

♥ Lollo African Flower Bear ♥

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Instructions for Making the Legs

:: Requirements ::

Crochet Hooks 2.25mm/2.50mm, 2.00mm

Yarns as before

General equipment as listed before

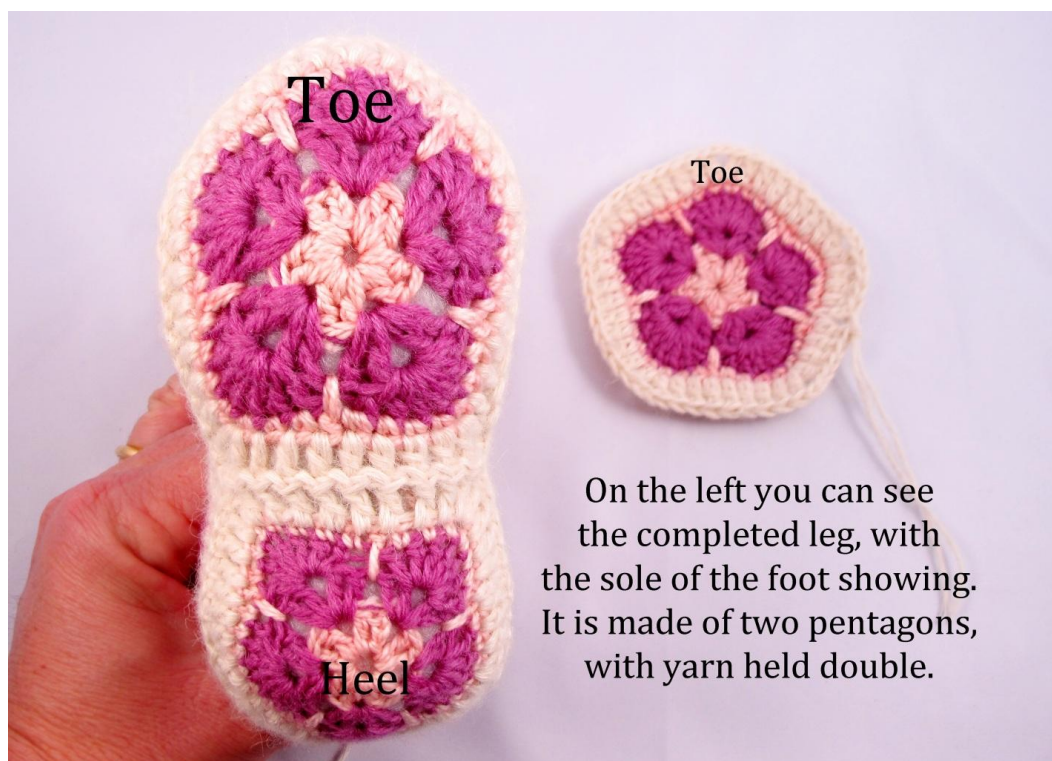
TOTAL MOTIFS NEEDED FOR ONE LEG = 9

TOTAL MOTIFS NEEDED FOR BOTH LEGS = 18

I suggest that you crochet all the motifs needed for the legs, but again, only up to round 4...you add round 5 (the final round), as you join motifs ☺

The first pentagon you make is crocheted using the 2.25mm hook, AND YOUR YARN HELD DOUBLE FOR ALL THE ROUNDS. This pentagon will form the toe part of the sole of the foot. If your crochet tension is very tight, then you may want to use a 2.50mm crochet hook for this pentagon.

