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Hello!

All things bright and beautiful... I think you'll understand why I've got that song stuck in my head. This brand new edition is undoubtedly happy, with a yarn kit boasting a bevy of radiant colours. If it weren't already obvious, it's our **first ever 10-ball yarn kit!** And I'm a tad excited.

Put your Carnival collection to good use with our tip-top patterns. Use just a few balls to **knit Sachiyo Ishii's flamingo** (p40), or use every single shade to **craft a zingy cushion** over on page 10. Plus, you can expand your crafty repertoire with our granny square envelopes – they've been lined with handmade beeswax fabric, and we tell you how on page 20!

At Let's Get Crafting, our toy offering is second to none. As well as a wealth of incredible projects, you can also flick to page 27 for our guide on how to **become the best toymaker** you can possibly be. Not only that, we chat with the lovely Alison North (p66) about her amigurumi journey.

We've also got some darling **makes for babies** this issue. Meet little Leo on pages 16 and 32 – he's modelling some very sweet knits – then hurry to page 22 for our **new crochet-along**, where you'll learn to make an interactive playmat.

Until next time, you lovely lot!

Rosie

ROSIE SAVAGE, EDITOR

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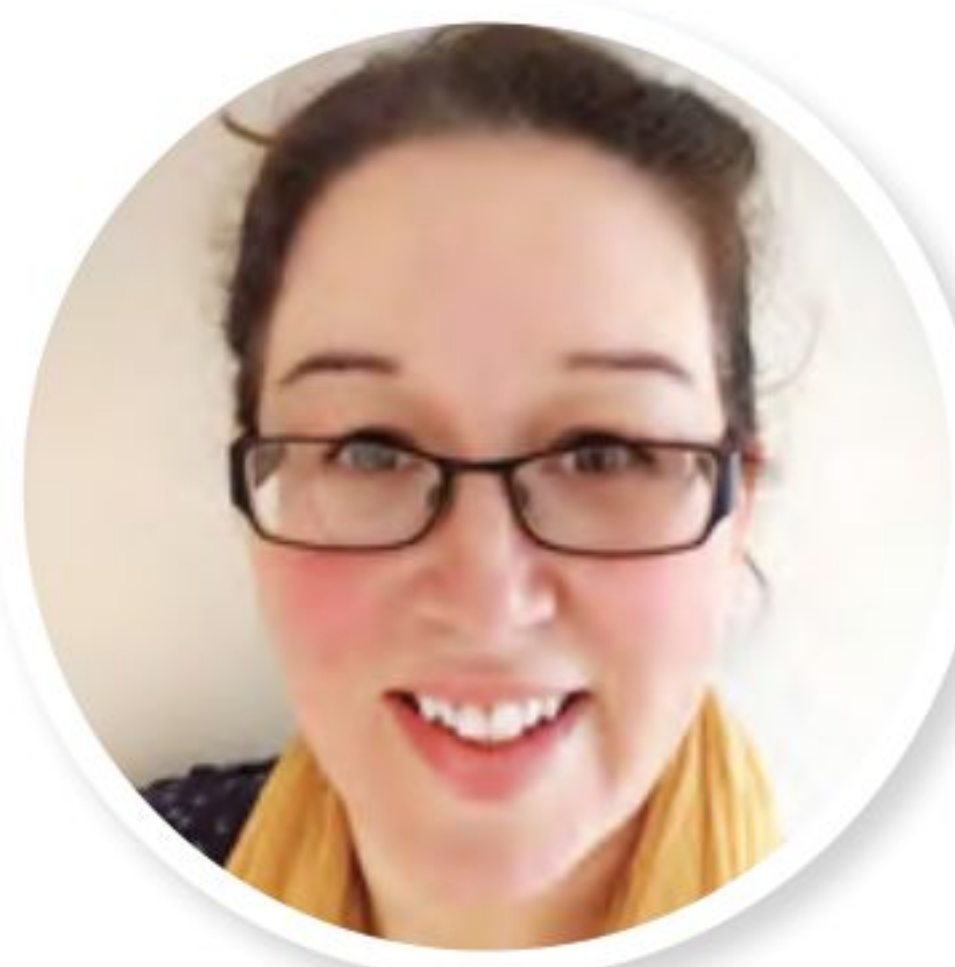
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yarn kit is certainly
something to shout about

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“When I first laid eyes upon
this collection, I positively
squealed! I hope you love it
just as much as me”

ROSIE SAVAGE, EDITOR

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Newsflash!



*Our guide to
your summery
must-haves*



Oh baby!

Light, smooth and extra soft, Marriner Yarns' new Baby Soft Mosaic DK is the perfect yarn for all your exciting new arrivals this spring and summer. The shades include Peach Melba, Strawberry Sundae, Sherbet Fizz and more, offering a range of pinks, blues and greens suited to something for the little ones, as well as other projects. Only £1.50 for a 100g ball! marrineryarns.com

B'loom'ing marvellous

The London Loom is the coolest place to get your craft on. It's a weaving and textile studio of dreams where you can enjoy hours of creativity with your best friends and come away with something that's been beautifully handmade by you. If that sounds like something you'd enjoy – how can it not be? – then check out their workshops at thelondonloom.com and start planning your next woolly adventure today.



Spark joy

It's time to spring clean your craft bag and that means one thing – a visit to All Things Wool in Stockton-On-Tees. The store offers a huge selection of fabulous yarn and a wide range of must-have patterns for knitting and crochet addicts... guilty! We should all treat ourselves from time to time, so make sure you look out for their brand new monthly kits. Head to allthingswool.net now; you won't regret it.



Bouclé up

Yeoman Yarns has launched its new range of Gipsy 4-ply fine Bouclé and we can't get enough. This fine merino is blended with elastane and has a stunning loop effect, making it the perfect choice for lightweight garments. Available in 12 on-trend shades, pick your favourites and get your hands on them for £15 a cone at yeoman-yarns.co.uk.



A purl anniversary

Join us in congratulating one of our favourite brands on celebrating its 30th anniversary: nice one, Stylecraft! Founded in 1989, the much-loved company has been at the forefront of the UK yarn industry and is admired by knitters and crocheters alike. Keep your eyes peeled for special events throughout the year including 30 giveaways each month for Stylecraft fans! Check out the crafty goings-on at stylecraft-yarns.co.uk

Woolly masterpiece

The ultimate pick for creatives who want to try something new, *Painting with Wool* by Danielle Ives (£17.99, Abrams & Chronicle) needs to be your next purchase. Using our favourite material, inspiring artist Dani crafts stunning needle felted designs that you'll love to recreate. Our favourite is this beautiful doughnut wall hanging – it certainly looks good enough to eat. abramsandchronicle.co.uk



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THROW A PARTY WITH

Stuart Hillard

I'm super excited about the yarn pack this issue. It's called Carnival and is a riotous mix of gloriously rich and bright hues. All around the world carnival celebrations take place throughout the summer months, but their origins go back to the late 18th century in the Caribbean. Carnival actually means farewell to meat and is linked to the Christian tradition of giving up certain foods for lent. This was traditionally done after Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday, although most of us in the British Isles refer to it as Pancake Day or Shrove Tuesday. Nowadays, a carnival is any kind of big party, particularly one that's in the streets of a city, filled with colour, music and people having fun! If you're planning your own party this summer, why not use your yarn pack to make some fabulous fringing or tassel bunting to decorate an outfit or even hang from trees in your garden? You'll want to start with a nice sturdy base cord – either crochet a foundation chain or knit a three-stitch i-cord. If you don't have the tools, you can plait three strands of yarn together. The fun really begins when you make the fringing! Wind your chosen yarn around a piece of card; about 10cm deep is perfect. Slide the wrapped yarn carefully off the item and cut through the bottom of the loops, making sure you don't snip the tops. Take three strands of yarn and, keeping it doubled, wrap it over your foundation chain or i-cord, pass the ends back through the loop and pull tightly to attach it. Alternatively, wrap yarn around a book or card 20 times and slip off, wrap another piece of yarn tightly around the top and cut through the bottom loops to create tassels. It's the perfect way to get the party started!

Stu X



PLUS

3.25mm hook,
stitch markers,
stuffing,
tapestry
needle, two
7mm safety
eyes, small
length of
black DK

SIZE

Length: 21cm



Perfect for
beginners

LOOK WHAT WE'VE FOUND IN
OUR FISH TANK, IT'S

Lulu Lobster

This crochet lobster in our favourite hot colours just had to be called Lulu! She's made in individual segments, and then the cute claws, simple limbs and antennae are made separately. Be sure to work tightly so that the stuffing can't escape from the main body – there's no need to stuff the claws or tail. Keep the facial features close together like **HEATHER GIBBS** has to get that great, friendly smile.

TOP TIP

Use stitch markers to help you position all the parts onto the body before you sew them on

LULU LOBSTER head

Using 3.25mm hook and Fiery Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

Rnds 6-7: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 8: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rnds 9-14: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 15: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 16: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

section one

Using 3.25mm hook and Vivid Fuchsia make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnds 1-4: rep Rnds 1-4 of Head. 30 sts

Rnds 5-8: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 9: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

section two

Using 3.25mm hook and Vivid Fuchsia make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnds 1-4: rep Rnds 1-4 of Head. 30 sts

Rnd 5: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 6: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnds 7-8: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 9: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

section three

Using 3.25mm hook and Party Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnds 1-3: rep Rnds 1-3 of Head. 24 sts

Rnds 4-6: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 7: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnds 8-9: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. Eight sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

tail

Using 3.25mm hook and Party Pink make 13ch

Rnd 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end, work along opposite side of ch as folls: 1dc in each ch to end. 24 sts



Rnds 2-3: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 4: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 5: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 6: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rnds 7-8: rep Rnds 5-6. Eight sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

large pincer

Make two

Using 3.25mm hook and Bright Orange make a magic ring, work 3dc into ring. Three sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. Six sts

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts

Rnds 3-4: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

small pincer & arm

Make two

Using 3.25mm hook and Bright Orange make a magic ring, work 3dc into ring. Three sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. Six sts

Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to Large Pincer, 9dc. 15 sts

Rnd 4: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 5: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. Ten sts

Rnd 6: dc2tog, 1dc in each st to end. Nine sts

Rnd 7: rep Rnd 6. Six sts

Rnds 8-15: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

antenna

Make two

Using 3.25mm hook and Party Pink make 31ch

Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, one sl st in each ch to end. 30 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

leg

Make six

Using 3.25mm hook and Fiery Red make 13ch

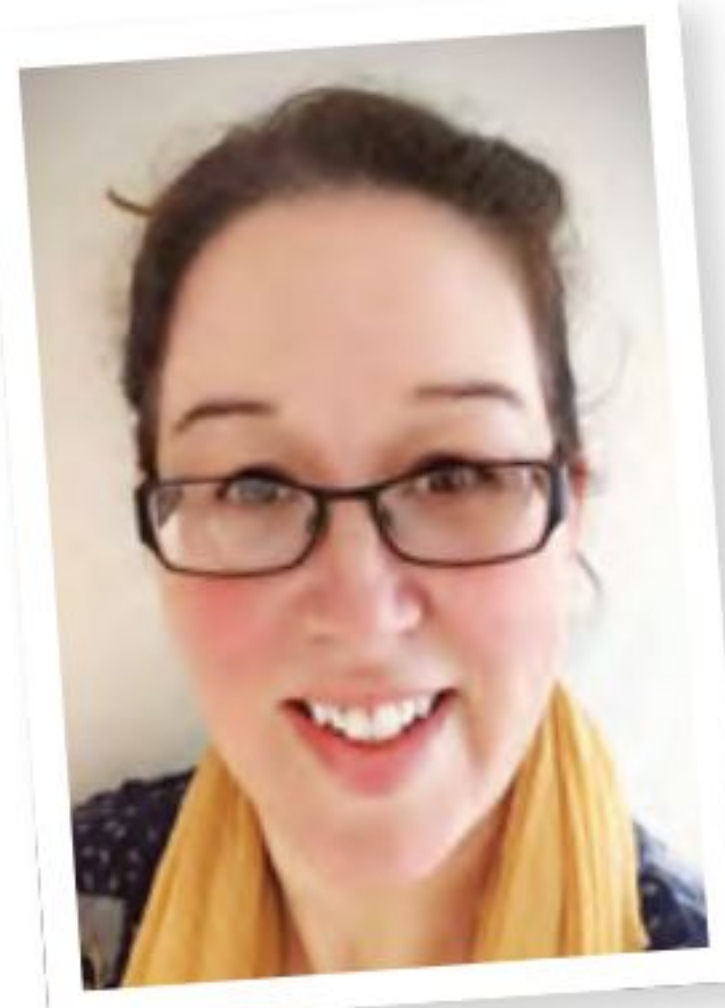
Row 1: rep Row 1 of Antenna. 12 sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

to make up

Insert safety eyes between Rnds 3-4 of Head, approx one st apart. Stuff each Section.

Using fastened-off yarn ends sew Head over Section One, then Section One over Section Two, and Section Two over Section Three.

Sew Tail to lay flat at end of Section Three. Sew Antennae to top of Head on Rnd 8, approx one st apart. Sew Arms onto sides at joins between Head and Section One, and one Leg at same level as Arms onto each side of Sections One, Two and Three. Using black DK embroider mouth on Head over Rnd 1. Weave in all ends



“The pincers are made separately before joining them together to make the claw, then the arm is worked once the claw is made up”

HEATHER GIBBS, DESIGNER



PLUS

3.5mm needles,
stuffing,
tapestry
needle

SIZE

19cm x 43cm

FEEL THE POWER OF
POSITIVITY FROM OUR

Mojo cushion

DAWN FINNEY'S fabulous creation will send out good karma from wherever it is in the room! Not only that, you'll be in a state of calm as you sink happily into the soothing rhythm of stocking stitch; just remember to keep an eye on the colour changes to get the same mesmerising sequence. Just the right size as a bolster – or simply something to hug – make sure you keep this comforting cushion to hand.



Perfect for
beginners

MOJO CUSHION

Using 3.5mm
needles and Bright
Orange cast on
100 sts, leaving a
long tail

Note: see Great
Advice for colour
sequence

Rows 1-152:
starting with a k
row work in st st
Cast off kwise,

leaving a long tail

to make up

Lightly block and
allow to dry
thoroughly. Fold
in half and use
tapestry needle
and long cast-off
yarn end to graft
two halves of
cast-off edge tog.
Rep for cast-on
edge using

cast-on yarn end.
Stuff cushion and
join long edges
using mattress st.
Cut 32 30cm
lengths of Fiery
Red, make four
eight-strand
tassels (see Easy
Tassel panel) and
sew one tassel to
each corner of
finished cushion.
Weave in all ends

GREAT ADVICE

THICK AND THIN STRIPES

Work Cushion in foll stripe
sequence: 12 rows Bright Orange,
three rows Rich Turquoise, nine
rows Party Pink, four rows Zesty
Lime, three rows Vivid Fuchsia,
13 rows Classic Cream, 11 rows Rich
Turquoise, five rows Bold Navy, four
rows Party Pink, ten rows Zesty
Lime, three rows Bright Orange, six
rows Golden Yellow, 11 rows Vivid
Fuchsia, five rows Classic Cream,
seven rows Party Pink, four rows
Rich Turquoise, 13 rows Bold Navy,
three rows Vivid Fuchsia, four rows
Zesty Lime, ten rows Golden Yellow,
12 rows Party Pink



**“It’s a
super-easy
beginner
pattern
and a great
project to practise
getting your
tension even!”**

DAWN FINNEY, DESIGNER

TOP TIP

Use locking stitch markers to match up stripes exactly before seaming the last side

Just use
stocking
stitch!

EASY TASSEL

To create a tassel, take eight equal strands of yarn, fold them in half and place the loop of yarn under a knitting needle. Pass the yarn ends over the needle and through the loop, and pull tightly to create a knot. Rep for more tassels. Trim all tassels to same length

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HIP, HIP, HOORAY! LET'S CELEBRATE
COLOUR WITH OUR

Rainbow chameleon

Cover
star



USING YOUR CARNIVAL YARN KIT



PROJECT
OVERLEAF >>



PLUS

3.25mm hook, stitch markers, tapestry needle, stuffing, two 9mm safety eyes, small length of black DK

SIZE

Height: 21cm



Rather than blending in with his surroundings, **HEATHER GIBBS'** chameleon stands out! Starting with the flat base for the body – this ensures he's sitting comfortably – and with his feet and tail acting as stabilisers, he won't fall over. You can of course change the position and angle of the arms and legs if you like, although we love him just as he is.



Take the next step

RAINBOW CHAMELEON head

Using 3.25mm hook and Party Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

Rnds 5-9: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 10: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 11: (5dc, 2dc in

next st) to end. 42 sts

Rnd 12: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 48 sts

Rnds 13-14: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 15: (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 42 sts

Rnd 16: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 17: (4dc, dc2tog) to end.

30 sts

Note: stuff as you go

Rnd 18: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 19: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 20: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 21: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

eye

Make two

Using 3.25mm hook and Classic Cream make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end.

16 sts

Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

crest

Using 3.25mm hook and Rich Turquoise make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring.

Six sts

Rnds 1-3: rep Rnds 1-3 of Head. 24 sts

Rnds 4-6: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

body

Using 3.25mm hook and Bold Navy make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring.

Six sts

Rnds 1-4: rep Rnds 1-4 of Head. 30 sts

Rnds 5-7: rep Rnds 10-12 of Head. 48 sts

Rnd 8: (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 54 sts

Rnd 9: 1dc in each st to end

Work in foll three-rnd stripe sequence: Rich Turquoise, Zesty Lime, Golden Yellow, Bright Orange, Fiery Red, Vivid Fuchsia

Rnds 10-16: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 17: (7dc, dc2tog) to end. 48 sts

Rnds 18-19: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 20: (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 42 sts

Rnds 21-22: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 23: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 24: 1dc in each st to end

Note: stuff as you go

Rnd 25: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 26: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 27: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Cont in Vivid Fuchsia

Rnd 28: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

leg

Make two

Using 3.25mm hook and Party Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnds 1-2: rep Rnds 1-2 of Head. 18 sts

Rnds 3-4: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 5: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Work in foll two-rnd stripe sequence: Bold Navy, Rich Turquoise, Zesty Lime

Rnds 6-11: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

Run out of yarn?

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BRIGHT PINK



BRIGHT YELLOW



JAFFA

TOP TIP

When adding the head and limbs, make sure the side seam is off to one side so the colour changes are out of sight



toe

Make four

Using 3.25mm hook and Party Pink make a magic ring, work 8dc into ring. Eight sts

Rnds 1-5: 1dc in each st to end Fasten off

arm

Make two

Using 3.25mm hook and Party Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnds 2-4: 1dc in each st to end Work in foll two-rnd stripe sequence: Golden Yellow, Bright Orange, Vivid Fuchsia, Fiery Red

Rnds 5-12: 1dc in each st to end Fasten off

finger

Make four

Using 3.25mm hook and Party Pink make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

Rnds 1-4: 1dc in each st to end Fasten off

tail

Using 3.25mm hook and Vivid Fuchsia make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnds 1-3: 1dc in each st to end Work in foll four-rnd stripe sequence: * Fiery Red, Bright Orange, Golden Yellow, Zesty Lime *, Rich Turquoise, Bold Navy, Vivid Fuchsia, rep from * to *

Rnds 4-27: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 28: 2dc in next st, 1dc in each st to end. Seven sts

Rnds 29-31: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 32-39: rep Rnds 28-31 twice. Nine sts

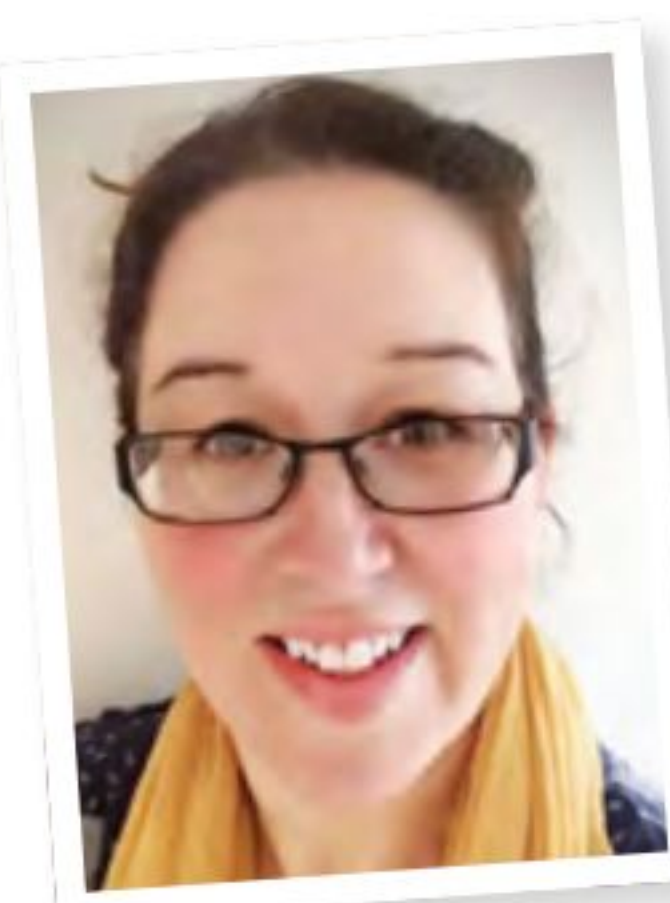
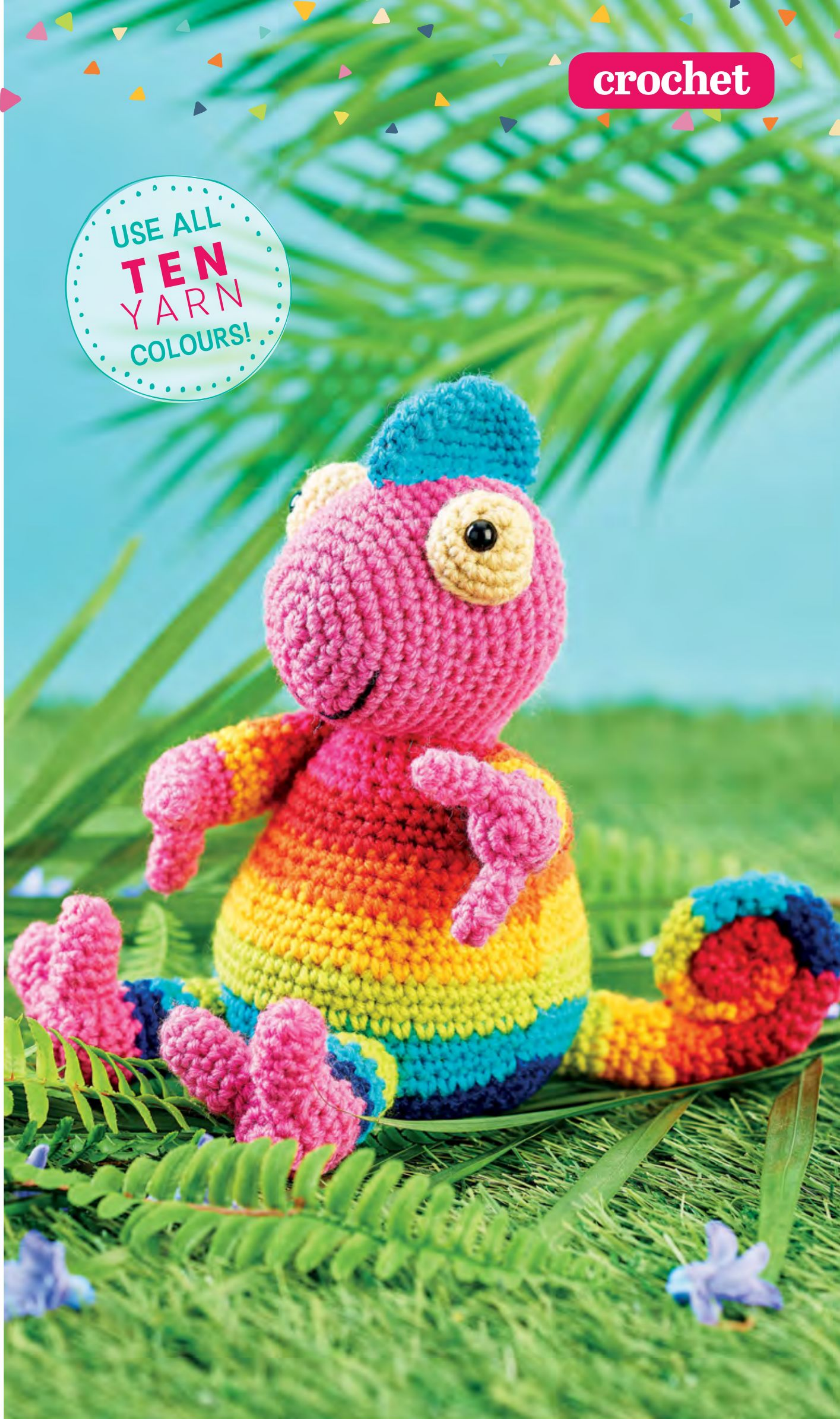
Rnd 40: rep Rnd 28. Ten sts

Rnds 41-47: 1dc in each st to end Fasten off, leaving a long tail



to make up

Coil Tail up from Rnd 1, then sew to secure shape. Stuff bottom of Arms only, and rem part of Tail and Toes lightly. Stuff Feet and Legs firmly. Insert safety eyes to Rnd 1 of Eyes then stuff lightly. Attach Eyes to Head over Rnds 8-13, approx nine sts apart. Attach Crest on top of Head between Eyes, on Rnds 8-17. Embroider mouth between Rnds 4-5 of Head using black DK. Using fastened-off yarn ends, sew Head on top of Body. Sew Fingers to Rnds 2-4 of Arms, approx two sts apart. Attach Arms with Fingers facing forwards to Body over Rnds 22-28. Sew Toes over Rnds 2-4 of Legs. Sew Legs facing forwards to Body over Rnds 8-12, approx seven sts apart, and Tail to back of Body over Rnds 8-10. Weave in all ends



“All the body parts are worked in continuous rounds, so place a stitch marker in the top of the first stitch each time to mark the start of a round”

HEATHER GIBBS, DESIGNER



KEEP BABY WARM WITH ELLA AUSTIN'S Zigzag hat

PLUS
3.75mm
needles,
tapestry
needle,
pom-pom
maker
(optional)

SIZE
To fit: 3-6
months



TOP TIP

Use all the leftover yarns
to make a multicoloured
pom-pom!

ZIGZAG HAT

Using 3.75mm
needles and
Classic Cream cast
on 88 sts

Row 1: (k2, p2)
to end

Row 2: (p2, k2)
to end

Rows 3-8: rep
Rows 1-2 three
times

Row 9: k

Row 10: p
Work in foll
six-row stripe
sequence: Rich
Turquoise, Bright

Orange,
Zesty Lime

Row 11: (k1, m1l [see
Great Advice], k3,
slip two sts, k1,
pssso, k3, m1r, k1)
to end

Row 12: p

Rows 13-28: rep
Rows 11-12 eight
times

Change to Golden
Yellow

Rows 29-30: rep
Rows 11-12

Row 31: (k9, k2tog)
to end. 80 sts

**Row 32 and every
even-numbered**

row: p

Row 33: (k8,
k2tog) to end.
72 sts

Row 35: (k7,
k2tog) to end.
64 sts

Row 37: (k6,
k2tog) to end.
56 sts

Row 39: (k5,
k2tog) to end.
48 sts

Row 41: (k4, k2tog)
to end. 40 sts

Row 43: (k3,
k2tog) to end.
32 sts

Row 45: (k2,

k2tog) to end.
24 sts

Row 47: (k1, k2tog)
to end. 16 sts

Row 49: (k2tog) to
end. Eight sts
Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread
tail onto tapestry
needle and thread
through rem sts,
fasten off

to make up

Seam Hat. Weave
in all ends. Using
Rich Turquoise
make a pom-pom
and secure in
centre of crown



HOW DO YOU POM?

