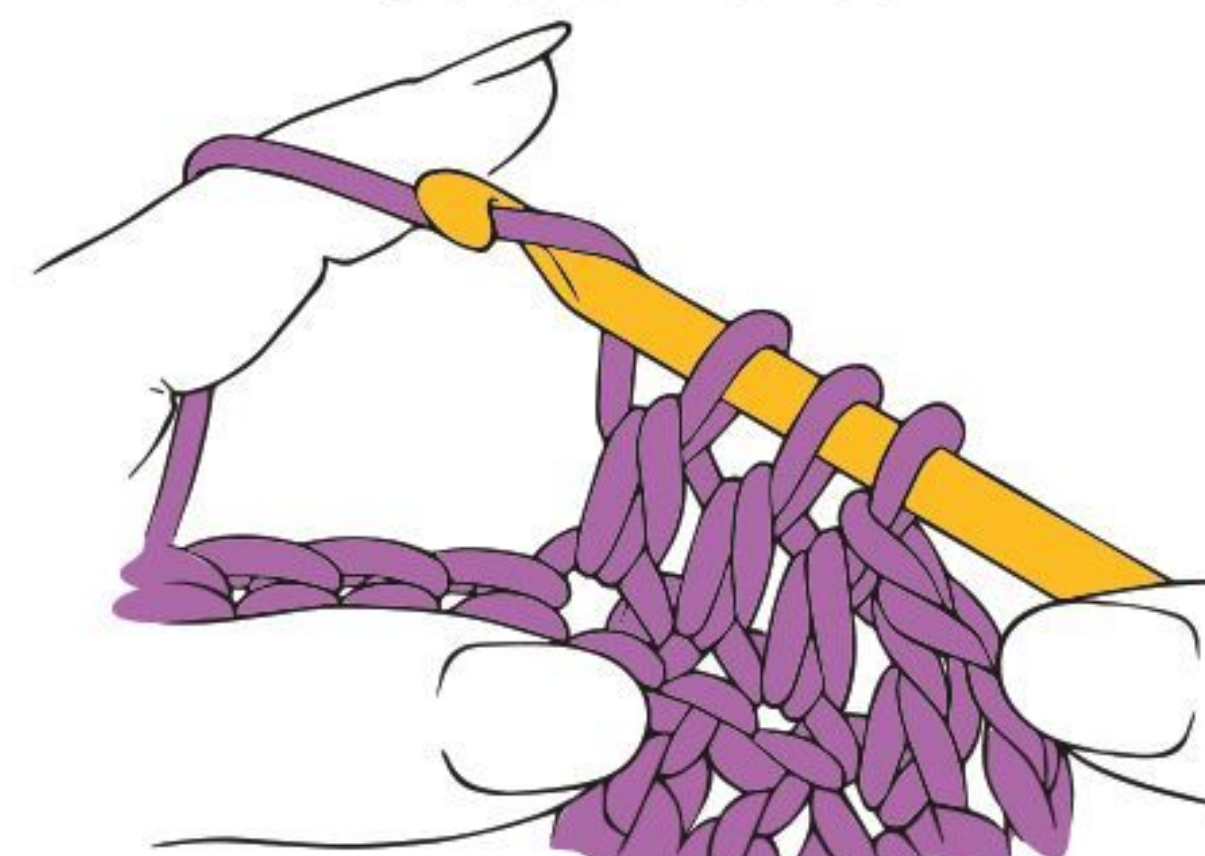
1 Insert hook through next stitch, yarn over hook, draw back through work. Two loops on hook. Insert hook into next stitch, yarn over hook, draw back through. Three loops on hook.



