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Is it really November already?! Don't panic, there is still plenty of time to get your crochet hook moving and working on those **last-minute** gifts for friends and loved ones, and this issue we've put together a great selection of **quick gifts**, **chunky makes** and fun inspirational ideas!

I can't deny, in my three years of looking after this magazine, I think this is my **favourite issue yet** – combining Christmas with one of my favourite characters Pusheen has been an absolute delight! I really **channel my inner Pusheen** when I wrap up with a cup of coffee and hide inside with my crochet hook, and now you can **make your own tubby cat too** (page 14)! I dare you not to fall in love with her.

Why not hook up a quick, but impressive **Christmas gift cushion** (page 22) to impress over the festive season, along with a **super-chunky stocking** (page 32) that will take next to no time? You can **crochet a blanket for under £16** (page 16) – perfect for personal gifts on a budget – or why not treat yourself to **something special**? Like the Paperchains Wrap (page 18) inspired by the colourful decorations we see all around, and the snuggly but stylish Cosy Christmas Wrap (page 24) that's just perfect for layering up and is available in **sizes 6-36!**

If you want to **give the gift of crochet** itself this year, Kerry Lord has some top tips for teaching loved ones how to crochet (page 58), whether it be together on Christmas Day itself, or over a glass of wine and a video call. Sarah-Jayne of Bella Coco Crochet also shares her top gift projects along with a quick and **easy snowflake pattern** (page 34).

Finally, don't forget to share your *Crochet Now* makes with us online or via email for your chance to **win a yarny prize** from our friends at Cygnet Yarns!

Stay safe,

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patterns, books and tidbits
of woolly wonder that will
make your month

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A COSY CHRISTMAS

This Christmas blanket from Knitcraft is all you could ever want for Christmas! Why not count down to the 25th by crocheting each square of this warm and cosy blanket? Make it for yourself, or for a lucky loved one to open under the tree! Made using Women's Institute Soft and Chunky yarn, this textured design works up quickly and is sure to become a family favourite for the snowy season. Get the PDF pattern online for only £2, featuring a mixture of stripes, snowflakes, bobbles and more.

www.hobbycraft.co.uk



MAKERS AROUND THE WORLD

2020 has been a year of change, which has brought unity and solidarity to many across the world. Following from its We Are the World petit point collection, We Are Knitters has collaborated with makers from all around the world to launch a brand-new collection and bring together the ideas of creative minds across the globe. From the US to Spain, Japan to Canada, there are eight beautiful knitting and crochet patterns from **tlyarncrafts**, **knitatude**, **1dogwoof** and more!

www.weareknitters.co.uk



Funny Fall

When it's colder outside, there is nothing better than cosying up inside to crochet some super-cute amigurumi, like the Funny Fall collection from *The Lovely World of Ricorumi*! Crochet a fox, raccoon, squirrel, hedgehogs, snails and magical toadstools in this adorable collection in your favourite 100% cotton DK – Ricorumi. Ask your local Rico stockist about *The Lovely World of Ricorumi* today.

www.rico-design.co.uk



Attic24 Aria Blanket

Lucy from the much-loved Attic24 crochet blog has done it again! The Aria Blanket is bursting with Lucy's trademark colourful

style. Made using Stylecraft Special DK, the Aria Blanket is comprised of crocheted square motifs joined together. The word aria means 'air' in Italian, and Lucy designed this blanket to capture the joyful feeling of early summer when the air is warm, the days are long and outdoor living can be enjoyed to the full. Get your 15-shade pack, along with the printed pattern, from Wool Warehouse now!

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organiser, notebook and individual pages starting from as little as £2, the gorgeous Adventures in Yarn collection will keep all

your projects and yarn notes in one place! Set monthly challenges, record finished makes, wish lists, yarn details and more, you will love this complete set – a perfect gift for yourself this Christmas. www.popcornandcrocodiles.co.uk

HOOK UP WITH A PODCAST!

These are the hook-facular podcasts and vlogcasts that are filling our airwaves this month



Knitting with Knitboop

This new podcast from host Yu Ra features knitting, crochet, spinning, yarn dyeing, and a healthy dose of craftivism! Yu Ra's friendly videos cover everything she is working on, along with important discussions about news in the yarny community that is worth everyone being clued up on, from accessibility to identity, and with a short (at the moment) video playlist it's easy to catch up! Although on a short hiatus, Yu Ra plans to come back soon and you can follow her on Instagram **knitboop**.

Shinybees

Jo hosts a charming podcast that features equal parts knitting, yarn, and comedy – along with fascinating projects, enlightening interviews, and hand-dyed yarn reviews. Jo attempts to bring the feel of a knitting group in the pub direct to your ears, and manages this with ease each enjoyable episode, and with over 150 episodes to start with you are certain to find one you will love right away!



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The Yarn Thing with Marly Bird

Marly Bird hosts what is possibly the longest running knitting and crochet podcast out there, so you know you are in good hands with her! Chatting about all things knitting and crochet, what first started as audio only has expanded to an expansive video series too including tutorials, interviews, make-alongs, giveaways and more.

BOOK review

Waterfall Crochet Granny Squares

by Joanne C. Gonzalez, £8.99, Annie's

Fancy learning a new crochet technique for Christmas? Discover a method that lets you get the look of multiple mid-row colour changes, without the hassle of weaving in multiple ends and ensuring an even tension. This technique uses chain spaces to form a lattice to work over, and colours are worked the entire row and colour changes are only done at the ends of rows. You will find 20 different granny square patterns, all the same size, plus instructions to join them together, for a striking finished blanket!

www.searchpress.com



Cute Pattern Pick!

As soon as we saw *Crochet Now* designer Cassie Ward's Bananarama Jumper on Instagram we instantly fell in love! Made in DK yarn, this is a perfect project to bust your stash on, though we love that combination of black and white striped sleeves with coral. Download the digital crochet pattern from Cassie's website now.

www.themissingyarn.co.uk

CAL WATCH

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



Tunisian Holiday Sampler Blanket

by Toni Lipsey

We fall in love with everything and anything that Toni Lipsey of TL Yarn Crafts hooks up, and her brand-new CAL is no exception! Designed in Lion Brand Yarn, this Tunisian Holiday Sample blanket is a free CAL that launched last month (also available as a single purchasable PDF), with patterns for each Tunisian crochet block accompanied by video releases, and featuring a new and unique stitch every time – the perfect way to hook-up a fabulous gift this Christmas while stretching your crochet skills. We just love the icy blues and whites in this deliciously large and cosy blanket!

Toni's top tips

- Look to your own stash first! Customise your finished blanket by mixing and matching yarns in your own stash.
- Go with the flow. The Tunisian Holiday Sampler Blanket is a big project, so take your sweet time getting it done. Finish the squares at your own pace, and don't skip the finishing steps.
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Designed by Heather C Gibbs



Leave a long yarn
tail when fastening
off to use to sew
parts together



DK 3mm

★ Beginner friendly

Yarn used

Rico Ricorumi DK

1 ball each in 004 Pearl Grey (A),
080 Slate (B), 009 Coral (C) & 001 white (D)
Find your local Rico stockist and support
small businesses at
www.ukhandknitting.com

About the yarn

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

Tension

3 sts = 1.5cm measured over dc

Hook used

3mm

Other supplies

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

Sizing

14cm long

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. Using invisible decreases helps reduce the appearance of holes that can be made when working a decrease the normal way.

Start crocheting

Ears (make 2)

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

Rnd 2: Dc around.

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

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

Head & Body

Worked from Head to Tail.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Rnds 8-20: Dc around.

Add eyes between rnds 10 & 11 and 16 & 17 (see photo for guidance).

With black embroidery thread, embroider nose/mouth between the eyes leaving at least a 1 st sp on either side of nose/mouth.

Embroider whiskers at least 1 st away from and in line with eyes.

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

Rnds 22-25: Dc around

Rnd 26: [22 dc, 1 dc2tog] twice. 46 sts

Rnd 27: [21 dc, 1 dc2tog] twice. 44 sts

Rnd 28: [20 dc, 1 dc2tog] twice. 42 sts

Rnd 29: [5 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 36 sts
Beg to stuff, cont as you go.

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

Rnd 31: [3 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnd 32: [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 33: [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 12 sts

Rnd 34: 6 dc2tog. 6 sts

Fasten off. Weave tail through last 6 sts and pull tight to close hole. Weave in end securely.

Back Stripes (make 2)

With B, chain 10.

Rnd 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 8 dc, 3 dc in last ch, rotating as you go, work into the other side of the ch, 7 dc, 2 dc in last ch, join with sl st to beg dc. 20 sts
Fasten off.

Tail

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

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

Official pattern

Rnds 3-4: Dc around.

Fasten off.

Rnds 5-7: Join A, dc around.

Fasten off.

Rnds 8-10: Join B, dc around.

Fasten off.

Rep rnds 5-10 once more for 5 stripes in total. Fasten off.

Hat

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

Rnd 2: Dc around.

Rnds 3-6: 2 dc in first st, dc around. 9 sts
Fasten off.

Rnd 7: Join D, 2 dc in first st, dc around. 10 sts

Rnd 8: Dc around.

Fasten off.

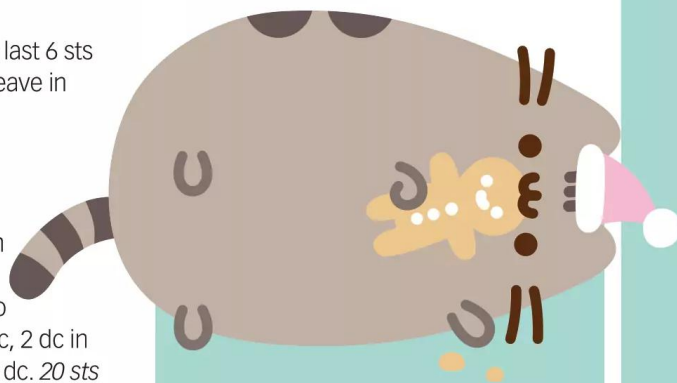
Hat Bobble

Rnd 1: With D and working into a magic ring, [yrh, insert hook into ring, yrh, pul] 4 times, yrh, draw through all 9 loops on hook, sl st into ring.

Fasten off.

Making up

Sew Hat Bobble to point of Hat. With B, embroider 3 stripes beg 1 st above the nose / mouth. Sew Ears (do not stuff) 1 st from either side of stripes. Sew Hat on top of stripes in line with nose / mouth. Sew first Back Stripe 1 st from right Ear, sew 2nd Back Stripe 2 sts away from first Back Stripe. Lightly stuff Tail and sew to Rnd 32 so that it rests on the surface as Pusheen lies down.



Special abbreviations

Invisible decrease (dc2tog): Insert hook in FLO of next st, yrh, pul (2 loops on hook), insert hook in FLO of next st, yrh, draw through all 3 loops on hook

EVERGREEN FOREST BLANKET

Crochet this fabulously festive filet blanket for Christmas, a perfect gift for under £16!

This blanket is worked all in one piece – perfect for if you tend to put off sewing up!



Jane Howarth

DK 4mm

★ Beginner friendly

Yarn used

Stylecraft Special DK
8 balls in Aspen 1422

Available from

www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

About the yarn

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

Tension

16 sts x 9 rows = 10cm measured over tr

Hook used

4mm

Sizing

103x144cm

Take care over the positioning of each tree trunk and first row of branches, and the following rows should fall into place easily.

Evergreen Forest Blanket is inspired by filet crochet but doesn't form a traditional grid. The centre of the first branch row sits directly above the tree trunk (single ch) but the others are worked with a tr into the ch of previous row, for a more natural effect.

Beg 3 ch counts as first tr throughout.

Start crocheting...

Count 1ch-sps as a st when working across the row, when working over a 1ch-sp, work into the ch st, not into the ch-sp.

Chain 167. Turn.

Row 1: Starting in 4th ch from hook, tr across. Turn. 165 sts

Row 2: 3 ch, 9 tr, [1 ch, miss 1 st, 17 tr] 8 times, 1 ch, miss 1 st, 10 tr. Turn.

Row 3: 3 ch, *3 tr, [1 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr] 7 times, 1 tr; rep from * to last 2 sts, 2 tr. Turn.

Row 4: 3 ch, *4 tr, [1 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr] 6 times, 2 tr; rep from * to last 2 sts, 2 tr. Turn.

Row 5: 3 ch, *5 tr, [1 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr] 5 times, 3 tr; rep from * to last 2 sts, 2 tr. Turn.

Row 6: 3 ch, *6 tr, [1 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr] 4 times, 4 tr; rep from * to last 2 sts, 2 tr. Turn.

Row 7: 3 ch, *7 tr, [1 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr] 3 times, 5 tr; rep from * to last 2 sts, 2 tr. Turn.

Row 8: 3 ch, *8 tr, [1 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr] twice, 6 tr; rep from * to last 2 sts, 2 tr. Turn.

Row 9: 3 ch, 9 tr, [1 ch, miss 1 st, 8 tr] 17 times, 2 tr. Turn.

Row 10: 3 ch, 12 tr, *[1 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr] 7 times, 4 tr; rep from * 7 times more, 8 tr. Turn.

Row 11: 3 ch, 13 tr, *[1 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr] 6 times, 6 tr; rep from * 7 times more, 7 tr. Turn.

Row 12: 3 ch, 14 tr, *[1 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr] 5 times, 8 tr; rep from * 7 times more, 6 tr. Turn.

Row 13: 3 ch, 15 tr, *[1 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr] 4 times, 10 tr; rep from * 7 times more, 5 tr. Turn.

Row 14: 3 ch, 16 tr, *[1 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr] 3 times, 12 tr; rep from * 7 times more, 4 tr. Turn.

Row 15: 3 ch, 17 tr, *[1 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr] twice, 14 tr; rep from * 7 times more, 3 tr. Turn.

Row 16: As Row 9.

Rows 17-114: Rep rows 3-16 seven times.

Rows 115-120: Rep rows 3-8 once.

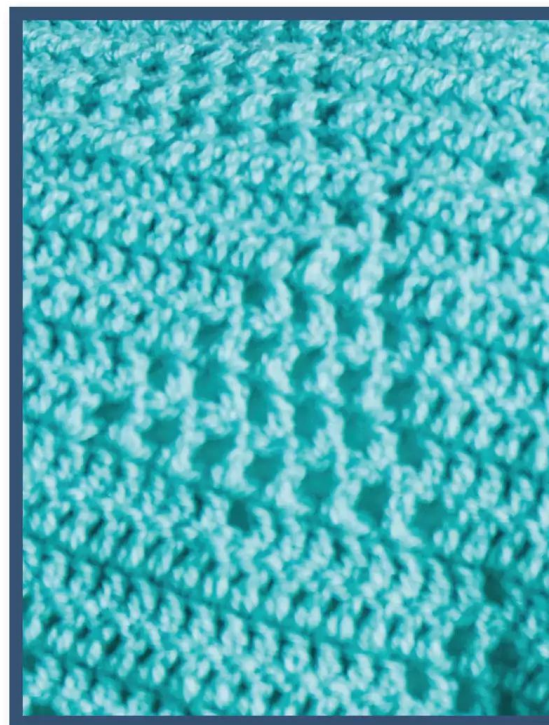
Row 121: As Row 2.

Row 122: 3 ch, tr across. Fasten off.

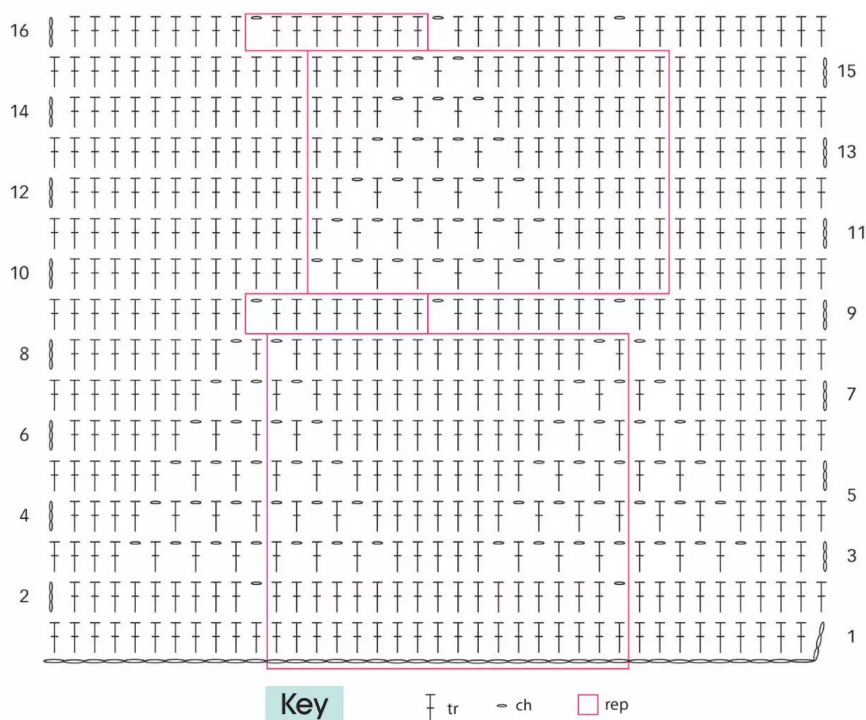
Edging

With RS facing, join with sl st in any st along the edge of the blanket, 3 ch, 1 tr, 1 ch, miss 1 st, [*2 tr, 1 ch, miss 1 st; rep from * evenly across edge, 3 tr in corner, 1 ch, miss 1 st, rotate to work across next edge] 4 times, **2 tr, 1 ch, miss 1 st; rep from ** to end, join in top of beg 3 ch. Fasten off.

Weave in ends and block.



Chart





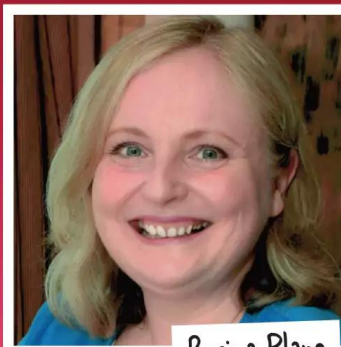
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Special stitches

FLtr2d: Tr in unworked front loop of st 2 rows down

Standing dc: With slipknot on hook, work dc in first st of row



Rosina Plane

PAPER CHAINS WRAP

This beautiful wrap is inspired by the colourful paper chains we love to make and string up around the house at Christmas

 DK  3.5mm

★★ Try something new

Yarn used

Scheepjes Softfun
7 balls in Mist 2627 (MC),
2 balls each in Jade 2648 (CC1), Bright
Turquoise 2423 (CC3), Violet 2519 (CC5)
& Hot Pink 2495 (CC7)
1 ball each in Botanical 2615 (CC2),
Cool Blue 2603 (CC4), Orchid 2657 (CC6)
& Flamingo 2653 (CC8)

Available from

www.blacksheepwools.com

About the yarn

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

Tension

16 sts x 16 rows = 10cm measured over dc
in BLO

Hook used

3.5mm

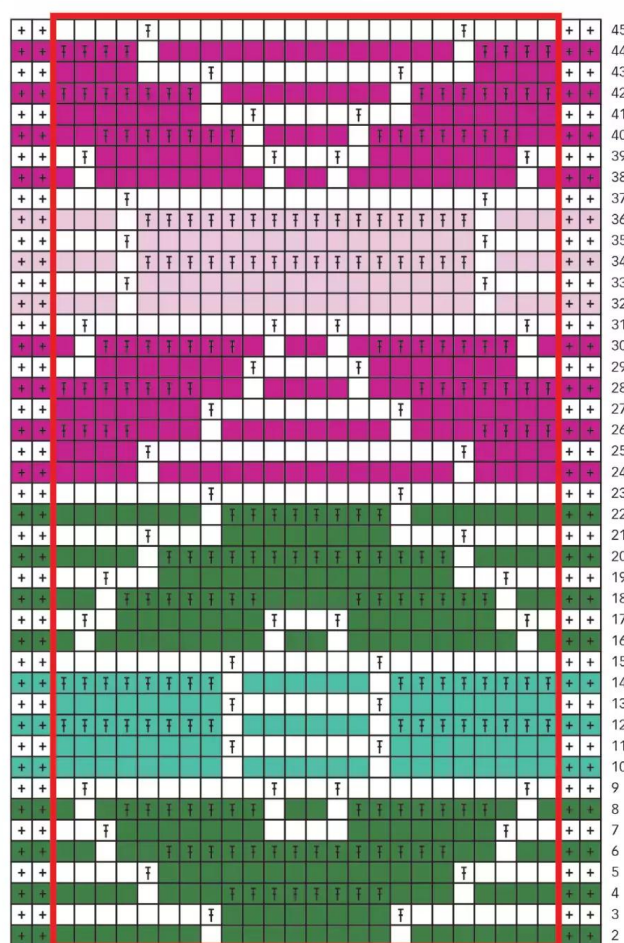
Sizing

Finished wrap measures approx.
53x190cm excluding fringe

This design uses the overlay mosaic
crochet technique, in which all stitches are
worked on the right side, so yarn must be
cut at the end of each row. This makes it
perfect for accessories such as scarves and
wraps, as the ends can simply be trimmed
into a fringe.

As with all mosaic crochet, there are no
colour changes within rows. The base

Chart



Symbol key

FLtr2d
+ dc
no symbol = dc in BLO

Colour key

First rep CC1;
Second rep CC5
First rep CC2;
Second rep CC6
First rep CC3;
Second rep CC7
First rep CC4;
Second rep CC8
MC
Patt rep

fabric is made up of rows of dc worked
in back loops only, and the pattern is
created by working trs into unworked
front loops 2 rows below. If you are new
to this technique, don't worry, full written
instructions are given, and we have also
provided a chart. It is up to you which you
follow, but if you are new to this technique,
we recommend following the written
pattern, at least for the first few rows.

If you chose to follow the chart, read it from

bottom to top, right to left, (left to right if
you are left-handed). The two sts at each
end of each row are always dc and indicate
the colour you will be using for the whole
row. You do not change colours within each
row (the colours on the chart are there only
to give you an idea of how the piece should
look). Any square without a symbol on the
chart represents a dc in BLO.

Working into the back bump of the
foundation chain will leave a nice neat
edge at the bottom.