This hat is topped with a 6cm-diameter pom-pom. Either use a pom-pom maker, or make one from cardboard. Use a pair of compasses to draw two 8cm-diameter circles onto card (such as a cereal box). Draw a 2cm-diameter circle centrally inside each one. Cut out the circles, then cut into the inner circle and trim out. Align the two circular bands along the cut marks so you can pull the yarn through the slit as you wrap the shape. Wind the yarn around the circles closely and neatly until the central hole is filled. Cut a 15cm length of matching yarn. Insert scissors between the two cardboard circles and snip all the way round. Slide the length of yarn between the two circles and tie securely. Remove the cardboard circles, trim the pom-pom to tidy stray ends and use the long tie to attach the pom-pom.

GREAT ADVICE

EASY INCREASES

After working the initial rib headband, the crown is increased either side of a decrease. To get the correct slant on the stitches around the central decrease for the zigzag effect, you'll make one st to the left and then to the right. Here's how to work each type of increase: **m1l (make one left)**: insert left needle into horizontal bar between sts from front to back, k into back of this loop, **m1r (make one right)**: insert left needle into horizontal bar between sts from back to front, k into front of this loop

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A PERFECT ROSE

After a few years of battling with depression, I taught myself to crochet so I could make my nanna a scarf for Christmas as she was a fan of homemade gifts. I ended up discovering a hobby that really helped and got me through a tough time in life. My nanna always had a pot of roses when I was growing up, so when she passed away it felt right that I crocheted these and they were buried with her. They were made with a lot of love and tears. I'm forever grateful to my nanna and miss her more each day, but I take great comfort in knowing she has flowers with her always. My grandad has one single rose taken from her bunch next to a picture of her.

HAYLEY SWAN, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE



HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

I was inspired to make this wall hanging from a Red Heart patterns page. I made it using a chunky cotton blend in soft pink and it took 400g with a 10mm crochet hook. I added my own little touch with fringing along the front to make it really stand out. My favourite part of the pattern has to be the popcorn stitch as it's so pretty. I'm looking forward to purchasing my next Let's Get Crafting - I love seeing everyone's work and new ideas for upcoming projects.

TANYA-MARIE RICHENS, ADELAIDE

RAINBOW MAKES

I've not knitted for ages but when I spotted this issue's bright colours they encouraged me to pick my needles up and make these fingerless mittens. They're not perfect - I didn't follow a pattern! - and it took a while to sew in all the ends, but I'm really happy with them and they cheer up even the dullest of days.

CORINNE BRADD, CLACTON-ON-SEA





LITTLE BIRDIES

The pattern for these birds was originally for blue tits but I omitted the legs and changed all the colours to create a variety. These will be used to help secure funding for the various charities that I donate to. I've also crafted some nests to put some of the birds in.

JUNE POINTON, STAFFORDSHIRE

RAWR SOME PROJECT

This dinosaur stool was made for my friend for her grandson Joshua's first birthday. I love a challenge and really enjoy making toys, but this was a step further and it was great fun. I belong to a group of ladies who crochet together at the Artful Buttoner near Nottingham. We meet regularly and help each other along – I love to crochet and would do it all day if I could!

GINA GUEST, KIRKBY



FLOPSY AND MOPSY

These are my latest Bindy Babbit projects! When the design popped up on Facebook I knew I just had to have a go. The facial shaping was a new challenge for me, but the picture and instructions helped to make it very clear.

CHERRI BRESSAT, BOGNOR REGIS

CUTE AS CAN BE

This sweater was knitted in James C. Brett DK, Deramores DK and King Cole Cuddles DK. I love knitting motifs on baby clothes and adding the fluffy ears was just so cute! I mainly knit for my Etsy store [sweetygreetings.etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com/shop/sweetygreetings) and make my own pictures using graph paper. This one was originally from a magazine so I did tweak it a bit. I think everyone should give picture knits a go – maybe try starting with something simple like a heart.

DEBS SHERRY-BRENNAN, ESSEX



FLOWER POWER

I really love making these little flower and cactus pots. They're all crafted using my own patterns and with Drops Paris Love You 8 and Muskat. I like painting the little plant pots and my favourite part is adding all of the little finishing touches at the end.

LIANE GREENALL, NORTH YORKSHIRE

BEARY NICE

This little guy was supposed to be my first ever crochet project from your magazine but I decided to practise on some easier patterns first, and now I've finished him off with success. He was so much fun to make and I feel like an amigurumi expert now, especially when it comes to colour changes! I can't wait to get started on the next project.

KIRSTEN FRITZE, AUSTRALIA



HAVE YOUR SAY



WHERE IS THE WEIRDEST PLACE YOU'VE EVER CRAFTED?

“I've crocheted in the Eurostar, in A&E, the swimming pool and the cinema – although I did give up on the last one after a while as it was too dark”

MICHELLE KIRK

“It has to be on a sailboat in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean!”

SALLIANNE
WHITMAN

“On a bench in the Norfolk Broads next to the Cantley sugar factory while my other half was in an interview! Or on the Eurostar perhaps?”

BETH MANN

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PLUS

4mm hook,
cotton fabric,
beeswax,
coconut oil,
sew-on snap
fasteners

SIZE

Completed
width:
Large: 17cm
Small: 14.5cm



Take the
next step

BEESWAX ENVELOPES

large

Make four (two in each colourway, see Great Advice) Using 4mm hook and chosen yarn make 4ch, join with a sl st to make a ring

Rnd 1: (2ch, 2tr [counts as 3tr]) in next st, (2ch, 3tr) to end, 2ch, join with a sl st to first st. 20 sts

Rnd 2: (2ch, 2tr [counts as 3tr]) in corner sp, (1ch, [3tr, 2ch, 3tr] in corner sp) three times, 1ch, (3tr, 2ch) in corner sp, join with

a sl st to first ch. 36 sts

Rnd 3: (2ch, 2tr [counts as 3tr]) in corner sp (* 1ch, 3tr in ch sp, 1ch *, [3tr, 2ch, 3tr] in corner sp) three times, rep from * to *, (3tr, 2ch) in corner sp, join with a sl st to first ch. 52 sts

Rnds 4-6: (2ch, 2tr [counts as 3tr]) in corner sp (* 1ch, [3tr in ch sp, 1ch] to corner sp * [3tr, 2ch, 3tr] in corner sp) three times, rep from * to *, (3tr, 2ch) in corner sp, join with a sl st to first ch. 100 sts Fasten off

small

Make four

Using 4mm hook and Rich Turquoise make 4ch, join with a sl st to make a ring Work in foll one-rnd stripe sequence: Rich Turquoise, Classic Cream, Vivid Fuchsia, Bold Navy, Party Pink

Rnds 1-5: rep Rnds 1-5 of Large Envelope. 84 sts Fasten off

to make up

Using corresponding yarn colour sew four squares into block and measure overall size. Join Party

Pink (Vivid Fuchsia) to corner sp and work as folls: (2dc in corner sp, 1dc in each st to corner sp) to end. Fasten off. Cut fabric 3cm larger than block and press. Coat fabric with mixture of melted beeswax and

coconut oil by brushing on or applying with a small, flat iron. When wax coating has cooled, trim sides with pinking shears and turn under 1cm on all sides. Pin fabric to WS of block and oversew to edges with small sts. Fold

in corners of three squares and sew adjacent edges tog to make envelope. Sew metal snap fastener to rem top point and add other half to centre of envelope so pocket closes. Weave in all ends

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Beeswax envelopes

CORINNE BRADD'S genius idea will help you to #ditchthedisposable once and for all. Once lined with beeswax fabric, these granny square wraps will keep your food fresh and oh so stylish. Why not place your sandwiches in them before heading out for the day? You're sure to cut down on waste and craft a super-fun, eco-friendly project: win, win!



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Head to youtube.com/thecraftschannel to find out how to make beeswax fabric!

COLOUR COMBOS

The Large Envelope is worked in a one-rnd stripe sequence in two different colourways as follows:

Colourway 1: Golden Yellow, Rich Turquoise, Bright Orange, Zesty Lime, Fiery Red, Party Pink

Colourway 2: Classic Cream, Fiery Red, Zesty Lime, Bright Orange, Rich Turquoise, Golden Yellow

LOVELY LIBERTY

Corinne has used gorgeous Liberty fabrics to line her granny square pockets. Find a selection of designs at guthrie-ghani.co.uk



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Make a set of YOUR 4-PART



USE YOUR **CARNIVAL** YARN KIT

PLUS: 5mm hook, buttons
SIZE: 11.5cm square



JACKIE CARREIRA,
DESIGNER

“Welcome to a brand new crochet-along, everyone! We know how much you love crafting for little ones, so this exclusive series should hit the spot. Over the next four issues, you’ll create a number of granny squares featuring different textures and elements. First up are bobbles, a bow and a cluster of buttons for a tot to play with. Once all the squares have been made, we’ll tell you how to join them together to produce a playmat that can be handed down for generations. It’s important to check your tension so that the playmat retains a neat shape as it grows. If your square is bigger than 11.5cm square, your work is looser than mine and you should switch to a smaller hook size. If your square is smaller, switch to a larger hook.”



Take the
next step

PLAIN SQUARE

Make four

Using 5mm hook and Zesty Lime (Rich Turquoise, Party Pink, Vivid Fuchsia) make 4ch, join with a sl st to make a ring

Rnd 1: 5ch (counts as 1tr, 2ch), (3tr into ring, 2ch) three times, 2tr into ring, join with a sl st to third of first 5ch

Rnd 2: one sl st in 2ch sp, 7ch (counts as 1tr, 4ch), * 2tr in same 2ch sp, 1tr in each tr across side of square, ** 2tr in next 2ch sp, 4ch, rep from * twice, rep from * to ** once, 1tr in last 2ch sp, join with a sl st to third of first 7ch

Rnd 3: one sl st in 2ch sp, 7ch (counts as 1tr, 4ch), * 2tr in same 4ch sp, 1tr in each tr across side of square, ** 2tr in next 4ch sp, 4ch, rep from * twice, rep from * to ** once, 1tr in last 4ch sp, join with a sl st to third of first 7ch

Rnd 4: one sl st in 4ch sp, rep Rnd 3 Join Fiery Red

(Party Pink, Golden Yellow, Bright Orange) to any tr from prev rnd

Rnd 5: 1ch, (1dc in each tr to corner sp, [2dc, 1ch, 2dc] in each 4ch corner sp) to end, join with a sl st to first dc Fasten off

BOBBLE SQUARE

Make four

Using 5mm hook and Party Pink (Fiery Red, Golden Yellow, Bright Orange) make 4ch, join with a sl st to make a ring

Rnd 1: 3ch (counts as 1tr throughout), 11tr into ring, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch

Rnd 2: 3ch, * (2tr, 1dtr [see Great Advice]) in next tr, (1dtr, 2tr) in next 2tr (corner made), ** 1tr, rep from * twice, rep from * to ** once, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch

Rnd 3: 3ch, 2tr, * (2tr, 1dtr) in next dtr, (1dtr, 2tr) in next dtr (corner made), ** 5tr, rep from * twice, rep from * to ** once, 2tr, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch Change to Rich Turquoise (Zesty Lime, Party Pink,

Vivid Fuchsia)

Rnd 4: turn, (1ch, MB [see Great Advice] in next st, 4dc, * (2dc in next st) twice, ** 4dc, MB, 4dc, rep from * twice, rep from * to ** once, 4dc, join with a sl st to first st

Change to Party Pink (Fiery Red, Golden Yellow, Bright Orange)

Rnd 5: turn, , 5tr, * (2tr, 1dtr) in next st, (1dtr, 2tr) in next st, ** 11tr, rep from * twice, rep from * to ** once, 5tr, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch

Change to Rich Turquoise (Zesty Lime, Party Pink, Vivid Fuchsia)

Rnd 6: 1ch, (1dc in each tr, 2dc in each dtr) to end, join with a sl st to first st Fasten off

BOW SQUARE

Using 5mm hook and Classic Cream make 5ch, join with a sl st to make a ring

Rnd 1: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 3tr into ring, 3ch, (4tr into ring, 3ch) three times, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch Join Bold Navy to any 3ch sp

Rnd 2: 5ch (counts as 1tr, 2ch), * miss two sts, 1tr, (2tr, 3ch, 2tr) in next 3ch sp, ** 1tr, 2ch, rep from * twice, rep from * to ** once, join with a sl st to third of first 5ch

Rnd 3: 5ch (counts as 1tr, 2ch), * 3tr, (2tr, 3ch, 2tr) in next 3ch sp, ** 3tr, 2ch, rep from * twice, rep from * to ** once, 2tr, join with a sl st to third

GREAT ADVICE

MAKE BOBBLE (MB)

4tr in same st leaving last part of each tr unworked on hook. Five loops on hook. Yoh, pull through all loops on hook, cont with next st as normal

DOUBLE TREBLE (DTR)

(yoh) twice, insert hook in next st, yoh, pull yarn through st. Four loops on hook. Yoh, pull through two loops. Three loops on hook. Yoh, pull through two loops. Two loops on hook. Yoh, pull through two loops

interactive granny squares

CROCHET-ALONG

Baby
PLAYMAT
EDITION

of first 5ch

Rnd 4: 5ch (counts as 1tr, 2ch), * 5tr, (2tr, 3ch, 2tr) in next 3ch sp, ** 5tr, 2ch, rep from * twice, rep from * to ** once, 4tr, join with a sl st to third of first 5ch

Join Classic Cream to any tr

Rnd 5: 1ch, (1dc in each st, 2dc in each 2ch sp, [2dc, 2ch, 2dc] in each 3ch corner sp) to end

Fasten off

ribbon

Using 5mm hook and Classic Cream make 80ch

Row 1: 1dc in each ch to end
Fasten off

to make up

Thread Ribbon through ch sps at centre of Bow Square and tie in a bow. Make 18ch using leftover yarn and thread buttons on, tie tightly onto one Plain Square. Sew two buttons onto another Plain Square. Weave in all ends



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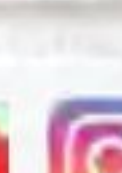


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The comfort of childhood and its carefree days when everything seemed effortlessly easy is something we all look back on fondly. Naturally, stuffed toys and pillow pets will always be a huge part of childhood nostalgia, and they never fail to bring joy to others as well. Knitting and crocheting toys is a fantastic way to get creative with colours and textures, and embrace your whimsical side – plus your little ones will adore you for it too. This month's exclusive guide will give you all the knowledge and inspiration you need to make the leap from beginner to expert, and we hope you have some fun with our loveable patterns along the way.

Who's it for?

First things first, it's essential to think about whether you're keeping these adorable stuffed toys to yourself or gifting them to children. Our friends at Hoooked (hoooked.co.uk) advise that if you're making amigurumi for children to play with, you shouldn't add anything that can be a choking hazard: loose sewn-on details, glass eyes, pellets as filling, and so on. Your creation also needs to have good, sturdy stitching as it could be facing months or even years of wear and tear, also known as plenty of cuddles!

Yarn selection

If your toy is only for decorative purposes, you just need yarn that's easy to work with and looks the part. There's more to keep in mind if the characters will be played with, though. Then you'll want yarn that's durable, easy to wash, and will hold its shape when wet. Cotton, acrylic and cotton-acrylic mixes are always a safe bet. Once again, do give some thought to the age of the child, as newborn toys will end up being washed quite frequently. If your little ones are prone to allergies, synthetic and plant-fibre yarns may be among the safest choices to opt for, and it's equally important to wash yarn that has been in your stash for a while. Dusty toys? No, thank you!

“Placing large eyes on the lower half of the face can create a young child-like cuteness”

SACHIYO ISHII, DESIGNER

See it come to life

Most of the time, knitted toys are worked flat and crocheted ones are worked in the round. Do remember to leave extra yarn for sewing when you cast on, bind off or change colours and always leave a long tail. You'll need an opening for stuffing and, where possible, use a tail for any kind of stitching: thread it through a tapestry needle, sew as needed, then weave in all the ends. At this point, it would also be good to think about adding any facial elements and expressions. “To create a bobble for a nose, for instance, you would first decide where you want the bobble to be,” explains Let's Get Crafting pro

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FOR NOSES AND
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Heather Gibbs. “Then you would need to yarn over, insert your hook in the indicated stitch and pull up a loop. Repeat three times until you have nine loops on your hook, yarn over again and pull through all the loops on your hook and you’ve created your nose.” Details and embellishments can really take your toymaking skills to the next level. “I believe the eyes are the most important part of the face,” says the lovely Sachiyo Ishii. “Their size and positioning are crucial points. Depending on what you use, the impression can be very different. Placing large eyes on the lower half of the face can create a young child-like cuteness. The far distance between the eyes makes it look quirky and bold, while small eyes in the centre of the face make it look quiet and docile. They are more than just two little dots – you may want to try out a few different versions.” So when exactly should you embroider facial expressions on your toys? “I like to add eyes after the head is stuffed and, for that reason, I use embroidery or eye beads with threading holes,” continues Sachiyo. “These methods allow me to see the finished head size before creating features. By pulling embroidery thread to attach beads, you can also create an eye dent.” If you’re not too confident doing this part, first mark the locations on your toy with an air-erasable pen. Another top tip: use 4-ply yarn and a chenille needle with a fairly sharp point for delicate lines. You’re welcome!

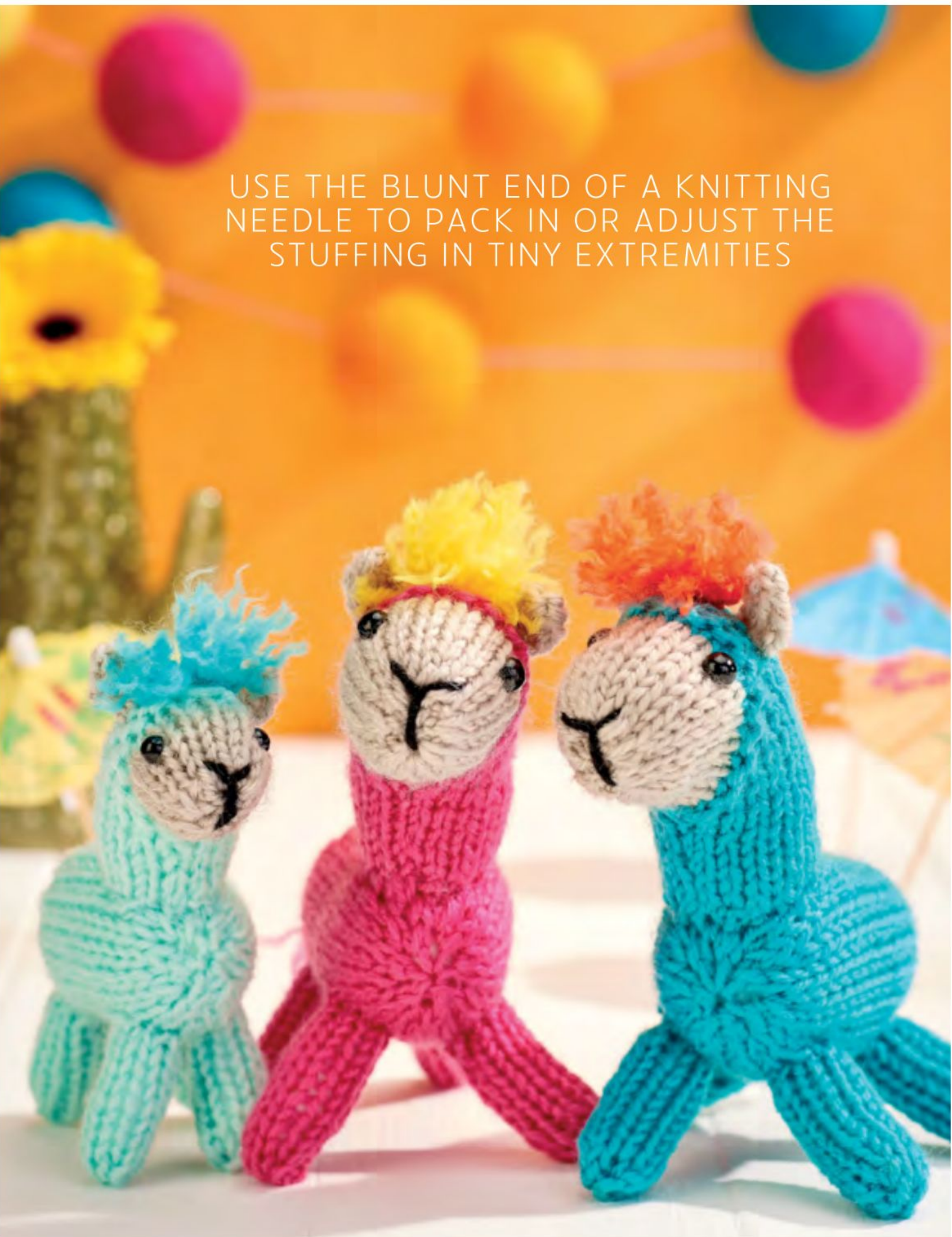
“The last thing you want is stuffing peeking out through gaps in your stitches. Keep your amigurumi beautifully even by using a smaller hook than recommended for your selected yarn”

Hooked

What’s on the inside counts

Stuffing can dramatically alter the appearance of your toy and it’s not something you want to rush through at the very end – no matter how eager you are to complete your character! As with yarn selection, it’s important to take into account the age of the child as not all toy fillings are safe for babies and toddlers. Something else to consider by toymakers of all skill levels is over-stuffing. Knitted and crocheted fabric will stretch over time and over-stuffing your creations will result in firm and rigid toys for your little ones, as opposed to the more preferred soft and cuddly textures. Equally, under-stuffing your make will create a lack of shape and stability. You’re after a happy middle ground here!

Like with any skill, the more you practise, the better a toymaker you’ll become. With our top tips and a little bit of perseverance, we are sure that even the clumsiest of hands will gradually transform into those of a toymaking extraordinaire. Raring to go? Find all the patterns featured here at topcrochetpatterns.com and letsknit.co.uk – go, go, go!



USE THE BLUNT END OF A KNITTING
NEEDLE TO PACK IN OR ADJUST THE
STUFFING IN TINY EXTREMITIES



PLUS

3.5mm hook,
stuffing, two
12mm safety
eyes, tapestry
needle, popper

SIZE

Height: 23cm



Take the
next step

RUBEN THE ROBOT head

Using 3.5mm hook
and Party Pink
make a magic ring,
work 4dc into ring.
Four sts

Rnd 1: 3dc in each
st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: 1dc, 3dc in
next st, (2dc, 3dc in
next st) three
times, 1dc. 20 sts

Rnd 3: 2dc, 3dc in
next st, (4dc, 3dc in
next st) three
times, 2dc. 28 sts

Rnd 4: 3dc, 3dc in
next st, (6dc, 3dc
in next st) three
times, 3dc. 36 sts

Rnd 5: 4dc, 3dc in
next st, (8dc, 3dc in
next st) three
times, 4dc. 44 sts

Rnd 6: working in
back loops only,
1dc in each st

to end

Rnds 7-17: 1dc in
each st to end
Insert safety eyes
between Rnds
10-11, approx four
sts apart

Rnd 18: working in
back loops only,
7dc, dc3tog, (8dc,
dc3tog) to last st,
1dc. 36 sts

Rnd 19: (6dc,
dc3tog) to end.
28 sts

Rnd 20: (2dc,
dc2tog) to end.
21 sts

Rnd 21: (1dc,
dc2tog) to end,
join with a sl st to
first st. 14 sts
Fasten off

body

Using 3.5mm hook
and Party Pink
make a magic ring,
work 4dc into ring.
Four sts

Rnds 1-3: rep Rnds
1-3 of Head. 28 sts

Rnd 4: working in
back loops only,
1dc in each st
to end

Rnds 5-19: 1dc in
each st to end, join
with a sl st to
first st
Fasten off

arm

Make two

Using 3.5mm
hook and Rich
Turquoise make a
magic ring, work
4dc into ring.
Four sts

Rnd 1: 3dc in each
st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: 1dc, 3dc in
next st, (2dc, 3dc in
next st) three

times, 1dc. 20 sts

Rnd 3: working in
back loops only,
1dc in each st
to end

Rnds 4-7: 1dc in
each st to end

Rnd 8: working in
back loops only,
(2dc, dc3tog) to
end. 12 sts

Rnd 9: (1dc,
dc2tog) to end.

Eight sts

Change to
Zesty Lime

Rnd 10: working in
front loops only,
1dc in each st
to end

Rnds 11-18: 1dc in
each st to end, join
with a sl st to
first st
Fasten off

leg

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook
and Rich Turquoise
make a magic ring,
work 4dc into ring.
Four sts

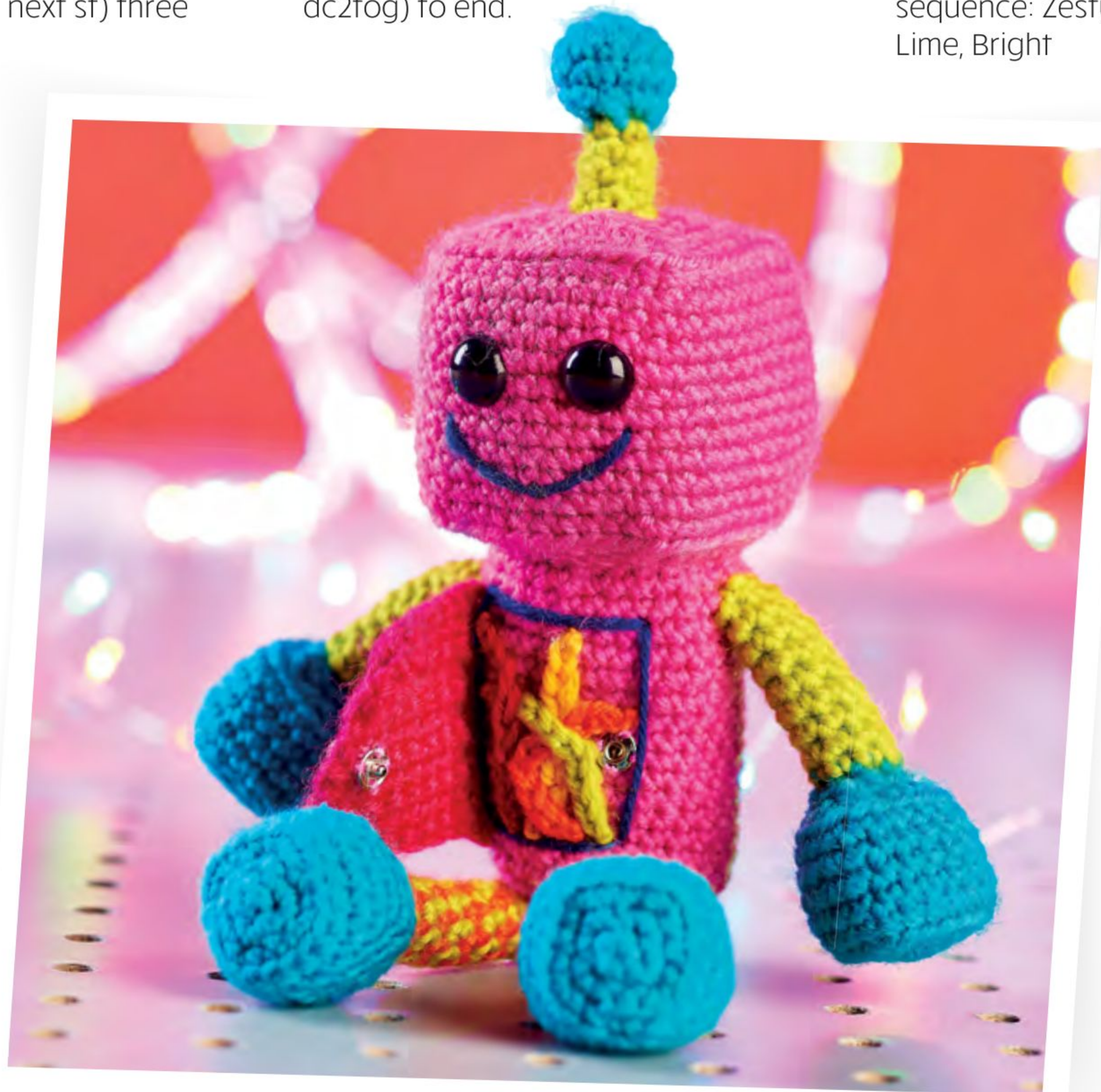
Rnds 1-9: rep Rnds
1-9 of Arms.