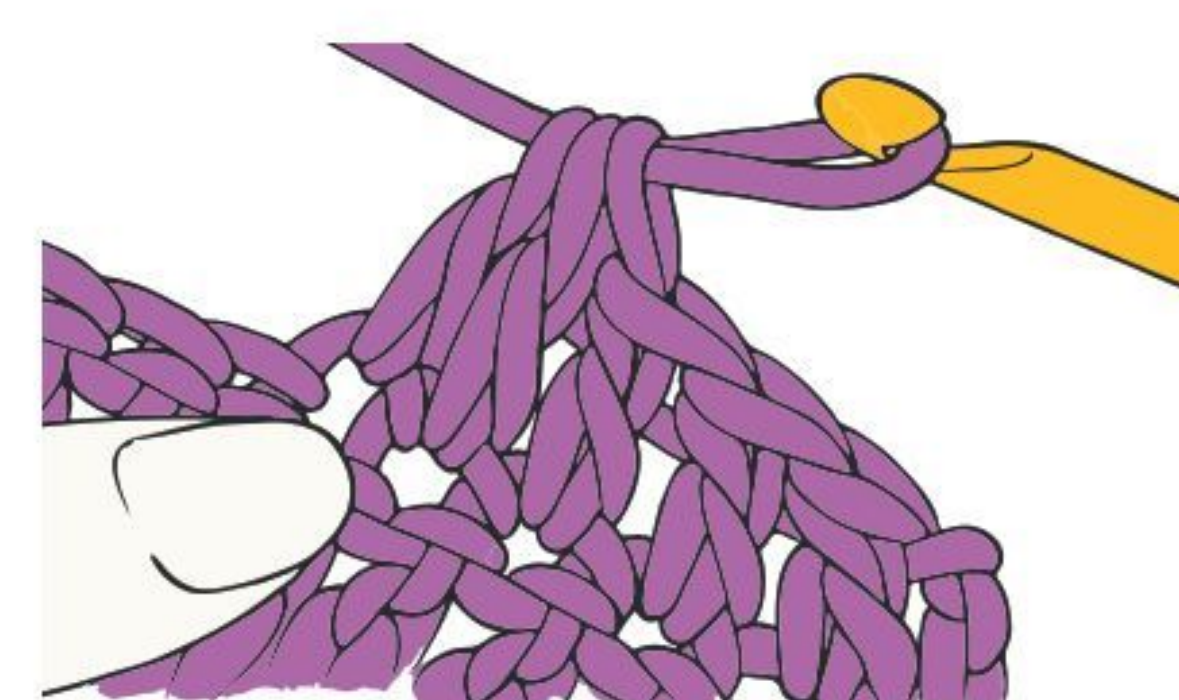
2 Yarn over hook, draw through all three loops. One loop on hook.

treble two together (tr2tog)

This is similar to 'dc2tog' but is worked with treble stitches



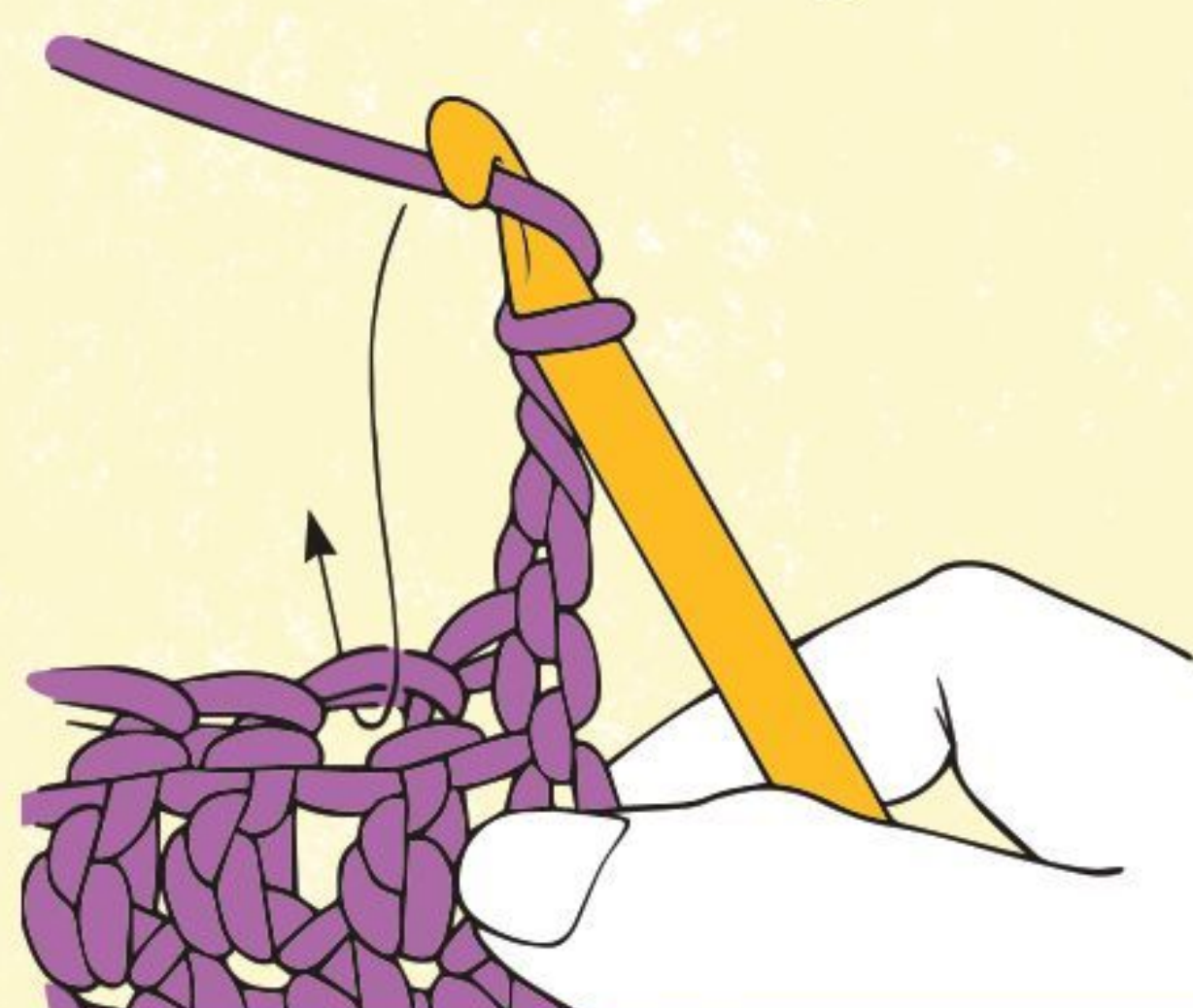
1 Yarn over the hook. Insert the hook through the stitch. Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work. There will be three loops of yarn on the hook. Yarn over the hook and draw through the first two loops. This will leave two loops on the hook. Yarn over the hook and insert through the next stitch, yarn over the hook and draw through the work. There will be four loops of yarn on the hook. Yarn over hook and draw through two loops. This will leave three loops on the hook.



