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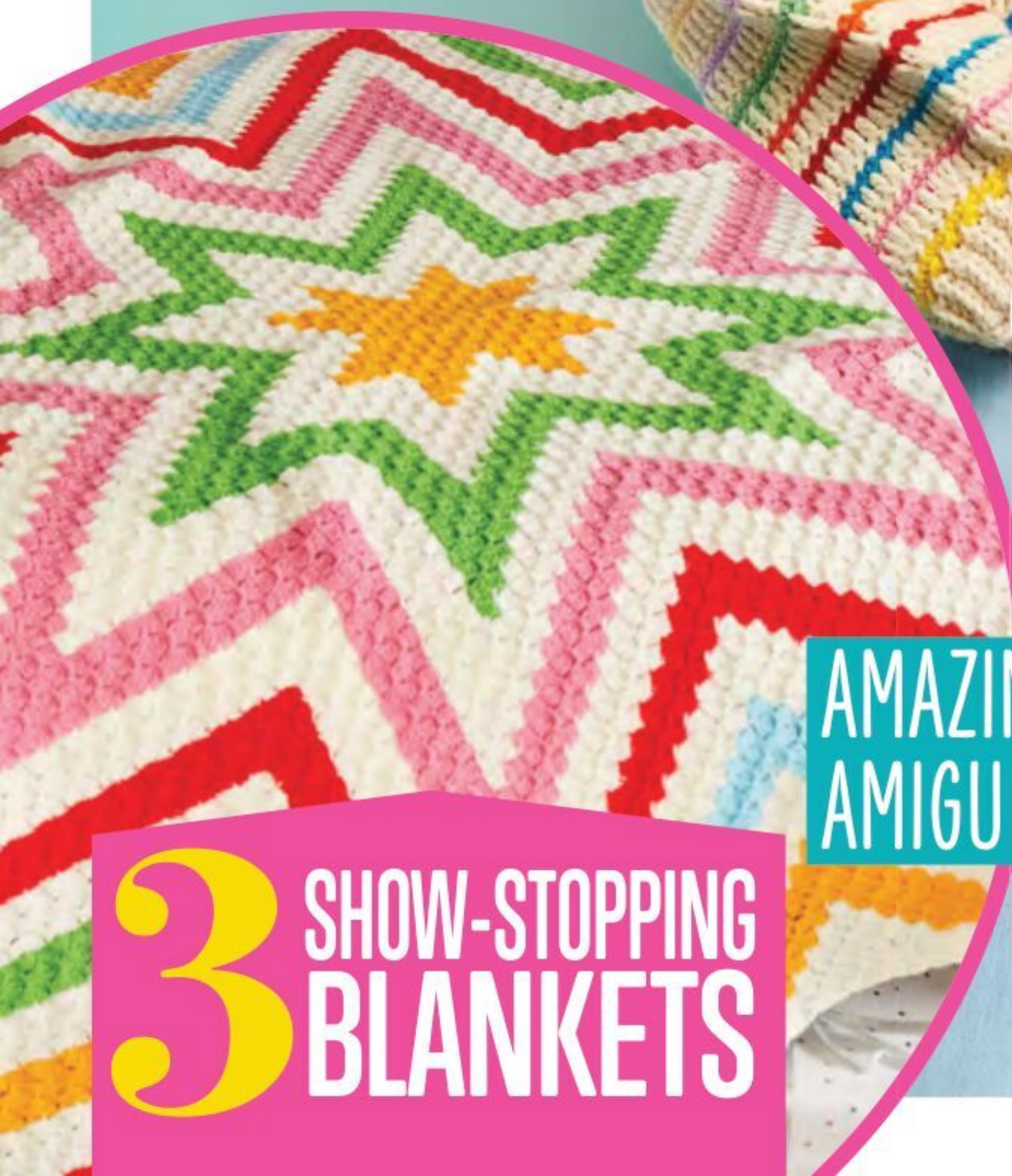
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It's Christmas! Oh, this is my absolute **favourite time of year** – as soon as I could crank the Christmas playlist up on Spotify I did (much to my husband's annoyance) and I've grabbed my crochet hook and started this year's new Christmas decorations ready for the holidays. My **favourite** part of being Editor is how early (and how long) I get to celebrate Christmas for, and this issue has been an **absolute dream** to work on with the designers to bring together!

I love a colourful Christmas, and as you turn the pages of this month's issue I hope you **fall in love** with the merry and bright collection of accessories, toys and more that you can start tonight.

My new favourite sweater has to be Katie Jones's **Pompom Confetti Jumper** (page 22) that is simply cheerful, and wonderfully **colourful accessories** such as the Good Vibes Scarf (page 14) and Rainbow Streamers Scarf (page 48) are perfect for injecting some colour into your winter wardrobe.

I've been itching to start Sharon Carter's **Gingerbread House Blanket** (page 62) and Catherine Tait's **Starburst Blanket** (page 16) since I commissioned them – they are the perfect festive additions to any home this Christmas. If you want to go a **little more fun** with your décor though, why not hook up a pair of giant bauble cushions (page 80) or even a Merry and Bright Wreath (page 34)? There is so much **Christmassy goodness** to choose from this issue, it's difficult to know where to begin.

You can never have too many crochet hooks, in my opinion, and this month's **fabulous hook** from Pusheen is the perfect addition to your hook collection, along with a **sweet matching stitch marker**. Be sure to share your finished Pusheen amigurumi projects with us via email or online to spread 'Meowy Christmas' wishes too!

Merry Christmas!

Jenny

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see your fabulous
Pusheen projects!



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Is there anything more exciting than when the talented team at Stitch and Story releases new crochet kits? These new Miffy kits contain everything you need to crochet some Miffy magic! Create a child's Miffy bag, a pretty top, or this brilliant Miffy hat. Each kit contains yarn, pattern and a fabulous crochet hook. These kits are perfect for beginners and expert crocheters alike. Bring Miffy's face to life with simply embroidery instructions for the finishing touch. We think these kits would make fantastic Christmas presents!

www.stitchandstory.com

DECK THE HALLS WITH RICORUMI

Get ready for a magical Christmas CAL with Rico! This new Ricorumi crochet-along provides the chance to crochet nine super cute Christmas Ricorumis. The great thing is,

once finished, they can be used as lovely Christmas decorations or gifts. The set includes a Christmas dog, reindeer, piggy and their friends in their own cute Christmas socks. This kit contains all 45 Ricorumi DK balls, so you will receive everything you need to create these adorable Ricorumi toys!

www.rico-design.de/en



YARN spotlight

Cascade 220 Superwash Wave

220 Superwash Wave is Cascade's classic and popular 220 Superwash with a brand-new color shift effect! The colour repeats are very long with some high contrast and some tonal colorways; it is still a natural fibre that is easy-care, meaning you can machine wash and dry it! It's great for all ages, and comes in a wide array of colors. We think this is the perfect yarn for quick-make accessories and Christmas gifts.

www.cascadeyarns.com



Time to show off!

The autumn show is the UK's biggest textile event and is taking over Harrogate Convention Centre 18th – 21st November 2021 for its 30th Anniversary. Whether you're an expert stitcher or a complete beginner, the show offers inspiration, education and fun for all. If learning new skills is on the 'to-do list', there are hundreds of hands-on workshops to book onto, led by top craft tutors, and the popular Creative Living Theatre programme will be packed with free demonstrations. Bring a shopping bag or two because The Knitting & Stitching Show has hundreds of specialist craft retailers under one roof. From big-name brands to artisan and small boutique companies in the Yarn Village, you'll be able to top up your fabric stash and supplies, and after all that shopping, enjoy some lovely refreshments.

www.theknittingandstitchingshow.com





crochetpresents

There is truly something for every crocheter on the **crochetpresents** account. Shawls, tops and even pencil holders come together to make one of the most inspiring Instagram pages in the crochet world!

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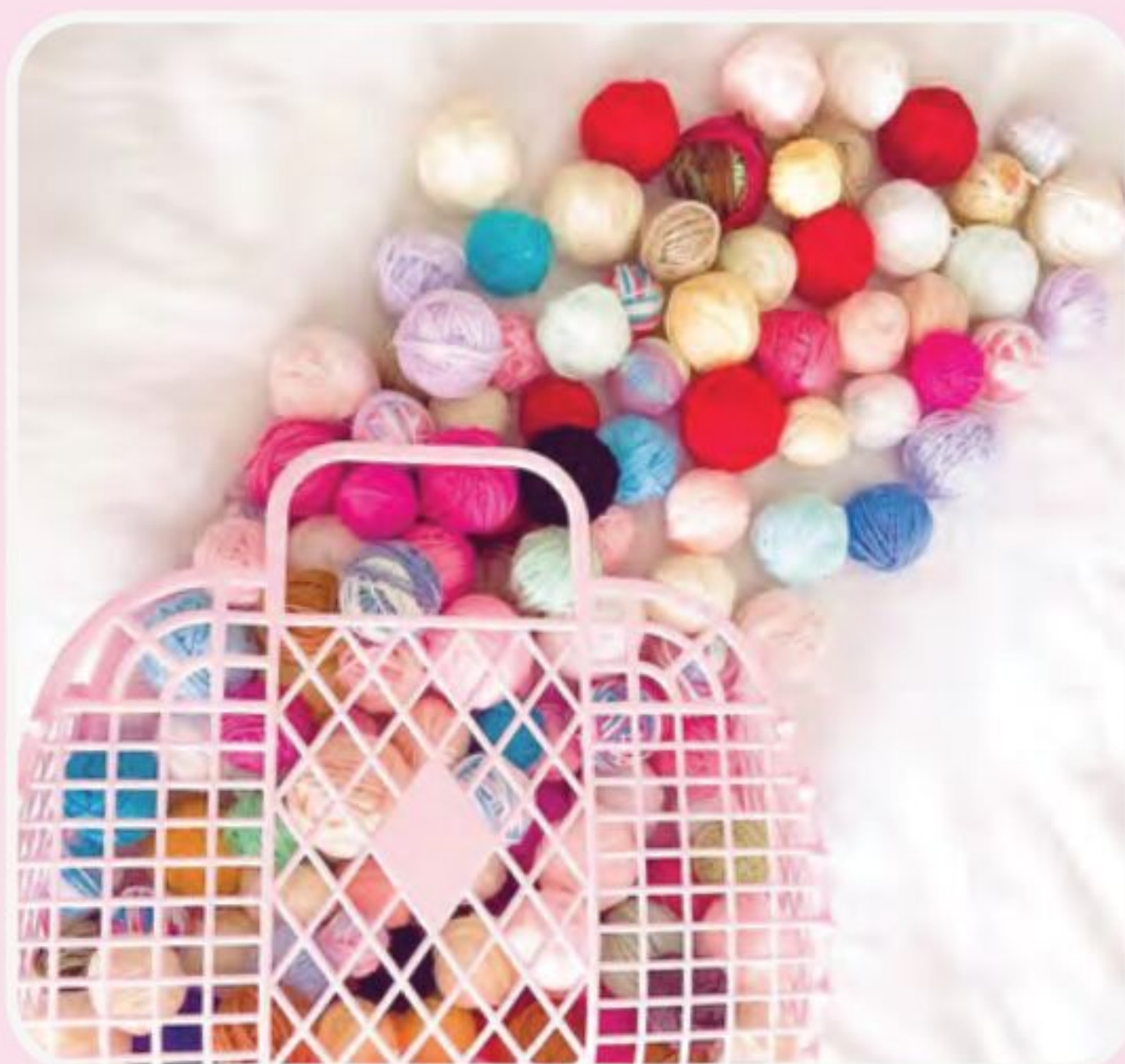
Instagram is full of inspirational crocheters and influencers, and these are the three to follow this month!

www.instagram.com



spitspotcrochet

Pretty pastels, exciting project shots and beautiful yarn are the theme of this fabulous Instagram account. Get inspired to crochet the day away with this fabulous array of fun snaps from designer Sapphire.



visionaryhooks

Stylish and chic crochet designs bring the **visionaryhooks**

Instagram account to life. The ingenious use of colour from this fabulous designer makes this an unmissable account for all crochet lovers.

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IT'S A WOODLAND WONDERLAND

Grab a hot cup of cocoa, snuggle up and get hooking with this festive season's Woodland Wonderland Advent calendar. The Woodland Wonderland is crafted over 12 December nights and includes hand-chosen, super-soft deluxe cotton yarn, a set of stitch markers with a unique crochet hook handmade exclusively by Peaches and Tea, a selection of woodland-themed patterns designed and written by Forest and Dot, a string of sparkly fairy lights and a length of handspun British wool art yarn also from Forest and Dot. Pre-orders of the Woodland Wonderland Advent calendars are being taken at

www.forestanddot.co.uk until Sunday 21st November 2021 or until stock runs out.



Say hello to Florence

Florence the Unicorn is sure to enchant any little one with a big imagination! Crochet this mythical snuggle buddy in Scheepjes Catona complete with golden horn and hooves, swishy mane of spiralling curls and rainbow lower body. Embroidered sleepy eyes with long lashes give this rare magical creature a gentle, endearing appearance. Florence is designed to fit over a wobble ball with integrated tinkling bell. Give her a little nudge and she'll stimulate little ones senses! Find her in YARN The After Party 116 www.scheepjes.com



BUNDLE UP BABY

The talented team at Bernat has created one of the softest and fleeciast baby yarns to bundle your baby up in. This yarn range has an incredibly cushioned texture and comes in a range of soft muted tones perfect for creating cute and cosy makes for your little bundle of joy. Crochet a cute cardigan in Marshmallow or perhaps a snuggly blanket in Violet Gray. Soft and gentle on little one's skin, this yarn is perfect for a whole range of projects.

www.woolwarehouse.co.uk



MARK YOUR STITCHES

Crochet trendsetter TOFT has created these beautiful handcrafted Centralisers, a handy stitch marking accessory for use when creating TOFT's **#edsanimals**. Coming in a range of charming TOFT characters including Oscar, Bridget and Harriet, these Centralisers are available either individually or in a set of six. The Centralisers are a fantastic tool for checking the centre of #edsaniamsl projects before sewing up in order to avoid the finished pieces looking out of shape or twisted so you will get a perfect finished project every time.

www.toftuk.com



New! Christmas Crochet

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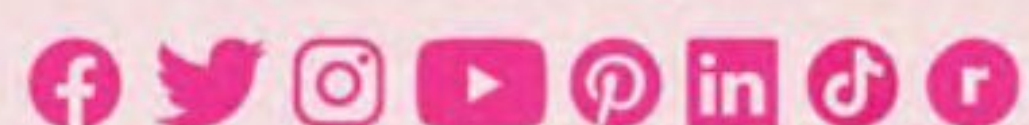
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Yarn used

Caron Simply Soft
2 balls in Robin's Egg 9780 (MC)
1 ball each in Lemonade 9776 (CC1), Soft
Pink 9719 (CC2) & Strawberry 0015 (CC3)

Available from

www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

About the yarn

Aran; 288m per 170g ball; 100% acrylic

Tension

15 sts x 7 rows = 10cm measured over tr

Hook used

4mm

Sizing

34x165cm

When working
with two or
three yarns,
drop one to
the front of
your work, one
to the middle,
and one to
the back as
you change to
avoid tangles



When you pick up a dropped yarn to start crocheting with it again, give it a gentle pull to ensure that it fits snugly (but not too tightly) through the stitches you have just made and does not bulge out.

The pattern uses tapestry crochet. Once you have picked up the second (or third) yarn, make the tr stitches over the unused yarn(s) to carry it (them) along as you go until needed. Change colour by completing the final step of the last tr with the new colour, so that it is ready on your hook for the next stitch.

In the final tr of each row, pull all yarns in use through the last two loops on your hook to carry them up to the next row.

Rows 2-13 are charted. Each square on the chart represents one st. Read RS rows from right to left and WS rows from left to right.

Beg 2 ch counts as first tr.

Start crocheting...

Row 1: With MC, 50 fdc. Turn. 50 sts

Row 2: With MC, 2 ch, 2 tr, *2 tr in CC1, 4 tr in MC; rep from * 6 times more, 2 tr in CC1, 3 tr in MC. Turn.



Catherine Noronha

GOOD VIBES SCARF

Feel your mood lift this winter whenever you wear this colourful and snuggly scarf, with an easy repeated design for relaxing crochet

Row 3: With MC, 2 ch, 1 tr, *2 tr in CC1, 2 tr in MC, 2 tr in CC2, 2 tr in MC, 2 tr in CC1, 2 tr in MC; rep from * 3 times more. Turn.

Row 4: With CC1, 2 ch, 2 tr, *2 tr in MC, 4 tr in CC2, 2 tr in MC, 4 tr in CC1; rep from * 2 times more, 2 tr in MC, 4 tr in CC2, 2 tr in MC, 3 tr in CC1. Turn.

Row 5: With CC1, 2 ch, 1 tr, *2 tr in MC, 2 tr in CC2, 2 tr in MC, 2 tr in CC2, 2 tr in MC, 2 tr in CC1; rep from * 3 times more. Fasten off CC1. Turn.

Row 6: With MC, 2 ch, 2 tr, *2 tr in CC2, 4 tr in MC; rep from * 6 times more, 2 tr in CC2; 3 tr in MC. Turn.

Row 7: With MC, 2 ch, 1 tr, *2 tr in CC2, 2 tr in MC, 2 tr in CC3, 2 tr in MC, 2 tr in CC2, 2 tr in MC; rep from * 3 times more. Turn.

Row 8: With CC2, 2 ch, 2 tr, *2 tr in MC, 4 tr in CC3, 2 tr in MC, 4 tr in CC2; rep from * 2 times more, 2 tr in MC, 4 tr in CC3, 2 tr in MC, 3 tr in CC2. Turn.

Row 9: With CC2, 2 ch, 1 tr, *2 tr in MC, 2 tr in CC3, 2 tr in MC, 2 tr in CC3, 2 tr in MC, 2 tr in CC2; rep from * 3 times more. Fasten off CC2. Turn.

Row 10: With MC, 2 ch, 2 tr, *2 tr in CC3, 4 tr in MC; rep from * 6 times more, 2 tr in CC3, 3 tr in MC. Turn.

Row 11: With MC, 2 ch, 1 tr, *2 tr in CC3, 2 tr in MC, 2 tr in CC1, 2 tr in MC, 2 tr in CC3, 2 tr in MC; rep from * 3 times more. Turn.

Row 12: With CC3, 2 ch, 2 tr, *2 tr in MC, 4 tr in CC1, 2 tr in MC, 4 tr in CC3; rep from * twice more, 2 tr in MC, 4 tr in CC1, 2 tr in MC, 3 tr in CC3. Turn.

Row 13: With CC3, 2 ch, 1 tr, *2 tr in MC, 2 tr in CC1, 2 tr in MC, 2 tr in CC1, 2 tr in MC, 2 tr in CC3; rep from * 3 times more. Fasten off CC3. Turn.

Rows 14-97: Rep rows 2-13 seven times.

Row 98: Rep Row 2. Fasten off CC1.

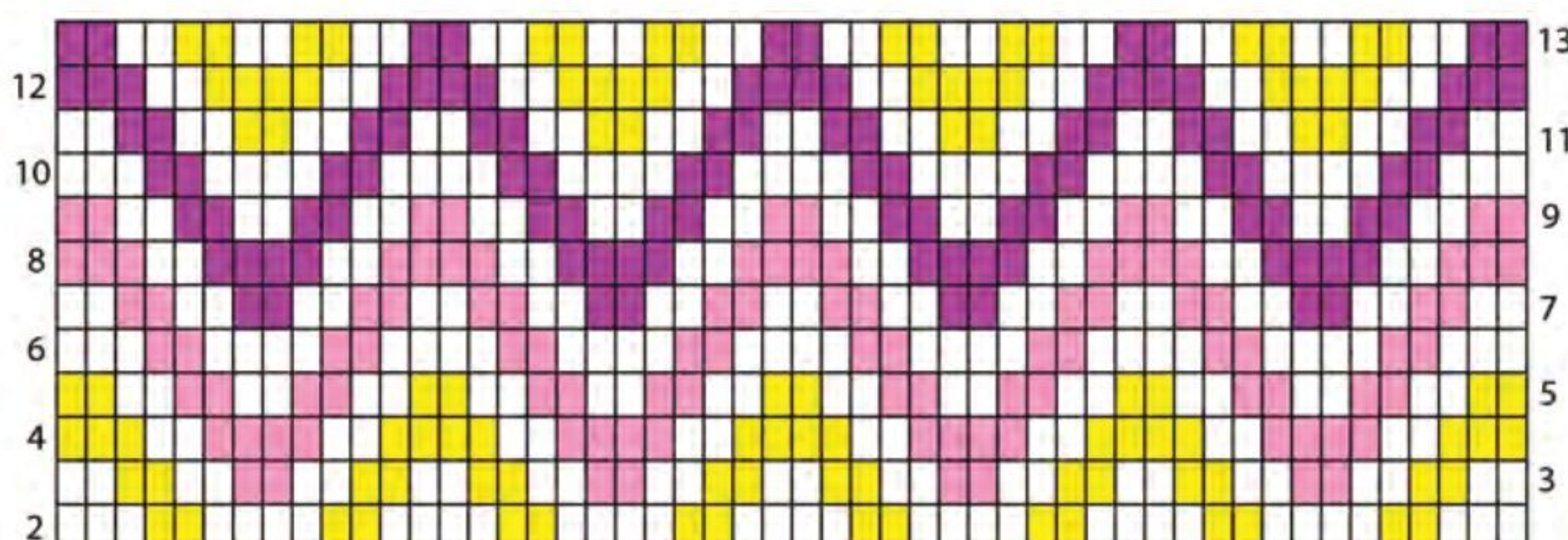
Row 99: With MC, 1 ch (does not count as a st), dc across. Do not fasten off. Rotate to work across row ends.

each tr up length of scarf, 1 dc in side of dc of Row 99. Fasten off.

Finishing

Weave in ends and block. Make 10 tassels with MC and CC3 and attach five evenly spaced across each short end of the scarf. 🧶

Chart



Key

MC

CC1

CC2

CC3





What Christine Made

STARBURST BLANKET

Make it a truly merry and bright Christmas with this absolutely striking corner-to-corner blanket

 **DK**  **5mm**

★ **Beginner friendly**

Yarn used

Stylecraft Special DK
8 balls in cream 1005 (MC),
2 balls each in Matador 1010 (CC1),
Grass Green 1821 (CC3),
2 balls in Fondant 1241 (CC5)
1 ball each in Sunshine 1114 (CC2)
& Sherbet 1034 (CC4)
Available from
www.thefoundryworks.co.uk

About the yarn

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

Tension

10 x 10 blocks = 15cm

Hook used

5mm

Other supplies

yarn bobbins

Sizing

162cm square

Follow the chart for colour changes. Begin from bottom right working diagonally with each square representing one block (3 ch, 3 tr). Crochet over any yarn you carry for more than one block and weave crochet ends under same colour of yarn to ensure wrong side is kept tidy.

When you change from one colour to the next, do not complete the last treble with the current colour; join the new colour in the last yrh and continue the work with the new colour.

Start at bottom right corner and continue working diagonally, following chart for colour changes.

Start crocheting...

With MC, chain 6.

Row 1: Starting in 4th ch from hook, 3 tr. Turn. *1 block*

Row 2: 6 ch, starting in 4th ch from hook, 3 tr, [1 sl st, 3 ch, 3 tr] into 3ch-sp of block from Row 1. Turn. *2 blocks*

Row 3: 6 ch, starting in 4th ch from hook,

3 tr, *[1 sl st, 3 ch, 3 tr] into 3ch-sp of next block; rep from * once more. Turn. *3 blocks*

Row 4: 6 ch, starting in 4th ch from hook, 3 tr, *[1 sl st, 3 ch, 3 tr] into 3ch-sp of next block; rep from * across. Turn. *1 block inc'd*

Rows 5-101: As Row 4, following chart for colour changes. *101 blocks*

Row 102: 3 sl st, *[1 sl st, 3 ch, 3 tr] into next 3ch-sp; rep from * to last 3ch-sp, sl st into last 3ch-sp (do not make last block). Turn. *1 block dec'd*

Rows 103-201: As Row 102. *1 block*
Fasten off. Weave in ends. 

Chart



Key

 MC  CC1  CC2  CC3  CC4  CC5

MERRY THE REINDEER

Just as her name suggests, Merry is a joyful little reindeer that loves to wrap up warm for Christmas in bright colours!



Sewing pins can be very handy: use them to place pieces in the correct position before you start sewing



DK 3mm

★★ Intermediate

Yarn used

Sirdar Happy Cotton
2 balls in Flamingo 760 (MC)
1 ball each in Dolly 761 (CC1), Jammy 755 (CC2), Melon 794 (CC3) & Bubbly 785 (CC4)
Available from
www.thefoundryworks.co.uk

About the yarn

DK; 43m per 20g ball; 100% cotton

Tension

30 sts x 25 rows = 10cm measured over dc

Hook used

3mm

Other supplies

2 black safety eyes, 10mm
toy stuffing
tapestry needle
stitch markers
sewing pins
small pompom maker

Sizing

16cm tall

When making amigurumi dolls, always aim for tight stitches: a good way to do so without exhausting your hands is to make an 'x' double crochet by doing yarn under, then yarn over when working the stitch.

Pieces made in the round (unless specified as joined) are made in the amigurumi style, in a spiral without slip stitching or turning chains. Use a stitch marker or waste yarn to keep track of the first stitch of each round.

Use photograph as a guide when sewing pieces tog.

Start crocheting...

Head

Made top down.

Rnd 1: With MC 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

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 8-10: Dc around.

Rnd 11: [6 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 48 sts

Rnds 12-16: Dc around.

Rnd 17: [6 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 42 sts

Rnd 18: [5 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 36 sts

Rnd 19: [4 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 30 sts

Insert safety eyes between rnds 12-13, leaving 11 sts between them.

Beg stuffing, cont as you go.

Rnd 20: [3 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnd 21: [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 22: [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 12 sts

Rnd 23: 6 dc2tog. 6 sts

Fasten off, sew hole closed with tail.

Muzzle

Rnd 1: With CC1 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] 6 times, 6 dc. 18 sts

Rnds 4-5: Dc around.

Sl st in next st to end spiral.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew Muzzle to Head between rnds 11-18 centred between the eyes. Stuff as you sew.

Nose

Rnd 1: With CC2 and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

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

Rnd 3: 9 dc, sl st in first st to end spiral.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew Nose to Muzzle between rnds 1-4.

Stuff as you sew.

Cheeks (make 2)

Rnd 1: With CC2 and working into a magic ring, 5 dc. 5 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around, sl st in first st to end spiral. 10 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew each Cheek near eyes between rnds 13-18.

Ears (make 2)

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

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

Rnds 3-6: Dc around.

Do not stuff. Flatten the opening and work the next row through both layers to close.

Row 7: 4 dc. 4 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Flatten each Ear in the opposite direction of the last rnd, then sew to Head between rnds 7-8, three sts above eyes.

Antlers (make 2)

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

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

Rnds 3-5: Dc around.

Fasten off.

Rep rnds 1-5, but do not fasten off.

Join the two pieces tog in next rnd.

Rnd 6: 8 dc around first piece, 8 dc around 2nd piece. 16 sts

Rnd 7: 3 dc, 1 dc2tog, 6 dc, 1 dc2tog, 3 dc. 14 sts

Rnd 8: 2 dc, 1 dc2tog, 5 dc, 1 dc2tog, 3 dc. 12 sts

Rnd 9: [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] 3 times, 1 dc in first st of rnd. 10 sts

Stuff lightly. Flatten the opening and work the next row through both layers to close (one st will be unused).

Row 10: 4 dc. 4 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew each Antler above an Ear between rnds 6-7.





Legs (make 2)

Rnd 1: With CC2 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.

Change to MC in last st of Rnd 5, fasten off CC2.

Rnds 6-9: Dc around.

Fasten off MC for first Leg only, cont to Body with 2nd Leg. Stuff Legs firmly.

Body

Rnd 10: Cont with MC, ch 2, working in first Leg, 6 dc, 2 dc in next st, 5 dc, [2 dc in next ch] twice, working in 2nd Leg, 5 dc, 2 dc in next st, 6 dc, [2 dc in unused loops of next ch] twice. 34 sts

Rnd 11: 6 dc, 2 dc in next st, 16 dc, 2 dc in next, 10 dc. 36 sts

Rnds 12-16: Dc around.

Rnd 17: [10 dc, 1 dc2tog] 3 times. 33 sts

Rnd 18: Dc around.

Rnd 19: [9 dc, 1 dc2tog] 3 times. 30 sts

Rnd 20: Dc around.

Rnd 21: [8 dc, 1 dc2tog] 3 times. 27 sts

Rnd 22: Dc around.

Rnd 23: [7 dc, 1 dc2tog] 3 times. 24 sts

Rnd 24: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff Body firmly. Sew Body to the bottom of Head. With CC1 and using photo as a guide, embroider a snowflake centred on front of Body.

Arms (make 2)

Rnd 1: With CC2 and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

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

Rnds 3-4: Dc around.

Change to MC in last st of Rnd 4, fasten off CC2.

Rnds 5-12: Dc around.

Stuff lightly. Flatten the opening and work the next row through both layers to close (one st will be left unworked).

Row 13: 4 dc. 4 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew Arms on each side of Body between rnds 23-24.

Tail

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

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

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

Do not stuff. Flatten the opening and work the next row through both layers to close.

Row 4: 3 dc. 3 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew Tail facing upwards on the back of Body between rnds 12-13.

Scarf

With CC3, chain 3.

Row 1: 2 htr in 3rd ch from hook. Turn. 2 sts

Row 2: 2 ch (does not count as a st here and throughout), [2 htr in next st] twice. Turn. 4 sts

Rows 3-40: 2 ch, htr across. Turn.

Row 41: 2 ch, 2 htr2tog. Turn. 2 sts

Row 42: 2 ch, 1 htr2tog. 1 st

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

With CC4, make 2 small pompoms and attach them to the tips of Scarf. Wrap Scarf around neck.

Hat

Rnd 1: With CC4 and working into a magic ring, 2 ch (counts as first htr here and throughout, 9 htr, join with sl st in top of beg 2 ch (here and throughout). 10 sts

Rnd 2: [2 ch, 1 htr] in first st, [2 htr in next st] 9 times, join. 20 sts

Rnd 3: 2 ch, htr around, join.

Rnd 4: 2 ch, 2 htr in next st, [1 htr, 2 htr in next st] 9 times, join. 30 sts

Rnd 5: As Rnd 3.

Rnd 6: 2 ch, 1 htr, [2 htr, 2 htr in next st] twice, 6 ch, miss 4 sts, [2 htr, 2 htr in next st] twice, 6 ch, miss 4 sts, [2 htr in next st, 2 htr] twice, 2 htr, join. 28 sts

Rnd 7: 2 ch, 9 htr, *[1 htr in next ch] 6 times, 8 htr; rep from * once more, 2 htr, join. 40 sts

Rnd 8: As Rnd 3.

Rnd 9: *1 RtrF, 1 RtrB; rep from * around, join. Fasten off. Weave in ends. With CC3, make 1 small pompom and attach it to the top of Hat. Place Hat on Head with Antlers and Ears going through the gaps. 🧶



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To lengthen
your jumper, repeat
rnds 2-5 to desired
length before
splitting for Front
and Back



Katie Jones

POMPOM CONFETTI JUMPER

Give your winter wardrobe an injection of joyful colour with this fun and wearable jumper, perfect for all occasions

 Aran  4 & 5mm

★★ Try something new

Yarn used

Paintbox Wool Mix Aran
6 (7, 8, 9) balls in Vanilla Cream (807) MC

Paintbox Simply Aran
1 (1, 1, 1) ball each in Tea Rose 242 (CC1),
Spearmint Green 225 (CC2), Blood Orange 219
(CC3), Rose Red 213 (CC4), Kingfisher Blue 234
(CC5), Bubblegum Pink 250 (CC6) & Buttercup
Yellow 222 (CC7)

Available from www.lovecrafts.com

About the yarn

Paintbox Wool Mix Aran:
Aran; 180m per 100g ball; 50% wool,
50% acrylic

Paintbox Simply Aran:
Aran; 184m per 100g ball; 100% acrylic

Tension

6 sts x 5 rows = 5cm measured over st
patt (beg measuring with a dc row)
with larger hook

Hooks used

4mm
5mm

Other supplies

stitch marker

Sizing

XS-S (M-L, XL-2XL, 3XL-4XL)
To fit bust: 71-86 (91-106, 111-127,
132-147) cm
Chest Width (flat): 50 (60, 70, 80) cm

Chest Circumference: 100 (120, 140, 160) cm
Body Length: 45.5 (47.5, 53.5, 55.5) cm
Sleeve Length: 50 (50, 44, 44) cm
Designed to be worn with 13-29cm ease

Bobble colour is carried across in tapestry
crochet technique (crochet over unused
colour), don't pull this yarn too tight
between bobbles or it will affect your
tension. Unless using CC, cover and carry
CC yarn across by trapping it under MC
dc sts. Make sure you do not pull the CC
yarn tight while carrying it across as this
will affect your tension. For this pattern cut
each CC colour after every row.

Try to crochet in as many of your CC ends
as possible when working on your sleeves to
avoid having to sew them at the end. Crochet
them in like you would in tapestry crochet.

Beg 3 ch counts as first tr.
Join each tr rnd with sl st in top of beg 3 ch.
Beg 1 ch does not count as a st unless
otherwise specified.
Join each dc rnd with a sl st to beg dc
unless otherwise specified.

Start crocheting...

Lower Body

Rnd 1: With MC and larger hook, 120 (144,
168, 192) fdc, being careful not to twist,
join with sl st to top of beg fdc. Turn. 120
(144, 168, 192) sts

Rnd 2 (WS): 3 ch, tr around, join. Turn.
Use one CC throughout each bbl rnd or
row, use CC1 for Rnd 3, then for each
subsequent bbl rnd, use the next CC (ie,
CC2, CC3, etc).

Rnd 3 (RS): With MC, 1 ch, 4 dc, *1 bbl in
CC, 11 dc in MC; rep from * to last 8 sts,
1 bbl in CC, 7 dc in MC, join. Turn. 10 (13,
15, 17) bbl

Rnd 4: 3 ch, tr around, join. Turn.

Rnd 5: With MC, 1 ch, 10 dc, *1 bbl in CC,
11 dc in MC; rep from * to last 2 sts, 1 bbl
in CC, 1 dc in MC, join. Turn.
Rep rnds 2-5 four (four, five, five) times more.
Rep rnds 2-3 once more.

Back

Row 1 (WS): Sl st in first 3 sts, 3 ch,
starting in st after last sl st 57 (69, 81,
93) tr, miss next 2 sts, pm in next st,
leave rem sts unworked. Turn. 58 (70,
82, 94) sts

Row 2 (RS): With MC, 1 ch, 10 dc, *1 bbl in
CC, 11 dc in MC; rep from * to end. Turn.
4 (5, 6, 7) bbl

Row 3: 3 ch, tr across. Turn.

Row 4: With MC, 1 ch, 4 dc, *1 bbl in CC,
11 dc in MC; rep from * to last 6 sts, 1 bbl
in CC, 5 dc in MC. Turn. 5 (6, 7, 8) bbl

Row 5: 3 ch, tr across. Turn.
Rep rows 2-5 three (four, four, five) times more.
Rep rows 2-3 once more.

SIZES XS/S & XL/2XL ONLY:

Rep rows 4-5 once more.

ALL SIZES:

Shoulder shaping

Next Row (RS): With MC, 1 ch, 2 (6, 9, 12)
dc, 4 (6, 9, 12) htr, 5 tr, 1 tr2tog. Fasten
off. 12 (18, 24, 30) sts

Special stitches

Bobble (bbl): [With CC, yrh twice,
insert hook into indicated st, yrh, pul,
yrh, draw through 2 loops, yrh, draw
through 2 loops] 4 times into same st,
yrh with MC, draw through all 5 loops
on hook

Standing dc: With slipknot on hook,
insert hook in indicated st, complete dc
as usual

Garment

Turn to have WS facing, join MC with a sl st in first st of row 5 (3, 5, 3) and rep last row for 2nd shoulder.

Front

Row 1 (WS): With larger hook, join MC with sl st in marked st, rm, 3 ch, 57 (69, 81, 93) tr, leave rem 2 sts unworked. Turn. 58 (70, 82, 94) sts

Row 2 (RS): With MC, 1 ch, 10 dc, *1 bbl in CC, 11 dc in MC; rep from * to end. Turn. 4 (5, 6, 7) bbl

Row 3: 3 ch, tr across. Turn.

Row 4: With MC, 1 ch, 4 dc, *1 bbl in CC, 11 dc in MC; rep from * to last 6 sts, 1 bbl in CC, 5 dc in MC. Turn. 5 (6, 7, 8) bbl

Row 5: 3 ch, tr across. Turn.

Rep rows 2-5 two (three, three, four) times more.

Rep rows 2-3 once more.

SIZES XS/S & XL/2XL ONLY:
Rep rows 4-5 once more.



Neckline shaping

SIZE XS/S ONLY:

First Shoulder

Row 1 (RS): With MC, 1 ch, 10 dc, 1 bbl in CC, 8 dc in MC. Turn. 19 sts

Row 2 (WS): 3 ch, tr across. Turn.

Row 3: With MC, 1 ch, 4 dc, 1 bbl in CC, 11 dc in MC, 1 bbl in CC, 2 dc in MC. Turn.

Row 4: As Row 2.

Row 5: With MC, 1 ch, 5 dc, 6 htr, 6 tr, 1 tr2tog. Fasten off. 18 sts

Second Shoulder

Row 1 (RS): Join MC with sl st in 19th st from end of row, 1 ch, 7 dc, 1 bbl in CC, 11 dc in MC. Turn. 19 sts

Row 2 (WS): 3 ch, tr across. Turn.

Row 3: With MC, 1 ch, 1 dc, 1 bbl in CC, 11 dc in MC, 1 bbl in CC, 5 dc in MC. Turn.

Row 4: As Row 2.

Row 5: With MC, 2 ch, miss first st, 7 tr, 6 htr, 5 dc. Fasten off. 18 sts

SIZE M/L ONLY:

First Shoulder

Row 1 (RS): With MC, 1 ch, 4 dc, 1 bbl in CC, 11 dc in MC, 1 bbl in CC, 3 dc in MC. Turn. 20 sts

Row 2 (WS): 3 ch, tr across. Turn.

Row 3: With MC, 1 ch, 10 dc, 1 bbl in CC, 9 dc in MC. Turn.

Row 4: As Row 2.

Row 5: With MC, 1 ch, 6 dc, 6 htr, 6 tr, 1 tr2tog. Fasten off. 19 sts

Second Shoulder

Row 1 (RS): Join MC with sl st in 20th st from end of row, 1 ch, 2 dc, 1 bbl in CC, 11 dc in MC, 1 bbl in CC, 5 dc in MC. Turn. 20 sts

Row 2 (WS): 3 ch, tr across. Turn.

