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It's nearly March, and you know what that means – spring! If you're like me, it's time to get those green fingers ready to get planting those bulbs and prepare the garden (I can't wait for my strawberry patch to be ready to go again)!

This month at *Crochet Now*, we are all preparing ourselves for the spring and the **brighter days to come**, with cheerful garments and brilliant décor. Are you getting ready for your spring clean? If so, why not **enhance your living spaces** with some **happy, seasonal décor**, such as the Honey Honey Cushion (page 36) or the adorable Bunny Bunting (page 56). Whilst we wait for those spring flowers to say hello, we've got you covered with the beautiful **floral-inspired** Iris Wrap (page 40). And although the brighter days are slowly coming, there's

still a nip in the air – why not prepare for the upcoming season by keeping warm in a gorgeous Cables and Crosses Pullover (page 22)?

Do you want to test your abilities and **try out some new techniques**? Prepare your spring wardrobe with the Pink Petunia T-Shirt (page 68) and the Spring Blossoms Scarf (page 54). And we can't forget to mention our **amazing Clangers Mobile** (page 44), sure to give your little ones sweet dreams!

This month's **Cute Cat tape measure** is the perfect addition to your crochet collection, sure to bring a smile to your face. We hope you find it really useful in your crafty adventures!

Be sure to share your *Crochet Now* projects with us via email or online to **show off** your stunning makes!

Keep smiling!

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Blast off!

Are you ready to blast off into a new stratosphere of craft? The brand-new Scheepjes *Pretty Little Things* booklet is out, and contains three incredible projects. If you are new to the *Pretty Little Things* phenomenon, each booklet features a knit, crochet and embroidery project, so you can create something in your chosen discipline or try something completely new! Booklet 22 features a knitted astronaut toy, an embroidered space-themed wall hanging, and this incredible solar system amigurumi wall hanging. This booklet offers so much and will keep your hands busy for light-years to come. www.scheepjes.com



FOLLOW YOUR PASSION!

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



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critter_stitch

critter_stitch is a charming, magical account that will take you back to illustrated story books from childhood. Each amigurumi on this account bursts with character and charm and is photographed beautifully.



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Glamorous garments are the name of the game for this Instagram designer. Start your dreams of summer with these inspiring and truly creative designs.

BOOK review

Quick Crochet

By Kate Rowell

£16.99

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There is nothing better than whipping up some colourful crochet projects to cheer up your wardrobe and living space. In this book by the fabulous Kate Rowell, you can create vibrant accessories, cheerful home décor items and handmade gifts that your friend and family will simply love. Grab a chunky yarn in beautiful bright shades and make Kate's Rainbow Fringe Wall Hanging, Cosy Slipper Socks and Easy Market Bag. You will love the fast-paced feel of this book, which is packed with easy-to-follow instructions and step-by-step photography. Do you love making quick accessories? Add a Chunky Triangle Shawl or decorate your bedroom with a stunning Boho Rug. There is so much to choose from, so get crocheting up a storm with this exciting book.



That's a wrap!

If you're like us, you will be dreaming of spring already and getting your hooks into some light, delicate springtime projects. The Ravenna Wrap is designed by the talented Lisa Richardson for Rowan and crocheted in a soft shade of Rowan Summerlite 4-ply, the ideal spring accessory for any outfit. Inspired by blooming florals, we think this shawl would look beautiful with a pretty floaty dress on those chillier April days when you need an extra layer.

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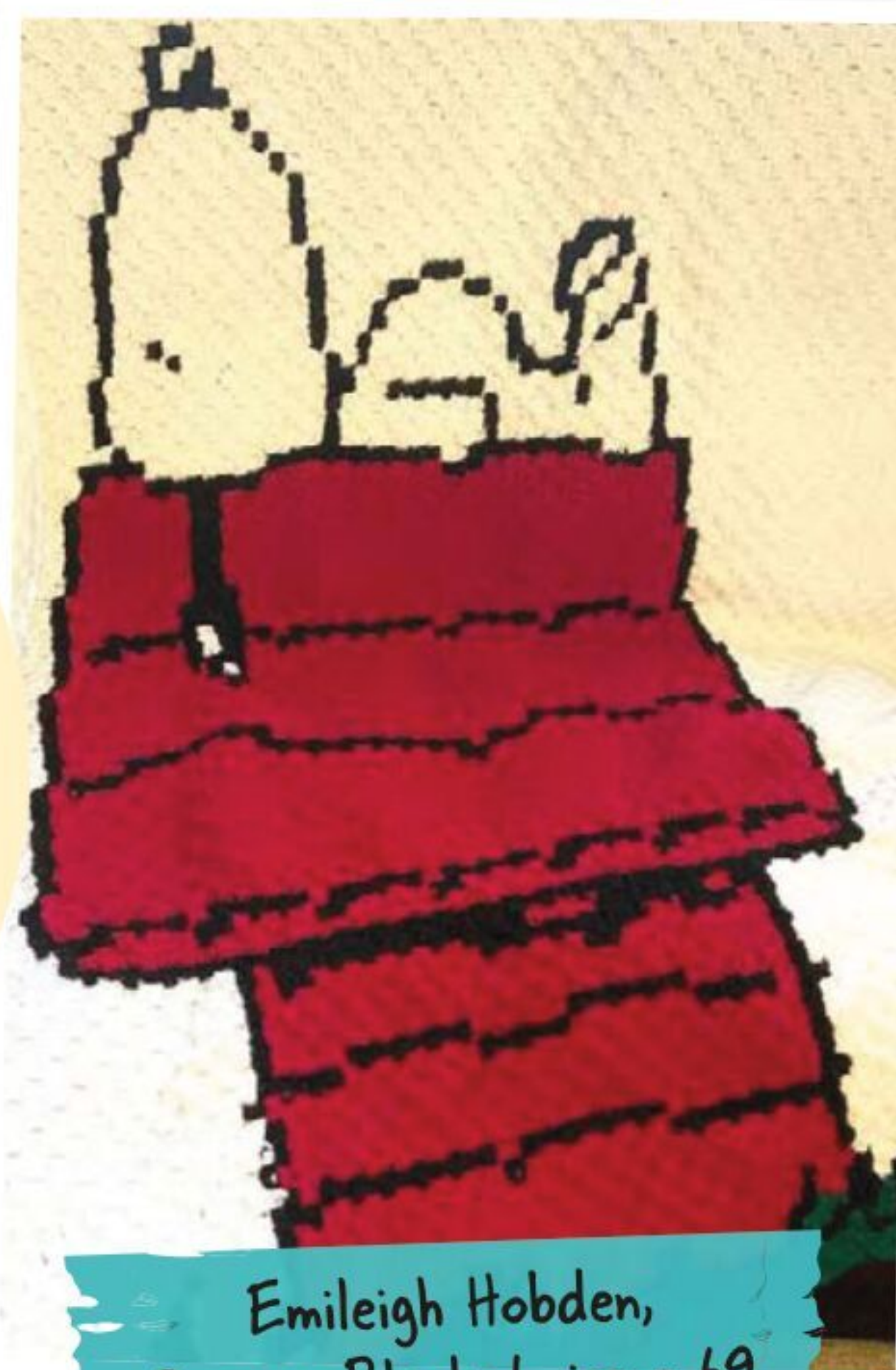


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ASHBURY SHAWL

This beginner-friendly shawl is the perfect final touch to any spring outfit

 DK  4mm

★★ Try something new

Yarn used

King Cole CottonSoft DK
2 balls in Ecru 711 (MC)
1 ball each in Midnight 3365 (CC1),
Apricot 1850 (CC2)
& Candy Floss 3462 (CC3)
Visit www.kingcole.com to find your
local stockist

About the yarn

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

Tension

12 sts x 8 rows measured over tr in
3tr-groups = 10cm

Hook used

4mm

Other supplies

stitch marker

Sizing

134cm along longest edge, not
including tassels

Place a stitch marker at the top of the 2
ch at the start of rows 1-34. This makes it
easier to find where to place the last st of
the next row.

Beg 2 ch counts as first tr.
Beg 1 ch does not count as a st.

Start crocheting...

Row 1: With MC and working into a magic

ring, 2 ch, 2 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr. Turn. 6 sts

Row 2: 2 ch, 2 tr in first st, miss 2 sts, [3 tr,
2 ch, 3 tr] into 2ch-sp, miss 2 sts, 3 tr in
last st. Turn. 12 sts

Row 3: 2 ch, 2 tr in first st, miss 2 sts,
*3 tr in sp before next st, miss 3 sts; rep
from * to 2ch-sp, [3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] into
2ch-sp, **miss 3 sts, 3 tr in sp before
next st; rep from ** to last 3 sts, miss 2
sts, 3 tr in last st. Turn. 18 sts

Rows 4-7: Rep Row 3. 42 sts
Fasten off.

Row 8: Join CC1 with sl st in first st, rep
Row 3. 48 sts

Row 9: Rep Row 3. Fasten off. 54 sts

Row 10: Join MC with sl st in top of first st,
rep Row 3. 60 sts

Rows 11-16: Rep Row 3. 96 sts
Fasten off.

Row 17: Join CC2 with sl st in first st, rep
Row 3. 102 sts

Row 18: Rep Row 3. Fasten off. 108 sts

Row 19: Rep Row 10. 114 sts

Rows 20-25: Rep Row 3. 150 sts
Fasten off.

Row 26: Join CC3 with sl st in first st, rep
Row 3. 156 sts

Row 27: Rep row 3. Fasten off. 162 sts

Row 28: Rep Row 10. 168 sts

Rows 29-34: Rep Row 3. 204 sts
Fasten off.

Row 35: Join CC1 with sl st in top first st,
1 ch, 2 dc in first st, dc across to
2ch-sp, [2 dc, 1 ch, 2 dc] into 2ch-sp, dc
across to last st, 2 dc in last st. Turn.
210 sts

Row 36: 1 ch, 2 dc in first st, dc across to
1ch-sp, 2 dc into 1ch-sp, dc across to
last st, 2 dc in last st. Fasten off. 214 sts

Finishing

Weave in ends and block. Make 3
tassels with CC1, CC2 and CC3 and
attach one to each corner of
the shawl. 



BUSY BEE

Even the busiest of bees need to take time
to stop and smell the roses!



 DK  3.5mm

★ Beginner friendly

Yarn used

Scheepjes Softfun
1 ball each in Charcoal 2628 (A), Canary 2518
(B), Snow 2412 (C) & Rose 2514 (D)
Visit www.scheepjes.com to find your
local stockist

About the yarn

DK; 140m per 50g ball; 60% cotton,
40% acrylic

Tension

19 sts x 20 rnds = 10cm measured over dc

Hook used

3.5mm

Other supplies

2 safety eyes, 14mm
toy stuffing
stitch marker

Sizing

37cm from top of antennae to toes

When making the body, don't cut yarn when you first join or switch between colours but drop each colour on the inside of your work as you finish with it and carry it up along the inside of your work until it is next required.

When embroidering features, the ends can be hidden inside work, bring the needle out at the back of work with your final stitch and cut the thread as close to the piece as possible.

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

● Start crocheting...

Legs (make 2)

With A, chain 5.

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

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

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



Sarah Jane Hicks

next st. 22 sts

Rnd 4: [2 dc, 2 dc in next st] twice, 2 dc, [2 dc, 2 dc in next st] 3 times, 4 dc, 2 dc in next st. 28 sts

Rnds 5-6: Dc around.

Rnd 7: 10 dc, [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] 3 times, 6 dc. 25 sts

Rnd 8: 10 dc, [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 3 times, 6 dc. 22 sts

Rnd 9: 2 dc, 1 dc2tog, 6 dc, 3 dc2tog, 6 dc. 18 sts

Rnds 10-24: Dc around.

Fasten off.

Stuff lightly.

Body

Place legs tog ensuring both feet are facing forward, join A with sl st in st at centre where Legs touch.

Rnd 1: 1 ch, 18 dc around first Leg, 18 dc around 2nd Leg. 36 sts

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

Rnd 3: [6 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 48 sts

Rnd 4: [7 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 54 sts

Rnds 5-7: Dc around.

Change to B.

Rnds 8-12: Dc around.

Change to A.

Rnds 13-16: Dc around.

Rnd 17: [7 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 48 sts

Rnd 18: Dc around.

Change to B.

Rnd 19: Dc around.

Rnd 20: [6 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 42 sts

Rnds 21-22: Dc around.

Rnd 23: [5 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 36 sts

Rnd 24: Dc around.

Change to A.

Rnd 25: Dc around.

Rnd 26: [4 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 30 sts

Rnds 27-28: Dc around.

Rnd 29: [3 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnd 30: Dc around.

Fasten off.

Stuff Body.

Fold tops of Legs flat and with A, sew across both Legs just where Body starts so bee's legs can bend.

Head

Worked top down.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rnd 8: [6 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 48 sts



Antennae (make 2)

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

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

Rnds 3-4: Dc around.

Rnd 5: 6 dc2tog. 6 sts

Rnds 6-10: Dc around.

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

Flower Cheeks (make 2)

With D, chain 4.

Rnd 1: Working in 4th ch from hook throughout (missed chs count as first petal), 1 sl st, [3 ch, 1 sl st in same ch] 4 times. 5 petals

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Making up

Sew Head to Body, matching sts on last rnds.

Sew Arms 3 rnds down from top of Body on either side. Flatten wings and sew in place at centre of top stripe at back of Body, sewing 2 rnds in to secure in place. Sew Antennae to top of Head 3 rnds out from centre of Head on each side. Sew Cheeks in place just outside eyes and 1 rnd down. With A, embroider a smiley mouth below the centre of the eyes over Rnd 17. 🍯

Rnd 9: [7 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 54 sts

Rnds 10-19: Dc around.

Rnd 20: [7 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 48 sts

Rnd 21: [6 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 42 sts

Rnd 22: [5 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 36 sts

Rnd 23: [4 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 30 sts

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

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Insert safety eyes between rnds 13 and 14, 11 sts apart.

Stuff.

Arms (make 2)

With A, chain 5.

Rnd 1: 2 dc in 2nd ch from hook, 2 dc, 3 dc in next st, rotating as you go, work in the other side of the chain, 2 dc, 1 dc in same st as beg 2 dc. 10 sts

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

Rnds 3-24: Dc around.

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

Sew tops of Arms flat, leaving rem tail to sew to Body.

Wings (make 2)

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

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 10 sts

Rnd 3: [1 dc, 2 dc in next st] 5 times. 15 sts

Rnd 4: [2 dc, 2 dc in next st] 5 times. 20 sts

Rnd 5: [3 dc, 2 dc in next st] 5 times. 25 sts

Rnd 6: [4 dc, 2 dc in next st] 5 times. 30 sts

Rnds 7-12: Dc around.

Rnd 13: [4 dc, 1 dc2tog] 5 times. 25 sts

Rnd 14: [3 dc, 1 dc2tog] 5 times. 20 sts

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

Rnd 16: [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 5 times. 10 sts

Rnd 17: 5 dc2tog. 5 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.





Zoë Potrac

WHEEL OF LIFE BLANKET

Reminiscent of fireworks, this beautiful blanket will add a splash of colour into any room

 DK  4mm

★★ Intermediate

Yarn used

Cygnets DK

4 balls in white 0208 (MC1)

3 balls in Buttercream 0161 (MC2)

2 balls each in Candyfloss 0229,

Peppermint 0178, Aqua 0211

& Cloud 2033

Visit www.cygnetyarns.com to find your local stockist

About the yarn

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

Tension

Small squares measure 10cm

Large squares measure 20cm

Hook used

4mm

Sizing

90x120cm

Read the joining instructions before making any of the squares.

Pay attention to whether to turn at the end of each round or not; the wheels are not turned, the granny squares are turned until the last round.

Beg 3 ch counts as first tr.

Beg 1 ch does not count as a st.

Change colour in last st of rnd before colour change unless instructed to join in next rnd; fasten off previous colour.

 Start crocheting...

Joining

The instructions for each square are written as a standalone motif. To make the blanket, each square is joined during the last round. Where the edge of the motif being worked meets the edge of another square, add a sl st into the space between each 3tr-group on the adjacent square.

To keep things simple, it is most efficient to make all of the individual squares up until the last colour change (last round for small squares, last 2 rounds for large squares). Using the photograph as a guide, lay the squares out. Starting with a square which will be in a blanket corner, work the last round whilst joining to the adjacent square starting with a sl st in first corner 2ch-sp and ending with a sl st in the last corner 2ch-sp of the same side. The first corner square to be completed won't have anything to join to, so it can be completed exactly as per the pattern. The following squares will all be joined on one or two edge(s).

Small Wheel (make 20)

Make 10 using Candyfloss for CC1 and Peppermint for CC2.

Make 10 using Aqua for CC1 and Cloud for CC2.

Do not turn after any rnd.

Rnd 1: With MC2 and working into a magic ring, 3 ch, 11 tr, join with sl st in sp between beg 3 ch and first tr. 12 sts

Rnd 2: With CC1, 3 ch, 1 tr in same sp as join, *2 tr in next sp between sts; rep from * around, join with sl st in sp between beg 3 ch and first tr. 24 sts

Rnd 3: With CC2, 3 ch, 2 tr in same sp as join, *miss next sp between sts, 3 tr in next sp; rep from * around, miss last sp, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. 36 sts

In the next rnd, the pair of sts directly below

are not both worked in the same sp, each st in the pair has been worked in a different sp.

Rnd 4: With MC1, 1 ch, 1 dc in top of beg 3 ch, 2 dc, 1 RtrF around pair of sts in Rnd 2 directly below, [3 dc, 1 RtrF around pair of sts in Rnd 2 directly below] 11 times, join with sl st to beg dc. 48 sts

Rnd 5: With MC2 and working in BLO throughout, 3 ch, 1 tr, 1 htr, 6 dc, 1 htr, 2 tr, 2 ch, [2 tr, 1 htr, 6 dc, 1 htr, 2 tr, 2 ch] 3 times, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Fasten off.

Rnd 6: Join MC1 with sl st in any corner 2ch-sp, [3 ch, 2 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] into same 2ch-sp as join, *[miss 3 sts, 3 tr in next sp between sts] 3 times**, [3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] into corner 2ch-sp; rep from * around ending last rep at **, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Fasten off.

Large Wheel (make 9)

Make 3 using Candyfloss for CC1, Cloud for CC2, Aqua for CC3, and Peppermint for CC4. Make 2 using Peppermint for CC1, Candyfloss for CC2, Cloud for CC3, and Aqua for CC4.

Make 2 using Aqua for CC1, Peppermint for CC2, Candyfloss for CC3, and Cloud for CC4. Make 2 cloud for CC1, Aqua for CC2, Peppermint for CC3, and Candyfloss for CC4.

Rnd 1: With MC2, as Rnd 1 of Small Wheel.

Rnd 2: With CC1 as Rnd 2 of Small Wheel.

Rnd 3: With CC2 as Rnd 3 of Small Wheel.

In the next rnd and Rnd 7, the pair of sts directly below are not both worked in the same sp or st, each st in the pair has been worked in a different sp or st.

Rnd 4: As Rnd 4 of Small Wheel.

Rnd 5: With CC3 and working in BLO throughout, 4 ch (counts as 1 tr and 1 ch), 1 tr in same st as join, miss next st, *[1 tr, 1 ch, 1 tr] in next st, miss next st; rep from * around, join with sl st in 3rd of beg 4 ch. 48 sts, 24 ch-sp

Blanket

Rnd 6: With CC4, 3 ch, 2 tr in first ch-sp, 3 tr into each ch-sp around, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. 72 sts

Rnd 7: With MC1, 1 ch, 1 dc in top of beg 3 ch, 1 dc, 1 RtrF around pair of sts in Rnd 5 directly below, miss next st on Rnd 6, [2 dc, 1 RtrF around pair of sts in Rnd 5 directly below, miss next st on Rnd 6] 23 times, join with sl st to beg dc. 72 sts

Rnd 8: With MC2 and working in BLO throughout, 3 ch, 2 tr, 3 htr, 6 dc, 3 htr, 3 tr, 2 ch, [3 tr, 3 htr, 6 dc, 3 htr, 3 tr, 2 ch] 3 times, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch.

Rnd 9: 3 ch, 2 tr, 3 htr, 6 dc, 3 htr, 3 tr, [3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] into corner 2ch-sp, *3 tr, 3 htr, 6 dc, 3 htr, 3 tr**, [3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] into corner 2ch-sp; rep from * around ending last rep at **, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Fasten off. 96 sts

Rnd 10: Join MC1 with sl st in any corner 2ch-sp, [3 ch, 2 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] into same 2ch-sp as join, *[miss 3 sts, 3 tr in next sp between sts] 7 times**, [3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] into corner 2ch-sp; rep from * around ending last rep at **, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. 108 sts

Rnd 11: [Sl st in next st] twice, [1 sl st, 3 ch, 2 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] into first corner 2ch-sp, *[miss 3 sts, 3 tr in next sp between sts] 8 times**, [3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] into corner 2ch-sp; rep from * around ending last rep at **, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Fasten off. 120 sts

Small Granny Square (make 24)

Make 6 each using Candyfloss, Peppermint, Aqua & Cloud for CC.

Rnd 1 (RS): With CC and working into a magic ring, 3 ch, 2 tr, 2 ch, [3 tr, 2 ch] 3 times, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Turn. 12 sts

Rnd 2: [1 sl st, 3 ch, 2 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] into first 2ch-sp, *[3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] into next 2ch-sp; rep from * around, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Turn. 24 sts

Rnd 3: [1 sl st, 3 ch, 2 tr] in sp between beg 3 ch and first tr of next 3tr-group, *[3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] into corner 2ch-sp**, miss 3 sts, 3 tr in next sp between 3tr-groups; rep from * around ending last rep at **, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Turn. Fasten off. 36 sts

Rnd 4: With MC2, [1 sl st, 3 ch, 2 tr] in first sp between 3tr-groups, *[3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] into corner 2ch-sp, miss 3 sts**, [3 tr in next sp between 3tr-groups, miss 3 sts] twice; rep from * around ending last rep at **, 3 tr in last sp between 3tr-groups, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Turn.