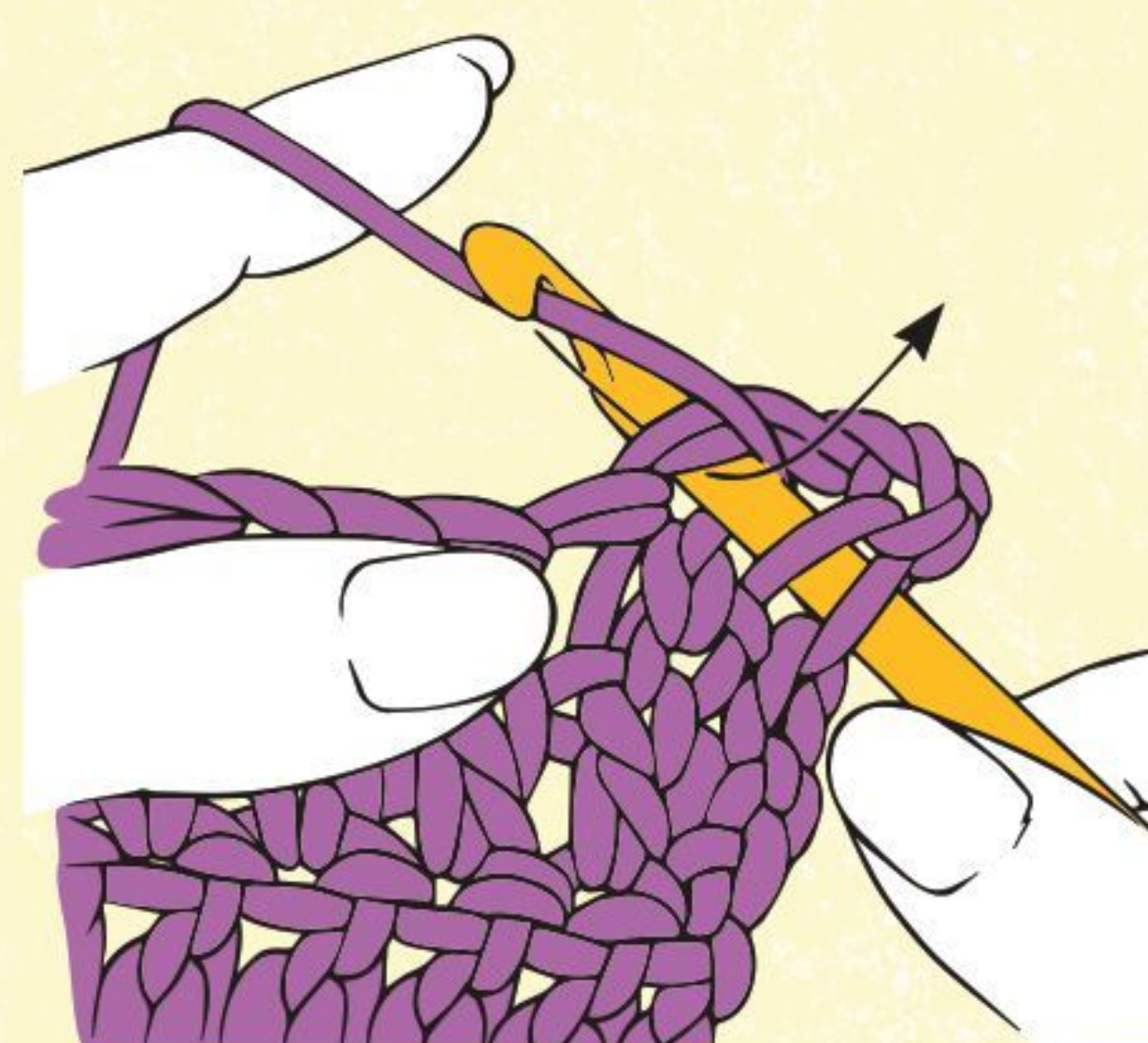
2 Yarn over hook and draw through all three loops on the hook. This will leave one loop on the hook.

