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To Ali, my best friend, soulmate and the true shining light in my life.
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Touker Suleyman, from *Dragons' Den*

I knew from the minute that Claire walked into *Dragons' Den* that she would be brilliant at everything she chooses to do. A woman with passion and integrity, Claire and Wool Couture was an investment that I wasn't going to let go.

My business decisions are foremost about people and then about business. Claire and her partner Ali are the perfect example of a hard-working and driven partnership. They have a desire to produce and supply outstanding niche products with the consumer in mind. They have grown and developed the business in the time I have known them, way beyond all our expectations.

For Wool Couture, new ideas arise on a regular basis, one of the most exciting for 2018 was the opening of the first Wool Couture shop and café. Tej and I were

privileged to be in Yorkshire for the opening with over one hundred customers eager to share in the excitement. It was a pleasure to see the smiling and engaged faces of the team and customers alike. The space has proven to be a real success, with regular craft sessions a must visit for everyone, and there is always a cup of tea and homemade cake ready and waiting. You never know, if Claire and Ali have their way, 2019 could see an addition of alpacas in the surrounding fields! At the very least, you will be sure to find all the animals from this wonderful book on the shelves.

This first book, *Mabel Bunny & Co.* from Wool Couture invites craft lovers to make a menagerie of animals, each with their own personality. You can make just one animal or the entire collection – with beautiful stitching and stand-out features, each animal will make a statement of its own once created. Even I might have a go...

Nothing is too much trouble for the Wool Couture team and I am proud of their significant growth. Their success is a celebration of hard work and dedication to what was just a dream a few years ago, and my wish for the Wool Couture team is that they go from strength to strength, continuing this remarkable journey and, of course, that *Mabel Bunny & Co.* features in homes worldwide.

Tej Lalvani, from *Dragons' Den*

We all strive to be memorable, but it is rare on first meeting that you instinctively sense a person is going to be special. Then you look and hear their proposition and all is confirmed, but that is exactly what happened when Claire stepped out of the elevator into the *Dragons' Den* in 2017 – and what a remarkable ride it has been over the past couple of years for the indomitable Claire, co-founder Ali, and the Wool Couture team.

Having started life working her way up through the ranks of a blue-chip company, followed by a management role within the NHS, Claire's business acumen is undeniable, but her story hasn't always been plain sailing.

She tells her life story in a raw and unreserved fashion, highlighting her struggles with managing anxiety and depression and the therapeutic value of crafting to help channel positive energy – resulting in the birth of Wool Couture.

Approaching three years on, Wool Couture is a fully-fledged and thriving business with Claire at the helm and Ali by her side, weaving their creative magic and driving the development of the company into new and significant areas. The online business has expanded with the first retail shop now open, new ranges launching

weekly and the intention to conquer the US market not just a dream anymore, but a reality.

Understated and real, Wool Couture have a touching affinity with their audience, which is a rare quality, enthusiastically sharing their passion for all things knitting, macramé, crochet and weaving.

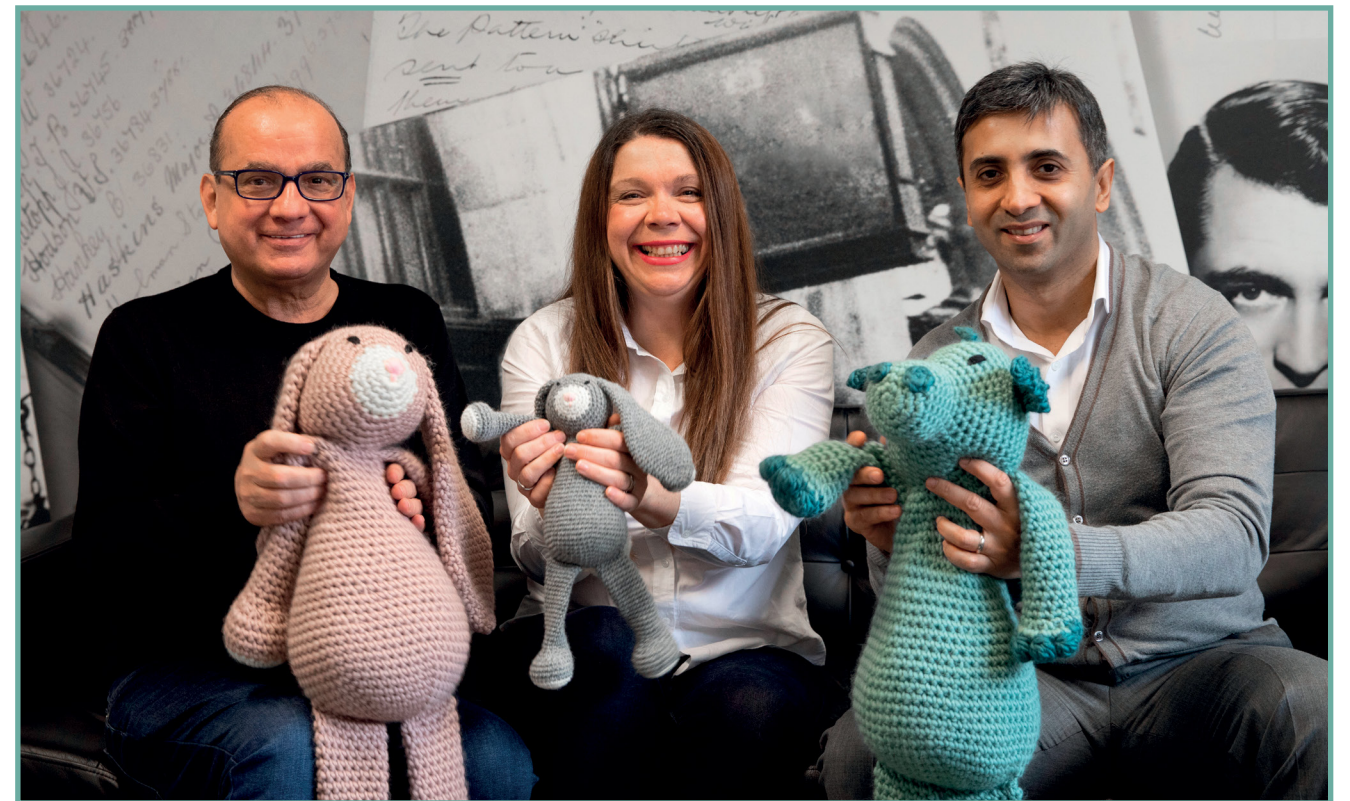
Always thinking of others, the team aspire to reach further craft lovers. They always say that not everyone can attend classes at a local event to learn the art of these disciplines, but online training courses are attainable, which is why Claire is determined to drive this ambition.

Losing yourself in a book is the ultimate in relaxation, so I am delighted to have been asked to introduce the exciting world of *Mabel Bunny & Co.* The culmination of the Wool Couture team's dedication to crafting, *Mabel Bunny & Co.* is written in an easy-to-follow, simple style taking fellow crafters on a journey through the super chunky experience of giant amigurumi. A page turner of a book for all who love a challenge in life.

I, for one, will be honoured to have a copy of *Mabel Bunny & Co.* on my bookshelf next to any popular classic.



Opposite (from left to right):
Touker holding Mabel Bunny,
me with Mini Mabel and Tej
holding Teetee Dragon.



INTRODUCTION

I picked up my first crochet hook at the age of eight. We were on a family trip up north and I was given the tiny hook and yarn and taught how to crochet in circles. I don't remember many holidays from when I was young, but this yarn and hook intrigued me: I remember going to a market in South Shields and I was so proud of my new hook, I bought a special box for my new-found treasure.

Since then I have continued to craft; I love knitting, crochet, weaving, macramé and everything in between. Crafting is special for me as from my teenage years I have had anxiety and depression. Crafting takes me away from the darkness that I can experience and it takes me to a special place that is calm, peaceful and safe. It's my own little space – it's magical!

The last time I was in a very dark place, my therapist picked up on the fact that I was crocheting a lot. Every session we talked about what I had made over that past week and we explored how this made me feel. A lot of these sessions were a blur, but what I do remember is how every time I left, her parting message was 'keep calm and crochet on'!

During this last period of darkness, I left my career as an NHS Director of Transformation. I wasn't really sure what I was going to do, but I knew that changes had to be made.

I was on the mend and I looked around the house, overwhelmed at how many pieces I had crocheted during this period. My other half challenged me to start moving these pieces onto new homes. So after much deliberation I decided to sell my first piece on a selling site called Etsy. The next day I was walking the dogs and I heard a notification on my phone. I couldn't believe it. My scarf had sold! My self-esteem

was quite low at this point and I stood in the field and cried! I couldn't believe that someone really liked my design. It was such an amazing feeling. So that's how Wool Couture started... one scarf led to another, then people started asking for the pattern, then the yarn and then the tools.

In 2016, Ali and I officially turned my little hobby into Wool Couture. We decided we wanted to take traditional crafts like knitting, crochet, weaving and macramé and put them into modern craft kits. Within twelve months we had turned over £360k. We had moved from our dining room to a proper workspace and we gained contracts with John Lewis and Urban Outfitters.

We decided to apply for *Dragons' Den*. In 2017, I faced the Dragons. It was a nerve-wracking experience, but we walked away with two amazing investors, Tej and Touker, who have been helping drive the business ever since.

Soon after my appearance on *Dragons' Den*, Search Press contacted me and asked if I would like to publish a book with them. I was amazed to say the least...it was a dream; to think of having my book published, like the ones on my shelves at home from my favourite textile artists – amazing!

So here is our first book. I hope that these crochet patterns and projects take you to a calm, peaceful and safe space. Being our firstborn, Mabel Bunny has a special place in our hearts here at Wool Couture and we are pleased to present to you Mabel and her fourteen fabulous friends!

Here's to those lighter, brighter days!

Claire x





TOOLS AND MATERIALS

You need very few tools and materials to get you started.
Here are the essentials:

CROCHET HOOK

I'm sure there are millions of crochet hooks to choose from across the world and we each have our favourites. Our main projects are all made using a 8mm (US 11) crochet hook (shown actual size to the left). Because letter and number sizing vary from company to company, I rely on the package millimetre (mm) sizing, which is an accurate measurement. UK patterns tend to use metric crochet hook sizes, whereas US patterns usually use lettered hook sizes. For example, 4mm = G.

Our mini projects all use a 3.5mm (US 4) crochet hook.

CHOOSING A HOOK

When choosing a hook, you will need to consider the material the hook is made of – aluminium and plastic are very common but you can find hooks made of rubber, steel, bamboo and wood. Different materials work better with different hooks; in our team when working with our yarns some of us choose wooden hooks and others choose plastic. It's good to experiment with what suits you the best, you may already have a favourite.

THE HANDLE OF THE HOOK

Over the years I have tried and tested many crochet hooks and one of the most important things is how the hook feels in your hand. Does it have a good grip (this is where your thumb rests)? Is the handle comfortable (this is where your hand rests)? Does it sit nicely in your hand? Be prepared to experiment. I remember buying a beautiful hook, but then after using it for a couple of hours I had to abandon it as the bottom of the hook just didn't sit right in my hand.

TOY STUFFING

Every toy needs stuffing and we use a standard carded polyester which is specifically designed for toys. However people use many materials like upcycling stuffing from a toy that has come to the end of its life, worn out t-shirts or sweaters but you will probably want to cut these into smaller pieces before using them as stuffing.

DARNING NEEDLES

At the end of a project you will be sewing in all of the ends. We use a standard wide eye needle that has an overall length of 5cm (2in) and a eye that is 1.5cm (½in) in length and 2mm wide. I would recommend using a darning needle that is this size or larger.

POMPOMS

We tend to make our pompoms the traditional way, wrapping the yarn around two pieces of cardboard before creating the pompom. However, the choice is yours – there are lots of pompom makers on the market and many people choose these as they can be a faster and neater option.

STITCH MARKERS

We always have one or two stitch markers to hand. However I have been without and on these occasions I have been known to use paperclips, dangly earrings or even just different pieces of coloured yarn to mark my spaces.

In addition to the materials shown opposite, you might find a thin knitting needle (4mm) useful for holding the parts of the toy together while you attach them.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Crochet hook | 5 Toy stuffing |
| 2 Cardboard for pompoms | 6 Scissors |
| 3 Ruler | 7 Stitch marker |
| 4 Yarn | 8 Darning needles |



COLOUR WHEEL

At Wool Couture we have over thirty colours in our Cheeky Chunky range. There's a colour for everyone! I am always personally drawn to the more vintage, muted tones like the mink colour that we have made Mabel in.

My favourite signature colours from our range are Mink, Seal, Teal and Cream and you will see echoes of these throughout our book, website and flagship store. I think the colours are truly serene and peaceful.

We have tried to keep the colours of the range reflective of colours that you would expect the animals to have in the wild. That said, I personally think your colour choice can be anything you like – I have seen our toys made in many wonderful colours!

We have added our own signature to the animals: each one has a baby pink heart. This is to reflect our Wool Couture logo and of course to spread a little love!

A NOTE ON YARN

Throughout the book we have used Wool Couture's Cheeky Chunky yarn for the main projects. This super bulky (super chunky) yarn is made in Yorkshire, UK from 100% merino wool and is 130m (142yd) per 200g.

For our mini animals we have used our very own Wool Couture Beau Baby yarn. This light worsted (DK) weight yarn is made in Yorkshire from a 50% merino, 50% acrylic blend. It's a 2-ply yarn which comes in 50g balls with 90m (98yd) per ball.

Any of the yarns used in this book can be replaced with other yarns of a similar weight and composition, though please note the finished animals may vary slightly from those shown in the book depending on the yarn used.

ROLLING YOUR SKEINS INTO BALLS



Our yarn is supplied and sold in skeins. You will find it easier to work from if you wind it into a ball first. You can either wrap the yarn round a chair, or ask someone to hold it for you. Use scissors to snip the yarn holders. Once these have been removed you will see two loose ends. Take one of these and start winding the yarn around your fingers until you have a ball.

Note on metric and imperial measurements

All of the projects in this book have been made using metric measurements, and the imperial equivalents provided have been calculated following standard conversion practices. The imperial measurements are often rounded to the nearest quarter of an inch for ease of use, however if you need more exact measurements, there are a number of excellent online converters that you can use.

Tip

The colour of the yarn in the skein looks paler than it will once crocheted, as there will be more shadows when the project is finished.



There is a handy list of abbreviations at the back of the book. You can refer to it while you read the patterns.

TECHNIQUES

In this techniques section, I will show you step by step how to do each of the basic crochet stitches used for the projects. There is also a section on how to assemble the toys, including sewing and stuffing. Let's get those toys started!



CROCHET STITCHES

MAKING A SLIP KNOT

A slip knot is the starting point for all the pieces in the book that start with a chain row.



1 Holding the yarn between your finger and thumb, wrap the yarn around your hand twice.



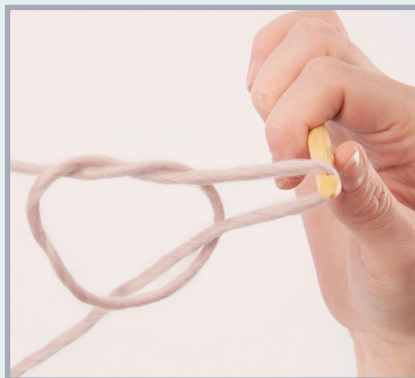
2 On the back of your hand take the hook under the second loop, grabbing the yarn on the third loop.



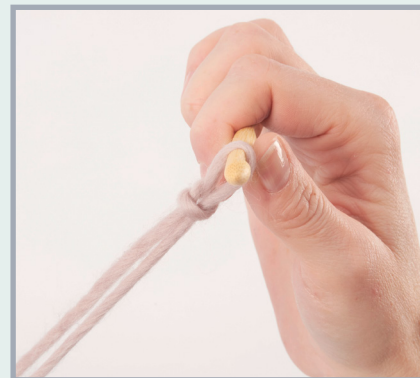
3 Grab the yarn and pull it under the second loop.



4 Pull the working yarn carefully off your hand.



5 Hold the tail securely.



6 Pull to close the slip knot.

MAKING A MAGIC RING

A magic ring is the starting point for all the animals and is used for bodies, heads, tails and legs.



1 Follow steps 1-3 (opposite) to make a slip knot, then continue to twist the hook towards you and pull the hook down so that it looks like the image above, right.



2 Grab all the loops at the top of the hook and pull the loops off your hand.



3 Chain one to secure (see page 20).



The completed magic ring.