The second pentagon you crochet is made using the 2.00mm crochet hook. This pentagon will form the heel section of the sole of the foot. You will **crochet with a single yarn up to Round 4 (apricot coloured round), and then you will crochet the final Round (white coloured yarn) WITH YOUR YARN HELD DOUBLE.**

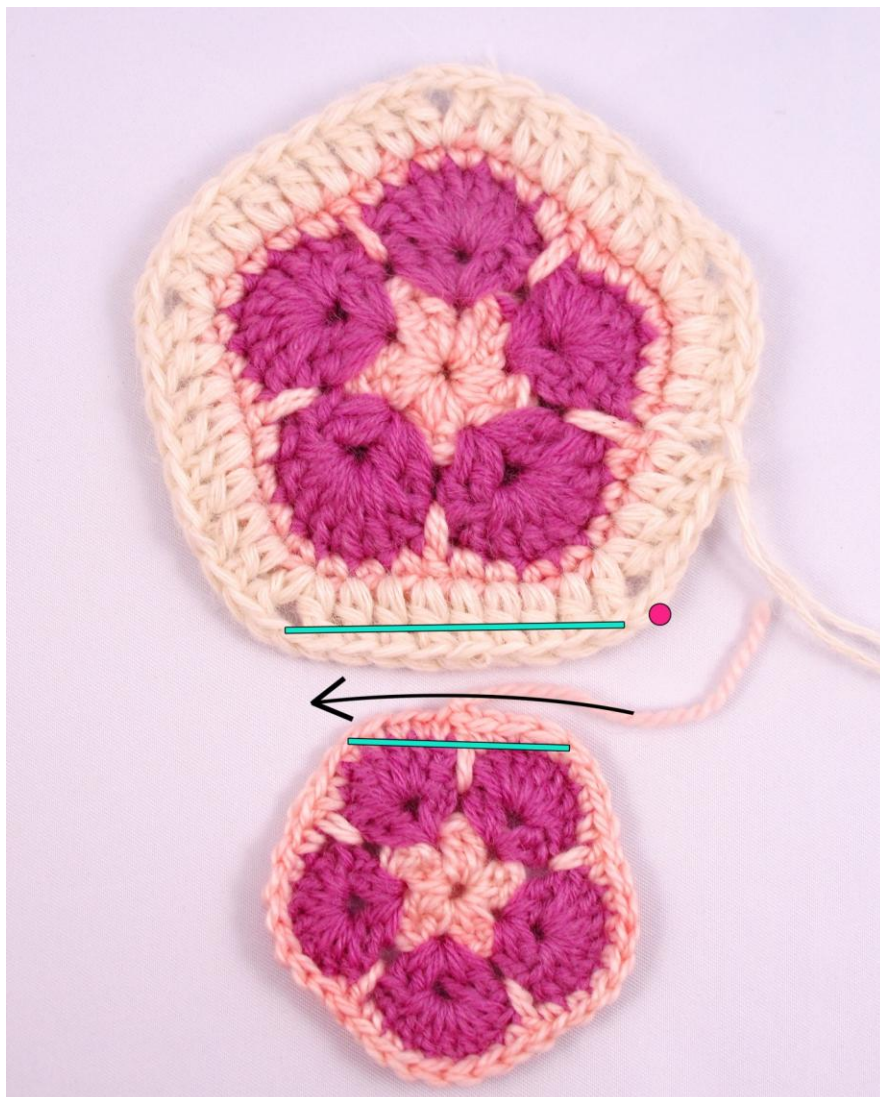


Ready to get going?

Right, let's start with the Toe...In the photo above, you can see the completed foot (viewed from underneath) on the left, and the WIP on the right. I have crocheted the Toe pentagon, using my yarn held double for all the rounds, and have used the 2.25mm crochet hook.

Because the yarn is effectively almost DK weight due to doubling the yarn, you may find the crocheting a bit difficult. This is where it is really important that you have a good quality crochet hook with a deep throat, as it helps immeasurably for "gripping" both yarns when you pull through on a stitch. If you are struggling, just slow down and focus on doing just one stitch at a time...I tend to crochet in a blur, without thinking...but here you must make sure that both yarns are coming through on each stitch, or you will end up with a mess...

NB: When you crochet with yarns held double, NOTHING CHANGES IN THE PATTERN OF THE MOTIF, you crochet the motifs exactly as in all the Bear parts, all that happens is that your motif is bigger and the fabric more dense.