treble (tr)

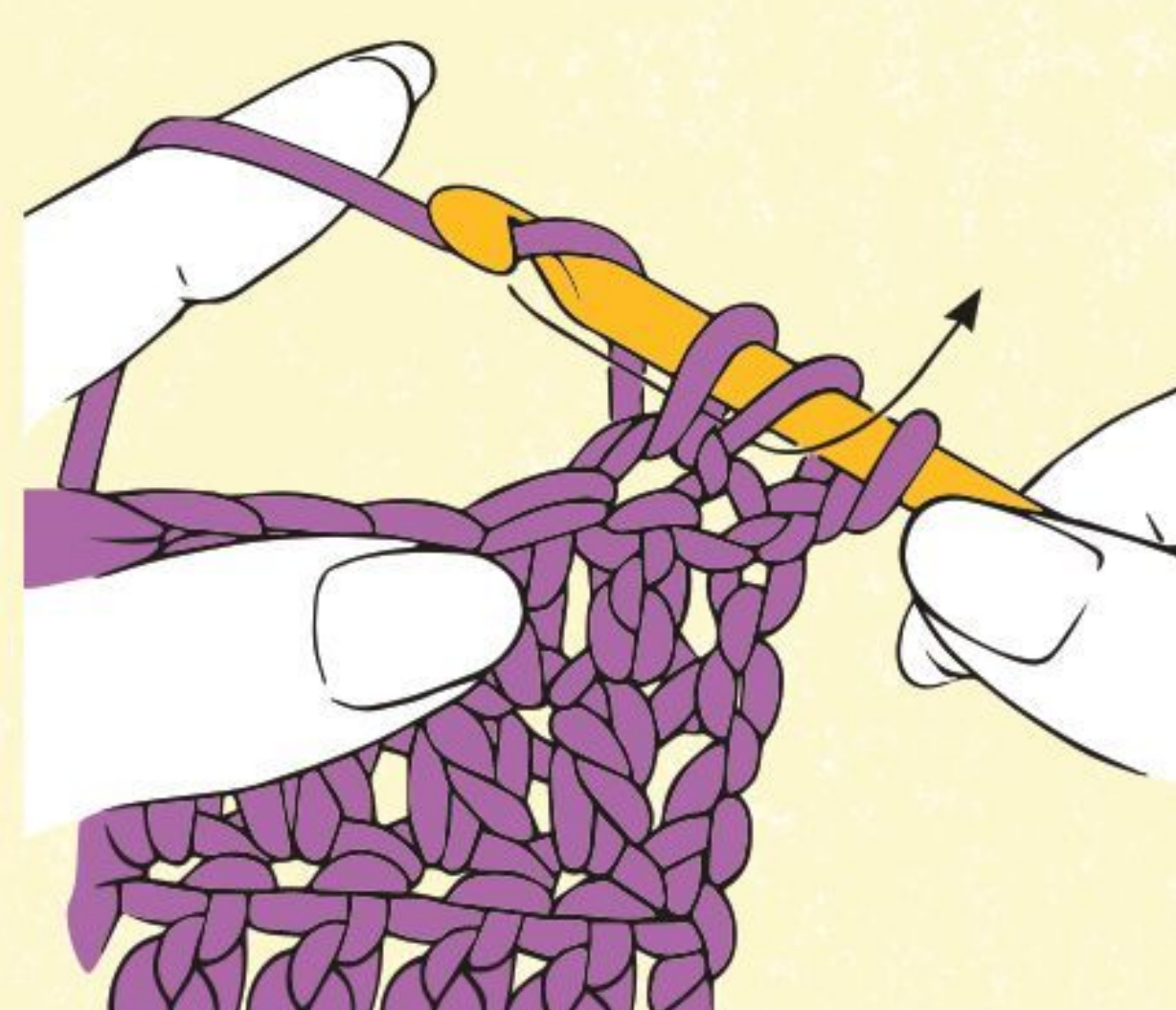
Treble crochet is slightly taller than half treble crochet but is made in a similar way



