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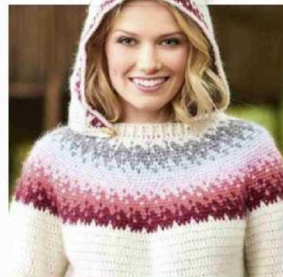
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Hello

We're back again for the most wonderful time of the year – Christmas! We've filled this issue with over 50 of the very best projects from *Simply Crochet* so you can hook yourself and your loved ones some **FABULOUS FESTIVE TREATS!**

Everyone loves unwrapping something handmade at Christmas, so turn to our **GIFTS** section on page 48 to get some ideas for everyone on your list this year. If you want to deck your halls crochet-style, you'll find lots of gorgeous makes in the **DECORATIONS** section (p82), such as a sparkly bauble garland, an Advent calendar in oh-so-sweet pastel colours and the cutest carolling mice! Then update your **WINTER WARDROBE** (p10) with our selection of garments to keep you cosy from head to toe, including a pretty cowl in star stitch, a stylish loop stitch coat and a gingerbread jumper that's good enough to eat!

To help you tackle your festive to-do list, turn to page 6 for **TOP TIPS** from expert crocheters on how to plan your makes. And our **STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE** (p123) has all the information you need to crochet the wonderful patterns in the issue.

Have yourself a very merry Christmas!



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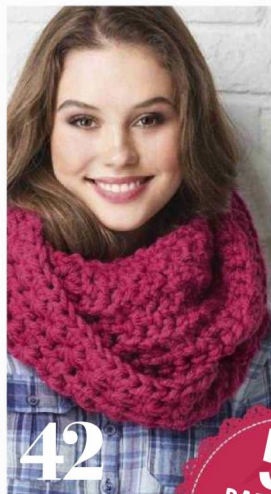
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GET CHRISTMAS SORTED

Christmas might seem far off, but it will be here before you know it. Here are our best tips for getting ahead with your festive makes and staying serene as the season approaches.

Summer may only just be fading, but now is the perfect time to start planning for your Christmas crochet projects. After all, you don't want to still be frantically hooking when you should be celebrating. We've chatted to some expert crocheters to find out their top advice for making that to-do list achievable, stress-free, and even a part of the festive fun that you'll relish.

CHOOSE YOUR MAKES

First things first, what do you actually need (or want) to make and who for? Designer Elisabeth Davis de Herraiz (www.elizyart.blogspot.co.uk)

loves to crochet small decorations for her home. "I hang crochet snowflakes on wreaths," she says. "I like to make something for the tree each year, too, like a crochet angel."

When it comes to gifts, shawls are very much on her agenda. "I make a couple as gifts and try to pay attention during the course of the year when people make comments about things I've made that they like, and then I can make them their own versions for Christmas."

Crocheted details also make thoughtful additions to bought presents, she points out, meaning you don't have to take on the strain of making the whole item. "A festive candle with a pretty crochet doily is a great gift," she

suggests. "Or, if you buy a coat or bag, a flower brooch can be made quickly to add a handmade touch."

Ilaria Chiaratti (www.idainteriorlifestyle.com) enjoys crocheting scarves, beanies and fingerless mittens for her friends. "They love to wear warm, handmade pieces. I have also made a lovely Christmas stocking in white and pastels – unusual colours, maybe, but they fit perfectly with the rest of my house!"

For Salena Baca (www.salenabaca.com), festive projects have added weight because they're also the theme of her first book, *Crochet for Christmas*. "I wanted the focus to be timeless designs that will last for

generations to come!" she enthuses. The projects include a wide variety of gifts, ornaments and garments. "There are Christmas staples, like coffee sleeves and boot cuffs, but also a few more unusual items, such as a cute hedgehog doorstop, a Tunisian crochet snowflake cardigan and a set of novelty letter pillowcases that spell out the word 'Noel'."

Variety really is the key to keeping your festive crafting a treat rather than a trial. Textile artist Steph Phillips (www.hookandscumble.co.uk) has this sorted, with her Christmas projects featuring not only gifts for family and friends, but also treasures to sell at craft fairs.

"I enjoy finding a pattern I love and customising it for friends and family," she says of her personal work. "My little nephew is a dinosaur fan, so one Christmas, when he was three, I bought a pattern from Etsy and made him a stegosaurus hat. I then took the theme a step further and designed a matching scarf and gloves with stegosaurus spikes. My

Christmas makes for my family are practical but lots of fun."

For Artist Network Bedfordshire (www.artsnetsbeds.org.uk), Steph creates mainly freeform crochet items, including "framed pieces for hanging, wearable and usable art, such as bags, purses and scarves, as well as crocheted wire jewellery." For local tearoom, Cakestand and Crumb (www.cakestandandcrumb.co.uk), Steph tends to make pieces that she feels are "in keeping with the vintage look of the shop, including brooches, tree decorations, purses and Christmas bunting", while for local craft fairs she makes a combination of all the above. Since Steph creates such a variety of different projects, for family, friends and shoppers,

organisation is crucial. It's a must if you're making for Christmas...

PRIORITISE YOUR PROJECTS

With so much to consider as Christmas approaches, take some tips from Steph. For

her, it's vital to ensure she has great mix of goods and has plenty of spares. If you receive an unexpected gift or have somehow forgotten somebody, it's a great relief to find a pretty crocheted headband, phone case or little amigurumi critter you made earlier that you can wrap.

"I have a general idea of what's sold well in the past, but also have occasions when a number of pieces are bought in one go because someone wants to give my work to several recipients," says

"I wanted my Christmas projects to be timeless designs that will last."



Opposite: Ilaria's crocheted Noel decoration, photograph by Ilaria Chiaratti.

This page, clockwise from left: Jolly & Bright Stocking by Salena, photograph by Salena Baca; Lacy Christmas star, photograph by Elisabeth Davis de Herraiz; Salena Baca's bright boot cuffs, photograph by Salena Baca.



This page, clockwise from left: Christmas wreath and bunting by Steph Phillips, photograph by Emily Ward; Ilaria's pretty pastel hexagon stocking, photograph by Ilaria Chiaratti.



Steph. "I crocheted a few tree decorations that could be bought individually or look fantastic together as a collection, and these sold well across shows and locally. I also have a few higher-priced goods to show at bigger exhibitions and shows, that are bought as main Christmas gifts."

It's not a bad idea to follow a similar pattern when making gifts for friends and family – making only a few sizeable items and having plenty of smaller items you can finish speedily, too. Not every person in your life needs gifts that take weeks to crochet. We know one crocheter who has a rota of friends, with a different one receiving a beautiful crocheted granny square blanket for Christmas each year. She discusses favourite colours with them when they reach the top of the list so they can get excited about their turn.

Starting early on larger projects helps, too, just to make sure you finish before Christmas Day. "If it is a big project that's one of the main gifts I plan on giving that year, I make it my top priority to get it finished on time," says Elisabeth. "The decorations I make are very little projects that normally only take half an hour or so to make, so they are perfect WIPs to do in between bigger projects."

"I normally start in september because I don't like to work in a hurry."

Ilaria keeps her stress levels manageable by starting nice and early – in fact, round about now! "I normally start in September because I don't like to work in a hurry! I first start with the big projects and leave all the small ones for later."

KEEP CALM AND CROCHET ON

Careful planning is crucial to staying serene as the festive season nears. "I typically need quite a lot of time to plan, prepare and process my ideas. Even so, I always end up feeling rushed!" admits Salena.

With shows coming up, workshops to teach and crocheting for her own loved ones to complete, Steph stays on track with a few simple tools. "I'm much better at working to

solid deadlines, so I have a calendar of what I'm doing when," she says. "If it's a big show, I usually start working towards that about six months prior, at which point I usually feel I don't have enough stock and spend every available moment designing and making!"

Aside from the big day itself, Steph works towards other significant Yuletide dates. "Cakestand and Crumb has a rolling stock of my small gift items," she says, "but I aim to have my Christmas work in the shop to coincide with our town Christmas light switch on, usually about mid-November." She tends to start work on family gifts two weeks before Christmas: "By then, most of my work has wound down, but I'm usually still crocheting and weaving in ends on Christmas Eve!"

Elisabeth reminds us that it's a good idea to buy your yarn supplies well in advance.

"Christmas craft season is a big thing and you'll often find that your favourite stockist will run low on certain items which can be a real pain if it's something you need to finish a gift," she says. "I try to get my WIPs under control by the end of the summer so I have plenty of time in the run up to Christmas to get everything that I want to make finished."

Elisabeth also has some cunning tricks for staying calm under pressure, but admits that

they don't always work. "I make lists of what I need to do and when," she says. "We all make mistakes though. A few years ago, I started a granny square blanket for my sister-in-law that I had planned to give her for Christmas that same year, but I didn't get it finished until the following Christmas! Having said this, you can definitely crochet and drink mulled wine at the same time – that's multitasking at its best."

Ilaria agrees. "It's so nice to work while singing and drinking! This year, I want to organise a crochet Christmas party with my friends so we can all work on our projects together but have a lot of fun at the same time."

ENJOY THE FESTIVE MAYHEM

Some pre-Christmas chaos can be part of the fun. "It wouldn't be Christmas without a little mayhem, would it?" Salena points out. "I enjoy the hustle and bustle of the holiday season.

Mayhem is avoided when I plan, but I'm only organised enough to plan every other year!"

One of Salena's favourite ways to have a mayhem-free holiday is to follow an Advent calendar she received over 10 years ago.

"Every day on the calendar gives you a task to complete, like singing carols, making cards, baking cookies, giving to the needy and wrapping presents. When I follow the calendar, I have time to enjoy everything I love about Christmas."

Elisabeth has a particularly delightful way to make the most of the festive jollity

while ensuring all her festive crochet gets done. "I love to watch Christmas movies while working on gifts," she says. "It's such a special time of year and to be snuggled up at home with my husband, working on presents for people I love is wonderful. Even if I have a lot to get done and time is getting a bit short, the mayhem can be turned into magic. Then the

look on someone's face when they open a handmade gift is second to none!"

There's certainly plenty to enjoy at this most sparkling season. "I do love my workshops at this time of the year," says Steph. "Christmas can be so busy and stressful at times. Putting aside a few hours to make something for your home brings my students a sense of achievement, as well as providing everyone time to recharge."

Most of us are guilty of putting too much pressure on ourselves at this time of year, she points out wisely. "I've learnt over the years that you can only do what you can do, and so although I plan what I want to achieve, I am mindful that these are just my own expectations of myself, and if I don't meet them all, then that's OK!"

The moment when you watch your family and friends open their loving crocheted presents will make all those late nights frantically hooking worthwhile.

"My nephew refused to take off his stegosaurus hat, gloves and scarf for the rest of Christmas Day," Steph exclaims. "All we could hear was a boy stomping around shouting 'I'm a big dinosaur – raaawr!'"

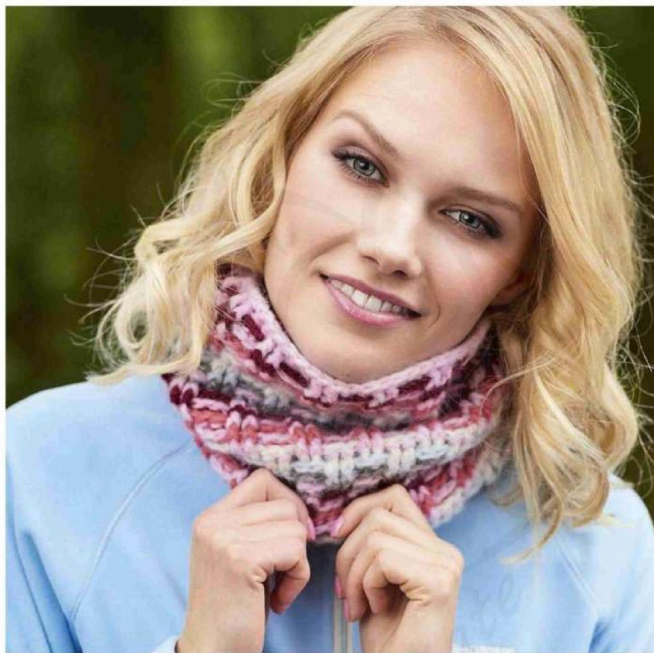
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"The look on someone's face when they receive your handmade gift is priceless."

Clockwise from top left: Tunisian crochet cardigan (with snowflake motifs at the front); cup cosies, both from Salena Baca's book *Crochet for Christmas* book, both photographs by Kimberly Dierkhising.



WINTER WARDROBE



Snow day

Take some time out to enjoy this stunning collection of winter makes, in a sweet selection of shades.





GETTING IT IN THE NECK

There are at least three brilliant things about this cowl. One, it's a super warm, cosy thing to snuggle up in right now. Two, you can hook it up in an evening (and have fun doing it). Three, it looks ace, right?

GIRL IN THE HOOD

The Scandi chic thing shows no signs of abating. Climb aboard the hygge train with your own dash of Scandinavian style, in this awesome sweater (hood strictly optional).





KEEPING AHEAD

Cosy ears without the dreaded hat hair? Count us in. This pretty headband ticks all the boxes and is über flattering at the same time. Super soft yarn makes it an irresistible winter staple.

SWEET TREAT

The perfect way to test your tension while protecting your precious paws from the heat of that hot choc: wrap your mug in a hug and enjoy your favourite drink in the great outdoors. Perhaps the Saint Bernard will even bring a dash of brandy. We're game.

WINTER WARDROBE



MOCHA-SINS?

Socks, you say? Moccasins are a whole new level of cosiness. We like to think of you naughtily stirring your mochachino with a chocolate spoon while you're sitting back and relaxing in your moccasins. (We know you want to.)

GIVE US A HAND

It is a fact generally acknowledged that you can never have too many pairs of wristwarmers. Keep those hands toasty, whether you're relaxing on the slopes or running out to do the school run.

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COSY COWL

Banish chilly draughts with this softly coloured cowl in a fancy textured stitch pattern. **By Hannah Cross.**

- DROPS Air (72% alpaca, 21% polyamide, 7% wool, 50g/150m), 1 ball of Light Pink (08), 20g of each: Light Grey Green (18), Medium Grey (04), Off-White (01), Rose (20), Ruby Red (07)
- A 6mm (US J/10) hook

TENSION

13 sts and 13 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over pattern, using 6mm hook

MEASUREMENTS

To fit over an average adult's head. Approx 24cm (9½in) deep, with a circumference of 50cm (19¾in) before stretching

NOTES

Pattern is worked over a multiple of 4 sts. Cut yarn after each colour change, leaving a long enough tail to weave in ends.

COWL

Using Light Pink, ch64, ss into first ch to join into a ring, taking care not to twist the sts.

Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), dc in st at base of beg ch-1, dc in each st

around, ss to first dc to join. [64 sts]

Round 2 Ch3 (counts as st here and throughout), tr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3, changing to Rose on yrh of ss.

Round 3 With Rose, ch3, FPtr in next st, BPtr in each of next 2 sts, *FPtr in each of next 2 sts, BPtr in each of next 2 sts; rep from * around, ss to top of beg ch-3, changing to Light Pink on yrh of ss.

Round 4 In Light Pink, rep Round 3, changing to Ruby Red at ss.

Round 5 In Ruby Red, rep Round 3, changing to Light Pink at ss.

Round 6 In Light Pink, rep Round 3, changing to Medium Grey at ss.

Round 7 In Medium Grey, ch3, BPtr in next st, FPtr in each of next 2 sts, *BPtr in each of next 2 sts, FPtr in each of next 2 sts; rep from * around, ss to top of beg ch-3, changing to Light Grey Green on yrh of ss.

Round 8 In Light Grey Green, rep Round 7, changing to Off-White at ss.

Round 9 In Off-White, rep Round 7, changing to Light Pink at ss.

Round 10 In Light Pink, rep Round 3, changing to Rose at ss.

Rounds 11-26 Rep Rounds 3-10 twice more.

Rounds 27-30 Rep Rounds 3-6 but do not change to Medium Grey at ss. Continue in Light Pink.

Round 31 Ch1 (does not count as st), dc

in same st at base of ch-1, dc in each st around, ss to first dc to join.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

HOODED SKI SWEATER

Turn to page 20 for a colourful hooded Fair Isle-style jumper. **By Fran Morgan.**

HEADBAND

Keep locks out of your eyes with a sporty headband. **By Hannah Cross.**

- DROPS Air (72% alpaca, 21% polyamide, 7% wool, 50g/150m), 1 ball of Light Grey Green (18), approx 10g of each: Light Pink (08), Medium Grey (04), Rose (20), Off-White (01), Ruby Red (07)
- A 6mm (US J/10) hook

TENSION

14 sts and 18 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over waistcoat stitch using 5mm hook

MEASUREMENTS

To fit an average adult's head. Approx 8.5cm (3¼in) deep with a circumference of 50cm (19¾in) before stretching

ABBREVIATIONS

Waistcoat stitch Insert hook between the 'v' created by the 2 vertical strands of the st below, yrh and complete as for dc

For a full list, see page 128

NOTES

Work in continuous rounds.

HEADBAND

Using Light Grey Green, ch69, ss to first ch to form a loop, taking care not to twist the ch.

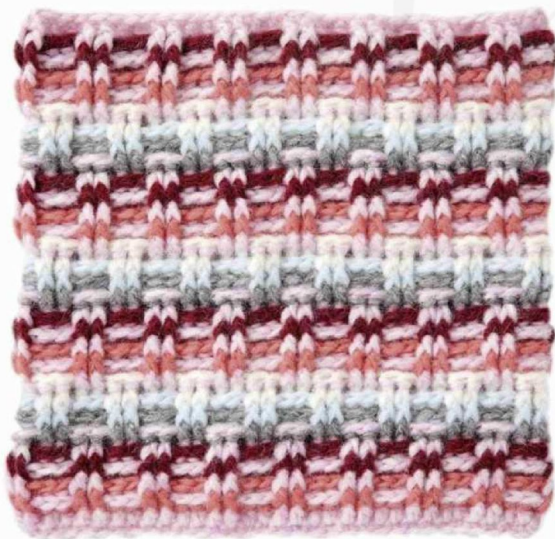
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, dc in same st at base of ch-1, dc in each st around. [69 sts]

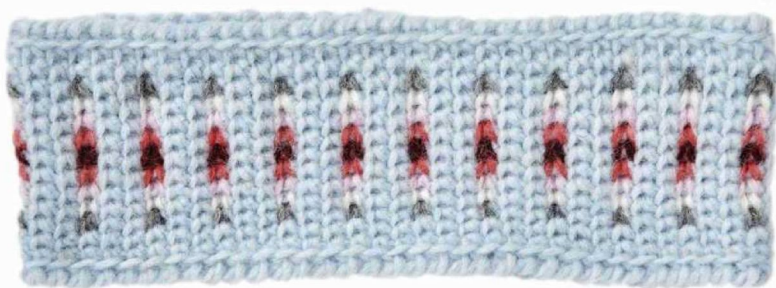
Round 2 Waistcoat stitch in each st around.

Rounds 3-11 Waistcoat stitch in each st around, in the following pattern: (2 sts in Light Grey Green, 1 st in contrast colour) to end, carrying the contrast colour behind the stitches and working in the following colour sequence for the contrast colours: Medium Grey – Off-White – Light Pink – Rose – Ruby Red – Rose – Light Pink – Off-White – Medium Grey.

Rounds 12-13 Using Light Grey Green, waistcoat stitch in each st around.

Round 14 Ch1 (not counted as st), reverse dc in bl of each st around, ss to first reverse dc to join. **Fasten off.**





BOTTOM EDGE

Round 1 (RS) With RS facing, and beg ch at top, join Light Grey Green to any unworked loop of beginning ch, ch1 (not counted as st), reverse dc in bl of each ch around, ss to first reverse dc to join. [69 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

MUG HUG

Marshmallow-topped hot chocolate will taste so much more decadent with a mug to complete the look! By Hannah Cross.

- DROPS Air (72% alpaca, 21% polyamide, 7% wool, 50g/150m), approx 10g of each: Light Grey Green (18), Light Pink (08), Medium Grey (04), Rose (20), Ruby Red (07)
- A 5mm (US H/8) hook
- A small toggle

TENSION

15 sts and 16 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over dc pattern, using 5mm hook

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 6cm (2½in) deep, to fit a mug with 8cm (3¼in) diameter



MUG HUG

Using Off-White, ch47.

Row 1 (RS) Dc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in each ch to end, turn. [46 sts]

Row 2 Ch1 (not counted as st here and throughout), dcfl in each st to end, turn.

Row 3 Ch1, dcbl in each st to end, turn. Rows 2 and 3 form double crochet pattern.

Rows 4-9 Rep Rows 2 and 3, 3 times more. **Fasten off.**

STRIPES

With RS facing, add a ss row in the following colour sequence to the remaining colour sequence of each row:

Row 1 Medium Grey.

Row 2 Light Grey Green.

Row 3 Light Pink.

Row 4 Rose.

Row 5 Ruby Red. At the end of this row, ch10, ss back into last ss on mug hug to make toggle loop (make this longer or shorter to fit your mug).

Row 6 Rose.

Row 7 Light Pink.

Row 8 Light Grey Green.

Row 9 Medium Grey.

TO MAKE UP

Sew toggle in place using Ruby Red and fasten through mug handle.

RIBBED MOCCASINS

Hook up Bryony Hitchcock's footwear to keep toes toasty when you're relaxing.

- DROPS Air (72% alpaca, 21% polyamide, 7% wool, 50g/150m), 3 balls of Yarn A Rose (20), 1 ball of each: Yarn B Medium Grey (04) Yarn C Light Grey Green (18) Yarn D Off-White (01) Yarn E Light Pink (08) Yarn F Ruby Red (07)
- A 5mm (US H/8) hook

- Bergère de France slipper soles
- 40cm elastic (if required)
- Stitch marker

TENSION

17 sts and 11 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) on the Leg section using 5mm hook

MEASUREMENTS

See the size chart for measurements

ABBREVIATIONS

FPhtr (Front Post half treble) Yrh, starting from the front, insert hook from front to back to front around the post of st in row below, complete as a half treble st
FPdc (Front Post double crochet) Starting from the front, insert hook from front to back to front around the post of st in row below, complete as a double crochet st

For a full list, see page 128

NOTES

As this is a loose-fitting slipper style, you can sew in a length of elastic across the arch of your foot from one side of the sole to the other prior to adding the crochet, to help the moccasins to stay in place as you are walking.

MOCCASINS

Using Yarn A, ch90 (96), ss into first ch to join into a ring. [90 (96) sts]

Rounds 1-2 Ch2 (counts as htr throughout), htr in each st to end, ss to top of beg ch-2.

Fasten off.

Sit ring behind moccasin sole edge and join, using yarn and tapestry needle, in a cross stitch pattern. Each crochet stitch will fall approximately between 2 of the moccasin holes.

Holding foot with centre back nearest to you, mark centre back st with a st marker. This is the first st. Count to 35th st to left of centre back and rejoin yarn in back loop of this st with ss.

WINTER WARDROBE

Continue in rows.

Row 3 (Ch1 and htrbl in next st) (counts as htr2togbl throughout), (htr2togbl) 10 (13) times. [11 (14) sts]

Fasten off.

Row 4 Count to 30th st (to left of centre back) and rejoin yarn in back loop with ss. (Ch1 and htrbl in next st), htrbl in each of next 3 sts, htr in each of next 11 (14) sts, htrbl in each of next 3 sts, htr2togbl. [19 (22) sts]

Fasten off.

Row 5 Count to 27th st (to left of centre back) and rejoin yarn in back loop with ss. (Ch1 and htrbl in next st), htrbl in next st, (htr2tog, htr in next st) 6 (7) times, htr in next st, htrbl in next st, htr2togbl. [17 (19) sts]

Fasten off.

Row 6 Count to 25th st (to left of centre back) and rejoin yarn in back loop with ss. (Ch1 and htrbl in next st), htr2tog, htr in next st, htr2tog, htr in each of next 6 (8) sts, (htr2tog, htr in next st) twice, htrbl in next st, htr2togbl. [16 (18) sts]

Fasten off.

Row 7 Count to 23rd st (to left of centre back) and rejoin yarn in back loop with ss. (Ch1 and htrbl) in next st, htr in each of next 16 (18) sts, htr2togbl. [18 (20) sts]



Fasten off.

Row 8 Count to 21st st (to left of centre back) and rejoin yarn in back loop with ss. (Ch1 and htrbl) in next st, htr in each of next 18 (20) sts, htr2togbl. [20 (22) sts]

Fasten off.

Continue in rounds.

Round 9 Rejoin yarn to 1st st of Row 3 (under both loops), (ch1 and htr in next st) (counts as htr2tog), htr in each st to end, ss to first st. [58 (60) sts]

Round 10 Ch2 (counts as htr here and throughout), htr in each of next 24 sts, htr2tog, htr in each of next 4 (6) sts, htr2tog, htr in each of next 25 sts, ss to top of beg ch-2. [56 (58) sts]

SIZE M ONLY

Extra round Ch2, htr in each of next 24 sts, htr2tog, htr in each of next 4 sts, htr2tog, htr in each of next 25 sts, ss to top of beg ch-2. [56 sts]

ALL SIZES

Rounds 11-13 Ch2, htr in next st, (FP htr in each of next 4 sts, htr in each of next 3 sts) 7 times, FP htr in each of next 4 sts, htr in next st, ss to top of beg ch-2.

Round 14 Ch2 (htr in next st, FP htr in each of next 4 sts, htr in each of next 2 sts) 3 times, dc in next st, ss in each of next 11 sts, dc in next st, (htr in each of next 2 sts, FP htr in each of next 4 sts, htr in next st) 3 times, ss to top of beg ch-2.

Round 15 Ch2 (htr in next st, FP htr in each of next 4 sts, htr in each of next 2 sts) 3 times, htr in next st, FPdc in each of next 4 sts of Round 13, dc in each of next 3 sts of Round 13, FPdc in each of next 4 sts of Round 13, htr in next st, (htr in each of next 2 sts, FP htr in each of next 4 sts, htr in next st) 3 times, ss to top of beg ch-2.

SIZE		S	M
UK SHOE SIZE		6-7½	8-10
FOOT LENGTH	cm	24	25
	in	9½	9¾
FOOT CIRCUMFERENCE	cm	58	62
	in	22¾	24½
LEG LENGTH	cm	24	24
	in	9½	9½

To make this pattern easier to follow, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions – simply follow the relevant column.



Rounds 16-35 As Round 11.

Fasten off.

Join Yarn B to any htr of last round and ch2, htr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-2.

Fasten off.

CUFF

Using Yarn B, ch58, ss into first ch to join into a ring.

Round 1 Ch2 (counts as htr), htr in same st at base of beg ch-2, htr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-2. [58 sts]

Fasten off.

Rep Round 1 in the following colour sequence:

Round 2 Yarn C.

Round 3 Yarn D.

Round 4 Yarn E.

Round 5 Yarn F.

Round 6 Yarn B, but do not fasten off.

Round 7 Slide cuff over top of moccasin, and join top edges with a round of ss, using one stitch from each piece for every stitch and skipping 2 loops from the cuff at 1st and 30th sts.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

POMPOM CORD (MAKE 4)

Using Yarn B, ch20, leaving long tails at each end.

Fasten off.

POMPOMS (MAKE 4)

Make 4 pompoms using a mix of Yarns B-F. Using the tail ends and tapestry needle, attach 2 pompoms to the outside of Round 7 of each cuff.

FINGERLESS MITTS

These mitts will keep hands warm and fingers free in style. By Bryony Hitchcock.

■ DROPS Air (72% alpaca, 21% polyamide, 7% wool, 50g/150m), 1 ball of each:

Yarn A Ruby Red (07)

Yarn B Medium Grey (04)

Yarn C Rose (20)

Yarn D Light Grey Green (18)

Yarn E Light Pink (08)

Yarn F Off-White (01)

■ A 5mm (US H/8) hook

TENSION

19 sts and 18 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over double crochet in back loops (dcbl) using 5mm hook

MEASUREMENTS

To fit an average adult woman's hand of approx 19 (22)cm (7½ (8¾)in) palm; length 16.5cm (6½in)

ABBREVIATIONS

Crab st (also known as reverse double crochet) Working in the opposite direction, with hook pointing downwards, insert hook into next st to the right of hook (or to the left if you are left-handed), yrh, draw a loop through (2 loops on hook), yrh, draw through both loops on hook

For a full list, see page 128

NOTES

The 2 double crochet stitches on Round 21 are to strengthen the join between the front and back sides, around the thumb. Ch1 at beginning of each round is not counted as a st.

Join each round with ss.

The beginning ch1 and ss at the end of every round are both worked in the colour of the first st of the round, and are not included in the stitch count.

The pattern is worked over multiples of 3 sts. Increases of 2 sts in a row should be worked in the same yarn as the first st in the chart. Increases of 1 st will bring the count back to a multiple of 3, and should be worked according to the chart.

If you would like to refer to a chart, please turn to page 122. The mitten is worked in



the round, so read the chart from right to left for every round.

MITTENS

Using Yarn A, ch36 (42), ss into first ch to join, taking care not to twist the sts.

Following Chart, and changing colour as set in Notes, continue as follows:

Rounds 1-11 Ch1 (not counted as st here and throughout), dcbl in st at base of beg ch-1, dcbl in each st around, ssbl in first dc to join. [36 (42) sts].

Round 12 Ch1, 2dcbl in st at base of beg ch-1, dcbl in each st to last st, 2dcbl in last st, ssbl in first dc. [38 (44) sts]

Round 13 Ch1, 2dcbl in st at base of beg ch-1, dcbl in each st around, ssbl in first dc. [39 (45) sts]

Rounds 14-19 Maintaining chart pattern, rep Rounds 12 and 13 another 3 times. [48 (54) sts]

Round 20 Ch1 (not counted as st here and throughout), dcbl in st at base of beg ch-1, dcbl in each st around, ssbl in first dc to join. Continue with thumb, maintaining Chart pattern, as follows:

THUMB

Round 21 Ch1, dcbl in each of next 5 (7) sts, dc in next st, skip to 6th (8th) st from end of row and dc in this st, dcbl in each of next 5 (7) sts, ssbl in first dc to join. [12 (16) sts]

Round 22 Ch1, dcbl in same st at base of

beg ch-1, dcbl in each st to end, ss in first dc. **Fasten off.**

PALM

Maintaining Chart pattern, reattach yarn on Round 20 in back loop of 2nd st away from thumb.

Round 21 Ch1, dcbl in same st at base of beg ch-1, dcbl in each of next 33 (36) sts, dc in next st, dc in same st as first dcbl, ss to first dc to join. [36 (39) sts]

Rounds 22-27 Ch1, dcbl in same st at base of beg ch-1, dcbl in each st around, ss in first dc.

Fasten off.

EDGING

Using Yarn A, join with ss to any st around finger edge.

Round 1 Ch1 (not counted as st), crab st in each st around top of mitten, ss to first crab st to join.

Fasten off.

Repeat edging as given above for thumb and wrist edges.

Fasten off and weave in ends.



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Ski Sunday

Fran Morgan's Scandi sweater gets a stylish update with a detachable hood.

PSST

*It's oversized so
you can layer up
for outdoor life*





YOU WILL NEED

■ DROPS Air (70% alpaca, 23% polyamide, 7% wool, 50g/150m),
Yarn A Off White (01)
Yarn B Ruby Red (07)
Yarn C Rose (20)
Yarn D Light pink (08)
Yarn E Light Grey Green (18)
Yarn F Medium Grey (04)
 See table for yarn quantities and measurements

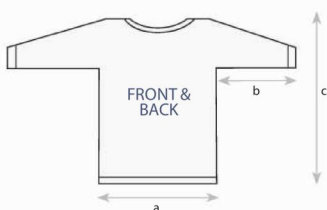
■ A 4mm (US G/6) hook
 ■ A 4.5mm (US 7) hook
 ■ 2 wooden toggles, 2.5cm (1in)
 For yarn stockists contact
 Wool Warehouse 01926 882818
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

TENSION

16 sts and 8 rows to measure
 10x10cm (4x4in) over tr using
 a 4mm hook

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 128



Width a: 46 (51: 56: 61)cm
 20 (22: 24: 26)in

Sleeve Length b: 48cm
 19in

Length c: 60 (61: 62: 63)cm
 23½ (24: 24½: 25)in

You don't have to be off to the slopes to crochet this sweater. The yarn is mostly alpaca, so it'll keep you cosy all winter. The stylish Scandi pattern means that it'll make a stonking Christmas jumper, too.

NOTES

The Body is worked upwards in the round to armholes. The Sleeves are worked upwards in the round to armholes.

When changing colour mid-row, twist the ends of the two colours together. Pick up the new colour in the last yrh of the previous stitch. Carry the unused strands of yarn across the WS of the work.

BODY

Using a 4mm hook and Yarn A, ch144 (160: 176: 192), ss to first ch to join into a ring, taking care not to twist the chain.

Round 1 Ch3 (counts as tr throughout), tr in each ch around, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join. [144 (160: 176: 192) sts]

Round 2 Ch3, *BPtr round next st, FPtr round next st; repeat from * around to last st, BPtr round last st, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join.

Rounds 3-6 Repeat Round 2 four more times.

Round 7 Ch3, *tr in each of next 4 (4: 5: 5) sts, 2tr in next st, tr in each of next 4 (5: 5: 6) sts; rep from * around, omitting last tr, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join. [160 (176: 192: 208) sts]

Round 8 Ch3, tr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join.

Repeat Round 8 until work measures 38cm (15in).

Fasten off.

SLEEVES

Using a 4mm hook and Yarn A, ch36 (40: 44: 48), ss to first ch to join into a ring, taking care not to twist the chain.

Rounds 1-5 Work as Rounds 1-5 of Body. [36 (40: 44: 48) sts]

Round 6 Work as Round 7 of Body. [40 (44: 48: 52) sts]

Round 7 Ch3, tr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join.

Round 8 Ch3, 2tr in next st, tr in each st around to last st, 2tr in last st, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join. [42 (46: 50: 54) sts]

Rounds 9-10 Ch3, tr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join.

Repeat Rounds 8-10 8 (8: 9: 10) more times. [58 (62: 68: 74) sts]

Repeat Round 7 until sleeve measures 48cm (19in).

Fasten off.

JOINING SLEEVES TO BODY

Round 1 Using a 4mm hook, join Yarn A in 5th (5th: 7th: 7th) st of Left Sleeve, ch3 (counts as tr throughout), tr in each of next 49 (53: 55: 61) sts of Sleeve, skip next 4 (4: 6: 6) sts of Sleeve, skip first 4 (4: 6: 6) sts of Body, tr in next 72 (80: 84: 92) sts of the Body, skip first 4 (4: 6: 6) of Right Sleeve, tr in next 50 (54: 56: 62) sts of Sleeve, skip last 4 (4: 6: 6) sts of Sleeve, skip next 8 (8: 12: 12) sts of Body, tr in next 72 (80: 84: 92) sts of the Body, skip last 4 (4: 6: 6) of Body, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join. [244 (268: 280: 308) sts]

Round 2 Ch3, tr in each tr around, decreasing 4 (3: 0: 3) sts as evenly as possible, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join. [240: 265: 280: 305) sts]

SIZE		8-10	12-14	16-18	20-22
TO FIT BUST	cm	81-86	91-97	102-107	112-117
	in	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46
ACTUAL BUST	cm	92	102	112	122
	in	40	44	48	52
LENGTH	cm	60	61	62	63
	in	23½	24	24½	25
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	48	48	48	48
	in	19	19	19	19
YARN A	50g	7	7	8	9
YARNS B, C, D, E, F	50g	1	1	1	1

To make this pattern easier to follow, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions – simply follow the relevant column.

SIZES 12-14, 16-18 & 20-22 ONLY

Round 3 Ch3, tr in each tr around, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join.

SIZES 16-18 & 20-22 ONLY

Round 4 Repeat Round 3.

SIZE 20-22 ONLY

Round 5 Repeat Round 3.

ALL SIZES

Next round Ch3, tr in each of next 2 sts, tr2tog, *tr in each of next 3 sts, tr2tog; repeat from * around, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join. [192 (212: 224: 244) sts]

YOKE

Change to a 4.5mm hook.

Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc in same st, change to Yarn B, dc in each of next 3 sts, *change to Yarn A, dc in next st, change to Yarn B, dc in each of next 3 sts; repeat from * around, ss to first dc to join, **fasten off** Yarn A.

Round 2 With Yarn B, ch1, dc in same st and each dc around, ss to first dc to join.

Round 3 Ch1, dc in same st, *dc in next st, change to Yarn C, dc in next st, change to Yarn B, dc in each of next 2 sts; repeat from * around, omitting last dc, change to Yarn C in last yrh of last dc, ss to first dc to join.

Round 4 With Yarn C, ch1, dc in same st, change to Yarn B, dc in each of next 3 sts, *change to Yarn C, dc in next st, change to Yarn B, dc in each of next 3 sts; repeat from * around, change to Yarn C in last yrh of last dc, ss to first dc to join.

Round 5 With Yarn C, ch1, dc in same st, *dc in next st, change to Yarn B, dc in next st, change to Yarn C, dc in each of next 2 sts; repeat from * around, omitting last dc, change to Yarn B in last yrh of last dc, ss to first dc to join.

Round 6 With Yarn B, ch1, dc in same st, change to Yarn C, dc in each of next 3 sts, *change to Yarn B, dc in next st, change to Yarn C, dc in each of next 3 sts; repeat from * around, ss to first dc to join, **fasten off** Yarn B.

Round 7 With Yarn C, ch1, dc in same st and each dc around, ss to first dc to join.