You are now going to add your next motif, which is the Heel pentagon.

Above you can see the Toe motif at the top of the photo and the partially completed Heel motif underneath it. Remember, that you finish motifs up to Round 4 (apricot coloured round), and the Join-as-you-go while crocheting Round 5 (white coloured round).

So, you will join the Heel pentagon ON ONE SIDE ONLY, to the Toe pentagon. In the photo above, I have indicated the sides to be joined by the aqua line. The black arrow shows you the direction of the crocheting as-you-go, and the pink dot indicates the point where you start joining. Just like before ☺.....

When you have joined the two motifs along one side, continue to crochet the rest of Round 5 without joining.



Above you can see the joining process...I have reached the end of the 9dc repeat and now I will carry on crocheting Round 5 without any joining...



Above you can see the completed sole of Lollo's foot, viewed from the RIGHT SIDE.



This is how the foot sole(right side facing you), looks next to the completed leg (on the left).



I have placed the newly crocheted sole WRONG SIDE UP, next to the completed leg (on the left). Notice how the bigger motif forms the toe section and the smaller motif , the heel side of the sole. You will need to crochet-join the top part of the foot (or instep if you prefer ☺) to the toe section of the foot sole. In the completed leg in the photo above, you can see the instep motif forming the top of the foot. (You cannot see the sole of the foot in the completed leg photo because it is hidden underneath).



You will need a hexagon motif for the instep part of the foot. Use your 2.25mm/2.5mm (depending on how tightly you crochet), **AND YOUR YARNS HELD DOUBLED THROUGHOUT.**



Once again, complete your hexagon up to Round 4 (apricot coloured round), then crochet Round 5 (white yarn) as-you-join. You will join the instep hexagon to the toe pentagon of the foot sole ALONG 4 SIDES ONLY. In the photo above, I have indicated the starting point for joining the two motifs , by a pink dot. The white arrow shows the direction of joining, and the different coloured lines, the corresponding edges that will be joined. When you have joined the “green line” edges, continue crocheting Round 5 without joining.

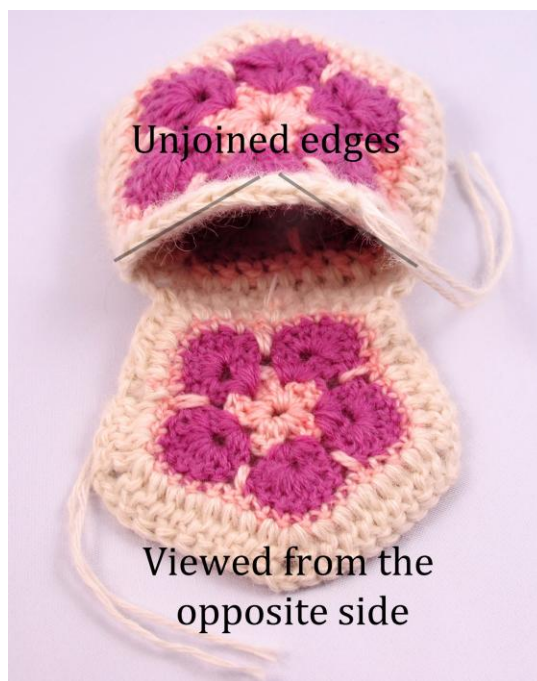
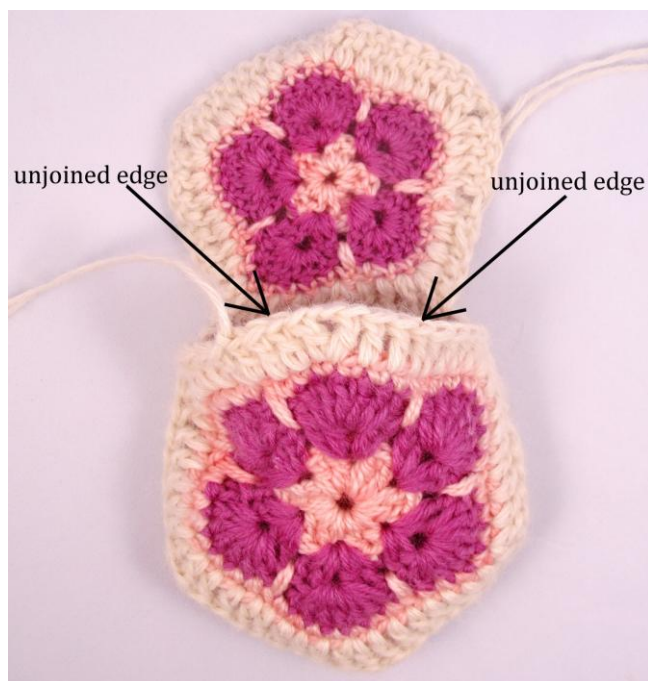
NOTE: In the photo above, the WIP foot sole and the instep motif have their wrong sides together for purposes of illustration. Remember that when you crochet-join, you will always have both motif RIGHT SIDES facing you.