Fasten off. 48 sts

Rnd 5: With RS facing, join MC1 with sl st in any corner 2ch-sp, [3 ch, 2 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] into same 2ch-sp as join, *[miss 3 sts, 3 tr in next sp between 3tr-groups] 3 times**, [3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] into corner 2ch-sp; rep from * around ending last rep at **, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Fasten off. 60 sts

Large Granny Square (make 7)

Make 1 using Aqua for CC. Make 2 each using Candyfloss, Cloud and Peppermint for CC.

Rnds 1-3: With CC, work as rnds 1-3 of Small Granny but do not fasten off at end of Rnd 3.

Rnd 4: Cont with CC, [1 sl st, 3 ch, 2 tr] in first sp between 3tr-groups, *[3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] into corner 2ch-sp, miss 3 sts**, [3 tr in next sp between 3tr-groups, miss 3 sts] twice; rep from * around ending last rep at **, 3 tr in last sp between 3tr-groups, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Turn. 48 sts

Rnds 5-6: [1 sl st, 3 ch, 2 tr] in first sp

between 3tr-groups, [miss 3 sts, 3 tr in next sp between 3tr-groups] across to next 2ch-sp, *[3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] into corner 2ch-sp**, [miss 3 sts, 3 tr in next sp between 3tr-groups] across to next 2ch-sp; rep from * around ending last rep at **, [miss 3 sts, 3 tr in next sp between 3tr-groups] to end, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Turn. 72 sts

Rnds 7-8: With MC2, rep Rnd 5. Fasten off. 96 sts

Rnd 9: With RS facing, join MC1 with sl st in any corner 2ch-sp, [3 ch, 2 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] into same 2ch-sp as join, *[miss 3 sts, 3 tr in next sp between 3tr-groups] 7 times**, [3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] into corner 2ch-sp; rep from * around ending last rep at **, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. DO NOT TURN. 108 sts

Rnd 10: [Sl st in next st] twice, [1 sl st, 3 ch, 2 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] into first corner 2ch-sp, *[miss 3 sts, 3 tr in next sp between 3tr-groups] 8 times**, [3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] into corner 2ch-sp; rep from * around ending last rep at **, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. 120 sts



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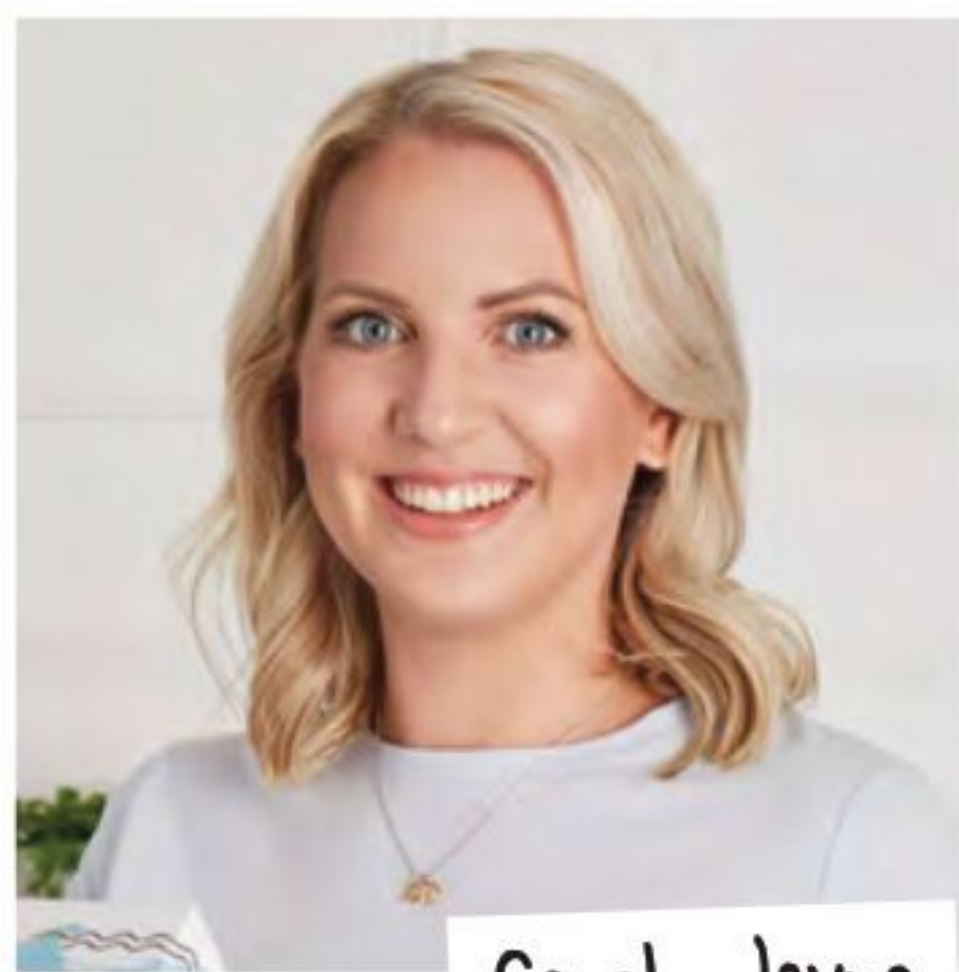
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Heart Bunting

Link your hearts with a simple chain to create this pretty heart bunting. Use it to decorate a yummy breakfast table or even use it to wrap around a gift.

Heart Paperclips and Bookmarks

These make great little page markers and bookmarks – your loved ones will think of you every time they use them. To create the bookmark, you need to make one basic heart, chain to your desired length and then make a mini heart which is just Round 1 of the heart pattern.

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Add a little something extra to a keyring to give that personal touch.

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These cute little keepsakes are the perfect way to spread some love and positivity.

Switch out the colours to tailor your gift to that special person in your life!



DK 3mm

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Yarn used

Stylecraft Special DK
Your choice of pink

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About the yarn

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

Hook used

3mm

Tension

Tension is not necessary for this pattern

Start crocheting...

Make a magic ring, chain 2.

Rnd 1: (3 dtr, 4 tr, dtr, 4 tr, 3 dtr) into magic ring.

Pull the magic ring mostly closed, leaving a small space in the middle, 2 ch, sl st into the remaining hole in the magic ring. Pull the magic ring tightly closed.

Rnd 2: dc in ch-sp, 2 htr in same ch-sp, 3 htr in next ch-sp, 2 htr in next ch-sp, htr in next 3 ch-sps, 2 htr in next ch-sp, htr, tr, htr in next ch-sp, 2 htr in next ch-sp, htr in next 3 ch-sps, 2 htr in next ch-sp, 3 htr in next ch-sp, 2 htr in next ch-sp, dc in next ch-sp, sl st in first ch-sp.

Fasten off.

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PULLOVER

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 Sport  3.5mm

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Yarn used

Scheepjes Stone Washed
12 (13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 22, 24) balls in
Lilac Quartz 818

About the yarn

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

Tension

21 sts x 18 rows = 10cm measured over
front and back loop st patt
21 sts x 12 rows = 10cm measured over
crossed tr st patt
21 sts x 12 rows = 10cm measured over
cable st patt

Hook used

3.5mm

Other supplies

4 stitch markers
tapestry needle

Sizing

XS (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL) designed
to fit with 19-31cm positive ease for an
oversized fit

Bust circumference: 101 (112, 120, 131, 139,
150, 158, 170, 177) cm

A – Bust Width: 50.5 (56, 60, 65.5, 69.5, 75,
79, 85, 88.5) cm

B – Total Length: 55.5 (57, 59, 60.5, 62, 64,
65.5, 67, 69) cm

C – Total Width at Top: 86.5 (92.5, 96, 102,
105.5, 111.5, 115, 121, 125) cm

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

 Start crocheting...

Front & Back Loop Stitch Pattern

Row 1 (RS): 1 ch, dc in BLO across. Turn.

Row 2 (WS): 1 ch, dc in FLO across. Turn.
Rep rows 1 and 2 for patt.

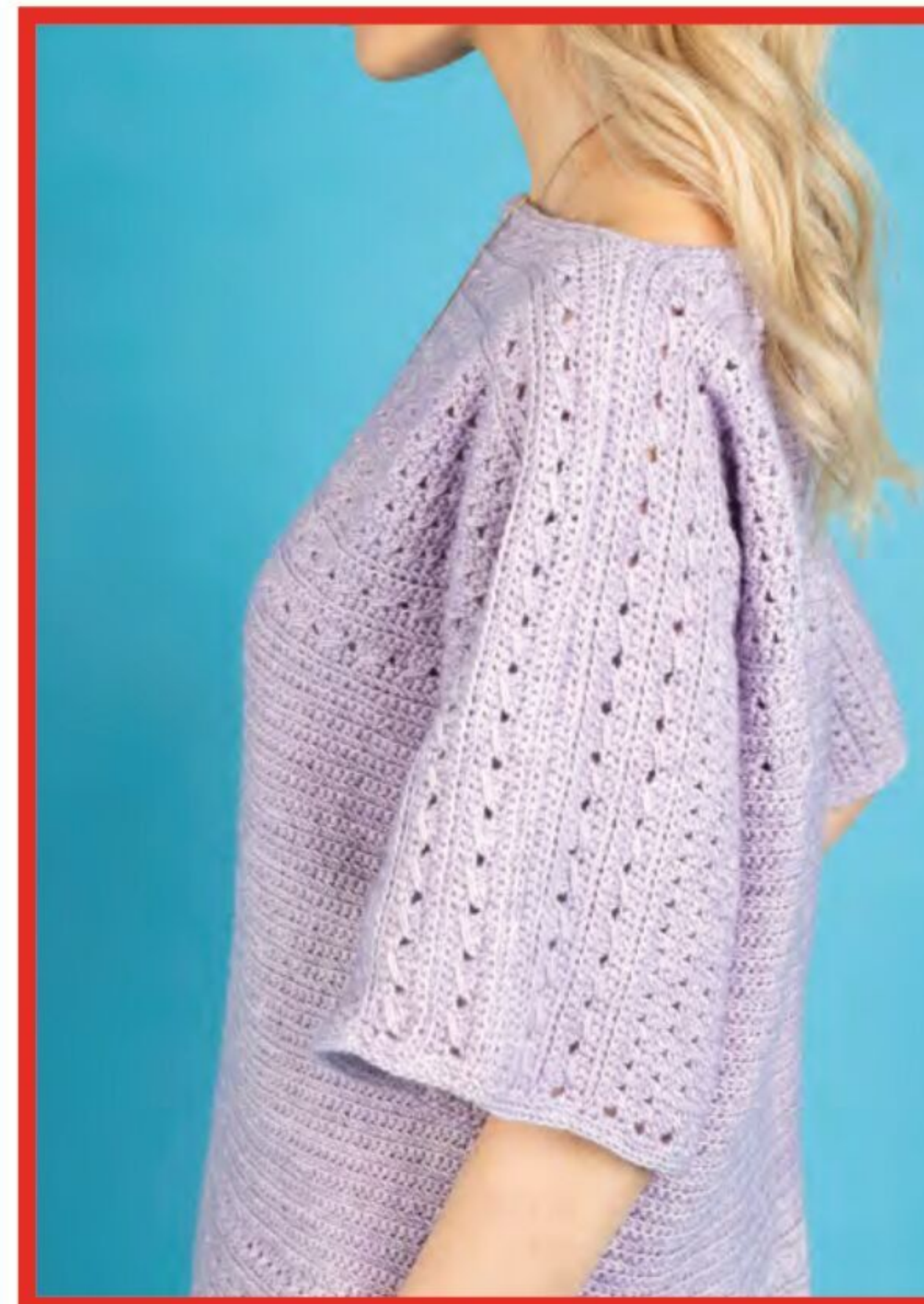
Cable Stitch Pattern

Row 1 (RS): 3 ch, *miss next st, 3 tr,
working in front of sts just made, 1 tr in
missed st; rep from * to last st, 1 tr. Turn.

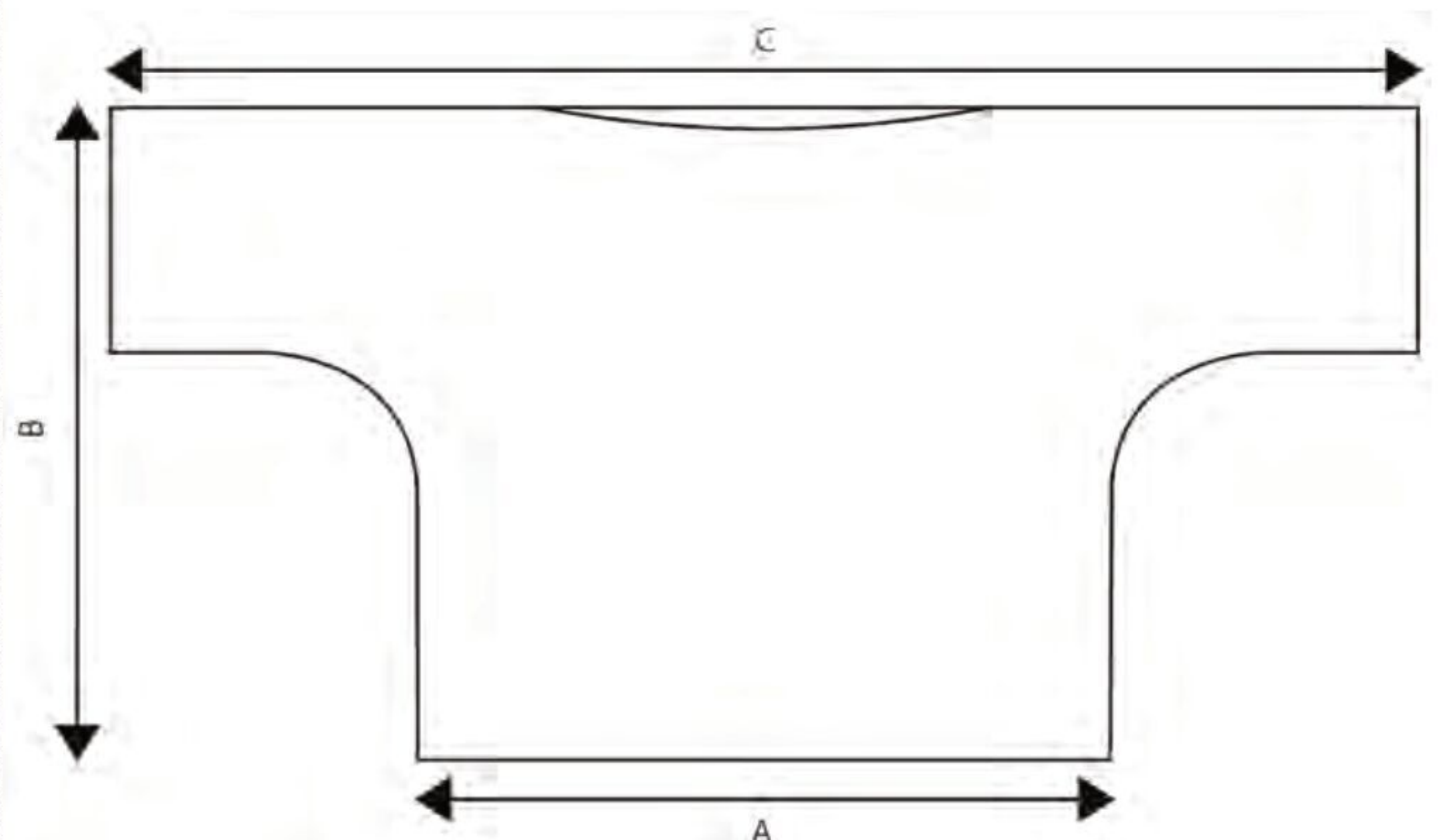
Row 2: 1 ch, dc across. Turn.
Rep rows 1 and 2 for patt.

Crossed Treble Stitch Pattern

Row 1 (RS): 3 ch, *miss next st, 1 tr,
working in front of st just made, 1 tr in
missed st; rep from * to last st, 1 tr. Turn.



Schematic



Garment

Row 2: 1 ch, dc across. Turn.
Rep rows 1 and 2 for patt.

Front/Back (make 2)

Chain 107 (119, 127, 139, 147, 159, 167, 179, 187).

Row 1 (WS): Starting in 2nd ch from hook, dc across. Turn. 106 (118, 126, 138, 146, 158, 166, 178, 186) sts

[Work 2 rows in front and back loop st patt, work 2 rows in cable st patt] twice
Work 2 rows in front and back loop st patt.
Work 2 rows in crossed tr st patt.
Work 22 rows in front and back loop st patt.

Shape batwing sleeves

Next Row (RS): 1 ch, working in BLO, 2 dc in first st, dc across to last st, 2 dc in last st. Turn. 2 sts *inc'd*

Next Row (WS): 1 ch, working in FLO, 2 dc in first st, dc across to last st, 2 dc in last st. Turn. 2 sts *inc'd*

Rep last 2 rows 10 times more and, at the end of last row, 17 ch before turn for extension. 150 (162, 170, 182, 190, 202, 210, 222, 230) sts

Upper Body

Next Row (RS): Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 16 dc, dc in BLO across, 17 ch. Turn. 16 sts *inc'd*

Next Row (WS): Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 16 dc, dc in FLO across. Turn. 182 (194, 202, 214, 222, 234, 242, 254, 262) sts

[Work 2 rows in front and back loop st patt, work 2 rows in cable st patt] twice.
Work 2 rows in front and back loop st patt.
Work 10 (12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26) rows in crossed tr st patt.

[Work 2 rows in front and back loop st patt, work 2 rows in cable st patt] twice.

Next Row (RS): 1 ch, dc in BLO across. Turn.

Next Row (WS): 1 ch, 67 (72, 75, 80, 83, 88, 91, 96, 99) dc in FLO, pm, 48 (50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64) dc in FLO, pm, dc in FLO to end. Fasten off.

Making up

Sew shoulder seams tog between markers. Sew side seams. Weave in ends and block to dimensions given in schematic. 





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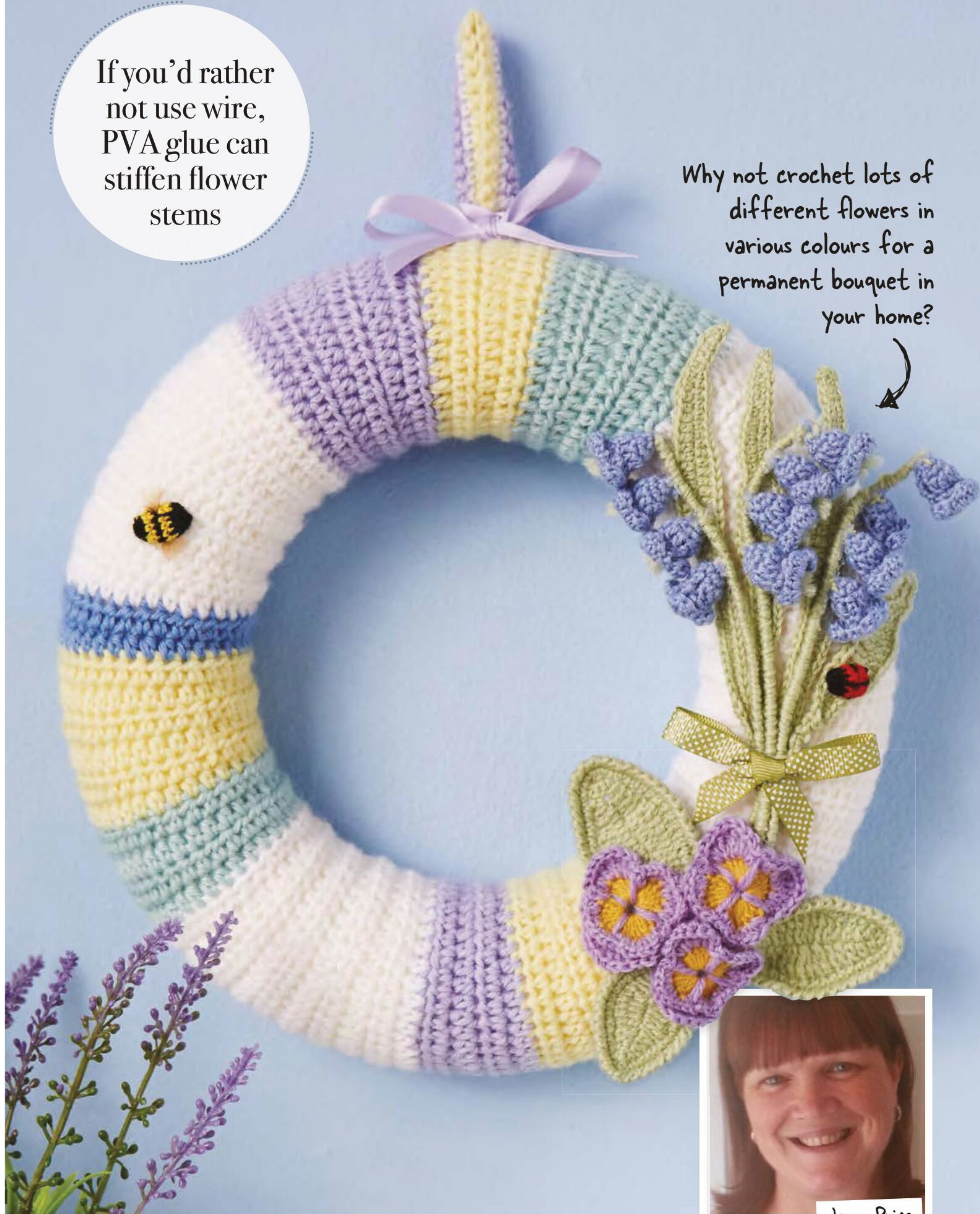
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Yarn used

Wreath Cover:

WYS Bo Peep Luxury Baby DK
1 ball each in Buttercup 442 (A), Unicorn
565 (B), Seahorse 293 (C), Raindrop 460 (D)
& Tooth Fairy 011 (E)

Flowers and Leaves:

20g each of WYS Signature 4-ply
1 ball each in Hydrangea 335 (F),
Cornflower 325 (G), Butterscotch 240 (H)
& Violet 731 (I)

Insects:

Small amounts of size 10 cotton (or 2-ply
yarn) in black, red and yellow
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About the yarn

Bo Peep
DK; 112m per 50g ball; 52% Falkland wool,
48% nylon
Signature 4-ply
4-ply; 400m per 100 g ball; 75% wool,
25% nylon

Tension

Wreath Cover: 25 sts x 30 rows with 3.5mm
hook = 10cm square over dc
Flowers and Leaves: 30 sts x 40 rows with
2.5mm hook = 10cm square over dc
Insects: Tension not applicable

Hooks used

1.5mm
2mm
2.5mm
3.5mm

Other supplies

locking stitch marker
flat-backed poly ring, 25cm
hot-glue gun and glue sticks
10 Oasis floral / craft wires, galvanised,
18cm long
gold organza ribbon, 2cm x 8mm
satin ribbon for bow, 20cm x 10mm
gingham ribbon for the bluebell bunch,
15cm x 10mm

Sizing

Finished item is 25cm in diameter x 6cm
in depth

Start crocheting...