4 Crochet the required number of stitches into the magic ring.



5 Grab the tail and pull gently to close the ring, as shown above, right.



CHAIN STITCH

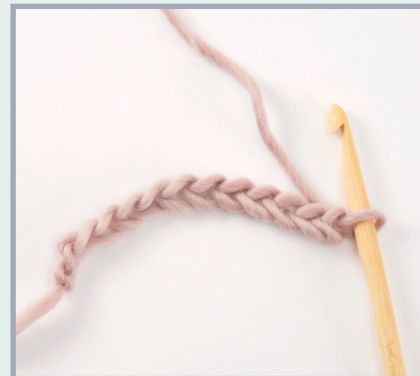
Chain stitch is the foundation for all the flat pieces in the book, such as Teetee Dragon's wings.



1 Yarn over.



2 Pull through the loop.



3 Repeat to make the required number of chain stitches specified in the pattern.

SINGLE CROCHET (UK DOUBLE)

Single crochet is the main stitch we use for all of the animals.



1 Insert your hook from front to back in the next stitch.



2 Yarn over.



3 Pull through the stitch.



4 Two loops on the hook. Yarn over.



5 Pull through the two loops on the hook.



The finished stitch.

HALF DOUBLE CROCHET (UK HALF TREBLE)

Half double crochet is used to create a slightly longer stitch for shaping. It has been used for Kielder Squirrel's tail and the spines on Teetee Dragon.



1 Yarn over.



2 Insert the hook through the stitch. Yarn over. Pull through the stitch.



3 Now you have three loops on the hook. Yarn over.



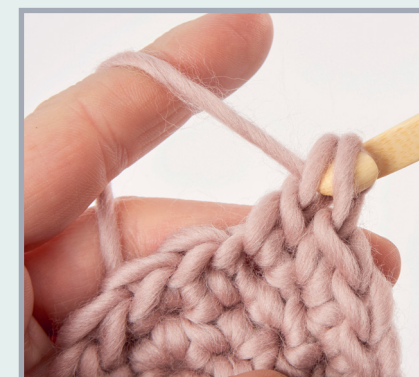
4 Pull through all three loops on the hook.

DOUBLE CROCHET (UK TREBLE)

Double crochet is a longer stitch and is used to create height. We used this on Teetee Dragon's spines.



1 Follow steps 1-3 above, then yarn over. Pull through two loops.



2 Yarn over and pull through two remaining loops on the hook.



3 Your stitch is complete.



INCREASING IN SINGLE CROCHET (UK DOUBLE)

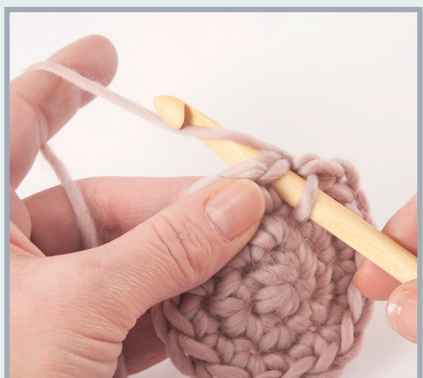
We use this technique to create the shapes of the body parts. The more you increase, the bigger the shapes will be.



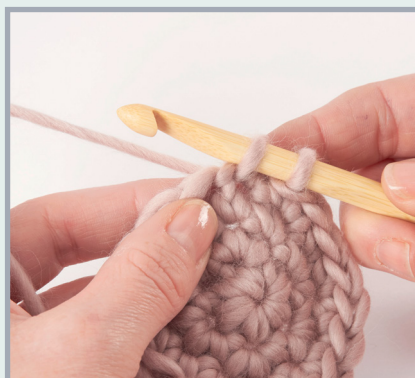
1 Make two double crochet into the same stitch.

DECREASING IN SINGLE CROCHET (UK DOUBLE)

We use this technique to create the shapes of the body parts. The more you decrease, the smaller the shapes will be.



1 Insert your hook from front to back in the next stitch. Yarn over.



2 Pull through the stitch leaving two loops on the hook.



3 Insert the hook from front to back through the next stitch. Yarn over.



4 Pull through the stitch, leaving three loops on the hook.



5 Yarn over, pulling the yarn through all three loops.

STARTING A NEW BALL OF YARN

This technique is useful for when your ball of yarn runs out, or you need to introduce a different colour. It has been used to add a second colour to the body and head of Florence Red Panda (see pages 70–75) and the head of Doris Sloth (see pages 94–97).



1 Where indicated in the pattern, on the last yarn over of the stitch change to the new colour of yarn. Yarn over with your new colour.



2 Pull the new colour through the final two loops on your hook.



3 Continue in the new colour, following the pattern.

SLIP STITCH

This technique has been used for Kielder Red Squirrel's tail (see pages 116–121), Walter Zebra's mane (see pages 58–63) and Oliver Octopus' tentacles (see pages 76–81).



1 Insert the hook through the stitch and yarn over.



2 Pull through the stitch.



3 Here is the finished stitch. Follow the pattern.



PUFF STITCH

This textured stitch is used for Lionel Lamb's fluffy wool (see pages 104–109). A similar technique, but repeating twice instead of three times, is used for Oliver Octopus' tentacles (see pages 76–81).



1 Yarn over, then put the hook through the stitch and pull through.



2 You now have three stitches on the hook.



3 Repeat step 1 three times until you have nine loops on the hook.



4 Yarn over and pull through all the nine loops.



Here you can see the puff stitch used on Lionel Lamb's back.



BOBBLE STITCH

This technique is used for the arms and feet of Stitch Puppy (see pages 82–87) and Teetee Dragon (see pages 122–128).



1 Yarn over, then put the hook through the stitch, yarn over and pull through.



2 You now have three loops on the hook.



3 Yarn over and pull through two loops on the hook.



4 Yarn over, put the hook through the same stitch and yarn over and pull through. Yarn over and pull through two loops (three loops on the hook). Repeat three more times so you have six loops on the hook.



5 Yarn over and pull through all six loops.



Here you can see the bobble stitch used on the arms. There is no space between each bobble stitch.



Here you can see the bobble stitch used on the feet. There is a space between each bobble stitch.

LOOP STITCH

This technique is used for Gabriel Alpaca (see pages 88–93).



1 Insert the hook into the stitch. Working from the right side, wrap the yarn from front to back, over your index finger.

2 Take the hook (as shown in 2a) clockwise around the back of the stitch (as shown in 2b–2c). Pull through (2d) and you will have one loop on your finger and two loops on the hook (2e).



3 Bring the loop on your index finger to the front of the work.



4 Yarn over.



5 Bring the yarn through the two loops on your hook.



6 Now you have created a loop stitch.



7 Continue, following your pattern.



Here you can see the loop stitch used on Gabriel Alpaca's arms.



BRINGING THE TOYS TO LIFE

In this section I will show you how to assemble the toys. As they start to take shape, so do their individual characters. I will also show you how to make eyes, ears and tails.

Due to the soft, untwisted nature of the wool, care must be taken when sewing the parts together. The tail of yarn can pull apart if you handle it too roughly. Practise on a test swatch to get the right tension (gauge).

STUFFING

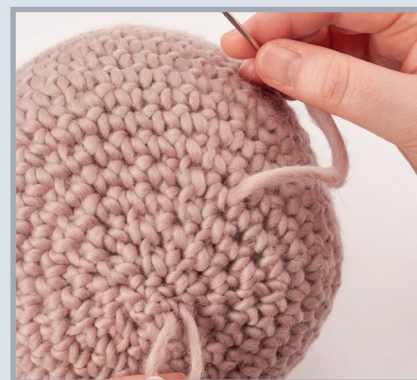
All the toys are designed to be soft and floppy. To make them floppy, each part is under-stuffed. The arms and legs are less stuffed than the other body parts, making the limbs perfect for giant hugs.



1 Make sure you begin adding stuffing when you start to decrease the stitches. The head has more stuffing than the other body parts.



2 Using a darning needle, thread the yarn through the front loops of the remaining stitches.



3 Gently close the hole and take the darning needle through the stuffing and out of the side of the head.

JOINING THE HEAD AND BODY



1 After generously stuffing the body, use a knitting needle or skewer to hold the head and body in position before sewing.



2 Using the tail of the yarn attached to the body, take your needle through one stitch on the head and one stitch on the body.

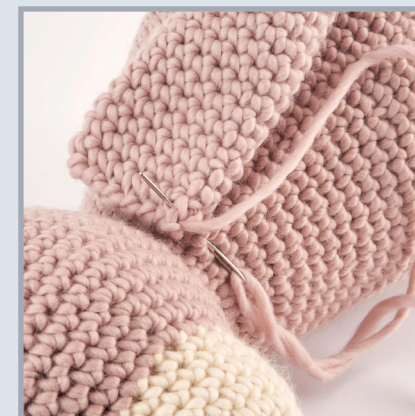


3 Repeat all of the way around the head to secure.

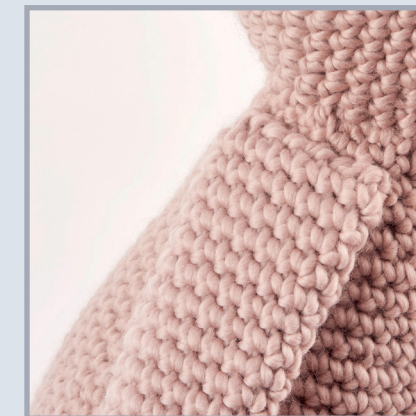
SEWING THE ARMS



1 After stuffing, push together the two sides and sew across the top of the arm.



2 Position the arm as outlined in the pattern.



3 Stitch across the arm.



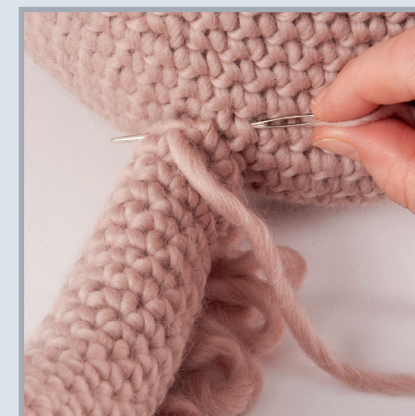
Finished arms and legs.

ATTACHING THE EARS AND TAIL

Following the instructions for the pattern, sew on the ears and tail. Note the position of the pieces in the pattern.



Position of the ear.



Position of the tail.



JOINING FLORENCE RED PANDA'S EARS

Florence's ears are different to the other animals' ears as they are made in two parts and joined afterwards. The embroidery detail on the front adds extra personality. Take your time to make them nice and neat. (See pages 70–75.)



1 Place the cream triangle on top of the brown triangle. Starting in the bottom right-hand corner, place your hook through the stitches of both triangles.



2 Place your yarn over the hook and pull through both parts of the ear.



3 Yarn over and pull through the loop to secure. Single crochet (*UK double*) into the same stitch.



4 Continue to single crochet (*UK double*) around that edge and repeat for the other edge.



5 To add the detail to the ear, cut 40cm (16in) of brown yarn. Starting in the bottom centre of the ear, take your needle from the back of the cream triangle to the front and pull the yarn through, leaving a 10cm (4in) tail.



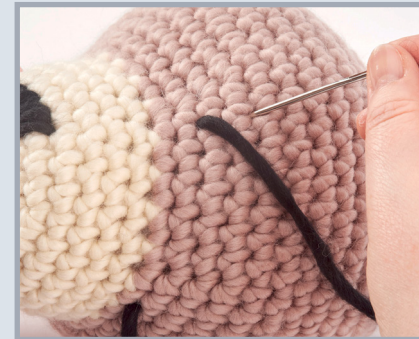
6 Make your first stitch approximately 3cm (1in) above the starting point, your second stitch 2cm (¾in) long, to the right of the first stitch and your third stitch 1.5cm (½in) long, to the side of the second stitch.



7 Repeat the second and third stitches on the opposite side. You will now have five stitches.

MAKING EYES

These instructions show how to make Stitch Puppy's eyes (page 87), and specific instructions are given on each pattern.



1 Take the needle from the outside edge of the head and bring out where you will start the eyes.



2 Spanning two rows, sew three stitches to create the eyes.

MAKING A FAN NOSE

Many of the toys have fan-shaped noses, and I demonstrate the technique on Stitch Puppy here.



1 Take the needle in from the outside edge of the head and bring out where you will start the nose.



2 To create the fan shape, stitch from the centre hole and outwards to create a 'v' stitch and outline for you to sew in between.



3 Fill in the remainder of the nose.



4 Take the needle back out of the hole where you started and double knot to secure.



5 Thread one end onto the darning needle and exit the needle a couple of inches away. Repeat with the other end.

MAKING POMPOM TAILS

You may have seen pompom makers, but I prefer to make pompoms the traditional way, to the required size of the pattern.



1 Cut out two templates from cardboard.



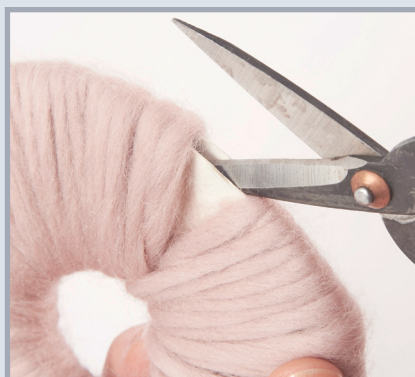
2 Put one template on top of the other.



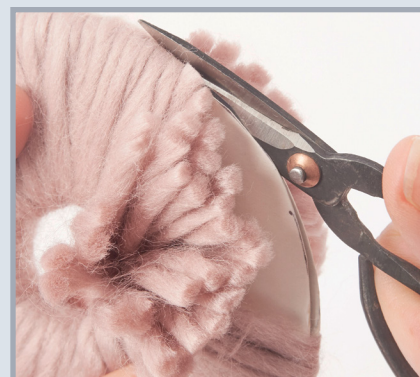
3 Wrap yarn around the template.



When you have finished wrapping all the way round, it will look like this.



4 Place the scissors in between the two pieces of cardboard.



5 Snip around the whole circle.



6 Cut a piece of yarn 60cm (23½in) long. Using a double strand, place the yarn in between the two layers of cardboard. Double knot and pull tightly to secure.



7 Carefully pull the two cardboard templates away from the pompom.



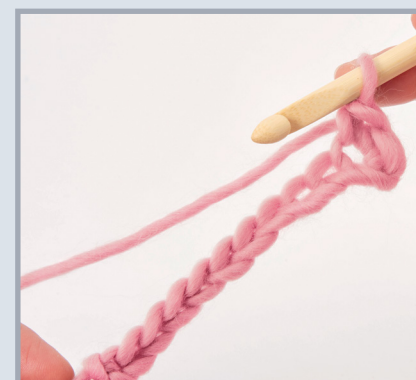
8 Fluff up your pompom and trim into shape.



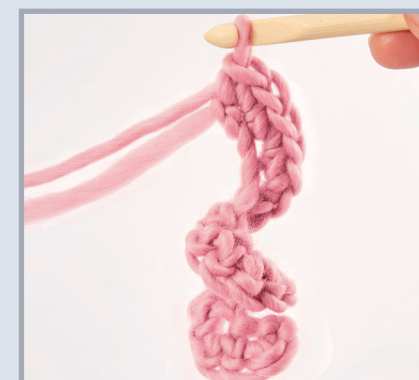
Pompoms are quick and easy to make – and fun! They provide a perfect finishing touch for your project.

MAKING CURLY TAILS

Using this spiral technique, you can create curly-whirly tails, like that used for Clarence Pig (see pages 98–103).



1 Chain the required number of stitches. In the second chain from the hook, make two single crochet (UK double).



2 Repeat the required number of stitches.



Here you can see Clarence Pig's curly tail.



MAKING A HEART

Hearts are a signature on all the projects, but the mini versions are too small to have their own.