In the photo above, I have started to join the motifs of the toe of the foot sole, and the instep hexagon. Again, the pink dot shows the starting point of your joining, and the coloured lines, the joining edges ,and the white arrow shows the direction of joining/crochet. Here you can see that both motifs have their RIGHT SIDES facing you as you crochet,



...joining in progress...remember that you are working with an item that is three dimensional when finished, so as you join edges, your work will fold and shape itself.



The instep motif has been joined and completed. In the photos above, you can see that the instep motif has two unjoined edges. Below is a side view of the foot made so far.



Now that your instep is added, you need to complete the foot portion of the leg, by adding two motifs (hexagons) to form the heel sides. Once again, because you are creating a three dimensional object, your work will start to take shape as you join the motifs.

FROM HEREON , ALL THE MOTIFS ARE MADE USING A 2.00mm CROCHET HOOK AND YOUR YARN HELD SINGLE.

In the next series of photos, I will show you where each motif that is added , is situated on the completed leg, which is on the left hand side of each photo.

In the photo above, you can see that I have labeled corresponding motifs with a coloured little tag. This gives you an idea of how everything fits together.

The first side heel hexagon that will be joined, is the one marked with a red star. I have folded the WIP foot flat and viewed from the side. The triangular opening between the instep and the heel is where you will join the side heel ON THREE SIDES ONLY.



Above you can see the breakdown of each side that has to be joined marked by corresponding coloured lines. You will start joining the side heel at the point indicated by the pink dot (which is right at the tip of the heel motif of the foot sole). Make sure that you have both right sides of

your motifs facing you. The side heel hexagon is made using your 2.00mm crochet hook and your yarn held singly.



Start by joining –as-you-go, the side heel hexagon to the foot sole edge indicated by the orange line in the photo above. The pink arrow indicates the direction of you crocheting. Notice, that the foot has been flattened again and turned upside down so that the sole portion is facing you.

On the left side of the photo is the upside down completed leg, with the same lines and pink dot showing where the final position of the side heel will be.



The first edge has been joined...now continue to crochet the next edge as seen in the photo below, the edges to be joined indicated by the green coloured lines...



Notice how your work is beginning to form a 3D shape, by folding back on itself...



In the photo above, the green line edges have been joined and you now need to flatten your foot slightly, so that you can abut the edges indicated by the yellow coloured lines. You are joining your side heel motif, to the one free/unjoined edge of the instep motif. The pink arrow shows the direction of the joining-as-you-go (just like before ;)) When you get to the end of the edge shown by the yellow line, don't join anymore, just continue to finish the round to complete the side heel hexagon.



In the photo above, I have omitted the coloured lines for clarity. The third side has been joined.