Round 8 Ch1, dc in same st, *dc in next st, change to Yarn D, dc in next st, change to Yarn C, dc in each of next 2 sts; repeat from * around, omitting last dc, change to Yarn D in last yrh of last dc, ss to first dc to join.

Round 9 With Yarn D, ch1, dc in same st, change to Yarn C, dc in each of next 3 sts, *change to Yarn D, dc in next st, change to Yarn C, dc in each of next 3 sts; repeat from * around, change to Yarn D in last yrh of last dc, ss to first dc to join.

Round 10 With Yarn D, ch1, dc in same st, *dc in next st, change to Yarn C, dc in next st, change to Yarn D, dc in each of next 2 sts; repeat from * around, omitting last dc, change to Yarn C in last yrh of last dc, ss to first dc to join.

Round 11 With Yarn C, ch1, dc in same st, change to Yarn D, dc in each of next 3 sts, *change to Yarn C, dc in next st, change to Yarn D, dc in each of next 3 sts; repeat from * around, ss to first dc to join, **fasten off** Yarn C.

Round 12 With Yarn D, ch1, *dc in each of next 2 sts, dc2tog; repeat from * to last 4 sts dc in each of next 2 (4: 2: 4) sts, dc2tog 1 (0: 1: 0 times), ss to first dc to join. [144 (160: 168: 184) sts]

Round 13 Ch1, dc in same st, *dc in next st, change to Yarn E, dc in next st, change to Yarn D, dc in each of next 2 sts; repeat from * around, omitting last dc, change to Yarn E in last yrh of last dc, ss to first dc to join.

Round 14 With Yarn E, ch1, dc in same st, change to Yarn D, dc in each of next 3 sts, *change to Yarn E, dc in next st, change to Yarn D, dc in each of next 3 sts; repeat from * around, change to Yarn E in last yrh of last dc, ss to first dc to join.

Round 15 With Yarn E, ch1, dc in same st, *dc in next st, change to Yarn D, dc in next st, change to Yarn E, dc in each of next 2 sts; repeat from * around, omitting last dc, change to Yarn D in last yrh of last dc, ss to first dc to join.

Round 16 With Yarn D, ch1, dc in same st, change to Yarn E, dc in each of next 3 sts, *change to Yarn D, dc in next st, change to Yarn E, dc in each of next 3 sts; repeat from * around, ss to first dc to join, **fasten off** Yarn D.

Round 17 With Yarn E, ch1, dc in same st and each dc around, ss to first dc to join.

Round 18 Ch1, dc in same st, *dc in next st, change to Yarn F, dc in next st, change to Yarn E, dc in each of next 2 sts; repeat from * around, omitting last dc, change to Yarn



The hood is attached to the sweater with toggles.

F in last yrh of last dc, ss to first dc to join.

Round 19 With Yarn F, ch1, dc in same st, change to Yarn E, dc in each of next 3 sts, *change to Yarn F, dc in next st, change to Yarn E, dc in each of next 3 sts; repeat from * around, change to Yarn F in last yrh of last dc, ss to first dc to join.

Round 20 With Yarn F, ch1, dc in same st, *dc in next st, change to Yarn E, dc in next st, change to Yarn F, dc in each of next 2 sts; repeat from * around, omitting last dc, change to Yarn E in last yrh of last dc, ss to first dc to join.

Round 21 With Yarn E, ch1, dc in same st, change to Yarn F, dc in each of next 3 sts, *change to Yarn E, dc in next st, change to Yarn F, dc in each of next 3 sts; repeat from * around, ss to first dc to join, **fasten off** Yarn E.

Round 22 With Yarn F, ch1, *dc in next st, dc2tog; repeat from * to last 0 (4: 0: 4) sts dc in each of next 0 (4: 0: 4) sts, ss to first dc to join. [96 (108: 112: 124) sts]

Round 23 Ch1, dc in same st, *dc in next st, change to Yarn A, dc in next st, change to Yarn F, dc in each of next 2 sts; repeat from * around, omitting last dc, change to Yarn A in last yrh of last dc, ss to first dc to join.

Round 24 With Yarn A, ch1, dc in same st, change to Yarn F, dc in each of next 3 sts, *change to Yarn A, dc in next st, change to Yarn F, dc in each of next 3 sts; repeat from * around, change to Yarn A in last yrh of last dc, ss to first dc to join.

Round 25 With Yarn A, ch1, dc in same st, *dc in next st, change to Yarn F, dc in next st, change to Yarn A, dc in each of next 2 sts; repeat from * around, omitting last dc, change to Yarn E in last yrh of last dc, ss to first dc to join.

Round 26 With Yarn F, ch1, dc in same st, change to Yarn A, dc in each of next 3 sts, *change to Yarn F, dc in next st, change to Yarn A, dc in each of next 3 sts; repeat from * around, ss to first dc to join, **fasten off** Yarn F.

Round 27 With Yarn A, ch1, *dc in each of next 2 sts, dc2tog; repeat from * to last 0 (4: 0: 4) sts dc in each of next 0 (4: 0: 4) sts, ss to first dc to join, turn. [72 (82: 84: 94) sts]

NECKLINE SHAPING

Row 1 (WS) Ch1, dc in next 20 sts, ss in next st, turn. [20 sts]

Row 2 (RS) Ch1, dc in next 20 sts, dc in next 8 sts of Round 27 of Yoke, ss in next st, turn. [28 sts]

Row 3 (WS) Ch1, dc in next 28 sts, dc in next 8 sts of Round 27 of Yoke, ss in next st, turn. [36 sts]

Row 4 (RS) Ch1, dc in next 36 sts, dc in next 8 sts of Round 27 of Yoke, ss in next st, turn. [44 sts]

Row 5 (WS) Ch1, dc in next 44 sts, dc across sts of Round 27 of Yoke to reach side of neckband, ss in next st, turn.

NECKBAND

Round 1 Ch3 (counts as tr throughout), tr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join. [72 (82: 84: 94) sts]

Round 2 Ch3, *BPtr round next st, FPtr round next st; repeat from * around to last st, BPtr round next tr, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join. Round 3 Repeat Round 2.

TO FINISH (JUMPER)

Sew underarm seams. Weave in all ends. Block work.

DETACHABLE HOOD

With Yarn A and a 4mm hook, ch105.

Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and each ch across, fasten off. [104dc]

Row 2 (RS) With RS facing, join Yarn A in first st, ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc in same st, change to Yarn B, dc in each of next 3 sts, *change to Yarn A, dc in next st, change to Yarn B, dc in each of next 3 sts; repeat from * to end, **fasten off**.

Row 3 (RS) With RS facing, join Yarn B in first st, ch1, dc in same st and each st across to end, **fasten off**.

Row 4 (RS) With RS facing, join Yarn B in first st, ch1, dc in same st and next st, *change to Yarn A, dc in next st, change to Yarn B, dc in each of next 3 sts; repeat from * to end omitting last 2 sts, **fasten off**.

Row 5 (RS) With RS facing, join Yarn A in first st, ch1, dc in same st, *change to Yarn B, dc in each of next 3 sts, change to Yarn A, dc in next st; repeat from * to end omitting last st, **fasten off**.

Row 6 (RS) With RS facing, join Yarn A in first st, ch1, dc in same st and next st, *change to Yarn B, dc in next st, change to Yarn A, dc in each of next 3 sts; repeat from * to end omitting last 2 sts, **fasten off**.

Row 7 (RS) With RS facing, join Yarn B in first st, ch1, dc in same st, *change to Yarn A, dc in each of next 3 sts, change to Yarn B, dc in next st; repeat from * to end omitting last st, turn.

Row 8 (WS) Ch1, dc in each st across to end, turn.

Row 9 (RS) Ch3 (counts as tr), tr in each st across to end, turn.

Rows 10-17 Repeat Row 9 eight more times. [104 sts]

Row 18 Ch3 (counts as tr), tr in next 44 sts,



The colourwork section is worked with a larger hook than the main part of the jumper.

tr3tog, tr in next 8 sts, tr3tog, tr in next 45 sts, turn. [100 sts]

Row 19 Ch3 (counts as tr), tr in next 43 sts, tr3tog, tr in next 6 sts, tr3tog, tr in next 44 sts, turn. [96 sts]

Row 20 Ch3 (counts as tr), tr in next 42 sts, tr3tog, tr in next 4 sts, tr3tog, tr in next 43 sts, turn. [92 sts]

Row 21 Ch3 (counts as tr), tr in next 41 sts, tr3tog, tr in next 2 sts, tr3tog, tr in next 42 sts, turn. [88 sts]

Row 22 Ch3 (counts as tr), tr in next 40 sts, tr3tog twice, tr in next 41 sts, turn. [84 sts]

Fold Hood with RS together so that patterned front edges meet and Row 22 is folded in half.

Work a crochet seam along the back of the hood, working through sts of Row 22.

NECKLINE BORDER

Row 1 With RS facing, join Yarn A in first st of patterned front edge to work into row ends, dc evenly across to opposite edge, turn.

Rows 2-3 Ch1 (does not count as st), dc in each st across, turn.

TO MAKE UP

Sew a toggle to each front edge of the hood at the neckline. Use these to secure through the neckband of the sweater.



YOU WILL NEED

- Perran Baby Alpaca Linen Silk DK (50% alpaca, 25% silk, 25% other; 110g/250m), 1 skein of Ripples in the Sand OR any DK yarn
 - A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
 - Tapestry needle
- For yarn stockists, contact
Perran Yarns
www.perranyarns.co.uk

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 13cm (5in) diameter

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 128



From the top

Crochet the ultimate handmade pom-pom for your go-to woolly hat. Designed by Sara Huntington.



Any DK yarn will work for this, but try a variegated shade for maximum impact.

We all love a pom-pom (hats never quite look right without them), but have you ever tried crocheting one? This fun, frilly make will help you add a much-needed hooky touch to knits of any kind. How about using it to top off a teacosy or add a bit of pizzazz to a scarf or bag? The textured bobble uses only double crochet stitches so it's really easy to hook but looks wonderfully fancy.

BOBBLE

Ch 101.

Row 1 Dc in the second ch from the hook, *ch9, 2dc in the second ch from the hook,

2dc in each of the 7 ch remaining, dc in the next ch of the original ch; repeat from * until the last of the original ch has been worked, then repeat from * once more omitting the last dc.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

TO MAKE UP

Roll up the piece and sew it into position as you go.

Using a tapestry needle, sew the bobble securely in place on a hat.

Sparkle & shine

Crochet a shawl in hues
as sweet as spun sugar. By
Elisabeth Davis de Herraiz.





YOU WILL NEED

- DROPS Alpaca (100% alpaca, 167m/50g), 1 ball of each:
Yarn A Light Pink (3140)
Yarn B Medium Pink (3720)
Yarn C Dark Pink (3770)
Yarn D Medium Brown (0403)
 - DROPS Glitter (60% cupro, 40% metal, 700m/10g), 1 spool of Silver (02)
 - A 4.5mm (US 7) hook
 - A stitch marker
- For yarn stockists contact
Wool Warehouse 01926 882818
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

TENSION

15 sts and 9 rows to measure
10x10cm (4x4in) over treble crochet
using a 4.5mm hook

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 160x70 cm (63x27½in)

ABBREVIATIONS

Small shell 5tr in same sp
Large shell Working in same sp: (Dtr, ch1) twice, dtr, picot, (dtr, ch1) twice, dtr
Picot Ch3, ss to first ch
For a full list, see page 128

This delicate shawl, worked in a medley of cherry sundae colours, includes some truly delicious detail. The super-soft 100% alpaca yarn is just as scrummy to work with as it is to wear, and the addition of a shimmery silver yarn brings a suggestion of glamour. The alpaca and metallic yarns are held together and worked as one to achieve this glittery look. And let's talk about that stunning colour sequence – the designer Elisabeth Davis de Herraiz has layered the four shades from light to dark for an ombre effect. Admit it – you're very tempted.

NOTES

Attach yarn with ss unless otherwise stated.
Ch3 at beginning of row counts as tr unless otherwise stated.
Ch4 at beginning of row counts as (tr, ch1) unless otherwise stated.

Hold the glitter yarn together with the main yarn throughout the shawl.
Use a stitch marker to mark the centre stitch and move up the marker on each row.

SHAWL

With Yarn A make a magic loop.

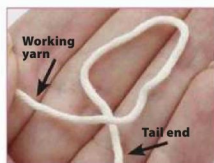
- Row 1 (RS)** Ch4, tr in the loop, (ch1, tr) 3 times in the loop, turn. [5 tr, 4 ch-1 sps]
Row 2 Ch4, tr in st at base of ch-4, ch1, tr in next tr, ch1, (tr, ch1, tr, ch1, tr) in next st, marking the second of these tr as the centre st, ch1, tr in next tr, ch1, (tr, ch1, tr) in the last tr, turn. [9 tr, 8 ch-1 sps]
Row 3 Ch4, tr in st at base of ch, ch1, (tr in next tr, ch1) 3 times, (tr, ch1, tr, ch1, tr) in the marked st, moving the marker up to the centre st on this and all the following rows,



The chocolate brown border is made by working a series of small and large shells.

- (ch1, tr in next tr) 3 times, ch1, (tr, ch1, tr) in last tr, turn. [13 tr, 12 ch-1 sps]
Row 4 Ch3, tr in st at base of ch, tr in each ch-sp and tr across to the marked centre st, 3tr in the marked st, tr in each ch-sp and tr across to last st, 2tr in the last st, turn. [29 tr]
Row 5 Ch4, tr in st at base of ch, ch1, skip next st, (tr in next st, ch1, skip next st) across to the marked st, (tr, ch1, tr, ch1, tr) in the marked st, ch1, skip next st, (tr in next st, ch1, skip next st) across to last st, (tr, ch1, tr) in

SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO WORK A MAGIC LOOP



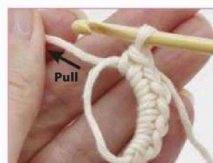
1 To start a Magic Loop, don't make a slipknot. Instead, make a loop with the yarn, leaving a tail around 10cm long. Make sure the tail end is under the working yarn.



2 Insert your hook into the loop, from front to back. Wrap the working yarn around the hook anticlockwise and pull the yarn through the loop.



3 Make a t-ch for the sts you want to work (above, we made 1 t-ch for dc). Now work your sts into the Magic Loop, making sure you work over both the loop and the tail end (so two yarn strands).



4 Once you've worked the number of stitches you need, simply pull the tail end of the yarn to draw up the ring. Work a slip stitch to join the first and last stitches and finish the first round.

last tr, turn. [19 tr, 18 ch-1 sps]

Rows 6-7 Repeat Row 5.

Row 8 Ch3, tr in st at base of ch, tr in each ch-sp and tr across to the centre, 3tr in the marked st, tr in each ch-sp and tr across to last st, 2tr in last st, turn. [57 tr]

Rows 5-8 set pattern.

Rows 9-24 Repeat (Rows 5-8) 4 times.

Fasten off yarn at the end of Row 24.

Rows 25-32 Join Yarn B in the first st, repeat Rows 5-8 twice.

Rows 33-35 Repeat Rows 5-7.

Fasten off yarn at the end of Row 35.

Rows 36-41 Join Yarn C in first st, repeat (Row 8) 6 more times.

Row 42 Repeat Row 5.

Fasten off yarn at the end of row.

Row 43 Join Yarn D in the first st, ch3, tr in st at base of ch, dc in ch-1 sp, *small shell in next tr, skip next ch-1 sp, dc in next tr, skip next ch-1 sp; repeat from * across to marked st, small shell in the marked st, dc in next tr, repeat from * across to the last st, 2tr in the last tr, turn. [69 shells]

Row 44 Ch3, tr in st at base of ch, tr in next tr, tr in dc, *large shell in centre st of next small shell, tr in next dc; repeat from * across to the centre shell omitting the last tr, dc in dc, dc in each of next 2 tr, large shell in next tr, dc in each of next 2 tr, dc in next dc, **large shell in the centre st of next small shell, tr in next dc; repeat from ** across to the last dc, tr in next tr, 2tr in the last tr.

Fasten off.

Weave in all ends and block to measurements.

Take time to block your shawl so the shells and picots are well-defined.





YOU WILL NEED

- Schachenmayr Bravo Big (100% acrylic, 120m/200g), 3 balls of Smaragd (00171)
- A 10mm (US D/3) hook

For yarn stockists contact
LoveKnitting
www.loveknitting.com

TENSION

Tension is not important for this project

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 128



Teal waves

The perfect present for fussy teens, go big and go blue with Emma Potter's chunky cowl.

Emma Potter's beautiful make is just the ticket for staying cosy this winter, and will be a super cool gift for youngsters, too. You can really get to grips with the crochet work of yesteryear, because the inspiration for it came from a vintage stitch pattern called the Hoosier stitch. Designer Emma says: "This is a really simple but really effective stitch!" She's chosen to use a super-chunky yarn by Schachenmayr – Bravo Big, the super chunky version of their best-selling Bravo yarn. "Bravo Big is fabulously squishy, the colour is divine and it works up really quickly," says Emma.

COWL

Ch21.

Row 1 1tr in 3rd ch from hook, ch2, 1dc in same st as tr, *skip 2sts, (2tr, 2ch, 1dc) in next st; repeat from * to end, turn.

Row 2 Ch2, (1tr, 2ch, 1dc) in first ch2 space, *(2tr, 2ch, 1dc) in next ch2 space; repeat from * to end, turn.

Repeat row 2 for pattern, using all 3 balls of yarn.

TO MAKE UP

Sew the ends together using whip stitch to form your giant cowl.



Ho ho ho!

Give a plain jumper a festive makeover with super Santa motifs. By Sara Huntington.



YOU WILL NEED

- Yarn and Colors Must-Have (100% cotton, 50g/125m), 1 ball of each:
 - White (001)
 - Peach (042)
 - Cardinal (031)
 - Soil (028)
- A 3mm (US C/2) hook
- Tapestry needle
- For yarn stockists contact
Wool Warehouse 01926 882818
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

MEASUREMENTS

Each motif measures 5.5x9cm
(2¼x3½in)

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project

ABBREVIATIONS

4-tr cluster (yrh, insert hook in st indicated, yrh and pull up loop, yrh and draw through 2 loops) 4 times, inserting the hook in the same st each time, yrh and draw through all 5 loops on hook

For a full list, see page 128

Get on board with the Christmas jumper action and show some serious love for our favourite bearded man in a red suit. The Santa motif on Sara's customisation project works like a dream emblazoning a plain top, or just hook one motif if you're short on time. No need to stop at jumpers – cards, garlands and more await.

FACE

Using White, make a magic loop.

Round 1 (RS) Ch4 (counts as dtr), 15dtr into loop, change to Peach, 8dtr into loop, change to White, ss into top of beg ch-4 to join. [24 dtr]

Fasten off Peach.

Round 2 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), (ch3, dc into next st) 16 times, dc in last 7 sts, ss in first dc to join, turn.

Row 3 (WS) Ch1, dc in each of next 6 sts, ss in next st, fasten off leaving remaining sts unworked, turn.

Fasten off.

HAT

Row 4 (RS) Join Cardinal in first dc, ch3 (counts as tr throughout), tr in next st, 2tr in next st, tr in each of last 3 sts, turn. [7 tr]

Row 5 (WS) Ch3, tr2tog, tr in next st, tr2tog, tr in last st, turn. [5 sts]

Row 6 (RS) Ch3, tr3tog, tr in last st.

Fasten off.

BOBBLE

With RS facing, join White to the last st of Row 6 at top of Hat, ch3, 4-tr cluster into same st.

Fasten off.

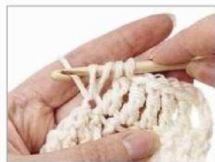


Give your Santa a rosy red nose slightly above the centre of the magic loop on his face.

TO FINISH

Using a tapestry needle and Soil, embroider eyes and eyebrows onto the face just underneath the Hat. Using Cardinal, embroider a nose slightly above the centre point of the magic loop on the face. Weave in all ends. Block each motif before sewing to your chosen garment.

SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO MAKE A DOUBLE TREBLE



1 To make a double treble crochet stitch, yrh twice and insert the hook under the top two loops of the next stitch on the previous row. Yrh and draw through the stitch only (4 loops on hook).



2 Yrh and pull the yarn through the first 2 loops only (3 loops on hook).



3 Yrh and pull the yarn through the first 2 loops only (2 loops on hook).



4 Yrh and pull the yarn through the remaining 2 loops. There's your double treble made and you'll have one loop left on your hook ready to do the next stitch.



YOU WILL NEED

■ Rico Design Creative Twist Super Chunky (80% acrylic, 20% alpaca, 100g/75m), 1 ball of each:

Yarn A Salmon (021)

Yarn B Silver Grey (016)

■ A 12mm (US E/4) hook

■ A large pompom maker or cardboard rings

For yarn stockists contact

Wool Warehouse 01926 882818

www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project

MEASUREMENTS

To fit an average to large size woman's head, 57-59cm (22½-23¼in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 128

The chunky rib stitch is so on trend, and you can finish things off with a fabulous and fun two-tone giant pompom.

NOTES

Hat is worked flat (in rows) and stitched together at the end. Change colour in the last yrh of the stitch indicated, keeping unused yarn at the back of work.

BODY OF HAT

Using Yarn A, ch15, change to Yarn B, ch15.

Row 1 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 15dc, change to Yarn A in last st, 15dc, turn.

Row 2 Ch1, 15dc in bl, change to Yarn B in last st, 15dc in bl, turn.

Row 3 Ch1, 15dc in bl, change to Yarn A in last st, 15dc in bl, turn.

Row 4 Ch1, 15dc in bl, change to Yarn B in last st, 15dc in bl, turn.

Rows 5-47 Repeat Rows 3-4, 21 more times, then Row 3 once more, do not fasten off.

TO FINISH

Fold rectangle in half, last row brought to first row, using the same colour sequence, sc in bl across first row to join.



Tickled pink

Keep warm with this delicious bobble hat in shades of delicate grey and blush pink. By Claire Guy.

Fasten off.

Turn the Hat inside out (the seam is now on the inside).

CLOSE TOP

Round 1 Using Yarn B, join to seam with ss at colour B edge, dc2tog around, placing one leg of each st in the next row end. [24 sts]

Round 2 Dc2tog around. [12 sts]

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Weave tail in and out of last 12 sts, pull tight to close top and weave in end.

POMPOM

Using a large pompom maker (or card circles) and the remainder of both yarns, take one strand of Yarn A and one strand of Yarn B and densely wrap both yarns to create a full pompom. Using a new length of yarn, tie around centre of the pompom very tightly three times, leaving long ends for sewing it to the Hat. Trim the pompom into a neat ball and, using a tapestry needle, sew the pompom to the hat securely. Weave in ends and fold up the brim.



Warm & bright

Crochet Fran Morgan's gorgeous cheerful pair using just one simple stitch. Your friends will love it!



YOU WILL NEED

- DROPS Nepal Uni Colour (65% wool, 35% alpaca, 50g/75m), 3 balls of each (2 balls of each for the scarf, 1 ball of each for the hat):
Yarn A Sea Blue (8911)
Yarn B Raspberry Rose (8910)
Yarn C Light Olive (8038)
Yarn D Coral (8909)

- A 4mm (US D/3) hook

For yarn stockists contact
 Wool Warehouse 01926 882818
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

TENSION

1 pattern repeat and 7 rows
 measure 11x11cm (4¼x4¼in) over
 chevron pattern

MEASUREMENTS

Scarf measures 22x164cm (8½x64in)
 Hat fits an average adult head

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 128

Discover peephole chevron stitch and whip up these super showstoppers in stunning stripes. The warm wool and alpaca mix will keep your loved ones toasty, and it comes in gorgeous shades.

STRIPE SEQUENCE

2 rows Yarn A.
 2 rows Yarn B.
 2 rows Yarn C.
 2 rows Yarn D.
 4 rows Yarn A.
 4 rows Yarn B.
 4 rows Yarn C.
 4 rows Yarn D.

SCARF

Using Yarn A, ch43.

Row 1 (RS) Tr in 4th ch from hook, tr in each of next 3 ch, skip next 2 ch, tr in each of next 4 ch, *ch2, tr in each of next 4 ch, skip next 2 ch, tr in each of next 4 ch; rep from * ending last rep with tr in each of next 3 ch, 2tr in last ch, turn. [34 tr and 3 ch-2 sps]

Row 2 Ch3 (counts as tr), tr in same st at base of beg ch-3, tr in each of next 3 tr, skip next 2 tr, tr in each of next 3 tr, *(tr, ch2, tr) in next ch-2 sp, tr in each of next 3 tr, skip next 2 tr, tr in each of next 3 tr; rep from * to last st, 2tr in top of ch-3, turn.

Row 2 forms chevron pattern.

Rep Row 2 in Stripe Sequence from Row 3.

Rep Stripe Sequence another 3 times, then rep first 8 rows once more.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

HAT

Using Yarn A, ch93.

Work Rows 1 and 2 as given for Scarf then rep Row 2 another 11 times, following Hat Stripe Sequence, from Row 3. [74 tr and 8 ch-2 sps]

SHAPE TOP

Cont in Yarn C.

Next row Ch3 (counts as tr), tr2tog over st at base of beg ch-3 and next tr, tr2tog, *skip next 2 tr, tr2tog, tr2tog over next tr and ch-2 sp, ch2, tr2tog over same ch-2 sp and next tr, tr2tog; rep from * to last 6 sts, skip next 2 tr, tr2tog, tr2tog over last tr and ch-3, turn.

[36 tr2tog, 8 ch-2 sps plus beg ch-3]

Change to Yarn D.

Next row Ch3 (counts as tr), tr in same st at base of beg ch-3, skip next 2 sts, *tr2tog over next st and ch-2 sp, tr2tog over same ch-2 sp and next st, skip next 2 sts; rep from * to last 2 sts, tr2tog. [19 sts]

Next row Ch3 (counts as tr), *tr3tog over next 3 sts; rep from * to end. [7 sts]

Fasten off.

TO FINISH

Sew up side seam and weave in ends.



Pull the last few stitches tightly to make a neat crown for the hat.

Go loopy!

Pat Strong's flattering loop fringe coat is a fab option for smarter days.



PSST

*Change the look
with a set of
bold buttons*



YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft Life Aran (75% acrylic, 25% wool, 100g/198m), Denim (2322)
- See table for yarn quantities and measurements
- A 5mm (US H/8) hook
- 1 button, 2cm (¾in) diameter (not visible when worn)
- 3 buttons for the shoulder fastening, 2cm (¾in) diameter
- Stitch markers
- For yarn stockists contact
Stylecraft 01535 609798
www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk

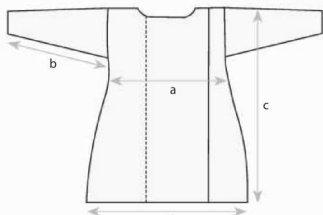
TENSION

6 'blocks' and 12 rows to measure 9.2x10cm (3½x4in) over Grit st patt

ABBREVIATIONS

Loop st Working on the WS of the fabric, insert hook in stitch indicated, holding back a loop of yarn approx 15cm long, yrh and complete as for dc

For a full list, see page 128



Width a: 49 (53; 57; 63)cm

19½ (21; 22½; 24½)in

Sleeve Length b: 48 (48; 49; 49)cm

19 (19; 19½; 19½)in

Length c: 85 (86; 87; 87)cm

33½ (34; 34½; 34½)in

Width d: 69 (73½; 81½; 88)cm

27½ (29; 32; 35)in

This heavyweight wraparound coat, with its intriguing textured stitch pattern, is a cosy addition to your winter wardrobe.

The loop-stitch trim is simple to complete and gives it a fun, feminine feel – and it's an easy way to wear the ruffle trend.

NOTES

The Coat is worked from the hemline up. The right side is wider than the left side to allow for the front overlap.

Grit st is formed in 'blocks' where 1 block is 2 sts wide and 2 rows tall. Decreasing is worked over two rows to remove 1 'block'.

SPECIAL STITCHES

GRIT STITCH PATTERN

Ch10.

Row 1 (RS) (Dc, tr) in 2nd ch from hook, *skip next ch, (dc, tr) in next ch; repeat from * to last 2 ch, skip next ch, dc in last st, turn. [9 sts]

Row 2 Ch1 (does not count as st), (dc, tr) in first dc, *skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from * to last 2 sts, skip next tr, dc in last dc, turn. [9 sts]

Row 2 sets pattern.

COAT

Ch182 (194; 214; 226).

Row 1 (RS) (Dc, tr) in 2nd ch from hook, *skip next ch, (dc, tr) in next ch; repeat from * to last 2 ch, skip next ch, dc in last st, turn. [181 (193; 213; 225) sts]

Work Row 2 of Grit st patt until work measures 30cm ending on a RS row.

WAIST SHAPING

You may find it helpful to mark the left and



Choose some interesting buttons for the shoulder fastening, as they'll be visible.

right sides.

Row 1 Starting from the left side of the garment on a WS row, ch1 (does not count as st), (dc, tr) in first dc, *skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from * 21 (23; 25; 27) more times, skip next tr, dc in next dc, place marker in last dc made, **skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from ** 35 (37; 40; 43) more times, skip next tr, dc in next dc, place marker in last dc made, ***skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from *** to last 2 sts, skip next tr, dc in last dc, turn. [179 (191; 211; 223) sts]

Row 2 Ch1 (does not count as st), (dc, tr) in first dc, *skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from * to marked dc, skip marked dc, **skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from ** to next marked dc, skip marked dc, ***skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from *** to last 2 sts, skip next tr, dc in last dc, turn. [177 (189; 209; 221) sts]

Rows 3-6 Work Row 2 of Grit st patt 4 times.

Row 7 Starting from the left side of the

SIZE		10-12	14-16	18-20	22-24
TO FIT BUST	cm	86-91	97-102	107-112	117-122
	in	34-36	38-40	42-44	46-48
ACTUAL BUST (APPROX)	cm	98	106	114	126
	in	38½	41¾	45	49½
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	48	48	49	49
	in	19	19	19½	19½
LENGTH	cm	85	86	87	87
	in	33½	34	34¼	34¼
HEM WIDTH	cm	138	147	162.5	177
	in	54½	58	64	69¾
YARN	100g	13	15	18	20

To make this pattern easier to follow, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions – simply follow the relevant column.

garment on a WS row, ch1 (does not count as st), (dc, tr) in first dc, *skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from * 21 (23: 25: 27) more times, skip next tr, dc in next dc, place marker in last dc made, **skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from ** 33 (35: 38: 41) more times, skip next tr, dc in next dc, place marker in last dc made, ***skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from *** to last 2 sts, skip next tr, dc in last dc, turn. [175 (187: 207: 219) sts]

Row 8 Ch1 (does not count as st), (dc, tr) in first dc, *skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from * to marked dc, skip marked dc, **skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from ** to next marked dc, skip marked dc, ***skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from *** to last 2 sts, skip next tr, dc in last dc, turn. [173 (185: 205: 217) sts]

Rows 9-12 Work Row 2 of Grit st patt 4 times.

Row 13 Starting from the left side of the garment on a WS row, ch1 (does not count as st), (dc, tr) in first dc, *skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from * 20 (22: 24: 26) more times, skip next tr, dc in next dc, place marker in last dc made, **skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from ** 33 (35: 38: 41) more times, skip next tr, dc in next dc, place marker in last dc made, ***skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from *** to last 2 sts, skip next tr, dc in last dc, turn. [171 (183: 203: 215) sts]

Row 14 Ch1 (does not count as st), (dc, tr) in first dc, *skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from * to marked dc, skip marked dc, **skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from ** to next marked dc, skip marked dc, ***skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from *** to last 2 sts, skip next tr, dc in last dc, turn. [169 (181: 201: 213) sts]

Work Row 2 of Grit st patt until work measures approx 59 (58: 58: 57)cm ending on a RS row.

LEFT FRONT

Row 1 (WS) Starting from the left side of the garment on a WS row, ch1, (dc, tr) in first dc, *skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from * 19 (22: 24: 26) more times, skip next tr, dc in next dc, turn leaving remaining sts unworked. [43 (49: 53: 57) sts]

Work Row 2 of Grit st patt until Left Front measures approx 18 (20: 21: 22)cm ending on a WS row. Mark this row for reference when working Right Front.

NECKLINE SHAPING

Row 1 Starting from the sleeve edge of the

Work the coat from the hemline up to the neckline.



garment on a RS row, ch1, (dc, tr) in first dc, *skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from * 9 (10: 12: 13) more times, skip next tr, dc in next dc, turn leaving remaining sts unworked. [23 (25: 29: 31) sts]

Row 2 Ch1, dc in first dc, *skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from * to last 2 sts, skip next tr, dc in last dc, turn. [22 (24: 28: 30) sts]

Row 3 Ch1, (dc, tr) in first dc, *skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from * to last 3 sts, skip next st, dc in next dc, turn leaving last st unworked. [21 (23: 27: 29) sts]

Work Row 2 of Grit st patt until Left Front measures approx 26 (28: 29: 30)cm.

BACK

Row 1 (WS) Rejoin Yarn in 4th unworked st of last row of Body after Left Front, ch1, (dc, tr) in same dc, *skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from * 29 (31: 34: 37) more times, skip next tr, dc in next dc, turn leaving remaining sts unworked. [63 (67: 73: 79) sts]

Work Row 2 of Grit st patt until Back measures 2 rows shorter than Left Front.

NECKLINE SHAPING (FIRST SIDE)

Row 1 Ch1, (dc, tr) in first dc, *skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from * 9 (10: 11: 12) more times, skip next tr, dc in next dc, turn leaving remaining sts unworked. [23 (25: 27: 29) sts]

Row 2 Ch1, dc in first dc, *skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from * to last 2 sts, skip next tr, dc in last dc, **fasten off**. [22 (24: 26: 28) sts]

NECKLINE SHAPING (SECOND SIDE)

Row 1 Skip next tr 17 (17: 19: 21) sts of last row of back before neck shaping, Ch1, (dc, tr) in first dc, *skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from * to last 2 sts, skip next tr, dc in last dc, turn. [23 (25: 27: 29) sts]

Row 2 Ch1, (dc, tr) in first dc, *skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from * to last 4 sts, (skip next tr, dc in next dc) twice, **fasten off**. [22 (24: 26: 28) sts]

RIGHT FRONT

Row 1 (WS) Rejoin Yarn in 4th unworked st of last row of Body after Back, ch1, (dc, tr) in same dc, *skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from * across to last 2 sts, skip next tr, dc in last dc, turn. [57 (59: 69: 71) sts]
Work Row 2 of Grit st patt until Right Front matches Left Front up to marked row, turn.

NECKLINE SHAPING (LEFT SIDE)

Row 2 (RS) Ch1, (dc, tr) in first dc, *skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from * 5 (5: 7: 7) more times, skip next tr, dc in next dc, turn leaving remaining sts unworked. [15 (15: 19: 19) sts]

Row 2 Ch1, dc in first dc, *skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from * to last 2 sts, skip next tr, dc in last dc, turn. [14 (14: 18: 18) sts]

Row 3 Ch1, (dc, tr) in first dc, *skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from * to last 3 sts, skip next st, dc in next dc, fasten off, leaving last st unworked. [13 (13: 17: 17) sts]

NECKLINE SHAPING (RIGHT SIDE)

Row 1 (RS) Skip next 19 (19: 21: 21) stitches, join yarn in next st, ch1, (dc, tr) in same dc, *skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from * to last 2 sts, skip next tr, dc in last dc, turn. [23 (25: 29: 31) sts]

Row 2 Ch1, (dc, tr) in first dc, *skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from * to last 3 sts, dc in next st, skip next tr, dc in last dc, turn. [22 (24: 28: 30) sts]

Row 3 Ch1, (dc, tr) in first dc, skip next dc, *skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from * to last 2 sts, skip next tr, dc in last dc, turn. [21 (23: 27: 29) sts]

Work Row 2 of Grit st patt until Right Front matches Left Front in length.

TO MAKE UP

Align the sleeve edges and sew the shoulder seams together.

SLEEVES

Row 1 (RS) Join yarn in first dc at underarm to work into row ends around Armhole, ch1 (does not count as st), (dc, tr) in same st, *skip next row end, (dc, tr) in next row end; repeat from * around Armhole working 1dc and 1tr into each 'block', dc in last dc at underarm, turn.

Rows 2-6 Work Row 2 of Grit st patt 5 times.

Row 7 Ch1, dc in first dc, *skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from * to last 4 sts, (skip next tr, dc in next dc) twice, turn. [2 sts decreased]

Row 8 Ch1, (dc, tr) in first dc, skip next dc, *skip next tr, (dc, tr) in next dc; repeat from * to last 3 sts, skip next tr and next dc, dc in last dc, turn. [2 sts decreased]

Rows 9-12 Work Row 2 of Grit st patt 4 times.

Repeat Rows 7-12 until sleeve measures 45 (45: 49: 49) sts. **Fasten off.**

LOOP TRIM

Row 1 (WS) With WS facing, join Yarn at one end of Right Front to work into row ends, ch1 (does not count as st throughout), loop st in first row end, dc in next row end, (loop st in next row end, dc in next row end) to end of Right Front, turn.

Row 2 Ch1, dc in st across, turn.

Row 3 Ch1, loop st in first st, dc in next st, (loop st in next st, dc in next st) to end of Right Front, turn.

Rows 4-5 Repeat Rows 2-3 once more. **Fasten off.**

NECKLINE EDGING

Row 1 (WS) With WS facing, join yarn at left side of the neckline at the beginning of the neckline shaping, to work around neck, ch1 (does not count as st throughout), loop st in first st, dc in next st, (loop st in next st, dc in next st) around to end of neckline shaping at left shoulder, turn.