Accessory

Tension is not critical for this project, but if your swatch is larger you may need to purchase additional yarn.

Start crocheting...

Leave a long tail at the beginning and end of each row; always begin in first st on RS unless otherwise instructed.

With MC, chain 317.

Foundation Row (WS): Starting in 2nd ch from hook, dc in back bump of each ch across. Turn. 316 sts

Row 1 (RS): 1 ch (does not count as st), dc across. Fasten off.

Row 2: Join CC1 with a standing dc, 1 dc, dc in BLO across to last 2 sts, 2 dc. Fasten off.

Row 3: Join MC with a standing dc, 1 dc, *7 dc in BLO, 1 FLtr2d, 8 dc in BLO, 1 FLtr2d, 7 dc in BLO; rep from * to last 2 sts, 2 dc. Fasten off.

Row 4: Join CC1 with a standing dc, 1 dc, *8 dc in BLO, 8 FLtr2d, 8 dc in BLO; rep from * to last 2 sts, 2 dc. Fasten off.

Row 5: Join MC with a standing dc, 1 dc, *4 dc in BLO, 1 FLtr2d, 14 dc in BLO, 1 FLtr2d, 4 dc in BLO; rep from * to last 2 sts, 2 dc. Fasten off.

Row 6: Join CC1 with a standing dc, 1 dc, *5 dc in BLO, 14 FLtr2d, 5 dc in BLO; rep from * to last 2 sts, 2 dc. Fasten off.

Row 7: Join MC with a standing dc, 1 dc, *2 dc in BLO, 1 FLtr2d, 18 dc in BLO, 1 FLtr2d, 2 dc in BLO; rep from * to last 2 sts, 2 dc. Fasten off.

Row 8: Join CC1 with a standing dc, 1 dc, *3 dc in BLO, 7 FLtr2d, 4 dc in BLO, 7 FLtr2d, 3 dc in BLO; rep from * to last 2 sts, 2 dc. Fasten off.

Row 9: Join MC with a standing dc, 1 dc, *1 dc in BLO, 1 FLtr2d, 8 dc in BLO, 1 FLtr2d, 1 dc in BLO; rep from * to last 2 sts, 2 dc. Fasten off.

Row 10: With CC2, as Row 2.

Row 11: Join MC with a standing dc, 1 dc, *8 dc in BLO, 1 FLtr2d, 6 dc in BLO, 1 FLtr2d, 8 dc in BLO; rep from * to last 2 sts, 2 dc. Fasten off.

Row 12: Join CC2 with a standing dc, 1 dc, *8 FLtr2d, 8 dc in BLO, 8 FLtr2d; rep from * to last 2 sts, 2 dc. Fasten off.

Rows 13-15: Rep rows 11-12 once, then Row 11 once more.

Row 16: With CC1, as Row 2.

Row 17: With MC, as Row 9.

Row 18: With CC1, as Row 8.

Row 19: With MC, as Row 7.



Row 20: With CC1, as Row 6.

Row 21: With MC, as Row 5.

Row 22: With CC1, as Row 4.

Row 23: With MC, as Row 3.

Row 24: With CC3, as Row 2.

Row 25: With MC, as Row 5.

Row 26: Join CC3 with a standing dc, 1 dc, *4 FLtr2d, 16 dc in BLO, 4 FLtr2d; rep from * to last 2 sts, 2 dc. Fasten off.

Row 27: With MC, as Row 3.

Row 28: Join CC3 with a standing dc, 1 dc, *7 FLtr2d, 10 dc in BLO, 7 FLtr2d; rep from * to last 2 sts, 2 dc. Fasten off.

Row 29: Join MC with a standing dc, 1 dc, *9 dc in BLO, 1 FLtr2d, 4 dc in BLO, 1 FLtr2d, 9 dc in BLO; rep from * to last 2 sts, 2 dc. Fasten off.

Row 30: Join CC3 with a standing dc, 1 dc, *2 dc in BLO, 7 FLtr2d, 6 dc in BLO, 7 FLtr2d, 2 dc in BLO; rep from * to last 2 sts, 2 dc. Fasten off.

Row 31: With MC, as Row 9.

Row 32: With CC4, as Row 2.

Row 33: Join MC with a standing dc, 1 dc, *3 dc in BLO, 1 FLtr2d, 16 dc in BLO, 1 FLtr2d, 3 dc in BLO; rep from * to last 2 sts, 2 dc. Fasten off.

Row 34: Join CC4 with a standing dc, 1 dc, *4 dc in BLO, 16 FLtr2d, 4 dc in BLO; rep from * to last 2 sts, 2 dc. Fasten off.

Rows 35-37: Rep rows 33-34 once, then Row 33 once more.

Row 38: With CC3, as Row 2.

Row 39: With MC, as Row 9.

Row 40: With CC3, as Row 30.

Row 41: With MC, as Row 29.

Row 42: With CC3, as Row 28.

Row 43: With MC, as Row 3.

Row 44: With CC3, as Row 26.

Row 45: With MC, as Row 5.

Repeat rows 2-45 once more, changing CC as per key on chart.

At end of 2nd rep of Row 45, turn.

Last Row (WS): Join MC with a standing dc, dc to end. Fasten off.

Finishing

Check all knots at each end of each row are secure by pulling them firmly.

Trim all ends to the same length, or for the knotted fringe pictured, starting at the top edge of the wrap, tie groups of 3 strands tog with a basic overhand knot, then trim ends to 10cm.

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to support itself, secure
it to the main cushion
with a couple of small
anchor stitches

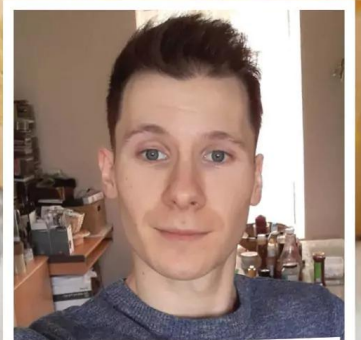


Special abbreviations

FP: Forward Pass

RP: Return Pass

Tks – Tunisian knit stitch: Insert
hook from front to back between
vertical bars of next st, yrh, pul



Liam Marshall

I Like Big Bows CUSHION

...and I cannot lie! This show-stopping cushion combines scrumptious chenille yarn with Tunisian crochet for a neat, impressive piece

 **Aran**  **5mm Tunisian**

★★ **Intermediate**

Yarn used

Bernat Baby Velvet
2 balls in Cuddly Cloud 86018 (A)
1 ball in Orchid Hush 86005 (B)
Available from
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

About the yarn

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

Tension

15 sts x 16 rows = 10cm measured
over Tks

Hook used

5mm Tunisian hook, at least 40cm long

Other supplies

cushion pad, 41cm square
tapestry needle

Sizing

41cm square

Start crocheting

Cushion

With A, chain 62.

Row 1 FP: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, insert hook, yrh, pul, *insert hook into next ch, yrh, pul; rep from * to end.
62 loops on hook

Row 1 RP & all RP: Standard RP.

Row 2 FP: Tks across.

Rows 3-170: Rep Row 2.

Row 171: Inserting hook as for Tks, sl st across.
Fasten off.

Horizontal Ribbon

With B, chain 10.

Row 1 FP: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, insert hook, yrh, pul, *insert hook into next ch, yrh, pul; rep from * to end. *10 loops on hook*

Row 1 RP & all RP: Standard RP.

Row 2 FP: Tks across.

Rows 3-140: Rep Row 2.

Row 141: Inserting hook as for Tks, sl st across.
Fasten off.

Vertical Ribbon

With B, chain 10.

Row 1 FP: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, insert hook, yrh, pul, *insert hook into next ch, yrh, pul; rep from * to end. *10 loops on hook*

Row 1 RP & all RP: Standard RP.

Row 2 FP: Tks across.

Rows 3-160: Rep Row 2.

Row 161: Inserting hook as for Tks, sl st across.
Fasten off.

Bow

With B, chain 100.

Row 1 FP: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, insert hook, yrh, pul, *insert hook into next ch, yrh, pul; rep from * to end. *100 loops on hook*

Row 1 RP & all RP: Standard RP.

Row 2 FP: Tks across.

Rows 3-35: Rep Row 2.

Row 36: Inserting hook as for Tks, sl st across.
Fasten off.

Making up

Fold Cushion in half and sew side edges using mattress st. Insert cushion inner and then sew bottom seam to close. Sew side edges of Bow tog to create a continuous circle of fabric. Find the centre point of Bow and pinch both layers tog to shape. Take the Vertical Ribbon, wrap tightly around centre of Bow and stitch through both layers of ribbon at back of Bow to hold in place and create the centre of Bow. Sew loose edges of Vertical Ribbon together to create a continuous circle. Sew edges of Horizontal Ribbon together. Position Horizontal Ribbon over cushion, making sure it is in the centre. Rep with Vertical Ribbon and Bow. Weave in ends. 





The i-cord may feel fiddly at first, but you'll soon get into a rhythm



Aran 5.5mm

★★ Try something new

Yarn used

Patons Fairytale Fab Aran
17 (18, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 35) balls
in Natural 01002 (MC)
3 (3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 6) balls
in Jade 01070 (CC1)
2 (2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5) balls
in Lipstick Pink
01036 (CC2)

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About the yarn

Aran; 100m per 50g ball, 100% acrylic

Tension

12 sts x 7 rows = 10cm measured over tr

Hook used

5.5mm

Other supplies

tapestry needle
piece of cardboard 15cm long, or tassel
maker

Sizing

XS (S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X)
Width: 99 (104, 109, 114, 114, 120, 125, 130,
135) cm designed to fit with 15-20cm
of positive ease
Panel: 161 (166.5, 166.5, 172, 177.5, 177.5,
177.5, 183, 183) cm long x 48 (50.5, 53, 55.5,
55.5, 58.5, 61, 63.5, 66) cm wide

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Special abbreviations

i-cord: 3 ch, yrh, insert hook in 2nd ch from hook, yrh, pul, insert hook in next ch, yrh, pul (3 loops on hook), *remove hook from last two loops and pinch together to hold the loops in place in your opposite hand, 1 ch (1 loop on hook), re-insert hook in 2nd loop, yrh, pul, (2 loops on hook), re-insert hook in 3rd loop, yrh, pul, (3 loops on hook); rep from * to desired length, yrh, pul through all 3 loops. Fasten off

tr3tog: Treble 3 together

tr4tog: Treble 4 together

tr7tog: Treble 7 together

fdc: Foundation double crochet



Zoe Beeston

COSY CHRISTMAS WRAP

Snuggle up this winter in this versatile garment, featuring a relaxed easy-to-wear tie belt, perfect for layering up for cold evenings

The garment is constructed by joining two crocheted panels for a simple but effective design. The tie is designed to fit through the slits created by the stitch pattern giving a close, cosy fit without needing to wrap around the whole garment.

Count your stitches after row 13 to check you have the correct number before starting the repeats again.

Start crocheting...

Unless otherwise stated, turning chains do count as a stitch. Your stitch count should remain the same throughout when counting each ch as 1 st.

Panels (make 2)

Row 1 (RS): With MC, 233 (241, 241, 249, 257, 257, 257, 265, 265) fdc. Turn. 233 (241, 241, 249, 257, 257, 257, 265, 265) sts

Row 2: 1 ch (counts as first dc), *miss 3 sts, 7 tr in next st, miss 3 sts, 1 dc; rep from * to end. Turn. Fasten off.

Row 3: Join CC1, 2 ch, 1 tr3tog (counts as tr4tog), *3 ch, 1 dc, 3 ch, 1 tr7tog (worked over next 3 tr, 1 dc, 3 tr); rep from * to last 5 sts, 3 ch, 1 dc, 3 ch, 1 tr4tog. Turn.

Row 4: 3 ch (counts as 1 tr), 3 tr in top of tr4tog, miss 3 ch, 1 dc, *miss 2 ch, 7 tr into next ch, miss [1 tr7tog, 3 ch], 1 dc; rep from * to last 4 sts, miss 3 ch, 4 tr in top of tr4tog. Turn. Fasten off.

Row 5: Join MC, 4 ch (counts as 1 dc and 3 ch), *1 tr7tog (worked over next 3 tr, 1 dc, 3 tr), 3 ch, 1 dc**, 3 ch; rep from * across ending last rep in top of beg 3 ch at **. Turn.

Row 6: 1 ch, dc in each st and ch across. Fasten off.

Row 7: Join CC2, 1 ch (does not count as a st), 1 dc, *1 ch, miss 1 st, 1 dc; rep from * to end. Turn. Fasten off.

Row 8: With MC, rep Row 7.

Row 9: Join CC2, 4 ch (counts as 1 tr, 1 ch), miss 1 ch, 1 tr, *1 ch, miss 1 ch, 1 tr; rep from * to end. Turn. Fasten off.

Row 10: With MC, rep Row 7.

Row 11: With CC2, rep Row 7.

Row 12: Join MC, rep Row 6. Turn.

Row 13: Rep row 6.

Rows 14-17: Rep rows 2-5.

Row 18: 1 ch (counts as 1 dc), *miss 2 ch, 7 tr in next ch, miss [1 tr7tog, 3 ch], 1 dc; rep from * to end. Turn.

Rows 19-21: With MC throughout, rep rows 3-5.

Rep rows 18-21 four (four, five, five, five, six, six, seven, seven) more times.

SIZES XS, M, 2X & 4X ONLY

Next Row: Rep Row 6. Fasten off.

SIZES S, L, XL, 3X & 5X ONLY

Rep rows 18-19 once more.

Next Row: Rep Row 6. Fasten off.

Finishing

First panel: With RS facing you, join MC in top right corner, 3 ch (counts as 1 tr), 111 (115, 115, 119, 123, 123, 125, 127, 127) tr. Fasten off.

Second panel: With WS facing, join MC in top right corner, rep as for first panel.

Sew panels together along row of tr. Weave in all ends.

Tassels

Make 8 with CC1 and 6 with CC2.

Wrap yarn around a piece of cardboard 30 times. Thread tapestry needle with a long length of same colour and tie top of tassel tightly, this thread will be used to attach tassel. Remove tassel from cardboard.

Wrap another length of same colour tightly

around the tassel five times near the top, tie a knot. Thread ends onto tapestry needle and bury them inside tassel. Cut loops at the bottom of the tassel and trim evenly.

With CC2, make an i-cord approximately 150 (160, 170, 180, 190, 200, 210, 220, 230) cm long. Attach 1 CC2 tassel to each end.

Attach rem tassels using photo as a guide. 





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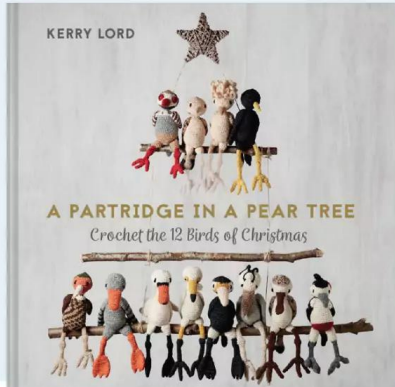
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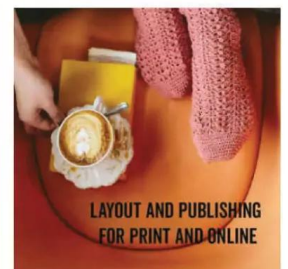
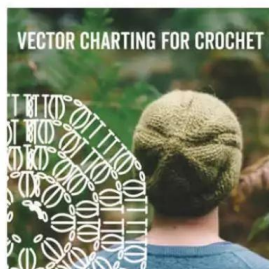
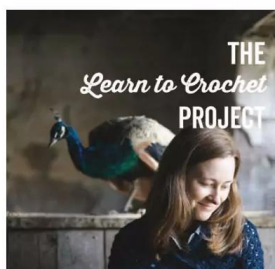
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A close-up portrait of a woman with voluminous, curly brown hair. She is smiling warmly at the camera. She is wearing a mustard yellow sweater and a thick, colorful crocheted scarf. The scarf features a repeating pattern of small, raised stitches in shades of pink, yellow, light blue, and white. Her right hand is resting near her chin, holding a strand of the scarf. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white brick wall.

Crochet over
the ends as you go,
to save time sewing
in lots of ends at
the finish

HELIO COWL

Sometimes simple is best – this granny cowl is perfect as a gift and can be whipped up in a weekend!

 4-ply  3mm

★ Quick & easy

Yarn used

Stylecraft Special 4ply
1 ball each in Teal 1062 (A),
Cloud Blue 1019 (B), white 1001 (C),
Raspberry 1023 (D) & Mustard 1823 (E)
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support small businesses at
www.ukhandknitting.com

About the yarn

4-ply; 422m per 100g; 100% acrylic

Tension

21 sts (7 blocks of 3) x 12 rows = 10cm

Hook used

3mm

Sizing

75cm circumference, 15cm depth

Start crocheting

This pattern is worked in joined rounds, join with a sl st in top of beg 3 ch, which always counts as the first tr. Use a st marker or waste yarn to keep track of the first st of each rnd.

From Rnd 2, you will work into sp between 2 sets of 3 tr-blocks.

Change colour at the end of every rnd, following the stripe sequence A, B, C, D, E.

With A, chain 159. Join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist.

Rnd 1: 3 ch (counts as first tr here and throughout), 158 tr, join. Turn. 159 sts

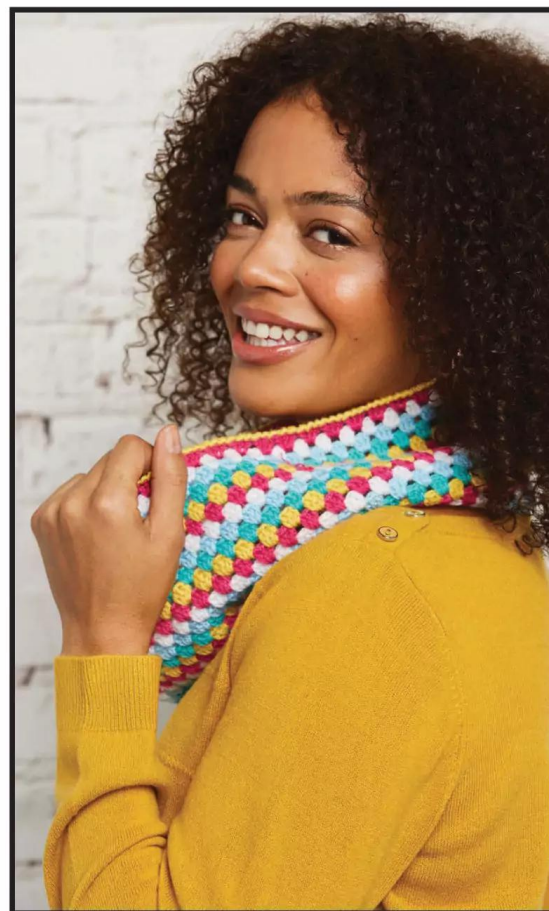
Rnd 2: With B, 3 ch, 2 tr in first st, miss 2 sts, [3 tr in next st, miss 2 sts] 52 times, join. Turn. 53 3 tr-blocks

Rnds 3-18: 3 ch, 2 tr in sp between 3tr-blocks, [3 tr in next sp] 52 times, join.

Rnd 19: 3 ch, 1 tr in each st around. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

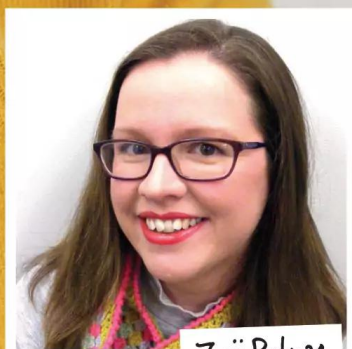
Edging

Join E to end of Rnd 19, crab st around. Fasten off. Rejoin E to bottom edge and crab st around. Fasten off. Weave in ends. 



Special stitches

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



Zoë Potrac



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Special stitches

Raised Double Treble Front

(RdtrF): Yrh twice, insert hook around post of tr 2 rnds directly below from front to back around to front again, yrh, pul, [yrh, draw through two loops] 3 times. Miss st behind RdtrF

Double crochet 3 together

(dc3tog): Work three double crochet stitches together



Heather C Gibbs

Sugarplum STOCKING

Whip up this fabulously chunky stocking in your favourite colour and give Father Christmas somewhere cosy to leave your gifts!

 **Super-chunky**  **8 & 9mm**

★ **Quick & easy**

Yarn used

King Cole Timeless Super Chunky
3 balls in Silver Mist 4447 (A)
Available from
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

About the yarn

Super chunky; 85m per 100g ball;
90% acrylic, 10% alpaca

Tension

5 sts = 5.5cm; 6 rows = 6cm measured
over dc with larger hook

Hooks used

8mm
9mm

Other supplies

8.5mm pompom maker
large yarn needle
stitch marker

Sizing

50cm long x 21cm wide

The toe section of this pattern is worked in the amigurumi style, in a spiral without slip stitching or turning chains. Use a stitch marker to keep track of the first stitch of each round. The main body of the pattern is made up of a 4-row repeat.

Beg 1 ch does not count as a st.

Beg 3 ch counts as first tr.

 **Start crocheting...**

Worked from the toe up.

Rnd 1: With larger hook 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 7-14: Dc around

Rnd 15: Change to smaller hook, sl st in next st, 3 ch (counts as first tr), 35 tr, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch.

Rnd 16: 1 ch, dc around, join with sl st to beg dc.

Rnd 17: 3 ch, *1 RdtrF, 1 tr; rep from * around to last st, 1 RdtrF, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch.

Rnd 18: As Rnd 16.

Rnd 19: 1 ch, *1 RdtrF, 1 tr; rep from * around, join with sl st to beg RdtrF.

Rnds 20-25: Rep rnds 16-19, then rnds 16-17 once more.

Change to larger hook for heel (worked in rows).

Rows 1-2: 1 ch, 18 dc, leave rem sts unworked. Turn. *18 sts*

Row 3: 1 ch, 7 dc, 2 dc2tog, 7 dc. Turn. *16 sts*

Row 4: 1 ch, dc across. Turn.

Row 5: 1 ch, 6 dc, 2 dc2tog, 6 dc. Turn. *14 sts*

Row 6: As Rnd 4.

