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Hello!



Bask in the brightness of this brand new edition of Let's Get Crafting: it's a celebration of colour, that's for sure. The **Tropical yarn kit** you've bagsied features summery shades that wow. Not to mention the Shimmer Blue, which has a multicoloured sparkle running through it – yippee!

This issue is stocked with some of my favourite animals. Ready? We've got a **crochet elephant** (p13), smiley-faced jellyfish (p8), and an endearing seal on page 49. Plus, this issue sees the return of **Knitting vs Crochet** (p34), boasting two oh-so-cute koalas.

We've also got a healthy dose of whimsy, from our knitted car and caravan project (p54) to a pair of **amigurumi astronauts** on page 40 that are sure to have you shooting for the stars. Oh, and don't miss our crochet mermaids (p50) because they are sensational.

As always, we love involving you – our devoted readers – in every issue. Turn to page 18 to see the **incredible toys** you've been whipping up, then flick to page 39 to read Jill Pritchard's entertaining poem that we can certainly all relate to. Do you want to share a crafty story or poem? Be sure to **get in touch** with me at rosie.savage@aceville.co.uk.

Have a happy, crafty month!
Which patterns take your fancy...?

Rosie

ROSIE SAVAGE, EDITOR



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MEET OUR EXPERTS



HEATHER GIBBS

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HANNAH COOPER

Enjoy my amigurumi astronauts (p40)

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ROSIE SAVAGE, EDITOR

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the 50th
anniversary
of the moon
landing

Newsflash!

The yarn news you
need to know now!



Take off!

Add this new word to your vocab: astro-knits. Let's Get Crafting designer Sachiyo Ishii has a new book called *Mini Knitted Cosmos*, which is bursting with them. Aliens, rockets, planets... even an elephant astronaut graces its pages! Get your hands on a copy and achieve out-of-this-world knit skills. £10.99, searchpress.com

Best friends

When it comes to knitting and crochet, it's usually scarves, jumpers and hats that spring to mind, but just like us one thing King Cole does best is toy patterns! One of their favourite animals is this friendly alpaca – number 9115, knitted in King Cole Tufty. His passenger is pattern number Prime 8, a rebellious monkey knitted in King Cole Luxury Fur. What a pair! Find your local stockist at kingcole.com



There be dragons

Now that *Game of Thrones* has ended – sob! – we need to get our dragon fix elsewhere, so how about this exclusive Knitty Critter kit from trago.co.uk? Priced at £25, this enchanting Welsh Red Dragon pack contains everything you need to get making. The finished Draco Dragon measures 25cm x 40cm, meaning you get a lot of kit and a lot of toy for your buck. Fly to the checkout and get your piece of mythical heaven now!

Baby steps

Prepare to feel broody... *One-Stitch Baby Knits* by Val Pierce (Fox Chapel Publishers) is out now! This book has oh-so-cute baby booties, darling garments and accessories, all made in easy garter stitch. The sweet colours of this nappy cover, hat and booties set have certainly got us swooning. £12.99, [amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk)



Let's go shopping

Our friends at All Things Wool are now stocking the beautiful soft-to-the-touch Rowan Baby Cashsoft Merino yarn. Each ball is £5.95 and you can choose from gorgeous pastels to super rich colours. If you need inspiration, take a look at the beautiful pattern book available in the Stockton shop too. Better still, they've got even more Rowan yarns coming later in the year – stay tuned! [allthingswool.net](https://www.allthingswool.net)

Go dotty

Be still our beating hearts... isn't this crocheted blanket beautiful? It's been made with Bernat® Blanket™ – a soft, cosy chenille-style yarn that stitches up quickly – and the quirky polka dots have been created with Bernat® Velvet™ which, as the name suggests, creates a sumptuous, velvety feel. Get the yarns at [hobbycraft.co.uk](https://www.hobbycraft.co.uk) or at your local Hobbycraft store and download the pattern at [yarnspirations.com](https://www.yarnspirations.com)



LOVE POM-POMS WITH

Stuart Hillard

This issue's DK yarns are beautiful, intensely hued shades. There are a couple of pinks, which would make fabulous hibiscus flowers, and a vibrant green and golden yellow continue this floral theme. The cool grey makes me think of those broody rain clouds that bring torrential rain to the tropics, while the gloriously special turquoise yarn has a very sparkly thread running through it, adding a wonderful iridescence... just like the feathers of so many tropical birds! The theme, if you hadn't guessed, is 'Tropical' and I feel instantly transported to warmer climes. The tropics are those countries which fall between the Tropic of Cancer and Tropic of Capricorn, geographical lines that fall some way above and below the equator. They're warmer, wet and filled with lush vegetation, exotic birds and animals, so I'm pretty tempted to make some pom-pom creatures with my yarn pack this month. A pom-pom maker provides quick results, but if you don't have one you can go 'old school' and use two rings of fairly thick card (a cereal box is perfect!) placed together. Wind doubled yarn around them, going through the centre each time, and once you've almost filled the centre hole, cut around the outside edge of the yarn. Slide a length of yarn between the cardboard rings and tie really tightly. Slide the rings right off and give the pom-pom a little shake to fluff it up. You can use sharp scissors to trim it into a different shape if you need to, then decorate it with felt eyes, beaks, teeth, spines... either go realistic or really let your imagination run wild. Remember that the finished size of the pom-pom is more or less the size of the cardboard rings, so for smaller balls, use smaller rings... easy!

Stu X



PLUS

four 10mm safety eyes, tapestry needle, stitch markers, stuffing, small amount of black and white yarn

SIZE

Height: 18cm



Take the next step

JOLLY JELLYFISH head

Make two

Using 4mm hook and Hibiscus Pink (Toucan Yellow) 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

Rnd 6: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 7: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

Rnds 8-13: 1dc in each st to end. Insert safety eyes between Rnds 8-9, approx five sts apart

Rnd 14: working in back loops only, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 15: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 16: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 17: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 18: (dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 19: rep Rnd 14 Stuff

Rnd 20: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts Fasten off

body frill

Make two

Using 4mm hook and Sky Grey, attach to first st of front loops of Rnd 14 of Body

Rnd 1: 1dc in first st, miss one st, 5tr in next st, miss one st, (1dc, miss one st, 5tr in next st, miss one st) to end, join with a sl st to first st. 60 sts Fasten off

curly tentacles

Note: worked in same round Using 4mm hook

and Flamingo Pink (Canopy Green), attach to first st of front loops only of Rnd 19

Rnd 1: one sl st in same st, * 41ch, work back along ch as folls: 2dc in second ch from hook, 2dc in each st to end, 1dc in next st of front loops only of last rnd, one sl st in next st *, rep from * to * in front loops only of Rnd 19 until you have six curly tentacles, one sl st in last st Fasten off

straight tentacles

Note: worked in same round Using 4mm hook and Shimmer Blue, attach yarn to front loops only of last rnd of Body **Rnd 1:** one sl st in same st, * 31ch, work back along ch as folls: 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, one sl st to next st of front

loops only of last rnd *, rep from * to * around, one sl st in bottom of first st to secure Fasten off

to make up

Weave through rem sts of Body to

close. Using black yarn and a tapestry needle, embroider eyelashes and mouth. Add a st with white yarn just under each eye. Weave in all ends

Love THIS PATTERN?



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"If you get stuck on any of the stitches, flick to Crochet School on page 64"

SARAH LOUISE READ, DESIGNER

TOP TIP
ADD A SMALL
AMOUNT OF PINK
BLUSHER TO THE
CHEEKS FOR THAT
EXTRA CUTE
LOOK



USE ALL
SIX
YARN
COLOURS!



PLUS
tapestry
needle, stuffing

SIZE
Small Heart
height: 5cm
Medium Heart
height: 6.5cm
Large Heart
height: 7.5cm
Extra Large
Heart height:
8cm



Perfect for
beginners

SMALL HEART front & back

Make six (two in
each colour)
Using 4mm
needles and
Flamingo Pink
(Shimmer Blue,
Canopy Green)
cast on five sts,
leaving a short tail
Row 1: p



**“Why not let your
creativity run wild
and decorate them
with any spare
buttons, pom-poms
or other goodies you have in
your stash?”**

DAWN FINNEY, DESIGNER

SHARE THE LOVE WITH THESE
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Simple hearts

Some people say it with flowers, but we prefer the knitty touch and **DAWN FINNEY'S** vibrant hearts are an ideal way to show someone special how much you care. They're great knit-in-a-night projects and give you the chance to practise your increases, decreases and colour changing skills. Why not get creative and experiment with the different shades in your Tropical yarn kit?

Row 2: kfb, k2, kfb,
k1. Seven sts

Row 3: p
Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, leaving
sts on right needle,
cast on five sts on
left needle leaving
a short tail and
rep Rows 1-3

Row 4: working
across both sets
of sts, kfb, k6,
yfwd, k5, kfb, k1.
17 sts

**Row 5 and every
odd-numbered
row:** p

Row 6: k

Row 8: k1, k2tog,
k12, k2tog. 15 sts

Row 10: k1, k2tog,
k10, k2tog. 13 sts

Row 12: k1, k2tog,
k8, k2tog. 11 sts

Row 14: k1, k2tog,
k6, k2tog. Nine sts

Row 16: k1, k2tog,
k4, k2tog.
Seven sts

Row 18: k1, k2tog,
k2, k2tog. Five sts

Row 20: k1, k2tog,
k2tog. Three sts

Row 21: p2tog, p1.
Two sts

Row 22: k2tog.
One st
Fasten off, leaving
a short tail

MEDIUM HEART front & back

Make four (two in
each colour)

Using 4mm
needles and
Toucan Yellow
(Flamingo Pink)
cast on six sts,
leaving a short tail

Row 1: p

Row 2: kfb, k3, kfb,

k1. Eight sts

Row 3: p

Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, leaving
sts on right needle,
cast on six sts on
left needle leaving
a short tail and
rep Rows 1-3

Row 4: working
across both sets
of sts, kfb, k7,
yfwd, k6, kfb, k1.
19 sts

**Row 5 and every
odd-numbered
row:** p

Row 6: k

Row 8: k

Row 10: k1, k2tog,
k14, k2tog. 17 sts

Row 12: k1, k2tog,
k12, k2tog. 15 sts

Row 14: k1, k2tog,
k10, k2tog. 13 sts

Row 16: k1, k2tog,
k8, k2tog. 11 sts

Row 18: k1, k2tog,
k6, k2tog. Nine sts

Row 20: k1, k2tog,
k4, k2tog.
Seven sts

Row 22: k1, k2tog,
k2, k2tog. Five sts

Row 24: k1, k2tog,
k2tog. Three sts

Row 25: p2tog, p1.
Two sts

Row 26: k2tog.
One st
Fasten off, leaving
a short tail

LARGE HEART front & back

Make two

Using 4mm
needles and
Hibiscus Pink cast
on five sts, leaving
a short tail

Row 1: p

Row 2: kfb, k2, kfb,
k1. Seven sts

Row 3: p

Row 4: kfb, k4, kfb,
k1. Nine sts

Row 5: p

Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, leaving
sts on right needle,
cast on five sts on
left needle leaving
a short tail and
rep Rows 1-5

Row 6: working
across both sets
of sts, kfb, k8,
yfwd, k7, kfb, k1.
21 sts

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

Row 8: k

Row 10: k

After Row 10, work
in foll four-row
stripe sequence:
Flamingo Pink,
Hibiscus Pink

Row 12: k1, k2tog,
k16, k2tog. 19 sts

Row 14: k1, k2tog,
k14, k2tog. 17 sts

Row 16: k1, k2tog,
k12, k2tog. 15 sts

Row 18: k1, k2tog,
k10, k2tog. 13 sts

Row 20: k1, k2tog,
k8, k2tog. 11 sts

Row 22: k1, k2tog,
k6, k2tog. Nine sts

Row 24: k1, k2tog,
k4, k2tog.
Seven sts

Row 26: k1, k2tog,
k2, k2tog. Five sts

Row 28: k1, k2tog,
k2tog. Three sts

Row 29: p2tog, p1.
Two sts

Row 30: k2tog.
One st

Fasten off, leaving
a short tail

EXTRA LARGE HEART front & back

Make two

Using 4mm
needles and Sky
Grey cast on
seven sts, leaving
a short tail

Row 1: p

Row 2: kfb, k4, kfb,
k1. Nine sts

Row 3: p

Row 4: kfb, k6, kfb,
k1. 11 sts

Row 5: p

Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, leaving
sts on right needle,

USE ALL
SIX
YARN
COLOURS!

LARGE HEART

MEDIUM HEART

SMALL HEART

EXTRA LARGE HEART

String them onto a length of twine to make a cute garland for your summer parties

to make up

For all hearts, secure long tail at yfwd loop at centre top. Using mattress st, join two sides tog using one tail per side and stuffing as you go (see Great Advice). For Large Heart, use long tail of Flamingo Pink to join striped section. Secure and weave in all ends. For Small Flamingo Pink Heart, use long length of Canopy Yellow and embroider blanket st around back edge. Using Shimmer Blue, embroider heart in chain st on front. For Toucan Yellow Medium Heart, use short length of Shimmer Blue to embroider flower in centre of front and use Flamingo Pink to stitch flower centre. For Flamingo Pink Medium Heart, use long length of Hibiscus Pink and embroider blanket st around front edge. For Extra Large Heart, use long lengths of Flamingo Pink and Hibiscus Pink and sew five lines of running st on one side of heart creating alternating coloured stripes. Weave in all ends

GREAT ADVICE

SEWING UP

Take your time over sewing up the hearts as it can be a little tricky – make sure you graft the top section of each heart and use mattress stitch down the sides to the point. Lightly blocking your pieces first will stop them curling over and make it easier to line up the corresponding stitches on each side

cast on seven sts on left needle leaving a short tail and rep Rows 1-5

Row 6: working across both sets of sts, kfb, k10, yfwd, k9, kfb, k1. 25 sts

Row 7 and every odd-numbered row: p

Row 8: k

Row 10: k

Row 12: k1, k2tog, k20, k2tog. 23 sts

Row 14: k1, k2tog, k18, k2tog. 21 sts

Row 16: k1, k2tog, k16, k2tog. 19 sts

Row 18: k1, k2tog, k14, k2tog. 17 sts

Row 20: k1, k2tog, k12, k2tog. 15 sts

Row 22: k1, k2tog, k10, k2tog. 13 sts

Row 24: k1, k2tog, k8, k2tog. 11 sts

Row 26: k1, k2tog, k6, k2tog. Nine sts

Row 28: k1, k2tog, k4, k2tog. Seven sts

Row 30: k1, k2tog, k2, k2tog. Five sts

Row 32: k1, k2tog, k2tog. Three sts

Row 33: p2tog, p1. Two sts

Row 34: k2tog. One st

Fasten off, leaving a short tail

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eyes, black
embroidery
yarn, blusher
(optional)

SIZE

Height: 18cm

ELENA ELEPHANT head

Using 4mm hook
and Sky Grey
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 5-13: 1dc in
each st to end

Rnd 14: (3dc,
dc2tog) to end.
24 sts

Rnd 15: (2dc,
dc2tog) to end.
18 sts

Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

trunk

Using 4mm hook
and Sky Grey
make a magic ring,
work 6dc into ring.
Six sts

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

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

Rnd 11: (3dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
Ten sts

Rnd 12: (4dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
12 sts

Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

outer ear

Make two

Using 4mm hook
and Sky Grey
make a magic ring,
work 6dc into ring.
Six sts

Rnds 1-5: rep Rnds
1-5 of Head. 30 sts

Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

inner ear

Make two

Using 4mm hook
and Hibiscus Pink
make a magic ring,
work 6dc into ring.
Six sts

Rnds 1-4: rep Rnds
1-4 of Head. 30 sts
Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

hair bow

Using 4mm hook
and Canopy Green
make 4ch

Row 1: 1dc in
second ch from

hook, 1dc in each
st to end, turn.
Three sts

Rows 2-8: (1ch,
1dc) in next st, 1dc
in each st to
end, turn
Fasten off and
weave in ends
Wrap Canopy
Green yarn
around centre
ten times to
create knot
Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

body

Using 4mm hook
and Flamingo Pink
make a magic ring,

work 6dc into ring.
Six sts

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

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

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

Rnd 7: (6dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
48 sts

Rnds 8-11: 1dc in
each st to end

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

Fasten off
Position Body so
you are working

TOP TIP

MANY SECTIONS ARE
WORKED WITHOUT
JOINING IN
CONTINUOUS RNDs
(UNLESS SPECIFIED)
- PLACE THE STITCH
MARKER IN THE TOP
OF THE FIRST ST TO
MARK THE START
OF THE RND



Take the
next step

in what was front
loop of Rnd 12, but
will now be back
loop, attach
Toucan Yellow to
back loops only of
any st

Rnd 13: (6dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
48 sts

Rnd 14: (7dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
54 sts

Rnds 15-16: 2dc in
each st to end.
216 sts

Fasten off
Turn back around
so that you are
working in back

loop of Rnd 12,
attach Shimmer
Blue to back loop
only of any st

Rnds 17-20: 1dc in
each st to end

Rnd 21: (5dc,
dc2tog) to end.
36 sts

Rnds 22-23: 1dc in
each st to end

Rnd 24: (4dc,
dc2tog) to end.
30 sts



Elena the elephant has said goodbye to the circus and is heading off on her holidays – would you like to join her? **HEATHER GIBBS'** cute companion will delight kids of all ages with her bright outfit, complete with a frilly tutu. All she needs is a hair bow to be ready for her next adventure.

USE ALL
SIX
YARN
COLOURS!



Note: stuff as you go
Rnd 25: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 26: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 27: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
Fasten off

arm

Make two

Using 4mm hook and Sky Grey make a magic ring, work 8dc into ring. Eight sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 16 sts

Rnd 2: working in

back loops only, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Shimmer Blue

Rnd 4: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 5: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

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

leg

Make two

Using 4mm hook and Canopy Green make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

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

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

Rnd 4: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Flamingo Pink

Rnd 5: 1dc in each st to end

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

Rnds 7-10: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

tail

Using 4mm hook and Sky Grey

make 7ch, one sl st in second ch from hook, one sl st in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a tail



Use your exclusive sparkly yarn to crochet Elena's jumper!

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to make up

Insert safety eyes between Rnds 7-8 approx five sts apart on Head. Using black embroidery thread, embroider eyelashes. Stuff Head. Sew each Inner Ear to an Outer Ear. Sew Ears either side of Head over Rnds 2-9. Sew Bow in front of an Ear. Sew Trunk to front of Head between eyes over Rnds 9-12, curling it

slightly, and sew tip to front of Body. Sew Head on top of Body. Stuff hands of Arms only. Oversew top of Arms, then sew to Body, facing forwards over Rnds 23-26. Stuff Legs and sew facing forwards onto Body over Rnds 6-10, approx 11 sts apart. Sew Tail onto back of Body on Rnd 6. Add blusher to cheeks. Weave in all ends



PLUS
tapestry
needle

SIZE
Diameter:
12.5cm



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JAMPOT COVERS

Make three

Using 4mm hook and chosen yarn (see Great Advice) make 4ch, join with a sl st to make a ring

Rnd 1: 1ch, 6dc in ring, join with a sl st to first st

Rnd 2: (3ch, sl st) to end

Rnd 3: (sl st, [2ch, 3tr]) in 3ch sp, (1ch, 4tr in next 3ch sp) to end, 1ch, sl st in second of 2ch

Rnd 4: (1dc in ch sp, 3ch, 1dc between second and third tr, 3ch) to end, sl st in first dc

Rnd 5: (sl st, [2ch,

3tr]) in 3ch sp, 1ch, 1tr in next ch sp, (1ch, 4tr in next ch sp, 1ch, 1tr in next ch sp) to end, 1ch, sl st in second of 2ch

Rnd 6: (1dc in ch sp, 1ch, 6tr between second and third tr, 1ch, 1dc in ch sp, 1ch) to end, sl st in first dc

Rnd 7: sl st to third tr, (1dc between third and fourth tr, 3ch, 6tr in centre ch sp, 3ch) to end, sl st in first dc

Rnd 8: (1dc in ch sp, 3ch, 1dc between third and fourth tr, 3ch, 1dc in ch sp, 3ch) to end, sl st in first dc

Rnd 9: (1dc, 3ch, 1dc in ch sp, 3ch) to end, sl st in first dc
Fasten off

drawstring

Make three

Using 4mm hook and Hibiscus Pink (Toucan Yellow, Canopy Green) make 100ch
Fasten off

to make up

Trim Drawstring ends to 5mm. Use a tapestry needle to thread Drawstring through Jampot Cover between Rnds 6-7. Weave in all ends

GREAT ADVICE

COLOUR CHOICES

Follow the below guides for the colour sequences that Corinne has used... or create your own if you prefer!