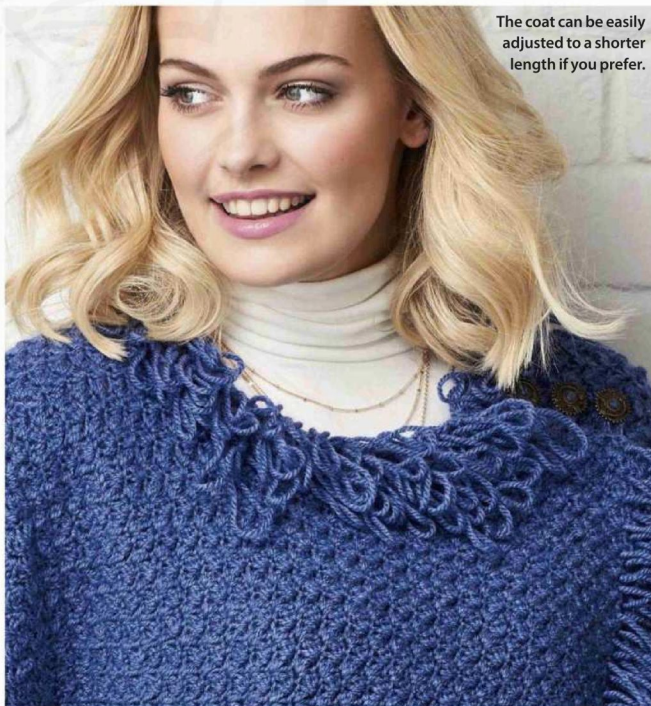
Row 2 Ch1, dc in st across, turn.

Row 3 Ch1, loop st in first st, dc in next st, (loop st in next st, dc in next st) to end of Right Front, turn.

Rows 4-5 Repeat Rows 2-3 once more. **Fasten off.**

TO FINISH

Attach a button and corresponding loop to the inside of the garment to secure the left flap to the inside of the right side. Position 3 buttons along the left shoulder, using the image as a guide and work corresponding chain loops along the top edge of the right side at the shoulder.
Sew sleeve seams.



After dinner mint

A beautifully delicate jumper with pretty lace detailing that's just perfect for Christmas Day.



PSST

Also looks fab
in festive red!



YOU WILL NEED

■ Bergère de France Calinou (75% acrylic, 25% wool, 50g/185m) in Limonade (30)

See table for measurements and yarn quantities

■ A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook

For yarn stockists contact

Bergère de France

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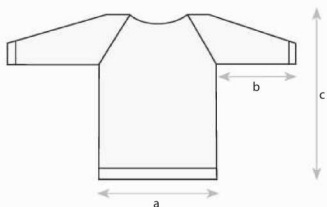
TENSION

20 sts and 11 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over treble crochet using 3mm hook

ABBREVIATIONS

Foundation Treble (Ftr) Work a treble stitch as usual, but after the first (insert hook, yrh and pull through), work an extra ch1 before completing the stitch. The next st is worked into this extra ch1. To bridge a gap between sts, as in this pattern, add the extra ch1 to the stitch before the gap, then work the number of foundation sts stated. On the last ftr, replace the extra ch1 with a ss into the top of the first st on the other side of the gap.

For a full list, see page 128



Width a: 41 (44; 48; 50.5; 53.5)cm

16 (17; 18¾; 20; 21)in

Sleeve Length b: 43cm
17in

Length c: 55 (55; 55; 58; 58)cm

21¾ (21¾; 21¾; 22¾; 22¾)in

This exquisite sweater will be the star of your wardrobe this winter. Layer over a long-line cami in a contrasting colour with your jeans, or pop it over a slip dress and pair with block heels and you'll have an instant hit. Go party.

NOTES

This sweater is worked top down in one piece to the base of the armholes, then divided for Body and Sleeves. The neckband is added at the end.

Replace the first tr of each round with a ch-3 turning ch.

The stitch pattern for the front lace panel is written out first, and the instructions start with the Yoke.

FRONT LACE PANEL PATTERN

Stitch pattern is a multiple of 12 sts + 1, and is worked over central 37 sts of Front.

Round 1 Dc in next st, (ch5, skip 5 sts, 3tr in next st, ch5, skip 5 sts, dc in next st) 3 times.

Round 2 Tr in next st, (ch3, 3tr in next tr, tr in next st, 3tr in next st, ch3, tr in next dc) 3 times.

Round 3 Tr in next st, (3tr in next tr, tr in next 5 sts, 3tr in next st, ch1) repeat twice, 3tr in next tr, tr in next 5 sts, 3tr in next st, tr in next tr.

Round 4 2tr in next st, (ch5, skip 5 sts, dc in next st, ch5, 3tr in next ch1-sp) twice, ch5, skip 5 sts, dc in next st, ch5, skip 5 sts, 2tr in next st.

Round 5 Tr in next st, (3tr in next st, ch3, tr in next dc, ch3, 3tr in next tr, tr in next st) 3 times.

Round 6 Tr in next 3 sts, 3tr in next st, ch1, (3tr in first tr of next 3-tr group, tr in next 5

sts, 3tr in next st, ch1) twice, 3tr in first tr of next 3-tr group, tr in next 3 sts. Rounds 1-6 set pattern.

SWEATER

YOKE

Ch122 (126; 134; 146; 150), ss to first ch to join into a ring.

Round 1 (RS) *Tr in next 18 (18; 18; 20; 18) ch, ch1, tr in next 43 (45; 49; 53; 57) ch for Front, ch1; repeat from *, ss to top of beg ch-3. [122 (126; 134; 146; 150) tr + 4 ch]

Round 2 2tr in first st, tr in each st to next ch-1 sp for first Sleeve, (tr, ch1, tr) in ch-1 sp, tr in next 3 (4; 6; 8; 10) sts, place a st marker in last tr, follow Lace Panel Pattern over the next 37 sts, tr in next 3 (4; 6; 8; 10) sts, placing a st marker in first tr (Front complete), (tr, ch1, tr) in ch1-sp, tr in each st to next ch-1 sp for second Sleeve, (tr, ch1, tr) in ch-1 sp, tr in each st to next ch-1 sp for Back, tr in ch-1 sp, ch1, ss to top of beg ch-3. [130 (134; 142; 154; 158) tr + 4 ch]

Continue working the next round of Lace Panel Pattern over the 37 sts between markers in all following rounds. Move markers up each round.

Round 3 2tr in first st, tr in each tr around working (tr, ch1, tr) in each of the first 3 ch-sp and 1 tr in last ch-sp, ch1, ss to top of beg ch-3. [8 sts inc each round: 138 (142; 150; 162; 164) tr + 4 ch after Round 3.

Repeat Round 3 a further 14 (16; 17; 18; 19) times. [250 (270; 286; 306; 318) tr + 4 ch]

Next round 2tr in first st, tr in each tr around working 2tr in each of first 3 ch-sp and 1 tr in last ch-sp, ss to top of beg ch-3, do not fasten off. [18 (20; 21; 22; 23) rounds and 258 (278; 294; 314; 326) sts]

SIZE		8	10	12	14	16
TO FIT BUST	cm	81	86	91	97	102
	in	32	34	36	38	40
ACTUAL BUST	cm	82	88	96	101	107
	in	32¼	34¼	37½	40	42¼
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	43	43	43	43	43
	in	17	17	17	17	17
LENGTH	cm	55	55	55	58	58
	in	21¾	21¾	21¾	22¾	22¾
YARN	50g	7	7	7	8	9

To make this pattern easier to follow, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions – simply follow the relevant column.

DIVIDE FOR SLEEVES AND BODY

Next round (Divide round) Ch3 (counts as first ftr), 7 (7: 10: 10: 10) ftr for underarm, working the first of these ftr in the ch at the base of the beg ch-3, skip 52 (56: 58: 62: 62) sts for first Sleeve, tr in next 20 (23: 26: 29: 32) sts, Lace Panel Pattern over next 37 sts, tr in next 20 (23: 26: 29: 32) sts (Front complete), 8 (8: 10: 10: 10) ftr for underarm, skip 52 (56: 58: 62: 62) sts, tr in next 77 (83: 89: 95: 101) sts for Back, ss to top of beg ch-3. [170 (182: 198: 210: 222) working sts]

Continue working in tr on these 170 (182: 198: 210: 222) sts for a further 39 (37: 36: 38: 37) rounds, following the Lace Panel Pattern over the central 37 sts on the Front. The last of these rows will be the last row of the Lace Panel Pattern.

Next round Ch3, tr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3.

Next round Ch1 (does not count as st), dc in each st around, ss to first dc.

BORDER

Rounds 1-3 Ch1 (does not count as st), (dc in next st, ch4, skip 4 sts) repeat around to last 0 (2: 3: 0: 2) sts, ch0 (2: 3: 0: 2), skip remaining sts, ss to first dc.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

SLEEVES

Continuing from the Divide round, rejoin the yarn at the centre of the underarm. If you wish to include it, the Sleeve Lace Panel pattern is 3 repeats of the 6-round pattern from Rounds 28 to 45 of the Sleeve. You will need to work this over the

central 13 sts of the Sleeve, at the same time as you are working the decrease pattern described below. The Sleeve Lace Panel Pattern is given below underneath the decreasing instructions.

Round 1 Ch3 (counts as tr throughout), tr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3. [60 (64: 68: 72: 72) sts]

Repeat Round 1 a further 5 (1: 9: 6: 3) times.

Next round (Decrease round) Ch3, tr2tog, tr in each st to last 3 sts, tr2tog, tr in last st, ss to top of beg ch-3. [2 sts decreased; 58 (62: 66: 70: 70) sts]

Work 3 (3: 2: 2: 2) more rounds as Round 1. Repeat the last 4 (4: 3: 3: 3) rounds a further 9 (10: 11: 12: 13) times. [40 (42: 44: 46: 44) sts]

Next round Ch1 (does not count as st), dc in each st around, ss to first dc.

Rounds 48 - 50 Ch1 (doesn't count as st), (dc in next st, ch4, skip 4 sts) repeat around to last 0 (2: 4: 1: 4) sts, ch0 (2: 4: 1: 4), skip remaining sts, ss to first dc.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

SLEEVE PANEL PATTERN

Round 1 Dc in next st, ch5, skip 5 sts, 3tr in next st, ch5, skip 5 sts, dc in next st.

Round 2 Tr in next st, ch3, 3tr in next tr, tr in next st, 3tr in next tr, ch3, tr in next dc.

Round 3 Tr in next st, 3tr in next tr, tr in next 5 sts, 3tr in next tr, tr in next tr st of previous round.

Round 4 2tr in next st, ch5, skip 5 sts, dc in next st, ch5, skip 5 sts, 2tr in next st.

Round 5 Tr in next st, 3tr in next st, ch3, tr in next dc, ch3, 3tr in next tr, tr in next st.

Round 6 Tr in next 3 sts, 3tr in next st, ch1,



The lace pattern continues on the sleeves. For a three-quarter sleeve, stop at two repeats.

skip next tr, 3tr in next tr, tr in next 3 sts.

NECKBAND

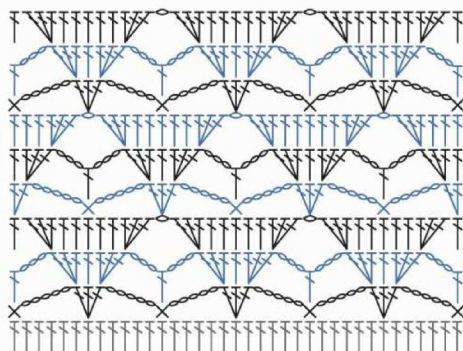
Join the yarn between the Back and the Right Sleeve.

Round 1 (R5) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc in each st around, ss to first dc. [122 (126: 134: 146: 150) sts]

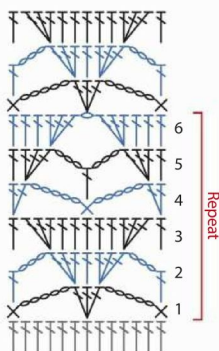
Rounds 2-4 Ch1, working in opposite side of foundation ch; *dc in 18 (18: 18: 20: 18) sts above Sleeve, (ch4, skip 4 sts, dc in next st) 8 (9: 9: 10: 11) times, ch3 (0: 4: 3: 2), skip 3 (0: 4: 3: 2) sts; rep from *, ss to first dc.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Front chart



Sleeve chart



Key

- Chain (ch)
- × Double crochet (dc)
- ⌋ Treble crochet (tr)



YOU WILL NEED

■ Eden Cottage Bowland DK (100% British Wool, 100g/220m), 1 skein of Briar Rose

■ A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook

For yarn stockists contact

Eden Cottage Yarns

www.edencottageyarns.co.uk

TENSION

6 puff sts and 9 rows measure

10x10cm using a 3.5mm hook

MEASUREMENTS

To fit average adult hands, measures

18x9cm (7x3½in) at widest part

ABBREVIATIONS

3htr-puff st (Yrh, insert hook in sp or st indicated, yrh and pull up loop)

3 times, inserting the hook in the same sp or st each time, yrh and draw through all loops on hook

5htr-puff st (Yrh, insert hook in sp or st indicated, yrh and pull up loop)

5 times, inserting the hook in the same sp or st each time, yrh and draw through all loops on hook

For a full list, see page 128

NOTES

The foundation ch is a multiple of 4+1 sts. To make a larger pair or a smaller pair simply add or subtract multiples of 4 sts.

MITTS (BOTH ALIKE)

Ch29.

Row 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), (dc, ch2, 5htr-puff st) in 2nd ch from hook, *ch1, skip next 3 sts, (dc, ch2, 5htr-puff st) in next st; rep from * to last 4 sts, ch1, skip next 3 sts, dc in last st.

[7 5htr-puff sts 8 dc, 7 ch-2 sps, 7 ch-1 sps]

Row 2 Ch2 (does not count as st) 3htr-puff st in same st at base of beg ch-2, ch1, *(dc, ch2, 5htr-puff st) in next ch2-sp, ch1; rep from * to last ch2-sp, (dc, ch2, 3htr-puff st) in last ch2-sp. [6 5htr-puff sts, 2 3htr-puff sts, 7 dc, 7 ch-2 sps, 7 ch-1 sps]



Winter warmer

A pretty stitch pattern makes for a pretty pair of fingerless mitts. By Hannah Cross.

Rows 1 and 2 form the pattern.

Rows 3 Ch1 (does not count as st), *(dc, ch2, 5htr-puff) in next ch-2 sp, ch1, rep from * to last Puff St, dc in top of beg ch-2, turn.

Rows 4-18 Repeat rows 2-3 seven more times, repeat Row 2 once more.

Fasten off.

Join side seams of mitts using a ss seam by joining for 9 sts from top and 13 sts up from the bottom to leave a thumbhole opening.

CUFF

Round 1 (RS) Join the yarn to any st at the bottom of the mitt, ch1 (not counted as st), work 30dc evenly around bottom edge of the mitt, ss to first dc to join.

Now work in rows, joining every alternate row to Round 1 as follows:

Foundation chain Ch11.

Row 1 Dc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in each of next 9 ch [10 sts]. Ss in each of next 2 sts of Round 1.

Row 2 Ch1 (does not count as st), ssbl in each st to end.

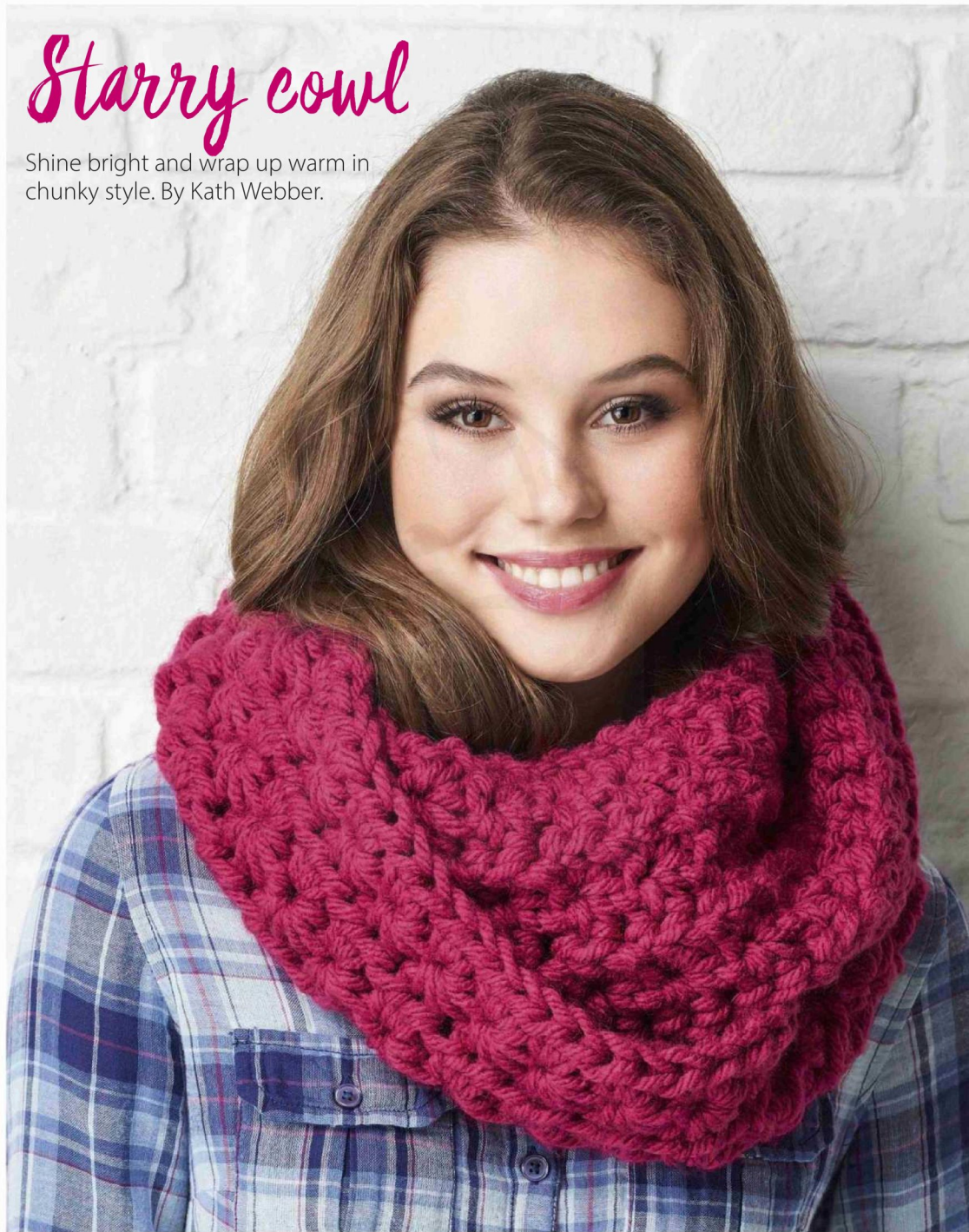
Row 3 Ch1 (does not count as st), dcbl in each st to end, ss in each of next 2 sts of Round 1.

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 around the cuff and at the end, join to opposite side of foundation ch with a ss seam.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Starry cowl

Shine bright and wrap up warm in chunky style. By Kath Webber.





YOU WILL NEED

■ Bergère de France Barisienne 12 (100% acrylic, 150g/75m), 3 balls of Birmanie (10016)

■ A 12mm (US O/17) hook

For yarn stockists contact

www.bergeredefrance.co.uk

TENSION

4 star stitches measure 12cm and 2 rows of pattern measures 10cm

MEASUREMENTS

20x156cm (8x61½in)

ABBREVIATIONS

Star stitch insert hook in centre ch-1 of previous star st, yrh, draw a loop back through, insert hook in front loop of last 'leg' of star st, yrh, draw a loop through, insert hook in same st as last 'leg' of previous star stitch, yrh, draw a loop through, (insert hook in next st along, yrh, draw a loop through) twice, yrh, draw through all 6 loops, ch1

For a full list, see page 128

Hook up this pattern using a scrumptious super chunky yarn and you or someone lucky will be snuggling into it in no time.

Designer Kath Webber has come up with a gorgeous star stitch pattern cowl, made with loops and trebles for an unusual textured look. We've made ours in a raspberry shade, but there are 12 colours to choose from, so you should be able to go matchy-matchy with your winter coat or find a cool contrast. Why not make a couple now to put by in case of last-minute gift emergencies?

NOTES

The star stitch is made by creating a series of loops on the hook on the right side row then drawing the yarn through them to create a centre stitch. The centre stitch is filled on the wrong side rows with half trebles to create a textured and exceptionally pretty stitch. The pattern is worked in rounds that are joined, turning each round after joining.

STAR STITCH COWL

Ch100, ss to first ch to join into a ring, taking care not to twist the chain.

Round 1 (RS) Ch3, starting in 2nd ch from hook, (insert hook in next ch, yrh, draw a loop back through the ch) 5 times (6 loops on hook), yrh, draw through all 6 loops, ch1 (first star stitch is complete); to make every following star stitch, follow instructions as given (see abbreviations) and rep to end, ss to top of beg ch-3, turn. [49 star sts]

Round 2 Ch2 (counts as htr), 2htr in centre ch-1 of each star st around, ss to top of beg ch-2, turn. [99 sts]

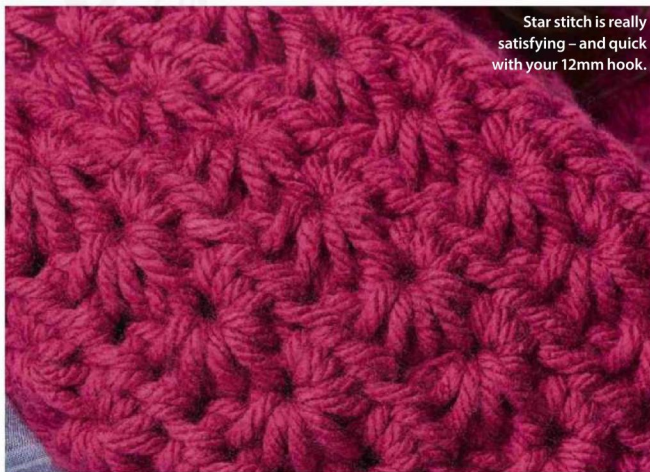
Round 3 Ch3, insert hook in 2nd ch from hook, yrh, draw a loop through, insert hook in next ch, yrh, draw a loop through, insert hook in same st at base of beg ch-3, yrh, draw loop through, (insert hook in next htr, yrh, draw loop through) twice, yrh, draw through all 6 loops, ch1 (first star stitch is complete); to make every following star stitch, follow instructions as given (see abbreviations) and rep to end, ss to top of beg ch-3, turn.

Round 4 As Round 2.

Rounds 3 and 4 form the pattern.

Repeat Rounds 3 and 4 twice more (to work 8 rounds in total).

Fasten off and weave in ends.



Star stitch is really satisfying – and quick with your 12mm hook.

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Smart cookie

Emma Wright's cropped design puts a playful spin on the festive sweater idea.



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YOU WILL NEED

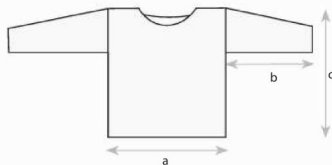
- Stylecraft Special DK (100% acrylic, 100g/295m)
- Yarn A Khaki (1027)
- See table for yarn quantities and measurements
- 1 ball of each:
- Yarn B Lipstick (1246)
- Yarn C Camel (1420)
- Yarn D White (1001)
- Oddments of black thread/yarn
- A 4mm (US G/6) hook
- 3 small buttons
- For yarn stockists contact
- Stylecraft 01535 609798
- www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk

TENSION

18 sts and 22 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over dc using a 4mm hook or size needed to obtain tension

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 128



Width a: 46 (49: 51: 53: 55: 58: 60)cm
18 (19½: 20: 21: 21¾: 22¾: 23½)in

Sleeve Length b: 45 (45: 45: 47: 47: 49)cm
17¾ (17¾: 17¾: 18½: 18½: 18½: 19¼)in

Length c: 45 (46: 48: 49: 51: 53: 55)cm
17¾ (18: 19: 19½: 20: 20¾: 21½)in

Cook up a cute Christmas jumper! This up-to-date cropped version has bright contrasting details, a sweet gingerbread man motif and polka dots to keep things fresh. And it's hooked in easy dc stitches.

BACK

Using a 4mm hook and Yarn A, ch83 (89: 93: 97: 101: 105: 109).

Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook and in each ch to end, turn. [82 (88: 92: 96: 100: 104: 108) sts]

Row 2 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc in each st to end, turn. Repeat Row 2 until work measures 43 (44: 46: 47: 49: 51: 53)cm ending with a WS row.

BACK NECK SHAPING

FIRST SIDE

Row 1 (RS) Ch1, 24 (27: 29: 31: 33: 35: 37) dc, dc2tog, turn. [25 (28: 30: 32: 34: 36: 38)sts]

Row 2 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in each st to end, turn. [24 (27: 29: 31: 33: 35: 37)sts]

Row 3 Ch1, dc in each st to last 2 sts, dc2tog, turn. [23 (26: 28: 30: 32: 34: 36)sts]

Row 4 Ch1, dc in each st to end. **Fasten off.**

SECOND SIDE

With RS facing, pick central 30 sts of neckline and rejoin yarn in next st.

Row 1 (RS) Ch1, dc2tog, dc in each st to end, turn. [25 (28: 30: 32: 34: 36: 38)sts]

Row 2 Ch1, dc in each st to last 2 sts, dc2tog, turn. [24 (27: 29: 31: 33: 35: 37)sts]

Row 3 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in each st to end, turn. [23 (26: 28: 30: 32: 34: 36)sts]

Row 4 Ch1, dc in each st to end. **Fasten off.**

FRONT

Work Rows 1 and 2 as for Front and



The back of the jumper is plain, but you could jazz it up by hooking a few more polka dots.

continue working in dc until work measures 39 (40: 42: 43: 45: 47: 49)cm ending with a WS row.

Work each side of Neck Shaping as for Back, but do not fasten off after each side, and continue working in dc without shaping until work measures approx 45 (46: 48: 49: 51: 53: 55)cm, working the same total number of rows as the Front. **Fasten off.**

SLEEVES (MAKE 2)

With Yarn B, ch41 (41: 41: 43: 43: 43: 45).

Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and in each ch to end, turn. [40 (40: 40: 42: 42: 42: 44)sts]

Rows 2-4 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc in each st to end, turn.

SIZE		8	10	12	14	16	18	20
TO FIT BUST	cm	81	86	91	96	101	106	111
	in	32	34	36	38	40	42	44
ACTUAL BUST	cm	91	98	102	107	111	116	120
	in	36	38½	40¼	42	43¾	45½	47¼
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	45	45	45	47	47	47	49
	in	17¾	17¾	17¾	18½	18½	18½	19¼
LENGTH	cm	45	46	48	49	51	53	55
	in	17¾	18	19	19¼	20	20¾	21½
YARN A	100g	5	5	5	6	6	7	7

To make this pattern easier to follow, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions – simply follow the relevant column.

Change to Yarn A.

Rows 5-8 As Row 2.

Row 9 (Increase row) Ch1, dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc, dc in each st to last 2 sts, 2dc in next dc, dc in last dc, turn. [42 (42: 42: 44: 44: 44: 46)sts]

Rows 10-13 As Row 2.

Rows 9-13 form the increase pattern.

Repeat these 5 rows a further 14 (14: 15: 16: 17: 17: 18) times.

[70 (70: 72: 76: 78: 78: 82)sts]

Continue working in dc without shaping until Sleeve measures 45 (45: 45: 47: 47: 47: 49)cm. **Fasten off.**

When working the second Sleeve, work the same total number of rows as the first Sleeve.

GINGERBREAD MAN

FIRST LEG

With Yarn C, ch4.

Row 1 2dc in second ch from hook, dc in next ch, 2dc in last ch, turn. [5 sts]

Row 2 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.

Rep last row until Leg measures 6cm ending with a WS row.**

Next row (RS) Ch1, ss into next 2 dc, dc in next 3 dc. **Fasten off.**

SECOND LEG

Work as for First Leg to **.

Next row (RS) Ch1, dc in next 3 dc, ss in next 2 dc. **Fasten off.**

BODY AND ARMS

Lay out the 2 legs side by side and RS up so that the ss on the last row are in the centre.

Row 1 (RS) Rejoin yarn to work along the top of both legs, ch1, dc in each st, turn. [10 sts]

Row 2 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.

Row 3 Ch6, dc in second ch from hook and each ch and st across, turn. [15 sts]

Row 4 Ch6, dc in second ch from hook and in each ch and st across to last st, 2dc in last st, turn. [21 sts]

Row 5 Ch1, dc in each st to last st, 2dc in last st, turn. [22 sts]

Rows 6-7 As Row 2.

Rows 8-9 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in each st to end, turn. [20 sts after Row 9]

Row 10 Ch1, dc in first 13 sts, turn leaving rem sts unworked. [13 sts]

Row 11 Ch1, dc in first 6 sts, turn leaving rem sts unworked. [6 sts]

HEAD

Row 12 Ch1, 2dc in first st, dc in each st to



French knots make a neat pair of peepers for this hooky fella.

last st, 2dc in last st, turn. [8 sts]

Row 13 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.

Rows 14-15 Repeat Rows 12 and 13. [10 sts]

Row 16 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in each st to last 2 sts, dc2tog, turn. [8 sts]

Row 17 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.

Rows 18-19 Repeat Row 16.

[4 sts after Row 19]

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing to jumper.

TO FINISH

Join both shoulder seams using preferred method.

NECKBAND

Round 1 (RS) With Yarn B, ch1, work 37 dc evenly from right shoulder seam across back neck to left shoulder seam and then 52 dc evenly around front neck back to shoulder seam, ss to first dc.

Round 2 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to first dc.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Join both Sleeves to garment body measuring approx 19(19: 20: 21: 22: 22: 23) cm down each side of shoulder seam. Once



The sleeves are worked from the cuffs up, starting with four dc rows in Yarn B - red.

both sleeves are in place join side and Sleeve seams using preferred method.

POLKA DOTS (MAKE 20)

With Yarn D, ch4, ss to first ch.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing to garment and weaving in starting tail.

Using image as a guide, sew mini buttons onto gingerbread man's body and using black yarn, embroider 2 eyes onto face. Sew gingerbread man in place on garment body and distribute polka dots evenly over garment Front. Weave in ends.

GORGEOUS GIFTS



Oh, you shouldn't
have...

Make gorgeous baby alpaca accessories in rich jewel tones,
for those who'll love their luxury as much as you do.





Merry Christmas!
Nicki Trench

Peace

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

If it were up to us, we'd use this elegant purse as a miniature clutch during the party season. Just sayin'. We'd also fill it with chocolate coins, but then we're greedy like that.

PA RUM POM POM POM...

So, something we've always loved looks to be oh-so stylish right now. Pompoms have been everywhere this year – your fashionista friends will adore these.

A crocheted red flower with a yellow center and purple ring, sitting in a gold box with a handwritten tag. The flower has eight petals and is surrounded by yellow and brown crocheted leaves. The box is filled with green shredded paper. A red ribbon is tied in a bow in the background, and a slice of orange is visible in the top right corner. A small green eucalyptus branch is in the bottom right corner.

Love from
Jane Crowfoot

GORGEOUS GIFTS



BIG LOVE

A statement corsage to transform a party outfit from 'meh' to 'wow' in an instant. If you make two (you know we will), keep one for yourself and add it to your winter coat for a touch of floral cheer in the coldest months.

GOTHIC REVIVAL

What about this bit of sartorial elegance, then? Go Gothic in medieval manner with a super cosy cowl. Wear with a jacket or use it to up the temperature when you pair it with your latest LBD.

GORGEOUS GIFTS



TWINKLE TOES

One perfect pair for mama, and one perfect pair for babba: a joyous double gift that's so impossibly cute, they'll both be in tears. (Mama may not thank you for that...)

HAT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

This cosy hat is super-fast to make up, and the pompoms look a bit like tiny ears when you pop it on, which is a winner in our book. It looks fab with the mittens too, if you're feeling generous.





Halo's Off!
Dedri Uys

MAZE CLUTCH

Create geometry in Fair Isle in this tapestry-style clutch bag designed by Alessandra Hayden.

- King Cole Baby Alpaca (100% baby alpaca, 50g/100m), 1 ball of each: **Yarn A** Cranberry (510), **Yarn B** Basil (3068), **Yarn C** Plum (509)
- A 3.75mm (US F/5) hook
- A 30cm (12in) zip

TENSION

17 dc and 16 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over dc working in back loops

MEASUREMENTS

Clutch measures 30x16.5cm (12x6½in)

NOTES

The pattern is worked using the amigurumi method. Work stitches continuously in a spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.

The tapestry section of the Clutch is worked in back loops of stitches following the Chart (page 121). On the Chart, each square represents 1 dc stitch. Read all rounds from right to left. When changing colour mid-row, twist the ends of the two colours together. Pick up the new colour in the last yrh of the previous stitch. Carry the unused strands of yarn across the WS of the work.

CLUTCH

Using Yarn A, ch52.

Round 1 Dc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch to last ch, 2dc in last ch, rotate to work along opposite side of the starting chain, dc in each ch across to end. [102 dc]

Rounds 2-4 Dc in each stitch around.

Rounds 5-23 Using Yarns B and C, and working in back loops, follow Chart.

Rounds 24-27 Change to Yarn A, working under both loops of each st, dc in each stitch around. **Fasten off.**

TO FINISH

Weave in ends. With the zip unzipped, pin carefully into place inside the open edge of Clutch. With a sewing needle and matching thread, sew the zip to the Clutch. Add a tassel to zip by cutting 8 strands each 15cm (6in) long of Yarn B, pull the strands through the pull hole of the zip and tie it to form the tassel.

POMPOM MITTENS

Hook a pair of snugly mittens topped off with pompoms. By Nicki Trench.

- King Cole Baby Alpaca (100% baby alpaca, 50g/100m), 2 balls of **Yarn A** Mustard (3306), 1 ball of **Yarn B** Cranberry (510)
- A 4mm (US G/6) hook
- A 5cm pompom maker
- Stitch marker



MEASUREMENTS

Each mitt measures 23cm (9in) to fit an average-sized women's hand

NOTES

The mitts are worked from the cuffs to the fingertips. The cuffs are worked in rows and then joined before the mitt is worked into the row ends in rounds.

RIBBED CUFF

Using Yarn A, ch13.

Row 1 Htr in 2nd ch from hook, htr in each of next 11 ch. [12 htr]

Rows 2-19 Ch1 (does not count as st), htr in first st (through both loops), working in back loops only, htr in each of next 10 sts, htr in next st (through both loops). [12 htr] Do not fasten off.

Fold the piece in half and work a ss seam to join the two ends together to form the Cuff. Turn the Cuff so that the seam is on the inside, and the loop is at the top ready to work the mitt.

MITT

To create an invisible seam, pull the slip stitch and the ch1 at the beginning of each round very tightly.

Round 1 Ch1, work 36 dc evenly around the top of the cuff, ss in first dc to join. [36 sts]

Round 2 Ch1, dc in each of next 8 sts, 2dc in next st, *dc in each of next 8 sts, 2dc in next st; repeat from * twice more, ss in first dc to join. [40 sts]

Rounds 3-9 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss in first dc to join.

Round 10 Ch1, dc in each of first 19 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in each of next 19 sts, 2dc in last st, ss in first dc to join. [42 sts]

Rounds 11-12 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss in first dc to join.

Round 13 Ch1, 2dc in first st, dc in each of next 11 sts, 2dc in next st, skip next 12 sts for thumbhole, 2dc in next st, dc in each of next 16 sts, ss in first dc to join. [33 sts]





POINSETTIA CORSAGE

Jazz up the traditional festive floral motif with sparkles. By Jane Crowfoot.

- King Cole Baby Alpaca (100% baby alpaca, 50g/100m), 1 ball of each: **Yarn A** Mustard (3306), **Yarn B** Plum (509), **Yarn C** Cranberry (510), **Yarn D** Basil (3068)
- Debbie Abrahams Size 6 Seed Beads in Gold (31), 90 beads required
- A 4mm (US E/4) hook
- Stitch markers
- Brooch pin

MEASUREMENTS

Finished corsage measures approx 20cm (8in) at widest point; flower centre up to end of Round 4 measures 5cm (2in) across

ABBREVIATIONS

bdc3 (Beaded dc with 3 beads to each stitch)
Bring a group of 3 beads up to the top of the yarn so that they are sitting as close to the hook as possible, insert hook into the next st, yrh beyond the group of beads and pull through the stitch making sure no beads are drawn through at the same time, yrh and draw through both yarn loops on hook
Tall picot Ch3, dc in 2nd ch from hook and next ch

For a full list, see page 128

NOTES

Beads will come out on reverse of work, so the first 3 rounds are worked with WS facing: 

Rounds 14-26 Ch1, dc in each st around, skipping thumbhole, ss in first dc to join.

Fasten off Yarn A, leaving an approx 8cm tail and join B with a ss in first st. [33 sts]

Rounds 27-29 Join Yarn B in first st, ch1, dc in each st around, ss in first dc to join.

Round 30 Ch1, dc in each of first 2 sts, dc2tog, *dc in each of next 2 sts, dc2tog; repeat from * around to last st, dc in last st, ss in first dc to join. [25 sts]

Round 31 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss in first dc to join. [25 sts]

Round 32 Ch1, dc in first st, dc2tog, *dc in next st, dc2tog; repeat from * around to last st, dc in last st, ss in first dc to join. [17 sts]

Round 33 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss in first dc to join.