1 Make a magic ring (see page 19) and chain three.



2 Two double crochets into the magic ring (*UK treble*).



3 Two half double crochets into the magic ring (*UK half treble*).



4 One single crochet into the magic ring (*UK double*).



5 Two double crochets into the magic ring (*UK treble*).



6 One single crochet into the magic ring (*UK double*).



7 Two half double crochets into the magic ring (*UK half treble*).



8 Two double crochets into the magic ring (*UK treble*).



9 Chain three.



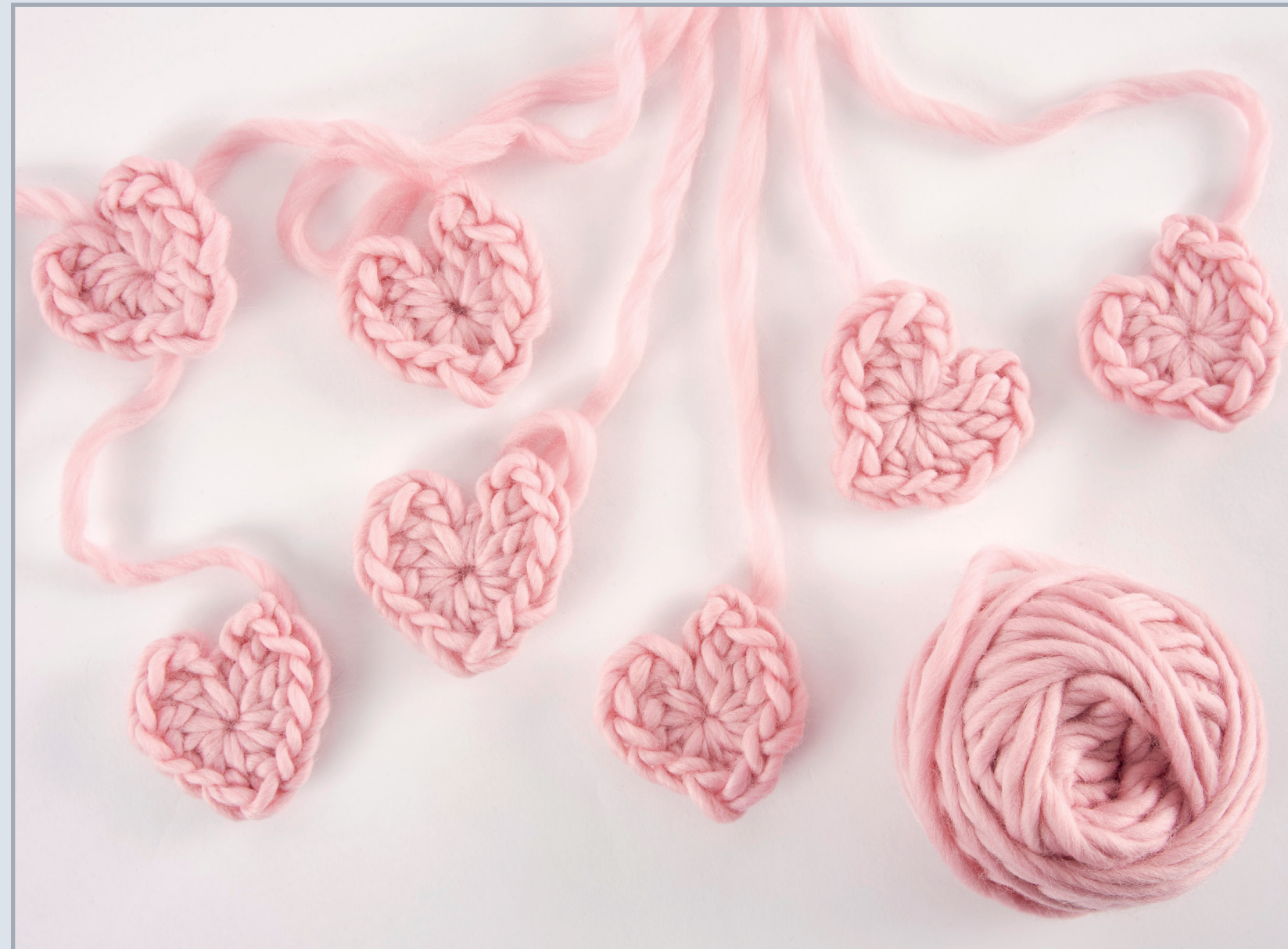
10 One single crochet (*UK double*).



11 Pull the tail of the yarn to close the magic ring.



12 Yarn over and pull through the stitch to complete the heart. Sew in the ends.



MEET MABEL'S FAMILY

The adorable members of Mabel's family are soft and floppy, perfect for cuddling. You make them like this by under-stuffing each part. Care for your toys by spot cleaning.

DIFFICULTY LEVEL:

Easy: 🐰

Intermediate: 🐰🐰

Advanced: 🐰🐰🐰



MABEL BUNNY & BABY

Mabel was our firstborn super chunky animal at Wool Couture. We wanted to create a range of animals that were oversized and made with our Cheeky Chunky yarn, which is a super bulky (super chunky) merino yarn. Mini Mabel was made with our Beau Baby yarn, which is a light worsted (DK) merino yarn.

Mabel Bunny was always a girl from the start, even before we had designed her – we wanted to create an animal that would be everyone's best friend, with a soft and calm feeling that would give the best cuddles ever. Rabbits are also co-founder of Wool Couture Ali's favourite animals.

This delightful project is perfect for someone who has learnt the basics of crochet.

Tip

Use the same pattern for both bunnies, but do not make a heart for Mini Mabel.

DIFFICULTY LEVEL:

Size: Approx. 70cm (27½in) tall; baby is approx. 30cm (12in) tall

TOOLS & MATERIALS

MABEL BUNNY

- ▶ Three balls of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in mink (A); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 100g (3½oz) of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in natural cream (B), 20g (¾oz) in baby pink (C), oddment in black (D); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 8mm (US 11, UK 0) crochet hook
- ▶ 160g (5½oz) toy stuffing
- ▶ Stitch marker

MINI MABEL

- ▶ Three balls of Beau Baby merino/acrylic yarn in grey (A); 50g/98yd/90m
- ▶ One ball of Beau Baby merino/acrylic yarn in natural cream (B); 50g/98yd/90m
- ▶ Oddment of Beau Baby merino/acrylic yarn in baby pink (C) and black (D); 50g/98yd/90m
- ▶ 3.5mm (US 4, UK 9/10) crochet hook
- ▶ 80g (2¾oz) toy stuffing

BOTH

- ▶ Tapestry needle



PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

Body

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).
Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).
Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).
Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).
Round 5: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).
Round 6: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (36 sts).
Round 7: [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (42 sts).
Round 8: [6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (48 sts).
Round 9: [7 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (54 sts).
Round 10: [8 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (60 sts).
Rounds 11–15: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 16: [8 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (54 sts).
Rounds 17 and 18: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 19: [7 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (48 sts).
Rounds 20 and 21: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 22: [6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (42 sts).
Rounds 23–26: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 27: [5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (36 sts).
Rounds 28–30: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 31: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (30 sts).
Round 32: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 33: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).
Round 34: sc (UK dc) in each st around, sl st. Stuff the body. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing on the head.



Head

Round 1: using yarn B, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).
Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).
Round 3: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 4: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).
Round 5: sc (UK dc) in each st around, change to yarn A on last yarn over. Place a st marker after the first increase on the next round to mark the centre top of the head.
Round 6: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).
Round 7: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).
Round 8: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 1 sc (UK dc)] five times, 18 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 1 sc (UK dc) (36 sts).
Rounds 9 and 10: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 11: [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (42 sts).
Rounds 12–16: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 17: [5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (36 sts).
Round 18: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (30 sts). Start to stuff and top up as you go.
Round 19: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).
Round 20: [2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (18 sts).
Round 21: [1 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (12 sts).
Round 22: 6 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (6 sts). Fasten off and close the remaining hole.



Ears (make two)

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).
Round 2: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times (9 sts).
Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] four times, 1 sc (UK dc) (13 sts).
Rounds 4 and 5: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 6: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times, 1 sc (UK dc) (19 sts).
Rounds 7 and 8: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 9: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] nine times, 1 sc (UK dc) (28 sts).
Rounds 10–13: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 14: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] four times, 4 sc (UK dc) (24 sts).
Rounds 15–18: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 19: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] four times, 4 sc (UK dc) (20 sts).
Rounds 20–23: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 24: [2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] five times (15 sts).
Rounds 25–28: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 29: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] three times (12 sts).
Rounds 30–33: sc (UK dc) in each st around. Do not stuff. Sl st across to close the opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the head.



Arms (make two)

Round 1: using yarn B, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times, change to yarn A on last yarn over (24 sts).

Rounds 5–8: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 9: 6 sc (UK dc), 6 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 6 sc (UK dc) (18 sts).

Round 10: 6 sc (UK dc), 3 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 6 sc (UK dc) (15 sts).

Stuff the hand and lightly stuff the arm up to around halfway.

Rounds 11–28: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Sl st across to close the opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.

Legs (make two)

Round 1: using yarn B, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 5: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times, change to yarn A on last yarn over of round (30 sts).

Rounds 6–9: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 10: 7 sc (UK dc), 8 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 7 sc (UK dc) (22 sts).

Round 11: 7 sc (UK dc), 4 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 7 sc (UK dc) (18 sts).

Round 12: 7 sc (UK dc), 2 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 7 sc (UK dc) (16 sts).

Stuff the foot and lightly stuff the leg up to around halfway.

Rounds 13–32: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Sl st across to close the opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.

Tail

Using yarn B, create a large pompom approximately 7cm (3in) in diameter as described on page 32.

Heart (for large bunny only)

Round 1: using yarn C, make a heart as described on pages 34–35.

Sew the heart on the back of the body, at the bottom.

Making up (for both bunnies)

Using yarn C, and starting at the centre of the magic ring, sew a triangular-shaped nose and add a vertical line centrally below the nose.

Using yarn D, embroider three vertical stitches for the eyes spanning rounds 6 to 8, and approximately six stitches apart.

Sew the ears to the head two rows back from the top of the eyes (the ears should roughly line up with the top of each eye).

Sew the head to the top opening of the body, ensuring you top up the body stuffing to support the head.

Sew the arms onto each side of the body approximately two rounds down from the neck.

Sew the legs onto the base of the body, horizontally, at each side of the starting magic ring.

Sew the pompom tail to the bottom rear of the body.



Mini MABEL

You can make her using the same pattern, but using a thinner yarn and a smaller hook.



LILLY POLAR BEAR

I always loved the name Lilly: such a pure and gentle name. So when I made our polar bear I sat looking at her wondering what she should be called and Lilly came to mind because she's a gentle giant.

Lilly was made with our Cheeky Chunky yarn, which is a super bulky (super chunky) merino yarn.

PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

Body

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 5: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).

Round 6: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (36 sts).

Round 7: [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (42 sts).

Round 8: [6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (48 sts).

Round 9: [7 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (54 sts).

Round 10: [8 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (60 sts).

Round 11: [9 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (66 sts).

Round 12: [10 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (72 sts).

Rounds 13–16: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 17: [10 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (66 sts).

Rounds 18 and 19: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 20: [9 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (60 sts).

Round 21: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 22: [8 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (54 sts).

DIFFICULTY LEVEL: 

Size: Approx. 70cm (27½in) tall

TOOLS & MATERIALS

- ▶ Four balls of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in white (A); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 100g (3½oz) of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in natural grey (B), 20g (¾oz) in baby pink (C), oddment in black (D); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 8mm (US 11, UK 0) crochet hook
- ▶ 200g (7oz) toy stuffing
- ▶ Tapestry needle

Rounds 23–26: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 27: [7 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (48 sts).

Rounds 28–30: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 31: [6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (42 sts).

Round 32: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 33: [5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (36 sts).

Round 34: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 35: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (30 sts).

Round 36: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).

Round 37: [2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (18 sts).

Stuff body. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing on head.



Head

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).
Round 2: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times (9 sts).
Round 3: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times (12 sts).
Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] four times (16 sts).
Round 5: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] four times (20 sts).
Round 6: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 7: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] five times (25 sts).
Round 8: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] five times (30 sts).
Round 9: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] ten times (40 sts).
Round 10: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 11: [9 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] four times (44 sts).
Rounds 12–18: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 19: [6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] five times, 2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (38 sts).
Round 20: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times, 2 sc (UK dc) (32 sts).
Start to stuff and top up as you go.
Round 21: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] five times, 2 sc (UK dc) (27 sts).
Round 22: 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] five times (21 sts).
Round 23: [2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] five times, 1 sc (UK dc) (16 sts).
Round 24: [1 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] five times, 1 sc (UK dc) (11 sts).
Round 25: 5 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 1 sc (UK dc) (6 sts).
Fasten off and close the remaining hole.

Ears (make two)

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).
Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).
Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).
Rounds 4–7: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Do not stuff. Flatten the ears and sl st across to close the opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the head.



Arms (make two)

Round 1: using yarn B, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).
Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).
Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times, change to yarn A on last yarn over (18 sts).
Round 4: working into the back loops for this round only, [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).
Round 5: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).
Rounds 6 and 7: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 8: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).
Stuff the hand and lightly stuff the arm, up to around halfway, as you go.
Round 9: [2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (18 sts).
Round 10: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] three times (15 sts).
Rounds 11–28: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Sl st across to close the opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.





Legs (make two)

Round 1: using yarn B, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times, change to yarn A on last yarn over (24 sts).

Round 5: working into back loops for this round only, [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).

Round 6: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) into next st] six times (36 sts).

Rounds 7–9: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 10: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (30 sts).

Round 11: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).

Round 12: [2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (18 sts).

Stuff the foot and lightly stuff the leg up to around halfway, as you go.

Rounds 13–30: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Sl st across to close opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.

Tail

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times (15 sts).

Rounds 4 and 5: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 6: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] three times (12 sts).

Rounds 7 and 8: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Do not stuff. Sl st across to close opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.

Heart

Round 1: using yarn C, make a heart as described on pages 34–35.



Making up

See the section on bringing the toys to life on pages 28–29 and 31.

Using yarn D, starting at the centre of the magic ring on the head, sew a triangular-shaped nose, add a vertical line centrally below the nose and a horizontal line for the mouth (see photograph on page 46 for guidance).

Embroider the eyes using three vertical stitches spanning rounds 6 to 8 and approximately six stitches apart. Sew the ears to the head four rows back from the top of the eyes, (the inside edge of the ears should roughly line up with the top of each eye).

The ears should be sewn curved so that they span approximately four stitches. Sew the head to the top opening of the body, ensuring you top up the body stuffing to support the head.

Using yarn B, sew five claws onto each hand. Each claw should be a vertical line starting one row above

the grey hand pad and spanning two rows, with approximately two stitches between each claw.

Sew the arms onto each side of the body approximately two rounds down from the neck, sloping backwards at an angle.

Using yarn B, sew five claws onto each foot. Each claw should be a vertical line starting two rows above the grey foot pad and spanning three rows, with approximately two stitches between each claw.

Sew the legs underneath the body with the inside edge approximately five rounds away from the magic ring, five stitches apart and angled backwards and outwards in a 'v' shape.

Sew the tail to the lower back, pointing downwards. Sew the heart on the back of the body, at the bottom.



RUBY ELEPHANT

As a child I was fascinated by elephants and the supportive families they create. Now Ruby is part of her own crocheted family.

Ruby was made with our Cheeky Chunky yarn, which is a super bulky (super chunky) merino yarn.

PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

Body

- Round 1:** using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).
- Round 2:** [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).
- Round 3:** [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).
- Round 4:** [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).
- Round 5:** [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).
- Round 6:** [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (36 sts).
- Round 7:** [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (42 sts).
- Round 8:** [6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (48 sts).
- Round 9:** [7 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (54 sts).
- Round 10:** [8 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (60 sts).
- Round 11:** [9 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (66 sts).
- Round 12:** [10 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (72 sts).
- Rounds 13–16:** sc (UK dc) in each st around.
- Round 17:** [10 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (66 sts).
- Rounds 18 and 19:** sc (UK dc) in each st around.
- Round 20:** [9 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (60 sts).
- Round 21:** sc (UK dc) in each st around.
- Round 22:** [8 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (54 sts).

DIFFICULTY LEVEL: 🐾🐾

Size: Approx. 70cm (27½in) tall

TOOLS & MATERIALS

- ▶ Four balls of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in grey (A); 200g/142yd/130m
 - ▶ 100g (3½oz) of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in natural cream (B), 20g (¾oz) in baby pink (C), oddment in black (D); 200g/142yd/130m
 - ▶ 8mm (US 11, UK 0) crochet hook
 - ▶ 200g (7oz) toy stuffing
 - ▶ Tapestry needle
- Rounds 23–26:** sc (UK dc) in each st around.
- Round 27:** [7 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (48 sts).
- Rounds 28–30:** sc (UK dc) in each st around.
- Round 31:** [6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (42 sts).
- Round 32:** sc (UK dc) in each st around.
- Round 33:** [5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (36 sts).
- Round 34:** sc (UK dc) in each st around.
- Round 35:** [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (30 sts).
- Round 36:** [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).
- Round 37:** [2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (18 sts).
- Stuff body.
- Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing on the head.



Head

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 5: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 6: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).

Round 7: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 8: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (36 sts).

Round 9: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 10: [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (42 sts).

Round 11: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 12: [6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (48 sts).

Rounds 13 and 14: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 15: [6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (42 sts).

Round 16: 7 sc (UK dc), [5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] five times (37 sts).

Round 17: 7 sc (UK dc), [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] five times (32 sts).

Round 18: 7 sc (UK dc), [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] five times (27 sts).

Start to stuff the head and top up as you go.

Round 19: 7 sc (UK dc), [2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] five times (22 sts).

Round 20: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 21: 7 sc (UK dc), [1 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] five times (17 sts).

Rounds 22 and 23: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 24: 2 sc (UK dc), [1 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] five times (12 sts).

Rounds 25–27: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 28: 2 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 8 sc (UK dc) (10 sts).

