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In an effort to fight away any winter blues, we've turned the feeling on its head and this month we are all about the **Winter Brights**! Our team of expert designers has pulled together one of **my favourite collections** of patterns since I first became Editor, gosh, almost two years ago now – where does the time go?!

The star of this collection has to be Tiam Safari's **awesome Canteloupe Cardigan** (page 16) that features on-trend balloon sleeves, perfect for hiding inside during colder weather. Rosina Plane continues

to design the **most amazing blankets** with this month's Walk in the Park blanket (page 38) and Zoe Potrac's neat little Bonfire Cushion (page 78) is a great way to add a **pop of colour** to any piece of furniture.

There is still time to make those **last-minute stocking fillers** for Christmas too, so keep an eye out for our **little bauble image** to give you some hints, from a stylish cowl (page 14) to a fun cuddly **penguin toy** (page 62). If you're running out of time to make anything, check out our festive gift guide (page 66) for gifts for him, her and yourself, of course!

We are also so excited about our fabulous patterns for **Shaun the Sheep** and some of his new friends (page 20) from his **brand-new film Farmageddon**! I hope you and your little ones laughed as much as I did while watching it (if you haven't yet, be sure to make the trip!). But my personal favourite this month simply has to be your new fabulous **2020 Calendar** from Irene Strange – with 25 adorable patterns, including some of our favourite dogs and **funniest accessories** (the cone of shame!) you are sure to have fun all year round!

Goodbye for now!

Find this little guy in your
exclusive 2020 Calendar!
Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year everyone

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WHAT'S NEW?

These are the yarns, patterns, books and tidbits of woolly wonder that will make your month

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ROLL UP, ROLL UP FOR RICO!

We love these adorable new patterns from Rico! Amigurumi remains one of our favourite techniques to crochet, and the new Ricorumi pattern booklets bring together everything you need to crochet the cutest characters you've ever seen, and we just can't get enough of those photos! In *Crazy Cute Family* you can make every generation from Granny and Grandad to Baby, or throw in some crocodiles, whales and lions. There are also mermaid and merboy patterns to get your hands on!

www.rico-design.co.uk



TIP TOP VALUE

Brand-new from James C. Brett, Top Value Chunky is a 100% acrylic yarn that is available in 16 bold and beautiful shades that combines great value with versatility. It's machine washable and soft to work with and we love the beautiful colours available – at just £1.99 per 100g ball, you can't go wrong! www.deramores.com



IT ALL STARTED WITH A HOOK

This beautifully handmade crochet hook, made from polymer clay, is just one hook from For The Love of Yarn that is ergonomically designed to reduce wrist strain and aid even tension. The thumb-grip shape works equally well for both pen and knife-grip users, and it all started when founder Lisa wanted to make sure she could help her mum with crochet when she became a mum herself! Find out more about Lisa's story, these wonderful hooks, and shop the full range online today. www.fortheloveofyarn.co.uk



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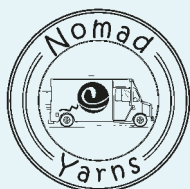
This month we're listening to these hook-tacular podcasts to get our crochet fix at home and out and about!



Nomad Yarns

Erica and Dave bring you tales of life on the road as mobile yarn-shop owners! With crafting adventures to share each week, they always have something fun to say about knitting or crochet. With features such as 'what ya working on?', 'retreat roundup' and 'in the kitchen,' this podcast is great to have on in the background when making for a bit of crafty chat.

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Keep Calm and Carry Yarn

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www.kcacypodcast.wordpress.com



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SHEEPING AROUND

Designed by bestselling author and TOFT founder Kerry Lord, Everett the Romney Sheep and Marian the Corriedale Sheep are the newest additions to the fab Edward's Menagerie crochet collection. Using the popular amigurumi technique, you too can make these baa-utiful furry friends.

www.toftuk.com

Cherry Heart's CORNER

Every month, Sandra Paul brings us her words of crochet wisdom

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Sandra Paul

As the colder weather really starts to set in and the days turn rainy, damp and grey, I feel the need to try and balance things out with more cosiness and comfort at home. As the Danish philosophy of Hygge sums up so well, it's the time of year to treat yourself kindly and enjoy the pleasures of life.

For me, this takes the form of snuggling up at home with candles, soft thick blankets (crocheted, of course) and a frothy coffee to sip. But that



scene wouldn't be complete without an accompanying crochet project to work on.

"It's the time of year to treat yourself kindly"

The things that I often find the most comforting and relaxing to work on are those that are quite simple and repetitive, something that doesn't take too much thought on my part and requires only a few different stitches works wonders. After a moment or two the rhythm of it will start to work its magic and ease me into a soothed and relaxed mood. There's something so wonderfully calming about the motions of crochet that sometimes I can feel my tensions flow away as I work. If the candles and blankets take care of my physical comfort, the crochet takes care of my mind.



COMFORTING CARON

This scarf is worked up in treble crochet using simple but striking colourwork, so you'll be wrapped up in bold print in next to no time and feeling cosy and colourful. This fabulous new design is made in Caron Simply Soft, one of our all-time favourites to crochet with! With over 50 colours to choose from, you are always spoiled for choice.

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NEW BOHEMIAN BLOOMS

Jane Crowfoot has launched two new colourways for her immensely successful beautiful Bohemian Blooms blanket! Bloomsbury Garden features six of the original motifs in a new layout to echo the ideas of London's gated gardens using Bellissima, Batik, Life and Life Changes. Emma May of Pippin Poppycock has also shared her version with Jane, Sussex Garden, with colours chosen from the Special DK palette to create a gorgeously feminine blanket. Visit your local Stylecraft stockist for yarn and support creating this gorgeous blanket.

www.janiecrow.com

CAL WATCH

We all love a great crochet-along, and every month we will spotlight our favourite CAL online so you can get involved!



Mosaic Dream

By Emma Leith

Mosaic Dream is exclusively available at Deramores, and is a fusion of Emma's passion for mosaic art and crochet. We are very excited to get started on this colourful design! Choose between West Yorkshire Spinners Colourlab DK or Deramores Studio DK and crochet along in six parts to create your very own blanket. The pattern has now launched on the Deramores site, and it is free to join in! Be sure to purchase your colour packs from Deramores and check out Emma's other fabulous designs online for plenty of colourful crochet inspiration.



Emma's top tip

Join the Deramores Projects Facebook page for support, hints and tips from the crochet community. If a stitch count is out by one or two try to work out where you went wrong. You don't always need to rip it out and start again!

Join in at www.deramores.com and be sure to check out Emma on Instagram! www.instagram.com/emmaleithatelier

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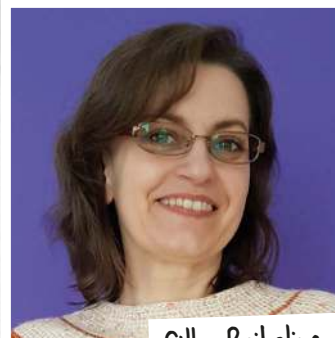
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TUNISIAN BUBBLE COWL



Silke Reibeling

Fans of Tunisian crochet will love working on this gorgeous cowl design that would make a charming last-minute gift for Christmas

 Sport  6mm Tunisian hook

★★★ Adventurous

Yarn used

Rowan Baby Cashsoft Merino
2 balls each in turquoise 00118 (MC) &
green 00108 (CC)
Available from
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

About the yarn

Sport; 130m per 50g ball; 57% wool,
33% acrylic, 10% cashmere

Tension

15 sts x 19 rows = 10cm measured
over Tss

Hook used

6mm double-ended Tunisian hook

Other supplies

1 stitch marker

Sizing

64cm circumference x 27cm height

Special stitches

Tunisian Reverse Stitch (Trs): Tilt work towards you, insert hook from right to left under the back vertical bar of the next st, yrh, pull up a loop, keep loop on hook

2 TSS worked together (Tss2tog): Insert hook from right to left under the front vertical bars of next 2 sts at the same time, yrh, pull up a loop, keep loop on hook. 1 st dec'd

Start crocheting

The Tunisian Bubble Cowl is worked in Tunisian crochet in the round using the MC yarn to pick up sts in each FP and the CC yarn to close the sts in each RP. When working Tunisian crochet in the round you will need to turn frequently to complete a round. This means you may start Rnd 3 FP before ending the Rnd 2 RP and so forth. Use a stitch marker to keep track of the first st of each rnd. Increase as Tunisian Reverse Stitch to avoid holes in the fabric.

With MC, chain 99. Join with sl st in first ch to form a ring, being careful not to twist. Pm into st on hook.

Rnd 1 FP: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, pull up a loop in each ch around. 99 sts

Rnd 1 RP: Turn work and push sts to other end of hook, with CC, pull a loop through first loop, *yrh, draw through 2 loops on hook; rep from * to last 3 sts. Turn.

Honeycomb

Rnd 2 FP: With MC, 1 Tss, *1 Tps, 1 Tss; rep from * around.

Rnd 2 RP & all RP: Turn work, with CC, *yrh, draw through 2 loops on hook; rep from * to last 3 sts. Turn.

Rnd 3: 1 Tps, *1 Tss, 1 Tps; rep from * around. RP.

Rnd 4: As Rnd 2.

Rnd 5: As Rnd 3.

Rnd 6: *1 Tss, 1 Tps; rep from * to last st, [1 Trs, 1 Tps] in same st. 100 sts

Bubble Stitch Pattern

Follow written instructions below, or work from chart. Chart is worked 5 times across for each rnd.

Rnds 1-2: Tks around. RP.

Rnd 3: [4 Tks, 3 Tss, 13 Tks] 5 times. RP.

Rnd 4: [3 Tks, 5 Tss, 12 Tks] 5 times. RP.

Rnds 5-7: [2 Tks, 7 Tss, 11 Tks] 5 times. RP.

Rnd 8: As Rnd 4.

Rnd 9: As Rnd 3.

Rnds 10-11: Tks around. RP.

Rnd 12: [14 Tks, 3 Tss, 3 Tks] 5 times. RP.

Rnd 13: [13 Tks, 5 Tss, 2 Tks] 5 times. RP.

Rnds 14-16: [12 Tks, 7 Tss, 1 Tks] 5 times. RP.

Rnd 17: As Rnd 13.

Rnd 18: As Rnd 12.



Rnds 19-36: Rep rnds 1-18.

Rnds 37-38: Tks around. RP.

Honeycomb

Rnd 1: 1 Tss2tog, *1 Tps, 1 Tss; rep from * around. RP. 99 sts

Rnd 2: 1 Tps, *1 Tss, 1 Tps; rep from * around. RP.

Rnd 3: 1 Tss, *1 Tps, 1 Tss; rep from * around. RP.

Rnd 4: As Rnd 2.

Rnd 5 FP: 1 Tss, *1 Tps, 1 Tss; rep from * around.

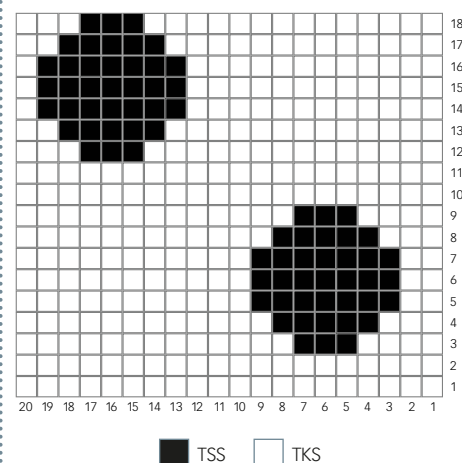
Rnd 5 RP: Work off all sts, until 1 loop rem on hook. Turn.

Rnd 6: With MC, 1 ch, bind off all sts with sl sts, picking up sts in honeycomb pattern.

Finishing

Weave in ends and block gently. 

Chart



 TSS  TKS

Due to the weight of the fabric, the cardi will stretch as it is worn



Tiam Safari

CANTALOUPE CARDIGAN

This epically chunky cardigan is worked in one piece from cuff to cuff and creates a beautiful must-have winter warmer

 **Super chunky**  **10mm, 15mm**

★★ Intermediate

Yarn used

Cygnnet Yarns Seriously Chunky
10 (12, 13, 14, 16, 19, 21, 24, 27) balls in
Burnt Orange 4888
Visit www.cygnnetyarns.com to find
your local stockist

About the yarn

Super Chunky; 48m per 100g ball;
100% acrylic

Tension

7 sts x 7 rows = 10cm measured over dc
with smaller hook
7 sts x 6.5 rows = 10cm measured over
[1 dc, 1 ch] pattern with larger hook

Hook used

10mm
15mm

Sizing

XXS (XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL) with
20cm of positive ease

Finished bust:
90 (96, 106, 116, 126, 137, 147, 157, 167) cm
Finished length:
47, (47, 47, 50, 50, 50, 53, 53, 53) cm
Upper Arm Circumference:
44.5 (44.5, 44.5, 50, 50, 55.5, 55.5, 55.5,
55.5) cm
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Start crocheting

This cardigan is worked from Cuff to Sleeve to Body, joined along the centre back, and then the hem and neckline trim are worked at the end. The Sleeves are worked continuously in the round, while the Cuff, Body and trims are worked flat. Unless otherwise stated, turning chains do not count as a stitch.

Check your Sleeve length before beginning the body – it should reach your underarm. Check the Body fit after joining the two panels together but before working the hem trim – you won't be able to add or remove rows to adjust the fit after this point!

First Panel Cuff

With smaller hook, chain 5 (6, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7, 8, 8),

Row 1: Starting in 2nd from hook, dc across. Turn. 4 (5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7) sts

Row 2: 1 ch, dc in BLO across. Turn.

Row 3: 1 ch, dc in FLO across. Turn.

Rep rows 2-3 another 4 (4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5) times.

Rep row 2 another 0 (0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0) times. Join first and last row with sl st across. Do not fasten off.

Sleeve

Work in a spiral without slip stitching or turning chains until you begin working in rows. Use a st marker or waste yarn to keep track of the first st of each rnd. Cont working from Cuff.

Rnd 1: Change to larger hook, 1 ch, 11 (11, 12, 12, 12, 13, 13, 13, 13) dc evenly

around cuff row ends. 11 (11, 12, 12, 12, 13, 13, 13, 13) sts

SIZES XXS & XS ONLY

Rnd 2: *1 dc in FLO, 1 dc in BLO, 1 dc in FLO] in next st; rep from * to last st, 1 dc in FLO. 31 sts

SIZE S ONLY:

Rnd 2: *1 dc in FLO, 1 dc in BLO, 1 dc in FLO] in next st; rep from * to last 3 sts, [1 dc in FLO, 1 dc in BLO] in next st, 2 dc in FLO of last st. 31 sts

SIZE M & L ONLY:

Rnd 2: *1 dc in FLO, 1 dc in BLO, 1 dc in FLO] in next st; rep from * to last st, [1 dc in FLO, 1 dc in BLO] in last st. 35 sts

SIZES XL, 2X, 3X & 4X ONLY:

Rnd 2: *1 dc in FLO, 1 dc in BLO, 1 dc in FLO] in each st around. 39 sts

ALL SIZES:

Rnd 3: *1 dc, 1 ch, miss 1 st; rep from * to last st, 1 dc. 31 (31, 31, 35, 35, 39, 39, 39, 39) sts

Rnd 4: 1 ch, *1 dc in next 1ch-sp, 1 ch; rep from * around.

Rnd 5: 1 dc in ch sp, *1 ch, 1 dc in ch sp; rep from * around.

Rep rnds 4-5 until sleeve (not including cuff) measures 54 (54, 55, 55, 56.5, 56.5, 57.5, 57.5, 59) cm or desired length, ending with a rep of Rnd 5.

Body

11 (11, 11, 11, 11, 9, 11, 11, 11) ch for side seam. Turn.

Next Row (RS): Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 10 (10, 10, 10, 10, 8, 10, 10, 10) dc,



1 ch, [1 dc in next 1ch-sp, 1 ch] around sleeve, 1 dc in side of underarm, working in opposite side of side seam ch, *1 ch, miss 1 ch, 1 dc; rep from * across. Turn.

52 (52, 52, 56, 56, 56, 60, 60, 60) sts

Next Row (WS): 2 ch (counts as first dc st here and throughout), *1 dc in next 1ch-sp, 1 ch; rep from * to last 9 (9, 9, 9, 9, 7, 9, 9, 9) dc, 1 dc, **1 ch, miss 1 st, 1 dc; rep from ** to end. Turn.

Next Row: 2 ch, *1 dc in next 1ch-sp, 1 ch; rep from * to beg 2 ch, 1 dc in top of beg 2 ch. Turn.

Rep last row until body measures 27 (29, 32, 35, 38, 41, 44, 47, 50) cm ending with a WS row.

Left Back

Next Row (RS): 2 ch, [1 dc in next 1ch-sp, 1 ch] 12 (12, 12, 13, 13, 13, 14, 14, 14) times, 1 dc in next ch. Turn, leaving rem sts unworked. 26 (26, 26, 28, 28, 28, 30, 30, 30) sts

Next Row: 2 ch, *1 dc in next 1ch-sp, 1 ch; rep from * to beg 2 ch, 1 dc in beg 2 ch. Turn.
Rep last row until body measures 45 (48, 53, 58, 63, 68.5, 73.5, 78.5, 83.5) cm. Fasten off.

Second Panel

As first panel for Cuff, Sleeve and Body.

Right Back

Next Row (RS): 2 ch, *1 dc in next 1ch-sp, 1 ch; rep from * to beg 2 ch, 1 dc in beg 2 ch. Turn.

Next Row (WS): 2 ch, [1 dc in next 1ch-sp, 1 ch] 12 (12, 12, 13, 13, 13, 14, 14, 14) times, dc in next ch. Turn, leaving rem sts unworked. 26 (26, 26, 28, 28, 28, 30, 30, 30) sts

Next Row: 2 ch, *1 dc in next 1ch-sp, 1 ch; rep from * to beg 2 ch, 1 dc in beg 2 ch. Turn.

Rep last row until body measures 45 (48, 53, 58, 63, 68.5, 73.5, 78.5, 83.5) cm.

Do not fasten off.

Making up

Lay Left and Right panels together, 1 ch, sl st across centre back of panels in BLO of left panel and FLO of right panel. Fasten off.

Edging

Hem Edging

With smaller hook, join yarn to bottom edge of cardigan with RS facing.

Row 1: 1 ch, dc evenly across row edges of bottom hem. Turn.

Row 2: 1 ch, dc in FLO across. Turn.

Row 3: 1 ch, dc in BLO across. Turn.



Rep last 2 rows 5 more times. Do not turn after last row, rotate to work across edging and front.

Front Edging

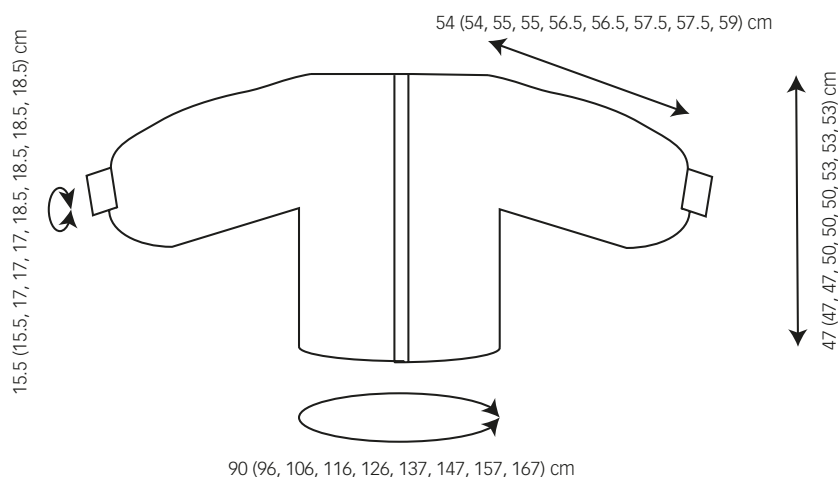
Next Row (RS): 1 ch, dc evenly around fronts and neckline. Turn.

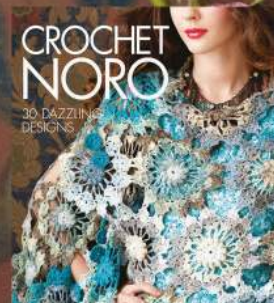
Row 1: 1 ch, dc in FLO across. Turn.

Row 2: 1 ch, dc in BLO across. Turn.

Rep last 2 rows for an additional 5 rows. Fasten off. Weave in ends. 🧶

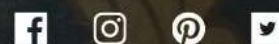
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Designed by

Lu-La & Hazmat: *Alison Holloway* Shaun: *Louise Watling*



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DK 3.5mm

★★ Try something new

Yarn used

Stylecraft Special DK

Shaun

1 ball each in white 1001 (MC) & black 1002 (CC)

Hazmat

1 ball each Citron 1263 (MC) & black 1002 (CC1)

Lu-La

1 ball each Cloud Blue 1019 (MC), Lavender 1188 (CC1), Magenta 1084 (CC2), Fondant 1241 (CC3), Lobelia 1825 (CC4) & white 1001 (CC5)

1 ball in black will be sufficient to complete both Shaun & Hazmat

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About the yarn

DK; 295m per 100g ball;
100% acrylic

Tension

20 sts x 20 rows =
10cm measured over dc

Hook used

3.5mm

Other supplies

tapestry needle
toy stuffing

black embroidery thread for body details
and mouth
stitch marker

Lu-La only: 2 black safety eyes, 4mm

Sizing

Shaun: Approximately 13cm tall

Hazmat: Approximately 25cm tall

Lu-La: Approximately 13cm tall

Start crocheting

The majority of the pattern is worked in amigurumi style, in a spiral without slipstitching or turning chains. Use a st marker or waste yarn to keep track of the first st of each rnd.



For rounds where joining is indicated, join with slip stitch in first stitch.

SHAUN

Body

With MC, chain 2.

Rnd 1: 6 dc in 2nd ch from hook. 6 sts

Rnd 2: [2 dc in next st] 6 times. 12 sts

Rnd 3: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 4: [2 dc in next st, 2 dc] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnds 5-18: Dc around.

Rnd 19: [1 dc2tog, 2 dc] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 20: [1 dc2tog, 1 dc] 6 times. 12 sts

Stuff firmly.

Rnd 21: Dc2tog around. 6 dc

Fasten off.

Head

With CC, chain 2.

Rnd 1: 6 dc in 2nd ch from hook. 6 sts

Rnd 2: [2 dc in next st] 6 times. 12 sts

Rnd 3: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] 6 times.

18 sts

Rnds 4-6: Dc around.

Rnd 7: [1 dc2tog, 7 dc] twice. 16 sts

Rnd 8: Dc around.

Rnd 9: [1 dc2tog, 6 dc] twice. 14 sts

Rnd 10: Dc around.

Fasten off.

Head Trim

With MC, chain 3.

Rnd 1: 3 dc in 2nd ch from hook, 6 dc in last ch, rotating as you go, work in the other side of the ch, 3 dc in last ch. 12 sts

Rnd 2: [2 dc in next st, 5 dc] twice. 14 sts

Rnd 3: [2 dc in next st, 6 dc] twice. 16 sts

Rnd 4: [2 dc in next st, 7 dc] twice. 18 sts

Rnd 5: [2 dc in next st, 8 dc] twice. 20 sts

Rnd 6: Dc around.

Fasten off.

Neck

With MC, chain 13.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, dc across. Turn. 12 sts

Row 2: 1 ch (does not count as st), dc across.

Fasten off.

Ears (make 2)

With CC, chain 2.

Rnd 1: 6 dc in 2nd ch from hook. 6 sts

Rnds 2-5: Dc around.

Fasten off.

Legs (make 4)

With CC, chain 2.

Rnd 1: 6 dc in 2nd ch from hook. 6 sts

Rnd 2: [2 dc in next st] 6 times. 12 sts

Rnd 3: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnds 4-5: Dc around.

Rnd 6: Dc2tog around. 9 sts



Official toys



- Rnd 3:** 1 ch, dc in BLO around, join.
- Rnd 4:** 1 ch, 7 dc, 4 dc2tog, 7 dc, join. 18 sts
- Rnd 5:** 1 ch, 5 dc, 4 dc2tog, 5 dc, join. 14 sts
- Rnd 6:** 1 ch, 5 dc, 2 dc2tog, 5 dc, join. 12 sts
- Stuff Boots and continue to stuff the leg as you go, begin working in spiral.
- Rnds 7-8:** Dc around.
- Rnd 9:** 3 dc, 2 dc in next st, 5 dc, 2 dc in next st, 2 dc. 14 sts
- Rnd 10:** 4 dc, 2 dc in next st, 5 dc, 2 dc in next st, 3 dc, change to MC. 16 sts
- Rnd 11:** Dc in BLO around.
- Rnds 12-13:** Dc around.
- Rnd 14:** [7 dc, 2 dc in next st] twice. 18 sts
- Rnd 15:** Dc in BLO around.
- Rnds 16-17:** Dc around.
- Rnds 18-20:** As rnds 15-17.
- Rnd 21:** Dc around.
- Rnd 22:** As Rnd 15.
- Fasten off.

Body

With MC

- Rnd 1:** Working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts
- Rnd 2:** [2 dc in next st] 6 times. 12 sts
- Rnd 3:** [1 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 18 sts
- Rnd 4:** [2 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 24 sts
- Rnd 5:** [(2 dc in next st, 1 dc) 3 times, 6 dc] twice. 30 sts

Rnds 4-6: Dc around.