Row 3: With MC, 1 ch, 8 dc, 1 bbl in CC, 11 dc in MC. Turn.

Row 4: As Row 2.

Row 5: With MC, 2 ch, miss first st, 7 tr, 6 htr, 6 dc. Fasten off. 19 sts

SIZE XL/2XL ONLY:

First Shoulder

Row 1 (RS): With MC, 1 ch, 10 dc, 1 bbl in CC, 11 dc in MC, 1 bbl in CC, 3 dc in MC. Turn. 26 sts

Row 2 (WS): 3 ch, tr across. Turn.

Row 3: 1 ch, 4 dc, 1 bbl in CC, 11 dc in MC, 1 bbl in CC, 9 dc in MC. Turn.

Row 4: As Row 2.

Row 5: With MC, 1 ch, 9 dc, 9 htr, 6 tr, 1 tr2tog. Fasten off. 25 sts

Second Shoulder

Row 1 (RS): Join MC with sl st in 26th st from end of row, 1 ch, 2 dc, [1 bbl in CC, 11 dc in MC] twice. Turn. 26 sts

Row 2 (WS): 3 ch, tr across. Turn.

Row 3: With MC, 1 ch, 8 dc, 1 bbl in CC, 11 dc in MC, 1 bbl in CC, 5 dc in MC. Turn.

Row 4: As Row 2.

Row 5: With MC, 2 ch, miss first st, 7 tr, 9 htr, 9 dc. Fasten off. 25 sts

SIZE 3XL/4XL ONLY:

First Shoulder

Row 1 (RS): With MC, 1 ch, 4 dc, [1 bbl in CC, 11 dc in MC] twice, 1 bbl in CC, 3 dc in MC. Turn. 32 sts

Row 2 (WS): 3 ch, tr across. Turn.

Row 3: With MC, 1 ch, 10 dc, 1 bbl in CC, 11 dc in MC, 1 bbl in CC, 9 dc in MC. Turn.

Row 4: As Row 2.

Row 5: With MC, 1 ch, 12 dc, 12 htr, 6 tr, 1 tr2tog. Fasten off. 31 sts

Second Shoulder

Row 1 (RS): Join MC with sl st in 32nd st from end of row, 1 ch, 2 dc, [1 bbl in CC, 11 dc in MC], 1 bbl in CC, 5 dc in MC. Turn. 32 sts

Row 2 (WS): 3 ch, tr across. Turn.

Row 3: With MC, 1 ch, 8 dc, [1 bbl in CC, 11 dc in MC] twice. Turn.

Row 4: As Row 2.

Row 5: With MC, 2 ch, miss first st, 7 tr, 12 htr, 12 dc. Fasten off. 31 sts

ALL SIZES:

With WS tog and larger hook, join MC with sl st in first shoulder st, working through Front and Back at the same time, dc across shoulder to join them. Fasten off. Rep for 2nd shoulder.

Neck Rib

With RS facing and smaller hook, join MC with standing dc in st after either shoulder seam, 6 ch.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 5 dc, [1 dc in next st on neckline] twice. Turn.

Row 2: Miss 2 dc, 5 dc in BLO. Turn.

Row 3: 1 ch, 5 dc in BLO, [1 dc in next st on neckline]. Turn.

Rep rows 2-3 until all sts on neckline have been used.

With WS facing, join first and last row tog by working 5 dc through both layers at the same time. Fasten off.

Sleeves

Rnd 1 (RS): With larger hook, join MC with sl st in first free st at underarm, 1 ch (counts as first dc here and throughout sleeve), 1 dc, *2 dc in next tr row-end, 1 dc in next dc row-end; rep from * around, join with sl st to beg 1 ch. 65 (71, 77, 83) sts

Rnd 2 (RS): 3 ch, tr around, changing to CC1, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch, leave MC live.

Rnd 3: With CC, 1 ch, dc around, join with sl st in beg ch. Fasten off.

Rnd 4: Insert hook in st at centre (base) of underarm, yrh with MC, pul, 3 ch, 1 tr, 1 tr2tog, tr around to last 3 sts, 1 tr2tog, 1 tr, changing to next CC, join, leave MC live. 63 (69, 75, 81) sts

Rep rnds 3-4 three (five, eleven, sixteen) times more. 57 (59, 53, 49) sts

Rep Rnd 3 once more.

SIZES XS/S, M/L & XL/2XL ONLY:

Next Rnd: Insert hook in st at centre (base) of underarm, yrh with MC, pul, 3 ch, 1 tr2tog, tr around, changing to next CC, join, leave MC live.

Next Rnd: Rep Rnd 3. 56 (58, 52, -) sts

Rep last 2 rnds 8 (10, 4, -) times more.

48 (48, 48, -) sts

SIZES XS/S & M/L ONLY:

Next Rnd: Insert hook in st at centre (base) of underarm, yrh with MC, pul, 3 ch, tr around, changing to next CC, join, leave MC live.

Next Rnd: Rep Rnd 3.

Rep last 2 rnds 5 (1, -, -) time(s) more.

Next Rnd: Insert hook in st at centre (base) of underarm, yrh with MC, pul, 3 ch, *1 tr2tog, 3 tr; rep from * to end, changing to next CC, join, leave MC live. 47 (47, -, -) sts

Next Rnd: Rep Rnd 3.

ALL SIZES:

Cuff Rib

Row 1: Insert smaller hook in st at centre (base) of underarm, yrh with MC, pul, 6 ch. Turn.

Row 2: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 5 dc, [1 dc in next st on sleeve] twice. Turn.

Row 3: Miss 2 dc, 5 dc in BLO. Turn.

Row 4: 1 ch (does not count as a st), 5 dc in BLO, [1 dc in next st on sleeve] twice. Turn.

Rep rows 3-4 until all sts on Sleeve have been used.

With WS facing, join first and last row tog by working 5 dc through both layers at the same time. Fasten off.

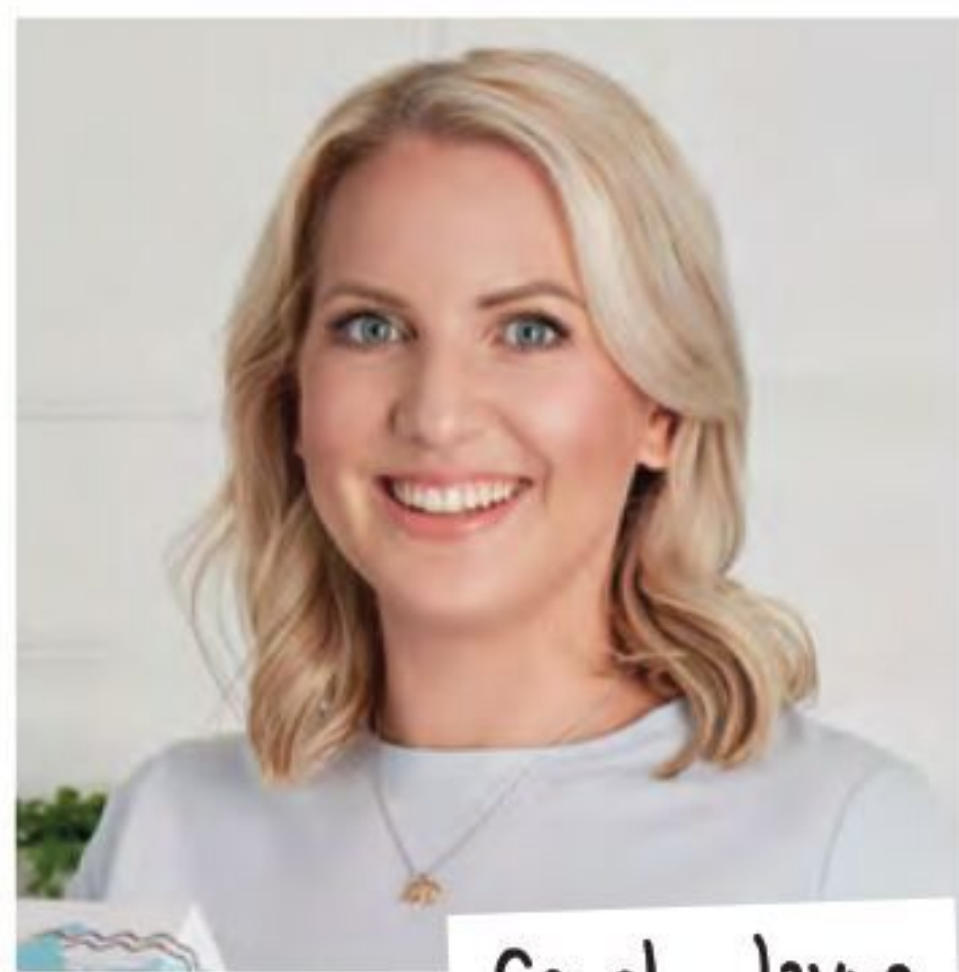
Bottom Edging

Rnd 1: With larger hook, join MC with standing dc in underside of fdc which is even with centre of either underarm, dc around, join with sl st to beg dc. Fasten off. 120 (144, 168, 192) sts

Finishing

Weave in all ends. 





Sarah-Jayne

Bella Coco CROCHET CHRONICLES

Sarah-Jayne is well and truly in the Christmas spirit already, and is sharing a quick and easy décor pattern so you can get excited too

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Hello, Christmas! I don't know about you, but right now my head is filled with sparkly yarn, Christmas tunes and cosy crochet evenings snuggled up with a warming hot drink. For us crafters, it's never too early to start that Christmas crafting and I'm well into the swing of it right now. Over the years, I've been adding to my collection of handmade Christmas décor, and to that end a few years ago I designed the Alpine Tree Skirt. I'm so happy to be sharing it with you today – it's super cosy and so fun to make and is a really simple but luxe way to add a touch of festive magic to your Christmas decorations.

What are your favourite Christmas colours?

At Bella Coco HQ, we simply love putting a seasonal colour palette together; having a vision for what colours work well together really helps when planning projects. And it can do the same when it comes to deciding what your Christmas décor will look like this year. An icy pastel blanket in your favourite yarn shades can also influence the wrapping paper you use under the tree, and the baubles you choose to hang this year. Why not give one a go yourself? You can make one really easily using apps like Canva or PicMonkey, and be sure to start with Pinterest for some great inspiration images.



 Super chunky  10mm

★ Quick & easy

Yarn used

Sirdar Alpine
8 balls in Polar 400

Visit www.sirdar.com to find your
local stockist

About the yarn

Super chunky; 33m per 50g ball;
100% polyester

Hook used

10mm

Tension

Rows 1-3 of pattern = 10cm

Sizing

Approximately 92cm across

Start crocheting

The tree skirt is worked in turned rows.

Chain 32.

Row 1: 1 tr in 3rd ch from hook (missed 2 ch counts at st here and throughout), *2 tr, 2 tr in next st; rep from * 9 times, 2 tr. Turn. 40 sts

Row 2: 2 ch, 2 tr, 2 tr in next st, *3 tr, 2 tr in next st; rep from * 9 times. Turn. 48 sts

Row 3: 2 ch, 3 tr, 2 tr in next st, *4 tr, 2 tr in next st; rep from * 9 times. Turn. 60 sts

Row 4: 2 ch, 4 tr, 2 tr in next st, *5 tr, 2 tr in next st; rep from * 9 times. Turn. 70 sts

Row 5: 2 ch, 5 tr, 2 tr in next st, *6 tr, 2 tr in next st; rep from * 9 times. Turn. 80 sts

Row 6: 2 ch, 6 tr, 2 tr in next st, *7 tr, 2 tr in next st; rep from * 9 times. Turn. 90 sts

Row 7: 2 ch, 7 tr, 2 tr in next st, *8 tr, 2 tr in next st; rep from * 9 times. Turn. 100 sts

Row 8: 2 ch, 8 tr, 2 tr in next st, *9 tr, 2 tr in next st; rep from * 9 times. Turn. 110 sts

Row 9: 2 ch, 9 tr, 2 tr in next st, *10 tr,

2 tr in next st; rep from * 9 times. Turn. 120 sts

Row 10: 2 ch, 10 tr, 2 tr in next st, *11 tr, 2 tr in next st; rep from * 9 times. Turn. 130 sts

Row 11: 2 ch, 11 tr, 2 tr in next st, *12 tr, 2 tr in next st; rep from * 9 times. Turn. 140 sts

Row 12: 2 ch, 12 tr, 2 tr in next st, *13 tr, 2 tr in next st; rep from * 9 times. Turn. 150 sts

Row 13: 2 ch, 13 tr, 2 tr in next st, *14 tr, 2 tr in next st; rep from * 9 times. Turn. 160 sts

Row 14: 2 ch, 14 tr, 2 tr in next st, *15 tr, 2 tr in next st; rep from * 9 times. Turn. 170 sts

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Finishing

These attachments can be used to secure the tree skirt in place at the base of your tree.

Cut 120cm of yarn from the ball and fold in half in order to work with 2 strands. Pull folded end of yarn through the first stitch of Row 1 and 10 ch using both strands of yarn and weave in ends.

Rep on the other side. Rep this evenly across the tree skirt opening 3-6 more times (depending on personal preference) with the final attachments in your last row. 



Alpine Tree SKIRT

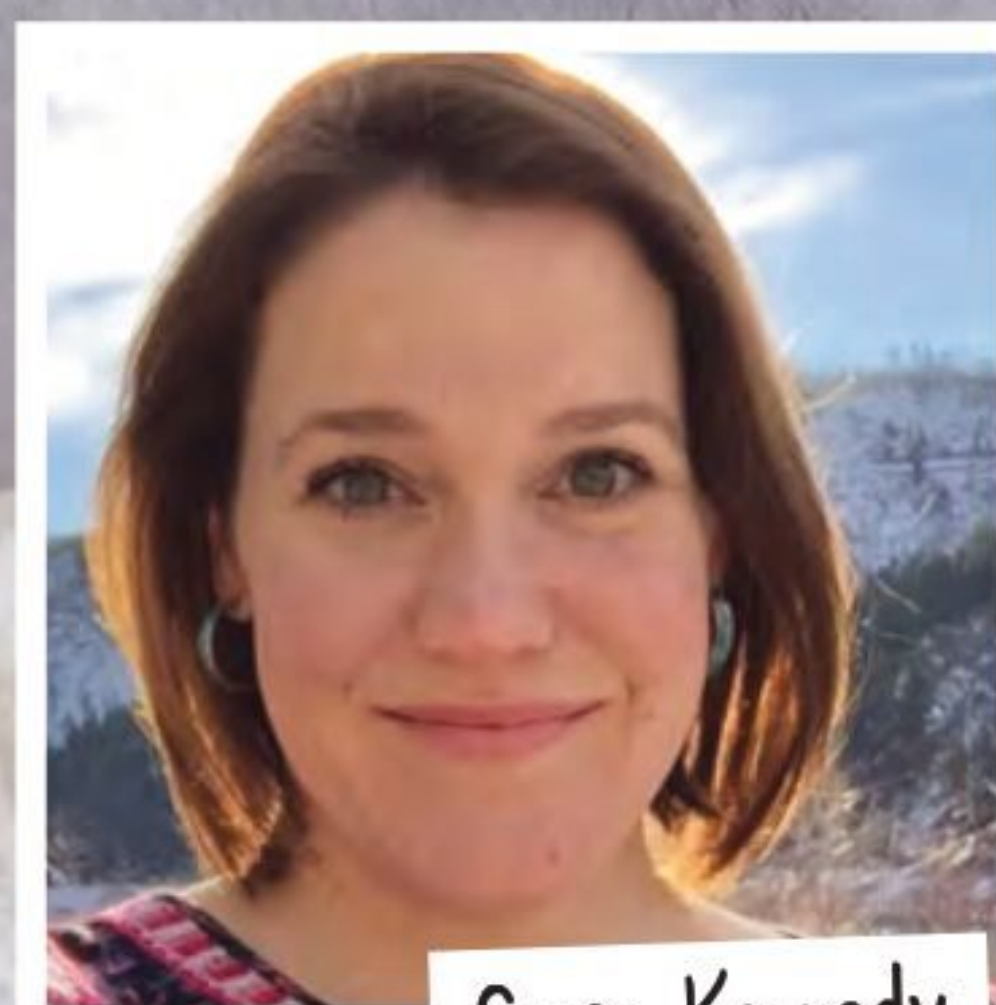
There's nothing like
a hint of fluffy white
snow under your
tree to really make
Christmas feel
magical!

This design uses quite a tight tension; if you find this tricky to crochet, try going up a hook size, remembering your cushion will finish larger as a result



Special stitches

Mattress stitch: *Insert threaded needle from the bottom of the work up through the FLO of st on one square, then insert the needle from the bottom of the work up through the FLO of st on other square; rep from * to end



Susan Kennedy

STARS & BAUBLES CUSHIONS

It's amazing how the placement of colour in the same chart can alter how a finished design looks, resulting in a pair of striking cushions

 Aran  3.25mm

★★★ Adventurous

Yarn used

Caron Simply Soft
3 skeins in gold 9782 (MC)
1 skein each in Cool Green 9770 (CC1),
Soft Pink 9719 (CC2), fuchsia 9764 (CC3),
Off White 9702 (CC4) & Robin's Egg 9780 (CC5)
Available from
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

About the yarn

Aran; 288m per 170g ball; 100% acrylic

Tension

22 sts x 22 rows = 10cm measured over dc

Hook used

3.25mm

Other supplies

two 40cm-square cushion pads
tapestry needle

Sizing

40cm square

Work is turned after each row. Turning chain does not count as a stitch.

Each square of the colourwork charts represents one double crochet. After changing colour, pull the yarn tails to the wrong side of the work and knot them. The knots will be hidden inside the pillow – no ends to weave in!

 Start crocheting...

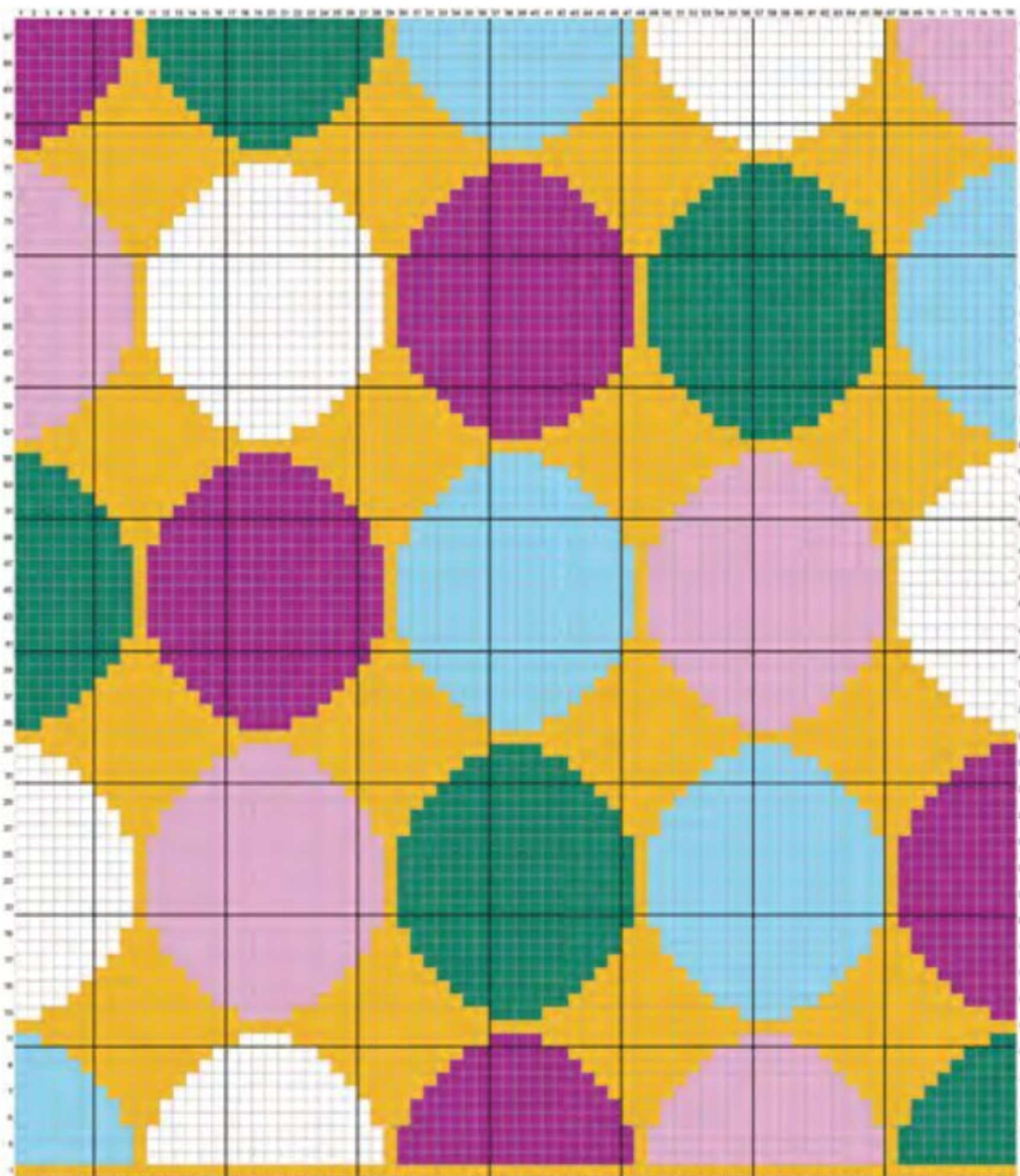
Stars Square (make 2)

Row 1: 76 fdc.

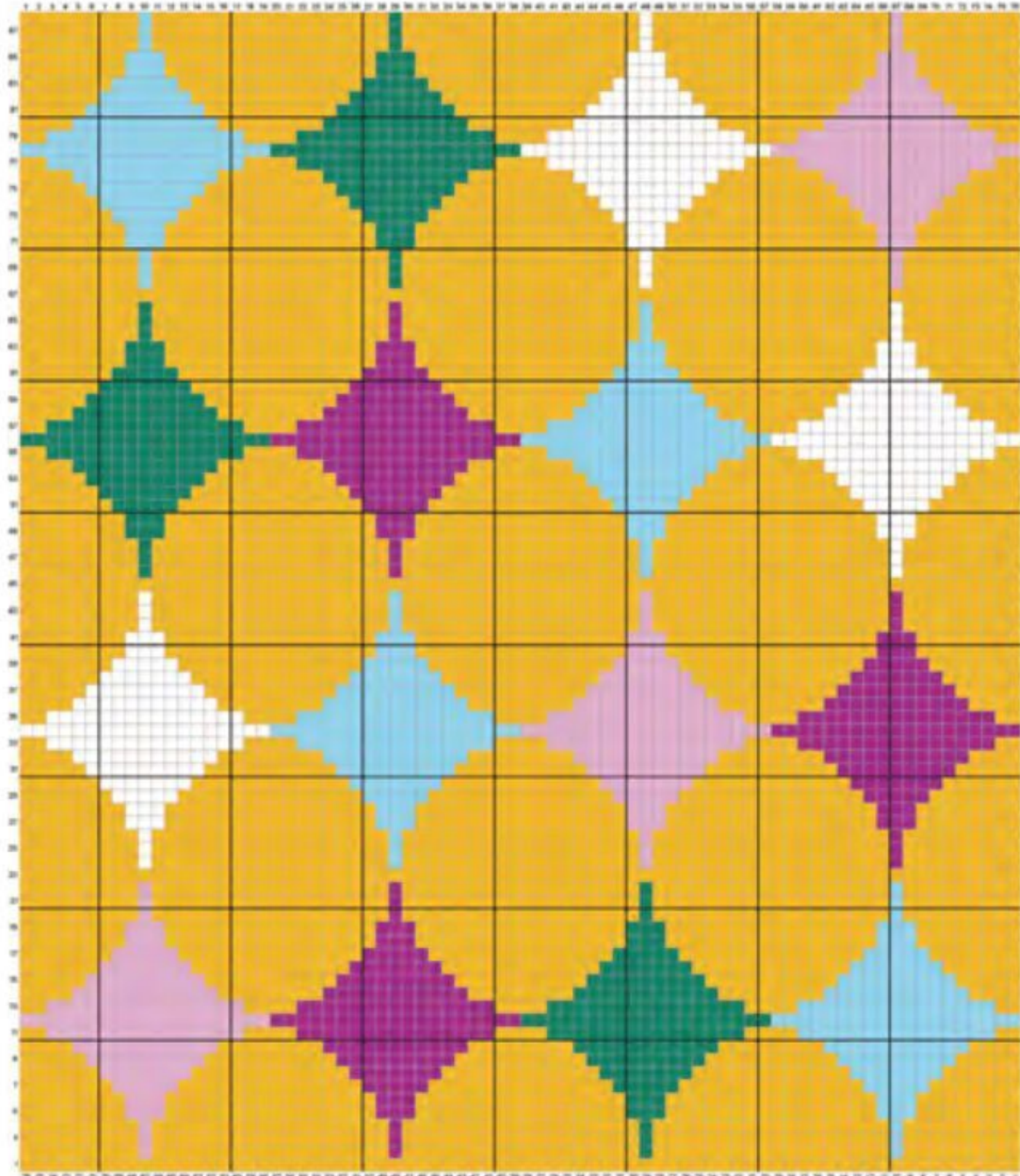
Rows 2-88: 1 ch, 76 dc following colour changes in Stars chart or written instructions.

Row 2: With CC5 as A, CC1 as B, CC3 as C, and CC2 as D, 1 ch, 9 dc in MC, 1 dc in A, 18 dc in MC, 1 dc in B, 18 dc in MC, 1 dc

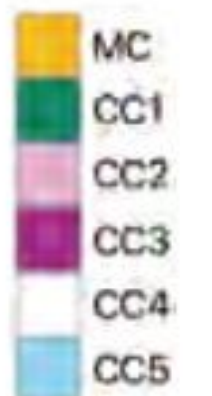
Baubles



Stars



Key



Cushions



in C, 18 dc in MC, 1 dc in D, 9 dc in MC. Turn.

Row 3: 1 ch, 9 dc in MC, 1 dc in D, 18 dc in MC, 1 dc in C, 18 dc in MC, 1 dc in B, 18 dc in MC, 1 dc in A, 8 dc in MC. Turn.

Row 4: Rep Row 2.

Row 5: 1 ch, 8 dc in MC, 3 dc in D, 16 dc in MC, 3 dc in C, 16 dc in MC, 3 dc in B, 16 dc in MC, 3 dc in A, 8 dc in MC. Turn.

Row 6: 1 ch, 8 dc in MC, 3 dc in A, 16 dc in MC, 3 dc in B, 16 dc in MC, 3 dc in C, 16 dc in MC, 3 dc in D, 8 dc in MC. Turn.

Row 7: 1 ch, 7 dc in MC, 5 dc in D, 14 dc in MC, 5 dc in C, 14 dc in MC, 5 dc in B, 14 dc in MC, 5 dc in A, 7 dc in MC. Turn.

Row 8: 1 ch, 6 dc in MC, 7 dc in A, 12 dc in MC, 7 dc in B, 12 dc in MC, 7 dc in C, 12 dc in MC, 7 dc in D, 6 dc in MC. Turn.

Row 9: 1 ch, 5 dc in MC, 9 dc in D, 10 dc in MC, 9 dc in C, 10 dc in MC, 9 dc in B, 10 dc in MC, 9 dc in A, 5 dc in MC. Turn.

Row 10: 1 ch, 4 dc in MC, 11 dc in A, 8 dc in MC, 11 dc in B, 8 dc in MC, 11 dc in C, 8 dc in MC, 11 dc in D, 4 dc in MC. Turn.

Row 11: 1 ch, 2 dc in MC, 15 dc in D, 4 dc in MC, 15 dc in C, 4 dc in MC, 15 dc in B, 4 dc in MC, 15 dc in A, 2 dc in MC. Turn.

Row 12: 1 ch, 19 dc in A, 19 dc in B, 19 dc in C, 19 dc in D. Turn.

Row 13: Rep Row 11.

Row 14: Rep Row 10.

Row 15: Rep Row 9.

Row 16: Rep Row 8.

Row 17: Rep Row 7.

Row 18: Rep Row 6.

Row 19: Rep Row 5.

Row 20: Rep Row 4.

Row 21: Rep Row 3.

Row 22: Rep Row 2.

Row 23: With MC, 1 ch, 76 dc.

Rows 24-44: With CC3 as A, CC2 as B, CC5 as C, and CC4 as D, rep rows 2-22.

Row 45: Rep Row 23.

Rows 46-66: With CC4 as A, CC5 as B, CC3 as C, and CC1 as D, rep rows 2-22.

Row 67: Rep Row 23.

Rows 68-88: With CC2 as A, CC4 as B, CC1 as C, and CC5 as D, rep rows 2-22.

Border

Rnd 1: With MC, 1 ch, [3 dc in first st, 74 dc, 3 dc in last st, rotate to work across row edges, 88 dc, rotate to work across next edge] twice, join with sl st to beg dc. 336 sts

Baubles Square (make 2)

Row 1: 76 fdc.

Rows 2-88: 1 ch, 76 dc following colour changes in Baubles chart or written instructions.

Row 2: With CC1 as A, CC2 as B, CC3 as C, CC4 as D, and CC5 as E, 1 ch, 9 dc in A, 1 dc in MC, 18 dc in B, 1 dc in MC, 18 dc in C, 1 dc in MC, 18 dc in D, 1 dc in MC, 9 dc in E. Turn.

Row 3: 1 ch, 9 dc in E, 1 dc in MC, 18 dc in D, 1 dc in MC, 18 dc in C, 1 dc in MC, 18 dc in B, 1 dc in MC, 9 dc in A. Turn.

Row 4: Rep Row 2.

Row 5: 1 ch, 8 dc in E, 3 dc in MC, 16 dc in D, 3 dc in MC, 16 dc in C, 3 dc in MC, 16 dc in B, 3 dc in MC, 8 dc in A. Turn.

Row 6: 1 ch, 8 dc in A, 3 dc in MC, 16 dc in B, 3 dc in MC, 16 dc in C, 3 dc in MC, 16 dc in D, 3 dc in MC, 8 dc in E.

Row 7: 1 ch, 7 dc in E, 5 dc in MC, 14 dc in D, 5 dc in MC, 14 dc in C, 5 dc in MC, 14 dc in B, 5 dc in MC, 7 dc in A. Turn.

Row 8: 1 ch, 6 dc in A, 7 dc in MC, 12 dc in B, 7 dc in MC, 12 dc in C, 7 dc in MC, 12 dc in D, 7 dc in MC, 6 dc in E. Turn.

Row 9: 1 ch, 5 dc in E, 9 dc in MC, 10 dc in D, 9 dc in MC, 10 dc in C, 9 dc in MC, 10 dc in B, 9 dc in MC, 10 dc in A. Turn.

Row 10: 1 ch, 4 dc in A, 11 dc in MC, 8 dc in B, 11 dc in MC, 8 dc in C, 11 dc in MC, 8 dc in D, 11 dc in MC, 4 dc in E. Turn.

Row 11: 1 ch, 2 dc in E, 15 dc in MC, 4 dc in D, 15 dc in MC, 4 dc in C, 15 dc in MC, 4 dc in B, 15 dc in MC, 2 dc in A. Turn.

Row 12: With MC, 1 ch, 76 dc. Turn.

For rows 13-33, use CC4 as A, CC2 as B,

CC1 as C, CC5 as D, and CC3 as E.

Row 13: Rep Row 11.

Row 14: Rep Row 10.

Row 15: Rep Row 9.

Row 16: Rep Row 8.

Row 17: Rep Row 7.

Row 18: Rep Row 6.

Row 19: Rep Row 5.

Row 20: Rep Row 4.

Rows 21-26: Rep Rows 3-4 three times.

Row 27: Rep Row 5.

Row 28: Rep Row 6.

Row 29: Rep Row 7.

Row 30: Rep Row 8.

Row 31: Rep Row 9.

Row 32: Rep Row 10.

Row 33: Rep Row 11.

Row 34: Rep Row 12.

Rows 35-55: With CC4 as A, CC2 as B, CC5 as C, CC3 as D, and CC1 as E, rep rows 13-33.

Row 56: Rep Row 12.

Rows 57-77: With CC5 as A, CC1 as B, CC3 as C, CC4 as D, and CC2 as E, rep rows 13-33.

Row 78: Rep Row 12.

Rows 79-88: With CC2 as A, CC4 as B, CC5 as C, CC1 as D, and CC3 as E, rep rows 13-22.

Border

Rnd 1: With MC, 1 ch, [3 dc in first st, 74 dc, 3 dc in last st, rotate to work across row edges, 88 dc, rotate to work across next edge] twice, join with sl st to beg dc. 336 sts

Finishing

Knot yarn tails at WS and weave in any stray ends. Block to 40cm square. With WS facing, mattress stitch, whip stitch, or slip stitch around 3 sides with MC. Insert pillow form. Close opening with mattress stitch, whip stitch, or slip stitch. Weave in ends. 



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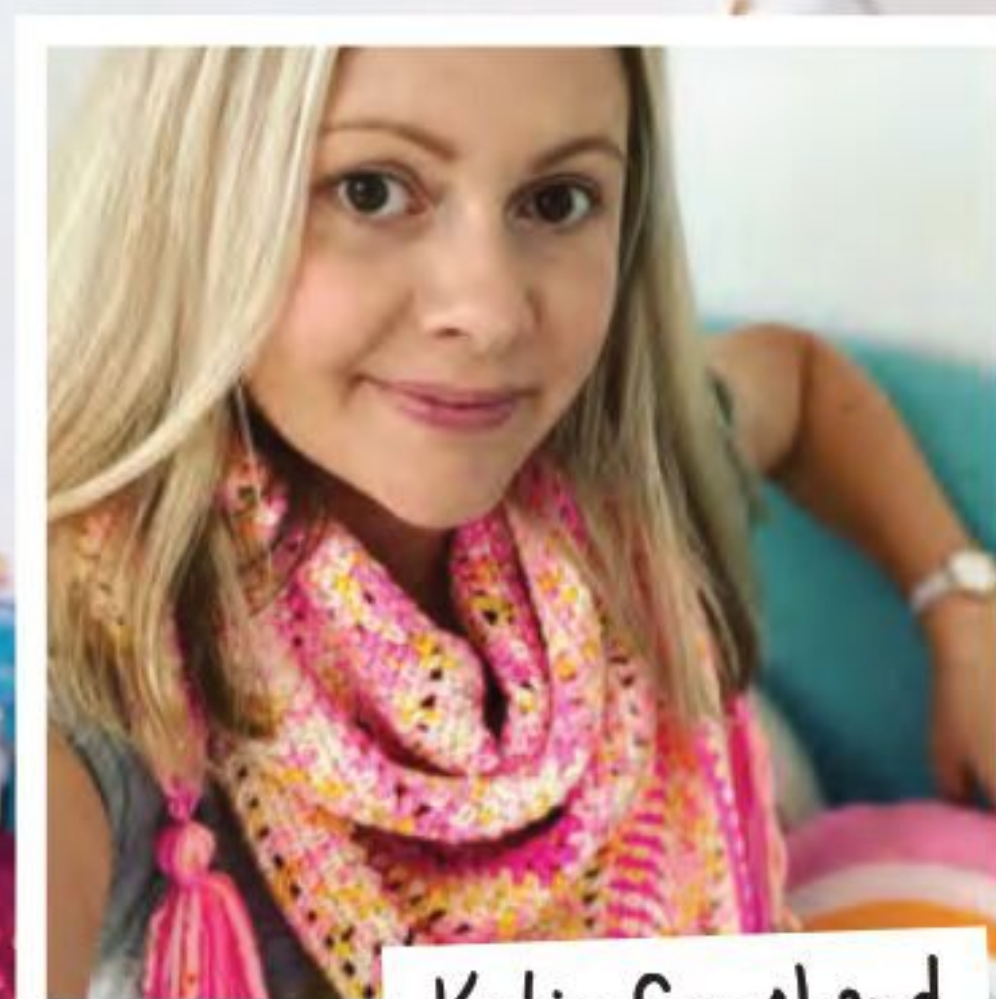
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Katie Somchand

Merry and Bright WREATH

This quick-and-easy wreath packs a colourful punch and will certainly make every home feel merry and bright this Christmas!

 **DK**  **4mm**

★ **Quick & easy**

Yarn used

Paintbox Yarns Simply DK
1 ball each in Spearmint Green 125 (A),
Rose Red 113 (B), Pale Lilac 145 (C),
Mustard Yellow 123 (D), Lipstick Pink 151 (E)
& Marine Blue 133 (F)
Available from www.lovecrafts.com

About the yarn

DK; 276m per 100g ball;
100% acrylic

Tension

16 sts x 8 rows = 10cm measured over tr

Hook used

4mm

Other supplies

tapestry needle
35cm polystyrene wreath
85mm and 65mm pompom makers
glue gun or fabric glue
string or yarn for hanging

Sizing

35x40cm

It may seem like the piece you have crocheted is too small, but you will stretch it over the wreath base for a neat and snug fit.

Beg 3 ch counts as first tr.

 **Start crocheting...**

With A, chain 38.

Row 1: Starting in 4th ch from hook (missed chs count as 1 tr), 35 tr. Turn. 36 sts

Row 2: 3 ch, 35 tr. Turn.

Row 3: As Row 2.

Rows 4-6: With B, as Row 2.

Rows 7-9: With C, as Row 2.

Rows 10-12: With D, as Row 2.

Rows 13-15: With E, as Row 2.

Rows 16-18: With F, as Row 2.

Rows 19-72: Cont to rep Row 2 working 3 rows in each colour: A, B, C, D, E and F. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Finishing and making up

Being careful not to twist, use a needle and length of yarn to whip st the two short ends of the rectangle tog to create a ring. Stretch this ring over your wreath – it'll be a snug fit around the edges but less so in the centre of the ring. When you are happy with the placement of the crochet ring over the wreath whip st the long sides tog using a needle and length of yarn,

matching up the coloured stripes so it does not twist. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Make six pompoms with the 65mm pompom maker, one in each colour and six pompoms with the 85mm pompom maker, one in each colour. When tying them at their centres, knot them tightly so they do not come undone then trim away until they are the desired size, neat and round. The pompoms are then glued in place using a glue gun in a cluster on the ring, see photo for guidance on placement. Roughly arrange the pompoms until you are happy with their positions and then glue each one down individually. If you do not have a glue gun, a strong fabric glue should also work, it will just take longer to dry. To make a hanger at the top of the wreath, loop a piece of yarn around the wreath and bury it underneath the crochet layer so it cannot be seen, then fasten off securely, leaving a hanging loop on the back. 