Colourway 1 – Flamingo Pink

Colourway 2 – work in foll stripe sequence: two rows Canopy Green, one row Toucan Yellow

Colourway 3 – work in foll stripe sequence: two rows Hibiscus Pink, one row Shimmer Blue, one row Flamingo Pink, one row Hibiscus Pink, one row Canopy Green, one row Flamingo Pink, one row Hibiscus Pink, one row Shimmer Blue

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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS

Here is Her Majesty! I've knitted her for a Best of British Carnival in July; she will be part of a window display in the Age UK shop in Newport Pagnell where I work. I designed her myself and I'm now in the process of making a Winston Churchill figure to join her. I regularly knit for our displays. I'm also currently working on a knitted Wartime Victory Garden for our Vintage weekend in June, and I help organise our annual Horticulture and Crafts Show in the town.

SUE EVANS, NEWPORT PAGNELL



FAMILY FORTUNES

I've made the knitted bunny from your issue 109 Knitting vs Crochet. I find knitting very therapeutic since being diagnosed with breast cancer last year. I was taught to knit by my grandmother when I was a teenager, so I have always had a love of knitting. Over the years I've knitted for my husband, three children and seven grandchildren, and now for a great grandchild who is expected shortly!

PAMELA SEYMOUR, CHELMSFORD



CHUGGING ALONG

Hello Let's Get Crafting! Here is my latest project of Rosie and Jim. I've had great pleasure in knitting them both from an old pattern for someone who loves the puppets. I am recently retired, and my friend and myself have begun knitting and making children's toys and clothes. We then sell them at craft fairs at our local library.

ANJIE WOODMAN, LOCKS HEATH





PETER AND FRIENDS

I made these for someone's daughter and they turned out better than I expected! I really enjoyed crafting them and seeing them come together. I also loved hearing that the girl adored them and I cannot wait to make more of Peter Rabbit's friends. I used one pattern for all of them, but Lily's dress and headband and Benjamin's hat are improvised.

JAIME ESCOTT, GRAYS



PAW-SITIVELY CUTE

I would like to show you my version of the cat-icorn from issue 111. I really enjoyed making her, and my daughter – she's ten – chose the colour combination. Thank you for a wonderful magazine. I love seeing all the wonderful patterns every issue and having a go.

EM DAY, READING



SO MAGICAL

I come from a family of crafters, although we all tend to have different favourite disciplines, from baking to cardmaking to – my favourite! – knitting and crocheting. This Easter, my sister set a Fairy Door Challenge for myself, my younger sister, niece and daughter-in-law. With the help of your three-part fairy garden crochet-along, I crocheted the fairy, flowers and butterflies and used them to decorate the door. The fairy is attached with Velcro so she can still fly away if she needs to!

ANGELA SKITT, WOLVERHAMPTON

OUTFIT CHANGE

Hi Let's Get Crafting! Here is my Daisy Bear. She was crocheted for my new great granddaughter who was born six weeks ago. I'm now making outfits for the bear, so when I hand it over to be played with there can be some dressing up too. I hope you like her.

JANET TREANOR, CO ARMAGH



DREAM MACHINE

My daughter got me a copy of your magazine for my birthday and I just love the bright wool. I made the gorgeous Ruben robot from page 30 in issue 110.

I usually crochet in rounds but this project taught me how to make squares and corners, so I've learned a new skill! In fact, I've made another one to keep him company as well.

SUSAN OVINGTON, STOCKTON-ON-TEES



**“Probably about 25
Throw in a few
half-finished
sewing projects
and I’m basically
surrounded!”**

LAURA HART

**“Not enough fingers and
toes to count, even with a
few people in the house”**

SHARYN-LEE CALDER

**“I don’t think
I can count
that high”**

BECKY WILLIAMS

**“Too many, daren’t count
them! Some are years old.
I always mean to finish
them but I get distracted
by new projects so easily!”**

**LOUISE ‘ILLINGWORTH’
PATTISON**

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PLUS
tapestry
needle, stuffing

SIZE
Strap
circumference:
15cm
Flower
diameter: 9cm

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IN SIGHT WITH OUR

Pincushion bracelet

How about combining practicality and style in this easy-to-make project by **DAWN FINNEY**? This accessory in our favourite shade of pink will fit perfectly around your wrist – just check out our Great Advice! – and make sure that your tools are always at hand for every new project. We really can't think of a better way to practise garter stitch.



Perfect for
beginners

PINCUSHION BRACELET flower

Using 4mm
needles and
Hibiscus Pink cast
on 20 sts

Rows 1-15: k
Row 16: p
Rows 17-80: rep
Rows 1-16 four
times
Row 81: k
Cast off pwise,
leaving a long tail

flower centre

Using 4mm
needles and
Toucan Yellow
cast on eight sts

Row 1: (kfb) to
end. 16 sts
Rows 2-6: starting
with a p row work
in st st
Row 7: (k2tog) to
end. Eight sts
Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread
tail onto tapestry
needle and thread
through rem sts,
fasten off

cuff

Using 4mm
needles and
Canopy Green
cast on ten sts,
leaving a short tail
K until piece meas
15cm (see Great
Advice) from
cast-on edge
Cast off kwise,
leaving a long tail

to make up

Using tapestry
needle and
cast-off tail, graft
tog cast-on and
cast-off edges of
Flower. Weave a
gathering st
through one side
of Flower, pull
tightly and secure
firmly. Lightly stuff
Flower, then
weave a gathering
st through the
other side, pull
tightly, secure
firmly and weave
in. Attach long
length of Flamingo
Pink to centre of
Flower and wrap
over a st st section
through Flower's
centre and pull
tightly to form
petal. Rep four
times then secure

tail firmly and
weave in. Use a
short length of
Shimmer Blue to
embroider a short
decorative st at
centre of each
petal. Using
tapestry needle
and long tail, join
sides of Flower
Centre tog using
mattress st, then
work a gathering

st through cast-on
sts and pull tightly.
Secure tail, then
join Flower Centre
to Flower. Using
tapestry needle
and cast-off tail,
graft tog cast-on
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Flower to Cuff.
Weave in all ends



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GREAT ADVICE

THE PERFECT FIT

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Make more YOUR 4-PART



USE YOUR **Tropical** YARN KIT

PLUS: 5mm hook
SIZE: 12cm square



JACKIE CARREIRA,
DESIGNER

“Welcome to the next part of our baby playmat series! Here are three more effects for you to add to your collection. The pom-pom and corkscrew squares will add a brilliant tactile element to your design, while the Shimmer Blue from this issue’s yarn kit will bring a hint of sparkle to your striped squares. Remember that if you’re planning to give the finished blanket to a very young baby, you’ll need to sew on the embellishments really securely and will want to leave off any hard decorations, like the beads shown here. If you’ve missed either of the first two instalments, visit topcrochetpatterns.com and search ‘playmat’ to download them. Look out for part four in the next issue!”



Take the
next step

POM-POM SQUARE

Using 5mm hook and Hibiscus Pink 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, sl st in third of 5ch

Rnd 2: sl st in 2ch sp, 7ch (counts as 1tr, 4ch), 2tr in same ch sp, 1tr in each st across side of square, ([2tr, 4ch, 2tr] in next ch sp, 1tr in each st across side of square) three times, 1tr in last 2ch sp, sl st in third of 7ch

Rnd 3: sl st in 4ch sp, 7ch (counts as 1tr, 4ch), (2tr in same ch sp, 1tr in each st across side of square, [2tr, 4ch, 2tr] in next ch sp, 1tr in each st across side of square) three times, 1tr in last 4ch sp, sl st in third of 7ch

Rnd 4: rep Rnd 3 Join Shimmer Blue to any tr

Rnd 5: 1ch, 1dc in each tr, working (2dc, 1ch, 2dc) in

each 4ch sp, sl st in first dc Fasten off

pom-pom

Using 5mm hook and Shimmer Blue make 6ch, leaving a long tail, join with a sl st to make a ring

Rnd 1: 1ch (does not count as st), 15dc into ring, sl st in first dc

Rnd 2: 1ch, 3dc in same place as sl st, 3dc in each st to end, sl st in first dc. 45 sts

Rnds 3-4: rep Rnd 2 twice

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

CORKSCREW SQUARE

Make four

Using 5mm hook and Toucan Yellow (Canopy Green, Flamingo Pink, Sky Grey) make 5ch, join with a sl st to make a ring

Rnd 1: 3ch (counts as 1tr throughout), 15tr into ring, sl st in third of 3ch. 16 sts

Rnd 2: 3ch, 2tr in each st to end, 1tr in base of 3ch, sl st in third of 3ch. 32 sts

Rnd 3: 3ch, (1tr, 2tr in next st) 15 times, 1tr in base of 3ch, sl st in third of 3ch. 48 sts

Rnd 4: 3ch (counts as 1tr), (2tr, 2tr in next tr) 15 times,

Baby Playmat
Crochet-Along
Part 1

Baby Playmat
Crochet-Along:
Part 2

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2tr, 1tr in base of 3ch, sl st in third of 3ch. 64 sts

Join Canopy Green (Toucan Yellow, Sky Grey, Flamingo Pink) to any tr

Rnd 5: 6ch (counts as 1dtr, 2ch), (2dtr in next tr, 2tr, 2htr, 6dc, 2htr, 2tr, 2dtr in next st, 2ch) three times, 2dtr in next tr, 2tr, 2htr, 6dc, 2htr, 2tr, 1dtr in base of 6ch, sl st in fourth of 6ch Fasten off

corkscrew

Make four

Using 5mm hook and Toucan Yellow (Canopy Green, Flamingo Pink, Sky Grey) make 12ch loosely, leaving a long tail

Row 1: 1dc in second ch from hook, 2dc in each st to end, turn

Row 2: 1ch, 1dc, 2dc in each st to end Fasten off

SPARKLE STRIPE SQUARE

Make four

Using 5mm hook and Toucan Yellow (Canopy Green, Flamingo Pink, Sky Grey) make 4ch, join with a sl st to make a ring

Rnd 1: 3ch (counts as 1tr throughout), 11tr into ring, sl st in third of 3ch. 12tr

Rnd 2: 3ch, (2tr, 1dtr) in next st, (1dtr, 2tr) in next st, (1tr in next st, [2tr, 1dtr] in next st) three times, sl st in third of 3ch

Rnd 3: 3ch, 2tr, (2tr, 1dtr) in next st, (1dtr, 2tr) in next st, (5tr, [2tr, 1dtr] in next st, [1dtr, 2tr] in next st) three times, 2tr, sl st in third of 3ch

Change to Shimmer Blue

Rnd 4: 1ch, 1dc in same st, 4dc, (2dc

sensory granny squares

CROCHET-ALONG

Baby
PLAYMAT
EDITION

in next st) twice,
(9dc, [2dc in next
st] twice) three
times, 4dc, sl st in
first dc
Change to
Toucan Yellow
(Canopy
Green,
Flamingo Pink,
Sky Grey)

Rnd 5: 3ch, 5tr, (2tr,
1dtr) in next st,
(1dtr, 2tr) in next st,
(11tr, [2tr, 1dtr] in
next st, [1dtr, 2tr] in
next st) three
times, 5tr, sl st in
third of 3ch

Rnd 6: 1ch, 1dc in
each st to end,
working 2dc in
each dtr, sl st in
first dc
Fasten off

to make up

Roll Pom-pom
between your
hands to fluff up
and create a ball.
Thread both yarn
tails through
centre sts of
Pom-pom Square
and tie behind
securely.
Alternatively, if
making for very
young children,
use long tails to
stitch in place. Tie
one end of
Corkscrew
securely to any st
in inner row of
Corkscrew Square
using long tail.
Thread a chunky
bead onto
opposite yarn tail
and knot to
secure tightly (not
recommended for
very young
babies)

USE ALL
SIX
YARN
COLOURS!



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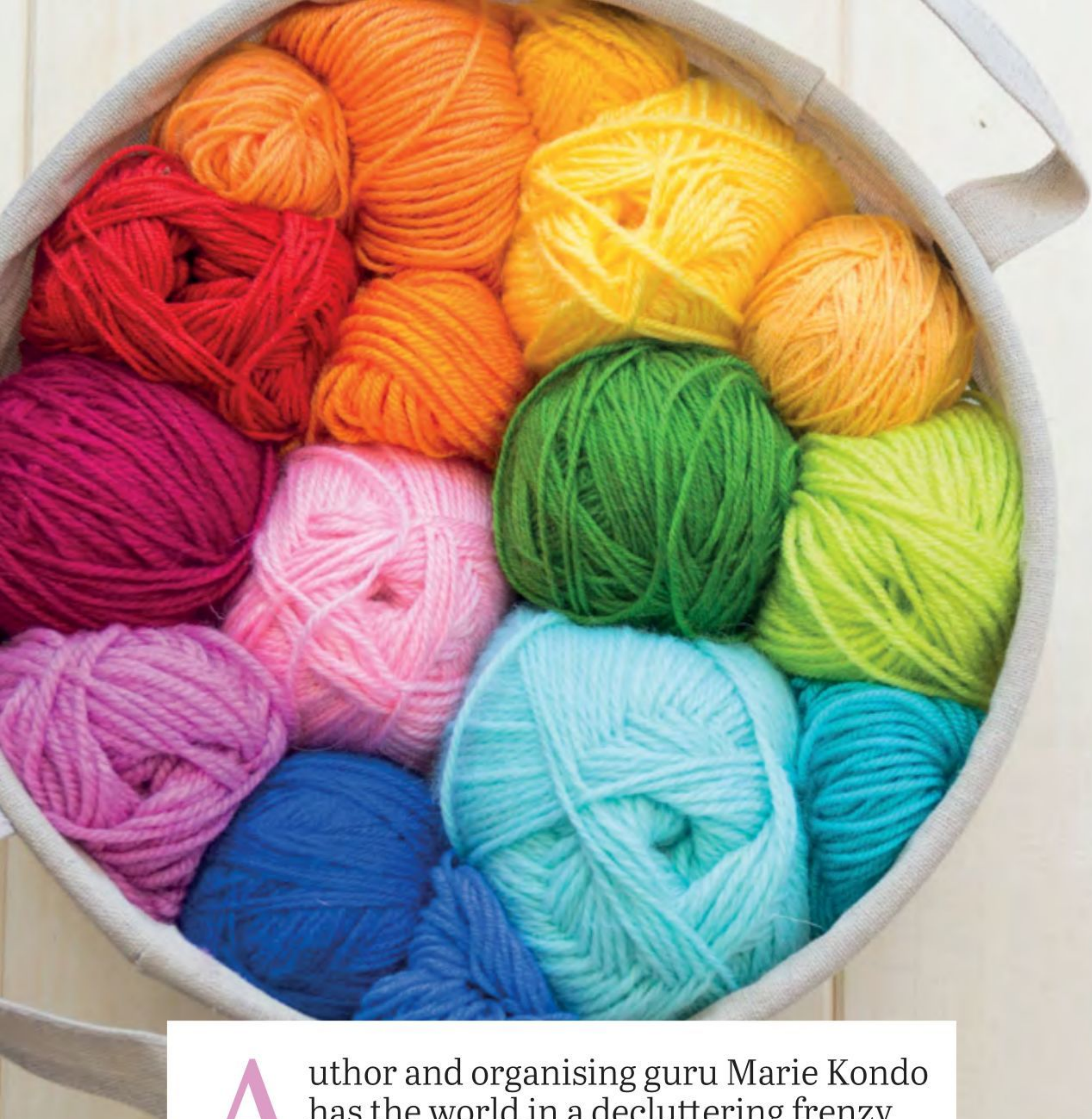
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Author and organising guru Marie Kondo has the world in a decluttering frenzy and while we're not quite as fanatical about tidying, we can't deny that there's something immensely satisfying about sorting out your yarn collection. Whether it's with an eye to downsize or just to remind yourself of what you've actually got, it's good to take stock once in a while. Read on to be inspired.

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TRICKS TO *sort* YOUR *stash!*

*It's time to have a tidy up
– check out these great ideas!*



GET ORGANISED

One knitter's tidy is another knitter's chaos, so sort your stash to suit you. What's the first thing you look for when choosing a yarn for your next project? Whatever your answer, that's how you should organise your stash. This will ensure you'll be able to check what you've got before heading to your local yarn shop. Here are a few categories to consider:

YARN WEIGHT: the DKs go with the DKs and the chunkies are neatly filed with the other chunkies.

FIBRE: cotton, wool, alpaca, acrylic, other; it's a simple way to divide up your stash.

COLOUR: this certainly looks pretty, but you might want to group the weights or fibres together within any particular shade for ease.

If you've got a really large stash, you may need to divvy up your categories into smaller sub-sections. Don't forget to keep multiples of the same yarn close together so you know if there's enough for your project.



MAKE A LIST

No matter how well you've boxed up your yarns, if you don't have a record of what lives where, you won't remember the order until you've been wildly rummaging for an hour and by that

point you'll probably have destroyed your carefully curated collection. The solution? Keep an easily accessible notebook in your craft room. You don't have to recreate the Dewey

system but if all your 4-ply yarns are on the top shelf, write that down. The quicker and easier it is to find a yarn, the more likely you are to turn to your stash for your next knit.



DESTASH AND DETOX

Take a look at your yarn stash and be brutally honest with yourself. It could be that your tastes have changed or perhaps you bought some yarn on a whim when the discount was too good to resist. Either way, if you're really never going to use it, it probably shouldn't be there. But that doesn't mean a trip to the tip – that would be nigh on sacrilege. Here are three perfectly acceptable ways of getting rid of your yarn. Try it, it's actually pretty therapeutic.

HOLD A YARN SWAP

If you've got yarns you won't use, trust us, you're not alone. Get together with your crafty friends and have a yarn swap. You might just come home with a brand new favourite!

GIVE IT AWAY

Sharing is caring and if you're really trying to downsize, swapping isn't going to save space. So, why not just give it away? Think of it as your good deed of the day.

CHOOSE A CHARITY

Some charities, like Knit For Peace or hospital groups, will accept donations of yarn as well as finished items. This could be the perfect opportunity to have a clear out.

BE INSPIRED

Whether you're looking for small and quick projects or a statement stripy stashbuster, Emma Osmond has the answer in her new release, *Weekend Makes: Stash Knitting* (£14.99, GMC Publications). Featuring 25 projects with easy-to-follow patterns, you'll love these simple ways to use up your yarn collection.



"Put each skein with a project, then bag the pattern and yarn together. Place them in order of smallest project to largest project in a row on your bookshelf and lo and behold, it looks totally organised"

Darlene Krystal, Reader



"On ravelry.com you can record every skein and which box or drawer you've put it in. You can then check your own stash online for something that will work with the pattern you want to make"

Katherine Rose Lynn, Reader

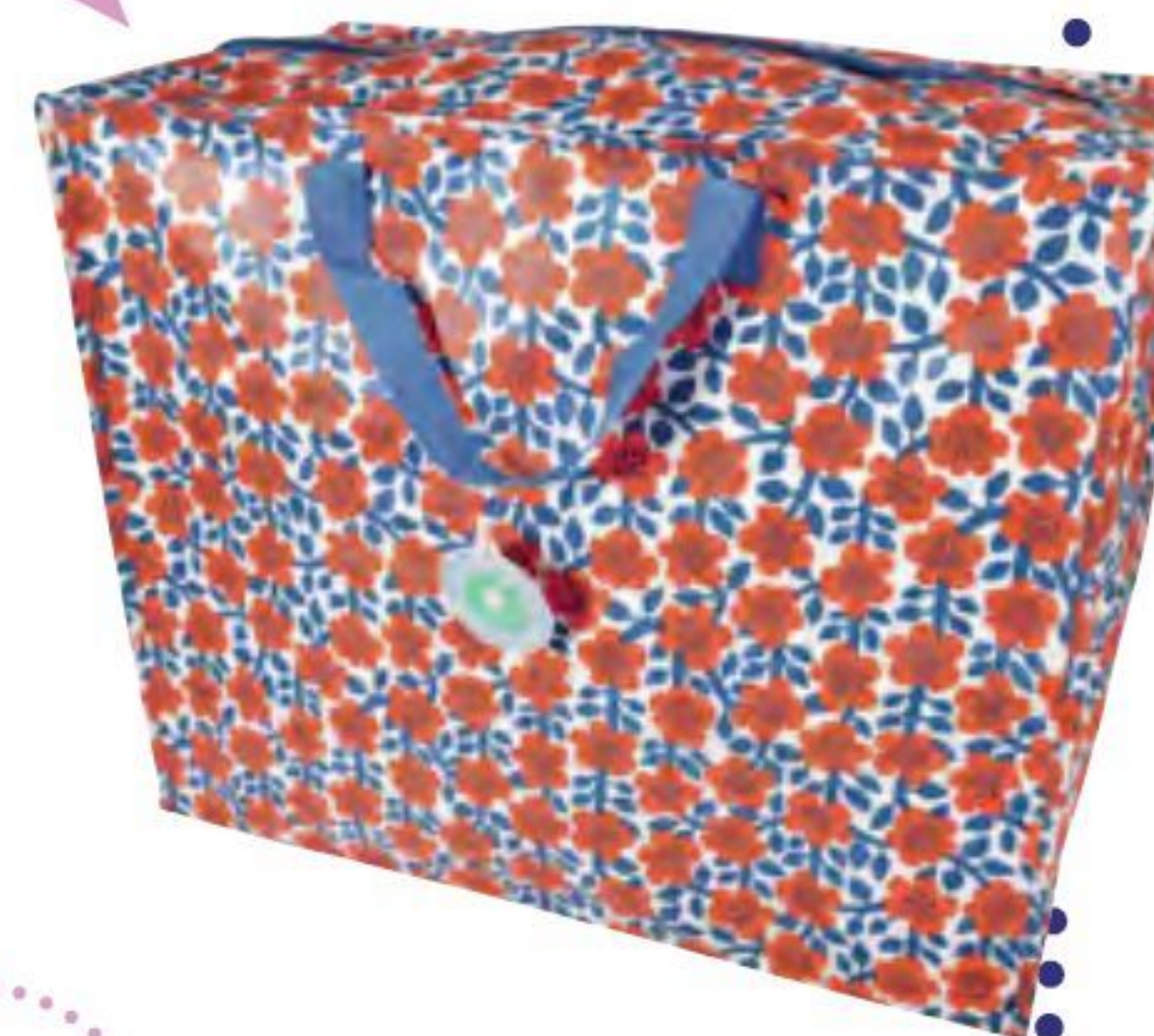
Storage Secrets

Check out these top buys that will make your sorting that much easier!