Fasten off.

Finishing

Body: Sew gap closed.

Head: Stuff firmly.

Head Trim: Stuff firmly. Pin to open top of Head so edges overlap. Sew pieces together, drawing in edge of Head Trim.

Neck: Sew ends tog to form a ring. Pin one edge to back of Head just below Head Trim. Sew in place. Stuff neck. Pin other edge to front of body and sew in place.

Eyes: With MC, embroider two circles of chain stitches.

Pupils: With CC in centre of each Eye, make a bullion knot by threading the yarn through five times.

Ears: Pin to sides of Head and sew in place.

Legs: Stuff firmly. Pin to side of Body and sew in place.

Tail: Stuff firmly. Pin to back of Body and sew in place. ●

HAZMAT

1 ch at start of round does not count as a stitch throughout.

Boot & Trousers (make 2)

With CC, chain 5.

Rnd 1: 2 dc in 2nd ch from hook, 2 dc, 6 dc in last ch, rotating as you go, work in the other side of the chain, 2 dc, 2 dc in last ch, join. 14 sts

Rnd 2: 1 ch, 2 dc in first st, 3 dc, [2 dc in next st] 6 times, 3 dc, 2 dc in next st, join. 22 sts

Rnds 7-18: Dc around.

Fasten off.

Tail

With MC, chain 2.

Rnd 1: 6 dc in 2nd ch from hook. 6 sts

Rnd 2: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] 3 times. 9 sts

Rnd 3: [2 dc in next st] 9 times. 18 sts



Rnd 6: [4 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times.

36 sts

Rnd 7: [5 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times.

42 sts

Rnds 8-9: Dc around.

2 sl st to move start of rnd for forming armholes.

Rnd 10: 12 dc, miss 9 sts, 12 dc, miss 9 sts.

24 sts

Rnd 11-16: Dc around.

Rnd 17: [3 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 30 sts

Rnd 18: [4 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 36 sts

Form the top of the legs by splitting the round into 2.

Rnd 19: 12 dc, miss 18 sts, 6 dc. 18 sts

Rnd 20: Dc around.

Rnd 21: Dc around, 1 sl st to end spiral.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

For 2nd leg, join MC in any unworked st on

Rnd 18. Dc in each missed st around. 18 sts

Cont as for first leg.

Stuff Body. Insert Trousers into Body and sew in place.

Head

Rnd 1: With MC and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 2: [2 dc in next st] 6 times. 12 sts

Rnd 3: [1 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnds 4-6: Dc around.

Rnd 7: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] 6 times, 3 dc, pm to mark front of face, 3 dc. 24 sts

Rnd 8: Dc around.

Rnd 9: 7 dc, [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] twice, 13 dc. 26 sts

Rnds 10-13: Dc around.

Rnd 14: Working in BLO, [4 dc, 1 dc2tog] 4 times, 1 dc2tog. 21 sts

Rnd 15: [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] 5 times, 1 dc. 16 sts

Rnd 16: [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] 4 times. 12 sts

Rnd 17: Working in FLO, [1 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 18: [2 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnd 19: [3 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 30 sts

Rnd 20: [4 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 36 sts

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff head.

Visor

With CC, chain 5.

Rnd 1: 3 dc in 2nd chain from hook, 2 dc, 6 dc in last ch, rotating as you go, work in the other side of the chain, 2 dc, 3 dc in last ch, join. 16 sts

Rnd 2: [1 sl st, 1 dc, 2 htr, 1 dc, 3 sl st] twice.

Rnd 3: [1 sl st, 2 sl st in next st, 3 dc, 2 sl st in next st, 2 sl st] twice. 20 sts

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew to front of face, using the stitch marker as a guide. Place Head over Body and sew

in place. With CC, embroider 3 parallel, diagonal lines at each side of Head to represent vents.

Arms (make 2)

Rnd 1: Join MC at either arm hole, leaving a long tail, 1 ch, dc in each st around adding 1 extra st at the armpit. 10 sts

Rnds 2-7: Dc around.

Lightly stuff arm as you go.

Rnd 8: 5 dc, 1 dc2tog, 3 dc. 9 sts

Rnd 9: Dc around.

Rnd 10: 3 dc, 1 dc2tog, 4 dc. 8 sts

Fasten off.

Use beg tail to close any gaps in the armpit.

Hands (make 2)

Rnd 1: Join CC1 in any st at end of Arm, dc in BLO around. 8 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc in next st, 7 dc. 9 sts

Rnds 3-4: Dc around.

Rnd 5: 2 dc in next st, 8 dc. 10 sts

Rnd 6: 5 dc2tog. 5 sts

Fasten off. Sew end closed. Hands are not stuffed.

Belt

With CC1, chain 29.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 28 dc. 28 sts

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Place belt around Body and sew in place at the back.

Walkie Talkie

With CC1, chain 7.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 6 dc. Turn. 6 sts

Rows 2-3: 1 ch, dc across. Turn.

Fasten off.

Tuck Walkie Talkie under Belt and sew to secure.

LU-LA

Worked in pieces in the amigurumi style, without turning or joining each rnd with a sl st. Use a stitch marker to mark the end of each rnd.

Head

Rnd 1: With MC and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 2: [2 dc in next st] 6 times. 12 sts

Rnd 3: [1 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 4: [2 dc in next st] 3 times, 6 dc] twice. 24 sts

Rnds 5-7: Dc around.

When a mischievous alien with amazing powers crash-lands at Mossy Bottom Farm, Shaun sets off on a mission to shepherd her safely home before a sinister organisation can capture her...



Official toys



Rnd 8: [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 18 sts

Start to stuff and top up as you go.

Rnd 9: [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 12 sts

Rnds 10-11: Dc around.

Rnd 12: 6 dc2tog. 6 sts

Fasten off. Sew closed.

Ears (make 2)

Rnd 1: With CC1 and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnds 2-5: Dc around, change to CC2 on last yrh of last rnd.

Rnd 6: Dc around, change to CC3 on last yrh.

Rnds 7-11: Dc around.

Do not stuff. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew Ears to the back of Head so they face forward and point upward.

Nose

Rnd 1: With CC4 and working into a magic ring, 4 dc, join. 4 sts

Fasten off. Squash slightly to make the appearance of an oval shape and sew to middle of face.

Eyes (make 2)

Rnd 1: With CC5 and working into a magic ring, 3 dc, join. 3 sts

Attach safety eyes. Over-sew the edges of



Eyes to make a smaller neat circle.
Sew Eyes just above Nose, touching in the middle.

Mouth

With black embroidery thread, embroider a circle and fill it in, 1-2 rnds below Nose.

Body

Rnd 1: With MC and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 2: [2 dc in next st] 6 times. 12 sts

Rnds 3-5: Dc around.

Rnd 6: [2 dc in next st, 5 dc] twice. 14 sts

Rnds 7-8: Dc around.

Rnd 9: [2 dc in next st, 6 dc] twice. 16 sts

Rnds 10-12: Dc around.

Rnd 13: Dc around, change to CC1 on last yrh.

Rnd 14: [2 dc in next st, 3 dc] 4 times. 20 sts

Rnd 15: Dc around.

Rnd 16: 2 dc, change to CC2 on last yrh, 7 dc, change to CC1 on last yrh, 11 dc, change to CC2 on last yrh.

Rnd 17: 2 dc in next st, [5 dc, 2 dc in next st] 3 times, 1 dc. 24 sts

Rnd 18: [11 dc, 2 dc in next st] twice. 26 sts

Rnd 19: [12 dc, 2 dc in next st] twice. 28 sts

Rnd 20: 2 dc in next st, 26 dc, 2 dc in next st. 30 sts

Rnd 21: [10 dc, 2 dc in next st] twice, 8 dc. 32 sts

Rnd 22: Dc around, change to CC3 on last yrh.

Rnd 23: Working in FLO, *1 sl st, [1 sl st, 2 ch, 1 sl st] in next st, rep from * around. 16 2ch-sps

Rnd 24: Working in rem back loops of Rnd 22, dc in BLO around.

Rnd 25: Working in FLO, {1 sl st, [1 sl st, 2 ch, 1 sl st] in next st} 6 times, 20 sl st.

Rnd 26: Working in BLO of Rnd 24, [3 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times, 2 dc. 26 sts

Stuff Body and top up as you go.

Rnd 27: [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times, 2 dc. 20 sts

Rnd 28: [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] 5 times. 15 sts

Rnd 29: [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 5 times. 10 sts

Rnd 30: [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 3 times, 1 dc. 7 sts

Fasten off. Thread tail through tops of rem sts and pull tight to close.

Sew Head to top of Body.

Drips

With CC3 and using photographs as a guide embroider 'u' shapes and fill in with straight stitches, outline each drip with one strand of black embroidery thread. We caught the bottom of each drip with a tiny stitch to hold them in place. 🧵



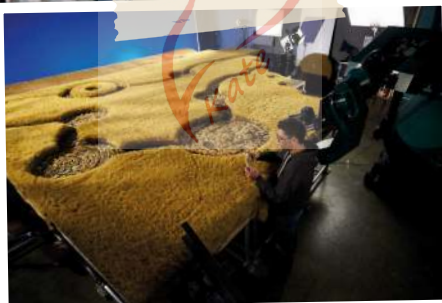
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Ellen Deckers – By Pollevie

DESIGNER SKETCHBOOK

This month we were delighted to get to know Ellen of By Pollevie, one of the most colourful and exciting crochet designers out there

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Currently, I live in what they call the 'green heart' of West Holland in a small village, though close enough to Schiphol that I can go abroad. I live with my three kids Tibbe, 11, Jurre, nine and Pien, seven, as well as our two cats Tompoes and Pip. Two days a week I'm a teacher at a local school, and the rest of the week I tend to my kids. I take them to school and to sports clubs. In between all this, I crochet – a lot! I always have plenty of projects to choose from that I will do while waiting for them and in the evenings.

My mum is very creative, so I grew up in a creative environment. She embroiders, quilts, knits and crochets. If there was something I wanted as a kid, she'd look for a way to make it. If that was not possible only then we would buy it at a store. So, when I had kids of my own I sometimes made toys, but I like to add colour and details to their everyday wear. When Pien started riding her bike to school, I wanted her to wear something cute but bright. I bought a neon pink poncho and added crocheted flowers. Another mum asked me where I had bought it. I told her I made

it and she asked me if it was for sale. That one got sold that morning, so I made Pien a new one! I also sold this one, and then started making them to sell at a market in Amsterdam. Then I made a shawl for myself and my first pattern. People started to ask me if I offered workshops. The first one was in my house with friends, and that's how it started. My patterns became popular as I posted them to Instagram and Facebook. Soon, yarn shops outside the Netherlands asked me to come and teach, and now I travel to New York, London, Spain, Denmark and of course Holland.



What an amazing yarn stash!



The Leaping Hare shawl was designed for Loop London



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If I had to name my style, it'd be 'bohemian chic'. It's inspired by Ibiza, Spanish flamenco dancers and gypsy culture. I've always loved bright colours and prints. Most of the clothes I buy are not interesting enough for me, so I add something to it when I get home, or mix it with other prints! My inspiration comes from many places. I live near the flower fields in Lisse, and walks through the woods and parks are great. It's important to maintain my style and it makes me happy to design a shawl with lots of colour and embellishments to make an interesting design to look at, but also to be creative every day and design items I want to have and wear. It's become my signature.

“It is very important to me to maintain my style”

The yarn always comes first when I design! When I visit a yarn shop, I get pulled in by colours or textures. I never have a plan before I buy yarn. At home I have an enormous stash, it's marvellous. I start with the basic shape and play around with colours. If I know for instance I'm working to a bohemian theme, I'll go for a darker background because it makes the decoration stand out. Once the base is done, I can decorate. It is a trial-and-error

process. I make some flowers, if I don't like them I try something else. They grow organically. If I am stuck I turn to Pinterest or go to a city and go 'window shopping'. Sometimes I draw a design but it always comes out differently than I thought. When I crochet I like to write down the pattern straight away. This avoids not knowing what I did afterwards.

Behind every design is a story. For instance, The Leaping Hare Shawl I did for Loop London – when I met Susan (the owner) in February, we found a date for workshops and I knew I wanted to do something with

the lovely hare logo of her shop. Since I have no shawls using yarn she sells, I suggested designing one for her using her yarn. Loop has a couple of exclusive colours that are Susan's favourites, so she sent over a selection of yarn and I started designing the hare first. Once that was done I placed him on the grey base and designed the rest. He would be leaping over a field of flowers, and that is how it came together. It's a stunning piece and since it is a delicate design and the attention needs to go to the hare, I decided to do a lace edge.

I love Janie Crow's designs, they're so colourful and versatile. Other designers I love are Kieran Foley, Nathalie Lété and Nancy Ricci – the list is endless! Each time I go somewhere new people get added to the list and I follow them, which is another good thing the internet's brought us.

I'm designing a couple of patterns that will be coming out next year, and my book will be coming soon! That will be full of fun patterns with which you can design your own colourful items and will be available in English and Dutch. Keep an eye out!



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A large cushion will need up to 600g in a base colour (DK held double), 100g for the border, and oddments of yarn in a variety of weights for embellishments

Various scrap aran and chunky yarns in your favourite colours for embellishments

Ellen's picks

Scheepjes Colour Crafter, My Boshi, Phildar Looping (held single)

Hooks used

2mm, 3mm, 4mm, 5mm, 5.5mm

Other supplies

tapestry needle
cushion pad in preferred size (pictured 50cm square)

Your design

When you are doing freestyle crochet, it is not so much about counting and following a pattern, but more about following your heart and making choices you love. These choices include colour, yarn choice and decoration choices. So, have a think, What will you be using the #polleviecushion for? A statement piece? To use in your living room? A gift? In one of the childrens' rooms? Do you have certain décor to match? What kind of style suits you? Are you more romantic or more pronounced and colourful? Do you have an idea in mind? You could look at these cushions for inspiration, or head online for more! I use a lot of acrylic yarn, partly because of the weight and the number of brighter colours that are available. Moreover, the colours on acrylic are less sensitive to discoloration in the sun. Cotton is also recommended for this project for its durability.

Freestyle Crochet

This tutorial is based on freestyle crochet, which means that not everything has been worked out in a pattern with the exact number of stitches.

Start crocheting

Cushion Base (make 2)

Row 1: With the pillow in front of you, 5.5mm hook and holding chosen DK double, chain a length the size of the width of the pillow. Pull the chain tight along the bottom to measure, because when you crochet the first line of dc it will stretch and become longer.

Row 2: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, dc back along the length of the chain. Turn.

Row 3: 1 ch (doesn't count as st), dc across. Turn.

Rep Row 3 until you have worked a square that it tall enough to cover the front of your cushion.
Fasten off.

Decoration

Now it's time to decorate your cushion cover! This is easier to do before the case is assembled. For truly textured flowers, you can use different yarns, thicknesses, and varieties for a lot of interest. Adjusting which hook you use as well will play with finished effects. I've shared some basic flower designs here, be sure to play with different yarns and thicknesses.

Lotus Flower

Rnd 1: With 5mm hook and aran or chunky yarn, chain 4, join to work in the rnd, 8 dc, join with sl st. 8 sts

Rnd 2: 3 ch, 1 tr in same st, [2 tr in next st] 7 times, join with sl st. 16 sts

Rnd 3: [4 ch, miss 1 st, sl st] 8 times. 8 petals

Rnd 4: *[1 dc, 1 tr, 1 dtr, 1 tr, 1 dc] in next 4ch-sp; rep from * to end.

Fasten off. Fold petals forward and re-join yarn between two petals at back of work.

Rnd 5: *5 ch, sl st between next 2 petals; rep from * to end. 8 petals

Rnd 6: *[1 dc, 1 tr, 2 dtr, 1 tr, 1 dc] in next 5ch-sp; rep from * to end.

Fasten off. Flatten all petals and re-join yarn around any st from Rnd 1 (you will now be working on top of the flower, crocheting inner petals).

Rnd 7: [3 ch, miss 1 st, sl st] 4 times. 4 petals

Rnd 8: *[1 dc, 1 tr, 1 dtr, 1 tr, 1 dc] in next 3ch-sp; rep from * around.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Crochet your way

Ellen's original pattern for these cushions includes plenty more tips, and step-by-step guides, everything you need to crochet your own unique creation! In this pattern, we've given you just what you need to make the cushions pictured, but if you want to learn more about colour, composition, and freestyle crochet, be sure to visit www.bypollevie.com

Roses

With 3mm hook and green DK yarn, chain 24.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 23 dc. Turn.

Row 2: [2 ch, 1 tr in same st, 1 tr, 2 ch, sl st in same st as previous tr, 1 sl st] 4 times, change to red or colour for rose, [2 ch, 1 tr in same st, 1 tr, 2 ch, sl st in same st as previous tr, 1 sl st] to end.

Fasten off. Roll up colour petals and secure with small stitches, then roll up leaves and attach with small stitches.

Small Flowers

Rnd 1: With 5mm hook, yellow chunky or aran yarn and working into magic ring, 6 dc, join with sl st. 6 sts

Fasten off, join next colour in any st.

Rnd 2: [2 ch, 1 tr in same st, 2 ch, sl st in same st as previous tr, 1 sl st] 6 times. 6 petals

Leaf

With 3mm hook and green yarn, chain 11.

Rnd 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc, 3 tr, 2 dtr, 3 tr, [1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc] in last ch, rotate to work along bottom of ch, 3 tr, 2 dtr, 3 tr, 1 dc in last ch. Fasten off.

Sew your chosen decertations to one side of your Cushion Cover, and sew both sides of cushion together, enclosing your chosen cushion.

Edging

Use a hook as recommended by your chosen yarn label for this pattern.

Rnd 1: With chosen hook and yarn, join in first corner st with 1 dc, *miss 1 st, 6 tr in next st, miss 1 st, sl st; rep from * around end of cushion.

Fasten off. 

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Zoë Potrac

BULLFINCH SCARF

This feathered chevron design combined with vibrant colours was inspired by the pretty little woodland bird

Crochet over ends as you go to reduce the need for weaving in

DK 4mm

★ Quick & easy

Yarn used

Deramores Studio DK
1 ball each in Mist 25 (A), Ocean 67 (B),
Blush 43 (C) & Burnt Orange 59 (D)
Available from www.deramores.com/collections/crochetnow

About the yarn

DK; 250m per 100g ball; 100% acrylic

Tension

22 sts x 10 rows = 10cm over st patt

Hook used

4mm

Sizing

31x160cm

Start crocheting

With A, chain 69.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 68 dc.
Turn. 68 sts

Row 2: 3 ch (counts as first tr), 1 tr in first st, [2 tr in next st] twice, [miss 1 st, 1 tr] 5 times, miss 1 st, [2 tr in next st] 3 times, * [2 tr in next st] 3 times, [miss 1 st, 1 tr] 5 times, miss 1 st, [2 tr in next st] 3 times; rep from * to end. Turn.

Row 3: 1 ch (does not count as a st), 68 dc in FLO. Turn.

Rep rows 2-3 changing colour after each 10th row as follows for a total of 160 rows: [A, B, C, D] 4 times. Fasten off. Weave in ends. Block to finished measurements.

YARN SPOTLIGHT

Deramores Studio DK

This wonderfully soft acrylic yarn is perfect for crocheting accessories, toys, garments, and blankets. This pliable yarn works to a standard double knitting tension so can be used for most double-knit patterns. Using this yarn, you can create well-defined stitches, either plain or textured to suit an array of patterns, which works so well in this scarf – a great all-round choice for your stash





Rosina Plane

Walk in the Park BLANKET

This colourful blanket features a clever pattern and positioning of individual squares to create an impressive finished effect

 DK  3.5mm, 4mm

★★★ Adventurous

Yarn used

Sirdar Hayfield Bonus DK
5 balls in Azure 0824 (MC)
4 balls in cream 0812 (CC1)
1 ball each in Cupid 0944 (CC2), Burnt Orange 0647 (CC3), Salmon 0644 (CC4), Royal 0979 (CC5), Denim 0994 (CC6) & Spearmint 0727 (CC7)
Visit www.sirdar.co.uk to find your local stockist

About the yarn

DK; 280m per 100g ball; 100% acrylic

Tension

After 4 rounds squares measure 10cm across using larger hook

Hooks used

3.5mm
4mm

Sizing

Finished blanket measures approximately 145cm square

Start crocheting

The individual squares that make up this blanket are all made in the same way. The overall pattern is created by rotating alternate squares by 180°, so MC sides are always to the top and left, and CC1 sides are always to the bottom and right.

Squares

See Table for colours and quantity.

Rnd 1: With larger hook, first colour and working into a magic ring, 6 ch (counts as 1 tr, 3 ch here and throughout), [3 tr, 3 ch] 3 times into ring, 2 tr, join with sl st in 3rd of beg 6 ch. 12 sts

Rnd 2: Sl st into 3ch-sp, 6 ch, 3 tr in same 3ch-sp, *1 ch, miss 3 sts, [3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] in 3ch-sp; rep from * twice more, 1 ch, miss 3 sts, 2 tr in first 3ch-sp, join with sl st in 3rd of beg 6 ch. 24 sts

Rnd 3: Sl st into 3ch-sp, 6 ch, 3 tr in same 3ch-sp, *1 ch, miss 3 sts, 1 SpC, 1 ch, miss 3 sts, [3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] in 3ch-sp; rep from * twice more, 1 ch, miss 3 sts, 1 SpC, 1 ch, miss 3 sts, 2 tr in first 3ch-sp, join with sl st in 3rd of beg 6 ch. 36 sts

Rnd 4: Sl st into 3ch-sp, 6 ch, 3 tr in same 3ch-sp, *[1 ch, miss 3 sts, 1 SpC] twice, 1 ch, miss 3 sts, [3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] in 3ch-sp; rep from * twice more, [1 ch, miss 3 sts, 1 SpC] twice, 1 ch, miss 3 sts, 2 tr in first 3ch-sp, join with sl st in 3rd of beg 6 ch. Fasten off. 48 sts

Rnd 5: Join next colour with a standing tr in any 3ch-sp, 2 ch, 3 tr in same 3ch-sp, *[1 ch, miss 3 sts, 1 SpC] 3 times, 1 ch, miss 3 sts, [3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] in 3ch-sp; rep from * twice more, [1 ch, miss 3 sts, 1 SpC] 3 times, 1 ch, miss 3 sts, 2 tr in first 3ch-sp, join with sl st to beg tr. 60 sts

Rnd 6: 1 ch (does not count as st), 1 dc, *[1 dc, 2 ch, 1 dc] in 2ch-sp, [3 dc, 1 tr in centre missed st 2 rnds below] 4 times, 3 dc; rep from * 3 more times omitting last dc on last rep, join with sl st to beg dc. Fasten off. 84 sts

Note: For the remainder of the square work along 2 sides only.

Row 7 (RS): Change to smaller hook, join next colour with a standing tr in any 2ch-sp, *21 tr, [2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] in 2ch-sp, 21 tr, 1 tr in 2ch-sp. Turn. 48 sts

Row 8 (WS): 3 ch (counts as 1 tr here and throughout), 2 tr, [1 RtrB, 3 tr] 5 times, 1 RtrB, [2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] in 2ch-sp, [1 RtrB, 3 tr] 6 times. Turn. 52 sts

Row 9: 3 ch, [1 RtrF, 3 tr] 6 times, 1 RtrF, [2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] in 2ch-sp, [1 RtrF, 3 tr] 6 times, 1 RtrF, 1 tr. Fasten off. 56 sts

Carefully lay out squares according to diagram, taking special note of the direction of each square.

With RS together, join squares with dc through top loops and edges of rows, as needed. Use MC when MC meets MC, and CC1 for all other joins.

Border

Rnd 1: With smaller hook, join MC with a standing tr in any blanket corner 2ch-sp, [1 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] in same 2ch-sp, *27 tr across edge of first square, 28 tr across edge of each square to last st of blanket

Special stitches

Spike cluster (SpC): 1 tr in 1ch-sp, 1 dtr in centre missed st 2 rnds below, 1 tr in same 1ch-sp. (counts as 3 sts in st count at end of rnd)

Standing double crochet (standing dc): With slipknot on hook, insert hook into indicated st, yrh, pul, yrh, draw through 2 loops on hook

Standing treble crochet (standing tr): With slipknot on hook, yrh, insert hook into indicated st, yrh, pul, [yrh, draw through 2 loops on hook] twice



side, [2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] in last st, rotate work, 27 tr across edge of first square, 28 tr across edge of each of next 6 squares, [2 tr, 2ch, 2 tr] in 2ch-sp at blanket corner; rep from * once more, omitting last corner group, join with sl st in beg tr.

199 sts on each side

Rnd 2: 3 ch, 1 tr, *[2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] in 2ch-sp, tr across to next 2ch-sp; rep from * twice more, [2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] in 2ch-sp, tr to end, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Fasten off. *203 sts on each side*

Continue working on border one side at a time, working in rows and turning at the end of each row.

Row 1 (RS): Join CC1 with a standing tr in any corner 2ch-sp, tr across to next 2ch-sp, 1 tr in 2ch-sp. Turn. *205 sts*

Row 2 (WS): 3 ch (counts as 1 tr), 1 tr, 1 RtrB, [3 tr, 1 RtrB] 50 times, 2 tr. Turn. Fasten off.

Row 3: Join MC with a standing tr in first st, [3 tr, 1 RtrF] 50 times, 4 tr. Turn.

Row 4: 1 ch (does not count as a st here and throughout), dc across. Turn. Do not fasten off MC.