If you aren't
a fan of tassels,
you could leave
these off or try
pompoms
instead



Cassie Ward

SCANDI LOVE SHAWL

This hygge-inspired shawl in tonal greys and classic cream is the perfect item to keep off the winter chill

 DK  4.5mm

★★ Intermediate

Yarn used

West Yorkshire Spinners ColourLab DK
3 balls in Natural Cream 010 (MC)
1 ball each in Silver Grey 137 (CC1), Stormy
Grey 373 (CC2) & Moonlight
Grey 895 (CC3)
Visit www.wyspinners.com
to find your local stockist

About the yarn

DK; 225m per 100g ball; 100% British Wool

Tension

17 sts x 9 rows = 10cm measured
over st pattern

Hook used

4.5mm

Other Supplies

cardboard, 12cm length
tapestry needle

Sizing

72cm long x 140cm wide

 Start crocheting...

Shawl

With MC, chain 51.

Row 1: 2 tr in 3rd ch from hook (2 missed chs count as first tr), [miss 2 ch, 3 tr in next ch] 7 times, miss 2 ch, [3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] in next ch, [miss 2 ch, 3 tr in next ch] 8 times. Turn. *18 3tr-groups*

Row 2: 3 ch (counts as 1 tr here and throughout), 2 tr in first st, 3 tr in each space between 3tr-groups to centre 2ch-sp, [3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] in 2ch-sp, 3 tr in each space between 3tr-groups to end, 3 tr in last tr. Turn. *20 3tr-groups*

Rows 3-4: As Row 2. *24 3tr-groups*
Fasten off.

Row 5: Join CC1 in first st, 3 ch, 1 tr in first st, tr across to centre 2ch-sp, [2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] in 2ch-sp, tr across to last tr, 2 tr in last tr. Turn. *78 tr*
Fasten off.

Row 6: Join MC in first st, 3 ch, 2 tr in first st, working in sp between tr, miss 2 sps, [3 tr in next sp, miss 2 sps] across to centre 2ch-sp, [3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] in 2ch-sp, miss 2 sps, [3 tr in next sp, miss 2 sps] across to end, 3 tr in last st. Turn. *28 3tr-groups*

Rows 7-9: As Row 2. *34 3tr-groups*
Fasten off.

Row 10: Join CC2, 3 ch, 1 tr in first tr, [2 ch, 5trcl in each sp between 3tr-groups] across to centre 2ch-sp, [3trcl, 2 ch, 3trcl] in 2ch-sp, [2 ch, 5trcl in each sp between 3tr-groups] across to end, 2 tr in last st. Turn. *36 5trcl, 2 2tr-groups*
Fasten off.

Row 11: Join MC, 3 ch, 2 tr in first st, 3 tr in each 2 ch-sp to centre 2ch-sp, [3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] in 2ch-sp, 3 tr in each 2ch-sp to end, 3 tr in last st. Turn. *38 3tr groups*

Rows 12-14: As Row 2. *44 3tr-groups*
Fasten off.

Row 15: Join CC3, 4 ch, 1 tr in first space (counts as first V-st), V-st in each sp between 3tr-groups to centre 2ch-sp, [V-st, 2 ch, V-st] in 2ch-sp, V-st in each sp between 3tr-groups to end, V-st in last st. Turn. *46 V-st*
Fasten off.

Row 16: 3 ch, 2 tr in first st, 3 tr in each

sp between V-sts to centre 2ch-sp, (3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr) in 2ch-sp, 3 tr in each space between V-sts to end, 3 tr in last st. Turn. *48 3tr-groups*

Rows 17-19: As Row 2. *54 3tr-groups*

Rows 20-34: Rep Rows 5-19. *84 3tr-groups*

Rows 35-41: Rep Rows 5-11. *98 3tr-groups*

Row 42: 1 ch, dc in each st across to centre 2ch-sp, 3 dc in 2ch-sp, dc to end. *297 dc*
Fasten off.

Finishing

Weave in ends. Block to finished measurements.

Tassels (make 3)

With CC2, wrap yarn around a 12cm-length piece of card 40 times, before removing from the card, thread a 20cm piece of yarn through and tie at top, then cut yarn along bottom of card. Tie another length of yarn about 1cm from initial tie at top and trim tassel evenly. You can straighten yarn in tassel with a low-heat iron if desired.

Attach one tassel to each corner of work. 

Special stitches

3 treble cluster (3trcl): [Yrh, insert hook into indicated st, yrh, pul, yrh, draw through 2 loops] 3 times all in same st, draw through all 4 loops on hook

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

V-st: 1 tr, 1 ch, 1 tr all in same st or sp

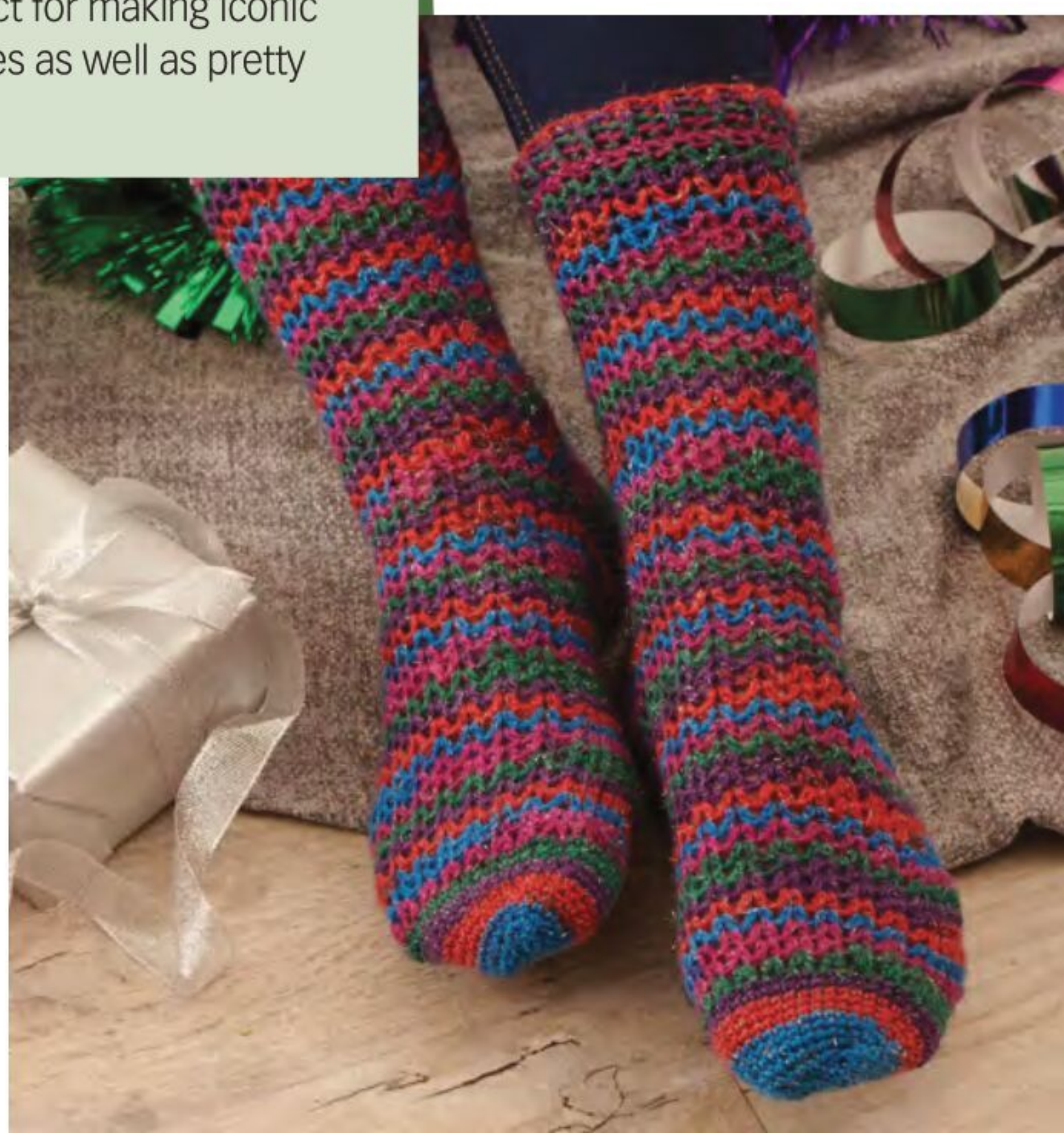
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Looking for a little festive sparkle this Christmas?
Learn more about the brand-new sparkly yarn from
the talented team at West Yorkshire Spinners

As you can probably tell, the whole team here at *Crochet Now* are getting super excited for Christmas! We love the festive period and are always so excited to create our decorations and gifts in readiness for a woolly Christmas. We have been on the search for the perfect yarn to brighten up the chilly winter evenings, so we decided to take a closer look at the brand-new Christmas releases from West Yorkshire Spinners and start dreaming of a sparkling crochet Christmas.

If you are looking for a Christmas yarn that will bring some glitz and glamour to the festive period, you will absolutely love West Yorkshire Spinners Signature Sparkle 4-ply. This Christmas yarn collection is the perfect blend of sparkle in West Yorkshire Spinners's award-winning Signature 4-ply yarn. With shades such as Fairy Light Sparkle, Vintage Tinsel and Silent Night Sparkle, you will never be short of Christmas inspiration. Signature 4-ply is a blend of 75% wool, 23% nylon and 2% polyester, creating a soft feel with a durability that makes this everyone's favourite sock yarn. This is a very versatile yarn though, which is perfect for making iconic Christmas jumpers, the perfect gift accessories as well as pretty shawls ideal for keeping out the winter chill.

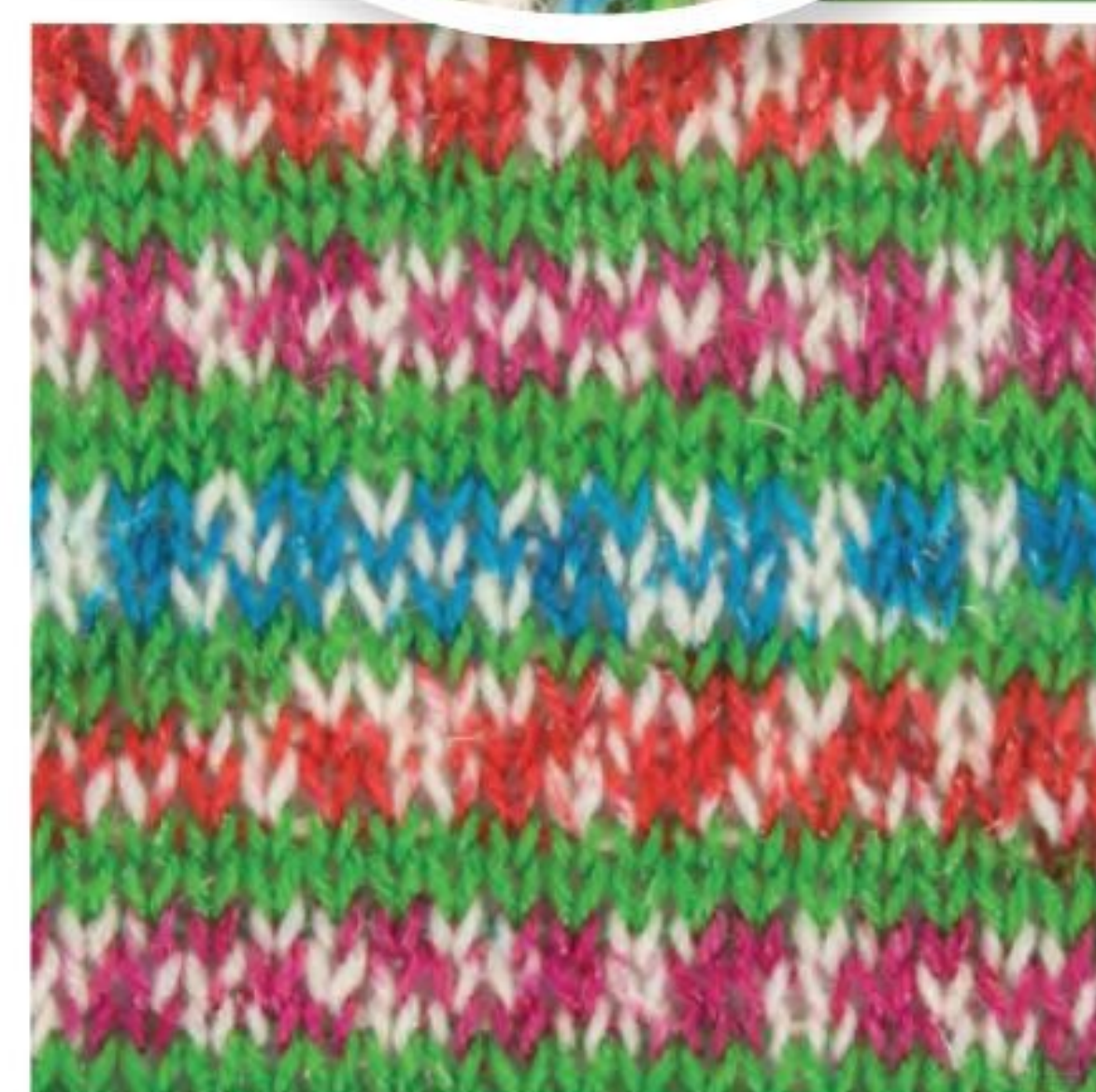
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Sarah Holmes

Sarah is an incredible person who, as well as being a doctor for Marie Curie, has personally raised a considerable amount of money for the charity. She was behind the #sockquest that resulted in every person in a Marie Curie hospice being gifted with a pair of handmade socks.



Antje of The Yarn Cake, Glasgow

Antje's shop is a well of goodness for knitters. She has a great range of yarn from big brands and indie companies alike. Throughout lockdown, Antje kept on running weekly online knit nights and also lifted our spirits with regular updates on her adorable cat, Ragnar.



Karie Westermann

Karie's designs are so inspiring and combine beautiful classic techniques with gorgeous colour combinations. We always get excited at the prospect of a new pattern release.



Jenny Conduit

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Special abbreviations

Invisible dc2tog (inv-dc2tog): Insert hook through FLO of next st, yrh, pul, insert hook through FLO of next st, yrh, draw through all 3 loops on hook

Bobble (bbl): [Yrh, insert hook in indicated st, pul] 4 times (9 loops on hook), yrh, draw through all 9 loops on hook



Heather Gibbs

ALINA THE BALLERINA

Create this beautiful and classic toy for an aspiring dancer!

4-ply 3mm

★ Beginner friendly

Yarn used

Cascade Heritage
Small amounts each in Chanterelle 5751 (A)
Walnut 5638 (B) & Raspberry 5617 (C)
Available from
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

About the yarn

4-ply; 400m per 100g; 75% wool, 25% nylon

Tension

6 sts = 2.5cm measured over dc

Hook used

3mm

Other supplies

tapestry needle
stitch markers
toy stuffing
2 black safety eyes, 8mm
pink ribbon, 2mm wide
small amount of pink tulle
black embroidery thread

Sizing

27cm tall

.....
This pattern is worked in the amigurumi style (unless specified), in a spiral without slip stitching or turning chains. Leave a long yarn tail when fastening off (unless specified) to use to join parts together.

Start crocheting...

Head

Rnd 1: With A 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, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnd 5: [3 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 30 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 8-14: Dc around.

Rnd 15: 20 dc, 1 bbl, 21 dc.

Rnds 16-19: Dc around.

Insert eyes between rnds 12 & 13,

approximately 6 sts apart.

Using photograph as a guide, with black embroidery thread, embroider eyelashes next to eyes. With C, embroider a smile over Rnd 18.

Rnd 20: [5 dc, inv-dc2tog] 6 times. 36 sts

Rnd 21: [4 dc, inv-dc2tog] 6 times. 30 sts

Rnd 22: [3 dc, inv-dc2tog] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnd 23: [2 dc, inv-dc2tog] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnds 24-25: Dc around.



Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
Stuff Head.

Hair

Rnds 1-14: With B, work as for Head. 42 sts

Rnd 15: Dc around.

Rnd 16: 14 dc, 2 htr, 4 tr in next st, miss 1 st, 1 sl st, miss 1 st, 4tr in next st, 2 htr, 19 dc.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Bun

Rnds 1-4: With B, work as for Head. 24 sts

Rnds 5-9: Dc around.

Rnd 10: [2 dc, inv-dc2tog] 6 times. 18 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
Stuff Bun.

Body

Worked from the neck down.

Rnds 1-7: With C, work as for Head. 42 sts

Rnds 8-18: Dc around.

Rnd 19: [6 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 48 sts

Rnds 20-24: Dc around.

Rnd 25: [6 dc, inv-dc2tog] 6 times. 42 sts

Rnd 26: [5 dc, inv-dc2tog] 6 times. 36 sts

Rnd 27: [4 dc, inv-dc2tog] 6 times. 30 sts

Stuff Body. Cont to stuff as you go.

Rnd 28: [3 dc, inv-dc2tog] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnd 29: [2 dc, inv-dc2tog] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 30: [1 dc, inv-dc2tog] 6 times. 12 sts

Rnd 31: [inv-dc2tog] 6 times. 6 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Legs (make 2)

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

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

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

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

Rnds 5-11: Dc around.

Fasten off C.

Join A to any st.

Rnds 12-30: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Arms (Make 2)

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

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

Rnds 3-25: Dc around

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Stuff Arms up to Rnd 18.

Making up

Sew hair at a slight angle to top of Head.
Sew Bun to top of Head and add a small piece of ribbon around top of Bun.
Sew Head to top of Body. Sew Arms to either side of Body. Sew Legs to the bottom of Body. Using photograph as a guide, add ribbon starting at top of Shoes and going up Legs. Attach piece of tulle as a skirt.



Bobble stitch (bbl)



1 Yarn round hook, insert hook into st, yrh, pul.



2 Repeat 4 times in same st, until you have 9 loops on your hook.



3 Yarn round hook, draw through all loops on hook.



4 Bobble stitch made!

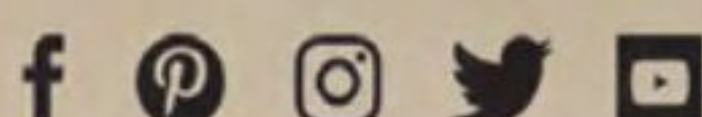


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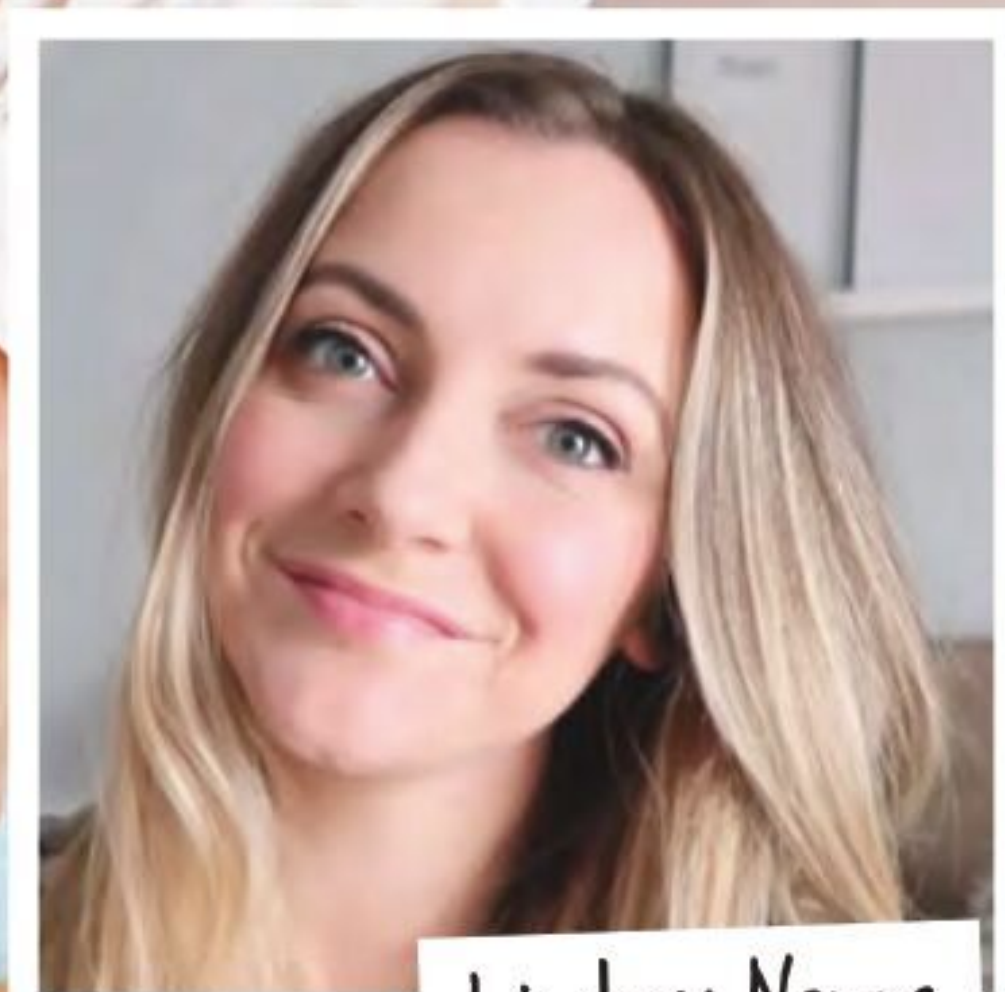
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Yarn used

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1 ball in Rose 003

Rico Creative Lazy Hazy Summer Cotton
1 ball in Blue 008

Rico Creative So Cool + So Soft
Cotton Chunky
2 ball in Pastel Yellow 013

Rico Baby So Soft DK
1 ball each in Pastel Green 016, Candy 013
& Light Blue 007

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your local stockist

About the yarn

Rico Baby Teddy Aran
Aran; 135m per 50g ball; 75% polyester,
25% polyamide

Rico Creative Lazy Hazy Summer Cotton
DK; 145m per 50g ball; 49% cotton, 46%
acrylic, 5% polyester

Rico Creative So Cool + So Soft
Cotton Chunky
Chunky; 100m per 100g ball; 100% cotton

Rico Baby So Soft DK
DK; 250m per 100g ball; 100% acrylic

Tension

5 sts = 10cm measured over htr with all 6
yarns held tog

Hook used

20mm

Other supplies

4.5cm pompom maker

Sizing

Approximately 20x165cm

Rolling your yarns together into one
large ball before you start will help with
your tension and prevent your yarns
from tangling.



Remove all ball bands, find the ends of the
six yarns, and slowly hand-wind into a large
ball. Join the chunky yarn to the second ball
when you run out.

Save any excess yarn for making the
pompoms at the end.

Starting chains do not count as a
st throughout.

Why not make a version using up your stash
yarn? Don't be afraid to mix and match
colours, textures and weights of yarn.

Start crocheting...

Wind 6 yarns tog into one ball and work
with all 6 yarns held tog as one.

Chain 12.

Row 1: Starting in 3rd ch from the hook, 10
htr. Turn. 10 sts

Row 2: 2 ch, 10 htr in BLO. Turn.
Rep Row 2 thirty-seven times or until scarf
measures approximately 165cm. Fasten off,
weave in ends.

Making up

Working with leftover yarn, or separating
out the 6 strands, make two pompoms in
each of the 6 colours.

Attach one pompom of each colour to each
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BRIGHT FOREST CARDIGAN

Keep little ones snugly this winter with this bright and colourful abstract cardigan, with fun bobble stitch snowflakes and easy colourwork design



Special stitches

Bobble stitch (bbl): [Yrh, insert hook into indicated st, yrh, pul, yrh, draw through 2 loops] 5 times into same st, yrh, draw through all 6 loops on hook



Alison Holloway

 **DK**  **4mm**

★★ **Intermediate**

Yarn used

Stylecraft Special DK
3 (3, 4, 4) balls Pomegranate 1083 (MC)
1 ball each in white 1001 (CC1),
Mustard 1823 (CC2), Cloud Blue 1019 (CC3)
& Lavender 1188 (CC4)
Visit www.ukhandknitting.com to find
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About the yarn

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

Tension

18.5 sts x 22 rows = 10cm measured over dc
18 sts x 14 rows = 10cm measured over htr

Hook used

4mm

Other supplies

tapestry needle

Sizing

3-4 (5-6, 7-8, 9-10) years
Chest: 77 (81.5, 87.5, 92.5) cm
Length: 35.5 (38.5, 45, 50.5) cm
Sleeve Length: 30 (32, 32.5, 37.5) cm
Upper Sleeve Circumference: 29
(31.5, 33.5, 33.5) cm
Sleeve Cuff Circumference: 15 (17, 17.5, 18) cm

The 3rd loop of htr is located directly below
back loop of WS of htr. This pushes the top
'v' (the front and back loops) forward.

For the colourwork, wind off a small ball
of CC2, CC3 and CC4 for each 'tree'
before starting.

For the bobbles change to CC1 on the last
yrh prior to the bobble and on the last yrh
of dc after the bobble change to MC. Pull
this dc snugly to hide CC1.

Beg 1 ch does not count as a st.

 **Start crocheting...**

With MC, chain 143 (152, 163, 172).

Row 1 (RS): Starting in 2nd ch from hook,

dc across. Turn. 142 (151, 162, 171) sts

Row 2 (WS): 1 ch, dc across. Turn.

Rows 3-29: 1 ch, dc across following
tree chart for colour changes and tree
sequence as given below.

Note: Row 3 begins and ends with 2 MC dc
and each tree is separated by 2 MC dc
Tree sequence:

Size 3-4: Small Tree (S), Medium Tree (M),
Large Tree (L), M, L, S, M

Size 5-6: S, M, L, M, L, S, L

Size 7-8: S, M, L, M, L, S, L, S

Size 9-10: S, M, L, M, L, S, L, M

Fasten off all CC, cont with MC.

Rows 30-31: 1 ch, dc across. Turn.

Row 32: 1 ch, 2 (1, 2, 1) dc, *changing to
CC1, 1 bbl, changing to MC in top of next
st, 9 dc; rep from * across. Turn. 14 (15,
16, 17) bbl

Rows 33-37: 1 ch, dc across. Turn.

Row 38: 1 ch, *9 dc, changing to CC1, 1
bbl, changing to MC in top of next st; rep
from * across to last 2 (1, 2, 1) sts, 2 (1, 2,
1) dc. Turn.

Rows 39-43: 1 ch, dc across. Turn.

SIZES 7-8 & 9-10 ONLY:

Row 44: Rep Row 32.

Rows 45-49: 1 ch, dc across. Turn.

Row 50: Rep Row 38.

Rows 51-55: 1 ch, dc across. Turn.

SIZE 9-10 ONLY:

Row 56: Rep Row 32.

Rows 57-61: 1 ch, dc across. Turn.

Row 62: Rep Row 38.

Rows 63-67: 1 ch, dc across. Turn.

ALL SIZES:

Left Front

SIZE 3-4 ONLY:

Row 1 (WS): 1 ch, 4 dc, [1 bbl, 9 dc] 3
times, 1 dc, leave rem sts unworked.
Turn. 35 (-, -, -) sts

SIZES 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 ONLY:

Row 1 (WS): 1 ch, 4 dc, [1 bbl, 9 dc] 3
times, 1 bbl, 2 (4, 7) dc, leave rem sts
unworked. Turn. - (37, 39, 42) sts

ALL SIZES:

Rows 2-6: 1 ch, dc across. Turn.

Row 7: 1 ch, [9 dc, changing to CC1, 1 bbl,
changing to MC in top of next st] 3 (3, 3,
4) times, 5 (7, 9, 2) dc. Turn.

Rows 8-12: 1 ch, dc across. Turn.

Rows 13-19: Rep rows 1-7 once more.

Rows 20-21 (20-23, 20-25, 20-25): 1 ch,
dc across. Turn.

Fasten off

Shape Left Neck

Row 22 (24, 26, 26) RS: 1 ch, dc across
to last 11 sts, 1 dc2tog, leave rem sts
unworked. Turn. 25 (27, 29, 32) sts

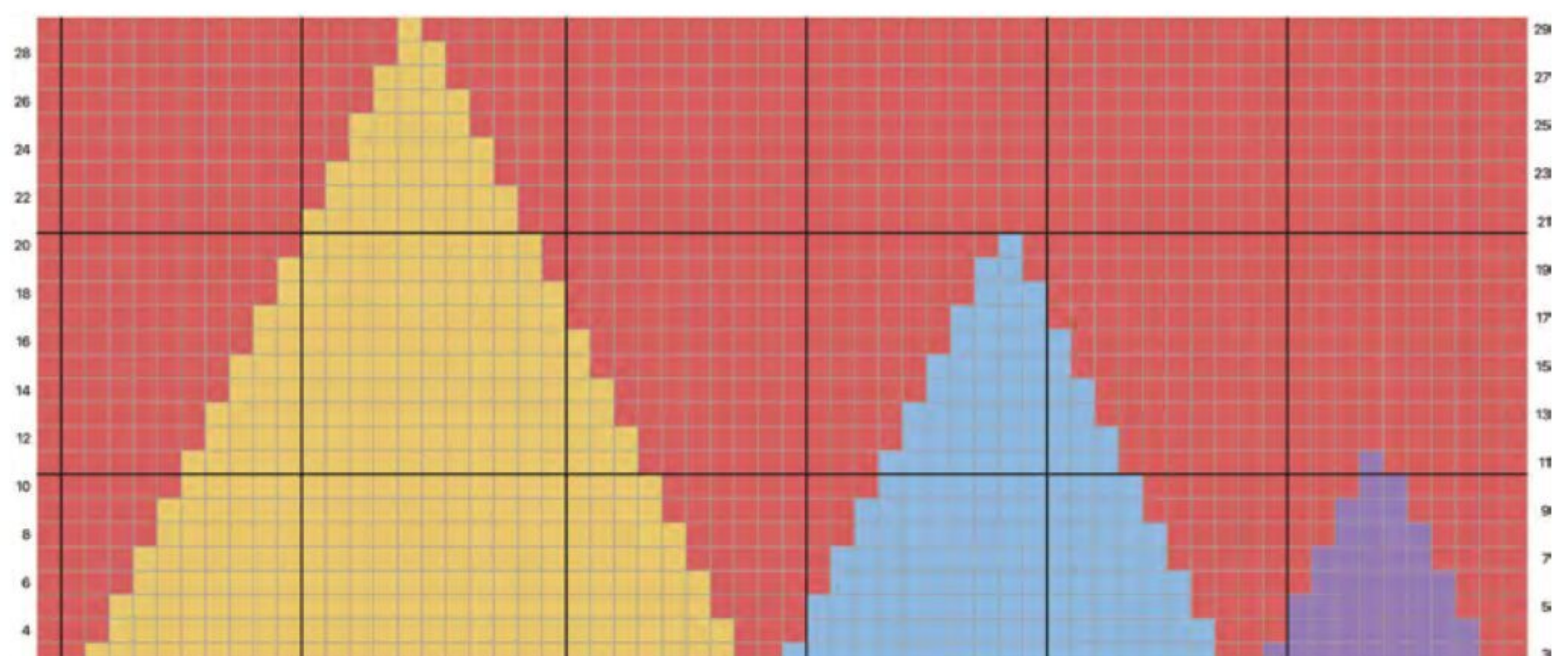
Row 23 (25, 27, 27): 1 ch, 1 dc2tog, dc
across. Turn. 24 (26, 28, 31) sts

Row 24 (26, 28, 28): 1 ch, dc across to last
2 sts, 1 dc2tog. Turn. 23 (25, 27, 30) sts

Row 25 (27, 29, 29): 1 ch, 1 dc2tog, dc
across. Turn. 22 (24, 26, 29) sts

Rows 26-27 (28-29, 30-31, 30-31): Rep
last 2 rows once more. 20 (22, 24, 27) sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail of yarn for
sewing the seam.

Chart



Key

 MC

 CC2, large tree

 CC3, medium tree

 CC4, small tree



Back

With WS facing join MC with sl st in next unworked st after Row 1 of Left Front.

Row 1: 1 ch, starting in same st as join, 9 (7, 5, 2) dc, [changing to CC1, 1 bbl, changing to MC in top of next st, 9 dc] 6 (7, 7, 8) times, 1 (0, 1, 1) bbl, 2 (0, 8, 4) dc. Turn. 72 (77, 84, 87) sts

Rows 2-6: 1 ch, dc across. Turn.

Row 7: 1 ch, 4 (2, 10, 7) dc, [changing to CC1, 1 bbl, changing to MC in top of next st, 9 dc] 6 (7, 7, 8) times, 1 (1, 1, 0) bbl, 7 (4, 3, 0) dc. Turn.

Rows 8-12: 1 ch, dc across. Turn.

Rows 13-19: Rep rows 1-7 once more.

Rows 20-21 (20-23, 20-25, 20-25): 1 ch, dc across. Turn. Fasten off.

Shape Back Neck

Row 22 (24, 26, 26) RS: 1 ch, 25 dc, 1 dc2tog, leave rem sts unworked. Turn. 26 sts

Row 23 (25, 27, 27): 1 ch, 1 dc2tog, 24 dc. Turn. 25 sts

Row 24 (26, 28, 28): 1 ch, 23 dc, 1 dc2tog. Turn. 24 sts

Row 25 (27, 29, 29): 1 ch, 1 dc2tog, 22 dc. Turn. 23 sts

Row 26 (28, 30, 30): 1 ch, 21 dc, 1 dc2tog. Turn. 22 sts

Row 27 (29, 31, 31): 1 ch, 1 dc2tog, 20 dc. Turn. Fasten off. 21 sts

With WS facing, rejoin MC with sl st at opposite edge of last full row of Back. Rep Shape Back Neck.

Right Front

With WS facing, join MC with sl st in next unworked st after Row 1 of Back.

Row 1: 1 ch, starting in same st as join, 7 (10, 1, 5) dc, [changing to CC1, 1 bbl, changing to MC in top of next st, 9 dc] 2 (2, 3, 3) times, 1 (1, 1, 1) bbl, 7 (6, 7, 6) dc. Turn. 35 (37, 39, 42) sts

Rows 2-6: 1 ch, dc across. Turn.

Row 7: 1 ch, 2 (5, 6, 10) dc, [changing to CC1, 1 bbl, changing to MC in top of next st, 9 dc] 3 (3, 3, 3) times, 1 (1, 1, 1) bbl, 2 (1, 2, 1) dc. Turn.

Rows 8-12: 1 ch, dc across. Turn.

Rows 13-19: Rep rows 1-7 once more.

Rows 20-21 (20-23, 20-25, 20-25): 1 ch, dc across. Turn. Fasten off.

Shape Right Neck

With RS facing, miss first 9 sts, join MC with a sl st in 10th st.

Row 22 (24, 26, 26): 1 ch, starting in same st as join, 1 dc2tog, dc across. Turn. 25 (27, 29, 32) sts

Row 23 (25, 27, 27): 1 ch, dc across to last 2 sts, 1 dc2tog. Turn. 24 (26, 28, 31) sts

Rows 24-27 (26-29, 28-31, 28-31): Rep last 2 rows twice more. 20 (22, 24, 27) sts. Fasten off.

Hem

With RS facing, join MC in bottom corner

Row 1: 1 ch, *3 htr, 1 htr2tog; rep from * to last 2 (1, 2, 1) sts, 2 (1, 2, 1) htr. Turn. 114 (121, 130, 137) sts

Row 2: 1 ch, htr in 3rd loop across. Turn.

Row 3: 1 ch, [4 htr in 3rd loop, 1 htr2tog in 3rd loop; rep from * to last 0 (1, 4, 5) sts, 0 (1, 4, 5) htr. Turn. 95, (101, 109, 115) sts

Rows 4-5 (4-8, 4-8, 4-8): Rep Row 2.

Fasten off.

With WS tog join the shoulder seams with mattress st.

Collar

Join MC with sl st at front left edge.

Row 1: 1 ch, htr across. Turn.

Rows 2-3: 1 ch, htr in 3rd loop across. Turn. Fasten off.

Edging

With RS facing, join MC with sl st in row edge at base of hem

Row 1: 1 ch, dc evenly to top of collar. Fasten off.

With RS facing, join MC with sl st in row edge at top of collar.

Row 1: 1 ch, dc evenly to bottom of hem. Fasten off.

Join CC2 in any st on the back hem of the cardigan.

Rnd 1: 1 ch, dc around hem, fronts and collar working in 3rd loop of each htr, in BLO of each dc and placing 3 dc in each corner. Fasten off.

Sleeves

Bobbles are worked on the RS. To make them pop out, push the bobble forward to the RS and make the finishing stitch of each bobble tightly.

Join MC with sl st at bottom of sleeve opening. Work in the amigurumi style, in a spiral without slip stitches or turning chains.

Rnd 1: Evenly place 55 (58, 60, 61) dc around opening. 55 (58, 60, 61) sts

Rnds 2-6: Htr around.

Rnd 7: [9 dc, 1 bbl] 5 (5, 6, 6) times, 5 (8, 0, 1) dc.

Rnds 8-19 (8-19, 8-25, 8-25): Rep rnds 2-7 two (two, three, three) times more.

Rnds 20-36 (20-39, 26-40, 26-47): Htr around.

Rnd 37 (40, 41, 48): [3 dc, 1 dc2tog] 11 (11, 12, 12) times, 0 (3, 0, 1) dc. 44 (47, 48, 49) sts

Rnd 38 (41, 42, 49): [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] 11 times, 0 (3, 4, 5) dc. 33 (36, 37, 38) sts

Rnd 39 (42, 43, 50): [4 dc, 1 dc2tog] 5 times, 3 (6, 7, 8) dc. 28 (31, 32, 33) sts

Rnd 40 (43, 44, 51): Htr around.

Rnds 41-43 (44-46, 45-47, 52-56): Htr in 3rd loop around.

Rnd 44 (47, 48, 57): Htr in 3rd loop around, 1 sl st in beg htr to end spiral. Fasten off.

Last Rnd: Join CC2 with sl st in first st, dc in 3rd loops around, join with sl st to beg dc. Fasten off. Rep for opposite Sleeve. Weave in ends. 

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Enigma

CROCHET-ALONG PART 7

In Part 7 we add triangles on each edge, which will grow to make the blanket square again in the following parts

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The triangles are joined to Rnd 53 at the beg and end of each row with sl sts. The triangle is worked from the centre of Rnd 53 outward, working the sts of the triangle itself in the sts of the previous row. The chs worked between the sl sts at the end of a row do not count as sts. The st count on most rows is given for one side of the triangle only.

Beg 3 ch counts as first tr.
Beg 1 ch does not count as a st.

Start crocheting...

Mark 65th st of Rnd 53 on each edge with a stitch marker (4 markers placed).

Row 1 (RS): Join A with sl st 3 sts before any marked st, miss next 2 sts, [3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] in marked st, rm, miss next 2 sts, sl st in next st, 3 ch, miss 2 sts, sl st in next st. Turn. *3 tr per side*

Row 2 (WS): 3 tr in first tr, 2 tr, [2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] into 2ch-sp, 2 tr, 3 tr in last tr, miss

next 2 unworked sts on Rnd 53, sl st in next st, 3 ch, miss 2 sts on Rnd 53, sl st in next st. Turn. *7 tr per side*

Row 3 (RS): 3 tr in first tr, 6 tr, [2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] into 2ch-sp, 6 tr, 3 tr in last tr, miss next 2 unworked sts on Rnd 53, sl st in next st, 3 ch, miss 2 sts on Rnd 53, sl st in next st. Turn. *11 tr per side*

Row 4 (WS): 3 tr in first tr, 10 tr, [2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] into 2ch-sp, 10 tr, 3 tr in last tr, miss next 2 unworked sts on Rnd 53, sl st in next st, pm in next st on Rnd 53. Fasten off. Turn. *15 tr per side*

Row 5 (RS): With D, surface sl st over each tr from Row 2. Fasten off.