Round 34 Ch1, dc in same st, dc2tog 8 times, ss in first dc to join. [9 sts]

Round 35 Ch1, dc in same st, dc2tog 4 times, ss in first dc to join. [5 sts]

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Weave tail through all sts in last round and pull tight to close.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Weave tail through all sts in last round and pull tight to close.

TO FINISH

Using both Yarns A and B, make two pompoms and attach one to each Mitten on the front where the Cuff joins the Mitt.

THUMB

Round 1 With RS facing, join Yarn A in first skipped st of thumbhole, ch1, 2dc in first st, dc in each of next 10 sts, 2dc in last st, ss in first dc to join. [14 sts]

Rounds 2-10 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss in first dc to join.

Round 11 Ch1, (dc2tog) 7 times, ss in first dc to join. [7 sts]





make sure you turn at the end of Round 3.

FRONT PIECE

Thread 90 beads onto Yarn A.
Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.

Round 1 (WS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 5dc into loop, ss to first dc to join.

Round 2 (WS) Ch1, 2bdc3 in each st around, ss to first dc to join. [10 sts]

Round 3 (WS) Repeat Round 2, turn, fasten off. [20 sts]

Round 4 (RS) Join Yarn B in any st, ch3 (counts as tr), tr in same st, *tr in each next 3 sts, 2tr in next st; repeat from * around, omitting last 2tr, ss to top of beg ch-3 join, fasten off. [25 sts]

Round 5 (RS) Join Yarn C in any st, ch1, dc into same st, *ch8, working back along ch-8, dc in 2nd ch from hook and each of next 6 ch, dc in next st on Round 4, ch3, skip 3 sts, dc into next st; repeat from * around, omitting last dc, ss to first dc to join. [5 petals]

Round 6 (RS) Ch1, *working along unworked side of starting ch of next petal, dc into next ch, htr in next ch, tr in each next 2 ch, dtr in next ch, 2tr in each of next 2 ch, (tr, tall picot, tr) in last ch at end of petal, working along opposite side of petal, 2tr in each of next 2 sts, dtr in next st, tr in each next 2 sts, htr in next st, dc into next st, ch1, skip next dc at base of petal, working in front of ch-3 sp, dc in each of next 2 skipped sts in Round 4, ch8,

working back along ch-8, dc in 2nd ch from hook and each of next 6 ch, dc into same st at base of petal, dc into next skipped st in Round 4, ch1, skip next dc in Round 5; repeat from * around, omitting last ch-1, ss to first dc to join.

Round 7 *Working behind next petal, ch5, working along unworked side of starting ch of next petal, dc in next ch, htr in next ch, tr in each next 2 ch, dtr in next ch, 2tr in each next 2 ch, (tr, tall picot, tr) in last ch at end of petal, working along opposite side of petal, 2tr in each next 2 sts, dtr in next st, tr in each of next 2 sts, htr in next st, dc in next st, working behind next petal; repeat from * around, ss to first ch of first ch-5 sp to join. **Fasten off.** [10 petals]

Round 8 Join Yarn A join yarn in and ch-5 sp behind petals, ch1, dc into same ch-sp, *working back along ch-8, dc in 2nd ch from hook and each of next 6 ch, dc into same ch-sp, working behind next petal, ch7, 1dc into next ch-5 sp; repeat from * around, omitting last dc ss to first dc to join. **Fasten off.** [5 leaves]

Round 9 Working behind Petals, join Yarn D in any ch-7 sp, ch1, dc into same ch-sp, *ch8, working back along ch-8, dc in 2nd ch from hook and each of next 6 ch, dc into same ch-sp, ch3, working along unworked side of starting ch of next leaf, dc into next ch, htr in next ch, tr in each next 2 ch, dtr in next ch, 2tr in each of next 2 ch, (tr, tall picot, tr) in last ch at end of petal, working along opposite side of petal, 2tr in each of next 2

sts, dtr in next st, tr in each next 2 sts, htr in next st, dc into next st, ch3, dc in next ch-7 sp; repeat from * around, omitting last dc, ss to first to join. **Fasten off.**

Round 10 Join Yarn A in last ch-3 sp made, ch1, dc into same ch sp, *ch1, working along unworked side of starting ch of next petal, dc in next ch, htr in next ch, tr in each next 2 ch, dtr in next ch, 2tr in each next 2 ch, (tr, tall picot, tr) in last ch at end of petal, working along opposite side of petal, 2tr in each next 2 sts, dtr in next st, tr in each of next 2 sts, htr in next st, dc in next st, ch1, dc into next ch-3 sp, working behind next leaf, ch3, dc into next ch-3 sp; repeat from * around, omitting last dc, ss to first to join.

Fasten off, weave in ends and block to size.

BACK PIECE

Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.

Round 1 Ch3 (counts as a tr throughout) 14tr into loop, ss to top of beg ch-3 join. [15 sts]

Round 2 Ch3, tr into st at base of ch-3, 2tr into each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3 join. [30 sts]

Round 3 Ch3, tr into st at base of ch-3, tr into next st, *2tr into next st, tr into next st; repeat from * around, ss to top of beg ch-3 join. [45 sts]

Round 4 Ch1 (does not count as a st), dc into each st around, ss to first dc to join.

Fasten off.

TO FINISH

Oversew Back Piece to reverse of corsage.
Sew brooch pin in place.





DIAMOND COWL

Medieval patterns were the inspiration for this cowl, says designer Sue Pinner.

- King Cole Baby Alpaca (100% baby alpaca, 50g/100m), 2 balls of Mustard (3306), 1 ball of each: Plum (509), Cranberry (510), Basil (3068)
- A 4mm (US G/6) hook

MEASUREMENTS

Each square measures 4x4cm (1½x1½in), cowl measures 35x20cm (14x8in) laid flat

ABBREVIATIONS

Picot Ch5, ss to 5th ch from hook

For a full list, see page 128

BASIC GOLD SQUARE (MAKE 1)

Using Gold, wrap yarn around your finger 10 times, hold firmly and secure with a ss.

Round 1 16dc into loop of wrapped yarn, ss to first dc to join. [16dc]

Round 2 Ch3 (counts as tr), tr in each of

next 3 sts, ch3, (tr in each of next 4 sts, ch3) 3 times, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

SUBSEQUENT GOLD SQUARES (MAKE 35)

Complete the first square then repeat the basic square pattern joining at the corners to the previous square(s) by replacing the ch3 at the corner with (ch1, ss to corner on adjacent square, ch1).

COWL

Make 36 Gold Squares and, using the Chart on page 121 as a guide, join them in 3 rows of 12 squares, joined end-on in a diamond pattern, then join the squares at the ends of the rows to make a loop.

OUTER SQUARES (MAKE 24)

Make four of each:

Square A = Yarn A Basil, Yarn B Cranberry

Square B = Yarn A Cranberry, Yarn B Basil

Square C = Yarn A Cranberry, Yarn B Plum

Square D = Yarn A Plum, Yarn B Cranberry

Square E = Yarn A Plum, Yarn B Basil

Square F = Yarn A Basil, Yarn B Plum

Using Yarn A, wrap yarn around your finger 10 times, hold firmly and secure with a ss.

Round 1 16dc into loop of wrapped yarn, ss to first dc to join. **Fasten off.** [16 dc]

Round 2 Join Yarn B in any dc, ch3 (counts as tr), dtr in st at base of ch-3, ch3 (outer corner), (dtr, tr) in next st, tr in each of next 3 sts, (ch1, ss to adjacent corner of Gold Square, ch1, tr in each of next 4 sts) twice, ch1, ss to adjacent corner of Gold Square, ch1, tr in each of next 3 sts, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Using the Chart as a guide, join the coloured squares to the top and bottom edge of the Cowl.

EDGING

UPPER EDGING

Join Gold in any ch-3 outer corner, ch3 (counts as tr), (tr, picot, 2tr) in same ch-3 corner, tr in each of next 5 sts, *tr in each of next 4 tr on next square, tr in next dtr, (2tr, picot, 2tr) in next ch-3 corner, tr in each of next 5 sts; repeat from * 10 more times, tr in each of next 4 tr on next square, tr in next dtr, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join.

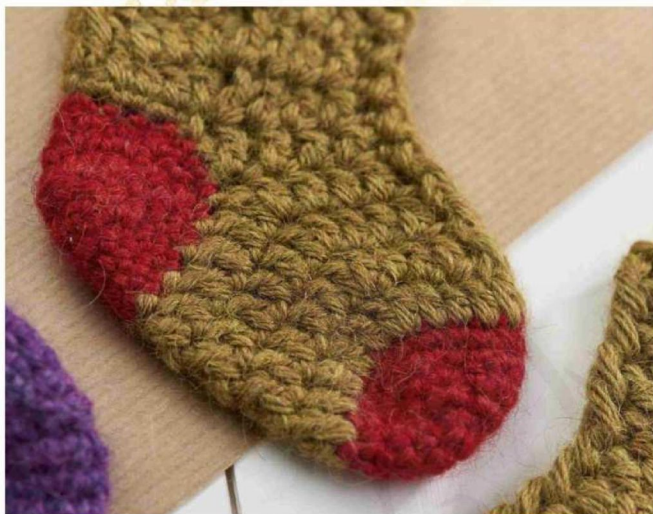
Fasten off.

LOWER EDGING

Join Gold in any ch-3 outer corner, ch1 (does not count as st), (dc, ch5, dc) in same ch-3 corner, *(ch3, dc in next st) 5 times, ch3, dc in next tr on next square, (ch3, dc in next st) 4 times, ch3, (dc, ch5, dc) in next ch-3 corner; repeat from * 11 more times omitting last (dc, ch5, dc).

Fasten off.





MUMMY AND BABY SOCKS

Christmas babies are a special gift in their own right. Celebrate the new mums and babies in your life by giving the gift of cosy toes. By Kat Goldin.

- King Cole Baby Alpaca (100% baby alpaca, 50g/100m), *Mummy socks*: 2 balls of Yarn A Mustard (3306), 1 ball of Yarn B Plum (509), *Baby socks*: 1 ball of each: Yarn A Basil (3068), Yarn B Cranberry (510)
- A 4mm (US G/6) hook
- Stitch markers

TENSION

20 tr and 10 rows in pattern measures
10x10cm (4x4in)

TOE

Using Yarn B, ch6 (13: 13).

Round 1 2dc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in each

of next 3 (10: 10) ch, 4dc in last ch, rotate to work along opposite side of starting ch, dc in each of next 3 (10: 10) ch, 2dc in last st, ss to first dc to join. [14 (28: 28) sts]

Round 2 Ch1 (does not count as st), 2dc in first st, 5 (12: 12) dc, 2dc in each of next 2 sts, 5 (12: 12) dc, 2dc in last st, join. [18 (32: 32) sts]

Size B only

Rounds 3-4 Ch1, dc in each st around.

[18 (-: -) sts]

Fasten off.

Sizes M and L only

Round 3 Ch1, 2dc in first st, 14 dc, 2dc in each of next 2 sts, 14 dc, 2dc in last st, join.

[- (36: 36) sts]

Round 4 Ch1, 2dc in first st, 16 dc, 2dc in each of next 2 sts, 16 dc, 2dc in last st, join.

[- (40: 40) sts]

Rounds 5-8 Ch1, dc in each st around.

[- (40: 40) sts]

Fasten off.

INSTEP

Size B only

Round 1 Join Yarn A in first st, ch3 (counts as tr), tr in st at base of ch-3, tr in each of next 8 sts, 2tr in next st, tr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join. [20 tr]

Round 2 Ch4 (counts as tr, ch1), tr in each of next 4 tr, FPTr round next 2 sts, tr in each of next 4 tr, ch1, tr in next st, tr in each st across to end, ss to 3rd ch of beg ch-4 to join.

Round 3 Ch2 (does not counts as st), (tr, ch1, tr) in ch-1 sp, tr in each of next 3 tr, skip 1 tr, FPTr round next 2 sts, skip 1 tr, tr in each of next 3 tr, (tr, ch1, tr) in ch-1 sp, skip next tr, tr in each st across to end, ss to top of first tr to join.

Round 4 Repeat Round 3.

Round 5 Ch2 (does not counts as st), (tr, ch1, tr) in ch-1 sp, tr in each of next 3 tr, skip 1 tr, FPTr round next 2 sts, skip 1 tr, tr in each of next 3 tr, (tr, ch1, tr) in ch-1 sp, skip next tr, 8fdc, skip next 8 tr, ss to top of first tr to join.

Sizes M and L only

Round 1 Join Yarn A in first st, ch3 (counts as tr), tr in st at base of ch-3, tr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join. [41 tr]

Round 2 Ch4 (counts as tr, ch1), tr in each of next 4 tr, FPTr round next 2 sts, tr in each of next 3 tr, (tr, ch2, tr) in next st, tr in each of next 3 tr, FPTr round next 2 sts, tr in each of next 4 tr, ch1, tr in each st across to end, ss to 3rd ch of beg ch-4 to join.

Round 3 Ch2 (does not counts as st), (tr, ch1, tr) in ch-1 sp, tr in each of next 3 tr, skip 1 tr, FPTr round next 2 sts, skip 1 tr, tr in each of next 3 tr, (tr, ch2, tr) in next ch-2 sp, tr in each of next 3 tr, skip 1 tr, FPTr round next 2 sts, skip 1 tr, tr in each of next 3 tr, (tr, ch1, tr) in ch-1 sp, skip next tr, tr in each st across to end, ss to top of first tr to join.

Rounds 4-13 Repeat Round 3.

Size L only

Rounds 14-15 Repeat Round 3.

Sizes M and L only

Next round Ch2 (does not counts as st), (tr, ch1, tr) in ch-1 sp, tr in each of next 3 tr, skip 1 tr, FPTr round next 2 sts, skip 1 tr, tr in each of next 3 tr, (tr, ch2, tr) in next ch-2 sp, tr in each of next 3 tr, skip 1 tr, FPTr round next 2 sts, skip 1 tr, tr in each of next 3 tr, (tr, ch1, tr) in ch-1 sp, skip next tr, 19fdc, skip last 20 tr, ss to top of first tr to join.

SIZE	B	M	L
UK SHOE SIZE	Baby	4-5	6-7
FOOT LENGTH	cm	23	24.5
	in	9	9¾

To make this pattern easier to follow, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions – simply follow the relevant column.

ANKLE

Size B only

Round 1 Ch3 (counts as tr), *(tr, ch2, tr) in ch-1 sp, tr in each of next 3 tr, skip 1 tr, FPtr round next 2 sts, skip 1 tr, tr in each of next 3 tr, (tr, ch2, tr) in ch-1 sp, tr in next tr, (tr in each of next 2 fdc, skip next fdc) twice, tr in each of next 2 fdc, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join.

Round 2 Ch3 (counts as tr), tr in next tr, *(tr, ch2, tr) in ch-2 sp, tr in each of next 3 tr, skip 1 tr, FPtr round next 2 sts, skip 1 tr, tr in each of next 3 tr, (tr, ch2, tr) in next ch-2 sp, tr in each of next 3 tr, skip 1 tr, FPtr round next 2 sts, skip 1 tr, tr in each of next 2 tr, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join.

Rounds 3-6 Repeat Round 2. **Fasten off.**

Sizes M and L only

Round 1 Ch3 (counts as tr), *(tr, ch2, tr) in ch-1 sp, tr in each of next 3 tr, skip 1 tr, FPtr round next 2 sts, skip 1 tr, tr in each of next 3 tr, (tr, ch2, tr) in next ch-2 sp, tr in each of next 3 tr, skip 1 tr, FPtr round next 2 sts, skip 1 tr, tr in each of next 3 tr, (tr, ch2, tr) in ch-1 sp, tr in next tr, (tr in each of next 2 fdc, skip next fdc) twice, tr in each of next 3 fdc, (tr, ch2, tr) in next fdc, tr in each of next 3 fdc, (skip next fdc, tr in each of next 2 fdc) twice, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join.

Round 2 Ch3 (counts as tr), tr in next tr, *(tr, ch2, tr) in ch-2 sp, tr in each of next 3 tr, skip 1 tr, FPtr round next 2 sts, skip 1 tr, tr in each of next 3 tr, (tr, ch2, tr) in next ch-2 sp, tr in each of next 3 tr, skip 1 tr, FPtr round next 2 sts, skip 1 tr, tr in each of next 3 tr; repeat from * once more, omitting last 2 tr, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join.

Rounds 3-10 Repeat Round 2. **Fasten off.**

HEEL

All sizes

Round 1 Join Yarn A at heel corner to work along opposite side of fdc, ch1 (does not count as st), dc in each fdc across to corner, place marker in last st made, rotate to work into unworked trs in last round of Instep, dc in each tr around to first dc, ss to first dc to join, mark last st of round. [16 (39: 39) dc]

Round 2 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in each st to 2 sts before marker, dc2tog, dc in marked st, move marker up, dc2tog, dc in each st to 2 sts before marker, dc2tog, dc in marked st, move marker up. [12 (35: 35) dc]

Round 3 Ch1, dc in each st around.

Rounds 4-5 (11: 11) Repeat Rounds 2-3 one (three: three) more times. [8 (23: 23) sts]

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

TO FINISH

Thread tail onto a sewing needle and sew together heel seam neatly.

POMPOM HAT

This might be the most cheerful-looking hat we've ever seen! By Dedri Uys.

■ King Cole Baby Alpaca (100% baby alpaca, 50g/100m), 1 ball of each: Yarn A Mustard (3306), Yarn B Plum (509), Yarn C Cranberry (510), Yarn D Basil (3068)

■ A 4mm (US G/6) hook

■ A 7cm pompom maker

TENSION

22 sts and 16 rows to measure approx 10x10cm (4x4in) over treble crochet

MEASUREMENTS

56cm (22in) circumference, 19cm (7 1/2in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

BPhtr Yrh, starting at the back, insert hook from back to front to back around the post of the indicated st, complete as for htr

For a full list, see page 128

HAT

Using Yarn A, ch63.

Round 1 Dc in 2nd ch from the hook and

in each ch to last ch, 2dc in last ch, then working along opposite side of starting ch, dc in each ch across, ss to first dc to join.

[124 dc]

Rounds 2 Ch2 (counts as htr throughout), htr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-2 to join. [124 htr]

Rounds 3-9 Repeat Round 2. **Fasten off.**

Round 10 Join Yarn D by making a ss around BP of any st, ch2 (counts as BPhtr), BPhtr around each st around, ss to top of beg ch-2 to join. [124 BPhtr]

Rounds 11-17 Repeat Round 2. **Fasten off.**

Round 18 Using Yarn B, repeat Round 10.

Rounds 19-25 Repeat Round 2. **Fasten off.**

Round 26 Using Yarn B, repeat Round 10.

Rounds 27-31 Repeat Round 2.

Round 32 Ch2, htr in next 28 sts, htr2tog, (htr in next 29 sts, htr2tog) three times, ss to top of beg ch-2 to join. [120 sts]

Round 33 Ch2, htr in next 27 sts, htr2tog, (htr in next 28 sts, htr2tog) three times, ss to top of beg ch-2 to join.

Fasten off and weave in ends. [116 sts]

POMPOMS

Using all 4 colours held together, make two pompoms. Then sew them in the corners of the hat.



YARN STOCKISTS
King Cole
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Elves on shelves!

Give a warm welcome to the little helpers working hard to get presents ready! By Lucy Pollock.





YOU WILL NEED

To make both elves:

- Stylecraft Special DK (100% acrylic, 295m/100g), 1 ball of each:
 - White (1001)
 - Soft Peach (1240)
 - Spice (1711)
 - Matador (1010)
 - Kelly Green (1826)
 - Black (1002)
- A 4mm (US G/6) hook
- Stitch marker
- Toy stuffing
- Two safety eyes, 12mm (per elf)
- Two red buttons, 9mm (per elf)
- Pink/red blusher and brush (optional)

For yarn stockists contact
Stylecraft 01535 609798
www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project

ABBREVIATIONS

BLO Back loops only

dc4tog *insert hook into next st, yrh, pull up a loop) 4 times, yrh pull through all loops on the hook

For a full list, see page 128

Handmade toys are the ultimate Christmas gift, and still as popular now as always. Imagine the delight on a little one's face when they unwrap this cute pair of elves, direct from the North Pole! Jolly Jingles and Twinkle Toe-Bells have finished their work for the year, and now they're ready to kick back, relax and enjoy Christmas with you and your family. Great fun to make using brightly coloured yarns, these toys have lots of sweet details to bring them to life.

NOTES

This pattern is worked using the amigurumi method. Work in a continuous spiral without closing off the round with a ss. It may help to use a stitch marker in the last stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Using Black, make a magic loop.

Round 1 Ch1, 8dc into the loop. [8 sts]

Round 2 2dc in each st. [16 sts]

Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [24 sts]

Rounds 4-6 Dc in each st around. [24 sts]

Round 7 Dc in next 7 sts, (dc2tog 5 times), dc in next 7 sts. [19 sts]

Round 8 Dc in next 5 sts, (dc2tog 4 times), dc6. [15 sts]

Rounds 9-10 Repeat Round 4.

Rounds 11-16 Change to Kelly Green.

Repeat Round 4. **Fasten off.**

Make a second Leg but do not fasten off.

Round 17 Ch3, attach second Leg to first Leg, lining up both Legs together to get the right stitch, dc in each st around first Leg, ch3, dc in each st around second Leg.

[30 dc, 2 ch-3 sps].

Stuff Legs.

Rounds 18-20 Dc in next 3 ch, dc in each st around to next ch-3, dc in each ch, dc in each st around. [36 sts]

Round 19-20 Repeat Round 4.

Round 21 (Dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 sts]

Rounds 22-33 Dc in each st around. [42 sts]

Round 34 Change to White, dc in BLO in each st around. [42 sts]

Rounds 35-36 Dc in each st around. [42 sts]

Rounds 37-39 Change to Matador, dc in each st around. [42 sts]

Round 40 Change to White, (dc5, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 sts]

Round 41 Dc in each st around. [36 sts]

Round 42 (Dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]



Add a sweet rosy glow to their cheeks by using blusher or a red (or pink) pencil crayon.

Round 43 Change to Matador, dc in each st around. [30 sts]

Round 44 (Dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]

Stuff Body.

Round 45 Dc in each st around. [24 sts]

Round 46 Change to White, (dc2, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]

Round 47 Dc in each st around. [18 sts]

Round 48 (Dc in next st, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]

Round 49 Change to Matador, dc in each st around. [12 sts]

Stuff really well around the neck as the Head will become heavy due to the weight of the hat and hair.

Continue to make Head as follows:

Round 50 Change to Soft Peach, 2dc in each st. [24 sts]

Round 51 (Dc3, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]

Round 52 (Dc4, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 sts]

Round 53 (Dc5, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 sts]

Round 54 (Dc6, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [48 sts]

Round 55 (Dc7, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [54 sts]

Round 56 (Dc8, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [60 sts]

Rounds 57-64 Dc in each stitch around. [60 sts]

Attach eyes between rounds 60-61, approximately 12 stitches apart.

Round 65 (Dc8, dc2tog) 6 times. [54 sts]

Round 66 (Dc7, dc2tog) 6 times. [48 sts]

Round 67 (Dc6, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 sts]

Round 68 (Dc5, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 sts]

Round 69 (Dc4, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]

Round 70 (Dc3, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]

Stuff.

Round 71 (Dc2, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]

Round 72 (Dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]

Round 73 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Sew to close gap. **Fasten off.**

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using Soft Peach, make a magic loop.

Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 sts]

Round 2 (2dc in next st) 6 times. [12 sts]

Round 3 (Dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]

Rounds 4-5 Dc in each st around. [18 sts]

Round 6 4htr in first st, dc17. [21 sts]

Round 7 Dc4tog, dc17. [18 sts]

Round 8 (Dc, dctog) 6 times. [12 sts]

Rounds 9-11 Change to Matador, dc in each st around. [12 sts]

Rounds 12-14 Change to White, dc in each st around. [12 sts]

Rounds 15-17 Change to Matador, dc in each st around. [12 sts]

Rounds 18-20 Change to White, dc in each st around. [12 sts]

Rounds 21-23 Change to Matador, dc in each st around. [12 sts]

Rounds 24-26 Change to White, dc in each st around. [12 sts]

Rounds 27-28 Change to Matador, dc in each st around. [12 sts]

Ss to beginning st. **Fasten off**, leaving a long tail of yarn to sew to Body.

TOP OF DUNGAREES AND STRAP

FRONT

On the doll, mark out the middle of the top of the green trousers from the BLO stitches.

Row 1 Join Kelly Green 5 sts before marker, ch1, dc through 11 stitches (making sure the top of Dungarees is central), turn.

Rows 2-9 *Ch1, dc in next 11 sts, turn.

Row 10 Ch1, dc in same stitch, ch2, skip st, dc in next 7 sts, ch2, skip st, dc in last stitch (this will make the holes for the buttons).

BACK

Rows 1-9 Repeat Rows 1-9 of Front.

Row 10 *Ch13, dc into second ch from hook, dc in each ch*, dc in second stitch on Row 9, dc across, repeat from * to **, ss to the last st on Row 9. **Fasten off.**

BUTTONS

On the straps of the Dungarees (the back part), sew a small red button securely to each strap.

DUNGAREE POUCH

Using Kelly Green, make a magic loop.

Row 1 Ch1, 4dc into the loop, turn. [4 sts]

Row 2 Ch1, (2dc in next st) 4 times, turn. [8 sts]

Row 3 Ch1, (dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times, turn. [12 sts]

Row 4 Ch1, (2dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times, turn. [16 sts]

Row 5 Ch1, (3 dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times, turn. [20 sts]

Row 6 Ch1, (4dc, 2dc in next st) 4 times, turn. [24 sts]

Row 7 Ch1, 12dc along the edges of the rows. **Fasten off** and sew the pouch to the front of the doll, but leave the top unsewn so you can add little treats inside.

HAIR

Using Spice, make a magic loop.

Round 1 Ch1, 6dc. [6 sts]

Round 2 2dc in each st. [12 sts]

Round 3 (dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]

Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]

Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]

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

Round 7 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 sts]

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

Round 9 (7dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [54 sts]

Rounds 10-19 Dc in each st around, turn at the end of Round 19. [54 sts]

FRINGE

Row 20 Ch1, skip first st, dc in next 5 sts, sk 1st, dc in next st, turn. [6 sts]

Row 21 Ch1, skip first st, dc in next 3 sts, sk 1st, dc in next st, turn. [4 sts]

Row 22 Ch1, skip first st, dc in next st, sk 1st, dc in next st, turn. [2 sts]

Row 23 Ch1, dc in last st.

Fasten off and sew in ends.

Row 24 Join Spice into any st from Round 19, ch1, dc in each st around hair, working a dc into the ends of Rows -20-23 and 2dc into st in Row 23. [56 sts]

Fasten off, leaving a long tail of yarn to sew to the head later.

FOR GIRL ELF ONLY

Make Hair as above, and cut 36 lengths of yarn, each measuring 40cm. Start at the right side of the Fringe, making a slip knot with a crochet hook in each stitch across on the last row of the Hair. This will give you 42 strands for the doll's Hair. Separate into two sections and neatly plait each section. Use a scrap piece of yarn to tie the end of each plait. Trim both plaits evenly at the bottom.

HAT

Using Kelly Green, make a magic loop.

Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 sts]

Round 2 Dc in each st around. [6 sts]

Round 3 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc into next st) twice. [8 sts]

Rounds 4-5 Dc in each st around. [8 sts]

Round 6 (3dc, 2dc into next st) twice. [10 sts]

Rounds 7-8 Dc in each st around. [10 sts]

Round 9 (4dc, 2dc into next st) twice. [12 sts]

Round 10 Dc in each st around.

Round 11 (5dc, 2dc into next st) twice. [14 sts]



Work each arm and hand as one piece, starting at the hand.

Round 12 Dc in each st round.
Round 13 (6dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [16 sts]
Round 14 Dc in each st around.
Round 15 (7dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [18 sts]
Round 16 Dc in each st around.
Round 17 (8dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [20 sts]
Round 18 Dc in each st around.
Round 19 (9dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [22 sts]
Round 20 Dc in each st around. [22 sts]
Round 21 (10dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [24 sts]
Round 22 Dc in each st around. [24 sts]
Round 23 (11dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [26 sts]
Round 24 Dc in each st around. [26 sts]
Round 25 (12dc, 2dc in next st), twice. [28 sts]
Round 26 Dc in each st around. [28 sts]
Round 27 (13dc, 2dc in next st), twice. [30 sts]
Round 28 Dc in each st around. [30 sts]
Round 29 (14dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [32 sts]
Round 30 Dc in each st around. [32 sts]
Round 31 (15dc, 2dc in next st), twice. [34 sts]
Round 32 Dc in each st around. [34 sts]
Round 33 (16dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [36 sts]
Round 34 Dc in each st around. [36 sts]
Round 35 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 36 (6dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 37 (7dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [54 sts]
Round 38 (17dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [57 sts]
Rounds 39-48 Dc in each st around. [57 sts]
 Change to White.
Rounds 49-50 Dc in each st around.
 Ss to first dc to join. **Fasten off**, leaving a long tail of yarn to sew to the Head later.

POMPOM FOR HAT

Using White, wrap yarn around two fingers 20 times. Cut off a long piece of yarn. Take the yarn off your fingers and wrap the loose bit of yarn around the middle and secure tightly. Using scissors, trim off the loops. Trim the pom-pom to make it neat and even, leaving a long tail of yarn to sew to the Hat.



A pom-pom finishes off the hat – or use a bell if you prefer.

EARS (MAKE 2)

With Soft Peach, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 4dc into loop. [4 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each st around. [4 sts]
Round 3 (Dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [6 sts]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) twice. [8 sts]
Round 5 Dc in each st around. [8 sts]
Round 6 (2dc, dc2tog) twice. [6 sts]
Round 7 (Dc, dc2tog) twice. [4 sts]
 Ss to opposite stitch to close.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail of yarn to sew to Head later.

TO MAKE UP

You should use the images as a guide when constructing your Elves. Sew the Arms to the Body towards the neck, making sure the thumbs are facing forward.

Dungarees Sew in all loose ends and do up the buttons on the straps.

Features Using Soft Peach yarn, and starting at the back of the head, pass the needle to the front of the Head and sew three stitches for the nose, centrally below the eyes. Go back through the back of the Head and secure tightly.

Using Black yarn, sew the mouth, again starting at the back of the Head. Make your smile as big as you like, then pass needle to the back of the Head again and secure tightly.

Hair Using the long piece of yarn on the hair, sew the Hair to the Head to secure, remembering to keep the Fringe loose so it can flick up. Keep the Fringe to the side of

the Head. When making the girl elf, make sure the plaits are level both sides.

Hat Sew the Hat onto the top of the Hair, ensuring Hair is visible (see photo). Sew all around using the long piece of yarn left over. Attach the pom-pom to the end of the Hat.

Ears Place the Ears either side of the face. For the girl, place in front of the plaits. For the boy, place in front of the Hat (and Hair). Sew halfway up the Ear to give a pointy effect. Sew around the back also, to secure it well.

To finish off the Elves, add blusher or pencil crayon to give a rosy glow if you wish.

Little softie

Comfy and cosy to wear, this slouchy hat by Val Pierce will win over even the fussiest toddler!





YOU WILL NEED

■ Peter Pan Petite Fleur DK (44% cotton, 28% Tencel, 28% acrylic, 175m/5g), 1 ball of each:

Yarn A Peony (3082)

Yarn B Snowdrop (3080)

■ A 4mm (US G/6) hook

■ A 4.5mm (US 7) hook

For yarn stockists contact

TB Ramsden 01943 872264

www.tbamsden.co.uk

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project

MEASUREMENTS

To fit age 1-2 years

Circumference approx. 48cm (19in)

Length 22cm (8¾in)

ABBREVIATIONS

Fptr Yrh, insert hook from front to back around the post of the next tr, yrh, work tr in usual way

Reverse dc Working from left to right in dc st

FPpuff *Yrh, insert hook from front to back and around the post of the next tr, yrh, draw loop through, rep from * twice more, yrh, and draw through all loops on hook, ch1

For a full list, see page 128

Worked in a lightly brushed baby yarn from Peter Pan, this soft, slouchy hat is a must for keeping little ones cosy – especially their delicate ears. The gorgeous textures are fun to hook, and kids are sure to love the huge fluffy pompom on top!

NOTES

The Hat is worked from the crown down.

SLOUCHY HAT

Using a 4.5mm hook and Yarn A, ch5, ss into last ch to form a ring.

Round 1 Ch3 (counts as first tr), 13tr into ring, ss to first st to join. [14 sts]

Round 2 Ch3, tr in same st as ch3, 2tr in each tr to end, ss to top of beg ch3 to join. [28 sts]

Round 3 Ch3, *FPpuff round next tr, tr in next tr; repeat from * to end, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join.

Round 4 Ch3, tr in same sp as ch3 *FPtr, 2tr in next tr; rep from * to last tr, FPtr, ss to top of beg ch3. [42 sts]

Round 5 Ch3, 2tr into next tr, *FPpuff, tr in next tr, 2tr in next tr; rep to last tr. FPpuff, ss to beg of round. [56 sts]

Round 6 Ch3, tr in next tr, 2tr in next tr, tr



Work the hat from the crown down to the brim, ending with a band of dc stitches.

in next tr, *FPpuff, 1tr in next tr, 2tr in next tr, 1tr in next tr; rep from * ending with a FPpuff, ss to beg ch3 to join. [70 sts]

Round 7-16 Ch3, tr in each of next 3 tr, *FPpuff in next st, tr in each of next 4 tr; rep from * ending with a FPpuff instead of a tr at the end, ss to join. [70 sts]
Change to 4mm hook.

Rounds 17-25 Ch1, dc in each st to end, jss to join.

Round 26 Ch1, reverse dc around.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Using Yarn B, make a large pompom and sew to centre of crown.



Use Snowdrop to make a cute squishy pompom!

Toasty toes

Sara Huntington's slipper boots are just perfect for a winter night's crocheting in front of the fire.





YOU WILL NEED

- King Cole Magnum (75% acrylic, 25% wool, 138m/100g), 4 (5: 5) balls of Thistle (1443)
- A 5.5mm (US I/9) hook
- Tapestry needle
- A pair of sew-on soles; we used Rico Design slipper soles
- 4 wooden buttons
- Stitch markers

For yarn stockists contact
King Cole 01756 703670
www.kingcole.com

TENSION

9 sts and 8 rows in half treble st to 10x10cm (4x4in) using doubled yarn

MEASUREMENTS

UK shoe size: 3-4 (5-6; 7-8)
Sole length: 24cm (9½in); (26cm [10¼in]; 28cm [11in])

ABBREVIATIONS

htr2tog (Yrh, insert hook in next stitch, yrh and pull up loop) twice, yrh and draw through all loops on hook

tr3tog (Yrh, insert hook in next stitch, yrh and pull up loop, yrh and draw through 2 loops) 3 times, yrh and draw through all loops on hook

For a full list, see page 128

Warm, cosy slippers are a must-have for winter, when all we want to do is curl up on the sofa – and they make fantastic Christmas presents for your friends and family, too! This pair is worked in a beautiful shade of purple and a wool/acrylic blend for warmth and durability. A stylish cuff adds interest, held in place by two natural wooden buttons to complement the chunky feel of these boots.

NOTES

The Boots are made working 2 strands of yarn at once for a chunkier finish. The foot section of the Boot is worked around the foundation chain.

BOOTS (MAKE 2)

With 2 strand of Thistle, ch15 (17: 19).

Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook (skipped ch does not count as st), dc in each ch to last 3 ch, htr in each of next 2 ch, 7htr in last ch, working down the other side of the foundation chain htr in each of next 2 ch, dc in each ch to last ch, 3dc in the last ch (in the other side of the first dc of the round), ss into first st. [35 (39: 43) sts]

Round 2 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 2htr in first st, htr in each of next 11 (13: 15) sts, tr in next st, 2tr in each of next 3 sts, 3tr in next st, 2tr in each of next 3 sts, tr in next st, htr in next 12 (14: 16) sts, 2htr in next st, 3htr in next st, ss into first st. [47 (51: 55) sts]

Round 3 Working in the back loops only, ch1, htr in each st around, ss into top of first

htr to join.

Rounds 4 and 5 Ch1, htr in each st around, ss into top of first htr to join.

SHAPE TOE

By folding the sole in half lengthways, identify the central st at the toe end (the end with the treble stitches) and mark it with a stitch marker. Now mark the sixth stitch both to the left and the right of the central marker. [13 sts including marked stitches, and 3 markers]

Decreases at the toe end will be worked over these 13 sts as follows:

Round 6 Ch1, htr in each st to first marker, htr2tog over the next 2 sts, tr2tog over the next 2 sts, tr in the next st, tr3tog over the next 3 sts (move central marker to this st), tr in the next st, tr2tog over the next 2 sts, htr2tog over the next 2 sts, 1htr in each st to end of round, ss into first st. [41 (45: 49) sts]

Mark the fifth stitch to left and right of central marker. [11 sts including marked stitches]

Decreases at the toe end will take place over these 11 sts as follows:

Round 7 Ch1, htr in each st to first marker, htr2tog over next 2 sts, tr2tog over next 2 sts, tr3tog over next 3 sts (move central marker to this st), tr2tog over next 2 sts, htr2tog over next 2 sts, htr in every st to end of round, ss into the first st to join. [35 (39: 43) sts]

Mark the fourth stitch to left and right of



central marker. [9 sts including marked stitches]

Decreases at the toe end will take place over these 9 sts as follows:

Round 8 Ch1, htr in each st to the first marker, htr2tog over next 2 sts, tr in next st, tr3tog over next 3 sts (move central marker to this st), 1tr in next st, htr2tog over next 2 sts, 1htr in each st to end of round, ss into first st. [31 (35: 39) sts]

Mark the third stitch to the left and right of the central marker. [7 sts including marked stitches]

Decreases at toe end will take place over these 7 sts as follows:

Round 9 Ch1, htr in each st to first marker, htr2tog over next 2 sts, tr3tog over next 3 sts (move central marker to this st), htr2tog over next 2 sts, htr in each st to end of round, ss into first st. [27 (31: 35) sts]

Round 10 Ch1, htr in each st to one st before the central marker, tr3tog over next 3 sts, htr in each st to end of round, ss into first st. [25 (29: 33) sts]

Round 11 Ch1, 1htr into each st to end of round, ss into first st. [25 (29: 33) sts]

Fasten off and weave in ends.