Eight sts
Work in foll
one-round stripe
sequence: Zesty
Lime, Bright

SAY HELLO TO THE FRIENDLIEST
LITTLE ANDROID YOU'LL EVER MEET

Ruben the robot

Who can resist this adorable little guy? Not us! And he has a secret to share – open up the door on his tummy to reveal his inner workings. With a few rounds here and there, you'll be done in no time, making this interactive pattern by **HANNAH COOPER** an easy, on-the-go project. If you're making Ruben for a young child, you may prefer to embroider French knots for eyes.



Orange

Rnds 10-18: rep Rnds 10-18 of Arm. Eight sts
Rnds 19-21: 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first st
 Fasten off

antenna

Using 3.5mm hook and Rich Turquoise make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnds 2-3: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 4: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
 Change to Zesty Lime

Rnds 5-8: 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first st
 Fasten off

door

Using 3.5mm hook and Vivid Fuchsia make 9ch, turn

Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end, turn

Rows 2-11: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
 Fasten off

wire

Make four

(one each in Fiery Red, Bright Orange, Golden Yellow and Zesty Lime)

Using 3.5mm hook and chosen yarn make 10ch
 Fasten off

to make up

Stuff Head, Body, Arms, Legs and Antenna. Using fastened off yarn ends sew Head, Arms and Legs to Body. Sew



Love this multicoloured rope light? You can get it from lights4fun.co.uk and light up your make just like us!



HANNAH COOPER, DESIGNER

“The square head and limbs are made with four simple increases to set up the corner shapes”

Antenna to top of Head. Using Bold Navy, embroider smile under eyes. Using Party Pink, add French knot halfway up right

edge of Door. Sew left side of Door to front of Body. Embroider outline of Door onto Body using Bold Navy. Staying inside Bold

Navy outline, sew Wires to Body. Sew one half of popper onto Door and other half to Body. Weave in all ends

GREAT ADVICE

DC3TOG

You'll be working increases and decreases to shape the head and limbs of this robot. Increases are made by working more than 1dc into a stitch, and decreases by working stitches together. Crocheting 2dc together is abbreviated to dc2tog, and this will decrease the stitch count by one stitch each time. You can also crochet three stitches together in the same way, written as dc3tog, and this will decrease the stitch count by two stitches each time. Head over to our Crochet School on pages 64-65 for advice on how to work these easy increases and decreases



PLUS

3.5mm needles,
tapestry
needle, stuffing

SIZE

Length: 14cm



Perfect for
beginners

LOOK TO THE SKIES, IT'S THE

Acrobatic aeroplanes

We've got **NICOLA VALIJI** to thank for these awesome toys that anyone will enjoy making and soaring through the air! Just the right size to tuck into a bag, these planes make ideal travelling companions. They use just basic stitches, so you're sure to have them whipped up in no time. Keep all of the elements symmetrical to give these aeroplanes a smart and coordinated livery.



ACROBATIC AEROPLANES

body

Make two

Using 3.5mm
needles and Zesty
Lime (Golden
Yellow) cast on
eight sts

**Row 1 and every
odd-numbered
row:** p

Row 2: (k1, kfb) to
end. 12 sts

Row 4: (k1, kfb, k2,

kfb, k1) to end.
16 sts

Row 6: (k2, kfb, k3,
kfb, k1) to end.
20 sts

Row 7: p

Row 8: (k2, kfb, k4,
kfb, k2) to end.
24 sts

Rows 9-16: cont as
set, working one
extra st between
incs on each
even-numbered
row. 40 sts

Note: change to
Party Pink (Bright
Orange) after
Row 35

Rows 17-39:

starting with a p
row work in st st
Change to Classic
Cream

Row 40: (k2tog)
to end. 20 sts

Row 41: p

Rows 42-43: rep
Rows 40-41.
Ten sts

Cast off

propeller

Make two

Using 3.5mm
needles and
Classic Cream cast
on 15 sts

Rows 1-6: starting
with a k row work
in st st
Cast off

main wing

Make eight

(four in each
colour)

Using 3.5mm
needles and Rich
Turquoise (Party
Pink) cast on
nine sts

Rows 1-10: starting
with a k row work
in st st

Row 11: skpo, k to
last two sts, k2tog.
Seven sts

Row 12: p

Row 13: skpo, k to
last two sts, k2tog.
Five sts
Cast off

tail fin

Make four

(two in each
colour)

Using 3.5mm
needles and Bright
Orange (Vivid
Fuchsia) cast on
seven sts

Rows 1-8: starting

with a k row, work
in st st

Rows 9-11: rep
Rnds 11-13 of Main
Wing. Three sts
Cast off

tail wing

Make four

(two in each
colour)

Using 3.5mm
needles and Party
Pink (Bold Navy)
cast on ten sts

Row 1: k

Row 2: p

Row 3: k2tog, k to
end. Nine sts

Row 4: p2tog, p to
end. Eight sts

Rows 5-6: rep

Rows 3-4. Six sts
Cast off

spot

Make 12

(four each in Party
Pink and Rich
Turquoise, two
each in Bright
Orange and
Fiery Red)
Using 3.5mm
needles and
chosen yarn cast
on eight sts

Row 1: k

Row 2: p

Row 3: (k2tog) to
end. Four sts
Cast off

to make up

Use matching yarn throughout.

For Body of plane gather cast-on sts,
with WS out sew up side seams to
cast-off edge. Turn RS out, stuff firmly.
Fold Propeller in half lengthwise, sew
cast-on and cast-off edges tog. Sew
Propeller to front of plane over
cast-off edge. For Main Wing sew two
pieces with RS facing tog around row
edges and cast-off edge, turn RS out
and stuff lightly, sew up cast-on edge.
Rep for Fin. Fold Tail Wings in half, sew
around edge to make triangle. Gather
Spot around cast-off edge, sew row
edges to cast-on edge to form raised
Spot. Sew all Wings and Spots to plane.
Weave in all ends

TOP TIP

Use Classic Cream to attach the propeller, unless you're after more of a contrast



“Separate the colours for each plane and make up one first, then use it as a guide for positioning elements on your second one”

NICOLA VALIJI, DESIGNER



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PLUS

3.5mm hook, stitch markers, tapestry needle, stuffing, four 10mm safety eyes, small lengths of black and white DK, blusher (optional)

SIZE

Height: 24cm



Perfect for beginners

Use small tails when changing colours

ADD INSTANT SUNSHINE WITH

Flora & Fleur

The cheery faces and sunny colours make these two smiling flowers perfect year-round blooms. Put them in pots for a table or tie with ribbon for a faux bouquet. **SARAH LOUISE READ** has stuffed the stalks firmly to prevent the flowers from drooping so little hands can easily hold them. The head and stalk are worked in one piece, with the petals added after, so be sure to dress them in their petals quickly!

FLORA striped petal Make seven

Using 3.5mm hook and Fiery Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end

Work in foll three-rnd stripe sequence: Bright Orange, Golden Yellow, Zesty Lime, Bold Navy, Vivid Fuchsia

Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 4: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnds 5-8: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 9: (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 21 sts

Rnd 10 and every even-numbered rnd: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 11: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 13: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 15 sts

Rnd 15: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 17: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

centre & stalk

Using 3.5mm hook and Classic Cream make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

Change to Party Pink

Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 6: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

Insert safety eyes between Rnds 3-4, approx five sts apart

Rnd 7: 1dc in each st to end

Note: stuff as you go

Rnd 8: working in back loops only, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 9: (5dc,

dc2tog) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 10: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 11: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 12: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 13: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Change to Rich Turquoise

Rnds 14-46: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 47: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

FLEUR plain petal Make seven

(one each in Fiery Red, Bright Orange, Golden Yellow, Zesty Lime, Bold Navy, Party Pink and Vivid Fuchsia)

Using 3.5mm hook and chosen yarn make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Note: change to

Classic Cream after Rnd 11

Rnds 1-17: rep Rnds 1-17 of Flora Striped Petal, ignoring colour changes. 12 sts
Fasten off

centre & stalk

Using 3.5mm hook and Party Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Note: change to Rich Turquoise after Rnd 13

Rnds 1-47: rep Rnds 1-47 of Flora Centre & Stalk, ignoring colour changes. Six sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry

needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

to make up

Stuff Stalk. Flatten Petals and sew to six sts of front loop only of

Rnd 8 of Flower Centre. Sew adjacent Petals tog at base. Using black DK and tapestry needle, embroider smile onto each Flower Centre between Rnds 2-3. Using white DK add a long st under each safety eye. Add blusher to Flora's cheeks. Weave in all ends

GREAT ADVICE

SMART STUFF!

The centre is a flattened ball shape with the stalk continuing on from the back, so add safety eyes and stuffing when you decrease before the stalk makes this tricky. The petals should all fit neatly on the same round with colour changes lining up around the face. If they look a bit squashed, overlap them slightly. Stitching the sides of the petals together also helps to bring them forward and frame the face



“Adding a little blusher to Flora’s face gives her a special glow – but she’s so cute in the first place, it’s not essential”

SARAH LOUISE READ, DESIGNER



Flora

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PLANT CRAFT CAITLIN ATKINS

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USE YOUR
CARNIVAL
YARN KIT

PLUS

3.5mm needles,
tapestry
needle,
stuffing, small
amount of
black DK, four
craft magnets,
fabric glue

SIZE

Height (inc
scarf): 13cm



Perfect for
beginners

MOUSE face

Using 3.5mm
needles and
Classic Cream cast
on 33 sts

Rows 1-5: starting
with a p row work
in st st

Row 6: k1, k2tog,
k5, (k2tog, k1) six
times, k to last
three sts, k2tog, k1.
25 sts

**Row 7 and every
odd-numbered
row:** p

Row 8: k1, (k2tog,
k1) to end. 17 sts

Row 10: k1, (k2tog)
to end. Nine sts

Row 12: k

Row 13: p1, (p2tog)
to end. Five sts
Cast off

back of head

Using 3.5mm
needles and
Classic Cream cast
on nine sts

Row 1 (RS): k1,
(kfb) to end. 17 sts

Row 2: p

Row 3: k1, (kfb, k1)
to end. 25 sts

Row 4: p

Row 5: k1, (kfb, k2)
to end. 33 sts

Row 6: p

Cast off

ear front

Make two

Using 3.5mm
needles and
Classic Cream cast
on four sts

Row 1: k1, (kfb)
twice, k1. Six sts

Note: colour in
brackets foll
instruction
indicates which
yarn to use

Row 2: p2 (Classic
Cream), p2 (Party
Pink), p2 (Classic
Cream)

Row 3: kfb (Classic
Cream), k4 (Party
Pink), kfb (Classic
Cream). Eight sts

Row 4: p2 (Classic
Cream), p4 (Party
Pink), p2 (Classic
Cream)

Row 5: k2 (Classic
Cream), k4 (Party
Pink), k2 (Classic
Cream)

Row 6: rep Row 4

Cont in Classic
Cream only

Row 7: k1, ssk, k2,
k2tog, k1. Six sts

Row 8: p1, (p2tog)
twice, p1. Four sts
Cast off

ear back

Make two

Using 3.5mm
needles and
Classic Cream cast
on four sts

Row 1: k1, (kfb)
twice, k1. Six sts

**Row 2 and every
even-numbered
row:** p

Row 3: kfb, k4, kfb.
Eight sts

Row 5: k
Rows 7-8: rep
Rows 7-8 of Ear
Front. Four sts
Cast off

to make up

* Gather Face
under nose, sew
row edges on WS
to cast-off edge.
Gather Back of
Head around
cast-on sts to
form circle, sew
row edges tog to
cast-on edge. Sew
Back of Head to
Face around
edges, stuffing as

you go *. Use
black DK to
embroider eyes,
mouth and
whiskers. Use
Party Pink to
embroider nose.
With RS facing,
sew Back and
Front of Ears tog
around row edges,
leaving gap at
cast-on edge.
Turn RS out, sew
up gap, sew Ears
to Head. Glue
magnet to back.
Weave in all ends

FROG face

Using 3.5mm
needles and Zesty
Lime cast on 33 sts
**Row 1 and every
odd-numbered
row:** p

Row 2: k

Row 4: (k9, k2tog)
to end. 30 sts

Row 6: (k8, k2tog)
to end. 27 sts

Row 8: (k7, k2tog)
to end. 24 sts

Row 10: (k6,
k2tog) to end.
21 sts

Row 12: k1, (k2tog)
to end. 11 sts

Row 13: p1, (p2tog)
to end. Six sts
Cast off

back of head

Using 3.5mm
needles and Zesty
Lime work as for
Mouse Back
of Head

eye

Make two

Using 3.5mm
needles and
Classic Cream cast
on six sts

Row 1: k
Cast off

to make up

Work as for
Mouse To Make
Up from * to *.
Gather Eyes along
cast-off edge, sew
row edges to
cast-off edge to
form circle. Use
black DK to
embroider mouth
and pupils on
Eyes. Glue magnet
to back. Weave in
all ends

PIG face

Using 3.5mm
needles and Party
Pink work as for
Frog Face

back of head

Using 3.5mm
needles and Party

Pink work as for
Mouse Back
of Head

ear

Make two

Using 3.5mm
needles and Party
Pink cast on
five sts

Rows 1-4: starting
with a k row work
in st st

Row 5: skpo, k1,
k2tog. Three sts

Row 6: sl1, p2tog,
psso. One st
Fasten off

nose

Using 3.5mm
needles and Party
Pink cast on
eight sts

Row 1: k

Row 2: p

Row 3: (k2tog) to
end. Four sts
Cast off

to make up

Work as for
Mouse To Make
Up from * to *.
Gather nose along
cast-off edge, sew
row edges to
cast-off edge to
form circle. Use
black to
embroider nostrils
and eyes. Sew

IMAGINE THE NOISE FROM THIS CHORUS OF

Animal magnets

You'll be amazed at how **NICOLA VALIJI** has managed to create such
characterful faces and features with just a few stitches – who can resist them?

We love how the elephant's trunk stands out so well, not to mention the
oh-so-easy froggy eyes! These quirky critters are easy when you know how, so
why not start with the cheeky mouse and then the others will be a breeze.

Get these letter and number magnets from wilko.com

Ears to Head. Glue magnet to back. Weave in all ends

ELEPHANT face

Using 3.5mm needles and Rich Turquoise cast on 33 sts

Rows 1-9: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 10: k1, k2tog, k5, (k2tog, k1) six times, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 25 sts

Row 11: p

Row 12: k1, (k2tog, k1) to end. 17 sts

Row 13: p

Row 14: k1, (k1, k2tog) to last st, k1. 12 sts

Rows 15-29: starting with a p row work in st st Cast off

back of head

Using 3.5mm needles and Rich Turquoise work as for Mouse Back of Head

ear

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Rich Turquoise cast on eight sts

Rows 1-5: starting with a k row work in st st

Row 6: p1, p2tog, p2, p2tog, p1. Six sts

Row 7: k1, (k2tog) twice, k1. Four sts

Row 8: p1, p2tog, p1. Three sts Cast off

to make up

Sew Face on WS from cast-off edge down row edges on WS to cast-off edge. Gather Back of Head around cast-on sts to form circle, sew row edges tog to cast-on edge. Sew Back of

Head to Face around edges, stuffing as you go. Attach Ears to Head. Use black DK to embroider eyes. Glue magnet to back. Weave in all ends

SCARF

Make four

Using 3.5mm needles and Rich Turquoise (Bright Orange, Golden

Yellow, Party Pink) cast on four sts K until piece meas 28cm Cast off

to make up

To make fringe cut six 6cm lengths of matching yarn, fold each length in

half and pull loop through bottom st, pull ends through loop, and trim finished fringe to even length. Secure Scarf in bow shape by folding into three equal sections, before binding at the centre point. Sew to animal. Weave in all ends



USE YOUR
CARNIVAL
YARN KIT



PLUS

3.5mm needles,
tapestry
needle, small
amount of
dark brown
4-ply, stuffing

SIZE

Height: 30cm

**JESSICA
FLAMINGO**
body

Using 3.5mm
needles and Party
Pink cast on
ten sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (kfb) to
end. 20 sts

**Row 3 and every
odd-numbered
row:** p

Row 4: (k1, kfb) to
end. 30 sts

Row 6: (k2, kfb) to
end. 40 sts

Row 8: (k3, kfb) to
end. 50 sts

Row 9: p

Row 10: k2tog, k15,
kfb, k14, kfb, k to
last two sts, k2tog

Row 11: p

Rows 12-29: rep
Rows 10-11 nine
times

Row 30: (k2tog)
three times, k11,
kfb, k14, kfb, k11,
(k2tog) to end.
46 sts

Row 31: p2tog, p to
last two sts, p2tog.
44 sts

Row 32: cast off 14
sts, k5, kfb, k2, kfb,
k6, cast off rem
sts. 18 sts

Row 33: p

Row 34: k2tog, k5,
kfb, k2, kfb, k to
last two sts, k2tog

Row 35: p

Rows 36-37: rep
Rows 34-35

Row 38: kfb, k4,
k2tog, k2, k2tog, k
to last st, kfb

Row 39: p

Rows 40-53: rep
Rows 38-39 seven
times

Row 54: k6, k2tog,
k2, k2tog, k to end.
16 sts

Row 55: p
Cast off

head

Using 3.5mm
needles and Party
Pink cast on
ten sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (kfb) to
end. 20 sts

Row 3: p

Row 4: (kfb) three
times, k5, (kfb) five
times, k5, (kfb)
twice. 30 sts

Row 5: p

Row 6: (k1, kfb)
three times, k5, (k1,
kfb) five times, k5,
(k1, kfb) twice. 40 sts

Rows 7-13: starting
with a p row work
in st st

Row 14: (k1, k2tog)
three times, k5, (k1,
k2tog) five times,
k5, (k1, k2tog)
twice. 30 sts

three times, k5, (k1,
k2tog) five times,
k5, (k1, k2tog)
twice. 30 sts

Row 15: p

Row 16: (k2tog)
three times, k5,
(k2tog) five times,
k5, (k2tog) twice.
20 sts

Row 17: p

Row 18: (k2tog) to
end. Ten sts
Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread
tail onto tapestry
needle and thread
through rem sts,
fasten off

leg

Make two

Using 3.5mm
needles and
Classic Cream cast
on ten sts

Rows 1-35: starting
with a p row work
in st st
Cast off

beak

Using 3.5mm
needles and
Classic Cream cast
on 20 sts

Row 1: p

Row 2: k



Perfect for
beginners

Proudly donning her soft plumage in vibrant Party Pink, **SACHIYO ISHII'S** adorable flamingo can't wait to accompany you for a cuddle or two! Staying true to this issue's lively Carnival theme, we have opted for complementary tones in Bold Navy and Golden Yellow as a great way to add a splash of colour to your little ones' favourite toy stash. Take a look at our top tip to learn more about the best sewing techniques for this pattern.



Row 3: p

Row 4: k2tog, k6,
kfb, k2, kfb, k to
last two sts, k2tog

Row 5: p

Row 6: (k2tog, k2)
twice, kfb, k2, kfb,
(k2, k2tog) twice.
18 sts

**Row 7 and every
odd-numbered
row:** p

Change to
Bold Navy

Row 8: k2tog, k2,
k2tog, k1, kfb, k2,
kfb, k1, k2tog, k2,
k2tog. 16 sts

Row 10: k4, (k2tog,
k4) to end. 14 sts

Row 12: k2, (k2tog,
k2) to end. 11 sts

Row 14: k2tog, (k1,
k2tog) to end.

Seven sts

Row 15: k1, (k2tog,
k1) to end. Five sts
Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread
tail onto tapestry
needle and thread
through rem sts,
fasten off

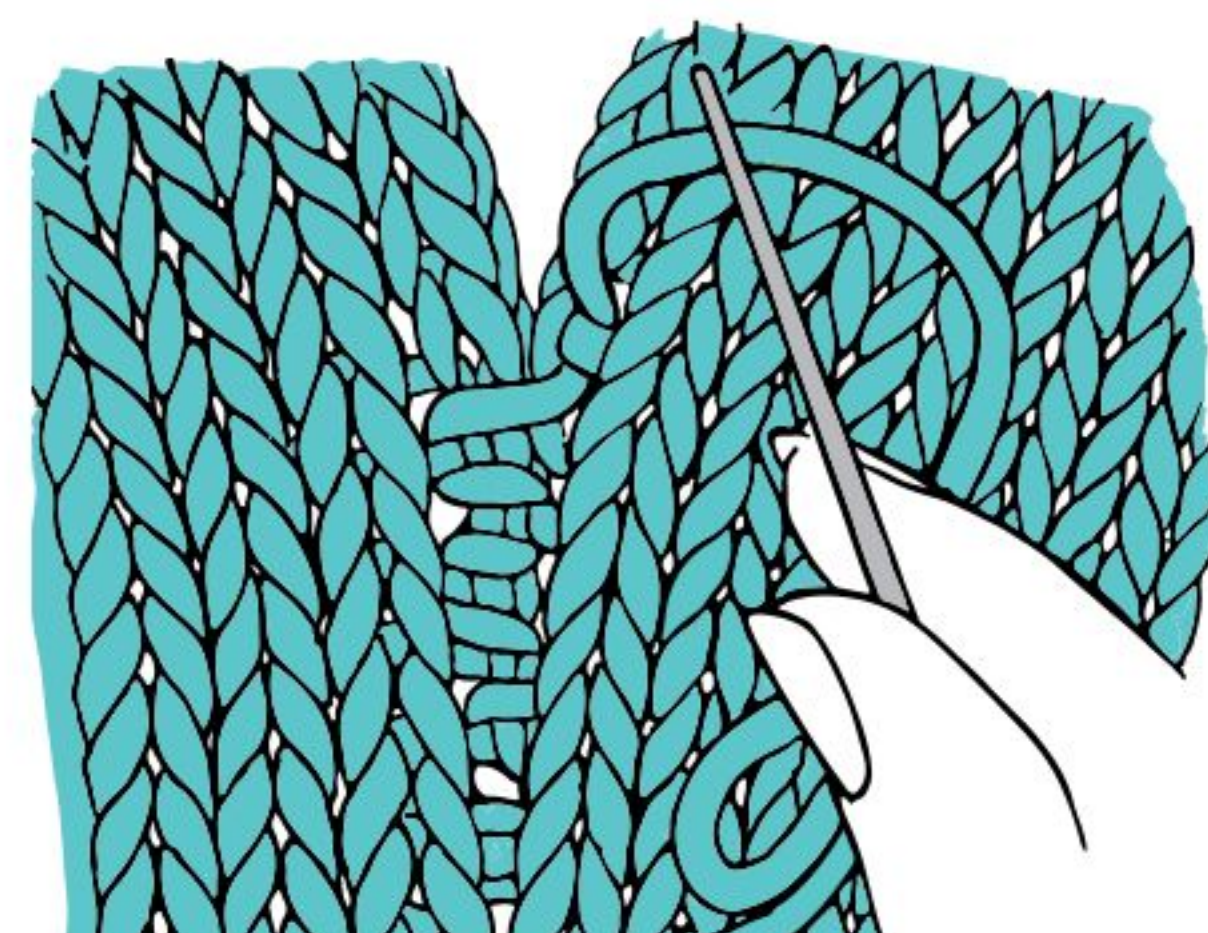
foot

Make two

Note: the middle
toe is worked two
rows more than
the other two
Using 3.5mm
needles and



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MATTRESS STITCH GUIDE

TOP TIP

Sew seam with RS out using mattress stitch and leave about 10cm at the beginning and end for sewing

Golden Yellow cast on six sts

Row 1: p

Row 2: k

Row 3: p

Row 4: (kfb) to end. 12 sts

Rows 5-10:

starting with a p row work in st st

Note: now

working on toes

Row 11: p4, turn, work on this set of sts, k4, turn, p4, turn, k4, turn, p4, work on next set

of four sts, (p4, turn, k4, turn) three times, p4, work on last set of four sts, (p4, turn, k4, turn) twice, p4

Row 12: k

Rows 13-17:

starting with a p row work in st st

Row 18: (k2tog) to end. Six sts

Row 19: p

Row 20: k

Row 21: p Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread

tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

wing

Make two

* Using 3.5mm needles and Party Pink cast on seven sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 14 sts

Row 3: p

Row 4: k

Row 5: p

Cut yarn, leave sts on holder *

Rep from * to * once, then knit Wings tog as folls:

Row 6: k14, k14 from st holder. 28 sts

Row 7: p

Row 8: k4, (k2tog, k4) to end. 24 sts

Row 9: p

Row 10: (k2, k2tog) to end. 18 sts

Row 11: p

Row 12: (k1, k2tog) to end. 12 sts

Row 13: (p2tog) to end. Six sts Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

to make up

Seam Body to neck edge and stuff. Keep neck end open. With fastened-off yarn end, seam Head and stuff. Seam

Beak, stuff and attach its cast-on edge to face. With dark brown 4-ply, embroider eyes. Attach Head to Body. Seam Wings and attach to Body. Fold Foot piece in half and sew each toe at side edge. Seam Leg and stuff. Attach Feet to Legs. Attach Legs to Body. Weave in all ends

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BLUE

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GREEN

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A look at the colour packs on our radar...



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SIZE

Length of
bunting: 2m
Flag height:
14cm



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Carnival bunting

What better use for your ten-ball yarn pack than this party accessory? The basic shape is the same for each flag, and includes eyelets for threading, but be sure to download the intarsia charts from letsknit.co.uk before you start. If you're not quite ready to give intarsia a go, just follow the charts to add the exotic motifs with duplicate stitches instead.