Sturdy boxes are ideal for stacking and this colourful design looks stylish too. Look out for special multi-buy offers! £7, theworks.co.uk

We're big fans of Rex London's recycled jumbo storage bags as they fit in plenty of yarn and are made from old plastic bottles. £4.95, rexlondon.com



If you have a chest of drawers full of yarn, check out these handy drawer organisers. Choose from a pack of two small (pictured) or one large. Prices from £5.95, theholdingcompany.co.uk

KNIT A ONE-BALL WONDER

One ball of yarn can go a long way!
Here are a few ideas:

Whip up Georgia Farrell's eyelet fingerless gloves from a 50g ball of DK. Choose from knitting flat or in the round.



Lesley Arnold-Hopkins' baby waistcoat fits ages three months to five years and still only uses one 100g ball of 4-ply yarn!



This stunning shawllette by Veronica Shaw is made from just 50g of laceweight yarn! Add crystals for a touch of glitz.



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UNLEASH THE CREATIVITY

There's nothing like a massive pile of yarn to get those knitty-senses tingling! When you're going through your stash, you'll soon find yourself starting to think about potential projects, even if you're looking for something else at the time. If you come across a yarn that would make a great hat, tea cosy, or whatever, put it to one side then label it with your great idea!



MAKE IT COLOURFUL!

NOT-SO SIMPLE STRIPES

Something stripy is an obvious suggestion when faced with a lot of single balls in different shades, but we know you can be more creative than that! Chevron patterns or deliberately uneven bands of colour can be really eye-catching. Or, you can make your project even more personal by choosing shades that have a particular significance. For example, they could reflect your mood, the temperature, or a period of time.

PRETTY PATTERNS

From fabulous repeating motifs, like polka dots or Fair Isle, to more intricate picture knits, there are plenty of ways to inject colour into your projects – especially if you're looking to use up oddments from your stash. If you're a more experienced knitter, you might fancy creating your own custom design. Go on, get out the colouring pencils and give it a try!

"Wind your yarn into yarn cakes and use under bed-size storage boxes - they hold two layers of yarn cakes. If you want to see the bottom layer, lift the box, if you want to see the top layer, open the lid"

Suzanne Russell, Reader

"I wrap all my small bits of yarn around cardboard bobbins and hook the end in so they then don't unravel and get tangled"

Sylvia Barham, Reader



Shop Savvy

It's much easier to sort out what yarn you've got if there's not a vast amount in the first place. Here are a few ways to stop over-buying:

1 - HAVE A PROJECT IN MIND

While it may seem like a few odd balls of yarn here and there, impulse purchases can soon consume your stash. We've all been guilty of buying yarn because it was a bargain or too soft to resist, then it sits in a cupboard for years. Be kind to yourself and others, leave that yarn for a fellow knitter instead.

2 - LEARN TO SUBSTITUTE

Don't just guesstimate when switching

a yarn, do the maths. Multiply the length of the yarn given in your pattern with the number of balls required to find out the total metreage of your project. This way you'll be able to buy the exact amount.

3 - DO YOUR RESEARCH

If you're buying yarn for gift knits, make sure you know what fibre and colours the recipient will wear. 'Just in case' will not help streamline your stash, nor will it aid your bank balance!



TELL US YOUR TOP STASH SORTING TIPS ON SOCIAL MEDIA! FIND THE DETAILS ON PAGE 3





PLUS
tapestry
needle,
stuffing, small
amount of
black yarn

SIZE
Height:
23.5cm



Perfect for
beginners

JIMMY FROG head

Using 4mm
needles and
Canopy Green
cast on ten sts
Row 1 (RS): (kfb)
to end. 20 sts
Row 2: p
Row 3: (k1, kfb) to

end. 30 sts
Row 4: p
Row 5: (k2, kfb) to
end. 40 sts
Rows 6-16:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Row 17: (k2, k2tog)
to end. 30 sts
Row 18: p
Row 19: (k1, k2tog)
to end. 20 sts
Row 20: p
Row 21: (k2tog) to
end. Ten sts
B&T

body
Using 4mm
needles and
Shimmer Blue cast
on 12 sts
Row 1 (RS): (kfb)

to end. 24 sts
Row 2: p
Change to
Sky Grey
Row 3: (k1, kfb) to
end. 36 sts
Row 4: p
Work in foll
two-row stripe
sequence: Toucan
Yellow, Flamingo
Pink, Hibiscus Pink,
Shimmer Blue,
Sky Grey
Rows 5-20:
starting with a k
row work in st st
Row 21: (k1, k2tog)
to end. 24 sts
Row 22: p
Row 23: k
Row 24: (p2tog) to
end. 12 sts
B&T

eye
Make two
Using 4mm
needles and
Canopy Green
cast on 12 sts
Row 1: k
Row 2: p
Row 3: k
Row 4: (p2tog) to
end. Six sts
B&T

arm
Make two
Using 4mm
needles and

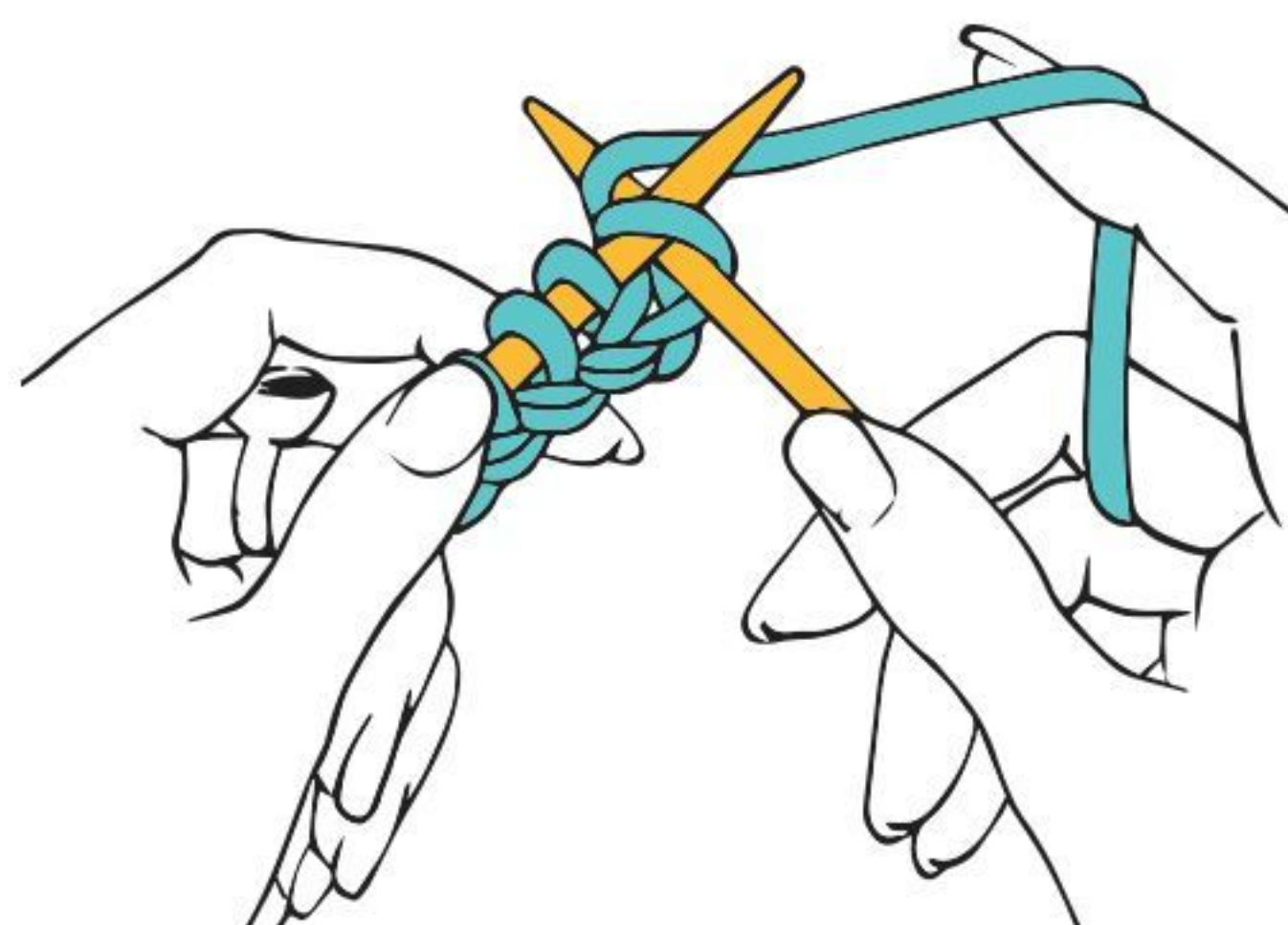
Shimmer Blue cast
on 12 sts
Work in foll
two-row stripe
sequence:
Shimmer Blue, Sky
Grey, Toucan
Yellow, Flamingo
Pink, Hibiscus Pink
Note: change to
Canopy Green
after Row 14
Rows 1-17: starting
with a k row work
in st st
Row 18: (p2tog) to
end. Six sts
B&T

leg
Make two
Using 4mm
needles and
Shimmer Blue cast
on 13 sts
Work in foll
two-row stripe
sequence:
Shimmer Blue,
Sky Grey, Toucan
Yellow, Flamingo
Pink, Hibiscus Pink
Note: change to
Canopy Green
after Row 18
Rows 1-22: starting
with a k row work
in st st
Row 23: k1,
(k2tog) to end.
Seven sts
B&T

to make up
Gather up cast-on
sts of Head to
make a circle, sew
up row edges to
B&T top on WS.
Turn RS out and
stuff, close B&T
top. Rep for Body.
Sew Head to Body.
* Gather up B&T of
Eyes and sew
down row edges
to cast-on edge.
* Sew Eyes to
Head. Using black
yarn, embroider

pupils on Eyes and
a smile on Head.
Using Shimmer
Blue, make twisted
cord and tie in a
bow around neck.
Rep from * to * for
Arms and Legs.
Turn RS out and
stuff. Sew across
top of Legs and
attach to Body.
Leave Arm tops
open and sew to
Body. Weave in
all ends

KNIT SCHOOL



DISCOVER ILLUSTRATIVE
GUIDES ON EVERYTHING FROM
CASTING ON TO PURL STITCH
OVER ON PAGES 62-63

LEAP INTO SUMMER WITH NICOLA VALIJI'S

Jimmy frog

In Roman times, frogs were considered lucky and were believed to bring good fortune to people's homes, so this froggy would make a lovely housewarming gift. Donning his favourite onesie in bright colours, this little companion is sure to brighten up your loved one's day and leave them smiling. Using just basic stitches, you'll have this project whipped up in no time!

Run out of yarn?

TRY DERAMORES STUDIO DK,
£1.69 PER 100G (250M) BALL,
DERAMORES.COM



USE ALL
SIX
YARN
COLOURS!



CHRIS HOY 10 CHRIS HOY FLYING FERGUS The Photo Finish

KATHERINE WOODFINE ROSE'S DRESS OF DREAMS Little

PIRATE PUG LAURA JAMES

Magical Kingdom of Birds The Sleepy Hummingbirds ANNE BOOTH

ASHA & THE SPIRIT BIRD JASBIN BILA

Game, set, match!

The familiar, soothing sound of Sue Barker's voice is on the horizon... that's right everyone, Wimbledon is nearly here! It doesn't matter if you're an avid tennis fan or someone who simply tunes in for tradition's sake; the courts at SW19 hold a special place in our hearts, no? We think so, which is why we've gathered together a selection of yarns and accessories in the event's signature purple and green. Reach for the bubbles, a punnet of strawberries and your latest WIP, then let the fun begin.

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your chance to
win all of this!

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**What a
bargain!**

MURRAY FEVER

Celebrate the greatest this country has ever seen! This amazing Andy Murray pattern from *Knit Your Own Scotland* by Jackie Holt and Ruth Bailey (Black & White Publishing) is available to download from **letsknit.co.uk**

Silky plant-based yarn

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Perfect for
garments

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- 1 Waves crochet hook set, Green, £29.99, blacksheepwools.com
- 2 Knit Pro Interchangeable Single Cable, £2.29, deramores.com
- 3 Cygnet Yarns Boho Spirit, shade Deep, 100g (240m) ball, visit cygnetyarns.com for stockists
- 4 La Mia Cottony, shade Purple, £1.47 per 50g (120m) ball, hobiumyarns.com
- 5 Hooooked Eucalyptus, shade Giada, £7.19 per 100g (165m) bobbin, hooooked.co.uk
- 6 Stylecraft Batik Elements DK, shade Krypton, £2.30 per 50g (138m) ball, woolfull.com
- 7 Stylecraft Batik Elements DK, shade Bismuth, £2.30 per 50g (138m) ball, woolfull.com
- 8 The Meripaca, shade Mauve, £15 per 100g (143m) skein, weareknitters.co.uk

- 9 Bright green seed beads, size 8, £2.50, blacksheepwools.com
- 10 Knit two together mini jotter, £1.99, vanessabee designs.co.uk
- 11 Deramores Studio DK, shade Peridot, £1.99 per 100g (250m) ball, deramores.com
- 12 Deramores Studio DK, shade Purple, £1.99 per 100g (250m) ball, deramores.com
- 13 Hooooked Zpagetti, shade Glass Green, £8.09 per 850g (120m) bobbin, hooooked.co.uk
- 14 La Mia Lux Mercerized Cotton, shade 150 Yellow Green, £1.56 per 50g (150m) ball, hobiumyarns.com
- 15 Scheepjes Mohair Rhythm, shade Boogie, £3.99 per 25g (200m) ball, blacksheepwools.com
- 16 Paintbox Yarns Metallic DK, shade Dacquiri, £4.50 per 50g (120m) ball, loveknitting.com

The original T-shirt yarn



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FROM SOUTH EAST AUSTRALIA,
SAY HELLO TO **SYDNEY...**

SACHIYO ISHII

is back with a brand new Knitting vs Crochet! We know how much you loved the last edition back in issue 109. This time, it's the battle of the utterly adorable koalas. Use your all-new Tropical yarn kit to create whichever one takes your fancy – you'll just need a bit of brown yarn from your stash to create the nose and mouth.

Do let us know which koala you'll be crafting at

FACEBOOK.COM/KNITANDCROCHET



VS CROCHET

...THEN MEET HER OPPONENT FROM
THE NORTH, **DARWIN**

CHOOSE YOUR KOALA, THEN
TURN OVER FOR THE PATTERN...





PLUS
two 6mm eye beads, black thread, stuffing, tapestry needle, small amounts of dark brown DK and dark brown 4-ply, blusher (optional)

SIZE
Height: 13.5cm



Perfect for beginners

KNITTED KOALA

head

Using 4mm needles and Sky Grey cast on ten sts
Row 1 (WS) and every odd-numbered row: p
Row 2: (kfb) to end. 20 sts
Row 4: (k1, kfb) to end. 30 sts
Row 6: (k2, kfb) to end. 40 sts
Row 8: (k3, kfb) to end. 50 sts
Rows 9-23: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 24: (k3, k2tog) to end. 40 sts
Row 25: p
Row 26: (k2, k2tog) to end. 30 sts
Row 27: p

Row 28: (k1, k2tog) to end. 20 sts
Row 29: p
Row 30: (k2tog) to end. Ten sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

body

Using 4mm needles and Flamingo Pink cast on ten sts
Row 1 (WS): p
Row 2: (kfb) to end. 20 sts
Row 3: p
Row 4: (k1, kfb) to end. 30 sts
Row 5: p
Row 6: k2, (kfb, k4) to last three sts, kfb, k2. 36 sts
Note: change to Toucan Yellow after Row 13
Rows 7-19: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 20: k2, (k2tog, k4) to last four sts, k2tog, k2. 30 sts
Row 21: p
Row 22: (k1, k2tog) to end. 20 sts
Row 23: p
Row 24: k
Cast off

ear

Make two
Using 4mm needles and Sky Grey cast on 15 sts
Row 1 (RS): k
Change to Hibiscus Pink
Row 2: p
Row 3: (k1, k2tog) to end. Ten sts
Row 4: p
Row 5: (k2tog) to end. Five sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

nose

Using 4mm needles and dark brown DK cast on five sts
Row 1 (WS): p
Row 2: k
Row 3: p
Row 4: skpo, k to end. Four sts
Row 5: p2tog, p to end. Three sts
Row 6: skpo, k1. Two sts
Row 7: p2tog. One st
Fasten off

arm

Make two
Using 4mm needles and Sky Grey cast on 12 sts
Rows 1-4: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 5: (k2, k2tog) to end. Nine sts
Rows 6-9: 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

dungarees

Using 4mm needles and Flamingo Pink cast on ten sts
Row 1 (WS): k
Row 2: (kfb) to end. 20 sts
Row 3: k
Row 4: (k1, kfb) to end. 30 sts
Row 5: k
Row 6: k2, (kfb, k4) to last three sts, kfb, k2. 36 sts
Rows 7-17: k
Row 18: cast off 12 sts, k11, cast off to end
Fasten off
Join yarn to set of centre sts to make front section
Rows 19-23: k
Cast off



pocket

Using 4mm needles and Flamingo Pink cast on eight sts
Rows 1-4: k
Row 5: skpo, k to last two sts, k2tog. Six sts
Cast off

strap

Make two
Using 4mm hook and Flamingo Pink make 16ch
Fasten off

leg

Make two
Using 4mm needles and Flamingo Pink cast on ten sts
Row 1 and every odd-numbered row: p
Row 2: (kfb) to end. 20 sts
Row 4: k
Row 6 (shape ankle): k6, (k2tog) four times, k to end. 16 sts
Row 8: k6, (k2tog) twice, k to end. 14 sts
Row 9: p6, p2tog, p to end. 13 sts
Rows 10-13: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 14: k1, (k2tog) to end. Seven sts

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

leaf

Make two
Using 4mm needles and Canopy Green cast on three sts
Rows 1-5: k
Row 6: skpo, k1. Two sts
Row 7: k2tog. One st
Fasten off

to make up

Using fastened-off yarn end of Head, sew seam halfway. With cast-on yarn end, work gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly. Sew up a little further, stuff and close seam. Sew Ears and Nose to Head, then attach eye beads. With dark brown 4-ply, embroider mouth. Using cast-on end of Body, work

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gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly. Sew seam to neck edge and stuff. Keep neck end open. Seam Dungarees in same way. Place Dungarees on Body and sew in place. Sew Pocket. Seam Leg and stuff. Using Flamingo Pink, pierce foot from sole, take needle out from ankle and rep. Pull thread to flatten sole and shape ankle. Sew Legs to Body. Seam Arms and sew to Body. Sew Head to Body. Attach Straps to Dungarees, crossing them at the back. Sew two Leaves tog at one end, hide yarn ends and insert in Pocket. Colour cheeks with blusher. Weave in all ends