Row 6 (RS): With D, surface sl st over each tr from Row 3. Fasten off.

Row 7 (RS): Join D with sl st in st marked st at end of Row 4, rm, 2 dc in first tr of Row 4, 4 ch, miss 2 sts, [1 dc, 4 ch, miss 3 sts] 3 times, [1 dc, 5 ch, 1 dc] into 2ch-sp, [4 ch, miss 3 sts, 1 dc] 3 times, 4 ch, miss 2 sts, 2 dc in last st, sl st in next unworked st on Rnd 53, 3 ch, miss 2 sts

Special stitches

RhtrB: Work the htr around the post of the st, inserting hook from back to front to back again

Picot: 3 ch, sl st in 3rd ch from hook

Surface sl st: Holding working yarn behind piece and hook in front of piece, insert hook to right of post of first tr, place slip knot on hook, draw through piece, *insert hook through top of next tr, yrh, draw yarn through piece and loop on hook (as a sl st); rep from * to end of row, insert hook to left of last st, yrh, draw yarn through piece and loop on hook



Sport or DK 3.5 or 4mm

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Yarn used

Scheepjes Stone Washed
6 balls in Moon Stone 801 (A)
5 balls in Malachite 825 (E)
4 balls each in Rose Quartz 820 (C),
Carnelian 823 (D) & Tourmaline 836 (G)
3 balls each in Coral 816 (B)
& Beryl 833 (F)

Scheepjes Colour Crafter
3 balls each in Barneveld 1005 (A)
& Malmédy 2014 (E)
2 balls each in Leeuwarden 1711 (B),
Sittard 1130 (C), Maastricht 1246 (D),
Brussel 2004 (F) & Luik 2006 (G)

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About the yarn

Stone Washed
Sport; 130m per 50g ball;
78% cotton, 22% acrylic

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

Tension

Up to and including Rnd 6
measures 10cm diameter

Hooks used

3.5mm for Stone Washed
4mm for Colour Crafter

Other supplies

6 stitch markers
tapestry needle

Sizing

At end of Part 7:
Stone Washed: 11cm from base to
top corner of triangle
Colour Crafter: 13cm from base to
top corner of triangle

Final size:
Stone Washed: 105x155cm
Colour Crafter: 115x170cm

on Rnd 53, sl st in next st. Turn. 6 dc, 4 4ch-sps, 1 5ch-sp per side

Row 8 (WS): 3 tr in first dc, 2 ch, miss 1 dc, 1 dc into next 4ch-sp, 8 tr into next 4ch-sp (flower petal made), 1 dc into next 4ch-sp, 4 ch, 1 dc into next 4ch-sp, 13 tr into next 5ch-sp, 1 dc into next 4ch-sp, 4 ch, 1 dc into next 4ch-sp, 8 tr into next 4ch-sp, 1 dc into

next 4ch-sp, 2 ch, miss 1 dc, 3 tr in last dc, miss next 2 unworked sts on Rnd 53, sl st in next st, 1 ch, sl st in next st, pm in next st. Turn. 6 tr, 6 dc, 2 4ch-sp, 2 2ch-sp, 3 flower petals total

Row 9 (RS): 2 dc in first tr, 1 dc, miss [1 tr, 2ch-sp, 1 dc], [1 tr, 1 picot] 7 times, 1 tr, miss 1 dc, 1 dc into 4ch-sp, miss 1 dc, [1 tr, 1 picot] 12 times, 1 tr, miss 1 dc, 1

dc into 4ch-sp, miss 1 dc, [1 tr, 1 picot] 7 times, 1 tr, miss [1 dc, 2ch-sp, 1 tr], 1 dc, 2 dc in last tr, sl st in next st on Rnd 53. Fasten off. 8 dc, 3 flower petals total

Row 10 (RS): Join E with sl st in st marked at end of Row 8, rm, 2 dc in first dc, 1 htr, 4 ch, miss [1 dc, 2 tr], [1 RhtrB around next tr, 4 ch, miss 2 tr] twice, 1 dtr in next dc, 4 ch, miss 2 tr, 1 RhtrB around next tr, 4 ch, miss 1 tr, 1 RhtrB around next tr, 5 ch, miss 3 tr, 1 RhtrB around next tr, 4 ch, miss 1 tr, 1 RhtrB around next tr, 4 ch, miss 2 tr, 1 dtr in next dc, [4 ch, miss 2 tr, 1 RhtrB around next tr] twice, 4 ch, miss [2 tr, 1 dc], 1 htr, 2 dc in last dc, sl st in next unworked st on Rnd 53, 3 ch, miss 2 sts, sl st in next st. Turn. 5 4ch-sps, 2 dc, 1 htr, 4 RhtrB, 1 dtr per side

Row 11 (WS): 3 tr in first dc, 2 tr, [4 tr into next 4ch-sp, miss next st] 5 times, [3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] into 5ch-sp, [miss next st, 4 tr into next 4ch-sp] 5 times, 2 tr, 3 tr in last dc, miss next 2 unworked sts on Rnd 53, sl st in next st. Fasten off. Turn. 28 tr per side

Rep rows 1-11 for rem 3 sides of the square.

Finishing

Weave in ends. There should be 43 unworked sts either side of the triangle on Rnd 53. 🧶

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25g TOFT DK yarn Chestnut
25g TOFT DK yarn green
3mm crochet hook
stuffing material
wool needle

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Start crocheting...

Pear

Working in yellow

Begin by dc6 into ring

Rnd 1 (dc2 into next st) 6 times (12)

Rnd 2 (dc1, dc2 into next st) 6 times (18)

Rnd 3 (dc2, dc2 into next st) 6 times (24)

Rnd 4 (dc3, dc2 into next st) 6 times (30)

Rnd 5 dc

Rnd 6 (dc4, dc2 into next st) 6 times (36)

Rnd 7-12 dc (6 rnds)

Rnd 13 (dc4, dc2tog) 6 times (30)

Rnd 14 dc

Rnd 15 (dc3, dc2tog) 6 times (24)

Rnd 16-17 dc (2 rnds)

Rnd 18 (dc4, dc2tog) 4 times (20)

Rnd 19-20 dc (2 rnds)

Rnd 21 (dc8, dc2tog) twice (18)

Rnd 22-25 dc (4 rnds)

Rnd 26 (dc2tog) 9 times (9)

Stuff and gather sts.

Stalk

Working in Chestnut

Sl st into top of PEAR

Ch11, turn and work back down ch as follows: dc2 into next st, dc9

Leaf

Working in green

Sl st into place on STALK

Ch8, turn and work back down ch as follows:

sl st1, dc1, htr1, tr2 into next st, htr1, dc1, sl st1

Cross to other side of ch and work as follows:

sl st1, dc1, htr1, tr2 into next st, htr1, dc1, sl st1

Calyx

Working in Chestnut

Begin by dc6 into ring

Sew into position on bottom of PEAR. 



KERRY'S JOURNAL

Get into the Christmas mood with TOFT with these fabulous patterns to celebrate Kerry's festive collection 'A Partridge in a Pear Tree'

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In terms of crocheting something special this Christmas, I'm so pleased to look back on last year's popular festive pattern book *A Partridge in a Pear Tree: Crochet the 12 Birds of Christmas*! These loveable birds are quick to make, using a super-soft yarn in a sophisticated colour palette, and will become your best friends as their larger-than-life personalities and easy-to-use techniques get their claws into you.

Maybe you're looking for the perfect gift

to give a loved one who really wants to try crochet this Christmas. This book would be the perfect choice for them too; the patterns use basic stitches, and include step-by-step illustrations for beginners, so there's no excuse to chicken out on learning a new hobby this winter!

I hope you'll enjoy crocheting this Mini Partridge and Golden Pear to get you started on your own collection of 12 festive birds, and be sure to grab your copy of the book to hook up all the rest.



You will need

25g TOFT DK yarn Ruby
 25g TOFT DK yarn Camel
 25g TOFT DK yarn Shale
 25g TOFT DK yarn Chestnut
 25g TOFT DK yarn cream
 3mm crochet hook
 stuffing material
 wool needle
 small amount black DK

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 Start crocheting...
Body/Head

Working in Camel

Begin by dc6 into ring

Rnd 1 (dc2 into next st) 6 times (12 sts)

Rnd 2 (dc1, dc2 into next st) 6 times (18)

Rnd 3 (dc2, dc2 into next st) 6 times (24)

Rnd 4 (dc3, dc2 into next st) 6 times (30)

Rnds 5-7 dc (3 rnds)

Change to Shale

Rnds 8-12 dc (5 rnds)

Change to Cream

Rnd 13 (dc3, dc2tog) 6 times (24)

Rnd 14 (dc2tog) 12 times (12)

Rnd 15 (dc2tog) 6 times (6)

Rnd 16 (dc2 into next st) 6 times (12)

Rnd 17 (dc2 into next st) 12 times (24)

Rnd 18 (dc3, dc2 into next st) 6 times (30)

Rnds 19-21 dc (3 rnds)

Rnd 22 (dc3, dc2tog) 6 times (24)

Rnd 23 (dc2, dc2tog) 6 times (18)

Rnd 24 (dc1, dc2tog) 6 times (12)

Rnd 25 (dc2tog) 6 times (6)

Wings (make 2)

Starting in Cream work 1 rnd cream and
 1 rnd Chestnut throughout

Begin by dc6 into ring

Rnd 1 (dc2 into next st) 6 times (12)

Rnd 2 dc

Rnd 3 (dc4, dc2tog) twice (10)

Rnd 4 (dc3, dc2tog) twice (8)

Rnd 5 (dc2, dc2tog) twice (6)

Rnd 6 (dc1, dc2tog) twice (4)

Do not stuff.

Beak

Working in Ruby

Ch4 and sl st to join into a circle

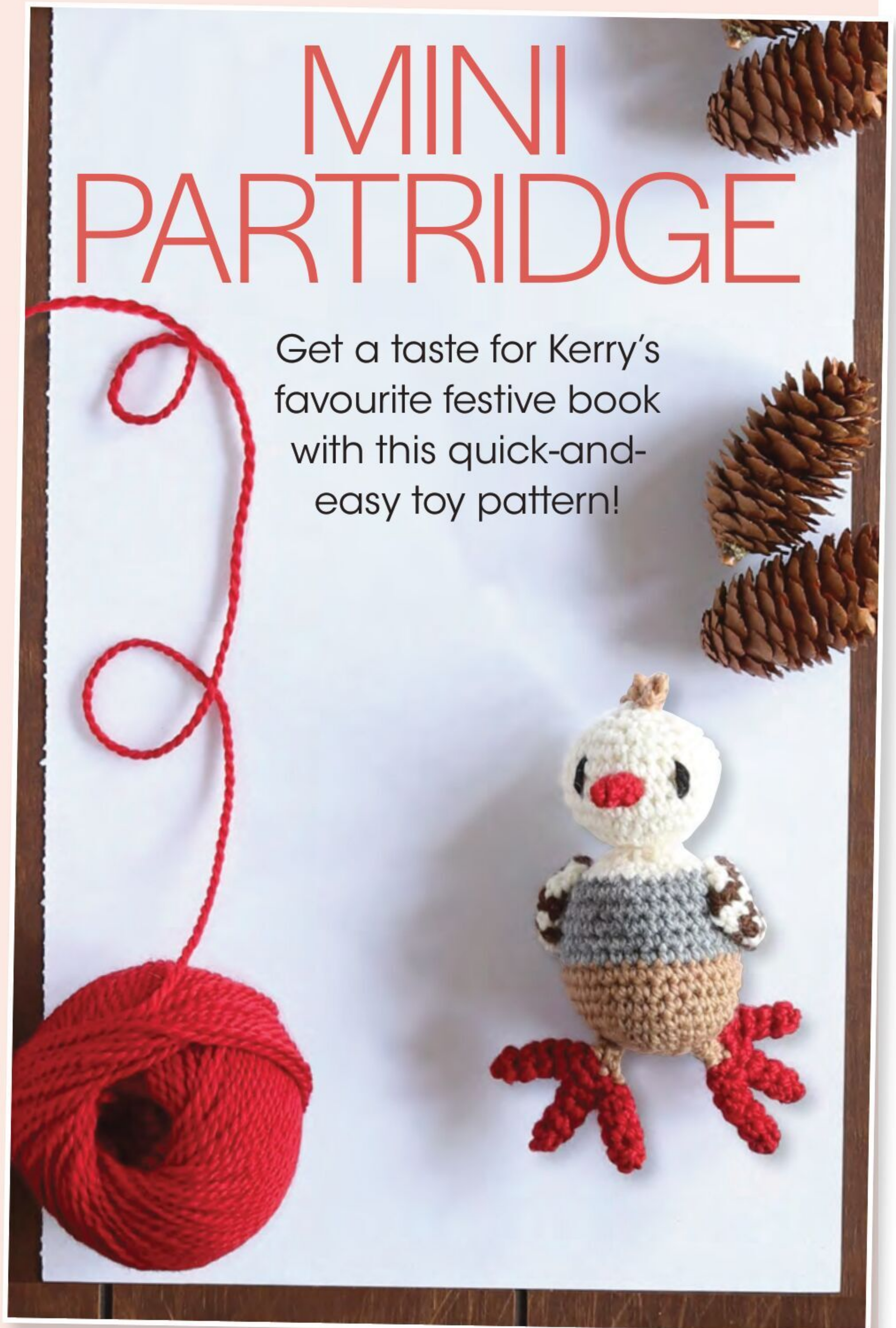
Rnds 1-3 dc (3 rnds)

Rnd 4 dc2, dc2tog (3)

Sew into position.

Tail

Working in Camel



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Work six ch6 CHAIN LOOPS into tail position.

Crest

Working in Camel

Work three ch6 CHAIN LOOPS on the top of
 the head.

Finish by sewing eyes into place with
 black yarn.

Legs (make 2)

Working in Camel

Ch4 and sl st to join into a circle

Rnd 1 dc

Change to Ruby

Rnd 2 (dc1, dc2 into next st) twice (6)

Rnd 3 (dc2 into next st) 6 times (12)

Split into three rounds of 4 sts and rejoin
 and work each as follows:

Rnds 1-4 dc (4 rnds)

Do not stuff. 

Special stitches**CHAIN LOOPS**

Insert hook through fabric, sl st to secure
 then ch stated number of sts, insert
 hook back through fabric to attach chain
 approximately 2 sts and 2 rnds away

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Sharon Carter

GINGERBREAD HOUSE BLANKET

Inspired by gingerbread houses decorated with colourful swirled sweets, this is a great blanket for cosy winter nights in front of the fire

 **Sport**  **3.5 & 4mm**

★★★ **Adventurous**

Yarn used

Scheepjes Stonewashed
9 balls in Moon Stone 801 (A)
8 balls in Yellow Jasper 809 (B)
2 balls each in Beryl 833 (C), Moragnite 834 (D), Peridot 827 (E), Rhodochrosite 835 (F),
1 ball in Turquoise 824 (G)
2 balls in Red Jasper 807 (H)
1 ball in Malachite 825 (I)
Visit www.scheepjes.com to find your local stockist

About the yarn

Sport; 130m per 50g ball; 78% cotton, 22% acrylic

Tension

17 sts = 10cm measured over tr
1 square measures 14cm across

Hooks used

3.5mm
4mm

Other supplies

4 removeable stitch markers
tapestry needle

Sizing

138x126cm

 **Start crocheting...**

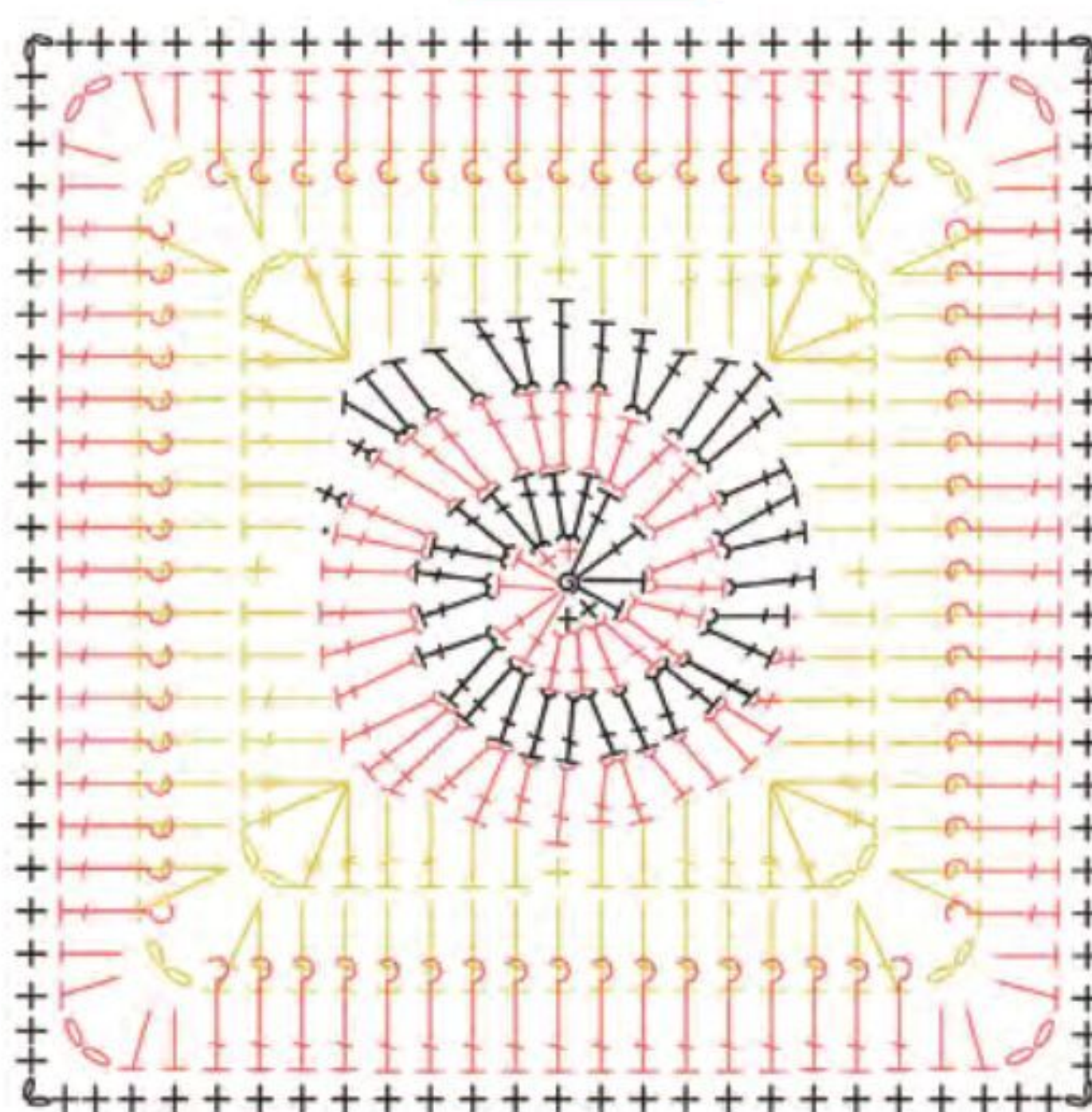
Square

Make 16 each with C, D, E and F as CC and 8 with G as CC

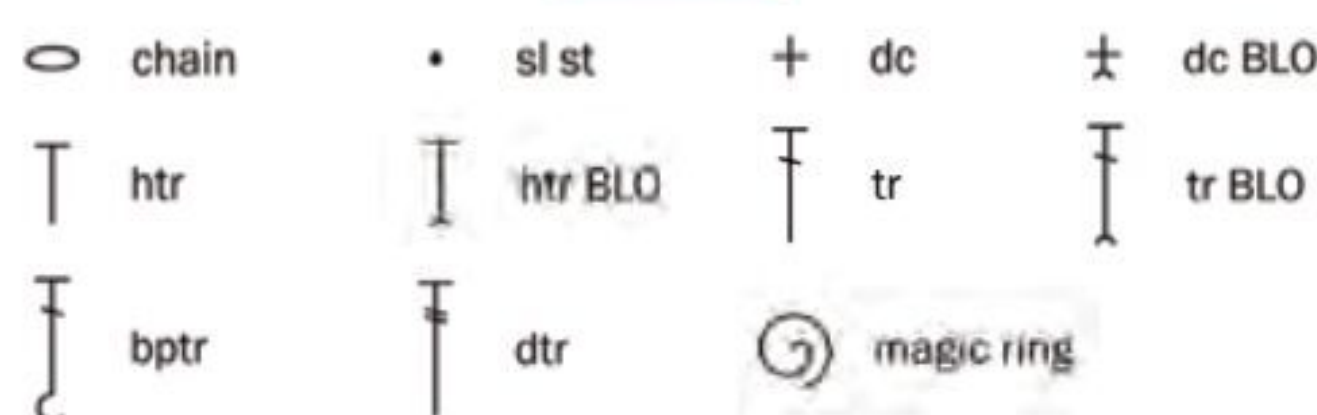
Rnd 1: With larger hook, A and working into a magic ring, 1 ch (does not count as a st here and throughout), 2 dc, pm in first dc made, 2 htr, 2 tr, remove hook and secure loop with st marker, drop A, being careful to hold working tail at back (do not work over working tail), with CC, 1 ch, 2 dc, pm in first dc made, 2 htr, 2 tr. Pull A tail to close ring. There will be a small hole rem in centre. 6 sts A, 6 sts CC

Remove hook from CC and secure loop with st marker. Place hook in A loop (rm from loop). You will start Rnd 2 in the marked CC st. Move markers up as you work Rnds 2-4 to help you keep track. When working rnds 2-4, it is easier to work into approx. half of the CC sts of the rnd below, then secure loop and work into the MC sts before returning to work into the remaining CC sts.

Chart



Key



Rnd 2: In BLO, with A, [2 tr in next st] 6 times, with CC, [2 tr in next st] 6 times. 12 sts A, 12 sts CC

Rnd 3: In BLO, with A, [1 tr, 2 tr in next st] 6 times, with CC, [1 tr, 2 tr in next st] 6 times. 18 sts A, 18 sts CC

Note that Rnd 4 is only worked over 9 sts in each colour.

Rnd 4: In BLO, with A, 2 tr, [2 tr in next st], 2 htr, [2 htr in next st], 2 dc, 1 sl st, with CC, 2 tr, [2 tr in next st], 2 htr, [2 htr in next st], 2 dc, 1 sl st. 20 sts A, 20 sts CC

Fasten off MC and CC by cutting yarn, pull loop out through last st, thread tail onto needle and sew yarn over loop of last st and down into next st.

Special abbreviations

Invisible join: Cut yarn, pull yarn through last st made, thread yarn onto needle, insert needle under both loops of next st from front to back following path of top of st, pull yarn through, insert needle into top of last st made and under back loop, pull yarn through to WS, matching look of top loops of adjacent sts

Standing dtr: With slipknot on hook, yrh twice, insert hook in indicated st, complete st as usual

Standing RtrB: With slipknot on hook, yrh, insert hook around indicated st, complete st as usual

Standing dc: With slipknot on hook, insert hook in indicated st, complete st as usual

Standing RtrF: With slipknot on hook, yrh, insert hook around indicated st, complete st as usual

Standing tr: With slipknot on hook, yrh, insert hook in indicated st, complete st as usual

Blanket

Weave in ends. Remove stitch markers.

Rnd 5: In BLO, with B, 1 standing dtr in 6th st after CC sl st just made, 2 ch, 2 dtr in same st as first dtr, *2 tr, 2 htr, 1 dc, 2 htr, 2 tr**, [2 dtr, 2 ch, 2 dtr] in next st; rep from * 3 times more, ending last rep at **, 1 dtr in next st (same st as first dtr), join with a sl st in beg dtr. *13 sts per side, 4 corner 2ch-sps*

Rnd 6: 1 sl st into 2ch-sp, [3 ch, 1 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] into same 2ch-sp, *13 tr**, [2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] into next 2ch-sp; rep from * 3 times more, ending last rep at **, join using invisible join in top of beg 3ch. *17 sts per side, 4 corner 2ch-sps*

Rnd 7: With CC, 1 standing RtrB in any st along a side, *RtrB across to next corner 2ch-sp, [2 htr, 2 ch, 2 htr] into 2ch-sp; rep from * 3 more times, RtrB to end, join using invisible join to beg RtrB. *21 sts per side, 4 corner 2ch-sps*

Rnd 8: With A, 1 standing dc in any st along a side, *dc across to next corner 2ch-sp, [2 dc, 2 ch, 2 dc] in 2ch-sp; rep from * 3 times more, dc to end, join using invisible join to beg dc. *25 sts per side, 4 corner 2ch-sps*

Joining squares

Using photographs as a guide, join horizontal rows of squares first, then join vertical rows.

Horizontal Rows

With RS facing, join yarn with a sl st through corner 2ch-sp of both squares. Working through the BLO of both squares at the same time, *25 sl st, [1 sl st into next 2ch-sp] twice (transition from one square to next square); rep from * to end, omitting final sl st into 2ch-sp.

Vertical Rows

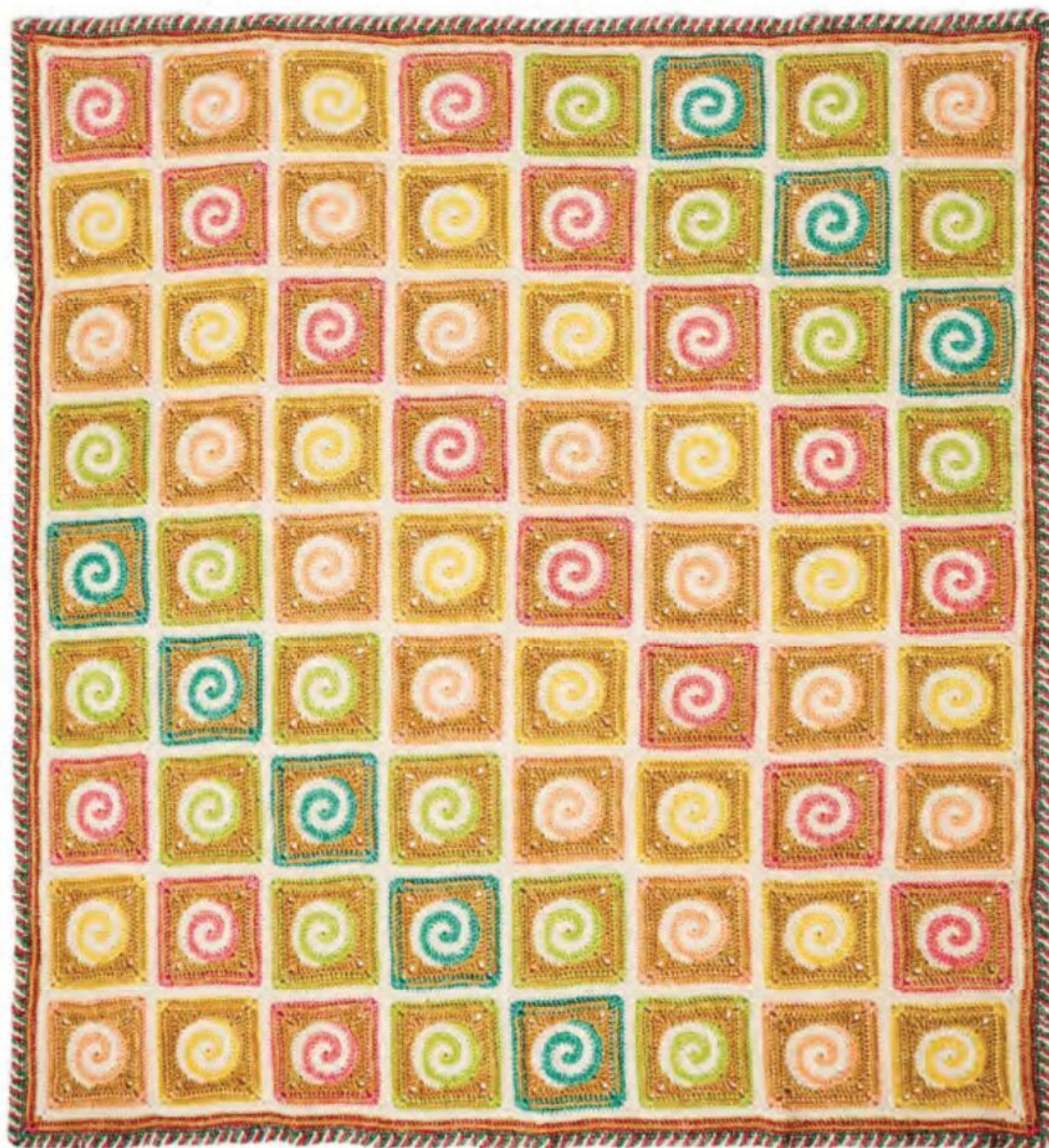
With RS facing, join yarn with a sl st through corner 2ch-sp of both squares. Working through the BLO of both squares at the same time, *25 sl st, 1 ch (over previous seam); rep from * to end, replacing final 1 ch with a sl st into corner 2ch-sp.

Border

When joining at the end of each rnd, use the invisible join method. Start each new rnd in a different place to previous rnd to avoid stacking the joins.

Use smaller hook throughout Border.

Rnd 1: With A and starting with a standing dc, [2 dc, 2 ch, 2 dc] in any blanket corner 2ch-sp, *[25 dc in BLO, 1 dc in corner 2ch-sp, 1 dc in seam between squares, 1 dc in corner 2ch-sp] to last square before



next blanket corner, 25 dc in BLO**, [2 dc, 2 ch, 2 dc] in corner 2ch-sp; rep from * 3 times more ending last rep at **, join to beg dc. *956 sts, 4 2ch-sps (253 on each long side, 225 on each short side)*

Rnd 2: Join B with a standing tr in BLO of any dc on any side, *tr in BLO across to corner 2ch-sp, [2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] into corner 2ch-sp; rep from * 3 times more, tr in BLO to end, join. *972 sts, 4 2ch-sps*

Rnd 3: Join H with a standing RtrF around any tr on any side, *RtrF across to corner 2ch-sp, [2 htr, 2 ch, 2 htr] into corner 2ch-sp; rep from * 3 times more, RtrF to end, join. *988 sts, 4 2ch-sps*

Rnd 4: Join I with a standing dc in any st on any side, *dc across to corner 2ch-sp, [2 dc, 2 ch, 2 dc] into corner 2ch-sp; rep from * 3 times more, dc to end, join. *1004 sts, 4 2ch-sps*

For the last rnd you will be working with 3 colours. Before removing your hook from a colour, either secure the loop with a stitch marker or pull loop out so it is quite long to avoid it unravelling.

Join H with a standing dc approximately halfway down one of the short sides, 5 ch, remove hook. Join I with a standing dc in next st, 5 ch, remove hook. Join A with a standing dc in next st, 5 ch, remove hook.

Rnd 5: *[Replace hook into H loop, working in front of other colours, dc in next st, 5 ch, remove hook, replace hook into I loop, working in front of other colours, dc in next st, 5 ch, remove hook, replace hook into A loop, working in front of other colours, dc in next st, 5 ch, remove hook] to corner 2ch-sp, placing 2 dc (1 for each of the next 2 colours in the sequence) into 2ch-sp, miss first dc after corner; rep from * around until the st before the last corner 2ch-sp.

Check that your border will join up correctly before completing the last section so that you can make adjustments if required. You need to have a multiple of 3 sts from the st after the last A dc worked, to the first A dc of the rnd. Don't forget that you will work 2 dc in the last corner 2ch-sp. If needed, work more or fewer sts at the corner to make sure your last 3 sts will match up with the first 3.

Cont working in the same manner until all sts have been used. Working in front of other colours, join each ch with a sl st to beg dc in the same colour. Fasten off, leaving a long tail, pull loop out through last st, thread onto needle and sew through to back of work.

Weave in ends. Block to dimensions given. 



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Special stitches

Spike dc (SPdc): Insert hook in st below ch-sp, yrh (enclosing ch-sp), pul drawing loop level with other dc on working row, yrh draw through 2 loops

fdc: Foundation double crochet



Hayley Hall

Prism

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Keep warm under your jacket and close to your neck
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 DK  5.5mm

★★ Intermediate

Yarn used

Cygnet DK
1 ball each in beige 240 (MC), Juniper 1348 (CC1), Sunshine 184 (CC2), Coral 422 (CC3) & fuchsia 676 (CC4)
Turn to pages 70 and 71 to find your local stockist

About the yarn

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

Tension

18 sts x 15 rows = 10cm measured over centre st patt

Hook used

5.5mm

Sizing

116cm in circumference x 13cm tall



Begin by using the foundation double crochet method then slip stitch to the first stitch to join. Make sure not to twist the row when joining. Alternatively begin by chaining 204, join to first chain then double crochet in each stitch around.

Beg 1 ch does not count as a st.
Join each rnd to beg st, do not turn.

Start crocheting...

Rnd 1: With MC, 204 fdc, join with sl st to beg fdc being careful not to twist. 204 sts
Rnd 2: 1 ch, htr around, join.
Rnd 3: 1 ch, dc around, join. Fasten off.

Rnd 4: Join CC1 in first st, 1 ch, *3 htr, 1 ch, miss 1 st; rep from * around, join. Fasten off.
Rnd 5: Join MC in first st, 1 ch, *3 dc, 1 SPdc; rep from * around, join.
Rnd 6: As Rnd 3.
Rnd 7: Join CC2 in first st, 1 ch, 2 htr, 1 ch, miss 1 st, *3 htr, 1 ch, miss 1 st; rep from * to last st, 1 htr, join. Fasten off.
Rnd 8: Join MC in first st, 1 ch, 2 dc, 1 SPdc, *3 dc, 1 SPdc; rep from * to last st, 1 dc, join.
Rnd 9: As Rnd 3.
Rnd 10: Join CC3 in first st, 1 ch, 1 htr, 1 ch, miss 1 st, *3 htr, 1 ch, miss 1 st; rep from * to last 2 sts, 2 htr, join. Fasten off.
Rnd 11: Join MC in first st, 1 ch, 1 dc, 1 SPdc, *3 dc, 1 SPdc; rep from * to last 2

sts, 2 dc, join.
Rnd 12: As Rnd 3.
Rnd 13: With CC4, as Rnd 4.
Rnds 14-15: As rnds 5-6.
Rnd 16: With CC4, as Rnd 7.
Rnds 17-18: As rnds 8-9.
Rnd 19: As Rnd 10.
Rnds 20-21: As rnds 11-12.
Rnd 22: With CC2, as Rnd 4.
Rnds 23-24: As rnds 5-6.
Rnd 25: With CC1, as Rnd 7
Rnd 26: As Rnd 8.
Rnd 27: As Rnd 3, do not fasten off.
Rnd 28: As Rnd 2.
Rnd 29: As Rnd 3.
Weave in ends. 

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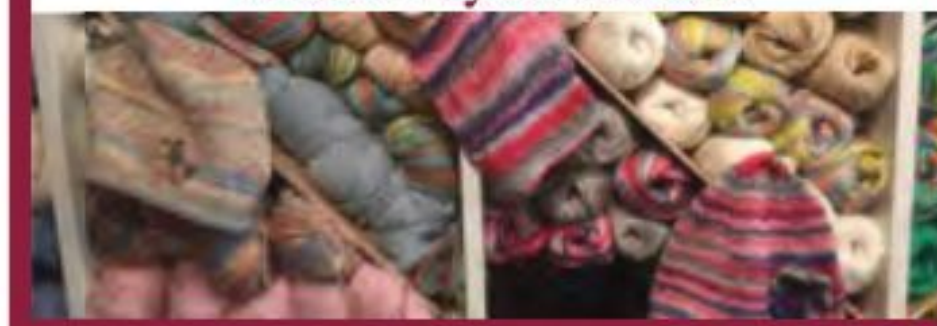
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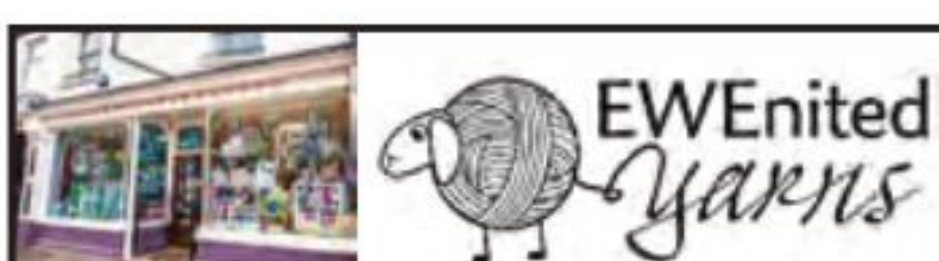
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Catherine Venner

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 4-ply  2.5mm

★★ Intermediate

Yarn used

Scheepjes Catona
1 ball each Icy Pink 246, Chrystaline 385,
Tropic 253, Shocking Pink 114,
Yellow Gold 208 & Bluebell 173
Turn to pages 70 and 71 to find
your local stockist

About the yarn

4-ply; 125m per 50g ball; 100% cotton

Tension

First 3 rnds = 1.5cm

Hook used

2.5mm

Other supplies

toy stuffing
stitch marker

Sizing

Approximately 8cm tall
.....

Leave a long tail when finishing off individual pieces, this means you can use this tail for assembly so that you have fewer ends to sew in.

Use a stitch marker at the start of each round so you can easily see where you need to move up to the next round.

Beg 1 ch does not count as a st, join each rnd with a sl st in beg st.



Start crocheting...

Make 1 each using Icy Pink, Tropic and Bluebell for A and Chrystaline, Shocking Pink and Yellow Gold for B.

Main Body

Rnd 1: With A and working into a magic ring, 6 dc, join. 6 sts
Rnd 2: 1 ch, 2 dc in each st, join. 12 sts
Rnd 3: 1 ch, *1 dc, [1 bbl, 1 dc] in next st; rep from * around, join. 18 sts
Rnd 4: 1 ch, [1 bbl, 2 dc] 6 times, join.
Rnd 5: 1 ch, [2 dc, 1 bbl] 6 times, join.
Rnds 6-11: Rep rnds 4-5 three times.
Rnd 12: 1 ch, [1 dc2tog, 1 dc] 6 times, join. 12 sts
Rnd 13: 1 ch, 6 dc2tog, join. 6 sts
Fasten off.

Leaves

The leaves are worked individually in rows. With B, chain 10.