Stuff the trunk lightly as you go.

Rounds 29–31: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 32: 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 8 sc (UK dc) (9 sts).

Rounds 33 and 34: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 35: 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 7 sc (UK dc) (8 sts).

Round 36: sc (UK dc) in each st around, sl st.

Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn.

Ears (make two)

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 5: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).

Round 6: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (36 sts).

Round 7: 2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] five times, 3 sc (UK dc) (42 sts).

Round 8: [6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (48 sts).

Do not stuff.

Tusks (make two)

Using yarn B, leaving a tail of yarn at the start for sewing onto the head, ch 6, sl st to join into a round taking care not to twist the ch.

Rounds 1–4: sc (UK dc) in each st around (6 sts).

Round 5: 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 4 sc (UK dc) (5 sts).

Round 6: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 7: 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 3 sc (UK dc) (4 sts).

Close the hole and stuff the tusk lightly.



Arms (make two)

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 5: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).

Rounds 6–9: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 10: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).

Stuff the hand and lightly stuff the arm, up to around halfway, as you go.

Round 11: [2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (18 sts).

Round 12: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] three times (15 sts).

Rounds 13–30: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Sl st across to close the opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.

Legs (make two)

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 5: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).

Round 6: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) into next st] six times (36 sts).

Rounds 7–9: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 10: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (30 sts).

Round 11: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).

Round 12: [2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (18 sts).

Stuff the foot and lightly stuff the leg, up to around halfway, as you go.

Rounds 13–32: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Sl st across to close the opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.

Plaiting the elephant's tail

Using yarn A, cut two strands of wool approximately 60cm (23½in) long. Hold the two lengths of yarn together and fold in half.



1 Pull the fold through a stitch in the centre of the elephant's bottom.



2 Pull the four ends through the loop to create a lark's head knot.



3 Take the outside right strand across the two centre strands. Treat the two centre strands as one strand.



4 Take the outside left strand over the centre strand.



5 Repeat until the tail measures approximately 35cm (13¾in) and you have left 12cm (4¾in) at the end.



6 Tie a knot at the bottom of the plait to secure.



Heart

Round 1: using yarn C, make a heart as described on pages 34–35.



Making up

See the section on bringing the toys to life on pages 28–29 and 31.

Gather the stitches to close the hole of the trunk and curl the trunk upwards, securing the end to the top of the trunk with a few stitches (see the picture on page 53).

Using yarn D, embroider the eyes using three vertical stitches spanning rows 21 and 22 of the head and approximately seven stitches apart. Fold the ears in half and single crochet (*UK double crochet*) in each stitch around to join. Holding the straight edge to the head, five rounds back from the top of the eye, sew the first 5cm (2in) of the ear to the head.

Sew the tusks to either side of the trunk. Sew the head to the top opening of the body, ensuring you top up the body stuffing to support the head.

Sew the arms onto each side of the body approximately three rounds down from the neck. Using yarn B, sew four toenails on each hand. Make three straight stitches spanning rounds 5 to 7, one to two stitches apart.

Sew the legs underneath the body approximately one round away from the magic ring, and one stitch apart. Using yarn B, sew three toenails on each foot. Make three straight stitches spanning rounds 6 to 8, two stitches apart.

Sew the heart on the back of the body, at the bottom.



WALTER ZEBRA

Our herd couldn't be without a zebra. Abby, who is part of the Wool Couture team, just loves zebras and always has! So Walter was born and I think he is the coolest kid on the block!

Walter was made with our Cheeky Chunky yarn, which is a super bulky (super chunky) merino yarn.

PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

Body

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times, change to yarn B on last yarn over (24 sts).

Round 5: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).

Round 6: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (36 sts).

Round 7: [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (42 sts).

Round 8: [6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times, change to yarn A on last yarn over (48 sts).

Round 9: [7 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (54 sts).

Round 10: [8 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (60 sts).

Rounds 11–12: sc (UK dc) in each st around, change to yarn B on last yarn over (60 sts).

Rounds 13–15: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 16: [8 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times, change to yarn A on last yarn over (54 sts).

Rounds 17–18: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 19: [7 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (48 sts).

Round 20: sc (UK dc) in each st around, change to yarn B on last yarn over.

Round 21: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Difficulty Level: 🧶🧶

Size: Approx. 70cm (27½in) tall

TOOLS & MATERIALS

- ▶ Two balls of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in black (A); white (B); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 20g (¾oz) of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in baby pink (C); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 8mm (US 11, UK 0) crochet hook
- ▶ 200g (7oz) toy stuffing
- ▶ Tapestry needle

Round 22: [6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (42 sts).

Rounds 23 and 24: sc (UK dc) in each st around, change to yarn A on last yarn over.

Rounds 25 and 26: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 27: [5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (36 sts).

Round 28: sc (UK dc) in each st around, change to yarn B on last yarn over.

Rounds 29 and 30: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 31: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (30 sts).

Round 32: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 33: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).

Round 34: sc (UK dc) in each st around, sl st.

Stuff the body.

Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing on the head.



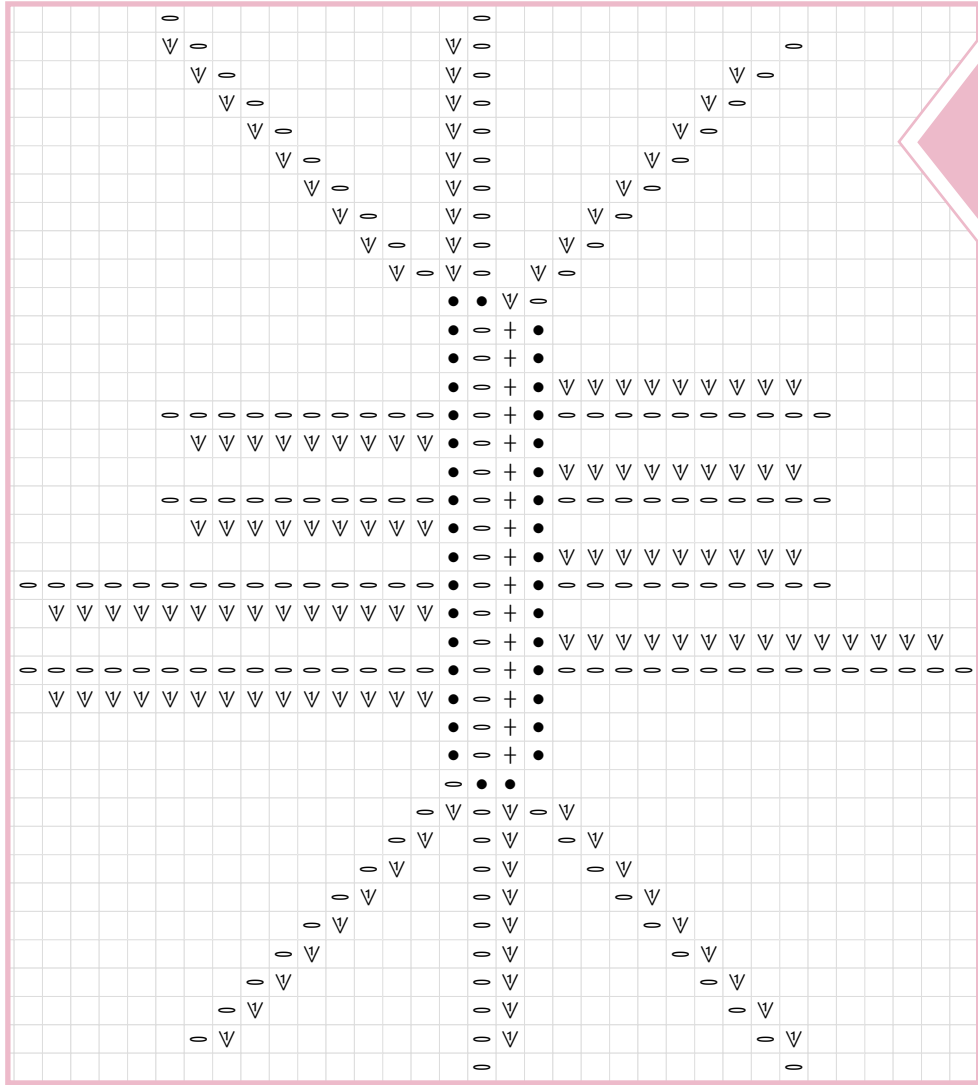
Head

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).
Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).
Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).
Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times, 6 sc (UK dc), [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times, 6 sc (UK dc) (24 sts).
Round 5: 1 sc (UK dc), [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times, 9 sc (UK dc), [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times, 8 sc (UK dc) (30 sts).
Rounds 6 and 7: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 8: [8 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] three times (27 sts).
Round 9: [6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] three times, 3 sc (UK dc), change to yarn B on last yarn over (24 sts).
Round 10: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).
Round 11: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (36 sts).
Rounds 12 and 13: sc (UK dc) in each st around, change to yarn A on last yarn over.
Round 14: [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (42 sts).

Round 15: [6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (48 sts).
Round 16: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 17: [7 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times, change to yarn B on last yarn over (54 sts).
Rounds 18–20: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 21: [7 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times, change to yarn A on last yarn over (48 sts).
Round 22: sc (UK dc) in each st around. Start to stuff, topping up as you go.
Round 23: [6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (42 sts).
Round 24: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 25: [5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times, change to yarn B on last yarn over (36 sts).
Round 26: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (30 sts).
Round 27: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).
Round 28: [2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (18 sts).
Round 29: [1 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (12 sts).
Round 30: 6 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (6 sts). Fasten off and close the remaining hole.

Mane

Row 1: using yarn A, 17 ch, starting in second chain from hook: sc (UK dc) in each st across (16 sts). Work around the base row.
Front of mane: 3 sc (UK dc) curls: *10 ch, starting in 2nd chain from hook, work 2 sc (UK dc) in each st along*, sl st in between chain and sc (UK dc) row, rep from * to *, sl st to first ch in row 1, rep from * to *, 4 sl st.
Side 1 of mane: *10 ch, starting in 2nd chain from hook, work 2 sc (UK dc) in each st along, 3 sl st*, rep from * to *. **15 ch, starting in 2nd chain from hook, work 2 sc (UK dc) in each st along, 3 sl st**, rep from * to *.
Bottom of mane: 3 sc (UK dc) curls: *10 ch, starting in 2nd chain from hook, work 2 sc (UK dc) in each st along*, sl st in between ch and sc (UK dc) row, rep from * to *, sl st to first ch in row 1, rep from * to *, 2 sl st.
Side 2 of mane: **15 ch, starting in 2nd chain from hook, work 2 sc (UK dc) in each st along, 3 sl st**, rep from ** to **, *10 ch, starting in 2nd chain from hook, work 2 sc (UK dc) in each st along, 3 sl st*, rep from * to *.



KEY

- Chain
- + Sc (UK dc)
- ∇ Sc (UK dc) increase
- Sl st



Ears (make two)

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 4 sc (UK dc) into the ring (4 sts).

Round 2: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] twice (6 sts).

Round 4: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times (9 sts).

Round 5: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 6: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times (12 sts).

Rounds 7 and 8: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 9: [2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] three times (9 sts).

Rounds 10 and 11: sc (UK dc) in each st around. Do not stuff. Sl st across to close the opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the head.



Legs and arms (make four)

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 5: working into back loops for this round only, sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 6: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 7: [10 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] twice (22 sts).

Round 8: [9 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] twice (20 sts).

Round 9: [8 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] twice (18 sts).

Round 10: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Stuff the foot and continue to lightly stuff the leg up to around halfway.

Round 11: [7 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] twice (16 sts).

Round 12: sc (UK dc) in each st around, change to yarn B on last yarn over.

Rounds 13–16: sc (UK dc) in each st around, change to yarn A on last yarn over.

Rounds 17–20: sc (UK dc) in each st around, change to yarn B on last yarn over.

Rounds 21–24: sc (UK dc) in each st around, change to yarn A on last yarn over.

Rounds 25–28: sc (UK dc) in each st around, change to yarn B on last yarn over.

Rounds 29–32: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Sl st across to close the opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.



Heart

Round 1: using yarn C, make a heart as described on pages 34–35.

Tail

Rejoin yarn A at the base of the back, make 18 ch starting in the second ch, 2 sc (UK dc) in each st along, sl st to base. Repeat three times to form the tail.

Making up

See the section on bringing the toys to life on pages 28–29 and 31.

Using yarn A, embroider three vertical stitches for the eyes, spanning two rows, in the centre of the first white stripe, approximately five stitches apart. Sew the ears to the head seven rows back from the top of the eyes (the ears should roughly line up with the top of each eye). Sew the head to the top opening of the body, ensuring you top up the body stuffing to support the head. Sew the arms onto each side of the body approximately two rounds down from the neck. Sew the legs onto the base of the body, horizontally, at each side of the starting magic ring. Sew the heart on the back of the body, at the bottom. Place the mane from between the ears down the back of the head and sew in place using running stitches.



TREVOR ARCTIC FOX

So cuddly, so white – he is just so cute!
Trevor was made with our Cheeky Chunky yarn, which is a super bulky (super chunky) merino yarn.

PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

Body

- Round 1:** using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).
Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).
Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).
Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).
Round 5: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).
Round 6: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (36 sts).
Round 7: [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (42 sts).
Round 8: [6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (48 sts).
Round 9: [7 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (54 sts).
Round 10: [8 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (60 sts).
Rounds 11–15: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 16: [8 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (54 sts).
Rounds 17 and 18: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 19: [7 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (48 sts).
Rounds 20 and 21: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 22: [6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (42 sts).
Rounds 23–26: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 27: [5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (36 sts).
Rounds 28–30: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 31: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (30 sts).
Round 32: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 33: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).
Round 34: sc (UK dc) in each st around, sl st.
Stuff the body.
Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing on the head.

DIFFICULTY LEVEL: 

Size: Approx. 65cm (25½in) tall

TOOLS & MATERIALS

- ▶ Three balls of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in white (A); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ One ball of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in natural grey (B); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 20g (¾oz) of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in baby pink (C), black (D); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 8mm (US 11, UK 0) crochet hook
- ▶ 160g (5½oz) toy stuffing
- ▶ Stitch marker
- ▶ Tapestry needle



Head

- Round 1:** Using yarn B, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).
- Round 2:** [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).
- Round 3:** [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).
- Round 4:** [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times (21 sts).
- Round 5:** [6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times (24 sts).
- Round 6:** [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).
- Round 7:** [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (36 sts).
- Round 8:** [11 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times (39 sts).
- Round 9:** [10 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times, 6 dc (42 sts).
- Round 10:** [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] seven times (49 sts).
- Round 11:** 47 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (48 sts).
- Round 12:** sc (UK dc) in each st around.
- Round 13:** [6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (42 sts).
- Round 14:** sc (UK dc) in each st around.

- Round 15:** [5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (36 sts).
- Rounds 16 and 17:** sc (UK dc) in each st around.
- Round 18:** [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (30 sts).
- Rounds 19 and 20:** sc (UK dc) in each st around.
- Round 21:** [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).
- Place a st marker in next st to mark top of the face.
- Rounds 22 and 23:** sc (UK dc) in each st around.
- Round 24:** [1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 1 sc (UK dc)] three times, 7 sc (UK dc), [1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 1 sc (UK dc)] twice, 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (18 sts).
- Round 25:** sc (UK dc) in each st around.
- Round 26:** 2 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 12 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (15 sts).
- Round 27:** sc (UK dc) in each st around.
- Round 28:** 2 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 9 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (12 sts).
- Round 29:** sc (UK dc) in each st around.
- Round 30:** [1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 1 sc (UK dc)] four times (8 sts).
- Fasten off and close the hole.



Arms (make two)

- Round 1:** using yarn B, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).
- Round 2:** [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).
- Round 3:** [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).
- Round 4:** [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).
- Round 5:** 6 sc (UK dc), 6 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 6 sc (UK dc) (18 sts).
- Round 6:** 6 sc (UK dc), 3 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 6 sc (UK dc) (15 sts).
- Stuff the hand and lightly stuff the arm up to around halfway.
- Round 7:** sc (UK dc) in each st around, change to yarn A on last yarn over.
- Rounds 8–23:** sc (UK dc) in each st around.
- Sl st across to close the opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.

Legs (make two)

- Round 1:** using yarn B, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).
- Round 2:** [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).
- Round 3:** [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).
- Round 4:** [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).
- Round 5:** [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).
- Round 6:** 7 sc (UK dc), 8 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 7 sc (UK dc) (22 sts).
- Round 7:** 7 sc (UK dc), 4 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 7 sc (UK dc) (18 sts).
- Round 8:** 7 sc (UK dc), 2 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 7 sc (UK dc) (16 sts).
- Stuff the foot and lightly stuff the leg up to around halfway.
- Round 9:** sc (UK dc) in each st around, change to yarn A on last yarn over.
- Rounds 10–28:** sc (UK dc) in each st around.
- Sl st across to close the opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.