SHAPE ANKLE FLAPS

Ankle flaps are worked back and forth in rows as follows:

RIGHT BOOT

Identify central st at toe end and mark with a stitch marker. With the heel of the Boot facing towards you, identify the fourth stitch to the right of the central st and rejoin yarn in this stitch with RS facing.

Row 12 (RS) Ch1, htr in each st to end of round, htr in same st as beginning of round, ch9 and turn. [35 (39: 43) sts]

Row 13 Htr in the second chain from the hook, htr in each of next 7 ch, htr in each st around the boot to end, turn. [34 (38: 42) sts]

Rows 14-18 Ch1, 1htr in every st to end, turn.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

LEFT BOOT

Identify the central st at the toe end and mark it with a stitch marker. With the heel of the Boot facing towards you, identify the fourth st to the left of the central st and

rejoin yarn to this stitch with RS facing.

Row 12 (RS) Ch1, htr in each st to end of round, htr in same st as beginning of round, ch9 and turn. [35 (39: 43) sts]

Row 13 Htr in second chain from hook, 1htr in each of next 7 chain, 1htr in each st to end, turn. [34 (38: 42) sts]

Rows 14-18 Ch1, htr in every st to end, turn.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

TO FINISH

Attach soles to bottom of Boot and sew in position. It is easiest to get someone to wear the Boot while you pin the soles in position.

Sew two decorative buttons in position, securing them through the ankle flap and the Boot.



Make your slipper boots a size bigger to accommodate those woolly socks!



YOU WILL NEED

- A small amount of DK yarn
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- A small button

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project

MEASUREMENTS

Purse measures 6.5cm (2½in) wide by 7cm (2¾in) high when closed

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 128



Bags of fun

This tiny make is quick to hook and makes a super stocking filler. By Sara Huntington.

NOTES

The Purse is worked using the amigurumi method. Work in a continuous spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. You may find it helpful to place a marker in the first st of each round and move it up as you work. The flap is worked in Rows.

PURSE

Ch14.

Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook and each of next 11 ch, 2dc in last ch, rotate to work along opposite side of starting ch, dc in each of next 12 ch. [26 dc]

Round 2 Dc in each st around.

Round 3 *Skip next st, tr in next st, tr in skipped st; repeat from * around. [13 crossed tr pairs]

Rounds 4-5 Repeat Round 2 twice.

Rounds 6-8 Repeat Rounds 3-5 once.

Round 9 Repeat Round 3.

Round 10 Dc in each st around.

Do not fasten off.

Lay the Purse flat to identify the central 11 sts on the Back of the Purse.

Mark the outermost of these 11 sts.

Round 11 Continue working in dc to the st before first marker. Do not fasten off.

FLAP

Row 1 (RS) Dc in next 11 marked sts, turn. [11 sts]

Rows 2-6 Dc in each st across, turn.

Row 7 (Buttonhole row) Ch1 (does not count as st), dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts, ch2, skip 1 dc, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, turn. [9 sts and ch-2 sp]

Row 8 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts, dc in ch-2 sp, dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog.

Fasten off.

TO FINISH

With the flap extended and the RS facing, rejoin yarn to the bottom corner and ss evenly around the side and top edges of the flap.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Block gently.

Sew the button to top centre of purse to correspond with the buttonhole.

Sheer magic

Little fairies will love dressing up for Christmas! Designed by Ruby and Custard.





YOU WILL NEED

- Rico Essentials Cotton DK (100% cotton, 50g/130m), 2 balls of Yarn A Rose (01)
 - 1 ball of Yarn B Fuchsia (14)
 - A 4mm (US G/6) hook
 - A 6mm (US J/10) hook
 - Rico Design Tutu size 2-6 years (92-116)
 - Three 1cm wide pink buttons
 - 2m of 1cm wide pink ribbon
- For yarn stockists contact Rico www.rico-design.co.uk

TENSION

4 Shells and 11 rows to measure 12x12cm (4¾x4¾in)

MEASUREMENTS

Tutu Dress to fit ages 2-6.
Bodice measures 48cm circumference and 22cm length with lots of stretch in both directions

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 128

We're getting serious Sugar Plum Fairy vibes from this sparkly tutu project. It's easier than you might think to turn a tulle skirt into a cute dress. Not into pink? Rico's tutu also comes in white and mint green.

NOTES

The Bodice is worked from the waistband up, beginning in rounds and changing to rows worked back and forth in order to create a button opening. Swap the colours for the second version.

BODICE

Using Yarn A, ch97.

Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, *skip 2 ch, 5tr in next ch, skip 2 ch, dc in next ch; repeat from * 15 more times, omitting last dc, ss to first dc to join in the round. [16 shells]

Round 2 (RS) Ch3 (counts as tr throughout), 2tr in st at base of ch-3, *dc in 3rd tr of next 5-tr group, 5tr in next dc; repeat from * 14 more times, dc in 3rd tr of next 5-tr group, 2tr in same st as beg ch-3, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join. [16 shells]

Round 3 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc in same st, *5tr in next dc, dc in 3rd tr of next 5-tr group; repeat from * 15 more times, omitting last dc, ss to first dc to join. [16 shells]

Rounds 2-3 set pattern.

Rounds 4-5 Repeat Rounds 2-3.

The next round creates a series of loops on the inside of the Bodice which are used for attaching the Tutu.

Round 6 *Ch5, skip next 5-tr group, ss into bl of next dc; repeat from around, ss to st at base of first ch-5 to join.



The bodice of the dress fastens at the back with a row of three matching pink buttons.

Round 7 Repeat Round 2 working in front of ch-5 loops and working all tr into the fl in Round 5.

Round 8 Repeat Round 3.

Rounds 9-10 Repeat Rounds 2-3.

The remainder of the Bodice is worked back and forth in Rows.

Row 11 (RS) Ch3, 2tr in st at base of ch-3, *dc in 3rd tr of next 5-tr group, 5tr in next dc; repeat from * 14 more times, dc in 3rd tr of next 5-tr group, 2tr in same st as beg ch-3, do not join, turn.

Row 12 (WS) Ch1, dc in same st, *5tr in



The edging of the bodice matches the tutu, blending the crochet with the tulle.

next dc, dc in 3rd tr of next 5-tr group; repeat from * 15 more times, working last dc into 3rd tr of 3-tr group, turn.

Row 13 (RS) Ch3, 2tr in st at base of ch-3, *dc in 3rd tr of next 5-tr group, 5tr in next dc; repeat from * 14 more times, dc in 3rd tr of next 5-tr group, 2tr in next dc, turn.

Rows 14-21 Repeat Rows (12-13) four more times.

Row 22 Repeat Row 12 once more.

Fasten off.

TOP EDGING

Round 1 Join Yarn B in the first dc and repeat Row 13.

Fasten off.

BOTTOM EDGING

Rotate Bodice to work into the opposite side of the starting chain.

Round 1 Join Yarn B in ch opposite the first dc, ch3, 2tr in same ch, skip 2 ch, *dc in next ch, skip 2 ch, 5tr in next ch, skip 2 ch; repeat from * 14 more times, dc in next ch, 2tr in st at base of beg ch-3, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join.

Fasten off.

BUTTON PLACKET

First Side

Row 1 Join Yarn A in end of Row 22 to work into Row ends along Back opening, ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc in end of Row 22, 2dc in end of Row 21, (dc in end of next row, 2dc in end of next row) 5 times, turn. [18 dc]

Rows 2-4 Ch1, dc in each dc across, turn.

Fasten off.

Second Side

Row 1 Repeat Row 1 of First Side along opposite edge of the back opening beginning in end of Row 11 and working 2dc in end of each tr and 1 dc in each dc. [18 dc]

Rows 2-4 Ch1, dc in each dc across, turn.

Row 5 (buttonhole row) Ch1, dc in each of first 3 sts, (ch2, skip 2 sts, dc in each of next 4 sts) twice, ch2, skip 2 sts, dc in last st.

Fasten off.

ATTACH SKIRT

Using Yarn B and a sewing needle, working into the top of the satin skirt waistband, work a loose blanket stitch approximately every 1cm through the top of the waistband working over the encased elastic, not through it. Make 48 stitches evenly around the top of waistband and

join to first st. **Fasten off.**

Using Yarn A and a 6mm hook, work 1dc into each blanket st, incorporating the ch-5 loops from Round 6 into the stitches. Work 1 loop into every 3 sts.

SHOULDER STRAPS

Cut four 50cm lengths of ribbon from the 2m length.

Thread one length of ribbon in the dc at the base of the second complete shell from the back opening, loop back on itself and sew the end back on itself forming a loop through the top of the dress.

Repeat in the 6th, 10th and 14th complete shell from the back opening.

Tie the ends of the ribbon together to create shoulder straps.



The straps are made with lengths of matching ribbon and can be lengthened or shortened.

Both colourways are cuter-than-cute – we can't pick a favourite with this project!





Putting on the glitz

Add a chic twist to your party outfit with this elegant handbag design by Becky Skuse.



YOU WILL NEED

- Scheepjes Twinkle (75% cotton, 25% polyester, 50g/130m), 2 balls of Yarn A (903), 1 ball of Yarn B (911)
 - A 4mm (US G/6) hook
 - A purse frame (we used a 18.5cm square frame from Scheepjes, no. 99567, see below for details)
 - Stitch markers
 - Cotton lining fabric (optional)
- For yarn and purse frame stockists contact Scheepjes
www.scheepjes.com/en

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 24x24cm (9½x9½in)
 excluding handles

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 128

Designer Becky Skuse says: "It's a fantastic skill to be able to incorporate purse frames into your makes, and it's easier than you might think. This simple bag is a great first project if you're new to purse frames, and we explain how to adjust the pattern to suit any purse frame you like on page 129. We used a stretchy, glitzy yarn that's easy and fun to hook with, plus the stretch will forgive any minor errors in your measuring! The contrasting band and bow add a stylish edge that's perfect for any glamorous do this party season."

NOTES

You can use any purse frame for this bag. The Bag Base is worked in rows and the Body continues in rounds.

FITTING YOUR PURSE FRAME

Measure your purse frame around the upper edge as described as the A measurement in the technical feature. To do this, align your tape measure with the base of one hinge, then measure up around the top edge of the frame and down to the base of the other hinge. Our purse frame has an A measurement of approx 27cm (10½in). Take your A measurement and minus 7cm: this is your Z measurement. Ours was 20cm.

BAG BASE

Using Yarn A, ch35 or the number you need to equal your Z measurement.

Row 1 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch to end, turn. [35 dc]

Row 2 Ch1, dc in each dc to end, turn.

Rows 3-13 Repeat Row 2 eleven times. Place first stitch marker in final dc to mark edge of base.

LOWER BAG SIDES

Round 1 *Rotate to work into row ends, dc in each row end along to corner, rotate to work into other side of starting chain, dc in each ch to end, repeat from * working another 48 dc, ss to first dc to join. [96 dc] Place second stitch marker in first dc and use it to mark the start of each round, moving it up as you go.

Round 2 Ch1, dc in each dc around, ss to first dc to join.

Repeat Round 2 until work measures approx 5cm from first stitch marker.

Check the circumference of the piece now – it should be twice the A measurement of



Pin the crocheted bag to the handle, then stitch it in place using neat, even stitches.

your purse frame. If you need to, work increases or decreases (evenly and gradually) to achieve the desired circumference by the end of this section.

Continue to repeat Round 2 until work measures approx 10cm from first stitch marker.

Fasten off Yarn A and remove first stitch marker.

CENTRAL BAG BAND

Join Yarn B to any stitch.

Round 1 Ch1, dc in each dc around, ss to first dc to join.

Repeat Round 1 until band section measures approx 4cm.

Fasten off Yarn B.

UPPER BAG SIDES

Join Yarn A to any stitch.

Round 1 Ch1, dc in each dc around, ss to first dc.

Repeat Round 1 until the upper sides measure approx 10cm from the band.

Fasten off Yarn A.

BOW

Using Yarn B, ch7.

Row 1 Dc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch to end, turn. [6 dc]

Row 2 Ch1, dc in each dc to end, turn.

Repeat Row 2 until work measures approx 4.5cm.

Fasten off, weave in ends and tie into a bow.

TO FINISH

Decide which side of the bag you'd like to be the front and sew the bow to this side, off-centre as shown.

Use waste yarn to mark the four corners of the bag at the top. Sew the bag to the purse frame, using the waste yarn as a guide to help you with positioning. Line the bag if desired.

Girl power

Give someone special Aniqua Wilkerson's beautiful doll to unwrap. She's as cute as can be!



WHO RUN
THE WORLD?
GIRLS!



YOU WILL NEED

- Scheepjes Softfun (60% cotton, 40% acrylic, 50g/140m), 1 ball of each:
 - Yarn A Brown (2624)
 - Yarn B Black (2408)
 - Yarn C White (2426)
 - Yarn D Bright pink (2495)
 - Yarn E Yellow (2518)
 - Yarn F Orange (2427)
 - A 2.75mm (US C/2) hook
 - A 3.25mm (US D/3) hook
 - A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
 - A pair of safety eyes, 15mm (½in) diameter
 - A pair of white felt circles, 2cm (¾in) diameter
 - 1 fuchsia button, 2cm (¾in) diameter
 - 2 orange buttons, 3cm (1¼in) diameter
 - 3 yellow buttons, 2cm (¾in) diameter
 - A wooden dowel, 23.5cm (9¼in) long x 0.8cm (⅝in) wide
 - Toy stuffing
- For yarn stockists contact
Scheepjes
www.scheepjes.com/en

MEASUREMENTS

Doll measures approx 48cm (19in)

ABBREVIATIONS

Bobble (Yrh, insert hook in st indicated, yrh and pull up loop, yrh and draw through 2 loops) 5 times, inserting the hook in the same st each time, yrh and draw through all loops on hook

Spike dc (spike double crochet) Insert hook into st 2 (or 3) rows below, yrh and pull up a loop to height of working round, yrh and draw through both loops on hook

For a full list, see page 128

Designer Aniqua Wilkerson says: "Aisha (meaning 'she is life' in Swahili) was created to celebrate crochet dolls of colour, with not just brown yarn for her skin, but tightly curled hair and braided bangs to illustrate the kinky texture often associated with African/black hair. The vibrant pink, orange and yellow yarn used to create her clothing serves as a really great contrast to the brown used for her skin tone. This happy little design was created to add some colourful diversity to the world of crochet dolls!"

NOTES

The Doll is worked using the amigurumi method. Work in a continuous spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. You may find it helpful to place a marker in the first st of each round and move it up as you work. Fasten off leaving long tails for sewing pieces together.

HEAD

Using Yarn A and a 3.5mm hook, ch5, ss to first ch to join into a ring.

- Round 1** Ch1 (does not count as st), 10dc into the ring. [10 sts]
 - Round 2** 2 dc in each stitch around. [20 dc]
 - Round 3** (3dc, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [25 dc]
 - Round 4** (4dc, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [30 dc]
 - Round 5** (5dc, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [35 dc]
 - Round 6** (6dc, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [40 dc]
 - Round 7** (7dc, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [45 dc]
 - Round 8** (8dc, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [50 dc]
 - Round 9** (9dc, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [55 dc]
 - Round 10** (10dc, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [60 dc]
 - Round 11** (11dc, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [65 dc]
- Eyes will be placed on Round 12, 8 to 10 stitches apart. Mark location after Round 12.
- Rounds 12-21** Dc in each st around. [65 dc]
 - Round 22** (11dc, dc2tog) 5 times. [60 sts]
 - Round 23** 5dc, dc2tog, (10dc, dc2tog) 4 times, 5dc. [55 sts]
 - Round 24** (9dc, dc2tog) 5 times. [50 sts]
 - Round 25** 4dc, dc2tog, (8dc, dc2tog) 4 times, 4dc. [45 sts]
 - Round 26** (7dc, dc2tog) 5 times. [40 sts]
 - Round 27** 3dc, dc2tog, (6dc, dc2tog) 4



Make her curls separately then sew them to a wig cap before attaching to her head.



The bright headband fits around the doll's hair and is finished off with a pretty bow.

- times, 3dc. [35 sts]
 - Round 28** (5dc, dc2tog) 5 times. [30 sts]
 - Round 29** 2dc, dc2tog, (4dc, dc2tog) 4 times, 2dc. [25 sts]
 - Round 30** (3dc, dc2tog) 5 times. [20 sts]
 - Round 31** 1dc, dc2tog, (2dc, dc2tog) 4 times, 1dc. [15 sts]
 - Round 32** (1dc, dc2tog) 5 times. [10 sts]
 - Rounds 33-34** Dc in each st around. [10 sts]
 - Round 35** Working in sts 2 rows below, spike dc in each st around. [10 sts]
 - Round 36** Working in sts 3 rows below, spike dc in each st around. [10 sts]
- Fasten off.**
- Attach felt and safety eyes in marked location, embroider nose with Yarn A and mouth with Yarn A and Yarn C, using the photo as a guide.

WIG CAP

Using Yarn B and a 3.5mm hook, ch5, ss to first ch to join into a ring.

Rounds 1-19 Work as Rounds 1-19 of Head. [65 dc]

Round 20 (1dc, 1hr, 1tr, 3dtr, 1tr, 1hr, 1dc) 5 times, *1dc, 1hr, (1tr, 1dtr) in next st, (1dtr, 1tr) in next st, 1hr, 1dc; repeat from * 4 times. [65 sts]

Fasten off.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A and a 2.75mm hook, ch8.

Row 1 Htr in second ch from hook, 1tr, (2dtr in next st) twice, 1tr, 1hr, 1dc.

Fasten off.

Sew Ears to Head placing tops level with Nose, using photo as a guide.

HAIR

Use Yarn B and a 3.25mm hook for each hair type and leave 2cm (5in) tails for each for sewing up.

BRAIDS (MAKE 10)

Ch11, ss in second ch from hook and each ch across. **Fasten off.**

SHORT CURLS (MAKE 25)

Ch15, 2hr in third ch from hook, (2hr in next ch) across to last 3 chs, ss in each of last 3 ch. **Fasten off.**

MEDIUM CURLS (MAKE 25)

Ch22, 2hr in third ch from hook, (2hr in next ch) across to last 3 chs, ss in each of last 3 ch. **Fasten off.**

LONG CURLS (MAKE 25)

Ch27, 2hr in third ch from hook, (2hr in next ch) across to last 3 chs, ss in each of last 3 ch. **Fasten off.**

Attach Braids at front of Wig Cap and Curls as desired to rest of Wig Cap.

Sew Wig Cap to Head.

BODY

Using Yarn C and a 3.5mm hook, ch5, ss to first ch to join into a ring.

Rounds 1-10 Work as Rounds 1-10 of Head. [60 dc]

Round 11 Dc in each st around. [60 dc]

Round 12 (10dc, dc2tog) 5 times. [55 sts]

Round 13 Dc in each st around, change to Yarn A in last st. [55 dc]

Round 14 Dc in bl of each st around. [55 dc]

Round 15 27dc, bobble, 27dc. [55 sts]

Round 16 Dc in each st around, change to Yarn E in last st. [55 sts]

Rounds 17-22 Dc in each st around. [55 dc]

Round 23 (9dc, dc2tog) 5 times. [50 sts]

Round 24 Dc in each st around. [50 dc]

Round 25 4dc, dc2tog, (8dc, dc2tog) 4 times, 4dc. [45 sts]

Round 26 Dc in each st around. [45 dc]

Round 27 (7dc, dc2tog) 5 times. [40 sts]

Round 28 Dc in each st around. [40 sts]

Round 29 3dc, dc2tog, (6dc, dc2tog) 4 times, 3dc. [35 sts]

Round 30 (5dc, dc2tog) 5 times. [30 sts]

Begin stuffing Body, continue to stuff as you go.

Round 31 2dc, dc2tog, (4dc, dc2tog) 4 times, 2dc, change to Yarn A in last st. [25 sts]

Round 32 (3dc in bl, dc2tog in bl) 5 times. [20 sts]

Rounds 33-34 Dc in each st around. [20 dc]

Round 35 Working in sts 2 rows below, spike dc in each st around. [20 dc]

Fasten off.

After stuffing the Body, insert wooden dowel. The dowel should reach the base of the Body and up to the top of the Head. This technique will keep the Head from flopping under the weight of the Hair. Sew Body to Head.

RIGHT SHOE

Using Yarn D and a 3.5mm hook, ch4, ss to first ch to join into a ring.

Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as a st), 6dc into the ring. [6 dc]

Round 2 2dc in each stitch around. [12 dc]

Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]

Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 dc]

Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 dc]

Round 6 (4dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 dc]

Round 7 5dc, 2dc in next st, 3dc, 2hr, 2hr in next st, (5tr, 2hr in next st) 2 times, 3hr, 2dc, 2dc in next stitch, 5dc, 2dc in last stitch. [42 sts]

Round 8 10dc in bl, 21hr in bl, 11dc in bl. [42 sts]

Round 9 Dc in each st across. [42 dc]

Round 10 10dc, 21hr, 11dc. [42 sts]

Round 11 Dc in each st across. [42 sts]

Round 12 15dc, (dc2tog) 6 times, 15dc. [36 sts]

Round 13 26dc, ch30, ss in each of first 3

SIMPLE STEPS MAKING A FOUNDATION RING & WORKING STITCHES INTO IT

1 Make a chain the length stated in the pattern instructions. Next, insert the crochet hook into the first chain. Close the ring with a slip stitch, working yrh...



2 ...and pull yarn through 2 loops on hook. Now you're ready to start crocheting in the round, following the instructions given right.



3 Work the t-ch (on this pattern it's 5ch for the head and 4ch for the shoes). Work a double crochet st as usual, but insert hook into centre of the ring.



4 Finish the double crochet stitch as usual. Work more sts into the ring as needed (on this pattern it's 6 in total to make the shoes).

chs made (for strap), 10dc, change to Yarn A in last st, continue to Leg. [36 dc]

FIRST LEG

Round 14 12dc in bl, (dc2tog) 6 times, 12dc. [30sts]

Round 15 Dc in each st around. [30 dc]

Round 16 9dc, (dc2tog) 6 times, 9dc. [24 sts]

Rounds 17-43 Dc in each st around. [24 sts]

Fasten off.

LEFT SHOE

Using Yarn D and a 3.5mm hook, ch4, ss to first ch to join into a ring.

Rounds 1-6 Work as for Rounds 1-6 of Right Shoe. [36 dc]

Round 7 5dc, 2dc in next stitch, 4dc, 1htr, 2htr in next st, (5tr, 2htr in next stitch) twice, 4htr, 1dc, 2dc in next st, 5dc, 2dc in last stitch. [42 sts]

Round 8 11dc in bl, 21htr in bl, 10dc in bl. [42 sts]

Round 9 Dc in each st around. [42 dc]

Round 10 11dc, 21htr, 10dc. [42 sts]

Round 11 Dc in each st around. [42 sts]

Round 12 15dc, (dc2tog) 6 times, 15dc. [36 sts]

Round 13 10dc, ch30, ss in each of first 3 ch made (for strap), 26dc, change to Yarn A in last st, continue to Leg. [36 dc]

SECOND LEG

Round 14 12dc in bl, (dc2tog) 6 times, 12dc. [30 sts]

Round 15 Dc in each st around. [30 dc]

Round 16 9dc, (dc2tog) 6 times, 9dc. [24 sts]

Rounds 17-43 Dc in each st around. [24 dc]

Fasten off.

Sew yellow buttons on outside of each shoe, bring strap over button. Sew Legs to bottom of Body.

LEFT HAND AND ARM

Using Yarn A and a 3.5mm hook, ch4, ss to first ch to join into a ring.

Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as a st) 10dc into the ring. [10 dc]

Round 2 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [15 dc]

Round 3 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [20 dc]

Rounds 4-5 Dc in each st around. [20 dc]

Round 6 9 dc, bobble in next st (for thumb), 10dc. [20 sts]

Round 7 Dc in each st around. [20 dc]

Round 8 (2 dc, dc2tog) 5 times. [15 sts]

Rounds 9-15 Dc in each st around, change

to Yarn E in last st of Round 15. [15 sts]

Rounds 16-34 Dc in each st around. [15 dc]
Fasten off.

RIGHT HAND AND ARM

Using Yarn A and a 3.5mm hook, ch4, ss to first ch to join into a ring.

Rounds 1-5 Work as Rounds 1-5 of Left Hand. [20 sts]

Round 6 19dc, bobble in last stitch (for thumb). [20 sts]

Rounds 7-34 Work as Rounds 7-34 of Left Hand.

Fasten off.

Sew Arms to top of Body.

DRESS

Using Yarn E and a 3.25mm hook, ch75.

Round 1 Dc in first ch to make a loop taking care not to twist the chain, dc in each rem ch around. [75 dc]

Round 2 Dc in each st around, change to Yarn F in last st. [75 dc]

Rounds 3-9 Tr in each st around. [75 tr]

Round 10 (13tr, tr2tog) 5 times. [70 sts]

Round 11 6tr, tr2tog, (12tr, tr2tog) 4 times, 6tr. [65 tr]

Rounds 12-16 13dc, 13htr, 13tr, 13htr, 13dc, change to Yarn D in last st of Round 16. [65 sts]

Round 17 26dc, 3htr, 7tr, 3htr, 26dc. [65 sts]

Round 18 (5dc, dc2tog) twice, 12dc, 3htr, 3tr, 3tr in next st, 3tr, 3htr, 11dc, dc2tog, 5dc, dc2tog, 6dc. [63 sts]

Round 19 4dc, *ch27 (for strap), dc in 8th ch from hook (for buttonhole), dc across ch**, 54dc; repeat from * to ** once, 5dc. [103 dc]

Fasten off.

Sew buttons onto Round 18 between dc and htr.

HEADBAND

Using Yarn E and a 3.25mm hook, ch71.

Round 1 Starting in second ch from hook, 14dc, 14htr, 14tr, 14htr, 14dc, ch6 (for buttonhole), working along opposite side of starting ch, 14dc, 14htr, 14tr, 14htr, 14dc. [140 sts]

Fasten off.

Sew button on the end of Headband opposite the buttonhole.

BOW

Using Yarn F and a 3.25mm hook, ch16.

Row 1 Tr in third ch from hook (missed chs count as first st), 2tr, 2htr, 3dc, 2htr, 4tr, turn. [15 sts]

Rows 2-5 Ch2 (counts as first st), 3tr, 2htr,



Sew the buttons on very securely if the doll will be played with by a baby or toddler.



Pinch the bow in the middle, then sew it to the headband and add a button to the end.

3dc, 2htr, 4tr.

Fasten off.

Using a length of Yarn F, pinch centre of Bow and tie string around pinched section to hold shape. Use ends to sew bow to headband near the buttonhole taking care not to cover the buttonhole.

Star of wonder

A six-pointed star and rainbow stripes make a perfect motif for a festive cushion. By Emma Friedlander-Collins.





YOU WILL NEED

- Rico Essentials Soft Merino (100% merino wool, 50g/100m), 2 balls of Yarn A Navy (37) 1 ball of each: Yarn B Sun Yellow (67) Yarn C Candy Pink (16) Yarn D Yellow (68) Yarn E Emerald (51) Yarn F Azure (27)
 - A 5mm (H/8) hook
 - 55x55cm (21½x21½in) cushion pad
 - 60x120cm (23½x47½in) backing fabric
- For yarn stockists contact Rico Design www.rico-design.co.uk

TENSION

Each motif measures 10.5x10.5cm (4¼x4¼in) from straight edge to straight edge using 5mm hook

MEASUREMENTS

Cushion measures 50x50cm (19½x19½in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 128

A series of hexagons fit together very nicely into a fun cosmic pattern on this cushion. A 'shooting' six-pointed star is followed by a trail of rainbow-coloured stripes on a darkly contrasted background for a dramatic, night sky look.

NOTES

The cushion is made up of 27 hexagons and 6 half-hexagon motifs. Use the Diagram (page 121) as a guide to colours. Follow the Diagram to join motifs together. It makes it much easier if you sew as you go, but you can make them all and work it out like a giant jigsaw at the end if you prefer. To weave in ends when changing yarn: bring your tail to the back right of your work, a few stitches from where it begins, work over it with one stitch, then bring it back to the left and carry on working over it as normal. This is similar to weaving the end in.

BASIC HEXAGON MOTIF (MAKE 27)

Using chosen yarn, ch4, ss into first ch to form a loop.

Round 1 (RS) Ch3 (counts as tr), 2tr into the loop, ch2 (3tr in loop, ch2) 5 times, ss to top of beg ch3 to join. [18 sts and 6 ch-2 sps]

Fasten off.

Round 2 Join yarn to left-hand side of any ch-2 sp, ch3 (counts as tr), tr in each st to next ch-2 sp, *(tr, ch2, tr) in next ch-2 sp, tr in each st to next ch-2 sp; rep from * to end then work (tr, ch2) in same ch-2 sp as beg ch-3, ss to top of beg ch-3. [30 tr and 6 ch-2 sps]

Fasten off.

Rounds 3-4 As Round 2. [42 sts and 6 ch-2 sps after Round 3 and 54 tr and 6 ch-2 sps after Round 4]

HALF HEXAGON MOTIF (MAKE 6)

Using chosen yarn, ch4, ss into first ch to form a loop.

Row 1 (RS) Ch3 (counts as tr), 2tr in the loop, (ch2, 3tr in loop) twice, turn. [9 tr and 2 ch-2 sps]

Row 2 Ch3 (counts as tr), tr in st at base of beg ch-3, tr in each st to next ch-2 sp, (tr, ch2, tr) in next ch-2 sp; rep from * to end, work 1 more tr in last st, turn. [15 tr and 2 ch-2 sps]

Rows 3-4 As Row 2. [21 tr and 2 ch-2 sps after Row 3 and 27 tr and 2 ch-2 sps after Round 4]

Fasten off and weave in ends.

MAKING A MULTI-COLOUR HEXAGON

For Hexagons with colour changes it is



Look closer and you can see how the cushion is made from lots of little blocks of hexagons.

best to think of the Hexagon broken down into 6 individual segments. Each segment is separated by a ch-2 sp. We have written the instructions for a Hexagon with 4 Navy segments, 1 Sun Yellow segment and 1 Yellow segment. Follow these principles when making up the other 11 Multi-coloured Hexagons.

With Yarn A ch4, ss into first ch to form a loop.

Round 1 (RS) Ch3 (counts as tr), 2tr into the loop, ch2, change to Yarn B, (3tr, ch2), change to Yarn D, (3tr, ch2) change to Yarn A, (3tr, ch2) 3 times, ss to top of beg ch3 to join. [18 sts and 6 ch-2 sps]

In Round 1 each (3tr, ch2) counts as 1 of the six segments of the Hexagon.

Round 2 Join Yarn A into last ch-2 of previous round, ch3 (counts as tr), *tr in each st to next ch-2 sp, (tr, ch2) into ch-sp, change to Yarn B, tr in same sp; repeat from * twice more changing to Yarn D on the first repeat and Yarn A on the second repeat, continue with Yarn A, tr in each st around, (tr, ch2, tr) in each ch-2 sp, ss to the top of beg ch3 to join.

[1 Sun Yellow segment, 1 Yellow segment, 4 Navy segments.]

Fasten off.

Rounds 3-4 Repeat Round 2.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

TO MAKE UP

Sew the hexagons together with whipstitch, using the Diagram as a guide. Sew your backing material together to make a 50x50cm envelope cushion cover, then hand stitch your crochet piece to the front of the cushion cover.

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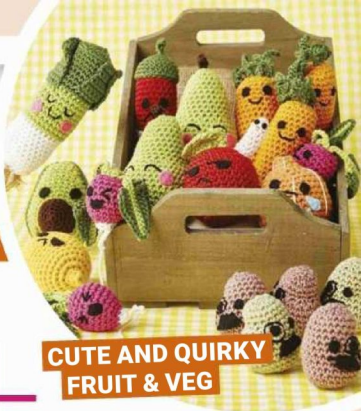
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Frosty reception

Use icy winter shades of cotton 4ply yarn to stitch our delicate lacy decorations for Christmas. Very cool.



FAN THE FLAME

Got the girls coming round for Christmas drinks? Knock up some of these stylish tealight holders to create a bit of a festive vibe. Great for last-minute quick-stitch gifts too – just add scented tealights.

DECK YOUR TREE

So there's no such thing as too many baubles, right? Get working on these lacy numbers and see how many you can squeeze onto your tree this year. Stylish in icy blues and white or go all out with sparkly brights.





O CHRISTMAS TREE

Tiny stars, wooden beads, crochet cones and some PVA glue – that's the crafty magic behind this covetable festive centrepiece. The cool copper details keep it feeling up-to-date and the stars can be hooked in glittery yarn if you fancy a hint of sparkle.

DING DONG MERRILY

You cannot have Christmas without a generous helping of fairy lights – the more the merrier, obvs. These little bells are the perfect excuse to buy yourself another set. Plus, the pretty lace will cast amazing shadows.

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FLURRY OF FLAKES

This snowy showstopper is beautifully simple – a yarn-wrapped base topped with layers of snowflakes. The flakes are blocked and given the PVA treatment, so they really keep their shape.

BOWLED OVER

Our trio of lacy bowls is perfect for cramming with festive treats for your Christmas guests (or for you to snaffle in a treat yo'self moment). If you're after a stylish table topper, why not hook up the large bowl and fill with a stack of sparkling baubles?





TEALIGHT HOLDERS

Make snowflake holders for tealights with this pattern by Bryony Hitchcock.

- King Cole Giza Cotton 4ply (100% cotton, 50g/158m), 1 ball of each: Yarn A White (2190), Yarn B Glacier (2194)
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- PVA glue
- Tealights 3.8cm (1½in) diameter

MEASUREMENTS

Diameter of opening for tealight measures 3.8cm (1½in)
Diameter of Snowflake measures 14cm (5½in)

ABBREVIATIONS

Picot Ch3, ss to third ch from hook

For a full list, see page 128

NOTES

The Holder is worked in the round and then each Leaf Shape added individually in Rows before a final Border round is added to complete the Snowflake effect.

SNOWFLAKE TEALIGHT HOLDER (MAKE 1 IN EACH YARN)

HOLDER

Ch36, ss to first ch to join in a loop.

Round 1 Ch4 (counts as dtr), dtr in each ch around, ss to top of beg ch-4 to join. [36 sts]

Round 2 Ch1 (does not count as st), working in front loops only, (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 2 sts), ss to first dc to join. [48 sts]

Round 3 Ch3 (counts as tr), tr in next st, ch11, skip 6 sts, (tr in each of next 2 sts, ch11, skip 6 sts) 5 times, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join.

LEAF SHAPE

Work one Leaf into each pair of tr.

Row 1 (RS) Ch3 (counts as tr throughout), tr in st at base of ch-3, 2tr in next st, turn. [4 tr]

Row 2 (WS) Ch3, tr in each tr across, turn. [4 tr]

Row 3 Ch1, skip st at base of ch (counts as tr2tog), tr in next st, tr2tog, turn. [2 sts]

Row 4 Ch1, skip st at base of ch, tr in next st. **Fasten off.**

(Rejoin Yarn in next tr of Round 3 of Holder and repeat Leaf Shape) 5 times.

BORDER

Round 1 Rejoin Yarn with a ss in 6th ch in any ch-11 sp in Round 3 of Holder, *dc in next ch, htr in each of next 2 ch, tr in each of next 2 ch, ss to top of Row 1 of Leaf, (dc into next Row end, picot) twice, ch1, dc in top of last Row of Leaf, ch5, ss in second ch from hook and each of next 3 ch, ch1, working along opposite side of Leaf, (picot, dc into next Row end) twice, ss in top of Row 1 of Leaf, working along next ch-11 sp, tr in each of next 2 ch, htr in each of next 2 ch, dc in next ch, ss in next ch; repeat from * 5 more times.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Soak each Snowflake in PVA glue, making sure you get all stitches well covered in

glue, wring out gently and using the image as a guide, place over a tealight so that the starting ch and first Round are standing upright. Spread the stitches out carefully, maintaining the symmetrical pattern and ensuring all sides are even. Carefully remove the tealight and leave overnight to dry thoroughly.

LACY BAUBLE TRIO

These lace spheres can be worked in three different sizes and will look stunning on your tree. By Hannah Cross.

- King Cole Giza Cotton 4ply (100% cotton, 50g/158m), 2 balls of each: Yarn A White (2190), Yarn B Glacier (2194)
- A 2mm (US Steel 4 or B/1) hook
- PVA glue
- Water balloons for moulds

MEASUREMENTS

Each Small Bauble measures 7cm (2¾in) diameter when glued
Each Medium Bauble measures 9cm (3½in) diameter when glued
Each Large Bauble measures 12cm (4¾in) diameter when glued

SMALL BAUBLE

Make 2 sides in each colour to join together.
Ch2.