Row 1: *Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 3 dc,

3 htr, 3 tr**, 10 ch; rep from * 7 times ending last rep at **. 8 leaves with 9 sts each

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Assembly

Stuff Main Body. You do not need to sew up the hole.
Roll the leaves tog so they look like pineapple leaves and tack tog, pulling yarn right through the centre. Once the leaf bundle is secure, place it on top of Main Body, over the hole and sew into place. Cut a length of A long enough to make a hanger and then use the needle to sew both ends in place in the centre of the leaves. 

Special stitches

Bobble (bbl): [Yrh, insert hook into st, yrh, pul, yrh, draw through 2 loops] 3 times into same st, yrh, draw through all 4 loops on hook



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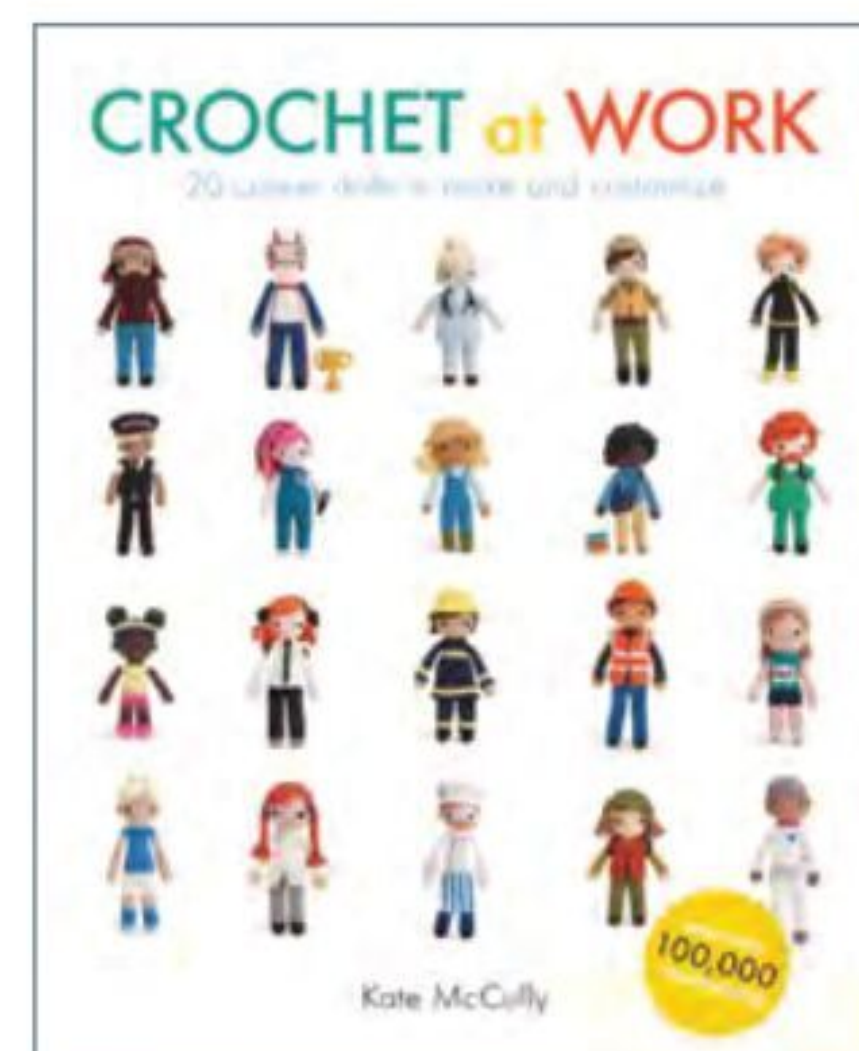
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THE BOOK CLUB

This month, we're proud to share our love
for Kate McCully's debut book
Crochet at Work!



Crochet at Work
by Kate McCully

£14.99, GMC Publications

ISBN 9781784946142

This month, keep your eyes peeled for a new awesome amigurumi crochet book by debut author Kate McCully, *Crochet at Work!* As soon we saw this new collection, our minds were cast back to last year when the team at *Crochet Now* worked with Kate on an exclusive pattern supplement for issue 57 – *When I Grow Up*. It was with such proud joy we learned that Kates original six career doll designs helped her on the path to being a published author – congratulations Kate!

Crochet at Work contains 20 fun, customisable dolls to crochet – you can choose the body shape, skin and hair colour, hair style, and outfit. Every doll is dressed in clothing that reflects an aspirational career making them the perfect

gifts for little ones who are fantasizing about what they'll be one day, or how about for a friend who just landed their new dream job? Once you get started, however, you'll find your imagination start to grow, inspired by Kate's fantastic collection, and you'll be itching to put together your own outfits and careers! How about a backpack for the teacher rather than a satchel? Or why not swap the singer's ponytail from a Lady Gaga pink to a Taylor Swift blonde?

A choice of multiple body shape options works well if you want to create a family of dolls, or show little ones growing up into their dream roles. We're delighted to see a diverse representation of skin colour, hair and gender in this collection aimed at crocheters of all levels. If you're a newbie,

Kate shows you all the techniques you need to get started, as well as step by step guide to working in the round, construction methods and more. If you already know your dc from your BLO then there is nothing stopping you from diving right into the collection and making all the dolls you could possibly want to! Projects include a chef, doctor, vet, explorer, astronaut, soldier, teacher, firefighter and many more – your only limit is your imagination!



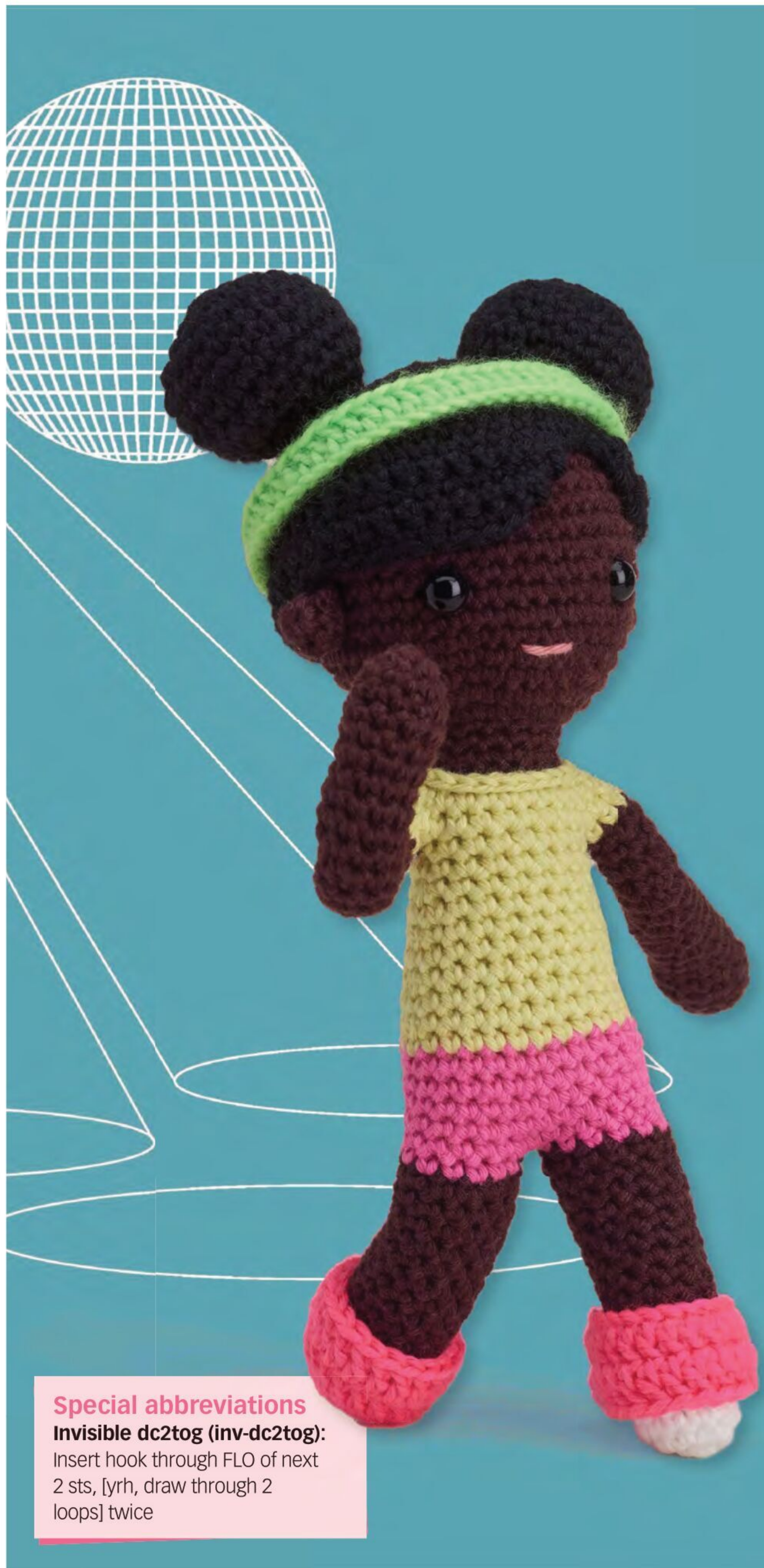
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Special abbreviations
Invisible dc2tog (inv-dc2tog):
 Insert hook through FLO of next
 2 sts, [yrh, draw through 2
 loops] twice

DK 2.5mm

★ ★ Intermediate

Yarn used

Rico Ricorumi DK
 1 ball each in black 060 (A), Smoky Rose 010
 (B), Light Green 046 (C), Chocolate 057 (D),
 white 001 (E) & fuchsia 014 (F)

Rico Ricorumi Neon DK
 1 ball each in Neon Green 003 (G)
 & Neon Fuchsia 002 (H)
 Visit www.rico-design.de/en to find your
 local stockist

About the yarn

DK; 57.5m per 25g ball; 100% cotton
 Neon DK; 60m per 25g ball; 100% acrylic

Tension

Tension is not critical for this project, but
 sts should be tight enough to avoid stuffing
 showing through

Hook used

2.5mm

Other supplies

tapestry needle
 stitch markers
 toy stuffing

Sizing

Approximately 19cm tall

Start crocheting...

Arms (make 2)

Rnd 1: With D and working into a magic
 ring, 5 dc. 5 sts
Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 10 sts
Rnds 3-7: Dc in each st around.
Rnd 8: 1 inv-dc2tog, 8 dc. 9 sts
Rnds 9-11: Dc in each st around.
Rnd 12: 1 inv-dc2tog, 7 dc. 8 sts
Rnds 13-15: Dc in each st around.
Rnd 16: 1 inv-dc2tog, 6 dc. 7 sts
Rnds 17-18: Dc in each st around.
Rnd 19: 2 dc, 1 sl st, leave rem sts
 unworked. 3 sts
 Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
 Pm in next st.

Legs (make 2)

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

TINY DANCER

Starting ballet classes at just three years old, this dancer is now a professional – she has been rehearsing hard all week and today she is auditioning at a studio for a music video!

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

Rnds 3-5: Dc in each st around.

Change to D.

Rnds 6-18: Dc in each st around.

Rnd 19: 3 dc, 1 sl st, leave rem sts unworked. 3 sts

Fasten off first leg, pm in next st.

Do not fasten off 2nd Leg, cont to Body & Head.

Body & Head

Stuff Legs.

Change to F.

Rnd 1: Cont with 2nd Leg, 12 dc, 1 ch (counts as 1 st), starting in marked st on First Leg, 12 dc, 1 dc in BLO of ch. 26 sts

Rnds 2-6: Dc around. At end of Rnd 6, work 6 more dc, pm in next st to denote start of new Rnd. Change to C.

Rnd 7: Dc in each st around.

Rnd 8: [1 inv-dc2tog, 11 dc] twice. 24 sts

Rnd 9: Dc in each st around.

Rnd 10: [1 inv-dc2tog, 10 dc] twice. 22 sts

Rnd 11: Dc in each st around.

Rnd 12: [1 inv-dc2tog, 9 dc] twice. 20 sts

Rnd 13: Dc in each st around.

Rnd 14: [1 inv-dc2tog, 8 dc], twice. 18 sts

Rnd 15: Dc in each st around.

In the next rnd you will join the Arms, make sure to cont to mark the start of each rnd.

Rnd 16: 1 dc in next st of Body, starting in marked st on first Arm, 7 dc, starting in next st on Body, 9 dc, starting in marked st on 2nd Arm, 7 dc, starting in next st on Body, 8 dc. 32 sts

Rnd 17: 2 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog, 1 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog, 11 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog, 1 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog, 9 dc. 28 sts

Rnd 18: [1 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog] twice, 9 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog, 1 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog, 8 dc. 24 sts

Use a tapestry needle and the tail ends left on the Arms to sew closed the small holes created when joining them.

Change to D.

Rnd 19: In BLO, [1 inv-dc2tog, 1 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog, 7 dc] twice. 20 sts

Rnd 20: [1 inv-dc2tog, 1 dc, inv-dc2tog, 5 dc] twice. 16 sts

Rnd 21: Dc in BLO of each st around.

Rnd 22: Dc in each st around.

Rnd 23: [2 dc in next st] 14 times, 2 dc. 30 sts

Rnd 24: [2 dc in next st, 4 dc] 6 times. 36 sts

Rnd 25: [2 dc in next st, 5 dc] 6 times. 42 sts

Rnds 26-35: Dc in each st around.

Do not fasten off. Secure working loop with a st marker to cont later.

Insert safety eyes between rnds 29 and 30 and about 2.5cm / 8 sts apart.

Thread a tapestry needle with a short length of B and embroider a small 1cm long stitch for the mouth 3 rnds below the eyes.

Collar

Hold Doll the right way up and insert hook into any FLO left in Rnd 18 to the rear of the Doll. Sl st in FLO of each st to end, join with a sl st to first sl st.

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Head

Replace secured loop onto hook and cont with Head, stuffing as you go.

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

Rnd 37: [1 inv-dc2tog, 4 dc] 6 times. 30 sts

Rnd 38: [1 inv-dc2tog, 3 dc] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnd 39: [1 inv-dc2tog, 2 dc] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 40: [1 inv-dc2tog, 1 dc] 6 times. 12 sts

Rnd 41: 6 inv-dc2tog. 6 sts

Fasten off. Thread a tapestry needle with the tail end, sew through rem sts and pull the hole closed. Weave in end securely.

Hair Cap

Rnd 1: With A 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 8-11: Dc in each st around. Turn work at end of Rnd 11, ready to work in rows.

We will now work in rows.

Row 12: Miss first st, 41 dc. Turn. 41 sts

Row 13: Miss first st, 40 dc. Turn. 40 sts

Row 14: Miss first st, 39 dc. Turn. 39 sts

Row 15: Miss first st, 5 dc, 2 sl st, 1 dc, 1 htr, 15 tr, 1 htr, 1 dc, 2 sl st, 9 dc, sl st in last st. 38 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Ears (make 2)

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

Rnd 2: Dc in each st around.

Sl st in next st to close spiral.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Place the Hair in position and you should see two indents where the Ears should be sewn on. The Ears should line up with the top of the eye, and in line with the shoulder.

Buns (make 2)

Rnd 1: With A 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

Rnds 5-8: Dc in each st around.

Rnd 9: [1 inv-dc2tog, 2 dc] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 10: [1 inv-dc2tog, 1 dc] 6 times. 12 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Using photograph as a guide, sew Hair Cap onto Head. There should be a little 'dip' on each side, these line up with the ears. Stuff Buns and sew in place on either side of Head.

Leg Warmers (make 2)

With H, chain 20. Join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist.

Rnd 1: 3 ch (counts as first tr), tr around, sl st in 3rd beg ch to join. 20 sts

Rnd 2: As Rnd 1.

Fasten off. Weave in ends. Place onto Dancer's ankles.

Headband

With G, chain 60.

Row 1: Starting in 4th ch from hook, tr across.

Fasten off. Sew the two short ends tog and weave in ends. Place around Dancer's head. 

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Yarn used

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3 balls each in Mustard 3121 (MC1)
& pink 030 (MC2)
1 ball in grey 024 (CC)

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About the yarn

Super-chunky; 81m per 100g ball;
100% acrylic

Tension

2 rows = 5cm

Hook used

10mm

Other supplies

toy stuffing, 200g
tapestry needle

Sizing

36cm across x 40cm tall (including topper)

Beg 3 ch does not count as a st unless
otherwise specified.

 **Start crocheting...**

Cushion Panels

Make 2 each with MC1 and MC2.

Rnd 1: With MC and working into a magic
ring, 3 ch (counts as first tr), 11 tr, join

with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Turn. *12 sts*

Rnd 2: 3 ch, *[1 bbl, 1 tr] in next st, 2 tr
in next st; rep from * 5 times more, join
with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Turn. *24 sts*

Rnd 3: 3 ch, [1 tr, 2 tr in next st] 12 times,
join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Turn. *36 sts*

Rnd 4: *[1 bbl, 1 tr] in next st, 2 tr, 2 tr in
next st, 2 tr; rep from * 5 times more,
join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Turn. *48 sts*

Rnd 5: [3 tr, 2 tr in next st] 12 times, join
with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Turn. *60 sts*

Rnd 6: *[1 bbl, 1 tr] in next st, 4 tr, 2 tr in
next st, 4 tr; rep from * 5 times more,
join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Turn. *72 sts*

Rnd 7: [5 tr, 2 tr in next st] 12 times, join
with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Fasten off. *84 sts*

Topper

Row 1: Join CC with sl st in top of beg 3
ch from Rnd 7, 3 ch, 6 tr, leave rem sts
unworked. Turn. *6 sts*

Row 2: 3 ch, tr across. Fasten off.
Weave in ends.

Making up

Push each bbl to RS if necessary. Place
both panels of MC1 with WS tog, join MC1
with sl st in first unworked st on LH-side of
Topper, working through both thicknesses
at the same time, dc in each st around to
RH-side of Topper, stopping to stuff Bauble
before completing join. Fasten off.
Join CC with sl st in base of RH-side of
Topper, working through both thicknesses
at the same time, dc evenly across row
ends, 6 dc across top, stuff, dc evenly
across row ends. Fasten off. Weave in
ends. Rep with MC2 panels.

Leaving a long beg tail, chain 30. Fasten off

leaving a long end tail. Securely sew both
tails to middle of Topper to create bauble
hanger. Fasten off. Weave in ends. 



Special stitches

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

SUPER-HUGGABLE UNICORN

If you ask us, everyone needs a super-cuddly unicorn toy in their life, so why not crochet one as a gift this Christmas?

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 **Aran**  **3.25mm**

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Yarn used

Bernat Baby Velvet
1 ball each in Cuddly Cloud 86018 (MC),
Bleached Aqua 86030 (CC1),
Joyful Gold 86001 (CC2)
& Potpourri 86029 (CC3)
Available from
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

About the yarn

Aran; 450m per 300g ball; 100% polyester

Tension

18 sts x 20 rows = 10cm measured over dc

Hook used

3.25mm

Other supplies

tapestry needle
locking stitch markers
2 safety eyes, 14mm
small amount of black aran-weight yarn
for embroidery
toy stuffing

Sizing

Approximately 25.5cm tall x 23cm
diameter, excluding limbs and horn

This pattern is worked in the amigurumi style,
in a spiral without slip stitching or turning
chains. Use a stitch marker or waste yarn to
keep track of the first stitch of each round.

Change colour on last yrh of st before
colour change.

Start crocheting...

With MC, chain 2.

Rnd 1: 8 dc in 2nd ch from hook, pm in
next st for beg of rnd. 8 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 16 sts

Rnd 3: *2 dc in next st, 1 dc in next st; rep
from * around. 24 sts

Rnd 4: *2 dc in next st, 2 dc; rep from *
around. 32 sts

Rnd 5: *2 dc in next st, 3 dc; rep from *
around. 40 sts

Rnd 6: *2 dc, 2 dc in next st, 2 dc; rep from

* around. 48 sts

Rnd 7: *2 dc in next st, 5 dc; rep from *
around. 56 sts

Rnd 8: *3 dc, 2 dc in next st, 3 dc; rep from
* around. 64 sts

Rnd 9: *2 dc in next st, 7 dc; rep from *
around. 72 sts

Rnd 10: Dc around.

Rnd 11: *4 dc, 2 dc in next st, 4 dc; rep
from * around. 80 sts

Rnd 12: *2 dc in next st, 9 dc; rep from *
around. 88 sts

Rnd 13: Dc around.

Rnd 14: *5 dc, 2 dc in next st, 5 dc; rep
from * around. 96 sts

Rnd 15: *2 dc in first st, 11 dc; rep from *
around. 104 sts

Rnd 16: Dc around.

Rnd 17: *6 dc, 2 dc in next st, 6 dc; rep
from * around. 112 sts

Rnd 18: *2 dc in first st, 13 dc; rep from *
around. 120 sts

Rnd 19: Dc around.

Place 2nd marker at end of rnd. Do not move
this marker, it is used to measure from.

Rep last rnd until work from 2nd marker
measures 10 cm.

Rnd 20: *1 dc2tog, 13 dc; rep from *
around. 112 sts

Rnds 21-23: Dc around.

Rnd 24: *1 dc2tog, 12 dc; rep from *
around. 104 sts

Rnds 25-27: Dc around.

Rnd 28: *1 dc2tog, 11 dc; rep from *
around. 96 sts

Rnds 29-30: Dc around.

Rnd 31: *1 dc2tog, 10 dc; rep from *
around. 88 sts

Rnd 32: Dc around.

Rnd 33: *1 dc2tog, 9 dc; rep from *
around. 80 sts

Rnd 34: Dc around.

Rnd 35: *4 dc, 1 dc2tog, 4 dc;
rep from * around. 72 sts

Rnd 36: Dc around.

Rnd 37: *1 dc2tog, 7 dc;
rep from * around. 64 sts

Rnd 38: Dc around.

Rnd 39: *3 dc, 1 dc2tog,
3 dc; rep from *
around. 56 sts

Rnd 40: Dc around.

Rnd 41: *1 dc2tog,
5 dc; rep from *
around. 48 sts

Rnd 42: Dc around.

Rnd 43: *2 dc, 1 dc2tog,
2 dc; rep from * around.
40 sts

Insert Safety Eyes. Stuff Body and Head.

Rnd 44: Dc around.

Rnd 45: *1 dc2tog, 3 dc; rep from *
around. 32 sts

Rnd 46: *1 dc, 1 dc2tog, 1 dc; rep from *
around. 24 sts

Rnd 47: *1 dc2tog, 1 dc; rep from *
around. 16 sts

Rnd 48: 8 dc2tog. 8 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Thread tail
through rem sts and pull to tighten.
Fasten securely.

Ears

Make 2 in each of MC and CC1.
Chain 10.

Row 1 (RS): Starting in 2nd ch from hook,
dc across. Turn. 9 sts

Row 2 & all foll even rows through

Row 8: 1 ch (does not count as a st here
and throughout), dc across. Turn.

Row 3: 1 ch, 1 dc2tog, 5 dc, 1 dc2tog. Turn.
7 sts

Row 5: 1 ch, 1 dc2tog, 3 dc, 1 dc2tog. Turn.
5 sts

Row 7: 1 ch, 1 dc2tog, 1 dc, 1 dc2tog. Turn.
3 sts

Row 9: 1 ch, 1 dc3tog. Fasten off.

Join Ears

Hold one MC Ear and one CC1 Ear with
WS tog. Hold CC1 side facing to work
joining row. Join MC with sl st through both
thicknesses to bottom right corner of Ears.

Next Rnd (RS): 1 ch, working through both
thicknesses, 8 dc evenly up right side of



Toy

Ear to corner, 3 dc in corner, 8 dc evenly down left side of Ear.
Fasten off.

Snout

With MC, chain 5

Rnd 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 3 dc, 3 dc in last ch, rotating as you go, work in the other side of the chain, 2 dc, 2 dc in last ch. *10 sts*

Rnd 2: 2 dc in first st, 2 dc, [2 dc in next st] 3 times, 2 dc, [2 dc in next st] twice. *16 sts*

Rnd 3: 1 dc in first st, 2 dc in next st, 3 dc, [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] 3 times, 2 dc, 2 dc in next st, 1 dc, 2 dc in last st. *22 sts*

Rnd 4: Dc in BLO around.

Rnds 5-7: Dc around.

Fasten off.

Stuff Snout lightly.

Hooves (make 4)

With CC1, chain 2.

Rnd 1: 8 dc in 2nd ch from hook, pm on next st for beg of rnd. *8 sts*

Rnd 2: [2 dc in next st] 8 times. *16 dc*

Rnd 3: *2 dc in next st, 1 dc; rep from * around. *24 dc*

Rnd 4: *2 dc in next st, 2 dc; rep from * around. *32 dc*

Rnd 5: Dc in BLO around.

Rnds 6-7: Dc around.

Rnd 8: *1 dc2tog, 2 dc; rep from * around. *24 dc*

Rnd 9: Dc around.

Rnd 10: *1 dc2tog, 1 dc; rep from * around. *16 dc*

Fasten off CC1.

Join MC with sl st to BLO of any dc.

Rnd 11: Dc in BLO around.

Rnds 12-15: Dc around. Fasten off. Stuff Hoof lightly.

Create cloven hoof: Thread tapestry needle with length of CC1. Draw yarn through centre of Hoof base (middle of Rnd 1) and up to top of Rnd 10 (at color change). Cinch tightly to form cloven hoof. Secure ends. Rep for each Hoof.

Horn

With MC, chain 2.

Rnd 1: 4 dc in 2nd ch from hook. *4 sts*

Rnd 2: [2 dc in next st] 4 times. *8 sts*

Rnd 3: Dc around.

Rnd 4: *2 dc in next st, 1 dc; rep from * around. *12 sts*

Rnds 5-6: Dc around.

Rnd 7: *2 dc in next st, 2 dc; rep from * around. *16 sts*

Rnds 8-9: Dc around.

Rnd 10: *3 dc, 2 dc in next st; rep from * around. *20 dc*

Rnds 11-18: Dc around.

Fasten off.

Stuff Horn lightly.

Mane

Beg with CC3.

Row 1: 32 ch, starting in 4th ch from hook, 2 tr in next ch, [3 tr in next ch] to end, changing to CC2 on last st. 1 Curl made. Fasten off CC3.

Row 2: With CC2, 32 ch, rep Row 1, changing to CC1 on last st. Fasten off CC2.

Row 3: With CC1, 32 ch, rep Row 1, changing to CC3 on last st. Fasten off CC1.

Rep last 3 rows 3 more times. *12 Curls made*
Fasten off.

Tail

Beg with CC3, work rows 1-3 of Mane, do not change to CC3 at end of Row 3. *3 Curls made*
Fasten off.

Finishing

Using photo as a guide, sew Ears, Snout, Hooves and Horn to Body. With MC, create nostrils by making 2 tight sts in Snout, and tacking them to Body. Fold Mane in half, having 6 Curls on each side. Beg at centre point behind Horn, sew Mane to Body in straight line down the back. Group ends of 3 Curls of Tail tog and sew to back of Body. With black aran-weight yarn, embroider eyebrows and mouth.



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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.

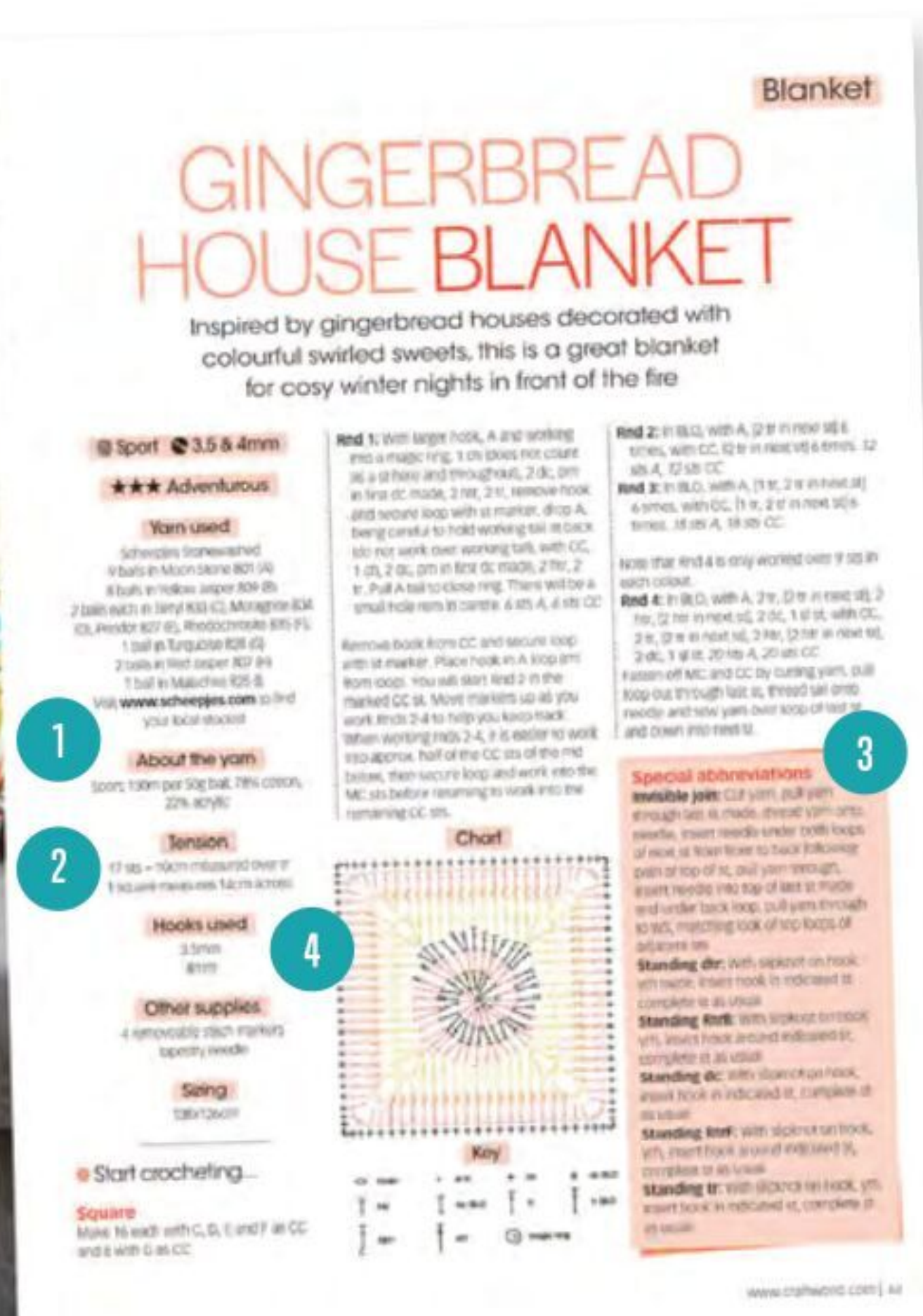
In *Crochet Now*, the instructions for working a basic stitch will be given with the instruction of how many stitches are worked in succession. For example, the instruction '4 dc' will tell you to work a double crochet stitch into the next four available stitches on the row below.

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, but 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 valuable – especially with wearable items such as garments, accessories and baby clothes. How tightly or loosely you crochet is pivotal for sizing, so crocheting a small square in the suggested pattern indicates whether the final project will turn out the correct size. If your tension does not match the recommended, 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 for separate instructions outside the pattern, which will explain how to make the stitch.

Finishing

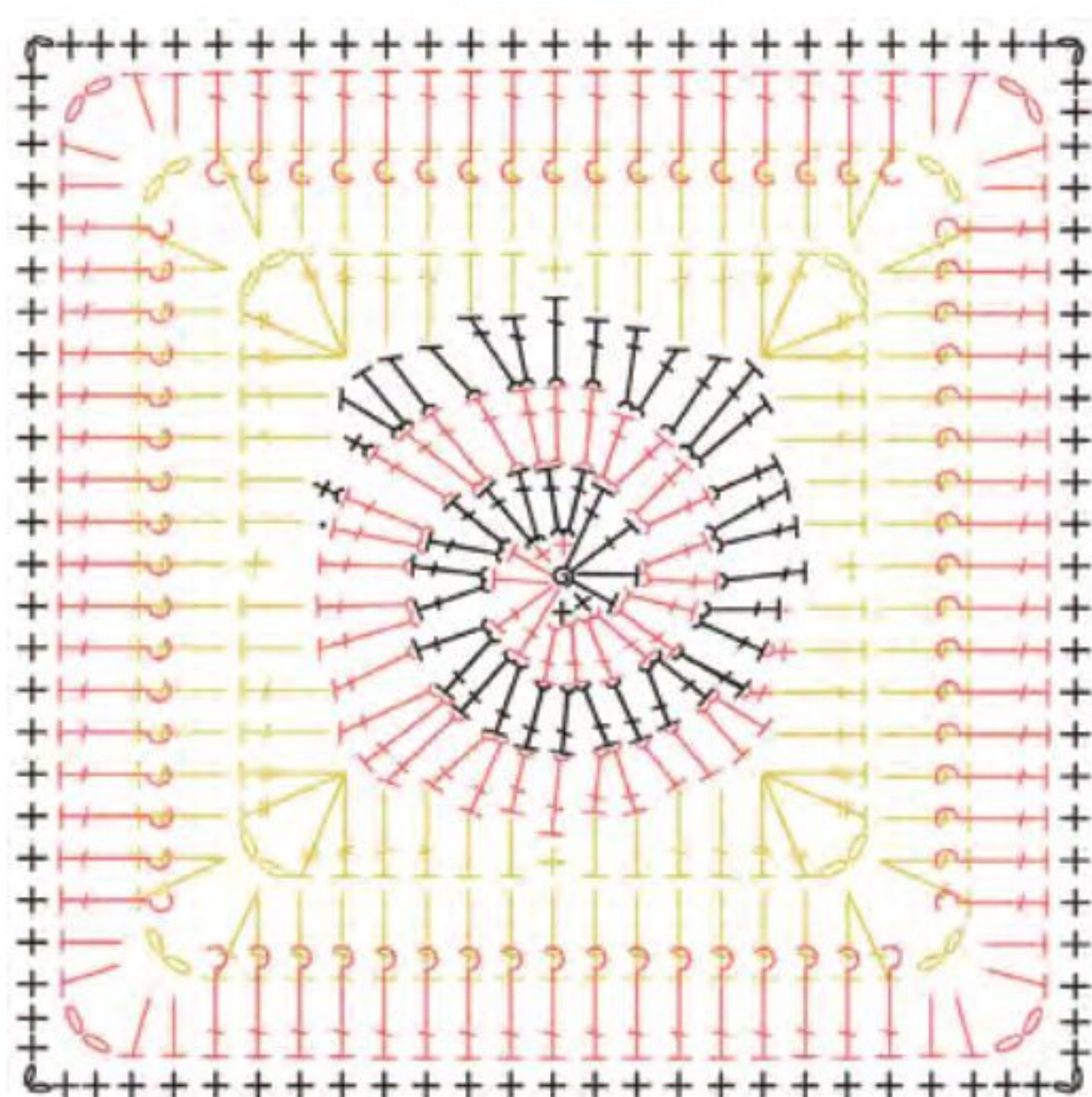
Apart from toys, most projects should be blocked to relax the yarn into its new shape by wetting the object, either in warm water, with a spray bottle or by steaming it. Then shape it and leave it to dry, laying out flat, pinned out on a blocking or foam board or, with the likes of hats, some people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

4 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.



Chart

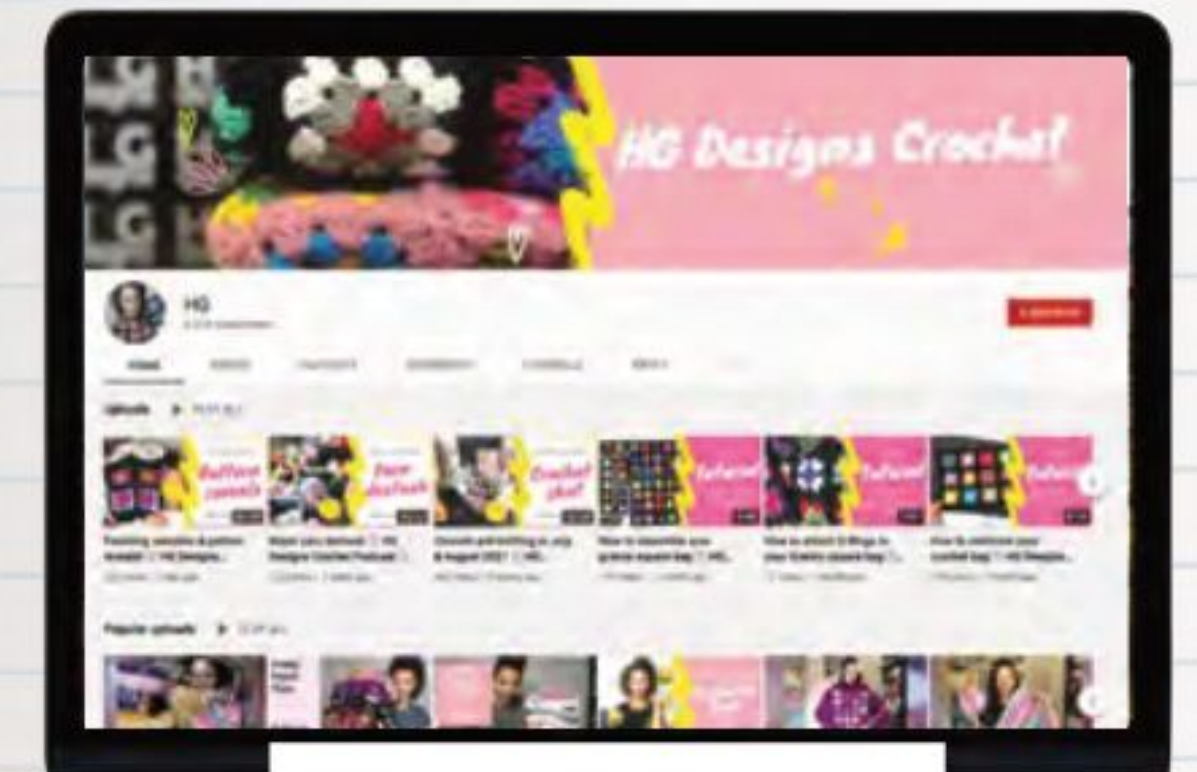


Key

○ chain	• sl st	+ dc	⊕ dc BLO
⌈ htr	⌈ htr BLO	⌈ tr	⌈ tr BLO
⌈ bptr	⌈ dtr	⊙ magic ring	

You read a crochet chart from bottom to top when worked in rows or from 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 signified in the colouring of the chart, sometimes not!