1 and 2 starting chains do not count as
stitches unless stated otherwise. When
changing colour at the end of the row, it
makes a neater transition if you add the
colour in on the last stitch before you turn
for the next row. Craft wire is optional to
stiffen the leaves. Alternatively, you can use
pva glue or spray starch once leaves are
finished. Allow time to dry thoroughly.

Wreath Cover

With A and 3.5mm hook, chain 40.

Row 1: Starting in 3rd ch from hook, htr
to end. Turn. 38 sts

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

Rows 3-84: As Row 2, changing colour
according to colour sequence (below).
Check that Cover fits snugly around ring,
pulling gently. Add more rows if necessary.
Fasten off. Weave in ends. Sew first and last
rows tog to form a ring. Either hot glue or
sew Cover to ring ensuring the colour stipes
line up on the flat back of the ring as you
overlap and you do not pull it too tight.

Colour Sequence

4 more rows of A (for a total of 6), 4 rows
of B, 10 rows of E, 4 rows of C, 6 rows of
A, 2 rows of D, 10 rows of E, 6 rows of B, 4
rows of A, 6 rows of C, 22 rows of E, 4 rows
of D.

Hanging Loop

With B and 3.5mm hook, chain 40.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, dc
to end, change to E in last yrh. Turn.
39 sts

Row 2: 1 ch, dc to end, change to A in last
yrh. Turn.

Row 3: 1 ch, dc to end. Fasten off. Weave
in ends.

Violas (make 3)

Rnd 1: With H, 2.5mm hook and working
into a magic ring, 1 ch, [1 dc, 6 tr] 4
times into ring, pull beg tail tight to
close ring, join with sl st to top of beg
dc. Fasten off. Weave in ends. 28 sts

Rnd 2: Join I to any dc, 1 htrsp, *2 htr in tr
under htrsp, 2 tr in next st, [2 dtr in next
st] twice, 2 tr in next st, 2 htr in next st**,
1 dc, 1 htrsp; rep from * to ** once more,
1 htrsp, 1 htr, [2 htr in next st] twice, 2 htr,
2 dc, 1 htrsp, miss 1 dc, 2 dc, 2 htr, [2 htr

Special stitches

Half treble spike stitch (Htrsp):

Yrh, insert hook from front to back into
centre of ring, pul to height of current
stitches, yrh, draw through all 3 loops
on hook. Do not miss the st under the
htrsp, work next st into it

Reverse double crochet (rdc): Insert
hook into stitch to the right (or left
if you are left-handed) from front to
back, yrh (just like a dc), pul, yrh, draw
through both loops on hook



in next st] twice, join with sl st to top of beg htrsp. Turn.

Rnd 3: 4 ch, sl st to back of next htrsp (last htrsp made), 4 ch, sl st to dc on far left side of 2nd petal (you will have two 4 ch loops at back of work). Turn, keeping smaller petals at the top.

Rnd 4: Working behind petals, [2 htr, 2 tr, 2 dtr] into 4ch-sp, [2 dtr, 2 tr, 2 htr] into next 4ch-sp, sl st to the side of flower. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Viola Leaf (make 3)

With F and 2.5mm hook, chain 14.

Rnd 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 2 dc, 2 htr in next ch, 2 tr, [2 dtr in next ch] 3 times, 2 tr, 2 htr, 1 dc, rotating as you go, work in the other side of the chain, 1 ch, 1 dc, 2 htr, 2 tr, [2 dtr in next ch] 3 times, 2 tr, 2 htr in next ch, 2 dc, join with sl st to beg dc. 34 sts

Rnd 2: Introduce the wire at this stage (if you are using it). 1 ch, dc across first side, working over wire and bending it as necessary, 2 dc in 1ch-sp, dc to

end, join with sl st to beg dc. 36 sts

Rnd 3: 1 ch, rdc around, join with sl st to beg rdc. Fasten off leaving a 4cm (if wire used) or 8cm (if no wire used) tail. Wrap end around wire and secure or, for no wire, twist tail into a short stem and use glue to stiffen. Weave in ends.

Bluebell Flowers (make 12)

It is advised to use a marker in first st to mark rnds.

Rnd 1: With G, 2mm hook and working into a magic ring, 1 ch, 6 dc, join with sl st to beg dc, pull beg tail tight to close ring. 6 sts

Rnd 2: 1 ch, [1 dc, 2 dc in next st] 3 times, join with sl st to beg dc. 9 sts

Rnds 3-4: 3 ch (counts as first tr), 8 tr, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch.

Rnd 5: (Do not ch), *[1 dc, 1 tr] in next st, [1 tr, 1 dc] in next st; rep from * around to last st, miss 1, join with sl st to beg dc. 16 sts

Fasten off. Weave in last tail only, leave beg tail for joining to stem.

Stamens (3 per flower)

Sew 3 strands of F through centre of flower. Fasten off.

Stems (make 3)

Take 1 flower wire and wind F evenly around wire. Fasten and secure.

Attach 4 flowers to each stem by sewing or gluing into position of your choice.

Bluebell Leaves (make 4)

With F and 2mm hook, chain 40.

Rnd 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 6 dc, 7 htr, 8 tr, 7 htr, 11 dc, rotating as you go, work into the other side of the chain, introduce and work over wire if using, 1 ch, 11 dc, 7 htr, 8 tr, 7 htr, 6 dc, join with sl st to beg dc. Fasten off leaving a 7cm tail. Wrap tail around wire and secure or, if not using wire, wrap F around tail and stiffen.

Bluebells Bunch

Gather the Stems and Leaves together (you can rearrange them once lightly secured) and bind with a length of F. You can glue the ends for security. Tie a bow with gingham ribbon.

Bee

Rnd 1: With black cotton thread, 1.5mm hook and working into a magic ring, 3 ch (counts as first htr), 7 htr, join

with sl st in top of beg 3 ch, changing to yellow, pull beg tail tightly to close ring. 8 sts

Rnd 2: Carry black up on WS to use later, 2 ch (counts as 1 ch, 1 dc), [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] 3 times, 2 dc in last st, join with sl st in top of beg 2 ch, changing to black. 12 sts

Rnd 3: Carry yellow up on WS to use later, 2 ch (counts as 1 ch, 1 dc), miss 1, dc to end, join with sl st to beg dc, changing to yellow. 11 sts

Rnd 4: With yellow, as Rnd 3 (changing to black). Fasten off yellow leaving a little tail to use as stuffing. 10 sts

Rnd 5: 1 ch, miss first st, [1 dtr2tog, 1 dc] 3 times. Fasten off, leaving tail for sewing closed. 6 sts

Push beg tails and yellow end tail into the top of Bee and sew closed with black end tail. Add more stuffing if required. With black cotton, sew 2 small antennae to the top. Take organza ribbon, shape ends and thread through centre of bee for wings. They may fray but this adds to the effect.

Ladybird

With red cotton thread and 1.5mm hook, chain 4.

Row 1: 2 dc in 2nd ch from hook, 2 dc in next ch, 1 dc in last ch. Turn. 5 sts

Row 2: 1 ch, dc to end. Turn.

Row 3: 1 ch, [2 dc in next st] 4 times, 1 dc. Turn. 9 sts

Row 4: As Row 2.

Row 5: 1 ch, [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 3 times. Turn. 6 sts

Row 6: As Row 2. Fasten off.

Row 7: Join black cotton thread, 1 ch, dc to end. Turn.

Row 8: 1 ch, [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] twice. Turn. 4 sts

Row 9: 1 ch, 1 dc2tog, 1 dc, miss 1. 2 sts

Fasten off leaving tail for sewing closed. Stuff and sew as for Bee. Embroider a black line down centre of back. Embroider 2 dots on each side of line.

Making up

Use photo as a guide. Attach Hanging Loop to back of wreath at centre top and secure. Position bluebell bunch and secure. Attach Violas and their Leaves and secure. Attach Ladybird onto one Viola Leaf and secure. Attach Bee on side opposite Ladybird and secure. Tie a bow with ribbon and attach at top of wreath in front of Hanging Loop.

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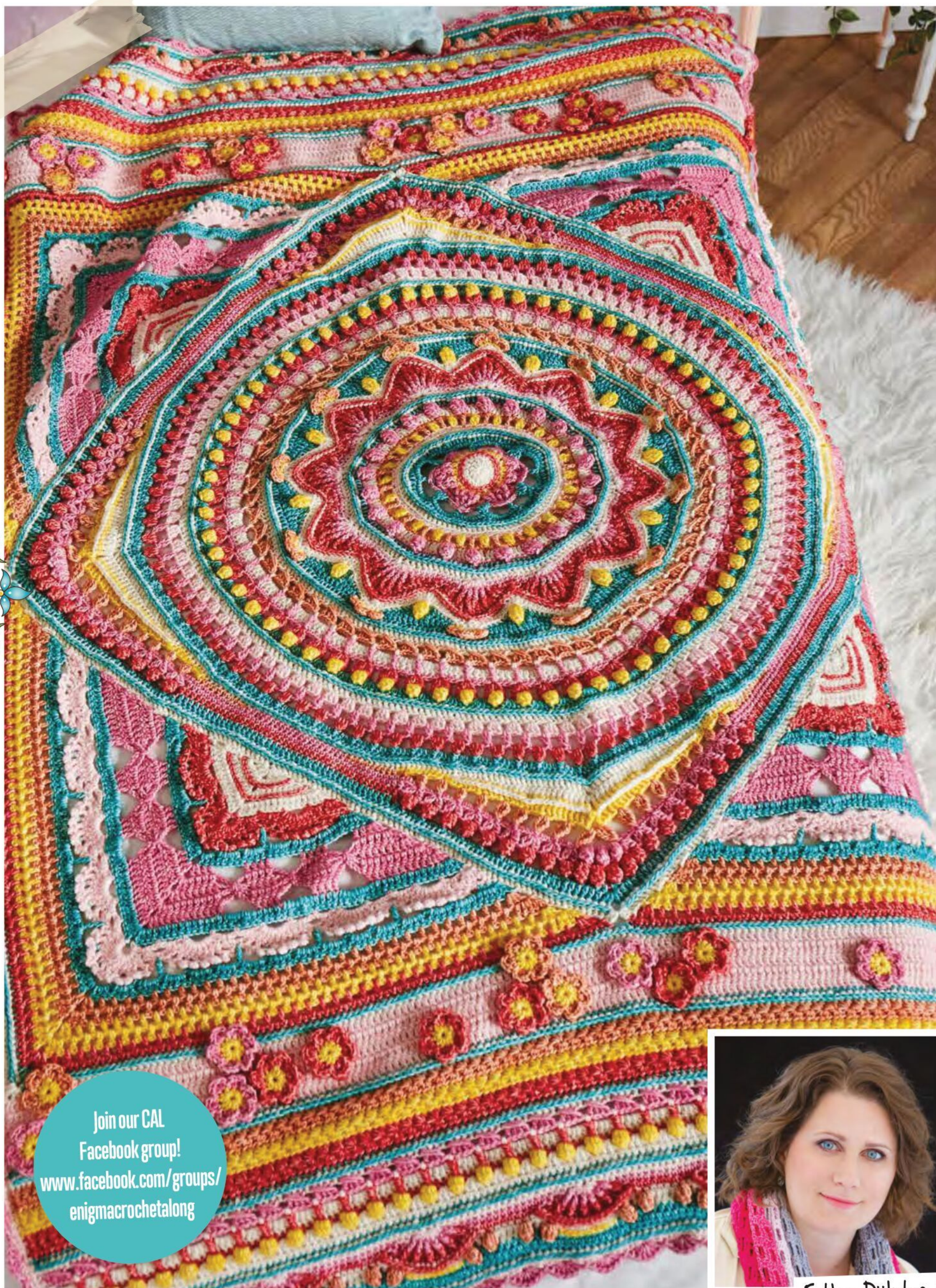

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Enigma

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This month, we're continuing to add to the borders of our Enigma CAL, as we continue onto Part 12!

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Beg 3 ch counts as first tr.

Beg 1 ch does not count as a st.

Two identical panels are worked on opposite sides of the blanket, extending the panel made in the previous parts.

 **Start crocheting...**

Row 16 (RS): Join G with sl st in first st, 3

ch, 1 tr, 45 X-st, 2 tr. Fasten off. Turn. 4 tr, 45 X-sts

Row 17 (WS): Join A with sl st in first st, 1 ch, 2 dc, [4 ch, miss X-st, 1 dc in sp between X-sts] 44 times, 4 ch, miss last X-st, 2 dc. Turn. 48 dc, 45 4ch-sps

Row 18 (RS): 3 ch, 1 tr, [4 tr into 4ch-sp, miss next dc] 44 times, 4 tr into last 4ch-sp, 2 tr. Fasten off. 184 tr



Part 12

Special stitches

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

RdtrF: Work the dtr around the post of the st, inserting hook from front to back around to front again

RdcF: Work the dc around the post of the st, inserting hook from front to back around to front again

Beg-5 treble cluster (beg-cl): 2 ch, [yrh, insert hook in RdtrF st, yrh, pul, yrh,

draw through 2 loops] 4 times in same st, yrh, draw through all 5 loops on hook

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

X-st: Miss 1 st, 3 tr, working in front of sts just made, 1 tr in missed st

Standing RhtrB: With slipknot on hook, work the RhtrB around post of the first st

 Sport or DK  3.5 or 4mm

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Yarn used

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

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

Yarn packs available from
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk
or visit

www.scheepjes.com
to find your local
Scheepjes stockist

About the yarn

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

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

Tension

Up to and including Rnd 6
measures 10cm diameter

Hooks used

3.5mm for Stone Washed
4mm for Colour Crafter

Other supplies

tapestry needle

Sizing

At end of Part 12:

Stone Washed:

Height of Part 12 = 5.5cm

Colour Crafter: Height of Part 12 = 7cm

Final size:

Stone Washed: 105x155cm

Colour Crafter: 115x170cm



- Row 19 (RS):** Join D with sl st in first st, 1 ch, 6 dc, [1 RdtrF around missed dc from Row 18, miss next st, 3 dc] 44 times, 2 dc. Fasten off. Turn. 44 RdtrF, 140 dc
- Row 20 (WS):** Join F with sl st in first RdtrF, 1 beg-cl, [4 ch, 1 cl in next RdtrF] 43 times, 1 ch (to close last cl). Fasten off. Turn. 44 cls, 43 4ch-sps
- Row 21 (RS):** Work all tr sts in front of 4ch-sp from Row 20. Join A with sl st in first st of Row 19, 3 ch, 5 tr, [1 RdcF around cl, miss next dc on Row 19, 3 tr in next st (centre of 3 dc) on Row 19] 43 times, 1 RdcF around last cl, 5 tr. Turn. 44 RdcF, 140 tr
- Rnd 22 (WS):** 1 ch, 184 dc. Fasten off. Turn. 184 dc
- Row 23 (RS):** Join E with sl st in first st, 1 ch, 184 htr. Fasten off. 184 htr
- Row 24 (RS):** Join A with standing RhtrB around first st, 183 RhtrB. Fasten off. 184 RhtrB

Repeat rows 16-24 on the 2nd panel on the opposite side of the blanket.
Weave in ends. 🧶



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HONEY HONEY CUSHION



The Crochet Now team was buzzing with excitement to recreate this beautiful cushion!

 **Chunky**  **5.5mm**

★ **Beginner friendly**

Yarn used

Woolcraft Shetland Tweed Chunky
1 ball in Harris 1376 (MC)

Woolcraft Harvest Chunky
1 ball in Yellow Mix 337 (CC1)

Woolcraft Shetland Mist Chunky
1 ball each in Charcoal 08 (CC3)
& Cream 05 (CC2)

Available from www.knitwell.co.uk

About the yarn

Woolcraft Shetland Tweed Chunky
Chunky; 170m per 100g ball; 77% acrylic,
20% wool, 3% viscose

Woolcraft Harvest Chunky
Chunky; 150m per 100g ball; 80% acrylic,
20% mohair

Woolcraft Shetland Mist Chunky
Chunky; 150m per 100g ball; 80% acrylic,
20% wool

Tension

6 sts x 3 rows = 5cm measured over tr

Hook used

5.5mm

Other supplies

polyester stuffing
tapestry needle

Sizing

Finished hexagon measures 40cm across

CC1 is a variegated yarn. For the bee stripes and daisy centres, wind the yarn until you reach a bright yellow section.

To avoid a lumpy cushion, add the stuffing a small piece at a time. You can use the blunt end of a pen or crochet hook to ensure it's evenly distributed, especially in the corners.

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

Start crocheting...

The cushion is made up of simple hexagon panels for the front and back, and appliqué-style bee and daisy motifs that

are sewn on afterwards. The cushion is then seamed and filled.

To join at the end of a rnd, sl st to top of beg ch unless otherwise stated.

Hexagon

Make one in MC for the front and one in CC1 for the back.

Chain 6. Join with a sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Working into ring, 3 ch, 2 tr, 1 ch, [3 tr, 1 ch] 5 times, join. *18 tr, 6 1ch-sps*

Rnd 2: [3 ch, 1 tr] in first st, 1 tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 ch, miss 1ch-sp, [2 tr in next st, 1 tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 ch, miss 1ch-sp] 5 times, join. *30 tr*



Rnd 3: [3 ch, 1 tr] in first st, 3 tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 ch, miss 1ch-sp, [2 tr in next st, 3 tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 ch, miss 1ch-sp] 5 times, join. *42 tr*

Rnd 4: [3 ch, 1 tr] in first st, 5 tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 ch, miss 1ch-sp, [2 tr in next st, 5 tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 ch, miss 1ch-sp] 5 times, join. *54 tr*

Rnd 5: [3 ch, 1 tr] in first st, 7 tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 ch, miss 1ch-sp, [2 tr in next st, 7 tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 ch, miss 1ch-sp] 5 times, join. *66 tr*

Rnd 6: [3 ch, 1 tr] in first st, 9 tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 ch, miss 1ch-sp, [2 tr in next st, 9 tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 ch, miss 1ch-sp] 5 times, join. *78 tr*

Rnd 7: [3 ch, 1 tr] in first st, 11 tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 ch, miss 1ch-sp, [2 tr in next st, 11 tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 ch, miss 1ch-sp] 5 times, join. *90 tr*

Rnd 8: [3 ch, 1 tr] in first st, 13 tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 ch, miss 1ch-sp, [2 tr in next st, 13 tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 ch, miss 1ch-sp] 5 times, join. *102 tr*

Rnd 9: [3 ch, 1 tr] in first st, 15 tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 ch, miss 1ch-sp, [2 tr in next st, 15 tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 ch, miss 1ch-sp] 5 times, join. *114 tr*

Rnd 10: [3 ch, 1 tr] in first st, 17 tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 ch, miss 1ch-sp, [2 tr in next st, 17 tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 ch, miss 1ch-sp] 5 times, join. *126 tr*

Rnd 11: [3 ch, 1 tr] in first st, 19 tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 ch, miss 1ch-sp, [2 tr in next st, 19 tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 ch, miss 1ch-sp] 5 times, join. *138 tr*
Fasten off.

Daisies (make 3)

With CC1, chain 6, join with a sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Working into ring, 1 ch, 12 dc, join with sl st to beg dc. *12 dc*
Fasten off.

Rnd 2: Join CC2 with sl st in any st, *[1 dc, 3 tr, 1 dc] in next st, 1 sl st; rep from * 5 times more, placing last sl st in first sl st to join. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. *6 petals*

BEE

Body

Do not fasten off at the end of each row to change colour. Instead, carry the unused yarn along the back of work, trapping it inside the dc sts as you work.

With CC3, chain 4.

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

across. Turn. *3 dc*

Row 2: Join CC1 in first st, 1 ch, dc across. Turn.

Row 3: 1 ch, 2 dc in first st, 1 dc, 2 dc in last st. Turn. *5 dc*

Rows 4-5: With CC3, 1 ch, dc across. Turn.

Rows 6-7: With CC1, 1 ch, dc across. Turn.

Row 8: With CC3, 1 ch, dc across. Turn.

Row 9: Miss first 2 sts, 8 tr in next st, miss 1 st, 1 sl st. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Wings (make 2)

With CC2, chain 4. Join with a sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Working into ring, 2 ch (counts as first htr), 7 htr, 1 tr, 1 dtr, 1 tr, 3 htr, join. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. *14 sts*

Making up

Using photo as a guide, arrange the bee and daisies on the MC hexagon. Sew the elements in place using the rem tails and a tapestry needle. For the bee's trail, cut 2 lengths of CC3, holding both lengths tog, embroider a loop design of dotted straight stitches with the tapestry needle. Secure at the back and fasten off.

Joining

Align the Front and Back hexagons with RS facing out. With CC2, seam by working

1 dc into each pair of sts and 2 dc into every corner 1ch-sp around 5 sides. Fill the cushion with polyester stuffing, then cont the seam along the last edge. Fasten off and weave in ends. *150 sts*



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Yarn used

Paintbox Yarns Cotton 4-ply
6 balls in Mint 16
Available from www.lovecrafts.com

About the yarn

4-ply; 170m per 50g ball; 100% cotton

Tension

25 sts x 9 rows = 10cm measured over st pattern after blocking

Hook used

3.5mm

Sizing

190x37cm

Beg 2 ch counts as first tr.

Start crocheting...

Chain 96.