Row 7: 1 ch, 5 dc, 2 dc2tog, 5 dc. Turn. *12 sts*

Row 8: 6 dc2tog. Turn. *6 sts*

Row 9: 3 dc2tog. Turn. *3 sts*

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

Change to smaller hook. Beg working in rnds again.

Rnd 26: 1 ch, miss first row end, [1 dc in next row end of heel] 9 times, 18 dc, miss first

row end, [1 dc in next row end of heel] 9 times, join with sl st to beg dc. *36 sts*

Rnd 27: 3 ch, 9 tr, [1 RdtrF, 1 tr] 9 times, 8 tr, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch.

Rnds 28-41: Rep rnds 16-19 three times, then rep rnds 16-17 once more.

Rnd 42: 1 ch, dc around, join with sl st to beg dc.

Cuff

Cont with yarn attached, chain 9.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, dc across, [sl st in next st on Stocking] twice. Turn. *8 dc*

Row 2: 1 ch, miss 2 sl sts, dc in BLO across. Turn. *8 sts*

Row 3: 1 ch, 8 dc in BLO, [sl st in next st on Stocking] twice. Turn.

Rows 4-33: Rep rows 2-3 fifteen times.

Row 34: Rep row 2.

Row 35: 1 ch, 8 dc in BLO, miss next st on Stocking, sl st in last st on Stocking.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Using back loops of last row and rem loops of Cuff foundation ch, sew up Cuff. Weave in ends.

Fold cuff over top of stocking.

Hanging Loop

Chain 16.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, sl st to end. Fasten off. *15 sts*

Sew the two ends of Hanging Loop tog to form a loop.

Making up

Fasten the hanging loop onto the top of the folded over cuff in line with the heel. Make two large pompoms. Chain 15, fasten off and attach to one pompom. Chain 20, fasten off and attach to second pompom. Attach both pompoms to underside of cuff in line with toe (see photo as a guide), so that they dangle down at the front when hanging stocking. 



Sarah-Jayne

Bella Coco CROCHET CHRONICLES

There's still time to hook up some last-minute gifts for Christmas, including a quick and easy snowflake, perfect for the tree or on gifts

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We're so excited!



So, it's November and I'm officially starting to get into the Christmas spirit! It's good to have something to get excited about after the year we've all had, isn't it? Although I've been busy moving house, writing a book and growing a baby, my thoughts have been wandering towards Christmas projects.

Sometimes the festive season creeps up on us before we know it, and if you're suddenly panicking because your dreams of a handmade Christmas are looking unrealistic, here's my top five quick gift makes for Christmas, patterns for all of which can be found on my website:

- Wrist warmers
- Hat and scarf
- Honey Mustard scarf
- Switch It Up blanket
- Daisy bookmarks

I'm also really excited about the Crochet Society Advent Calendar this year! It's our first ever one and it's going to be so exciting seeing everyone open each door on the lead up to the 25th December! If you were lucky enough to get your hands on one, make sure you tag me at **bellacococrochet** and **crochetsociety** so I can see your excitement.



SNOWFLAKE

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video tutorial



DK 4mm

★ Quick & easy

Yarn used

DK yarn in cream or white

Hook used

4mm

Sizing

Made to your liking

Start crocheting...
Start with a slipknot on your hook.

Foundation chain: Chain 6, insert hook into first chain and sl st to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Working into centre of ring, 3 ch (counts as first tr here and throughout), 1 tr, [2 ch, 2 tr] 5 times, 2 ch, sl ss into top of beg ch. *6 clusters of 2 tr each*

Rnd 2: 3 ch, [2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] in each 2 ch-sp around, omitting last tr in last space and sl st to top of beg ch. *12 tr, 6 2ch-sp*

Rnd 3: *3 ch, 3 tr in next 2 ch-sp, 3 ch, 1 sl st into sp between next 2 clusters of trebles; rep from * around. *6 clusters of 3 tr each*

Rnd 4: *3 dc in next 3ch-sp, sl st in next tr, 3 ch, [sl st, 4 ch, sl sts] in next tr, 3 ch, sl st in next tr, 3 dc in next 3ch-sp; rep

from * around, sl st in first dc, 1 ch and cut yarn leaving a tail.

Fasten off.

Be sure to pull the tops of your snowflake at the corners to help it look like a snowflake.

Use needle to weave in the end.



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The beaks are quite fiddly to make as they are so small, so substitute them for small pieces of felt if you prefer



POLAR PLAY PENGUINS

These brightly coloured penguins make a perfect gift – and a great game for kids young and old!

4-ply 3mm

★ Beginner friendly

Yarn used

Cygnets Truly Wool Rich 4-ply
1 ball each in Lilac 214 (A), Pine Mix 2141 (B),
Rust 2150 (D), Yellow 2041 (E), Baby Pink 896
(F), Raspberry 215 (G) & White 208 (H)

Cygnets Kiddies Supersoft 4-ply
1 ball in Baby Blue 258 (C)

Visit www.cygnetyarns.com
to find your local stockist

About the yarn

Truly Wool Rich
4-ply; 205m per 50g ball; 75% wool,
25% polyamide
Kiddies Supersoft
4-ply; 424m per 100g; 100% acrylic

Tension

5 rows = 2cm measured over dc

Hook used

3mm

Other supplies

12 toy eyes, 5mm
toy stuffing
locking stitch marker
pom-pom maker

Sizing

11cm high

The main penguin body is made leaving an opening at the bottom, which the base is then stitched onto. The base will need to sit flat, so do not overstuff your penguin.

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

Start crocheting

Penguin

Make 6, one in each colour

Rnd 1: Working into a magic ring, 6 dc.
6 sts

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

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

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

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

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

Rnds 7-9: Dc around.

Rnd 10: [4 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times.
30 sts

Rnd 11: Dc around.

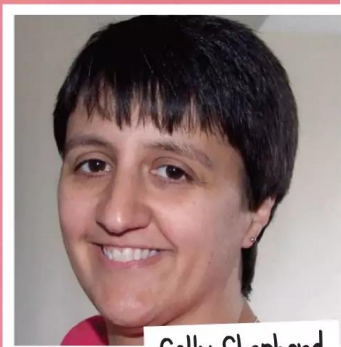
Special abbreviations

Foundation double crochet (fdc):

2 ch, insert hook in 2nd ch from hook, *yrh, pul, yrh, draw through 1 loop on hook (ch made), yrh, draw through 2 loops on hook (dc made)**; insert hook in last ch made; rep from * for number of sts required, ending last rep at **

Raised treble Back (RtrB): Work the treble around the post of the stitch inserting hook from back to front to back again

Raised treble Front (RtrF): Work the treble around the post of the stitch inserting hook from front to back to front again



Sally Shepherd

Rnd 12: [3 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnd 13: [3 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 30 sts

Rnd 14: Dc around.

Rnd 15: [2 dc in next st, 4 dc] 6 times. 36 sts

Rnd 16: [5 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 42 sts

Rnd 17: Dc around.

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

48 sts

Rnd 19: [7 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times.

54 sts

Rnds 20-27: Dc around.

Rnd 28: [7 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 48 sts

Rnd 29: [1 dc2tog, 6 dc] 6 times. 42 sts

Rnd 30: Dc around.

Rnd 31: [5 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 36 sts

Rnd 32: Dc around.

Rnd 33: [1 dc2tog, 4 dc] 6 times. 30 sts

Rnd 34: Dc around.

Penguin Base

Make 6, one in each colour

Rep rnds 1-5 of Penguin, sl st in next st to end spiral. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Eyes

Make 12 the same

Rnd 1: With H and working into a magic ring, 6 dc, sl st in next st to end spiral.

Do not tighten magic ring. Fasten off. 6 sts

Chest

Make 6 the same

With H, chain 9.

Rnd 1: 2 dc in 3rd chain from hook, 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch, 2 dc, 3 dc in next ch, rotating as you go, work in the other side of the ch, 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch, 2 dc, 1 dc in last ch. 18 sts

Rnd 2: [1 dc, 3 dc in next st, 7 dc] twice. 22 sts

Rnd 3: *2 dc, 3 dc in next st, 4 dc, [2 dc in next st] twice, 2 dc; rep from * once more. 30 sts

Rnd 4: *3 dc, [2 dc in next st] twice, 10 dc; rep from * once more. 34 sts



Everybody loves penguins and their shape just makes them perfect to use as skittles!



Keep the tension of the penguins and the ball quite tight so that the stuffing does not show through

Beak

Make 5 in D & 1 in E

Rnd 1: Working into a magic ring, 3 dc.
3 sts

Rnd 2: 1 dc, 2 dc in next st, 1 dc, sl st in next st to end spiral. Fasten off. Turn through. 4 sts

Hat

Make 6 the same

Rnd 1: With G and working into a magic ring, 3 ch (does not count as a st here and throughout), 12 tr, join with sl st to beg tr. 12 sts

Rnd 2: With H, 3 ch, [1 tr, 2 tr in next st] 6 times, join with sl st to beg tr. 18 sts

Rnd 3: With G, 3 ch, [2 tr, 2 tr in next st] 6 times, join with sl st to beg tr. 24 sts

Rnd 4: With H, 3 ch, tr around, join with sl st to beg tr. Fasten off H.

Rnd 5: With G, 3 ch, tr around, join with sl st to beg tr.

Rnd 6: 2 ch (does not count as a st), [1 RtrB, 1 RtrF] 6 times, join with sl st to beg tr. Fasten off.

With H, make a tiny pompom and sew to top of Hat.

Scarf

Make 6 the same.

Row 1: With G, 42 fdc.

Fasten off.

Cut 6 small lengths (approximately 4-5 cm) of H for each Scarf, attach each length with a larkshead knot, 3 per side, through both ends of Scarf. Use a yarn needle to split the strands to make the tassels.

Ball

Work 2 rnds in each colour as follows: E, B, F, A, D, C, D, C, A, F, B, and last rnd in E

Rnd 1: Working into a magic ring, 6 dc.
6 sts

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

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

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

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

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

36 sts

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

42 sts

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

48 sts

Rnds 9-16: Dc around

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

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

Rnd 19: [2 dc, 1 dc2tog, 2 dc]

6 times. 30 sts

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

24 sts

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

18 sts

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

12 sts

Stuff Ball firmly.

Rnd 23: 6 dc2tog. 6 sts

Fasten off. Run tail through rem sts and pull tightly to seal Ball shut.

Making up

Push each toy eye into centre of an Eye and tighten the magic ring, push toy eyes between rows 7 & 8 and then push the backs onto toy eyes. Sew whites of Eyes onto Penguin. Sew Beak between

and at base of Eyes, sew beak made in E to Penguin made in D. Sew Chest onto centre of body. Stuff Penguin. Sew Base onto bottom of Penguin using the BL of last Penguin rnd and BL of last Base rnd, keep the base flat.





 Aran  5mm

★★ Intermediate

Yarn used

Paintbox Simply Aran
3 (4, 4, 4) Balls Rose Red (213) MC
1 ball each in Paper White 200 (CC1),
Marine Blue 233 (CC2)
& Peach Orange 254 (CC3)
Available from www.lovecrafts.com

About the yarn

Aran; 184m per 100g ball; 100% acrylic

Tension

14 sts x 8 rows = 10cm measured over tr

Hook used

5mm

Other supplies

tapestry needle
sewing needle
small amount of black yarn or thread
to sew on buttons
4 black buttons, 1cm
5 black buttons, 1.5cm

Sizing

3 (4, 5, 6) years
To fit chest: 56 (59, 61, 64) cm
To be worn with 4-6 cm of positive ease
Shown in size 3 years.

Finished sizes

Chest: 60 (65, 65, 70) cm
Sleeve length: 26 (27.5, 29, 29) cm
Length: 45 (45, 45, 45) cm

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The front and back of the jumper are each made from 2 circles in square granny squares. The shoulders are joined by a row of chains and the sides are formed from rows of tr crochet.

Beginning 2 ch does not count as a stitch throughout.
Beginning 3 ch counts as a first tr throughout.
Beginning 1 ch does not count as a stitch.

Start crocheting

Front Square

Make 1 for top of Snowman with 4 rnds of CC1 and 1 for bottom with 6 rnds of CC1.



Alison Holloway

SCARFIE THE SNOWMAN JUMPER

Little ones will love this snugly jumper with a fun scarf motif – a great make for winter and Christmas

Rnd 1 (RS): With CC1 and working into a magic ring, 3 ch, 11 tr, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. 12 sts

Rnd 2: 2 ch, 2 tr in first st, [2 tr in next st] 11 times, join with sl st to beg tr. 24 sts

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

Rnd 4: 2 ch, [2 tr, 2 tr in next st] 12 times, changing to MC for top square only, join with sl st to beg tr. 48 sts

Rnd 5: For top square only, work all sts in BLO throughout rnd, 2 ch, [3 tr, 2 tr in next st] 12 times, join with sl st to beg tr. 60 sts

Rnd 6: 2 ch, [4 tr, 2 tr in next st] 12 times, changing to MC for bottom square only, join with sl st to beg tr. 72 sts

Rnd 7: For bottom square only, work all sts in BLO throughout rnd, [3 ch, 1 tr, 1 ch, 2 tr] in first st, *3 tr, 2 htr, 7 dc, 2 htr, 3 tr**, [2 tr, 1 ch, 2 tr] in next st; rep from * 3 times more ending last rep at **, join with sl st to top of beg 3 ch. 84 sts

Rnd 8: 3 ch, 1 tr, [2 tr, 1 ch, 2 tr] into corner 1ch-sp, *3 tr, 2 htr, 11 dc, 2 htr**, 3 tr, [2 tr, 1 ch, 2 tr] into corner 1ch-sp; rep from * 3 times more ending last rep at **, 1 tr, join with sl st to top of beg 3 ch. 100 sts Fasten off.

Back Square (make 2)

Rnds 1-3: With MC, as for Front Square. 36 sts

Rnd 4: 2 ch, [2 tr, 2 tr in next st] 12 times, join with sl st to beg tr. 48 sts

Rnd 5: Working in both loops, as for Front Square. 60 sts

Rnd 6: 2 ch, [4 tr, 2 tr in next st] 12 times, join with sl st to beg tr. 72 sts

Rnd 7: Working in both loops, as for Front Square. 84 sts

Rnd 8: As for Front Square. 100 sts Fasten off.

With MC and mattress stitch, sew both Front Squares tog along one edge, rep for both Back Squares. With RS facing, join MC in top right corner of top Front Square, chain 10 for shoulder, join to top right corner of top Back Square with 1 sl st, taking care not to twist the chain (WS of Front and Back tog), fasten off. Rep to join the top-left corners.

Sides

With RS facing, join MC into corner 1ch-sp at the bottom right of Front Squares.

Row 1: 3 ch, tr across to the join between the 2 squares, [1 tr in next corner 1ch-sp] twice, tr across to next 1ch-sp, 1 tr in 1ch-sp, 10 tr into back bumps across shoulder chain, 1 tr in 1ch-sp, tr across to the join between back squares, [1 tr in next corner 1ch-sp] twice, tr across to bottom 1ch-sp, 1 tr in 1ch-sp. Turn. 118 sts

Rows 2-4: 3 ch, tr across. Turn.

SIZES 4, 5 & 6 YEARS ONLY:

Row 5: 3 ch, tr across. Turn.

SIZE 6 YEARS ONLY:

Row 6: 3 ch, tr across. Turn.

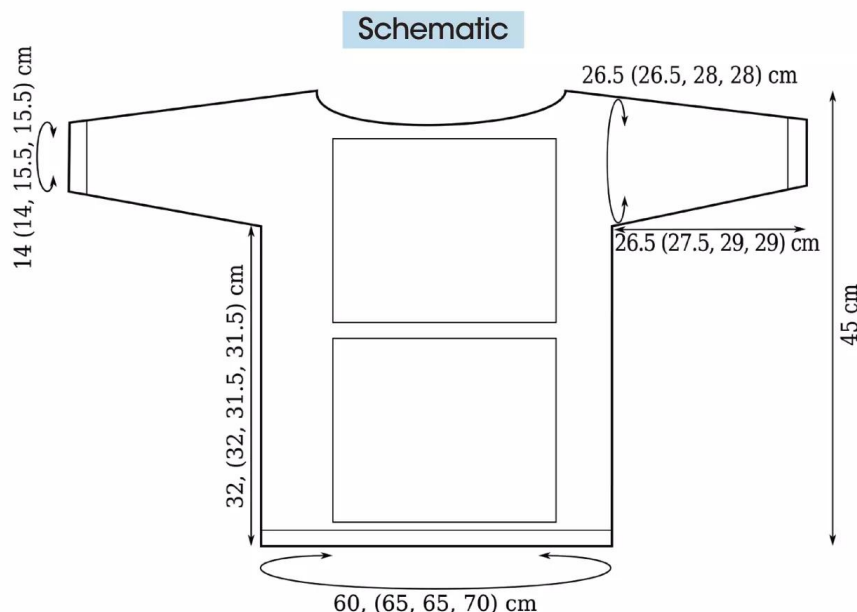
ALL SIZES:

Do not fasten off.

Rep Sides for opposite side by joining new ball of MC in bottom left corner 1ch-sp. Do not fasten off.

Special stitches

Lark's head knot: Fold the yarn strand in half. Pass the folded end through a stitch. Pass the 2 cut ends through the loop formed by passing the folded end through a stitch and tighten



Kid's

Joining sides

Fold in half across shoulders to have RS tog. Starting from the bottom edge, sew front to back tog, on both sides, using mattress stitch and the yarn still attached. Leave 37 (37, 39, 39) sts unseamed for sleeves; this is 18 (18, 19, 19) sts each on front and back and 1 st at the shoulder fold.

Sleeves

The left and right sleeve decreases are worked differently to prevent the seam showing at the front.

With RS facing, join MC in the first stitch to the left of the side seam.

Rnd 1: 2 ch, 1 tr in first st, tr around, join with sl st to beg tr. 37 (37, 39, 39) sts

Rnd 2: 2 ch, 1 tr2tog, tr around, join with sl st to beg tr. 36 (36, 38, 38) sts

Rnds 3-8: Rep rnds 1-2 three times. 33 (33, 35, 35) sts

FOR LEFT SLEEVE ONLY:

Rnds 9-15: As Rnd 2. 26 (26, 28, 28) sts

FOR RIGHT SLEEVE ONLY:

Rnd 9: As Rnd 2. 32 (32, 34, 34) sts

Rnd 10: 2 ch, tr around to last 2 sts, 1 tr2tog, join with sl st to beg tr. 31 (31, 33, 33) sts

Rnds 11-15: Rep rnds 9-10 twice, then Rnd 9 once more. 26 (26, 28, 28) sts

FOR BOTH SLEEVES:

Rnds 16-17: 2 ch, 2 tr2tog, tr around, join with sl st to beg tr. 22 (22, 24, 24) sts

SIZES 4, 5 & 6 YEARS ONLY:

Rnd 18: 2 ch, tr around, join with sl st to beg tr.

SIZES 5 & 6 YEARS ONLY:

Rnd 19: 2 ch, tr around, join with sl st to beg tr.

ALL SIZES:

Do not fasten off.

Sleeve Cuff

Continuing from sleeve, chain 7.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook and into back bumps, dc across, [sl st into next st on sleeve] twice, 1 ch. Turn. 6 sts

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

Row 3: Dc in BLO across, [sl st into next st on sleeve] twice, 1 ch. Turn.

Rows 4-21 (21, 23, 23): Rep rows 2-3 nine (nine, ten, ten) times.



Last Row: Miss 2 sl st, join last row to first by working sl st through both both thicknesses to end. Fasten off.

Neckline

With RS facing, join MC on shoulder, 5 sts before back left corner.

Rnd 1: 1 ch, 2 dc, 1 htr, 4 tr, 1 htr, 19 dc, 1 htr, 4 tr, 1 htr, 4 dc, 1 htr, 4 tr, 1 htr, 19 dc, 1 htr, 4 tr, 1 htr, 2 dc. 70 sts

Fasten off.

Join CC2 in any st at back of Neckline.

Rnd 2: 1 ch, dc around, join with sl st to beg dc. Fasten off.

Hem

Join MC in any st at the back bottom edge.

Rnd 1: 1 ch, dc around working 2 dc in each tr at the sides, join with sl st to beg dc, 6 ch.

Row 2: Starting in 2nd ch from hook and into back bumps, dc across, [sl st in next st on Rnd 1] twice, 1 ch. Turn. 5 sts

Row 3: Miss 2 sl st, dc in BLO across, 1 ch. Turn.

Row 4: Dc in BLO across, [sl st in next st on Rnd 1] twice, 1 ch. Turn.

Rep rows 3-4 until you reach the end of the rnd.

Last Row: Miss 2 sl st, join last row to first by working sl st through both thicknesses to end.

Fasten off.

Nose

With CC3, chain 4.

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

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

Row 4: 1 ch, 1 dc2tog, 1 dc. Turn. 2 sts

Rows 5-6: 1 ch, 2 dc. Turn.

Row 7: 1 ch, 1 dc2tog. 1 st
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Scarf

With CC2, chain 132.

Row 1: Starting in the 4th ch from hook and into back bumps, tr across. Turn. 130 sts

Rows 2-5: 3 ch, tr across. Turn.

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Cut twenty 20cm lengths of CC2.

Make tassels by holding 2 lengths tog and attaching with a lark's head knot over each end st at both short ends.

Trim as desired.

Finishing

Using photograph as a guide, sew Nose to centre of the head. Sew two 1.5cm buttons for the eyes and four 1cm buttons for the mouth. Sew three 1.5cm buttons down the front of the body. Fold the scarf in half and place the centre fold between the head and body, pin in place. Sew around in a rectangle between the head and body to hold the scarf in place and tie.

A woman with her hair in a bun stands on a sandy beach, looking off to the side. She is wearing a light grey, long-sleeved cable-knit sweater with a prominent vertical cable pattern down the center. Her hands are in the pockets of her white, wide-leg, cropped jeans. She is also wearing light-colored sandals with gold buckles. The background shows the ocean and some driftwood on the sand.