Row 5: Join CC7 in first st, 1 ch, 2 dc, 2 ch, miss 1 st, [3 dc, 2 ch, miss 1 st] 50 times, 2 dc. Turn.

Row 6: 1 ch, 2 dc, [2 ch, miss 2ch-sp, 3 dc] 50 times, 2 ch, miss 2ch-sp, 2 dc. Turn. Fasten off CC7.

Row 7: With MC, 1 ch, 2 dc, working in front of ch-sps 1 tr in missed st 3 rows directly below, [3 dc, working in front of ch-sps 1 tr in missed st 3 rows directly below] 50 times, 2 dc. Turn.

Row 8: As Row 4.

Row 9: Join CC4 in first st, 1 ch, 4 dc, [2 ch, miss 1 st, 3 dc] 50 times, 1 dc. Turn.

Row 10: 1 ch, 4 dc, [2 ch, miss 2ch-sp, 3 dc] 50 times, 1 dc. Turn. Fasten off CC4.

Row 11: With MC, 1 ch, 4 dc, working in

front of ch-sps 1 tr in missed st 3 rows directly below, [3 dc, working in front of ch-sps 1 tr in missed st 3 rows directly below] 49 times, 4 dc. Turn.

Row 12: As Row 4.

Row 13: With CC2, as Row 5.

Row 14: As Row 6. Fasten off CC2.

Row 15: As Row 7.

Row 16: As Row 4. Fasten off MC.

Rep rows 1-16 for rem 3 sides of blanket.

Corner Squares (make 4)

Rnds 1-3: With smaller hook and CC5, as for main squares. Fasten off. *36 sts*

Rnd 4: Join CC1 with a standing tr in any 3ch-sp, 2 ch, 3 tr in same 3ch-sp, *[1 ch, miss 3 sts, 1 SpC] twice, 1 ch, miss 3 sts, [3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] in 3ch-sp; rep from * twice more, [1 ch, miss 3 sts, 1 SpC] twice, 1 ch, miss 3 sts, 2 tr in first 3ch-sp, join with sl st to beg tr. *48 sts*

Rnd 5: 1 ch, 1 dc, *[1 dc, 2 ch, 1 dc] in 2ch-sp, [3 dc, 1 tr in centre missed st 2 rnds below] 3 times, 3 dc; rep from * 3 more times omitting last dc on last rep, join with sl st to beg dc. Fasten off. *68 sts*

With CC1, sew squares to corners of blanket (or join with dc on WS).

Continue working on border around whole blanket, working in the rnd:

Note: To keep pattern correct it is very important that the 2nd dc in each 3dc-group should be above a tr from Row 7 of border side, or above a corner ch-sp or tr from Rnd 5 of corner squares. Check your work when transitioning between corner squares and last border rows and adjust as necessary.

Rnd 1 (RS): Join CC6 with a standing dc in any corner 2ch-sp, *2 ch, 1 dc in same

2ch-sp, 2 dc, [2 ch, miss 1 st, 3 dc] evenly across to corner, working last dc in next corner 2ch-sp; rep from * 3 more times, omitting last dc on last rep, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn.

Rnd 2 (WS): 1 ch (does not count as a st here and throughout), 2 dc, *[2 ch, miss 2ch-sp, 3 dc] across to next corner 2ch-sp, 3 ch, miss corner 2ch-sp, 3 dc; rep from * 3 more times omitting last 2 dc on last rep, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn. Fasten off.

Rnd 3: Enclosing 3ch-sp, join MC with a standing tr in any Rnd 1 corner 2ch-sp, [1 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] in same sp, *3 dc, [working in front of ch-sps 1 tr in missed st 3 rows below, 3 dc] across to next corner, enclosing 3ch-sp, [2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] in Rnd 1 2ch-sp; rep from * 3 more times, omitting last corner group on last rep, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn.

Rnd 4: 1 ch, dc around, working 3 dc in each corner 2ch-sp, join with sl st to beg dc. Fasten off. Weave in ends. 🧶

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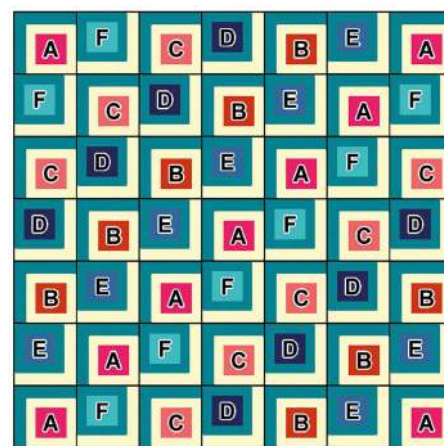


Table for colour changes

SQUARE	MAKE	RNDS 1-4	RNDS 5-6	ROWS 7-9
A	9	CC2	CC1	MC
B	8	CC3	CC1	MC
C	8	CC4	CC1	MC
D	8	CC5	MC	CC1
E	8	CC6	MC	CC1
F	8	CC7	MC	CC1

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KERRY'S JOURNAL

In the final sprint to Christmas, TOFT's Kerry Lord shares with us some quick patterns to help decorate your home and gifts

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There's still time!

In the final few weeks and days before Christmas there's just enough time to put the finishing touches to your presents. Whether you've spent all year crocheting handmade gifts, or had to do a last-minute bulk Amazon order to get it done, taking time with your wrapping will make all the difference. Over the past few years I have really enjoyed moving towards a more environmentally-conscious style of wrapping, using recycled brown paper and ribbon, and then topping my gifts off with crocheted decorations that can then go onto the recipient's Christmas tree.

These holly, mistletoe and ivy patterns are perfect examples that you can whip up in less than an hour and will put a gorgeous finishing touch to the parcels under your tree. If you have time it's lovely to crochet the garland long enough to use as the ribbon.

Back to crafting

For me, the time in between Christmas and new year is the best time for crafting. After all the mince pies are eaten, the tree is starting to drop its needles and you're ready to sit on the sofa for your favourite festive film, you should take the time to do a project just for you. Gift making can become a chore as the deadlines approach, so I would recommend a really indulgent and fun make. This year my favourite make of the season is our Nutcracker, made in our brand-new purple colour. He is a fantastic challenge, and includes a little bit of everything from colour changing and loop stitch to slipstitch traversing. It's one of those projects that will have highs and lows as

you work through it, but ultimately it is an incredibly satisfying thing to make. This season we are very proud to introduce two new colours to the TOFT core colour spectrum. Ruby and Amethyst are bold festive colours perfect for brightening up the grey winter season. Developing these colours has taken a very long time, and I am thrilled to have finally settled on the perfect tone of red and purple to sit alongside our wide range of naturals.



You will need**Mistletoe**

25g Lime TOFT DK yarn
4 metres Cream TOFT DK yarn
3mm crochet hook
Makes approx. 5 decorations.

Ivy

50g TOFT DK yarn (25g each in Lime and Green)
Approx. extra 4 metres Green TOFT DK
5mm crochet hook
Makes approx. 2 sets.

Holly

25g Green TOFT DK yarn
4 metres Orange TOFT DK yarn
3mm crochet hook
Makes approx. 4 decorations

Special stitches

sp (SPIKE) (dc1, htr1, ch3, sl st 1 into third ch from hook, htr1, dc1) into next st

Start crocheting**Mistletoe****Leaves**

Working in Lime
Ch26

Row 1 starting in fourth ch from hook, work into each ch st as follows: dtr3, tr3, htr3, dc3, sl st 1, turn

Row 2 dc12, turn

Row 3 ch1, starting in third ch from hook, tr3, htr4, dc4, sl st 3 along original ch Ch16, repeat Rows 1-3 for second leaf, continue to sl st along original ch. Ch18, sl st to join to create hanging loop.

Cute Christmas decorations

Berries

Working in Cream
Begin by dc6 into ring
Round 1 dc
Using a sewing needle thread yarn through front loops of 6 sts to gather then sew into place.

Ivy**Leaves (make five)**

Hold Lime and Green together throughout

Begin by dc1, htr1, tr2, dtr3, tr2, htr1, dc1 into ring (11)

Round 1 sl st 2, (dc1, htr1) into next st, (htr1, tr1, ch2, sl st 1 into second ch from hook, ch3, sl st 1 at base of tr) into next st, sl st 1, (dc1, tr1, dtr1, ch2, sl st into second ch from hook, ch4, sl st into base of dtr) into next st, sl st 1, (sl st 1, ch5, sl st into second ch from hook, dtr1, tr1, htr1) into next st, (htr1, dc1) into next st, sl st 2, ch8 for stalk, turn, sl st 7 down ch, sl st to secure.

Hanging Chain

Holding 2 ends of Green together throughout work a chain to desired length, attaching each leaf with sl st 2. Create loops at either end if desired by attaching the end of the chain with a sl st.

Holly**Leaves**

Working in Green
Ch15

Round 1 start in second ch from hook, dc2, htr2, tr4, htr2, dc3, dc3 into last st, work other side of ch, dc3, htr2, tr4, htr2, dc2, dc3 into next st (32)

**Round 2** dc

Round 3 sl st 1, (sl st 2, sp1, sl st 1) three times, sl st 1, sp1, (sl st 2, sp1, sl st 1) three times, sl st 3, ch8 to create stalk, turn, sl st 7 down ch, sl st to secure.

Berries

Working in Orange
Begin by dc6 into ring

Round 1 dc

Using a sewing needle thread yarn through front loops of 6 sts to gather then sew into place.





Cluster and
raised sts
create a
timeless cable
design



Jessica Bennett

CLOUDY ARAN JUMPER

A colourful, textured jumper that's supersoft but also machine washable, perfect for playtime!

 Aran  5mm

★★ Intermediate

Yarn used

Ella Rae Cashmereno Aran
1 (1, 1, 2, 2) ball(s) in Muscari 08 (A)
1 ball each in Pearl 02 (B) & Glacier 10 (C)
Visit www.knittingfever.com
to find your local stockist

About the yarn

Aran; 180m per 100g ball;
55% Merino wool, 33% acrylic,
12% cashmere

Tension

13 sts × 9 rows = 10cm measured
over htr

Hook used

5mm

Other supplies

tapestry needle

Sizing

3 months (6-12 months, 18-24 months,
2-3 years, 4-5 years)
Chest circumference:
48 (51, 57, 57, 63) cm
Body length: 27 (30, 33, 35, 37) cm
Sleeve circumference:
19 (21, 22, 24, 25) cm
Sleeve length: 17 (19, 22, 23, 26) cm
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Start crocheting

Body and arms are worked unturned rounds. Beg ch does not count as a stitch unless otherwise stated. The rib at the neck, cuffs and base are made in rows at right angles to the garment. In order to create some stretch in the rib, pull the tension tighter or use a smaller hook.

Yoke

With MC, chain 48 (56, 60, 64, 68). Join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist.

Rnd 1 (RS): 2 ch (does not count as a st here and throughout), 48 (56, 60, 64, 68) htr, join with sl st to beg htr. 48 (56, 60, 64, 68) sts

Rnd 2: 3 ch (counts as first htr and 1 ch), 1 htr in first st, *2 (3, 3, 4, 4) htr, 3 RtrF, 2 (3, 3, 4, 4) htr, [1 htr, 1 ch, 1 htr] in next st, 2 RtrF, 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) htr, 1 RtrF, 3 (3, 5, 5, 5) htr, 1 RtrF, 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) htr, 2 RtrF**, [1 htr, 1 ch, 1 htr] into next st; rep from * to ** once more, join with sl st to 3rd of beg 4 ch. 52 (60, 64, 68, 72) sts

Rnd 3: 2 ch, *[1 htr, 1 ch, 1 htr] into 1ch-sp, 3 (4, 4, 5, 5) htr, 3 RtrF, 3 (4, 4, 5, 5) htr, [1 htr, 1 ch, 1 htr] into next 1ch-sp, 1 htr, 2 RtrF, 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) htr, 1 RtrF, 3 (3, 5, 5, 5) htr, 1 RtrF, 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) htr, 2 RtrF, 1 htr; rep from * to end, join with sl st to beg htr. 60 (68, 72, 76, 80) sts

Rnd 4: Sl st into next 1ch-sp, 2 ch, *[1 htr, 1 ch, 1 htr] into 1ch-sp, 4 (5, 5, 6, 6) htr, miss 1 st, 2 RtrF, 1 RtrF around missed RtrF, 4 (5, 5, 6, 6) htr, [1 htr, 1 ch, 1 htr] into 1ch-sp, 1 htr, miss 1 st, 2 RtrF, 1 RtrF around missed st, 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) htr, 1 RtrF, 3 (3, 5, 5, 5) htr, 1 RtrF, 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) htr, miss next st, 2 RtrF, 1 RtrF around missed

RtrF, 1 htr; rep from * to end, join with sl st to beg htr. 68 (76, 80, 84, 88) sts

Rnd 5: Sl st into next 1ch-sp, 2 ch, *[1 htr, 1 ch, 1 htr] into 1ch-sp, 5 (6, 6, 7, 7) htr, 3 RtrF, 5 (6, 6, 7, 7) htr, [1 htr, 1 ch, 1 htr] into next 1ch-sp, 2 htr, 3 RtrF, 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) htr, 1 RtrF, 1 (1, 2, 2, 2) htr, 1 cl, 1 (1, 2, 2, 2) htr, 1 RtrF, 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) htr, 3 RtrF, 2 htr; rep from * to end, join with sl st to beg htr. 76 (84, 88, 92, 96) sts

Rnd 6: Sl st into next 1ch-sp, 2 ch, *[1 htr, 1 ch, 1 htr] into 1ch-sp, 6 (7, 7, 8, 8) htr, 3 RtrF, 6 (7, 7, 8, 8) htr, [1 htr, 1 ch, 1 htr] into next 1ch-sp, 3 htr, 3 RtrF, 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) htr, 1 RtrF, 3 (3, 5, 5, 5) htr, 1 RtrF, 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) htr, 3 RtrF, 3 htr; rep from * to end, join with sl st to beg htr. 84 (92, 96, 100, 104) sts

Rnd 7: Sl st into next 1ch-sp, 2 ch, *[1 htr, 1 ch, 1 htr] into 1ch-sp, 7 (8, 8, 9, 9) htr, miss 1 st, 2 RtrF, 1 RtrF around missed RtrF, 7 (8, 8, 9, 9) htr, [1 htr, 1 ch, 1 htr] into next 1ch-sp, 4 htr, miss 1 st, 2 RtrF, 1 RtrF around missed RtrF, 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) htr, 1 RtrF, 3 (3, 5, 5, 5) htr, 1 RtrF, 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) htr, miss 1 st, 2 RtrF, 1 RtrF around missed RtrF, 4 htr; rep from * to end, join with sl st to beg htr. 92 (100, 104, 108, 112) sts

Rnd 8: Sl st into next 1ch-sp, 2 ch, *[1 htr, 1 ch, 1 htr] into 1ch-sp, 8 (9, 9, 10, 10) htr, 3 RtrF, 8 (9, 9, 10, 10) htr, [1 htr, 1 ch, 1 htr] into next 1ch-sp, 5 htr, 3 RtrF, 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) htr, 1 RtrF, 3 (3, 5, 5, 5) htr, 1 RtrF, 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) htr, 3 RtrF, 5 htr; rep from *

Special abbreviations

5 tr clusters (cl): [Yrh, insert hook in indicated st, yrh, pul, yrh, draw through 2 loops on hook] 5 times, yrh, draw through all 6 loops on hook

When picking the size to make, measure an existing jumper you know fits your little one

to end, join with sl st to beg htr. 100 (108, 112, 116, 120) sts

Rnd 9: Sl st into next 1ch-sp, 2 ch, *[1 htr, 1 ch, 1 htr] into 1ch-sp, 9 (10, 10, 11, 11) htr, 3 RtrF, 9 (10, 10, 11, 11) htr, [1 htr, 1 ch, 1 htr] into next 1ch-sp, 6 htr, 3 RtrF, 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) htr, 1 RtrF, 3 (3, 5, 5, 5) htr, 1 RtrF, 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) htr, 3 RtrF, 6 htr; rep from * to end, join with sl st to beg htr. 108 (116, 120, 124, 128) sts

SIZES 18-24 MONTHS, 2-3 YEARS & 4-5 YEARS ONLY:

Rnd 10: Sl st into next 1ch-sp, 2 ch, *[1 htr, 1 ch, 1 htr] into 1ch-sp, - (-, 11, 12, 12) htr, miss 1 st, 2 RtrF, 1 RtrF around missed RtrF, - (-, 11, 12, 12) htr, [1 htr, 1 ch, 1 htr] into next 1ch-sp, 7 htr, miss 1 st, 2 RtrF, 1 RtrF around missed RtrF, - (-, 4, 4, 5) htr, 1 RtrF, 2 htr, 1 cl, 2 htr, 1 RtrF, - (-, 4, 4, 5) htr, miss 1 st, 2 RtrF, 1 RtrF around missed RtrF, 7 htr; rep from * to end, join with sl st to beg htr. - (-, 128, 132, 136) sts

SIZE 4-5 YEARS ONLY:

Rnd 11: Sl st into next 1ch-sp, 2 ch, *[1 htr, 1 ch, 1 htr] into 1ch-sp, 13 htr, 3 RtrF, 13 htr, [1 htr, 1 ch, 1 htr] into next 1ch-sp, 8 htr, 3 RtrF, 5 htr, 1 RtrF, 5 htr, 1 RtrF, 5 htr, 3 RtrF, 8 htr; rep from * to end, join with sl st to beg htr. 144 sts

ALL SIZES:

Divide for arms

Note that for rem rnds, working 3 RtrF as 'twist' indicates working as was done in rnds, 4 and 7 and even indicates to work the 3 RtrF in order.

Rnd 1: *Sl st into next two 1ch-sps at the same time missing 23 (25, 27, 29, 31) sts for sleeve, 2 ch, 7 (7, 8, 8, 9) htr, 3 RtrF [working as twist (twist, even, even, even)], 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) htr, 1 RtrF,



1 (1, 5, 5, 5) htr, 1 (1, 0, 0, 0) cl, 1 (1, 0, 0, 0) htr, 1 RtrF, 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) htr, 3 RtrF [working as twist (twist, twist, even, even)], 7 (7, 8, 8, 9) htr; rep from * to end, join with sl st to beg htr. 62 (66, 74, 74, 82) sts

Body

Rnd 2: 2 ch, *7 (7, 8, 8, 9) htr, 3 RtrF [working as even (even, even, even, twist)], 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) htr, 1 RtrF, 3 (3, 5, 5, 5) htr, 1 RtrF, 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) htr, 3 RtrF [working as even (even, even, even, twist)], 7 (7, 8, 8, 9) htr; rep from * to end, join with sl st to beg htr. Fasten off.

Rnd 3: Join B with sl st in first st, 2 ch, 62 (66, 74, 74, 82) htr, join with sl st to beg htr.

Rnd 4: 2 ch, *7 (7, 8, 8, 9) htr, 3 RtrF [working as twist (twist, twist, twist, even)], 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) htr, 1 RtrF, 3 (3, 5, 5, 2) htr, 0 (0, 0, 0, 1) cl, 0 (0, 0, 0, 2) htr, 1 RtrF, 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) htr, 3 RtrF [working as twist (twist, twist, twist, even)], 7 (7, 8, 8, 9) htr; rep from * to end, join with sl st to beg htr.

Rnd 5: 2 ch, *7 (7, 8, 8, 9) htr, 3 RtrF [working as even (even, even, even, twist)], 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) htr, 1 RtrF, 3 (3, 2, 2, 5) htr, 0 (0, 1, 1, 0) cl, 0 (0, 2, 2, 0) htr, 1 RtrF, 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) htr, 3 RtrF [working as even (even, even, even, twist)], 7 (7, 8, 8, 9) htr; rep from * to end, join with sl st to beg htr.

Rnd 6: As Rnd 4, working cl for sizes 3 months and 6-9 months, working 3 RtrF as even for all sizes.

Rnd 7: As Rnd 4, working 3 RtrF as twist (twist, twist, twist, even).

Rnd 8: As Rnd 4, working 3 RtrF as even (even, even, even, twist).

Rnd 9: As Rnd 4, working cl for size 4-5 years, working 3 RtrF as even for all sizes.

Rnd 10: As Rnd 4, working cl for sizes 18-24 months and 2-3 years, working 3 RtrF as twist (twist, twist, twist, even).

Rnd 11: As Rnd 4, working cl for sizes 3 months, 6-9 months and 18-24 months, working 3 RtrF as even (even, even, even, twist).

Rnd 12: As Rnd 4, working 3 RtrF as even for all sizes. Fasten off for size 3 months only.

SIZES 6-12 MONTHS, 18-24 MONTHS, 2-3 YEARS & 4-5 YEARS ONLY:

Rnd 13: As Rnd 4, working 3 RtrF as - (twist, twist, twist, even).

Rnd 14: As Rnd 4, working cl for size 4-5 years, working 3 RtrF as - (even, even, even, twist). Fasten off for size 6-12 months only.

SIZES 18-24 MONTHS, 2-3 YEARS & 4-5 YEARS ONLY:

Rnd 15: As Rnd 4, working cl for sizes 18-24 months and 2-3 years, working 3 RtrF as even for all sizes.

Rnd 16: As Rnd 4, working 3 RtrF as - (-, twist, twist, even). Fasten off for size 18-24 months only.

SIZES 2-3 YEARS & 4-5 YEARS ONLY:

Rnd 17: As Rnd 4, working 3 RtrF as - (-, -, even, twist). Fasten off for size 2-3 years only.

SIZE 4-5 YEARS ONLY:

Rnd 18: As Rnd 4, working 3 RtrF even. Fasten off.

ALL SIZES:

Bottom Edge

Row 1 (RS): Join C with sl st to last st, 5 (6, 6, 7, 7) ch. Turn.

Row 2: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, dc across ch, [1 dc in next htr of Body] twice. Turn. 6 (7, 7, 8, 8) dc

Row 3: 1 ch, miss 2 dc, dc in BLO to end. Turn. 4 (5, 5, 6, 6) dc

Row 4: 1 ch, dc in BLO across, [1 dc in next htr of Body] twice. Turn.

Rows 5-62 (66, 74, 74, 82): Rep rows 3-4.

Joining Row: Miss 2 dc, sl st in BLO of last row and unused loops of foundation ch at the same time to join last row to first. Fasten off.

Sleeve

Rnd 1 (RS): Join C in ch-sp, 2 ch (counts as first htr here and throughout), 1 tr in same 2ch-sp, 23 (25, 27, 29, 31) htr, join with sl st in top of beg 2 ch. Do not turn. 25 (27, 29, 31, 33) htr

Rnd 2: 2 ch, 10 (11, 12, 13, 14) htr, 3 RtrF, 11 (12, 13, 14, 15) htr, join with sl st in top of beg 2 ch.

Rnd 3: 2 ch, 10 (11, 12, 13, 14) htr, miss 1 st, 2 RtrF, 1 RtrF around missed RtrF, 11 (12, 13, 14, 15) htr, join with sl st in top of beg 2 ch.

Rnd 4: 2 ch, 10 (11, 12, 13, 14) htr, 3 RtrF, 11 (12, 13, 14, 15) htr, join with sl st in top of beg 2 ch. Fasten off.

Rnd 5: Join B with sl st in first st, 2 ch, htr around, join with sl st in top of beg 2 ch.

Rnd 6: As Rnd 2.

Rnd 7: As Rnd 3.

Rnd 8: As Rnd 2.

Rnds 9-13 (15, 17, 18, 20): Rep rnds 6-8 until reaching the last rnd for your size, or until desired sleeve length.

Sleeve Edge

Row 1 (RS): Join C with sl st to last st, 4 (4, 5, 5) ch. Turn.

Work rem rows as for Bottom Edge for 25 (27, 29, 31, 33) rows. 3 (3, 3, 4, 4) dc

Joining Row: Sl st through BLO of last row and unused loops of foundation

ch at the same time to join last row to first. Fasten off.

Neck Edge

Row 1 (RS): Join C with sl st at centre back, 4 (4, 4, 5, 5) ch. Turn.

Row 2: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, dc across ch, miss st with sl st join, [1 dc in next htr of neckline] twice. Turn. 5 (5, 5, 6, 6) dc

Row 3: 1 ch, miss 2 dc, dc in BLO to end. Turn. 3 (3, 3, 4, 4) dc

Row 4: 1 ch, dc in BLO across, [1 dc in next htr of neckline]. Turn.

Rows 5-45 (53, 57, 61, 65): Rep Row 3, then rows 4 & 3, working 1 dc2tog over [1 htr, 1 ch, 1 htr] as you come to them.

Joining Row: Sl st through BLO of last row and unused loops of foundation ch at the same time to join last row to first. Fasten off.

Finishing

Weave in ends. Block gently to shape. 





A life inspired



Helen Shrimpton

Welcome to Part 10 of Helen's crochet-along, where we work with textures such as popcorns, clusters and raised stitches

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Start crocheting

Angelic Whispers (make 3)

Rnd 1: With C and working into a magic ring, 4 ch (counts as first dtr), 15 dtr, join with sl st in FLO of top of beg 4 ch. 16 sts

Rnd 2: 1 ch (does not count as a st here and throughout), [1 dc in FLO, 3 ch, 1 RdcF around next st, 3 ch] 8 times, join with sl st to beg dc. Fasten off. 16 sts

Note: Don't forget the pc stitch is made with dtr in this pattern. Turn over for special abbreviations.