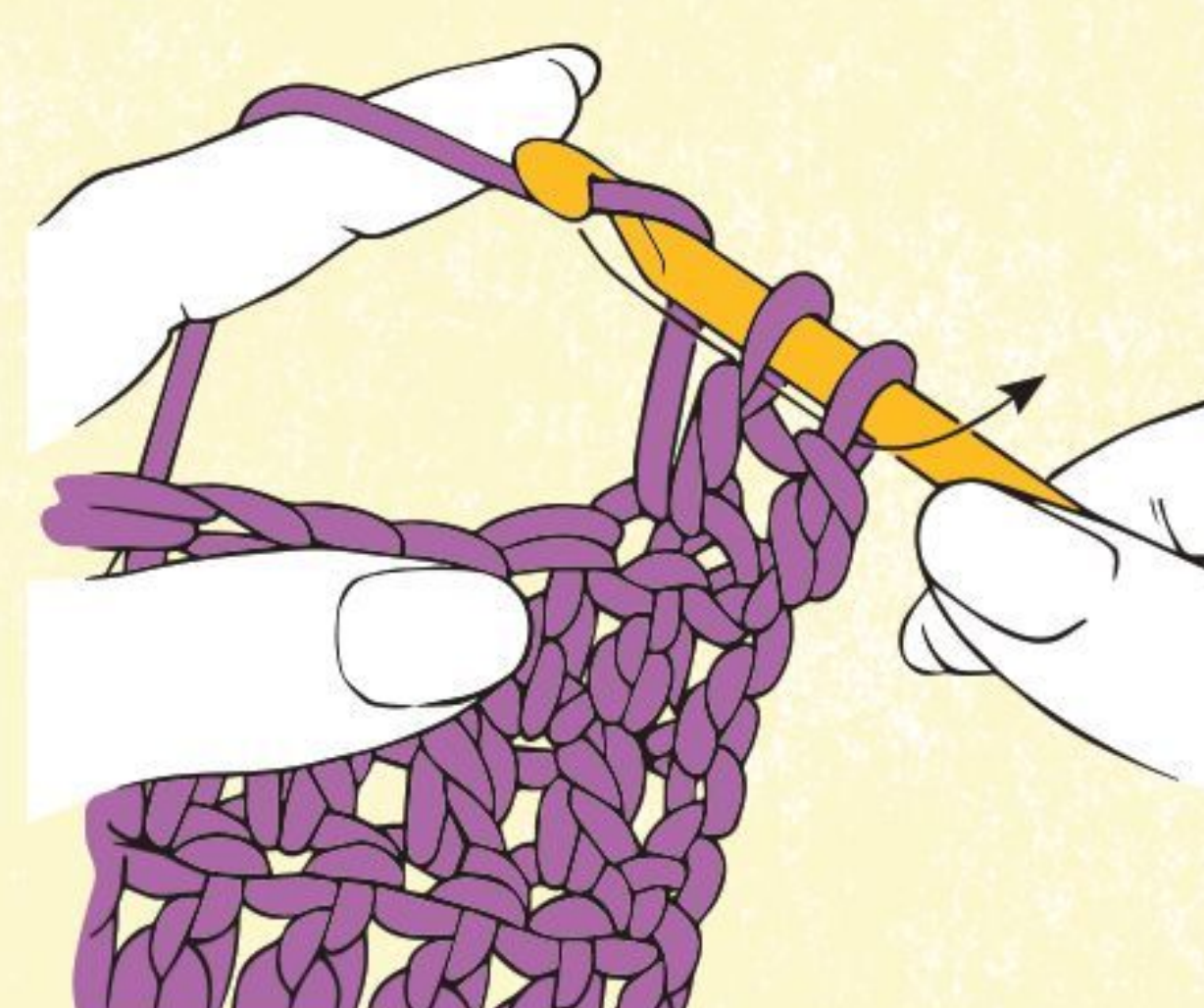
1 (You will need a turning chain of three stitches). Yarn over the hook. Insert the hook through the stitch.