I have turned the work (and the completed leg), so that the top of the instep is facing you. I am pushing down the leg of the completed leg away from the foot, so that you can clearly see how the motifs fit together. Once the third edge has been joined, you will have reached the point on the instep hexagon shown above. From now on, continue to crochet Round 5 without joining to anything. That will leave the side heel hexagon, with three joined sides and three unjoined sides.



Let's look at the work so far. In the photo above, the foot toe is facing away from you and the heel is closest to you. You can see the side heel hexagon has been completed, and although it looks a bit wobbly, there are three free edges and three joined edges.



Above is a view of the work so far, seen from the side...and below, from the toe point of view...



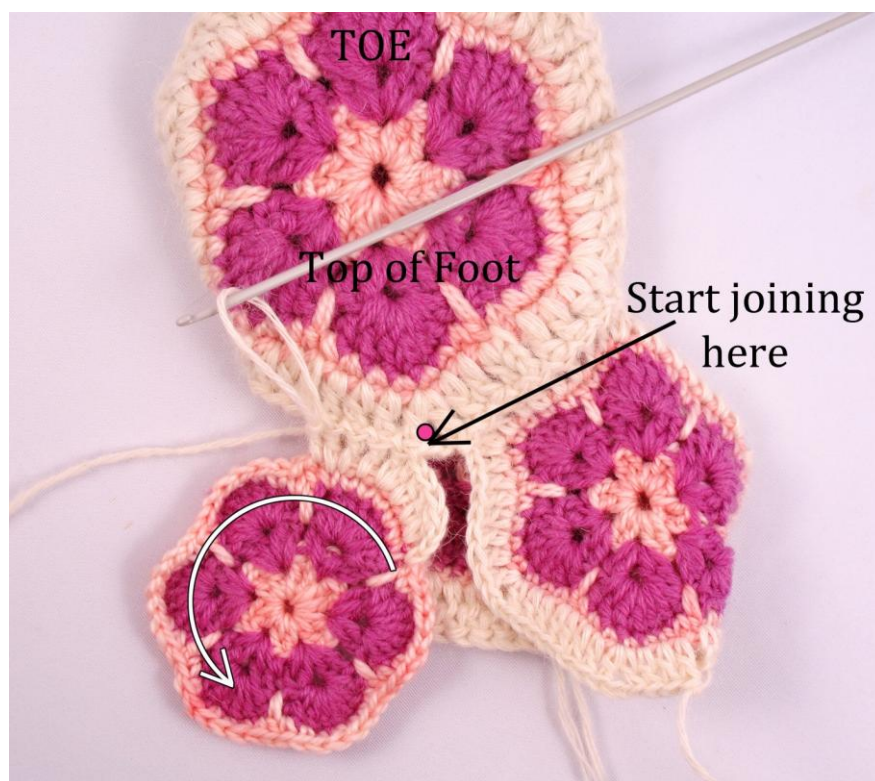


Above is another view of the completed leg and the WIP leg, seen from the side. The pink flower labels, show corresponding points ...the photo below is seen , facing the heels.





The next motif to add is the other side heel hexagon. Above you can see that I placed the unfinished hexagon where it will be joined to the foot (WIP...), so that you see where it fits and how. You are looking at the back of the heel (as in the photo before the one above).



Now take the foot and flatten it slightly, so that you are looking at the top of the instep motif. As you can see above, you will START joining the second side heel hexagon to the instep hexagon at the point indicated by a pink dot, working and joining-as-you-go, in the direction of the white arrow. The second side heel hexagon will be joined to the foot ON FOUR SIDES: first to the instep hexagon, second to the one edge of the heel pentagon (of the foot sole), thirdly to the second edge of the heel pentagon (of the foot sole), and fourth, to the one edge of the other side heel pentagon.



In the photo above, I have started joining the first side (the side joined to the instep hexagon, as indicated by the blue coloured line), but have taken the photo from the side view aspect. The completed leg is shown above the WIP to orientate you to where things are 😊. Now continue joining the side heel hexagon to the heel pentagon of the sole (indicated by the orange coloured line in the photo above).