Work all
raised sts in front
of previously-
made raised sts
unless otherwise
instructed

Special abbreviations

RtrtrF: Yrh 3 times, insert hook around post of indicated st from front to back around to front again, yrh, pul, [yrh, draw through two loops] 4 times

RqtrF: Yrh 4 times, insert hook around post of indicated st from front to back around to front again, yrh, pul, [yrh, draw through two loops] 5 times

Standing dc: With slipknot on hook, work dc in indicated st

GRACEFUL CABLES JUMPER

Look great this winter in this super-snuggly jumper
that features a striking cable panel

Designed by **DROPS Design Team**

 **Aran**  **5mm**

★★★ **Adventurous**

Yarn used

DROPS Air

7 (8, 9, 10, 10, 11) balls in Pearl Grey 03

Available from

www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

About the yarn

Aran; 150m per 50g ball; 65% alpaca,
28% polyamide, 7% wool

Tension

14 sts x 8.5 rows = 10 cm measured over tr
12 rnds = 10.5 cm measured over st patt

Hook used

5mm

Other supplies

4 stitch markers

Sizing

XS (S, M, L, XL, 2X)

See schematic for finished measurements

Cable Pattern

Cable pattern is only worked on odd-numbered rnds.

Row 1: 3 RqtrF, 4 tr, 2 RqtrF, 3 tr, miss next 2 raised sts, 2 RqtrF, 1 tr, 1 RqtrF around first missed RtrtrF, 1 RqtrF around 2nd missed RtrtrF, 3 tr, 2 RqtrF, 4 tr, 3 RqtrF.

Row 3: Miss first raised st, 2 RtrtrF, 1 RtrtrF around missed raised st, 4 tr, 2 RtrtrF, 3 tr, 2 RtrtrF, 1 tr, 2 RtrtrF, 3 tr, 2 RtrtrF, 4 tr, miss next 2 raised sts, 1 RtrtrF around last raised st, working next 2 sts behind

last st, 1 RtrtrF around first missed raised st, 1 RtrtrF around 2nd missed raised st.

Row 5: 3 RtrtrF, 6 tr, 2 RqtrF, 1 tr, miss 2 raised sts, 2 RqtrF, 1 tr, 1 RqtrF around first missed raised st, 1 RqtrF around 2nd missed raised st, 1 tr, 2 RqtrF, 6 tr, 3 RtrtrF.

Row 7: 3 RtrtrF, 6 tr, *miss 2 raised sts, 2 RqtrF, 1 tr, 1 RqtrF around first missed st, 1 RqtrF around 2nd missed st, 1 tr; rep from * once more, 5 tr, 3 RtrtrF.

Row 9: Miss first raised st, 2 RtrtrF, 1 RtrtrF around missed st, 6 tr, 2 RtrtrF, 1 tr, miss 2 raised sts, 2 RqtrF, 1 tr, 1 RqtrF around first missed st, 1 RqtrF around 2nd missed st, 1 tr, 2 RtrtrF, 6 tr, miss next 2 raised sts, 1 RtrtrF around last raised st, working next 2 sts behind last st, 1 RtrtrF around first missed st, 1 RtrtrF around 2nd missed st.

Row 11: 3 RtrtrF, 6 tr, *miss next 2 raised sts, 2 RqtrF, 1 tr, 1 RqtrF around first missed st, 1 RqtrF around 2nd missed st, 1 tr; rep from * once more, 5 tr, 3 RtrtrF.

Row 13: 3 RtrtrF, 4 tr, 2 RqtrF, 3 tr, miss next

2 raised sts, 2 RqtrF, 1 tr, 1 RqtrF around first missed raised st, 1 RqtrF around 2nd missed raised st, 3 tr, 2 RqtrF, 4 tr, 3 RtrtrF. Rep rows 3-13 for Pattern.

Start crocheting...

Jumper is worked in turned rounds, top down. First work the yoke and then divide for body and sleeves.

Yoke

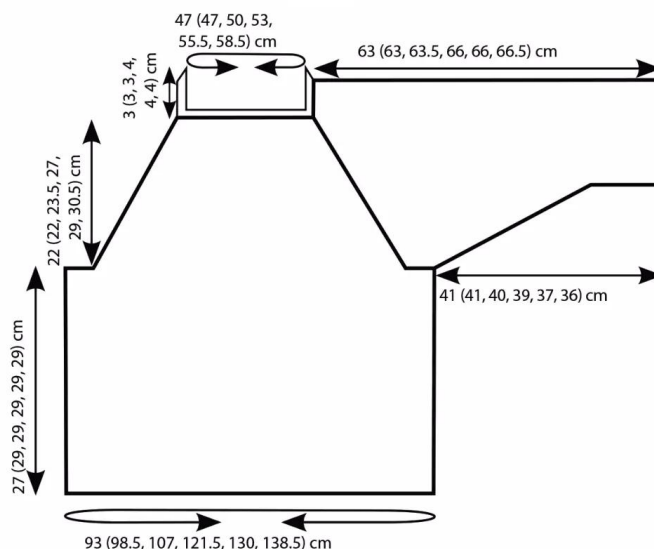
Chain 78 (78, 82, 86, 90, 94). Join with sl st in first ch to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist.

Rnd 1 (RS): 3 ch (does not count as a st here and throughout), tr around, join with sl st to beg tr. Turn.

Place markers as follows:

With WS facing, place first marker in first st, miss next 6 (6, 6, 8, 8, 10) sts, pm in next st (left sleeve), miss next 31 (31, 33, 33, 35, 35) sts, pm in next st (front), miss next 6 (6, 6, 8, 8, 10) sts, pm in next st (right sleeve), rem

Schematic



31 (31, 33, 33, 35, 35) sts are for back. Move markers up as you go. Place a separate marker in centre of front to mark front and use for measurement of yoke.

Rnd 2 (WS): 1 ch (does not count as a st here and throughout), *1 dc in marked st, 2 dc in next st, dc across to 1 st before next marker, 2 dc in next st; rep from * around, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn. 86 (86, 90, 94, 98, 102) sts

Rnd 3 (RS): 3 ch, **1 tr in marked st, 2 tr in next st, 3 (3, 4, 4, 5, 5) tr, 1 RtrtrF around tr 2 rnds below and 3 sts to the left, [1 RtrtrF around next tr 2 rnds below] twice, miss 3 sts on working rnd, 4 tr, *miss 4 tr 2 rnds below, [1 RtrtrF around next tr 2 rnds below] twice, miss 2 sts on working rnd, 1 tr, 1 RtrtrF around 2nd missed tr 2 rnds below, 1 RtrtrF around 3rd missed tr 2 rnds below, miss 2 sts on working rnd, 1 tr; rep from * once more, 3 tr, miss 1 tr 2 rnds below, [1 RtrtrF around next tr 2 rnds below] 3 times, miss 3 sts on working rnd, 3 (3, 4, 4, 5, 5) tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 tr in marked st, 2 tr in next st, tr across to 1 st before next marker, 2 tr in next st; rep from ** once more, join with sl st to beg tr. Turn. 94 (94, 98, 102, 106, 110) sts

Rnd 4: As Rnd 2. 102 (102, 106, 110, 114, 118) sts

From here on, always miss the same number of sts on working rnd as raised sts made 2 rnds below to keep st count correct. Work all raised sts around next or indicated raised st 2 rnds below.

Rnd 5: 3 ch, *1 tr in marked st, 2 tr in next st, 3 (3, 4, 4, 5, 5) tr, work Row 1 of Cable Pattern, 3 (3, 4, 4, 5, 5) tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 tr in marked st, 2 tr in next st, tr across to 1 st before next marker, 2 tr in next st; rep from * once more, join with sl st to beg tr. Turn. 110 (110, 114, 118, 122, 126) sts

Rnd 6: As Rnd 2. 118 (118, 122, 126, 130, 134) sts

Rnd 7: 3 ch, *1 tr in marked st, 2 tr in next st, 5 (5, 6, 6, 7, 7) tr, work next row of Cable Pattern, 5 (5, 6, 6, 7, 7) tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 tr in marked st, 2 tr in next st, tr across to 1 st before next marker, 2 tr in next st; rep from * once more, join with sl st to beg tr. Turn. 126 (126, 130, 134, 138, 142) sts

Rnd 8: As Rnd 2. 134 (134, 138, 142, 146, 150) sts

Rnd 9: 3 ch, *1 tr in marked st, 2 tr in next

st, 7 (7, 8, 8, 9, 9) tr, work next row of Cable Pattern, 7 (7, 8, 8, 9, 9) tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 tr in marked st, 2 tr in next st, tr across to 1 st before next marker, 2 tr in next st; rep from * once more, join with sl st to beg tr. Turn. 142 (142, 146, 150, 154, 158) sts

Rnd 10: As Rnd 2. 150 (150, 154, 158, 162, 166) sts

Rnd 11: 3 ch, *1 tr in marked st, 2 tr in next st, 9 (9, 10, 10, 11, 11) tr, work next row of Cable Pattern, 9 (9, 10, 10, 11, 11) tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 tr in marked st, 2 tr in next st, tr across to 1 st before next marker, 2 tr in next st; rep from * once more, join with sl st to beg tr. Turn. 158 (158, 162, 166, 170, 174) sts

Rnd 12: As Rnd 2. 166 (166, 170, 174, 178, 182) sts

SIZES S, M, L, XL & 2X ONLY:

Rnd 13: 3 ch, *1 tr in marked st, 2 tr in next st, - (11, 12, 12, 13, 13) tr, work next row of Cable Pattern, - (11, 12, 12, 13, 13) tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 tr in marked st, 2 tr in next st, tr across to 1 st before next marker, 2 tr in next st; rep from * once more, join with sl st to beg tr. Turn. - (174, 178, 182, 186, 190) sts

Rnd 14: As Rnd 2. - (182, 186, 190, 194, 198) sts

SIZES M, L, XL & 2X ONLY:

Rnd 15: 3 ch, *1 tr in marked st, 2 tr in next st, - (-, 14, 14, 15, 15) tr, work next row of Cable Pattern, - (-, 14, 14, 15, 15) tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 tr in marked st, 2 tr in next st, tr across to 1 st before next marker, 2 tr in next st; rep from * once more, join with sl st to beg tr. Turn. - (-, 194, 198, 202, 206) sts

Rnd 16: As Rnd 2. - (-, 202, 206, 210, 214) sts

SIZES L, XL & 2X ONLY:

Rnd 17: 3 ch, *1 tr in marked st, 2 tr in next st, - (-, -, 16, 17, 17) tr, work next row of Cable Pattern, - (-, -, 16, 17, 17) tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 tr in marked st, 2 tr in next st, tr across to 1 st before next marker, 2 tr in next st; rep from * once more, join with sl st to beg tr. Turn. - (-, -, 214, 218, 222) sts

Rnd 18: As Rnd 2. - (-, -, 222, 226, 230) sts

SIZES XL & 2X ONLY:

Rnd 19: 3 ch, *1 tr in marked st, 2 tr in next st, - (-, -, -, 19, 19) tr, work next row of Cable Pattern, - (-, -, -, 19, 19) tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 tr in marked st, 2 tr in next st, tr across to 1 st before next marker, 2 tr in

next st; rep from * once more, join with sl st to beg tr. Turn. - (-, -, -, 234, 238) sts

Rnd 20: As Rnd 2. - (-, -, -, 242, 246) sts

SIZE 2X ONLY:

Rnd 21: 3 ch, *1 tr in marked st, 2 tr in next st, - (-, -, -, 21) tr, work next row of Cable Pattern, - (-, -, -, 21) tr, 2 tr in next st, 1 tr in marked st, 2 tr in next st, tr across to 1 st before next marker, 2 tr in next st; rep from * once more, join with sl st to beg tr. Turn. - (-, -, -, 254) sts

Rnd 22: 1 ch, dc around, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn.

ALL SIZES:

Cont yoke with raglan increases at a slower rate.

Rnd 13 (15, 17, 19, 21, 23): 3 ch, tr across to first raised st 2 rnds below, *work next row of Cable Pattern**, tr across to next raised st 2 rnds below; rep from * once more ending at **, tr to end, join with sl st to beg tr. Turn. 166 (182, 202, 222, 242, 254) sts

Next Rnd: As Rnd 2. 174 (190, 210, 230, 250, 262) sts

Rep last 2 rnds 3 times more. 198 (214, 234, 254, 274, 286) sts

Cont yoke without increases.

Rnd 21 (23, 25, 27, 29, 31): As Rnd 13 (15, 17, 19, 21, 23).

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

Rnd 23 (25, 27, 29, 31, 33): As Rnd 13 (15, 17, 19, 21, 23).

SIZES XS, L, 1X & 2X ONLY:

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

Rnd 25 (-, -, 31, 33, 35): As Rnd 13 (-, -, 19, 21, 23).

Divide for body & sleeves

SIZES XS, S & M ONLY:

Fasten off. With WS facing, move first marker 2 sts to the right.

Rnd 1 (WS): Join with standing dc in first marked st, 6 (6, 6, -, -, -) ch for underarm bridge, miss all sts to next marked st (for sleeve), miss marked st, miss next st, dc across to 1 st before next marked st, 6 (6, 6, -, -, -) ch for underarm bridge, miss next marked st, miss all sts to next marked st, miss marked st, miss next st, 1 dc in next st, dc to end, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn. Fasten off, remove all markers. 130 (138, 150, -, -, -) sts

SIZES L & 1X ONLY:

Fasten off.

Rnd 1 (WS): Join with standing dc in first marked st, - (-, -, 8, 8, -) ch for underarm bridge, miss all sts to next marked st (for sleeve), 1 dc in marked st, dc across to next marked st, 1 dc in marked st, - (-, -, 8, 8, -) ch for underarm bridge, miss all sts to next marked st, 1 dc in marked st, dc to end, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn. Fasten off, remove all markers. - (-, -, 170, 182, -) sts

SIZE 2X ONLY:

Fasten off. With WS facing, move first marker one st to the left.

Rnd 1 (WS): Join with standing dc in first marked st, - (-, -, -, -, 10) ch for underarm bridge, miss all sts to 1 st before next marked st (for sleeve), 1 dc in next st, 1 dc in marked st, dc across to next marked st, 1 dc in marked st, 1 dc in next st, - (-, -, -, -, 10) ch for underarm bridge, miss all sts to 1 st before next marked st, 1 dc in next st, 1 dc in marked st, dc to end, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn. Fasten off, remove all markers. - (-, -, -, -, 194) sts

Body

Rnd 1 (RS): Join with sl st in ch at centre of underarm bridge on right sleeve, 3 ch, *tr in each ch and dc to next raised st 2 rnds below, work next row of Cable Pattern; rep from * once more, tr to end, join with sl st to beg tr. Turn. 130 (138, 150, 170, 182, 194) sts

Rnd 2: 1 ch, dc around, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn.

Rnd 3: 3 ch, *tr across to next raised st 2 rnds below, work next row of Cable Pattern; rep from * once more, tr to end, join with sl st to beg tr. Turn.

Rnds 4-31: Rep rnds 2-3 fourteen times. Fasten off for size XS only.

SIZES S, M, L, 1X & 2X ONLY:

Rep rnds 2-3 once more.

Fasten off.

Sleeves

Rnd 1: Join in underside of underarm bridge in the 3rd (3rd, 3rd, 4th, 4th, 5th) ch, 3 ch, tr in each ch and dc around opening, join with sl st to beg tr. Turn. 46 (50, 54, 58, 62, 66) sts

Rnd 2: 1 ch, dc around, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn.

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

Rnd 4: As Rnd 2.

Rnd 5: As Rnd 3.

Take care to read the whole pattern carefully before you begin



Rnd 6 (dec rnd): 1 ch, 1 dc2tog, dc around to last 2 sts, 1 dc2tog, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn. 44 (48, 52, 56, 60, 64) sts

Rnd 7: As Rnd 3.

*Rep rnds 2-3 two (two, one, one, zero, zero) times.

Rep rnds 6-7*.

Rep from * to * 3 (4, 5, 7, 8, 9) times. 36 (38, 40, 40, 42, 44) sts

Rep rnds 2-3 until sleeve measures 41 (41, 40, 39, 37, 36) cm, ending with Rnd 3.

Fasten off. Rep for other sleeve.

Neckline

Rnd 1: Join with standing dc at back of neck in underside of foundation ch, [4 (5, 5, 5, 5, 6) dc, 1 dc2tog, 3 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6) dc, 1 dc2tog] 3 times, [4 (5, 4, 6, 5, 6) dc, 1 dc2tog, 3 (4, 5, 5, 6, 5) dc, 1 dc2tog] twice, 4 (5, 5, 5, 5, 6) dc, 1 dc2tog, 3 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6) dc, 1 dc2tog, [4 (0, 0, 0, 0, 0) dc, 1 (0, 0, 0, 0, 0) dc2tog] twice, join with sl st to beg dc. 64 (66, 70, 74, 78, 82) sts

Fasten off. Weave in ends. ●



USE YOUR
HOOK!

This pattern
is constructed from
hexagons worked in
turned rnds - join with
a sl st at end of
each rnd

Special stitches

Treble 3 down (tr3d): Working in front of ch-sps, make 1 treble in missed st 3 rnds below

Standing dc: With slipknot on hook, work dc in indicated st



Rosina Plane

Gaudete THROW

You can choose to either join this blanket as you go, or make all your snowflake motifs separately and join at the end

 **DK**  **3.5mm**

★★★ **Adventurous**

Yarn used

Sirdar Snuggly Replay
9 balls each in 0114 Rocket Red (A) & 0101
Milkshake Break (B)

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About the yarn

DK; 150m per 50g ball; 50% cotton,
50% acrylic

Tension

Hexagon measures 10cm across at widest
point after Rnd 7

Hook used

3.5mm

Sizing

one size

Finished blanket measures approximately
135cm at widest point

This design uses the inset mosaic crochet technique. There are no colour changes within rounds. Colours are changed every 2 rounds and the colour pattern is created by leaving ch-sps in the first colour, which are filled in by trs in a contrasting colour on the next RS round, leaving the ch-sps unworked behind. When changing colour, always leave the unused colour on the WS to be picked up later.

Full written instructions are given, you may also follow the chart for one side of the hexagon, which should be worked a total of 6 times on each round. If you are new to

the technique, we recommend following the written pattern for the first hexagon at least. If you choose to follow the chart, read it from bottom to top; read RS rounds from right to left, and WS rounds from left to right (the opposite way around if you are left-handed). Any square without a symbol on the chart represents a dc.

Tension is not critical for this project, but if your hexagon is larger than the ones here you may need to purchase additional yarn.

Start crocheting

Hexagon (make 19)

Rnd 1 (RS): With A and working into a magic ring, 3 ch (counts as 1 tr), 11 tr, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch, leaving A on WS, join B with a sl st in next st. 12 sts

Rnd 2 (RS): 2 ch (counts as 1 turning ch, 1 ch, here and throughout), 1 dc in first st, *2 ch, miss 1 st, [1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc] in next st for corner; rep from * 4 times more, 2 ch, miss 1 st, 1 dc in st at base of beg 2 ch, join with sl st into beg 2ch-sp. Turn.

Rnd 3 (WS): 1 ch, [1 dc, 2 ch, miss 2ch-sp, 1 dc, 2 ch, miss corner 1ch-sp] 6 times, join with sl st to beg dc, inserting hook from RS to WS (here and every WS rnd). Turn.

Rnd 4 (RS): Leave B on WS, changing to A, sl st into first 2ch-sp, 2 ch, *1 dc in same corner 2ch-sp, 2 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr3d, 2 ch, miss 1 st, 1 dc into corner 2ch-sp**, 1 ch; rep from * 5 times more ending last rep at **, join with sl st into beg 2ch-sp. Turn. 18 sts

Rnd 5: 1 ch, *[1 dc, 2 ch, miss 2ch-sp] twice, 1 dc, 2 ch, miss corner 1ch-sp; rep from * 5 times more, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn.

Rnd 6: Changing to B, sl st into first 2ch-sp, 2 ch, *1 dc into same corner 2ch-sp, [2 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr3d] twice, 2 ch, miss

1 st, 1 dc into corner 2ch-sp**, 1 ch; rep from * 5 times more ending last rep at **, join with sl st into beg 2ch-sp. Turn.

24 sts

Rnd 7: 1 ch, *[1 dc, 2 ch, miss 2 ch-sp] 3 times, 1 dc, 2 ch, miss corner 1ch-sp; rep from * 5 times more, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn.

Rnd 8: Changing to A, sl st into first 2ch-sp, 2 ch, *1 dc into same corner 2ch-sp, [2 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr3d] 3 times, 2 ch, miss 1 st, 1 dc into corner 2ch-sp**, 1 ch; rep from * 5 times more ending last rep at **, join with sl st into beg 2ch-sp. Turn. 30 sts

Rnd 9: 1 ch, *[1 dc, 2 ch, miss 2ch-sp] 4 times, 1 dc, 2 ch, miss corner 1ch-sp; rep from * 5 times more, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn.

Rnd 10: Changing to B, sl st into first 2ch-sp, 2 ch, *1 dc into same corner 2ch-sp, [2 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr3d, 1 dc, 1 tr3d] twice, 2 ch, miss 1 st, 1 dc into corner 2ch-sp**, 1 ch; rep from * 5 times more ending last rep at **, join with sl st into beg 2ch-sp. Turn. 48 sts

Rnd 11: 1 ch, *1 dc, [2 ch, miss 2ch-sp, 3 dc] twice, 2 ch, miss 2ch-sp, 1 dc, 2 ch, miss corner 1ch-sp; rep from * 5 times more, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn.