Row 1: Starting in 3rd ch from hook (missed chs count as first st), tr across. Turn. 95 sts

Row 2: 2 ch, 7 tr, *3 ch, miss 3 sts, 1 3dtr-cl, 3 ch, miss 3 sts, 11 tr; rep from * to last 15 sts, 3 ch, miss 3 sts, 1 3dtr-cl, 3 ch, miss 3 sts, 8 tr. Turn. 65 sts

Row 3: 2 ch, 4 tr, *1 side petal, miss 3 tr, 1 dc into next 3ch-sp, 1 dc, 1 dc into next 3ch-sp, 1 side petal, miss 3 tr, 5 tr; rep from * to end. Turn. 55 sts

Row 4: 2 ch, *4 tr, 4 ch, miss side petal, 3 dc, 4 ch, miss side petal, 5 tr; rep from * to end. Turn. 45 sts

Row 5: 2 ch, 4 tr, *3 tr into next 4ch-sp, 3 ch, miss next dc, 1 3dtr-cl, 3 ch, 3 tr into next 4ch-sp, 5 tr; rep from * to end. Turn. 65 sts

Row 6: 2 ch, 1 tr, 1 2dtr-cl, *3 ch, miss 3 sts, 2 tr, 3 tr into next 3ch-sp, 1 tr, 3 tr into next 3ch-sp, 2 tr, 3 ch, miss 3 sts, 1 3dtr-cl; rep from * 3 times more, 3 ch, miss 3 sts, 2 tr, 3 tr into next 3ch-sp, 1 tr, 3 tr into last 3ch-sp, 2 tr, 3 ch, miss 3 tr, 1 2dtr-cl, 2 tr. Turn. 65 sts

Row 7: 2 ch, 1 tr, 1 dc, 2 dc into first 3ch-sp, *1 side petal, miss 3 tr, 5 tr, 1 side petal, miss 3 tr, 1 dc into next 3ch-sp, 1 dc, 1 dc into next 3ch-sp; rep from * 3 times more, 1 side petal, miss 3 tr, 5 tr, 1 side petal, miss 3 tr, 2 dc into last 3ch-sp, 1 dc, 2 tr. Turn. 57 sts

Row 8: 2 ch, 1 tr, 2 dc, miss next st, *4 ch, miss side petal, 5 tr, 4 ch, miss side petal, 3 dc; rep from * 3 times more, 4 ch, miss side petal, 5 tr, 4 ch, miss [side petal, next st], 2 dc, 2 tr. Turn. 45 sts

Row 9: 2 ch, 1 tr, 1 2dtr-cl, miss next st, *3 ch, 3 tr into next 4ch-sp, 5 tr, 3 tr into next 4ch-sp, 3 ch, miss next st, 1 3dtr-cl, miss next st; rep from * 3 times more, 3 ch, 3 tr into next 4ch-sp, 5 tr, 3 tr into last 4ch-sp, 3 ch, miss next st, 1 2dtr-cl, 2 tr. Turn. 65 sts

Row 10: 2 ch, 2 tr, 3 tr into first 3ch-sp, *2 tr, 3 ch, miss 3 tr, 1 3dtr-cl, 3 ch, miss 3 tr, 2 tr, 3 tr into next 3ch-sp, 1 tr, 3 tr into next 3ch-sp; rep from * 3 times more, 2 tr, 3 ch, miss 3 tr, 1 3dtr-cl, 3 ch, miss 3 tr, 2 tr, 3 tr into last 3ch-sp, 3 tr. Turn. 65 sts

Rows 11-162: Rep rows 3-10 nineteen times.

Rows 163-169: Rep rows 3-9 once more.

Row 170: 2 ch, 2 tr, *3 tr into 3ch-sp, 11 tr, 3 tr into 3ch-sp, 1 tr; rep from * 4 times more, 2 tr. 95 sts

Weave in ends and wet block to finished measurements. 



Special stitches

Side petal (side petal): 4 ch, 2dtr-cl in top of last st made

2-double treble cluster (2dtr-cl):

*Yrh twice, insert hook in indicated st, yrh, pul, [yrh, draw through 2 loops] twice; rep from * once more in same st, yrh, draw through all 3 loops on hook

3-double treble cluster (3dtr-cl):

*Yrh twice, insert hook in indicated st, yrh, pul, [yrh, draw through 2 loops] twice; rep from * twice more in same st, yrh, draw through all 4 loops on hook

FLOWER POWER WAISTCOAT

Embellish this simple, cute waistcoat with pretty yellow buttercups – a perfect first baby project

Make some more flowers and attach them to a headband for an adorable outfit!



Tracey Todhunter

DK 3mm & 3.5mm

★ Beginner friendly

Yarn used

Yarn & Colours Serene
2 (2, 3, 4) balls of 101 Rosé (MC)
1 ball each in 015 Mustard (CC1), 090
Olive (CC2)
Available from www.lovecrafts.com

About the yarn

DK; 110m per 50g ball; 100% Merino wool

Tension

15 sts x 6 pattern repeats = 10cm over
pattern using 3.5mm hook (after blocking)

Hooks used

3mm
3.5mm

Other supplies

selection of small buttons, 1 larger button

Sizing

6-12 months, 1-2 years, 2-3 years, 3-4 years
Positive ease: 8 (5.5, 2.5, 3.5) cm
See schematic for finished measurements

Start crocheting...

Waistcoat is worked from the bottom
up in one piece.

With MC and larger hook, chain 81 (85, 88, 92).

Row 1 (RS): Starting in 2nd ch from hook,
dc to end. Turn. 80 (84, 88, 92) sts

Row 2: 3 ch (counts as 1 tr now and
throughout), tr across. Turn.

Row 3: 1 ch, dc across. Turn.

Rows 4-20 (22, 24, 26): Rep rows 2 & 3.

Shape right front

Work on first 20 (21, 22, 23) sts only
as follows:

Row 21 (23, 25, 27): Dc2tog, 16 (17, 18,
19) dc, dc2tog. Turn. 18 (19, 20, 21) sts

Row 22 (24, 26, 28) & all even rows: 3
ch, tr across. Turn.

Row 23 (25, 27, 29): Dc2tog, dc to end.
Turn. 17 (18, 19, 20) dc

Rep last two rows until 11 (12, 13)
dc remain.

Work - (2, 4, 6) rows without shaping. 35
(37, 41, 43) rows worked in total
Fasten off.

Back & neck shaping

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to next
unworked stitch on Row 20 (22, 24, 26).

Row 21 (23, 25, 27): Dc2tog, 36 (38, 40,
42) dc, dc2tog. Turn. 38 (40, 42, 44) sts

Row 22 (24, 26, 28): 3 ch, tr across. Turn.

Row 23 (25, 27, 29): 1 ch, dc
across. Turn.

Row 24 (26, 28, 30) - 32 (34, 38, 40):
Rep last 2 rows.

Shape neck

Row 33 (35, 39, 41): 1 ch, 11 (12, 12, 13)
dc. Turn.

Row 34 (36, 40, 42): 3 ch, tr across. Turn.

Row 35 (37, 41, 43): Rep Row 33 (35,
39, 41).

Fasten off.

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to Row 32 (34,
38, 40) missing centre 16 (16, 18, 18) sts.

Work on the remaining 11 (12, 12, 13) sts
as follows:

Row 33 (35, 39, 41): 1 ch, dc
across. Turn.

Row 34 (36, 40, 42): 3 ch, tr across. Turn.

Row 35 (37, 41, 43): 1 ch, dc across.
Fasten off and break yarn.

Shape left front

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to next
unworked st on Row 20 (22, 24, 26).

Row 21 (23, 25, 27): Dc2tog, 16 (17, 18,
19, 20) dc, dc2tog. Turn. 18 (19, 20,
21) sts

Row 22 (24, 26, 28) & all even rows: 3
ch, tr across. Turn.

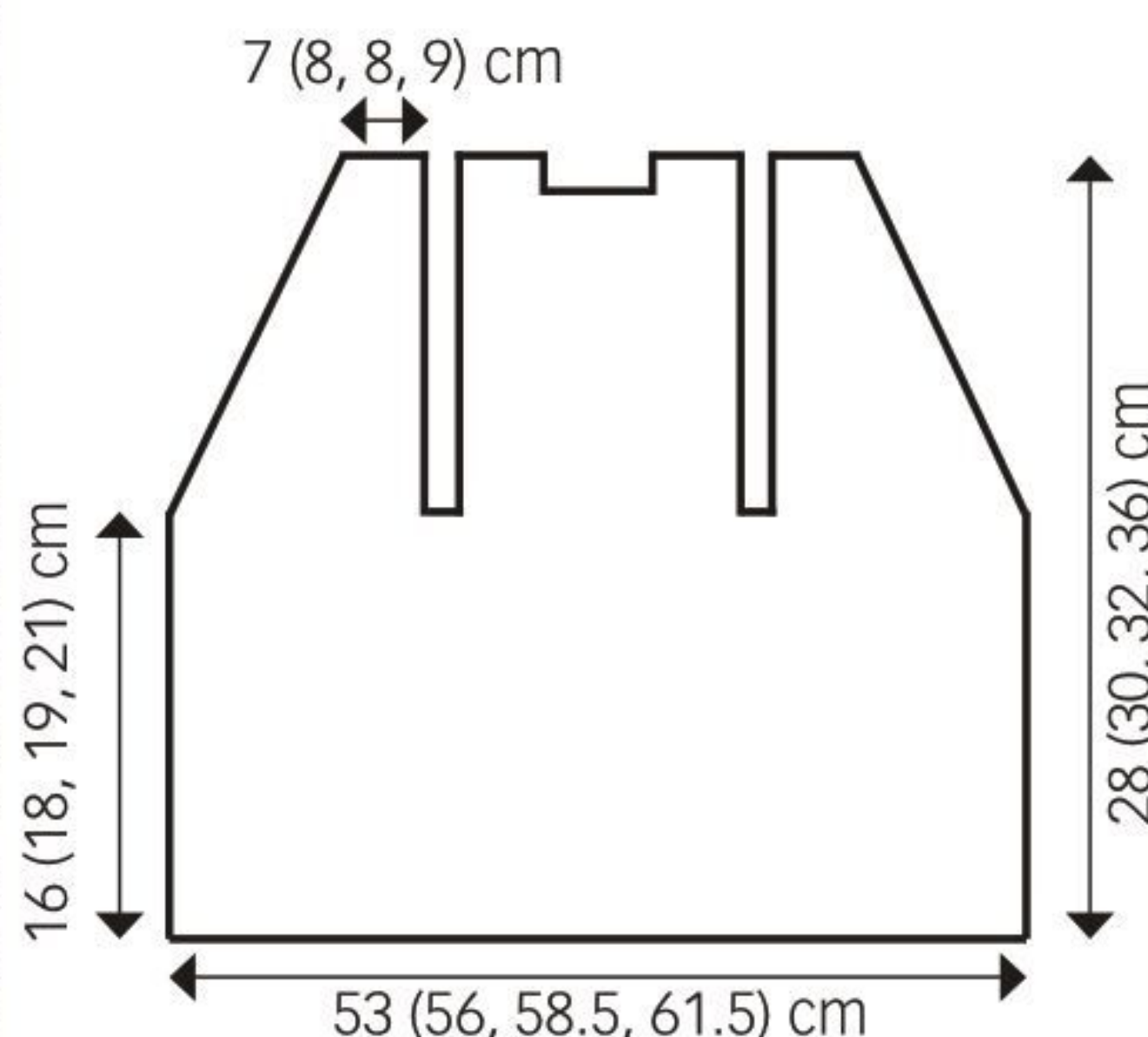
Row 23 (25, 27, 29): 1 ch, dc to last 2 sts,
dc2tog. Turn. 17 (18, 19, 20) sts

Rep last two rows until 11 (12, 13)
dc remain.

Work - (2, 4, 6) rows without shaping. 35
(37, 41, 43) rows in total

Fasten off and break yarn.

Schematic



Fold left and right fronts to back and
seam shoulders together.

Edging

With RS facing and using smaller hook,
join yarn to bottom right hand edge, 1 ch,
dc evenly along edges. Fasten off.

Join yarn to top of armhole, 1 ch, dc
evenly around, sl st to first dc to join.

Fasten off.

Repeat for second armhole.

Weave in ends.

Optional buttonhole

While working right front, at Row 20 (22,
24, 26) dc, 3 ch, sl st in same place as dc,
continue as instructed for edging.

Flowers

Rnd 1: Using CC1 and smaller hook,
working into a magic ring, 10 dc, sl st
to first dc to join.

Rnd 2: 5 tr in next dc, [sl st in next dc, 5
tr in next dc] 4 times, sl st to next dc
from Rnd 1 to join.

Fasten off.

Sew button to centre of flower.

Make a selection of flowers to suit the
size of waistcoat you are making.

Finishing

Weave in ends and block to dimensions
given in schematic.

Choose where you will place the flowers
then using CC2 and larger hook, make
flower stems of varying lengths using the
surface crochet technique. Sew a flower
to the top of each stem.

Sew remaining buttons to embellish
flowers using photograph as a guide.

Sew larger button to front if desired,
matching placement with buttonhole. 🌸

Special stitches

Surface crochet: With right side facing,
make a slipknot in the yarn and place it
at the back of your work. Insert the hook
through the fabric from front to back,
pick up the slipknot and draw through
to the front. Insert the hook from front
to back into the fabric between the next
two stitches, wrap the yarn over the
hook and draw the yarn through to the
front. Pass the first loop over the second
loop to complete the stitch. Repeat as
many times as required

Clangers





Heather C Gibbs

MOBILE

We think this fabulously fun Clangers mobile is out of this world!

DK 3mm

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Yarn used

Rico Ricorumi DK
1 ball each in Coral 009 (A), pink 011 (B), black 060 (C), Pastel Yellow 062 (D), Smokey Orange 024 (E), red 028 (F), Denim 034 (G), Midnight Blue 035 (H) & Mouse Grey 059 (I)

Rico Ricorumi Lamé DK
1 ball in Silver 001 (J)
Visit www.rico-design.de/en to find your local stockist

About the yarn

Ricorumi DK
DK; 57m per 25g ball; 100% cotton

Ricorumi Lamé DK
DK; 50m per 10g ball; 38% Nylon, 62% Polyester

Tension

6 sts = 2.5cm measured over dc

Hook used

3mm

Other supplies

stitch marker
2 black safety eyes (Clanger), 6mm
2 black safety eyes (Froglet), 8mm
black embroidery thread
DIY mobile stand

Sizing

Clanger: 11.5cm
Froglet: 8cm
Planet: Approximately 7cm diameter
Star: 7.5cm
Moon: 7cm

This pattern is worked in the amigurumi style (unless working in rows or joined rnds) in a spiral without slip stitching or turning chains. Use a stitch marker or scrap yarn to keep track of the first stitch of each round.

Beg 1 ch does not count as a st.

Leave a long tail when fastening off (unless otherwise specified) for sewing parts tog.

Special stitches

French Knot: Bring the thread out at the required position, hold the thread down where it emerges with the left thumb and encircle the thread 4 times with the needle. Still holding the thread firmly with your thumb, twist the needle back to the starting point and insert it close to where the thread first emerged (not in the exact place or it will simply pull back through). Pull the needle through to the back, leaving a knot on the surface

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



Official pattern

Start crocheting...

Tiny Clanger

Outer Ears (make 2)

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

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



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

Inner Ears (make 2)

Rnds 1-3: With B, work as for Outer Ear.

Nose

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

Rnd 2: Dc in BLO around.

Rnd 3: 2 dc, 2 dc in next st, 2 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 4: Dc around.

Rnd 5: 1 dc, [2 dc in next st] 4 times, 1 dc. 10 sts

Rnd 6: Dc around.

Rnd 7: 4 dc, [2 dc in next st] twice, 4 dc. 12 sts

Fasten off.

Stuff lightly.

Legs (make 2)

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

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 10 sts

Rnds 3-5: Dc around.

Fasten off and stuff first Leg only. Do not fasten off 2nd leg, cont with Body / Head.

Body/Head

Rnd 6: 2 ch, dc around 2nd Leg, [1 dc in next ch] twice, dc around first leg, [1 dc in unused loops of next ch] twice. 24 sts

Rnd 7: Dc around.

Rnd 8: [3 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 30 sts

Beg to stuff, cont as you go.

Rnds 9-12: Dc around.

Rnd 13: [4 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog] 5 times. 25 sts

Rnds 14-20: Dc around.

Rnd 21: [3 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog] 5 times. 20 sts

Rnds 22-23: Dc around.

Insert safety eyes between rnds 21-22, approximately 6 sts apart (nose should fit neatly in space).

Rnds 24-25: *1 inv-dc2tog; rep from * around. 5 sts

Fasten off. With tail, sew rem sts closed.

Feet (make 2)

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

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

Rnds 3-5: Dc around.

Row 6: Press Foot flat, working through both thicknesses, 4 dc. Fasten off. 4 sts

Hair

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

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

Rnd 3: 4 ch, sl st in first st, sl st in next st, [4 ch, sl st in same st as last sl st, sl st in next st] 11 times, placing last sl st in same st as first sl st. Fasten off. 12 ch-sps

Hair Bows (make 2)

With E, chain 6.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, dc across. Fasten off. 5 sts

Fold each piece in half and sew all 4 ends tog. Wrap yarn around seam.

Top Armour Section (make 2)

With F, chain 9.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, dc across. Turn. 8 sts

Rows 2-5: 1 ch, dc across. Turn. Fasten off.

Bottom Armour Section (make 2)

With F, chain 9.

Rows 1-2: As for rows 1-2 of Top Armour Section. 8 sts

Row 3: 1 ch, 1 dc2tog, 4 dc, 1 dc2tog. Turn. 6 sts

Row 4: 1 ch, 1 dc2tog, 2 dc, 1 dc2tog. Fasten off. 4 sts

Side Armour (make 2)

With F, chain 6.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, dc across. Turn. 5 sts

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

Shoulder Armour (make 2)

With F, chain 6.

Rows 1-2: As for rows 1-2 of Side Armour. Fasten off.

Arms (make 2)

Rnd 1: With A and working into a magic ring, 8 dc. 8 sts

Rnd 2: Dc in BLO around.

Rnds 3-7: Dc around.

Fasten off.

Row 8: Press arm flat, working through both thicknesses, join B with a sl st in first st pair, 4 ch, starting in 2nd ch from hook, 3 sl sts, 1 sl st in same st as join, [4 ch, starting in 2nd ch from hook, 3 sl sts, 1 sl st in next st pair of Arm] 3 times. Fasten off 4 fingers.

Making up Clanger

Use photo as a guide throughout. Sew last row of Nose on front of Head over rnds 24-26 in between the eyes. With A, sl st each Inner Ear to each Outer Ear and sew completed Ears to either side of Head. Sew



Hair on top of Head and Bow on top of Hair. Sew Arms on either side of Body across Rnd 16. With D, embroider stitches near edges of all pieces of Armour, embroider symbols in centre of front Top Piece only. With F, sew all Armour pieces to front, back and sides then, with E, add some stitches as if holding Armour tog.

Making sure your Clanger can stand, sew rnds 1-4 of each Foot to bottom of each Leg (Rnd 5 and Row 6 will be at the front of the leg and unattached).

Froglet

Top

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

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

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

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

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

Rnds 6-14: Dc around.

Fasten off.

With black embroidery thread, embroider mouth over rnds 12-13 using photo as a guide.

Bottom

Rnds 1-5: As for rnds 1-5 of Top.

Eyes (make 2)

Rnd 1: With E and working into a magic ring, 5 dc, do not close magic ring too tight, leave space to fit safety-eye shank through. 5 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 10 sts

Rnds 3-4: Dc around.

Rnd 5: 5 inv-dc2tog. Fasten off. 5 sts
Stuff lightly and sew up rem sts with tail. Insert safety eye through hole left from magic ring.

With black embroidery thread, embroider eyelashes.

Top of Legs

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

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

Rnd 3: Dc in BLO around.

Stuff lightly.

Bottom of Legs

Rnds 1-5: As for rnds 1-5 of Froglet Top.

Making up Froglets

Sew Bottom and Top tog matching sts on last rnd of each piece, stuff as you go. Sew Eyes to top of Head. Sew Legs Bottom to

rnds 1-2 of Legs Tops then sew Rnd 3 of Legs Tops to bottom centre of the Froglet Bottom.

Moon (make 2)

Rnd 1: With D and working into a magic ring, 7 dc. 7 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 14 sts

Rnd 3: [1 dc, 2 dc in next st] 7 times. 21 sts

Rnd 4: [2 dc, 2 dc in next st] 7 times. 28 sts

Rnd 5: [3 dc, 2 dc in next st] 7 times. 35 sts

Rnd 6: [4 dc, 2 dc in next st] 7 times. 42 sts

Rnd 7: [2 dc, 2 dc in next st] 14 times. 56 sts

Rnd 8: [3 dc, 2 dc in next st] 14 times.

Fasten off. 70 sts

Fold moon in half and sew sts on last rnd tog, stuffing as you go.

Blue Planet

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rnds 7-15: Dc around.

Beg to stuff, cont as you go.

Rnd 16: [4 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog] 6 times. 30 sts

Rnd 17: [3 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog] 6 times. 24 sts

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

Rnd 19: [1 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog] 6 times. 12 sts

Rnd 20: 6 dc2tog. Fasten off. 6 sts

Sew rem hole closed.

Planet Lids (make 5)

Rnd 1: With I and working into a magic ring, 8 dc. Fasten off. 8 sts

With J, embroider a little line for a handle in the centre of each Lid.

Making up Planet

Sew Planet Lids in regular intervals around Blue Planet.

With H, embroider some French knots for texture.

Star Sides (make 4)

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

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 10 sts

Rnd 3: [1 dc, 2 dc in next st] 5 times. 15 sts

Rnd 4: [2 dc, 2 dc in next st] 5 times. 20 sts

Rnd 5: [3 dc, 2 dc in next st] 5 times. 25 sts

Cont working in short rows to form each point.

Row 1: 1 ch, 5 dc, pm in next st. Turn. 5 sts

Row 2: 1 ch, miss first st, 4 dc. Turn. 4 sts

Row 3: 1 ch, miss first st, 3 dc. Turn. 3 sts

Row 4: 1 ch, miss first st, 2 dc. Turn. 2 sts

Row 5: 1 ch, miss first st, 1 dc. Fasten off. 1 st
Rep rows 1-5 for each star point, starting in marked st.