Rnd 3: Working behind Rnd 2 and into Rnd 1 throughout, join B with beg PC in any dtr with a RdcF, [3 ch, miss

next st, 1 PC] 7 times, 3 ch, miss last st, join to beg PC. Fasten off. 8 PC **1**

Rnd 4: Join E with a standing RdcF around any PC, [7 dtr in next 3ch-sp, 1 RdcF around next PC] 7 times, 7 dtr in last 3ch-sp, join with sl st to beg RdcF. Fasten off. 8 RdcF, 8 shells

Rnd 5: Join A with a standing RdcF around any RdcF, [7 RdcB over shell, 1 RdcF around next RdcF] 7 times, 7 RdcB over last shell, join with sl st to beg RdcF. 64 sts **2**

Rnd 6: [Beg 3dtrcl, [3 ch, 3dtrcl] twice] in first st, *miss 3 sts, 1 dc, miss 3 sts, [3dtrcl, [3 ch, 3dtrcl] twice] in next st; rep from * 6 more times, miss 3 sts, 1 dc, miss 3 sts, join with sl st to beg 3dtrcl. Fasten off. 8 dc, 8 cl-groups **3**



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Rnd 7: Join G with a standing RdcF around 2nd cl of any cl-group, [3 dc into next 3ch-sp, 3 RdcF, 3 dc into next 3ch-sp, 1 RdcF] 8 times omitting last RdcF on last rep, join with sl st to beg RdcF. 48 dc, 32 RdcF



2

Crochet-along

DK 4mm

★★ Try something new

Yarn used

A Life Inspired pack

Stylecraft Batik DK

5 balls each in Storm (E) & silver (G)

4 balls in coral (A)

Stylecraft Life DK

4 balls in Denim (D), 3 balls in Cascade (C)

2 balls each in Ice Blue (B) & white (F)

Happiness pack

Stylecraft Special DK

5 balls in Emperor (D)

4 balls in Sunshine (C)

3 balls each in Jaffa (A), Empire (B),

Bright Green (F) & Wisteria (G)

2 balls in Bright Pink (E)

Subscribers' pack

Stylecraft Special DK

4 balls in Lapis (D), 3 balls each in Aster (C),

Waterfall (E), & Parchment (G), 2 balls each

in Shrimp (A), Duck Egg (B)

& white (F)

About the yarn

Batik DK

DK; 138m per 50g; 80% acrylic, 20% wool

Life DK

DK; 298m per 100g; 75% acrylic, 25% wool

Special DK

DK; 295m per 100g; 100% acrylic

Tension

17 sts x 10 rows = 10cm over tr
Square = 25.5cm

IMPORTANT: Check your tension to ensure you have enough yarn in the pack to finish your blanket

Hook used

4mm

Sizing

25.5cm square

Finished blanket: 185x133cm

Other supplies

4 locking stitch markers



Rnd 8: 1 ch, 3 htr in first st, [3 htr, 1 dc3tog, 3 htr, 3 htr in next st] 8 times omitting last 3 htr on last rep, join with sl st to beg htr. Fasten off. 8 dc3tog, 72 htr **4**

Work all BLO sts through BL and 3rd loop (located on back of htr, just below BL) to maintain stability on next rnd.

Rnd 9: Join B in BLO with a standing dc in 3rd st after any dc3tog, *3 ch, miss 3 sts, 1 dc in BLO, 1 htr in BLO, 1 tr in BLO, 5 dtr in BLO, 5 dtr in BLO of next st (for corner), 5 dtr in BLO, 1 tr in BLO, 1 htr in BLO, 1 dc in BLO; rep from * 3 more times omitting last dc on last rep, join with sl st to beg dc. 84 sts

Rnd 10: 1 ch, 1 dc, *3 dc into 3ch-sp, 1 dc, 1 htr, 8 tr, [2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] in next st (for corner), 8 tr, 1 htr, 1 dc; rep from * 3 more times omitting last dc on last rep, join with sl st to beg dc. Fasten off. 108 sts

Rnd 11: Join C with a standing tr in st before any 2ch-sp, *[2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] in 2ch-sp, 13 tr, working in front of Rnd 10, 1 dtr in BLO of 2nd missed st on Rnd 8, miss 1 st, 13 tr; rep from



* 3 more times omitting last tr on last rep, join with sl st to beg tr. Fasten off. 124 sts

Rnd 12: Join F with a beg 3trcl in any 2ch-sp, [2 ch, 3trcl] in same beg sp, *[1 ch, miss next st, 3trcl] 15 times, 1 ch, miss next st**, [3trcl, 2 ch, 3trcl] in 2ch-sp; rep from * 3 more times ending last rep at **, join with sl st to beg 3trcl. Fasten off. 68 3trcl

Rnd 13: Join D with a standing RtrF around 3trcl before any 2ch-sp, *[2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] in 2ch-sp, [1 RtrF, 1 tr in next 1ch-sp] 16 times, 1 RtrF; rep from * 3 more times omitting last RtrF on last rep, join with sl st to beg RtrF. 148 sts

Rnd 14: Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st into 2ch-sp, 3 ch (counts as first tr), [1 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] in same beg 2ch-sp, *miss next st, 36 tr**, [2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] in 2ch-sp; rep from * 3 more times ending last rep at **, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Fasten off. 160 sts

Weave in any rem ends. Block your square to aid joining.

Special stitches

Popcorn (PC): 5 dtr in same st, remove hook, insert hook front to back of first dtr made, reinsert hook and pull through st, 1 ch to close. Closing ch is not counted in any chs you make after PC. To make **beg PC**, simply start with a standing dtr or 4 ch as your first st

3tr cluster (3trcl): [Yrh, insert hook, yrh, pul, yrh, draw through 2 loops] 3 times in st, yrh, draw through 4 loops on hook

Beg 3tr cluster: 2 ch, [yrh, insert hook in st or sp, yrh, pul, yrh, draw through 2 loops] twice in same st, yrh, draw through all 3 loops on hook

Beg 3dtr cluster: 3 ch, [yrh twice, insert hook, yrh, pul, [yrh, draw through 2 loops] twice] twice, yrh, draw through 3 loops

3dtr cluster (3dtrcl): [Yrh twice, insert hook in st, yrh, pul, [yrh, draw through 2 loops] twice] 3 times in same st, yrh, draw through all 4 loops on hook

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Chunky Colton RUG

Make this rug in under an hour with mega-chunky yarn – a real last-minute make

 **Extreme chunky**  **50mm**

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Yarn used

Woolly Mahoosive Mammoth Yarn
2kg in Dove Grey
Available from
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About the yarn

Extreme chunky; 50m per 1kg;
100% acrylic

Tension

2.5 sts x 1.5 rows = 10cm over tr

Hook used

50mm

Sizing

Approximately 88cm
from point to point

Start crocheting

Rnd 1: Working into magic ring, 6 dc, sl st to first st to join. 6 sts

Rnd 2: 3 ch (counts as tr here and throughout), 1 tr in same st, 2 ch, [2 tr in next st, 2 ch] 5 times, sl st to top of beg 3 ch to join. 12 sts, 6 ch-sp

Rnd 3: 3 ch, 1 tr in next st, [1 tr, 2 ch, 1 tr] in 2ch-sp, *2 tr, [1 tr, 2 ch, 1 tr] in 2ch-sp; rep from * to end, sl st to top of beg 3 ch to join. 24 sts, 6 ch-sp

Rnd 4: 3 ch, 2 tr, [1 tr, 2 ch, 1 tr] in 2ch-sp, *4 tr, [1 tr, 2 ch, 1 tr] in

2ch-sp; rep from * around, 1 tr, sl st to top of beg 3 ch to join. 36 sts, 6 ch-sp

Rnd 5: *Sl st across to 2ch-sp, [1sl-st, 1 ch, 1 sl-st] in 2ch-sp; rep from * around. Fasten off. Weave in ends. 

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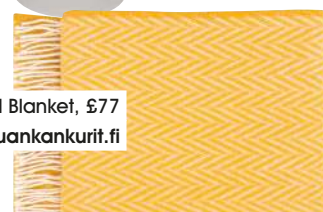
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MANDALA

Designed by Ashley Kelly

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DK 3.5mm

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Yarn used

Scheepjes Colour Crafter
1 ball each in Barneveld 1005 (A), Gouda 1081 (B), Bastogne 2015 (C), Leek 1132 (D), Heerenveen 1203 (E) & Den Helder 1068 (F)

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About the yarn

DK; 300m per 100g ball;
100% premium acrylic

Tension

Finished mandala approximately
24cm across

Hook used

3.5mm

Other supplies

locking st marker

Sizing

Finished mandala 24cm across

Special stitches

5 treble cluster (5trcl): [Yrh, insert hook into indicated st, yrh, pul, yrh, draw through 2 loops] 5 times in same st, yrh, draw through all 6 loops on hook

Cross treble (X-tr): 1 tr in 3ch-sp after next 5trcl, 1 tr in previous 3ch-sp (before 5trcl)

Picot: 4 ch, sl st into dc at base of 4 ch

Working in centre of dc: instead of working under top loops, place sts in between legs of dc

Start crocheting

With A, chain 4. Join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Working into ring, 1 ch (counts as first dc), 11 dc, join with sl st to beg ch. Fasten off. 12 dc

Rnd 2: Join B to any st, 1 ch (counts as first dc), 2 dc in next st, [1 dc, 2 dc] 5 times, join with sl st in beg ch. 18 dc

Rnd 3: 3 ch (counts as first tr here and throughout), tr around, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Fasten off.

Rnd 4: Join C to any st, 1 ch (counts as first 1ch-sp), *1 RtrF around next tr, 1 ch; rep from * to last st, 1 RtrF, join with sl st in beg ch. Fasten off.

Rnd 5: Join D to any 1ch-sp, 1 ch (counts as first dc here and to end), 3 tr (counts as fan) in next 1ch-sp, [1 dc in next 1ch-sp, 3 tr in next 1ch-sp] 8 times, join with sl st in beg ch. Fasten off. 9 fans, 9 dc

Rnd 6: Join A to middle tr of any fan, 1 ch, [5 tr in centre of next dc (counts as fan), 1 dc in middle tr of next fan] 8 times, 5 tr in centre of last dc, join with sl st in beg ch. Fasten off.

Rnd 7: Join B to middle tr of any fan, 1 ch, [7 tr in centre of next dc (counts as fan), 1 dc in middle tr of next fan] 8 times, 7 tr in centre of last dc, join with sl st in beg ch. Fasten off.

Rnd 8: Join E to middle tr of any fan, 4 ch (counts as first dc, 3 ch), [5trcl in centre of next dc, 3 ch, 1 dc in middle tr of next fan, 3 ch] 8 times, 5trcl in centre of last dc, 3 ch, join with sl st in bottom of beg 4 ch. Fasten off. 9 5trcl, 9 dc

Rnd 9: Join F to 3ch-sp after any 5trcl, 3 ch, 1 tr into prev 3ch-sp (counts as first X-tr), *starting in same 3ch-sp as first leg of X-tr just made, [3 tr in next 3ch-sp] twice, 1 X-tr; rep from * to last 2 ch-sps, [3 tr in next 3ch-sp] twice, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Fasten off. 54 tr, 9 X-tr

Rnd 10: Join B to tr before any X-tr, 1 ch, [5 dc, 1 RdtrF around dc in Rnd 8 directly below, 3 dc] 9 times omitting last dc on last rep, join with sl st in beg ch, pm in any RdtrF. Fasten off. 81 sts

Rnd 11: Join A to any st, 3 ch, tr around, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Fasten



CALMING CROCHET

Take your time and enjoy the therapeutic process of crocheting a mandala. Mandalas are a great way to learn new crochet techniques, and to see how stitches from one round influence stitches in following rounds. There is a fantastic therapeutic process that comes with crocheting a mandala – you can also play around with colour and change palettes to suit your mood and style. But mandalas are not restricted to mindfulness purposes; they can be joined to create blankets or shawls, or used as stand-alone pieces for potholders or placemats.

off. Move marker up to tr made in marked RdtrF.

Rnd 12: Join D in sp between marked st and next st, remove m, 3 ch, working into sp between sts, [4 tr, 1 RdtrF around X-tr (miss sp on current rnd directly behind), 4 tr] 9 times omitting last tr on last rep, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Fasten off.

Rnd 13: Join C in any sp between sts, 2 ch (counts as first dc, 1 ch), [1 dc, 1 ch] in each sp around, join with sl st in top of beg 2 ch. Fasten off. 81 dc

Rnd 14: Join B in any 1ch-sp, 2 ch (counts as first htr), 1 htr in each 1ch-sp around, join with sl st in top of beg 2 ch. Fasten off.

Rnd 15: Join C in any sp between sts, 2 ch (counts as first htr), 1 htr in same sp, 2 htr in each sp around, join with sl st in top of beg 2 ch. Fasten off. 162 htr

Rnd 16: Join E to any st, 1 ch, *1 dc, picot, 2 dc; rep from * to last 2 sts, 1 dc, picot, 1 dc, join with sl st to beg ch. Fasten off. 54 picots

Block with water and shape to measurements. Let dry overnight.



Sarah-Jayne



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This month, Sarah-Jayne is finishing last-minute gifts, planning for 2020, and showing us how to perfect the pretty Jasmine stitch

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I've just finished a month of wonderful celebrations. My little girl turned two and my mum turned 60! They were some fabulous milestones to celebrate together, and it's been great having time with family. I am all partied out now though; a little break wouldn't go amiss!

I've just made a start on two new WIPs (works in progress for those unfamiliar with the term), but I don't really know why, as I

already have far too many on the go. I'm a serial WIP starter and only around 10% get completed! It's just too much fun getting inspired to start something new.

Most of us are probably in the same boat now as we creep closer towards Christmas, realising we've forgotten to make someone something for the big day, or even that we haven't bought someone anything either! If I had to recommend any quick makes for last-minute gifts, I'd definitely say mitts or a cowl. Often these gifts can be crocheted



Brook Cowl by Hello Moon Crochet

“ It's just too much fun getting inspired to start something new ”

with as little as one or two balls of yarn from your stash, they are easy to wear and easy to pair with the recipient's favourite colour or style. There's a pattern for a lovely cowl on my website called the Brook Cowl by Hayley from **hellomooncrochet** on Instagram, which would be a perfect make for Christmas. It's a popular design too – I know of a few people who made it themselves the same day it was released!

When it comes to the new year, I always like to set myself some goals. Perhaps one of them this year should be to finish some of my UFOs (unfinished objects), and I also I have plans to really explore crocheting garments in 2020. I think it's a nice way to





structure and welcome in the new year by setting some personal goals. I have so many ideas for my brand Bella Coco Crochet in 2020! First of all, I'd really like to get a studio that I can film in and work from. It's great working from home, but it does have its downfalls – my garage is FULL of yarn! Crochet Society is going so well too and I have so many more ideas up my sleeve. It's been great listening to subscribers and their suggestions to really make this box something special. Perhaps some kit boxes in the future? Crochet accessories? Yarn? I still love making YouTube video tutorials, but I would love to start making more project-based videos too – things that we can all create from beginning to end together.

Garments are my next 'crochet adventure' for sure. I don't know why I've been so scared to try them, but I've made a start on tackling my fears by following other patterns and reading up on them, so watch this space.



Jasmine stitch

Don't miss more top
crochet tips from
Sarah-Jayne next issue

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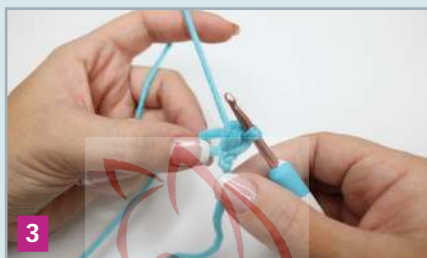
I first shared the Jasmine Stitch tutorial on my website. It's a perfect stitch for those that love the look of my Puff Flower tutorial but don't want the hassle of changing colour and sewing in the ends! It's a springy, textured stitch that would work well on a quick-make cowl!



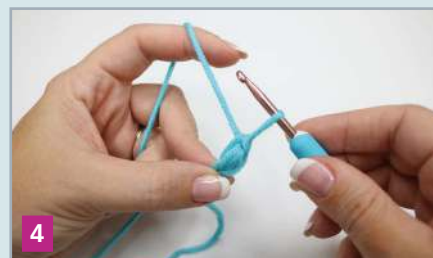
First, set up your row with a foundation puff stitch. Chain 1, pul around 2cm tall



Yrh, insert hook in first ch, yrh, *pul to same height (3 loops), yrh, insert in same space, yrh, pul to same height (5 loops)



Pinch working yarn to secure and create a space for next step, yrh and pull through all 5 loops on the hook



Insert hook into pinched stitch, yrh, pull through (2 loops), yrh, pull through 2 loops on hook. Rep from * to Step 4 as many times as needed. Turn



Work Puff Cluster St (pcl) to end of row. Pul around 2cm, yrh, pul to same height (3 loops), yrh, insert in same space, yarn over, pul to same height (5 loops)



Yrh, insert in NEXT space, yrh, pul to same height (7 loops), yrh, insert in same space, yrh, pul to same height (9 loops)



Yrh, insert in next space, yrh, pul to same height (11 loops) yrh, insert in same space, yrh, pul to same height (13 loops). Secure yarn as in Step 3, yrh, pull through all 13 loops on hook



Insert hook in pinched st, yrh, pull through (2 loops) yrh, pull through. Rep steps 5-8 to last st, rep Step 5, pinch yarn, yrh, pull through 5 loops. Insert hook in pinched st, yrh, pull through, yrh, pull through 2 loops



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MORSE CODE MITTENS

These snugly mitts feature a simple repeating colour pattern and faux-knit look for a striking effect



Anne-Michelle Phelan

 Aran  5mm

★★ Intermediate

Yarn used

West Yorkshire Spinners The Croft
1 (1, 2) skeins in Seafeld 339 (MC)
1 (1, 1) skein in Melby 551 (CC)
Available from www.deramores.com/collections/crochetnow

About the yarn

Aran; 166m per 100g skein; 100% wool

Tension

14 sts x 18 rnds = 10cm measured over waistcoat stitch

Hook used

5mm

Other supplies

stitch marker

Sizing

S (M, L), designed to fit with approximately
2cm positive ease
To fit hand circumference: 18 (19, 20.5) cm
To fit hand length: 16 (17.5, 19) cm
Actual circumference: 20 (21.5, 23) cm
Actual length (excluding cuff):
17.5 (20, 22) cm

Start crocheting

The body of the mitten is worked in amigurumi style, in a spiral without slipstitching or turning chains. Use marker or waste yarn to keep track of the first st of each rnd. The cuff is worked flat in rows. Do not fasten off, work over unused colour, changing to next colour for next st

Special abbreviations

Waistcoat st (wst): Insert hook into centre of dc (between legs instead of under top loops), yrh, pul, yrh, draw through both loops on hook.

Waistcoat two together (wst2tog): Work as for dc2tog inserting hook as for waistcoat st.

in last yrh. Colour chart is read from right to left. Each square represents one wst. Remember to change to the colour of the next rnd in the final yrh of the previous rnd.

Mitten (make 2)

Cuff

With MC, chain 10 (11, 12).

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, sl st across. Turn. 9 (10, 11) sts

Row 2: 1 ch, working in both loops, sl st across. Turn.

Rep Row 2 until cuff measures 14 (15, 16) cm.

Fold cuff in half and sl st first and last row together to join. Turn work inside out, you will now work along the row edges of the cuff.

Body

Rnd 1: With MC, 1 ch, 28 (30, 32) dc evenly around the side of cuff, do not join.

Rnds 2-5: Wst around, working colour changes according to chart.

Rnds 6 (6-8, 6-10): Wst around, working colour changes according to chart.

Left Mitten Thumbhole

Rnd 7 (9, 11): With MC, 22 (23, 24) wst, 4 (5, 6) ch, miss 4 (5, 6) sts, 2 wst. 24 (25, 26) sts

Right Mitten Thumbhole

Rnd 7 (9, 11): With MC, 2 wst, 4 (5, 6) ch, miss 4 (5, 6) sts, 22 (23, 24) wst. 24 (25, 26) sts

Hand

Next Rnd: Working colour changes according to chart, wst across to ch-sp, dc in back bump of each ch, wst to end. 28 (30, 32) sts

Cont in wst, changing colour according to chart for 13 (15, 17) more rnds, ending with a rep of colour chart Rnd 4.

Decrease Section

Rnd 1: With CC, wst around.

Rnd 2: With MC, 1 wst2tog, 10 (11, 12) wst, 2 wst2tog, 10 (11, 12) wst, 1 wst2tog. 24 (26, 28) sts

Rnd 3: *1 wst in MC, 1 wst in CC; rep from * around.

Rnd 4: With MC, 1 wst2tog, 8 (9, 10) wst, 2 wst2tog, 8 (9, 10) wst, 1 wst2tog. 20 (22, 24) sts

Rnd 5: As Rnd 1.

Keeping your tension loose when making the waistcoat stitch helps when finding the 'V' in the next rnd

Rnd 6: With MC, 1 wst2tog, 6 (7, 8) wst, 2 wst2tog, 6 (7, 8) wst, 1 wst2tog. 16 (18, 20) sts

Rnd 7: As Rnd 3.

Rnd 8: With MC, 1 wst2tog, 4 (5, 6) wst, 2 wst2tog, 4 (5, 6) wst, 1 wst2tog. 12 (14, 16) sts

Rnd 9: As Rnd 1.

Rnd 10: With MC, 1 wst2tog, 2 (3, 4) wst, 2 wst2tog, 2 (3, 4) wst, 1 wst2tog. 8 (10, 12) sts

Turn mitten inside out, fold rnd in half and sl st across to join. Fasten off.

Thumb

Join MC in first st of thumbhole.

Rnd 1: 4 (5, 6) wst, pick up 1 dc at side, 4 (5, 6) dc in unworked lps of ch, pick up 1 dc at side. 10 (12, 14) sts

Rnds 2-9 (10, 11): Wst around.

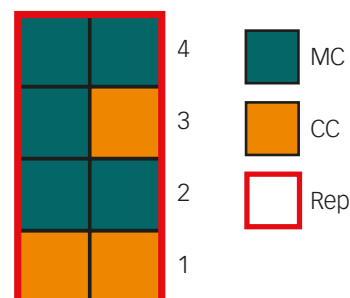
Next Rnd: 1 wst2tog, 1 (2, 3) wst, 2 wst2tog, 1 (2, 3) wst, 1 wst2tog. 6 (8, 10) sts

Next Rnd: As Rnd 2.

Next Rnd: Wst2tog around. 3 (4, 5) sts

Fasten off. Weave yarn through tops of rem sts and pull tight to close, sew to secure. Weave in ends.

Chart



Claude the Cuddly PENGUIN

Claude is a super-cute amigurumi that will make a perfect stocking filler for penguin fans young and old!

Designed by
Jordon Graham & Mike Scriven



LAST-MINUTE
GIFT IDEA

DK 3.5mm

★★ Intermediate

Yarn used

Rico Ricorumi DK
2 balls in light blue 033 (B)
1 ball each in Mouse Grey 059 (A), white
001 (C), black 060 (D), Tangerine 026 (E)
& Smokey Rose 010 (F)
Available from www.woolfull.com

About the yarn

DK; 57.5m per 25g ball; 100% cotton

Tension

20 sts x 22 rows = 10cm measured over dc

Hook used

3.5mm

Other supplies

toy stuffing, stitch markers
waste yarn, tapestry needle
2 black safety eyes, 8mm

Sizing

18cm wide x 6cm deep x 14cm tall

Start crocheting

Unless specified, this pattern is worked in the amigurumi style, in a spiral without slipstitching or turning chains. Use a st marker or waste yarn to keep track of the first st of each rnd. Claude is made from multiple pieces sewn together. Some of the pieces are made incrementally from other pieces. To avoid confusion, make the pieces in order. Unless otherwise stated, finish each piece by pulling the yarn through the last loop leaving a long tail for sewing. Any loose tails at the end can be easily weaved into the amigurumi doll. When decreasing, use the invisible decrease technique. Tension is not critical for this project, but sts should be tight enough to avoid stuffing showing through. Pin pieces in place before sewing together to find the perfect position and avoid pieces moving.

Feet (make 2)

Toes (make 3)

Rnd 1: With A and working into a magic ring, 4 dc. 4 sts

Rnd 2: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] twice. 6 sts

Rnd 3: [2 dc in next st, 2 dc] twice. 8 sts

Rnds 4-5: Dc around.

Fasten off first 2 toes here, no need to leave a tail, cont working foot from third toe.

Rnd 6: Cont with A, 4 dc, 4 dc across 2nd toe, 8 dc around 3rd toe, 4 dc across 2nd toe, 4 dc across first toe. 24 sts

Rnds 7-10: Dc around.

Rnd 11: [1 dc2tog, 2 dc] 6 times. 18 sts
Stuff lightly, starting at the toes.

Rnd 12: [1 dc2tog, 1 dc] 6 times. 12 sts

Rnd 13: 6 dc2tog. 6 sts

Finish stuffing. Fasten off. Sew hole closed, leaving a long tail to sew to Body.

Wings (make 2)

Rnd 1: With B and working into a magic ring, 4 dc. 4 sts

Rnd 2: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] twice. 6 sts

Rnd 3: [2 dc in next st, 2 dc] twice. 8 sts

Rnd 4: [2 dc in next st, 3 dc] twice. 10 sts

Rnd 5: [2 dc in next st, 4 dc] twice. 12 sts

Rnd 6: [2 dc in next st, 5 dc] twice. 14 sts

Rnd 7: [2 dc in next st, 6 dc] twice. 16 sts

Rnd 8: [2 dc in next st, 7 dc] twice. 18 sts

Rnds 9-18: Dc around.