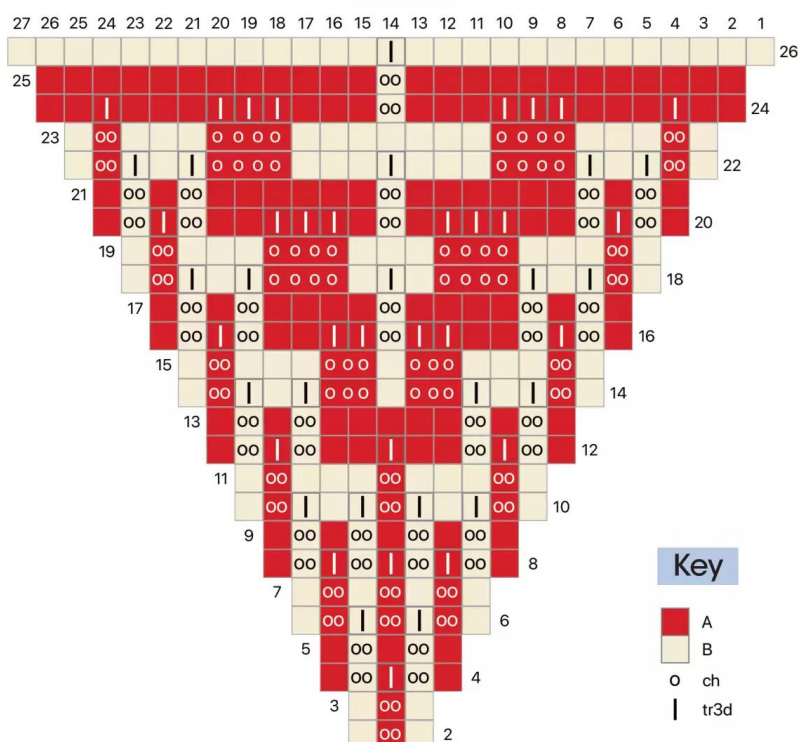
Rnd 12: Changing to A, sl st into first 2ch-sp, 2 ch, *1 dc into same corner 2ch-sp, 2 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr3d, 2 ch, miss 1 st, 1 dc, 1 tr3d, 2 ch, miss 1 st, 1 dc into corner 2ch-sp**, 1 ch; rep from * 5 times more ending last rep at **, join with sl st into beg 2ch-sp. Turn. 54 sts

Rnd 13: 1 ch, *[1 dc, 2 ch, miss 2ch-sp] twice, 5 dc, [2 ch, miss 2ch-sp, 1 dc] twice, 2 ch, miss corner 1ch-sp; rep from * 5 times more, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn.

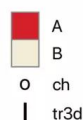
Rnd 14: Changing to B, sl st into first 2ch-sp, 2 ch, *1 dc into same corner 2ch-sp, 2 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr3d, 1 dc, 1 tr3d, 3 ch, miss 2 sts, 1 dc, 3 ch, miss 2 sts, 1 tr3d,

Blanket

Chart



Key



1 dc, 1 tr3d, 2 ch, miss 1 st, 1 dc into corner 2ch-sp**, 1 ch; rep from * 5 times more ending last rep at **, join with sl st into beg 2ch-sp. Turn.

Rnd 15: 1 ch, *1 dc, 2 ch, miss 2ch-sp, 3 dc, [3 ch, miss 3ch-sp, 1 dc] twice, 2 dc, 2 ch, miss 2ch-sp, 1 dc, 2 ch, miss corner 1ch-sp; rep from * 5 times more, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn.

Rnd 16: Changing to A, sl st into first 2ch-sp, 2 ch, *1 dc into same corner 2ch-sp, 2 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr3d, 2 ch, miss 1 st, 2 dc, 2 tr3d, 2 ch, miss 1 st, 2 tr3d, 2 dc, 2 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr3d, 2 ch, miss 1 st, 1 dc into corner 2ch-sp**, 1 ch; rep from * 5 times more ending last rep at **, join with sl st into beg 2ch-sp. Turn. 72 sts

Rnd 17: 1 ch, *[1 dc, 2 ch, miss 2ch-sp] twice, [4 dc, 2 ch, miss 2ch-sp] twice, 1 dc, 2 ch, miss 2ch-sp, 1 dc, 2 ch, miss corner 1ch-sp; rep from * 5 times more, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn.

Rnd 18: Changing to B, sl st into first 2ch-sp, 2 ch, *1 dc into same corner 2ch-sp, 2 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr3d, 1 dc, 1 tr3d, 4 ch, miss 3 sts, 1 dc, 1 tr3d, 1 dc, 4 ch, miss 3 sts, 1 tr3d, 1 dc, 1 tr3d, 2 ch, miss 1 st, 1 dc into corner 2ch-sp**, 1 ch; rep from * 5 times more ending last rep at **, join with sl st into beg 2ch-sp. Turn. 66 sts

Rnd 19: 1 ch, *1 dc, 2 ch, miss 2ch-sp, [3 dc, 4 ch, miss 4ch-sp] twice, 3 dc, 2 ch, miss 2ch-sp, 1 dc, 2 ch, miss corner 1ch-

sp; rep from * 5 times more, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn.

Rnd 20: Changing to A, sl st into first 2ch-sp, 2 ch, *1 dc into same corner 2ch-sp, 2 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr3d, 2 ch, miss 1 st, 2 dc, 3 tr3d, 1 dc, 2 ch, miss 1 st, 1 dc, 3 tr3d, 2 dc, 2 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr3d, 2 ch, miss 1 st, 1 dc into corner 2ch-sp**, 1 ch; rep from * 5 times more ending last rep at **, join with sl st into beg 2ch-sp. Turn. 96 sts

Rnd 21: 1 ch, *[1 dc, 2 ch, miss 2ch-sp] twice, [6 dc, 2 ch, miss 2ch-sp] twice, 1 dc, 2 ch, miss 2ch-sp, 1 dc, 2 ch, miss corner 1ch-sp; rep from * 5 times more, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn.

Rnd 22: Changing to B, sl st into first 2ch-sp, 2 ch, *1 dc into same corner 2ch-sp, 2 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr3d, 1 dc, 1 tr3d, 4 ch, miss 3 sts, 3 dc, 1 tr3d, 3 dc, 4 ch, miss 3 sts, 1 tr3d, 1 dc, 1 tr3d, 2 ch, miss 1 st, 1 dc into corner 2ch-sp**, 1 ch; rep from * 5 times more ending last rep at **, join with sl st into beg 2ch-sp. Turn. 90 sts

Rnd 23: 1 ch, *1 dc, 2 ch, miss 2ch-sp, 3 dc, 4 ch, miss 4ch-sp, 7 dc, 4 ch, miss 4ch-sp, 3 dc, 2 ch, miss 2ch-sp, 1 dc, 2 ch, miss corner 1ch-sp; rep from * 5 times more, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn.

Rnd 24: Changing to A, sl st into first 2ch-sp, 2 ch, *1 dc into same corner 2ch-sp, 1 dc, 1 tr3d, 3 dc, 3 tr3d, 3 dc, 2 ch, miss 1 st, 3 dc, 3 tr3d, 3 dc, 1 tr3d, 1 dc, 1 dc

into corner 2ch-sp**, 1 ch; rep from * 5 times more ending last rep at **, join with sl st into beg 2ch-sp. Turn. 144 sts

Rnd 25: 1 ch, *12 dc, 2 ch, miss 2ch-sp, 12 dc, 2 ch, miss corner 1ch-sp; rep from * 5 times more, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn.

Rnd 26: Changing to B, sl st into first 2ch-sp, 3 ch (counts as 1 turning ch, 2 ch), *1 dc into same corner 2ch-sp, 12 dc, 1 tr3d, 12 dc, 1 dc into corner 2ch-sp, 2 ch; rep from * 5 times more, join with sl st into beg 2ch-sp. Fasten off. Weave in ends. 162 sts

Joining

Sew motifs together using the photograph as a guide.

To reduce the number of ends needing to be woven in, you can join each hexagon as you go if you wish:

At the end of Rnd 26 on the 2nd and each subsequent hexagon, do not fasten off. Holding RS tog with the hexagon just worked at the back, 1 ch, dc through both corner 2ch-sp, *working through both loops of both hexagons at the same time, dc across to next corner 2ch-sp, 1 dc through both 2ch-sp**.

If you are only joining 1 edge, fasten off.

If you need to join another edge, dc through both corner 2ch-sp of next hexagon and top hexagon; rep between * and ** for the next edge.

When all required edges are joined, fasten off.

Border

There are 6 hexagons with 2 unworked corners, these are the 6 hexagons at the blanket corners.

Rnd 1 (RS): Join B with a standing dc into 2nd unworked-corner 2ch-sp of any hexagon in a blanket corner, 2 ch, 1 dc into same 2ch-sp, *(miss 1 st, 26 dc, 1 dc2tog over last 2ch-sp of current hexagon and first 2ch-sp of next hexagon, miss 1 st, 26 dc, [1 dc, 2 ch, 1 dc] into 2ch-sp) twice, miss 1 st, 26 dc**, [1 dc, 2 ch, 1 dc] into 2ch-sp; rep from * 5 times more ending last rep at **, join with sl st to beg dc. Do not turn.

Rnd 2 (RS): 1 ch (does not count as st), 1 dc, 3 dc into corner 2ch-sp, dc around, working 3 dc into each corner 2ch-sp and missing each corner dc2tog. At end of rnd, join with sl st to beg dc. Fasten off B. Turn.

Rnd 3 (WS): Join A with a standing dc in any st, dc around, join with sl st to beg dc.

Fasten off. Weave in ends. Block if required. 🧶



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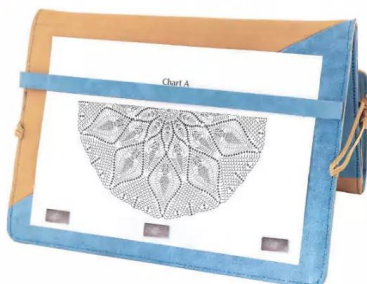
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Colour Crafter

7 balls in Barneveld 1005 (A),
2 balls each in Texel 1019 (B),
Den Bosch 1241 (C)
& Coevorden 1823 (D)
1 ball each in Assen 1065 (E)
& Wolvega 1099 (F)

Metropolis

11 balls in Miami 069 (A)
3 balls each in Marseille 019 (B),
Lima 055 (C) & Abu Dhabi 032 (D)
2 balls each in Quebec 077 (E)
& Tehran 036 (F)

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Note that for Colour Crafter,
15g of MC and 11g of A were used
for each hexagon. For Metropolis
12g of MC and 9g of A were used for
each hexagon

About the yarn

Colour Crafter
DK; 300m per 100g ball;

100% premium acrylic
Metropolis
4-ply; 200m per 50g ball;
75% wool, 25% nylon

Tension

After 5 rounds hexagon measures
approx. 10cm across measured from
side to side

Hook used

4mm

Other supplies

tapestry needle
stitch marker

Sizing

Each hexagon = 28cm across from
corner to corner after blocking
Finished blanket = 125x165cm

A 4mm hook is recommended for both
versions, but check your tension before
you start to ensure you have enough
yarn to complete the blanket.

Special abbreviations

mtr (mosaic treble crochet): Work tr
in missed/unworked st of same colour
three rnds below in front of chain
space. Chs will stay behind mtr and will
be missed

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You can either follow the chart or written
instructions (Rnds 6-13). Use one colour
for 2 rnds unless otherwise instructed
and change colour where indicated by
working a yrh with new colour (end of
previous rnd or beg of new rnd). Don't
cut the yarn, carry it up to next rnd on
WS. You'll have floats of yarn on WS.

Start crocheting

Motif

Make 1 each in B, C, D & F as MC

Rnd 1: With MC and working into a
magic ring, 5 ch (counts as first tr
and 2ch-sp here and throughout),
[1 tr, 2 ch] 5 times, join with sl st into
beg 5ch-sp. *6 tr, 2ch-sp in each of
6 corners*

Rnd 2: 5 ch, [1 tr into same sp, 1 tr,
1 tr into next 2ch-sp, 2 ch] 5 times,
1 tr into same 2ch-sp, 1 tr, join with sl
st into beg 5ch-sp. *3 tr per side*

Rnd 3: 5 ch, [1 tr into same sp, tr across
to next 2ch-sp, 1 tr into next 2ch-sp,

2 ch] 5 times, 1 tr into same 2ch-sp,
tr to end, join with sl st into beg
5ch-sp. *5 tr per side*

Rnds 4-5: Rep Rnd 3, changing to
A in joining sl st at end of Rnd 5.
9 tr per side

Chart begins on next rnd, follow chart or
written instructions through Rnd 13.

Rnd 6: With A, 1 ch (does not count as
a st here and throughout), *[1 dc, 2 ch,
1 dc] into corner 2ch-sp, dc across to
next corner; rep from * around, join
with sl st to beg dc. Turn. *11 dc
per side*

Rnd 7 (WS): 1 ch, beg in joining sl st,
[dc across to next corner 2ch-sp, 2 ch,
miss 2ch-sp] 6 times, join with sl st to
beg dc by inserting hook from back to
front (here and each WS rnd). Turn.
11 dc per side

Rnd 8 (RS): Changing to MC, sl st into
first 2ch-sp, 1 ch, *[1 dc, 2 ch, 1 dc]
into corner 2ch-sp, [2 ch, miss 1 st,
1 dc] 5 times, 2 ch, miss 1 st; rep from
* around, join with sl st to beg dc.
Turn. *7 dc & 6 2ch-sps per side*

Rnd 9 (WS): 1 ch, beg in joining sl st,
*1 dc, [2 ch, miss 2ch-sp, 1 dc] 6 times,
2 ch, miss corner 2ch-sp; rep from *
around, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn.
7 dc & 6 2ch-sps per side

Rnd 10: Changing to A, sl st into first
2ch-sp, 1 ch, *[1 dc, 2 ch, 1 dc] into
corner 2ch-sp, [2 ch, miss 1 st, 1 mtr]
6 times, 2 ch, miss 1 st; rep from *
around, join with sl st to beg dc. Turn.
2 dc, 6 mtr & 7 2ch-sps per side

Rnd 11: 1 ch, beg in joining sl st, *1 dc,
[2 ch, miss 2ch-sp, 1 dc] 7 times, 2 ch,
miss corner 2ch-sp; rep from * around,
join with sl st to beg dc. Turn. *8 dc &
7 2ch-sps per side*

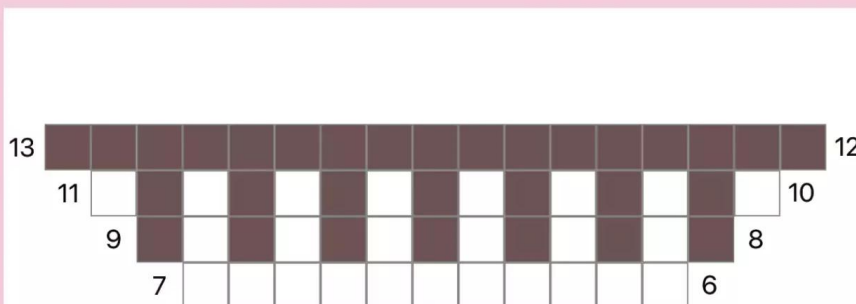
Rnd 12: Changing to MC, sl st into first
2ch-sp, 1 ch, *[1 dc, 2 ch, 1 dc] into
corner 2ch-sp, [1 dc, 1 mtr] 7 times,
1 dc; rep from * around, join with sl st
to beg dc. Turn. *10 dc & 7 mtr per side*

Rnd 13: As Rnd 7. *17 dc per side*

Rnds 14-15: Cont with MC, rep Rnd 3
twice, changing to A in joining sl st
at end of Rnd 15. Fasten off MC.
21 tr per side

Rnds 16-17: With A, rep Rnd 3 twice.
25 tr per side
Fasten off. Weave in ends. 🌸

Chart



Key A MC

How to Read the Chart

Chart is read from bottom to top. **Each rnd in chart represents two rnds of same colour.** Even rnds are worked on the RS (6, 8 etc) and are read from right to left. Odd rnds on WS (7, 9, etc) are read back across from left to right. The first square of each rnd shows which colour is used for 2 rnds (6-7, 8-9, etc)

Each square of the chart shows 1 stitch or 1 missed stitch. When squares of different colours appear in the rnd, they should be missed. So instead of working them, make **the same number of chs as the number of missed sts plus 1 ch.**

So for 1 missed st you will have 2 chs; for 2 missed sts, 3 chs, etc.

On RS rnds, when you will crochet with a different colour, you will make mtr in these missed sts from three rnds below. Mtr are only worked on RS rnds and are always made in front of chains of previous rnds, so the ch-sps are always missed.

On WS (odd numbered rnds) you will only make dc and chs. Please note that **dc are made in sts of the previous rnd, and chs are made over chs.**

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KERRY'S JOURNAL

As we edge closer to Christmas, Kerry gives her top tips on last-minute gift ideas and projects you can make in next to no time!

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Now we're in the full swing of Christmas it's time to be realistic about just how long your making list is. It's usually around now that I decide that rather than a crocheted gift, what a few people would really like instead is the gift of crochet! What I mean to say is, my time is better spent picking a good starter kit or a book and a ball of yarn and hook and making the promise of spending some time with them passing on my hobby. This year, rather than sitting down over a festive tipple and a catch up, that's far more likely to be via a screen, but in some ways that's even better because geography is no limit!

During 2020 lots more people have turned to crochet as a great focus to pass the increased time at home, a relief from the higher levels of anxiety we're all carrying and as a brilliant way to turn any frustration and worry into productive time. If you have friends and family who you were thinking of hooking up a hat for, instead consider a kit and a few hours helping them get to grips with holding their hook.



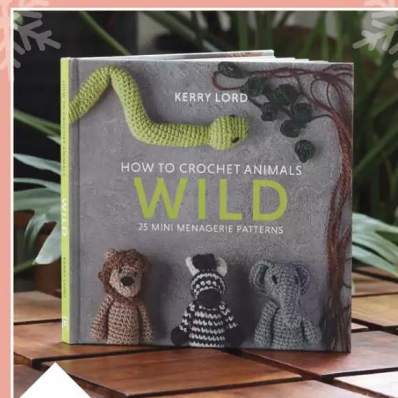


"Sometimes my time is better spent picking a good starter kit and making the promise of spending some time passing on my hobby"

Here are my top tips for buying a complete beginner a kit and helping teach your friends and family to crochet:

- Make sure they have a project to motivate them to want to continue when the going gets tough. Learning a new skill is hard at times and just 'learning to crochet' isn't as exciting as 'learning to crochet a sea turtle' or a 'making a scarf to wear'.
- Choose a small, manageable project that will give them quick results. A rapid sense of achievement will help with any frustration.
- Make sure that the kit has video backup to help them be able to help themselves rather than come back to you when they are stuck or ready to make the next step. Being able to independently check a technique will be much better while they learn (and mean you won't be disturbed when you are looking forward to chilling out with your turkey and chips on Boxing Day).
- Most importantly, remember that there is no right and wrong way to crochet. As long as the individual is comfortable holding their hook yarn and making stitches that look like yours, then how they do that is up to them! Don't focus on correcting the way all the bits and pieces move so long as their results are looking good.

TOP THREE 2020 TOFT gifts for beginners!



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on WS, being careful
not to pull too tightly
when bringing up to
the next rnd it will
be used for





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Yarn used

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Rico Creative Lamé

1 ball in gold 002

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About the yarn

Ricorumi

DK; 58m per 25g ball; 100% cotton

Creative Lamé

DK; 135m per 25g ball; 62% polyester, 38% polyamide

Tension

First 6 rnds = 5cm

Hook used

3mm

Other supplies

6 x 10cm polystyrene balls
stitch marker

Sizing

10cm diameter

Start crocheting

Colourway 1: Mint (A), Cream (B), Ice Green (C), Rose (D), Beige (E)

Colourway 2: Cream (A), Ice Green (B), Patina (C), Mint (D), Pastel Pink (E)

Colourway 3: Coral (A), Patina (B), Ice Green (C), Rose (D), Mint (E)

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

Half Bauble

Make 2 in each colourway

Rnd 1: With B and working into 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, changing to D in last yrh of last st. 18 sts

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

Rnd 5: [3 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times, changing to E in last yrh of last st. 30 sts

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

Rnd 7: [5 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times, changing to C in last yrh of last st. 42 sts

Rnd 8: With C, [6 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times, changing to D in last yrh of last st. 48 sts

Rnd 9: With D, [7 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times, changing to E in last yrh of last st. 54 sts

Rnd 10: With E, [8 dc, 2 dc in next st]

6 times, changing to B in last yrh of last st. 60 sts

Rnd 11: With B, 60 dc, changing to A in last yrh of last st.

Rnd 12: With A, [9 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 66 sts

Rnd 13: [10 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times, changing to D in last yrh of last st. 72 sts

Rnd 14: With D, 72 dc, changing to C in last yrh of last st.

Rnd 15: With C, [11 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times, changing to E in last yrh of last st. 78 sts

Rnd 16: [With E 2 dc, with D 2 dc] 19 times, with E 2 dc.

Rnd 17: [With D 2 dc, with E 2 dc] 19 times, with D 2 dc, changing to A in last yrh of last st.

Rnds 18-19: With A, 78 dc, changing to C in last yrh of last st.

Rnd 20: With C, 78 dc.

Fasten off.

Put both halves around the polystyrene ball and sew tog in BLO each st.

Bow

With Gold, chain 81.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 80 dc. Fasten off. Tie into a bow.

Sew onto top of Bauble.

Hanging Thread

With any colour, chain 31.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 30 sl st.

Fasten off. Fold in half and sew ends onto top of Bauble.



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Yarn used

Cascade Yarns Pacific
1 skein each in Beach Glass 110 (MC),
Semolina 117 (CC1) & Lamb 116 (CC2)
Turn to pages 66 and 67 to find your local
yarn shop and support small businesses

About the yarn

Aran; 195m per 100g ball; 60% acrylic,
40% superwash Merino wool

Tension

6 sts x 6 rows = 2.5cm measured over dc

Hook used

3.75mm

Other supplies

tapestry needle
stitch markers
2 safety eyes, 12 mm
toy stuffing

Sizing

33cm square

Birdie body 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.

Beg 3 ch counts as first tr. Beg 1 ch does
not count as a st. When indicated, join with
sl st to first st or top of beg ch.

Start crocheting

Birdie

With MC, chain 2.

Rnd 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 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: [5 dc, 2 dc in next st] 7 times. 49 sts

Rnds 8-18: Dc around.

Rnd 19: [5 dc, 1 dc2tog] 7 times. 42 sts

Rnd 20: [4 dc, 1 dc2tog] 7 times. 35 sts

Mark Rnd 20 with a separate st marker.

Rnd 21: [4 dc, 2 dc in next st] 7 times. 42 sts

Rnds 22-27: Dc around.