PLUS
two 6mm eye beads, black thread, stuffing, tapestry needle, small amounts of dark brown DK and dark brown 4-ply, blusher (optional)

SIZE
Height: 14cm



Perfect for beginners

CROCHET KOALA head

Using 4mm hook and Sky Grey

make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

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

Rnd 3: 1ch, (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 4: 1ch, (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 5: 1ch, (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 6: 1ch, (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

Rnds 7-15: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 16: 1ch, (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 17: 1ch, (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 18: 1ch, (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 19: 1ch, (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

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

Stuff
Rnd 21: 1ch, (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

body

Using 4mm hook and Flamingo Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

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

Note: change to Toucan Yellow after Rnd 8

Rnds 5-11: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 12: 1ch, (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 13: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 14: 1ch, (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 15: 1ch, 1dc, in each st to end
Fasten off

ear

Make two

Using 4mm hook and Hibiscus Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, do not join to first st, turn. Six sts

Row 1: 1ch (does not count as st throughout), (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end, turn. Nine sts

Row 2: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
Change to Sky Grey

Row 3: 1ch, (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end, turn. 12 sts

Row 4: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
Fasten off
Pull centre thread tight

nose

Using 4mm hook and dark brown DK make 4ch

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

Row 2: 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 1dc in each st to end, turn

Row 3: 1ch, miss first st, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Two sts

Row 4: 1ch, miss first st, 1dc in last st. One st
Fasten off

arm

Make two

Using 4mm hook and Sky Grey make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

Rnd 1: 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 2dc in each st to end. Ten sts

Rnds 2-3: 1ch, 1dc

in each st to end
Rnd 4: 1ch, (3dc, dc2tog) twice. Eight sts

Rnds 5-6: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

dungarees

Using 4mm hook and Flamingo Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

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

Rnds 5-10: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

Join yarn to 10th st from last st of last rnd

Row 1: 1ch, 10dc. Ten sts

Rows 2-4: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

strap

Make two

Using 4mm hook and Flamingo Pink make 18ch
Fasten off

pocket

Using 4mm hook and Flamingo Pink make 7ch

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

Row 2: 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 1dc in each st to end, turn

Rows 3-4: 1ch, miss first st, 1dc in each st to end. Four sts
Fasten off

leg

Make two

Using 4mm hook and Flamingo Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 2dc

in each st to end. 12 sts

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

Rnd 3: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 4: 1ch, 5dc, (dc2tog) four times, 1dc in each st to end. 14 sts

Rnd 5: 1ch, 5dc, (dc2tog) twice, 1dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnds 6-8: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 9: 1ch, (4dc, dc2tog) twice. Ten sts
Fasten off

large leaf

Using 4mm hook and Canopy Green make 7ch

Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, one sl st, 1dc, (1htr) twice, 1dc, one sl st
Fasten off

small leaf

Using 4mm hook and Canopy Green make 5ch

Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, one sl st, (1htr) twice, one sl st
Fasten off

to make up

Sew Ears and Nose to Head. Attach eye beads. Using dark brown 4-ply, embroider mouth. Stuff Body. Place Dungarees on Body and sew in place. Attach Pocket. Stuff Arms and Legs and sew to Body. Sew Head to Body. Sew Leaves tog at one end and insert into Pocket. Colour cheeks with blusher. Weave in all ends



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Our favourites just for you...

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eucalan.com f t p i

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craftcourses.com f t p i

Wool4Less

Baylee Bear knitting kit is part of a new Nursery Collection range by Kath Fisher Designs. Available exclusively at Wool4less for just £12. Created in Flutterby Quick Knit as it's amazingly soft and snuggly which is perfect for babies and little ones! Look out for more nursery characters coming soon!



wool4less.co.uk f

Hobbii



Hobbii offers a wide selection of affordable yarns to cater for knitters and crocheters all over the world including organic cotton and wool. On the website, you will find a wide selection of free patterns ranging from home decor, accessories, to garments.

shop.hobbii.co.uk/lgc-hobbi f p i

All Things Wool

All Things Wool, Stockton-on-Tees has a wide selection of gorgeous yarns including Bergère Cotton & Merino wool in beautiful summer shades. Its oh so soft feel makes it perfect for the whole family whatever your knitting or crochet project is.



allthingswool.net f t p i

Wooly Knit



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yarn2cone.com f t p

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*This issue we're bringing you
a fun and relatable poem from*

JILL PRITCHARD

My daughter needs a jumper,
On the front she wants to star.
My husband's socks are full of holes
And pay day's just too far.

The twins are always ruining
Their clothes with childhood play,
And I'd really like a summer top
But it's still two weeks 'til pay!

I know, I thought, my cupboards full
With patterns, yarn and thread,
I'll make a brew and have a look
And make us things instead!

There's cotton, aran, double knit,
More wool than I can see,
There's folders full of patterns!
(I'll make another cup of tea.)

Okay, to choose a pattern.
Shall I crochet or shall I knit?
The instructions can be quite obscure.
I need to make sense of it!

So knitting's fine, I've got that sussed!
Yarn over, knit and purled.
Knit two together, cast that off,
Ignore holes and edges curled.

So while the kettle's boiling,
I try out my crochet hook.
But the pattern is American!
I'll choose another book.

So finally, with hook in hand,
And all my craft supplies,
I double, treble, slip and knot,
And then to my surprise...



The pattern followed closely,
No stitch was out of place,
I thought I got it right this time
But I still can't see his face!

It's supposed to be a bobble hat,
But it won't fit properly on his head,
I reach out for the biscuits,
I'll have a cup of tea instead!

**IF YOU WANT TO SEE YOUR WRITING PUBLISHED, EMAIL YOUR
SHORT STORY OR POEM TO ROSIE.SAVAGE@ACEVILLE.CO.UK**



PLUS
tapestry
needle,
stuffing, four
6mm safety
eyes

SIZE
Height: 21cm



Take the
next step

SPACE BUDDIES head

Make two

Using 4mm hook and Toucan Yellow 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

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

Rnds 4-8: 16dc (Toucan Yellow), 8dc (Hibiscus Pink)

Rnd 9: (2dc, dc2tog) four times (Toucan Yellow), (2dc, dc2tog) twice (Hibiscus

Pink). 18 sts

Rnd 10: 1dc (Hibiscus Pink), dc2tog, (1dc, dc2tog) twice, 1dc (Toucan Yellow), dc2tog, (1dc, dc2tog) twice (Hibiscus Pink). 12 sts

Insert safety eyes between Rnds 6-7 approx two sts apart

Stuff Head

Cont in Hibiscus Pink

Rnd 11: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

body

Make two

Using 4mm hook and Sky Grey make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

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

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

Note: change to Flamingo Pink after Rnd 10

Rnds 5-13: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Sky Grey

Rnd 14: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnds 15-16: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 17: (2dc, dc2tog) to end.

18 sts

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

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

Rnd 21: 1dc in each st to end
Stuff

Rnd 22: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

arm

Make four (two in each colour)

Using 4mm hook and Canopy Green (Shimmer Blue) make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

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

Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 3: 3dc, dc2tog, 2dc, dc2tog. Seven sts

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

Rnd 7: working in back loops only, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 8: 1dc in each st to end

Work in foll two-rnd stripe sequence:

Shimmer Blue (Canopy Green), Sky Grey

Rnds 9-12: 1dc in

each st to end
Fasten off

leg

Make four (two in each colour)

Using 4mm hook and Canopy Green (Shimmer Blue) make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

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

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

Rnds 4-7: (one sl st in next st) three times, 1dc in each st to end

Rnds 8-12: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Flamingo Pink

Rnds 13-14: rep Rnds 7-8 of Arm

Rnd 15: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts

Change to Shimmer Blue (Canopy Green)

Rnds 16-19: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Sky Grey

Rnd 20: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

helmet

Make two

Using 4mm hook and Canopy Green (Shimmer Blue) make a magic ring,

work 6dc into ring. Six sts

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

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

Rnds 5-7: 1dc in each st to end, turn

Rnd 8: 1ch, 22dc, turn

Rnd 9: 1ch, 22dc, do not turn

Rnd 10: 8ch, starting in first st of Rnd 9, 22dc

Rnd 11: 30dc

Rnd 12: (8dc, dc2tog) to end. 27 sts

Rnd 13: (7dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 14: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 15: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

backpack

Make two

Using 4mm hook and Flamingo 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: working in back loops only, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 5: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 6: working in back loops only, 2dc, dc3tog, (4dc, dc3tog) three times, 2dc. 20 sts

Rnd 7: 1dc, dc3tog, (2dc, dc3tog) three times, 1dc. 12 sts

Rnd 8: (dc3tog) to end. Four sts
Fasten off

strap

Make eight

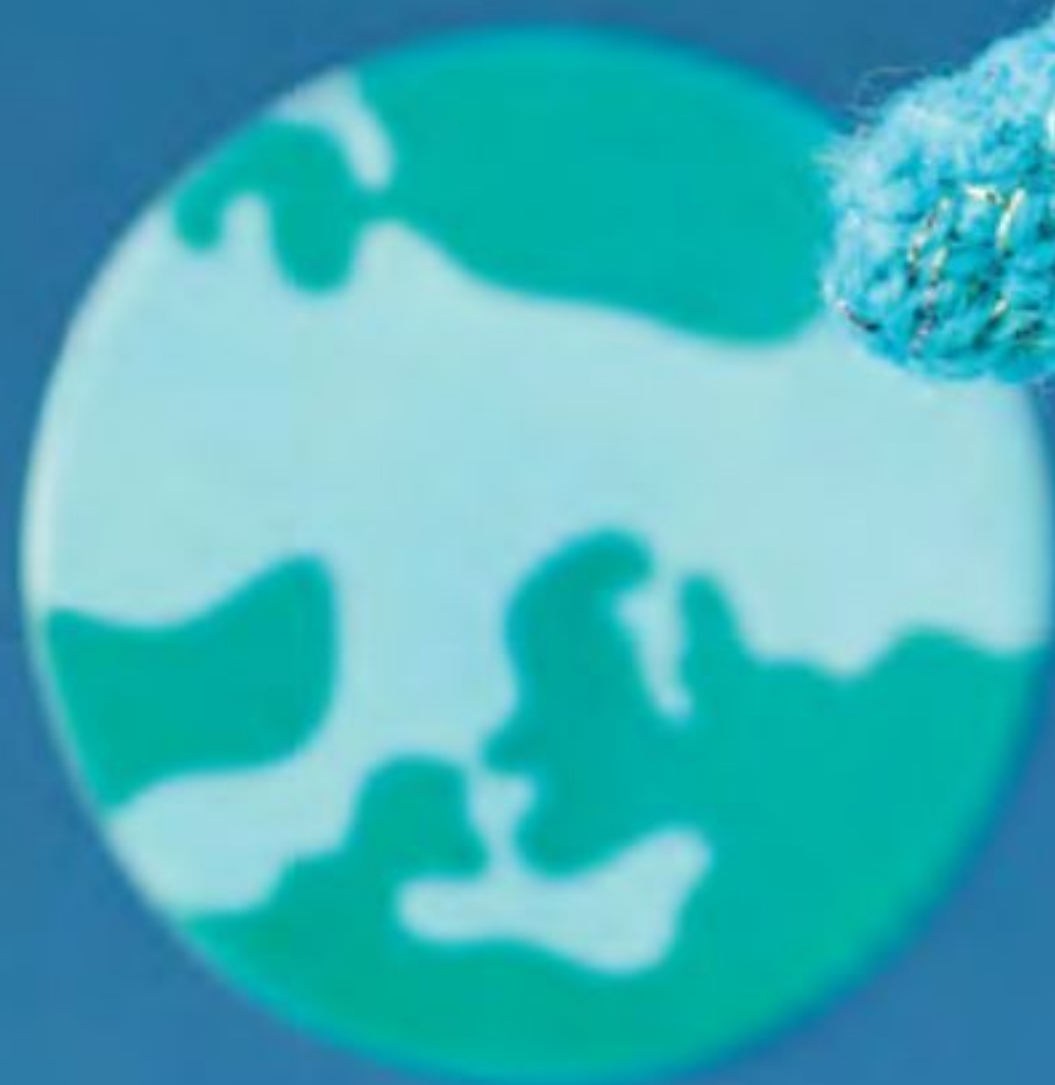
Using 4mm hook and Hibiscus Pink make 10ch
Fasten off

to make up

Finish stuffing Head, Arms, Legs and Body, then sew tog. Place Helmet on Head. Fold foot to 90° angle and sew in place. Sew a Backpack Strap onto each corner of WS of Backpack and put on astronaut. Using Flamingo Pink, sew through Backpack, tummy and Backpack Straps to secure. Weave in all ends

TOP TIP

KEEP YOUR TENSION
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PATTERN USES EVERY
INCH OF YOUR
TROPICAL YARNS



USE ALL
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needle,
cardboard

SIZE
Pink Frame
height: 14cm
Yellow Frame
height: 15.5cm
Blue Frame
height: 19cm



Take the
next step

PICTURE FRAMES pink frame front

Using 4mm
needles and
Flamingo Pink cast
on 156 sts

Row 1: p

Row 2: k2, (k1 and
sl back onto LH
needle, with RH
needle lift next
eight sts, one at a

time, over this st
and off needle,
yfwd, k first st
again, k2) to end

Row 3: k1, (p2tog,
[k1, p1, k1, p1] in
yfwd, p1) to last st,
k1. 86 sts

Rows 4-5: k

Row 6: (k3, k2tog)
to last st, k1. 69 sts

Row 7: k

Row 8: (k2, k2tog)
to last st, k1. 52 sts
Cast off

pink frame back

Using 4mm
needles and
Flamingo Pink cast
on 86 sts

Rows 1-2: k

Row 3: (k3, k2tog)
to last st, k1. 69 sts

Row 4: k

Row 5: (k2, k2tog)
to last st, k1. 52 sts
Cast off

yellow frame front

Using 4mm
needles and
Toucan Yellow
cast on 182 sts

Row 1: k

Row 2: k1, (k1 and
sl back onto LH
needle, with RH
needle lift next
four sts, one at a
time, over this st
and off needle, k
in first st again, k1)
to last st, k1. 62 sts

Row 3: k1, (kfb, k1)
to last st, k1. 92 sts

Row 4: k

Row 5: k9, (ssk, k1,
k2tog, k18) three
times, ssk, k1,
k2tog, k9. 84 sts

Row 6: k

Row 7: k8, (ssk, k1,
k2tog, k16) three
times, ssk, k1,
k2tog, k8. 76 sts
Cast off

yellow frame back

Using 4mm
needles and
Toucan Yellow
cast on 92 sts

Rows 1-2: k

Row 3: k9, (ssk, k1,

k2tog, k18) three
times, ssk, k1,
k2tog, k9. 84 sts

Row 4: k

Row 5: k8, (ssk, k1,
k2tog, k16) three
times, ssk, k1,
k2tog, k8. 76 sts
Cast off

blue frame

Using 4mm
needles and
Shimmer Blue cast
on 60 sts

Row 1: k10, (kfb)
ten times, k20,
(kfb) ten times,
k10. 80 sts

Row 2: k

Row 3: k10, (k1,
kfb) ten times,
k20, (k1, kfb) ten
times, k10. 100 sts

Rows 4-5: k

Row 6: k2, (cast on
five sts using
backwards loop
method, k1, turn,
sl 1, k6, turn, sl 1,
cast off five sts, k1)
to end

Rows 7-8: k

Row 9: k10, (k1,
k2tog) ten times,
k20, (k1, k2tog) ten
times, k10. 80 sts

Row 10: k

Row 11: k10,
(k2tog) ten times,
k20, (k2tog) ten
times, k10. 60 sts
Cast off

to make up

Pink Frame: seam
row edges of
Front and Back.

Place tog so that
inner circles match
up. Sew cast-on
edge of Back to
Front, just under
mini scallops. Cut 12cm
diameter circle of
card and place
inside frame.

Yellow Frame:
seam row edges
of Front and Back.

Place tog so that
inner square
openings match
up. Sew cast-on
edge of Back to
Front, just below
mini scallops.

Cut 13cm square
of card and place
inside frame.

Blue Frame: seam
row edges. Cut a
10cm x 18cm card
oval and insert
into frame. Weave
in all ends

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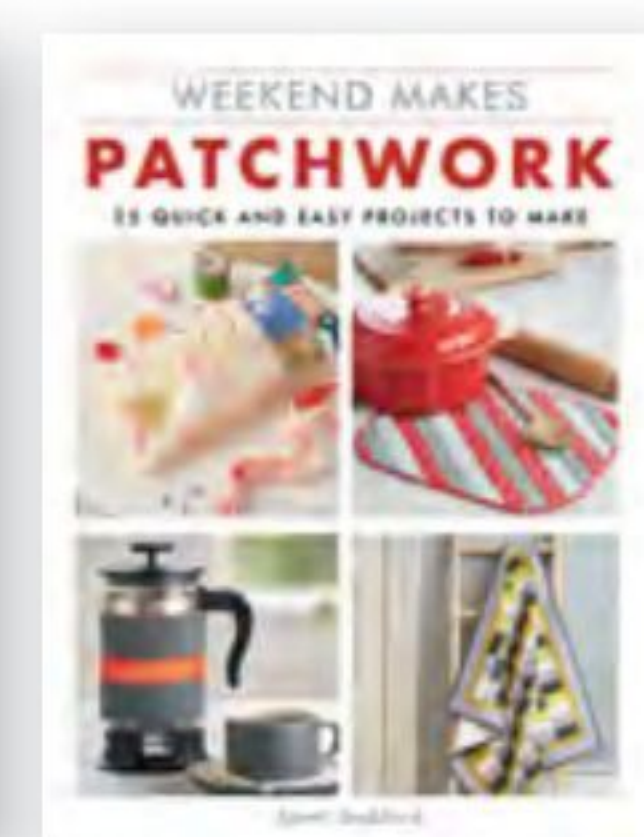
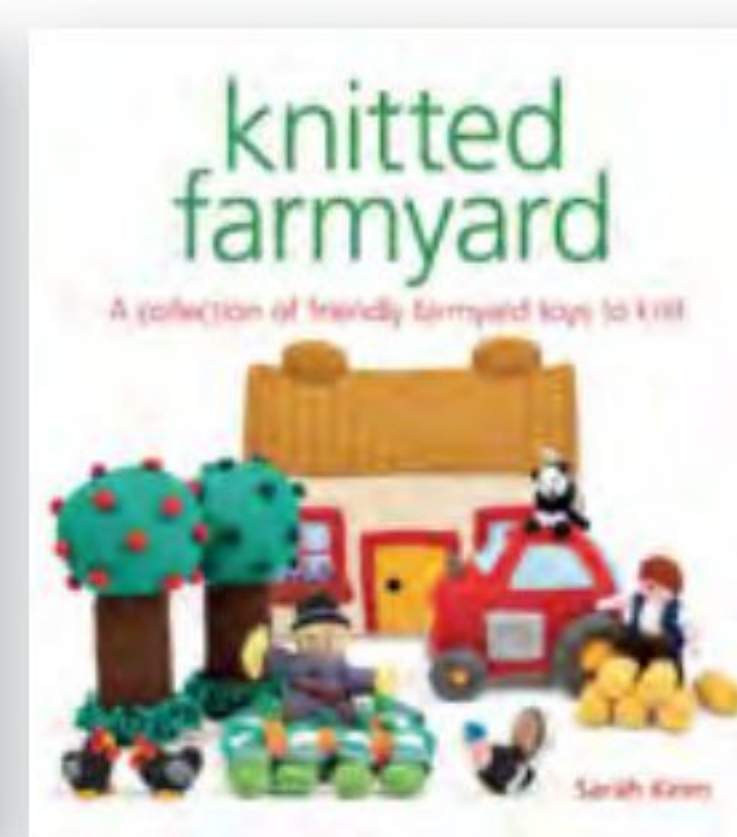
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PLUS
tapestry
needle, small
amount of
dark brown
4-ply, two
4mm black eye
beads, stuffing,
black cotton
thread

SIZE
Length: 16cm



CEDRIC THE SEAL

body
Using 4mm
needles and Sky
Grey cast on
six sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (kfb) to
end. 12 sts

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

Row 4: (k1, kfb) to
end. 18 sts

Row 6: (k2, kfb) to
end. 24 sts

Row 8: (k3, kfb) to
end. 30 sts

Rows 9-17:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Row 18: (k4, kfb)

to end. 36 sts

Rows 19-31:

starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 32: (k4,
k2tog) to end.