Rnd 19: [1 dc2tog, 4 dc] 3 times. 15 sts

Rnd 20: [1 dc2tog, 3 dc] 3 times. 12 sts

Fasten off, leaving a short tail to sew to Body. Stuff lightly.

Legs (make 2)

Rnd 1: With B and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 12 sts

Rnd 3: *[2 dc in next st] 3 times, 3 dc; rep from * to end. 18 sts

Fasten off first Leg, count 4 sts from the end and pm in this st, no need to leave a tail, cont working Body from 2nd leg.

Body

Rnd 1: Cont with B, 4 dc, 5 ch, starting in marked st with RS facing, 18 dc around first Leg, 5 dc across ch, 18 dc around 2nd Leg, working in unused loops, 5 dc across ch (note that the start position of rnd has changed). 46 sts

Rnd 2: *21 dc, [2 dc in next st] twice; rep from * once more. 50 sts

Rnd 3: Dc around.

Rnd 4: 10 dc, 2 dc in next st, 22 dc, 2 dc in next st, dc to end. 52 sts

Rnd 5: [12 dc, 2 dc in next st] 4 times. 56 sts

Rnds 6-20: Dc around.

Rnd 21: [1 dc2tog, 12 dc] 4 times. 52 sts

Rnd 22: Dc around.



Rnd 23: [1 dc2tog, 11 dc] 4 times. 48 sts

Rnd 24: Dc around.

Joining Wings: 4 dc, pm in last st to mark new start for rem rnds, remove hook from loop, do not fasten off, sew each Wing to either side of Body using tails left on Wings as follows: sew centre 4 sts of Wing to 4 sts on side of Body using legs and photos as a reference (it can be very helpful to plan this out using stitch markers).

There should be 8 sts available on each wing and 20 unsewn sts on either side of body (between wings), for a total of 56 sts.

Rnd 25: Dc around.

Rnd 26: [1 dc2tog, 12 dc] 4 times. 52 sts

Rnd 27: [1 dc2tog, 11 dc] 4 times. 48 sts

Rnd 28: Dc around.

Rnd 29: [1 dc2tog, 10 dc] 4 times. 44 sts

Rnd 30: [1 dc2tog, 20 dc] twice. 42 sts

Rnds 31-43: With C, dc around.

Rnd 44: [1 dc2tog, 5 dc] 6 times. 36 sts

Rnd 45: [1 dc2tog, 4 dc] 6 times. 30 sts

Rnd 46: [1 dc2tog, 3 dc] 6 times. 24 sts

Place safety eyes between rows 36 and 37, 12 sts apart.

Begin stuffing Body.

Rnd 47: [1 dc2tog, 2 dc] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 48: [1 dc2tog, 1 dc] 6 times. 12 sts

Rnd 49: 6 dc2tog. 6 sts

Fasten off. Finish stuffing, sew hole closed, no need to leave a tail.

Head Cap

Rnd 1: With D and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 12 sts

Rnd 3: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 4: [2 dc in next st, 2 dc] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnd 5: [2 dc in next st, 3 dc] 6 times. 30 sts

Rnd 6: [2 dc in next st, 4 dc] 6 times. 36 sts

Rnd 7: [2 dc in next st, 5 dc] 6 times. 42 sts

Rnds 8-12: Dc around.

For the rest of this piece, work in turned rows. Row 13 is used to position this piece.

Row 13: 10 dc, leave rem sts unworked.

Turn. 10 sts

Row 14: 1 ch, miss 1 st, dc to end. Turn. 9 sts

Row 15: 1 ch, miss 1 st, dc to end. Turn. 8 sts

Row 16: 1 ch, miss 1 st, dc to end. Turn. 7 sts

Row 17: 1 ch, miss 1 st, dc to end. Turn. 6 sts

Row 18: 1 ch, miss 1 st, dc to end. Turn. 5 sts

Row 19: 1 ch, dc evenly around entire piece, join with sl st to beg dc.

Fasten off, leave a long tail to sew to Head.

Beak

With E, chain 6.

Rnd 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 4 dc, 2 dc in next st, rotating as you go, work in the other side of the chain, 4 dc. 10 sts

Rnd 2: [2 dc in next st, 4 dc] twice. 12 sts

Rnd 3: *[2 dc in next st] twice, 4 dc; rep from * once more. 16 sts

Rnd 4: Dc around, sl st in next st to end spiral.

Fasten off, leaving a tail to sew to face. Stuff lightly.

Making up

Using eyes as a guide, position Head Cap and sew to Head. Lightly stuff Beak and sew onto Head, below Head Cap. With F, embroider cheeks using photo as a guide. Sew Feet to bottom of each Leg, secure tightly. 🧵

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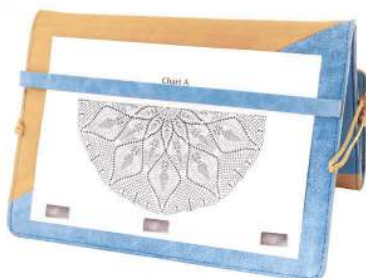
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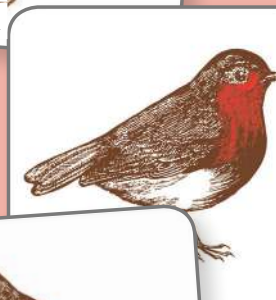
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VICTORIA SHAWL

Designed by *Miroslava Mihalkova*

This Tunisian crochet project joins two bold colours and interesting stitches together to create a lovely draped fabric that will brighten your winter wardrobe

 Sport  4.5mm Tunisian

★★★ Adventurous

Yarn used

DROPS Baby Merino
3 balls each in North Sea 47 (A)
& Lemon Punch 45 (B)
Available from

www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

About the yarn

Sport/Baby; 175m per 50g ball;
100% wool

Tension

19 sts x 17 rows =
10cm measured over Tss

Hook used

4.5mm Tunisian hook, at least 40cm long

Other supplies

cardboard, 13cm long

Sizing

165cm wingspan x 70cm tall

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Before you start

This shawl is crocheted (RS facing) from the left side of the wingspan to the right while increasing into the first st (the very first vertical bar that is normally missed). Every increase row starts with Tss in the first vertical bar. The midpoint row of the shawl is crocheted using Tcs while changing colours after each cluster. Decreases are made on the RP when 3 loops are left on the hook. Ensure that you lock the strands of yarn when changing colours when crocheting Tunisian cluster stitches or there will be large gaps between the stitches that disturb the aesthetic of the fabric. This is done by placing the new strand over the other strand when starting the next Tcs. Each half of Victoria shawl has three distinct stitch pattern sections, Tss, honeycomb stitch (alternating Tss and Tps within and between rows) and pinstripe stitch (alternating Tss and Tps within rows but aligned between rows). Take care not to miss the first stitch after the increase stitch, as this tends to hide under the increase stitch. Pattern is worked with the RS always facing.

Start crocheting

Shawl

With A, chain 2.

Row 1 FP: Insert hook in back bump of 2nd ch from hook, yrh, pul. *2 loops on hook*

Special stitches

End stitch: Insert the hook under both bars (left and right) of the last st, yrh, pul

Tunisian simple stitch (Tss): Insert hook from right to left under front vertical bar of the next st, yrh, pul

Tunisian purl stitch (Tps): Bring yarn to the front on the work and hook, insert hook from right to left under the front vertical bar of the next st, yrh, pul

Tunisian cluster stitch (Tcs): Yrh, insert hook from right to left under front vertical bar of the next st, yrh, pul (first 2 cluster loops), yrh, insert hook from right to left under vertical bar of same st, yrh, pul (4 cluster loops), yrh, draw through all 4 cluster loops

Return pass (RP): 1 ch, *yrh, draw through 2 loops on hook, rep from * until 1 loop rem on hook

Row 1 RP & all RP in inc rows:

Standard RP.

Row 2: 1 Tss in first vertical bar, 1 end st. *3 loops on hook*

Row 3: 1 Tss in first vertical bar, Tss across to last st, 1 end st. *4 loops on hook*

Rows 4-50: As Row 3. *51 loops on hook*

Row 51: Starting in first vertical bar, *1 Tss, 1 Tps; rep from * to last st, 1 end st. *52 loops on hook*

Row 52: Starting in first vertical bar, 1 Tss, *1 Tps, 1 Tss; rep from * to last st, 1 end st. *53 loops on hook*

Rows 53-90: Rep rows 51-52. *91 loops on hook*

Row 91: 1 Tss in first vertical bar, *1 Tss, 1 Tps; rep from * to last 2 sts, 1 Tss, 1 end st. *92 loops on hook*

Row 92: 1 Tss in first vertical bar, *1 Tps, 1 Tss; rep from * to last st, 1 end st. *93 loops on hook*

Rows 93-135: Rep rows 91-92 twenty-one times, then row 91 once more. *136 loops on hook*

Row 136 (alt colours A and B after every Tcs): 1 ch, miss first vertical bar, Tcs across to last st, yrh, insert hook as for end st, yrh, pul, yrh, draw through 2 loops. Fasten off A, cont with B only. *136 loops on hook*

In all rem rows, miss first vertical bar (or the 2 bars of the dec).

Row 137 FP: 1 Tss, *1 Tps, 1 Tss; rep from * to last 2 sts, 1 Tps, 1 end st. *136 loops on hook*

Row 137 RP (and all RP thereafter):

1 ch, *yrh, draw through 2 loops; rep from * to last 3 loops on hook, yrh, draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Row 138: 1 Tps, *1 Tss, 1 Tps; rep from * to last st, 1 end st. *135 loops on hook*

Rows 139-181: Rep rows 137-138 twenty-one times, then Row 137 once more. *92 loops on hook*

Row 182: 1 Tss, *1 Tps, 1 Tss; rep from * to last st, 1 end st. *91 loops on hook*

Row 183: *1 Tss, 1 Tps; rep from * to last st, 1 end st. *90 loops on hook*

Rows 184-221: Rep rows 182-183 nineteen times. *52 loops on hook*

Row 222: Tss across to last st, 1 end st. *51 loops on hook*

Rows 223-269: As Row 222. *4 loops on hook*

Fasten off.

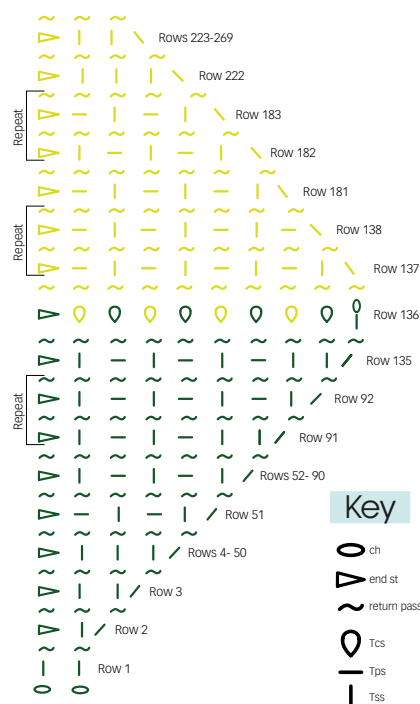
Weave in ends and block to dimensions given.



Tassels (make 2)

Wrap A (B) around cardboard 35 times, then gently slide off cardboard. Tie a 12cm length of A (B) around all loops at the centre, then cut through both folded ends and, keeping tie ends at top, bring all tassel strands to bottom. With a long strand of A (B), begin wrapping tightly 2cm down from fold and cont for length and thickness desired. Secure both ends of wrap. Using tie ends, and with RS facing, attach tassel A to left side and B to right side (see photo as a guide).

Chart





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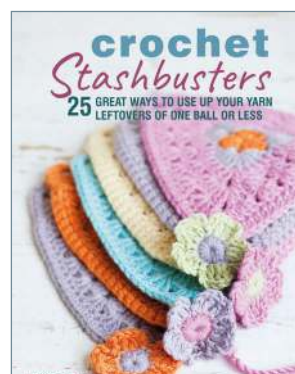
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THE BOOK CLUB

This month we're looking for quick makes to help us use up some of the leftover yarn from our stash

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Crochet Stashbusters by Nicki Trench, £9.99, CICO Books

You've splashed out and treated yourself to some lovely new yarn to help you with your Christmas crochet, but there's plenty of odd, leftover bits of yarn that are destined to find themselves buried in your stash for months and months. If this sounds familiar, don't worry, we've got just the book to help you out! This month we've been finding ways to use up our leftover yarn and have been reading Nicki Trench's *Crochet Stashbusters*, a great collection of quick and easy project to help you break down your stash.

This book is perfect for reducing waste when it comes to crochet. The collection includes 25 makes that can all be made with one ball of yarn or less. Patterns range from baby accessories, including hats and booties, through to toys, mandalas and home decorations. Many of the projects in the book are perfect for last-minute gift ideas too, so if you're



looking for a little something extra to accompany a present this Christmas, you'll have plenty to choose from.

The projects included in *Crochet Stashbusters* are perfect for beginners thanks to their simple and effective stitch patterns. For those new to reading patterns, each project includes its own list of abbreviations for the stitches used to give you an easy point of reference as your work. As well as this, more complex stitches that require a little extra attention are defined with full written instructions on how to complete them. There's also a dedicated techniques section at the back of the book that includes easy-to-follow step-by-step images and instructions for stitches and finishing techniques.

All 25 patterns feature clear, bright photography that shows off the designs and stitch patterns. Each project includes details of the yarn that has been used to create these projects, however, in her introduction, Nicki offers some great advice on how to easily substitute these yarns for



those that are in your stash. Each pattern also includes a full list of additional tools and materials that you'll need to help you complete your make so you can make sure you're ready before you get going.

Crochet Stashbusters is a great addition to your bookshelf and is a brilliant source of inspiration when it comes to using up your yarn stash!





BABY POMPOM HAT

This cute hat can be made in one evening and uses
a 100% Merino yarn that's great for delicate skin

 DK  3.5mm

★ Beginner

Yarn used

Debbie Bliss Rialto DK
1 ball each in Apple 09 (A) & Ecru 02 (B)
Available from www.lovecrafts.com

About the yarn

DK; 105m per 50g; 100% Merino wool

Tension

Tension is not critical for this project

Hook used

3.5mm

Other supplies

tapestry needle

Sizing

One size
12-36 months
Approximately 45-50cm diameter
17.5cm tall

Special Abbreviations

Cluster (CL): Yrh, insert hook into st, yrh, pul, [yrh, insert hook into same st, yrh, pul] twice, yrh, draw through all 7 loops on hook, 1 ch

Half treble 2 together (htr2tog): [yrh, insert hook into next st, yrh, pul] twice, yrh, draw through all 5 loops on hook

Start crocheting

With A, chain 77.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, dc to end. Turn. 76 sts

Rows 2-3: 1 ch (does not count as st here and throughout), dc to end. Turn.

Row 4: 1 ch, 5 dc, 2 dc in next st, *4 dc, 2 dc in next st; rep from * to last 5 sts, 5 dc. Turn. 90 sts

Row 5: 1 ch, dc to end. Turn. Change to B.

Rows 6-7: 1 ch, dc to end. Turn. Change to A.

Rows 8-9: 1 ch, dc to end. Turn. Change to B.

Row 10: 3 ch (counts as 1 htr, 1 ch here and throughout), *1 CL, miss next st; rep from * to last st, 1 htr. Turn. 44 CL, 2 htr Change to A.

Rows 11-12: 2 ch (does not count as st here or throughout), htr to end. Turn. 90 sts

Row 13: 2 ch, *7 htr, 1 htr2tog; rep from * to end. Turn. 80 sts Change to B.

Row 14: 3 ch, miss next st, *1 CL, miss next st; rep from * to last st, 1 htr. Turn. 39 CL, 2 htr Change to A.

Row 15: 1 ch, dc to end. Turn. 80 sts

Row 16: 2 ch, *6 htr, 1 htr2tog; rep from * to end. Turn. 70 sts

Row 17: 2 ch, htr to end. Turn.

Row 18: 2 ch, *5 htr, 1 htr2tog; rep from * to end. Turn. 60 sts

Row 19: 2 ch, htr to end. Turn.

Row 20: 2 ch, *4 htr, 1 htr2tog; rep from * to end. Turn. 50 sts

Row 21: 2 ch, htr to end. Turn.

Row 22: 2 ch, 1 htr2tog, *3 htr, 1 htr2tog;

rep from * to end. Turn. 40 sts

Row 23: 2 ch, *2 htr, 1 htr2tog; rep from * to end. Turn. 30 sts

Row 24: 2 ch, *1 htr2tog, 1 htr; rep from * to end. Turn. 20 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Finishing

Sew sides together to form tube. Make running stitch around last row, pull tight and gather top, then sew. Over-sew seam.

Pompom

With A and B together, wrap yarn around two or three fingers 80 times. Slide yarn off fingers and tie a secure knot in the centre. The pompom now has loops on either side of knot. Cut all loops, trim and fluff pompom into shape and sew onto top of hat. 

YARN SPOTLIGHT

Debbie Bliss Rialto DK

Merino is the softest and loftiest of all the sheep wools, and Debbie Bliss Rialto DK combines those beautiful properties with a firm twist that brings great stitch definition. This yarn is a workhorse that will last and is a great choice for family makes, such as this cute little baby hat! Soft against the skin and super warm, it's a great choice for crochet.



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 DK  3mm, 4mm

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Yarn used

Paintbox Yarns Baby DK
1 ball each in Champagne White 702 (A)
& Misty Grey 703 (B)
Oddments of Slate Grey 705 (C)
for embroidery
Available from www.lovecrafts.com

About the yarn

DK; 167m per 50g ball; 55% acrylic,
45% nylon

Tension

24 sts x 24 rows = 10cm, measured over
dc using smaller hook

Hooks used

3mm, 4mm

Other supplies

toy stuffing
tapestry needle

Sizing

30cm square

Start crocheting

Main Section

With larger hook and A, chain 4. Join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): Working into ring, 3 ch (counts as first tr), 2 tr, [2 ch, 3 tr] 3 times, 1 ch, 1 dc in top of beg 3 ch (counts as last 2ch-sp and join here and throughout). *4 3-tr groups*

Rnd 2: 3 ch, 2 tr into last 2ch-sp, *1 ch, miss 3 tr, [3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] into next 2ch-sp, rep from * twice more, 1 ch, 3 tr into beg 2ch-sp, 1 ch, 1 dc in top of beg 3 ch. *8 3-tr groups*

Rnd 3: 3 ch, 2 tr into last 2ch-sp, *1 ch, miss 3 tr, 3 tr into next 1ch-sp, 1 ch, miss 3 tr**, [3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] into next 2ch-sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, 3 tr into beg 2ch-sp, 1 ch, 1 dc in top of beg 3 ch. *12 3-tr groups*

Rnds 4-11: 3 ch, 2 tr into last 2ch-sp, 1 ch, miss 3 tr, *[3 tr into next 1ch-sp, 1 ch, miss

3 tr] across to next 2ch-sp**, [3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] into 2ch-sp; rep from * around, ending last rep at **, 3 tr into beg 2ch-sp, 1 ch, 1 dc in top of beg 3 ch. *4 3-tr groups added*
Fasten off A and join B with sl st in last ch-sp.

Rnds 12-13: As Rnd 4. *52 3-tr groups*

Fasten off B and join A with sl st in last ch-sp.

Rnd 14: As Rnd 4. *56 3-tr groups*

Rnd 15: 3 ch, 2 tr into last 2ch-sp, 1 ch, miss 3 tr, *[3 tr into next 1ch-sp, 1 ch, miss 3 tr] across to next 2ch-sp**, [3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] into 2ch-sp; rep from * around, ending last rep at **, 3 tr into beg 2ch-sp, 2 ch, sl st to top of beg 3 ch. *60 3-tr groups*

Rnd 16: 1 ch, *[3 dc, 1 dc into next 1ch-sp] 14 times, 3 dc, 3 dc into next 2ch-sp; rep from * around, join with sl st to beg dc. Fasten off.

Head

With smaller hook and A, chain 2.

Rnd 1: 6 dc in 2nd ch from hook, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn. *6 sts*

Rnd 2: 1 ch (does not count as a st here and throughout), 2 dc in each st around, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn. *12 sts*

Rnd 3: 1 ch, [1 dc, 2 dc in next st] 3 times, [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] 3 times, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn. *18 sts*

Rnd 4: 1 ch, 8 dc, [2 dc in next st] twice, 8 dc, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn. *20 sts*

Rnd 5: 1 ch, [2 dc, 2 dc in next st] twice, 3 dc, [2 dc in next st, 2 dc] twice, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn. *26 sts*

Rnd 6: 1 ch, dc around, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn.

Rnd 7: 1 ch, [3 dc, 2 dc in next st] twice, 4 dc, [2 dc in next st] twice, 4 dc, [2 dc in next st, 3 dc] twice, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn. *32 sts*

Rnd 8: As Rnd 6.

Rnd 9: 1 ch, 15 dc, [2 dc in next st] twice, 15 dc, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn. *34 sts*

Rnd 10: As Rnd 6.

Rnd 11: 1 ch, [3 dc, 1 dc2tog] twice, 14 dc, [1 dc2tog, 3 dc] twice, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn. *30 sts*

Rnd 12: As Rnd 6.

Rnd 13: 1 ch, [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] twice, 5 dc, 2 dc2tog, 5 dc, [1 dc2tog, 2 dc] twice, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn. *24 sts*

Rnd 14: 1 ch, 10 dc, 2 dc2tog, 10 dc, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn. *22 sts*

Rnd 15: 1 ch, [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 3 times, 2 dc2tog, [1 dc2tog, 1 dc] 3 times, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn. *14 sts*

Rnd 16: 1 ch, 7 dc2tog, join with sl st to beg dc. *7 sts*
Fasten off, leaving a fairly long end.

Ears (make 2)

With smaller hook and A, chain 2.

Rnd 1: 4 dc in 2nd ch from hook, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn. *4 sts*

Rnd 2: 1 ch (does not count as a st here and throughout), 2 dc in each st around, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn. *8 sts*

Rnd 3: 1 ch, dc around, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn.

Rnd 4: 1 ch, 2 dc in first st, 2 dc, [2 dc in next st] twice, 2 dc, 2 dc in last st, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn. *12 sts*

Rnds 5-14: As Rnd 3.

Rnd 15: 1 ch, [1 dc2tog, 2 dc, 1 dc2tog] twice, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn. *8 sts*

Rnd 16: As Rnd 3.

Fasten off, leaving a fairly long end.

Ear Patches (make 2)

With smaller hook and B, chain 2.

Row 1: 3 dc in 2nd ch from hook. Turn. *3 sts*

Row 2: 1 ch, dc across. Turn.

Rows 3-9: As Row 2.

Row 10: 1 ch, 1 dc3tog. Turn. *1 st*

Rows 11-12: 1 ch, 1 dc. Turn.

Fasten off, leaving a fairly long end.

Arms (make 2)

With smaller hook and A, chain 2.

Rnd 1: 6 dc in 2nd ch from hook, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn. *6 sts*

Rnd 2: 1 ch, 2 dc in each st around, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn. *12 sts*

Rnd 3: 1 ch, 12 dc, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn.

Rnds 4-9: As Rnd 3.

Fasten off, leaving a fairly long end.

Making up

Insert toy filling into Head and Arms.

Position Head so beg and end of rnds is at back of, and last rnd is neck-edge. Fold Ears flat – final rnd is edge that will be attached to Head. Lay Ear Patch along one side of Ear so that foundation ch edge of Patch is level with final Rnd of Ear, sew Patch in place. Sew Ears to Head with Ear Patch towards front of Head. Using oddment of C, embroider eyes onto Head, then embroider a 'Y' shape for nose. Fold Arm flat at top and then sew Arms to neck edge of Head. Sew Head, Ears and Arms onto Main Section. 



Zoë Potrac

Bonfire CUSHION

This neat little cushion uses a lovely warm wintry orange to bring a pop of colour to your home

 DK  3.5mm

★ Quick & easy

Yarn used

Cygnat DK
2 balls in Lupin 235 (A)
1 ball in Burnt Orange 4888 (B)
Turn to page 82 to find your local
Cygnat stockist

About the yarn

DK; 298m per 100g ball;
100% acrylic

Tension

1 square = 7.5cm on the diagonal

Hook used

3.5mm

Other supplies

30cm-square cushion insert

Sizing

30cm square

Start crocheting

This pattern uses a slightly smaller hook than the yarn band recommends to keep the fabric tight so that the cushion doesn't show through. Turning at the end of each round helps prevent the squares from twisting.

Make a total of 64 squares, using the following colours:

Colourway 1: With A throughout (make 20)

Colourway 2: With B throughout (make 12)

Colourway 3: Rnd 1 in B, rnds 2-3 in A (make 16)

Colourway 4: Rnds 1-2 in B, Rnd 3 in A (make 16)

Square (make 64)

Rnd 1: Working into a magic ring, 3 ch (counts as first tr here and throughout), 2 tr, 1 ch, [3 tr, 1 ch] 3 times, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Turn. 4 3tr-groups

Rnd 2: [3 ch, 2 tr, 1 ch, 3 tr] in first ch-sp, ([3 tr, 1 ch, 3 tr] in next ch-sp) 3 times, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Turn.