Add safety eyes in Rnd 20, 4 sts apart.
Embroider a nose and detail lines under
each eye.

Rnd 28: [4 dc, 1 dc2tog] 7 times. 35 sts

Rnd 29: [3 dc, 1 dc2tog] 7 times. 28 sts

Rnd 30: [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] 7 times. 21 sts

Rnd 31: [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 7 times. 14 sts
Stuff body firmly.

Rnd 32: 7 dc2tog. 7 sts

Rnd 33: Dc around, sl st in next st to
end spiral. Fasten off, leaving a long tail
for sewing.

Thread tapestry needle with tail and weave
through rem 7 sts, pull tight to close hole.
Weave in end securely.

Wings (make 2)

With MC, chain 2.

Rnd 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 7 dc,
join. 7 sts

Rnd 2: 1 ch, 2 dc in each st around, join.
14 sts

Rnds 3-4: 1 ch, dc around, join.

Lightly stuff Wing.

Rnd 5: 7 dc2tog, join. 7 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
Sew to Birdie using photograph as a guide.

Lovey

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

Rnd 1: Working into ring, 3 ch, 2 tr, 3 ch, [3
tr, 3 ch] 3 times, join. 4 3-tr groups

Rnd 2: 2 sl st, [sl st, 3 ch, 2 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr]
into 3ch-sp, 1 ch, *[3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] into
next 3ch-sp, 1 ch; rep from * around,
join. 8 3-tr groups

Rnd 3: 2 sl st, [sl st, 3 ch, 2 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr]
into 3ch-sp, 1 ch, 3 tr into next 1ch-sp, 1
ch, *[3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] into next 3ch-sp, 1
ch, 3 tr into next 1ch-sp, 1 ch; rep from *
around, join. 12 3-tr groups

Rnd 4: 2 sl st, [sl st, 3 ch, 2 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr]
into 3ch-sp, 1 ch, [3 tr into next 1ch-sp,
1 ch] twice, *[3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] into next
3ch-sp, 1 ch, [3 tr into next 1ch-sp, 1
ch] twice; rep from * around, join while
changing to MC. Fasten off CC1.

16 3-tr groups

Rnd 5: 2 sl st, [sl st, 3 ch, 2 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr]
into 3ch-sp, 1 ch, [3 tr into next 1ch-sp,
1 ch] 3 times, *[3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] into next
3ch-sp, 1 ch, [3 tr into next 1ch-sp, 1 ch]
3 times; rep from * around, join while
changing to CC1. Fasten off MC.

20 3-tr groups

Rnd 6: 2 sl st, [sl st, 3 ch, 2 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] into
3ch-sp, 1 ch, [3 tr into next 1ch-sp, 1 ch]

4 times, *[3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] into next 3ch-sp,
1 ch, [3 tr into next 1ch-sp, 1 ch] 4 times;
rep from * around, join while changing to
CC2. Fasten off CC1. 24 3-tr groups

Rnd 7: 2 sl st, [sl st, 3 ch, 2 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr]
into 3ch-sp, 1 ch, [3 tr into next 1ch-sp,
1 ch] 5 times, *[3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] into next
3ch-sp, 1 ch, [3 tr into next 1ch-sp, 1 ch]
5 times; rep from * around, join while
changing to CC1. Fasten off CC2.

28 3-tr groups

Rnd 8: 2 sl st, [sl st, 3 ch, 2 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr]
into 3ch-sp, 1 ch, [3 tr into next 1ch-sp,
1 ch] 6 times, *[3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] into next
3ch-sp, 1 ch, [3 tr into next 1ch-sp, 1 ch]
6 times; rep from * around, join while
changing to MC. Fasten off CC1.

32 3-tr groups

Rnd 9: 2 sl st, [sl st, 3 ch, 2 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr]
into 3ch-sp, 1 ch, [3 tr into next 1ch-sp,
1 ch] 7 times, *[3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] into next
3ch-sp, 1 ch, [3 tr into next 1ch-sp, 1 ch]
7 times; rep from * around, join while
changing to CC1. Fasten off MC.

36 3-tr groups

Rnd 10: 2 sl st, [sl st, 3 ch, 2 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr]
into 3ch-sp, 1 ch, [3 tr into next 1ch-sp,
1 ch] 8 times, *[3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] into next
3ch-sp, 1 ch, [3 tr into next 1ch-sp, 1 ch]
8 times; rep from * around, join while
changing to CC2. Fasten off CC1.

40 3-tr groups

Rnd 11: 2 sl st, [sl st, 3 ch, 2 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr]
into 3ch-sp, 1 ch, [3 tr into next 1ch-sp,
1 ch] 9 times, *[3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] into next
3ch-sp, 1 ch, [3 tr into next 1ch-sp, 1 ch]
9 times; rep from * around, join while
changing to CC1. Fasten off CC2.

44 3-tr groups

Rnd 12: 2 sl st, [sl st, 3 ch, 2 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr]
into 3ch-sp, 1 ch, [3 tr into next 1ch-sp,
1 ch] 10 times, *[3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] into next
3ch-sp, 1 ch, [3 tr into next 1ch-sp, 1 ch]
10 times; rep from * around, join while
changing to MC. Fasten off CC1.

48 3-tr groups

Rnd 13: 1 ch, 3 dc, 3 dc into 3ch-sp for
corner, [dc in each st and 1ch-sp across
to next 3ch-sp, 3 dc into 3ch-sp for
corner] 3 times, dc in each st and
1ch-sp to end, join while changing to
CC1. Fasten off MC. 200 dc

Rnd 14: 1 ch, [dc in each st to centre
corner st, 3 dc in centre st] 4 times, dc in
each st to end, join. Fasten off. 208 dc

Finishing

Use tapestry needle to sew the bottom of
Birdie onto the centre of Lovey. 

Your crochet COMMUNITY

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HATS FOR THE HOMELESS

UK Hand Knitting has launched its 2020 Commit to Knit campaign focused on the homeless or those who have fallen on hard times. Now in its fourth year, Commit To Knit is asking knitters and crocheters to make just one item for a charity, to help the team raise funds, raise awareness and highlight campaigns. Last year over 1,000 hats for Hats for the Homeless were distributed to Big Issue North, Crisis and the Salvation Army and we want to top that! Patterns are available to download from the UK Hand Knitting website, including hats and mittens, and items can be posted to the team at Stylecraft to be distributed. The closing date is 7th December.

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WHAT'S NEW FROM KING COLE?

New this month King Cole has launched three scrumptious new chunky yarns! Ultra Soft Chunky has a light twist for perfect stitch definition and super-soft feel, while Quartz Super Chunky is a real gem of a yarn, blending wool and colours together beautifully. Our favourite this season has to be Timeless Classic Super Chunky that provides a perfect tweed-like choice for homewares and accessories! Ask your local King Cole stockist about these new yarns today.

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Knitters and crocheters from across the UK sent messages of friendship in September to older generations with a yarn-bombed bus hitting the road to deliver a colourful pick-me-up to anyone experiencing loneliness due to the pandemic. The People's Friend, in partnership with friendship charity Re-engage and the UK's biggest bus and coach operator Stagecoach,

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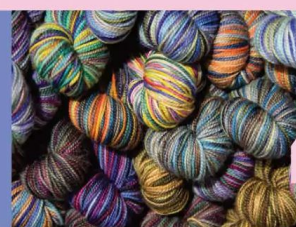
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Frosty Flowers WREATH

Crochet a delicate wreath for your home this Christmas

 4-ply  3mm

★★ Try something new

Yarn used

DMC Natura

1 ball each in Jade N20 (A), Green Valley N14 (B), Nacar N35 (C), Spring Rose N07 (D), Glicine N30 (E) & Prune N59 (F)

Turn to pages 66 and 67 to find your local yarn shop and support small businesses

About the yarn

4-ply; 155m per 50g ball; 100% cotton

Tension

Tension is not critical for this project, but make sure stitches are tight enough to form a stiff fabric

Hook used

3mm

Other supplies

1 pack of Oasis Green Hobby Wire: 25cm
30cm white coated craft hoop
wire cutters
2m lengths and various thicknesses
of ribbon
hot-glue gun
small strips of green felt (optional)

Sizing

30cm hoop

Start crocheting

Join with sl st in first st unless otherwise stated.

Leaves

Make 6 each in A and B.
Chain 14.



Rnd 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc, 2 htr, 2 tr, 3 dtr, 2 tr, 2 htr, 3 dc in last ch, rotating as you go, work in the other side of the ch, 2 htr, 2 tr, 3 dtr, 2 tr, 2 htr, 2 dc in last st, join. 28 sts
Snip 1 length of wire in half, twist it to form a leaf shape that matches your crochet leaf. Working around the wire, dc in each st around, working 3 dc at the tips, join.
Fasten off leaving a 5cm tail. Use the yarn tail to wrap around any rem wire.

Eucalyptus Sprig (make 3)

For each leaf, snip 1 length of wire in half. Fold that length of wire in half to crochet directly onto the wire – you will work in this way to create each leaf of the sprig.

Small Eucalyptus Leaves

Make 2 for each sprig.

Rnd 1: With A, sl st around the wire, 1 ch, 8 htr, 1 ch, 1 sl st. 8 sts
Fasten off leaving a 5cm tail. Use tail to wrap around the wire.

Medium Eucalyptus Leaves

Make 2 for each sprig.

Rnd 1: Sl st around the wire, 1 ch, 12 htr, 1 ch, 1 sl st. 12 sts
Fasten off leaving a 5cm tail. Use tail to wrap around the wires.

Large Eucalyptus Leaves

Make 3 for each sprig.

Rnd 1: Sl st around the wire, 1 ch, 12 tr, 1 ch, 1 sl st. 12 sts
Fasten off leaving a 5cm tail. Use tail to wrap around the wires.
After the last leaf, cut off a 10cm tail and wrap around all wires

Rose

Make 1 each with C and with D.

Leave a long tail before starting Rose, chain 57

Rnd 1: [1 tr, 2 ch, 1 tr] in 6th ch from hook (missed chs do not count as a st), *miss 2 sts, [1 tr, 2 ch, 1 tr] in next st; rep from * across to last 3 sts, miss 2 sts, 1 tr. Turn. 17 2ch-sps

Rnd 2: 1 ch, 1 dc, [6 htr in next 2ch-sp,

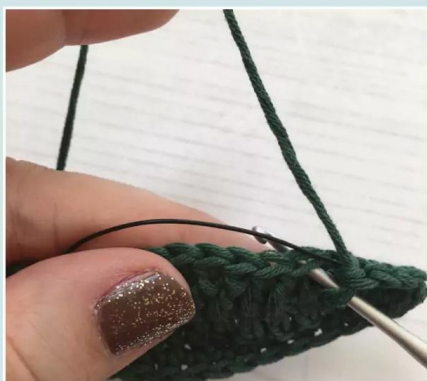
1 dc in gap between next 2 tr] 5 times, [6 tr in next 2ch-sp, 1 dc in gap between next 2 tr] 6 times, [6 dtr in next 2ch-sp, 1 dc in gap between next 2 tr] 6 times. Turn.
17 6-tr groups

Crocheting around wire Step by step

Leaf



Snip 1 length of wire in half, twist it to form a leaf shape that matches your crochet leaf.



Working around the wire, dc in each st around, working 3 dc at the tips, join.

Eucalyptus



Rnd 1: With A, sl st around the wire, 1 ch, 8 htr, 1 ch, 1 sl st. 8 sts

Rnd 3: 1 sl st, *6 dc, 1 sl st; rep from * across. Fasten off.
Roll up the rose and sew it tog into a flower shape.

Delphinium (make 2 sprigs)

Make 3 flowers for each sprig and wrap them together as you did the Eucalyptus sprig.

Snip 1 length of wire in half. Fold that length of wire in half to crochet directly onto the wire – you will work in this way to create each flower of the sprig.

Rnd 1: With E, sl st around the wire, [1 ch, 2 htr, 1 sl st] 5 times, join to beg st. Push flower up to the top of the wire. Fasten off leaving a 5cm tail. Use tail to wrap around the wire(s).

Dahlia (make 3)

Rnd 1: With F and working into a magic ring, beg PC, 2 ch, [PC, 2 ch] 4 times, join. 5 PC

Rnd 2: [Sl st, beg PC, 2 ch, PC] in 2ch-sp, {2 ch, [PC, 2 ch, PC] in next 2ch-sp} 4 times, join. 10 petals
Fasten off.

Baby's Breath (make 2 sprigs)

Make three flowers in this way and wrap them tog as for the Eucalyptus sprig.

Rnd 1: With C and working into a magic ring, 5 dc changing to A in last st. 5 sts

Rnd 2: With A, 1 dc2tog, 1 dc, 1 dc2tog, join. 3 sts

Fasten off leaving a 5cm tail. Snip 1 length of wire in half. Then fold that length of wire in half and push the end of the baby's breath on to it. Use tail to wrap around the wire(s).

Filler Flowers

With C make as Delphinium but without the wire.

Making up

Arrange flowers in a rough idea where you would like them to go. Glue flowers and leaves onto the wire wreath; adding the leaves first and the flowers on top to build up the arrangement. Make sure to leave a section free in the centre so that you can add your ribbon. See photograph as a guide. Tie the lengths of ribbon around the centre of the ring.

Optional: You may wish to add a small strip of felt to the back side of your flowers/hoop to help strengthen it. 



On the second-small leaf, use the yarn tail to wrap around the wires of both of the leaves, joining them tog.



Once all leaves are joined tie off ends and secure.

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Pull the
working yarn tight
after each joining
stitch to avoid gaps
in your work



Special abbreviations

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



Alessandra Poggiagliolmi

TWICE AS NICE SCARF

The symmetry of this chevron scarf is simple, but oh-so effective and is completely reversible

Chunky **6.5mm**

★★ **Intermediate**

Yarn used

West Yorkshire Spinners Chunky Roving
RE:TREAT
2 balls each in Bliss 692 (A) & Pure 010 (B)
1 ball each in Escape 562 (C), Mellow 221
(D) & Relax 093 (E)
Available from www.deramores.com

About the yarn

Chunky; 140m per 100g ball; 100% wool

Tension

12-row motif measures 8cm in width x
17cm in height

Hook used

6.5mm

Sizing

240cm in length x 33cm in width, not
including fringe

The scarf design develops by crocheting five vertical strips joined together as you go. The joining is simply done using slip stitches between two adjacent strips. Remember to pull the working yarn tight after each joining stitch to avoid gaps in your work.

Increases and decreases are worked in the centre of the elongated hexagon motif, 1 st per row. Turning chains at the end of each row do not count as a stitch.

The scarf width grows by adding strips from left to right. All joins are worked on the RS of the scarf.

Start crocheting

First Strip

Motif colour sequence: A, B, C, D, E, A, A, E, D, C, B, A

With A, chain 6.

Row 1 (RS): Starting in 3rd ch from hook, 2 tr, 1 tr between sts (or around ch), 2 tr, 2 ch. Turn. 5 sts

Row 2: 2 tr, 2 tr in next st, 2 tr, 2 ch. Turn. 6 sts

Row 3: 3 tr, 1 tr in next sp between sts, 3 tr, 2 ch. Turn. 7 sts

Row 4: 3 tr, 2 tr in next st, 3 tr, 2 ch. Turn. 8 sts

Row 5: 4 tr, 1 tr in next sp between sts, 4 tr, 2 ch. Turn. 9 sts

Row 6: 4 tr, 2 tr in next st, 4 tr, 2 ch. Turn. 10 sts

Row 7: 4 tr, 1 tr2tog, 4 tr, 2 ch. Turn. 9 sts

Row 8: 4 tr, miss 1 st, 4 tr, 2 ch. Turn. 8 sts

Row 9: 3 tr, 1 tr2tog, 3 tr, 2 ch. Turn. 7 sts

Row 10: 3 tr, miss 1 st, 3 tr, 2 ch. Turn. 6 sts

Row 11: 2 tr, 1 tr2tog, 2 tr, 2 ch. Turn. 5 sts

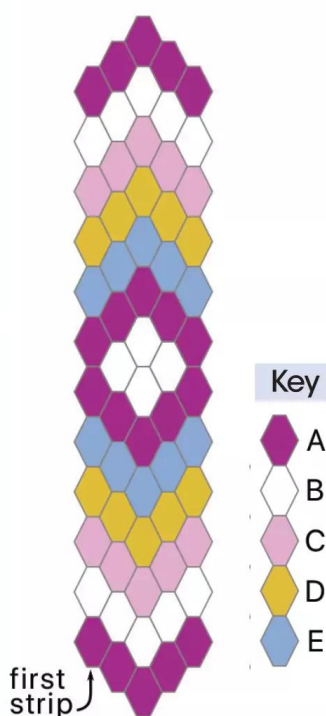
Row 12: 2 tr, miss 1 st, 1 tr, changing to next colour in sequence in last yrh 1 tr in last st, 2 ch. Turn. 4 sts

Rep rows 1-12 eleven times more for a total of 12 hexagons. At end of last motif do not change colour and do not fasten off, turn to RS, sl st across last row, rotate and sl st along side of the entire strip placing 2 sl sts loosely in each row across to foundation ch. Fasten off.

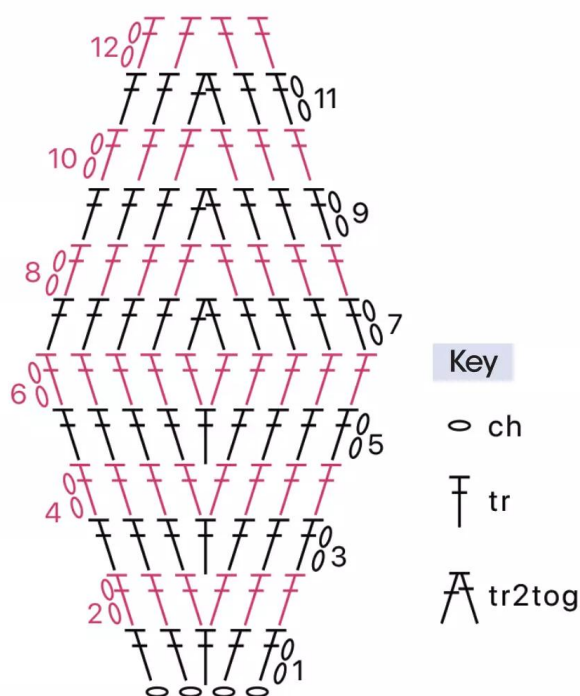
Second Strip

Colour sequence: A, B, C, D, E, A, B, A, E, D, C, B, A

Layout



Chart



Accessory

With A, chain 6.

Rows 1-4: As for First Strip (FS). 8 sts

Row 5: 4 tr, 1 tr in next sp between sts, 4 tr, 2 ch, sl st in bottom of first st in Row 1 of FS. Turn. 9 sts

Row 6: As Row 6 of FS.

Row 7: 4 tr, 1 tr2tog, 4 tr, sl st in top of first st in Row 1 of FS, 2 ch, sl st in top of first st in Row 2 of FS. Turn. 9 sts

Row 8: As Row 8 of FS.

Row 9: 3 tr, 1 tr2tog, 3 tr, sl st in top of first st in Row 3 of FS, 2 ch, sl st in top of first st in Row 4 of FS. Turn. 7 sts

Row 10: As Row 10 of FS.

Row 11: 2 tr, 1 tr2tog, 2 tr, sl st in top of first st in Row 5 of FS, 2 ch, sl st in top of first st in Row 6 of FS. Turn. 5 sts

Row 12: As Row 12 of FS.

Row 13: 2 tr, 1 tr in next sp between sts, 2 tr, sl st in top of first st in Row 7 of FS, 2 ch, sl st in top of first st in Row 8 of FS. Turn. 5 sts

Row 14: As Row 2 of FS.

Row 15: 3 tr, 1 tr in next sp between sts, 3 tr, sl st in top of first st in Row 9 of FS, 2 ch, sl st in top of first st in Row 10 of FS. Turn. 7 sts

Row 16: As Row 4 of FS.

Row 17: 4 tr, 1 tr in next sp between sts, 4 tr, sl st in top of first st in Row 11 of FS, 2 ch, sl st in top of first st in Row 12 of FS. Turn. 9 sts

Row 18: As Row 6 of FS.

Rep rows 7-18 eleven times more for a total of 12.5 hexagons.

The last 6 rows of Second Strip are not joined to FS.

Rows 151-156: Rep rows 7-12 of FS.

Fasten off. Strip has 13 hexagons in total.

Third Strip

Colour sequence: A, B, C, D, E, A, B, B, A, E, D, C, B, A

With A, chain 6.

Rows 1-18: As for Second Strip, joining to Second Strip instead of FS.

Rep rows 7-18 twelve more times for a total of 13.5 hexagons.

The last 6 rows of Third Strip (TS) are not joined.

Rows 163-168: Rep rows 7-12 of FS.

Fasten off. Strip has 14 hexagons in total.

Fourth Strip

Colour sequence: A, B, C, D, E, A, B, A, E, D, C, B, A

Join A with sl st in bottom of first st in Row 7 of TS, chain 6.

Row 1: Starting in 3rd ch from hook, 2 tr,

1 tr between sts (or around ch), 2 tr, sl st in top of first st in Row 7 of TS, 2 ch, sl st in top of first st in Row 8 of TS. Turn. 5 sts

Row 2: As Row 2 of FS.

Row 3: 3 tr, 1 tr in next sp between sts, 3 tr, sl st in top of first st in Row 9 of TS, 2 ch, sl st in top of first st in Row 10 of TS. Turn. 7 sts

Row 4: As Row 4 of FS.

Row 5: 4 tr, 1 tr in next sp between sts, 4 tr, sl st in top of first st in Row 11 of TS, 2 ch, sl st in top of first st in Row 12 of TS. Turn. 9 sts

Row 6: As Row 6 of FS.

Row 7: 4 tr, 1 tr2tog, 4 tr, sl st in top of first st in Row 13 of TS, 2 ch, sl st in top of first st in Row 14 of TS. Turn. 9 sts

Row 8: As Row 8 of FS.