CARNIVAL BUNTING plain flag

Make two

Using 4mm
needles and Party
Pink (Classic
Cream) cast on
two sts

Row 1: k

Row 2 (RS): (kfb)
to end. Four sts

Row 3: k

Row 4: k1, (kfb)
twice, k1. Six sts

Row 5: k2, p to last

two sts, k to end

Row 6: k2, m1, k to
last two sts, m1, k
to end. Eight sts

Rows 7-14: rep
Rows 5-6 four
times. 16 sts

Row 15: k2, p to
last two sts, k
to end

Row 16: k

Rows 17-20: rep
Rows 5-6 twice.
20 sts

Rows 21-22: rep

Rows 15-16

Rows 23-26: rep
Rows 5-6 twice.
24 sts

Rows 27-28: rep
Rows 15-16

Rows 29-32: rep
Rows 5-6 twice.
28 sts

Rows 33-36: rep
Rows 15-16 twice

Rows 37-38: rep

Rows 5-6. 30 sts

Rows 39-42: rep
Rows 15-16 twice

Row 43: rep Row 5

Row 44: k3, (k2tog,
yfwd, k2) to last



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This technique allows you to change colours for compact designs within a row, all without having to fasten off and weave in lots of tails. Twist your yarns together when changing colour diagonally from the row below to avoid creating holes. Otherwise, let the different strands of yarn cross freely across the WS of your work. Stretch out your work on the RH needle as you go to avoid puckering it



three sts, k to end
Row 45: rep Row 5
Rows 46-48: k
 Cast off

striped flag

Make four (one each in Bright Orange and Zesty Lime, Vivid Fuchsia and Zesty Lime, Rich Turquoise and Bold Navy, Golden Yellow and Fiery Red)
 Using 4mm needles and

chosen yarn cast on two sts

Rows 1-5: rep Rows 1-5 of Plain Flag. Six sts
 Change to second colour and work in four-row stripe sequence

Rows 6-48: rep Rows 6-48 of Plain Flag. 30 sts

heart flag

Make three
 Using 4mm needles and chosen yarn cast on two sts
 Work as for Plain Flag
Note: foll chart for

Rows 14-30 using Golden Yellow and Party Pink, Bright Orange and Vivid Fuchsia, Fiery Red and Classic Cream

cactus flag

Using 4mm needles and Party Pink cast on two sts
 Work as for Plain Flag
Note: foll chart for Rows 14-35 using colours: Party Pink and Zesty Lime

to make up

Using Bold Navy embroider spikes on cactus. Weave in all ends

lolly flag

Using 4mm needles and Rich

Turquoise cast on two sts
 Work as for Plain Flag
Note: foll chart for Rows 11-33 using Rich Turquoise, Party Pink and Vivid Fuchsia

pineapple flag

Using 4mm needles and Bold Navy cast on two sts
 Work as for Plain Flag
Note: foll chart for Rows 14-37 using Bold Navy, Golden Yellow, Bright Orange and Zesty Lime

to make up

Weave in all ends. Thread flags onto ribbon

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black eye
beads, black
cotton thread,
small amount
of dark brown
4-ply, stuffing

SIZE

Height: 12cm



Perfect for
beginners

MINI DINOS body

Make two

Using 3.5mm
needles and Zesty
Lime (Party Pink)
cast on ten sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (kfb) to
end. 20 sts

**Row 3 and every
odd-numbered
row:** p

Row 4: (k1, kfb) to
end. 30 sts

Row 6: (k2, kfb) to
end. 40 sts

Note: colour in
brackets foll
instruction
indicates which
yarn to use

Row 7: p14 (Zesty
Lime [Party Pink]),
p12 (Golden
Yellow), p14 (Zesty
Lime [Party Pink])

These two got us squealing with delight and we're sure that you will also find these *Jurassic Park*-inspired companions incredibly fun to make. The best part about this adorable duo? They're equally popular with adults and children alike, and we think they'll make the perfect gift for your loved ones! This project uses eye beads, but you should embroider eyes instead if gifting to a child.

Note: keep
colours correct
as set

Rows 8-15:
starting with a k
row work in st st
Row 16: (k2, k2tog)
to end. 30 sts

Rows 17-19:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Note: use left-
hand colour when
you k2tog two
different colours

Row 20: (k1, k2tog)
to end. 20 sts

Row 21: p

Row 22: k

Cast off

head

Make two

Using 3.5mm
needles and Zesty
Lime (Party Pink)
cast on nine sts

**Row 1 and every
odd-numbered
row:** p

Row 2: (k1, kfb) to
end. 18 sts

Row 4: (k2, kfb) to
end. 27 sts

Row 6: (k3, kfb) to
end. 36 sts

Row 8: k

Row 10: k6,
(k2tog) 12 times,
k to end. 24 sts

Row 11: p

Row 12: k2tog, k to
last two sts, k2tog.
22 sts

Rows 13-18:
starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 19: (p2tog) to
end. 11 sts

Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread
tail onto tapestry
needle and thread

through rem sts,
fasten off

arm

Make four

(two in each
colour)

Using 3.5mm
needles and
Zesty Lime (Party
Pink) cast on
eight sts

Rows 1-6: starting
with a p row work
in st st

Cut yarn leaving
a long tail, thread
tail onto tapestry
needle and thread
through rem sts,
fasten off

leg

Make four

(two in each
colour)

Using 3.5mm
needles and
Golden Yellow
cast on six sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (kfb) to
end. 12 sts

Change to Zesty
Lime (Party Pink)

Rows 3-5: p

**Row 6 (shape
ankle):** k4, (k2tog)
twice, k to end.
Ten sts

Row 7: p4, p2tog,
p to end. Nine sts

Rows 8-11: starting
with a k row work
in st st

Row 12: k1, (k2tog)
to end. Five sts

Cut yarn leaving
a long tail, thread
tail onto tapestry
needle and thread
through rem sts,
fasten off

tail

Make two

Using 3.5mm
needles and Zesty
Lime (Party Pink)
cast on 20 sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: k

Row 3: p

Row 4: k2tog, k to
last two sts, k2tog.
18 sts

Row 5: p2tog, p to
last two sts, p2tog.
16 sts

Rows 6-11: rep
Rows 4-5 three
times. Four sts

Row 12: rep Row 4.
Two sts

Row 13: k2tog.

One st

Fasten off

spike

Make two

Using 3.5mm
needles and Rich
Turquoise (Vivid
Fuchsia) cast on
26 sts

Row 1: p3, turn,
work this set
of sts

Row 2: skpo, k1,

turn. Two sts

Row 3: p2tog, turn.

One st

Row 4: kfb, turn.

Two sts

Row 5: p1, pfb.

Three sts

Note: keep sts on
needle and move
on to next set of
four sts

* **Row 1:** p4, turn

Row 2: skpo, k2,
turn. Three sts

Row 3: p2tog, p1,
turn. Two sts

Row 5: k2tog, turn.
One st



SACHIYO ISHII'S TOYMAKING
TIP OF THE MONTH!

**"If you are using
safety eyes with
washers, attach them
before stuffing the
head and leave about
10cm of yarn at the
beginning and end
for sewing"**

Row 6: pfb, turn.

Two sts

Row 7: k1, kfb,

turn. Three sts

Row 8: pfb, p2,

turn. Four sts

Note: keep sts on
needle and move
on to next set of
four sts *

Rep from * to *

once, move on to
next set of five sts
as folls:

** **Row 1:** p5, turn

Row 2: skpo, k3,

turn. Four sts

Row 3: p2tog, p2,

turn. Three sts

Row 4: skpo, k1,

turn. Two sts

Row 5: p2tog, turn.

One st

Row 6: kfb, turn.

Two sts

Row 7: pfb, p1,

turn. Three sts

Row 8: kfb, k2,

turn. Four sts

Row 9: pfb, p3,

turn. Five sts

Move on to next

set of five sts **

Rep from ** to **

twice

Cast off

to make up

With cast-on yarn end, seam Body
to cast-off edge and stuff. Keep cast-off
end open. With fastened-off yarn end,
seam Head and stuff. With cast-on
yarn end, work a gathering thread
along cast-on edge and draw tightly.
Attach Head to Body. Seam Tail from
fastened-off end, stuff and attach
cast-on edge to Body. With cast-on
yarn end, work a gathering thread
along cast-on edge and draw tightly.
Sew rest of Foot and Leg, seam and
stuff. With Golden Yellow, pierce Foot
from centre of sole, take needle out
from ankle and rep. Pull thread to
flatten sole and shape ankle. Attach
Legs to Body. Seam Arm and attach
Arms to Body. Fold Spike piece in half
lengthwise and sew each spike at side
edge. Sew cast-on and cast-off edge
to spine, placing sixth Spike at top of
Head. Weave in all ends



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YARN KIT

**PLUS**

4mm hook,
wooden
embroidery
hoops (three
10cm, two
20cm),
pom-pom
makers (3cm,
4cm, 5cm)

SIZE

Width: 35cm



Perfect for
beginners

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Hoop art

Are you ready to boost your creativity with **CORINNE BRADD'S** decorative project? Make the most of this issue's exclusive ten-ball yarn kit and mix up the vibrant colours provided in your pack to add a touch of liveliness to your crafts. Did we mention that we absolutely love the pom-pom details that encourage a little bit of extra creativity? Go on and give this fun project a go or customise the design to make it your own!

**HOOP ART**

Separate the embroidery hoops and tighten up the screw on each outer so the ring is completely closed. With your chosen yarn colour, treat the ring as a st and dc into it multiple times to cover it entirely with closely spaced sts positioned on the outside of the hoop. Fasten off and weave the ends inside the sts. Lay out the rings so they overlap one another and bind together with the same colour yarn as the topmost hoop. Ensure the tightening screws are all facing the same way for neatness, using two of them for hanging. Using 4mm hook make a ch of between 25 and 45. Skip the



“Use varying sizes of pom-pom makers to create lots of fluffy embellishments, leaving long tails when they are tied”

CORINNE BRADD, DESIGNER

first st from the hook and dc back into the ch, fastening off at the end. Allow the ch to spiral and use one yarn tail

to sew straight through the middle of the coil, holding it in place. Use the rest of the yarn tails to hold the spirals on the

covered hoops, threading them through at least 3cm of the sts before trimming the ends. Use varying sizes of

pom-pom makers, leaving long tails when they are tied. Arrange the pom-poms in clusters at the intersections of

the hoops, tying in place and sewing the long ends through the sts as before. Weave in all ends



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PLUS

3.5mm hook, stuffing, tapestry needle, two 6mm safety eyes, small amount of black DK

SIZE

Height 16.5cm



Take the next step

BEACH-LOVIN' BEAR

Using 3.5mm hook and Classic Cream make 2ch

Rnd 1: 8dc in second ch from hook. Eight sts

Rnd 2: ([2dc in next st] three times, 1dc) twice. 14 sts

Rnd 3: ([1dc, 2dc in next st] three times, 1dc) to end. 20 sts

Rnd 4: ([2dc, 2dc in next st] three times, 1dc) to end. 26 sts

Rnd 5: ([3dc, 2dc in next st] three times, 1dc) to end. 32 sts

Rnds 6-10: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 11: ([3dc, dc2tog] three times, 1dc) to end. 26 sts

Rnd 12: ([2dc, dc2tog] three times, 1dc) to end. 20 sts

Rnd 13: ([1dc, dc2tog] three times, 1dc) to end. 14 sts

Rnd 14: ([dc2tog] three times, 1dc) to end. Eight sts

Fasten off

body

Using 3.5mm hook and Bold Navy make 2ch

Rnds 1-8: rep Rnds 1-8 of Head. 32 sts

Change to Bright Orange

Rnds 9-11: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 12: rep Rnd 11 of Head. 26 sts

Rnd 13: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 14: rep Rnd 12 of Head. 20 sts

Rnd 15: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 16: rep Rnd 13 of Head. 14 sts

Rnd 17: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

sun

Using 3.5mm hook and Golden Yellow make 2ch

Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts

Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Fasten off

arm

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and Classic Cream make 2ch

Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts

Note: change to Bright Orange after Rnd 6

Rnds 2-10: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

leg

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and Classic Cream make 2ch

Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts

Note: change to Bold Navy after Rnd 7

Rnds 3-10: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

ear

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and Classic Cream make 2ch

Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts

Rnds 2-3: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

BUCKET

Using 3.5mm hook and Zesty Lime make 2ch

Rnd 1: 8dc in second ch from hook. Eight sts

Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 16 sts

Rnd 3: working in back loops only, 1dc in each st to end

Rnds 4-5: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 6: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 20 sts

Rnds 7-8: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

handle

Using 3.5mm hook and Vivid Fuchsia, join with a sl st to top of Bucket, make 14ch

Row 1: join with a sl st to other side of Bucket, turn, one sl st in each ch to end

Fasten off

SPADE

Using 3.5mm hook and Fiery Red make 5ch

Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end, turn. Four sts

Rows 2-3: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Four sts

Row 4: 1ch, (dc2tog) twice. Two sts

Fasten off



handle

Using 3.5mm hook and Golden Yellow, join with a sl st to top of Spade, make 6ch, turn
Row 1: one sl st in each ch to end
 Fasten off

TOWEL

Using 3.5mm hook and Rich Turquoise make 14ch
 Work in foll one-row stripe sequence: Rich Turquoise, Golden Yellow, Party Pink, Zesty Lime

Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc, (1htr, 1tr, 1htr, 1dc) to end, turn. 13 sts

Row 2: 3ch (counts as 1tr), (1htr, 1dc, 1htr, 1tr) to end, turn

Row 3: 1ch, 1dc, (1htr, 1tr, 1htr, 1dc) to end, turn

Row 4: 3ch (counts as 1tr), (1htr, 1dc, 1htr, 1tr)

to end, turn
Rows 5-12: rep Rows 3-4 four times
 Cont in Rich Turquoise

Row 12: rep Row 3
 Fasten off

to make up

Insert safety eyes in Rnd 7 of Head, approx six sts apart. Use black

DK to embroider nose. Stuff Head. Stuff Body and sew to Head between Rows 13-14. Sew Sun to front of Body and embroider rays. Stuff Legs. Sew Arms, Legs and Ears to Body. Sew Spade to Handle. Weave in all ends

TOP TIP

If you're worried about losing the bucket and spade, you can sew them to the bear's hands with a couple of stitches

Run out of yarn?

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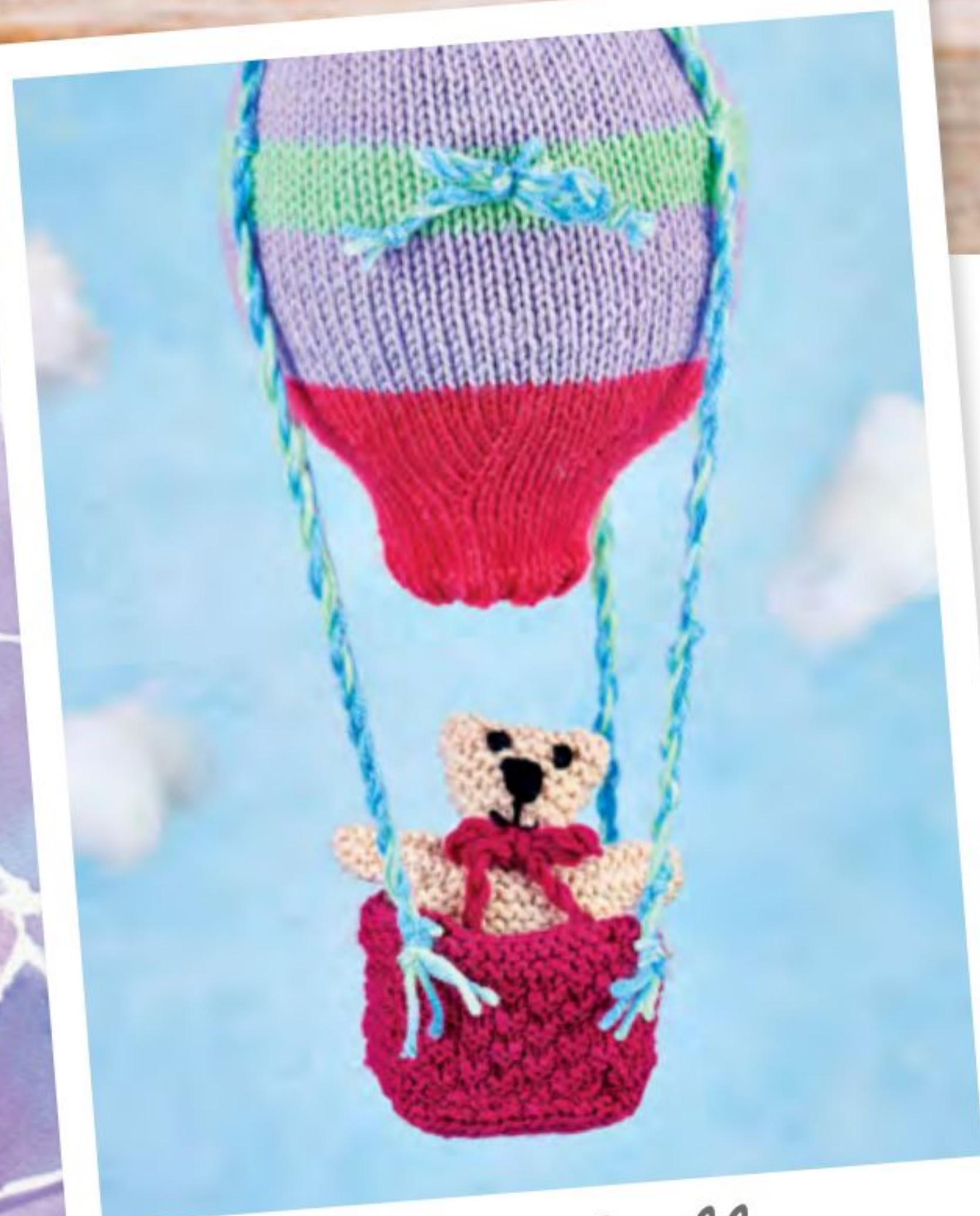
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Darling puffin

YOU WILL NEED

YARN

Rowan Cotton
Glacé: A (739
Dijon), three 50g
balls, B (805
Burgundy), two
50g balls, C (843
Toffee), three
50g balls, D (828
Heather), one
50g ball, E (838
Umber), three
50g balls, F (841
Garnet), one 50g
ball, G (747
Candy Floss),
two 50g balls,
H (724 Bubbles),
two 50g balls,
J (806 Delight),
three 50g balls,
K (808 Mystic),
two 50g balls,
L (829 Twilight),
two 50g balls

PLUS

2.5mm and
3mm hooks

SIZE

111.5cm x 121cm



Take the
next step

CRAFT SOMETHING YOU'LL
TREASURE FOREVER WITH THISGranny
square throw

At the heart of this design made by **ERIKA KNIGHT** lie two traditional square motifs – the crafty go-to that all crocheters start with. Oversewing these granny squares together gives the rectangular centre around which the remaining rounds of the throw are worked. And the result? A blanket that's the perfect size to cosy up with in bed or on the sofa. Perfect.

GRANNY
SQUARE
THROW
square

Make two

Using 3mm hook
and Yarn A make

6ch, join with a
sl st to make a ring
Work in foll
one-rnd stripe
sequence (joining
yarn with a sl st to
any 3ch sp): A (E),
B (F), C (A), D (G)

Rnd 1 (RS): 3ch
(counts as 1tr), 2tr
into ring, (3ch, 3tr
into ring) three
times, 3ch, join
with a sl st to third
of first ch

Rnd 2: (3ch
[counts as 1tr], [2tr,
3ch, 3tr]) in 3ch sp,
(1ch, [3tr, 3ch, 3tr]
in next 3ch sp)
three times, 1ch,
join with a sl st to
third of first ch

Rnd 3: (3ch [counts
as 1tr], [2tr, 3ch,
3tr]) in 3ch sp, (1ch,
3tr in 1ch sp, 1ch,
[3tr, 3ch, 3tr] in 3ch
sp) three times,
1ch, 3tr in 1ch sp,
1ch, join with a sl st
to third of first ch

Rnd 4: (3ch
[counts as 1tr], [2tr,
3ch, 3tr]) in 3ch sp,
([1ch, 3tr in 1ch sp]
twice, 1ch, [3tr, 3ch,
3tr] in 3ch sp)
three times, (1ch,
3tr in 1ch sp) twice,
1ch, join with a sl st

to third of first ch
Fasten off

main shape

Sew Basic Squares
tog along one side
using overcast sts.
Work rem of
Throw as folls (see
Great Advice):

Rnd 1 (RS): join
with a sl st to 3ch
sp at beg of long
edge, (3ch [counts
as 1tr], [2tr, 3ch,
3tr]) in 3ch sp, *
(1ch, 3tr in 1ch sp)
eight times, 1ch,
(3tr, 3ch, 3tr) in 3ch
sp, (1ch, 3tr in 1ch
sp) three times *,
1ch, (3tr, 3ch, 3tr) in
3ch sp, rep from *
to *, 1ch, join with a
sl st to third of
first ch

Rnds 2-48: join
with a sl st to 3ch
sp, (3ch [counts as
1tr], [2tr, 3ch, 3tr])
in 3ch sp, ([1ch, 3tr]

in 1ch sp until
corner sp, 1ch,
[3tr, 3ch, 3tr] in
corner sp) three
times, (1ch, 3tr) in
each 1ch sp to
end, 1ch, join with
a sl st to third of
first ch
Fasten off

edging

Using 2.5mm
hook and Yarn E
join with a sl st to
3ch sp on outside
edge, 3ch, (2tr,
3ch, 3tr) in 3ch sp,
1tr in each st and
1ch sp (3tr, 3ch,
3tr) in each
corner sp to end,
join with a sl st to
third of first ch
Fasten off

to make up

Lay work out flat
and gently steam
on WS. Weave in
all ends



GREAT ADVICE

STRIPE STAR

Work the main shape in foll one-rnd
stripe sequence: F, H, E, J, A, E, G K,
C, B, D, F, A, L, G, E, H, J, C, K, L, H, A,
F, D, A, B, E, G, J, F, L, H, C, K, B, C, G,
J, A, K, E, H, J, L, A, C, J



“In this project you will learn to make a simple square motif and master the treble crochet stitch”

ERIKA KNIGHT, DESIGNER



Crochet Workshop by Erika Knight (£14.99, Quadrille). Photography by Yuki Sugiura.
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YOU WILL NEED

YARN
Wool DK, Yarn A (Dark Green); Cotton DK, Yarn B (Pink), Yarn C (Yellow), 50g of each

PLUS
2.5mm and 3mm hooks, 2mm white glass beads, 11cm soil base, green thread

SIZE
Height: 24cm

TRY A SIMPLE PROJECT AND PRACTISE MINDFULNESS WITH A

Desk cactus

The succulent trend shows no sign of slowing down and we couldn't be happier. We love filling our home with faux plants – they stay looking fresh and we can't kill them, so for those of us who are clumsy they're the perfect alternative. **SARAH ABBONDIO'S** book is filled with fun and quirky projects so make sure you get your green-fingered hands on it.



DESK CACTUS
cactus
Using 3mm hook and Yarn A make a magic ring, work

6dc into ring.
Six sts
Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnd 2: (2dc in next st, 1dc) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 3: (2dc in next st, 2dc) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 4: (2dc in next st, 3dc) to end. 30 sts
Rnd 5: (2dc in next st, 4dc) to end. 36 sts
Rnds 6-7: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 8: (2dc in next st, 5dc) to end. 42 sts
Rnd 9: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 10: (2dc in next st, 6dc) to end. 48 sts
Rnds 11-14: 1dc in each st to end
Rnds 15-22: (dc2tog) twice, 1dc in each st to end. 32 sts
Rnd 23: 1dc in each

st to end
Rnd 24: rep Rnd 15. 30 sts
Rnds 25-26: 1dc in each st to end
Rnds 27-28: rep Rnds 22-23. 28 sts
Fasten off
ball
Using 3mm hook and Yarn A make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnds 1-3: rep Rnds 1-3 of Cactus. 24 sts
Rnd 4: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 5: (2dc in next st, 3dc) to end. 30 sts
Rnds 6-9: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 10: (dc2tog, 3dc) to end. 24 sts
Rnds 11-12: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 13: (dc2tog, 2dc) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 14: (dc2tog, 1dc) to end. 12 sts
Fasten off



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outside petals

Using 2.5mm hook and Yarn B make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnds 2-3: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 4: (8ch, starting in second st from hook, 7dc, one sl st in last st) to end. 12 petals made. Fasten off, leaving a long tail

inside petals

Using 2.5mm hook and Yarn B make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

Rnds 1-4: rep Rnds 1-4 of Outside Petals. Ten petals made. Fasten off, leaving a long tail

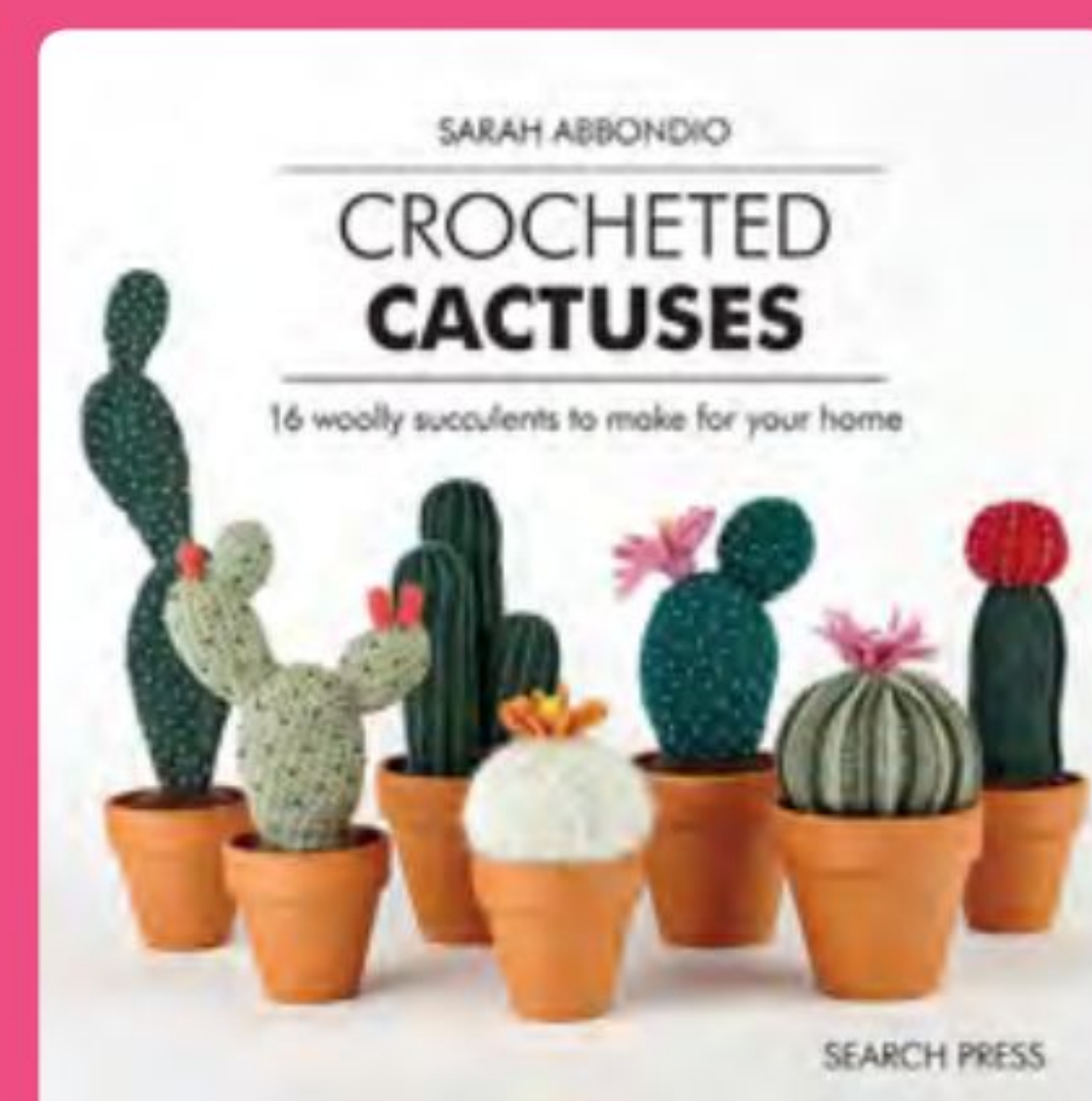
to make up

Stuff Cactus and Ball and mount on soil base. Using fastened-off ends sew each part of Flower tog. Cut four strands of Yarn C and sew in centre of Flower.