Round 1 6dc in second ch from hook, ss in first dc to join. [6 dc]

Round 2 Ch4 (counts as tr, ch1), tr in st at base of ch-3, (tr, ch1, tr) in each dc around, ss in third ch of beg ch-4 to join. [18 sts]

Round 3 Ss to ch-1 sp, ch5 (counts as tr, ch2), tr in same ch-1 sp, ch1, *(tr, ch2, tr) in next ch-1 sp, ch1; repeat from * 4 more times, ss in third ch of beg ch-5 to join. [30 sts]

Round 4 *Ss to next ch-2 sp, ch8, ss in same ch-2 sp, dc in bl of next tr, ss in next ch-1 sp, ch3, ss in second and third ch from hook, dc in bl of next tr; repeat from * 5 more times, ss in next ch-2 sp to join.

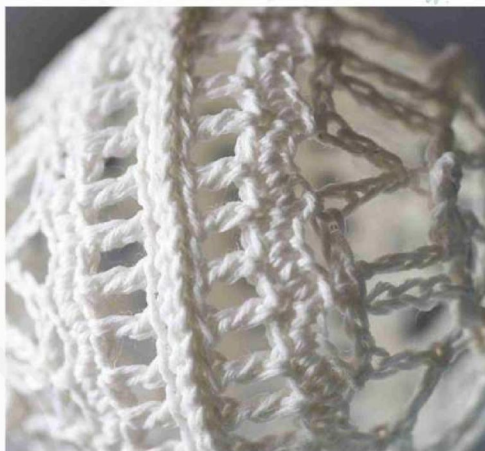
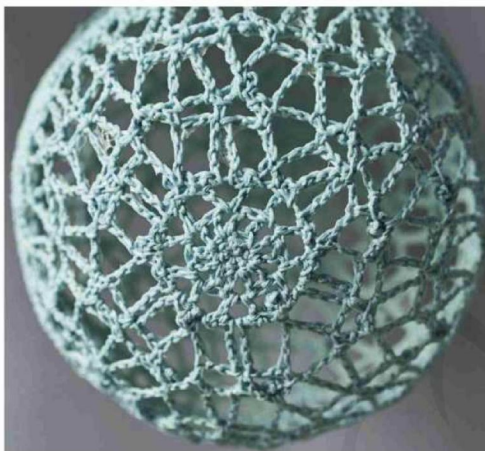
Round 5 Ss in first 4 ch of ch-8 sp, *ch5, ss in ch-1 sp of Round 3 (behind ch-3 group), ch5, ss to next ch-8 sp, repeat from * 5 more times. [12 ch-5 sps]

Round 6 *(Ch4, ss in third ch of next ch-5 sp) twice, ch4, ss in next ss; repeat from * around. [18 ch-4 sps]

Round 7 Dc in each ch of each ch-4 sp around. [72 dc]

Round 8 Ch4 (counts as tr, ch1), skip next





st, *tr in next st, ch1, skip next st; repeat from * around, ss in third ch of beg ch-4 to join.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

MEDIUM BAUBLE

Make 2 sides in each colour to join together.

Rounds 1-6 Work as Rounds 1-6 of Small Bauble. [18 ch-4 sps]

Round 7 *Ss to next ch-4 sp, ch8, ss in same ch-4 sp, ss in next ch-4 sp, (dc, ch3, ss in second and third ch from hook, dc) in same ch-4 sp; repeat from * around, ss to first ch-4 sp to join. [9 ch-8 sps]

Round 8 Ss in first 4 ch of ch-8 sp, *ch5, ss in ch-4 sp of Round 6 (behind ch-3 group), ch5, ss to ch-8 sp; repeat from * around. [18 ch-5 sps]

Round 9 Work as Round 6 of Small Bauble. [27 ch-4 sps]

Rounds 10-11 Work as Rounds 7 and 8 of Small Bauble.

LARGE BAUBLE

Make 2 sides in each colour to join together.

Rounds 1-9 Work as Rounds 1-9 of Medium Bauble. [27 ch-4 sps]

Round 10 *Ss to next ch-4 sp, ch8, ss in same ch-4 sp, ss to next ch-4 sp, (dc, ch3, ss in second and third ch from hook, dc) in same ch-4 sp, ss to next ch-4 sp, ch8, ss in same ch-4 sp; repeat from * around, ss in next ch-4 sp to join. [18 ch-8 sps]

Round 11 Ss in first 4 ch of ch-8 sp, *ch5, ss

in ch-4 sp of Round 9 (behind ch-3 group), (ch5, ss in next ch-8 sp) twice; repeat from * around. [27 ch-5 sps]

Round 12 *(Ch4, ss in third ch of next ch-5 sp) twice, ch4, ss in next ss, ss in each of next 5 ch; repeat from * around. [27 ch-4 sps]

Rounds 13-14 Work as Rounds 7-8 of Small Bauble.

TO MAKE UP

All sizes

With WS facing inwards, join the two sides with a ss seam in bl of facing half and fl of other half.

Soak each Bauble in PVA glue, making sure you get all stitches well covered in glue, wring out gently. Stuff a water balloon into each bauble and blow up to stated size, making sure you maintain a spherical shape. Spread the stitches out carefully, maintaining the symmetrical pattern. Leave overnight to dry thoroughly. Once dry, carefully push the balloon away from the bauble to unstick the glue from the balloon before popping it and removing it.

CENTREPIECE TREES

Designer Anne Egan says: "Make as many as you like and add them to your table décor or place them around your home."

■ King Cole Giza Cotton 4ply (100% cotton,

50g/158m), 1 ball of **Yarn A** Glacier (2194) (approx 15g per tree) and small amounts of **Yarn B** White (2190)

- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- A 20cm long, 6mm double-pointed knitting needle for each tree
- 2 large beads (minimum 6mm hole)
- A florist oasis or small length of log with hole drilled for base
- PVA glue
- Cardboard circle 24cm (9½in) diameter
- Sticky tape
- Greaseproof paper or clingfilm

MEASUREMENTS

Small Tier measures 7cm (2¾in)

Medium Tier measures 10cm (4in)

Large Tier measures 12cm (4¾in)

Assembled Tree measures 20cm (7¾in) tall

NOTES

The centres of the Trees are worked using the amigurumi method. Work in a continuous spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. You may find it helpful to place a marker in the first st of each round and move it up as you work.

CHRISTMAS TREE

BOTTOM TIER

Using Yarn A, ch6, ss into first ch to make a loop.

Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 8dc into loop. [8 dc]

Round 2 (2dc in next dc, dc in next dc) 4 times. [12 dc]

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Round 3 (2dc in next dc, dc in each of next 2 dc) 4 times. [16 dc]

Round 4 (2dc in next dc, dc in each of next 3 dc) 4 times. [20 dc]

Round 5 (2dc in next dc, dc in each of next 4 dc) 4 times. [24 dc]

Round 6 (2dc in next dc, dc in each of next 5 dc) 4 times. [28 dc]

Round 7 (2dc in next dc, dc in each of next 6 dc) 4 times. [32 dc]

Round 8 (2dc in next dc, dc in each of next 7 dc) 4 times. [36 dc]

Round 9 (2dc in next dc, dc in each of next 8 dc) 4 times, ss to first dc to join. [40 dc]

Round 10 Ch6 (counts as tr, ch3 throughout), 2tr in st at base of ch-6, skip next dc, dc in next dc, *ch7, skip next 3 dc, dc in next dc, skip next dc, (2tr, ch3, 2tr) in next dc, skip next dc, dc in next dc; repeat from * 3 more times, ch7, skip next 3 dc, dc in next dc, skip next dc, tr in same dc as beg ch-6, ss in third ch of beg ch-6 to join.

Round 11 Ss in next ch-3 sp, ch1 (does not count as st), dc in same ch-3 sp, (ch6, dc in next ch-7 sp, ch6, dc in next ch-3 sp) 4 times, ch6, dc in next ch-7 sp, ch3, tr in first dc to join. [10 ch-6 sps]

Round 12 Ch6, 3tr round post of tr, ss in next dc, *(3tr, ch3, 3tr) in next ch-6 sp, ss in next dc, repeat from * 8 more times, 2tr in next ch-3 sp, ss in third ch of beg ch-6 to join.

Round 13 Ss in next ch-3 sp, ch1 (does not count as st), dc in same ch-3 sp, (ch7, dc in next ch-3 sp) 9 times, ch7, ss to first dc to join.

Round 14 Ch6, 2tr in dc at base of ch-6, skip first ch of ch-7, ss in next ch, ch7, skip next 3 ch, ss in next ch, skip next ch, *(2tr, ch3, 2tr) in next dc, skip first ch of ch-7, ss in next ch, ch7, skip next 3 ch, ss in next ch, skip next ch; repeat from * 8 more times, tr in same dc as beg ch-6, ss in third ch of beg ch-6 to join.

Round 15 Ss into next ch-3 sp, ch1 (does not count as st), *5dc in same ch-3 sp, dc in next tr, dc2tog (over next tr and next ch-7 sp), 4dc in ch-7 sp, dc2tog (over same ch-7 sp and next tr), dc in next tr, repeat from * 9 more times, ss in first dc to join.

Fasten off.

MIDDLE TIER

Rounds 1-12 Work as Rounds 1-12 of Bottom Tier.

Round 13 Ss in next ch-3 sp, ch1, *5dc in ch-3 sp, dc in each of next 2 tr, dc2tog (over next 2 tr), dc in each of next 2 tr; repeat from * 9 more times, ss in first dc to join. **Fasten off.**

TOP TIER

Rounds 1-10 Work as Rounds 1-10 of Bottom Tier.

Round 11 Ss in next ch-3 sp, ch1, *5dc in ch-3 sp, dc in next tr, dc2tog (over next tr and next ch-7 sp), 5dc in ch-7 sp, dc2tog (over same ch-7 sp and next tr), dc in next tr; repeat from * 9 more times, ss in first dc to join. **Fasten off.**

STARS (MAKE 2 PER TREE)

Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.

Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 5dc into loop, ss to first dc to join. [5 dc]

Round 2 (Ch3, ss to second ch from hook, ss in next dc) 5 times.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Hold Stars with WS facing each other, using the long tail sew 3 points of the stars together leaving the other 2 points open. Block into a star shape.

TO FINISH

Weave in all ends.

Make a cone shaped mould from the cardboard circle. Make a straight cut from edge to centre, and overlap by 16.5cm at the edge, stick or tape in place. Cover with greaseproof paper or clingfilm to prevent sticking.

Soak each Tier in PVA glue, making sure you get all stitches well covered in glue, wring out gently and place over the mould one at a time. Spread the stitches out carefully, maintaining the symmetrical

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pattern and ensuring all sides are even. Carefully remove the Tier from the mould and leave overnight to dry thoroughly.

TO MAKE UP

Slide the Tiers onto the knitting needle with a large bead between each Tier. Slip open side of the Star over the top of the needle to complete. Stick the other end of the needle into the oasis or base.

BELL FAIRY LIGHTS

Add a handmade touch to an LED string of lights with Bryony Hitchcock's project.

- King Cole Giza Cotton 4ply (100% cotton, 50g/158m), 1 ball of White (2190)
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- PVA glue
- Clingfilm
- A polystyrene bell 4.5cm (1½in) tall for mould

MEASUREMENTS

4.5cm (1½in) tall, 5cm (2in) diameter at base

ABBREVIATIONS

Picot Ch3, ss to third ch from hook

For a full list, see page 128

BELL

Ch12, ss to first ch to join in a loop.

Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 2dc in front loop of each ch around, ss to first dc to join. [24 sts]

Round 2 Ch1, (dc in 5 sts, 2dc in next st) 4 times, ss to first dc to join. [28 sts]

Round 3 Ch1, (dc in 6 sts, 2dc in next st) 4 times, ss to first dc to join. [32 sts]

Rounds 4-5 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to first dc to join. [32 sts]

Round 6 Ch3 (counts as tr), tr in st at base of ch-3, (skip next st, 2tr in next st) 15 times, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join. [32 sts]

Round 7 Ch3 (counts as tr), tr in next st, ch2, skip next 2 tr, (tr in each of next 2 tr, ch2, skip next 2 tr) 7 times, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join. [16 tr, 8 ch-2 sps]

Round 8 Ss to first ch-2 sp, ch1 (does not count as st), dc in same ch-sp, ch5, (dc in next ch-2 sp, ch5) 7 times, ss to first dc to join. [8 ch-5 sps]

Round 9 Ch4 (count as tr, ch1), (tr, ch1) twice into st at base of ch-4, ss in next ch-5 sp, ch1, *(tr, ch1) 3 times in next dc, ss in next ch-5 sp, ch1; repeat from * 6 more times, ss to third ch of beg ch-4 to join. [8 3-tr groups]

Round 10 Ss across to centre tr of 3-tr group, (ch5, ss in centre tr of next 3-tr group) 8 times. [8 ch-5 sps]

Round 11 Ch1 (does not count as st), *dc in ss, (2dc, picot, 2dc) in next ch-5 sp; repeat

from * 7 more times.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

TO FINISH

Soak each Bell in PVA glue, making sure you get all stitches well covered in glue, wring out gently and place over the mould one at a time. Spread the stitches out carefully, maintaining the symmetrical pattern and ensuring all sides are even. Carefully remove the Bell from the mould and leave overnight to dry thoroughly.

SNOWFLAKE WREATH

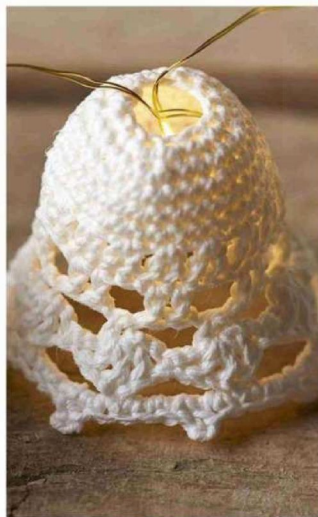
A snowy statement piece to adorn your front door this winter. By Hannah Cross.

- King Cole Giza Cotton 4ply (100% cotton, 50g/158m), 1 ball of Yarn A White (2190), 2 balls of Yarn B Glacier (2194)
- A 2mm (US Steel 4 or B/1) hook
- PVA glue
- A foam wreath 25cm (10in) diameter
- Glue gun (optional)

MEASUREMENTS

Each Small Snowflake measures 6.5cm (2½in) across when glued

Each Large Snowflake measures 9cm (3½in) across when glued



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ABBREVIATIONS

Picot Ch3 (or the number of ch stated), ss to third ch from hook

For a full list, see page 128

LARGE SNOWFLAKE

Make 8 in Yarn A.

Ch6, ss into first ch to make a ring.

Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 12dc into ring, ss in first dc to join. [12 dc]

Round 2 Ch4 (counts as tr and ch), (tr, ch1) in each st around, ss in third ch of beg ch-4 to join. [12 tr and 12 ch-1 sps]

Round 3 *Working all sts into same tr, (ch-4 picot, ch-5 picot, tr in same st of Round 2, ch-7 picot, ch-9 picot, ch-7 picot, tr in same st of Round 2, ch-5 picot, ch-4 picot, ss in same st of Round 2), ss in bl of next 4 sts; repeat from * 5 more times.

[6 spikes] **Fasten off**.

SMALL SNOWFLAKE

Make 16 in Yarn A.

Round 1 *Ch9, ss in second and third ch from hook, ch4, ss in second, third and fourth ch from hook, ch3, ss in second and third ch from hook, ss in 6th ch of beg ch-9, ch4, ss in first ch of beg ch-9; repeat from * 5 more times, ss to first ch of first ch-9 to join. [6 spikes to snowflake]

TO MAKE UP

Use Yarn B to cover the foam wreath by wrapping the yarn around the wreath until it is completely covered. Secure in place at the back with glue.

Soak each Snowflake in PVA glue, making sure you get all stitches well covered in glue, wring out gently. Spread the stitches out carefully on a flat surface, maintaining the symmetrical pattern and ensuring all sides are even. Leave overnight to dry thoroughly. Using the image as a guide, evenly spread the 8 large snowflakes around the wreath and secure in place with glue.

Spread the small snowflakes around the wreath on top of the large snowflakes and secure using glue.

■ Kitchen bowls approx 17cm (6½in) and 21cm (8½in) diameter for forming the bowls

■ An extra bowl for soaking

■ PVA glue

■ Cling film

MEASUREMENTS

Small Bowl is approx 16cm (6¼in) diameter by 5cm (2in) tall

Medium Bowl is approx 19cm (7½in)

diameter by 5.5cm (2¼in) tall

Large Bowl is approx 21cm (8¼in) diameter by 8.5cm (3¼in) tall

SMALL BOWL

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.

Round 1 (RS) Ch4 (counts as tr, ch1), (tr, ch1) 11 times into loop, ss into third ch of beg ch-4 to join. [12 tr and 12 ch-1 sps]

Round 2 Ch5 (counts as tr, ch2), *tr in next tr, ch2; rep from * around, ss into third ch of beg ch-5. [12 tr and 12 ch-2 sps]

Round 3 Ch3 (counts as tr throughout), tr in st at base of ch, ch2, *2tr in next tr, ch2; rep from * around, ss to top of beg ch-3. [24 tr and 12 ch-2 sps]

Round 4 Ch3, 2tr in next tr, ch2, *tr in next tr, 2tr in next tr, ch2; rep from * around, ss to top of beg ch-3. [36 tr and 12 ch-2 sps]

Round 5 Ch3, tr in st at base of ch, *ch1, skip next tr, 2tr in next tr, ch2, 2tr in next tr; rep from * around, omitting last 2 tr, ss to top of beg ch-3. [48 tr and 24 ch-2 sps]

Round 6 Ch2, tr in next tr, *ch1, skip ch-1

sp, tr2tog, ch5, skip ch-2 sp, tr2tog; rep from * around, omitting last tr2tog, ss to top of first tr to join.

[24 tr2tog and 12 ch-5 sps]

Round 7 Ch3, *tr2tog over next ch-1 sp and next tr2tog, ch6, tr in next tr2tog; rep from * around, omitting last tr, ss to top of beg ch-3.

Round 8 Ch2, tr in next tr2tog, *ch4, tr in ch-6 sp, ch4, tr2tog over next tr and tr2tog; rep from * around, omitting last tr2tog, ss to top of first tr.

Round 9 Ch3, *ch4, 2tr in next tr, ch4, tr in next tr2tog; rep from * around, omitting last tr, ss to top of beg ch-3. [36 tr and 24 ch-4 sps]

Round 10 Ch3, tr in st at base of ch, *ch1, 2tr in next tr, ch3, 2tr in next tr, ch1, 2tr in next tr; rep from * around, omitting last 2 tr, ss to top of beg ch-3. [72 tr and 36 ch-4 sps]

Round 11 Ch3, *2tr in next tr, skip ch-1 sp, tr in each of next 2 tr, 5tr in ch-3 sp, tr in each of next 2 tr, skip ch-1 sp, tr in next tr; rep from * around, omitting last tr, ss to top of beg ch-3. [12 fans]

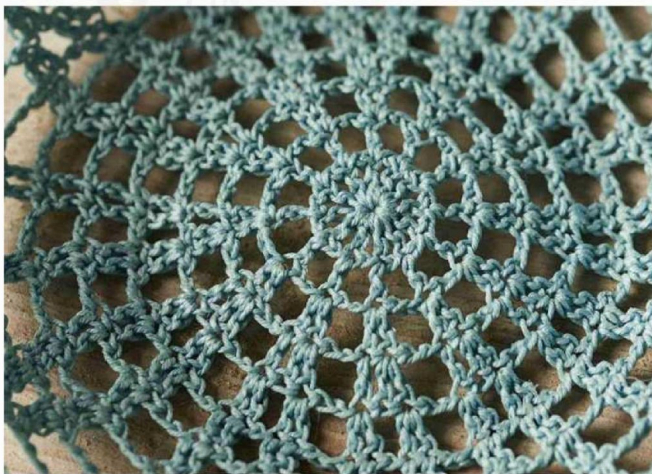
Fasten off and weave in ends.

MEDIUM BOWL

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.

Rounds 1-9 Work as Rounds 1-9 of Small Bowl.

Round 10 Ch3 (counts as tr throughout), *ch4, tr in next tr, 2tr in next tr, ch4, tr in next tr; rep from * around, omitting last tr,



LACE BOWL TRIO

Lucy Croft's lacy dishes are perfect for filling with Christmassy treats. Candy canes and chocolate coins, anyone?

■ King Cole Giza Cotton 4ply (100% cotton, 50g/158m), 1 ball of each: Yarn A White (2190), Yarn B Glacier (2194)

■ A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook

ss to top of beg ch-3. [48 tr and 24 ch-4 sps]

Round 11 Ch3, *ch3, 2tr in next tr, ch1, skip next tr, 2tr in next tr, ch3, tr in next tr; rep from * around, omitting last tr, ss to top of beg ch-3. [60 tr and 24 ch-sps]

Round 12 Ch3, tr in st at base of ch, *ch2, tr in each of next 2 tr, ch3, skip ch-1 sp, tr in each of next 2 tr, ch2, 2tr in next tr; rep from * around, omitting last 2 tr, ss to top of beg ch-3. [72 tr and 36 ch-sps]

Round 13 Ch3, *2tr in next tr, skip ch-2 sp, tr in each of next 2 tr, 5tr in ch-3 sp, tr in each of next 2 tr, skip ch-2 sp, tr in next tr; rep from * around, omitting last tr, ss to top of beg ch-3. [12 fans]

Fasten off and weave in ends.

LARGE BOWL

Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.

Rounds 1-5 Work as Rounds 1-5 of Small Bowl.

Round 6 Ch3 (counts as tr throughout), tr in next tr, ch2, *tr in each of next 2 tr, ch2; rep from * around, ss to top of beg ch-3.

Round 7 Ch3, tr in next tr, ch3, *tr in each of next 2 tr, ch3; rep from * around, ss to top of beg ch-3.

Round 8 Ch3, tr in next tr, *ch3, tr in each of next 2 tr, ch4, tr in each of next 2 tr, ch1, tr in each of next 2 tr, ch4, tr in each of next 2 tr; repeat from * around, omitting last 2 tr, ss to top of beg ch-3.

Round 9 Ch3, tr in next tr, *ch4, tr in each of next 2 tr, ch5, tr2tog, ch1, skip ch-1 sp, tr2tog, ch5, tr in each of next 2 tr; repeat from * around, omitting last 2 tr, ss to top of beg ch-3. [36 sts and 24 ch-sps]

Round 10 Ch3, tr in next tr, *ch4, tr in each of next 2 tr, ch6, tr in next tr2tog, tr2tog over next ch-1 sp and next tr2tog, ch6, tr in each of next 2 tr; repeat from * around, omitting last 2 tr, ss to top of beg ch-3.

Round 11 Ch3, tr in st at base of ch, *ch3, 2tr in next tr, ch1, 2tr in next tr, ch3, 2tr in next tr, ch4, skip ch-6 sp, tr2tog, ch4, 2tr in next tr; rep from * around, omitting last 2 tr, ss to top of beg ch-3. [54 sts and 30 ch-sps]

Round 12 Ch3, tr in next tr, *ch5, skip ch-3 sp, tr2tog, skip ch-1 sp, tr2tog, ch5, tr in each of next 2 tr, ch3, tr in next tr2tog, ch3, tr in each of next 2 tr; repeat from * around, omitting last 2 tr, ss to top of beg ch-3. [42 tr and 24 ch-sps]

Round 13 Ch3, tr in next tr, *ch6, skip ch-5 sp, tr2tog, ch6, tr in each of next 2 tr, ch6, skip 1 tr, tr in each of next 2 tr; rep from * around, omitting last 2 tr, ss to top of beg ch-3. [30 tr and 18 ch-6 sps]

Round 14 Ch3, tr in next tr, *ch7, tr in next



tr2tog, ch7, tr in each of next 2 tr, ch5, tr in each of next 2 tr; rep from * around, omitting last 2 tr, ss to top of beg ch-3. [30 tr and 3 ch-sps]

Round 15 Ch3, tr in st at base of ch, *ch2, 2tr in next tr, ch5, 2tr in next tr, ch5, 2tr in next tr, ch2, 2tr in next tr, ch5, 2tr in next tr; rep from * around, omitting last 2 tr, ss to top of beg ch-3. [60 tr and 30 ch-sps]

Round 16 Ch3, tr in next tr, *ch4, tr in each of next 2 tr, ch2, 2tr in next tr, ch3, 2tr in next tr, ch2, tr in each of next 2 tr; rep from * around, omitting last 2 tr, ss to top of beg ch-3. [72 tr and 36 ch-sps]

Round 17 Ch3, tr in next tr, *6tr in next ch-4 sp, tr in each of next 2 tr, skip ch-2 sp, tr in each of next 2 tr, skip ch-2 sp, tr in each of next 2 tr, skip ch-2 sp, tr in each of next 2 tr; rep from * around, omitting last 2 tr, ss to top of beg ch-3. [18 fans]

TO MAKE UP

Turn the kitchen bowls upside down and cover completely with cling film. Check your Bowls will fit comfortably over your chosen mould, the stitches will stretch out a little when wet.

Soak each crocheted Bowl in PVA glue, making sure you get all stitches well covered in glue, wring out gently and place over the upturned kitchen bowl.

Use a 17cm diameter bowl for Small and

Medium Bowls and a 21cm diameter bowl for Large Bowl.

Spread the stitches out carefully, maintaining the symmetrical pattern of Bowl and ensuring all sides are even in height. Leave overnight to dry thoroughly. Once dry, carefully remove the crocheted Bowls from the kitchen bowls and the cling film.



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Festive fella

Put this super sweet Santa in the centre of your seasonal decorations. Designed by Ilaria Caliri.





YOU WILL NEED

- Scheepjes Catona (100% Cotton, 50g/125m), 1 ball of **Yarn A** Scarlet (192)
 - Scheepjes Catona (100% Cotton, 25g/62m), 1 ball of each:
Yarn B Black Coffee (162)
Yarn C Linen (505)
Yarn D Cornelia Rose (256)
 - Scheepjes Stone Washed (78% cotton, 22% acrylic, 50g/130m), 1 ball of **Yarn E** Moon Stone (801)
 - Scheepjes Lizzy (80% viscose, 20% polyester), 1 ball of **Yarn F** Gold (03)
 - A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
 - A pair of safety eyes approx 9mm diameter
 - Tapestry needle
 - Stitch markers
 - Pipe cleaners (optional)
 - Plastic sheet such as a yoghurt lid (optional)
 - Toy stuffing
- For yarn stockists contact
Scheepjes www.scheepjes.com

MEASUREMENTS

Doll measures 25cm (10in) tall excluding hat

ABBREVIATIONS

2-tr cluster (yrh, insert hook in st indicated, yrh and pull up loop, yrh and draw through 2 loops) twice, inserting the hook in the same st each time, yrh and draw through all 3 loops on hook

For a full list, see page 128

You'd better watch out – Santa Claus is coming to town with our fab amigurumi make. With a full-on moustache and beard any hipster would be proud of, he'll add the cool to your Yule this year!

NOTES

The arms are worked first and then the Legs, Body and Head are worked in one piece from the Boots up, joining in the Arms as you go.
Work using the amigurumi method in a continuous spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. You may find it helpful to place a marker in the first st of each round and move it up as you work. Change colour in the last yrh of the previous st.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

With Yarn C, make a magic loop.

- Round 1** Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 6dc into the loop. [6 dc]
 - Round 2** 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
 - Rounds 3-5** Dc in each st around. [12 dc]
 - Round 6** Change to Yarn E, ch2 (does not count as st), tr in same st, 2-tr cluster in each st around. [12 sts]
 - Rounds 7-12** Change to Yarn A, dc in each st around. [12 dc]
 - Round 13** Dc2tog, dc in next 10 sts. [11 sts]
 - Round 14** Dc in each st around.
 - Round 15** Dc2tog, dc in next 9 sts. [10 sts]
 - Round 16** Dc in each st around.
 - Round 17** Dc2tog, dc in next 8 sts. [9 sts]
 - Round 18** Dc in each st around.
- Insert a pipe cleaner into the arm and stuff.
Fasten off. Weave in all ends.

LEGS, BODY AND HEAD

BOOTS

With Yarn B, make a magic loop.

- Round 1** Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into the loop. [6 dc]
- Round 2** 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
- Round 3** (2dc in next st, dc in next st) 6 times [18 dc]
- Round 4** (partial) Dc in next st, htr in next st, 2tr in each of next 3 sts, htr in next st, dc in next st. [10 sts]
- Move stitch marker to the next st and treat as first st of round.
- Round 5** Working in BL, dc in each st around. [21 dc]
- Round 6** Dc in each st around.
- Round 7** Dc in next 13 sts, tr2tog 3 times, dc in next 2 sts. [18 sts]
- Round 8** Dc in next 12 sts, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st. [16 sts]
- Rounds 9-13** Dc in each st around. [16 sts]
- Continue working dc until you reach the centre back of the boot (approx 6 sts). Cut shapes out of the plastic sheet to match the sole of the boot and insert into the boot then continue working the leg.

LEG (MAKE 2)

- Round 14** Change to Yarn E, ch2 (does not count as st), working in BLs only, tr in same st, 2-tr cluster in each st around. [16 sts]
- Round 15** Change to Yarn A, (2dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts) twice. [18 dc]
- Round 16** Dc in each st around.
- Round 17** (2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts) 3 times. [21 dc]
- Round 18** (2dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts) 3 times. [24 dc]



Santa's belt buckle is worked in gold yarn for some proper festive sparkle.

Fasten off. Weave in all ends.

Make a second boot and leg, but do not fasten off.

BODY

Round 19 Continue working on the second Leg, dc in next 22 sts to reach the inner leg, starting at the inner leg of the first Leg, dc in next 24 sts, dc in next 2 sts of the second Leg, place the stitch marker into the last st. [48 dc]

Round 20 (2dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts) 6 times. [54 dc]

Rounds 21-29 Dc in each st around. Continue working in dc until you reach the front centre of the Body, place the stitch marker, ss in next st. Continue working the bottom of the jacket in rows.

Row 1 (RS) Ch1, working in FL, dc in each st across, turn. [54 dc]

Rows 2-4 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn. [54 dc]

Do not fasten off. Continue working on the Body.

Ss in each Row end to get back to Round 30, turn.

Round 30 (RS) Ch1, working in the remaining BL of Round 30, dc in each st around. [54 dc]

Round 31 (2dc in next st, dc in next 8 sts) 6 times. [60 dc]

Rounds 32-36 Dc in each st around.

Round 37 (Dc2tog, dc in next 8 sts) 6 times. [54 sts]

Rounds 38-39 Dc in each st around.

Round 40 (Dc2tog, dc in next 7 sts) 6 times. [48 sts]

Round 41 Dc in each st around.

Round 42 (Dc2tog, dc in next 6 sts) 6 times. [42 sts]

Flatten the body and place stitch markers for the position of the Arms, you need 16 sts for the front and 16 sts for the back of the body and 5 sts for each Arm. Add Arms.

Round 43 Dc in each st across to first stitch marker (approx 8 sts), dc in next 5 sts inserting the hook through both the sts on the Body and the Arm, dc in next 16 sts, dc in next 5 sts inserting the hook through both the sts on the Body and the Arm, dc in each st to end of the round. [42 sts]

Round 44 Working into the stitches on the Body and the remaining stitches on the Arms, dc in each st around, working 4 sts into each Arm and skipping the previous sts worked into the Arm. [40 sts]

Round 45 (Dc2tog, dc in next 8 sts) 4 times. [36 sts]

Stuff the Legs and Body and continue stuffing as you go.

Round 46 (Dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts) 6 times. [30 sts]

Round 47 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts) 6 times. [24 sts]

COLLAR

Continue working the collar of the jacket. Make sure you are at the front centre of the Body, if not continue working in dc until you reach the front centre of the Body.

Row 1 Ss in next st, ch1, in FL dc in each st around, turn. [24 dc]

Row 2 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn. [24 dc]

Row 3 Ch1, (2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) 6 times, turn. [30 dc]

Row 4 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn. [30 dc]

Fasten off and weave in ends.

HEAD

Join Yarn C in BL of st at the back of the neck in Round 49.

Round 50 Working into BL of Round 49, dc in each st around. [24 dc]

Round 51-52 Dc in each st around.

Round 53 Working in FL, (2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) 6 times. [30 dc]

Round 54 (Dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts) 6 times. [36 dc]

Round 55 (2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts) 6 times. [42 dc]

Round 56 (2dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts) 6 times. [48 dc]

Round 57 (2dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts) 6 times. [54 dc]

Rounds 58-66 Dc in each st around.

Round 67 (Dc2tog, dc in next 7 sts) 6 times. [48 dc]

Round 68 (Dc2tog, dc in next 6 sts) 6 times. [42 dc]

Insert the safety eyes between Rounds 61 and 62 approximately 12 stitches apart. Stuff the head and continue stuffing as you go.

Round 69 (Dc2tog, dc in next 5 sts) 6 times. [36 dc]

Round 70 (Dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts) 6 times. [30 dc]

Round 71 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts) 6 times. [24 dc]

Round 72 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) 6 times. [18 dc]

Round 73 (Dc2tog, dc in next st) 6 times. [12 dc]

Round 74 Dc2tog 6 times. [6 dc]

Fasten off. Weave in all ends.

SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO WORK DOUBLE CROCHET IN A SPIRAL



1 Make a foundation ring (see p127) and work the t-ch (1ch for dc). Now work 12 dc stitches into the ring, but do not join the last stitch and first stitch of this first round with a slip stitch.



2 Instead, work the first dc stitch of the second round into the first stitch of the first round. To do this, insert the hook into the stitch, yrh, pull yarn through, yrh and pull the yarn through both loops.



3 You'll now be working in a spiral. Continue to work more rounds of dc stitches in a spiral, according to your pattern instructions.



4 On the last round, after you've worked the last dc stitch, you'll need to finish off the spiral with a slip stitch for a neat edge: insert the hook into the next stitch, yrh and pull through both loops.

BELT

Using Yarn B, ch61.

Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook and each ch across. [60 dc]

Fasten off leaving a tail for sewing the belt around the waist, just above the bottom of the jacket.

BELT BUCKLE

In Yarn F, make a magic loop.

Round 1 Ch1, (Dc, tr) 4 times into the loop, ss to first dc to join. [8 sts]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing the buckle on to the belt.

JACKET BORDER

Join Yarn E at the centre of the bottom edge of the Jacket, reverse dc around the bottom edge, fasten off.

EYEBROWS (MAKE 2)

With Yarn E, ch4.

Dc in second ch from hook and each ch across.

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing the eyebrows above the eyes, slightly angled.

NOSE

With Yarn D, make a magic loop.

Round 1 Ch1 (doesn't count as st), 5dc into the loop. [5 dc]

Round 2 2dc in each st around. [10 dc]

Round 3 dc2tog 5 times. [5 dc]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing the nose between Rounds 60 and 61, between the eyes.

BEARD

With Yarn E, ch 2.

Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook, turn. [1 dc]

Row 2 (RS) Ch1, working in BL, 3dc in first st, turn. [3 dc]

Row 3 (WS) Ch1, working in FL, 2dc in next st, dc in next st, 2dc into the last st, turn. [5 dc]

Row 4 Ch1, working in BL, 2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, 2dc into the last st, turn. [7 dc]

Row 5 Ch1, working in FL, 2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts, 2dc into the last st, turn. [9 dc]

Row 6 Ch1, working in BL, (2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) 3 times. [12 dc]

Row 7 Ch1, working in FL, (2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) 3 times. [15 dc]

Row 8 Ch1, working in BL, (2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts) 3 times. [18 dc]

Row 9 Ch1, working in FL, (2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts) 3 times. [21 dc]

Row 10 Ch1, working in BL, (2dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts) 3 times. [24 dc]

Row 11 Ch1, working in FL, dc in each st across. [24 dc]

Hook the nose and beard before you add Santa's magnificent moustache.



Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

This piece is used as a base for securing the hair of the beard. Cut strands of Yarn E (approx 8cm long). Fold in half and use the crochet hook to join a strand in the remaining loops of each stitch in all rows. Sew the beard, just under the nose.

MOUSTACHE

With Yarn E, ch 18.

Row 1 Skip first ch, ss into each of next 2 ch, *dc in next ch, htr in next ch, 2tr in each of next 2 ch, htr in next ch, dc in next ch, ss in next ch; repeat from * once more, ss in next st, ch1, rotate to work along the other side of the foundation ch, ss in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, htr in next st, 2tr in next st, htr in next st, dc in next st, ss in next st, dc in next st, htr in next st, 2tr in next st, htr in next st, dc in next 2 sts, ss in next 2 sts.

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing the Moustache on the Beard, under the Nose.

HAT

With Yarn A, make a magic loop.

Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into the loop. [6 dc]

Round 2 (2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) twice. [8 dc]

Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) twice. [10 dc]

Round 4 (2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts) twice. [12 dc]

Round 5 (2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts) twice. [14 dc]

Round 6 (2dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts)

twice. [16 dc]

Round 7 (2dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts) twice. [18 dc]

Round 8 (2dc in next st, dc in next 8 sts) twice. [20 dc]

Round 9 (2dc in next st, dc in next 9 sts) twice. [22 dc]

Round 10 (2dc in next st, dc in next 10 sts) twice. [24 dc]

Round 11 Dc in each st around.

Round 12 (2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) 6 times. [30 dc]

Round 13 Dc in each st around.

Round 14 (2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts) 6 times. [36 dc]

Round 15 Dc in each st around.

Round 16 (2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts) 6 times. [42 dc]

Round 17 Dc in each st around.

Round 18 (2dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts) 6 times. [48 dc]

Round 19 Dc in each st around.

Round 20 (2dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts) 6 times. [54 dc]

Round 21 Dc in each st around.

Change to Yarn E.