2 Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work, there will be three loops of yarn on the hook.



3 Yarn over the hook and draw through the first two loops. This will leave two loops on the hook.



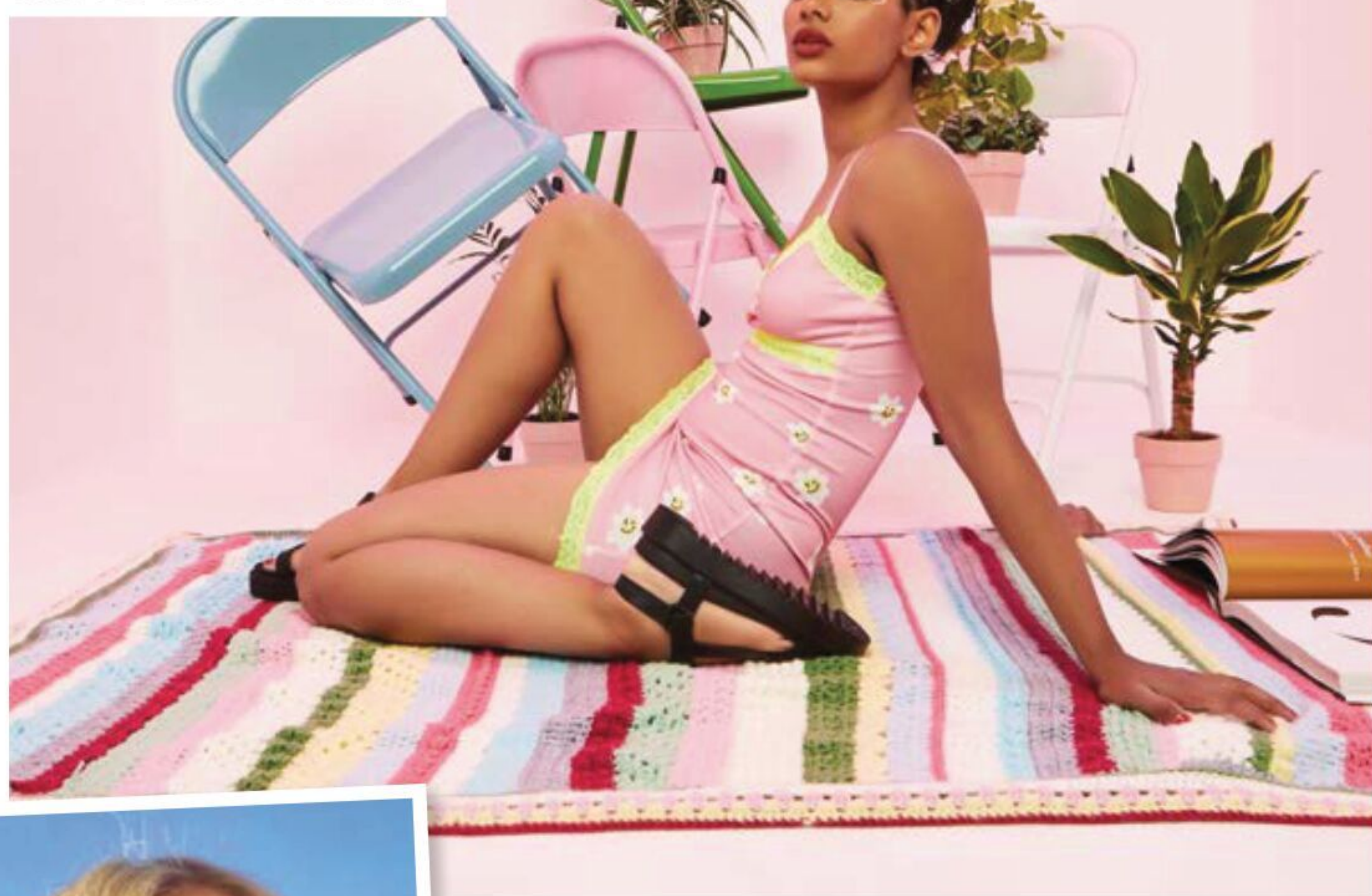
4 Yarn over the hook and draw through all the loops. This will leave one loop on the hook.