Sew Flower to Cactus. Using green thread sew white glass beads to Cactus. Weave in all ends

LET'S SHOP

King Cole Cottonsoft DK, £3.59 per 100g (210m) ball, deramores.com



This project was taken from *Crocheted Cactuses* by Sarah Abbondio (£6.99, Search Press) searchpress.com

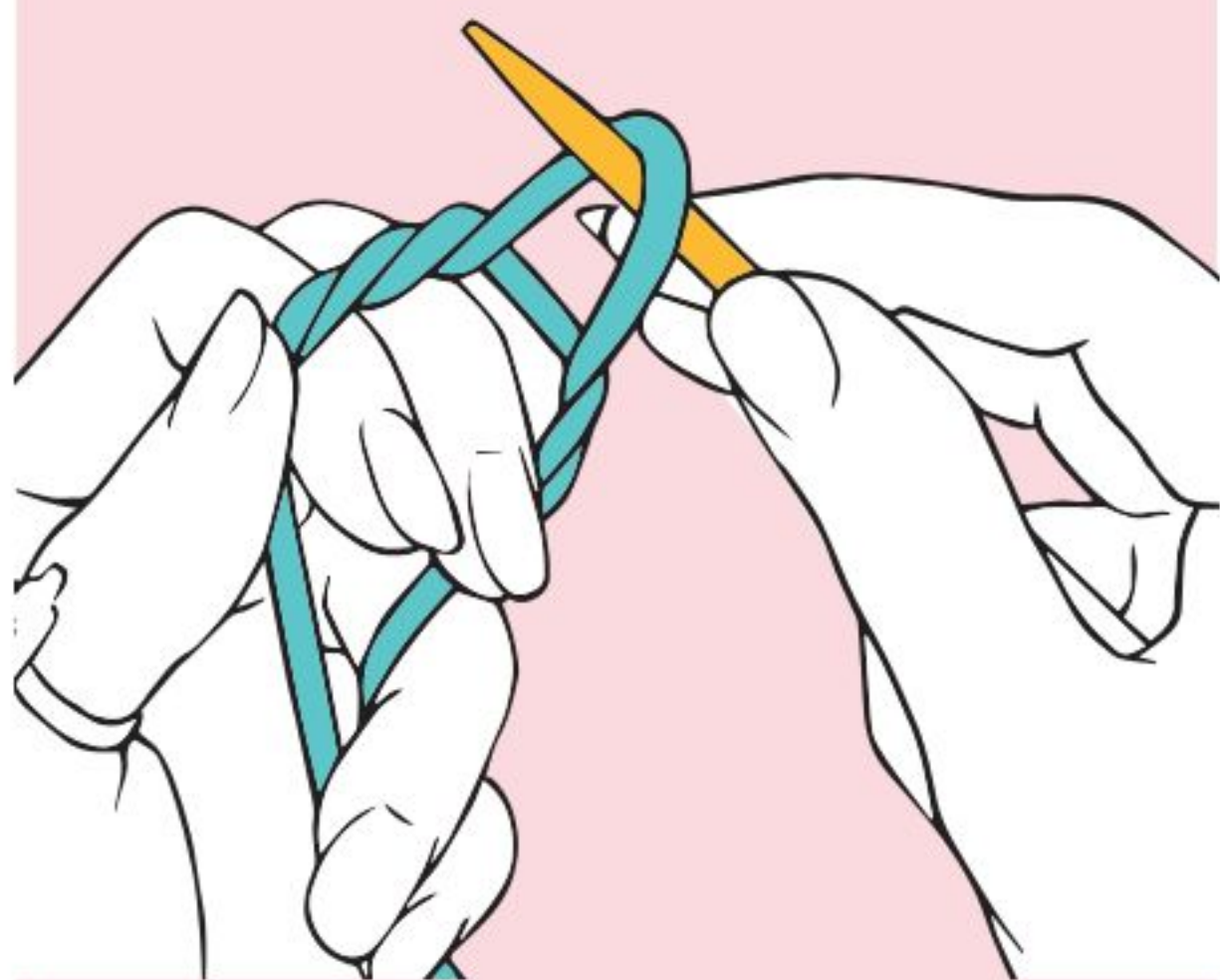
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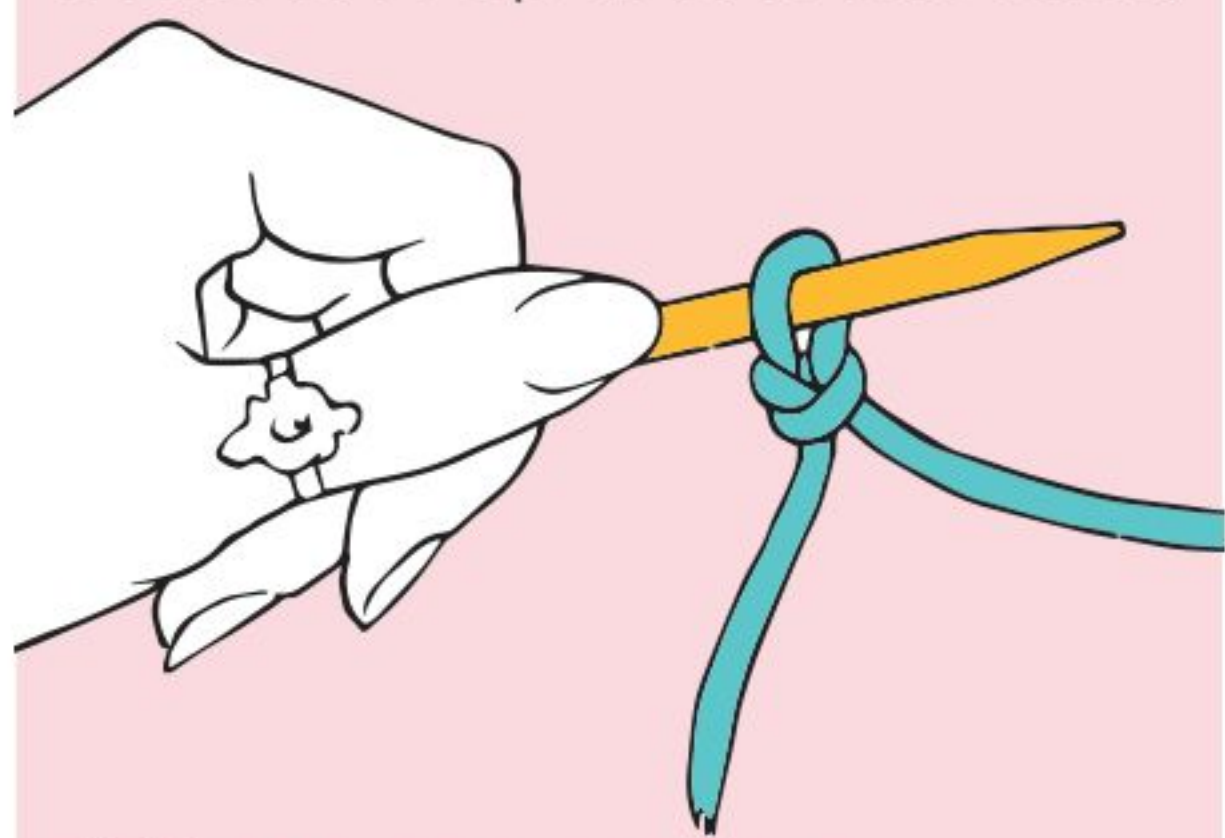
START HERE

slip knot

You need to make a slip knot on your needle before casting on. It counts as your first cast-on stitch



1 Hold the yarn under your left thumb, wrap it twice around your left index and middle fingers, with the second loop closer to the base of the fingers. With the backs of the fingers uppermost, insert the tip of the needle beneath the first loop and over the second, then pull the second loop under the first.



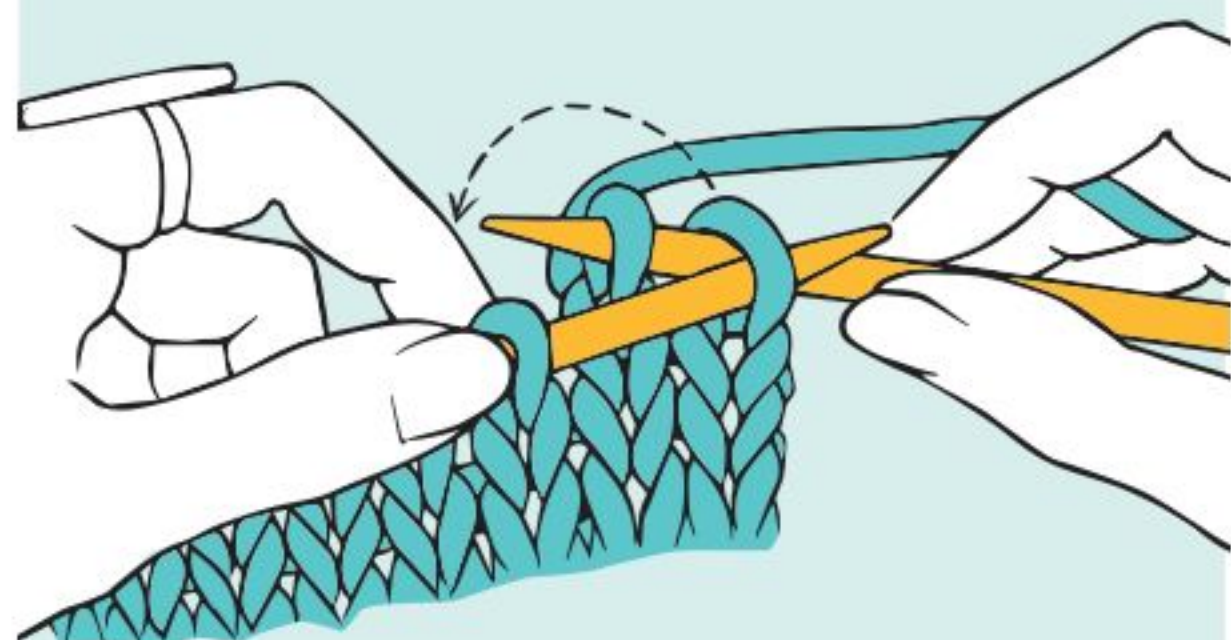
2 Remove your two fingers and gently tug on both ends of yarn to tighten the slip knot around the needle.

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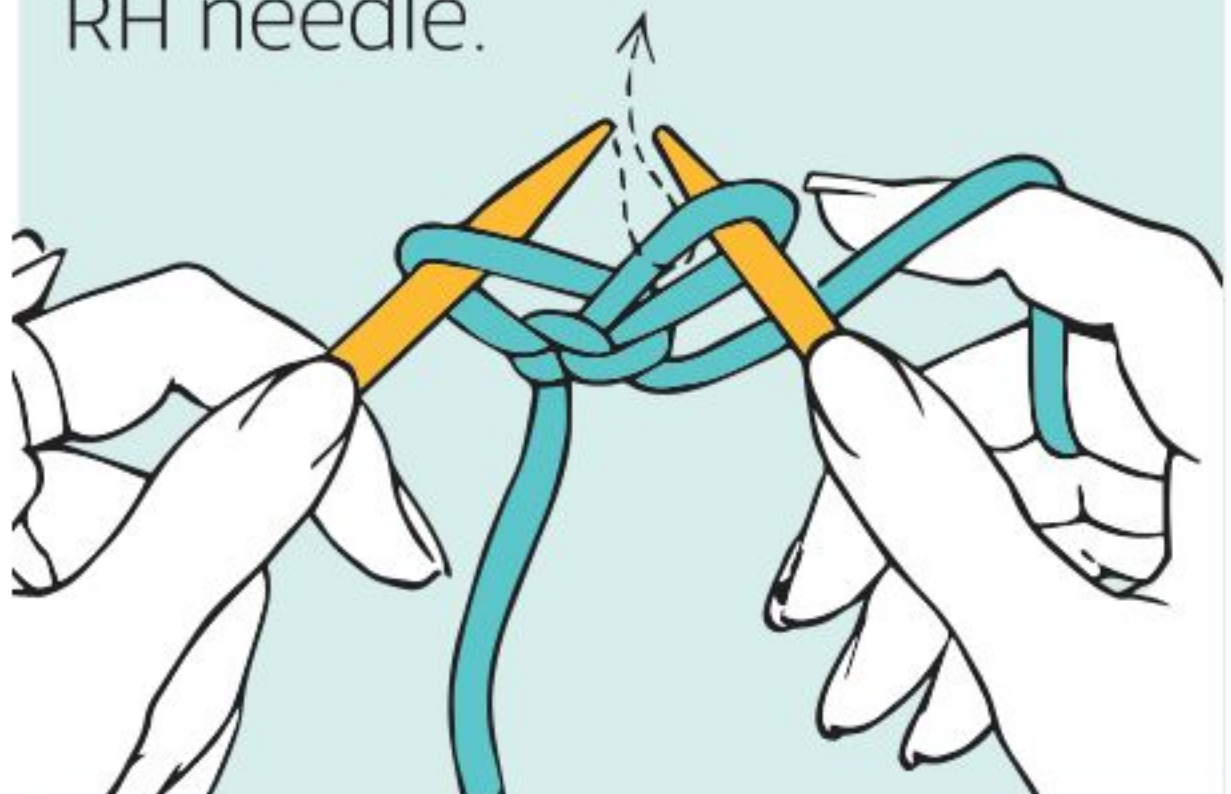
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cast on

This method, also called the 'two-needle method', is great for beginners



1 Make a slip knot on the LH needle and pull it taut. Insert the RH needle into the knot from front to back, passing under the LH needle. Wrap the ball end of yarn anti-clockwise around the point of the RH needle.



2 Pull the loop that forms back through the original stitch and insert the tip of the LH needle into the new stitch from underneath to transfer from the RH to LH needle. There should now be two stitches on the LH needle.



3 Repeat the above steps, knitting into the top stitch on the LH needle and returning the new stitches from the RH to the LH needle until you have the required number of stitches.

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COMING UP...

Every issue we give away incredible yarn packs! Here's what you can look forward to receiving soon...

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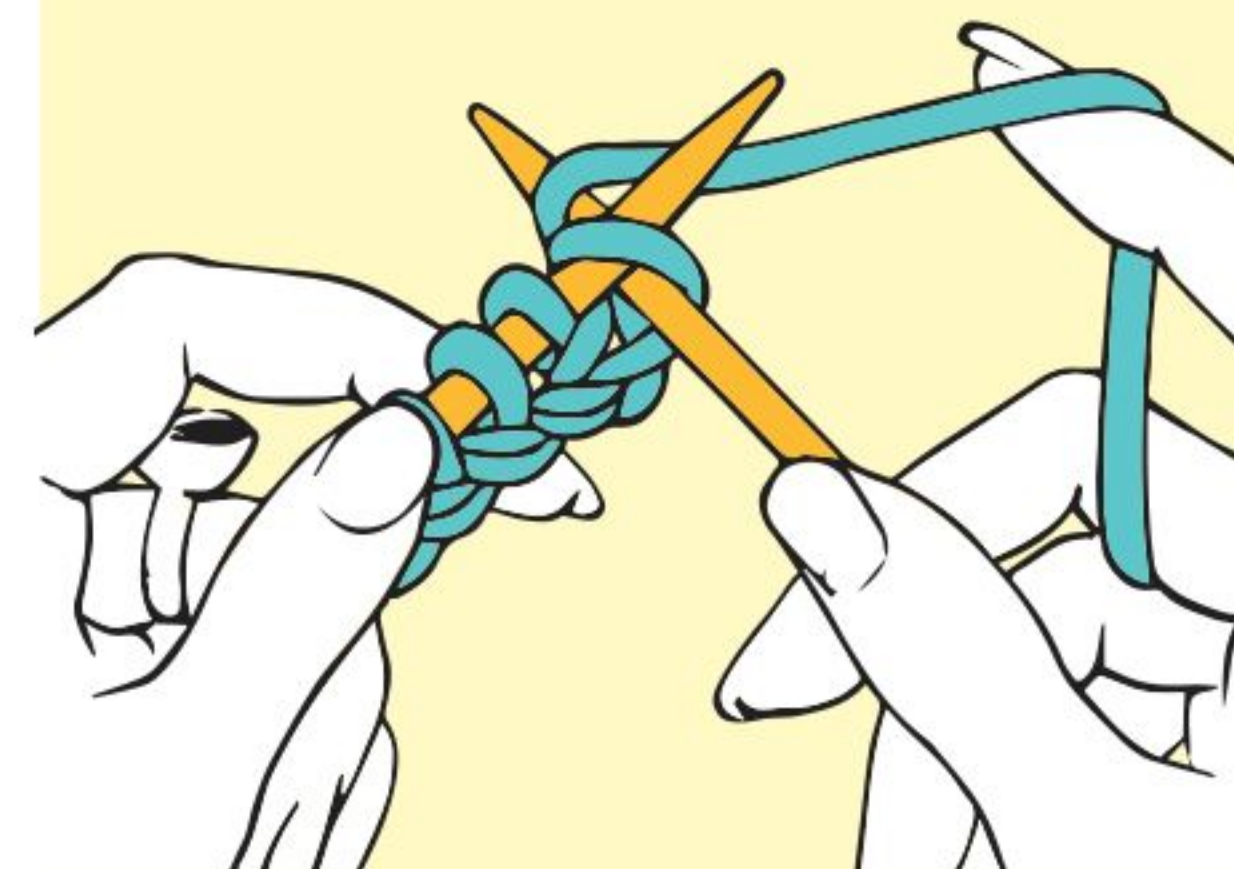
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Rosie Savage, Editor

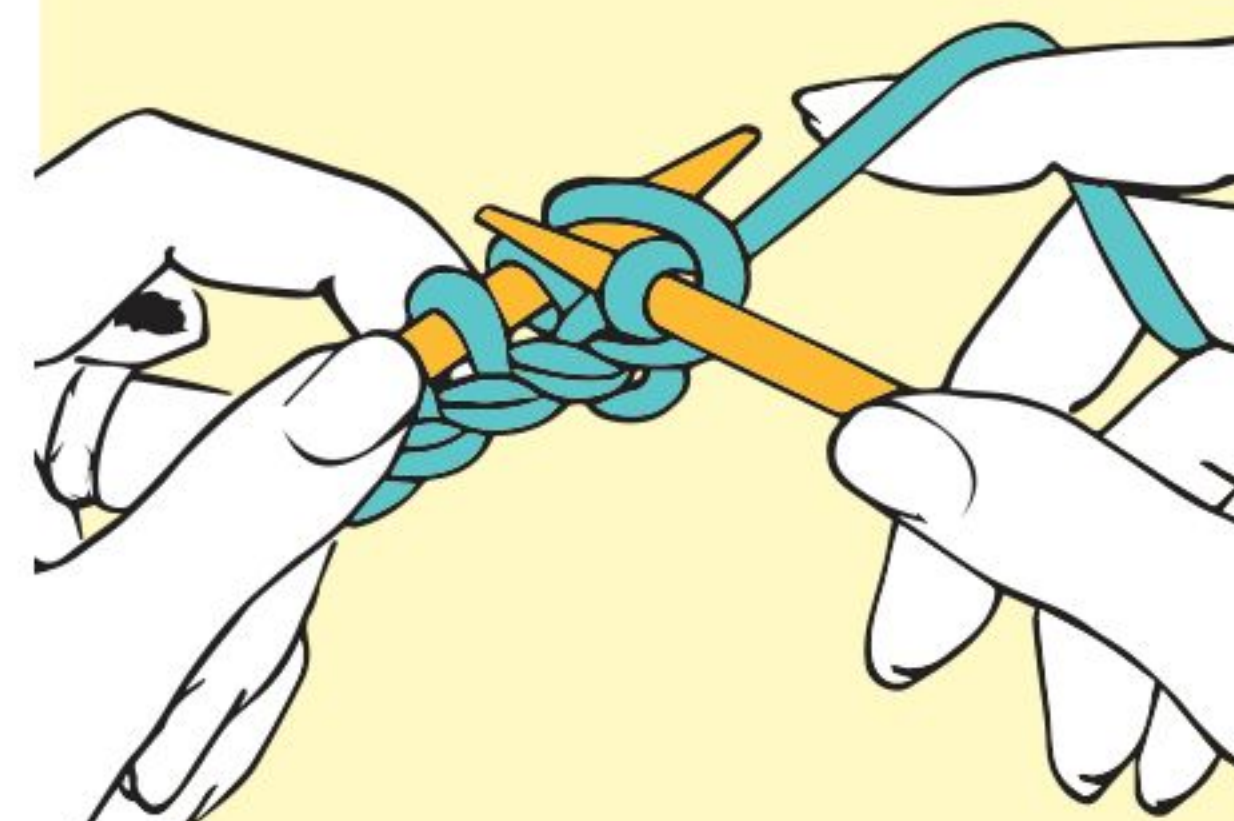


knit stitch (k)

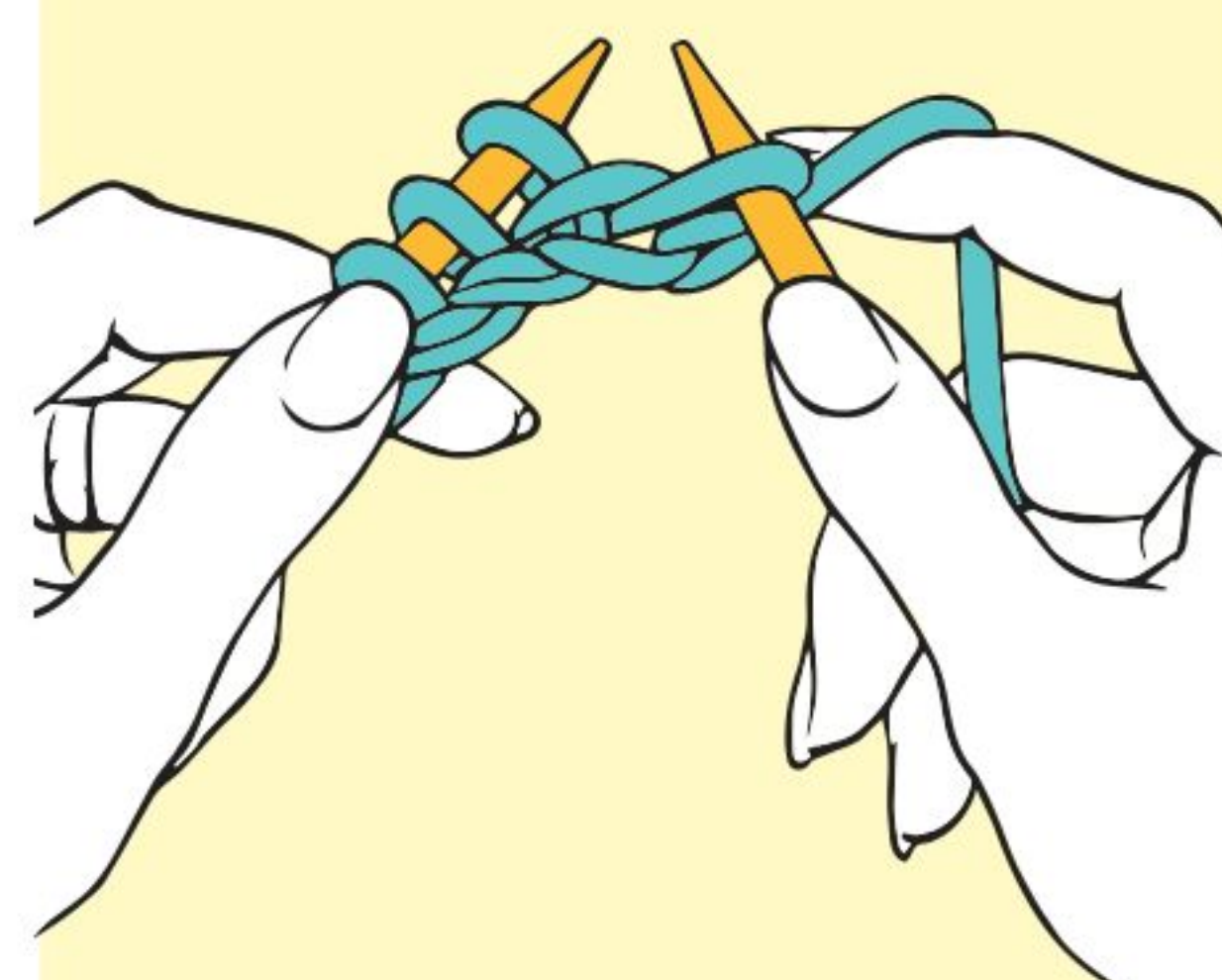
Also known as garter stitch, the knit stitch is the foundation of knitting



1 Once cast on, insert the tip of the RH needle upwards and from front to back into the top stitch on the LH needle. The RH needle should sit behind the LH one. Wrap the ball end of yarn anti-clockwise around the tip of the RH needle.



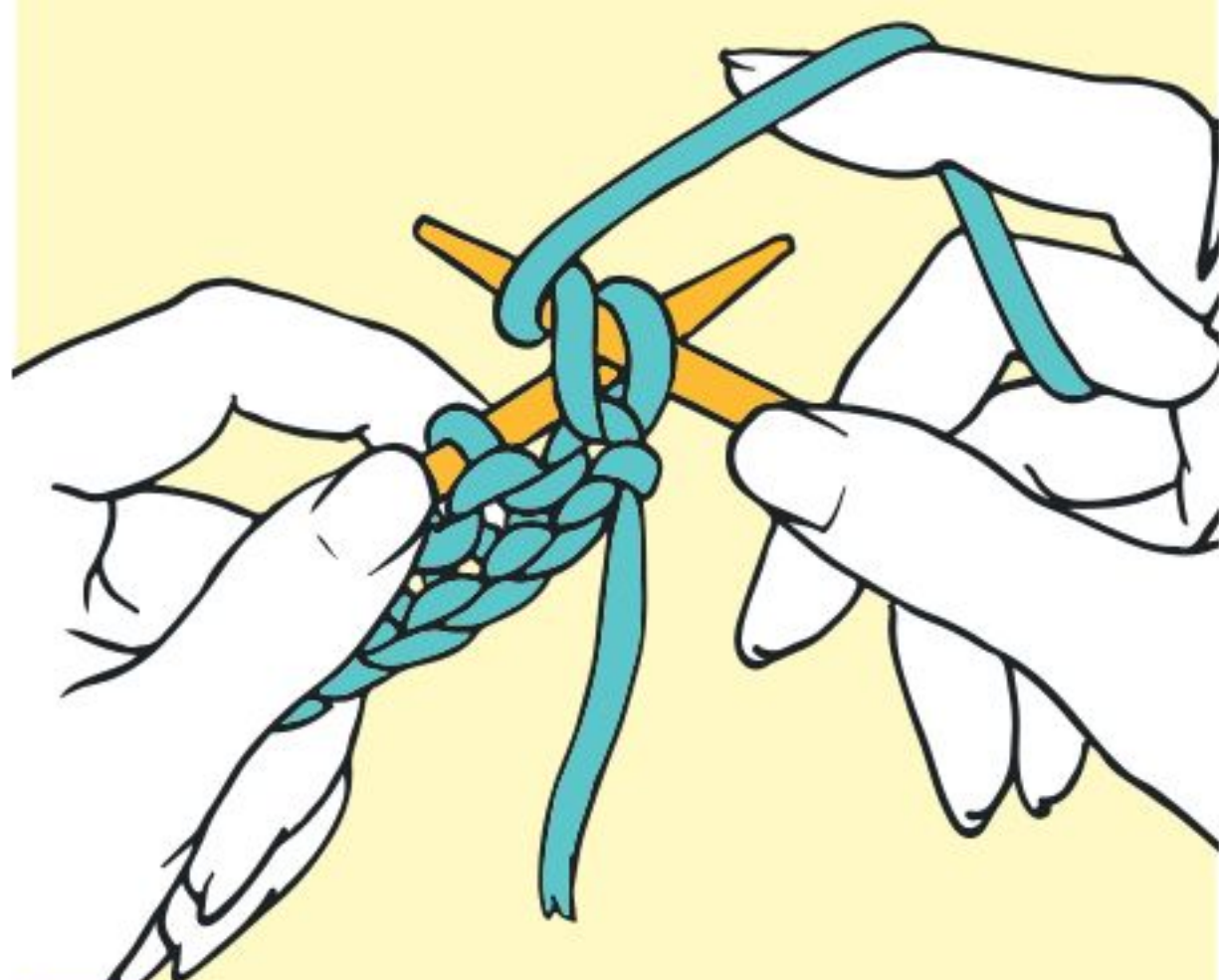
2 Using the RH needle, pull a loop of the wrapped yarn through the original stitch to create a new one on the RH needle.