30 sts

Row 33: p

Row 34: k

Row 35: p

**Row 36 (shape
neck):** (k1, k2tog)

to end. 20 sts

Row 37: p

Row 38: k14, wyif
sl 1, yb, turn, sl 1, p9,

wyib sl 1, yfwd,
turn, sl 1, k7, wyif sl

1, yb, turn, sl 1, p7,
wyib sl 1, yfwd,

turn, sl 1, k to end

Row 39: p

Row 40 (eyeline):
k6, (k2tog) four

times, k6. 16 sts

Rows 41-44:

starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 45: p1, (p2tog,
p1) to end. 11 sts

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

flipper

Make four

Using 4mm
needles and Sky
Grey cast on 24 sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: skpo, k to
last two sts, k2tog.
22 sts

Row 3: p2tog, p to
last two sts, p2tog.
20 sts

Rows 4-7: rep
Rows 2-3 twice.
12 sts

Row 8: rep Row 2.
Ten sts
Cast off

to make up

With fastened-off yarn end, seam Body
halfway. With cast-on yarn end, work
gathering thread along cast-on edge
and draw tightly. Sew up Body, stuff
and close seam. Attach eyes. With dark
brown 4-ply, embroider mouth, nose
and whiskers. Fold Flippers in half
lengthwise and sew edges tog.
Attach to Body. Weave in all ends



**“This pattern uses just one ball
of yarn! Why not use the rest of
your Tropical kit to make our
mermaids on the next page?”**

ROSIE SAVAGE, EDITOR



PLUS
tapestry
needle,
stuffing, four
5mm black
safety eyes,
felt,
embroidery
thread, beads

SIZE
Height: 22cm



Take the
next step

SASSY MERMAIDS body

Make two
Using 4mm hook
and Canopy Green
(Shimmer Blue)
make a magic
ring, work 6dc into
ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 1dc in each
st to end
Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
Nine sts
Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
12 sts
Rnds 4-5: rep Rnd 1
twice
Rnd 6: (3dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
15 sts
Rnd 7: rep Rnd 1
Rnd 8: (4dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
18 sts
Rnd 9: rep Rnd 1
Rnd 10: (5dc, 2dc
in next st) to end.
21 sts

Rnd 11: rep Rnd 1
Rnd 12: (6dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
24 sts
Rnd 13: (3dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
30 sts
Rnd 14: (4dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
36 sts
Rnd 15: (11dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
39 sts
Rnd 16: (12dc, 2dc
in next st) to end.
42 sts
Rnd 17: rep Rnd 1
Rnd 18: (5dc,
dc2tog) to end.
36 sts
Rnd 19: (4dc,
dc2tog) to end.
30 sts
Rnd 20: (3dc,
dc2tog) to end.
24 sts
Change to
Hibiscus Pink
Rnd 21: working in
back loops only,
(2dc, dc2tog) to
end. 18 sts
Rnd 22: rep Rnd 1
Change to
Flamingo Pink
Rnd 23: (2dc, 2dc
in next st) to end.
24 sts
Rnds 24-25: rep
Rnd 1 twice
Change to
Hibiscus Pink
Rnd 26: (2dc,
dc2tog) to end.

18 sts
Rnd 27: rep Rnd 1
Rnd 28: (1dc,
dc2tog) to end.
12 sts
Rnd 29: (dc2tog)
to end. Six sts
Fasten off

head

Make two
Using 4mm hook
and Hibiscus
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
Rnds 4-8: 1dc in
each st to end
Rnd 9: (2dc,
dc2tog) to end.
18 sts
Rnd 10: (1dc,
dc2tog) to end.
12 sts
Stuff firmly and
insert safety eyes
between Rnds 5-6,
three sts apart
Rnd 11: (dc2tog) to
end. Six sts
Fasten off

arm

Make four
Using 4mm hook
and Hibiscus Pink

make a magic
ring, work 6dc
into ring. Six sts
Rnds 1-12: 1dc in
each st to end
Fasten off

fin

Make four (two
in each colour)
Using 4mm hook
and Canopy
Green (Shimmer
Blue) make a
magic ring, work
6dc into ring.
Six sts
Rnd 1: 1dc in each
st to end
Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
Nine sts
Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc
in next st) to end.
12 sts
Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc
in next st) to end.
15 sts
Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc
in next st) to end.
18 sts
Rnds 6-7: rep
Rnd 1 twice
Rnd 8: (1dc,
dc2tog) to end.
12 sts
Rnd 9: rep Rnd 1
Rnd 10: (2dc,
dc2tog) to end.
Nine sts
Rnd 11: (1dc,
dc2tog) to end.
Six sts
Fasten off

TAKE A SWIM WITH HANNAH COOPER'S Sassy mermaids

These gorgeous aquatic ladies don't have time for sitting around on rocks singing; they'd much rather be having a party under the sea!
The vibrant colours in this issue's Tropical kit are perfect for crocheting their shimmering tails and beautiful long hair – all they need is a simple beaded necklace each to complete the look.

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THIS PATTERN?



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to make up

Sew Head and Arms onto Body. Sew Fins onto bottom of Tail. Using a string of beads, create a necklace for each mermaid. To make hair, cut 50 25.5cm lengths of Toucan Yellow for each mermaid. Working along hair line, fold each length of yarn in half, insert hook around a st, pull loop end through and insert loose ends, then pull to secure onto Head. Once hairline is outlined, fill in rest by evenly spreading each piece out. Cut small shell shape from felt, add detail with embroidery thread, and sew onto Hair. Weave in all ends



“Why not add a streak of bright colour to the mermaid’s hair for a different look?”

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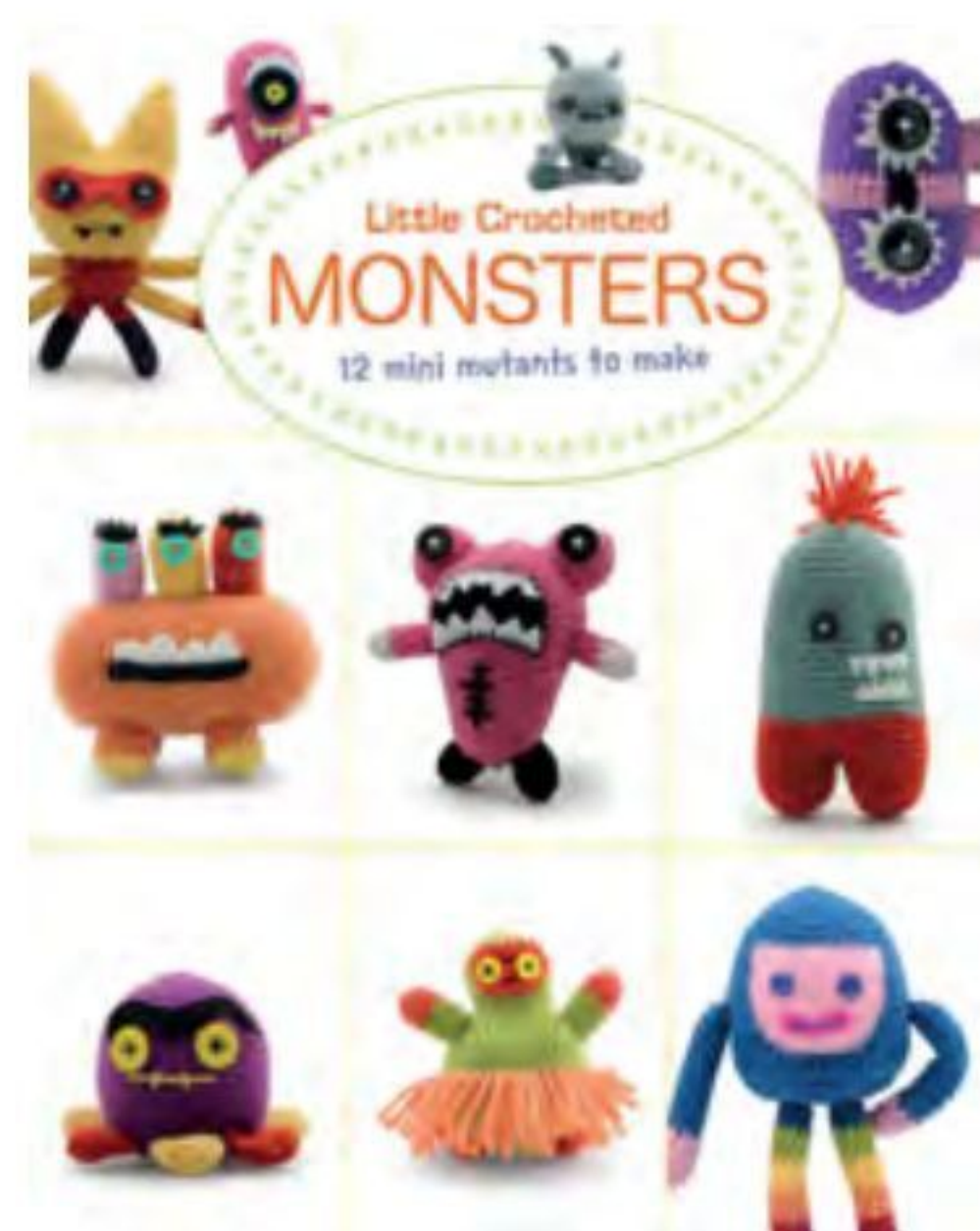
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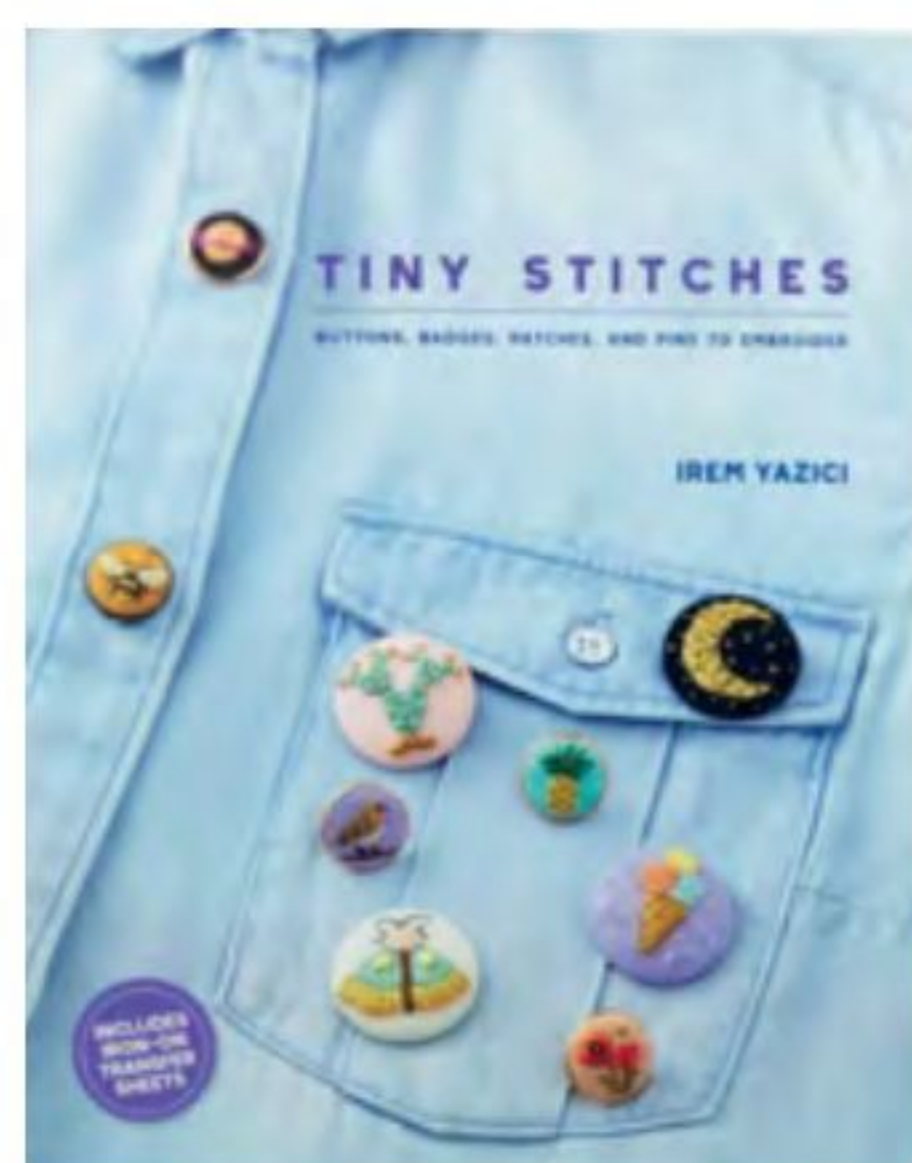
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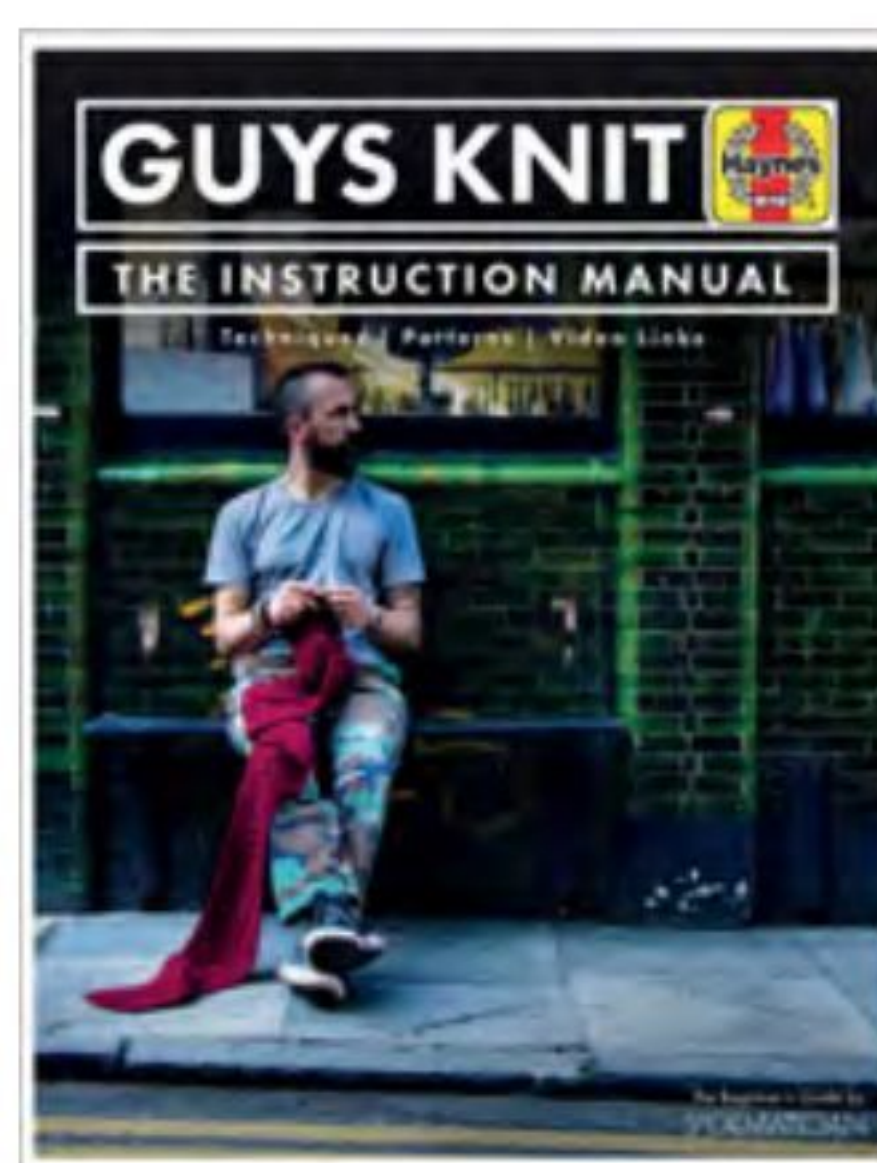
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PLUS
tapestry
needle,
stuffing,
cardboard,
small amount
of black yarn

SIZE
Caravan
height: 13cm
Car height:
9cm

CARAVAN side

Make two
Using 4mm
needles and
Flamingo Pink cast
on 25 sts
Note: change to
Shimmer Blue after
Row 14, Hibiscus
Pink after Row 17
Rows 1-26:
starting with a k
row work in st st
Row 27: skpo, k to
last two sts, k2tog.
23 sts
Row 28: p2tog,
p to last two sts,
p2tog. 21 sts
Rows 29-32: rep
Rows 27-28 twice.
13 sts
Cast off

floor

Using 4mm
needles and

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Perfect for
beginners

Flamingo Pink cast
on 25 sts
Rows 1-14: starting
with a k row work
in st st
Cast off

roof

Using 4mm
needles and
Flamingo Pink
cast on 14 sts
Note: change to
Shimmer Blue after
Row 14, Hibiscus
Pink after Row 17,
Shimmer Blue after
Row 66, Flamingo
Pink after Row 69
Rows 1-83:
starting with a k
row work in st st
Cast off

wheel

Make two
Using 4mm
needles and Sky
Grey cast on
six sts
Row 1: (kfb)
to end. 12 sts
Row 2: p
Row 3: (kfb)

to end. 24 sts
Rows 4-10:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Row 11: (k2tog)
to end. 12 sts
Row 12: p
Row 13: (k2tog)
to end. Six sts
Cast off

door

Using 4mm
needles and
Shimmer Blue cast
on eight sts
Row 1: k
Row 2: k2, p4, k2
Rows 3-20: rep
Rows 1-2 nine
times
Rows 21-24: k
Cast off

window

Using 4mm
needles and
Shimmer Blue
cast on ten sts
Rows 1-3: k
Row 4: k2, p6, k2
Row 5: k
Rows 6-9: rep
Rows 4-5 twice

Rows 10-11: k
Cast off

to make up

* Sew Floor to
Sides on WS. Place
Roof strip around
Sides and sew on
WS, leaving a gap.
Turn RS out, insert
small rectangle of
cardboard to
Floor area and
stuff. Sew closed.
* Sew Window and
Door to one Side.
Gather up cast-on
sts of Wheels and
sew up row ends.
Leave B&T open,
turn RS out and
close B&T. Sew
from B&T to
cast-on sts
through Wheel.
Sew Wheels to
Sides. Weave in
all ends

CAR right side

Using 4mm
needles and
Toucan Yellow
cast on 18 sts
Row 1: p
Row 2: kfb, k to
last st, kfb. 20 sts
Rows 3-9: starting
with a p row work
in st st
Row 10: k2tog,
k to end. 19 sts
Row 11: p

Row 12: cast off
seven sts, k to
end. 12 sts

Row 13: p

Row 14: k

Row 15: p2tog,
p to end. 11 sts

Row 16: k

Row 17: p

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

Row 19: p

Row 20: rep Row

18. Seven sts

Row 21: p2tog, p to
last two sts, p2tog.
Five sts

Cast off

left side

Using 4mm
needles and
Toucan Yellow
cast on 18 sts
Rows 1-9: rep
Rows 1-9 of Right
Side. 20 sts

Row 10: k to last
two sts, k2tog.
19 sts

Row 11: p

Row 12: k12, cast
off seven sts. 12 sts

Note: rejoin yarn

Row 13: p

Row 14: k

Row 15: p to last
two sts, p2tog.
11 sts

Row 16: k

Row 17: p

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

Nine sts

Row 19: p

Row 20: rep Row
18. Seven sts

Row 21: p2tog, p to
last two sts, p2tog.
Five sts

Cast off

floor

Using 4mm
needles and
Toucan Yellow
cast on 18 sts
Rows 1-8: starting
with a p row work
in st st
Cast off

roof

Using 4mm
needles and
Toucan Yellow
cast on nine sts
Rows 1-50:
starting with a k
row work in st st
Cast off

wheel

Make four
Using 4mm
needles and Sky
Grey cast on
four sts
Row 1: (kfb) to
end. Eight sts
Row 2: p
Row 3: (k1, kfb)
to end. 12 sts
Rows 4-7: starting
with a p row work
in st st
Row 8: (p1, p2tog)