Making up Star

With WS tog, whipstitch 2 pieces tog, stuffing as you go. Rep for rem 2 pieces. Weave in ends.

Making up Mobile

Using either string, yarn or invisible thread, tie Clanger to the centre of mobile, tie Froglet and Blue Planet on opposite ends of first bar. Tie 1 Moon to bottom of each Star then tie Stars to opposite ends of 2nd bar.





KERRY'S JOURNAL

Kerry shares with us her excitement for Easter and the oncoming spring

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"Each year, our annual digital egg hunt and crochet-along gets bigger and better"



With the daffodils blooming and the birds busy nesting, if you're anything like me, your hook is already whirring away on bunnies and chicks galore ready for Easter!

Our HQ has burst into colour, both with the flowers in the banks and fields outside our windows and all the projects leaping off our crochet hooks. There are daffodils in every combination of colours, crocuses, tulips and more. We've turned into a team of indoor gardeners, and it's inspired many of us to plant bulbs and seeds in the soil.

Easter is a big celebration of spring at TOFT, and each year our annual digital egg hunt and crochet-along get bigger and

better. Throughout the Easter weekend, you can expect lots of fun activities from us, including free patterns, discounts and the reveal of the latest crochet-along project. Download the free pattern over the weekend, then get your materials and hooks ready for a two-week brand-new Edward's Menagerie bird crochet pattern. 2019 was





Leonardo the Quail, 2020 we met Pascal the Mandarin Duck, 2021 we all enjoyed making Callahan the Yokohama Cockerel. Who will we make this year?

Have you ever joined a crochet-along? It's a great way to tackle a more demanding pattern and learn new techniques in bite-sized chunks. Each day I upload a new video covering that day's part of the pattern, and everyone shares their daily progress so they can easily keep up and ask any questions as they go along. If you've not tried one before, our Easter bird is a great one to join, and there's no need to sign up. Make sure you download the pattern from our website, starting Monday 25th April 2022.

New for this year, I've also crocheted my first boxes of chocolates and sweet fancies. Each box contains a range of techniques and patterns so you can learn some fun new stitches as you hook your way through the delicious 'fudge', 'cream' and 'cocoa' yarn. A healthier way to enjoy Easter and a brilliant alternative for children's gifts if your kids are anything like mine and the grand Easter bunny is all too generous!





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Yarn used

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2 balls in cream 002 (A)
1 ball in Salmon 039 (B)

Available from www.lovecrafts.com

About the yarn

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

Tension

26 sts x 27 rows = 10cm measured over dc

Hook used

2.5mm

Other supplies

stitch markers

Sizing

16.5cm tall x 29cm long

This project is worked in one piece. Once you move onto the Tapestry crochet section of the bag, keep an eye on your tension and ensure it is not worked too tight. When folded in half the work should measure the same width.

Start crocheting...

The main section of your bag is worked in one piece starting with the back.

BACK

With A, chain 79.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, dc across. Turn. 78 sts

Rows 2-40: 1 ch, dc across. Turn.

BASE

Mark the first and last sts of Row 41.

Rows 41-60: 1 ch, dc across. Turn. Mark the first and last sts of Row 60.

FRONT

Rows 61-71: 1 ch, dc across. Turn. Beg carrying B through this row starting in the 2nd st. Ensure you are carrying the unused colour through on the WS of work. Row 72 begins on the RS. Ensure your tension is not too tight whilst following the chart.

Rows 72-94: Following the chart for colour changes and working over unused colour across entire row, 1 ch, dc across. Turn. Fasten off B.

Rows 95-100: With A, 1 ch, dc across. Turn. Fasten off.

First side panel

Row 1: With RS facing, join B with sl st to marked row-end on the RH side of your work, 1 dc in same row end as join, [1 dc in next row end] 19 times across to other marked row-end on same side, rm. Turn. 20 sts

Rows 2-5: 1 ch, dc across. Turn.

Row 6: 1 ch, 1 dc2tog, dc across to last 2 sts, 1 dc2tog. Turn. 18 sts

Rows 7-15: As Row 2.

Row 16: As Row 6. 16 sts

Rows 17-20: As Row 2.

Row 21: As Row 6. 14 sts

Rows 22-35: As Row 2.

Row 36: As Row 6. 12 sts

Rows 37-40: As Row 2. Fasten off.

Second side panel

Row 1: With RS facing, join B with sl st to marked row-end on side of your work opposite from First side panel, 1 dc in same row end as join, [1 dc in next row end] 19 times across to other marked row-end on same side, rm. Turn. 20 sts

Rows 2-40: Rep rows 2-40 of First side panel.

Use 4 st markers to attach both side panels to the main portion. With B and a tapestry needle, sew row ends tog ensuring each set of rows matches up along each side.

TOP

After sewing side panels in place, with RS of Front facing, join B with sl st in first st of main portion (colour A). Pinch side pieces tog so side panels sit inside the bag. You will only be working the top border over colour A to create shaping.

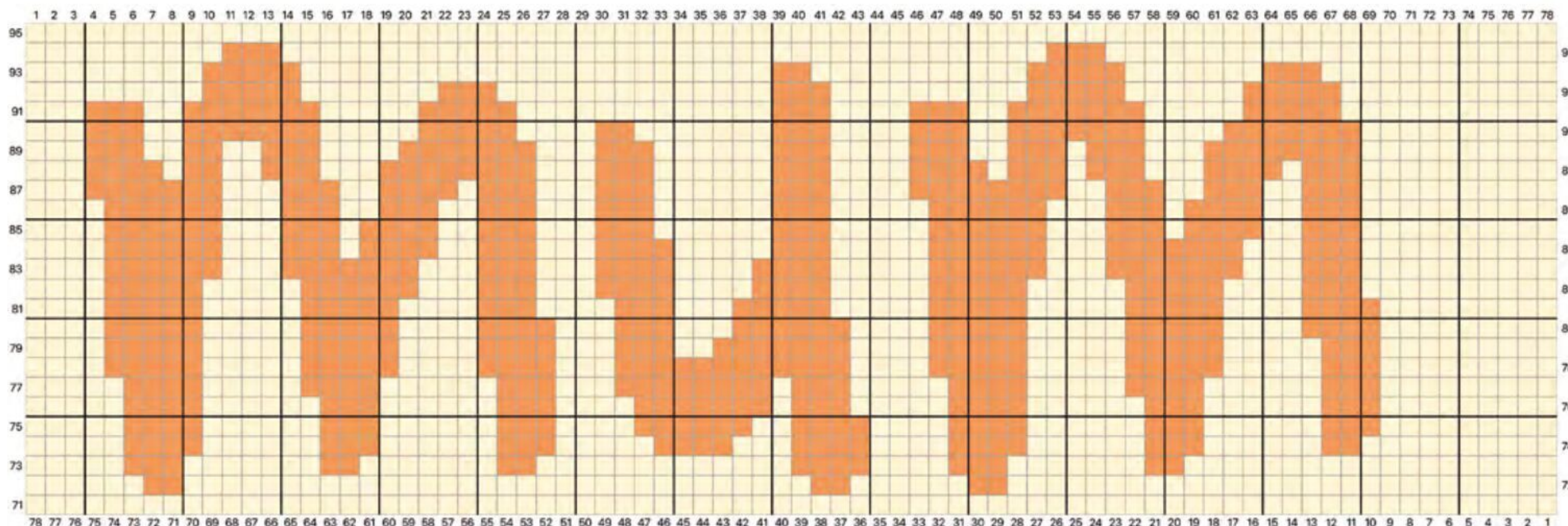
Rnd 1 (RS): 1 ch, starting in same st as join, 78 dc, rotate to work across Back, 78 dc, join with sl st to beg dc. Do not turn. 156 sts

Rnds 2-3 (RS): 1 ch, dc around, join with sl st to beg dc. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Finishing

With B, sew top section of each side panel tog, keeping panels on inside of bag.

Chart



Key A B



DK 3.5mm

★★ Try something new

Yarn used

Cascade Yarns Ultra Pima

2 balls in Coral 3752

Available from

www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

About the yarn

DK; 200m per 100g skein; 100% cotton

Tension

17 sts x 12 rows = 10cm measured over dc

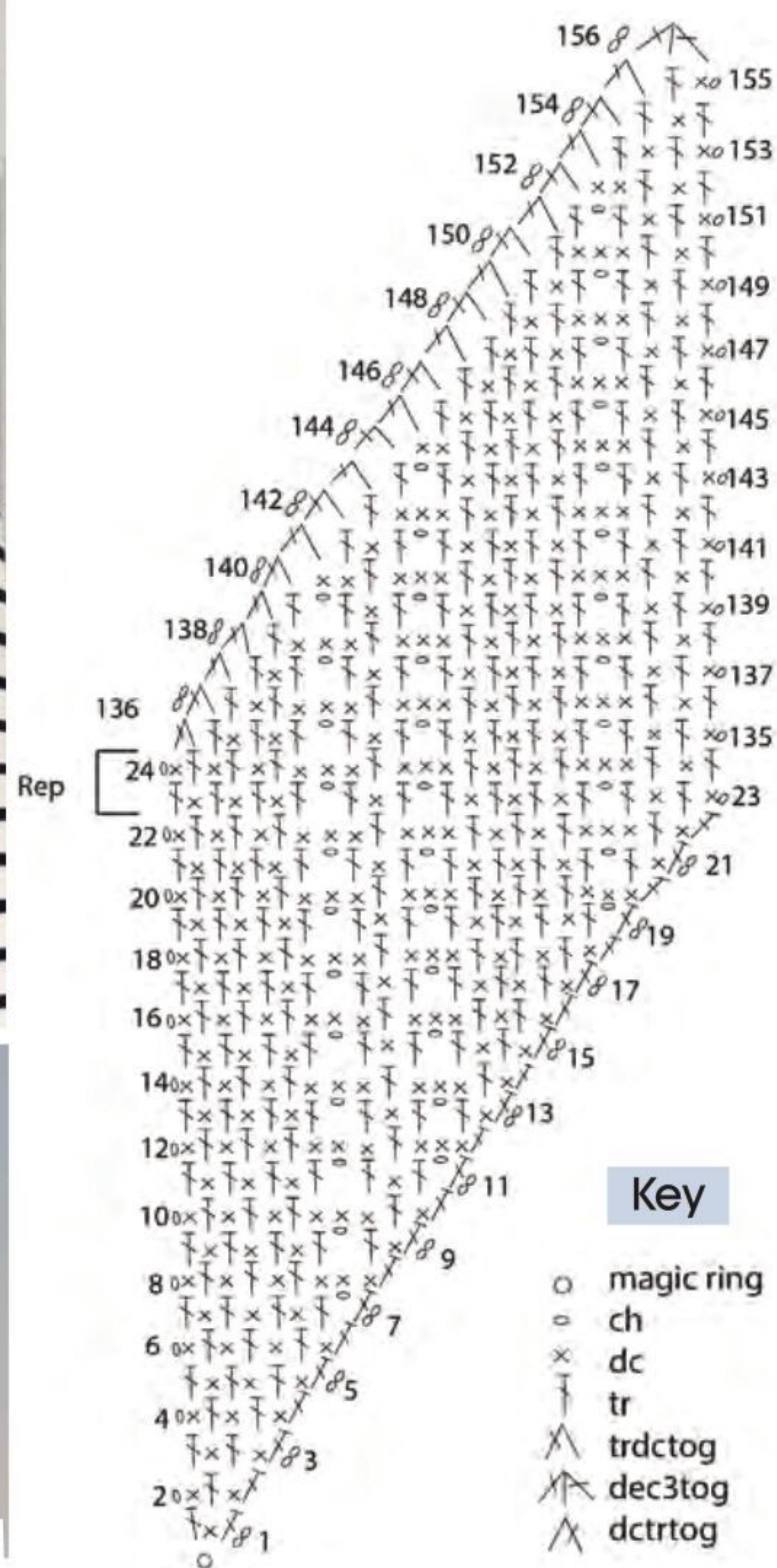
Hook used

3.5mm

Sizing

14x132cm

Chart



Jane Howarth

SPRING BLOSSOM SCARF

Whilst we wait for spring to arrive, add a pop of colour to your winter walks with this beautiful scarf

This scarf is designed to wrap around once and fold, but you can easily vary the length – continue the central two-row repeat until it's right for you.

Alternating tr and dc (sometimes called seed or lemon peel stitch) settle in place as you work, creating a light textured effect inspired by spring blossoms.

Beg chs do not count as a st.

 Start crocheting...

Increase Section

- Row 1:** Working into a magic ring, 2 ch, 1 tr, 1 dc, 1 tr. Turn. 3 sts
- Row 2:** 1 ch, 1 dc, 1 tr, [1 dc, 1 tr] in last st. Turn. 4 sts
- Row 3:** 2 ch, [1 tr, 1 dc] in first st, 1 tr, 1 dc, 1 tr. Turn. 5 sts
- Row 4:** 1 ch, *1 dc, 1 tr; rep from * across to last st, [1 dc, 1 tr] in last st. Turn. 6 sts
- Row 5:** 2 ch, [1 tr, 1 dc] in first st, 1 tr, *1 dc, 1 tr; rep from * across. Turn. 7 sts
- Row 6:** As Row 4. 8 sts
- Row 7:** 2 ch, 1 tr, 1 ch, 1 tr, *1 dc, 1 tr; rep from * across. Turn. 8 sts
- Row 8:** 1 ch, [1 dc, 1 tr] 3 times, 1 dc, 1 dc into 1ch-sp, [1 dc, 1 tr] in last st. Turn. 10 sts
- Row 9:** 2 ch, [1 tr, 1 dc] in first st, 1 tr, 1 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr, [1 dc, 1 tr] 3 times. 10 sts
- Row 10:** 1 ch, [1 dc, 1 tr] 3 times, 1 dc, 1 dc into 1ch-sp, 1 dc, 1 tr, [1 dc, 1 tr] in last st. Turn. 12 sts
- Row 11:** 2 ch, 1 tr, 1 ch, 1 tr, 1 dc, 1 tr, 1 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr, [1 dc, 1 tr] 3 times. Turn. 11 sts
- Row 12:** 1 ch, [1 dc, 1 tr] 3 times, 1 dc, 1 dc into 1ch-sp, 1 dc, 1 tr, 1 dc, 1 dc into 1ch-sp, [1 dc, 1 tr] in last st. Turn. 14 sts
- Row 13:** 2 ch, [1 tr, 1 dc] in first st, [1 tr, 1 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr, 1 dc] twice, 1 tr, [1 dc, 1 tr] twice. Turn. 13 sts
- Row 14:** 1 ch, [1 dc, 1 tr] 3 times, [1 dc,

1 dc into 1ch-sp, 1 dc, 1 tr] twice, [1 dc, 1 tr] in last st. Turn. 16 sts

Row 15: 2 ch, [1 tr, 1 dc] in first st, 1 tr, 1 dc, [1 tr, 1 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr, 1 dc] twice, 1 tr, [1 dc, 1 tr] twice. Turn. 15 sts

Row 16: 1 ch, [1 dc, 1 tr] 3 times, [1 dc, 1 dc into 1ch-sp, 1 dc, 1 tr] twice, *1 dc, 1 tr; rep from * across to last st, [1 dc, 1 tr] in last st. Turn. 18 sts

Row 17: 2 ch, [1 tr, 1 dc] in first st, [1 tr, 1 dc] twice, [1 tr, 1 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr, 1 dc] twice, 1 tr, [1 dc, 1 tr] twice. Turn. 17 sts

Row 18: As Row 16. 20 sts

Row 19: 2 ch, 1 tr, 1 ch, [1 tr, 1 dc] 3 times, [1 tr, 1 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr, 1 dc] twice, 1 tr, [1 dc, 1 tr] twice. Turn. 18 sts

Row 20: 1 ch, [1 dc, 1 tr] 3 times, [1 dc, 1 dc into 1ch-sp, 1 dc, 1 tr] twice, [1 dc, 1 tr] twice, 1 dc, 1 dc into 1ch-sp, [1 dc, 1 tr] in last st. Turn. 22 sts

Row 21: 2 ch, [1 tr, 1 dc] in first st, 1 tr, 1 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr, [1 dc, 1 tr] twice, 1 dc, [1 tr, 1 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr, 1 dc] twice, 1 tr, [1 dc, 1 tr] twice. Turn. 20 sts

Row 22: 1 ch, [1 dc, 1 tr] 3 times, [1 dc, 1 dc into 1ch-sp, 1 dc, 1 tr] twice, [1 dc, 1 tr] twice, 1 dc, 1 dc into 1ch-sp, 1 dc, 1 tr, [1 dc, 1 tr] in last st. Turn. 24 sts

Main Section

Row 23: 1 ch, [1 dc, 1 tr] twice, 1 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr, [1 dc, 1 tr] twice, 1 dc, [1 tr, 1 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr, 1 dc] twice, 1 tr, [1 dc, 1 tr] twice. Turn. 21 sts

Row 24: 1 ch, [1 dc, 1 tr] 3 times, [1 dc, 1 dc into 1ch-sp, 1 dc, 1 tr] twice, [1 dc, 1 tr] twice, 1 dc, 1 dc into 1ch-sp, [1 dc, 1 tr] twice. Turn. 24 sts

Rep rows 23 and 24 fifty-five times more.

Decrease Section

Row 135: Work in patt across to last 2 sts, 1 dctrtog. Turn. 1 st dec'd

Row 136: 2 ch, 1 trdctog, cont in established patt across. Turn. 1 st dec'd



Rep rows 135 and 136 nine times more.

Row 155: 1 dc, 1 tr, 1 dctrtog. Turn. 3 sts

Row 156: 2 ch, 1 dec3tog. 1 st

Fasten off. Weave in ends and block. 

Special stitches

Double crochet treble crochet

together (Dctrtog): Insert hook in next st, yrh, pul, yrh, insert hook in next st, yrh, pul, yrh, draw through 2 loops, yrh, draw through all 3 loops on hook

Treble crochet double crochet

together (Trdctog): Yrh, insert hook in next st, yrh, pul, yrh, draw through 2 loops, insert hook in next st, yrh, pul, yrh, draw through all 3 loops on hook

Decrease 3 stitches together

(Dec3tog): Yrh, insert hook into next st, yrh, pul, yrh draw through 2 loops, insert hook into next st, yrh, pul, yrh, insert hook into next st, yrh, pul, yrh draw through 2 loops, yrh, draw through all 4 loops on hook

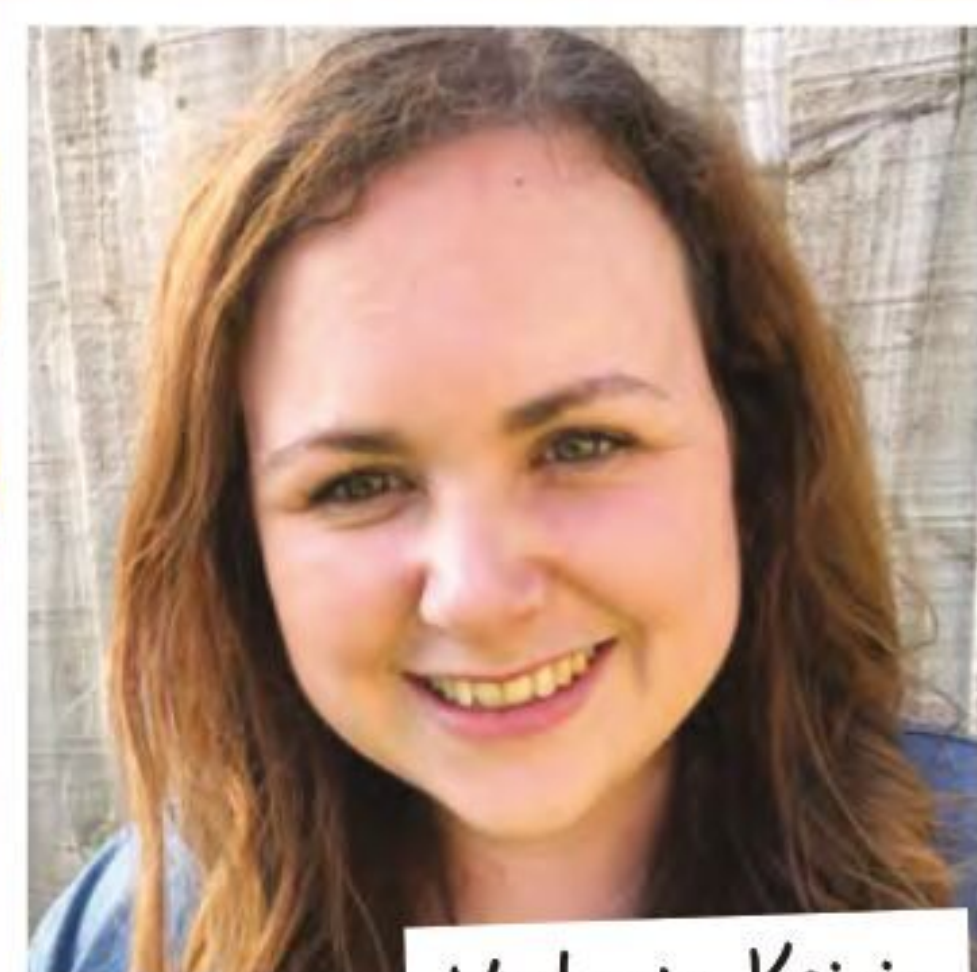
HOP ALONG BUNTING

Add a splash of fun to your décor
this Easter with this cheerful
bunny bunting!



Special stitches

Crab st: Insert hook in next st to the right from front to back, yrh, pul, yrh, draw through both loops



Victoria Kairis

DK 3mm

★ Beginner friendly

Yarn used

West Yorkshire Spinners Bo Peep Luxury Baby DK
1 ball each in Tooth Fairy 011 (A), Sailboat 144 (B), Piglet 269 (C), Pixie 326 (D) & Unicorn 565 (E)
Turn to pages 60-61 to find your local stockist

About the yarn

DK; 112m per 50g ball; 52% Falkland wool, 48% nylon

Tension

11 sts x 13 rows = 5cm measured over dc
Tension is not critical for this project, but sts should be tight enough to avoid stuffing showing through

Hook used

3mm

Other supplies

toy stuffing
3 pairs of safety eyes, 6mm
tapestry needle
35mm pompom maker

Sizing

Each bunny is 17cm tall x 9cm wide

When you make the crab stitch border, use clips or stitch markers to hold the 2 pieces together so you can make sure you are working through the same row on both sides.