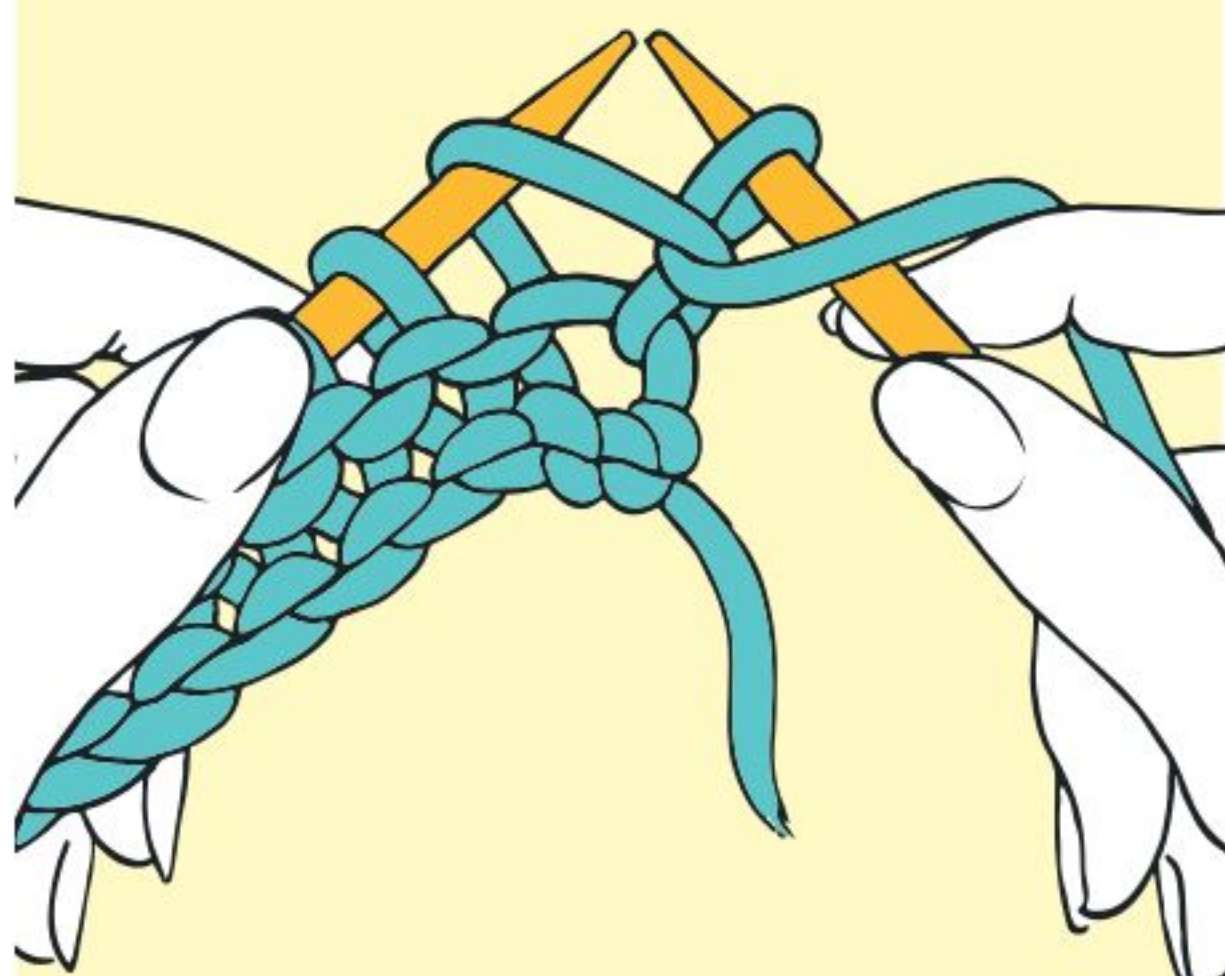
3 Slide the original stitch off the LH needle. Repeat from step 1.

purl stitch (p)

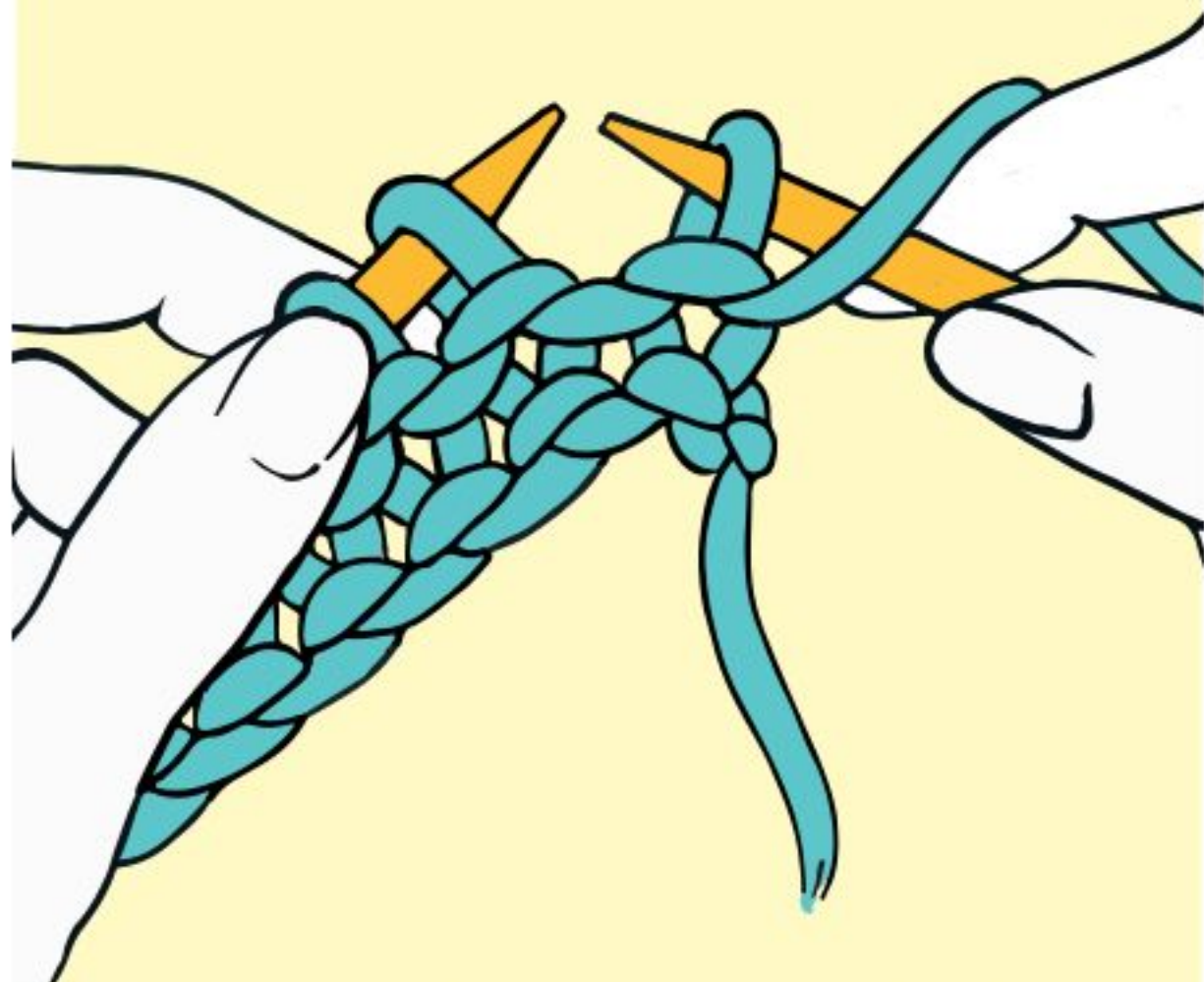
Most frequently seen paired with the knit stitch to create different stitch patterns like stocking stitch and ribbing



1 With the ball-end of the yarn at the front (towards you), insert the tip of the RH needle into the front loop of the first stitch from right to left, with the RH needle in front of the LH one. Wrap the ball end of the yarn anti-clockwise around the RH needle.



2 Draw this needle backwards and upwards, forming a new stitch on the RH needle.



3 Once the new stitch has been formed on the RH needle you can let the loop from the LH needle slide off the end. Repeat until all the stitches have been purred and you have completed the row.

INCREASING & DECREASING

knit two together (k2tog)

Decrease two stitches to one by knitting them together



Insert the RH needle into the front loops of the next two stitches on the LH needle. Then wrap the yarn anti-clockwise around the tip and knit both stitches at the same time.

make one (m1)

Form a new stitch and increase your stitch count by one



1 Insert the LH needle into the horizontal bar of yarn lying between the stitch just knitted and the next stitch to be knitted. Hook and lift it with the needle tip in a backwards direction (away from you).

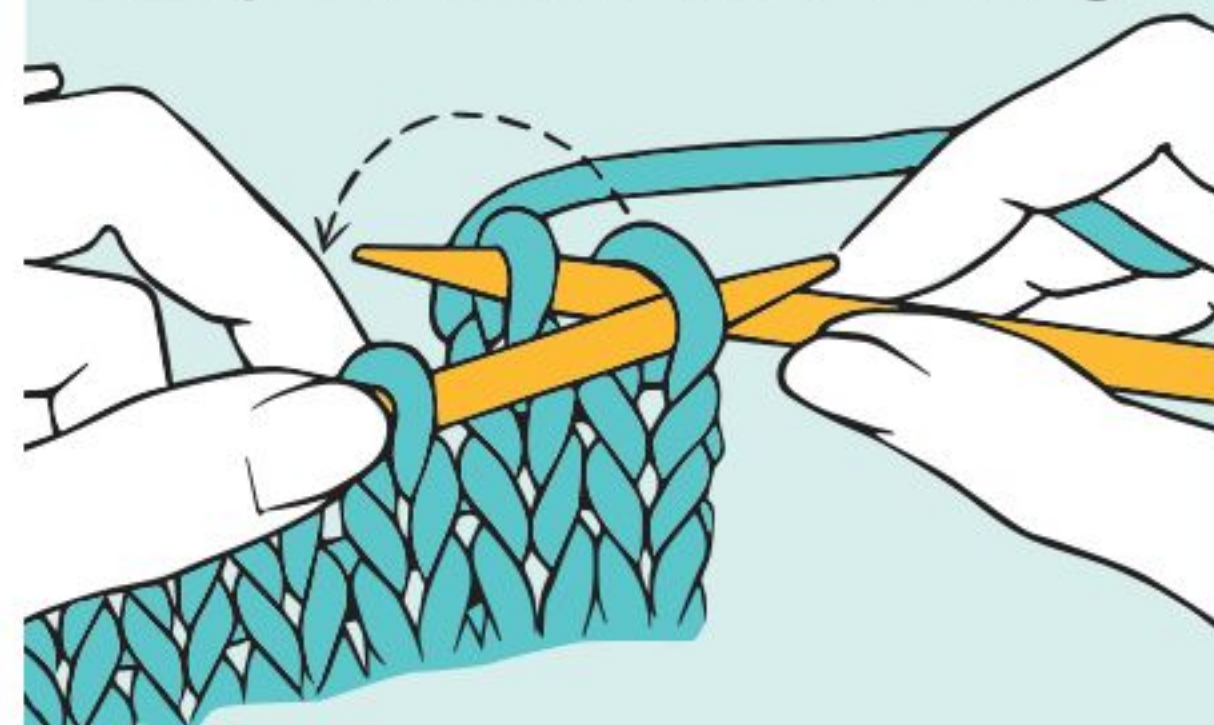


2 Push the RH needle into the back part of the loop that now lies over the LH needle and knit this stitch. You will now have an additional stitch on the RH needle.

FINISH HERE

cast off

Once you have completed the number of rows needed for your project, you'll need to cast off. This fastens the work and keeps it from unravelling

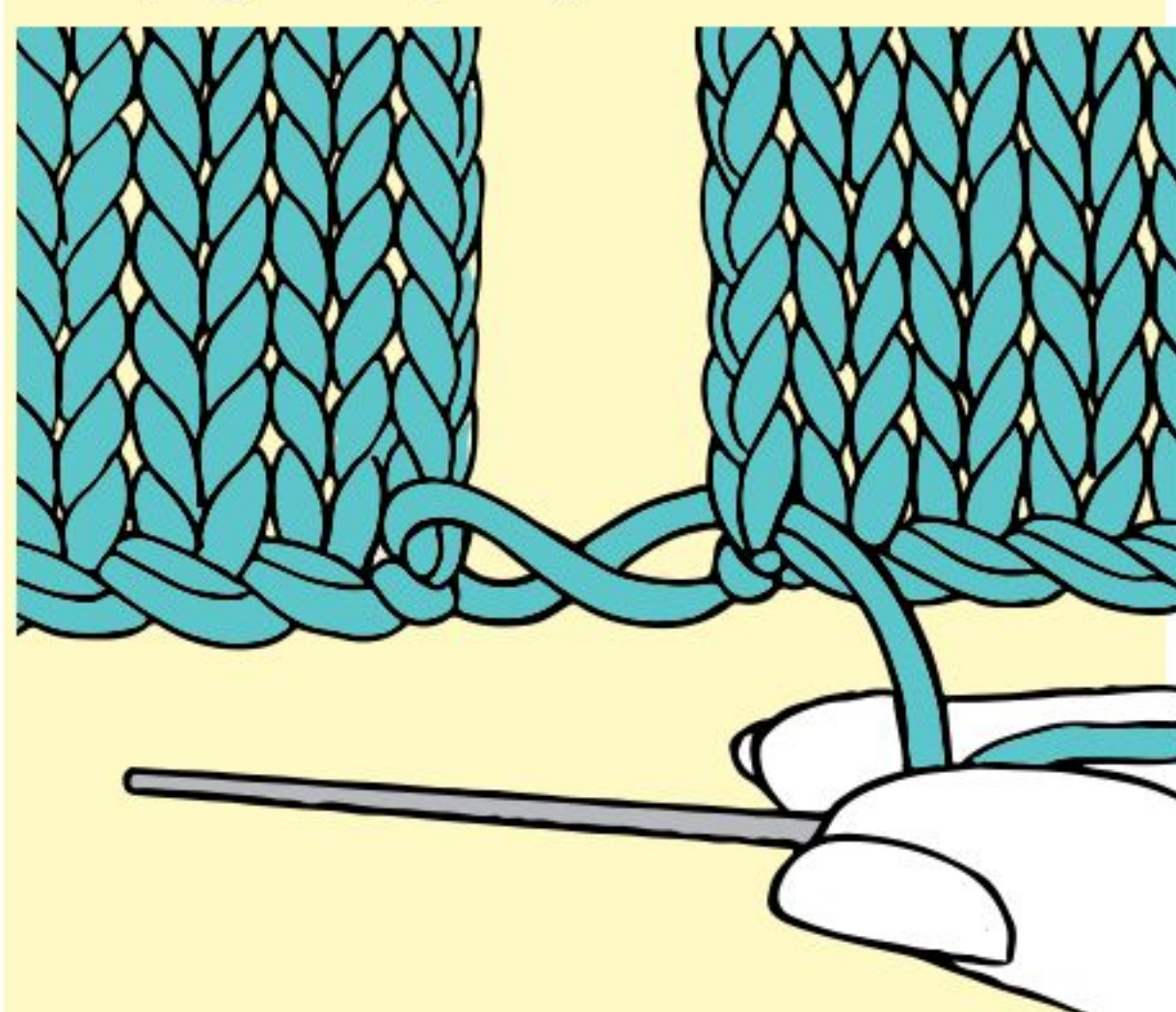


1 Knit two stitches as normal. Insert the tip of the LH needle into the second stitch on the RH needle (the stitch closest to you). Carefully lift it up and over the top stitch, dropping it off the tip of the RH needle and pulling the yarn to tighten. There is now one stitch on the RH needle.

2 Knit one more stitch and repeat the process in step one. Continue until there is one stitch remaining. Cut the yarn, leaving a long tail. Slip the loop off the needle and pull the tail through, pulling it tight.

beginning a seam

How to start sewing up your project



Place the pieces next to each other RS up, push a threaded tapestry needle through the fabric after the first stitch, moving from front to back. Push through after the first stitch on the second piece, moving from back to front.

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mattress stitch

Join knitted pieces together with this invisible method



With the two pieces next to each other, hook the horizontal bar of the first stitch with a needle. Move to the other piece and hook the first horizontal bar of the stitch on that side. Repeat, moving from one piece to the next.

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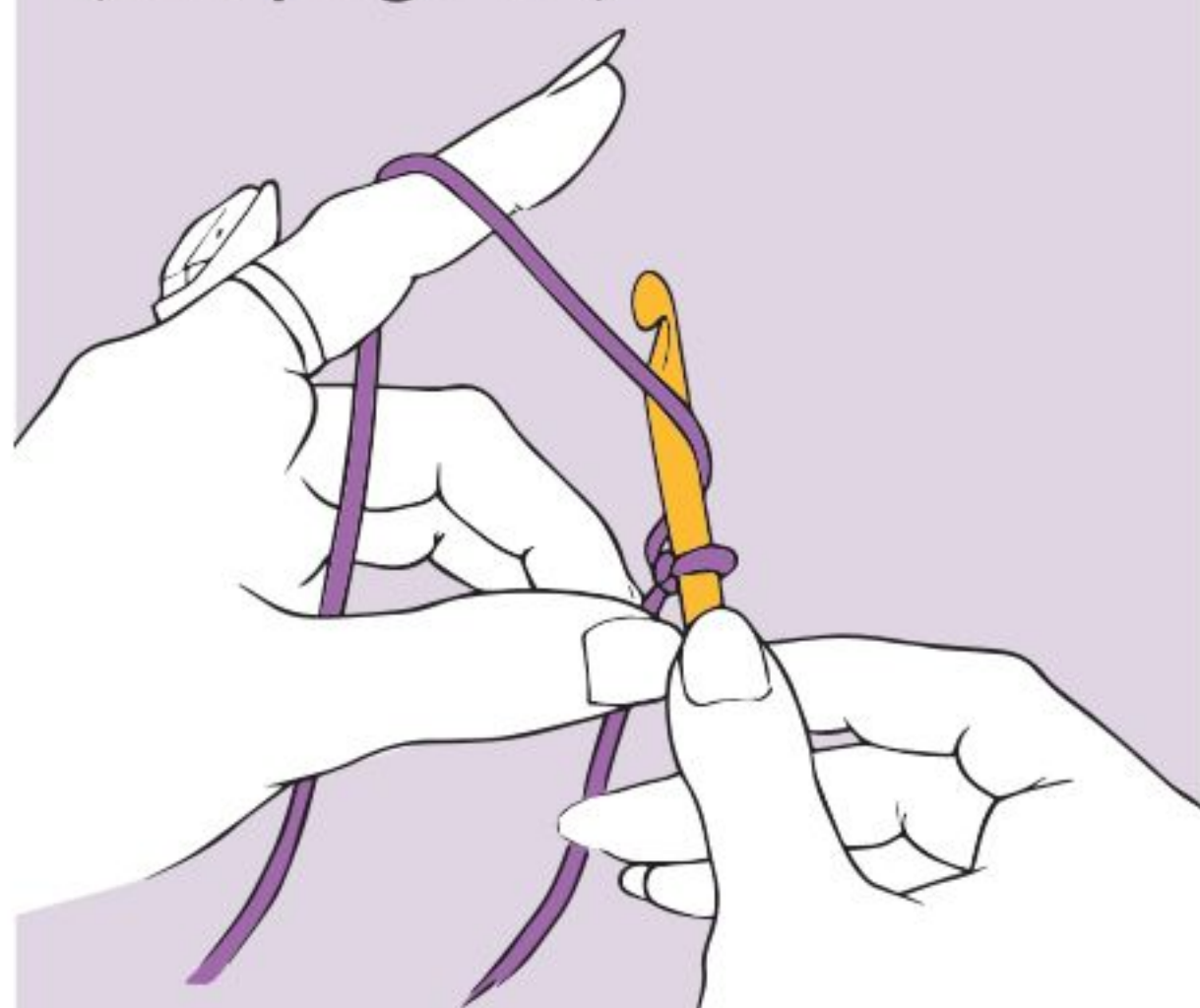
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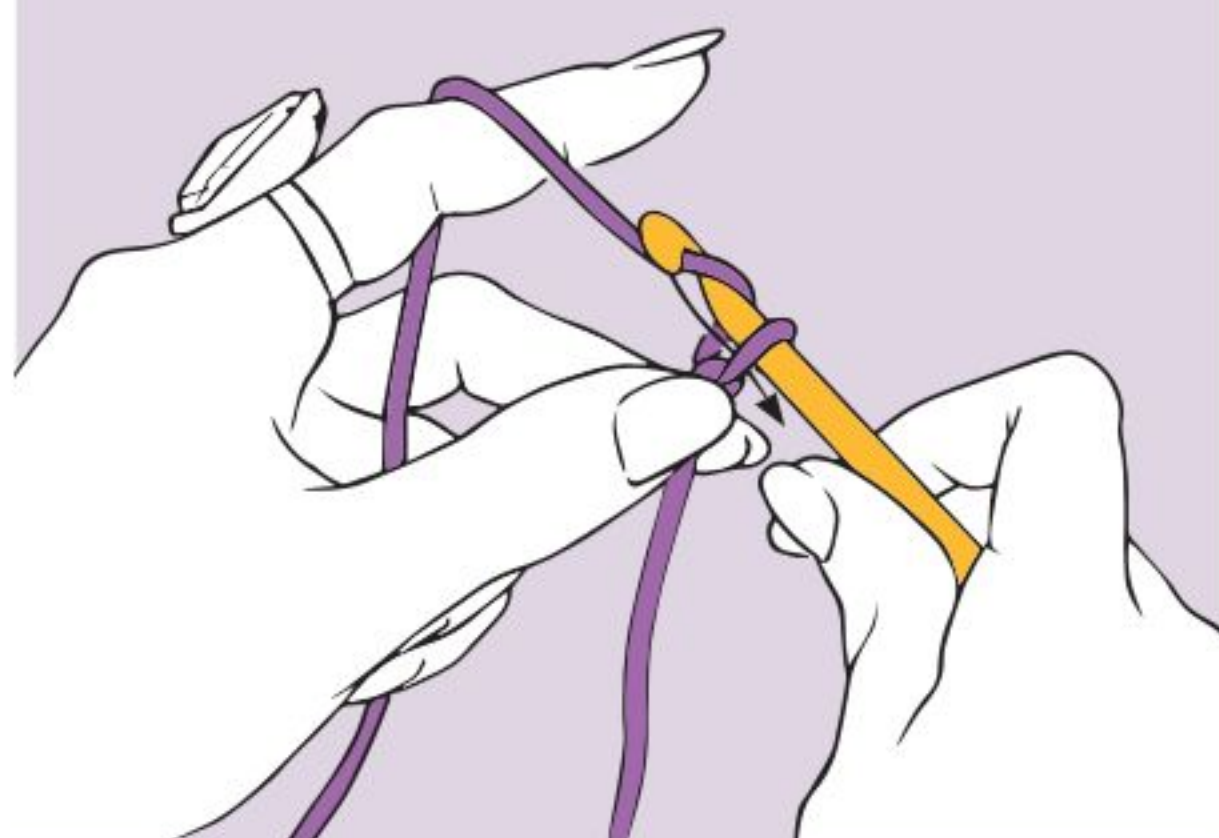
START HERE

slip knot & chain (ch)

Many projects start with a series of chain stitches. To begin you need to make a slip knot on your hook (see page 62)



1 Make a slip knot and put it on the neck of the hook – don't pull it too tight or it will be difficult to stitch with. Coming from behind, wrap the yarn around the hook from right to left, across the 'neck'.

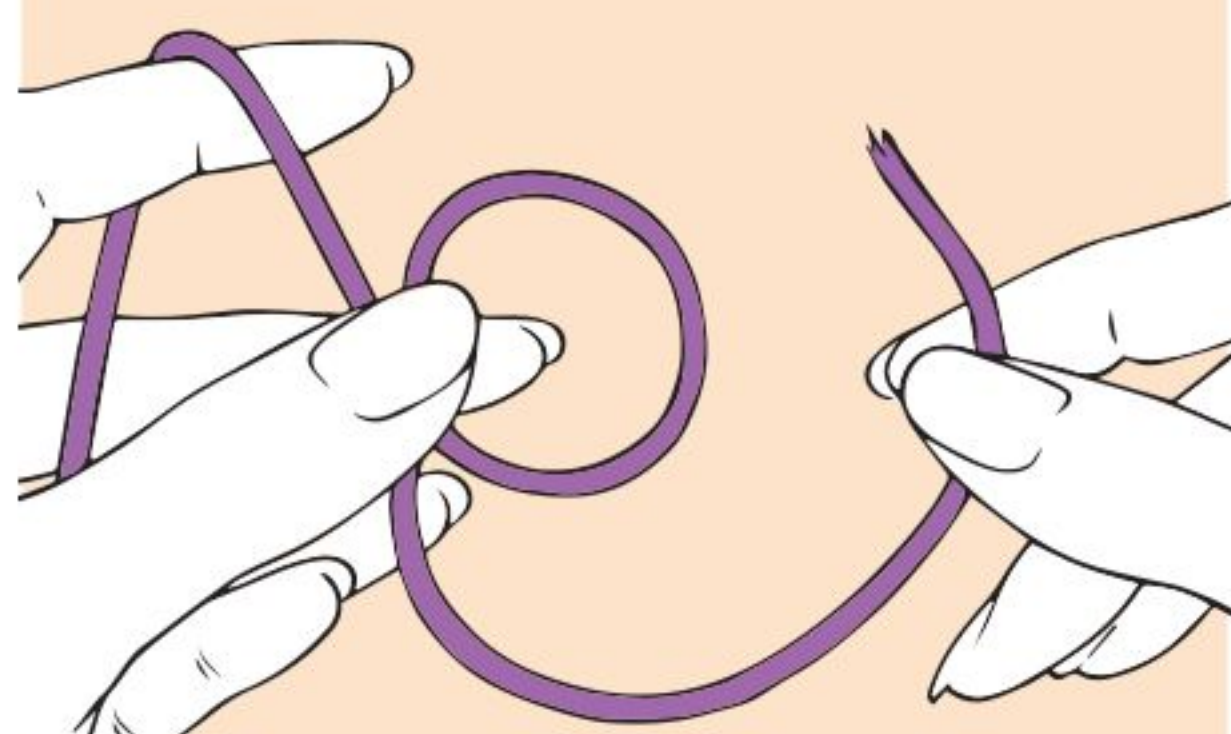


2 Catch the yarn and use the hook to pull it down through the slip knot. You have now made one chain (ch). Continue to make more chains, as directed in the pattern.