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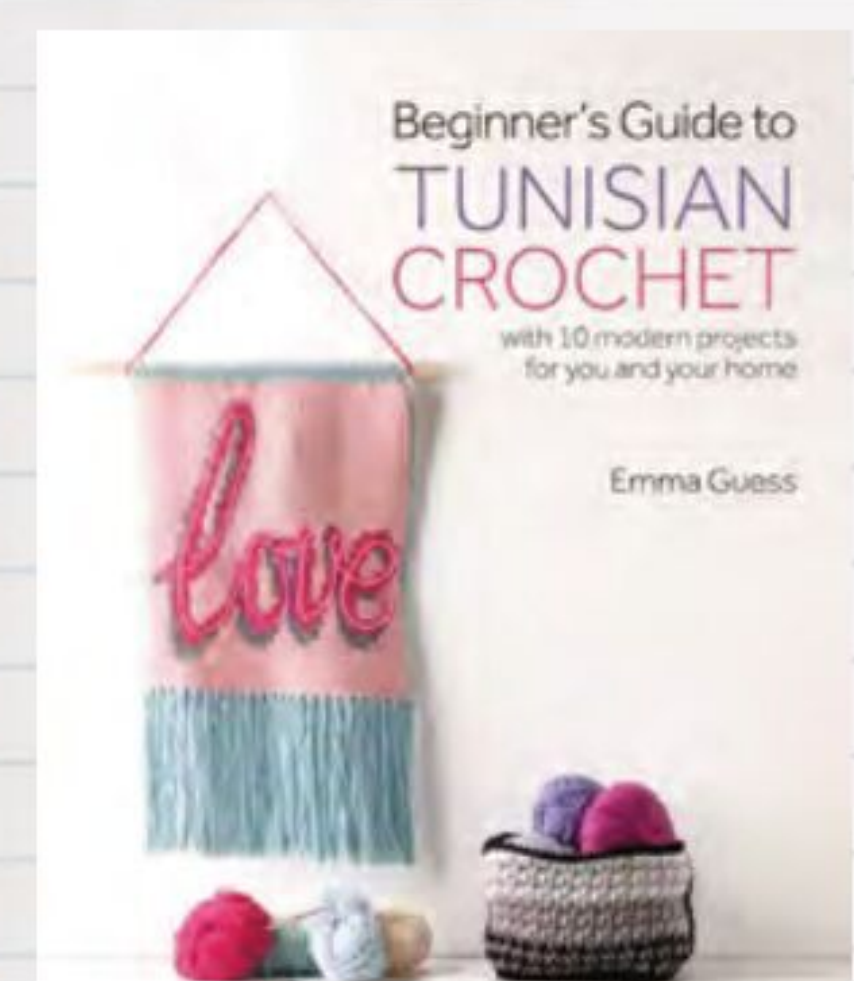
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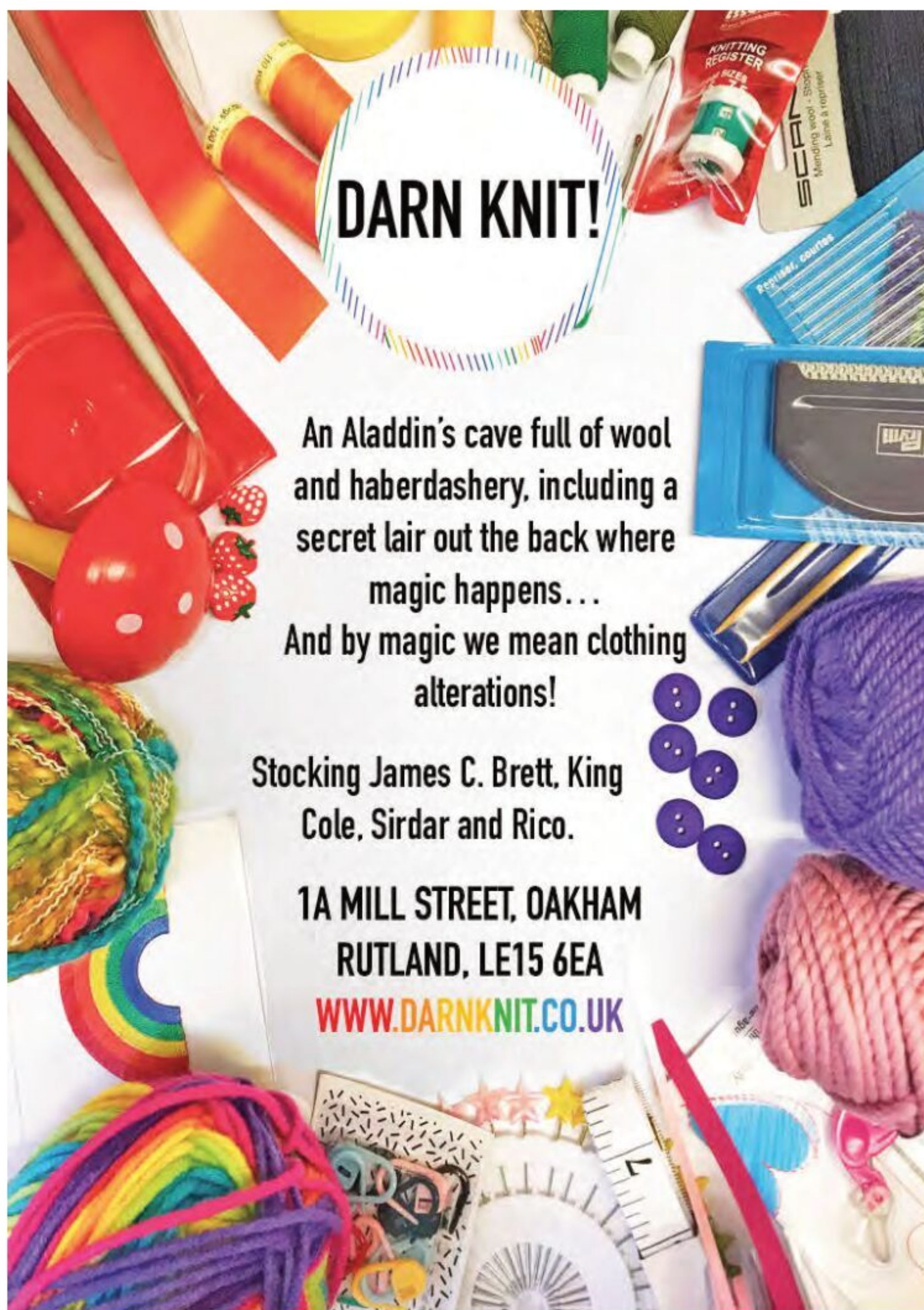


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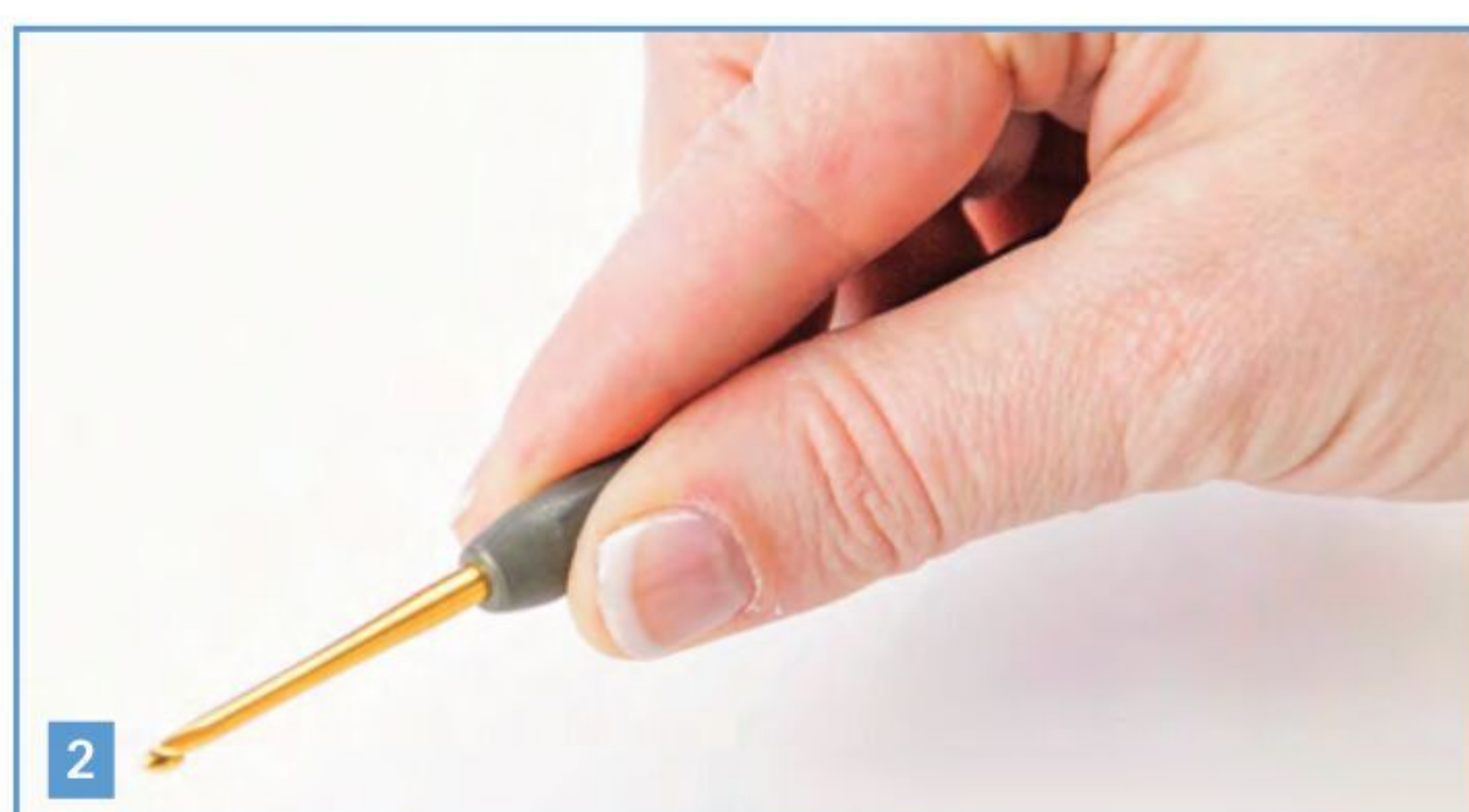
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Holding the hook



PEN METHOD

There's no right or wrong way to hold your hook, but many crocheters find it comfortable to hold it as they would a pen.



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 the end over the middle finger.

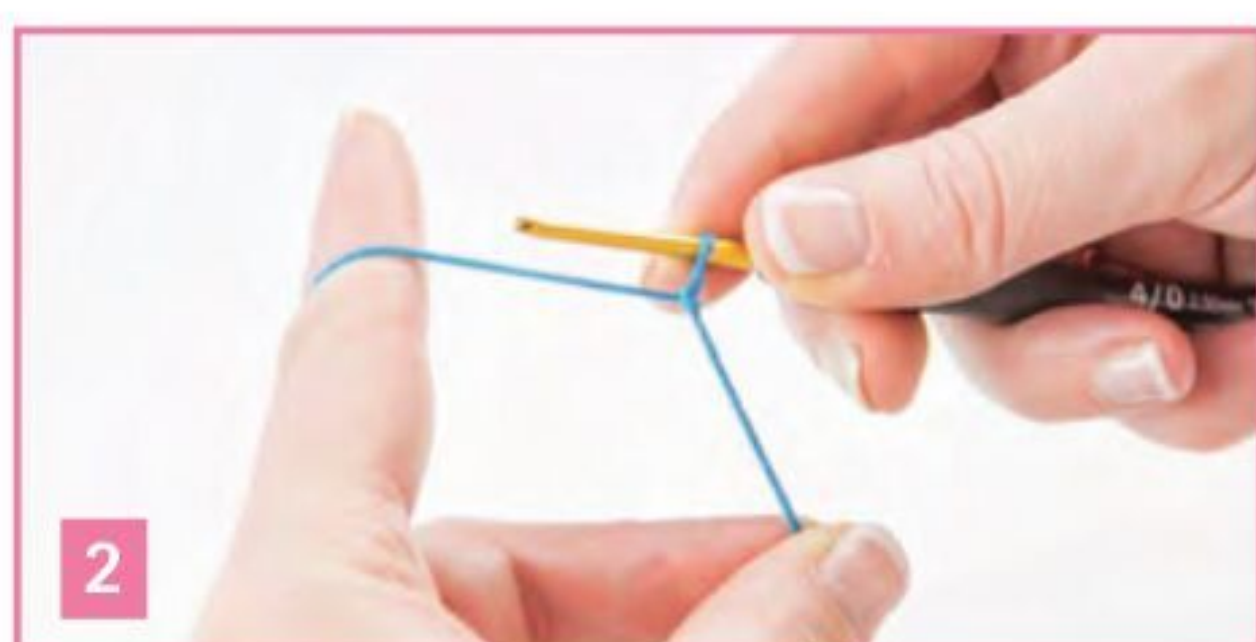
Making a slipknot



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!

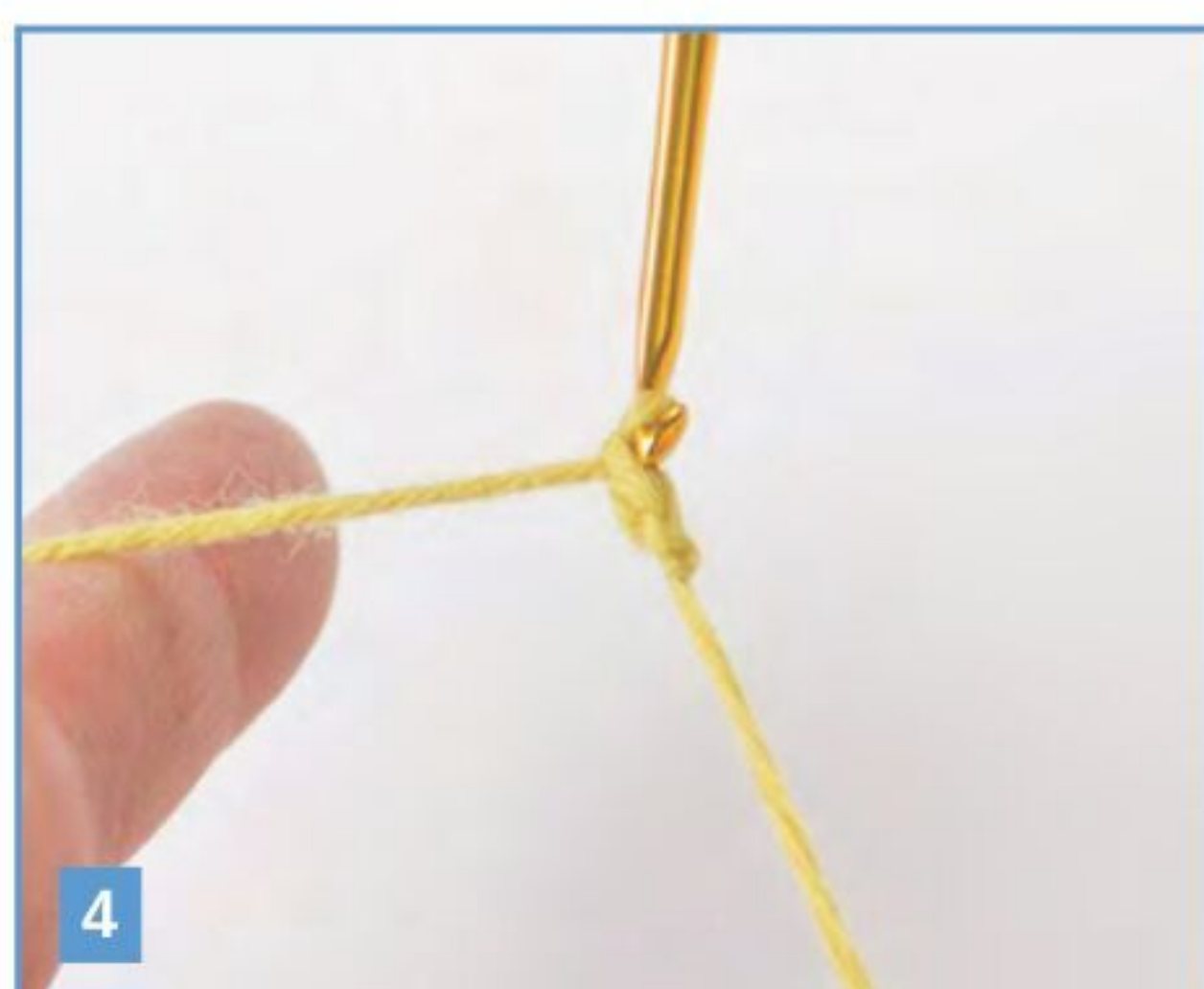
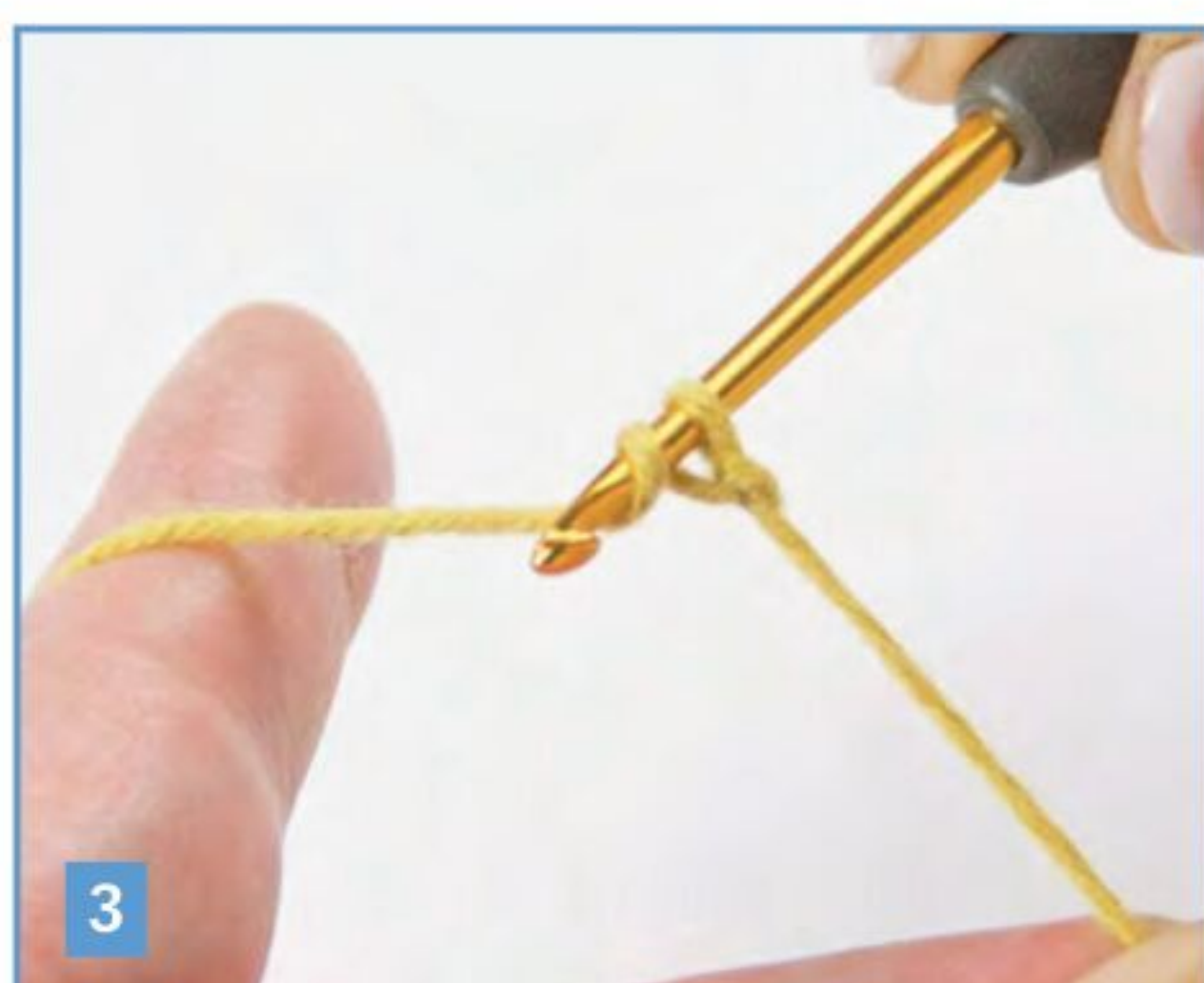
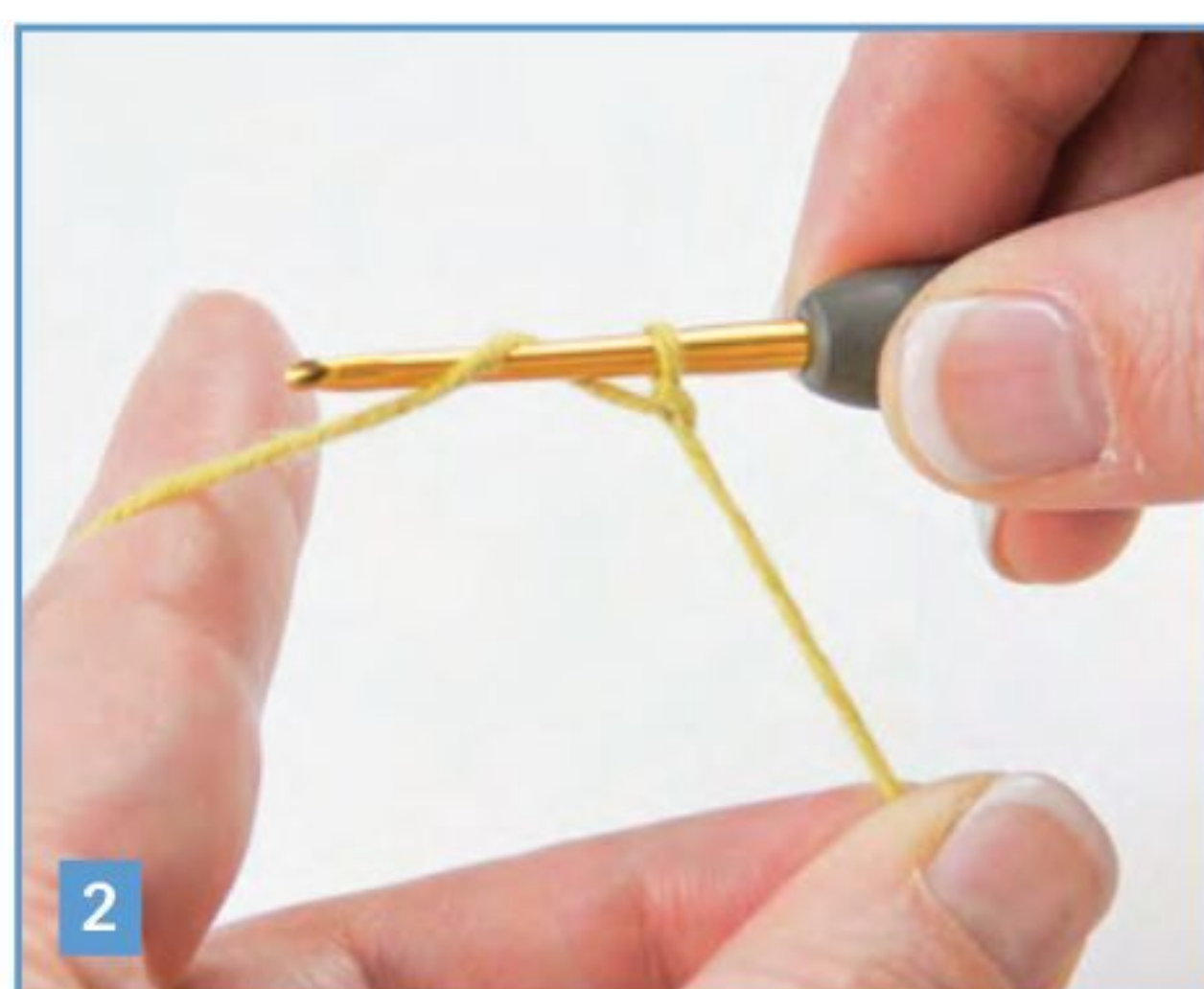
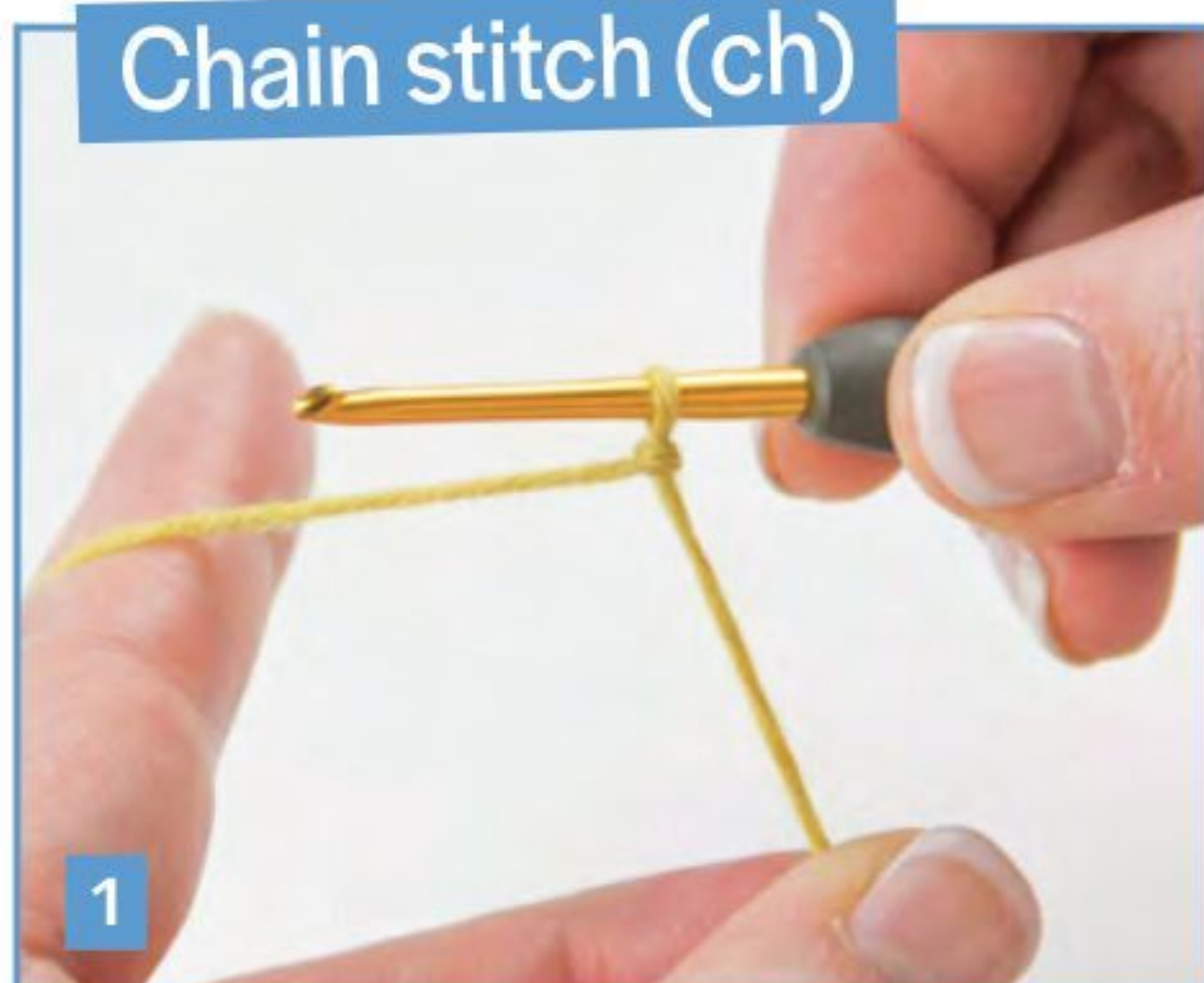


Remove the loop from your fingers and you should have something that looks like this.



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.

Chain stitch (ch)



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

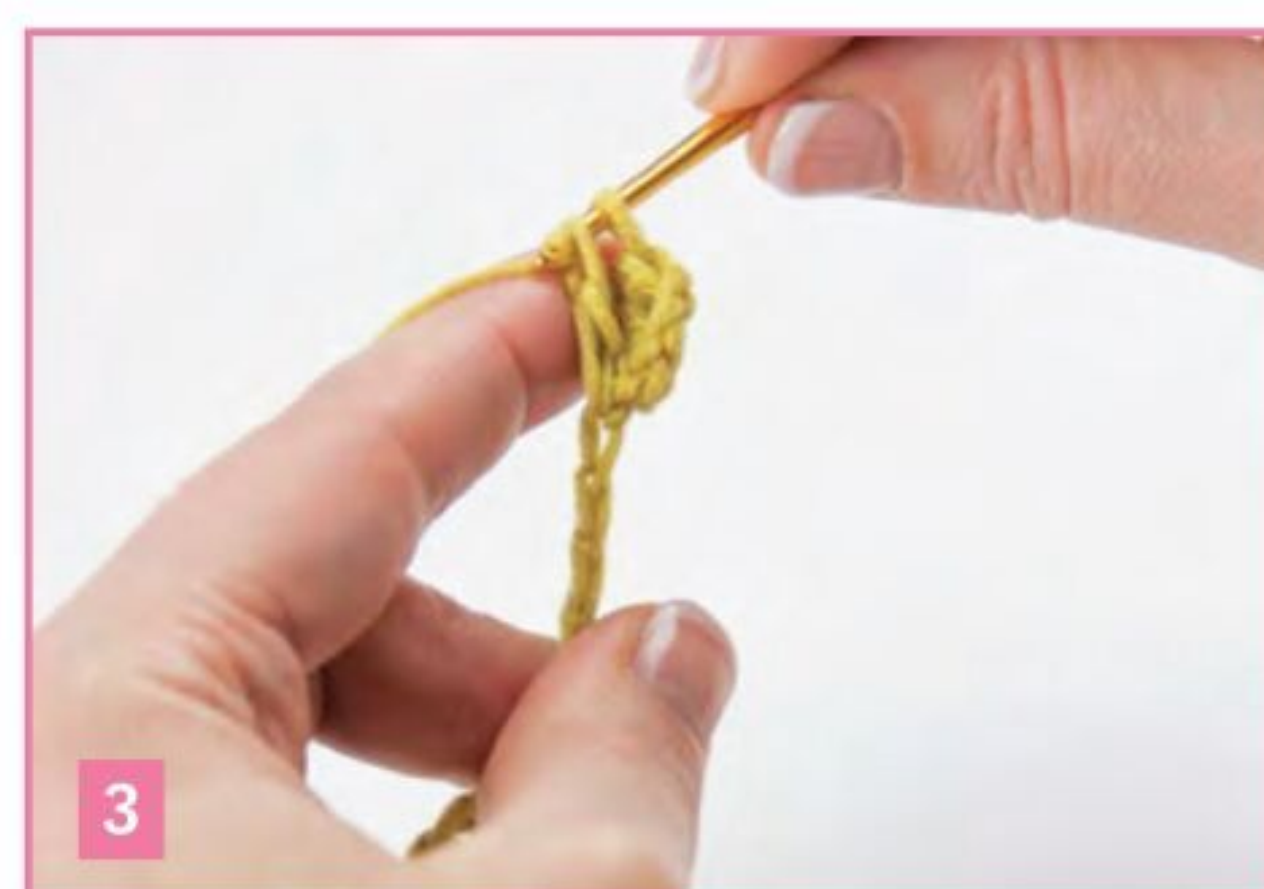
2 To begin making your first chain, first wrap the yarn around the hook (yrh).

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 yrh in the head of the hook.

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



Working into a chain

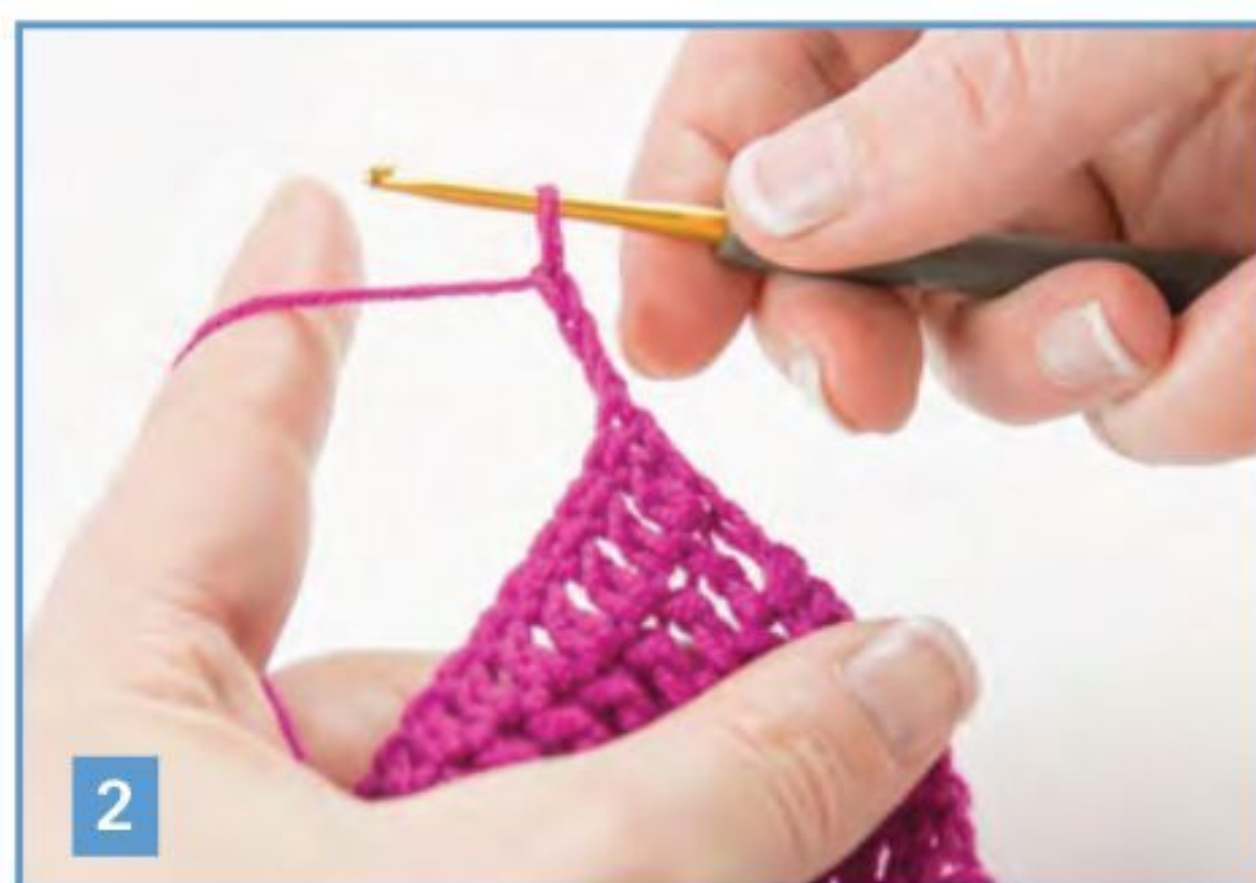


Once you've made the required length of chain, you should be left with something looking like this. This is your foundation row, into which Row 1 is worked.

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 sized 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.

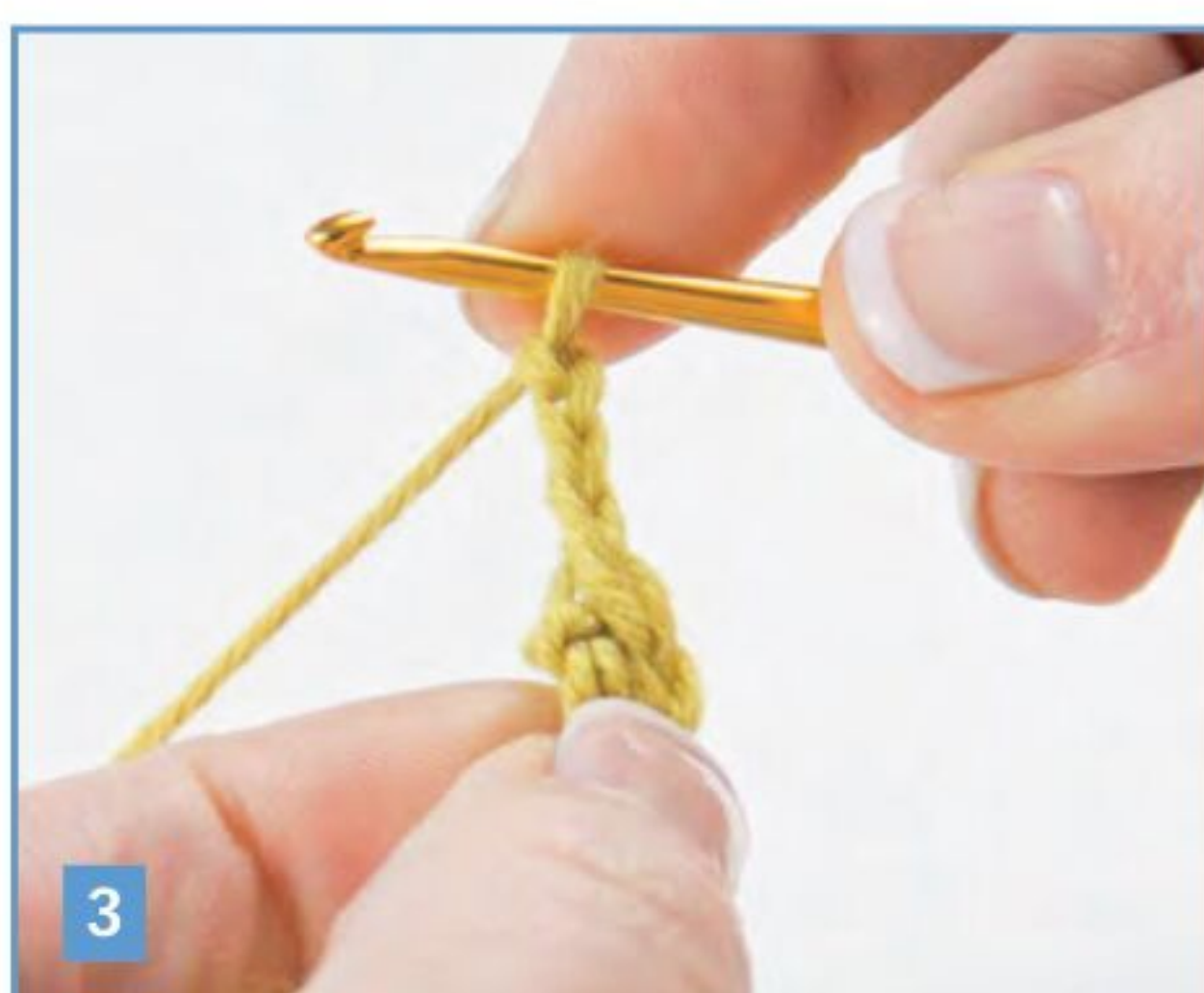
1 To work in the round, first of all you need a centre ring, into which the first round of stitches are worked into. There are many ways to do this, but for this example, we are first making a chain of four stitches.