Only lightly stuff each bunny and don't stuff the ears.

Start crocheting...

For the bunting make six bunnies in total, three will face forwards and have safety eyes and embroidered noses, the other three will face backwards and have pompom tails. With B make one bunny with a pompom tail, with C make one bunny with a face, with D and E make two bunnies each, one with a tail and one with a face.

Bunny Shape (make 2 for each Bunny) Ears (make 2)

Chain 4.

Row 1 (RS): Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 3 dc. Turn. 3 sts

Row 2: 1 ch, 2 dc in first st, 1 dc, 2 dc in last st. Turn. 5 sts

Rows 3-10: 1 ch, 5 dc. Turn.

Fasten off first Ear, do not fasten off 2nd Ear.

Head & Body

Cont from 2nd Ear.

Row 1 (RS): 1 ch, 5 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc in first st of Row 10 on first Ear (making sure the ear has the RS facing), 4 dc. Turn. 10 dc, 1 ch

Row 2: 1 ch, 2 dc in first st, 4 dc, 1 dc in ch st, 4 dc, 2 dc in last st. Turn. 13 sts

Row 3: 1 ch, 13 dc. Turn.

Row 4: 1 ch, 2 dc in first st, 11 dc, 2 dc in last st. Turn. 15 sts

Rows 5-9: 1 ch, 15 dc. Turn.

Row 10: 1 ch, 1 dc2tog, 11 dc, 1 dc2tog. Turn. 13 sts

Row 11: 1 ch, 13 dc. Turn.

Row 12: 1 ch, 1 dc2tog, 9 dc, 1 dc2tog. Turn. 11 sts

Row 13: 1 ch, 11 dc. Turn.

Row 14: 1 ch, 1 dc2tog, 7 dc, 1 dc2tog. Turn. 9 sts

Row 15: 1 ch, 2 dc in first st, 7 dc, 2 dc in last st. Turn. 11 sts

Row 16: 1 ch, 2 dc in first st, 9 dc, 2 dc in last st. Turn. 13 sts

Row 17: As Row 4.

Row 18: 1 ch, 15 dc. Turn.

Row 19: 1 ch, 2 dc in first st, 13 dc, 2 dc in last st. Turn. 17 sts

Rows 20-21: 1 ch, 17 dc. Turn.

Row 22: 1 ch, 2 dc in first st, 15 dc, 2 dc in last st. Turn. 19 sts

Rows 23-27: 1 ch, 19 dc. Turn.

Row 28: 1 ch, 1 dc2tog, 15 dc, 1 dc2tog. Turn. 17 sts

Row 29: 1 ch, 17 dc. Turn.

Row 30: 1 ch, 1 dc2tog, 13 dc, 1 dc2tog. Turn. 15 sts

Row 31: 1 ch, 15 dc. Turn.

Row 32: As Row 10.

Row 33: As Row 12.

Row 34: As Row 14.

Fasten off first shape, do not fasten off 2nd shape.

Row 35: 1 ch, place 2 bunnies tog RS to WS, crab st in each st and row-end around to join both parts tog. Before closing add safety eyes (if using) between rows 7 and 8 of Head, with 8 sts between the eyes. Stuff Head and Body of the bunny and then cont with crab st seam. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Making up

Using a contrasting colour yarn, embroider a nose onto each bunny with safety eyes. With A, make 3 pompoms and sew to the backs of the bunnies without faces.

Bunting String

Lay out the bunnies in order using the photo as a guide; you will make the string from right to left.

With A, 70 ch, 1 dc in the top of the right ear of the first bunny, 8 ch, 1 dc in the top of the left ear of same bunny, 40 ch, *1 dc in the top of the right ear of the next bunny, 8 ch, 1 dc in the top of the left ear of same bunny, 40 ch; rep from * 4 more times, 30 ch. Fasten off.



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Where is your shop and what is the neighbourhood like?

We are based in Bilston, very close to the city of Wolverhampton. Bilston is a small market town with a friendly feel – a town that always comes together for special events.



Samantha Bowen

Who works at your shop?

Myself and my mum, with the occasional help from a couple of friends who are passionate about crochet.

What makes your shop special?

We're a friendly, family-run shop that's always willing to go the extra mile for our customers. We stock everything from everyday affordable yarns to beautiful hand-dyed yarns. We all love the internet, but to have a shop where people can come in, have a look around and have a feel of the yarn is always nice.

What are your most popular yarns?

We stock an amazing selection of yarns, with our most popular being Stylecraft Special DK and Cygnet Pato Everyday Yarn, a very close second. A great choice of colours is always a winner, and these have both. We also stock a selection of King Cole, Woolcraft and James C Brett with knitting and crochet accessories from Pony and KnitPro, to name a few.

Do you run a virtual group, or do you have plans to run a group once allowed? If yes, when does it meet?

We meet on Wednesdays for a Knitter Natter group, both in the morning then again for an afternoon session. We have monthly workshops in adult needle felting, macramé and craft classes. Check out our Facebook page for up-and-coming events.

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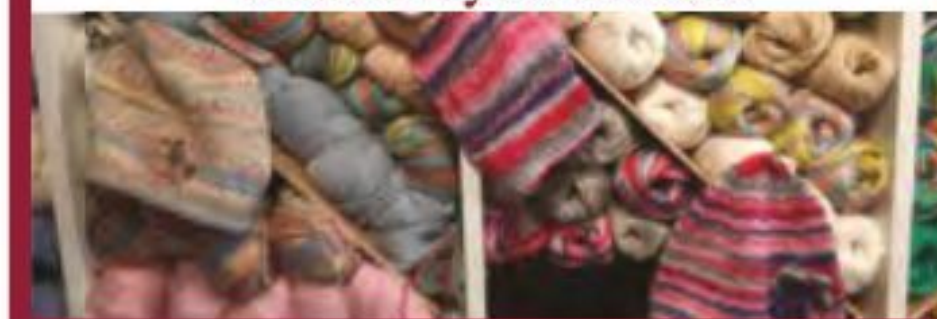
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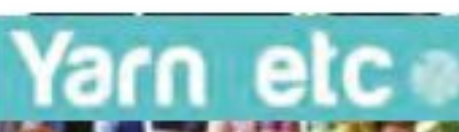
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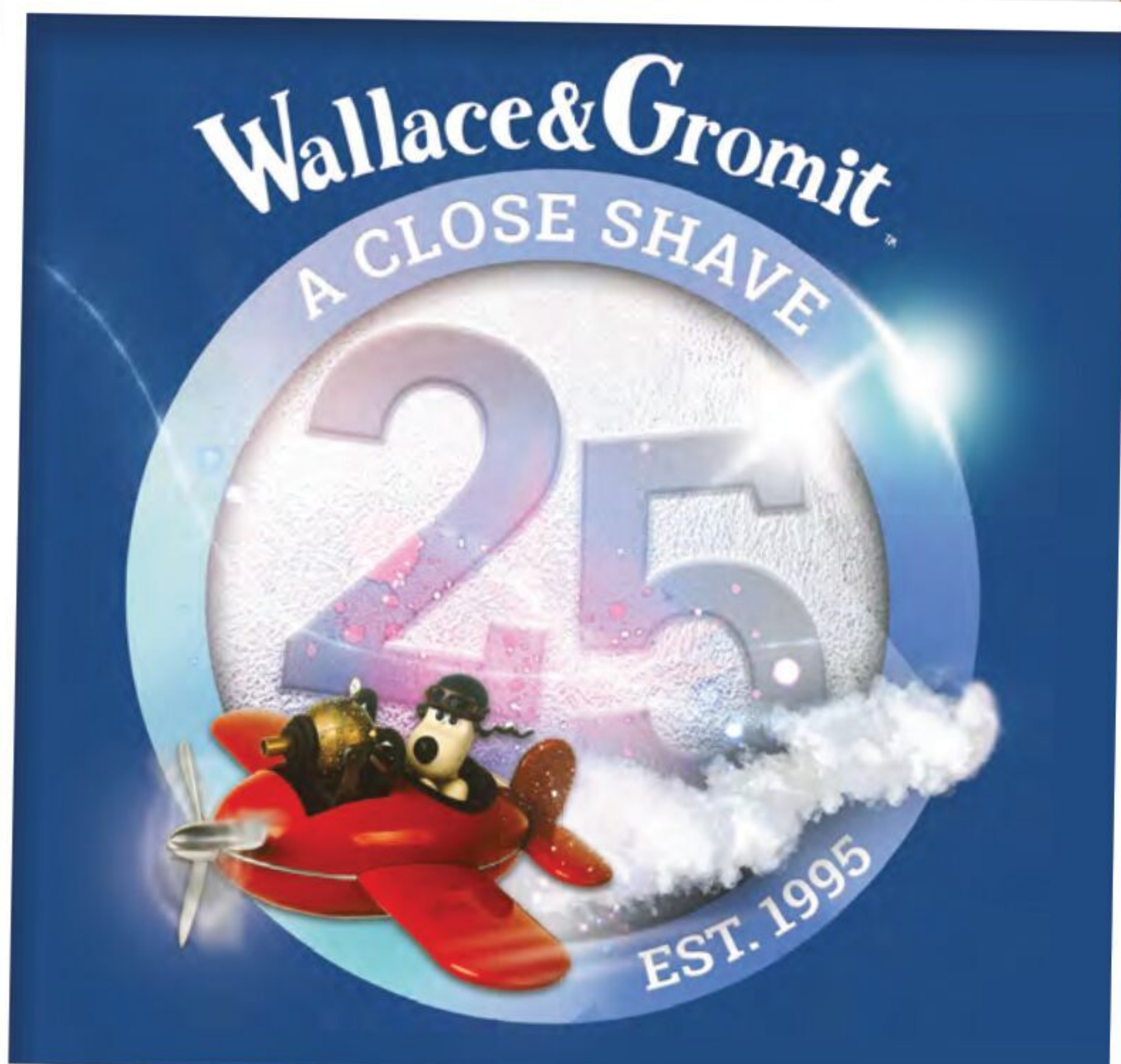
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Natalie Mayer

Snuggle Up SCARF

This trendy sleeved scarf would make an excellent final touch for any outfit!

 **Chunky**  **5.5mm**

★ **Beginner friendly**

Yarn used

James C. Brett Top Value Chunky
5 balls in Soft Grey TC11
Turn to pages 60-61 to find your
local stockist

About the yarn

Chunky; 150m per 100g ball; 100% acrylic

Tension

11 sts x 6 rows = 10cm measured over tr
6 sts x 4 rnds = 5cm measured over [1 RtrF,
1 RtrB] rib

Hook used

5.5mm

Sizing

one size
246.5cm long x 40cm wide at widest point
Sleeve cuff 20cm long x
18.5cm circumference

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This project is started in joined rounds for
the sleeve cuffs, and then is worked back
and forth in rows for the body of the scarf,
before being worked in joined rounds
again. Do not turn between rounds.

Beg 3 ch counts as first tr or RtrB throughout.

 **Start crocheting...**

First Cuff

Chain 22. Join with sl st in first ch to work in
the rnd, being careful not to twist your work.

Rnd 1: 3 ch, tr around, join with sl st in top
of beg 3 ch. 22 sts

Rnds 2-16: 3 ch, [1 RtrF, 1 RtrB] 10 times,
1 RtrF, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch.

You will now work back and forth in rows.

Increase Section

Row 17 (RS): 3 ch, 2 tr in next st, tr across
to last 3 sts, 2 tr in next st, 1 tr. Turn.
2 sts inc'd

Rows 18-27: Rep Row 17 ten times. 44 sts

Note: If you would like to work longer,
looser sleeves you can cont to increase
here, checking the fit of the scarf around
your arm as you work. Be aware you may
need more yarn if you do this, and you will
need to work an equal number of decrease
sts at the end of the pattern.

Main Section of Scarf

Rows 28-129: 3 ch, tr across. Turn. 102
even rows worked.

Decrease Section

Row 130: 3 ch, 1 tr2tog, tr across to last 3
sts, 1 tr2tog, 1 tr. Turn. 2 sts dec'd

Rows 131-139: Rep Row 130 nine times.
24 sts

Row 140: Rep Row 130, join with sl st in
top of beg 3 ch. Turn. 22 sts

Second Cuff

Rnd 141 (RS): 3 ch, tr around, join with sl
st in top of beg 3 ch.

Rnds 142-156: Rep Rnd 2 of First Cuff
15 times.

Fasten off. Weave in ends and
block to finished measurements.
Optional: sew seam along decrease/
increase sections. 



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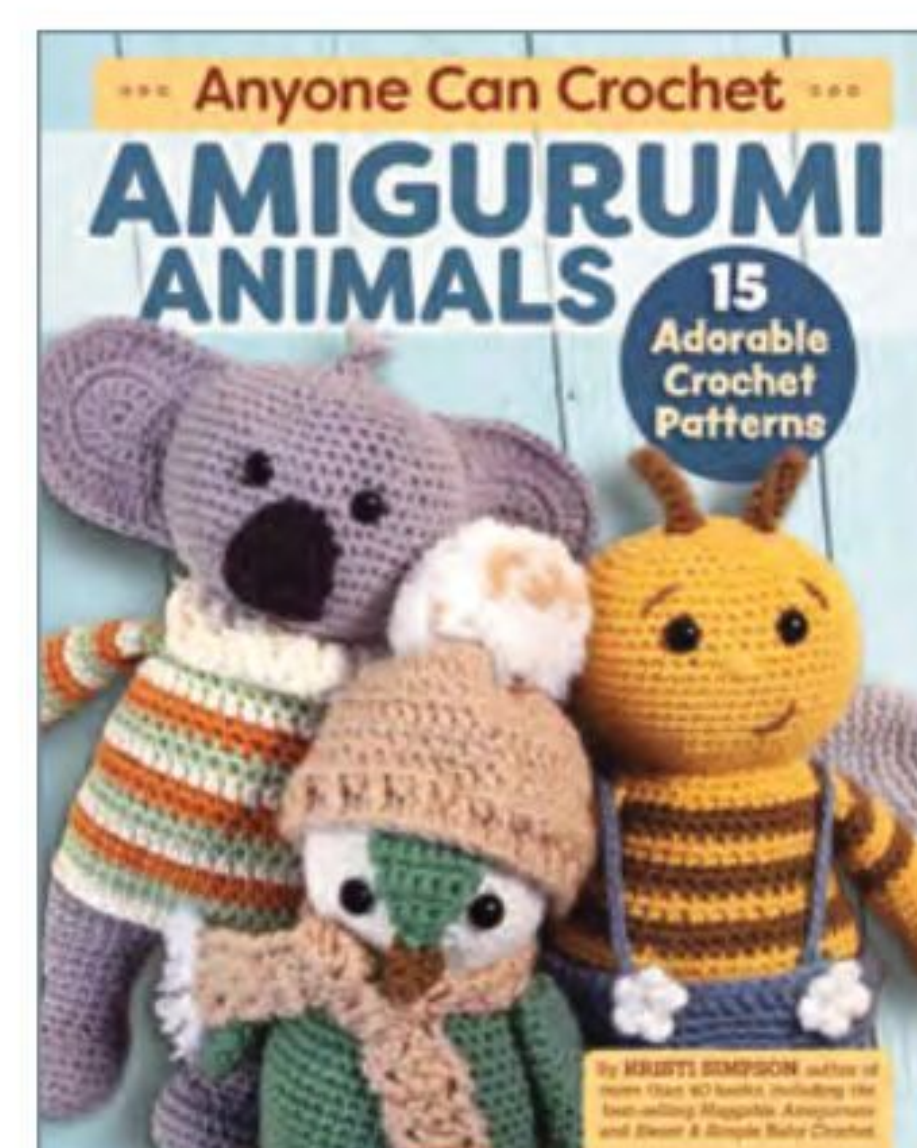
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At Crochet Now, we love an adorable set of amigurumi animals, and have fallen in love with Kristi Simpson's *Anyone Can Crochet Amigurumi Animals*!



**Anyone Can Crochet
Amigurumi Animals
By Kristi Simpson
£14.99, Fox Chapel Publishing
ISBN: 9781947163782**

Amigurumi is one of the most well-known projects to any crocheter. They make the perfect gift or cuddly companion, no matter your age. Amigurumi is also a brilliant way for those newer to crochet to increase their skills and try new techniques! So, if you're looking for some super cute patterns or a stepping stone into the amigurumi world, *Anyone Can Crochet Amigurumi Animals* by Kristi Simpson is the perfect book for you!

Starting with the absolute crochet basics, from holding your hook and counting stitches, *Anyone Can Crochet Amigurumi*

Animals contains everything you will need to be making your own furry friends in no time. With tips throughout the book and varying difficulty in patterns, there's something for even more experienced crocheters to learn as they go through the book. The patterns are split into four difficulties, from those with minimal shaping and basic stitches for absolute beginners to non-repeating patterns and multicolour techniques for more experienced crocheters. For some of the slightly trickier patterns, there are also some step-by-step images to accompany the pattern.

There are too many adorable amigurumi creations in this book to pick an absolute favourite, but Franklin the Fox, Tempy the Jellyfish and Daisy the Pig are the first on my list to have a go at making myself! With bright and happy photography, clear instructions and tons of tips, *Anyone Can Crochet Amigurumi Animals* should be on the shopping list for anyone who can't get enough of these squishy balls of fluff!

Turn over to crochet
Ava the Lamb!



AVA THE LAMB

Who wants a cute romper like Ava? I do!
Make a few in different colours to play dress
up with your sweet little lamb



Aran 2.75mm

★ Beginner friendly

Yarn used

Berroco Ultra Wool
1 ball each in cream 3301 (MC), Mint 3309
(CC1) & Delicata 3325 (CC2)
Available at www.lovecrafts.com

About the yarn

Aran; 200m per 100g ball; 100%
superwash Merino

Tension

Tension is not critical for this project

Hook used

2.75mm

Other supplies

tapestry needle
2 black safety eyes, 10mm
toy stuffing
stitch marker
scrap amount of aran black yarn

Sizing

Approximately 19cm tall

Start crocheting...

Arms (make 2)

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

Note: Loop a short piece of scrap yarn around any st to mark Rnd 1 as RS. Stuff lightly with fiberfill as you make Arm, leaving top 1.5cm unstuffed.

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

Rnd 3: [2 dc, 2 dc in next st] 3 times. 12 sts

Rnds 4-7: Dc around.

Rnd 8: 10 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog. 11 sts

Rnds 9-11: Dc around.

Rnd 12: 9 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog. 10 sts

Rnds 13-15: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Legs (make 2)

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

Note: Stuff firmly with fiberfill as you make Leg.

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

Rnd 3: [2 dc, 2 dc in next st] 3 times. 12 sts

Rnds 4-9: Dc around.

Rnd 10: [3 dc, 2 dc in next st] 3 times. 15 sts

Rnds 11-12: Dc around.

Fasten off first Leg only. Mark first st of last rnd with st marker for first Leg, do not fasten off 2nd Leg.

Body

Rnd 1: Beg with 2nd Leg, 1 dc, 3 ch, 1 dc in marked st of first Leg, 14 dc, [1 dc in next ch] 3 times, now working over 2nd Leg, 14 dc, move marker to indicate new beg of rnd. 33 sts

Note: Loop a short piece of yarn around any st to mark Rnd 1 as RS.

Rnd 2: 1 dc, working in opposite side of ch, [1 dc in next ch] 3 times, dc to end. 36 sts

Rnd 3: [5 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 42 sts

Rnds 4-12: Dc around.

Rnd 13: [5 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog] 6 times. 36 sts

Rnds 14-15: Dc around.

Rnd 16: [4 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog] 6 times. 30 sts

Rnds 17-18: Dc around.

Rnd 19: [3 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnd 20: Dc around.

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

Do not fasten off. Stuff Body firmly with fiberfill.

Head (continued from Body)

Rnd 22: 2 dc in each st around. 36 sts

Rnd 23: [5 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 42 sts

Rnds 24-33: Dc around.

Insert safety eyes between rnds 29 and 30, about 4 sts apart, use Legs to indicate centre front of Head.

Rnd 34: [5 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog] 6 times. 36 sts

Rnd 35: [4 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog] 6 times. 30 sts

Rnd 36: [3 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnd 37: [2 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog] 6 times. 18 sts

Stuff Head firmly with fiberfill.

Rnd 38: [1 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog] 6 times. 12 sts

Rnd 39: 6 inv-dc2tog. 6 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Thread tapestry needle with tail, weave through each of last 6 sts and pull tightly to close, weave in end securely.

Ears (make 2)

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

Note: Loop a short piece of yarn around any st to mark Rnd 1 as RS.

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

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

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

Rnd 5: Dc around.

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

Rnd 7: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew 4 sts tog to pinch and fold the ear naturally (leave rem tail for sewing to Head).

Headband

Rnd 1 (RS): With CC1, chain 43, join with sl st to first ch.

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Flower Top

With CC1, chain 4, join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): 1 ch, 5 dc into ring. 5 sts

Rnd 2: [1 sl st, 1 ch, 1 tr, 1 ch, 1 sl st] in each st around, join with sl st to beg sl st. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Base

With CC1, chain 4, join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): 1 ch, 5 dc into ring. 5 sts

Rnd 2: [1 sl st, 1 ch, 3 tr, 1 ch, 1 sl st] in each st around, join with sl st to beg sl st. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Making up Flower

Place the Top on the Base. Use long tail of Top Flower to sew tog. Thread tapestry needle with CC2 and embroider over the center for detail. Use the tail of the Base to sew to Headwrap, sewing over join.

ROMPER

With CC1, chain 43.