Ears (make two)

- Round 1:** using yarn B, make a magic ring and work 4 sc (UK dc) into the ring (4 sts).
- Round 2:** [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] twice (6 sts).
- Round 3:** [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] twice (8 sts).
- Round 4:** [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] twice, change to yarn A on last yarn over (10 sts).
- Rounds 5 and 6:** sc (UK dc) in each st around.
- Round 7:** [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] twice (12 sts).
- Rounds 8 and 9:** sc (UK dc) in each st around.
- Do not stuff. Sl st across to close opening.
- Fasten off, leaving a tail to sew to the head.





Tail

Round 1: Using yarn B, make a magic ring and work 4 sc (UK dc) into the ring (4 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] four times (8 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] four times (12 sts).

Round 4: sc (UK dc) in each st around (12 sts).

Round 5: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 6: sc (UK dc) in each st around (18 sts).

Round 7: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 8: sc (UK dc) in each st around. Change to yarn A on last yarn over (24 sts).

Round 9: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).

Rounds 10–12: sc (UK dc) in each st around (30 sts).

Start to stuff and top up as you go.

Round 13: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).

Rounds 14–16: sc (UK dc) in each st around (24 sts).

Round 17: [2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (18 sts).

Rounds 18–22: sc (UK dc) in each st around (18 sts).

Round 23: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] three times (15 sts).

Rounds 24–28: sc (UK dc) in each st around (15 sts).

Round 29: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] three times (12 sts).

Rounds 30–31: sc (UK dc) in each st around (12 sts).

Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.

Heart

Round 1: using yarn C, make a heart as described on pages 34–35.

Making up

See the section on bringing the toys to life on pages 28–29 and 31.

Using yarn D, sew a circular nose starting at the tip. Embroider three vertical stitches for the eyes spanning rounds 12 and 13 and approximately seven stitches apart.

Sew the ears to the head five rows back from the top of the eyes (the centre of the ears should roughly line up with the top of each eye).

Sew the head to the top opening of the body, ensuring you top up the body stuffing to support the head. Sew the arms onto each side of the body, approximately two rounds down from the neck. Sew the legs onto the base of the body, horizontally, at each side of the starting magic ring. Sew the tail to the bottom back of the body. Sew the heart on the back of the body, at the bottom.



FLORENCE RED PANDA

Florence was made with our Cheeky Chunky yarn, which is a super bulky (super chunky) merino yarn.

PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

The body and head include colour changes. Change colour on the last yarn over of the previous colour. For example, '3 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 55 sc (UK dc), yarn B: 3 sc (UK dc)' means make 3 sc (UK dc) and on the last yarn over change to yarn A, make 55 sc (UK dc) and on the last yarn over change to yarn B, make 3 sc (UK dc) in yarn B. You will have 3 sc (UK dc) in the colour from the previous round, 55 sc (UK dc) in yarn A and 3 sc (UK dc) in yarn B.

Body

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in each st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 5: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).

Round 6: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (36 sts).

Round 7: [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (42 sts).

Round 8: [6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (48 sts).

Round 9: [7 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (54 sts).

Round 10: [8 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (60 sts).

Rounds 11 and 12: sc (UK dc) in each st around, change to yarn B on last yarn over.

Round 13: 3 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 55 sc (UK dc), yarn B: 2 sc (UK dc).

Round 14: 6 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 51 sc (UK dc), yarn B: 3 sc (UK dc).

Round 15: 9 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 46 sc (UK dc), yarn B: 5 sc (UK dc).

Round 16: 8 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 2 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), [8 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] three times, 5 sc (UK dc), yarn B: 3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (54 sts).

Rounds 17 and 18: 11 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 39 sc (UK dc), yarn B: 4 sc (UK dc).

Round 19: 7 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 2 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), [7 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] three times, 5 sc (UK dc), yarn B: 2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (48 sts).

Difficulty Level: 🧶🧶🧶

Size: Approx. 72cm (28¼in) tall

TOOLS & MATERIALS

- ▶ Two balls of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in cinnamon (A); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ One ball of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in chocolate (B), natural cream (C); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 20g (¾oz) of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in baby pink (D), oddment in black (E); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 8mm (US 11, UK 0) crochet hook
- ▶ 200g (7oz) toy stuffing
- ▶ Tapestry needle

Rounds 20 and 21: 10 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 35 sc (UK dc), yarn B: 3 sc (UK dc).

Round 22: 6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 3 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), [6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] three times, 6 sc (UK dc), yarn B: 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (42 sts).

Rounds 23–26: 10 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 31 sc (UK dc), yarn B: 1 sc (UK dc).

Round 27: 5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 4 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 1 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), [5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] four times, yarn B (36 sts).

Rounds 28–30: 10 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 26 sc (UK dc), yarn B (36 sts).

Round 31: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] twice, yarn A: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] four times (30 sts).

Round 32: 1 sc (UK dc), yarn B: 9 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 20 sc (UK dc).

Round 33: 1 sc (UK dc), yarn B: 2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), yarn A: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] four times (24 sts).

Round 34: sc (UK dc) in each st around. Stuff body. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing on the head.

Because of what we have done to the world, the red panda is on the endangered species register – there are fewer than 10,000 left in the wild. Florence is a reminder of how we need to treat our world with much more respect. Such a beautiful animal.



Head

Round 1: using yarn C, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 4: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 5: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 6: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times, change to yarn A on last yarn over (24 sts).

Round 7: 7 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] four times (29 sts).

Round 8: 5 sc (UK dc), [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] four times, 4 sc (UK dc) (33 sts).

Round 9: 10 sc (UK dc), yarn C: 6 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 2 sc (UK dc), yarn C: 1 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 4 sc (UK dc), yarn C: 1 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 2 sc (UK dc), yarn C: 6 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 1 sc (UK dc).

Round 10: [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] twice, yarn C: 4 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, yarn C: 2 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in each st, yarn C: 2 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 2 sc (UK dc), yarn C: 1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 2 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st (39 sts).

Round 11: [6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] twice, 2 sc (UK dc), yarn C: 2 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 3 sc (UK dc), yarn C: 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 1 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 5 sc (UK dc), yarn C: 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 1 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 2 sc (UK dc), yarn C: 2 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st (45 sts).

Round 12: [7 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] twice, 2 sc (UK dc), yarn C: 2 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, yarn C: 2 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in each st, yarn C: 2 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 3 sc (UK dc), yarn C: 1 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 5 sc (UK dc) (50 sts).

Round 13: [8 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] five times, 5 sc (UK dc) (55 sts).

Rounds 14 and 15: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 16: [8 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] five times, 5 sc (UK dc) (50 sts).

Round 17: [23 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] twice (48 sts).

Round 18: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 19: [6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (42 sts).

Round 20: [5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (36 sts).

Round 21: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 22: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (30 sts).

Round 23: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 24: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).

Round 25: [2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (18 sts).

Round 26: [1 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (12 sts).

Round 27: 6 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (6 sts). Fasten off and close the remaining hole.

Ears (make two in yarn B and two in yarn C)

Row 1: 8 ch, starting in second chain from hook, work 7 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (7 sts).

Row 2: 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 5 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (6 sts).

Row 3: 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 4 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (5 sts).

Row 4: 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 3 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (4 sts).

Row 5: 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 2 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (3 sts).

Row 6: 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 1 sc (UK dc) (2 sts).

Fasten off. The ears will be assembled later and are not stuffed.





Arms (make two)

Round 1: using yarn B, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in each st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 5: 16 sc (UK dc), 4 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (20 sts).

Round 6: 14 sc (UK dc), 3 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (17 sts).

Round 7: 13 sc (UK dc), 2 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (15 sts).

Stuff the hand and lightly stuff the arm up to around halfway.

Rounds 8–26: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Sl st across to close the opening, making sure the hands will face forwards. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.

Legs (make two)

Round 1: using yarn B, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in each st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 5: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).

Round 6: 20 sc (UK dc), 5 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (25 sts).

Round 7: 17 sc (UK dc), 4 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (21 sts).

Round 8: 15 sc (UK dc), 3 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (18 sts).

Stuff the foot and lightly stuff the leg up to around halfway.

Rounds 9–28: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Sl st across to close the opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.

Tail

Round 1: using yarn B, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Rounds 4 and 5: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 6: [8 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] twice, change to yarn A on last yarn over (20 sts).

Rounds 7–9: sc (UK dc) in each st around, change to yarn B on last yarn over.

Round 10: sc (UK dc) in each st around, change to yarn A on last yarn over.

Rounds 11–13: sc (UK dc) in each st around, change to yarn B on last yarn over.

Rounds 14–25: repeat rounds 10–13 three more times. Stuff the tail and top up as you go.

Round 26: sc (UK dc) in each st around, change to yarn A on last yarn over.

Round 27: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 28: [8 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] twice (18 sts).

Round 29: sc (UK dc) in each st around, change to yarn B on last yarn over.

Round 30: sc (UK dc) in each st around, change to yarn A on last yarn over.

Round 31: [7 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] twice (16 sts).

Round 32: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 33: [6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] twice (14 sts).

Fasten off.

Heart

Round 1: using yarn D, make a heart as described on pages 34–35.

Making up

See the section on bringing the toys to life on pages 28–31.

Place one brown and one cream ear piece together, with the cream side facing you and single crochet (UK double crochet) in each stitch around to join (see page 30). Using yarn B, sew five straight lines in a fan shape at the centre bottom of the cream side. Sew the ears to the head six rows back from the top of the eyes (the inside edge of the ears should roughly line up with the top of each eye).

Using yarn E and starting at the centre of the magic ring of the head, sew a triangular-shaped nose. Using yarn E, embroider three vertical stitches for the eyes



spanning rows 7 and 8 and approximately six stitches apart. Sew the head to the top opening of the body, ensuring you top up the body stuffing to support the head. Sew the legs onto the base of the body, in a slight 'v' shape, approximately four rows forwards from the magic ring and one stitch apart.

Using yarn C, sew five toes of two straight stitches spanning two rows. Sew the arms onto each side of the body approximately two rounds down from the neck. Using yarn C, sew five toes of two straight stitches spanning two rows. Sew the tail to the base of the back, eleven rounds up from the starting magic ring. Sew the heart on the back of the body, at the bottom.



OLIVER OCTOPUS & BABY

My star sign is Pisces and I love the rivers, seas and oceans. When you see octopuses in the sea they are so calm and graceful, gently moving around. Their whole energy just speaks to me. While I love all of my animals, Oliver Octopus is my favourite!

Oliver was made with our Cheeky Chunky yarn, which is a super bulky (super chunky) merino yarn. Mini Oliver was made with our Beau Baby yarn, which is a light worsted (DK) merino yarn.

DIFFICULTY LEVEL: 🧶 🧶

Size: Approx. 33cm (13in) tall, tentacles approx. 67cm (26½in) long; baby is approx. 15cm (6in) tall, tentacles approx. 36cm (14in) long

TOOLS & MATERIALS

OLIVER OCTOPUS

- ▶ Three balls of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in natural grey (A); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ Three balls of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in natural cream (B); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 20g (¾oz) of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in baby pink (C), oddment in black (D); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 8mm (US 11, UK 0) crochet hook
- ▶ 160g (5½oz) toy stuffing

MINI OLIVER

- ▶ Three balls of Beau Baby merino/acrylic yarn in natural grey (A); 50g/98yd/90m
- ▶ Two balls of Beau Baby merino/acrylic yarn in natural cream (B); 50g/98yd/90m
- ▶ Oddment of Beau Baby merino/acrylic yarn in black (D); 50g/98yd/90m
- ▶ 3.5mm (US 4, UK 9/10) crochet hook
- ▶ 80g (2¾oz) toy stuffing

BOTH

- ▶ Tapestry needle

SPECIAL STITCHES

Puff stitch as described on page 24, but repeat twice, so that you have seven loops on your hook.

Sl st together the tentacle (sl st tent) working on row 2, insert hook through stitch 126 and stitch 1, sl st through both stitches, continue down the tentacle.

Tip

Use the same pattern for both toys, but do not make a heart for Mini Oliver.



PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

Body

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 5: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).

Round 6: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (36 sts).

Round 7: [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (42 sts).

Round 8: [6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (48 sts).

Rounds 9–30: sc (UK dc) in each st around.



Tentacle one (main tentacle)

Continue using yarn A.

Rows 1–60: 6 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (6 sts).

Row 61: 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 1 ch, turn (4 sts).

Row 62: 2 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 1 ch, turn (2 sts).

Row 63: 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (1 st).

Fasten off.

Tentacle one suckers

Row 1: using yarn B, starting on row 1, stitch 1, of tentacle 1, sl st into each first st of rows 1–63, turn (63 sts). On the opposite side of the tentacle, sl st into the first st of rows 63–1, 1 ch, turn (126 sts).

Row 2: [1 sc (UK dc), 1 puff] sixty-three times, 1 ch, turn.

Row 3: sl st tent to close the opening.

Fasten off.

Tentacles two to eight

Repeat tentacle 1 seven times.





Underside of the octopus

Round 1: using yarn B, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 5: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).

Round 6: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (36 sts).

Round 7: [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (42 sts).

Round 8: [6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (48 sts).

Fasten off, leaving a 60cm (23½in) tail.

Heart (for large octopus only)

Round 1: using yarn C, make a heart as described on pages 34–35.



Making up (for both octopuses)

See the section on bringing the toys to life on pages 28–29 and 31.

Stuff the body. Using yarn B, join the underside of the octopus to the body by slip stitching around the opening (48 sts). Fasten off.

Using yarn D, embroider the right-hand eye using one vertical stitch spanning two rows and three further stitches fanning to the right-hand side of the first stitch. Mirror the left-hand side eye on the opposite side of the body. Sew the heart on the back of the body, at the bottom.



STITCH PUPPY

At home we have our very own spaniel. She is so cute and cuddly and, no matter what, every morning she wakes and is just so happy to be alive! Everyone should have a four-legged friend in their life. The design for Stitch Puppy is based on our spaniel.

Stitch was made with our Cheeky Chunky yarn, which is a super bulky (super chunky) merino yarn.

PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

Body

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in each st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 5: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).

Round 6: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (36 sts).

Round 7: [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (42 sts).

Round 8: [6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (48 sts).

Round 9: [7 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (54 sts).

Round 10: [8 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (60 sts).

Rounds 11–15: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 16: [8 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (54 sts).

Rounds 17 and 18: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 19: [7 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (48 sts).

Rounds 20 and 21: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 22: [6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (42 sts).

Rounds 23–26: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 27: [5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (36 sts).

Difficulty level: 🐶🐶

Size: Approx. 72cm (28¼in) tall

TOOLS & MATERIALS

- ▶ Four balls of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in mink (A); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 100g (3½oz) of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in natural cream (B), 20g (¾oz) in baby pink (C), oddment in black (D); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 8mm (US 11, UK 0) crochet hook
- ▶ 200g (7oz) toy stuffing
- ▶ Stitch marker
- ▶ Tapestry needle

SPECIAL STITCHES

Loop stitch as described on pages 26–27.

Bobble stitch (bbl) as described on page 25.

Rounds 28–30: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 31: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (30 sts).

Round 32: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 33: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).

Round 34: sc (UK dc) in each st around, sl st.

Stuff the body. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing on the head.



Head

Round 1: using yarn B, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in each st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Rounds 5–8: sc (UK dc) in each st around, change to yarn A on last yarn over.

Round 9: 7 sc (UK dc), place st marker to mark bottom of head, 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) into next st] four times (29 sts).

Round 10: 8 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) into next st] four times (34 sts).

Round 11: 9 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) into next st] four times (39 sts).

Round 12: 10 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, [6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) into next st] four times (44 sts).

Round 13: [7 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) into next st] five times, 2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (48 sts).

Rounds 14–17: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 18: [6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (42 sts).

Round 19: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 20: [5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (36 sts).

Round 21: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 22: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (30 sts).

Start to stuff and top up as you go.

Round 23: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).

Round 24: [2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (18 sts).

Round 25: [1 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (12 sts).

Round 26: 6 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (6 sts).

Fasten off and close the remaining hole.

Ears (make two)

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [loop, 1 sc (UK dc) in same st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [loop, 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 loops, 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Rounds 5–6: [loop, 1 sc (UK dc)] twelve times.

Round 7: [loop, 1 sc (UK dc)] five times, 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), [loop, 1 sc (UK dc)] five times, 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (22 sts).

Round 8: [loop, 1 sc (UK dc)] four times, 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), [loop, 1 sc (UK dc)] five times, 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (20 sts).

Round 9: [loop, 1 sc (UK dc)] ten times.