**"Children will love to
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caravan and car set"**

NICOLA VALIJI, DESIGNER

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TOP TIP

PLACE PIECES OF CARDBOARD IN THE FLOOR SECTIONS OF THE CARAVAN AND CAR TO PROVIDE STURDINESS

to end. Eight sts
Row 9: k
Row 10: (p2tog) to end. Four sts B&T

right side window

Using 4mm needles and

Canopy Green cast on ten sts

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

Row 5: k to last two sts, k2tog. Nine sts

Row 6: p2tog, p to end. Eight sts

Rows 7-8: rep Rows 5-6. Six sts Cast off

left side window

Using 4mm needles and Canopy Green cast on ten sts

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

Row 5: k2tog, k to end. Nine sts

Row 6: p to last two sts, p2tog. Eight sts

Rows 7-8: rep

Rows 5-6. Six sts Cast off

windscreen

Using 4mm needles and Canopy Green cast on seven sts

Rows 1-7: starting with a k row work in st st

Cast off

number plate

Make two
Using 4mm needles and

Shimmer Blue cast on eight sts

Row 1: k

Row 2: p

Cast off

joining bar

Using 4mm needles and Canopy Green cast on five sts
Rows 1-25: k
Cast off

to make up

Rep from * to * of Caravan To Make Up. Sew Windows, Windscreen and

Number Plates to Car. Gather cast-on sts of Wheels and sew up row ends. Leave B&T open, turn RS out, stuff and close B&T. Sew from B&T to cast-on sts through Wheel. Sew Wheels to Sides. Sew Joining Bar to underside of Car, then sew other end to Caravan. Weave in all ends



PLUS

88g of white DK, stitch markers, wooden toggle button, tapestry needle

SIZE

Height (inc handle): 36cm



Take the next step

CIRCLE BAG circular panel

Make two

Using 4mm hook and White make a magic ring, 10htr into ring, join with a sl st to top of first st. Ten sts

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

Rnd 1: 1ch (does not count as st throughout), (2htr in next st) five times (White), (2htr in next st) five times (Sky Grey), sl st in first htr (White). 20 sts

Rnd 2: 1ch, (1htr, 2htr in next st) five

times (White), (1htr, 2htr in next st) five times (Sky Grey), sl st in first htr (Shimmer Blue). 30 sts

Rnd 3: 1ch, (2htr, 2htr in next st) five times (Shimmer Blue), (2htr, 2htr in next st) five times (White), sl st in first htr (Shimmer Blue). 40 sts

Rnd 4: 1ch, (3htr, 2htr in next st) five times (Shimmer Blue), (3htr, 2htr in next st) five times, sl st in first htr (White). 50 sts

Rnd 5: 1ch, (4htr, 2htr in next st) five times (White), (4htr, 2htr in next st) five times (Hibiscus Pink), sl st in first htr (White). 60 sts

Rnd 6: 1ch, (5htr, 2htr in next st) five times (White), (5htr, 2htr in next st) five times (Hibiscus Pink), sl st in first htr (Flamingo Pink). 70 sts

Rnd 7: 1ch, (6htr, 2htr in next st) five times (Flamingo Pink), (6htr, 2htr in next st) five times (White), sl st in first htr (Flamingo Pink). 80 sts

Rnd 8: 1ch, (7htr,

2htr in next st) five times (Flamingo Pink), (7htr, 2htr in next st) five times, sl st in first htr (White). 90 sts

Rnd 9: 1ch, (8htr, 2htr in next st) five times (White), (8htr, 2htr in next st) five times (Toucan Yellow), sl st in first htr (White). 100 sts

Rnd 10: 1ch, (9htr, 2htr in next st) five times (White), (9htr, 2htr in next st) five times (Toucan Yellow), sl st in first htr (Canopy Green). 110 sts

Rnd 11: 1ch, (10htr, 2htr in next st) five times (Canopy Green), (10htr, 2htr in next st) five times (White), sl st in first htr (Canopy Green). 120 sts

Rnd 12: 1ch, (11htr, 2htr in next st) five times (Canopy Green), (11htr, 2htr in next st) five times, sl st in first htr (White). 130 sts

Rnd 13: 1ch, (12htr, 2htr in next st) five times (White), (12htr, 2htr in next st) five times (Shimmer Blue), sl st in first htr (White). 140 sts

Rnd 14: 1ch, (13htr,

2htr in next st) five times (White), (13htr, 2htr in next st) five times (Shimmer Blue), sl st in first htr (White). 150 sts

Fasten off

fastening

Using 4mm hook and White make 16ch

Row 1: 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. 15 sts

Row 2: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

Row 3: 1ch, 2dc, 3ch, miss three sts, 1dc in each st to end, turn

Row 4: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end (including 3ch), turn

Row 5: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

handle

Make two

Using 4mm hook and White make 80ch, join with a sl st to make a ring, fold in half, then work over ring as folls: 40dc over length of chain, keeping two loops of inner

ring on either end to attach Handles to Circular Panels

Fasten off

gusset

Using 4mm hook and White make 105ch

Row 1: 1htr in second ch from hook, 1htr in each st to end, turn. 104 sts

Rows 2-5: 1ch, 1htr in each st to end, turn

Do not fasten off

to make up

Count 21 sts forward and 21 sts back from top central line and place markers. Pin Gusset in place, leaving gap between markers for opening. With RS facing, hold Circular Panel at front and Gusset behind, work 1dc through each piece to join, cont to work 1dc in each st around opening, fasten off. Rotate second Circular Panel 180°, then attach other side of Gusset to Circular Panel working 1dc around opening, fasten off. Attach toggle on front of one Circular Panel, on central line on Rnd 13. Attach Fastening on other side of Circular Panel in line with toggle button. Attach Handles on Circular Panels approx eight sts from Gusset and leaving at least an 18 st gap between each side. Weave in all ends

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100g balls

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Tulip 3mm
crochet hook

SIZE

150cm square

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BABY BLANKET

Using 3mm circular needle and White cast on 150 sts

Row 1 (RS): k

Row 2: k

Change to Yellow

Row 3: k2, (wyib sl 2, k4) to last four sts, wyib sl 2, k2

Row 4: p2, (wyif sl 2, p4) to last four sts, wyif sl 2, p2

Rows 5-6: rep Rows 3-4

Change to White

Rows 7-8: k

Change to Yellow

Row 9: wyib sl 1, k4, (wyib sl 2, k4) to last st, wyib sl 1

Row 10: wyib sl 1, p4, (wyif sl 2, p4) to last st, wyif sl 1

Rows 11-12: rep

Rows 9-10

Rep Rows 1-12 until Blanket meas 150cm

Cast off

edging

Using 3mm hook and White work 1dc around all edges, working 3dc in each corner Fasten off

to make up

Weave in all ends

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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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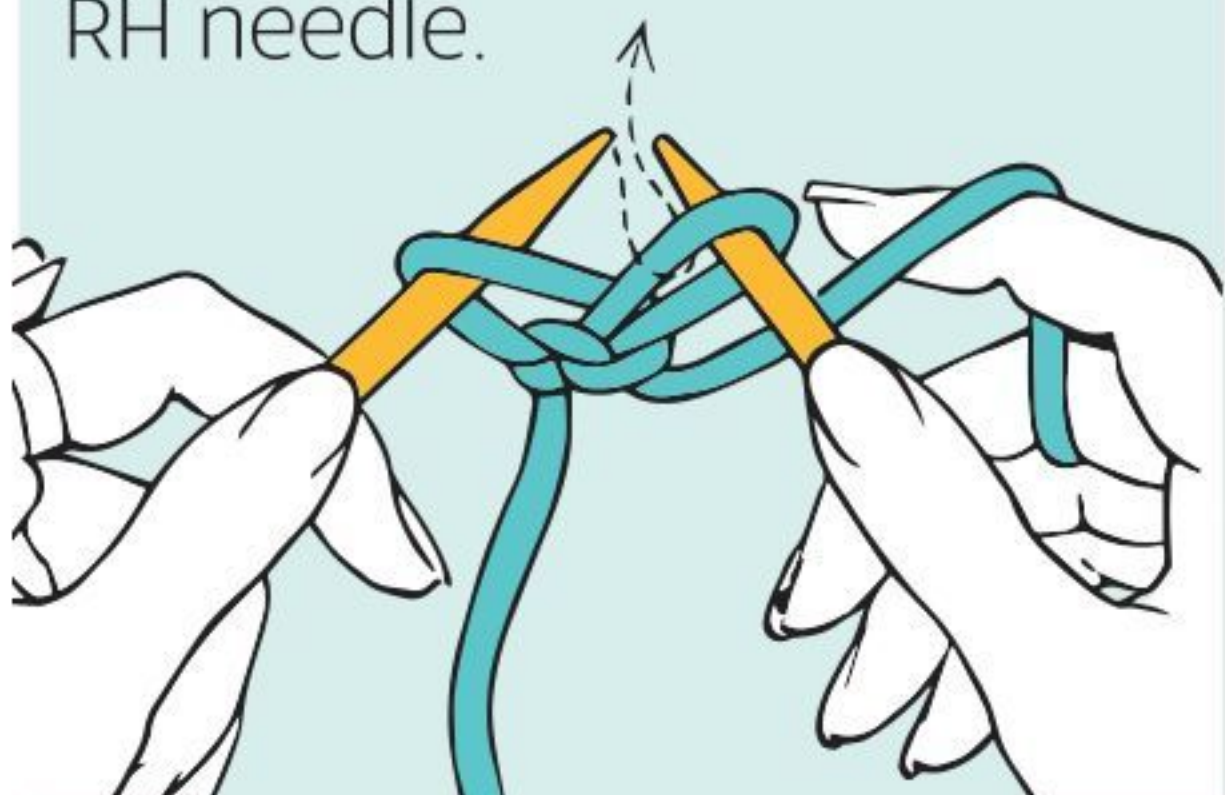
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cast on

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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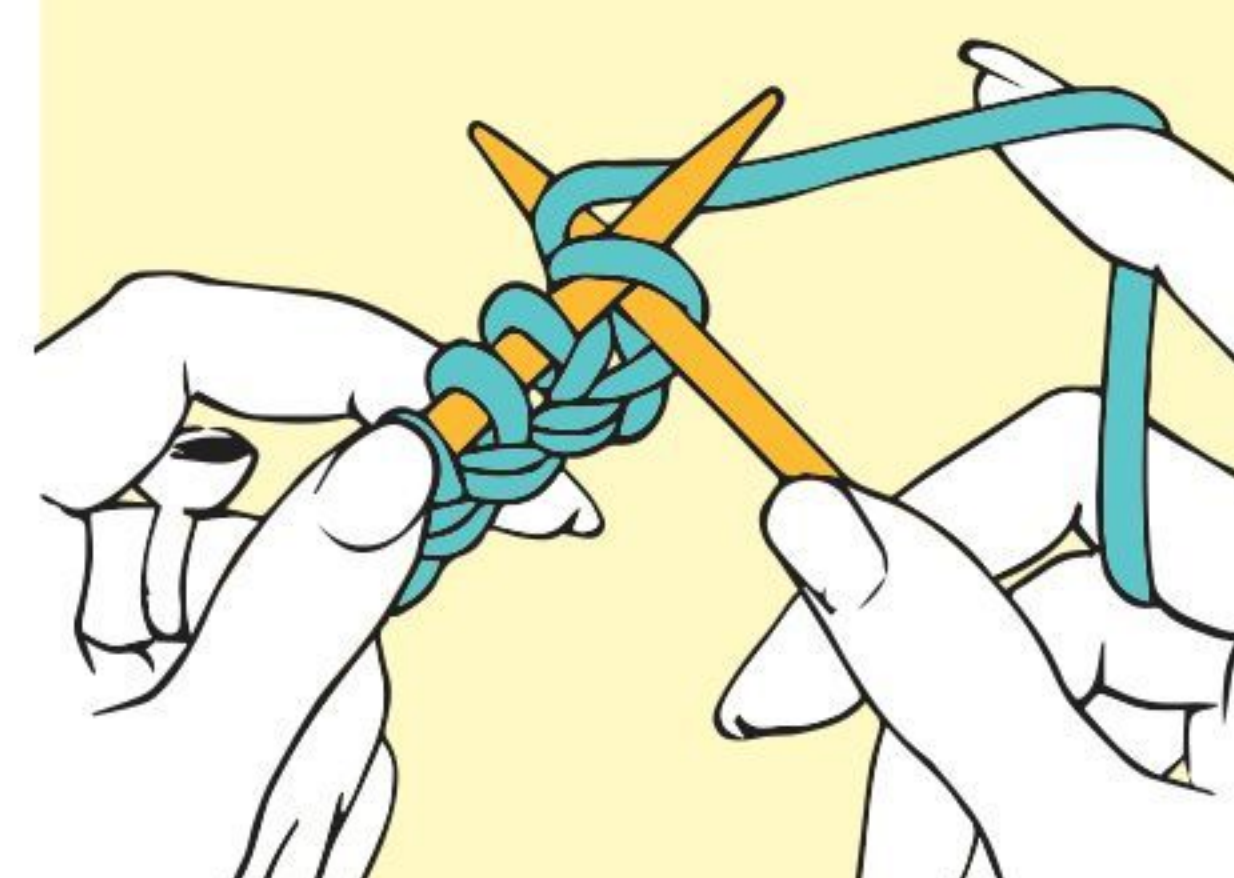
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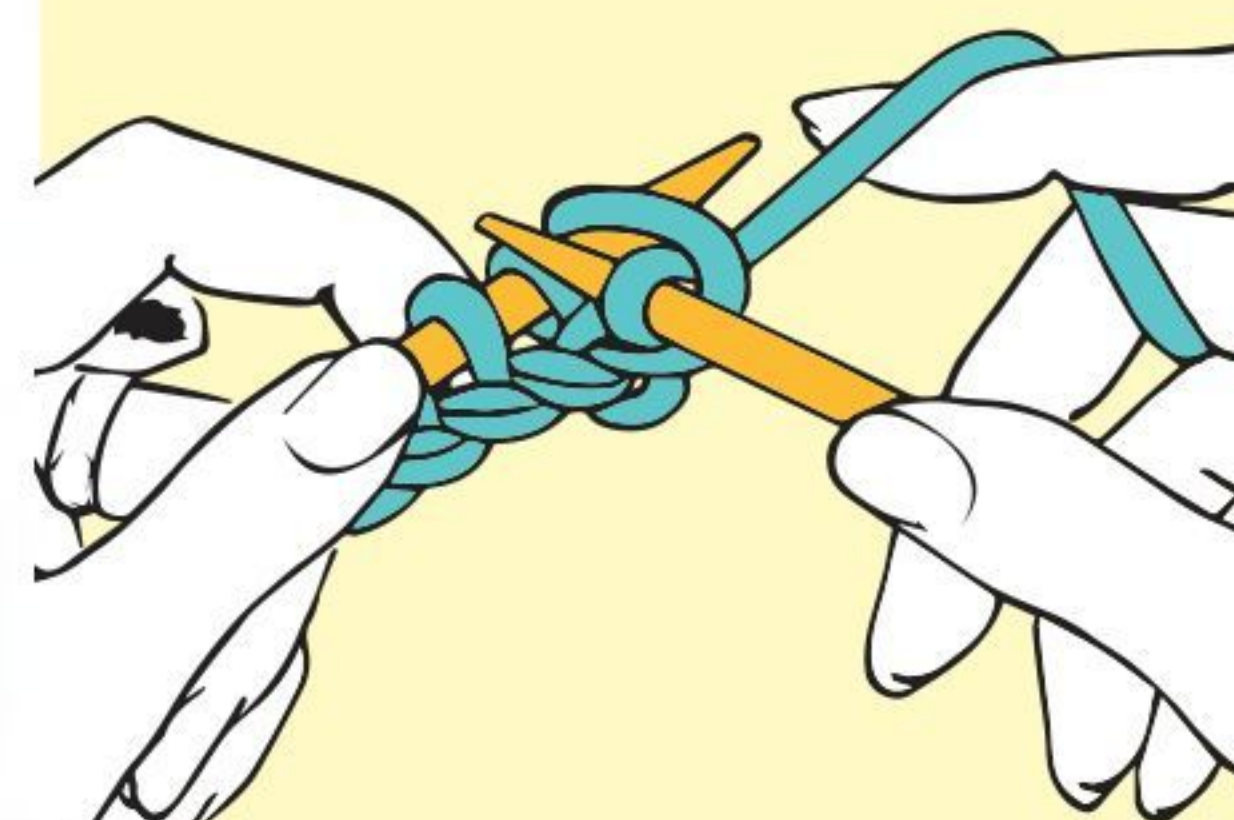
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knit stitch (k)

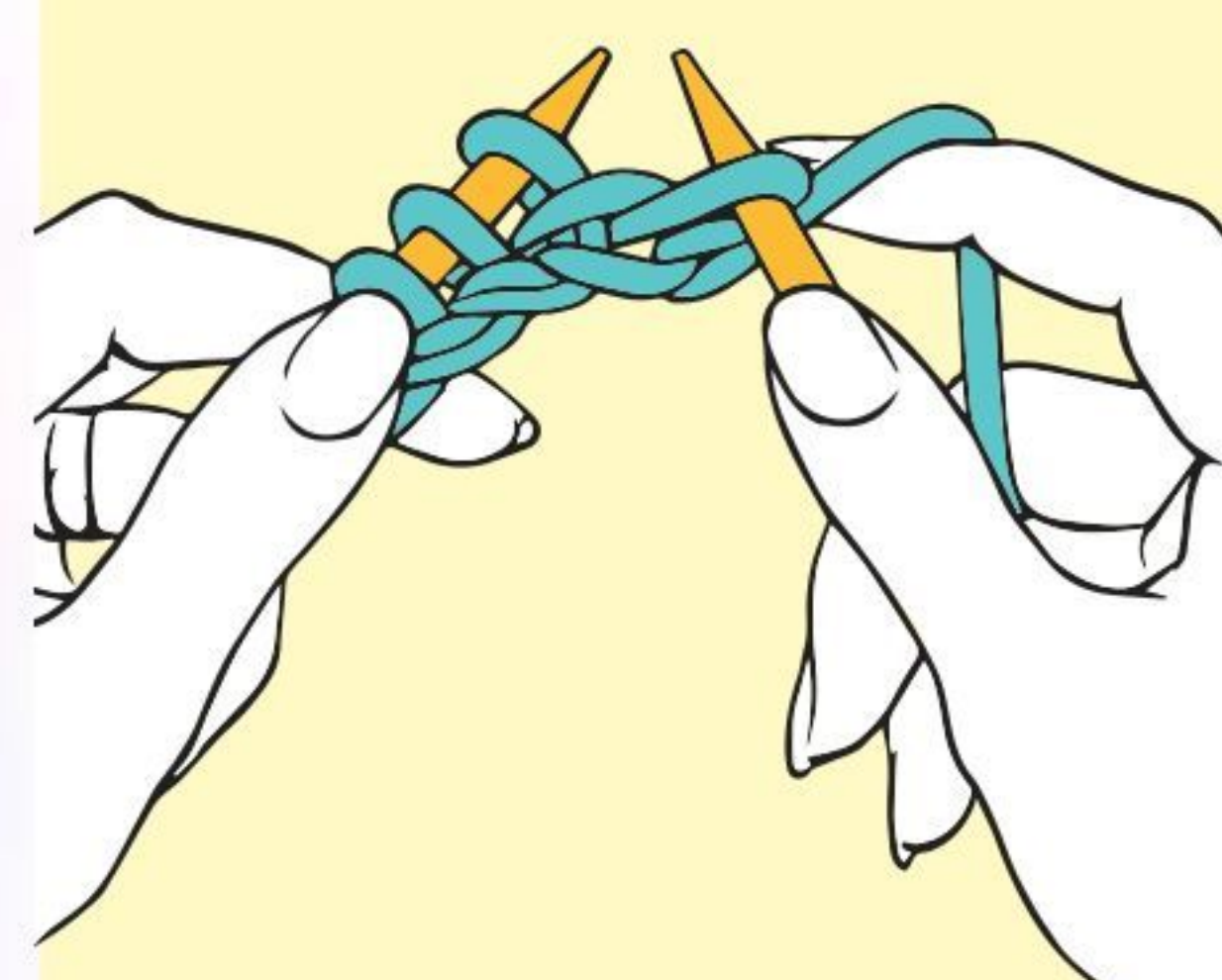
Also known as garter stitch, the knit stitch is the foundation of knitting



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.