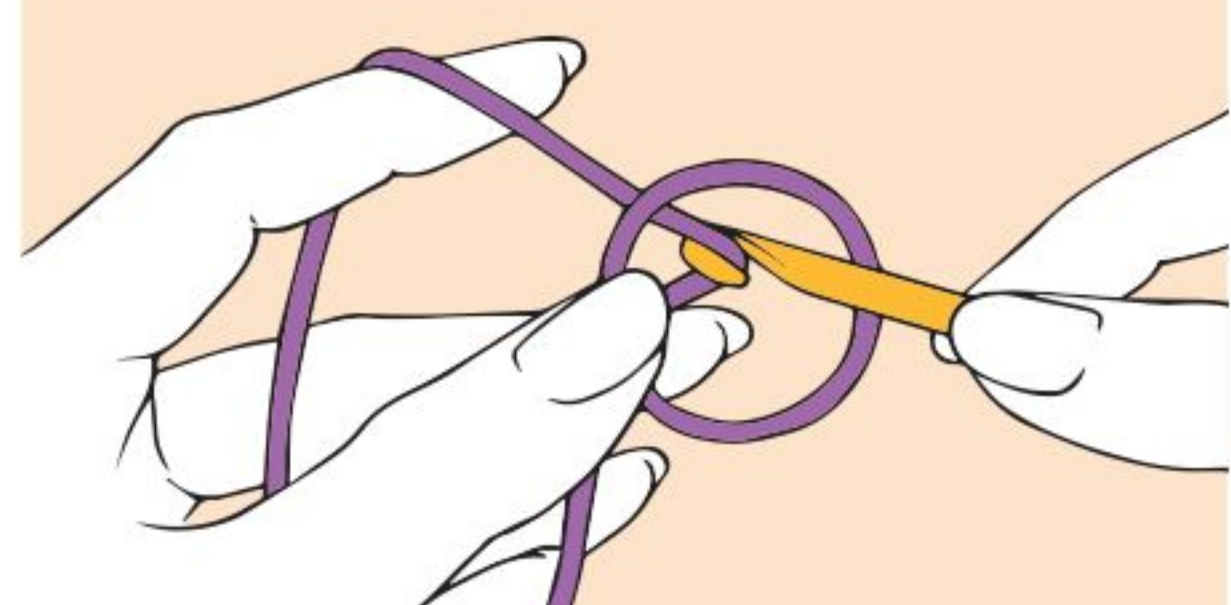
Crochet our lovely lobster on page 8

magic ring

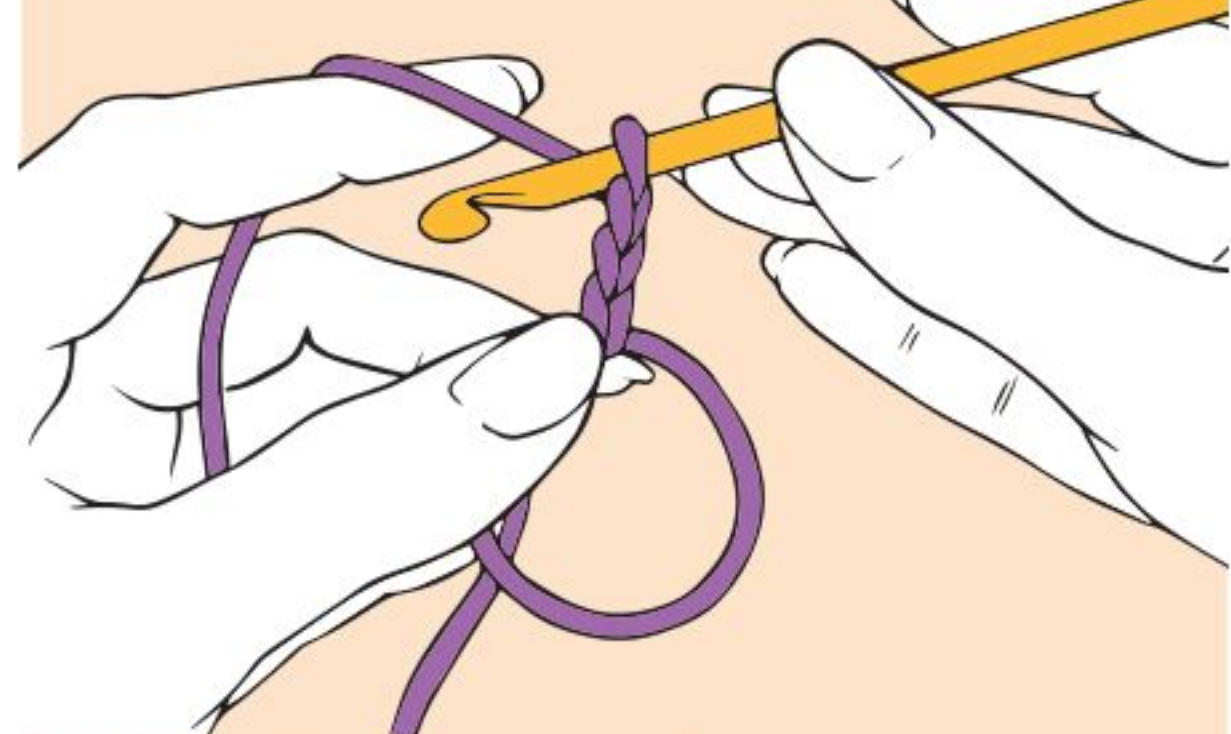
The magic ring is an easy way of beginning to work in the round. It is often used when making amigurumi toys



1 Make a large loop by putting the yarn tail behind the working yarn.



2 With your hook, draw the working yarn through the loop, so you have one loop on the hook.



3 Make three chain stitches (counts as first treble), work a treble into the loop, crocheting over the tail.

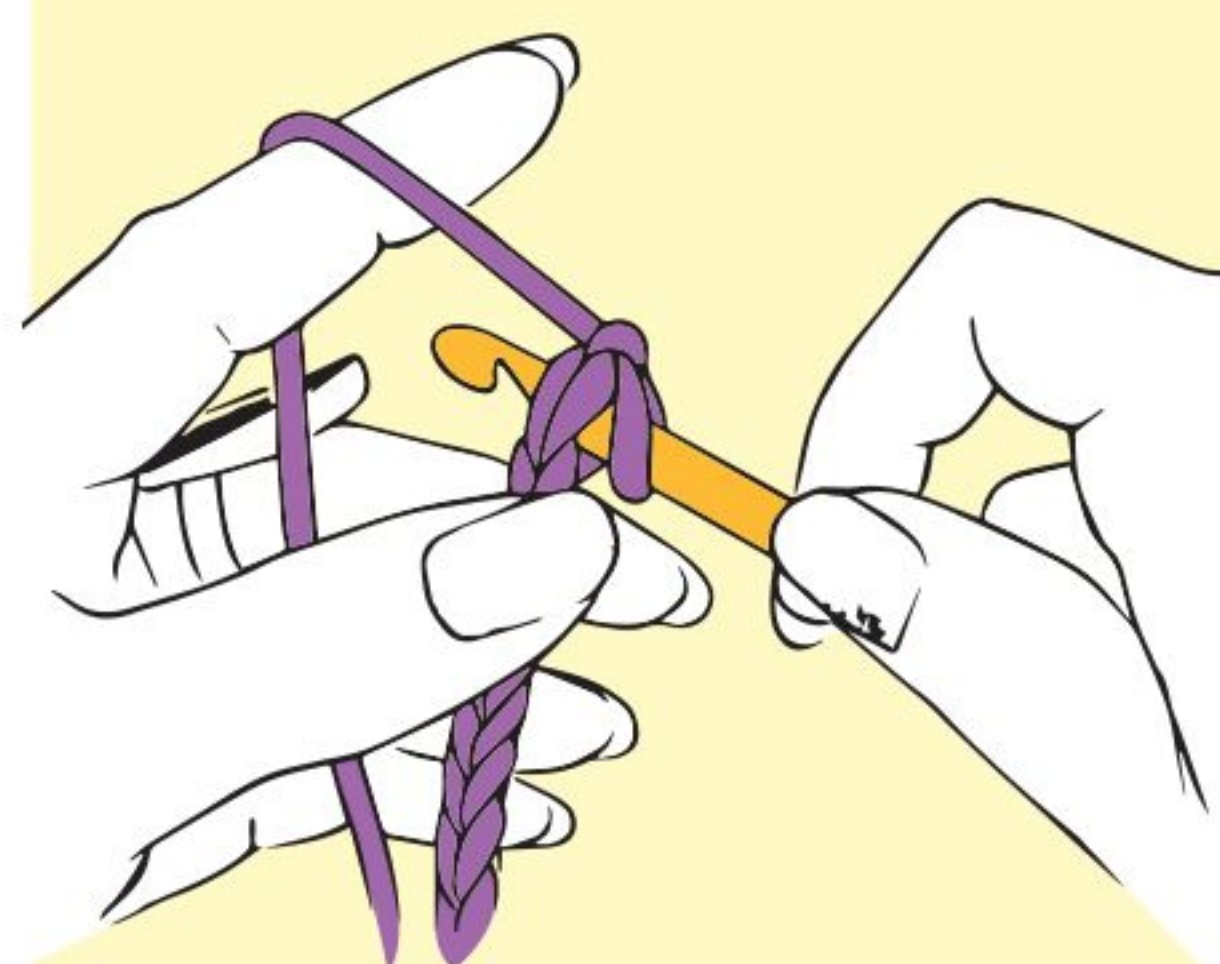


4 Continue to work as many stitches as needed into the loop. Once finished, untwist the tail if necessary and then pull to close the loop.

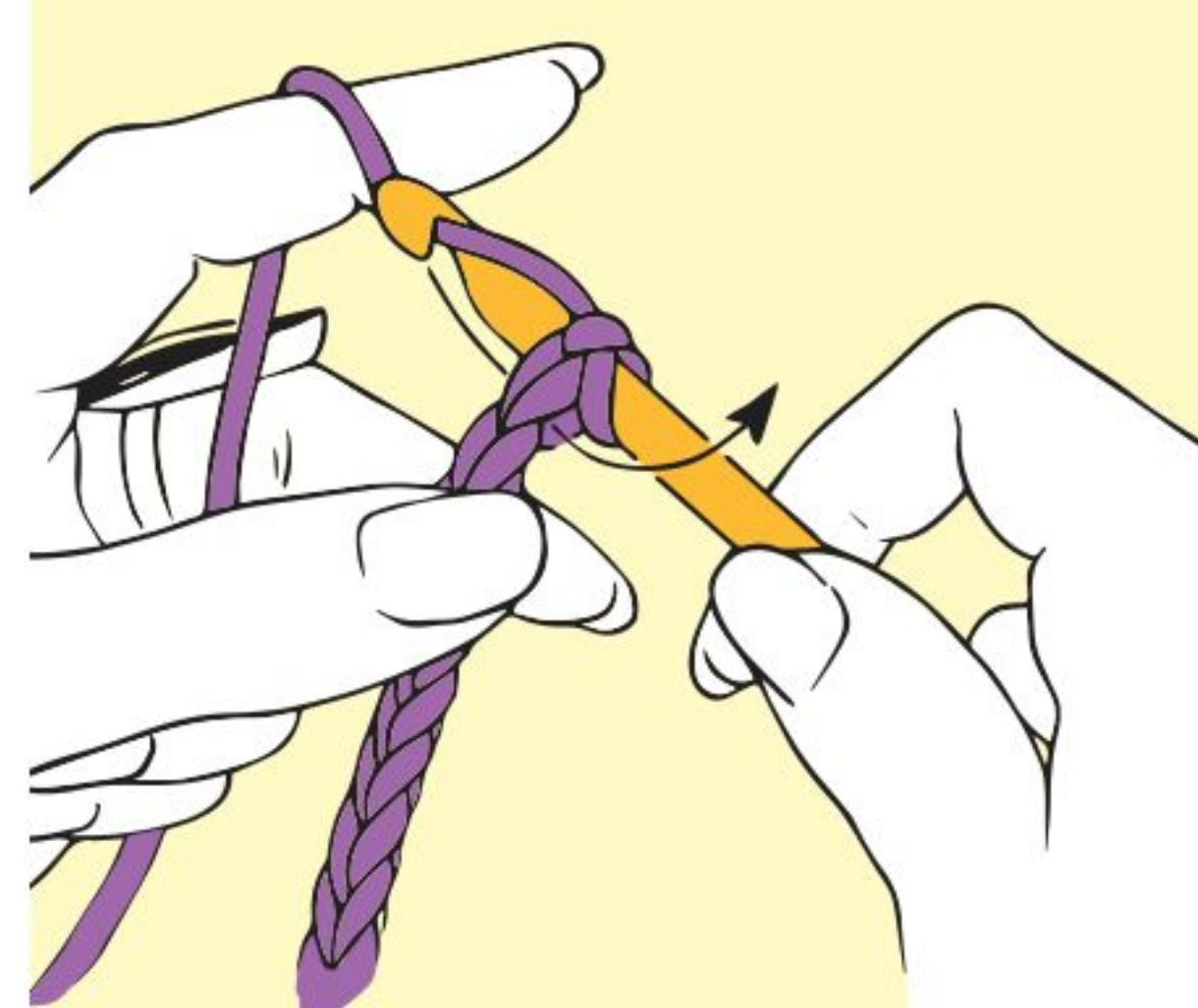
THE BASIC STITCHES

double crochet (dc)

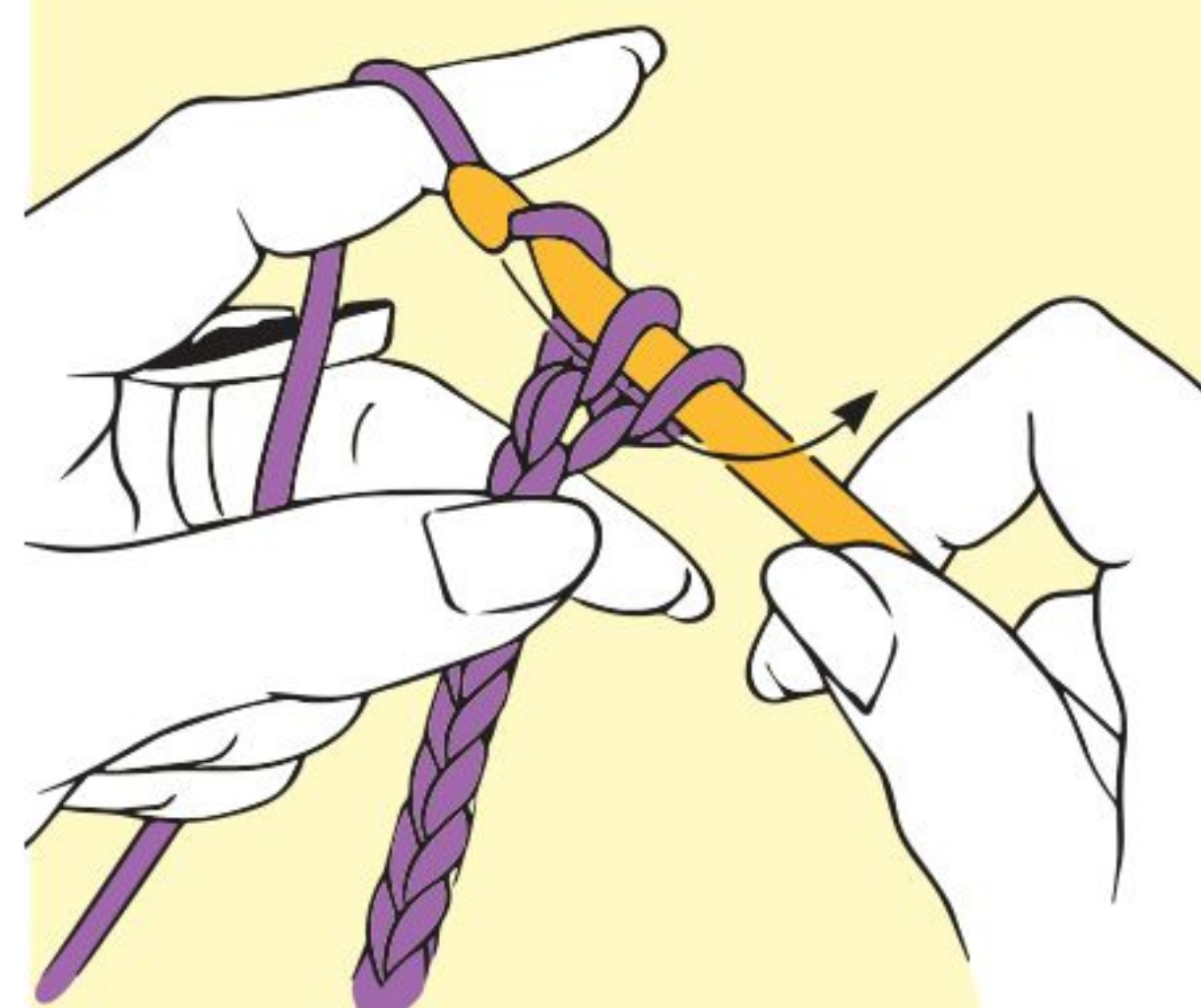
Double crochet is the shortest and most commonly-used crochet stitch



1 Insert hook through both strands of the next stitch.



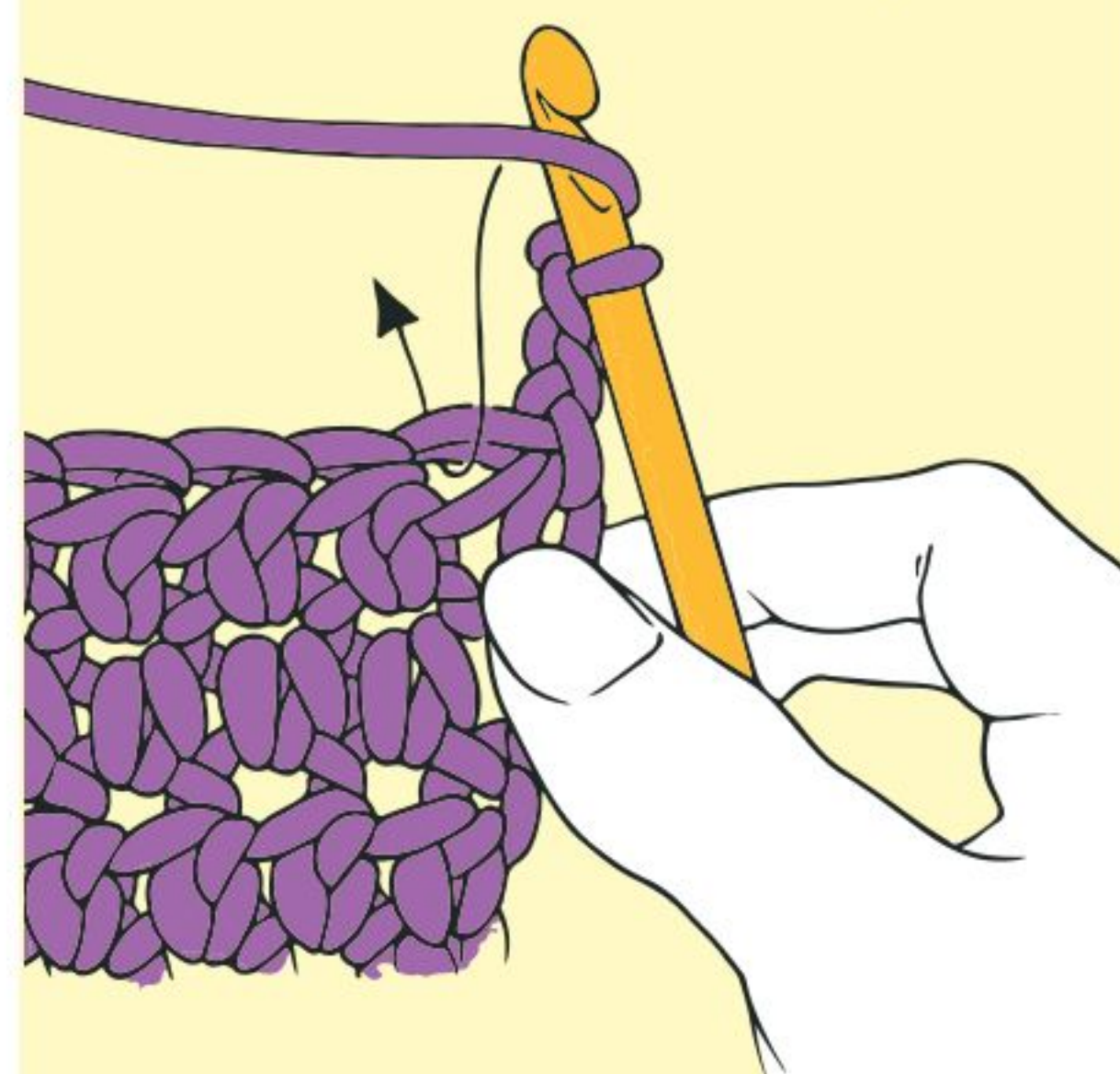
2 Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work. There will be two loops of yarn on the hook.



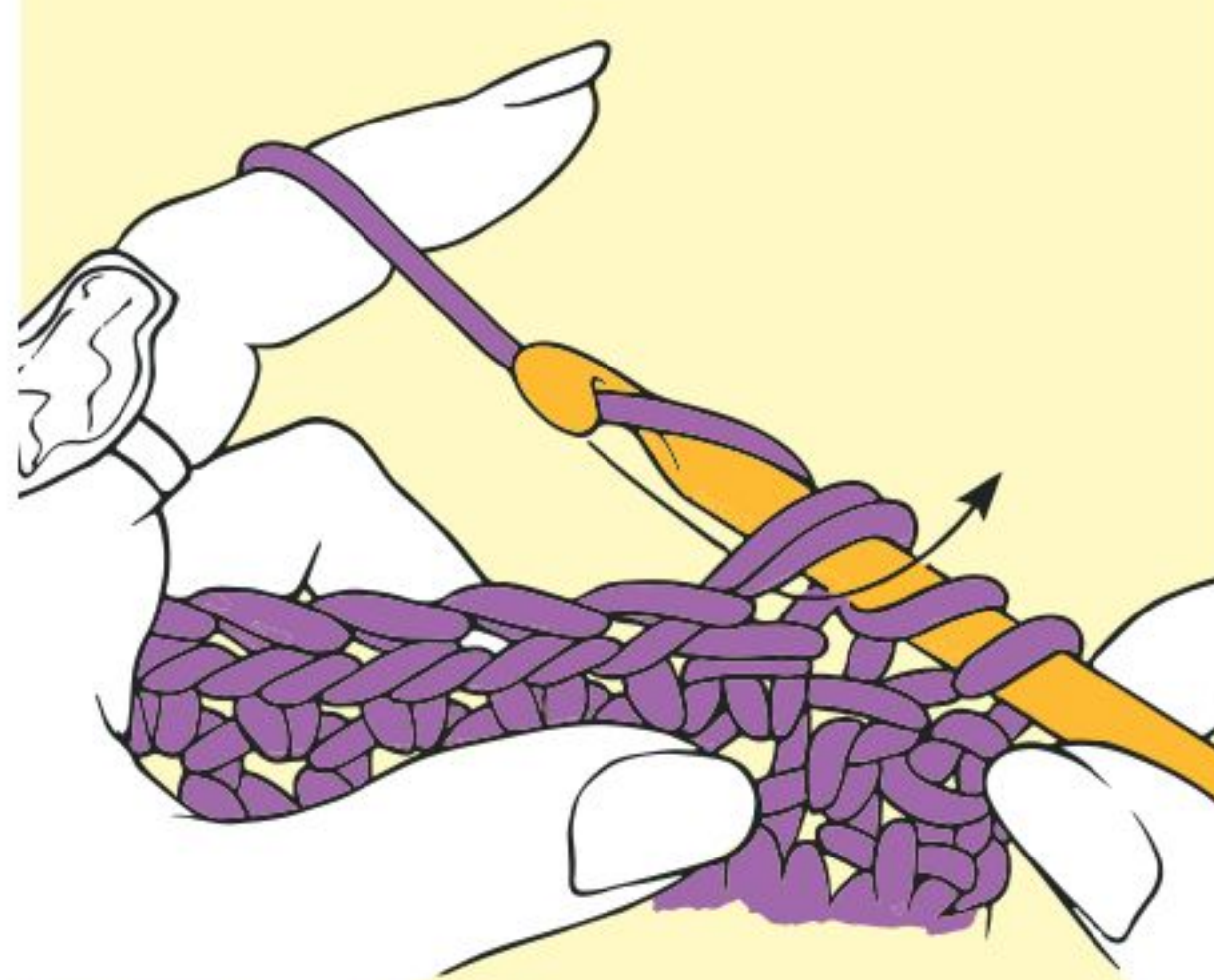
3 Yarn over the hook again and draw through both loops.

half treble (htr)

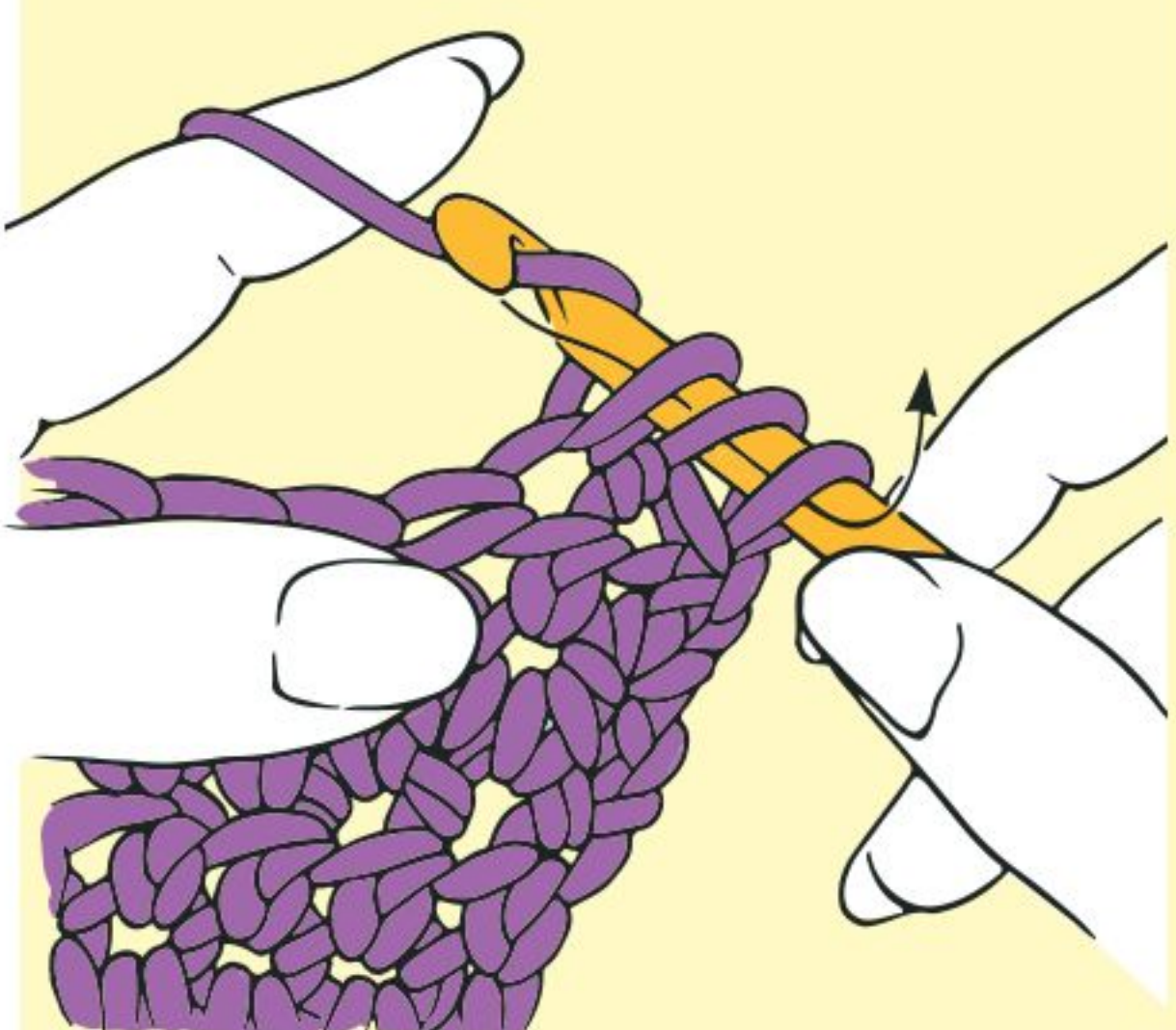
This stitch is longer than a double crochet and involves one extra step



1 (You will need a turning chain of two stitches.) Yarn over the hook and insert through the stitch.