Round 22 Ch3 (counts as tr), tr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join. [54 tr]

Fasten off and weave in ends.

POMPOM

With Yarn E, make a 2.5cm (1in) pompom and sew it to the tip of the hat.

Make it count

Fill these candy-coloured pockets with treats and let the countdown begin. Designed by Esme Crick.



PSST

Mix up the
numbers for
more of a puzzle!





YOU WILL NEED

- Scheepjes Stone Washed (78% cotton 22% acrylic, 50g/130m), 1 ball of each:
 - Amazonite (813)
 - Blue Apatite (805)
 - Lemon Quartz (812)
 - Moon Stone (801)
 - Rose Quartz (820)
 - Smokey Quartz (802)
 - Tourmaline (836)
 - A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
 - 24 wooden star buttons 1.2cm (1/2in) diameter
 - Felt Advent calendar numbers 1-24 approx 1.2cm (1/2in) high
 - 2 pieces of canvas/thick cotton 64x50cm (25x20in)
 - 4 pieces of canvas/thick cotton fabric 7x12cm (2¾x4¾in)
 - 75cm (30in) length of copper pipe 15mm diameter
 - 2m (78in) ribbon to hang calendar (optional)
 - Fabric glue
 - Needle and thread
- For yarn stockists
contact Scheepjes
www.scheepjes.com/en

MEASUREMENTS

Each blocked square to measure
9x9cm (3½x3½in)

Main Advent calendar to measure
approx 62x48cm (24½x19in)
without tabs

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 128



Each pastel calendar pocket is finished off with a tiny wooden star and a felt number.

How many more sleeps? Get ready for the Christmas countdown with this fabulously sugary Advent calendar. Finished with wooden star buttons and felt numbers, it's a gorgeous make the kids will love.

SQUARES (MAKE 24)

See Colour Guide below for yarn choice, ch17.

Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook and each ch across, turn. [16 dc]

Rows 2-17 Ch1 (does not count as st), dc in each st across, turn.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

EDGING

Join Moon Stone in first st, ch1 (does not count as st), dc in each st and row end around edge of each square working (dc, ch2, dc) in each corner, ss in first dc to join.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Block squares to shape.

TREE

Make 24 in total, see colour guide.

Leaving a long starting tail of 20cm, ch2.

Row 1 (RS) 2dc in second ch from hook, turn. [2 dc]

Row 2 (WS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc in each dc across, turn. [2 dc]

Row 3 Ch1, 2dc in each st across, turn. [4 dc]

Row 4 Repeat Row 2.

Row 5 Ch1, 2dc in first st, dc in each st across to last st, 2dc in last st, turn. [6 dc]

Row 6 Repeat Row 2.

Rows 7-10 Repeat Rows 5-6. [10 dc]

TREE BASE

Row 1 (RS) With RS facing, join Moon Stone into fifth st of Row 10 along base of tree, ch1, dc in same st and next st, turn.

[2 dc]

Row 2 Ch1, dc in each dc across. [2 dc]
Fasten off and weave in ends except the long starting tail.

TO MAKE UP

Glue or sew each tree onto each square following the Colour Guide.

Use the long starting thread to sew star button onto top of each tree using the image as a guide.

BACKING

Hold both pieces of fabric RS tog. Sew a seam 1cm in from outside edge along one short side, along the bottom and up the other short side. Turn right side out. Fold raw long top edge in 1cm and iron to hold seam in place ready for tabs.

Use the 4 small pieces of fabric to make hanging tabs. Fold each long edge in 1cm, iron and sew in place, ensuring each is the same width (5cm). Fold each tab in half with RS facing out and insert raw edge 1cm into top seam of main fabric at equal distances along the top edge. Pin into place ensuring each tab is the same length (5cm).

Sew along top seam of main fabric to fasten tabs in place.

Arrange the 24 squares onto fabric using the image as a guide, leaving gaps between squares as desired. Sew 3 sides of squares on through both pieces of fabric, leaving top edge open for Advent treats!

Attach felt Advent number onto each square.

Insert copper pipe into tabs along top to hang. Hang up your calendar either with ribbon attached to copper pipe or simply hang the pipe directly on hooks on the wall.

COLOUR GUIDE (MAKE 4 OF EACH)

Pocket numbers	Square Colour	Tree Colour
4, 7, 15, 24	Rose Quartz	Amazonite
3, 12, 14, 23	Blue Apatite	Rose Quartz
2, 11, 13, 22	Tourmaline	Smokey Quartz
5, 8, 16, 19	Amazonite	Blue Apatite
1, 10, 18, 21	Smokey Quartz	Lemon Quartz
6, 9, 17, 20	Lemon Quartz	Tourmaline

Hello Rudolph

Our favourite red-nosed reindeer is the perfect addition to this Christmas stocking. By Liz Ward.



CHUNKY
WEIGHT5.5MM
HOOK

YOU WILL NEED

- Robin Chunky (100% acrylic, 140m/100g), 2 balls of Red (042), 1 ball of each:
White (040)
Mink (143)
Latte (142)

- A 5.5mm (US I/9) hook
- Toy stuffing
- Two black shank buttons, 18mm
- Stitch markers
- Embroidery needles

For yarn stockists contact
TB Ramsden 01943 782264
www.tbramsden.co.uk

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project

MEASUREMENTS

The stocking measure approx.
28x55cm (11x21½in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 128

By the warmth of the fire, Rudolph's red nose really glows, signalling that Christmas Day is nearly here! For a magical Christmas Eve, you can't go wrong with this cute stocking. It has so many things to love – thick, chunky yarn that works up quickly, bright colours and a fun, three-dimensional finish. Worked mainly in the round using double crochet, it looks more complicated than it is, so give it a go today.

STOCKING

Using White, make a magic loop and work 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]

Round 1 2dc into each st to end. [12 sts]

Round 2 (Dc in the first st, 2dc in next st); repeat to end. [18 sts]

Round 3 (Dc in first two sts, 2dc in next st); repeat to end. [24 sts]

Round 4 (Dc in first three sts, 2dc in next st); repeat to end. [30 sts]

Round 5 (Dc in first four sts, 2dc in next st); repeat to end. [36 sts]

Round 6 (Dc in first five sts, 2dc in next st); repeat to end. [42 sts]

Round 7 (Dc in first six sts, 2dc in next st); repeat to end. [48 sts]

Change to Red.

Rounds 8-31 Dc in each st to end.

HEEL

This is worked back and forth in rows, rather than working in the round.

Row 1 Dc in first 24 sts, turn. [24 sts]

*Mark the next unworked stitch with a



Rudolph's eyes are made with two shank buttons, or you could use safety eyes instead.

stitch marker, this is where you will re-join the yarn later.

Rows 2-24 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn. [24 sts]

Fasten off. Fold the edges together and sew to make the back of the heel.

Re-join with Red yarn to the first stitch not worked on row 1, marked with a stitch marker.

Round 1 Dc in next 24 sts, work 24dc evenly around the edge of the heel. [48 sts]

Rounds 2-36 Dc in each st to end. [48 sts]

Fasten off and weave in any loose ends.

CUFF

Using White, ch13.

Row 1 Dc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in each st to end, turn [12 sts]

Rows 2-56 Ch1, dc in each st to end. [12 sts]

Fasten off. Sew Cuff in place around the top edge of the stocking. Weave in and cut off any loose ends.



The cuff is simply made with rows of double crochet

REINDEER

FACE

Using Latte, ch6.

Round 1 Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next three sts, 3dc in last st, turn and work along back of the foundation ch, dc in next three sts, 2dc in last st. [12 sts]

Round 2 (Dc in first st, 2dc in next st); repeat to end. [18 sts]

Round 3 (Dc in first two sts, 2dc in next st); repeat to end. [24 sts]

Round 4 (Dc in first three sts, 2dc in next st); repeat to end. [30 sts]

Round 5 (Dc in first four sts, 2dc in next st); repeat to end. [36 sts]

Round 6 (Dc in first five sts, 2dc in next st); repeat to end. [42 sts]

Round 7 (Dc in first six sts, 2dc in next st); repeat to end. [48 sts]

Fasten off.

MUZZLE

Repeat Rounds 1-7 of the Face.

Rounds 8-9 Dc in each st to end.

Fasten off.

Position the Face and Muzzle on the stocking using the image as a guide. Stuff Muzzle slightly and sew in place.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Using Latte, make a magic loop and work 4dc into the loop. [4 sts]

Round 1 (Dc in first st, 2dc in next st); repeat to end. [6 sts]

Round 2 (Dc in first two sts, 2dc in next st); repeat to end. [8 sts]

Round 3 (Dc in first three sts, 2dc in next st); repeat to end. [10 sts]

Round 4 (Dc in first four sts, 2dc in next st); repeat to end. [12 sts]

Round 5 (Dc in first five sts, 2dc in next st); repeat to end. [14 sts]

Round 6 (Dc in first six sts, 2dc in next st); repeat to end. [16 sts]

Rounds 7-9 Dc in each st to end. [16 sts]

Fasten off. Pinch together and sew in place.

ANTLERS (MAKE 2)

Using Mink, ch8.

Row 1 Ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 4 sts, ch8.

Row 2 Ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 5 sts, ch6.

Row 3 Ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 5 sts, ch6.

Row 4 Ss in 2nd ch from hook, ss in next 5 sts, dc into base the 2nd chain of 8, ch6.

Row 5 Ss into second ch from hook, ss in

next four sts, dc back into base the 2nd chain of 8 to join, dc in the next three ch sts.

Fasten off and sew in place on the stocking.

NOSE

Using Red, make a magic loop and work 6dc into the ring. [6 sts]

Round 1 2dc into each st to end. [12 sts]

Round 2 (Dc in first st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]

Round 3 (Dc in first two sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]

Rounds 4-5 Dc in each st to end. [24 sts]

Round 6 (Dc2tog); repeat to end. [12 sts]

Fasten off. Stuff the Nose and then position Nose and buttons for eyes. Sew in place.



The ear shaping is achieved by pinching the fabric and stitching it into place on the head.



All ages will love seeing Rudolph's cheery face on their stocking.



Fa-la-la-llama

Get in on the Christmas llama trend (yep, it's a thing) with this sparkly cutie for your tree. Designed by Erinna Lee.



YOU WILL NEED

- Small amounts of DK yarn: Blue, Red, Yellow, Grey, Gold
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D3) hook
- Polyester toy stuffing
- Stitch markers
- Gold sequins
- Tapestry and embroidery needles

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project. You can use any yarn to make this amigurumi. If you use a larger hook and a suitable yarn, the amigurumi will be larger while maintaining the same proportions.

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 14cm (5½in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 128

Dull Christmas tree? No prob-llama! This fun mini amigurumi project is super-cute and has plenty of glitzy details to stitch. It's a fab little gift to make for all your llama-loving friends too...

NOTES

The pattern is worked using the amigurumi method. Work in a continuous spiral without closing off the round with a ss. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first st of each round, moving it up as you work.

LLAMA

BODY

Using Blue yarn, make a magic loop.

- Rnd 1** Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Rnd 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Rnd 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Rnd 4 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Rnd 5 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Rnd 6 (Dc in next 14 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [32 sts]
Rnds 7-8 Dc in each st around.
Rnd 9 Dc in next 13 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 13 sts. [30 sts]
Rnd 10 Dc in next 14 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 14 sts. [29 sts]
Rnd 11 Dc in each st around.
Rnd 12 Dc in next 15 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 12 sts. [28 sts]
Rnds 13-14 Dc in each st around.
Rnd 15 Dc in next 15 sts, 2dc in each of next 2 sts, dc in next 11 sts. [30 sts]
Rnd 16 Dc in next 27 sts, leave rem sts unworked, turn. [27 sts]

Stuff Body with toy stuffing.

Begin to work in rows to make chest.

- Row 17** Ch1 (does not count as a st throughout), dc in next 22 sts, leave rem 8 sts unworked, turn. [22 sts]
Row 18 Ch1, dc in next 10 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 10 sts, turn. [21 sts]
Row 19 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 20 Ch1, dc in next 10 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 9 sts, turn. [20 sts]
Row 21 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 22 Ch1, dc in next 9 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 9 sts, turn. [19 sts]
Row 23 Ch1, dc in next 19 sts, turn.
Row 24 Ch1, dc in next 9 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 8 sts, turn. [18 sts]
Row 25 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
 Fold and bring front edges of 2 sides of chest tog **01** such that first and last sts of

Row 25 meet. Ch1, skip first st, working into back loops only of next st and the one across from it at same time, ss into next 8 pairs of sts down front to close front of chest. **Fasten off** and weave in ends. Stuff Body with toy stuffing.

BASE OF NECK

Using Blue yarn, join to next unused st from Rnd 16 of Back, as in **02**.

- Rnd 1** Dc in each of first 2 sts, (dc2tog) twice, dc in each of last 2 sts, dc in edges of next 9 dc along left side of Body (created by Rows 17-25), dc in edges of next 9 dc along right side of Body, ss in next st. [24 sts] **Fasten off** leaving a long tail for sewing Body to Head.

BACK LEG (MAKE 2)

Using Grey yarn, make a magic loop.

- Rnd 1** Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Rnd 2 Dcbl in each st around.
 Change to Blue yarn.
Rnds 3-5 Dc in each st around.
Rnd 6 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [9 sts]
Rnd 7 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [12 sts]
Rnds 8-11 Dc in each st around.
Rnd 12 (Dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog) twice, ss in next st. [10 sts] **Fasten off** leaving a long tail for sewing each Back Leg to Body. Stuff Back Legs with toy stuffing. Sew Back Legs to underside of Body. The top of each Back Leg should be sewn over Rnds 6-8 of Body. The insides of top of Back Legs should meet.

FRONT LEG (MAKE 2)

Using Grey yarn, make a magic loop.

- Rnds 1-5** Work as Rnds 1-5 of Back Leg. [6 sts]
Rnd 6 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [8 sts]
Rnd 7 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [10 sts]
Rnds 8-11 Dc in each st around.
Rnd 12 (Dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog) twice, ss in next st. [8 sts] **Fasten off** leaving long tail for sewing each Front Leg to Body. Stuff Front Legs with toy stuffing. Sew Front Legs to underside of Body. The top of each Front Leg should be sewn over Rnds 21-23 of Body. The insides of top of Front Legs should be one st apart.

HEAD AND NECK

Using Blue yarn, make a magic loop.



Rnd 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]
Rnd 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Rnd 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Rnd 4 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Rnds 5-9 Dc in each st around.
Rnds 10-11 Dc2tog, dc in each st to end. [22 sts]
Rnd 12 Dc in each st around.
Rnd 13 2dc in next st, dc in each st to end. [23 sts]
Rnd 14 Dc in next st, 2dc in next st, dc in each st to end, place loop on hold with a stitch marker. [24 sts]

TO MAKE UP FACE

The centre of face is on opposite side to where the dc2tog and 2dc sts were made between Rnds 10-14 creating the bump on back of Head. Cut a long length of Grey yarn and unravel 4 strands to use just a single strand to embroider eyes and eyelashes using image as a guide.

Rnds 15-20 Remove marker from loop on hold, dc in each st around, ss in next st.
Fasten off and weave in ends. Stuff Head and Neck with toy stuffing. Sew Body to Head using whip stitches.

EAR (MAKE 2)

Using Blue yarn, make a magic loop.

Rnd 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 4dc into loop. [4 sts]
Rnd 2 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) twice. [6 sts]
Rnd 3 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [8 sts]
Rnd 4 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [10 sts]
Rnd 5 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [12 sts]
Rnd 6 (Dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog) twice. [10 sts]
Rnd 7 (Dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog) twice. [8 sts] Do not stuff. Flatten base of each ear. Working through both layers, dc in next 4 sts to close opening. Next fold base of each Ear top such that two outer corners meet each other, then st two sides of base top to create an indent in centre of ear.
Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing Ear to Head. Sew base of Ears to Rnd 3 at top of Head.

MUZZLE

Using Blue yarn, make a magic loop.

Rnd 1 Ch1 (does not count as a st), 4dc into

the loop. [4 sts]

Rnd 2 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) twice. [6 sts]

Rnd 3 Dc in next st, 2dc in each of next 3 sts, dc in next 2 sts. [9 sts]

Rnd 4 Dc in next st, (dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 3 times, dc in next 2 sts, ss in next st. [12 sts] **Fasten off** leaving a long tail for sewing Muzzle to Head. Unravel 4 strands of a length of grey yarn, using just one strand, embroider Nose and Mouth using image as a guide. Stuff Muzzle with toy stuffing. Sew Muzzle to front of head centred between eyes. Muzzle should be sewn over Rnds 8-11 of Head.

HAIR (MAKE 2)

Using Blue yarn, ch5.

Rnd 1 Dc in second ch from hook, htr in next 2 ch, ss in next ch, ch2, rotate to work along opposite side of foundation ch, ss back into underside of last ch used, htr in next 2 ch, ss in next ch, ss to top of first dc. [8 sts] **Fasten off** leaving a long tail for sewing Hair to Head. Weave in ends. Attach Hair pieces to top of Head. One end of each Hair piece should be sewn between Rnds 1 and 2 of top of Head between Ears. The two Hair pieces should be sewn side by side. Sew a crown of approx 9 sequins over top of Head between Ears and above Hair pieces using Blue yarn. The ends of Blue yarn should be sewn between Rnds 4 and 5 of top of Head.

TAIL

Using Blue yarn, make a magic loop.

Rnd 1 4dc into the loop. [4 sts]
Rnd 2 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) twice. [6 sts]
Rnd 3 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [8 sts]
Rnd 4 Dc in each st around.
Rnd 5 (Dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) twice. [6 sts]
Do not stuff Tail. Flatten base of Tail. Working through both layers, dc in next 3 sts to close the opening.
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing Tail to Body. Sew Tail to centre of back of Body. The flat edge should be attached between Rnds 3 and 4.

SADDLE

Using Red yarn, ch15.

Rnd 1 Dc in second ch from hook and next 12 ch, 3dc in last ch, rotate to work along the opposite side of the foundation ch, dc



The llama has a crown of sequins, as well as sequined reins and a sparkly saddle.

in next 12 ch, 2dc in the last ch. [30 sts]

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing sequins. Change to Yellow yarn.

Rnd 2 Ch1, 2dc in same st, dc in next 12 sts, 2dc in each of next 3 sts, dc in next 12 sts, 2dc in each of next 2 sts, ss in next st. [36 sts]

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing Saddle onto Back.

Using Red yarn tail left after Rnd 1, sew approx 8 gold sequins along red section of top side of Saddle. Sew Saddle to top of Body. Saddle should be sewn over Rnds 9-14 of Body.

To create fringe, cut 6 strands of Red yarn and 4 strands of Yellow yarn, each 6.5cm long. Fold each strand in half. Using image as a guide, pull each loop through a st on short edge of Saddle then pull yarn tails through loop. Alternate Red and Yellow yarn strands. Cut ends of yarn to desired fringe length.

REIN

Leave a long piece of yarn before starting ch; you'll need it for sewing to Llama later. Using Blue yarn, ch28.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing to Llama.

Use a length of Blue yarn to sew approx 28 sequins along one side of Rein. Sew sequinned Rein to front of chest. Attach each end between Rnds 14 and 15 at top of Body, approx 8 sts apart. To keep Rein from twisting, secure it against front of Body with a few sts.

HANGING CORD

Leave a long piece of yarn before starting ch, you'll need it for sewing to Llama later. Using Gold yarn, ch25.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing to Llama.

Attach each end of Hanging Cord between Rnds 1 and 2 of top of Head between Ears.

Festive blooms

No flower says Christmas quite like the vibrant poinsettia – the star of Val Pierce's seasonal cushion.





YOU WILL NEED

■ Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 280m/100g), 1 ball of each:

Yarn A Classic Red (833)

Yarn B White (961)

Yarn C Sunflower (978)

Yarn D Bottle Green (839)

■ A 3.75mm (US F/5) hook

■ A 4mm (US G/6) hook

■ A 36x36cm cushion pad

For yarn stockists contact

Sirdar 01924 231682

www.sirdar.co.uk

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project

MEASUREMENTS

Each square measures approx 9x9cm (3½x3½in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 128

Pick up your hook for the pretty poinsettia and make sixteen of them for this blooming lovely project! Using great-value acrylic yarn, Val Pierce's cushion costs next-to-nothing to make and will be a gorgeous gift for gardeners or nature lovers.

SQUARE (MAKE 16)

Using 3.75mm hook and Yarn C, ch6. Ss into last ch to form a loop.

Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 16dc into loop, ss to first dc to join. [16 dc]

Round 2 *Ch4, skip 1dc, dc in next dc; repeat from * 6 more times, ch4, ss to first dc to join. [8 loops]

Round 3 Join Yarn A into any ch-4 sp, *(dc, htr, tr, dtr, ch3, dtr, tr, htr, dc) into ch-4 sp [1 petal made], rep from * into each ch-4 sp around, ss to first dc to join. [8 petals made]

Fasten off Yarn A, join Yarn D into any dc from Round 3.

Round 4 *Ch4, skip 1dc, dc into next dc; repeat from * 7 more times. [8 4ch-loops]

Round 5 Ss to any ch-4 sp, *(dc, htr, tr, 2dtr, tr, htr, dc) into ch-4 sp; repeat from * around, ss to first dc to join. [8 leaves made]

Fasten off Yarn D, join Yarn B in sp between 2dtr on any Leaf.

Round 6 Ch1, 3dc into same sp, ch3, *(3tr, ch3, 3tr) into sp between 2dtr on next leaf, ch3, 3dc into centre of next leaf, ch3; repeat from * twice more, (3tr, ch3, 3tr) into centre of next leaf, ch3, ss to first dc to join.

Round 7 Ch1, *dc in next 3 sts, 3dc in ch-3 sp; repeat from * around, ss to first dc to join. [72 dc]

Fasten off and weave in all ends.

BACK

Work in stripe sequence of Yarns A, B and D. Using 4mm hook and appropriate shade, make ch62.

Row 1 Dc into second ch from hook, *skip 2 ch, 5tr into next ch, skip 2 ch, dc in next ch, rep from * to end, turn. [11 dc, 10 5tr-cluster]

Row 2 Ch3 (counts as tr), 2tr into first st, *dc into centre st of next 5tr-cluster, 5tr into next dc, rep from * to last dc, 3tr into last dc, turn. [2 3tr-cluster, 9 5tr-cluster, 10 dc]



The poinsettia squares have a clever 3D effect that makes a fabulously textured cushion.

Row 3 Ch1, dc into first st, *5tr into next dc, dc into centre st of next 5tr-cluster; repeat from * to last 3tr-cluster, dc into top of ch-3, turn. [11 dc, 10 5tr-cluster]

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 until the Back measures 35.5cm.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

TO MAKE UP

FRONT

Lay the squares out in four rows of four to form front of cushion.

You will now join together the first two rows of squares by placing them back to back and crocheting through both sides of squares, matching st for st.

Continue to add further rows of four squares in the same way until all four rows are joined.

Now join the squares vertically in the same way.

BACK

Join Yarn A to any corner and work a row of dc all around the complete outer edge of the piece, working into each st and row end, with 3dc into each corner to keep the piece flat. **Fasten off** and weave in any ends.

Place the back and front together, with right sides facing together. Sew three sides of the cushion together. Turn right sides out, insert the cushion pad and sew up the final opening.

Merry Christmouse!

These carolling mice are cute, fluffy and full of festive cheer! By Janine Holmes.





YOU WILL NEED

- Rowan Kidsilk Haze (70% mohair, 30% silk, 210m/25g), 2 balls of Shadow (653)
- 10g each of DK yarn in Red, Pink, Light Green, Dark Green, White, Orange, Blue, Yellow and Black
- A 2.75mm (US C/2) hook
- Toy stuffing
- 6 black safety eyes, 6mm
- 12 black safety eyes, 9mm
- Self-adhesive false eyelashes
- Jewellery elastic or nylon fishing line
- Brown pencil crayon
- Pipe cleaner
- Gold bell
- Superglue and glue stick
- Cocktail stick

For yarn stockists contact
Rowan 01484 950630
www.knitrowan.com

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project

MEASUREMENTS

Each Mouse measures 12cm (4½in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

BLO Crochet into the back loops only

For a full list, see page 128

Squeaking their way through classics such as *Away in a Manger*, these little mice are probably the cutest bunch of carollers you've ever seen! Once you've crocheted the basic body, you can add miniature details such as scarves, song sheets, twitching whiskers and lanterns for extra character. They'll be loved by all ages and will make fun festive gifts. Or you could display them together in your home and create a little Christmas scene that's straight out of a storybook!

BASIC MOUSE

HEAD

Using Shadow, make a magic loop.

Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]

Round 2 (Dc in first st, 2dc in next st); repeat to end. [9 sts]

Rounds 3-4 Dc in each st to end. [9 sts]

Round 5 (Dc in first 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [12 sts]

Round 6 (Dc in first 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [15 sts]

Round 7 (Dc in first 4 sts, 2dc in next st); repeat to end. [18 sts]

Round 8 Repeat Round 2.

Round 9 Dc in first 2 sts, 2dc in next st; repeat to end. [24 sts]

Round 10 (Dc in first 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]

Rounds 11-13 Repeat Round 2.

Round 14 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts) 6 times. [24 sts]

Round 15 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) 6 times. [18 sts]

Cut a small amount of self-adhesive eyelash and stick behind the flat part of the safety eye. Insert the safety eyes in between rounds 8 and 9, spacing them 9 sts apart.

Round 16 (Dc2tog, dc in next st) 6 times. [12 sts]

Stuff the head.

Round 17 Dc2tog 6 times. [6 sts]

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail. Thread the tail onto a yarn needle and weave through the last six stitches. Pull tightly to close the hole. Weave in the yarn tail.

Push a 6mm safety eye into a stitch directly above the magic loop round at the start of the face. Once it has been pushed all the way in, pull it out slightly and use a cocktail stick to apply a little superglue to the back of the safety eye. Push back into face firmly. Colour around the eyes and nose with a brown pencil crayon. Split a length of black yarn in two and use one half to sew a vertical line below the nose for the mouth. Cut three 6cm (2¼in) long pieces



Rowan Kidsilk Haze gives a lovely, fuzzy and tactile finish to the bodies of the little mice.

of jewellery elastic or fishing line. Hold together and tie in a knot at the centre. Thread the three ends onto a yarn needle and insert into side of face just below nose, coming out on the opposite side. Use a cocktail stick to apply a little superglue to the base of each set of whiskers.

BODY

Using Shadow, make a magic loop.

Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]

Round 2 2dc in each st to end. [12 sts]

Round 3 (Dc in first st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]

Round 4 (Dc in first 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]

Round 5 (Dc in first 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]

Rounds 6-7 Dc in each st to end.

Change to any DK yarn for the Mouse's top.

Round 8 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts); 6 times. [24 sts]

Round 9 BLO dc in each st to end.

Round 10 (Dc2tog, dc in next 6 sts) 3 times. [21 sts]

Round 11 Repeat Round 5. [21 sts]

Round 12 (Dc2tog, dc in next 5 sts) 3 times. [18 sts]

Round 13 Repeat Round 5. [18 sts]

Round 14 (Dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts) 3 times. [15 sts]

Round 15 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts) 3 times. [12 sts]

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Stuff the Body and sew to underside of Head.

EARS (MAKE 4)

Make two pieces for each Ear, using Shadow make a magic loop.

Round 1 6dc into the loop, turn. [6 sts]

Round 2 2dc in each st to end. [12 sts]

Round 3 (Dc in first st, 2dc in next st); repeat to end. [18 sts]

Fasten off and weave in the yarn ends on

the first piece. Do not cut yarn on second piece.

Place first piece behind second piece with wrong sides facing.

Round 4 Working through the sts on both pieces, dc in each st to end.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Thread the yarn end onto a tapestry needle and pinch bottom section of ears together. Sew a few stitches through the bottom of the Ear to keep the shape. Sew the Ears to the head, two rounds behind each eye. Colour the inside of the Ears using a brown pencil crayon.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using Shadow make a magic loop.

Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]

Round 2 (Dc in first st, 2dc in next st);

repeat to end. [9 sts]

Round 3 Dc in each st to end. [9 sts]

Round 4 (Dc2tog, dc in next st); repeat to end. [6 sts]

Change to Light Green (or Pink, Orange, Blue, Red or Dark Green) yarn.

Round 5 Dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts. [5 sts]

Rounds 6-11 Dc in each st to end. [5 sts]

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Do not stuff Arms. Oversew tops of Arms flat. Sew Arms to sides of Body, one round down from the neck.

FEET (MAKE 2)

Using Shadow make a magic loop.

Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]

Round 2 2dc in each st to end. [12 sts]

Round 3 Dc in each st to end. [12 sts]

Round 4 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts); repeat to end. [9 sts]

Rounds 5-8 Dc in each st to end. [9 sts]

Round 9 (Dc2tog, dc in next st); repeat to end. [6 sts]

Round 10 Dc in each st to end. [6 sts]

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail. Stuff Foot. Thread the tail onto a yarn needle and weave through the last six stitches. Pull tightly to close the hole. Weave in the yarn tail. Sew to the base of the Mouse with the fattest part at the front.



You can print out choir sheets for the mice using the carol templates on page 112.

TAIL

Using Shadow, and leaving a long yarn tail at the beginning, ch9.

Row 1 Ss in second ch from hook, dc in next 7 ch.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Tie the yarn tails together. Use both yarn tails and sew to the back of the Mouse, one round below the jumper.

SCARF

Make two, one starting in Red and one in Light Green.

Ch37.

Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in each remaining ch to end. **Fasten off**. [36 sts]

With right side of work facing you, join White in far right-hand stitch.

Row 2 (RS) Dc in each st to end. **Fasten off**. [36 sts]

With right side of work facing you, join Red/Light Green in far right-hand st.

Row 3 Dc in each st to end. **Fasten off**. [36 sts]

Cut a 5cm (2in) length of White. Fold in half and pull through a stitch at the end of the Scarf with the fewest yarn ends on it. Feed the yarn through the loop to form a tassel. Tie the yarn ends together in pairs at each end of the Scarf and trim. Tie the Red and White Scarf around the neck of the Dark Green Mouse. Tie the Light Green and White Scarf around the neck of the Blue Mouse.

WAISTCOAT

Using White and leaving a long yarn tail at the beginning, ch15. Cut yarn, leaving a long tail.

Join Red in far right-hand chain.

Row 1 Dc in each st to end, turn. [15 sts]

Row 2 Ch1 (does not count as st on this and following rows), dc in first 3 sts, (2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) to end, turn. [18 sts]

Row 3 Ch1, dc in next 3 sts, ch5, miss next 3

Use your finished mice to create a sweet tableau this Christmas.



Personalise each mouse with tiny accessories and clothing detail.



sts, dc in next 6 sts, ch5, miss next 3 sts, dc in last 3 sts, turn. [22 sts]

Row 4 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn. [22 sts]

Row 5 Ch1, dc in next st, 2dc in next st, dc in next 18 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in last st. [24 sts]

Row 6 Ch1, (dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) three times, (2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) three times, turn. [30 sts]

Rows 7-8 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn. [30 sts]

Change to White.

Row 9 Dc in each st to end. [30 sts]

Weave in all yarn ends except the two White ones from the beginning. Feed the Arms through the armholes and use the leftover yarn ends to tie the top of the Waistcoat around the neck of the Light Green Mouse with a bow. Trim ends. Sew the bottom two points of the Waistcoat to the body.

CLOAK

Using White and leaving a long yarn tail at the beginning, ch15. Cut yarn, leaving a long tail.

Join Green in far right-hand chain.

Row 1 Dc in each st to end, turn. [15 sts]

Row 2 Ch1 (does not count as st on this and following rows), dc in first 3 sts, (2dc in

next st, dc in next 3 sts) to end, turn. [18 sts]

Row 3 Ch1, dc in first 4 sts, 2dc in next st) three times, dc in next 3 sts, turn. [21 sts]

Row 4 Ch1, dc in next 4 sts, (2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts) two times, 2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts, turn. [24 sts]

Row 5 Ch1, (dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) three times, (2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) three times, turn. [30 sts]

Rows 6-7 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn. [30 sts]

Weave in all yarn ends except the two White ones from the beginning. Place Cloak around neck of Orange mouse and tie with a bow. Trim ends.

SKIRT

Hold Pink Mouse upside down and join White yarn to any leftover loop from round 8 of the body.

Round 1 Dc in each st to end. [24 sts]
Change to Light Green.

Round 2 (Dc in first 3 sts, 2dc in next st); repeat to end. [30 sts]

Rounds 3-5 Dc in each st to end. [30 sts]

Fasten off. Weave in the ends.

COLLAR

Using White, ch16.

Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook, dc in each remaining ch to end. [15 sts]

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail. Wrap collar around neck of Pink Mouse and sew in place.

POLO NECK

Using Blue, ch5, turn.

Work all sts into back loops only.

Row 1 Starting in second ch from hook, dc in each st to end, turn. [4 sts]

Rows 2-14 Ch1 (does not count as st on this and following rows), dc in each st to end, turn. [4 sts]

Row 15 Ch1, dc in each st to end. [4 sts]

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Fold Polo Neck in half lengthways and sew edges together. Sew around the neck of the Red Mouse.

HEM

Hold Mouse upside down and join Blue to any leftover loop from round 8 of the body.

Rounds 1-2 Dc in each st to end. [24 sts]

Fasten off. Weave in the ends.

LANTERN

Using Black, make a magic loop.

Round 1 8dc into the loop. [8 sts]

Round 2 BLO dc in each st to end. [8 sts]
Change to Yellow yarn.
Rounds 3-6 Dc in each st to end. [8 sts]
Change to Black.
Round 7 Dc in each st to end. [8 sts]
Round 8 Dc2tog to end. [4 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail. Stuff Lantern. Thread the tail onto a yarn needle and weave through the last four stitches. Pull tightly to close the hole. Using Black, sew four vertical stitches, evenly spaced, around the Yellow part of the Lantern. Sew a final length of Black yarn horizontally around the middle of the Yellow part. Fold a 20cm (8in) length of pipe cleaner in half and twist together. Bind the pipe cleaner with a length of Black yarn, securing the ends with a little glue. Use superglue to stick the lantern to the end of the pipe cleaner and bend the end over. Glue the middle of the pole to the Dark Green Mouse's hand and glue the base of the pole to the side of the foot. You can sew these parts to the Mouse if preferred.

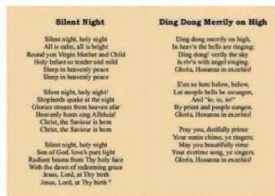
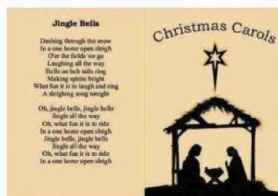
CHOIR SHEETS AND BELL

Sew the gold bell to the hand of the Red Mouse. Use the template to cut out the front and back of the choir sheets and glue together with a glue stick. Use superglue to attach the sheets to the hands, to finish.

False eyelashes give these festive cuties even more appeal!



CHOIR SHEETS
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Twinkle, twinkle

Rebecca Parker's pretty stars can be hooked with any yarn from your stash.

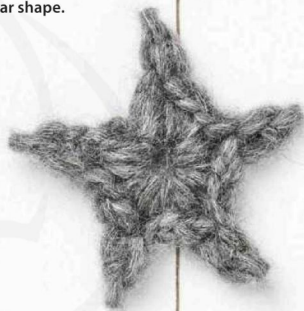
STAR MOTIF

Ch5, ss to first ch to join into a ring.

ROUND 1 Ch1, (dc, tr) into the ring, ch1, ss to top of tr, dc into ring, *(ss, dc, tr) into ring, ch1, ss to top of tr, dc into ring; rep from * 3 more times, ss to first stitch.

FASTEN OFF and weave in ends.

Block to form star shape.



For your tree
or gift wrap!



All that glitters

Deck the halls in festive brights with our sparkling bauble bunting. Designed by Emma Leith.





YOU WILL NEED

- Rico Creative Cotton Aran (100% cotton, 50g/85m), 1 ball of each:
 - Yarn A** Sky Blue (37)
 - Yarn B** Violet (16)
 - Yarn C** Tangerine (76)
 - Yarn D** Candy Pink (64)
 - Yarn E** Natural (60)
 - Rico Fashion Cotton Métallisé (53% cotton, 35% acrylic, 12% metallic, 50g/130m), 1 ball of **Yarn F** Gold (003)
 - A 4mm (US G/6) hook
- For yarn stockists contact www.rico-design.co.uk

MEASUREMENTS

Each Bauble measures approx 9x14cm (3½x5½in)
 Baubles are spaced approx 11cm (4½in) apart

ABBREVIATIONS

Picot Ch3, ss into third ch from hook

For a full list, see page 128

Forget that ancient tinsel – with plenty of sparkle and worked in vibrant Bollywood Christmas shades, this bauble bunting is a stylish festive showpiece that you'll be proudly hanging up year after year.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Pompom Dc, ch4, (yrh, insert hook in third ch from hook, yrh and pull up loop, yrh and draw through 2 loops) 4 times, inserting hook in same ch each time, yrh and draw through all 5 loops on hook, ch3 (yrh, insert hook in 3rd ch from hook, yrh and pull up loop, yrh and draw through 2 loops) 4 times, inserting hook in same ch each time, yrh and draw through all 5 loops on hook, ss to first ch of beg ch-4, dc in same st as first dc.

BAUBLES

Make 17 baubles using a variety of colour combinations for Rounds 1 and 2 (excluding Yarns E and F).

Make a magic loop.

Round 1 Ch3 (counts as tr throughout), 11 tr into loop, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join.

Fasten off. [12 tr]

Round 2 Join next colour in first st, ch3, tr in st at base of ch-3, 2tr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3 to join.