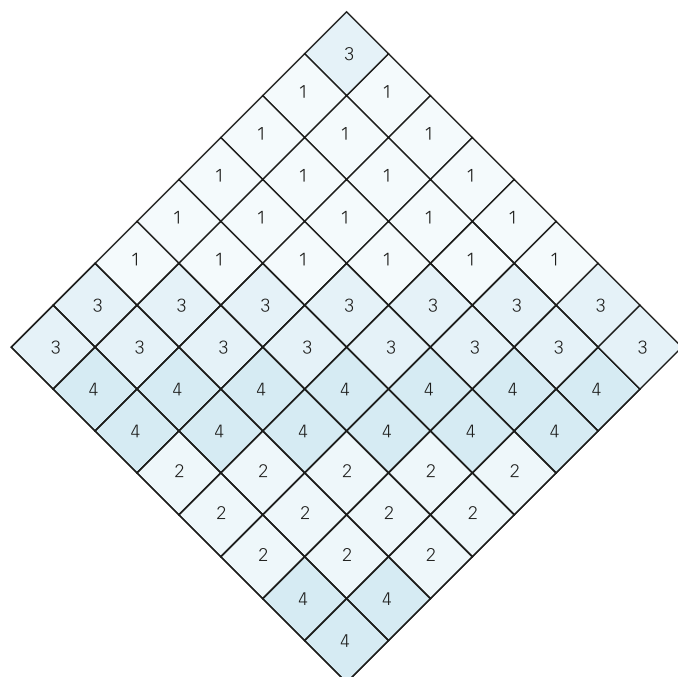
8 3tr-groups

Rnd 3: [3 ch, 2 tr] in sp between 3tr-groups, ([3 tr, 1 ch, 3 tr] in corner ch-sp, miss 3 sts, 3 tr in sp between 3tr-groups) 3 times, [3 tr, 1 ch, 3 tr] in last corner ch-sp, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Fasten off.

Making up

Lay squares out as per assembly diagram. With A and tapestry needle, sew squares together. Fold corners into the centre like an envelope, then sew cover closed, inserting cushion before closing final seam. 

Assembly Diagram



Number in square is number of colourway

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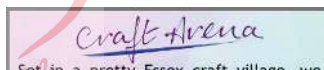
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About the yarn

DK; 210m per 100g ball; 100% cotton

Tension

20 sts x 22 rows = 10cm measured
over dc

Hook used

4mm

Sizing

133x162cm

Start crocheting

The pattern is a multiple of 12 +1 starting chains, so the size can be adjusted. Make the two middle tr sts a little bit longer to have a more distinct oval pattern.

Special stitches

Spike-dc: Insert hook into missed dc 3 rows below, enclosing both 2ch-sps, yrh, pul, drawing loop level with working row, yrh, draw through 2 loops on hook

Colour Order

2 rows in A
2 rows in B
2 rows in A
2 rows in C
Repeat throughout pattern

Blanket

With A, chain 265.

Row 1 (RS): Starting in 2nd ch from hook, dc across. Turn. 264 sts

Be careful to not twist the chs as you work into them.

Row 2: 1 ch (does not count as a st here and throughout), dc across. Change to B. Turn.

Row 3: 3 ch (counts as first tr here and throughout), 1 tr, 2 htr, 1 dc, *2 ch, miss 2 sts, 1 dc, 2 htr, 4 tr, 2 htr, 1 dc; rep from * to last 7 sts, 2 ch, miss 2 sts, 1 dc, 2 htr, 2 tr. Turn. 21 reps, 2 half reps

Row 4: 3 ch, 1 tr, 2 htr, 1 dc, *2 ch, miss 2ch-sp, 1 dc, 2 htr, 4 tr, 2 htr, 1 dc; rep from * to last 2ch-sp, 2 ch, miss 2ch-sp, 1 dc, 2 htr, 2 tr. Change to A. Turn.

Row 5: 1 ch, 5 dc, 2 spike-dc, *10 dc, 2 spike-dc; rep from * to last 5 sts, 5 dc. Turn.

Row 6: 1 ch, dc across. Change to C. Turn.

Row 7: 1 ch, 1 dc, *1 dc, 2 htr, 4 tr, 2 htr, 1 dc**, 2 ch, miss 2 sts; rep from * to last st ending last rep at **, 1 dc. Turn. 22 reps

Row 8: 1 ch, 1 dc, *1 dc, 2 htr, 4 tr, 2 htr, 1 dc**, 2 ch, miss 2ch-sp; rep from * to last st ending last rep at **, 1 dc. Change to A. Turn.

Row 9: 1 ch, 1 dc, *10 dc, 2 spike-dc; rep from * to last 11 sts, 11 dc. Turn.

Row 10: 1 ch, dc across. Change to B. Turn.

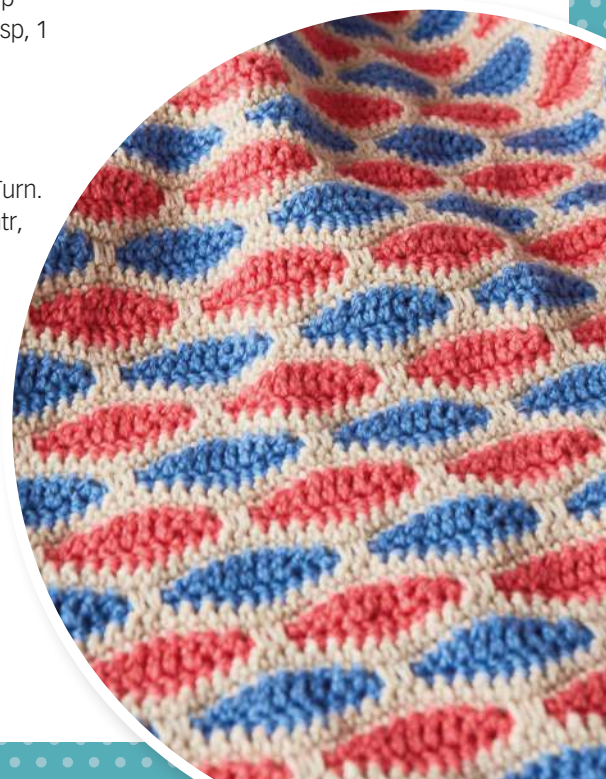
Rep rows 3-10 thirty-five more times, then rep rows 3-6 once more.
Fasten off.

Border

Rnd 1: With RS facing, join A in top-right corner, 1 ch (does not count as a st here and throughout), dc across to last st, [1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc] in last st for corner, rotate, dc evenly across row edges to end (1 dc in each row end), rotate, [1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc] in other side of foundation ch, dc across other side of foundation ch to last ch, [1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc] in last ch, rotate, dc evenly across row edge to beg, [1 dc, 1 ch] in first st to complete corner, join with sl st to beg dc. 1122 sts

Rnd 2: 1 ch, *dc across to next 1ch-sp, [1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc] in 1ch-sp; rep from * around, join to beg dc.

Fasten off. Weave in ends. 



HOW TO READ A PATTERN

If you're new to the world of crochet, here's a beginner's guide to getting started with a crochet pattern

Reading a pattern line

There are many different ways to write a crochet pattern, but all the patterns inside *Crochet Now* use the same style, which we'll clarify here for easy reference.

Using numbered Rows or Rounds (Rnds) is the best way to keep your place in a pattern. Take notice of whether the pattern says Rows or Rnds, as it'll also signify whether you should be working the piece flat or in the round if not stated already.

In *Crochet Now*, the instructions for working a basic stitch will be given with the instruction of how many stitches are worked in succession. For example, the instruction '4 dc' will tell you to work a double crochet stitch into the next four available stitches on the row below.

Increases are signified by the instruction 'in the same st' or 'in the next st'. As an example, '4 dc in the next st' will mean working four double crochet stitches into the next available st.

Square brackets are used in patterns to show a complete instruction, which is then followed by a further instruction outside the bracket. For example, '[3 dc, 2 dc in the next st] 4 times' means that '3 dc, 2 dc in the next st' will be worked four times in succession.

Another way of indicating a repeat is to use *, followed by an instruction to repeat from * a certain number of times.

Round brackets within pattern instructions will signify sizing – so make sure you pay attention to the Sizing section of the project materials column. If a pattern states S (M, L) then in the instructions 20 (24, 28) dc, you work the number of stitches required that corresponds to the size you are working only.



1 About the yarn

If you can't get hold of the pattern yarn, or want to substitute it for another yarn, this is important. Not only does it tell you the weight of yarn, it also gives an insight into the fibre make up (in case you want to create something that looks similar) as well as the yardage, so you can ensure you buy enough yarn length in the substituted yarn. If not, you might find yourself with a different dyelot, which could cause a subtle, but noticeable shift in the colour of your project.

2 Tension

For most crochet projects, a tension square is important – especially with wearable items such as garments, accessories and baby clothes. How tightly or loosely you crochet is important for sizing, so crocheting a small square in the suggested pattern is an indicator of whether the final project will turn out the right size. If your tension does not match the suggested tension, adjust your hook size as required. Many people do not look at tension for amigurumi toys, however,

yours may end up a different size if you have a looser or tighter tension.

3 Special stitches

If you come across a term outside of the common abbreviations included in this issue, it may be a special stitch. Look out for separate instructions outside of the pattern, which will explain how to make the stitch.

Finishing

Apart from toys, most projects should be blocked to relax the yarn into its new shape. This is done by wetting the object, either in warm water, with a spray bottle or by steaming it. Then shape it and leave to dry. This can be just laid out flat, pinned out on a blocking or foam board or, with the likes of hats, some people even pop them over inflated balloons. You can find this at the end of a pattern.

How to read a chart

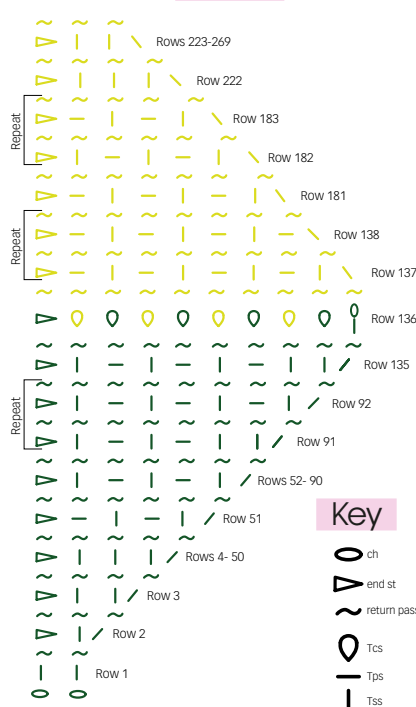
First, find the key. While you may recognise symbols from previous chart-reading experiences, remember that



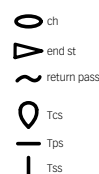
different people draw charts differently, and what meant a treble stitch before may mean a half treble now. It will also contain special information needed to make sense of the chart.

You read a crochet chart from bottom to top when worked in rows, or from the inside out when working in rounds. Rows are worked from right to left first, then left to right, continuing as set unless otherwise stated, while rounds are worked anti-clockwise, as you would crochet them. Small numbers with arrows signify where each Rnd starts – helpful for making sense of more complex charts, while also giving a clue of where to fasten off and join in colours. If there's a jump between where you end the row and where you start the next, there's a good chance that the colour has changed – sometimes this is signified in the colouring of the chart, sometimes not!

Chart



Key



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Holding the hook



PEN METHOD

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KNIFE METHOD

Others prefer the knife method, with the end of the hook resting against the palm of the hand for extra control of the hook.

Holding the yarn



The key is to ensure tension in the yarn. This technique shows the tail held between index finger and thumb, and working end over the middle finger.

Making a slipknot



Holding the tail end firmly, wrap the working end of the ball of yarn around two fingers to make a loop.



Pull a loop from the working end of the ball of yarn up through the centre of the loop you've just made.



This technique shows the tail end held in between the thumb and middle finger and the working end wrapped around the index finger – see what works best for you!



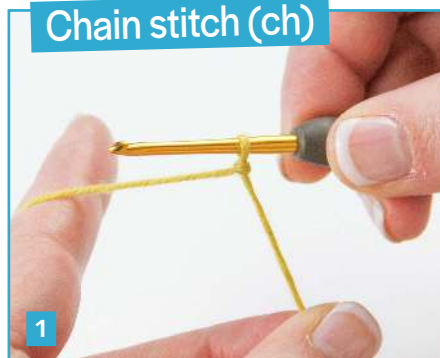
Remove the loop from your fingers and you should have something that looks like this.



Pull the tail end of the yarn to close the slipknot – it's now ready to be popped onto your crochet hook and pulled tight to close.

Basics

Chain stitch (ch)



1 This is what the start of any crochet project looks like – a slipknot on a hook.

2 To begin making your first chain, first wrap the yarn around the hook (yvh).

3 Pull the hook towards the first loop on the hook – always be sure to move the crochet hook and not the yarn to make your stitches – this will catch the yvh in the head of the hook.

4 Continue to move the hook until you pull your yvh through the first loop on the hook – you've made your first chain stitch!



Working into a chain



Once you've made the required length of chain, you should be left with something looking like this. This is your foundation row, into which Row 1 is worked.

The starting chain instructions often include the turning chain in them already. This example shows a treble crochet, so the stitch is worked into the 4th chain from the hook to create the height needed for the first stitch.

This is what the first treble stitch into a chain looks like – you will then continue to make the next stitch in the next chain all along to the end to create your first row.

Working in rows



Once you reach the end of a row, it's time to work back along the other way. To do this you need to turn the work. This example shows a treble once again, so we've made a three chain turning chain.

Then simply turn the work before continuing to work the next row. This produces what is known as a right side (RS) and wrong side (WS) to the crochet fabric – something you'll come to recognise in no time at all.

Turning chains



Different stitches have different size turning chains; double crochet is one chain (which is often not counted as a stitch); half treble is two chains; treble is three chains and double treble is four chains.

1 To work in the round, first of all you need a centre ring, into which the first round of stitches are worked into. There are many ways to do this, but for this example, we are first making a chain of four stitches.

2 Next, slip-stitch into the first chain you made to create a centre ring.

3 We are creating treble stitches again, so next up we make a chain of three for the turning chain.

4 The stitches are then worked directly into the centre ring – not into the actual chain stitches themselves as we did when working into a row. This allows us to work many more stitches into the ring, without leaving a large hole in the centre.

Working in the round



Magic ring



A magic ring is a key technique used in the making of toys (also known as amigurumi). It allows you to have even greater control on the size of the hole at the centre ring of your project.

To start off, follow the first few steps for making a slip knot by making a loop around your fingers with the working end of the yarn.

Pull through a loop of the working end of the ball of yarn – place your hook into the new loop; however, this time don't pull the tail to make a slipknot. Hold the centre ring in your fingers to stop it moving.



In this example, we're double crocheting into the magic ring. To secure the magic ring, make one chain.



Then continue to work the number of required double crochet stitches directly into the magic ring, ensuring both the loop and the tail end are caught in the stitches.



Pull the tail end of the yarn and the magic ring will close up as tightly as it is able, depending on the number of stitches.

Basics

Double crochet (dc)



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



2 Wrap the yarn round the hook (yrh).



3 Pull up a loop through the stitch. You will now have two loops on the hook.



4 Yarn round the hook again.



5 Pull through both loops on hook. You've made your first double crochet.



Double crochet is essential for amigurumi

Double crochet 2 together (Dc2tog)



1 This stitch is a common decrease in double crochet. First up, work a double crochet stitch as far as Step 3. Then insert your hook into the next stitch, yrh and pull up a loop. You will have three loops on the hook.



2 Yarn round the hook again.



3 Pull through all three loops on the hook.

Double crochet increase (Dc inc)



1 To increase the number of double crochet stitches, simply make more than one double crochet in the same stitch as shown in this example.



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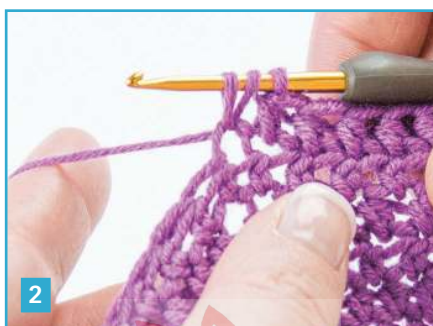
Slip stitch (sl st)



1 Slip stitches are used as joining stitches and in places where you need to move along a row or round without impacting the height of the row. Insert the hook into the next stitch.

2 Yarn round the hook, pull up a loop not only through the stitch, but also the first loop on the hook.

Half treble (htr)

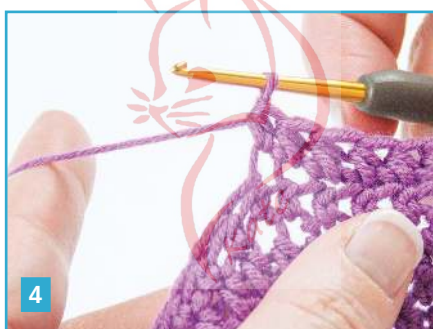


1 First up, yarn round the hook.

2 Insert the hook into the next stitch, yrh and pull through one loop. There are three loops on the hook.

3 Yarn round the hook again.

4 Pull through all three loops. One half treble stitch made.



Half treble 2 together (Htr2tog)

1 Work as for half treble until Step 2.

2 Work steps 1 and 2 again in the next stitch. There are five loops on the hook.

3 Yrh and pull through all five loops.

Treble (tr)



1 First up, yarn round the hook.

2 Insert the hook into the next stitch and pull up one loop. There are three loops on the hook.

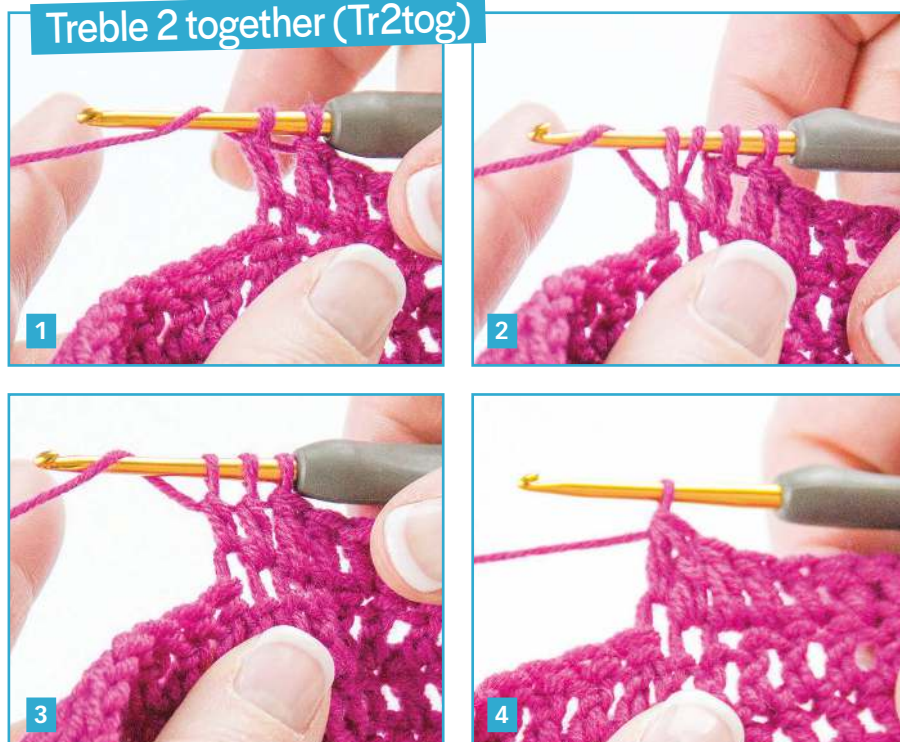
3 Yarn round the hook and pull through two loops. There are two loops left on the hook.

4 Yarn round the hook again and pull through the remaining two loops. One treble crochet stitch made.



Basics

Treble 2 together (Tr2tog)

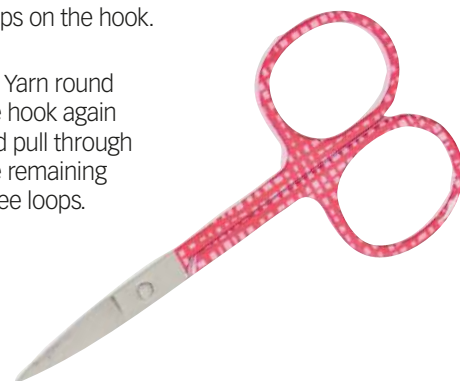


1 Work as for a treble crochet stitch up to Step 3.

2 Yarn round the hook again, insert into the next stitch and pull up one loop. There are four loops on the hook.

3 Yarn round the hook again and pull through two loops. There are now three loops on the hook.

4 Yarn round the hook again and pull through the remaining three loops.



Changing colour



Crochet colourwork can make for some fantastic results. To change colour mid-row, first work the stitch until the penultimate step in colour 1. Yarn round the hook in the new colour.



Pull through both loops to complete the stitch and continue to work the next stitch in the next colour.



Once secured, you can either fasten off the old yarn, or keep it attached if you'll be working it in again soon – this is called stranded colourwork.

Measuring tension

Tension squares are particularly important for projects where size does matter, so be sure to work up a square in pattern that's slightly larger than 10cm². Grab your ruler and count your stitches. Too many? Try a hook size up. Too few? Try a hook size down.



STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS

Get your head around these abbreviations that you'll find regularly in *Crochet Now* patterns

alt	alternate
beg	beginning
BLO	work in back loops only
CC	contrasting colour
ch	chain
ch-sp	chain space
cont	continue
dc	double crochet
dc2tog	work two double crochet stitches together
dec	decrease
dtr	double treble crochet
fdc	foundation double crochet
FLO	work in front loops only
fol	following
htr	half treble crochet
htr2tog	work two half treble crochet stitches together
inc	increase
LH	left hand
MC	main colour
patt	pattern
pm	place marker
prev	previous
pul	pull up a loop
rem	remaining
rep	repeat
RH	right hand
rm	remove marker
rnd	round
RS	right side
RtrF	raised treble front: Yrh, insert around post of indicated st from front to back around to front again, yrh, pul, [yrh, draw through two loops] twice
RtrB	raised treble back: Yrh, insert around post of indicated st from back to front around to back again, yrh, pul, [yrh, draw through two loops] twice
sl st	slip stitch

sp	space
st(s)	stitch(es)
tbl	through the back loop
tr	treble crochet
ttr	triple treble
tr2tog	work two treble crochet stitches together
WS	wrong side
yrh	yarn round hook

US to UK crochet terms

If you come across a 'sc' instruction, it's likely to be written in US crochet terms. *Crochet Now* is written entirely in UK terms, but here's a guide on how to translate them.

US		UK	
Single crochet	sc	Double crochet	dc
Half double	hdc	Half treble	htr
Double	dc	Treble	tr
Treble	tr	Double treble	dtr
Double treble	dtr	Triple treble	ttr

Crochet hook conversions

UK	In mm	US
14	2mm	-
13	2.25mm	B/1
12	2.5mm	-
-	2.75mm	C/2
11	3mm	-
10	3.25mm	D/3
9	3.5mm	E/4
-	3.75mm	F/5
8	4mm	G/6
7	4.5mm	7
6	5mm	H/8
5	5.5mm	I/9
4	6mm	J/10
3	6.5mm	K/10.5
2	7mm	-
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DAY TO DAY WITH THE BLOGSTARS

Stylecraft Blogstar Polly Plum chats to us about what her absolute favourite projects are to work on during the winter months

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Polly Plum

Winter is almost synonymous with crochet time. Am I right? Not only is it cold enough to drape a big, warm, in-the-works afghan over our legs while we work on it, but there are a million things to crochet and wear. And that happens to be exactly what my project bag is full of at the moment – crocheted accessories.

Accessories are great to crochet because they only take a small amount of yarn, they work up quickly, and, best of all, when you're done you have something amazing to wear and show off. I love to go through my own yarn stash to find those single balls of yarn I've been saving for something special and treat myself to a new hat or cowl. Is there anything better than when someone compliments something you're wearing and you get to say with glee, "Thank you! I made it"?

Accessories also make fantastic gifts that can be worked up last-minute or kept on hand just in case. Hats and cowls are great one-night projects if you find yourself needing a gift in an emergency. Scarves and shawls usually take a couple more days but offer an even bigger wow-factor!

If you take a peek in my project bag right now, you'll see an assortment of accessories in progress, and on top are a couple of cowls. Cowls are the easiest accessory to wear. There's no pinning, draping or tying. You just slip them on and go. They are quick to make, and often can be made with just one or two balls of yarn. Put simply, cowls are my favourite accessory and the one I find myself grabbing most often when there is a chill in the air and I'm heading out the door.



POLLY'S CROCHET CORNER

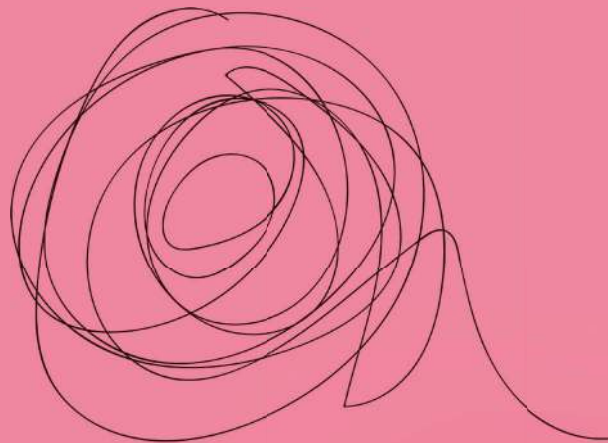
I'm an independent crochet designer who blogs and shares many free patterns on my website. Not only will you find the free pattern for the cowl mentioned in this article, but several other free accessory patterns, afghan patterns, and many, many block patterns. My designs range from easy enough for beginners to challenging enough to captivate advanced crocheters. I live in New Mexico, the Land of Enchantment, with my partner, baby girl, and two dogs.