Row 1 (RS): Starting in 5th ch from hook (missed chs count as first htr, 1 ch, 1 missed ch), 1 htr, *1 ch, miss next ch, 1 htr; rep from * across. Turn. 21 htr, 20 1ch-sps

Row 2: 2 ch (counts as first htr), *1 htr into next 1ch-sp, 1 ch, 1 bbl into next 1ch-sp**, 1 ch, rep from * to last htr, ending last rep at **, 1 htr (in next ch of turning ch). Turn. 10 bbl, 12 htr

Row 3: 3 ch (counts as first htr, 1 ch), [1 htr, 1 ch] into each 1ch-sp across to last 2 sts, miss next st, 1 htr in top of beg 2 ch. Turn. 21 htr, 20 1ch-sps

Row 4: 2 ch (counts as first htr), *1 bbl into next 1ch-sp, 1 ch, 1 htr into next 1ch-sp**, 1 ch; rep from * to last htr, ending last rep at **, 1 htr in 2nd ch of beg 3 ch. Turn. 10 bbl, 12 htr

Row 5: As Row 3.

Rows 6-10: Rep rows 2-5 once then rep Row 2 once more.

Row 11: 1 ch, dc in each st and 1ch-sp across. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for

sewing. 41 sts

Row 12: With RS facing, join CC2 with sl st in BLO of first st, sl st in BLO across. Fasten off.

With tail rem from Row 11, sew sides (row ends) tog to form a tube.

Sew the middle of Row 1 tog to create separate leg holes.

Leg Detail

Rnd 1: Join CC2 with sl st in st next center join at bottom of Romper, sl st in each ch around same leg hole, join with sl st to beg sl st. Fasten off, rep for 2nd leg hole.

TIES

Join CC2 with sl st in top left front corner of Romper (as worn, use photo and leg holes as a guide), chain 25. Fasten off.

Miss 6 sts over to the right, rep instructions to complete tie-pair for left arm opening. Rep for right arm opening, joining for first Tie in top right back corner.

Making up

Using photos as a guide, sew Ears onto side of Head. With scrap black yarn, embroider a nose on Head. Slide Headband onto head and sew in place with rem tail from Flower Base. Sew Arms on Body. Place Romper on Body and tie Ties over shoulders.

Weave in rem ends. 





PINK PETUNIA T-SHIRT

This elegant piece is crocheted top-down
and includes short pouffe sleeves

Designed by **DROPS Design Team**

 **DK**  **3.5mm**

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Yarn used

DROPS Muskat
4 (5, 5, 5, 5, 6) balls in Pink Panther 29
Available from
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

About the yarn

DK; 100m per 50g ball; 100% cotton

Tension

20 sts x 10 rows = 10cm measured over tr

Hook used

3.5mm

Other supplies

4 buttons, 15mm

Sizing

XS (S, M, L, XL, 2XL)
Bust: 78 (86, 94, 102, 112, 124) cm

If you work at the end of crochet hook, the chain stitch will often be too tight. 1 chain stitch should be just as long as 1 treble crochet is wide.

Start crocheting...

Work front, back and sleeves separately from the top down in rows. When the parts are done, sew them together. Finally crochet an edge around the neckline.

FRONT Right Shoulder

Chain 18 (19, 20, 20, 21, 21).

Row 1 (RS): Starting in 4th ch from hook (missed chs do not count as a st), tr across. Turn. 15 (16, 17, 17, 18, 18) tr

Rows 2-7 (7, 7, 9, 9, 9): 3 ch, tr across. Turn.
Fasten off.

Left Shoulder

Work as for Right Shoulder but do not fasten off.

Joining

Next Row (WS): 3 ch (counts as first tr here and throughout Body), tr across Left Shoulder, 32 (32, 32, 34, 34, 36) ch (for neckline), tr across Right Shoulder. Turn.

Next Row: 3 ch, tr across Right Shoulder,

Special stitches

Increase (applies to armholes):

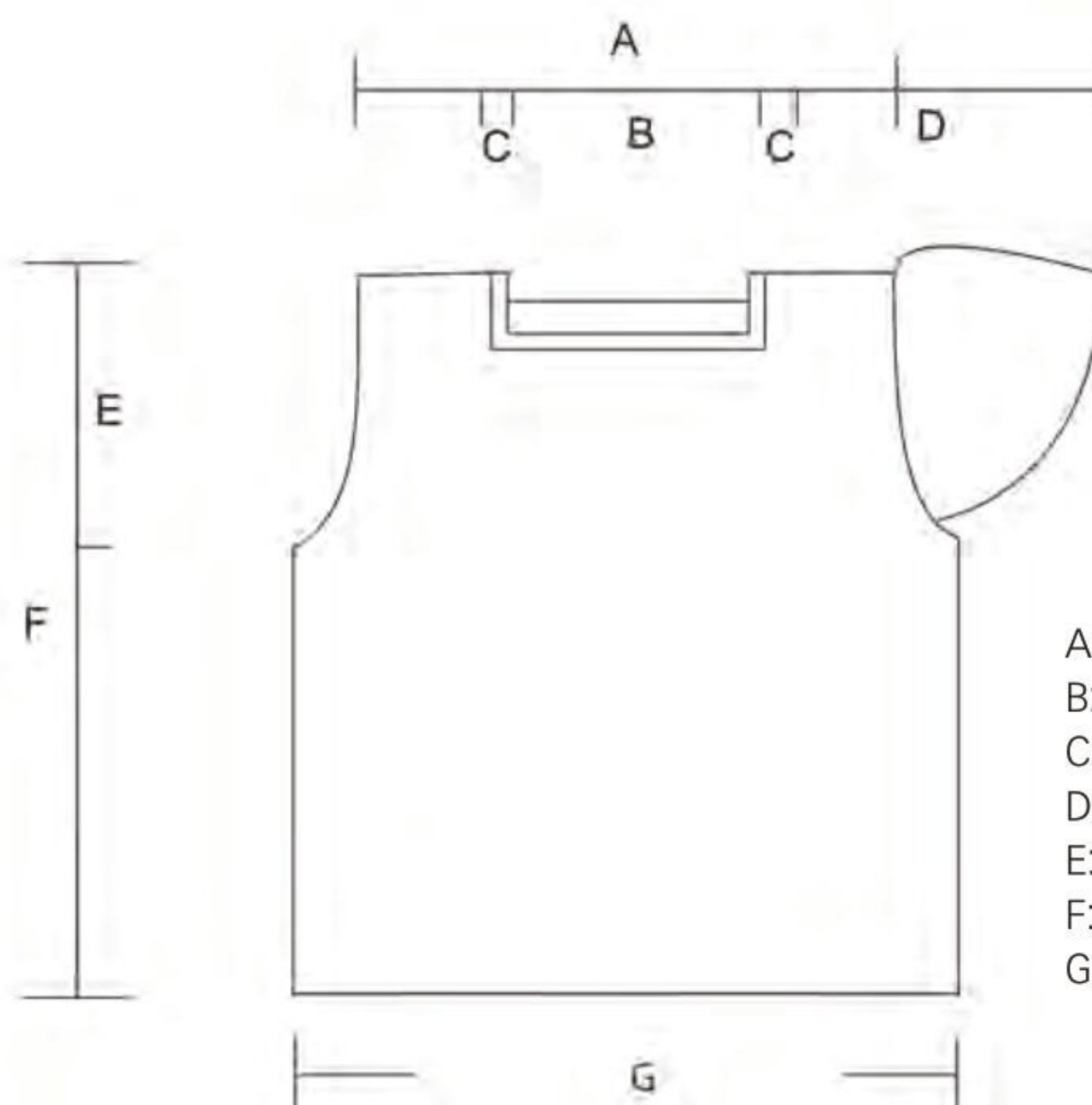
To increase a specified number of sts at the end of a row, work a ch st for each st to be increased before turning. Then, turn. Start the next row with 3 ch, tr in each ch from the end of row, and cont in patt across. For example:

Increase 1 st as follows: Work 1 ch st at the end of row (= 1 new st). Turn. For the next row, 3 ch, 1 tr in the new ch st ch, and cont in patt across

Increase 3 sts as follows: Work 3 ch sts at the end of row (= 3 new sts). Turn. For the next row, 3 ch, 1 tr in each of the 3 chs made at the end of the last row, and cont in patt across

V-st: [1 tr, 4 ch, 1 tr] in next st

Schematic



A: 31 (32, 33, 34, 35, 36) cm
B: 15 (15, 15, 16, 16, 17) cm
C: 5cm
D: 16 (6, 17, 17, 18, 18) cm
E: 18 (19, 20, 21, 22, 23) cm
F: 42 (44, 46, 48, 50, 52) cm
G: 39 (43, 47, 51, 56, 62) cm

Garment

1 tr in each ch, tr across Left Shoulder.

Turn. 62 (64, 66, 68, 70, 72) sts

Cont to work even in tr until piece measures 10 (11, 12, 11, 12, 11) cm from top of shoulder, then beg to increase for armhole as follows:

Increase 1 st each side at end of row 3 (2, 1, 1, 1, 1) time(s), 3 sts each side at end of row 0 (1, 2, 3, 3, 4) time(s) and 5 (6, 7, 7, 11, 13) sts each side at end of row 1 time. 78 (86, 94, 102, 112, 124) sts

Continue working even in tr until piece measures 42 (44, 46, 48, 50, 52) cm in total from top of shoulder. Fasten off.

BACK Right Shoulder

Rep rows 1 and 2 of Front Shoulder. Fasten off.

Row 3: 16 (16, 16, 17, 17, 18) ch loosely (for neckline), tr across Right Shoulder. Turn.

Row 4: 3 ch, tr across Right Shoulder, 1 tr in each ch. Turn. 31 (32, 33, 34, 35, 36) sts

Cont to work even in tr until piece measures 10 (11, 12, 11, 12, 11) cm from top of shoulder, then beg to increase for right armhole as follows:

Increase 1 st at end of row on armhole side 3 (2, 1, 1, 1, 1) time(s), 3 sts at end of WS row on armhole side 0 (1, 2, 3, 3, 4) time(s) and 5 (6, 7, 7, 11, 13) sts at end of row on armhole side 1 time.

At the same time, when piece measures 15cm from top of shoulder, fasten off after working a WS row. Put piece aside.

Left Shoulder

Rep rows 1-2 of Front Shoulder.

Row 3: 3 ch, tr across, 16 (16, 16, 17, 17, 18) ch loosely (for neckline). Turn.

Row 4: 3 ch, 1 tr in each ch, tr across Left Shoulder. Turn. 31 (32, 33, 34, 35, 36) sts

Work even in tr until piece measures 10 (11, 12, 11, 12, 11) cm from top of shoulder, then beg to increase for left armhole as was done for right armhole.

At the same time, when piece measures 15cm from top of shoulder, and ending with a WS row, work left and right shoulder tog from RS as follows:

Join Row (RS): 3 ch, tr across Left Shoulder, tr across Right Shoulder. Turn. There is now a vent midback.

Continue working in tr and increasing for armholes as directed.

When all increases for armhole are done, there are 78 (86, 94, 102, 112, 124) sts and piece measures approximately 18 (19, 20, 21, 22, 23) cm from shoulder.

Work even in tr until piece measures 42 (44, 46, 48, 50, 52) cm in total from top of shoulder. Fasten off.

Making up

Sew the shoulder seams tog. Sew side seams leaving a vent of approximately 5cm on the bottom of each side.

SLEEVES

Chain 29 (29, 31, 31, 33, 33).

Miss all 1ch-sps unless otherwise stated.

Row 1: Starting in 4th ch from hook

(missed chs count as tr) 1 tr, 1 ch, miss 1 ch, *1 V-st, 1 ch, miss 1 ch; rep from * to last 2 sts, 2 tr. Turn. 11 (11, 12, 12, 13, 13) V-sts

Row 2 (WS): 3 ch (counts as first tr here and throughout Sleeve), 1 tr, 1 ch, [1 V-st, 1 ch, 1 V-st] into 4ch-sp, *1 ch, 1 V-st into next 4ch-sp; rep from * to last V-st, 1 ch, [1 V-st, 1 ch, 1 V-st] into last 4ch-sp, 1 ch, 2 tr. Turn. 13 (13, 14, 14, 15, 15) V-sts

Row 3: 3 ch, 1 tr, 1 ch, 1 V-st into first 4ch-sp, 1 ch, 1 V-st into next 1ch-sp, 1 ch, *1 V-st into next 4ch-sp, 1 ch; rep from * to last V-st, 1 V-st into 1ch-sp before last V-st, 1 ch, 1 V-st into last 4ch-sp, 1 ch, 2 tr. Turn. 15 (15, 16, 16, 17, 17) V-sts

Row 4: 3 ch, 1 tr, 1 ch, 1 V-st into first 4ch-sp, 1 ch, [1 V-st, 1 ch, 1 V-st] into next 4ch-sp, *1 ch, 1 V-st into next 4ch-sp; rep from * to last 2 V-sts, 1 ch, [1 V-st, 1 ch, 1 V-st] into next 4ch-sp, 1 ch, 1 V-st into last 4ch-sp, 1 ch, 2 tr. Turn. 17 (17, 18, 18, 19, 19) V-sts

Row 5: 3 ch, 1 tr, [1 ch, 1 V-st into next 4ch-sp] twice, 1 ch, 1 V-st into next 1ch-sp, 1 ch, *1 V-st into next 4ch-sp, 1 ch; rep from * across to last 2 V-sts, 1 V-st into next 1ch-sp, 1 ch, [1 V-st into next 4ch-sp, 1 ch] twice, 2 tr. Turn. 19 (19, 20, 20, 21, 21) V-sts

Row 6: 3 ch, 1 tr, 1 ch, 1 V-st into first 1ch-sp, *1 ch, 1 V-st into next 4ch-sp; rep from * to last 1ch-sp, 1 ch, 1 V-st into last 1ch-sp, 1 ch, 2 tr. Turn. 2 V-sts inc'd

Rep Row 6 two (two, three, three, four, four) times more. 25 (25, 28, 28, 31, 31) V-sts

Next Row: 3 ch, 1 tr, 1 ch, *1 V-st into next 4ch-sp, 1 ch; rep from * to last 2 tr, 2 tr. Turn.

Rep last row until Sleeve measures approximately 16 (16, 17, 17, 18, 18) cm in the middle of sleeve. Fasten off.

ARMHOLE EDGING

Rnd 1: With RS facing, join with sl st in centre bottom of armhole, 1 ch, *1 dc, 1



ch, miss approximately 1cm; rep from * around, join with sl st in beg 1 ch. Fasten off.

Distribute Sleeves along Armhole Edging evenly down on each side of shoulder seam. Sleeve ends will not meet at base of armhole. Sew Sleeves to Armhole Edging.

NECK EDGE

Row 1 (WS): Join with sl st in mid back at bottom of vent, 1 ch, [1 dc, 1 ch, miss approximately 1cm] 12 times up along the vent, cont the same way around the neck edge and work the same way 12 times down the other side of vent, finish with 1 dc at bottom of vent. Turn.

Row 2 (RS): 1 ch, *miss 1 dc, 2 dc into 1ch-sp, 3 ch, miss 1 dc, 1 dc into 1ch-sp, miss 1 dc, 2 dc into 1ch-sp; rep from * around, ending with 1 dc at bottom of vent. Fasten off.

Sew neck edge at the bottom at vent tog as follows: Place left side of edge over right side of vent and sew a few stitches through both layers to fasten the edges tog. Sew buttons on to the RH side of vent. Use ch-sps on LH side as buttonholes. Fasten off. Weave in ends. 



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The National Wool Show is the new 'everything about wool' event held in the centre of England, bringing together independents, small businesses and retailers for all your woolly loves - knitting, crochet, needlefelt and more.

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The show runs from 9.30am to 5.30pm on 9th and 10th April, and we have worked with the venue to ensure we meet Covid guidelines and regulations.

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EASTER BUNNY

This little bunny is hopping by to bring lots of chocolatey treats this Easter



You can change the colours used to make a variety of egg designs!



Andreia Ferreira

DK 3mm

★ Beginner friendly

Yarn used

Stylecraft Naturals Organic Cotton
1 ball each in Gypsum 7168 (MC),
Papaya 7178 (CC1), Peppermint 7172 (CC2)
& Buttermilk 7174 (CC3)

Visit www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk to find your local stockist

About the yarn

DK; 105m per 50g ball; 100% organic cotton

Tension

28 sts x 26 rows = 10cm measured over dc

Hook used

3mm

Other supplies

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

Sizing

14cm

Double crochet sts in this pattern are made with 'x' dc, when making the yrh, work a yarn under instead of a yarn over.

To make a small pompom you can use a fork to wrap the yarn around as a base.

The main parts of this pattern are worked in the amigurumi style, in a spiral without slip stitching or turning chains. Use a stitch marker or scrap yarn to keep track of the first stitch of each round.

The bow is worked in rows. Beg 2 ch does not count as a st.

Start crocheting...

Head

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

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

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

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

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

Rnd 6: Dc around.

Rnd 7: [4 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 36 sts

Rnds 8-13: Dc around.

Rnd 14: [4 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 30 sts

Rnd 15: [3 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 24 sts

Insert safety eyes between rnds 11-12, leaving 7 sts between them.

Beg stuffing, cont as you go.

Rnd 16: [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 17: [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 12 sts

Rnd 18: 6 dc2tog. 6 sts

Fasten off, sew hole close with tail.

With CC1 and using photo as guide, embroider a nose and mouth between the eyes.

Cheeks (make 2)

Rnd 1: With CC1 and working into a magic ring, 5 dc. 5 sts

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

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew each Cheek near eyes between rnds 12-14.

Ears (make 2)

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

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

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

Rnd 4: Dc around.

Rnd 5: [2 dc, 2 dc in next st] 3 times. 12 sts

Rnds 6-10: Dc around.

Rnd 11: [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] 3 times. 9 sts

Rnd 12: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Flatten each Ear and pinch the opening to shape, then sew to Head between rnds 1-3.

Bow

With CC2, chain 22.

Row 1: Starting in 3rd ch from hook, htr across. Turn. 20 sts

Rows 2-3: 2 ch, htr across.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew the short edges tog to make a ring.

Flatten the ring with sewn edges in the centre, wrap tail tightly around to shape Bow. Sew Bow to Head in front of Ears.

Body

Rnds 1-5: As for Head. 30 sts

Rnds 6-10: Dc around.

Rnd 11: [8 dc, 1 dc2tog] 3 times. 27 sts

Rnd 12: Dc around.

Rnd 13: [7 dc, 1 dc2tog] 3 times. 24 sts

Rnd 14: Dc around.

Rnd 15: [6 dc, 1 dc2tog] 3 times. 21 sts

Rnd 16: [5 dc, 1 dc2tog] 3 times. 18 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Stuff Body firmly. Sew last row of Body to the bottom of Head.

Egg

Work the last yrh of the last st of a rnd in the colour needed for the next rnd. Do not fasten off unless instructed. Bring the unused colour up the inside when it will be needed again.

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

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

Rnd 3: [2 dc, 2 dc in next st] 3 times. 12 sts

Rnd 4: [1 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 5: With CC3, dc around.

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

Rnd 7: Dc around.

Rnd 8: With CC1, [3 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 30 sts

Rnd 9: Dc around.

Rnd 10: With CC2, [4 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 36 sts

Rnds 11-12: With CC3, dc around.

Rnds 13-16: With CC1, dc around.

Fasten off CC1.

Rnd 17-18: With CC3, dc around.

Fasten off CC3.

Rnd 19: With CC2, [10 dc, 1 dc2tog] 3 times. 33 sts

Rnd 20: [9 dc, 1 dc2tog] 3 times. 30 sts

Beg stuffing, cont as you go.

Rnd 21: [3 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnd 22: [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 23: [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 12 sts

Rnd 24: 6 dc2tog. 6 sts

Fasten off, sew hole close with tail.

Arms (make 2)

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

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

Rnds 3-7: Dc around.

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

Row 8: 4 dc. 4 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew Arms on each side of Body between rnds 12-15, with the front of one Arm aligned with the nose.

Place Egg against Body and between Arms, then sew Arms in place where they touch Egg.

Legs (make 2)

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

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

Rnds 3-5: Dc around.

Rnd 6: 2 dc, [2 dc in next st] 4 times, 2 dc. 12 sts

Rnd 7: 5 dc, [2 dc in next st] twice, 5 dc. 14 sts

Rnds 8-10: Dc around.

Rnd 11: [5 dc, 1 dc2tog] twice. 12 sts

Rnd 12: 6 dc2tog. 6 sts

Do not stuff. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing and sew hole close with tail.

Flatten Legs and sew on each side of Body between rnds 5-9, aligned with Arms, then sew Legs in place where they touch Egg.

With CC3, make a small pompom and sew to Body between rnds 6-7 centred between legs on back. 🧶



Yarn Shop HEAVEN

Haven't we all dreamed of having our own yarn shop with shelves crammed with beautiful colours and fibres? We talked to yarn shop owners from each of the countries in the UK to find out more about how they got started



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Get your fill of both natural fibres and
man-made fibres and blends

Baa! in Stonehaven, Scotland

Baa! is in the seaside town of Stonehaven, Aberdeenshire, home to the stunning Dunnottar Castle and rugged coastlines of the Northeast coast of Scotland.

Since studying at art school, owner Janice Anderson has always been interested in knitting, yarn and craft. "Opening Baa was never on my agenda – it just sort of happened," she explains. "Way back in 2017, my good friend announced that she would be leaving her office for a much bigger space. I immediately thought, 'Mmm,

that would make a great little yarn shop!' From then on, everything just fell into place; perhaps it was fate, but I do know that Baa! has not only brought happiness to many people in our town, but it has created friendships and provided a safe and calming space for many."

Initially, Baa! stocked only natural fibres, but it now stocks a small number of man-made fibres and blends to meet the needs and pockets of an expanding customer base as more people hear about them.

The pandemic has impacted hugely on

the business. It now hosts a very successful virtual knit group with members from the UK, Canada, Dubai and the USA. In February, it launched its first workshops and face-to-face knitting group.

Janice relishes the human contact, making friends, helping, advising and watching confidence grow, "Being witness to the joy yarn can bring in the most difficult of times is very special. I hope our customers return again and again due to the friendly service, advice and help we provide."

The Wool Nook in Lisburn, Northern Ireland

The Wool Nook is a small family-run business located in the heart of Lisburn city centre just opposite the Lisburn Museum and linen centre, with historic Hillsborough Castle a five-minute drive away.

As a lifelong knitter and crocheter, it had always been Susan McAvoy's dream to own a yarn shop: "I contacted various suppliers for the brands we wanted to stock, we decided to just go for it and then spent over a year looking for suitable premises," she explains. "We opened in February 2020 and were starting to build a wonderful customer base of all ages of knitters and crocheters, with crochet classes fully booked until September. Then eight weeks later, the UK went into full lockdown."