In the photo above, I have joined the side heel hexagon to the first edge of the sole pentagon (shown by the orange line), and am going on to join to the second edge of the sole pentagon (shown by the yellow line).



The only edge left to join to is the other side heel hexagon. Above, I have indicated it by the blue coloured line. When you have joined the motifs up the point shown by the arrow, continue to crochet the last round of the motif, without joining. Below, you can see the last joined edge has been crocheted, and now I finish the last round unjoined as shown by the pink bracket.



Below is another photo taken from a side view, to show you the unjoined edges





The foot is done! Well done ☺ , I hope you have managed to follow along easily, and that your bear foot is looking great! Next you will start to add the leg motif, which is really easy...it is done in exactly the same way as you added them for the arms...



Adding the leg motifs

In the left side photo above, I have placed the first leg hexagon that you will be adding, on top of the foot, so you can see where it fits. It will be joined to the foot ON TWO SIDES. Again, the completed leg has been put next to the WIP for comparison. In the photo on the right, I have turned the foot sideways to show you where to start joining the first leg hexagon. The pink dot indicates the start point and the white arrow, the direction of the joining-as-you-go. The green lines show the sides to be joined. I have nearly finished joining the first edge...



I have finished joining the second side, and will carry on crocheting Round 5 of the leg hexagon, unjoined. Above, I have indicated the unjoined edges.

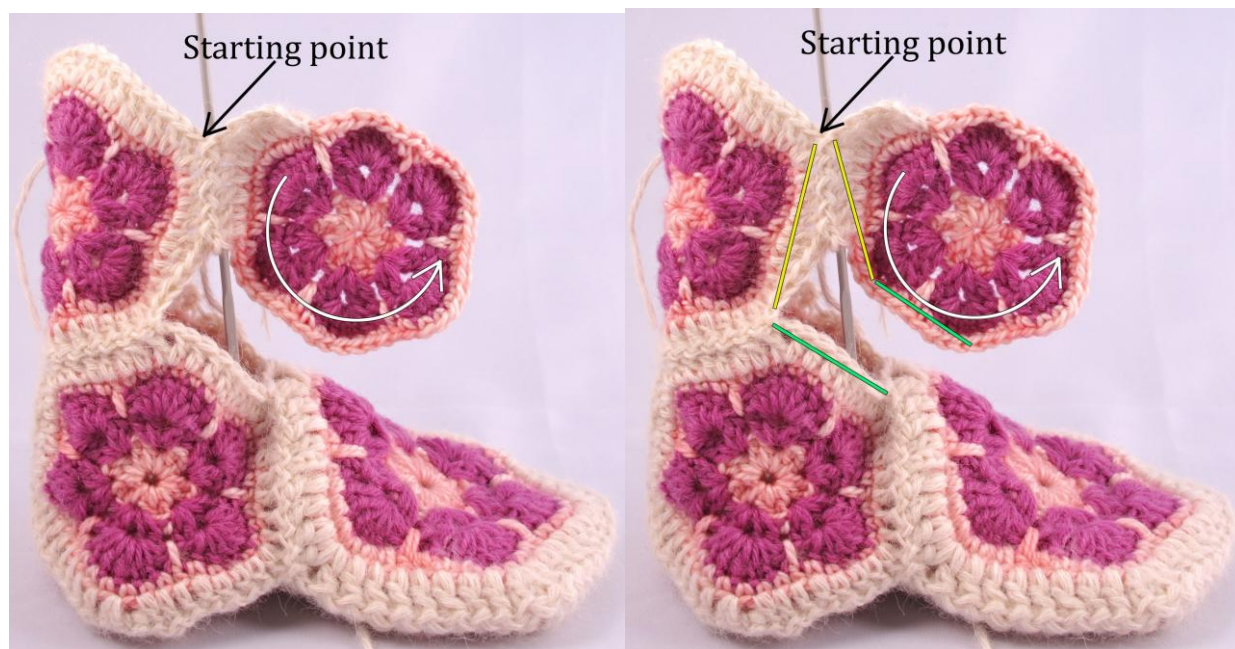


So, your WIP should look like the photos above...on the left is the view from the heel, and on the right is the foot from the toe perspective.