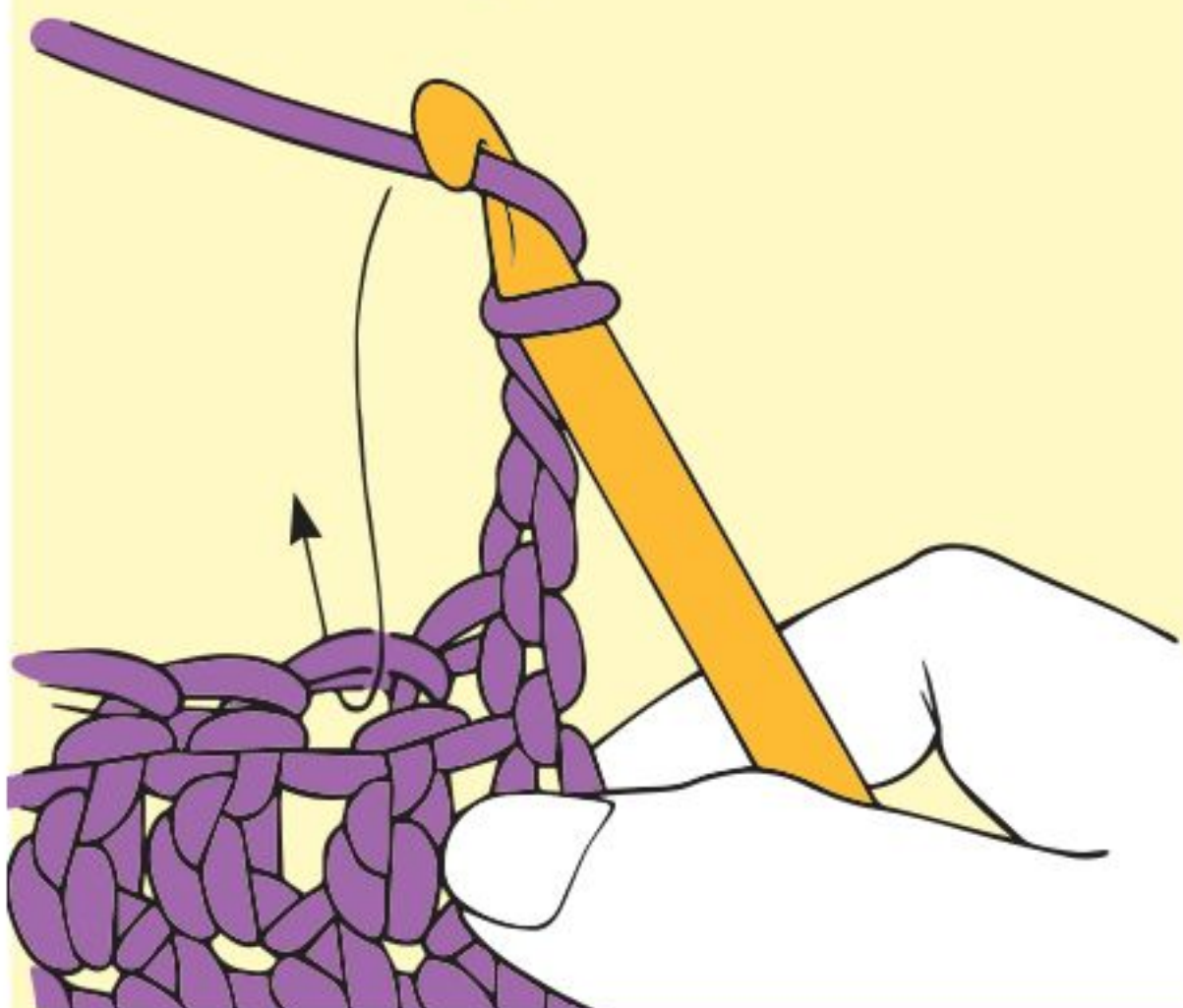
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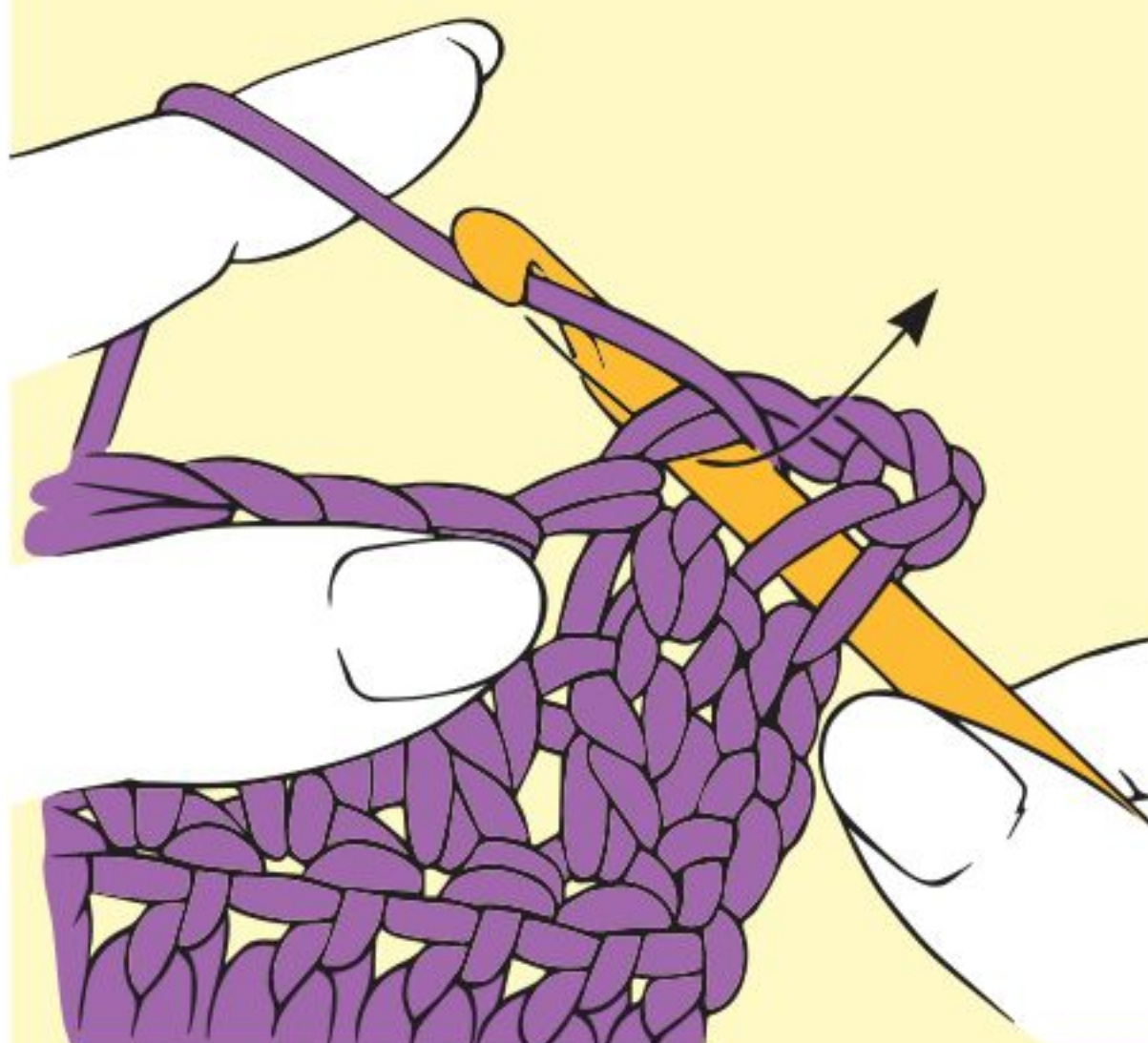
3 Yarn over the hook and draw through all three loops.

treble (tr)

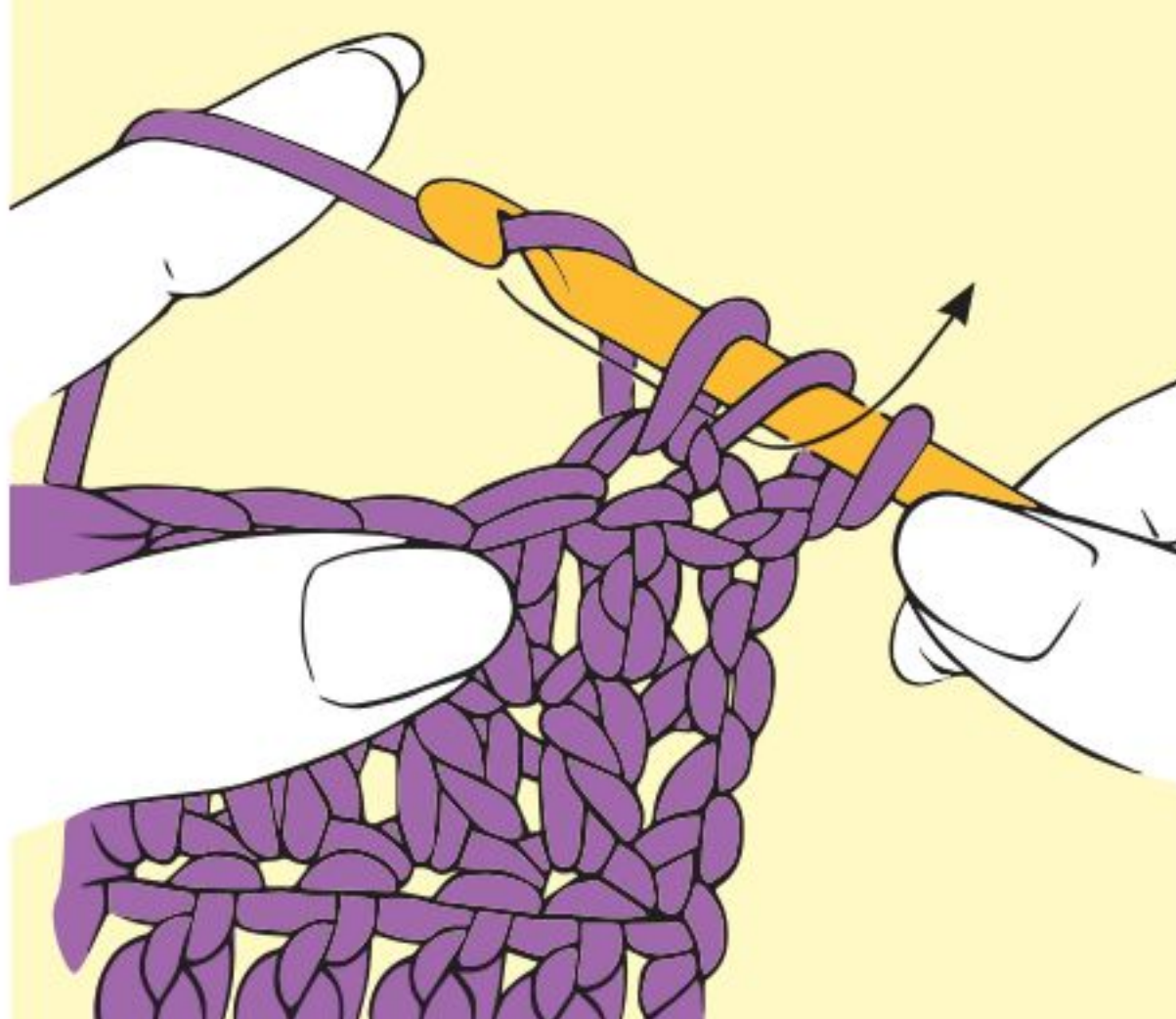
Treble crochet is slightly taller than half treble crochet but is made in a similar way



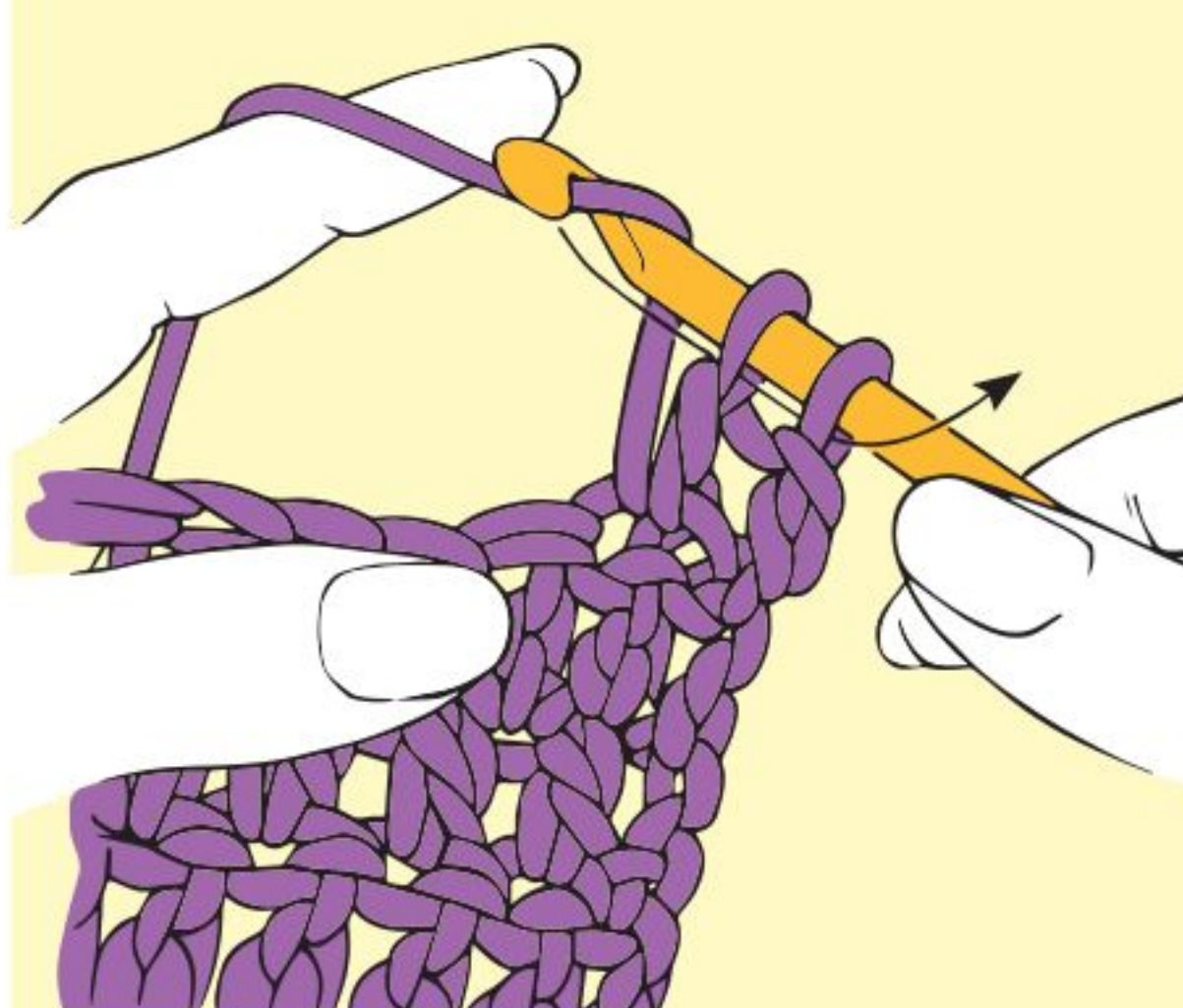
1 (You will need a turning chain of three stitches). Yarn over the hook. Insert the hook through the stitch.



2 Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work, there will be three loops of yarn on the hook.



3 Yarn over the hook and draw through the first two loops. This will leave two loops on the hook.



4 Yarn over the hook and draw through all the loops. This will leave one loop on the hook.

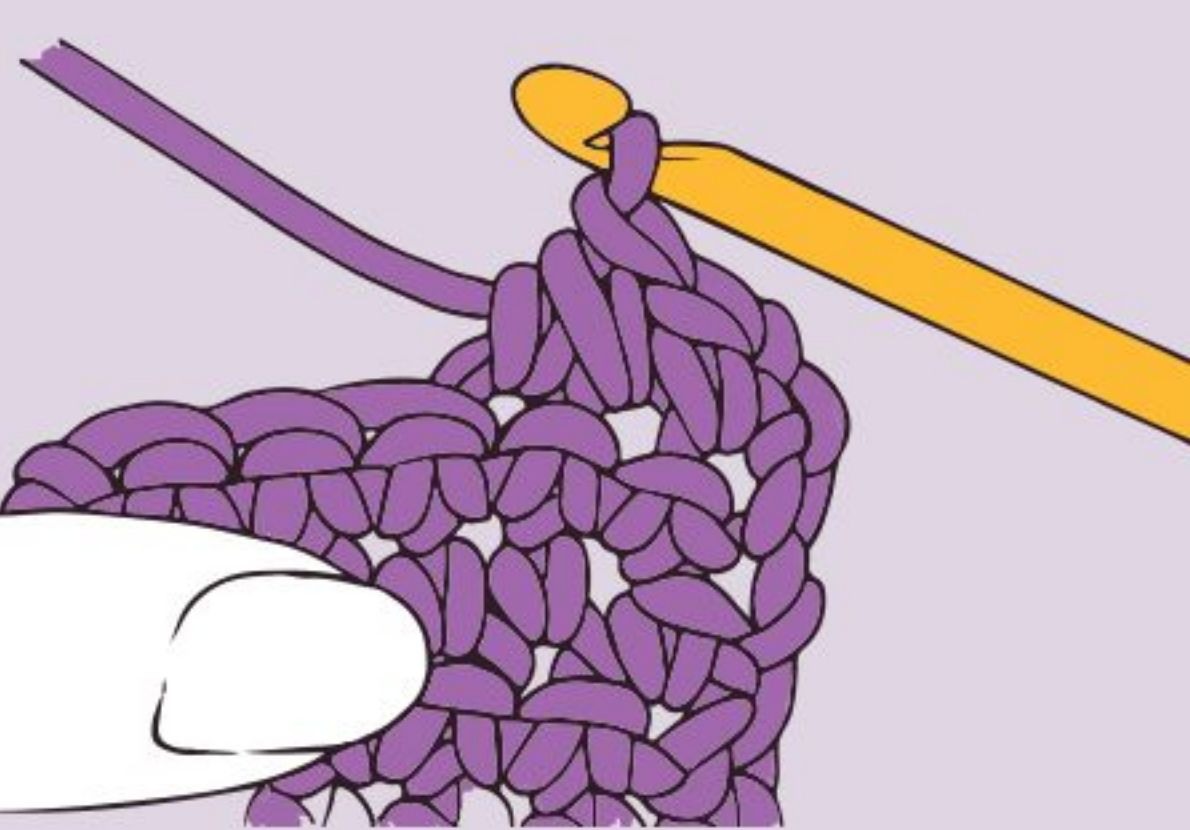
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double crochet two together (dc2tog)

Turn two crochet stitches into one with this simple method



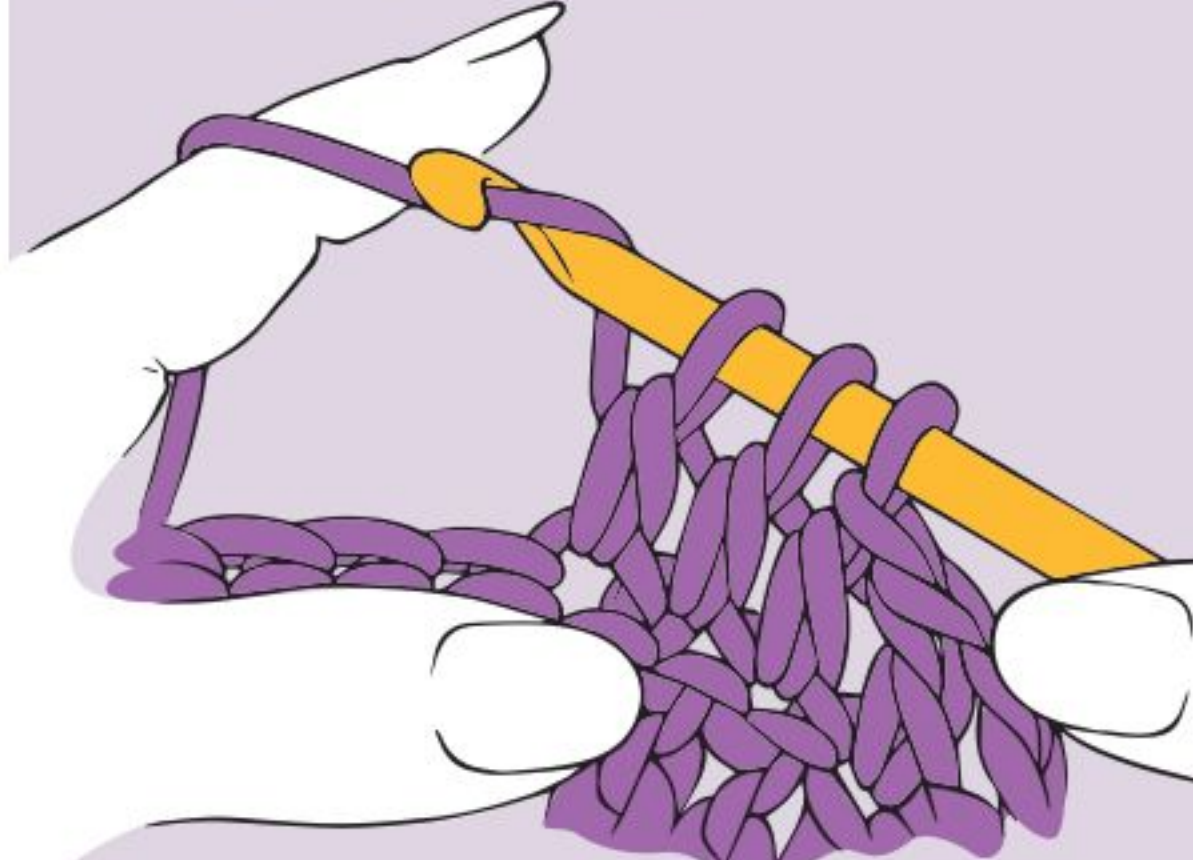
1 Insert hook through next stitch, yarn over hook, draw back through work. Two loops on hook. Insert hook into next stitch, yarn over hook, draw back through. Three loops on hook.



2 Yarn over hook, draw through all three loops. One loop on hook.

treble two together (tr2tog)

This is similar to 'dc2tog' but is worked with treble stitches



1 Yarn over the hook. Insert the hook through the stitch. Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work. There will be three loops of yarn on the hook. Yarn over the hook and draw through the first two loops. This will leave two loops on the hook. Yarn over the hook and insert through the next stitch, yarn over the hook and draw through the work. There will be four loops of yarn on the hook. Yarn over hook and draw through two loops. This will leave three loops on the hook.



2 Yarn over hook and draw through all three loops on the hook. This will leave one loop on the hook.

VIDEO OF THE MONTH

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How to crochet: granny square

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ABBREVIATIONS

Knitting and crochet patterns are full of abbreviations but don't panic, here's a handy list of all the main ones

- alt:** alternate
- approx:** approximately
- beg:** beginning
- ch:** chain
- ch sp:** chain space
- cn:** cable needle
- cont:** continue
- dc:** double crochet
- dec:** decrease
- dtr:** double treble
- fol:** following
- htr:** half treble
- inc:** increase
- k:** knit
- kfb:** knit into front and back of next stitch
- kwise:** knitwise
- k2tog:** knit two together
- LH:** left-hand
- m1:** make one stitch by picking up horizontal loop before next stitch and knitting into back of it
- meas:** measures
- p:** purl
- pfb:** purl into front and back of next stitch
- pm:** place stitch marker
- psso:** pass slipped stitch over
- pwise:** purlwise
- p2tog:** purl two together
- rem:** remaining
- rep:** repeat
- rev:** reverse
- RH:** right-hand
- RS:** right side
- skpo:** slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over
- sl 1:** slip one stitch
- sl st:** slip stitch
- sm:** slip stitch marker
- sp(s):** space(s)
- ssk:** one by one, slip next two stitches knitwise, put left-hand needle through front loops of both slipped stitches and knit them together
- st(s):** stitch(es)
- st st:** stocking stitch (knit one row, purl one row)
- tbl:** through back loop
- tog:** together
- tr:** treble
- WS:** wrong side
- wyib:** with yarn in back
- wyif:** with yarn in front
- yb:** yarn back
- yfwd:** yarn forward (between knit stitches)
- yoh:** yarn over hook
- yon:** yarn over needle (between a purl and a knit stitch)
- yrn:** yarn round needle (between purl stitches and between a knit and a purl stitch)



TEA AND A CHAT WITH...

Alison North

When crafts and emotion go hand in hand, amazing things can happen: this amigurumi expert is here to prove it



Crochet is probably the last thing you'd be thinking about when you hear the intriguing name, Kornflake Stew. After a few wild guesses of our own, we came to find out that Alison North simply plucked it out of thin air when naming her business. Her makes were met with unexpected success online and sparked the interest of countless other avid crafters. She's the author of *Cutest Crochet Creations*, a vivid collection of her favourite designs, and is already sketching ideas for a second book. Creativity is certainly flowing freely for this crocheter and we're certain that her story will inspire you to do the same...

STORY BEHIND THE NAME

Let's start with the name that keeps everyone guessing. "I had a Flickr account from way back when I first started crocheting, which I randomly named Kornflake Stew," explains Alison. "I began to make amigurumi and my pictures started getting very popular. When I opened my Etsy shop I decided to keep the name so that people would know who I was." That proved very effective. "I was so overjoyed to get my first Etsy sale, I couldn't believe

someone wanted to make something following my instructions! I actually still find it hard to believe." Her love for crochet has always brought immense joy to those around her. "I love that I can make gifts that will be much loved for years to come," she smiles. "It reminds me of my mom who passed away when I was 18. She was always crocheting granny blankets for our local hospice and I often think of her

looking down on me and smiling as I doubt she ever thought it would be my chosen career." No crafter is born an expert – that's a given – and enjoying the process of learning is perhaps just as important as the creations themselves. "Every time I crochet something from someone else's pattern I learn something new. I wish there were more hours in the day so I could cram more crochet time in!"

THE FUTURE'S BRIGHT

It comes as no surprise that Alison's passion for crochet quickly found expression in prose, with *Cutest Crochet Creations*. "Ever since I started to crochet I have dreamt about having my very own book, just imagine... a book filled with designs I have created. So when the opportunity came up I was beyond excited to start work on it." But she doesn't

stop here and a second book is already in the works. "I have started sketching ideas for a new title, which I hope to start on around the middle of this year!"

To say that Alison has grown as a crafter over the past few years would be an understatement. She still finds the time to recharge every now and then before getting ready to crochet some more.

"When I'm not crocheting I'm usually doing family stuff," she says fondly. "I have three gorgeous kids who like to keep me busy. I also have a real love of photography and it's great for us all to go out together to take pictures."

"I have learnt so much on my crochet journey and I'm learning more all the time"

Check out Alison's shop at [etsy.com/shop/kornflakestew](https://www.etsy.com/shop/kornflakestew)

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