"We checked with local authorities to see if we could offer a delivery service and were told we could." Susan and her very supportive husband decided to offer a free delivery service within a seven-mile radius, posting out to people further away. "So, if you ordered with us before 3pm, you had your order by 5pm." It is this level of customer service that has created a good, loyal customer base for the shop.

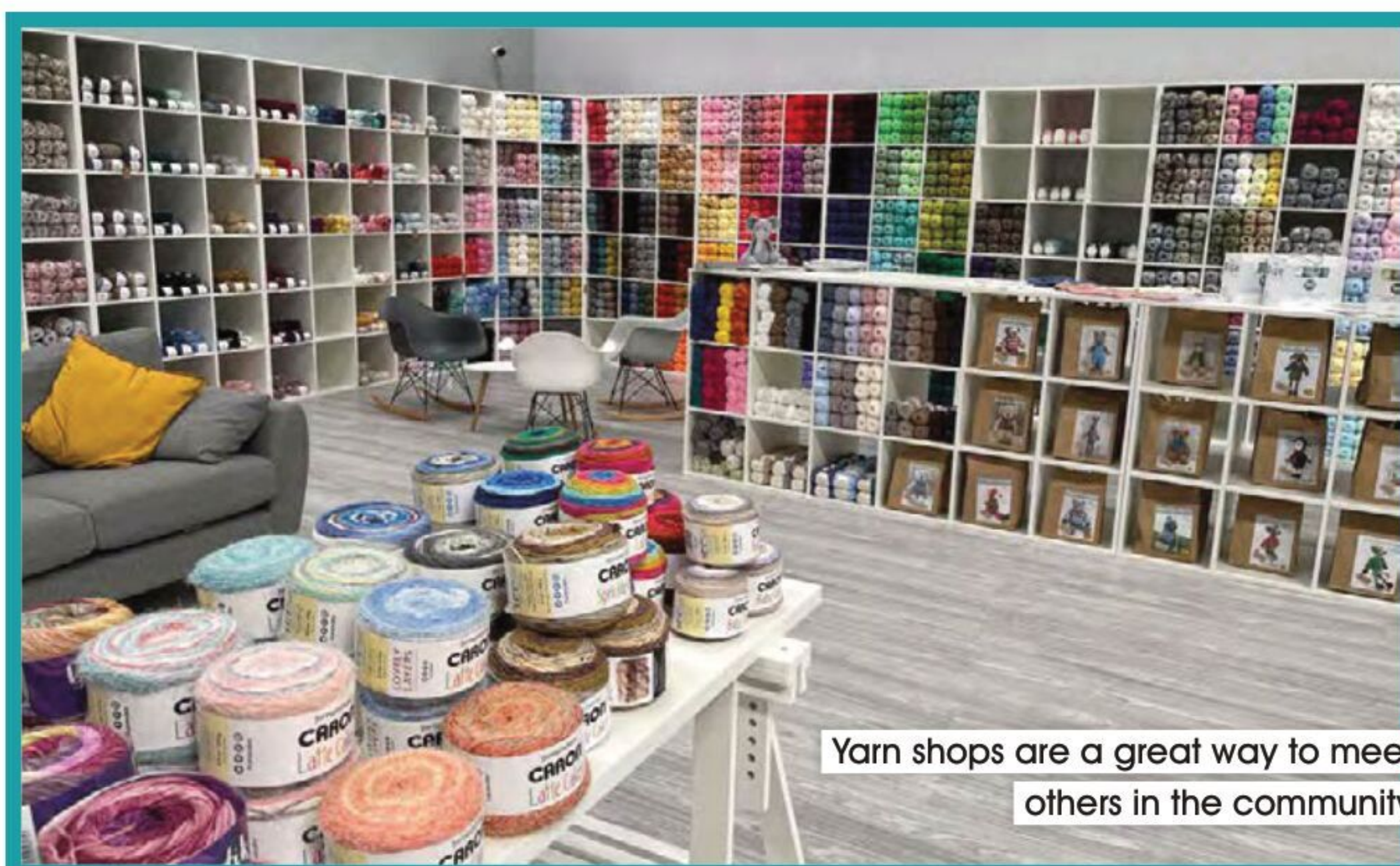
Susan has noticed a lot of younger people have taken up crochet during lockdown, with so many tutorials online to guide them: "Our customer base covers all ages, and we even have a few gentlemen regular customers who crochet."

"The best part about owning a yarn shop is the customers. We have met some wonderful people and made some good friends. We try to make every visit to The Wool Nook special whether you are a first-time customer or a regular."

The Foundry Works in Rotherham, England

The Foundry Works is in an industrial unit in Rotherham, South Yorkshire, very close to a retail park. Although this isn't your conventional location, it is beautifully laid out and very welcoming.

So how did Claire Nettleship come to run a yarn shop? "I started by dyeing yarn. As much as I enjoyed it, I was looking for another challenge. It was my partner who came up with the idea of an industrial unit. We looked at it in the morning and signed the lease that week. Just before the pandemic hit!" Opening in a pandemic has been challenging. It has been a case of taking it day by day.



Yarn shops are a great way to meet others in the community

The unit needed a lot of work, and Claire created a website. "We decided to start work on the unit and see how the pandemic played out." Building work began to make a custom layout, but then word got out about the new yarn shop, and customers just started turning up. It was a case of 'build it, and they will come'.

"I think customers come to us because of the space and the range we offer. We are accessible, and we haven't crammed everything in so customers can come and browse without feeling like they are on top of each other."

The big challenge for Claire is getting their name out there: "I see where I want to take the shop but don't have the budget to do it straight away, which can be frustrating at times. I have to keep reminding myself we haven't been open that long, and these things come over time."

Ammonite Yarns in Pontyclun, Wales

Ammonite Yarns is on the main road of a small village in South Wales.

Pontyclun is on the edge of the Rhondda bordering the Vale of Glamorgan on one side and Cardiff on the other. Ruth and Jenny started the shop in 2015 after talking about it at their local knitting group.

"We spent time researching the market and finding premises and then started on the fun stuff like stocking the shop and finding a name. Lots of people ask about the name – it reflects the organic shape of the ammonites that can be found on the beaches in South Wales, and which are reminiscent of the winding yarn in a ball of wool", explains Jenny.



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PINK BLOOM BLANKET

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Elisabeth Davis de Herraiz

 DK  4mm

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Yarn used

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9 balls in Bubblegum Pink 150
Available from www.lovecrafts.com

About the yarn

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

Tension

8 rows x 15 stitches = 10cm measured over tr

Hook used

4mm

Other supplies

4 locking stitch markers

Sizing

145cm long x 137cm wide

Check your total stitch count during the repeats to make sure you haven't missed any. Because the blanket is a big project, each time you work on it pop a stitch marker on the row you start on to mark your progress. That way you can see how much you progress you make each time and will feel motivated to keep picking it up and adding a few stitches when you get a chance.

Beg 3 ch counts as first tr.

Start crocheting...

Chain 190.

Row 1: Starting in 4th ch from hook, tr in to end. *188 tr*

Row 2: 3 ch, 6 tr, *2 ch, miss 2 sts, 7 tr; rep from * to last st, 1 tr in last st. Turn. *148 tr, 20 ch-sps*

Row 3: 3 ch, *tr across to next ch-sp, 2 tr into ch-sp, 2 ch, miss 2 sts; rep from * to last 5 sts, 5 tr. Turn.

Row 4: 3 ch, 4 tr, *2 tr into ch-sp, 5 tr, 2 ch, miss 2 sts; rep from * to last 3 sts, 3 tr. Turn.

Row 5: 3 ch, 2 tr, *2 tr into ch-sp, 2 ch, miss 2 sts, tr across to next ch-sp; rep from * to last ch-sp, 2 tr into ch-sp, 2 ch, miss 2 sts, tr to end. Turn. *150 tr, 19 ch-sps*

Row 6: 3 ch, 7 tr, *2 ch, miss 2 sts, 2 tr into

ch-sp, 5 tr; rep from * to end. Turn.

Row 7: 3 ch, *tr across to next ch-sp, 2 tr into ch-sp, 2 ch, miss 2 sts; rep from * to last 6 sts, 6 tr. Turn.

Row 8: 3 ch, 3 tr, *2 ch, miss 2 sts, 2 tr into ch-sp, 5 tr; rep from * to last 4 sts, 4 tr. Turn.

Row 9: 3 ch, 3 tr, *2 ch, miss 2 sts, 5 tr, 2 tr into ch-sp; rep from * to last 4 sts, 4 tr. Turn.

Row 10: 3 ch, 8 tr, *2 ch, miss 2 sts, 2 tr into ch-sp**, 5 tr; rep from * to last st, ending last rep at **, 4 tr. Turn.

Row 11: 3 ch, tr to first ch-sp, *2 tr into ch-sp, tr across to next ch-sp; rep from * to last ch-sp, 2 tr into last ch-sp, tr to end. Turn. *188 tr*

Row 12: 3 ch, 8 tr, 3 ch, miss 2 sts, *22 tr, 3 ch, miss 2 sts; rep from * to last 9 sts, 9 tr. Turn. *172 tr, 8 ch-sps*

Row 13: 3 ch, 6 tr, 3 ch, miss 2 sts, 1 dc into ch-sp, 3 ch, miss 2 sts, *18 tr, 3 ch, miss 2 sts, 1 dc into ch-sp, 3 ch, miss 2 sts; rep from * to last 7 sts, 7 tr. Turn. *140 tr, 16 ch-sps, 8 dc*

Row 14: 3 ch, 4 tr, *miss 2 sts, [3 ch, 1 dc into next ch-sp] twice, 3 ch, miss 2 sts**, 14 tr; rep from * to last 5 sts, ending last rep at **, 5 tr. Turn. *108 tr, 24 ch-sps, 16 dc*

Row 15: 3 ch, 4 tr, *2 tr into ch-sp, 3 ch, 1 dc into next ch-sp, 3 ch, 2 tr into next ch-sp**, 14 tr; rep from * to last 5 sts, ending last rep at **, 5 tr. Turn. *140 tr, 16 ch-sps, 8 dc*

Row 16: 3 ch, 6 tr, *2 tr into ch-sp, 3 ch, miss 1 dc, 2 tr into next ch-sp**, 18 tr; rep from * to last 7 sts, ending last rep at **, 7 tr. Turn. *172 tr, 8 ch-sps*

Row 17: As Row 11.

Row 18: 3 ch, 8 tr, *2 ch, miss 2 sts, 7 tr; rep from * across omitting last tr on last rep. Turn. *148 tr, 20 ch-sps*

Row 19: 3 ch, 3 tr, *2 ch, miss 2 sts, 2 tr into ch-sp, 5 tr; rep from * to last 4 sts, 4 tr. Turn.

Row 20: 3 ch, 3 tr, *2 ch, miss 2 sts, 5 tr, 2 tr into ch-sp; rep from * to last 4 sts, 4 tr. Turn.

Row 21: 3 ch, 8 tr, *2 ch, miss 2 sts, 2 tr into ch-sp, 5 tr; rep from * to end omitting last tr on last rep. Turn.

Row 22: 3 ch, 5 tr, *2 tr into ch-sp, 2 ch, miss 2 sts, 5 tr; rep from * to last 2 sts, 2 tr. Turn.

Row 23: 3 ch, 4 tr, *2 ch, miss 2 sts, 2 tr into ch-sp, 5 tr; rep from * to last 3 sts, 3 tr. Turn.

Row 24: 3 ch, 9 tr, *2 tr into ch-sp,

2 ch, miss 2 sts, 5 tr; rep from * to last ch-sp, 2 tr into last ch-sp, 2 ch, miss 2 sts, 3 tr. Turn.

Row 25: 3 ch, 2 tr, *2 tr into ch-sp, 5 tr, 2 ch, miss 2 sts; rep from * to last 5 sts, 5 tr. Turn.

Row 26: 3 ch, 4 tr, *2 tr into ch-sp, 2 ch, miss 2 sts, 5 tr; rep from * to last 3 sts, 3 tr. Turn.

Rows 27-33: Rep rows 11-17.

Rows 34-97: Rep rows 2-33 twice.

Rows 98-107: Rep rows 2-11. Do not fasten off.

Border

Rnd 1: [3 ch, 2 tr] in first st, pm in centre st to marker corner, *3 tr, miss 1 st, 1 V-st, [miss 2 sts, 1 V-st] across side to last 5 sts, miss 1 st, 3 tr, 3 tr in last st, pm in centre st of 3tr-group, rotate to work across row edges, 1 V-st in edge of first row, [miss next row edge, 1 V-st in next row edge] across to end of side, rotate* to work across underside of foundation ch; rep between * and * once more, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. *228 V-sts, 24 tr*

Rnd 2: 3 ch, 3 tr in marked st (move marker up to centre tr here and throughout), **1 tr, 3 ch, miss 3 sts, 2 dc into 2ch-sp of next V-st, *[8 ch, miss next 2 V-sts, 2 dc into 2ch-sp of next V-st, 3 ch, 2 dc into 2ch-sp of next V-st, 3 ch, 2 dc into 2ch-sp of next V-st, 3 ch, miss next 3 tr, 1 tr, 3 tr in marked st, 1 tr, 3 ch, 2 dc into 2ch-sp of next V-st; rep between * and * 13 times, 3 ch, 2 dc into 2ch-sp of next V-st**, 1 tr, 3 tr in marked st; rep between ** and ** once more, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. *56 8ch-sps*

Rnd 3: 3 ch, 1 tr, 3 tr in marked st, *2 tr, 2 ch, 1 dc into 3ch-sp, 2 ch, [shell into 8ch-sp, 2 ch, 1 dc into 3ch-sp, 2 ch] 15 times, 2 tr, 3 tr in marked st, 2 tr, 2 ch, 1 dc into 3ch-sp, 2 ch, [shell into 8ch-sp, 2 ch, 1 dc into 3ch-sp, 2 ch] 13 times, [2 ch, 1 dc into next 3ch-sp] twice, 2 ch*, 2 tr, 3 tr in marked st; rep between * and * once more, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. *Fasten off. 56 shells*

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Make and attach a tassel to each corner st. 

Special stitches

V-st: [1 tr, 2 ch, 1 tr] in same st

Shell: {[3 dtr, ch 3, sl st in last dtr made] 3 times, 3 dtr} in same sp



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STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS

Get your head around these abbreviations that you'll find regularly in *Crochet Now* patterns

alt	alternate
beg	beginning
BLO	work in back loops only
CC	contrasting colour
ch	chain
ch-sp	chain space
cont	continue
dc	double crochet
dc2tog	work two double crochet stitches together
dec	decrease
dtr	double treble crochet
fdc	foundation double crochet
FLO	work in front loops only
foll	following
htr	half treble crochet
htr2tog	work two half treble crochet stitches together
inc	increase
LH	left hand
MC	main colour
patt	pattern
pm	place marker
prev	previous
pul	pull up a loop
rem	remaining
rep	repeat
RH	right hand
rm	remove marker
rnd	round
RS	right side
RtrF	raised treble front: Yrh, insert around post of indicated st from front to back around to front again, yrh, pul, [yrh, draw through two loops] twice
RtrB	raised treble back: Yrh, insert around post of indicated st from back to front around to back again, yrh, pul, [yrh, draw through two loops] twice
sl st	slip stitch
sp	space

st(s)	stitch(es)
tbl	through the back loop
tr	treble crochet
ttr	triple treble
tr2tog	work two treble crochet stitches together
WS	wrong side
yrh	yarn round hook

US to UK crochet terms

If you come across a 'sc' instruction, it's likely to be written in US crochet terms. *Crochet Now* is written entirely in UK terms, but here's a guide on how to translate them.

US		UK	
Single crochet	sc	Double crochet	dc
Half double	hdc	Half treble	htr
Double	dc	Treble	tr
Treble	tr	Double treble	dtr
Double treble	dtr	Triple treble	ttr

Crochet hook conversions

UK	In mm	US
14	2mm	-
13	2.25mm	B/1
12	2.5mm	-
-	2.75mm	C/2
11	3mm	-
10	3.25mm	D/3
9	3.5mm	E/4
-	3.75mm	F/5
8	4mm	G/6
7	4.5mm	7
6	5mm	H/8
5	5.5mm	I/9
4	6mm	J/10
3	6.5mm	K/10.5
2	7mm	-
0	8mm	L/11
00	9mm	M/13
000	10mm	N/15

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Dear Angela,
How do I go about scaling up
and down patterns without
changing yarn thickness or
crochet hook size?

Hello crocheter,

What you are asking about is a term we call 'grading'. The professional pattern writers we use are a very skilled and a rare breed that honed their skill set and experience over many years and do it out of their love of crochet.

If you have a simple pattern that you would like to try, here is my advice.

First of all, it would depend on the type of stitch being used in the pattern. A simple crochet stitch such as a dc or treble is easier to convert and work out the maths needed to achieve the correct measurements. I wouldn't recommend trying to scale a pattern that uses several different stitch patterns.

Patterns are written using two basic elements; the tension of the stitches used and the measurements that the garment has been designed around to create the desired fit. Usually, the pattern will give you the required basic tension, and by using this, you will be able to mathematically work out how to grade the pattern to your

desired measurements.

For example: Generally, trebles in a DK weight and using a 4mm hook work to approximately 19 stitches by 10 rows in a 10cm square. If you wish your garment to be 100cm around the chest, then you will need 190 stitches in total – 95 stitches for the back and 95 stitches for the front. We would usually add a stitch at each end of the row to allow for making up. The same applies to the rows, but this is often not as complicated because you can just work to the required length without counting rows, up to the shapings for necklines and armholes, of course.

Some other factors need to be considered when grading. These include the stitch repeat. If you have a sweater front needing the 95 stitches plus 1 at each end for sewing up, but your stitch repeat does not fit, you will need to add this into your working out. If the stitch repeat is over 3 sts, for example (95 divided by 3 = 31.66666), then you would need 96 stitches (divided by 3 = 32 sts) plus your 2 side sewing up stitches.

Don't forget to take into account the amount of yarn you are going to need. Nobody wants to have a garment they cannot finish because they cannot source the same batch number of yarn – although, here at Stylecraft we pride ourselves in our customer service and will try our best to locate much-needed yarn from our numerous stockists.

Phew! And this is just the basics! Working out the shaping takes it to a whole different level of skill. Good luck!

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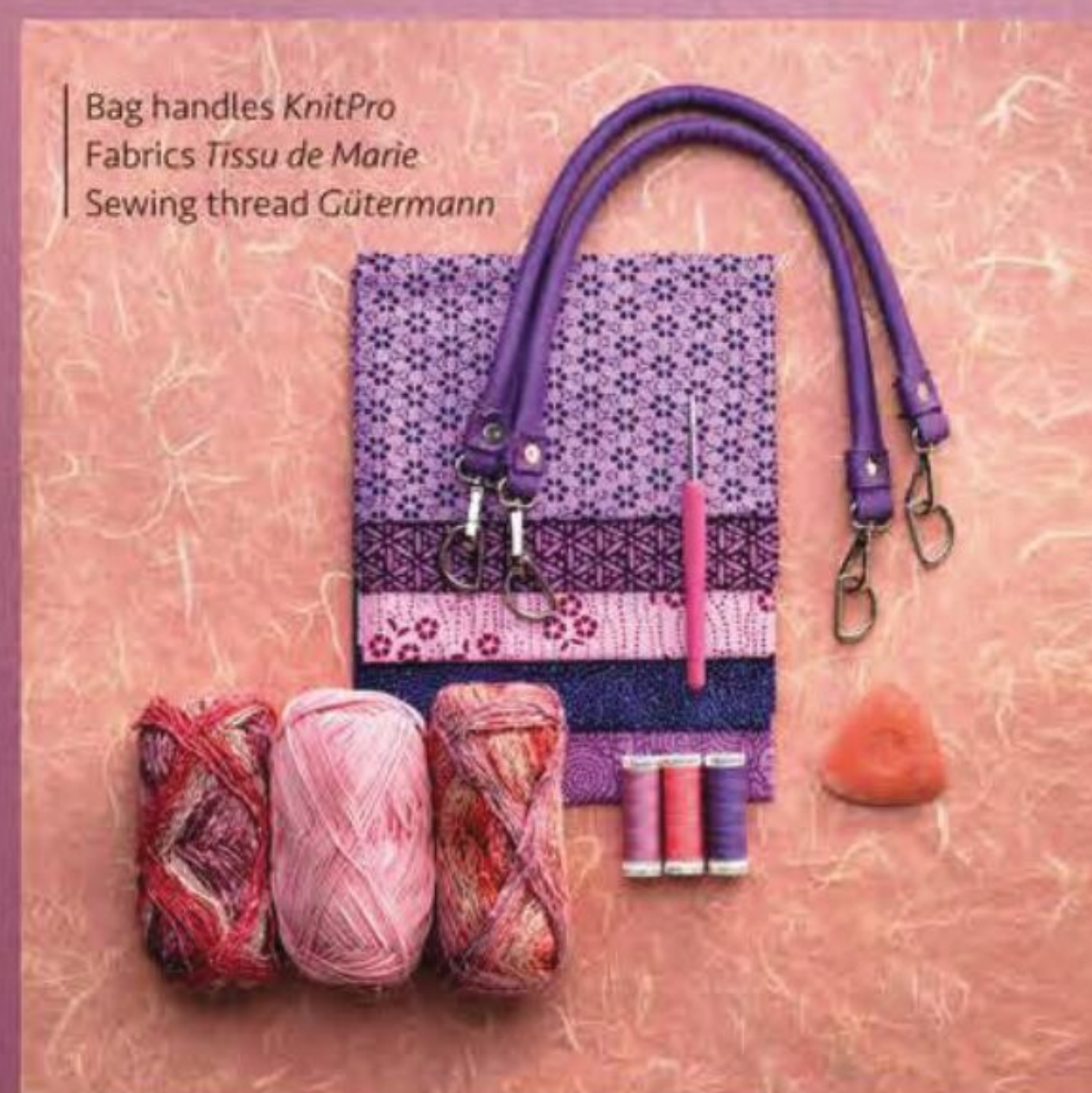
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