Round 10: [loop, 1 sc (UK dc)] four times, 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), [loop, 1 sc (UK dc)] four times, 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (18 sts).

Round 11: [loop, 1 sc (UK dc)] nine times.

Round 12: [[loop, 1 sc (UK dc)] twice, 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] three times (15 sts).

Round 13: [loop, 1 sc (UK dc)] seven times, 1 sc (UK dc).

Round 14: loop, 2 sc (UK dc), [loop, 1 sc (UK dc)] six times.

Round 15: [loop, 1 sc (UK dc)] seven times, 1 dc (UK tr).

Rounds 16–18: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Do not stuff. Sl st across to close the opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the head.





Arms (make two)

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in each st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 5: [1 bbl, 1 sc (UK dc)] five times, 14 sc (UK dc).

Round 6: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 7: [2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (18 sts).

Round 8: [2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] four times, 2 dc (14 sts).

Stuff the hand and lightly stuff the arm up to around halfway.

Rounds 9–24: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Sl st across to close the opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.

Legs (make two)

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in each st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 5: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).

Round 6: [1 bbl, 2 sc (UK dc)] five times, 15 sc (UK dc).

Round 7: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 8: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).

Round 9: [2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (18 sts).

Round 10: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] three times (15 sts).

Stuff the foot and lightly stuff the leg up to around halfway.

Rounds 11–30: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Sl st across to close the opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.

Tail

Lightly stuff the tail as you go. Increase the length of the loop stitches as you progress along the tail.

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 4 sc (UK dc) into the ring (4 sts).

Round 2: [1 sc (UK dc), 1 sc (UK dc) in same st] twice (6 sts).

Round 3: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Rounds 4 and 5: 2 loops, 4 sc (UK dc).

Round 6: 1 sc (UK dc), 2 loops, 2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st (7 sts).

Round 7: 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 2 loops, 4 sc (UK dc) (8 sts).

Rounds 8 and 9: 3 sc (UK dc), 2 loops, 3 sc (UK dc).

Round 10: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] twice, 2 sc (UK dc), 2 loops, 2 sc (UK dc) (10 sts).

Round 11: 6 sc (UK dc), 2 loops, 2 sc (UK dc).

Round 12: 7 sc (UK dc), 2 loops, sc (UK dc).

Rounds 13 and 14: 8 sc (UK dc), 2 loops.

Round 15: 8 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (9 sts).

Round 16: loop, 8 sc (UK dc).

Rounds 17–20: 2 loops, 7 sc (UK dc).

Rounds 21 and 22: 1 sc (UK dc), 2 loops, 6 sc (UK dc).

Rounds 23–26: 2 sc (UK dc), 2 loops, 5 sc (UK dc).

Rounds 27 and 28: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.

Heart

Round 1: using yarn C, make a heart as described on pages 34–35.

Making up

See the section on bringing the toys to life on pages 28–29 and 31.

Using yarn D, starting one round above the magic ring, sew a triangular nose on the head and add a vertical line centrally below the nose. Embroider three vertical stitches for the eyes spanning rounds 11 and 12 and approximately seven stitches apart. Sew the ears to the head one round back and four stitches lower than the eyes. Sew the head to the top opening of the body, ensuring you top up the body stuffing to support the head. Sew the arms onto each side of the body approximately two rounds down from the neck. Sew the legs onto the base of the body, horizontally, at each side of the starting magic ring. Sew the tail to the bottom rear of the body. Sew the heart on the back of the body, at the bottom.



GABRIEL ALPACA

I came across a herd of alpacas during a walk near Matlock, Derbyshire. After studying them for a while, each alpaca seemed to have a different personality – some were docile, others very inquisitive. They were so intriguing, our flock wouldn't be complete without one!

Gabriel was made with our Cheeky Chunky yarn, which is a super bulky (super chunky) merino yarn.

PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

Body

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 5: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).

Round 6: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (36 sts).

Round 7: [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (42 sts).

Round 8: [6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (48 sts).

Round 9: [7 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (54 sts).

Round 10: [8 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (60 sts).

Rounds 11–15: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 16: [8 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (54 sts).

Rounds 17 and 18: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 19: [7 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (48 sts).

Rounds 20 and 21: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 22: [6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (42 sts).

Rounds 23–26: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 27: [5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (36 sts).

Rounds 28–30: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 31: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (30 sts).

Round 32: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

DIFFICULTY LEVEL: 🐼 🐼

Size: Approx. 78cm (30¾in) tall

TOOLS & MATERIALS

- ▶ Three balls of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in natural cream (A); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 20g (¾oz) of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in baby pink (B), oddment in black (C); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 8mm (US 11, UK 0) crochet hook
- ▶ 200g (7oz) toy stuffing
- ▶ Tapestry needle

SPECIAL STITCH

Loop stitch as described on pages 26–27.

Round 33: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).

Rounds 34–37: sc (UK dc) in each st around, sl st.

Stuff the body.

Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.



Head

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 4: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Rounds 5 and 6: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 7: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 8: 4 sc (UK dc), [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] five times (29 sts).

Round 9: 4 sc (UK dc), [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] five times (34 sts).

Round 10: 6 sc (UK dc), [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] four times, 3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st (39 sts).

Round 11: 10 sc (UK dc), [loop, 1 sc (UK dc)] eleven times, 7 sc (UK dc).

Round 12: 10 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, [loop, 1 sc (UK dc)] eleven times, 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 5 sc (UK dc) (41 sts).

Round 13: [7 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] five times, 1 sc (UK dc) (46 sts).

Rounds 14–16: 10 sc (UK dc), [loop, 1 sc (UK dc)] sixteen times, 4 sc (UK dc).

Round 17: [8 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] four times, 6 sc (UK dc) (42 sts).

Start to stuff and top up as you go.

Round 18: 14 sc (UK dc), [loop, 1 sc (UK dc)] twelve times, 4 sc (UK dc) (42 sts).

Round 19: [5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (36 sts).

Round 20: 14 sc (UK dc), [loop, 1 sc (UK dc)] ten times, 2 sc (UK dc).

Round 21: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (30 sts).

Round 22: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).

Round 23: 12 sc (UK dc), [loop, 1 sc (UK dc)] six times.

Round 24: [2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] twice, [loop, 1 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] four times (18 sts).

Round 25: 1 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), [loop, 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] five times (12 sts).

Round 26: 6 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (6 sts).
Fasten off and close the remaining hole.



Ears (make two)

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 4 sc (UK dc) into the ring (4 sts).

Round 2: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 3: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 1 sc (UK dc)] twice (6 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 1 sc (UK dc)] three times (9 sts).

Round 5: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 6: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times (12 sts).

Rounds 7–9: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 10: [2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] three times (9 sts).

Round 11: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Do not stuff.

Flatten ear and sl st across to close opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail to sew to the head.

Legs (make two)

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: Working into back loops for this round only, sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Rounds 5–8: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 9: [7 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] twice (16 sts).

Stuff the foot and lightly stuff the leg up to around halfway, as you go.

Round 10: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 11: loop in each st around.

Rounds 12 and 13: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 14: loop in each st around.

Rounds 15 and 16: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Rounds 17–28: repeat rounds 14–16 four more times.

Rounds 29–32: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Sl st across to close opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.



Arms (make two)

Rounds 1–28: as rounds 1–28 of legs.
Sl st across to close opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail to sew onto the body.

Tail

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).
Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).
Round 3: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times, 3 sc (UK dc), [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times, 3 sc (UK dc) (18 sts).
Round 4: [loop, 1 sc (UK dc)] nine times.
Round 5: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 6: [loop, 1 sc (UK dc)] nine times.
Round 7: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] three times (15 sts).
Round 8: [loop, 1 sc (UK dc)] seven times.
Round 9: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] three times (12 sts).
Round 10: [loop, 1 sc (UK dc)] six times.
Round 11: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] twice (10 sts).
Do not stuff. Sl st across to close opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail to sew onto the body.



Heart

Round 1: using yarn B, make a heart as described on pages 34–35.

Making up

See the section on bringing the toys to life on pages 28–29 and 31.

Using yarn C, starting at the centre of the magic ring for the face, sew a 'y'-shaped nose and embroider the eyes using three vertical stitches spanning rounds 8 to 10, approximately ten stitches apart.

Sew the ears to the head nine rows back from the top of the eyes (the inside edge of the ears should roughly line up with the top of each eye).

Sew the head to the top opening of the body, ensuring you top up the body stuffing to support the head. Sew the arms four rounds down from the top of the body.

Sew the legs underneath the body three rounds forward from the magic ring, and one stitch apart. Sew the tail to the lower back, pointing downwards. Sew the heart on the back of the body, at the bottom.



DORIS SLOTH

Ali, who is the co-founder of Wool Couture and the designer of everything wooden, has dedicated our sloth to Doris Cooney: a gentle, creative soul who embraced her life, laughed a lot and loved a good cup of tea with a cake and a well deserved afternoon snooze.

Doris was made with our Cheeky Chunky yarn, which is a super bulky (super chunky) merino yarn.

PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

Body

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 5: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).

Round 6: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 7: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (36 sts).

Round 8: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 9: [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (42 sts).

Round 10: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 11: [6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (48 sts).

Round 12: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 13: [7 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (54 sts).

Round 14: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 15: [8 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (60 sts).

Rounds 16 and 17: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 18: [9 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (66 sts).

Rounds 19 and 20: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 21: [9 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (60 sts).

Difficulty Level: 🐼🐼🐼

Size: Approx. 70cm (27½in) tall

TOOLS & MATERIALS

- ▶ Three balls of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in pewter (A); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 100g (3½oz) of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in natural cream (B), 50g (1¾oz) in dark brown (C), 20g (¾oz) in baby pink (D); oddment in black (E); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 8mm (US 11, UK 0) crochet hook
- ▶ 200g (7oz) toy stuffing
- ▶ Tapestry needle

Round 22: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 23: [8 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (54 sts).

Round 24: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 25: [7 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (48 sts).

Round 26: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 27: [6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (42 sts).

Round 28: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 29: [5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (36 sts).

Rounds 30–32: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 33: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (30 sts).

Round 34: sc (UK dc) in each st around, sl st.

Stuff the body.

Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing on the head.



The head includes colour changes. Change colour on the last yarn over of the previous colour. For example, '6 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 4 sc (UK dc), yarn B: 6 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 25 sc (UK dc), yarn B: 1 sc (UK dc)' means make 6 sc (UK dc) and on the last yarn over change to yarn A, make 4 sc (UK dc) and on the last yarn over change to yarn B, make 6 sc (UK dc), and on the last yarn over change to yarn A, make 25 sc (UK dc) and on the last yarn over change to yarn B, make 1 sc (UK dc) in yarn B. You will have 6 sc (UK dc) in the colour from the previous round, 4 sc (UK dc) in yarn A, 6 sc (UK dc) in yarn B, 25 sc (UK dc) in yarn A and 1 sc (UK dc) in yarn B.

Head

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 5: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).

Round 6: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (36 sts).

Round 7: [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (42 sts).

Rounds 8 and 9: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 10: sc (UK dc) around, change to yarn B on last yarn over.

Round 11: 6 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 4 sc (UK dc), yarn B: 6 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 25 sc (UK dc), yarn B: 1 sc (UK dc).

Round 12: 8 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 1 sc (UK dc), yarn B: 9 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 23 sc (UK dc), yarn B: 1 sc (UK dc).

Round 13: 19 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 23 sc (UK dc), yarn B.

Round 14: 4 sc (UK dc), yarn C: 3 sc (UK dc), yarn B: 5 sc (UK dc), yarn C: 3 sc (UK dc), yarn B: 4 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 23 sc (UK dc).

Round 15: 2 sc (UK dc), yarn B: 2 sc (UK dc), yarn C: 4 sc (UK dc), yarn B: 4 sc (UK dc), yarn C: 4 sc (UK dc), yarn B: 2 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 24 sc (UK dc).

Round 16: 4 sc (UK dc), yarn C: 4 sc (UK dc), yarn B: 5 sc (UK dc), yarn C: 4 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 25 sc (UK dc).

Round 17: 3 sc (UK dc), yarn C: 4 sc (UK dc), yarn B: 7 sc (UK dc), yarn C: 4 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 24 sc (UK dc).

Round 18: 3 sc (UK dc), yarn C: 3 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 3 sc (UK dc), yarn B: 4 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 3 sc (UK dc), yarn C: 4 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 22 sc (UK dc).

Round 19: 2 sc (UK dc), yarn C: 4 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 5 sc (UK dc), yarn B: 1 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 5 sc (UK dc), yarn C: 4 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 21 sc (UK dc).

Round 20: 2 sc (UK dc), yarn C: 3 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 14 sc (UK dc), yarn C: 3 sc (UK dc), yarn A: 20 sc (UK dc).

Round 21: [5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (36 sts).

Round 22: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 23: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (30 sts).

Fasten off and stuff the head.



Legs (make four)

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Rounds 4 and 5: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 6: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] three times (15 sts).

Round 7: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Add claws. Flatten foot and join yarn B at magic ring, ch 7, starting in second chain from hook, work 1 sl st in each ch. Fasten off and thread ends inside foot and secure. Repeat with two more claws, one on either side of the first.

Round 8: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] three times (12 sts).

Rounds 9–25: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 26: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times (15 sts).

Round 27: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 28: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times (18 sts).

Round 29: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Sl st across to close opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.

Heart

Round 1: using yarn D, make a heart as described on pages 34–35.

Making up

See the section on bringing the toys to life on pages 28–29 and 31.

Using yarn E, starting one stitch above the bottom centre of the cream patch of the head, sew a triangular-shaped nose. Using yarn E, embroider three vertical stitches for eyes, in the centre of row 2 of the brown eye patches. Sew the head to the top opening of the body, ensuring you top up the body stuffing to support the head. Sew the legs, vertically, to the sides of the body: the top two should be three rounds down from the neck and the bottom two should be six rounds below the bottom of the top legs. Sew the heart on the back of the body, at the bottom.



CLARENCE PIG

When I lived in Saddleworth, in rural Yorkshire, up the road was a smallholding and they had a pig that I used to stop and talk to every time I passed. That pig had babies, so Clarence is a tribute to those little piglets that made me smile!

Clarence was made with our Cheeky Chunky yarn, which is a super bulky (super chunky) merino yarn.

PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

Body

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 5: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).

Round 6: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (36 sts).

Round 7: [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (42 sts).

Round 8: [6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (48 sts).

Round 9: [7 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (54 sts).

Round 10: [8 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (60 sts).

Rounds 11–15: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 16: [8 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (54 sts).

Rounds 17 and 18: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 19: [7 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (48 sts).

Rounds 20 and 21: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 22: [6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (42 sts).

DIFFICULTY LEVEL: 

Size: Approx. 70cm (27½in) tall

TOOLS & MATERIALS

- ▶ Three balls of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in baby pink (A); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 150g (5¼oz) of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in natural grey (B), oddment in black (C); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 8mm (US 11, UK 0) crochet hook
- ▶ 200g (7oz) toy stuffing
- ▶ Stitch marker
- ▶ Tapestry needle

Rounds 23–26: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 27: [5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (36 sts).

Rounds 28–30: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 31: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (30 sts).

Round 32: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 33: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).

Round 34: sc (UK dc) in each st around, sl st.

Stuff the body.

Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing on the head.



Head

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 5: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 6: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).

Round 7: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 8: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (36 sts).

Round 9: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 10: [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (42 sts).

Round 11: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 12: [6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (48 sts).

Rounds 13 and 14: sc (UK dc) in each st around. Start to stuff the head and top up as you go.

Round 15: [6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (42 sts).

Round 16: 7 sc (UK dc), place st marker to mark bottom of head, [5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] five times (37 sts).

Round 17: 7 sc (UK dc), [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] five times (32 sts).

Round 18: 7 sc (UK dc), [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] five times (27 sts).

Round 19: 7 sc (UK dc), [2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] five times (22 sts).

Round 20: 7 sc (UK dc), [1 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] five times (17 sts).

Rounds 21 and 22: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 23: 2 sc (UK dc), [1 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] five times (12 sts).

Round 24: sc (UK dc) in each st around. Fasten off. Do not close hole.

Ears (make two)

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: sc (UK dc) in each st around (6 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times (9 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times (12 sts).

Round 5: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times (15 sts).

Rounds 6 and 7: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 8: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] three times (12 sts).

Round 9: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 10: [2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] three times (9 sts).

Round 11: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing on. Do not stuff.

Snout

Round 1: using yarn B, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Do not fasten off, as you will continue to crochet the snout onto the nose.





Arms (make two)

Round 1: using yarn B, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times, 6 sc (UK dc), [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times, 6 sc (UK dc) (24 sts).

Round 5: working into back loops for this round only, sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Rounds 6 and 7: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 8: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] four times (20 sts).