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

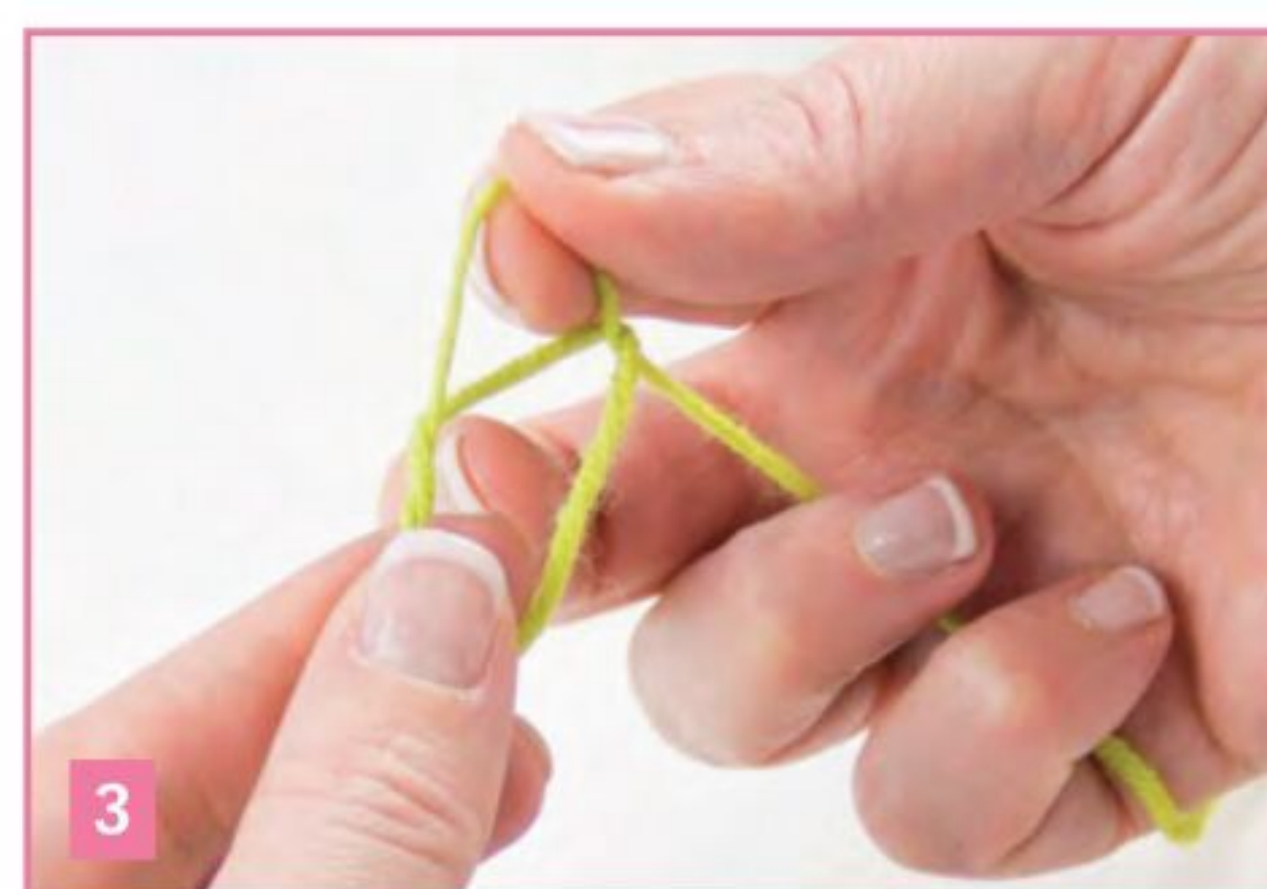
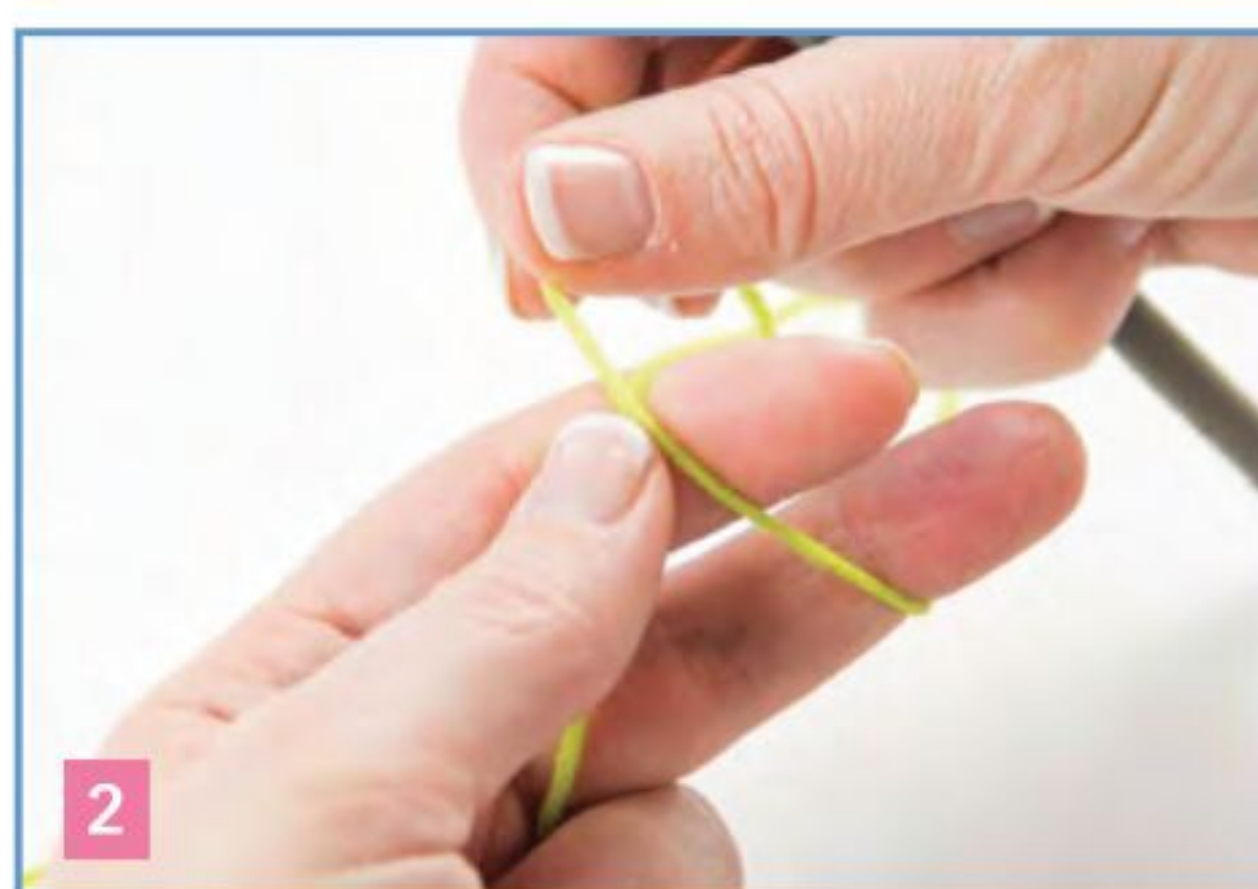
3 We are creating treble stitches again, so next up, we make a chain of three for the turning chain.

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



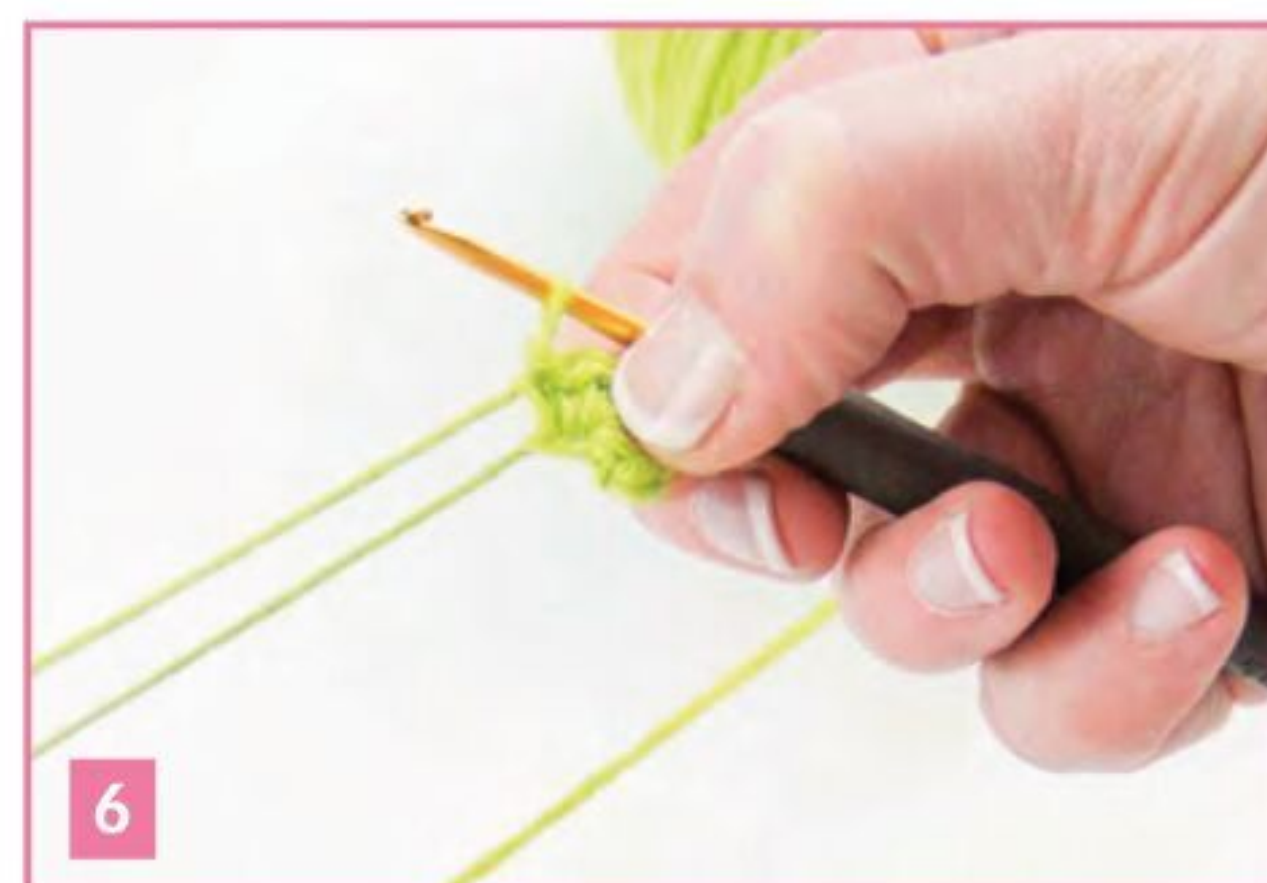
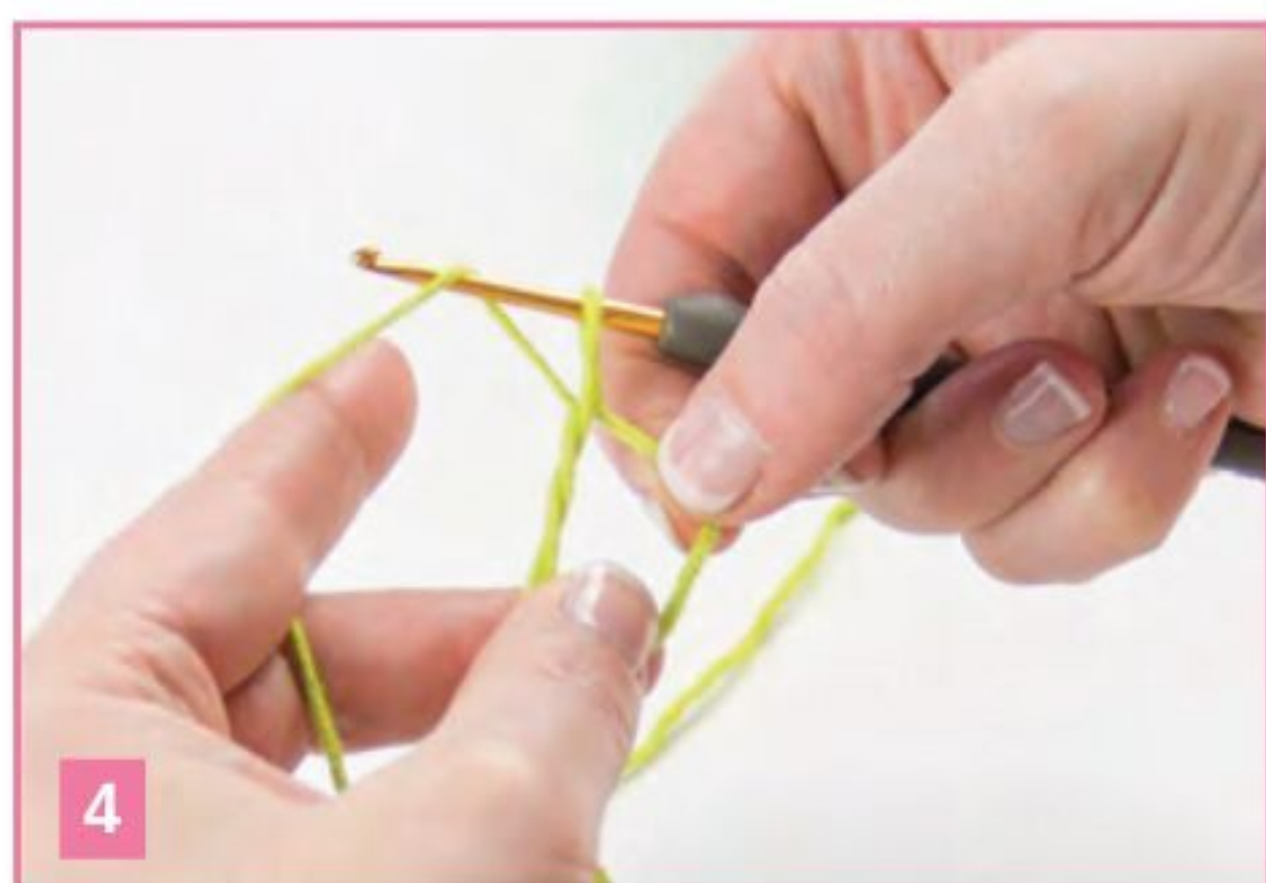
Magic ring



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 of 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.

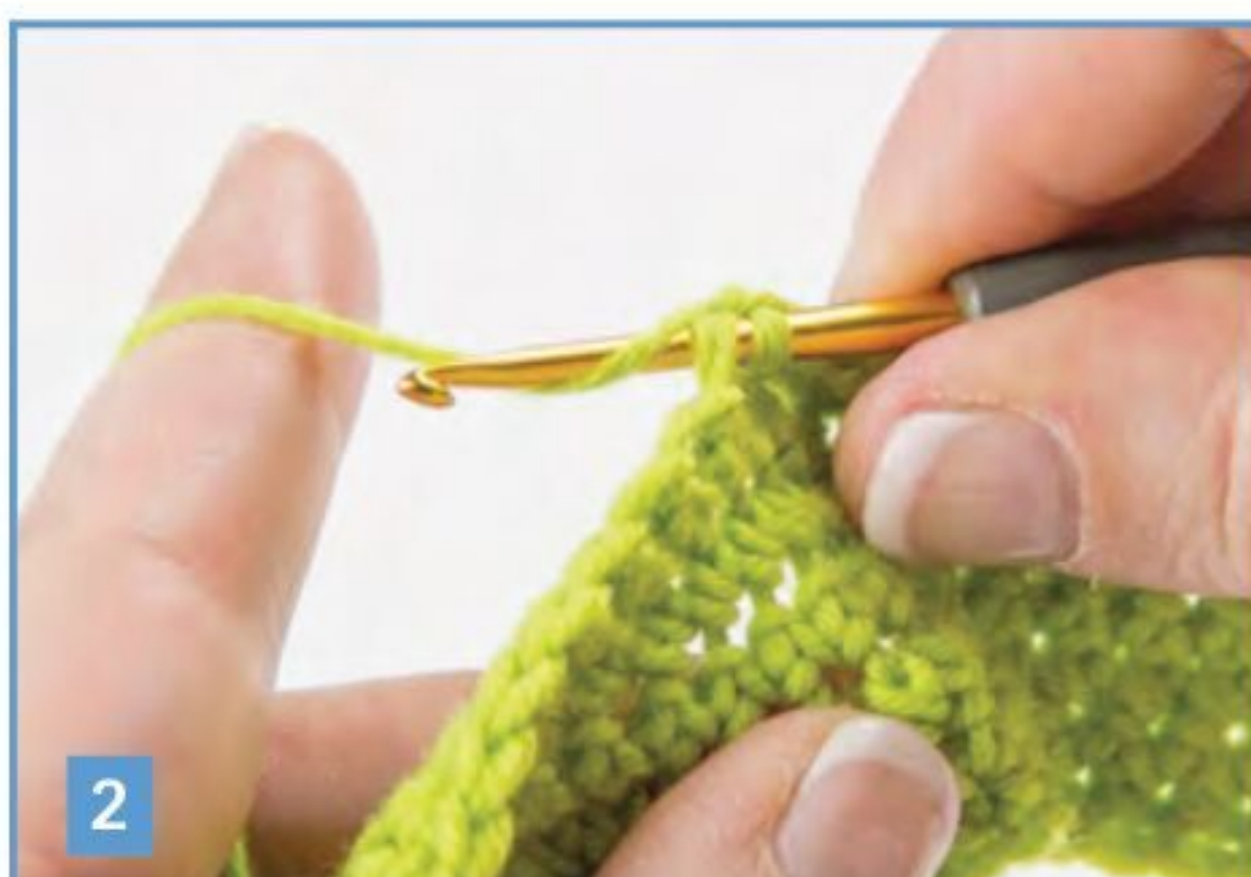
Then continue to work the number of required double crochet stitches directly into the magic ring, ensuring both the loop and the tail end are caught in the stitches.

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.

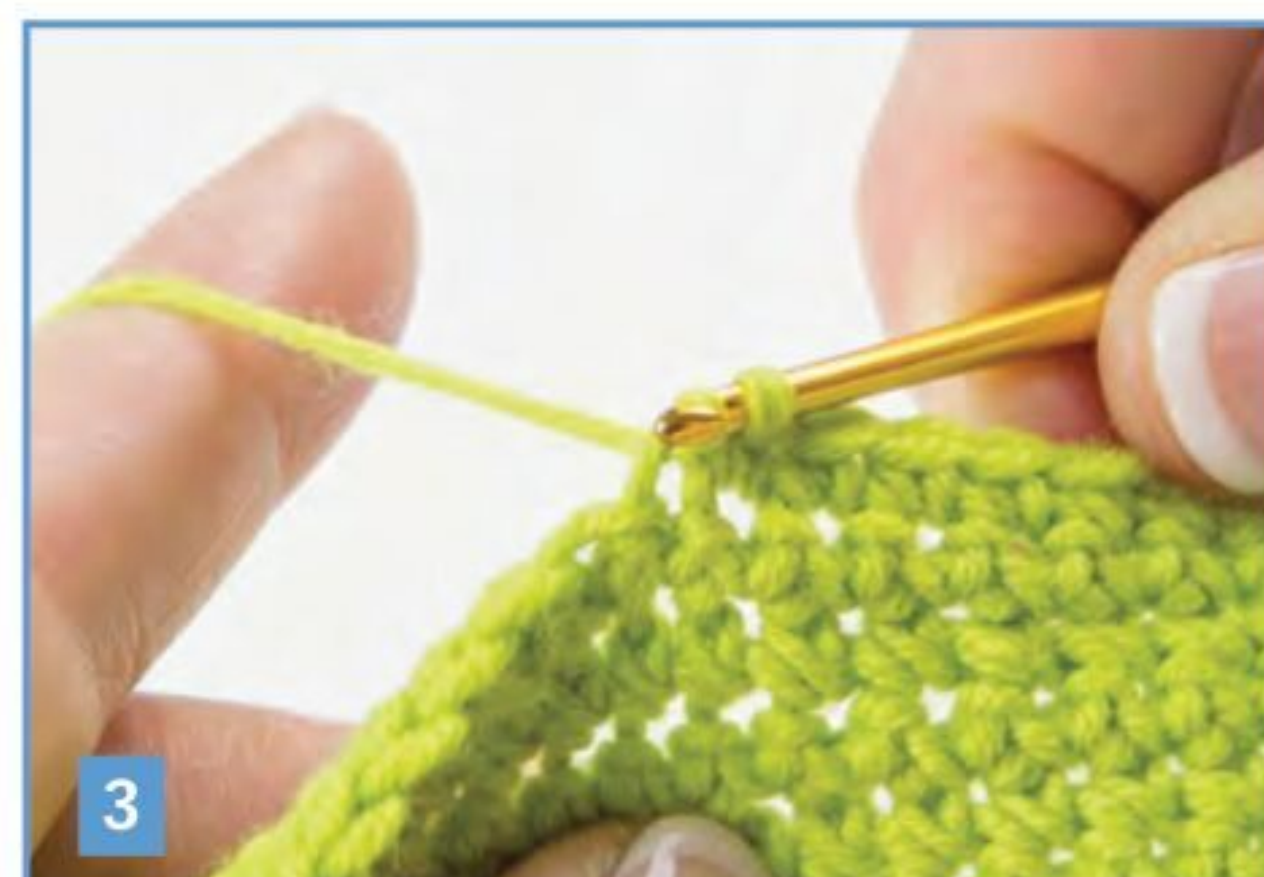
Double crochet (dc)



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



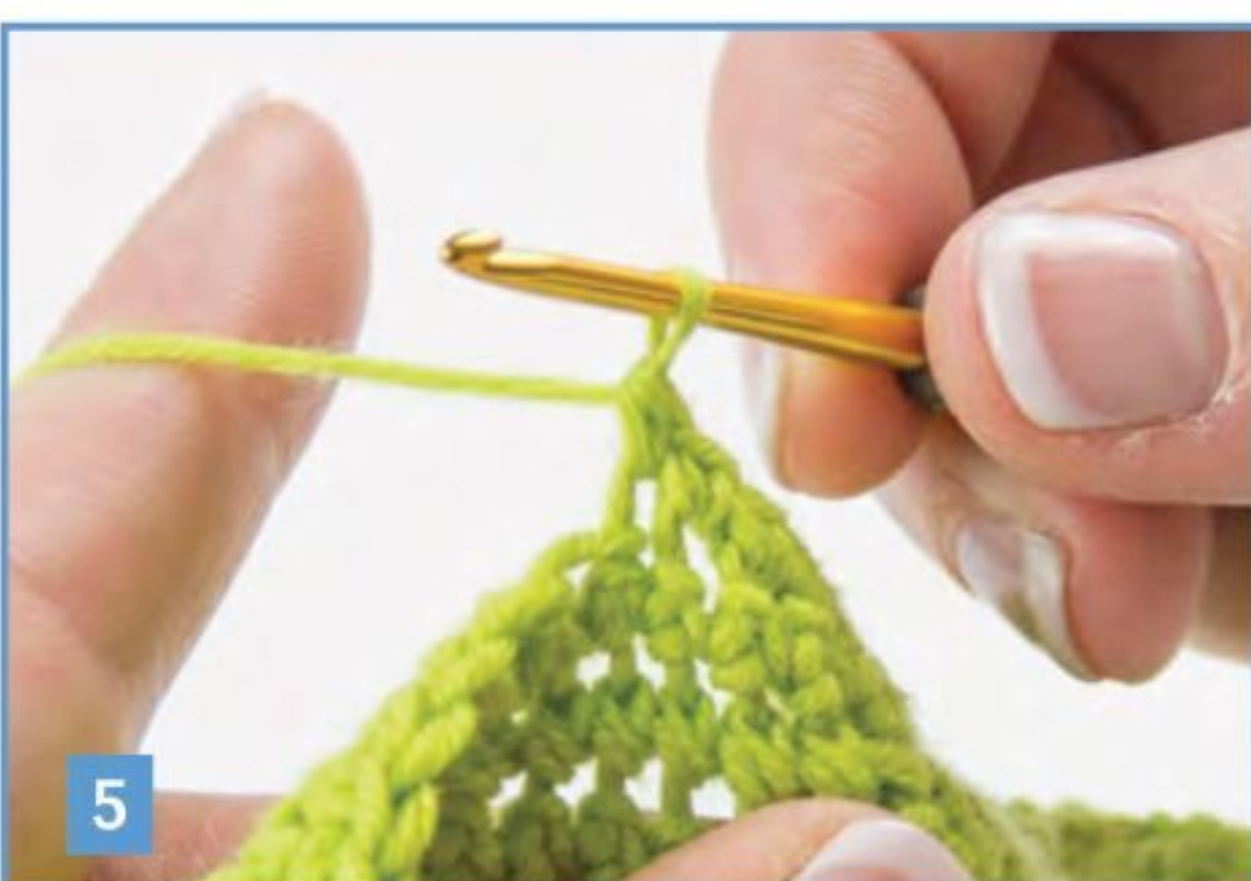
2
Wrap the yarn round the hook (yrh).



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.

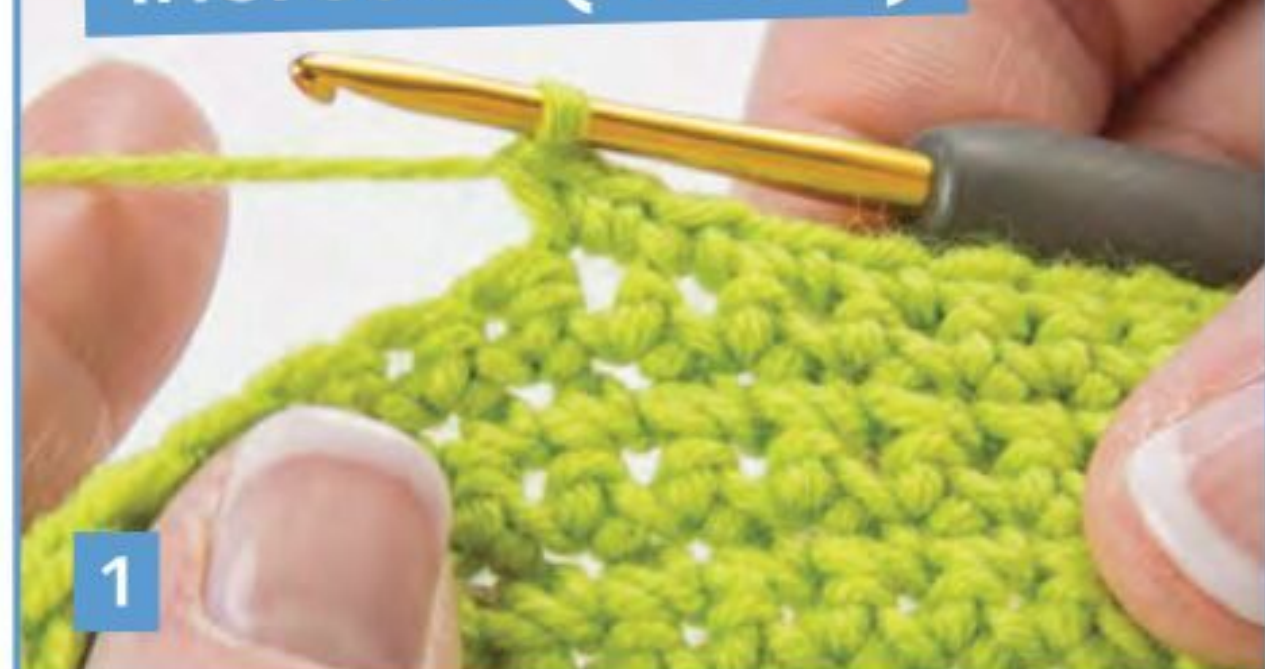


2
Yarn round the hook again.



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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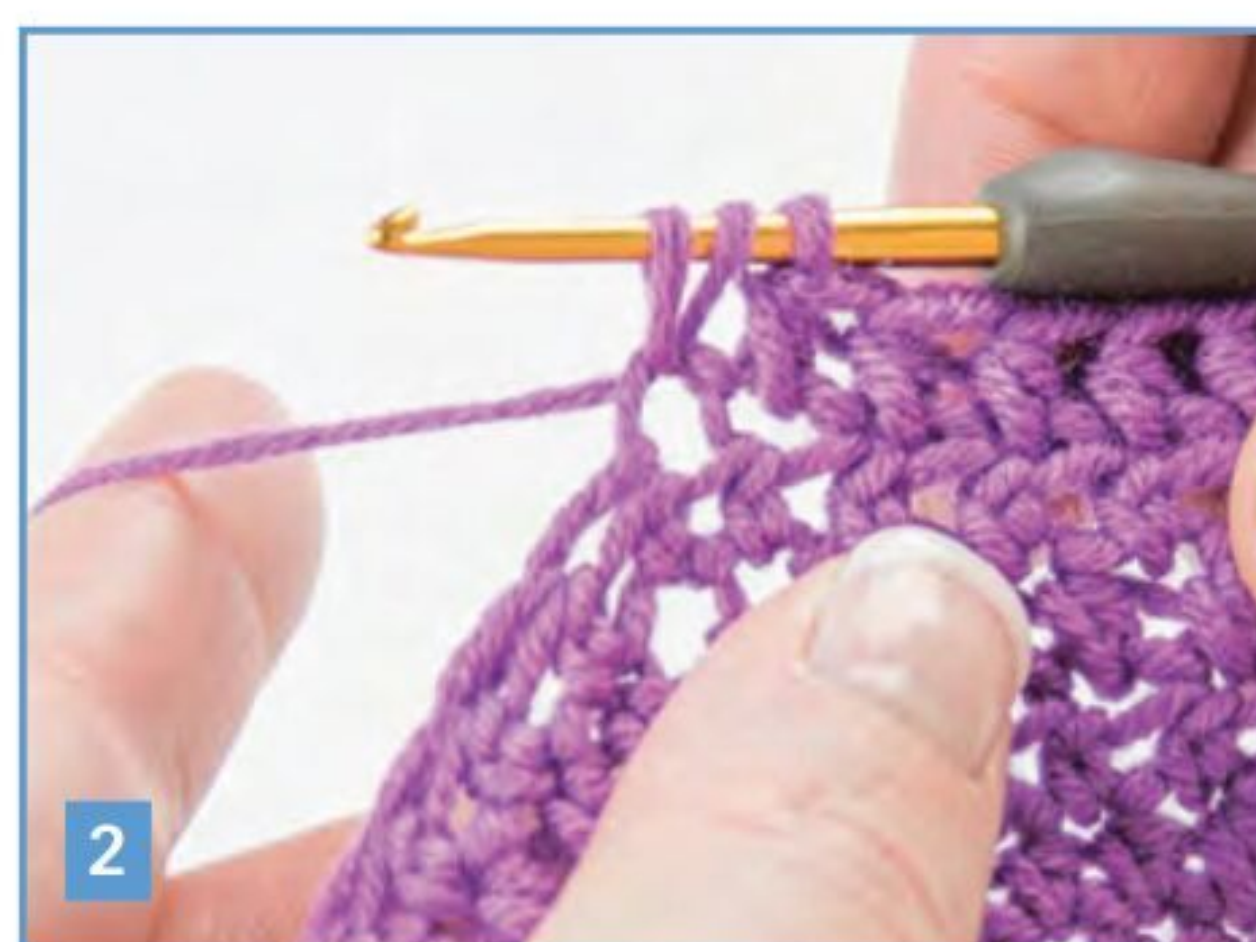
Slip stitch (sl st)



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)

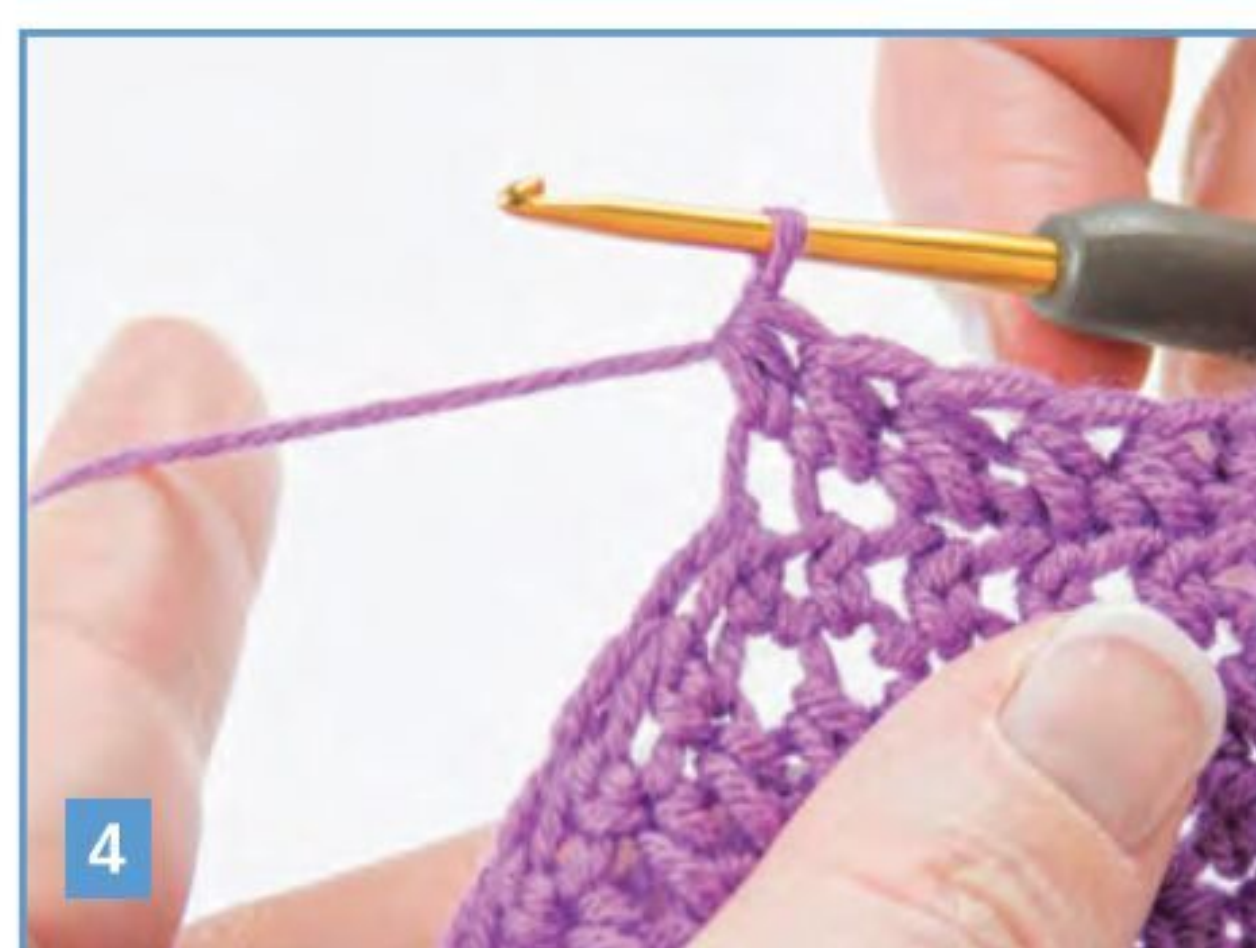
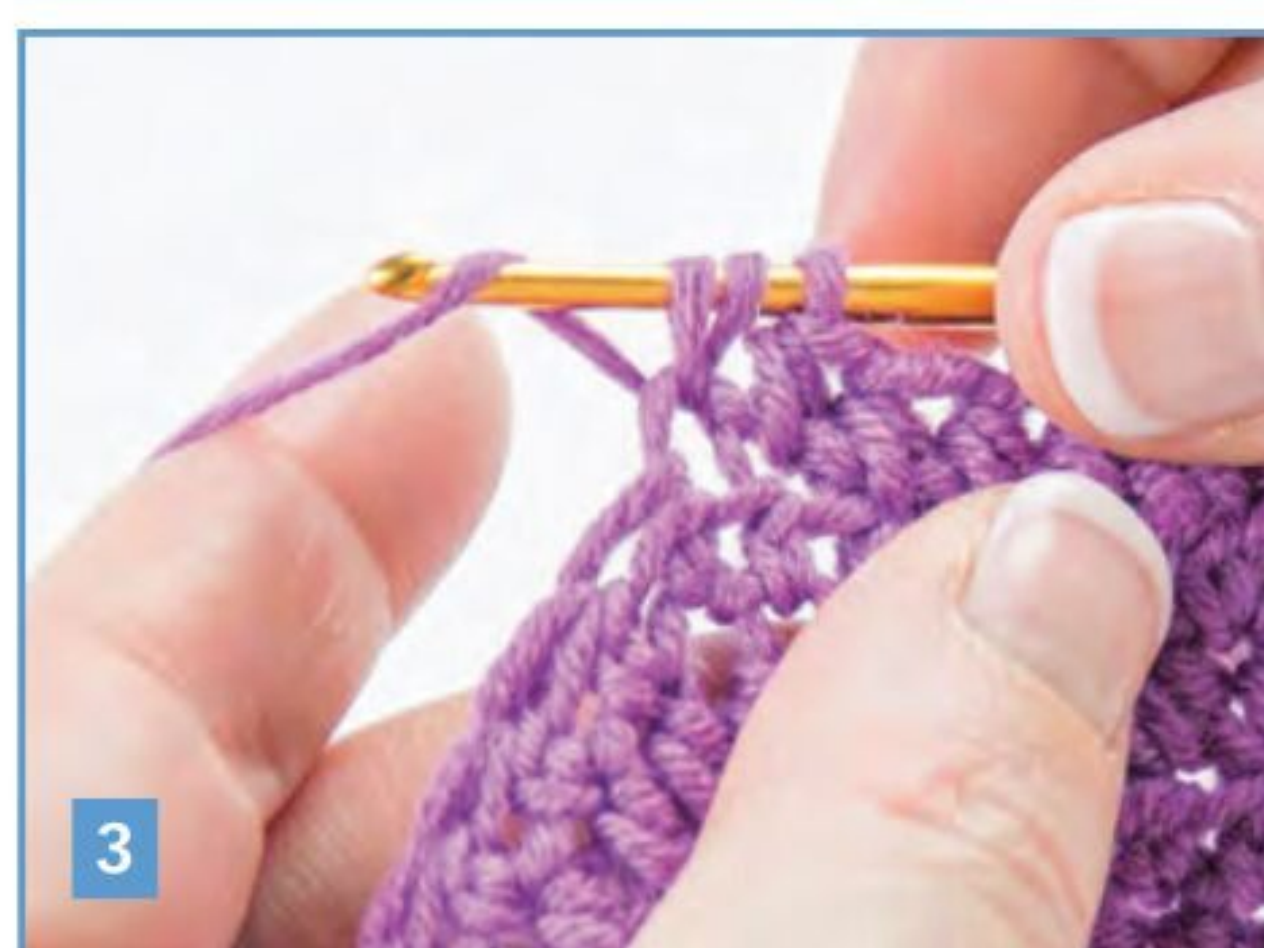


1 First up, yarn round the hook.

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)