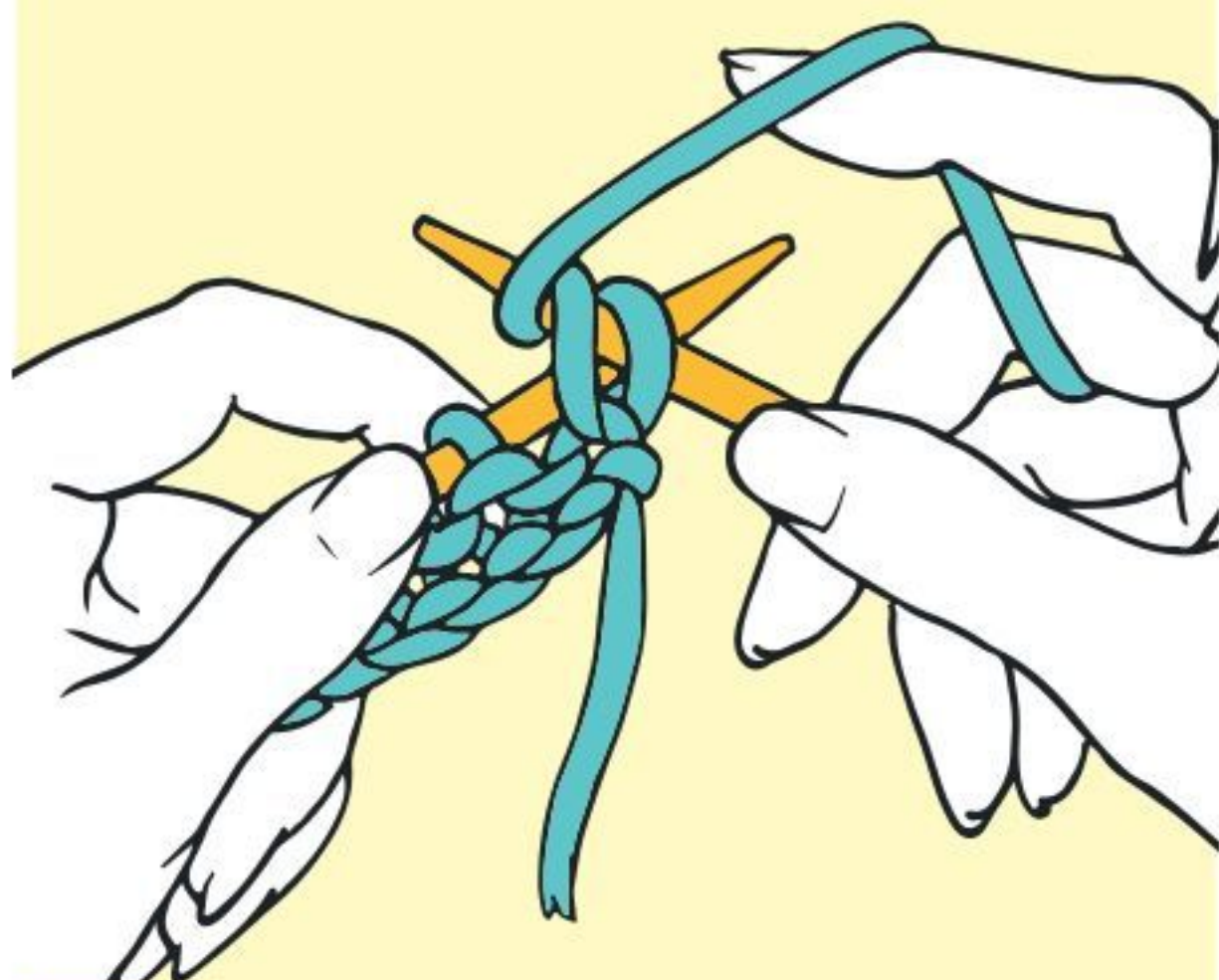


3 Slide the original stitch off the LH needle. Repeat from step 1.

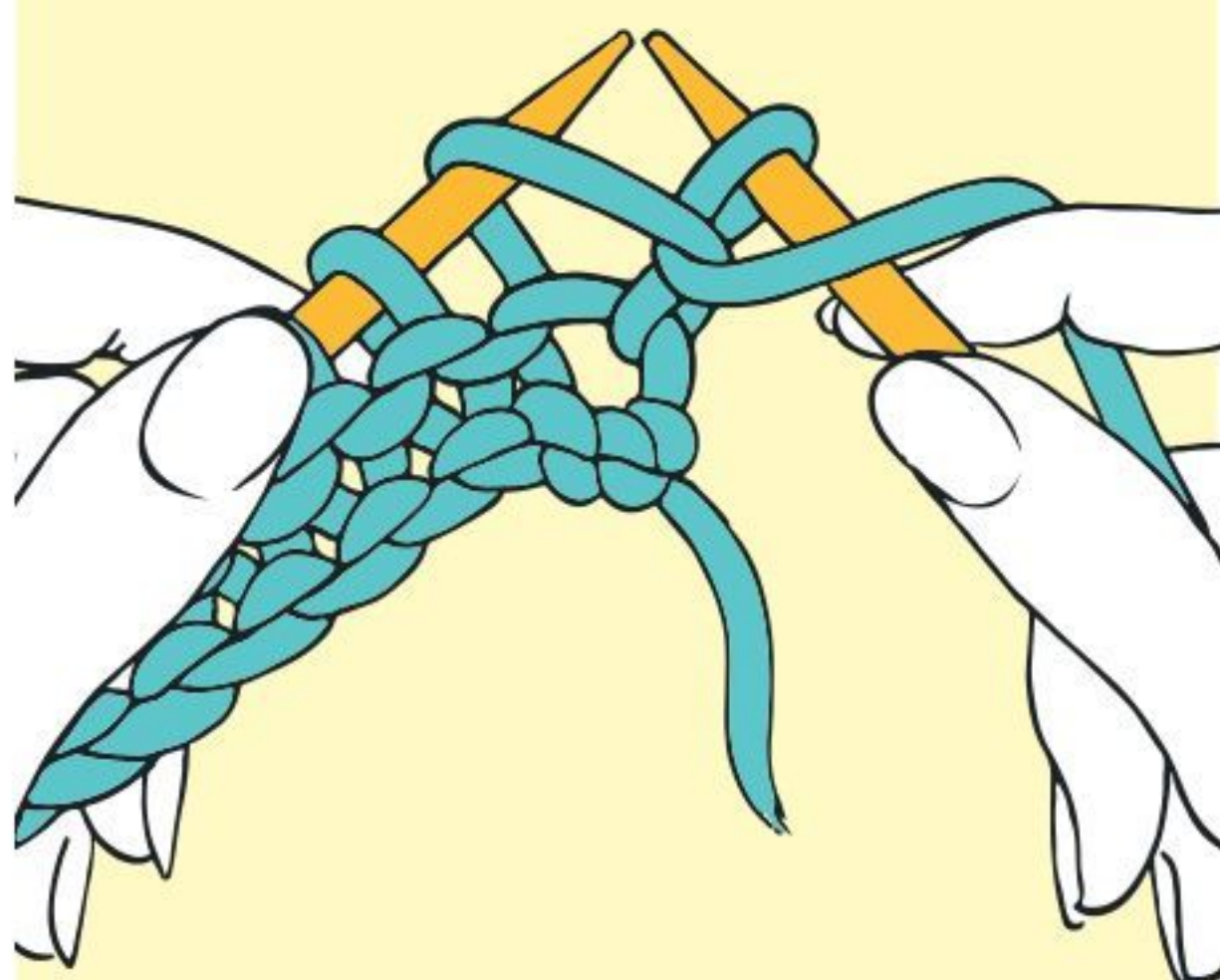


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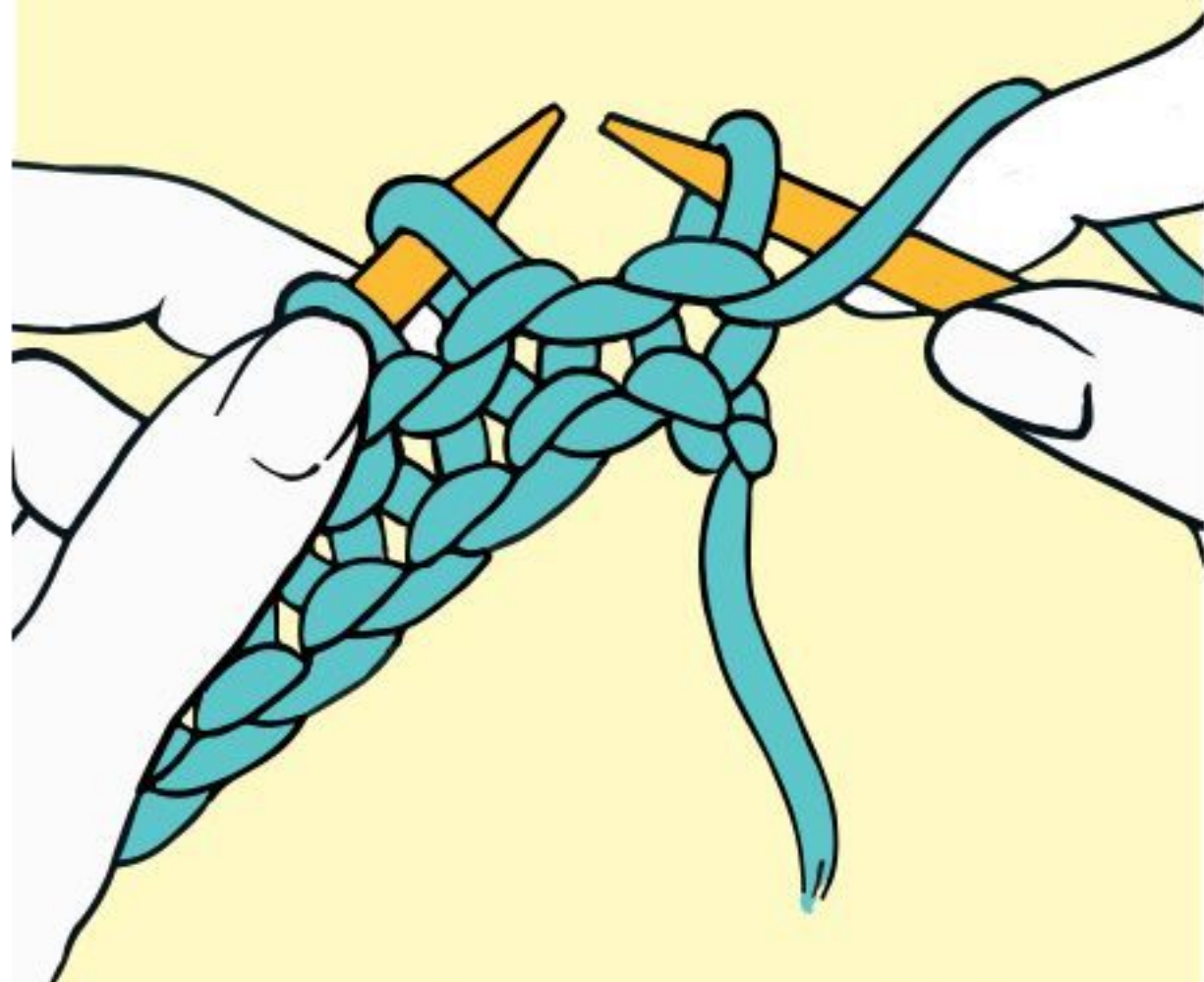
Most frequently seen paired with the knit stitch to create different stitch patterns like stocking stitch and ribbing



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).

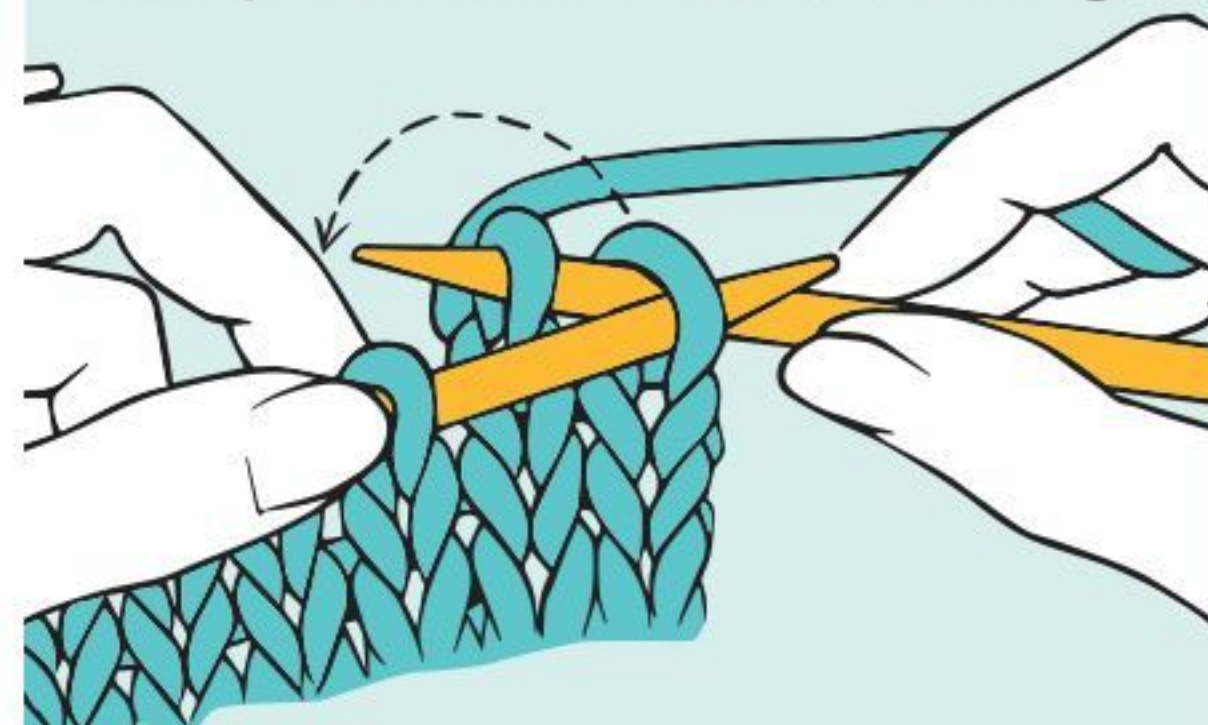


2 Push the RH needle into the back part of the loop that now lies over the LH needle and knit this stitch. You will now have an additional stitch on the RH needle.

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

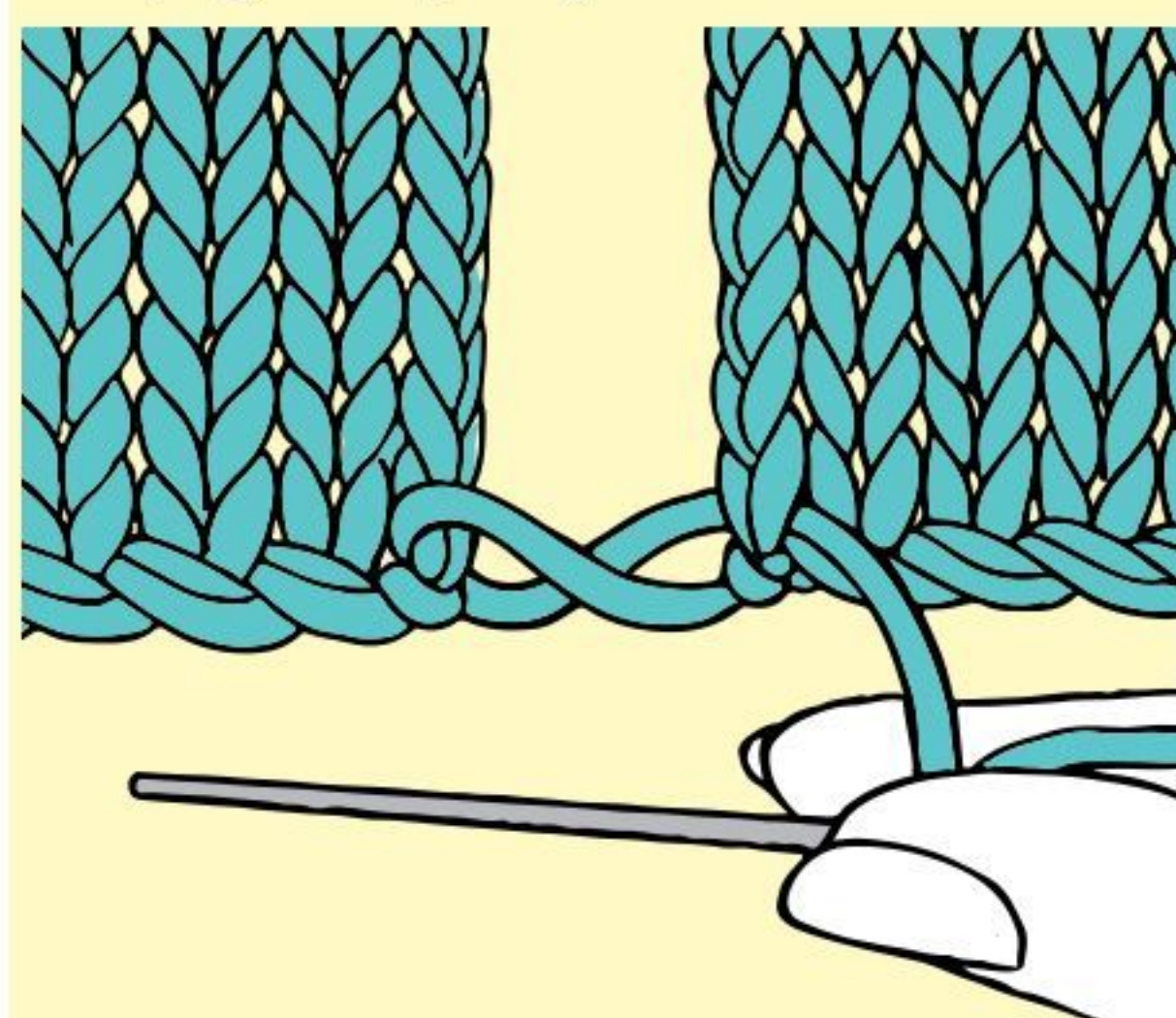


1 Knit two stitches as normal. Insert the tip of the LH needle into the second stitch on the RH needle (the stitch closest to you). Carefully lift it up and over the top stitch, dropping it off the tip of the RH needle and pulling the yarn to tighten. There is now one stitch on the RH needle.

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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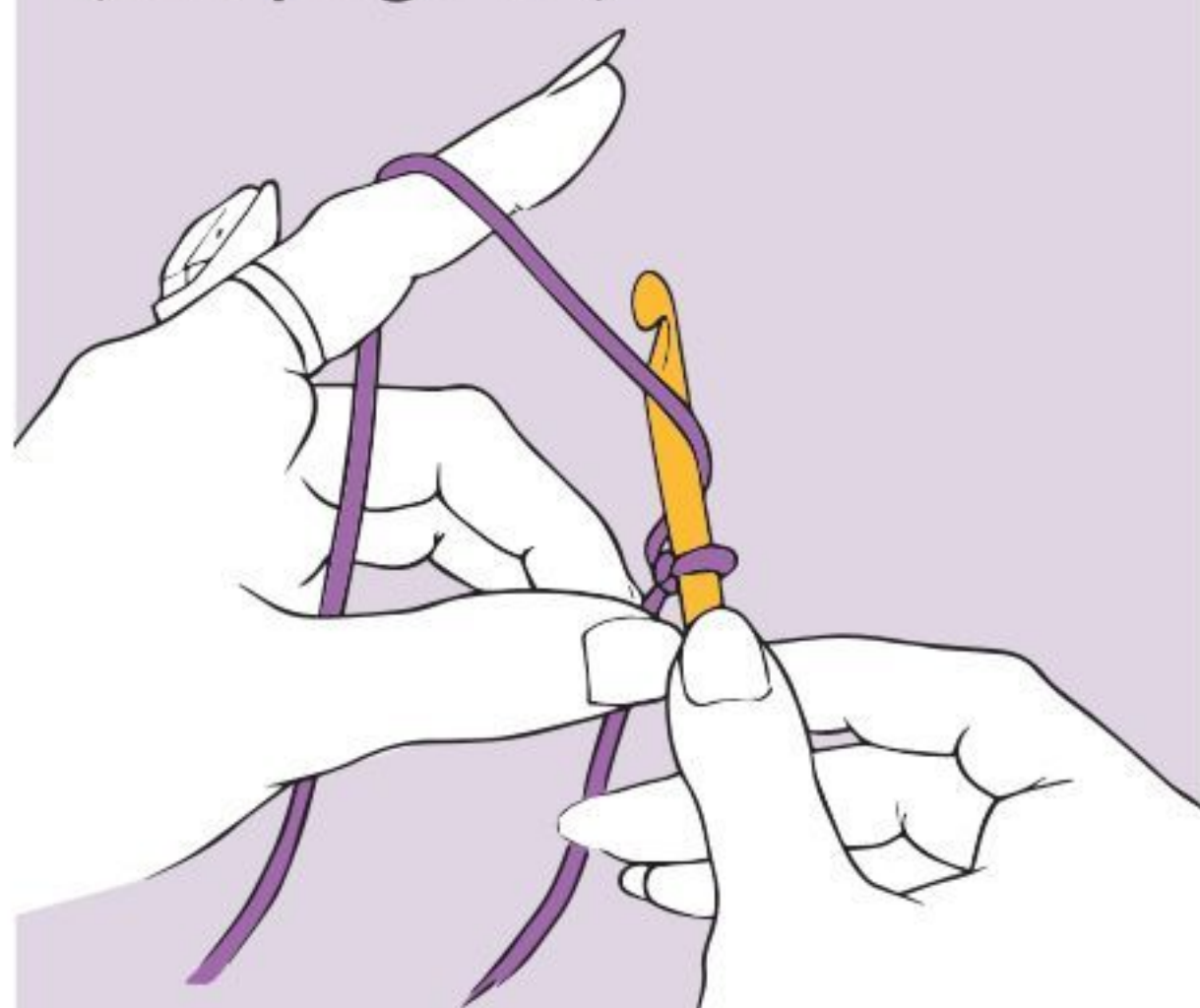
Get started on your crochet journey with our handy guides



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'.