Round 9: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 10: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] four times (16 sts).

Round 11: sc (UK dc) in each st around, change to yarn A on last yarn over.

Round 12: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Using yarn B, sew a vertical line to shape the hand, spanning from the centre of the magic ring to the top edge of the grey. Stuff the hand.

Rounds 13–29: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

To close the opening, sl st across at right angles to the vertical st on the hand. This makes sure the vertical st on the hand faces forwards when the arm is sewn to the body. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.

Legs (make two)

Round 1: using yarn B, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times, 6 sc (UK dc), [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times, 6 sc (UK dc) (24 sts).

Round 5: working into back loops for this round only, sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Rounds 6 and 7: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 8: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] four times (20 sts).

Round 9: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 10: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] four times (16 sts).

Round 11: sc (UK dc) in each st around, change to yarn A on last yarn over.

Round 12: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Using yarn B, sew a vertical line to shape the foot, spanning from the centre of the magic ring to the top edge of the grey. Stuff the foot.

Rounds 13–32: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Sl st across to close opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.

Tail

Row 1: using yarn A, 12 ch, starting in second chain from hook work [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] eleven times (22 sts).

Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.

Heart

Round 1: using yarn B, make a heart as described on pages 34–35.



Making up

See the section on bringing the toys to life on pages 28–29 and 31.

Using yarn C, sew two vertical lines spanning one row to create the nostrils on the snout. Place the snout over the hole in the face and single crochet (UK double crochet) in each stitch around to join. Using yarn C, embroider three vertical stitches for the eyes spanning rounds 16 and 17 of the head, approximately seven stitches apart.

Fold the ears in half at the base and stitch to create a slight fold. Sew the ears to the head five rows back from

the top of the eyes (the inside edge of the ears should roughly line up with the top of each eye).

Sew the head to the top opening of the body, ensuring you top up the body stuffing to support the head. Sew the arms onto each side of the body approximately four rounds down from the neck.

Making sure the vertical marking on the foot faces to the front, sew the legs underneath the body, horizontally, two rows forward from the magic ring and spaced two stitches apart. Sew the tail to the lower back.



LIONEL LAMB

With the name 'Wool Couture', I just had to create the animal that makes our gorgeous wool! I also created Lionel in black. This was because I have always felt like the black sheep of the family – I was adopted at birth and felt like I never really fitted in. Now I have my own little flock and I feel like I have found my perfect place in life.

Lionel was made with our Cheeky Chunky yarn, which is a super bulky (super chunky) merino yarn.

PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

Body

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [1 puff, 1 sc (UK dc)] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [1 puff, 1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 5: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).

Round 6: [1 puff, 2 sc (UK dc), 1 puff, 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (36 sts).

Round 7: [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (42 sts).

Round 8: [1 puff, 3 sc (UK dc), 1 puff, 1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (48 sts).

Round 9: [7 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (54 sts).

Round 10: [1 puff, 4 sc (UK dc), 1 puff, 2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (60 sts).

Round 11: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 12: [1 puff, 2 sc (UK dc)] twenty times.

Round 13: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 14: [1 puff, 2 sc (UK dc)] twenty times.

Round 15: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 16: [1 puff, 2 sc (UK dc), 1 puff, 2 sc (UK dc), 1 puff, 1 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (54 sts).

Round 17: sc (UK dc) in each st around (54 sts).

Round 18: [1 puff, 2 sc (UK dc)] eighteen times (54 sts).

Round 19: [7 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (48 sts).

Round 20: [1 puff, 2 sc (UK dc)] sixteen times.

Round 21: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 22: [1 puff, 2 sc (UK dc)] sixteen times.

DIFFICULTY LEVEL: 🧶🧶

Size: Approx. 72cm (28¼in) tall

TOOLS & MATERIALS

- ▶ Two balls of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in natural cream (or to make a black lamb use black) (A), natural grey (B); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 20g (¾oz) of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in baby pink (C), oddment in black (D); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 8mm (US 11, UK 0) crochet hook
- ▶ 160g (5½oz) toy stuffing
- ▶ Stitch marker
- ▶ Tapestry needle

SPECIAL STITCH

Puff stitch as described on page 24.

Round 23: [6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (42 sts).

Round 24: [1 puff, 2 sc (UK dc)] fourteen times.

Round 25: sc (UK dc) in each st around.



Round 26: [1 puff, 2 sc (UK dc)] fourteen times.
Round 27: [5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (36 sts).
Round 28: [1 puff, 2 sc (UK dc)] twelve times.
Round 29: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 30: [1 puff, 2 sc (UK dc)] twelve times.
Round 31: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (30 sts).
Round 32: [1 puff, 2 sc (UK dc)] ten times.
Round 33: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).
Round 34: sc (UK dc) in each st around, sl st.
 Stuff the body. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing on the head.

Head

Round 1: using yarn B, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).
Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).
Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).
Rounds 4 and 5: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
 Place a st marker after the first increase in the next round to mark the centre top of the head.
Round 6: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).
Round 7: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).
Round 8: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 9: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 1 sc (UK dc)] five times, 18 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 1 sc (UK dc) (36 sts).
Round 10: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 11: [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times, change to yarn A on last yarn over (42 sts).
Round 12: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
 Start to stuff and top up as you go.
Round 13: [1 puff, 1 sc (UK dc)] twenty-one times.
Round 14: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 15: [1 puff, 1 sc (UK dc)] twenty-one times.
Round 16: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 17: [1 puff, 1 sc (UK dc), 1 puff, 1 sc (UK dc), 1 puff, 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (36 sts).
Round 18: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (30 sts).
Round 19: [1 puff, 1 sc (UK dc)] fifteen times.
Round 20: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).
Round 21: [1 puff, 1 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (18 sts).
Round 22: [1 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (12 sts).
Round 23: 6 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (6 sts).
 Fasten off and close the remaining hole.



Ears (make two)

Round 1: using yarn B, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).
Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 2 sc (UK dc)] twice (8 sts).
Round 3: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 1 sc (UK dc)] four times (12 sts).
Rounds 5–8: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 9: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 3 sc (UK dc)] three times (15 sts).
Rounds 10–13: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 14: [1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 3 sc (UK dc)] three times (12 sts).
Round 15: sc (UK dc) in each st around, sl st.
 Do not stuff. Sl st across to close the opening. Fold the bottom of the ear in half and sew to keep in place. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the head.

Arms (make two)

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).
Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).
Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).
Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times, change to yarn B on last yarn over (24 sts).
Rounds 5–8: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
Round 9: 6 sc (UK dc), 6 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 6 sc (UK dc) (18 sts).
Round 10: 6 sc (UK dc), 3 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 6 sc (UK dc) (15 sts).
 Stuff the hand and lightly stuff the arm up to around halfway.
Rounds 11–28: sc (UK dc) in each st around.
 Sl st across to close the opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.





Legs (make two)

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 5: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times, change to yarn B on last yarn over (30 sts).

Rounds 6–9: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 10: 7 sc (UK dc), 8 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 7 sc (UK dc) (22 sts).

Round 11: 7 sc (UK dc), 4 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 7 sc (UK dc) (18 sts).

Round 12: 7 sc (UK dc), 2 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 7 sc (UK dc) (16 sts).

Stuff the foot and lightly stuff the leg up to around halfway.

Rounds 13–32: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Sl st across to close the opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.

Heart

Round 1: using yarn C, make a heart as described on pages 34–35.



Making up

See the section on bringing the toys to life on pages 28–29 and 31.

Using the stitch marker placed at round 6 as a guide (it marks the top of the head), hold the head the right way up and starting at the centre of the magic ring, sew a 'y'-shaped nose and mouth using yarn D. Using yarn D, embroider the eyes with three vertical stitches spanning rounds 8 and 9 and approximately six stitches apart.

Sew the ears to the head just after the first puff stitch round. The ears should roughly line up in a 'v' from the nose and through the eyes. Sew the head to the top opening of the body, ensuring you top up the body stuffing to support the head. Sew the arms onto each side of the body approximately two rounds down from the neck. Sew the legs onto the base of the body, horizontally, at each side of the starting magic ring.



MATILDA KOALA & BABY

Amy, who is part of the Wool Couture team, said we needed to include a koala in our first book – they are her favourite animal and she loves how chilled out they are. Who wouldn't want to sit in a tree all day chewing on their favourite food?

Matilda was made with our Cheeky Chunky yarn, which is a super bulky (super chunky) merino yarn. Mini Matilda was made with our Beau Baby yarn, which is a light worsted (DK) merino yarn.

PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

Body

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 5: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).

Round 6: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (36 sts).

Round 7: [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (42 sts).

Round 8: [6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (48 sts).

Round 9: [7 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (54 sts).

Round 10: [8 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (60 sts).

Rounds 11–15: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 16: [8 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (54 sts).

Rounds 17 and 18: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 19: [7 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (48 sts).

Rounds 20 and 21: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 22: [6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (42 sts).

Rounds 23–26: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 27: [5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (36 sts).

Rounds 28–30: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 31: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (30 sts).

DIFFICULTY LEVEL:

Size: Approx. 65cm (25½in) tall; baby is approx. 35cm (13¾in) tall

TOOLS & MATERIALS

MATILDA KOALA

- ▶ Three balls of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in natural grey (A); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 30g (1oz) of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in black (B); 20g (¾oz) in baby pink (C); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 8mm (US 11, UK 0) crochet hook
- ▶ 160g (5½oz) toy stuffing

MINI MATILDA

- ▶ Two balls of Beau Baby merino/acrylic yarn in grey (A); 50g/98yd/90m
- ▶ Oddment of Beau Baby merino/acrylic yarn in black (B); 50g/98yd/90m
- ▶ 3.5mm (US 4, UK 9/10) crochet hook
- ▶ 80g (2¾oz) toy stuffing

BOTH

- ▶ Tapestry needle

Tip

Use the same pattern for both koalas, but do not make a heart for Mini Matilda.

Round 32: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 33: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).

Round 34: sc (UK dc) around, sl st.

Stuff the body.

Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing on the head.



Head

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: 2 sc (UK dc), [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times, 6 sc (UK dc), [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times, 4 sc (UK dc) (24 sts).

Round 5: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 6: 4 sc (UK dc), [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times, 9 sc (UK dc), [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times, 5 sc (UK dc) (30 sts).

Round 7: 6 sc (UK dc), [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times, 12 sc (UK dc), [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times, 6 sc (UK dc) (36 sts).

Round 8: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 9: 8 sc (UK dc), [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times, 15 sc (UK dc), [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times, 7 sc (UK dc) (42 sts).

Round 10: 10 sc (UK dc), [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times, 18 sc (UK dc), [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times, 8 sc (UK dc) (48 sts).

Rounds 11–16: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 17: [6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (42 sts).

Round 18: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 19: [5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (36 sts).

Round 20: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (30 sts).

Round 21: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 22: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).

Round 23: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Stuff head and fasten off.



Ears (make two)

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 2 sc (UK dc)] six times (24 sts).

Round 5: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).

Round 6: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 4 sc (UK dc)] six times (36 sts).

Fold the ear in half and sc (UK dc) in each st around the edge to close. Do not stuff. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the head.

Arms (make two)

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Rounds 4 and 5: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 6: 5 sc (UK dc), 4 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 5 sc (UK dc) (14 sts).

Round 7: 6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 6 sc (UK dc) (13 sts).

Stuff the hand and lightly stuff the arm up to around halfway.

Rounds 8–25: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Sl st across to close the opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.

Legs (make two)

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Rounds 5–7: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 8: 6 sc (UK dc), 6 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 6 sc (UK dc) (18 sts).

Round 9: 9 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 7 sc (UK dc) (17 sts).

Stuff the foot and lightly stuff the leg up to around halfway.

Rounds 10–28: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Sl st across to close the opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.



Heart (for large koala only)

Round 1: using yarn C, make a heart as described on pages 34–35.

Making up (for both koalas)

See the section on bringing the toys to life on pages 28–29 and 31.

Using yarn B and starting five rows up from the bottom of the head, embroider four vertical stitches, five rounds long, side by side for the nose. Continue by sewing horizontal stitches over the vertical stitches and then sew a single stitch across the bottom and top and up each side of the nose as a border.

Using yarn B, embroider the eyes using three vertical stitches spanning rows 10 and 11, approximately two stitches either side of the nose.

Sew the ears to the head with the bottom of the ears level with the middle of the side of the eyes, and the top of the ear at the edge of the starting magic ring, approximately six rows back from the side of the eyes.

Cut eighteen to twenty lengths of yarn A, 10cm (4in) long. Attach to each stitch on the outer edge of the ears using a lark's head knot (see step 2 on page 55). Trim to preferred length. Sew the head to the top opening of the body, ensuring you top up the body stuffing to support the head.

Sew the arms onto each side of the body approximately two rounds down from the neck. Sew the legs onto the base of the body, horizontally, at each side of the starting magic ring. For the large koala, sew the heart on the back of the body, at the bottom.



KIELDER RED SQUIRREL

Over the years I have spent much time in Northumberland and Kielder Forest is one of my favourite places. It is also one of the few places in the UK where you can see red squirrels – so I just had to have one in my range.

Kielder was made with our Cheeky Chunky yarn, which is a super bulky (super chunky) merino yarn.

PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

Body

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 5: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).

Round 6: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (36 sts).

Round 7: [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (42 sts).

Round 8: [6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (48 sts).

Rounds 9 and 10: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 11: [7 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (54 sts).

Rounds 12 and 13: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 14: [8 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (60 sts).

Rounds 15–20: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 21: [8 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (54 sts).

Round 22: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Stuff the body and top up as you go.

Round 23: [7 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (48 sts).

Round 24: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 25: [6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (42 sts).

Rounds 26–29: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Difficulty Level: 

Size: Approx. 43cm (17in) tall

TOOLS & MATERIALS

- ▶ Three balls of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in cinnamon (A); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 20g (¾oz) of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in natural cream (B), olive (C), dark brown (D), baby pink (E), black (F); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 8mm (US 11, UK 0) crochet hook
- ▶ 200g (7oz) toy stuffing
- ▶ Tapestry needle

Round 30: [5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (36 sts).

Rounds 31 and 32: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 33: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (30 sts).

Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing on to the head.



Head

Round 1: using yarn B, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times (9 sts).

Round 3: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times (12 sts).

Round 4: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times, change to yarn A on last yarn over (15 sts).

Round 5: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times (18 sts).

Round 6: [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times (21 sts).

Round 7: [6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times (24 sts).

Round 8: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).

Round 9: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 10: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (36 sts).

Round 11: [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (42 sts).

Round 12: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 13: [6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (48 sts).

Rounds 14–18: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Start to stuff and top up as you go.

Round 19: [6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (42 sts).

Round 20: [5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (36 sts).

Round 21: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 22: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (30 sts).

Round 23: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).

Round 24: [2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (18 sts).

Round 25: [1 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (12 sts).

Round 26: 6 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (6 sts).

Fasten off and close the hole.

Ears (make two)

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 4 sc (UK dc) into the ring (4 sts).

Round 2: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 3: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 1 sc (UK dc)] twice (6 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 1 sc (UK dc)] three times (9 sts).

Rounds 5–10: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Do not stuff. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the head.

Arms (make two)

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Rounds 3–6: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 7: [1 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] four times (8 sts).

Rounds 8–12: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 13: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] twice (10 sts).

Round 14: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 15: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] twice (12 sts).

Rounds 16 and 17: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 18: [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] twice (14 sts).

Round 19: sc (UK dc) in each st around.



Round 20: [6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] twice (16 sts).

Rounds 21–25: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Do not stuff. Sl st across to close the opening and Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.

Legs (make two)

Repeat arm pattern to round 10.

Do not stuff. Sl st across to close the opening and fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.





Tail

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) into next st] three times (9 sts).

Round 3: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) into next st] three times (12 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) into next st] four times (16 sts).

Round 5: [7 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) into next st] twice (18 sts).

Round 6: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 7: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) into next st] six times (24 sts).

Rounds 8–12: sc (UK dc) in each st around (24 sts). Start stuffing, keep the stuffing pushed up so that rounds 1–8 are not stuffed but all rounds above are.

Round 13: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) into next st] six times (30 sts).

Rounds 14–21: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 22: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).

Rounds 23 and 24: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 25: [2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (18 sts).

Round 26: 9 hdc (UK htr), 9 sl st.

Round 27: 9 hdc (UK htr), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 5 sl st, 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (16 sts).

Rounds 28 and 29: 8 hdc (UK htr), 8 sl st.

Round 30: [2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] four times (12 sts).

Round 31: 1 sl st, 6 hdc (UK htr), 5 sl st.

Round 32: 1 sl st, 2 hdc (UK htr), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 2 hdc (UK htr), 5 sl st (11 sts).

Round 33: 1 sc (UK dc), 3 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 4 sc (UK dc) (8 sts).