VIDEO OF THE MONTH



[YOUTUBE.COM/THECRAFTSCHANNEL](https://www.youtube.com/thecraftschannel)

Megan plans to be involved in more photoshoots like this one for Koi footwear



A unique take on crochet has made Megan an Instagram star!



TEA AND A CHAT WITH...

Megan Matthews

Subtle they aren't, so naturally we're loving Megan's joyful designs

If you're a fan of bold granny squares, then Megan Matthews is someone you need to know about. Megan's wonderfully bright designs have exploded on Instagram, and she now has a community of avid fans who follow her every move. "I have loved building a community on Instagram – followers are one thing, but a community that genuinely supports you and is excited about your work is truly amazing," she says.

Looking at her craftsmanship, it's hard to believe that not so long ago slip knots were beyond her. "I learnt to crochet many years back from my late mum. We only ever used to make granny squares and she always started them as I didn't know how!"

Fast forward a few years, and Megan is now not only starting her own makes but creating the most glorious unique crochetwear from scratch. "I make a huge variety of items, but clothing has to be my favourite as I love that we can make our own clothes, to perfectly fit, with just a hook and some yarn! I will always have a soft spot for a retro granny square, though, and I think every household needs a granny square blanket."

LOVING LIFE

Since those early days of posting on Instagram, Megan has turned her hobby into a thriving business, and her creations have even starred in advertising photoshoots. But which yarns make the cut? "I love bright yarns because they make a project pop. I also enjoy pairing new colours... often the brighter and more daring, the more I want to make it!

"I do love Stylecraft Special DK; the colour selection is fantastic," she says. "I'm also a big fan of T-shirt yarn. Hobby Yarns Ribbon makes excellent baskets, bags and rugs. James C. Brett Fluffy is fantastic for plushies too."

JUGGLING ACT

It hasn't all been plain sailing. "The most challenging thing is managing your time when you work too – I mean, wouldn't we all love to crochet all day? Finance and admin can also be a minefield," she adds. "But there is a great book by Holly Tucker called *Do What You Love, Love What You Do* which aims to empower women in business – I think that is really important."

Megan says it's been fun making clothing collections, including her pink

QUICKFIRE QUESTIONS

Favourite thing to eat for breakfast?
Bacon sandwich and a cup of tea – the perfect start to a weekend.

What TV shows are you bingeing on right now?
I finished *Bridgerton* season 2 in one weekend – so I recommend that... however, I do continuously binge old seasons of *MasterChef*.

Posh picnic in the park or chips on the beach?
Chips on the beach.

Best place to go for a weekend away?
Bristol! I went to university there and the city has so many amazing and fun things to do.

Favourite board game?
I don't know if it is classed as a board game, but *Dobble* is a favourite of mine.

What's the one craft tool you could not be without?
My crochet hook. You can cut up your clothes and make yarn, but you need that trusty hook!

and yellow 'Oh Sweetie' range. This year will see her developing what she calls her 'most exciting project' – a mental health and crafting zine called *Happy Makes*. "I also want to continue working with stylists to have my crochet in shoots and I plan on releasing lots more patterns and help for making garments."

KEEP UP WITH MEGAN'S PROGRESS BY FOLLOWING HER ON INSTAGRAM @MEGANHMAKES



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