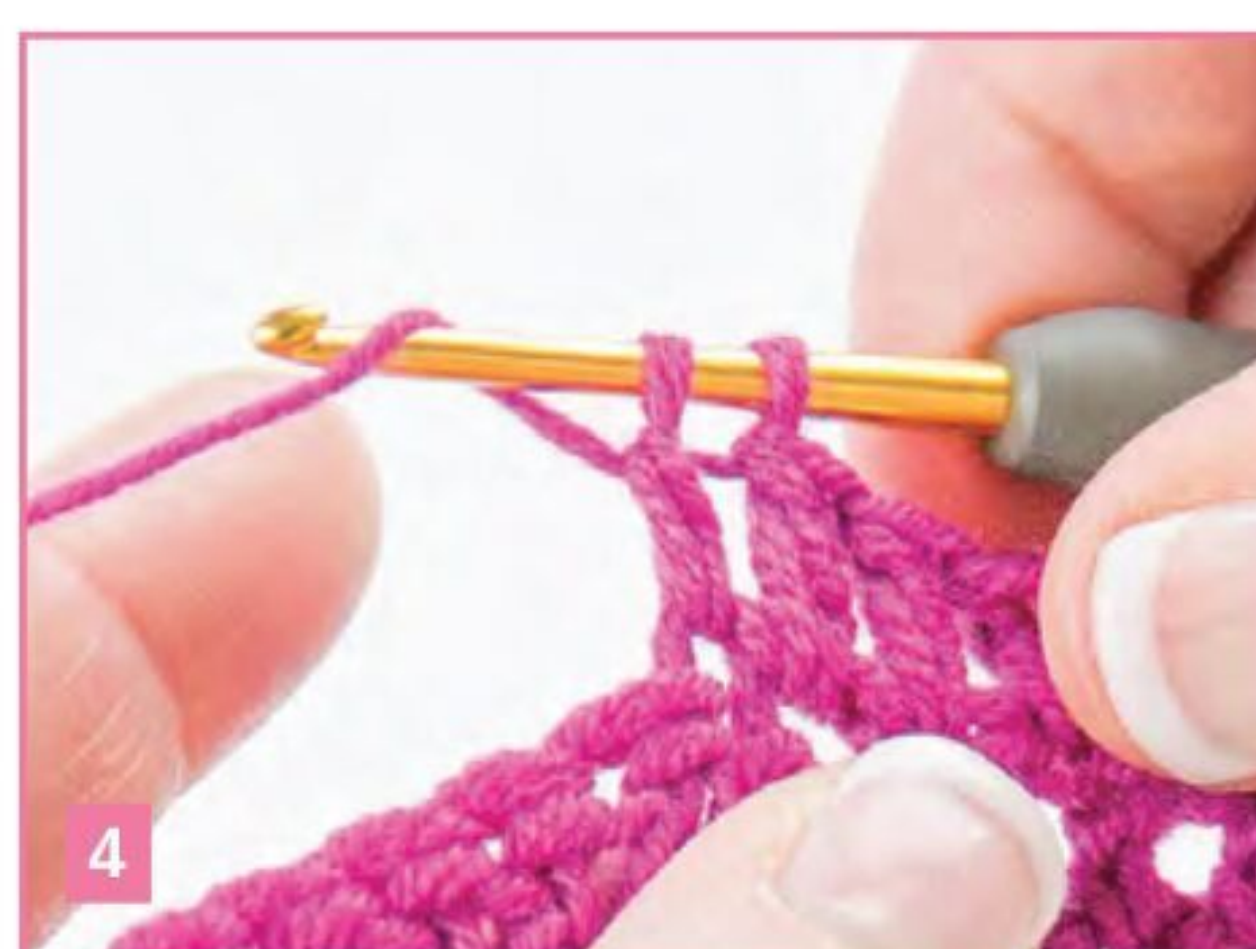


1 First up, yarn round the hook.

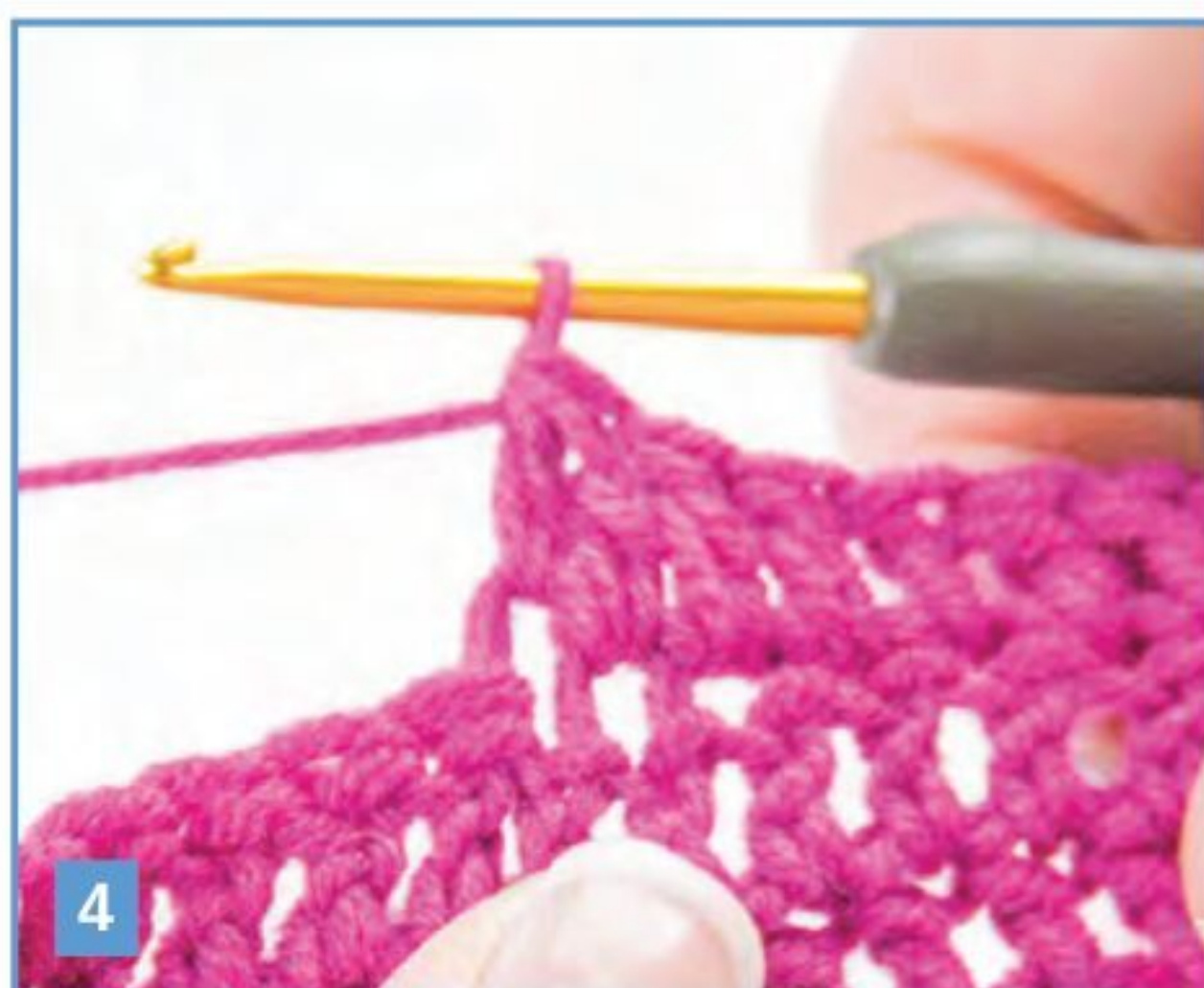
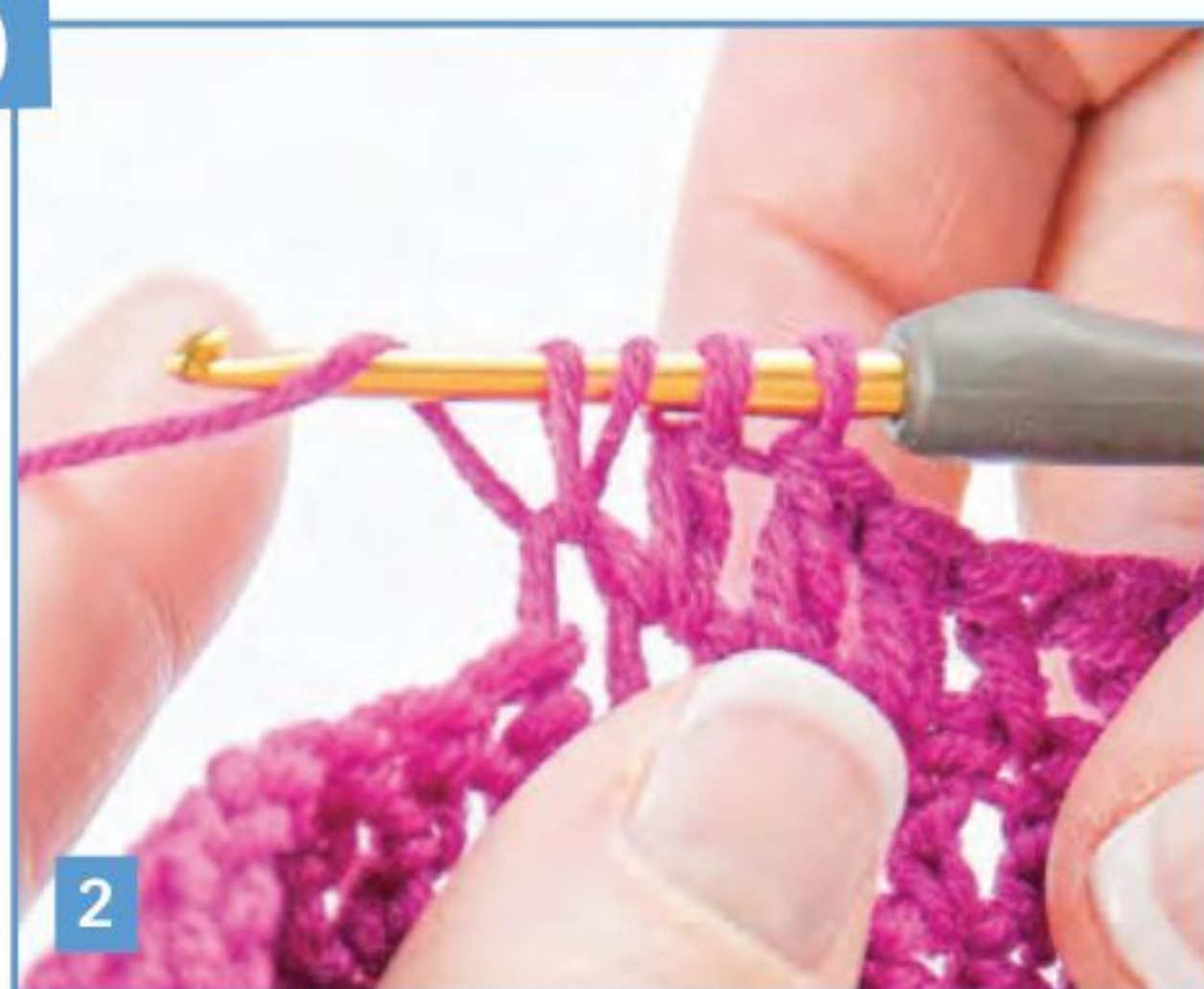
2 Insert the hook into the next stitch and pull up one loop. There are three loops on the hook.

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.



Treble 2 together (Tr2tog)

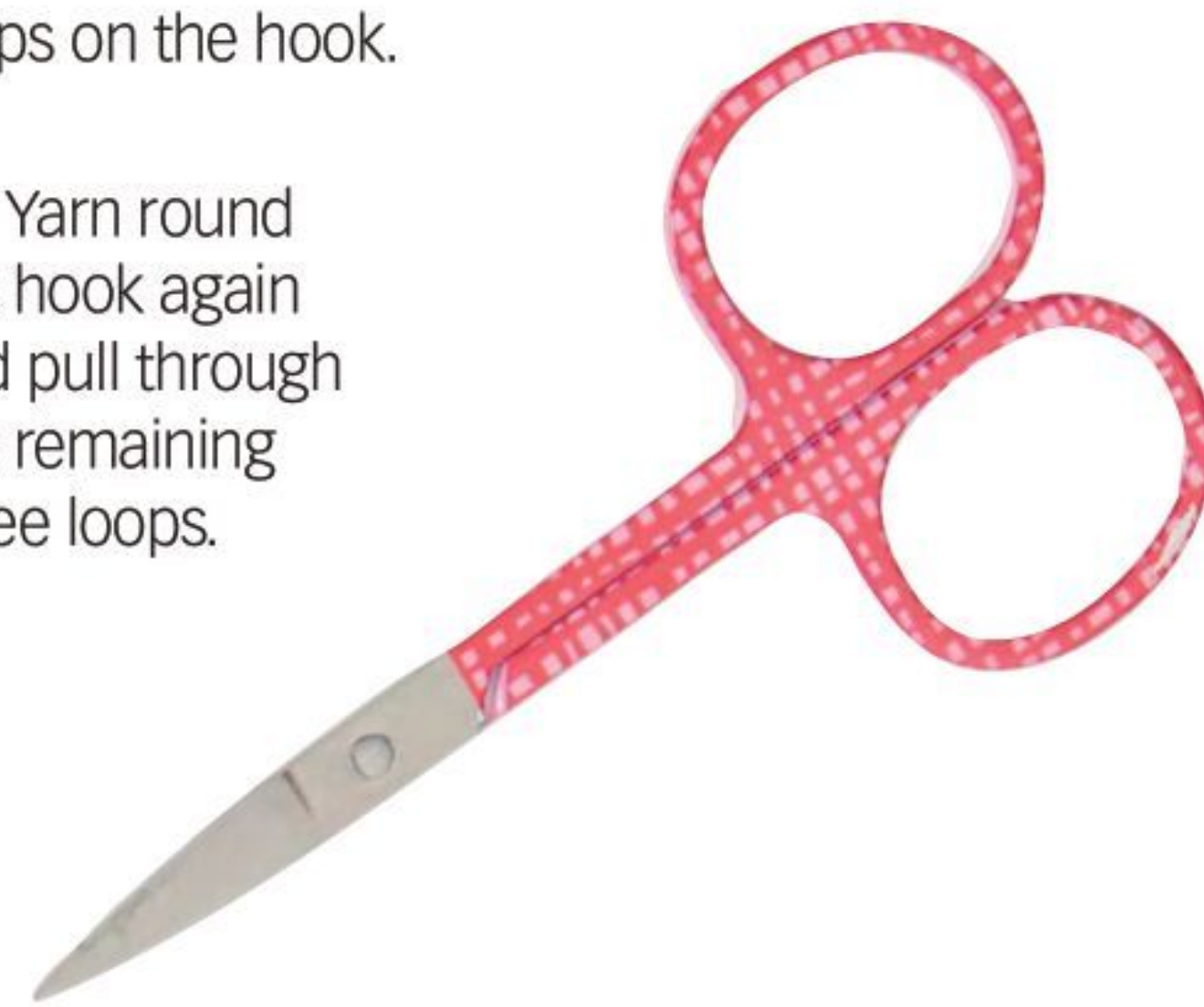


1 Work as for a treble crochet stitch up to Step 3.

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
foll	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
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100% acrylic

Tension

Tension is not critical for this project, but
sts should be tight enough to avoid stuffing
showing through

Hooks used

3.5mm
4.5mm

Other supplies

sewing needle

toy filling
optional ribbon for wreath

Sizing

S (M, L)
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Garland/Wreath Tube

With MC and CC held together and larger
hook, chain 162 (242,322), leaving enough
yarn to sew the ends together.

Foundation Row (RS): Starting in 3rd ch
from hook, 160 (240,320) dc. Turn. 160
(240, 320) sts

Row 1: 1 ch, dc across. Turn.
Rep Row 1 until Tube measures approximately
6 (7, 8) cm.

Do not break off yarn.

Fold in half lengthways and either dc together
the foundation and last rows or sew together
working 5cm at a time, then fill with stuffing.

Do not sew the entire tube before filling.

Once completed sew each end.

Leaves/Flowers

Make 5 each for flowers and 2 leaves for
each flower.

With Special DK and smaller hook, chain 5,
leaving a sewing end.

Foundation Row (RS): Starting in 3rd ch
from hook, 3 dc. Turn. 3 sts

Row 1: 1 ch, 1 dc, 2 dc in next st, 1 dc. Turn.
4 sts

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12: 1 ch, dc across. Turn.

Row 3: 1 ch, 1 dc, [2 dc in next st] twice, 1
dc. Turn. 6 sts

Row 5: 1 ch, 2 dc in next st, dc across to last 2
sts, 2 dc in next st, 1 dc. Turn. 8 sts

Row 7: 1 ch, 1 dc, dc2tog, dc across to last
3 sts, dc2tog, 1 dc. Turn. 6 sts.

Row 9: 1 ch, 1 dc, [dc2tog] twice, 1 dc.
Turn. 4 sts

Row 11: 1 ch, 1 dc, dc2tog, 1dc. Turn. 3 sts

Row 13: 1 ch, dc2tog. Turn. 2 sts

Row 14: 1 ch, dc2tog, 1 dc. Turn. 1 st

Row 15: 1 dc. Fasten off. Sew in end on tip
of Leaf/Flower.

Berries

With either Cabaret DK or Special DK and
smaller hook.

Foundation Rnd (RS): Working into a
magic ring, 10 dc. 10 sts

Rnd 1: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] repeat to end.
15 sts

Pull magic ring tight to close. Use end of
starting yarn to fill berry. Fasten off and use
finishing end to close berry by drawing yarn
through sts. Leave this end to sew onto tube.

Finishing

Sew flowers and leaves on tube and three
berries to each flower, or sew as desired. 



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Christmas Collection



8 Festive Patterns

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Hello!

As you might have guessed by now, the Crochet Now team and I are huge fans of Pusheen, and it's been an absolute joy to work with this brand again this Christmas to bring you possibly the most adorable collection of festive patterns we have ever produced!

Crochet your very own Pusheen, Sloth and festive accessories with this collection of sweet patterns from one of my favourite designers, Heather C Gibbs, who has long created the most brilliant patterns for the magazine. Heather chose to use a classic 100% cotton amigurumi yarn to make these patterns – Rico Ricorumi DK – and I couldn't have chosen a better yarn for affordability, colour palette and pleasure of use when making these projects.

Each pattern in this book lists the yarn quantities you need to make everything in the collection, but if you fancy just making one or two of the projects then just check your materials list on that pattern for which colours you will need.

Not only have you got all of these patterns to enjoy, but I hope you will also fall in love with your brand-new Pusheen crochet hook and matching stitch marker, exclusively yours with issue 74 of Crochet Now!

Have a meowy Christmas!

Jenny

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Meet the Designer!



All of the fabulous Pusheen crochet patterns inside this collection were designed by the endlessly talented and regular *Crochet Now* designer Heather C Gibbs! You might know Heather for her blog *Keep Calm and Crochet On*, and you might recognise her face from inside the magazine. Heather has an eye for cute, quirky toys, as well as stylish, timeless accessories – her talents know no end! Be sure to give Heather a follow online and say hello.

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Start your Meowy Christmas with everyone's favourite chubby tubby cat, complete with her favourite cookie and stylish accessories!





 **DK**  **3mm**   **Intermediate**

 **Start crocheting**

Yarn used

Rico Ricorumi DK
2 balls each in Pearl Grey 004 (A),
Candy Pink 012 (C), Turquoise 039 (F)
& Caramel 053 (G)
1 ball each in Slate 080 (B), white 001
(D), pink 011 (E), Chocolate 057 (H)
& Nougat 056 (I)

For Pusheen, her hat, scarf and cookie,
you will use: A, B, C, D, E, F, G & H

About the yarn

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

Tension

3 sts = 1.5cm measured over dc

Hook used

3mm

Other supplies

2 black safety eyes, 6mm
black embroidery thread
toy stuffing
tapestry needle

Sizing

16cm high to tip of hat (sitting)

Parts made in the round for this pattern
are worked in the amigurumi style, in
a spiral without slip stitching or turning
chains. Use a stitch marker or waste
yarn to keep track of the first stitch of
each round.

If you prefer, instead of beginning each
piece with a magic ring, you could
substitute a chain 2 and then work all sts
in the second ch from the hook.

When working in rows, beg 1 ch does
not count as a st.

Ears (make 2)

Rnd 1: With A and working into a magic
ring, 5 dc. 5 sts

Rnd 2: Dc around.

Rnd 3: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] twice, 2 dc
in last st. 8 sts

Rnd 4: [3 dc, 2 dc in next st] twice. 10 sts
Ears are not stuffed.
Fasten off.

Head & Body

Working from the head to the tail.

Rnd 1: With A 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

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 8-20: Dc around.

Insert eyes between rnds 10 & 11
approximately 5 sts apart.

Special abbreviations

Invisible dc2tog (inv-dec):

Insert hook in
FLO of the next st, yrh,
pul (two loops on hook),
insert hook in FLO of next st, yrh,
draw hook through st and
2 loops on hook.

Working a decrease in this way
helps reduce appearance of holes that
can be made when working
a decrease the normal way

Embroider nose & mouth between the eyes; leaving at least 1 st either side of the nose & mouth.

Embroider whiskers in line with the eyes; beg at least 1 st away from each eye.

Rnd 21: [6 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 48 sts

Rnds 22-25: Dc around.

Rnd 26: [22 dc, 1 inv-dec] twice. 46 sts

Rnd 27: [21 dc, 1 inv-dec] twice. 44 sts

Rnd 28: [20 dc, 1 inv-dec] twice. 42 sts

Rnd 29: [5 dc, 1 inv-dec] 6 times. 36 sts

Beg to stuff, cont as you go.

Rnd 30: [4 dc, 1 inv-dec] 6 times. 30 sts

Rnd 31: [3 dc, 1 inv-dec] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnd 32: [2 dc, 1 inv-dec] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 33: [1 dc, 1 inv-dec] 6 times. 12 sts

Rnd 34: 6 inv-dec. 6 sts

Fasten off. Weave tail through rem 6 sts and pull tightly to close.

Paws (make 4)

Rnd 1: With A and working into a magic ring, 7 dc. 7 sts

Rnds 2-5: Dc around

Stuff slightly up to Rnd 3.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Top Back Stripe

With B, chain 24.

Rnd 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, dc across to last ch, 3 dc in last ch, rotating as you go, work in the other side of the ch, dc across to last ch, 2 dc in last ch. 48 sts

Fasten off.

Bottom Back Stripe

With B, chain 27.

Rnd 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, dc across to last ch, 3 dc in last ch, rotating as you go, work in the other side of the ch, dc across to last ch, 2 dc in last ch. 54 sts

Fasten off.

Tail

Rnd 1: With B and working into a magic ring, 5 dc. 5 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 10 sts

Rnds 3-5: Dc around.

Fasten off.

Rnds 6-8: With A, dc around.

Fasten off.

Rnds 9-11: With B, dc around.

Fasten off.

Rnds 12-14: With A, dc around.

Fasten off.

Rnds 15-17: With B, dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Stuff tail up to Rnd 14.

Hat

Rnd 1: With C and working into a magic ring, 5 dc. 5 sts

Rnd 2: Dc around.

Rnds 3-6: 2 dc in first st, dc around. 9 sts
Fasten off C.

Rnd 7: With D, 2 dc in first st, 8 dc. 10 sts

Rnd 8: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Hat Bobble

Rnd 1: With D and working into a magic ring, [yrh, insert hook in magic ring, yrh, pul] 4 times (9 loops on hook), yrh, draw through all loops on hook, sl st back into magic ring. Fasten off.

Main Scarf

With E, chain 5.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, dc across. Turn. 4 sts

Rows 2-43: 1 ch, 4 dc. Turn.

Fasten off.

Embroider a stripe on every 3rd row of Scarf alternating C and F.

Scarf Tails (make 2)

With E, chain 5.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, dc across. Turn. 4 sts



Rows 2-9: 1 ch, 4 dc. Turn.
Fasten off.
Embroider stripes in the same manner as Scarf.

Cookie (make 2)

Rnds 1-7: With G, as for Head/Body.
42 sts

Rnd 8: 3 dc, 2 dc in next st, [6 dc, 2 dc in next st] 5 times, 3 dc. 48 sts
Fasten off. Weave in the ends on first Cookie piece only.

Cookie Chocolate Chips (make 6)

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

Fasten off.

Making up

Use photo as a guide throughout.
With B, embroider 3 vertical stripes, approximately 2 sts above the nose/mouth.
Sew Ears either side of the stripes approximately 1 st from outer stripes.

Sew Bobble onto the top of Hat, then attach Hat above stripes in line with nose/mouth.

Sew Top Back Stripe, horizontally, starting from Rnd 12 of the back of Head/Body.
Attach Bottom Back Stripe, horizontally, starting from Rnd 17 of the back of Head/Body.

Place Scarf around Rnd 14 of Head/Body, seam at the back (the scarf should sit over the back stripes).

Sew Cookie Chocolate Chips to one side of either Cookie piece, then sew the rem Cookie piece to plain side to create a single cookie.

Carefully position Paws onto the front of Head/Body leaving enough space for them to look as if they are holding the cookie; approximately rnds 18-20 for top paws and 28-30 for bottom paws.

Sew completed Cookie to the front of Head/Body in-between all four Paws.

Sew Scarf Tails to one side of Main Scarf.

Sew Tail on the back-bottom centre of Body so that it rests on the surface as he's sitting up.





Christmas Wreath

No Christmas scene is complete without
a must-have wreath to really
finish off your décor!



 **DK**  **3mm** ★★ **Intermediate**

Yarn used

Rico Ricorumi DK
2 balls each in Pearl Grey 004 (A),
Candy Pink 012 (C), Turquoise 039 (F)
& Caramel 053 (G)
1 ball each in Slate 080 (B), white 001
(D), pink 011 (E), Chocolate 057 (H)
& Nougat 056 (I)

For the Wreath, you will need: D, E & F

About the yarn

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

Tension

3 sts = 1.5cm measured over dc

Hook used

3mm

Other supplies

small amount of white felt
hot-glue gun (optional)
toy stuffing
tapestry needle

Sizing

Approximately 9cm long

Parts made in the round for this pattern are worked in the amigurumi style, in a spiral without slip stitching or turning chains. Use a stitch marker or waste yarn to keep track of the first stitch of each round.

If you prefer, instead of beginning each piece with a magic ring, you could substitute a chain 2 and then work all sts in the second ch from the hook.

When working in rows, beg 1 ch does not count as a st.

Start crocheting

Wreath

With F, chain 18, sl st to first st to beg working in the rnd.

Rnds 1-2: Dc around. 18 sts

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

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

Rnd 5: [4 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times.
36 sts

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

Rnds 7-8: Dc around.

Rnd 9: Dc in BLO around.

Rnd 10: Dc around.

Rnd 11: [5 dc, 1 inv-dec] 6 times. 36 sts

Rnd 12: [4 dc, 1 inv-dec] 6 times. 30 sts

Rnd 13: [3 dc, 1 inv-dec] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnd 14: [2 dc, 1 inv-dec] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 15: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Sew rnds 1 & 15 tog to create the wreath shape, stuffing as you go.

Edging

Join F with a sl st in any unused front loop on Rnd 9, 4 tr in next st, [miss next st, sl st in next st, miss next st, 4 tr in next st] 10 times. Fasten off. 11 shells



Bow

With E, chain 13.

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

Row 2: 1 ch, dc across.

Fasten off, use tail to sew the short ends tog.

Wrap a length of E around the centre of the joined strip approximately 6 times to create the centre of the bow and hide the joining seam.

Making up

Sew Bow onto the top of Wreath.

Cut out 3 small stars from the white felt and glue or sew into place.

With D, embroider some French knots as follows: bring the thread out at the required position, hold the thread down where it emerges with your thumb and encircle the thread around needle five times. Still holding the thread firmly with your thumb, twist the needle back to the starting point and insert it close to where the thread first emerged (not in the exact place or it will simply pull back through). Pull the needle through to the back, leaving a knot on the surface.

Special abbreviations

Invisible dc2tog (inv-dec):

Insert hook in FLO of the next st, yrh, pul (two loops on hook), insert hook in FLO of next st, yrh, draw hook through st and 2 loops on hook.

Working a decrease in this way helps reduce appearance of holes that can be made when working a decrease the normal way





Snuggly Mitten

Hide your treats ready for Christmas Day in this cute little mitten – why not make a few and crochet your own Advent calendar?



 **DK**  **3mm** ★ **Beginner friendly**

Yarn used

Rico Ricorumi DK
2 balls each in Pearl Grey 004 (A),
Candy Pink 012 (C), Turquoise 039 (F)
& Caramel 053 (G)
1 ball each in Slate 080 (B), white 001
(D), pink 011 (E), Chocolate 057 (H)
& Nougat 056 (I)

For the Mitten, you will need: C & D

About the yarn

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

Tension

3 sts = 1.5cm measured over dc

Hook used

3mm

Other supplies

tapestry needle

Sizing

Approximately 8cm long

Parts made in the round for this pattern are worked in the amigurumi style, in a spiral without slip stitching or turning chains. Use a stitch marker or waste yarn to keep track of the first stitch of each round.

If you prefer, instead of beginning each piece with a magic ring, you could substitute a chain 2 and then work all sts in the second ch from the hook.

When working in rows, beg 1 ch does not count as a st.



Start crocheting

Thumb

Rnd 1: With C and working into a magic ring, 5 dc. 5 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 10 sts

Rnds 3-5: Dc around.
Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Hand

Rnd 1: With C 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

Rnds 4-8: Dc around.
Join Thumb and Hand tog in next rnd.

Rnd 9: Starting in any st, dc around Thumb, dc around Hand. 28 sts

Rnd 10: [5 dc, 1 inv-dec] 4 times. 24 sts

Rnds 11-15: Dc around.
Fasten off C. Weave in ends.
Join D with sl st to any st.

Rnds 16-17: Dc around

Rnd 18: [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] around. 18 sts

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Tiny Heart

Rnd 1: With D and working into a magic ring, 2 ch, 1 tr, 1 sl st, 2 ch, 1 tr, 1 dc, 2 ch, 1 dc, join with sl st to top of beg 2 ch.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Making up

Sew Tiny Heart on top of mitten Hand using photo as a guide.

Special abbreviations

Invisible dc2tog (inv-dec):

Insert hook in FLO of the next st, yrh, pul (two loops on hook), insert hook in FLO of next st, yrh, draw hook through st and 2 loops on hook.

Working a decrease in this way helps reduce appearance of holes that can be made when working a decrease the normal way





Sloth

Make your own Sloth ready to
laze around with Pusheen on
Christmas day!





 **DK**  **3mm** ★★ **Intermediate**

Yarn used

Rico Ricorumi DK

2 balls each in Pearl Grey 004 (A),
Candy Pink 012 (C), Turquoise 039 (F)
& Caramel 053 (G)

1 ball each in Slate 080 (B), white 001
(D), pink 011 (E), Chocolate 057 (H)
& Nougat 056 (I)

For Sloth and his hat, you will need: C,
D, G, H & I

About the yarn

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

Tension

3 sts = 1.5cm measured over dc

Hook used

3mm

Other supplies

2 black safety eyes, 8mm
black embroidery thread
toy stuffing
tapestry needle

Sizing

17cm high (sitting)

Parts made in the round for this pattern
are worked in the amigurumi style, in
a spiral without slip stitching or turning
chains. Use a stitch marker or waste
yarn to keep track of the first stitch of
each round.

If you prefer, instead of beginning each
piece with a magic ring, you could
substitute a chain 2 and then work all sts
in the second ch from the hook.

When working in rows, beg 1 ch does
not count as a st.



Start crocheting

Eyes (make 2)

Do not pull magic ring to tightly
closed, leave a gap to fit stalk of safety
eye through.

Rnd 1: With I and working into a magic
ring, 8 dc. Fasten off. 8 sts

Special abbreviations

Invisible dc2tog (inv-dec):

Insert hook in
FLO of the next st, yrh,
pul (two loops on hook),
insert hook in FLO of next st, yrh,
draw hook through st and
2 loops on hook.

Working a decrease in this way
helps reduce appearance of holes that
can be made when working
a decrease the normal way

Mouth

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

Rnd 2: *[2 dc in next st] twice, 1 dc; rep from * once more. Fasten off. 10 sts
With black embroidery thread, add a mouth using photo as a guide.

Head & Body

Working from the head to the bottom.

Rnd 1: With G 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

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

Rnds 7-16: Dc around.

Sew Mouth over rnds 10-11.

Push a safety eye through the centre of each Eye and then through Head/Body, between rnds 10 & 11 on either side of Mouth.

Beg to stuff, cont as you go.

Rnd 17: [8 dc, 2 dc in next st] 4 times. 40 sts

Rnds 18-23: Dc around.

Rnd 24: [9 dc, 2 dc in next st] 4 times. 44 sts

Rnds 25-30: Dc around.

Rnd 31: [10 dc, 2 dc in next st] 4 times. 48 sts

Rnds 32-36: Dc around

Rnd 37: [6 dc, 1 inv-dec] 6 times. 42 sts

Rnd 38: [5 dc, 1 inv-dec] 6 times. 36 sts

Rnd 39: [4 dc, 1 inv-dec] 6 times. 30 sts

Rnd 40: [3 dc, 1 inv-dec] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnd 41: [2 dc, 1 inv-dec] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 42: [1 dc, 1 inv-dec] 6 times. 12 sts

Rnd 43: 6 inv-dec. 6 sts

Fasten off. Weave tail through rem 6 sts and pull tightly to close.

With I, embroider a few random hair stripes around body using the photos as a guide.

Arms (make 2)

Rnds 1-3: As for Head & Body. 18 sts

Rnds 4-10: Dc around.

Rnd 11: [4 dc, 1 inv-dec] 3 times. 15 sts

Rnds 12-16: Dc around.

Rnd 17: [3 dc, 1 inv-dec] 3 times. 12 sts

Rnds 18-23: Dc around.

Fasten off.

With H, embroider 3 claws on the end of each Arm. Stuff up to Rnd 16.

Legs (make 2)

Rnds 1-3: As for Head / Body. 18 sts

Rnds 4-14: Dc around.

Fasten off.

With H, embroider 3 claws on the end of each Leg.

Stuff Legs.



Hat

Starting from tip.

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

Rnd 2: Dc around.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rnd 9: [8 dc, 2 dc in next st] twice. 20 sts

Rnd 10: [9 dc, 2 dc in next st] twice. 22 sts

Rnd 11: [10 dc, 2 dc in next st] twice.
24 sts

Rnd 12: [3 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times.
30 sts

Rnd 13: [4 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times.
36 sts

Rnd 14: [17 dc, 2 dc in next st] twice.
38 sts

Rnds 15-19: Dc around.

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Join D with sl st to any st.

Rnds 20-21: Dc around.
Fasten off.

Hat Bobble

Rnd 1: With D and working into a magic ring, [yrh, insert hook in magic ring, yrh, pul] 4 times (9 loops on hook), yrh, draw through all loops on hook, sl st back into magic ring. Fasten off.

Making up

Over sew each Arm and sew to Rnd 17 on either side of Body.

Sew each Leg to the front of Body making sure your Sloth can balance to sit.

Sew Hat Bobble to the top of Hat, then sew Hat to the top of Head.





Perfect Present

What's Christmas without a bundle of tempting presents, nestled under the tree, just waiting to be opened?





 **DK**  **3mm** ★ **Beginner friendly**

Yarn used

Rico Ricorumi DK
2 balls each in Pearl Grey 004 (A),
Candy Pink 012 (C), Turquoise 039 (F)
& Caramel 053 (G)
1 ball each in Slate 080 (B), white 001
(D), pink 011 (E), Chocolate 057 (H)
& Nougat 056 (I)

For the Present, you will need: C, E & F

About the yarn

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

Tension

3 sts = 1.5cm measured over dc

Hook used

3mm

Other supplies

toy stuffing
tapestry needle

Sizing

Approximately 6cm high

When working in rows, beg 1 ch does
not count as a st.

Start crocheting

Sides (make 6)

With F, chain 11.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, dc
across. Turn. 10 sts

Rows 2-11: 1 ch, 10 dc. Turn.
Fasten off.

Ribbon (make 2)

With C, chain 41.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook,

dc across. 40 sts
Fasten off.

Bow

With E, chain 5.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, dc across. Turn. 4 sts

Rows 2-25: 1 ch, 4 dc. Turn.

Fasten off, use the tail to sew rows 1 & 25 tog.

Wrap a length of E around the centre of your joined strip approximately 10 times to create the centre of the bow and hide the joining seam.



Making up

Sew your Sides into a box shape stuffing as you go.

Sew each Ribbon onto the present so that

they overlap and form a cross at the top and the bottom.

Sew completed Bow, to hide the seams of Ribbon, on the top of Present.







Candy Cane

Pusheen and friends have a real sweet tooth for this festive, sugary treat, which would also make for cute decorations hung on the tree

 **DK**  **3mm**  **Beginner friendly**

Yarn used

Rico Ricorumi DK

2 balls each in Pearl Grey 004 (A),
Candy Pink 012 (C), Turquoise 039 (F)
& Caramel 053 (G)

1 ball each in Slate 080 (B), white 001
(D), pink 011 (E), Chocolate 057 (H)
& Nougat 056 (I)

For the Candy Cane, you will need:
C & D

About the yarn

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

Tension

3 sts = 1.5cm measured over dc

Hook used

3mm

Other supplies

1 white pipe cleaner, 30cm long
toy stuffing
tapestry needle

Sizing

Approximately 8cm long with tip bent over

Special abbreviations

Invisible dc2tog (inv-dec):

Insert hook in FLO
of the next st, yrh,
pul (two loops on hook),
insert hook in FLO of next st, yrh, draw
hook through st and 2
loops on hook.

Working a decrease in this way
helps reduce appearance of holes that
can be made when working
a decrease the normal way

Parts made in the round for
this pattern are worked in
the amigurumi style, in a spiral
without slip stitching or turning
chains. Use a stitch marker
or waste yarn to keep track of
the first stitch of
each round.

If you prefer,
instead of
beginning each
piece with a magic ring,
you could substitute a chain 2 and
then work all sts in the second ch from
the hook.

When working in rows, beg 1 ch does
not count as a st.

When changing colour, do not fasten off
previous colour, carry it up loosely on
inside of piece.

Start crocheting

Rnd 1: With C and working into a
magic ring, 5 dc. 5 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 10 sts

Rnd 3: Dc around, changing to D in
last st.

Rnds 4-6: Dc around, changing to C in
last st of Rnd 6.

Rnds 7-9: Dc around, changing to D in
last st of Rnd 9.

Beg to stuff loosely as you go

Rnds 10-27: Rep rnds 4-9 three times.
Fasten off C.

Rnds 28-30: Dc around.

Bend a 30cm long pipe cleaner in half
and push it up through the centre of
the stuffing.

Rnd 31: 5 inv-dec. 5 sts

Fasten off. Weave tail through rem 5 sts
and pull tightly to close. Bend into candy
cane shape.





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