Round 34: sc (UK dc) in each st around. Fasten off and close hole.

Acorn

Round 1: using yarn C, make a magic ring and work 4 sc (UK dc) into the ring (4 sts).

Round 2: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] twice (6 sts).

Round 3: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] twice (8 sts).

Round 4: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 5: [2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] twice (6 sts).

Fasten off and stuff.

Cup

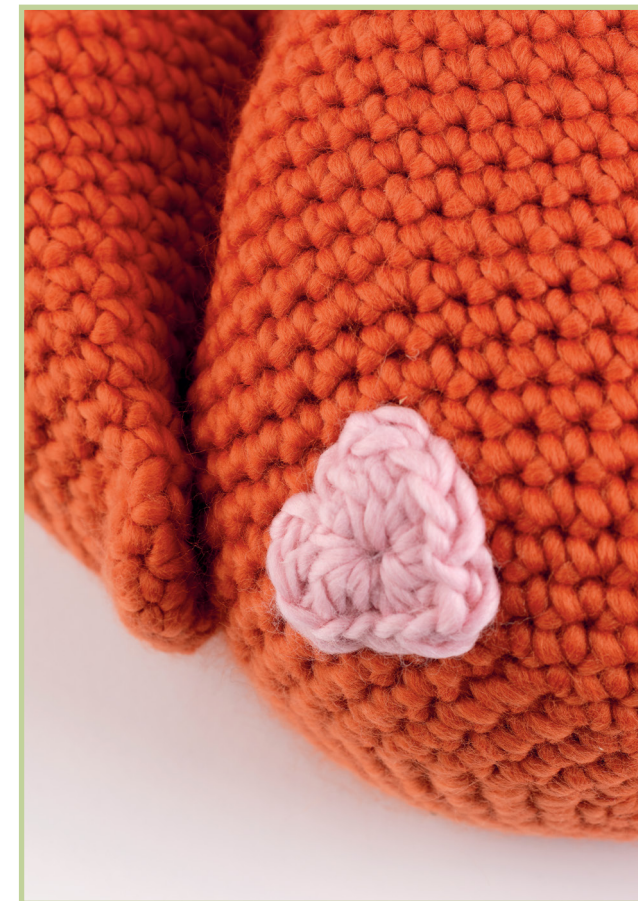
Using yarn D, repeat rounds 1–3 of acorn.

Round 4: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] twice, sl st (10 sts).

Fasten off, leaving a tail.

Heart

Round 1: using yarn E, make a heart as described on pages 34–35.



Making up

See the section on bringing the toys to life on pages 28–29 and 31.

Using yarn F, and starting just above the magic ring of the head, sew a triangular nose and add a vertical line centrally below the nose. Using yarn F, embroider three vertical stitches for the eyes spanning rows 11 and 12 and approximately nine stitches apart.

Sew the ears to the head four rows back from the top of the eyes (the ears should roughly line up with the eyes in the centre). Using yarn A, cut two 10cm (4in) lengths and attach to the tip of the ear with a lark's head knot and trim (see step 2 on page 55). Repeat for the other ear.

Sew the head to the top opening of the body, ensuring you top up the body stuffing to support the head. Sew the arms onto each side of the body, vertically, starting approximately two rounds down from the neck.

Sew the feet onto the base of the body, touching each other at the back, so that the toes peep out at the front. Using yarn D, sew five straight stitches on each foot to represent toes. Sew the top and bottom of the acorn together, stuffing lightly. Sew the acorn so that it is held in the front paws. Place the tail so that the flat part (rounds 1 to 8), sits at the base of the back and the curve at the top of the tail faces away from the back. Sew at the base and a few stitches up the length of the tail to hold it in place. Sew the heart on the back of the body, at the bottom.



TEETEE DRAGON

Our Teetee Dragon is dedicated to our investors from the BBC's *Dragons' Den*: Tej and Touker. Since investing in us in 2017, they have helped us develop our business into what it is today! They are true gentlemen and a pleasure to work with.

Teetee was made with our Cheeky Chunky yarn, which is a super bulky (super chunky) merino yarn.

PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

Body

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 5: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).

Round 6: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (36 sts).

Round 7: [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (42 sts).

Round 8: [6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (48 sts).

Round 9: [7 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (54 sts).

Round 10: [8 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (60 sts).

Rounds 11–15: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 16: [8 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (54 sts).

Rounds 17 and 18: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 19: [7 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (48 sts).

Rounds 20 and 21: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 22: [6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (42 sts).

Rounds 23–26: sc (UK dc) in each st around (42 sts).

Round 27: [5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (36 sts).

DIFFICULTY LEVEL: 🧶🧶

Size: Approx. 70cm (27½in) tall

TOOLS & MATERIALS

- ▶ Three balls of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in teal (A); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ One ball of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in duck egg (B); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 20g (¾oz) of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in baby pink (C), oddment in black (D); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 8mm (US 11, UK 0) crochet hook
- ▶ 230g (8oz) toy stuffing
- ▶ Stitch marker
- ▶ Tapestry needle

SPECIAL STITCHES

Picot 2 ch, working into second chain from hook, 1 sl st.

Bobble stitch (bbl) as described on page 25.

Rounds 28–30: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 31: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (30 sts).

Round 32: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 33: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).

Round 34: sc (UK dc) around, sl st.

Stuff the body.

Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing on the head.



Head

Round 1: using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Rounds 5–7: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 8: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] four times (20 sts).

Round 9: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] four times (16 sts).

Round 10: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] four times (20 sts).

Round 11: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] four times (24 sts).

Round 12: [3 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (30 sts).

Round 13: [4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (36 sts).

Round 14: 6 sc (UK dc), place a st marker to mark the bottom of the head, [5 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] five times (41 sts).

Round 15: 6 sc (UK dc), [6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] five times (46 sts).

Round 16: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 17: 6 sc (UK dc), [7 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] five times (51 sts).

Rounds 18–21: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 22: [6 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times, 3 sc (UK dc) (45 sts).

Round 23: [1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 13 sc (UK dc)] three times (42 sts).

Round 24: [5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (36 sts).

Round 25: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (30 sts).

Start to stuff and top up as you go.

Round 26: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (24 sts).

Round 27: [2 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (18 sts).

Round 28: [1 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] six times (12 sts).

Round 29: 6 sc2tog (UK dc2tog) (6 sts). Fasten off and close the remaining hole.



Nostrils (make two)

Round 1: using yarn B, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the head.

Left ear

Row 1: using yarn B, 10 ch, starting in second chain from hook work 9 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (9 sts).

Work into the back loops from this row onwards.

Row 2: 7 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 1 ch, turn (8 sts).

Row 3: 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 6 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (7 sts).

Row 4: 5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 1 ch, turn (6 sts).

Row 5: 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 4 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (5 sts).

Row 6: 3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 1 ch, turn (4 sts).

Row 7: 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 2 sc (UK dc) (3 sts). Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn.

Right ear

Row 1: using yarn B, 4 ch, in second chain from hook work 3 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (3 sts).

Work into the back loops from this row onwards.

Row 2: 2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 1 ch, turn (4 sts).

Row 3: 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 3 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (5 sts).

Row 4: 4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 1 ch, turn (6 sts).

Row 5: 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 5 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (7 sts).

Row 6: 6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 1 ch, turn (8 sts).

Row 7: 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 7 sc (UK dc) (9 sts). Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn.



Tail

Round 1: Using yarn A, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 2 sc (UK dc)] twice (8 sts).

Round 3: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] twice, 6 sc (UK dc) (10 sts).

Round 5: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 6: 2 sc (UK dc), [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] twice, 6 sc (UK dc) (12 sts).

Round 7: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 8: 3 sc (UK dc), [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times, 6 sc (UK dc) (15 sts).

Round 9: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 10: 5 sc (UK dc), [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times, 7 sc (UK dc) (18 sts).

Round 11: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 12: 7 sc (UK dc), [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times, 8 sc (UK dc) (21 sts).

Round 13: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Stuff and top up as you go.

Round 14: 9 sc (UK dc), [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times, 9 sc (UK dc) (24 sts).

Round 15: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 16: 11 sc (UK dc), [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] three times, 10 sc (UK dc) (27 sts).

Round 17: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Round 18: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] nine times, sl st (36 sts).

Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.

Spines

Row 1: using yarn B, 54 ch, 1 sl st in second chain from hook, 1 hdc (UK htr), [1 dc (UK tr), 1 picot, 1 dc (UK tr)] into next st, 1 hdc (UK tr), [1 sl st, 1 hdc (UK htr), 1 dc (UK tr), 1 picot, 1 dc (UK tr)] into next st, 1 hdc (UK htr)] twelve times, 1 sl st (13 spines).

Arms (make two)

Round 1: using yarn B, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [1 bbl, 1 sc (UK dc)] four times, 10 sc (UK dc), change to yarn A on last yarn over.

Round 5: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Stuff the hand and lightly stuff the arm up to around halfway.

Round 6: 4 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 10 sc (UK dc) (14 sts).

Rounds 7–22: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Sl st across to close the opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.

Legs (make two)

Round 1: using yarn B, make a magic ring and work 6 sc (UK dc) into the ring (6 sts).

Round 2: [2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (18 sts).

Round 4: [2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st] six times (24 sts).

Round 5: [1 bbl, 1 sc (UK dc)] five times, 14 sc (UK dc), change to yarn A on last yarn over.

Rounds 6 and 7: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

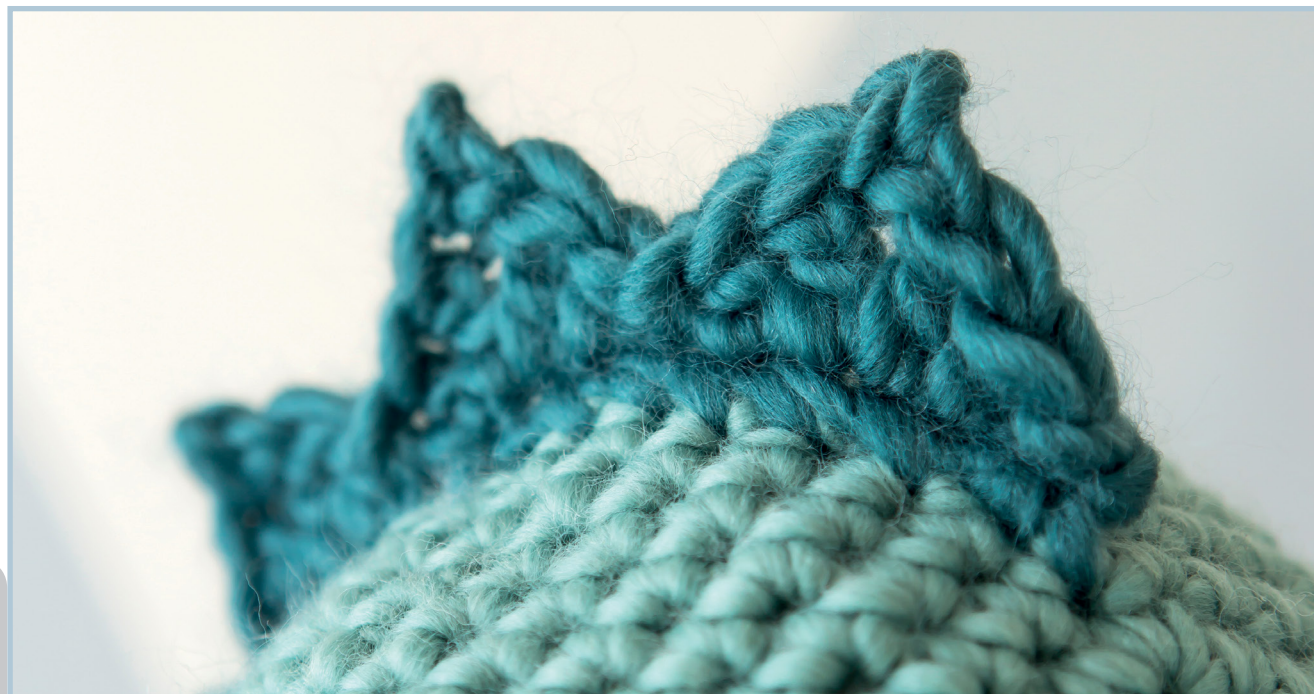
Stuff the foot and lightly stuff the leg up to around halfway.

Round 8: [4 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] four times (20 sts).

Round 9: [3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog)] four times (16 sts).

Rounds 10–30: sc (UK dc) in each st around.

Sl st across to close the opening. Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn for sewing onto the body.



Left wing

Row 1: using yarn B, 16 ch, starting in second chain from hook work 15 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (15 sts). Work into the back loops from this row onwards.

Row 2: 13 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 1 ch, turn (14 sts).

Row 3: 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 12 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (13 sts).

Row 4: 11 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 1 ch, turn (12 sts).

Row 5: 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 10 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (11 sts).

Row 6: 9 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 1 ch, turn (10 sts).

Row 7: 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 8 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (9 sts).

Row 8: 7 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 1 ch, turn (8 sts).

Row 9: 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 6 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (7 sts).

Row 10: 5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 1 ch, turn (6 sts).

Row 11: 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 4 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (5 sts).

Row 12: 3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 1 ch, turn (4 sts).

Row 13: 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 2 sc (UK dc) (3 sts). Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn.

Right wing

Row 1: using yarn B, 4 ch, in second chain from hook work 3 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (3 sts). Work into the back loops from this row onwards.

Row 2: 2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 1 ch, turn (4 sts).

Row 3: 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 3 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (5 sts).

Row 4: 4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 1 ch, turn (6 sts).

Row 5: 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 5 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (7 sts).

Row 6: 6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 1 ch, turn (8 sts).

Row 7: 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 7 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (9 sts).

Row 8: 8 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 1 ch, turn (10 sts).

Row 9: 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 9 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (11 sts).

Row 10: 10 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 1 ch, turn (12 sts).

Row 11: 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 11 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (13 sts).

Row 12: 12 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 1 ch, turn (14 sts).

Row 13: 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 13 sc (UK dc) (15 sts). Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn.

Heart

Round 1: using yarn C, make a heart as described on pages 34–35.

Making up

See the section on bringing the toys to life on pages 28–29 and 31.

Sew the nostrils at rounds 3 to 5 of the snout, approximately three stitches apart. Using yarn D, embroider three vertical stitches for the eyes spanning rows 14 and 15, approximately seven stitches apart. Sew a running stitch through the base of each ear, pull to gather and knot to secure. Use the tail of yarn for sewing the ears to the side of the head. Sew the ears four rounds back from the eyes, with the top edge two stitches lower than the eyes.

Sew the head to the top opening of the body, ensuring you top up the body stuffing to support the head. Sew the arms onto each side of the body approximately two rounds down from the neck. Sew the legs onto the base of the body, horizontally, at each side of the starting magic ring. Sew the tail to the bottom rear of the dragon. Sew the spines from the tip of the tail to the top of the head. Sew the heart on the back of the body, at the bottom.



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CLAIRE GELDER loves all things hand-made, hand-woven and hand-crafted. She has been crafting for relaxation and fun for over twenty years.

In 2015, Claire left her career as an NHS Director to launch her new business, Wool Couture, which specializes in knitting, crocheting, weaving and macramé. She quickly got her DIY craft kits on the shelves of retail giant John Lewis and, in 2017, secured two *Dragons' Den* investors to help her pass on her passion for crafting to the next generation. Adding a modern twist to age-old pastimes knitting and crochet, Claire uses giant, chunky yarn and oversized crochet hooks made in her own factory.

As well as a successful entrepreneur, Claire is also a firm believer in the therapeutic side of craft, particularly its benefits to mental health and well-being.

Claire lives in Wakefield, UK and is proud to be continuing Yorkshire's textile tradition. Her website is www.woolcouturecompany.com.

ABBREVIATIONS

2tog – together
bbl – bobble stitch
ch – chain stitch

sl st – slip stitch
st – stitch
sts – stitches

UK TERM

dc – double crochet
htr – half treble crochet
tr – treble crochet

US TERM

sc – single crochet
hdc – half double crochet
dc – double crochet



Who can resist these loveable toys! De-stress by snuggling up with Mabel Bunny and her friends: oversized crocheted toys, perfect for giant cuddles and little hands.

Not just for children, the soft, chunky yarn and floppy limbs will appeal to all, so make them for yourself or give as gifts – if you can bear to part with them!

- 🧸 Fifteen different animals measuring about 70cm (27½in) from head to toe, including Teetee Dragon, Lilly Polar Bear, Doris Sloth and Clarence Pig.
- 🧸 Three babies 30cm (12in) tall: Mini Mabel, Mini Oliver Octopus and Mini Matilda Koala.
- 🧸 Great reading companions, these adorable animals will sit comfortably on a shelf or at the end of your bed.