Row 9: 3 tr, 1 tr2tog, 3 tr, sl st in top of first st in Row 15 of TS, 2 ch, sl st in top of first st in Row 16 of TS. Turn. 7 sts

Row 10: As Row 10 of FS.

Row 11: 2 tr, 1 tr2tog, 2 tr, sl st in top of first st in Row 17 of TS, 2 ch, sl st in top of first st in Row 18 of TS. Turn. 5 sts

Row 12: As Row 12 of FS.

Rep rows 1-12 twelve more times for a total of 13 hexagons. Fasten off.

Fifth Strip

Colour sequence: A, B, C, D, E, A, A, E, D, C, B, A

Join A in bottom of first st in Row 7 of Fourth Strip, chain 6.

Rows 1-12: As for Fourth Strip, joining to Fourth Strip instead of TS.

Rep rows 1-12 eleven more times for a total of 12 hexagons, do not fasten off. Turn so RS is facing, sl st along the side of the Fifth Strip placing 2 sts loosely in each row to foundation ch. Working on the RS will be tricky, if it's too difficult, you may fasten off and work from the bottom up, but the sts will be facing the opposite direction from the first sl st edge.

Edging

Working along the foundation ch side with RS facing, work crab st around uneven bottom edge as follows: Join A with sl st to left hand side of base of fifth strip, ch 1, [4 crab st across strip, evenly place 10 crab sts along row edges] 4 times, 4 crab st across last strip. Fasten off. Join A at opposite end of scarf and rep edging. Weave in ends.



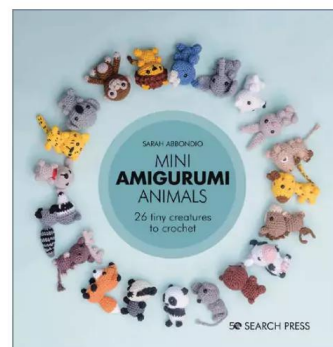
Fringe

From each colour (A-E), cut 18 lengths of yarn, 30cm each.

Use 1 strand of each colour to create a group of 5 strands for each fringe, fold yarn group in half, insert hook into indicated st, pul created by fold partially through, bring ends of yarn through loop and pull tightly to secure. Place 1 fringe group at both ends of each strip except centre (third) strip, place 1 fringe group in centre of third strip, for 9 total. Rep for opposite end of scarf. Trim to desired length.

THE BOOK CLUB

This month we are simply cooing over the tiniest, cutest amigurumi animals we have ever seen in Sarah Abbondio's new book!



Mini Amigurumi Animals by Sarah Abbondio £6.99, Search Press

ISBN: 9781782219163

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www.searchpress.com**

Perfect for fans of cute, quick amigurumi makes, *Mini Amigurumi Animals* is a steal! For only £6.99 you can get your hands on 26 adorable tiny creatures to crochet – a bargain if you ask us – from designer Sarah Abbondio, author of last year's *Crocheted Cactuses*.

The possibilities with these tiny creations are endless. You could use them as stocking fillers, keyrings, bag charms, decorations, worry dolls, pocket pals, and more, and Sarah expertly guides you clearly through the collection so you can easily make any of

these patterns with ease. Animals include favourites from a dog, cat, monkey and rabbit, to the more unusual such as a camel, elk (see our exclusive sneak peek over the page) and rhinoceros. This compact book uses a single base body pattern for most of the toys, with each one featuring additional patterns and elements to make them unique characters. They feel like a truly co-ordinated collection as a result, so it could be fun to make all 26 into a fun gift for the animal lover in your life!

Instructions are given in UK terms (nice and easy to follow) and suggestions on

materials make it easy to substitute in your favourite cotton 4ply, or why not raid your stash and make larger DK or aran versions of the patterns? The patterns are simply that versatile. Basic stitches are covered in the introduction too so this book would be a great gift for a beginner crocheter looking for some satisfying makes.

We're confident that crocheters of all levels are bound to enjoy Sarah's book, and we can't wait to see what you make from the collection when you get your hands on this fun book this month.



Turn over to make Sarah's super-cute elk for Christmas!



MINI ELK



Crochet this super-cute stocking filler to give on Christmas Day, or why not fashion a sweet little ornament with him?

4-ply 2.5mm

★ Quick & easy

Yarn used

Scheepjes Catona 50g
1 ball each in Antique Mauve 257 (MC)
& Linen 505 (CC)

Visit www.scheepjes.com
to find your local stockist

About the yarn

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

Tension

Tension is not critical for this project,
ensure your work is tight enough to not
show any stuffing through

Hook used

2.5mm

Other supplies

toy stuffing
safety eyes, 5mm
tapestry needle
small amount of black yarn

Sizing

Approximately 6cm tall

This pattern is worked in the amigurumi
style, in continuous rounds without joining.

Start crocheting

Body

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

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

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

Rnds 4-8: Dc around.

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

Fasten off, leaving a length of yarn for
attaching the Head.

Head

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

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

Rnds 3-4: Dc around.

Rnd 5: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnds 6-8: Dc around.

Rnd 9: [2 dc in next st, 2 dc] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnds 10-12: Dc around.

Rnd 13: [1 dc2tog, 2 dc] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 14: [1 dc2tog, 1 dc] 6 times. 12 sts
Insert eyes between rnds 7 and 8 with 5 sts
between them. Stuff.

Rnd 15: 6 dc2tog. 6 sts

Fasten off. Embroider nostrils using black
yarn between rnds 2 and 3. Sew the Head
to the Body.

Ears (make 2)

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

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

Rnd 3: Dc around.

Rnd 4: [1 dc2tog, 1 dc] twice. 4 sts

Fasten off, leaving a length of yarn for
sewing. Do not stuff. Press the Ears flat and
sew them to the sides of the Head using
yarn tails.

Legs (make 4)

Rnd 1: With CC, 6 dc into magic
ring. 6 sts

Rnd 2: With MC, dc round
in BLO.

Rnd 3: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a
length of yarn sewing.
Do not stuff.
Sew Legs to Body.

Tail

Cut three lengths of MC each
20cm long. Use your crochet
hook to thread them through
a stitch on the rump. The middle
of the lengths of yarn should be
on the rump. Plait the tail to the
desired length and tie a knot at
the end.

Antlers

Section 1

Rnd 1: With CC, 6 dc into
magic ring. 6 sts

Rnds 2-18: Dc round.

Rnd 19: 3 dc2tog. 3 sts
Fasten off and sew closed.
Do not stuff. Weave in
loose ends.

Section 2 (make 2)

Rnd 1: With CC 6 dc into magic ring. 6 sts

Rnds 2-3: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a length of yarn for
sewing. Do not stuff.

Section 3 (make 2)

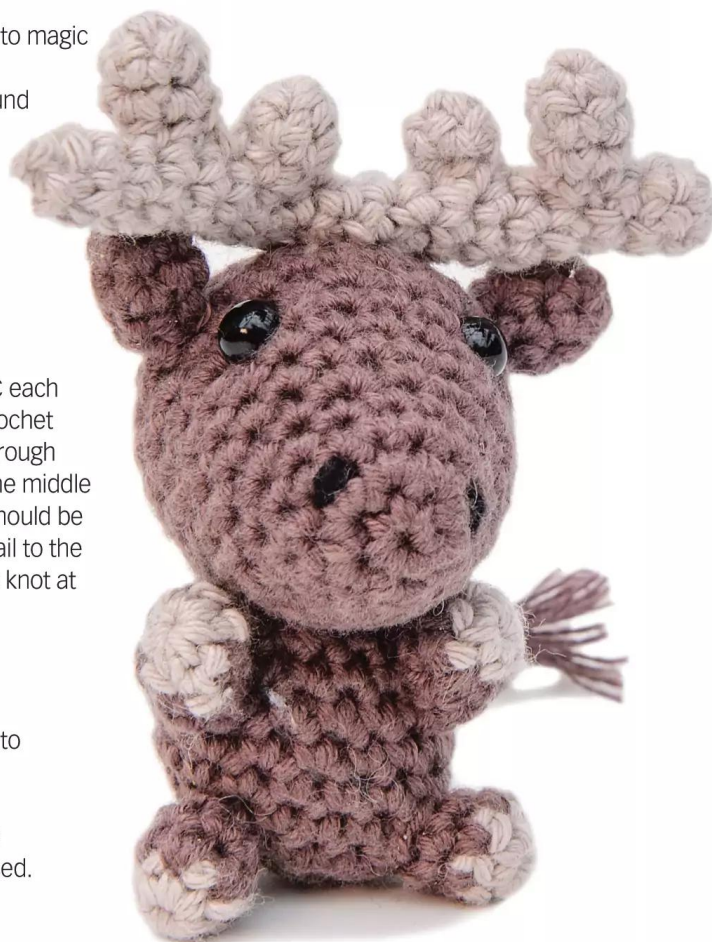
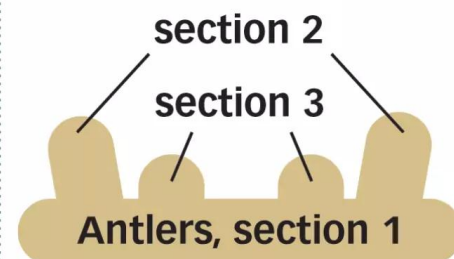
Rnd 1: With CC, 6 dc into magic ring. 6 sts

Rnd 2: Dc around.

Fasten off, leaving a length of yarn for
sewing. Do not stuff.

Sew the antlers together following the
illustration. Sew sections 2 and 3 to section
1. Sew the completed set of Antlers to the
top of the Head.

Illustration



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A STITCH IN TIME

Ophiuchus

Poor Ophiuchus – he's caused a lot of debate in the astrology sphere this year, but we couldn't resist giving him his moment in this adorable CAL

 DK  3mm

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Yarn used

Deramores Studio DK
1 ball each in Latte 70060 (A),
Mustard 70058 (B), Blue Haze 70036
(C), Aqua Green 70054 (D),
Pearl 70002 (E), Ebony 70027 (F)
& Blush 70043 (G)
Available from
www.deramores.com

About the yarn

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

Tension

22 sts x 28 rows = 10cm measured
over dc

Hook used

3mm

Other supplies

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

Sizing

15cm wide x 6cm deep x 20cm tall

Special abbreviations

Invisible dc2tog (inv-dc2tog):

Insert hook through FLO of next 2 sts,
[yrh, draw through 2 loops] twice

Unless specified 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.

This amigurumi is made from multiple pieces sewn together. Some of the pieces are made incrementally from other pieces. To avoid confusion, make the pieces in order.

Unless otherwise stated, finish each piece by pulling the yarn through the last loop leaving a long tail for sewing. Any loose tails at the end can be easily woven into the amigurumi doll.

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

Pin pieces in place before sewing together to find the perfect position and avoid pieces moving.

Start crocheting

Arms (make 2)

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

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

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

Rnds 4-7: Dc around.

Rnd 8: [1 inv-dc2tog, 4 dc] 3 times. 15 sts

Rnds 9-10: Dc around.

Rnd 11: [1 inv-dc2tog, 3 dc] 3 times. 12 sts

Rnds 12-13: Dc around.

Rnd 14: [1 inv-dc2tog, 2 dc] 3 times. 9 sts

Rnds 15-16: Dc around.

Fasten off. Leave a tail to sew to body. Stuff bottom of Arms loosely.

Legs (make 2)

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

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

Rnd 3: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] 3 times, 3 dc. 12 sts

Rnd 4: [2 dc in next st, 2 dc] 3 times, 3 dc. 15 sts

Rnd 5: 1 dc, [2 dc in next st, 3 dc] 3 times, 2 dc. 18 sts

Rnd 6: 2 dc, [2 dc in next st, 4 dc] 3 times, 1 dc. 21 sts

Rnd 7: 21 dc, sl st in next st to end spiral. Fasten off first Leg only. For 2nd Leg, cont to Body.

Body

Rnd 1: Cont with A, join legs tog as follows: 3 ch, starting in next unworked st on first Leg, dc around first Leg, 3 dc across ch, dc around 2nd Leg, 3 dc across rem loops of ch. 48 sts

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

Rnd 3: [4 dc, 2 dc in next st, 4 dc] 6 times. 60 sts

Rnds 4-13: Dc around.

Rnd 14: [9 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog, 9 dc] 3 times. 57 sts

Rnd 15: Dc around.

Rnd 16: [1 inv-dc2tog, 17 dc] 3 times. 54 sts

Rnd 17: Dc around.

Rnd 18: [8 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog, 8 dc] 3 times. 51 sts

Rnd 19: Dc around.

Rnd 20: [1 inv-dc2tog, 15 dc] 3 times. 48 sts

Rnd 21: Dc around.

Rnd 22: [7 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog, 7 dc] 3 times. 45 sts

Rnd 23: Dc around.

Rnd 24: [1 inv-dc2tog, 13 dc] 3 times. 42 sts
Sew Arms to Body using 3 sts on each piece using Legs for positioning. There

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should be 18 sts on either side of Body. It can be helpful to plan this using st markers.

Rnd 25: Dc around. 48 sts

Rnd 26: [3 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog, 3 dc] 6 times. 42 sts

Rnd 27: [1 inv-dc2tog, 5 dc] 6 times. 36 sts

Rnd 28: [4 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog, 3 dc] 4 times. 32 sts

Rnd 29: Dc around.
Fasten off. No need to leave a tail. Stuff Body firmly, starting at Legs.

Head

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

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

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

Rnd 4: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc, 2 dc in next st, 1 dc, 2 dc in next st, 4 dc] twice. 24 sts

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

Rnd 6: [2 dc, 2 dc in next st, 3 dc, 2 dc in next st, 3 dc, 2 dc in next st, 4 dc] twice. 36 sts

Rnd 7: [3 dc, 2 dc in next st, 4 dc, 2 dc in next st, 4 dc, 2 dc in next st, 4 dc] twice. 42 sts

Rnd 8: [3 dc, 2 dc in next st, 5 dc, 2 dc in next st, 5 dc, 2 dc in next st, 5 dc] twice. 48 sts

Rnd 9: [4 dc, 2 dc in next st, 6 dc, 2 dc in next st, 6 dc, 2 dc in next st, 5 dc] twice. 54 sts

Rnd 10: [4 dc, 2 dc in next st, 7 dc, 2 dc in next st, 7 dc, 2 dc in next st, 6 dc] twice. 60 sts

Rnd 11: [5 dc, 2 dc in next st, 8 dc, 2 dc in next st, 8 dc, 2 dc in next st, 6 dc] twice. 66 sts

Rnd 12: [5 dc, 2 dc in next st, 9 dc, 2 dc in next st, 9 dc, 2 dc in next st, 7 dc] twice. 72 sts

Rnds 13-24: Dc around.

Rnd 25: [1 inv-dc2tog, 7 dc] 8 times. 64 sts

Rnd 26: [3 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog, 3 dc] 8 times. 56 sts



Rnd 27: [1 inv-dc2tog, 5 dc] 8 times. 48 sts

Rnd 28: [2 dc, 1 inv-dc2tog, 2 dc] 8 times. 40 sts

Rnd 29: [1 inv-dc2tog, 3 dc] 8 times. 32 sts
Fasten off. Leave a long tail to sew to Body. Add safety eyes and stuff Head.

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

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

Rnds 5-6: Dc around.
Fold flat and leave a long tail to sew to Head.

Toga

With B, chain 131.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 130 dc. Turn. 130 dc

Change to C.

Row 2: 1 ch (does not count as a st here and throughout), htr in FLO to end. Turn.

Row 3: 1 ch, htr in BLO to end. Turn.

Row 4: As Row 2.

Row 5: As Row 3.

Row 6: As Row 2.

Change to B.

Row 7: As Row 3.

Fasten off and leave a tail to attach to Body.

Snake

Stuff as you go.

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

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

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

Rnd 4: [2 dc in next st, 3 dc] 3 times. 15 sts

Rnd 5: [2 dc in next st, 4 dc] 3 times. 18 sts

Rnds 6-7: Dc around.

Rnd 8: [1 inv-dc2tog, 1 dc] 6 times. 12 sts

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

Rnds 10-50: Dc around.

Rnds 51-54: 1 inv-dc2tog, dc to end. 5 sts
Fasten off and sew hole closed with tail.

Beard (make 3)

Rnd 1: With E and working into a magic ring, 6 dc, 3 ch, starting in 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc, 1 htr, join with sl st to beg dc. 8 sts
Fasten off and leave a tail to sew to face.

Eyebrows (make 2)

With E, chain 4.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 1 htr, 1 dc, 1 sl st.
Fasten off and leave a tail to sew to face.

Snake Tongue

With G, chain 5.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 1 sl st, 2 ch, starting in 2nd ch from hook, 4 sl st.
Fasten off and leave a tail to sew to Snake.

Assembly

Use photograph as a guide. Sew Head to Body. Wrap Toga around Body, plan which tails to use for sewing, remove Toga, weave in rem tails, rewrap and fasten by sewing with tails. Sew one eyebrow above each eye. Sew the beard pieces between the eyes: two form the moustache and one sits below them as the beard. With A, embroider a nose above the moustache. With E, embroider a line along outside of each eye. Sew ears to either side of Head. With F and E, embroider eyes for the snake. Sew Tongue onto Snake. Wrap Snake around Body and sew to attach.

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Sagittarius

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Ophiuchus

29th November – 17th December

You may or may not identify with Ophiuchus if your birthday lies within these dates – if you do choose to welcome Ophiuchus as your star sign, you may find that good luck follows you around. You are also a passionate person that may tend to bouts of jealousy and are certainly not to be toyed with.





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Special stitches

Surface sl st: Holding working yarn behind piece and hook in front of piece, insert hook through piece, place slip knot on hook, draw through piece, *insert hook in next place through piece, yrh, draw yarn through piece and loop on hook (as a sl st); rep from* as needed

Super chunky/Aran

4.5mm

★★ Intermediate

Yarn used

DROPS Paris
7 balls in light grey 23 (MC)
1 ball each in dark grey 24 (CC1)
& white 16 (CC2)
DROPS Eskimo
1 ball in off white 01 (CC3)
Available from
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

About the yarn

Paris
Aran; 75m per 50g ball; 100% cotton
Eskimo
Super chunky; 50m per 50g ball;
100% wool

Tension

16 sts x 9 rows = 10cm measured over tr

Hook used

4.5mm

Other supplies

pillow form approximately 50cm in diameter
toy stuffing
pompom makers, 5cm & 8cm
tapestry needle

Sizing

Cushion case: approximately
44cm in diameter
Fits a round pillow, approximately
50cm in diameter

The cushion case is worked in 2 parts, in the rnd, from the middle and outwards. Work ears from the tip of ears and downwards. Work eyes in the rnd. Use surface crochet to work mouth and nose on cushion case.

3 tr at beginning of round does not count as a stitch.
Work ears, eyes, mouth and nose before filling the cushion case and assembly.

Start crocheting...

Cushion Sides (make 2)

Cushion case sides are worked in the amigurumi style, in a spiral without slip stitching or turning chains. Use a stitch marker or waste yarn to keep track of the first stitch of each round.

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

Rnd 1: Working into ring, 2 ch (counts as first tr), 10 tr. *11 tr*

Rnd 2: 2 tr in top of beg 2 ch, 2 tr in each st around. *22 tr*

Rnd 3: [2 tr in next st, 1 tr] 11 times. *33 tr*

Rnd 4: [2 tr in next st, 2 tr] 11 times. *44 tr*

Rnd 5: [2 tr in next st, 3 tr] 11 times. *55 tr*

Rnd 6: [2 tr in next st, 4 tr] 11 times. *66 tr*

Cont in patt as set, working 1 tr between every inc, until piece measures 44cm in diameter. Finish last rnd with 1 tr, 1 htr, 1 dc, 1 sl st. Fasten off.

Ears (make 2)

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

Rnd 1: Working into ring, 3 ch (does not count as a st here and throughout), 9 tr, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. *9 sts*

Rnd 2: 3 ch, 2 tr in each st around, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. *18 sts*

Rnd 3: 3 ch, [2 tr in next tr, 1 tr] 9 times, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. *27 sts*

Rnd 4: 3 ch, tr around, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch.

Rep Rnd 4 until ear measures approximately 8cm. Do not fasten off.

Place toy stuffing in the ear to make it fuller and soft. Press the opening tog to close and work through both layers as follows: 1 ch, dc across until entire opening to close. Fasten off, leaving a 25cm tail for sewing. Sew ears approximately 7cm inside outer edge on one cushion side, see photo for placement. Sew 2nd ear to same cushion side 27cm from first ear as measured along the same rnd as first ear was sewn.

Eyes (make 2)

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

Rnd 1: Working into ring, 3 ch (does not count as a st here and throughout), 12 tr, join with sl st in top of beg 3 ch. Fasten off. *12 sts*

Rnd 2: With CC2, 3 ch, [2 tr in next st] 6 times. Fasten off.

Sew eyes approximately 5cm from where ears were sewn on, using small invisible stitches, see photo for placement.

Nose & Mouth

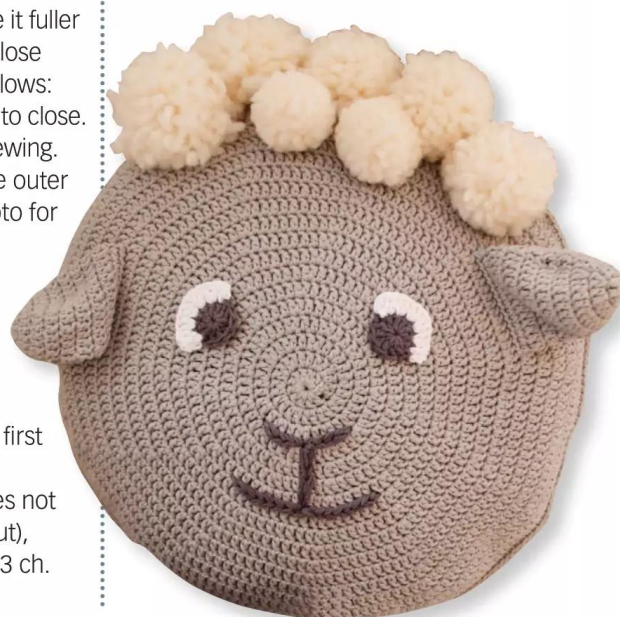
With 2 strands of CC1 held tog, work surface sl st beg in 7th rnd from centre on front cushion side centred between eyes and ears, see photo for placement. Work through the next 7 tr on same rnd. Fasten off on WS. Beg again in same starting centre st and work surface sl st through the next 7 tr on same rnd in opposite direction to complete mouth. Fasten off on WS. Beg again in same starting centre st and work surface sl st across 4 rnds toward centre of piece, cont to work over the next 4 tr across 3rd rnd from centre for half of nose. Fasten off on WS. Beg again at edge of nose and work over 4 tr in opposite direction to complete nose. Fasten off on WS.