Fasten off. [24 tr]

Round 3 Join Yarn E in first st, ch2 (counts as htr throughout), htr in st at base of ch-2, (htr in next st, 2htr in next st) 5 times, htr in next st, 2tr in next st, (dtr, picot, dtr) in next st, 2tr in next st, (htr in next st, 2htr in next st) 4 times, htr in next st, ss to top of beg ch-2 to join.

Row 4 Ch2, htr in each of next 3 sts.

Fasten off.

Round 5 Join Yarn F in top of beg ch-2 of Row 4, ch1 (does not count as st), dc in same st, working in back loop only for this round; dc in each of next 2 sts, (dc, ch1, dc) in next st, dc in end of Row 4, dc in each unworked st of Round 3 around to picot, pompom in picot, dc in each unworked st of Round 3 around to first dc, dc in end of Row 4, (dc, ch1) in same st as first dc, ss to first dc to join, ch6, skip next 2 sts, ss to fourth st of round to create a hanging loop. **Fasten off.**

EMBELLISHMENT

Using Yarn F, ss around outer edge of Round 1.

Cut a 30cm length of yarn in 2 colours which contrast with colours used in Bauble



Surface crochet and simple weaving provide the showstopping details on the baubles.



Each bauble motif is finished off with glittery dc edging and a playful pompom bobble.

centre. Thread both yarns onto a needle and with wrong side facing, weave yarns between stitches of Round 2. Knot on wrong side to secure.

HANGING STRING

Arrange your Baubles so you are happy with the colours.

Row 1 Using a colour of your choice, ch25, *take the next Bauble and with RS facing, 3dc into the ch-6 hanging loop, ch17; rep from * until all baubles are joined, ch26, turn.

Row 2 Dc in second ch from hook and each ch across to end.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Little angel

Stitch an amigurumi doll who's super-cute and as good as gold. Designed by Ilaria Caliri.





YOU WILL NEED

- Scheepjes Catona (100% cotton, 25g/62.5m)
1 ball of **Yarn A** Linen (505)
 - Scheepjes Stone Washed (78% cotton, 22% acrylic, 50g/130m), 1 ball of each:
Yarn B Yellow Jasper (809)
Yarn C Moon Stone (801)
 - Scheepjes Lizzy (80% viscose, 20% polyester, 25g/101m)
1 ball of **Yarn D** Gold (03)
 - A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
 - 1 pair of 8mm safety eyes
 - White tulle fabric (optional)
 - Pipe cleaner (optional)
 - Gold star sequins
 - White sewing thread
 - Tapestry needle
 - Stitch markers
 - Polyester toy stuffing
 - Safety pin
- For yarn stockists
contact Scheepjes
www.scheepjes.com/en

MEASUREMENTS

24cm (9½in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

pm place marker

For a full list, see page 128

This celestial sweetheart, stitched with sparkly yarn and scattered with shiny gold stars, would be radiant on top of your Christmas tree. She'd also make a great gift for lovers of all things glittery.

NOTES

This pattern is worked using the amigurumi method. Work in a continuous spiral without closing off the round with a ss. It may help to use a stitch marker in the last stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.

The Body and Head are worked as one piece starting from the bottom. All the other pieces are sewn to the body.

BODY AND HEAD

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.

Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]

Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]

Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]

Round 4 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 2 sts) 6 times. [24 sts]

Round 5 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 3 sts) 6 times. [30 sts]

Round 6 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 4 sts) 6 times. [36 sts]

Rounds 7-12 Dc in each st around.

Round 13 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 4 sts) 3 times, dc in each of next 18 sts. [33 sts]

Round 14 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 3 sts) 3 times, dc in each of next 18 sts. [30 sts]

Round 15 Dc in each st around.

Round 16 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 3 sts) 6 times. [24 sts]

Round 17 Dc in each st around.

Round 18 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 2 sts) 6 times. [18 sts]

Round 19 Dc in each st around.

Round 20 (Dc2tog, dc in next st) 6 times. [12 sts]

Round 21 Dc in each st around.

Stuff Body with toy stuffing.

Round 22 (2dc in next st, dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]

Round 23 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 2 sts) 6 times. [24 sts]

Round 24 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 3 sts) 6 times. [30 sts]

Round 25 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 4 sts) 6 times. [36 sts]

Round 26 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 5 sts) 6 times. [42 sts]

Round 27 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 6 sts) 6 times. [48 sts]

Rounds 28-34 Dc in each st around.



That neat plait and those shiny wings – this amigurumi angel doll is all about the details.

Round 35 (Dc in each of next 6 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 sts]

Round 36 (Dc in each of next 5 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 sts]

Round 37 (Dc in each of next 4 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]

Round 38 (Dc in each of next 3 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]

Place the eyes between Rounds 29 and 30 of Head, approx 11 sts apart.

Stuff Head with toy stuffing and continue to stuff as you crochet.

Round 39 (Dc in each of next 2 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]

Round 40 (Dc in next st, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]

Round 41 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]

Fasten off.

Thread tail end of yarn onto a tapestry needle; insert the needle into each front loop of the last round, pull tight to close the hole. Weave in ends.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.

Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 5dc into the loop. [5 sts]

Round 2 2dc in each st around. [10 sts]

Rounds 3-12 Dc in each st around.

Round 13 Dc2tog, dc in each of next 8 sts. [9 sts]

Round 14 Dc2tog, dc in each of next 7 sts. [8 sts]

Round 15 Dc2tog, dc in each of next 6 sts.

[7 sts]

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing Arm to Body.
Stuff and insert a pipe cleaner if you want to be able to bend Arms.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.

Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 5dc into the loop. [5 sts]

Round 2 2dc in each st around. [10 sts]

Round 3 (2dc in next dc, dc in next st) 5 times. [15 sts]

Round 4 (partial round) Htr in next st, (3tr in next st) twice, htr in next st, dc in next st. Begin next round in next st, beginning of rounds will shift.

Round 5 Dc in each of next 10 sts, dc2tog, dc in each of next 2 sts, dc2tog, dc in each of next 3 sts. [17 sts]

Round 6 Dc in each of next 10 sts, (dc2tog) twice, dc in each of next 3 sts. [15 sts]

Round 7 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 3 sts) 3 times. [12 sts]

Rounds 8-18 Dc in each st around. [12 sts]

Round 19 (Dc2tog, dc in each of next 4 sts) twice. [10 sts]

Rounds 20-29 Dc in each st around.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing Leg to Body.
Stuff and insert a pipe cleaner if you want to be able to bend Legs.

SHOES (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn D, make a magic loop.

Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]

Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]

Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in next st) 6

times. [18 sts]

Round 4 (partial round) Htr in next st, (3tr in next st) twice, htr in next st, dc in next st, ss in next st.

Begin next round in next st, beginning of rounds will shift.

Round 5 Working in back loop only, dc in each st around. [22 sts]

Round 6 Dc in each of next 13 sts, dc2tog, dc in each of next 2 sts, dc2tog, dc in each of next 3 sts. [20 sts]

Round 7 Dc in each of next 10 sts, ss in next st, ch6, skip 9 sts, ss in next st.

[10 dc, 1 ch-6 sp]

Fasten off leaving a tail for sewing Shoes to feet.

HAIR CAP

Using Yarn C, make a magic loop.

Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into the loop. [6 sts]

Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]

Rounds 3-7 Continue increasing by 6 sts evenly each round, working as for Rounds 22-26 of Body and Head. [42 sts]

Rounds 8-14 Dc in each st around.

Fasten off leaving a tail for sewing Hair Cap to Head.

Hair Cap is used as a base for securing the hair. Sew the Hair Cap onto the Head.

To make strands of hair cut a piece of adhesive tape approx 6cm long and fix it to your work surface sticky side up. Using Yarn C, cut lengths measuring approx 40cm. Place the centre of each yarn piece at right angles to the adhesive tape, positioning them close together. Cover 4cm of tape, then remove it from the work

surface. Using white sewing thread sew along the 4cm of hair with back stitches, then remove the tape from the yarn.

Place this piece onto the hair cap with the stitching line in the position of the parting. Sew in place with small stitches along the previous stitching line. Use the other strands of yarn for covering the rear part of the hair cap, use your crochet hook to apply each strand as a fringe.
Comb the hair to one side and make a braid, then tie with Yarn D.

DRESS

SKIRT

Using Yarn B, ch30, ss to first ch to join into a ring.

Round 1 Ch1 (does not count as st), (2dc in next ch, dc in next 4 ch) 6 times. [36 sts]

Round 2 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 5 sts) 6 times. [42 sts]

Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 6 sts) 6 times. [48 sts]

Round 4 Dc in each st around.

Round 5 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 7 sts) 6 times. [54 sts]

Round 6 Dc in each st around.

Round 7 Increase by 6 sts evenly around in same fashion. [60 sts]

Rounds 8-10 Dc in each st around.

Rounds 11-26 Repeat (Rounds 7-10) four more times. [84 sts]

Round 27 (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 13 sts) 6 times. [90 sts]

Round 28 Dc in each st around.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Use the sewing thread to sew the gold star sequins on Skirt.

TOP

Using Yarn D, start crocheting on the other side of the foundation ch of Skirt.

Starting from centre back and counting from right to left, skip 3 sts, join Yarn D in the next st.

Row 1 Ch1, dc in each of next 3 sts, (2dc in next st, dc in each of next 4 sts) 3 times, 2dc in next st, dc in each of next 3 sts, turn. [26 sts]

Row 2 Ch1, dc in each of next 26 sts, turn.

Row 3 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in each of next 22 sts, dc2tog, turn. [24 sts]

Row 4 Ch1, dc in each of next 10 sts, ch4, skip 4 sts, dc in each of next 10 sts, turn. [20 dc, 1 ch-4 sp]

Row 5 Ch1, dc in each of next 10 sts, ch4, skip ch-4 sp, dc in each of next 10 sts, turn.

Row 6 6ss, ch1, dc in each of next 4 sts, ch4, skip ch-4 sp, dc in each of next 4 sts,

Once you've finished the dress, sew on the star sequins using image as a guide.



turn. [8 dc, 1 ch-4 sp]

Row 7 Ch1, dc in each of next 4 sts, ch1, dc inserting the hook 4 rows below, ch1, dc in each of next 4 sts, ch10 (for strap), ss into the last st of Row 5, continue crocheting on the side of the top (1dc for each row-end), then continue on the other side of the foundation ch of Skirt, (dc in each of next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) twice, 1dc for each row-end on the second side of Top until Row 5, ch10 (for strap), ss onto the first st of Row 7. **Fasten off** and weave in ends.

UNDERSKIRT (OPTIONAL)

Cut an 80x6cm rectangle from the white tulle and fold in half lengthwise. With a tapestry needle thread, make long stitches along the opposite side of the fold. Pull the yarn to gather fabric until it is the same size as the hem of the skirt. Sew the tulle to the inside of skirt, 2cm from the hem.

HALO

Cut a length of Yarn B approx twice the head circumference. Sew the star sequins with thread along the length for the measure of the head circumference. Tie around the head.

WINGS

SMALL PIECE (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn D, ch4.

Round 1 Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next ch, 5dc in next ch, rotate to work along the opposite side of the foundation ch, dc in next ch, 4dc in last ch. [12 sts]

Round 2 (Dc in each of next 3 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next st, 2dc in next st) twice. [16 sts]

Round 3 (Dc in each of next 4 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next st, 2dc in next st, dc in next st) twice. [20 sts]

Rounds 4-8 Dc in each st around.

Fasten off and weave in ends. Do not stuff, flatten the piece.

BIG PIECE (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn D, ch4.

Rounds 1-3 Rep as for the Small Piece. [20 sts]

Round 4 (Dc in each of next 5 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next st, 2dc in next st, dc in each of next 2 sts) twice. [24 sts]

Round 5 (Dc in each of next 6 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next st, 2dc in next st, dc in each of next 3 sts) twice. [28 sts]

Rounds 6-13 Dc in each st around.

Do not cut the yarn.

Do not stuff, flatten the piece.

A strand of yarn wound with star sequins makes an easy-peasy halo.



Continue crocheting to merge 2 pieces (1 small and 1 big) together, starting from Big Piece:

Round 1 Dc in each of next 10 sts on Big Piece, dc2tog (using 1 dc from Big Piece and 1 from Small Piece), continue on Small Piece, dc in each of next 6 sts, dc2tog, dc in each of next 2 sts, dc2tog, dc in each of next 6 sts, dc2tog (using 1 dc from Small Piece and 1 from Big Piece), dc in each of next 10 sts, dc2tog, dc in each of next 2 sts, dc2tog, pm. [42 sts]

Round 2 Dc in each of next 9 sts, dc2tog, dc in each of next 5 sts, dc2tog, dc in each of next 5 sts, dc2tog, dc in each of next 8 sts, dc2tog, dc in next st, remove st marker, dc2tog, pm. [36 sts]

Round 3 Dc in each of next 7 sts, dc2tog, dc in each of next 4 sts, dc2tog, dc in each of next 2 sts, dc2tog, dc in each of next 4 sts, dc2tog, dc in each of next 6 sts, dc2tog, dc in next st, remove st marker, dc2tog, pm. [30 sts]

Round 4 Dc in each of next 5 sts, dc2tog, dc in each of next 3 sts, dc2tog, dc in each of next 2 sts, dc2tog, dc in each of next 4 sts, dc2tog, dc in next st, remove st marker, dc2tog, pm. [24 sts]

Round 5 Dc in each of next 7 sts, dc2tog, dc in each of next 2 sts, dc2tog, dc in each of next 5 sts, dc2tog, dc in each of next 2 sts, remove st marker, dc2tog. [20 sts]

Round 6 Dc in each st around.

Rep from Round 1 for second Big and Small pieces.

Fasten off leaving a tail for sewing the two Wings together.

Sew a safety pin at the centre of the wings, then pin it to the back of the doll.



The butterfly-shaped wings are attached to the angel's back with a simple safety pin.



A pair of glitzy Mary Jane-style shoes are a sweet finishing touch for Ilaria's angel.

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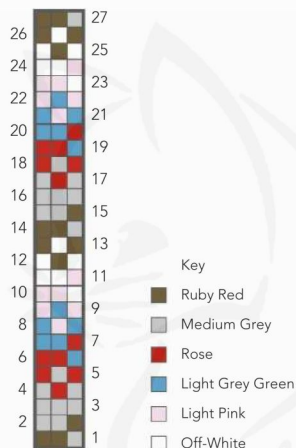
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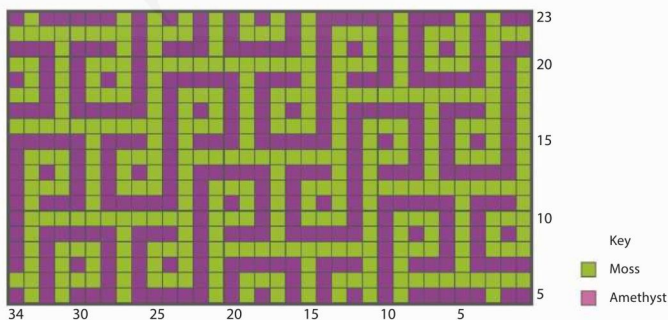
CHARTS & DIAGRAMS

Here are the extra bits and pieces you'll need to make the fingerless mitts, maze clutch, diamond cowl

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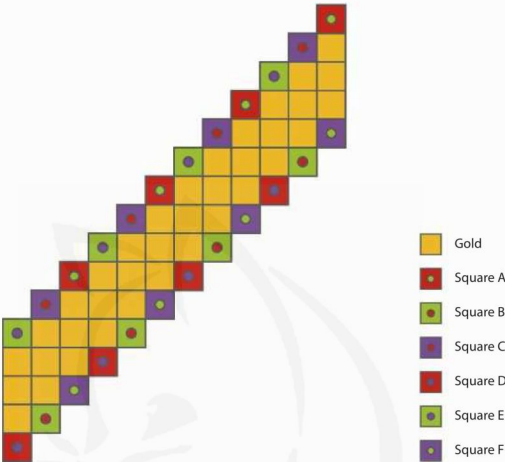


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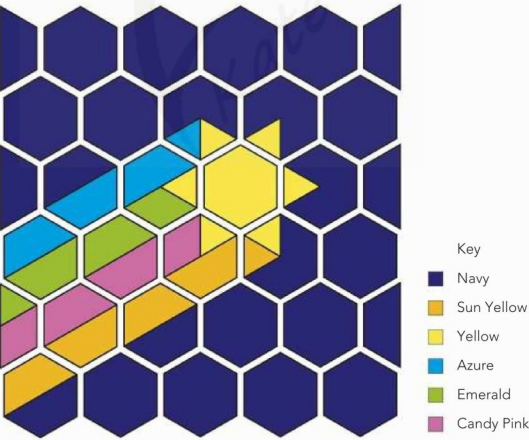


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Crochet essentials

Over the next few pages, you'll find simple step-by-step guides to many useful stitches and techniques that you'll use every time you pick up a hook.

HOLDING THE HOOK

Try these methods and see which works best.



PENCIL METHOD

Hold the hook like a pencil, in your right hand (if you're right-handed), about 3-5cm from the hooked end. If your hook has a flat area, you'll find it comfortable to hold it here.



KNIFE METHOD

Hold the hook between your thumb and forefinger, about 3-5cm from the hooked end, resting the end of the hook against your palm. This will give you lots of control.

HOLDING THE YARN

Even tension results in even stitches.



METHOD ONE

Pass the ball end of the yarn between the little finger and third fingers of your left hand (if you are right-handed), then behind the third and middle fingers, over your index finger.



METHOD TWO

Loop the ball end of the yarn loosely around the little finger of your left hand, then take it over the third finger, behind the middle finger and over your index finger.

MAKING A SLIPKNOT The first loop on the hook.



1 Hold the tail of the ball of yarn in your left hand and drape the yarn clockwise over the top of it to form a circular loop.



2 Hold the loop between left thumb and forefinger, then insert the crochet hook through the centre of the loop from front to back.



3 Catch the ball end of the yarn with the hook and pull it back through the centre of the loop, taking the yarn through with it.



4 Pull both ends of the yarn to tighten the knot, then pull just the loop so it's close to the hook, but not touching it.

CHAIN STITCH Use this stitch to make your foundation chain.



1 Hold the hook in your right hand, and both the yarn end and the working yarn in your left hand. Move the hook under and over the yarn to wrap it around anticlockwise.



2 Pull the hook towards the slipknot, catching the yarn in the hook, and pulling it through the slipknot loop. This forms your first chain (ch) stitch. Repeat steps 1 and 2 to form a chain length.



3 This is what your row of chains will look like. Hold the chain with your left hand near the hook, to keep the tension. Keep going until you have the number of chains that's stated in your pattern.

How to count chains



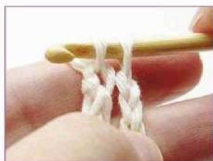
Each chain or loop counts as one stitch. Never count your first slipknot or the loop on the hook (called the working loop). So that you can be accurate, make sure the chain is not twisted and that the front is facing you.

SLIP STITCH (ss)

This stitch has no height – often used to join rounds.



1 The slip stitch is used to join a length of chain into the round. Insert the hook from front to back into the first chain you worked. Wrap yarn round the hook (yrh) in an anticlockwise direction.



2 Pull the yarn through the chain stitch (as shown) and then the loop already on the hook to make a slip stitch. You can also work this stitch into each stitch along a row to form a neat edging.

WORKING IN ROWS

Follow these simple rules to construct crochet fabric.



1 The first row is made by working across the foundation chain from right to left. At the end of the chain or row, turn the work so that the yarn is behind the hook.



2 For the next row, first make the turning chain for the stitch you're about to work (see opposite). Now work the next stitch into the top of the stitches on your first row, missing the first stitch.

DOUBLE CROCHET (dc) US term: single crochet

One of the key stitches in crochet, doubles are simple, compact stitches that form a dense fabric.



1 To make a double crochet stitch, insert the hook under the top two loops of the next stitch on the previous row.



2 Wind the yarn around the hook (yrh).



3 Pull the yarn through the stitch, giving you two loops on your crochet hook.



4 Yarn round hook again, then pull the yarn through both loops. There's your double crochet made and you'll have one loop left on the hook, ready to do the next stitch.

HALF TREBLE CROCHET (htr) US term: half double crochet

A handy stitch that's between double and treble crochet in size, and it looks slightly looser than double crochet.



1 To make a half treble crochet stitch, work to where you want the htr and then wind the yarn round the hook (yrh).



2 Insert the hook under the top two loops of the next stitch in the previous row. Wrap yarn around the hook again (yrh).



3 Pull the yarn through the stitch only (3 loops on hook).



4 Yarn round hook again, pull the yarn through all 3 loops. You've made a half treble crochet. Continue working htr into next and following sts to the end of the row.

TREBLE CROCHET (tr) US term: double crochet

One of the most popular stitches in crochet, this simple stitch is twice as high as a double crochet stitch.



1 To work a treble crochet, start by winding yrh and then insert the hook under the top two loops of the stitch on the previous row.



2 Wrap the yarn around the hook (yrh) and pull the yarn through the stitch only.



3 You will now have 3 loops on the hook. Yrh again, and draw the yarn through just the first 2 loops on the hook.



4 You will now have 2 loops on the hook. Yrh again and draw the yarn through the remaining loops on the hook. Your treble crochet is complete.

DOUBLE TREBLE CROCHET (dtr)

US term: treble crochet

This is a stitch regularly used as an elongated version of the treble (described above). It's worked in a very similar way to the treble, as follows:

1 Make a foundation chain. Skip 4ch, *yrh twice, and insert the hook under the top loop of the next ch.

2 Yrh, pull the yarn through the ch loop only (4 loops on hook).

3 Yrh and pull the yarn through 2 loops only (3 loops on hook).

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4 Yrh and pull the yarn through the remaining 2 loops. Repeat from * to make more dtr sts.

5 To make the next row of dtr, turn work and ch4. This turning chain counts as the first dtr in a new row. Skip first st at the base of the t-ch, work 1dtr under the top two loops of the 2nd stitch in the previous row; continue to the end of the row.

TRIPLE TREBLE CROCHET (ttr)

US term: double treble crochet

This is one of the longest standard crochet stitches and is mainly used in fancy stitch patterns. It's taller than a double treble crochet stitch (described left) and is worked in a very similar way, as follows:

1 Make a foundation ch. Skip 5 ch, *yrh 3 times, insert hook under top loop of next ch.

2 Yrh, pull yarn through ch loop only (5 loops on hook).

3 † Yrh, draw loop through 2

loops only. Repeat from † 3 times more and your triple treble will be finished. Repeat from * to make more ttr sts.

4 To make the next row, turn work and ch5. This turning chain counts as the first triple treble in a new row. Skip first st at base of the t-ch. Work 1 triple treble, inserting hook under the top 2 loops of the 2nd st in the previous row; continue to the end of the row.

TURNING CHAIN (t-ch)

For an even finish, start each row with a turning chain.

In crochet, you need to add turning chains (t-chs) to the beginning of rows. The reason for this is to bring the hook up to the height of the stitches you're crocheting. Each basic stitch has its own number of chains. The

table below tells you how many t-ch sts form the first stitch. *For dc, usually the turning chain does not count as a stitch, and the first stitch of the row is worked into the stitch at the base of the turning chain.

STITCH	Add to foundation chain before starting row	Skip at start of foundation row (counts as first st)	For turning chain (counts as first st)
Double crochet	1 ch	1 ch*	1 ch*
Half treble	1 ch	2 ch	2 ch
Treble	2 ch	3 ch	3 ch
Double treble	3 ch	4 ch	4 ch
Triple treble	4 ch	5 ch	5 ch

How to count stitches

Check your work is correct.

Being able to count your stitches is very important and helps you to ensure that you're following a pattern correctly. It's a good idea to count your stitches at the end of every row. To count short stitches such as double crochet, look at the plaited tops (see above right). For taller stitches, count the upright 'stems' – each 'stem' is counted as a stitch (see right).



HOW TO CHANGE COLOUR

Create stripes and other colour effects.



1 Before you work the final yrh (yarn round hook) on the last stitch of a row in the old colour, drop the old yarn and then pick up the new one with your hook.



2 Pull through a loop of the new yarn to finish the old stitch. The working loop will be in the new colour. Continue, keeping the old yarn at the wrong side.

INCREASING AND DECREASING

Shaping stitches are vital for making garments.



INCREASE To increase one stitch is very simple – work one stitch into the next stitch on the row below. When you've finished, work another stitch into the same stitch.



DECREASE For a quick decrease, just skip one stitch. For a neater look, work the first part of one stitch and then begin the next stitch. Finish both together.

SEWING SEAMS

You can join crochet seams by using a tapestry needle or a crochet hook, using one of these four methods.



1 Sewing with a tapestry needle is the regular and neat way to join seams. Place two pieces of crochet right sides together and oversew them as shown above, using a tapestry or yarn needle.



2 To slip stitch a seam, place the crochet pieces right sides together. *Insert hook into both edge stitches, yrh and pull through to complete 1 slip stitch; rep from * working into the next edge stitches, keeping work fairly loose.



3 For a dc seam, place the crochet pieces right sides together, or wrong sides together for a visible seam. Work as for slip stitch seam, using double crochet instead of slip stitch.

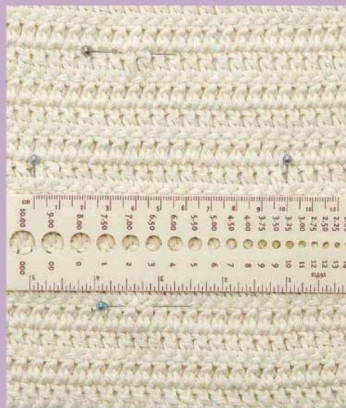
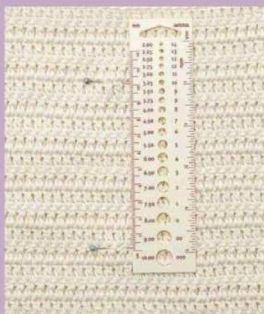


4 A useful variation on the dc seam, the dc and chain seam is used when less bulk and/or greater flexibility is needed. Work 1 double crochet and 1 chain alternately.

How to check your tension

Make and measure a swatch to check your tension.

Most crochet patterns state the tension required, in rows and stitches of a specific type. Make a swatch at least 15cm square and check that your tension matches. Place a ruler across the swatch and insert two pins, 10cm apart. Then place the ruler along a column of stitches and insert two pins 10cm apart. Count the stitches and rows between the pins – if you have less than the pattern, your tension is too loose so you need to use a smaller hook, but if you have too many, use a larger hook. It's usually better to match the stitches than rows, because you can always work more or fewer rows.



FOUNDATION RING

Create a foundation ring for working in the round.



1 Make a chain the length stated in the pattern instructions. Next, insert the crochet hook into the first chain. Close the ring with a slip stitch, working yrh...



2 ...and pull yarn through 2 loops on hook. Now you're ready to start crocheting in the round, following the instructions given right.

WORKING STITCHES INTO A RING

To make circles, tubes and other shapes.



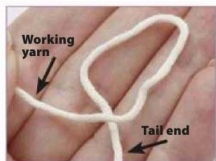
1 Make a foundation ring and work the t-ch (3ch for treble sts). Work a treble st as usual, but insert hook into centre of ring. For treble sts, yrh, insert hook into ring.



2 Finish the treble as usual (yrh, pull yarn through ring, yrh, pull yarn through first 2 loops, yrh, pull yarn through 2 loops). Work more sts into the ring as needed.

MAGIC LOOP

An alternative foundation ring for working in the round.



1 To start a Magic Loop, don't make a slipknot. Instead, make a loop with the yarn, leaving a tail around 10cm long. Make sure the tail end is under the working yarn.



2 Now insert your hook into the loop, from front to back. Wrap the working yarn around the hook and pull the yarn through the loop.



3 Make a t-ch for the sts you want to work (above, we made 1 t-ch for dc). Work your sts into the Magic Loop, over both the loop and the tail end (so two yarn strands).



4 Once you've worked the first round of stitches, simply pull the tail end of yarn to draw up the ring. Work a slip stitch to join the last and first sts to finish the first round (as instructed in the guide below).

JOINING ROUNDS

Finish off each round of crochet stitches nice and neatly by using a slip stitch.



1 To close a round of stitches, work a slip stitch into the top of the turning chain. To do this, insert the hook into the top stitch of the turning chain.



2 Then place the yarn round the hook. Pull the yarn through the turning chain stitch and through the original stitch on your hook.



3 You've slip stitched the round together! Before working another round, be sure to make the required turning chain. Always work rounds on the right side, unless you pattern instructs you otherwise.

Rounds or spirals

Check which technique you need to use.

Some patterns are worked in rounds that are joined together at the end of each round (see left). Other patterns are worked in a spiral so you don't need to join the rounds at the end, just keep going, working into the next stitch on the previous row. Amigurumi toys are often worked in a spiral like this.

Abbreviations

across	to end of the row	htr	half treble
approx	approximate(ly)	htr2tog	work 2htr together
beg	beginning	in next	sts to be worked into
bl	insert hook under		the same stitch
	back loop only	inc	increase
BPtr	Back Post treble:	LH	left hand
	yrh, starting from the	lp(s)	loop(s)
	back, insert hook from	meas	measures
	back to front to back	patt(s)	pattern(s)
	around post of st in	pm	place marker
	row below, complete	prev	previous
	as treble st	qtr	quadruple treble
ch(s)	chain/chain stitch(es)	rem	remain(s)/remaining
ch-sp(s)	chain space(s)	rep	repeat
ch-	refers to ch made	RH	right hand
	previously, eg. ch-3	rnd(s)	round(s)
cl(s)	clusters	RS	right side
2-tr cl	(yrh, insert hook in sp/ st, yrh & pull up loop, yrh & draw through 2 loops) twice, inserting hook in same sp/st, yrh & draw through all loops on hook	sk	skip
	continue	sp(s)	space(s)
dc	double crochet	ss	slip stitch
dc2tog	(insert hook in next st, yrh and draw a loop through) twice, yrh and draw through all 3 loops on hook	st(s)	stitch(es)
	decrease	tbl	through back loop
dec	double treble crochet	t-ch(s)	turning chain(s)
dtr	work 2dtr together	tog	together
dtr2tog	foundation dc	tr	treble crochet
fdc	foundation tr	tr2tog	(yrh, insert hook in next st, yrh and pull up loop, yrh and draw through 2 loops) twice, yrh and draw through all loops on hook
fttr	insert hook under		triple treble crochet
fl	front loop only	ttr	wrong side
	following/follows	WS	yarn round hook
FPtr	Front Post treble: work in opposite way to BPtr	yrh	work instructions immediately foll *, then rep as many more times as directed
		*	work all instructions in the brackets as many times as directed
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Crochet hook conversions

UK	METRIC	US
14	2mm	-
13	2.25mm	B/1
12	2.5mm	-
-	2.75mm	C/2
11	3mm	-
10	3.25mm	D/3
9	3.5mm	E/4
-	3.75mm	F/5
8	4mm	G/6
7	4.5mm	7
6	5mm	H/8
5	5.5mm	I/9
4	6mm	J/10
3	6.5mm	K/10½
2	7mm	-
0	8mm	L/11
00	9mm	M/13
000	10mm	N/15

Which hook do I use?

Hook size	UK yarn weight
2.5-3.5mm hook	4ply yarn
3.5-4.5mm hook	double knitting yarn
5-6mm hook	aran yarn
7mm and bigger	chunky yarn

UK/US conversions

UK		US	
chain	ch	chain	ch
slip stitch	ss	slip stitch	ss
double crochet	dc	single crochet	sc
half treble	htr	half double	hdc
treble	tr	double	dc
double treble	dtr	treble	tr
triple treble	ttr	double treble	dtr

HOW TO GET A PERFECT FINISH

To prevent your hard work unravelling once you've finished crocheting, fasten the end off carefully.



Complete the final stitch, then cut the yarn about 15cm from the work. Pull it through the last loop on the hook and pull to close the loop. Thread the yarn tail onto a tapestry needle and weave into the back of the work. Most crochet items don't need a lot of blocking, but cotton lace work usually does. To do this, carefully pin out the item with rust-proof pins, mist with a water spray and leave to dry naturally.

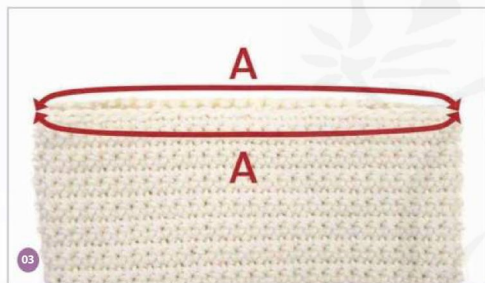
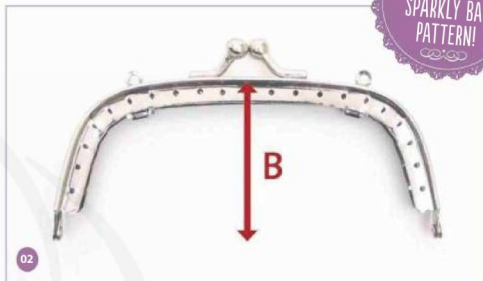
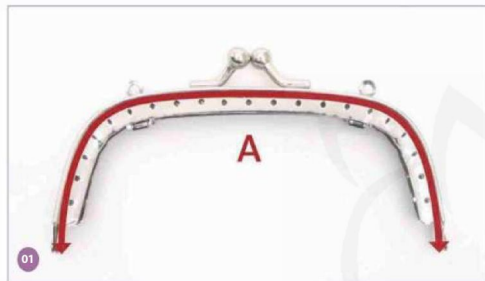
Attaching purse clasps

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HOW DO I WORK OUT THE CORRECT SIZE?

Find out how to crochet a purse to fit any purse frame.

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PATTERN!



The first time you use a purse frame, you might wonder how to hook the crochet fabric to fit the frame you're using. This is much easier if you're following a pattern because you can simply buy the size of frame in the pattern. But it's easy to crochet a piece of fabric to fit any purse frame.

Step 1 The first thing to do is to measure your purse frame around the upper outside edge, as shown above (A). To do this, align your tape measure with the base of one hinge. Then measure up around the top of the frame, down to the base of the other hinge. This 13cm-wide frame has an A measurement of 20cm.

Step 2 Now measure the height of the frame, from the centre top down to the point where the hinges align with each other, as shown above (labelled B). With

our example, the B measurement is 5cm.

Step 3 Armed with these measurements, you can crochet your purse or bag in any way you want to – you just need to make sure that the circumference of your fabric is exactly twice the A measurement. You can work this in the round or in rows, or work two separate sides, then seam them together afterwards. In our example, the A measurement is 20cm so you'd need to crochet a pouch that's at least 40cm circumference.

Step 4 Work your purse as long as you'd like it to be, aligning the top of your last row with the base of the purse frame. When it's the height you want, just work some extra rows to equal the B measurement – in our example, we needed to work an extra 5cm of fabric.

ATTACHING FABRIC

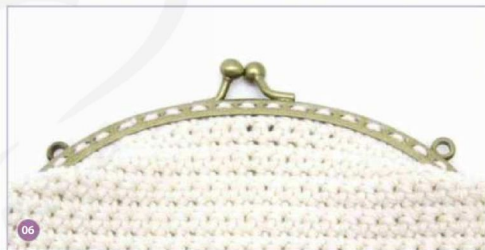
There are two ways you can attach your crochet fabric to the purse frame: either with glue or by sewing the fabric to the frame. Each method uses a slightly different type of frame.

If you're gluing, you'll need a purse frame that has grooves with solid sides. Squeeze glue along one groove and insert the fabric, adding a length of paper string to help stuff the groove, if desired. To make the join more secure, use pliers to squeeze the sides of the frame over the fabric.

If you're sewing, you'll need a frame with holes along each side or along one side of each groove. Most crochet projects use sew-in frames so we're going to focus on this type – turn over and we'll show you the easiest way to do this.

HOW DO I SEW THE FABRIC TO THE FRAME?

Here's how to attach your purse to different sorts of frames.



Before sewing your crochet fabric in place, divide the final round into quarters and mark them with waste yarn. If you have side seams, use these as two of the marks and just make the remaining two marks evenly from here. If you have a central motif, mark the centre point of the motif, then mark the other three points evenly from there.

Step 1 Position the fabric next to the holes in the frame, aligning your quarter marks with the centre of each side and the base of each hinge. Starting at the centre of one side, insert pins into the holes to secure the fabric in place. Work outwards towards the hinges. You need to allow enough fabric on each side to reach the base of the purse frame at the bottom of each hinge (see Step 4 for more).

Step 2 Using a matching sewing thread or yarn, sew the fabric to the frame. You can sew a running stitch or backstitch, depending on the finished look you'd prefer. Start at the centre again and sew outwards towards one hinge – then restart from the centre and sew outwards towards the other hinge. Be careful with the pins and remove them as you go.

Step 3 Once the first side is finished, repeat the pinning and sewing process to attach the other side. Working one side at a time should make the process a little less fiddly.

Step 4 At the sides of the frame, you won't be able to sew the fabric to the hinge itself. Don't worry though, it's not a problem – just make sure you've left enough fabric to reach

the base of the hinge on one side and then back up to the other side.

Step 5 When you close the purse, this area around the hinge should gather up to cover the hinge and hide any gap. You might need to gently pull the fabric into a nice shape.

Step 6 If your frame has grooves, insert each side of the fabric into each grooved side, then sew it in place as described above. With this sort of frame and joining technique, the stitches will be visible on the outside.

Note If you'd like to hide the holes, on the inside or outside of your purse, you could add a lining (either crochet fabric or woven cotton fabric). You'll need to sew this in place at the same time as you sew the outer fabric in place, using the same holes.

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