For the Mimic Cowl shown here, I used Stylecraft Dream Catcher in Apache for some very on-trend colours this season. I've also got a second one going in Cheyenne for a bright pop of pink when I want to add a cheerful boost to my outfit. Dream Catcher is the perfect choice for a project like this because of its gradual colour changes, which complements the pattern perfectly, and its luxurious silky soft texture which gives the cowl a lovely drape.

Accessories are never boring to crochet and there's nothing like the joy of giving a useful and beautiful gift to someone you love, including yourself.

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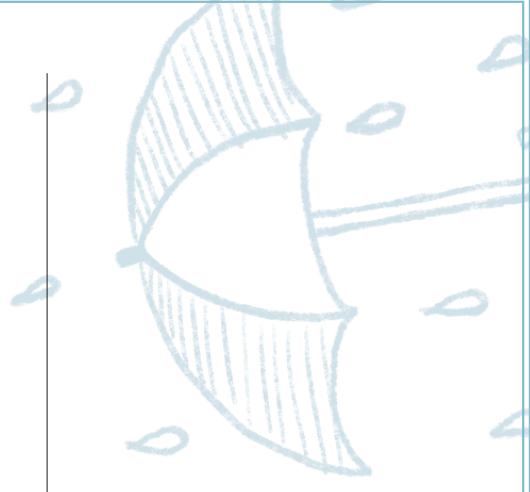
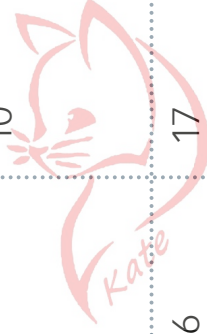




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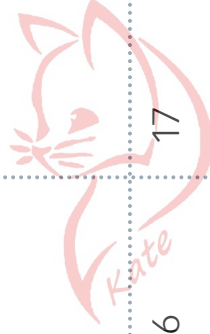




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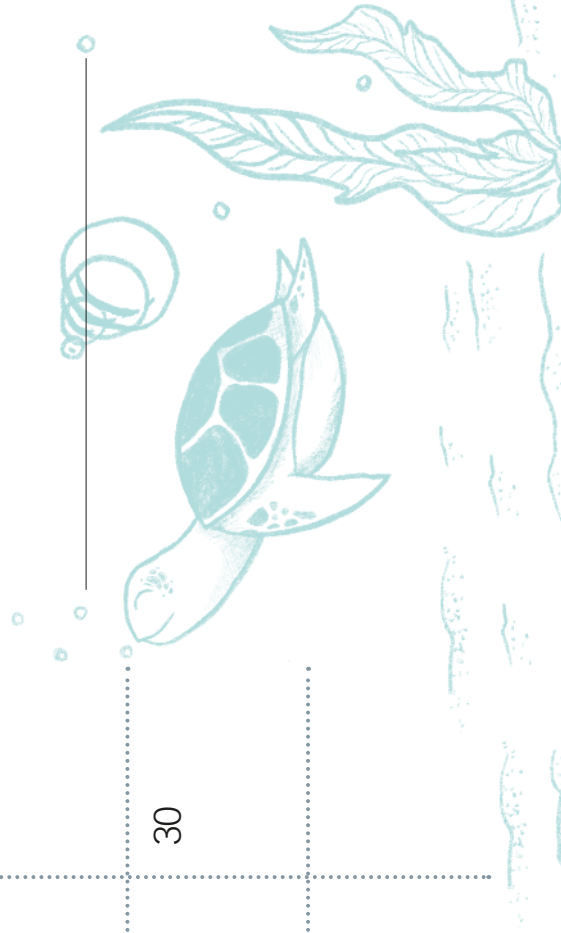




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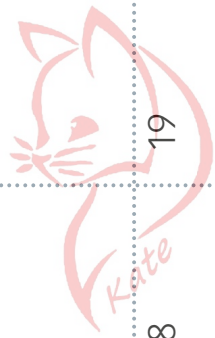




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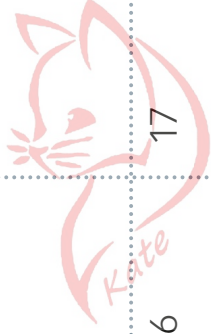


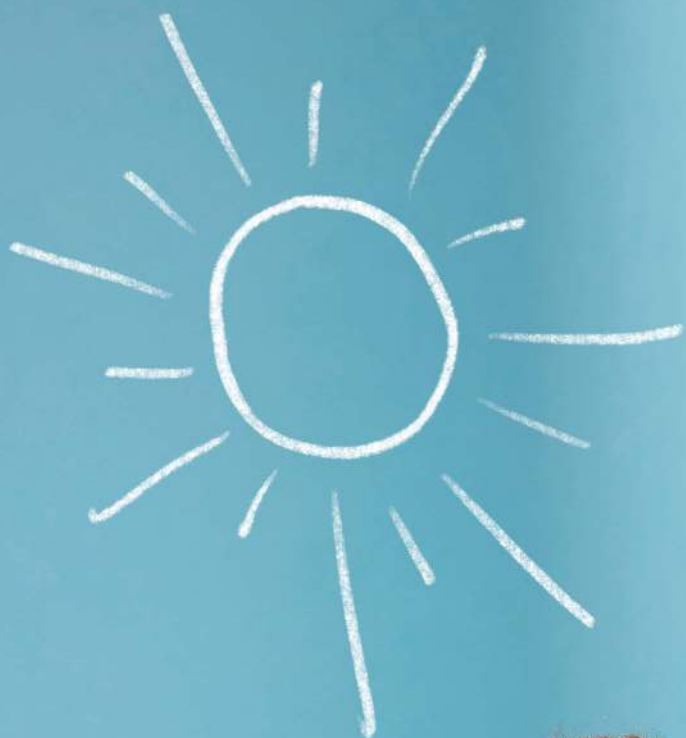


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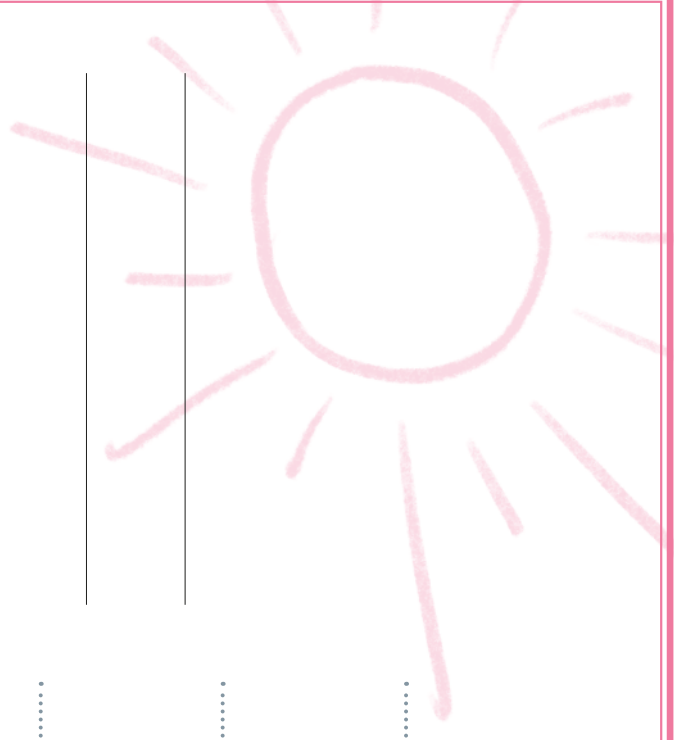
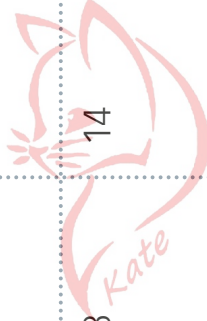


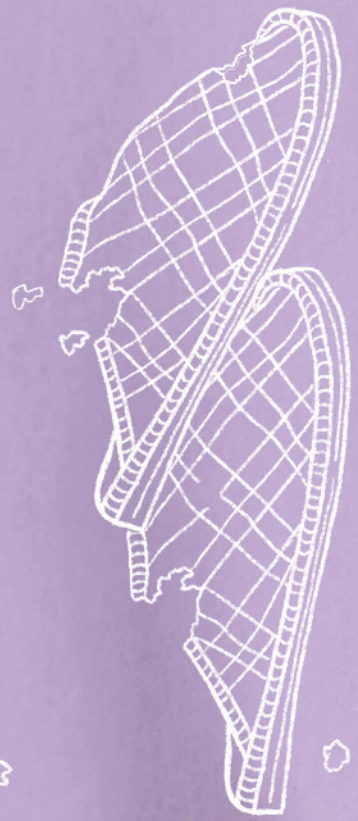


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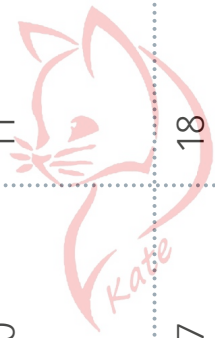




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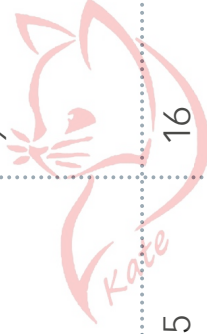




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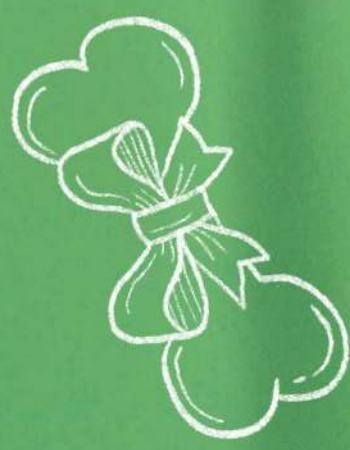


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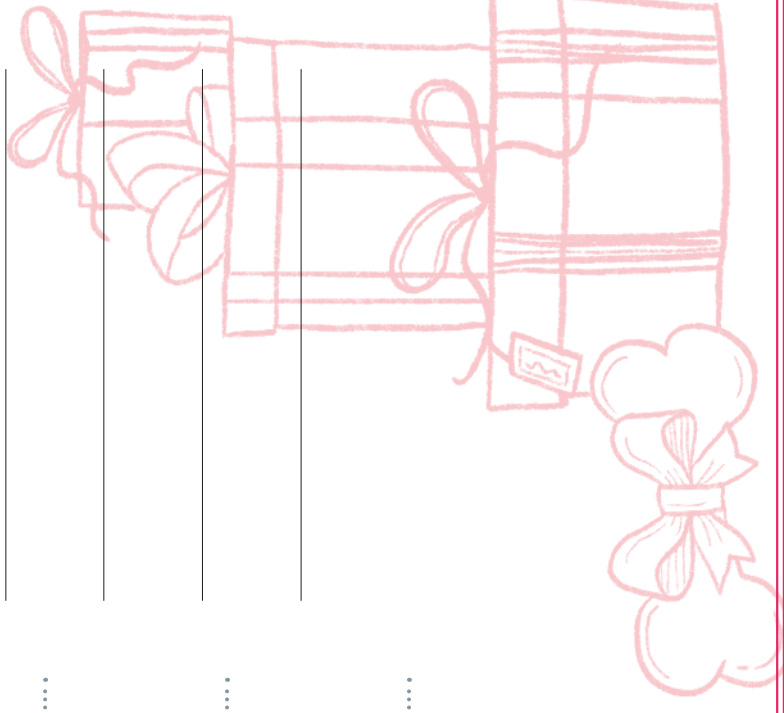
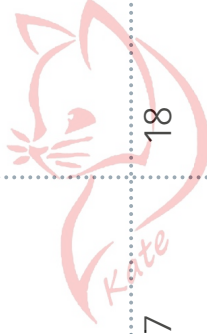




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PUPPIES

Designed by **Irene Strange**

Yarn used

Scheepjes Stone Washed

1 ball each in white – Moon Stone 801
cream – Pink Quartzite 821
beige – Axinite 831
black – Black Onyx 803
mustard – Enstatite 832
brown – Brown Agate 822
yellow – Yellow Jasper 809

About the yarn

Sport; 130m per 50g ball; 78% cotton,
22% acrylic

Tension

Tension is not critical for these projects, but
sts should be tight enough to avoid stuffing
showing through

Hook used

3.5mm

Other supplies

14 black safety eyes, 10mm, 10 black safety
eyes, 12mm, toy stuffing, tapestry needle, black
embroidery thread, wire brush

Sizing

Puppies range between 9-14cm in
height/length

Abbreviations

See page 95 of *Crochet Now* for all
abbreviations

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Start crocheting

These patterns are worked in the amigurumi
style, in a spiral without slipstitching or turning
chains. Use a st marker or waste yarn to keep
track of the first st of each rnd. Mix and match
colours as you like. Change colour at last yrh of
last st before new colour is used. Use photos
as a guide when making up. Colours in this
pattern are referred to by name, see Yarn Used
for which shade to use.

JANUARY – BEAGLE

Muzzle

Rnd 1: With white and working into a magic
ring, 6 dc. 6 sts
Rnd 2: [3 dc in next st, 1 dc] 3 times. 12 sts
Rnd 3: [1 dc, 2 dc in next st, 2 dc] 3 times.
15 sts

Rnds 4-6: Dc around.

Rnd 7: 7 dc, [1 htr, 1 tr, 1 htr] in next st, 7 dc.
17 sts

Rnd 8: 8 dc, [1 htr, 1 tr, 1 htr] in next st, 8 dc.
19 sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Head

Rnd 1: With brown and working into a
magic ring, 8 dc. 8 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 16 sts

Rnd 3: *1 dc, [2 dc in next st] twice, 1 dc; rep
from * 3 more times. 24 sts

Rnd 4: *2 dc, [2 dc in next st] twice, 2 dc; rep
from * 3 more times. 32 sts

Rnds 5-13: Dc around.

Rnd 14: [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] 8 times. 24 sts

Rnd 15: [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 8 times. 16 sts

Attach 10mm safety eyes between rnds 9 &
10, about 10 sts apart. Stuff.

Rnd 16: 8 dc2tog. 8 sts

Rnd 17: 2 dc2tog, miss rem sts. 2 sts

Fasten off. Weave ends through tops of rem sts
and pull tight to close gap.

Ears (make 2)

Rnd 1: With brown and working into a magic
ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 2: [3 dc in next st, 1 dc] 3 times. 12 sts

Rnd 3: [1 dc, 3 dc in next st, 2 dc] 3 times.
18 sts

Rnd 4: [2 dc, 3 dc in next st, 3 dc] 3 times.
24 sts

Rnd 5: 3 dc, 1 ch, miss 1 st, 7 dc, 3 dc in next
st, 8 dc, 1 ch, sl st in next st, miss rem sts.
21 dc

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Body

Rnd 1: With black and working
into a magic ring,
6 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around.
12 sts

Rnd 3: [1 dc, 2 dc in next st]
6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 4: [2 dc, 2 dc in next st]
6 times. 24 sts

Rnds 5-9: Dc around.

Rnds 10-12: With brown, dc
around.

Rnd 13: With white, 12 ch, miss 12 sts, 12 dc.
12 dc

Rnd 14: 12 dc in 12ch-sp, 12 dc. 24 sts

Rnd 15: [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 8 times. 16 sts

Rnd 16: 8 dc2tog. 8 sts

Rnd 17: 2 dc2tog, miss rem sts. 2 sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Tail

Rnd 1: With white and working into a magic
ring, 5 dc. 5 sts

Rnd 2: Dc around.

Rnd 3: With black, 2 dc in next st, 4 dc. 6 sts

Rnds 4-7: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Legs (make 4)

Rnd 1: With white and working into a magic
ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 2: [2 dc in next st] 3 times, 3 dc. 9 sts

Rnd 3: 3 dc2tog, 3 dc. 6 sts

Rnds 4-6: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Making up

Stuff Muzzle lightly and sew to front of Head,
between Eyes. Attach Ears to sides of Head.
Stuff Body and sew Head to Body, placing
Head over gap from Rnd 13 of Body. Sew Tail
and Legs to Body. Embroider snout with black
embroidery thread. Weave in ends.





FEBRUARY – CHIHUAHUA

Worked with beige throughout.

Head

- Rnd 1:** Working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts
Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 12 sts
Rnd 3: [3 dc, 2 dc in next st] 3 times. 15 sts
Rnds 4-7: Dc around.
Rnd 8: [3 dc in next st, 1 dc] 3 times, 9 dc. 21 sts
Rnd 9: 1 dc, [3 dc in next st, 3 dc] 3 times, 8 dc. 27 sts
Rnd 10-15: Dc around.
Rnd 16: [7 dc, 1 dc2tog] 3 times. 24 sts
 Attach 12mm safety eyes between rnds 9 & 10 approximately 9 sts apart.
Rnd 17: [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 18 sts
 Stuff Head.
Rnd 18: [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 12 sts
Rnd 19: 6 dc2tog. 6 sts
 Fasten off. Weave ends through tops of rem sts and pull tight to close gap.

Ears (make 2)

- Rnds 1-5:** With beige, as for Beagle's Ears. 21 dc
 Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Body

- Rnds 1-3:** With beige, as rnds 1-3 of Beagle's Body. 18 sts
Rnds 4-8: Dc around.
Rnd 9: [2 dc in next st] 3 times, 15 dc. 21 sts
Rnd 10: [1 dc, 2 dc in next st] 3 times, 15 dc. 24 sts
Rnd 11: Dc around.
Rnd 12: 12 dc, [1 dc2tog, 2 dc] 3 times. 21 sts
Rnd 13: 12 dc, [1 dc2tog, 1 dc] 3 times. 18 sts
Rnd 14: 12 dc, 3 dc2tog. 15 sts
Rnd 15: 12 sl st, 3 dc. 3 dc
 Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Front Legs (make 2)

- Rnd 1:** Working into a magic ring, 7 dc. 7 sts
Rnds 2-6: Dc around.
Rnd 7: 3 dc, miss rem sts. 3 sts
 Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Back Legs (make 2)

- Rnds 1-3:** As rnds 1-3 of Front Legs. 7 sts
Rnd 4: [2 dc in next st] 3 times, sl st in next st, miss rem sts. 6 dc
 Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Tail

- Rnd 1:** Working into a magic ring, 5 dc. 5 sts
Rnd 2: Dc around.
Rnd 3: 2 dc, 2 dc in next st, 2 dc. 6 sts
Rnd 4: 3 dc, 2 dc in next st, 2 dc. 7 sts
Rnd 5: 2 dc, 1 dc3tog, 1 dc2tog. 4 sts
Rnds 6-7: Dc around.
 Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Making up

Sew Ears to side of Head. Stuff Body and sew

to base of Head. Sew Tail and Legs to Body. Embroider snout with black embroidery thread. Weave in ends.

MARCH – COCKER SPANIEL

Head

- Rnds 1-6:** With brown, as rnds 1-6 of Beagle's Muzzle. 15 sts
Rnds 7-8: Dc around.
Rnd 9: 5 dc, [2 dc in next st] 5 times, 5 dc. 20 sts
Rnd 10: 5 dc, [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] 5 times, 5 dc. 25 sts
Rnd 11: 5 dc, [2 dc, 2 dc in next st] 5 times, 5 dc. 30 sts
Rnds 12-17: Dc around.
 Attach 10mm safety eyes between rnds 10 & 11, about 6 sts apart.
Rnd 18: [3 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 24 sts
Rnd 19: [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 18 sts
 Stuff Head.
Rnd 20: [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 12 sts
Rnd 21: 6 dc2tog. 6 sts
 Fasten off. Weave ends through tops of rem sts and pull tight to close gap.

Ears (make 2)

- With brown, chain 9.
Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 7 dc, 4 dc in last ch, rotating as you go, work in the other side of the chain, 7 dc. Turn. 18 sts
Row 2: 1 ch (does not count as a st here and throughout), 7 dc, [2 dc in next st] 4 times, 7 dc. Turn. 22 sts
Row 3: 1 ch, sl st in first st, 6 dc, [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] 4 times, 6 dc, sl st in last st. 24 dc
 Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Ear Texture

With RS of Ear facing, join brown with sl st at straight edge between rows 2

& 3, *2 ch, sl st around next post; rep from * around Ear, sl st between rows 1 & 2, rep from * once more.
 Fasten off, weave in ends.

Body

- Rnd 1:** With brown and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts
Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 12 sts
Rnd 3: [1 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 18 sts
Rnd 4: [2 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 24 sts
Rnds 5-8: Dc around.
Rnd 9: [1 dc2tog, 2 dc] 3 times, 12 dc. 21 sts
Rnd 10: Dc around.
Rnd 11: [1 dc2tog, 1 dc] 3 times, 12 dc. 18 sts
Rnd 12: Dc around.
Rnd 13: 3 dc2tog, 12 dc. 15 sts
Rnds 14-16: Dc around.
 Stuff Body.
Rnd 17: [1 dc2tog, 3 dc] 3 times. 12 sts
Rnd 18: 6 dc2tog. 6 sts
 Fasten off. Weave ends through tops of rem sts and pull tight to close gap.

Tail

- Rnd 1:** With brown and working into a magic ring, 7 dc. 7 sts



APRIL – GOLDEN RETRIEVER

Worked with beige throughout.

Head

Rnd 1: Working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 12 sts

Rnd 3: [1 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnds 4-8: Dc around.

Rnd 9: [2 dc in next st] 6 times, 12 dc.

24 sts

Rnd 10: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] 6 times, 12 dc.

30 sts

Rnd 11: [1 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times, 12 dc.

30 sts

Rnds 12-16: Dc around.

Attach 10mm safety eyes between rnds 10 & 11 about 10 sts apart.

Rnd 17: [3 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnd 18: [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 18 sts

Stuff Head.

Rnd 19: [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 12 sts

Rnd 20: 6 dc2tog. 6 sts

Fasten off. Weave ends through tops of rem sts and pull tight to close gap.

Body

Rnds 1-3: With beige, as rnds 1-3 of Beagle's

Body. 24 sts

Rnd 4: [2 dc, [2 dc in next st] twice, 2 dc] twice, 12 dc. 28 sts

Rnd 5: [3 dc, [2 dc in next st] twice, 3 dc] twice, 12 dc. 32 sts

Rnds 6-11: Dc around.

Rnd 12: 1 dc2tog. 18 dc, [1 dc2tog, 4 dc] twice. 29 sts

Rnd 13: Dc around.

Rnd 14: 1 dc2tog. 16 dc, 1 dc2tog, 4 dc, 1 dc2tog, 3 dc. 26 sts

Rnd 15: 1 dc2tog. 14 dc, [1 dc2tog, 3 dc] twice. 23 sts

Rnd 16: 1 dc2tog. 12 dc, 1 dc2tog, 3 dc, 1 dc2tog, 2 dc. 20 sts

Rnds 2-3: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Front Legs (make 2)

Rnd 1: With brown and working into a magic ring, 7 dc. 7 sts

Rnds 2-6: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Back Legs (make 2)

Rnd 1: With brown and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnds 2-3: Dc around.

Rnd 4: [2 dc in next st] 3 times, 3 dc. 9 sts

Rnd 5: [1 dc, 2 dc in next st] 3 times, 3 dc. 12 sts

Rnd 6: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Making up

Sew Ears to Head, with textured side facing out. Stuff Body and sew to base of Head in a lying position. Sew Tail and Legs to Body. Embroider snout with black embroidery thread. Weave in ends.



Rnds 17-18: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Ears (make 2)

Chain 6.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 4 dc, 4 dc in last ch, rotating as you go, work in the other side of the chain, 4 dc. Turn. 12 sts

Row 2: 1 ch (does not count as st here and throughout), 4 dc, [2 dc in next st] 4 times, 4 dc. Turn. 16 sts

Row 3: 1 ch, sl st in first st, 3 dc, [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] 4 times, 3 dc, sl st in last st. 18 dc

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Front Legs (make 2)

Rnd 1: Working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnds 2-6: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Back Legs (make 2)

Rnd 1: Working into a magic ring, 7 dc. 7 sts

Rnd 2: 1 dc, [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] 3 times. 10 sts

Rnd 3: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Tail

Rnd 1: Working into a magic ring, 5 dc. 5 sts

Rnd 2: Dc around.

Rnd 3: 2 dc in next st, 4 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 4: 2 dc in next st, 5 dc. 7 sts

Rnd 5: Dc around.

Rnd 6: 1 dc2tog. 5 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 7: 1 dc2tog. 4 dc. 5 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Making up

Sew Ears to side of Head. Stuff Body and sew to base of Head. Sew Tail and Legs to Body.

Embroider snout with black embroidery thread. Brush Golden Retriever with a wire brush to fluff up yarn for a fuzzy look. Weave in ends.

MAY – JACK RUSSELL

Head

Rnd 1: With white and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 2: [3 dc in next st, 1 dc] 3 times. 12 sts

Rnd 3: [1 dc, 3 dc in next st, 2 dc] 3 times. 18 sts

Rnd 4: [2 dc, 2 dc in next st, 3 dc] 3 times. 21 sts

Rnds 5-8: Dc around.