Ready to join the next leg hexagon? The process follows a pattern of sorts from here on...it is the same as what you did to add the arm motifs...first motif of a round is joined to the WIP on TWO SIDES, the second motif of the round is joined on FOUR SIDES etc, so above I have shown the sides that you will add the next hexagon to. The first side to be joined to is indicated by the green line, the second side, by the orange line, third side by the blue line and lastly, the fourth side by the yellow line. The white arrow shows the direction of your crocheting.



The photos above are taken from the side of the WIP. The first side to be joined is that indicated by the yellow line, and the white arrow, again, shows the direction of crocheting. Then continue joining along the green line edge, the blue line edge and then finally the yellow line edge. Once you have joined the yellow line edge, continue to crochet the rest of Round 5 (white yarn), without joining, ie they are free edges, ie you should be left with TWO unjoined edges.



Above is a photo of the joining of the second leg hexagon completed. On the left of the photo is the completed leg, for comparison.



Only two more motifs to add...nearly there! The next hexagon you will join up is added in exactly the same manner as the first leg hexagon. You will join only TWO SIDES, and four sides will be free/unjoined edges.



Above is a photo that shows you the two edges to be joined. Start joining-as-you-go at the red line edge, crocheting in the direction of the white arrow, then join along the blue line edge. Then continue to crochet around, without joining, ie leave four free/unjoined edges.