Making up

Place the 2 cushion sides with WS tog. With MC, dc through both layers until an opening of approximately 20cm rem. Place cushion inside cushion case and cont with dc to end. Fasten off.

Pompoms

With CC3, make five 8cm pompoms and two 5cm pompoms. Fasten pompoms at the top of cushion case.



HOW TO READ A PATTERN

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

Reading a pattern line

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



1 About the yarn

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

2 Tension

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

Special stitches

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

3 Finishing

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

4 How to read a chart

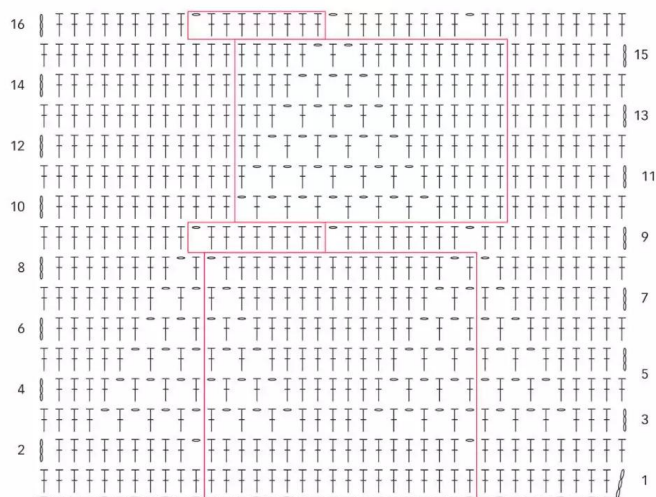
First, find the key. While you may recognise symbols from previous chart-reading experiences, remember that different people draw charts differently, and what meant a treble stitch before may mean a half treble now. It will also contain special information needed to make sense of the chart.



You read a crochet chart from bottom to top when worked in rows, or from the inside out when working in rounds. Rows are worked from right to left first, then left to right, continuing as set unless otherwise stated, while rounds are worked anti-clockwise, as you would crochet them. Small numbers with arrows signify where each Rnd starts – helpful for making

sense of more complex charts, while also giving a clue of where to fasten off and join in colours. If there's a jump between where you end the row and where you start the next, there's a good chance that the colour has changed – sometimes this is signified in the colouring of the chart, sometimes not!

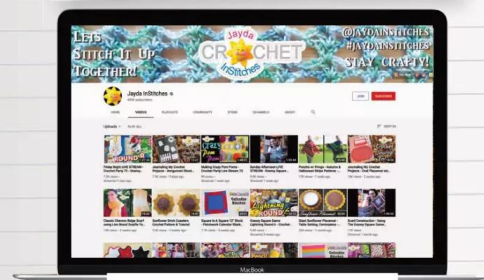
Chart



Key

- tr
- ch
- rep

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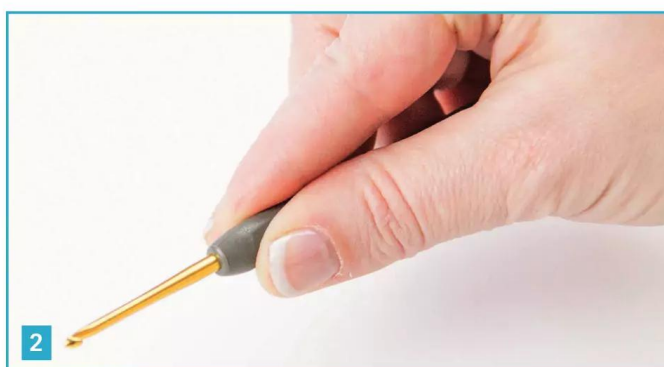
Master the essential crochet techniques you'll need to see you through your next project

Holding the hook



PEN METHOD

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



KNIFE METHOD

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

Holding the yarn



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

Making a slipknot



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



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



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

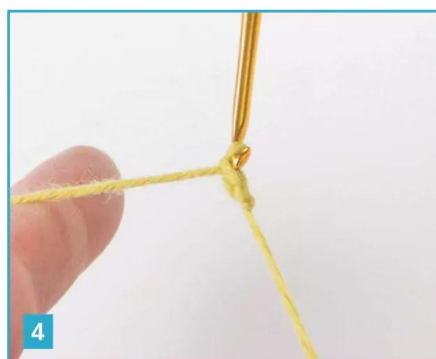
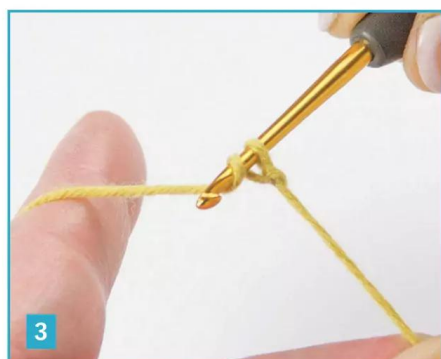
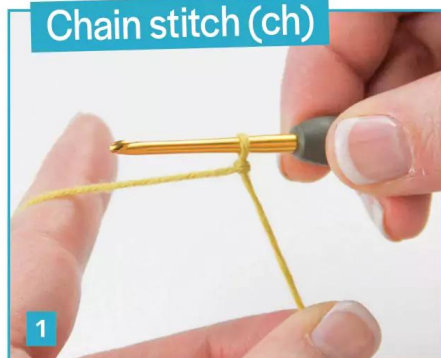


Remove the loop from your fingers and you should have something that looks like this.



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

Chain stitch (ch)



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

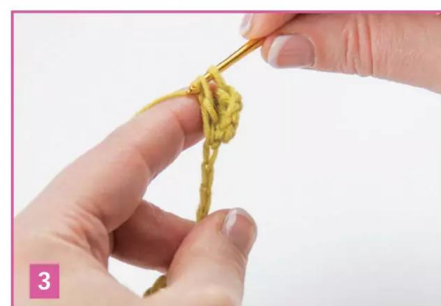
2 To begin making your first chain, first wrap the yarn around the hook (yrh).

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

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



Working into a chain

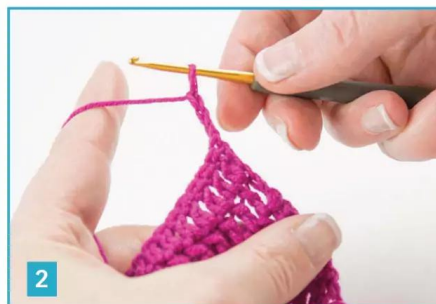


Once you've made the required length of chain, you should be left with something looking like this. This is your foundation row, into which Row 1 is worked.

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

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

Working in rows



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

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

Turning chains



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

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

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

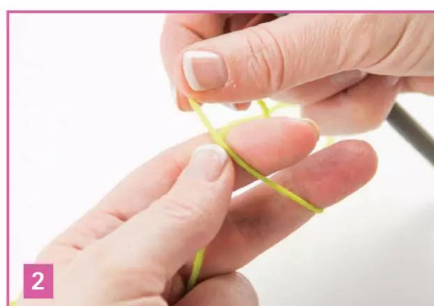
3 We are creating treble stitches again, so next up we make a chain of three for the turning chain.

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

Working in the round



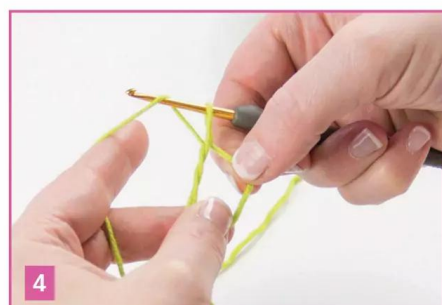
Magic ring



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

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

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



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



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

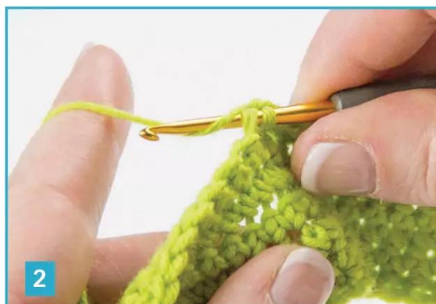


Pull the tail end of the yarn and the magic ring will close up as tightly as it is able, depending on the number of stitches.

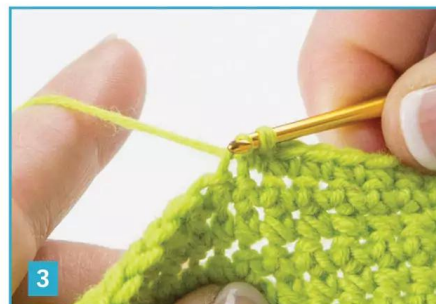
Double crochet (dc)



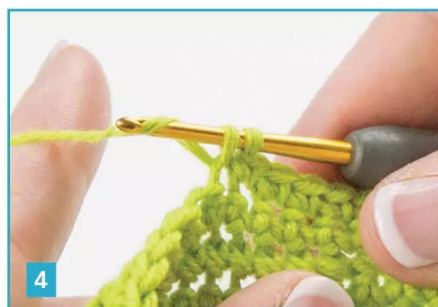
1 Insert your hook into the next stitch from front to back.



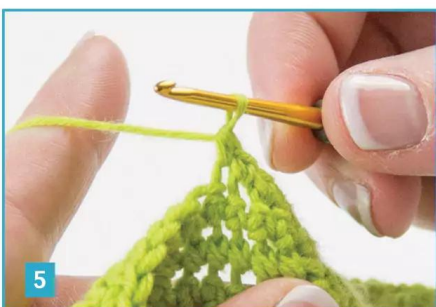
2 Wrap the yarn round the hook (yarn round).



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



4 Yarn round the hook again.



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

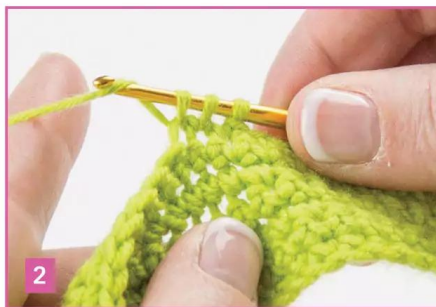


Double crochet is essential for amigurumi

Double crochet 2 together (Dc2tog)



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

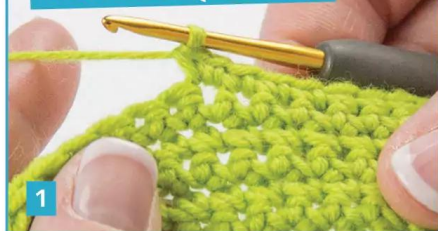


2 Yarn round the hook again.



3 Pull through all three loops on the hook.

Double crochet increase (Dc inc)



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



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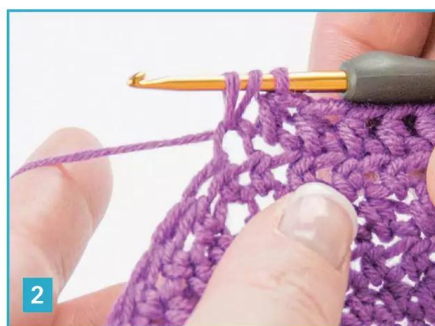
Slip stitch (sl st)



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

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

Half treble (htr)

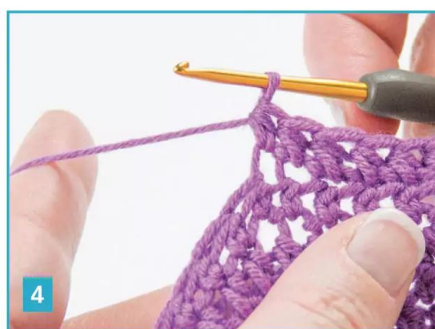


1 First up, yarn round the hook.

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

3 Yarn round the hook again.

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



Half treble 2 together (Htr2tog)

1 Work as for half treble until Step 2.

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

3 Yrh and pull through all five loops.

Treble (tr)



1 First up, yarn round the hook.

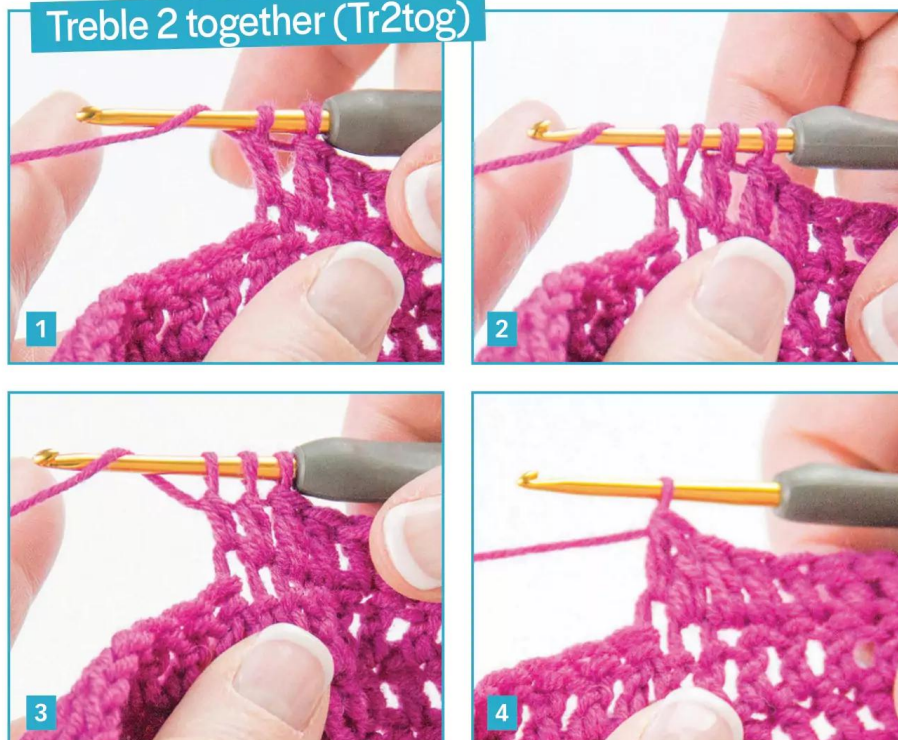
2 Insert the hook into the next stitch and pull up one loop. There are three loops on the hook.

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

4 Yarn round the hook again and pull through the remaining two loops. One treble crochet stitch made.



Treble 2 together (Tr2tog)

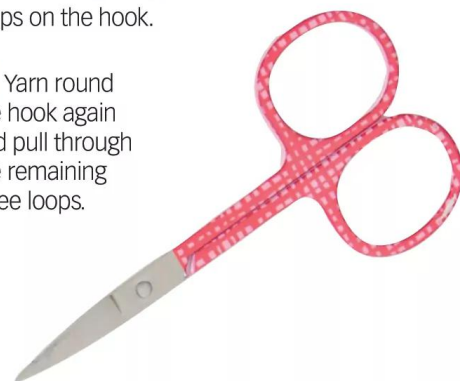


1 Work as for a treble crochet stitch up to Step 3.

2 Yarn round the hook again, insert into the next stitch and pull up one loop. There are four loops on the hook.

3 Yarn round the hook again and pull through two loops. There are now three loops on the hook.

4 Yarn round the hook again and pull through the remaining three loops.



Changing colour



Crochet colourwork can make for some fantastic results. To change colour mid-row, first work the stitch until the penultimate step in colour 1. Yarn round the hook in the new colour.

Pull through both loops to complete the stitch and continue to work the next stitch in the next colour.

Once secured, you can either fasten off the old yarn, or keep it attached if you'll be working it in again soon – this is called stranded colourwork.

Measuring tension

Tension squares are particularly important for projects where size does matter, so be sure to work up a square in pattern that's slightly larger than 10cm². Grab your ruler and count your stitches. Too many? Try a hook size up. Too few? Try a hook size down.



STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS

Get your head around these abbreviations that you'll find regularly in *Crochet Now* patterns

alt	alternate
beg	beginning
BLO	work in back loops only
CC	contrasting colour
ch	chain
ch-sp	chain space
cont	continue
dc	double crochet
dc2tog	work two double crochet stitches together
dec	decrease
dtr	double treble crochet
fdc	foundation double crochet
FLO	work in front loops only
fol	following
htr	half treble crochet
htr2tog	work two half treble crochet stitches together
inc	increase
LH	left hand
MC	main colour
patt	pattern
pm	place marker
prev	previous
pul	pull up a loop
rem	remaining
rep	repeat
RH	right hand
rm	remove marker
rnd	round
RS	right side
RtrF	raised treble front: Yrh, insert around post of indicated st from front to back around to front again, yrh, pul, [yrh, draw through two loops] twice
RtrB	raised treble back: Yrh, insert around post of indicated st from back to front around to back again, yrh, pul, [yrh, draw through two loops] twice
sl st	slip stitch

sp	space
st(s)	stitch(es)
tbl	through the back loop
tr	treble crochet
ttr	triple treble
tr2tog	work two treble crochet stitches together
WS	wrong side
yrh	yarn round hook

US to UK crochet terms

If you come across a 'sc' instruction, it's likely to be written in US crochet terms. *Crochet Now* is written entirely in UK terms, but here's a guide on how to translate them.

US		UK	
Single crochet	sc	Double crochet	dc
Half double	hdc	Half treble	htr
Double	dc	Treble	tr
Treble	tr	Double treble	dtr
Double treble	dtr	Triple treble	ttr

Crochet hook conversions

UK	In mm	US
14	2mm	-
13	2.25mm	B/1
12	2.5mm	-
-	2.75mm	C/2
11	3mm	-
10	3.25mm	D/3
9	3.5mm	E/4
-	3.75mm	F/5
8	4mm	G/6
7	4.5mm	7
6	5mm	H/8
5	5.5mm	I/9
4	6mm	J/10
3	6.5mm	K/10.5
2	7mm	-
0	8mm	L/11
00	9mm	M/13
000	10mm	N/15

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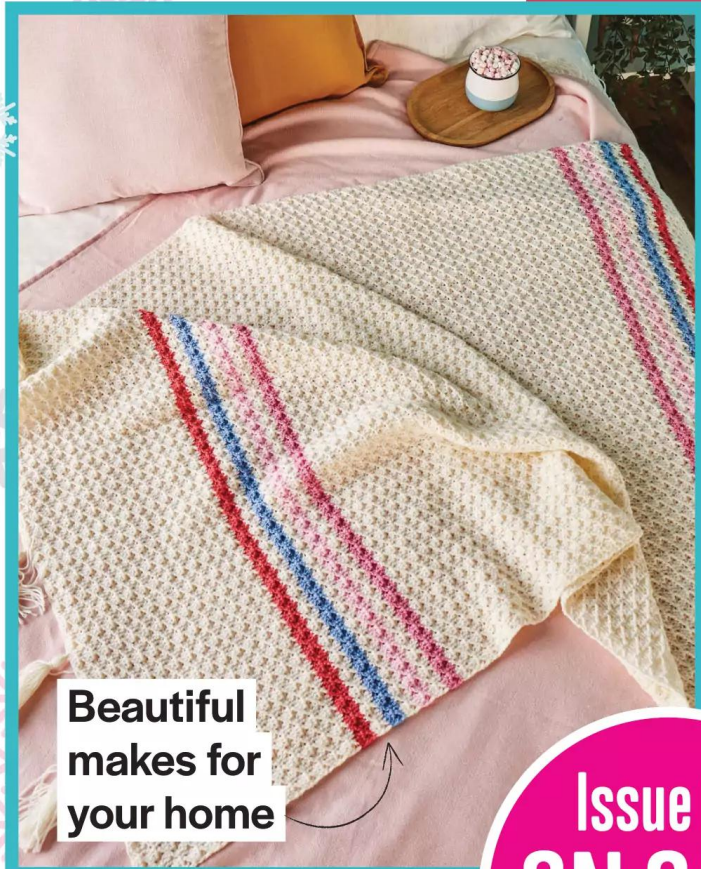
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Don't fret, there's still time to crochet something beautiful for Christmas, like this 2020 bauble from Emma May of Pippin Poppycock

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Quick, it's Christmas!

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Christmas BAUBLE

4-ply 2.5mm

★ Quick & easy

You will need

1 ball Stylecraft Classique Cotton 4-ply
2.5mm hook
bauble (see pattern notes)
quick-drying glue
beads (optional)

You can use any size bauble – the size of the bauble will determine the amount of trebles you use in in the first round. This pattern consists of multiples of 3.

Start crocheting

Rnd 1: Working into a magic loop, work enough tr's in multiples of 3 to lay flat around the top of you bauble, place over the neck of the bauble and tighten magic loop to, join to beg tr with a sl st.

Rnd 2: 2 ch, 1 tr2tog (counts as 1 tr3tog), *3 ch, 1 tr3tog, 3 ch; rep from * around, join to beg tr3tog with a sl st.

Rnd 3: 1 ch, *1 dc in top of next tr3tog, 6 ch; rep from * around, omitting last 6 ch, 3 ch, 1 tr in beg dc to join.

Rnd 4: 7 ch, *1 dc in next ch-sp, 6 ch; rep from * around, omitting last 6 ch, 3 ch, 1 tr in base of the beg ch to join.

Rnd 5: 7 ch, *1 dc in next ch-sp, 7 ch; rep frp, * around, omitting last 7 ch, 4 ch, 1 tr in the base of the beg ch to join.

Rnds 6-9: Rep Rnd 5 four more times.

Rnd 10: Work 7 dc into each ch-sp around, join to first st.

Fasten off.

Finishing

Stretch work over Bauble and glue into place. String beads and add sew in position as shown in photographs.

Special abbreviations

Treble 3 together (tr3towwg):

Work 3 tr sts together

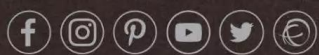


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