Through Rnd 19, all sts are dc (with exception of rnds 11 & 14), number of dc to work is followed by colour name, for dc2tog sts, use colour as given.

Rnd 9: 3 white, [5 yellow, 4 white] twice.

Rnd 10: 3 white, 3 yellow, 2 yellow in next st, 1 yellow, 4 white, 1 yellow, 2 yellow in next

st, 3 yellow, 4 white. 23 sts

Rnd 11: 3 white, 4 yellow, [2 yellow in next st] twice, 2 dc2tog in white, [2 yellow in next st] twice, 4 yellow, 4 white. 25 sts

Rnd 12: 4 white, 4 yellow, [2 yellow in next st] twice, 1 yellow, 2 white, 1 yellow, [2 yellow in next st] twice, 4 yellow, 5 white. 29 sts

Rnd 13: 4 white, 5 yellow, [2 yellow in next st] twice, 2 yellow, 2 white, 2 yellow, [2 yellow in next st] twice, 5 yellow, 5 white. 33 sts

Rnd 14: 4 white, 11 yellow, 1 dc2tog in white, 11 yellow, 5 white. 32 sts

Rnd 15: 4 white, 23 yellow, 5 white.

Rnds 16-17: 5 white, 22 yellow, 5 white.

Rnd 18: 8 white, 16 yellow, 8 white.

Rnd 19: 12 white, 3 yellow, 3 white, 3 yellow, 11 white.

Fasten off yellow.

Rnd 20: Dc around.

Attach 12mm safety eyes between rnds 12 & 13, about 10 sts apart.

Rnd 21: [1 dc2tog, 2 dc] 8 times. 24 sts

Rnd 22: [1 dc2tog, 1 dc] 8 times. 16 sts
Stuff Head.

Rnd 23: 8 dc2tog. 8 sts

Rnd 24: 3 dc2tog, miss rem sts. 3 sts

Fasten off. Weave ends through tops of rem sts and pull tight to close gap.

Ears (make 2)

Rnds 1-4: With yellow, as rnds 1-4 of Beagle's Ears. 24 sts

Rnd 5: 3 dc, 2 dc in next st, 7 dc, 3 dc in next st, 7 dc, 2 dc in next st, 4 dc. 28 sts

Rnd 6: 4 dc, sl st in next st, miss rem sts. 4 dc
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Body

Rnds 1-3: With white, as rnds 1-3 of Beagle's Ears. 18 sts

Rnd 4: [2 dc, 2 dc in next st, 3 dc] 3 times. 21 sts

Rnds 5-7: Dc around.

Through Rnd 13, all sts are dc, number of dc to

work is followed by colour name.

Rnd 8: 20 white, 1 yellow.

Rnd 9: 2 yellow, 17 white, 2 yellow.

Rnd 10: 3 yellow, 16 white, 2 yellow.

Rnd 11: 4 yellow, 16 white, 1 yellow.

Rnd 12: 3 yellow, 18 white.

Rnd 13: 2 yellow, 19 white.

Fasten off yellow.

Rnd 14: [2 dc in next st] twice, 7 dc, 2 dc2tog, 8 dc.

Rnd 15: [2 dc in next st, 2 dc] twice, 15 dc. 23 sts

Rnd 16: [2 dc in next st, 4 dc] twice, 13 dc. 25 sts

Rnd 17: 8 ch, miss 8 sts, 17 dc. 17 sts

Rnd 18: 8 dc in 8ch-sp, 17 dc. 25 sts

Rnd 19: [3 dc, 1 dc2tog] 5 times. 20 sts

Rnd 20: [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] 5 times. 15 sts

Rnd 21: [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 5 times. 10 sts

Rnd 22: 5 dc2tog. 5 sts

Fasten off. Weave ends through tops of rem sts and pull tight to close gap.

Tail

Rnd 1: With yellow and working into a magic ring, 4 dc. 4 sts

Rnd 2: Dc around.

Rnd 3: 2 dc in next st, 3 dc. 5 sts

Rnd 4: Dc around.

Rnd 5: 2 dc in next st, 4 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 6: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Legs (make 4)

Rnd 1: With white and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 2: [2 dc in next st] 3 times, 3 dc. 9 sts

Rnd 3: Dc around.

Rnd 4: 3 dc2tog, 3 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 5: Dc around.

Rnd 6: 2 dc in next st, 5 dc. 7 sts

Rnd 7: 2 dc in next st, 6 dc. 8 sts

Rnd 8: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Making up

Sew Ears to Head, with pointy end facing up. Stuff Body and sew to base of Head. Sew Tail and Legs to Body. Embroider snout with black embroidery thread. Weave in ends.

JUNE - PUG

Head

Rnd 1: With cream and working into a magic ring, 8 dc. 8 sts

Rnd 2: [3 dc in next st, 1 dc] 4 times. 16 sts

Rnd 3: [1 dc, 3 dc in next st, 2 dc] 4 times. 24 sts

Rnd 4: [2 dc, 3 dc in next st, 3 dc] 4 times. 32 sts

Rnds 5-13: Dc around.

Rnd 14: [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] 8 times. 24 sts

Attach 10mm safety eyes between rnds 11 & 12, 7 sts apart.

Rnd 15: [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 8 times. 16 sts
Stuff Head.

Rnd 16: 8 dc2tog. 8 sts

Rnd 17: 4 dc2tog. 4 sts

Fasten off. Weave ends through tops of rem sts and pull tight to close gap.



Ears (make 2)

Rnds 1-3: With black, as rnds 1-3 of Beagle's Ears. 18 sts

Rnd 4: 3 dc, 1 ch, 5 dc, 3 dc in next st, 6 dc, 3 dc in next st, 1 ch, sl st in next st, miss rem sts. 20 dc
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Muzzle

Rnds 1-3: With black, as rnds 1-3 of Beagle's Ears. 18 sts

Rnd 4: Dc around.

Rnd 5: 3 dc in next st, 17 dc. 20 sts

Row 6: 1 dc, 3 dc in next st, 3 dc, sl st in next st, miss rem sts. Turn. 7 sts

Row 7: 1 ch, miss sl st, 4 dc, 3 dc in next st, 4 dc, sl st in next st. 11 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

With RS facing and using photo as a guide, fold rnds 5-7 up to Rnd 1 to shape mouth, stitch in place.

Body

Rnds 1-9: As for rnds 1-9 of Beagle's Body. 24 sts



Rnd 10: [1 dc2tog, 2 dc] 3 times, 12 dc. 21 sts
Rnd 11: [1 dc2tog, 1 dc] 3 times, 12 dc. 18 sts

Rnds 12-13: Dc around.

Rnd 14: Sl st around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Legs (make 4)

Rnds 1-5: With cream, as for rnds 1-5 of

Beagle's Legs.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Tail

With black, chain 6.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 3 dc in each ch across. 15 sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Making up

Stuff Muzzle lightly and sew to front of Head, between Eyes. Sew Ears to Head. Stuff Body and sew to base of Head, through sl sts. Sew



Tail and Feet to Body in sitting pose. Embroider snout with black embroidery thread.
Weave in ends.

JULY – DALMATIAN

Head

Rnds 1-9: With cream as rnds 1-9 of Golden Retriever's Head. 24 sts

Rnd 10: Dc around.

Rnd 11: [1 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times, 12 dc. 30 sts

Rnds 12-21: As rnds 11-20 of Golden

Retriever's Head, attaching 12mm safety eyes between rnds 11 & 12 about 13 sts apart. 6 sts

Fasten off. Weave ends through tops of rem sts and pull tight to close gap.

Ears (make 2)

Rnds 1-4: With black, as rnds 1-4 of Beagle's Ears. 24 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Body

Rnds 1-2: With black as rnds 1-2 of Cocker Spaniel's Body. 12 sts

Rnds 3-18: With cream as rnds 3-18 of Cocker Spaniel's Body. 6 sts

Fasten off. Weave ends through tops of rem sts and pull tight to close gap.

Front Legs (make 2)

Rnd 1: With cream and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnds 2-5: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Back Legs (make 2)

Rnd 1: With black and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnds 2-3: With cream, dc around.

Rnd 4: [2 dc in next st] 3 times, 3 dc. 9 sts



Through Rnd 15, all sts are dc, number of dc to work is followed by colour name.

Rnd 9: 5 brown, [2 white in next st] 5 times, 5 brown. 20 sts

Rnd 10: 5 brown, 2 brown in next st, 1 brown, [2 white in next st, 1 white] 3 times, 2 brown in next st, 6 brown. 25 sts

Rnd 11: 5 brown, [2 brown, 2 brown in next st] twice, 2 white, 2 white in next st, [2 brown, 2 brown in next st] twice, 5 brown. 30 sts

Rnd 12: 13 brown, 4 white, 13 brown.

Rnds 13-15: 14 brown, 2 white, 14 brown. Fasten off white.

Rnds 16-21: As rnds 16-21 of Cocker Spaniel's Head, attaching 10mm safety eyes between rnds 10 & 11, about 6 sts apart. 6 sts

Fasten off. Weave ends through tops of rem sts and pull tight to close gap.

Ears (make 2)

As for Cocker Spaniel's Ears.

Ear Texture

As for Cocker Spaniel's Ear Texture.

Body

Rnds 1-9: With brown, as rnds 1-9 of Beagle's Body. 24 sts

Rnd 10: Dc around.

Rnd 11: With white [1 dc2tog, 2 dc] 3 times, with brown 12 dc. 21 sts

Rnd 12: With white [1 dc2tog, 1 dc] 3 times, with brown 12 dc. 18 sts

Rnd 13: With white 3 dc2tog, with brown 12 dc. 15 sts

Fasten off brown.

Rnds 14-15: With white dc around. Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Tail

As for Cocker Spaniel's Tail.

Rnd 5: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] 3 times, 3 dc. 12 sts

Rnd 6: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Tail

Rnd 1: With black and working into a magic ring, 5 dc. 5 sts

Rnd 2: With cream, dc around.

Rnds 3-5: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Making up

Sew Ears to side of Head. Choose a sitting on lying pose for Dalmatian and sew Head, Tail and Legs to Body. With black, embroider spots all over Head and Body. Embroider snout with black embroidery thread. Weave in ends.

AUGUST – SPRINGER SPANIEL

Head

Rnds 1-8: With brown, as rnds 1-8 of Cocker Spaniel's Head. 15 sts

Front Legs (make 2)

Rnds 1-6: With white, as for Cocker Spaniel's Front Legs.

Back Legs (make 2)

Rnds 1-6: With white, as for Cocker Spaniel's Back Legs.

Making up

Sew straight edge of Ears to Head, with textured side facing out. Stuff Body and sew to base of Head. Sew Tail and Legs to Body. Embroider snout with brown. Weave in ends.

SEPTEMBER – LABRADOODLE

Use Mustard throughout.

Head

Rnd 1: Working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts
Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 12 sts

Rnds 3-6: Dc around.

Rnd 7: [2 dc in next st] 6 times, 6 dc. 18 sts

Rnd 8: {[2 dc in next st] 3 times, 6 dc} twice. 24 sts

Rnd 9: [3 dc, [2 dc in next st] 3 times, 3 dc] twice, 6 dc. 30 sts

Rnds 10-15: Dc around.

Attach 10mm safety eyes above snout, approx. 6 sts apart.

Rnd 16: [3 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnd 17: [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 18 sts

Stuff Head.

Rnd 18: [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 12 sts

Rnd 19: 6 dc2tog. 6 sts

Fasten off. Weave ends through tops of rem sts and pull tight to close gap.

Ears (make 2)

With mustard, as for Pug's Ears.

Body

Rnds 1-15: With mustard throughout, as for

Making up

Sew Ears to sides of Head. Stuff Body and sew to base of Head. Sew Tail and Legs to Body. Embroider snout with black embroidery thread. Weave in ends.

OCTOBER – BORDER COLLIE

Head & Body

Rnd 1: With black and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 12 sts

Rnd 3: [1 dc, 3 dc in next st, 1 dc] 4 times. 20 sts

Rnd 4: [2 dc, 3 dc in next st, 2 dc] 4 times. 28 sts

Rnd 5: [3 dc, 2 dc in next st, 3 dc] 4 times. 32 sts

Rnds 6-11: Dc around.

Rnd 12: [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] 8 times. 24 sts

Rnd 13: [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 8 times. 16 sts

Rnds 14-15: Dc around.

Rnd 16: [2 dc in next st] 4 times, 12 dc. 20 sts

Attach 10mm eyes between rnds 8 & 9, on opposite side of increases from last rnd.

Rnds 17-18: Dc around.

Rnd 19: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] 4 times, 12 dc. 24 sts

Rnds 20-23: Dc around.

Rnd 24: [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 18 sts

Stuff Head and Body.

Rnd 25: [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 12 sts

Rnd 26: 6 dc2tog. 6 sts

Fasten off. Weave ends through tops of rem sts and pull tight to close gap.

Muzzle

Rnd 1: With white and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 2: [3 dc in next st, 1 dc] 3 times. 9 sts

Rnds 3-4: Dc around.

Rnd 5: 3 dc, 4 ch, starting in 2nd ch from hook,

3 dc across ch, 5 dc, sl st in next st. 11 sts
Fasten off.

Ears (make 2)

As for Pug's Ears.

Tummy

With white, chain 11.

Rnd 1: 5 dc in 2nd ch from hook, 8 dc, 5 dc in last ch, rotating as you go, work in the other side of the chain, 8 dc. 26 sts

Rnd 2: [2 dc in next st] 5 times, 21 dc. 37 sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Front Legs (make 2)

Rnds 1-4: With white, as rnds 1-2 of Cocker Spaniel's Front Legs. 7 sts

Rnds 5-6: With black, dc around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.



Back Legs (make 2)

Rnds 1-2: With white as rnds 1-2 of Cocker Spaniel's Back Legs. 6 sts
Rnds 3-6: With black, as rnds 2-6 of Cocker Spaniel's Back Legs. 12 sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Tail

As for Beagle's tail.

Making up

Stuff Muzzle lightly and sew to front of Head, thin white strip should sit between Eyes. Attach Ears to sides of Head. Sew Tummy, Tail and Legs to Body. Embroider snout with black embroidery thread. Weave in ends.

NOVEMBER – CORGI

Muzzle

Rnd 1: With white and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts
Rnd 2: [3 dc in next st, 1 dc] 3 times. 12 sts
Rnds 3-4: Dc around.

Rnd 5: 2 dc, 3 dc in next st, 9 dc. 14 sts
Rnd 6: 3 dc, 3 dc in next st, 5 dc, miss rem sts. Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Head & Body

Rnd 1: With yellow and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts
Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 12 sts
Rnd 3: [1 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 18 sts
Rnd 4: [2 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 24 sts
Rnd 5: [3 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 30 sts
Rnds 6-11: Dc around.
Rnd 12: 6 dc2tog, 18 dc. 24 sts
Rnd 13: 3 dc2tog, 18 dc. 27 sts
Attach 12mm safety eyes to either side of decrease section, approximately 8 sts apart.
Rnds 14-17: Dc around.

Rnd 18: [6 dc, 2 dc in next st] 3 times. 24 sts
Rnd 19: [7 dc, 2 dc in next st] 3 times. 27 sts
Rnd 20: [8 dc, 2 dc in next st] 3 times. 30 sts
Rnd 21: [9 dc, 2 dc in next st] 3 times. 33 sts
Rnd 22: [10 dc, 2 dc in next st] 3 times. 36 sts
Rnds 23-24: Dc around.
Rnd 25: [4 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 30 sts
Rnd 26: [3 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 24 sts
Rnd 27: [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 18 sts
Stuff Head.
Rnd 28: [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 12 sts
Rnd 29: 6 dc2tog. 6 sts
Fasten off. Weave ends through tops of rem sts and pull tight to close gap.

Ears (make 2)

Rnds 1-5: With yellow, as for Beagle's Ears. Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Inner Ears (make 2)

Rnds 1-4: With white, as rnds 1-4 of Beagle's Ears.

Tummy

Rnds 1-3: With white, as rnds 1-3 of Beagle's Ears.

Tail

Rnd 1: With white and working into a magic ring, 5 dc. 5 sts
Rnd 2: 2 dc in next st, 4 dc. 6 sts
Rnd 3: 2 dc in next st, 5 dc. 7 sts
Rnds 4-10: With yellow, dc around. Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Front Legs (make 2)

Rnds 1-6: With white, as rnds 1-6 of Labradoodle's Front Legs. 6 sts
Rnds 7-8: With yellow, as rnds 7-8 of Labradoodle's Front Legs. Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Back Legs (make 2)

Rnds 1-4: With white, as for Front Legs.
Rnds 5-6: With yellow, as rnds 5-6 of Labradoodle's Back Legs. 12 sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Making up

Stuff Muzzle lightly and sew to front of Head, between Eyes. Sew Inner Ears to Ears, and sew to top of Head. Sew Tummy to front of Body, so it touches base of Muzzle. Sew Tail and Legs to Body. Embroider snout with black embroidery thread. Weave in ends.

DECEMBER – DACHSHUND

Head

Rnds 1-7: With brown, as rnds 1-7 of Chihuahua's Head. 15 sts
Rnd 8: Dc around.
Rnd 9: 4 dc, 3 dc in next st, 2 dc, 2 dc in next st, 2 dc, 3 dc in next st, 4 dc. 20 sts
Rnd 10: 5 dc, 3 dc in next st, 8 dc, 3 dc in next st, 5 dc. 24 sts

Rnds 11-16: Dc around.

Attach 10mm safety eyes under increases on Rnd 10 about 9 sts apart. Stuff Head.
Rnd 17: [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 18: [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 12 sts
Rnd 19: 6 dc2tog. 6 sts
Fasten off. Weave ends through tops of rem sts and pull tight to close gap.

Ears (make 2)

As for Pug's Ears.

Body

Rnd 1: With brown and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts
Rnd 2: [3 dc in next st, 1 dc] 3 times. 12 sts
Rnd 3: [1 dc, 3 dc in next st, 2 dc] 3 times. 18 sts

Rnds 4-18: Dc around.

Rnd 19: 6 ch, miss 6 sts, 12 dc. 12 sts

Rnd 20: Working in each ch and st around, 9 dc2tog. 9 sts

Rnd 21: 3 dc3tog. 3 sts

Stuff Body. Fasten off. Weave ends through tops of rem sts and pull tight to close gap.

Neck

Join brown to first missed st of Rnd 19 of Body, work around both sides of gap.

Rnds 1-2: Dc around. 12 sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Legs (make 2 each in black and brown)

Rnds 1-5: As rnds 1-5 of Beagle's Legs. 6 sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Tail

Rnd 1: With black and working into a magic ring, 5 dc. 5 sts

Rnds 2-5: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Making up

Sew Head to Neck. Sew Ears to side of Head with pointy part as tip of Ear. Sew Tail and Legs to Body. Embroider snout with black embroidery thread. Weave in ends. 🐾



ACCESSORIES

Designed by **Irene Strange**

Yarn used

Scheepjes Softfun

1 ball each in white 2412, black 2408, grey 2530, Strawberry Red 2449, Aqua 2615, red 2410, blue 2423, yellow 2610, Lime Green 2517, pink 2514, orange 2427 & purple 2519

About the yarn

DK; 140m per 50g ball; 60% cotton, 40% acrylic

Tension

Tension is not critical for this project, but sts should be tight enough to avoid stuffing showing through

Hook used

3.5mm

Other supplies

tapestry needle
bendable wire
toy stuffing
black and blue embroidery thread
clear craft PVC or acrylic

Sizing

Accessories range 3-6cm in length

Abbreviations

See page 95 of *Crochet Now* for all abbreviations

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Cushion Halves

(make 1 each in purple & white)

Rnd 1: Working into a magic ring, 8 dc. 8 sts
Rnd 2: [3 dc in next st, 1 dc] 4 times. 16 sts
Rnd 3: [1 dc, 3 dc in next st, 2 dc] 4 times. 24 sts
Rnd 4: [2 dc, 3 dc in next st, 3 dc] 4 times. 32 sts
Rnd 5: [3 dc, 3 dc in next st, 4 dc] 4 times. 40 sts
Rnds 6-7: Dc around.
Rnd 8: Sl st around. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Making up

Place both Cushion Halves together with RS facing out. With yellow, sew tog through sl sts, stuff before closing Cushion completely.

BALL

This pattern is worked in the amigurumi style, in a spiral without slipstitching or turning chains. Use a st marker or waste yarn to keep track of the first st of each rnd.

Ball Halves

(make 1 each in yellow & white)

Rnd 1: Working into a magic ring, 5 dc. 5 sts
Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 10 sts
Rnd 3: [1 dc, 2 dc in next st] 5 times. 15 sts
Rnd 4: [2 dc, 2 dc in next st] 5 times, change to red. 20 sts
Rnd 5: Dc around. Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Making up

With red, sew both Ball Halves tog through front loops of last rnd, stuff before closing Ball completely.

BUNNY EARS

This pattern is worked in the amigurumi style, in a spiral without slipstitching or turning chains. Use a st marker or waste yarn to keep

track of the first st of each rnd.

Ears (make 2)

Rnd 1: With Aqua and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 2: [2 dc in next st, 2 dc] twice. 8 sts

Rnd 3: [2 dc in next st, 3 dc] twice. 10 sts

Rnd 4: [2 dc in next st, 4 dc] twice. 12 sts

Rnds 5-7: Dc around.

Rnd 8: [1 dc2tog, 4 dc] twice. 10 sts

Rnd 9: [1 dc2tog, 3 dc] twice. 8 sts

Rnd 10: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Band

Rnd 1: With Aqua and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnds 2-22: Dc around.

Fasten off. Put wire inside Band, sew up open end. Bend into a curve.

Making up

Sew Ears to Band. Weave in ends.

Special stitches

Invisible join: Cut tail about 15cm long, pull up through last st, thread tapestry needle with tail and bring under loops, from front to back, through 2nd st of rnd, bring needle through last st (where tail has been pulled through) under BL, from top to bottom, ensuring tension over first st of rnd matches the st under it. Weave in end securely on WS





SNORKEL

This pattern is worked in the amigurumi style, in a spiral without slipstitching or turning chains. Use a st marker or waste yarn to keep track of the first st of each rnd.

Snorkel Tube

Rnd 1: With yellow and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 2: Sl st around.

Rnd 3: Working into Rnd 1, dc around, change to blue.

Rnds 4-6: Dc around.

Rnd 7: 3 sl st, 3 dc.

Rnds 8-13: Dc around.

Rnd 14: Change to yellow, sl st around. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Mask Frame

With blue, chain 36. Join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist.

Rnds 1-3: Dc around. 36 sts

Rnd 4: With yellow, sl st around. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Ties (make 2)

With yellow and holding yarn double, chain 21.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 20 dc. 20 sts. Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Making up

Cut a piece of PVC into a mask shape, sew it into Frame using blue embroidery thread.

Sew Ties to sides of Frame and tie them into a knot. Sew Tube to Frame with a few sts. Weave in ends.

RAINBOW JUMPER

Join with sl st to top of beg 2 ch unless otherwise specified.

Body

With red, chain 24. Join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist.

Rnd 1: 1 ch (does not count as a st here and throughout), 24 dc, change to orange, join with sl st to beg dc. 24 sts

Rnd 2: 2 ch (counts as htr here and throughout), 23 htr, change to yellow, join.

Rnd 3: 2 ch, 23 htr, change to Lime Green, join. Next rnd creates armholes, check placement to match dog's feet.

Rnd 4: 2 ch, 3 htr, [3 ch, miss 3 sts, 6 htr] twice, 2 htr, change to blue, join.

Rnd 5: 2 ch, 3 htr, [3 htr in 3ch-sp, 6 htr] twice, htr to end, change to purple, join.



Rnd 6: 2 ch, 23 htr, join.

Rnd 7: 1 ch, 24 dc, do not join. Invisible join to finish.

Sleeves

Rnd 1: Join Lime Green with sl st to 3ch-sp from Rnd 4, 2 ch, 7 htr around arm hole, join. 8 sts

Rnd 2: 2 ch, 7 htr, join. Fasten off. Weave in ends. Rep for other side.



FLIGHT GOGGLES

Lens (make 2)

Rnd 1: With black and working into a magic ring, 8 dc, do not join. 8 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 16 sts. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Frame

Rnd 1: Join blue in any st of Lens, *1 dc, [2 dc in next st] twice, 1 dc; rep from * 3 more times, 3 ch, working around other Lens, **1 dc, [2 dc in next st] twice, 1 dc; rep from ** 3 more times, 3 sl st along joining ch. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Goggle Arms (make 2)

With blue, chain 8.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc, 3 dc in next st, 5 dc. Turn. 9 sts

Row 2: 1 ch, sl st across.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Sew Arms to sides of Frame with RS facing out.

FLAMINGO RUBBER RING

This pattern is worked in the amigurumi style, in a spiral without slip stitching or turning chains.



Use a st marker or waste yarn to keep track of the first st of each rnd.

Rubber Ring

Rnd 1: With pink and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnds 2-25: Dc around. Fasten off. Sew end to first rnd to shape Ring.

Flamingo Head

Rnd 1: With pink and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 12 sts

Rnds 3-5: Dc around.

Rnd 6: 6 dc2tog. 6 sts

Rnds 7-16: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Flamingo Beak

Rnd 1: With yellow and working into a magic ring, 5 dc. 5 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc in next st, 4 dc. 6 sts

Rnds 3-4: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Flamingo Wings

Join pink into side of Ring, 2 ch, [1 tr, 1 htr] in same st as join, sl st in st 2 rnds up from join.