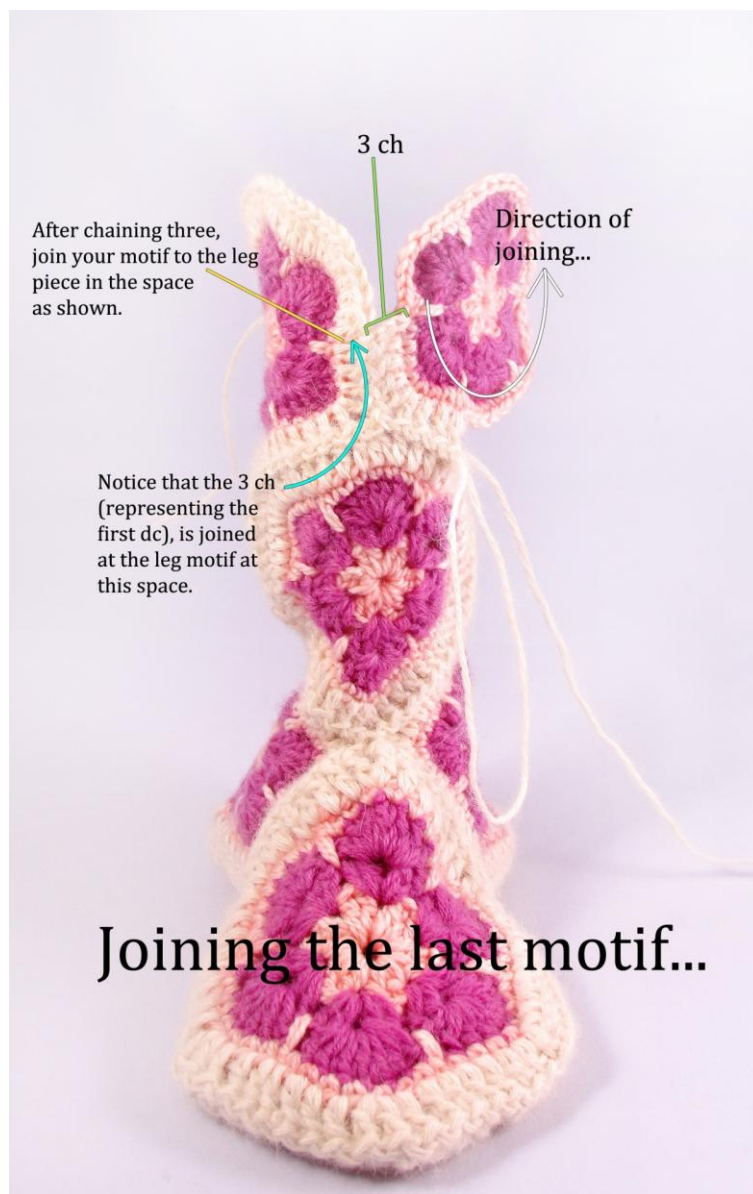


In the left photo above, I have nearly finished joining the second side....in the photo above on the right, the motif has been joined and the free edges crocheted. You have one more motif to add, and voila! You will have a finished Lollo leg! Below is a view of the WIP so far , from the other side.





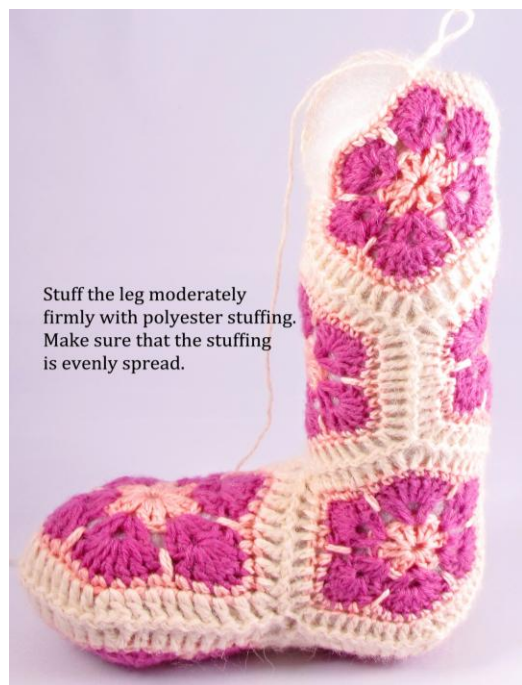
The last leg hexagon obviously needs to be joined to the leg ON ALL SIDES. Although this is not difficult, it would be a good idea to refresh your memory on how to start this round of joining-as-you-go. Please take a look at Appendix B (joining tutorial). The next set of photos gives you some guidance of where to start your Round 5. I have included labeled and unlabeled photos, for clarity's sake.



Start by joining your white yarn (or your equivalent colour), to the last leg hexagon (right side facing you), in the space just to the left of a long DC stitch of Round 4 (this is the long apricot coloured stitch from Round 4). Chain 3. Now you will make your first join. Join to the WIP leg , in the space just to the right of where the long apricot coloured DC stitch is. Obviously, you join to the white yarn round, but in the space corresponding to where the apricot coloured long DC is. Remember that the Chain 3, fulfills the role of a DC stitch. Continue to join-as-you-go, in the direction of the white arrow.



Above is another photo, without labeling, with the motif partly joined... and on the right, a bit more joining in progress...



When you have approximately 5 cm of joining left, pull the stitch on your crochet hook into a big loop. You are now going to stuff your Lollo leg and you don't want the process unraveling all your hard work! Using polyester stuffing, evenly stuff, making sure that the shape of the leg is even and pleasing to the eye. Your stuffing should be moderately firm. Remember that it will be hard to undo and have to go back after the leg is completed, so make sure that you have even filling!

When you have reached the top of the leg, carefully pull your working yarn into a regular sized stitch again, re-insert your crochet hook, and continue to join the hexagon, right up to the last stitch. If this part is difficult for you, you can also complete the Round unjoined, and then sew up the hole by hand using a tapestry needle and some spare yarn in the same colour.

Sew in your tail thread and Ta Da! You have a finished Lollo leg.... ☺





Now make the other leg in exactly the same way and finally, you are ready to make up your bear by attaching arms and legs!