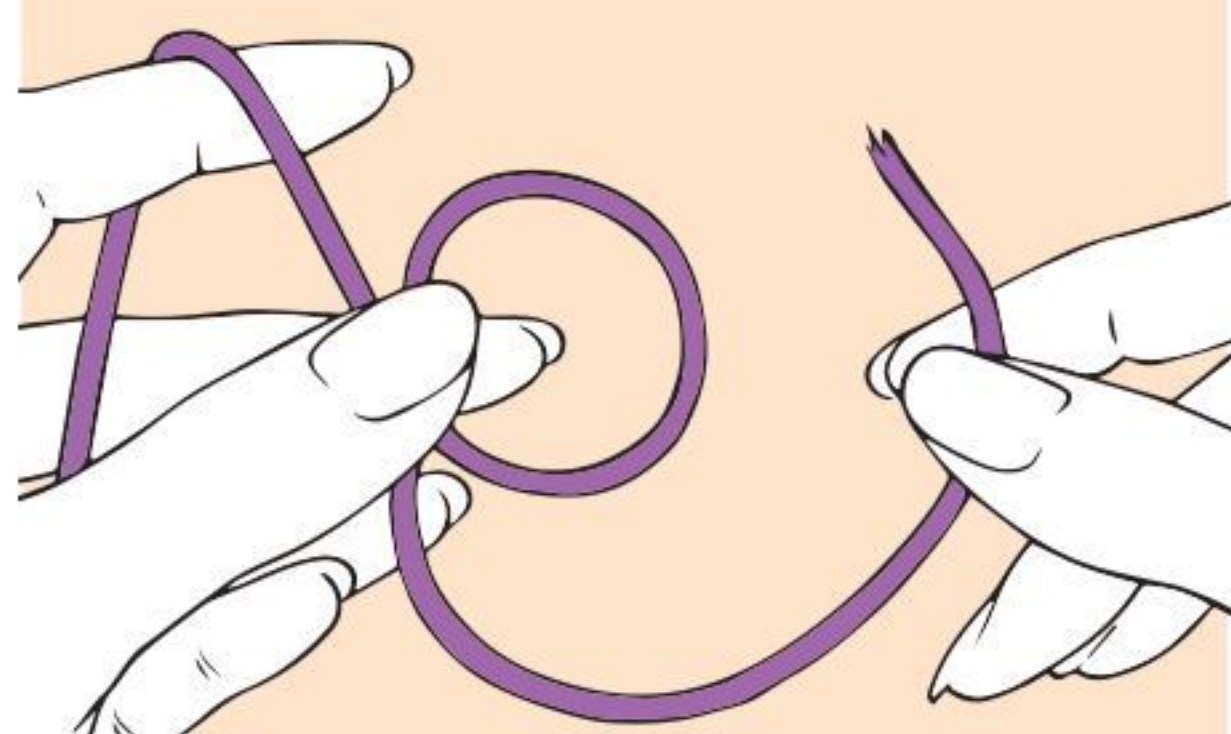


2 Catch the yarn and use the hook to pull it down through the slip knot. You have now made one chain (ch). Continue to make more chains, as directed in the pattern.

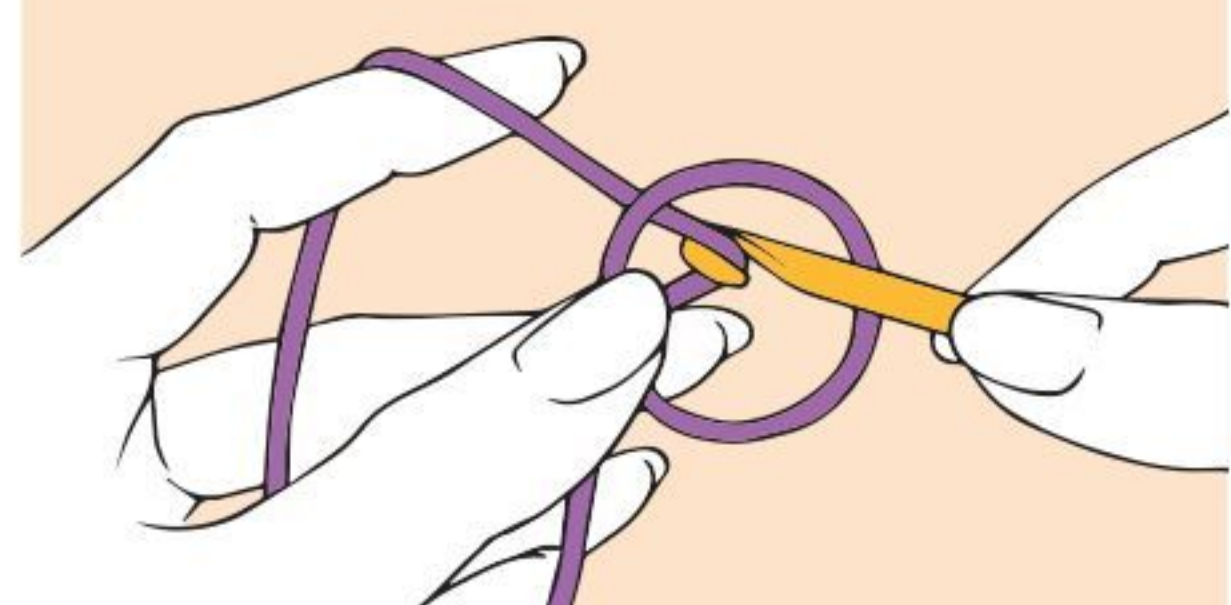
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magic ring

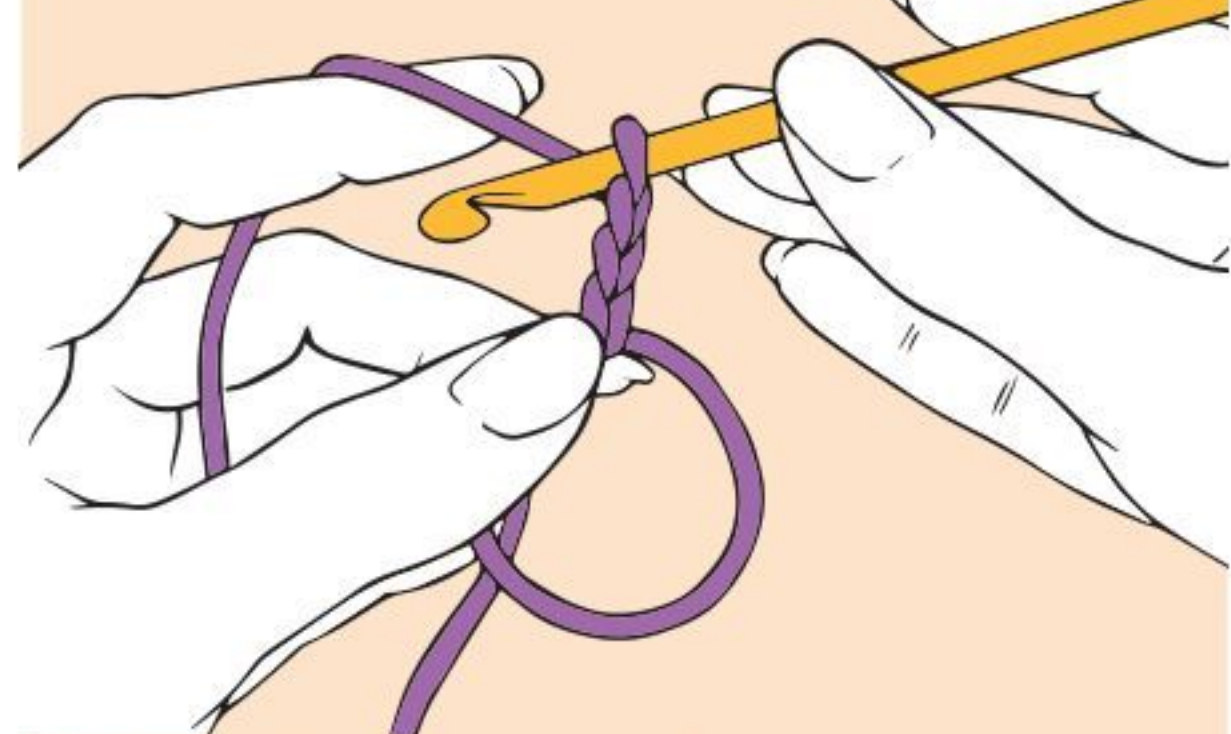
The magic ring is an easy way of beginning to work in the round. It is often used when making amigurumi toys



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.

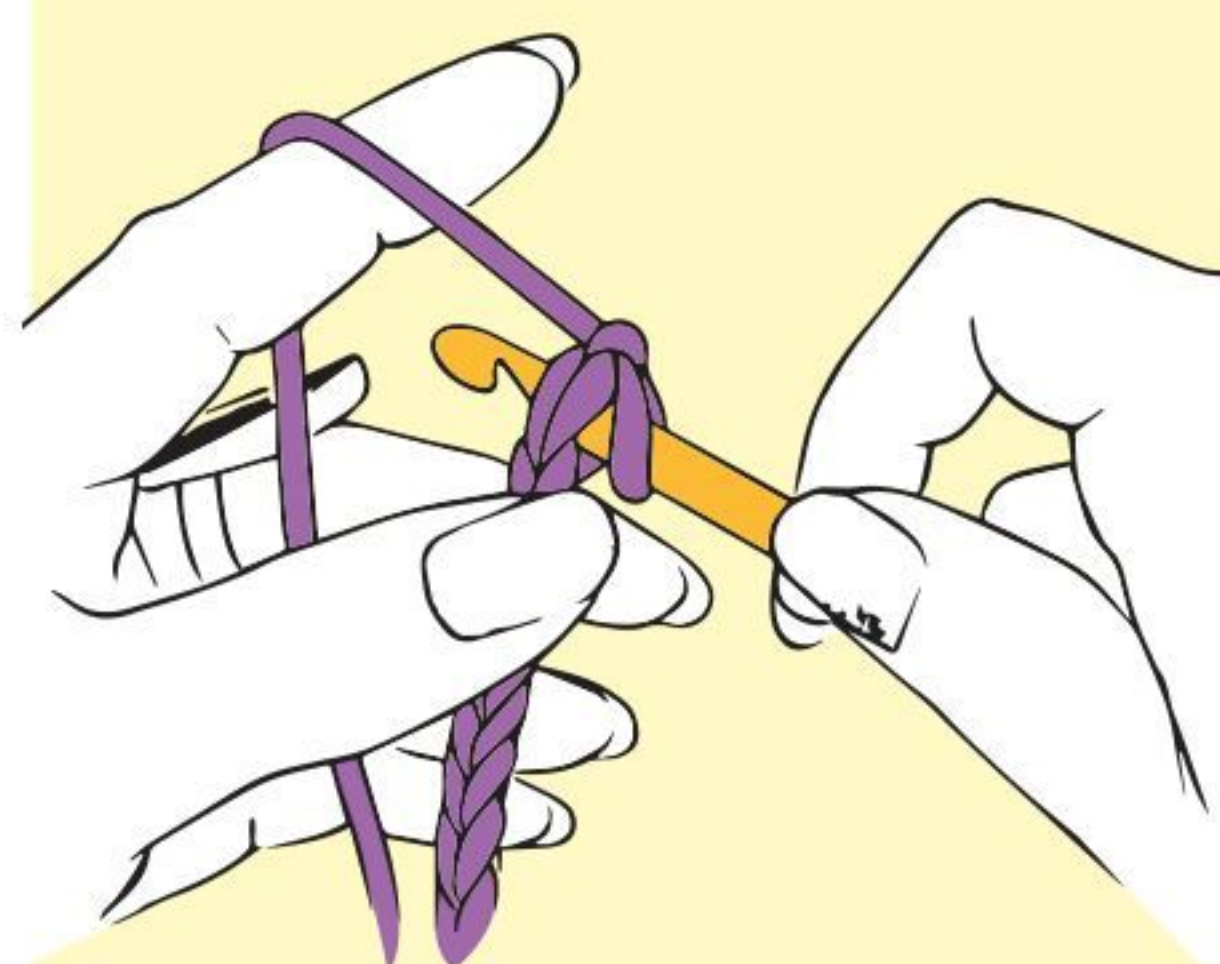


4 Continue to work as many stitches as needed into the loop. Once finished, untwist the tail if necessary and then pull to close the loop.

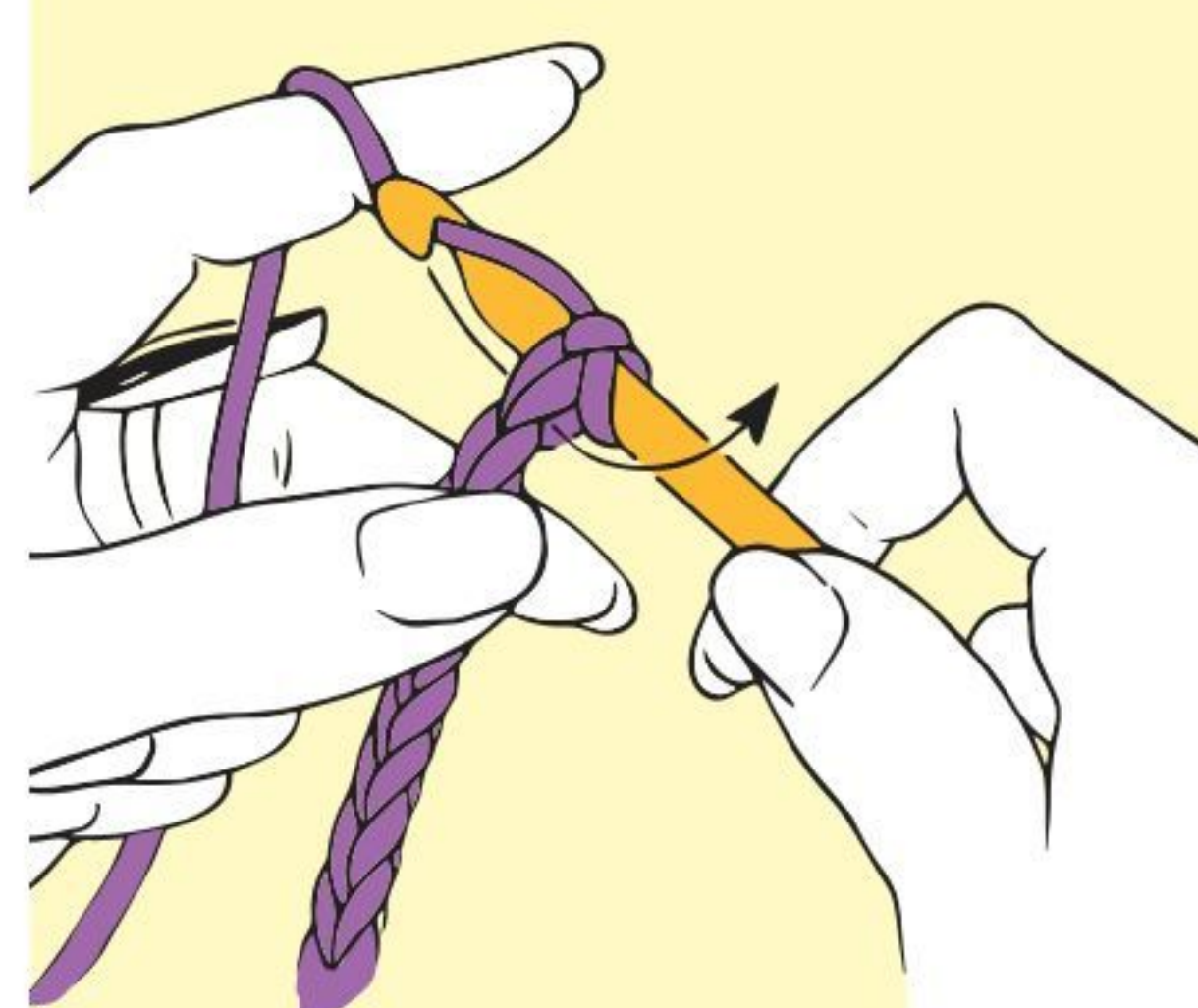
THE BASIC STITCHES

double crochet (dc)

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



1 Insert hook through both strands of the next stitch.



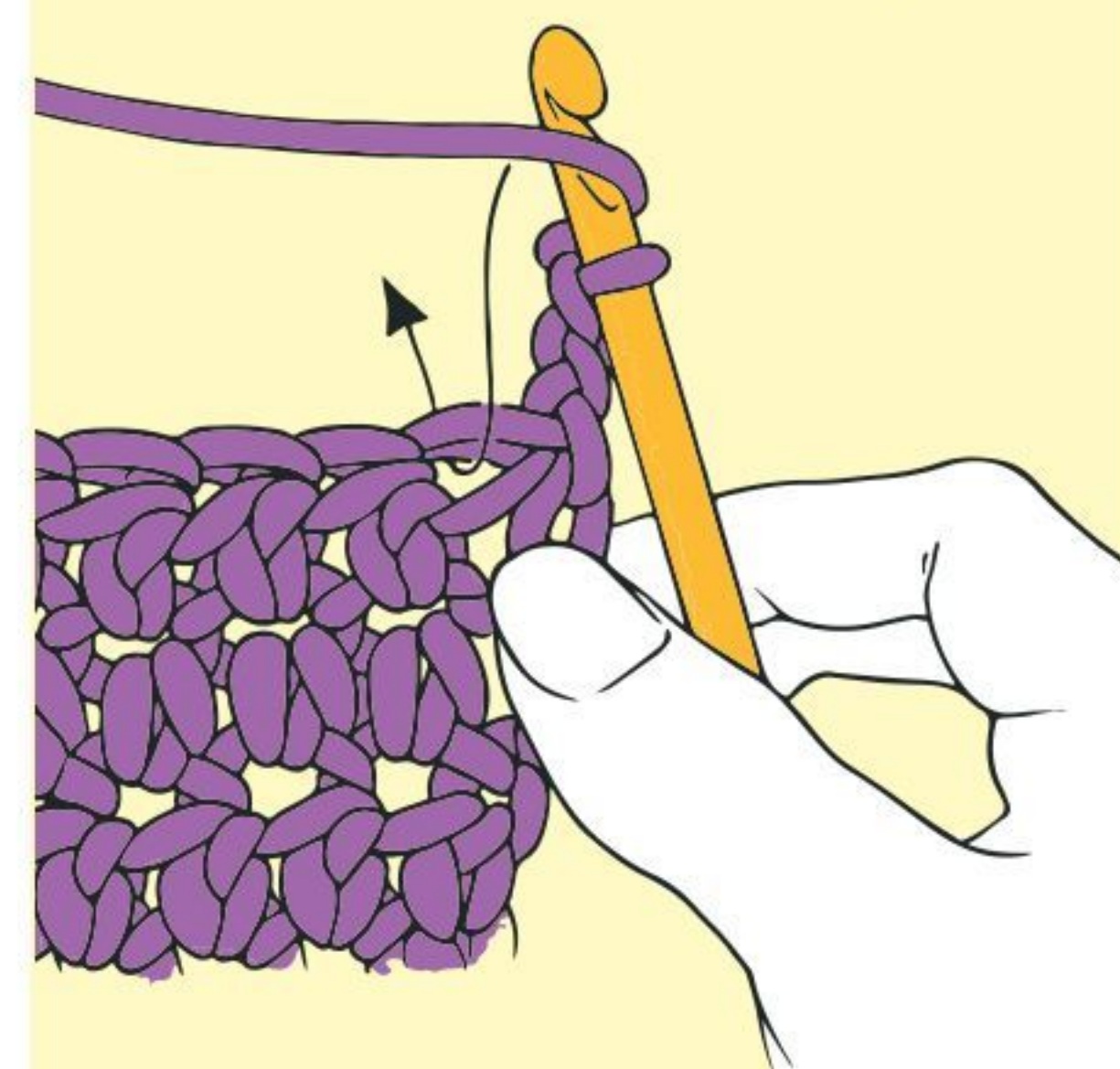
2 Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work. There will be two loops of yarn on the hook.



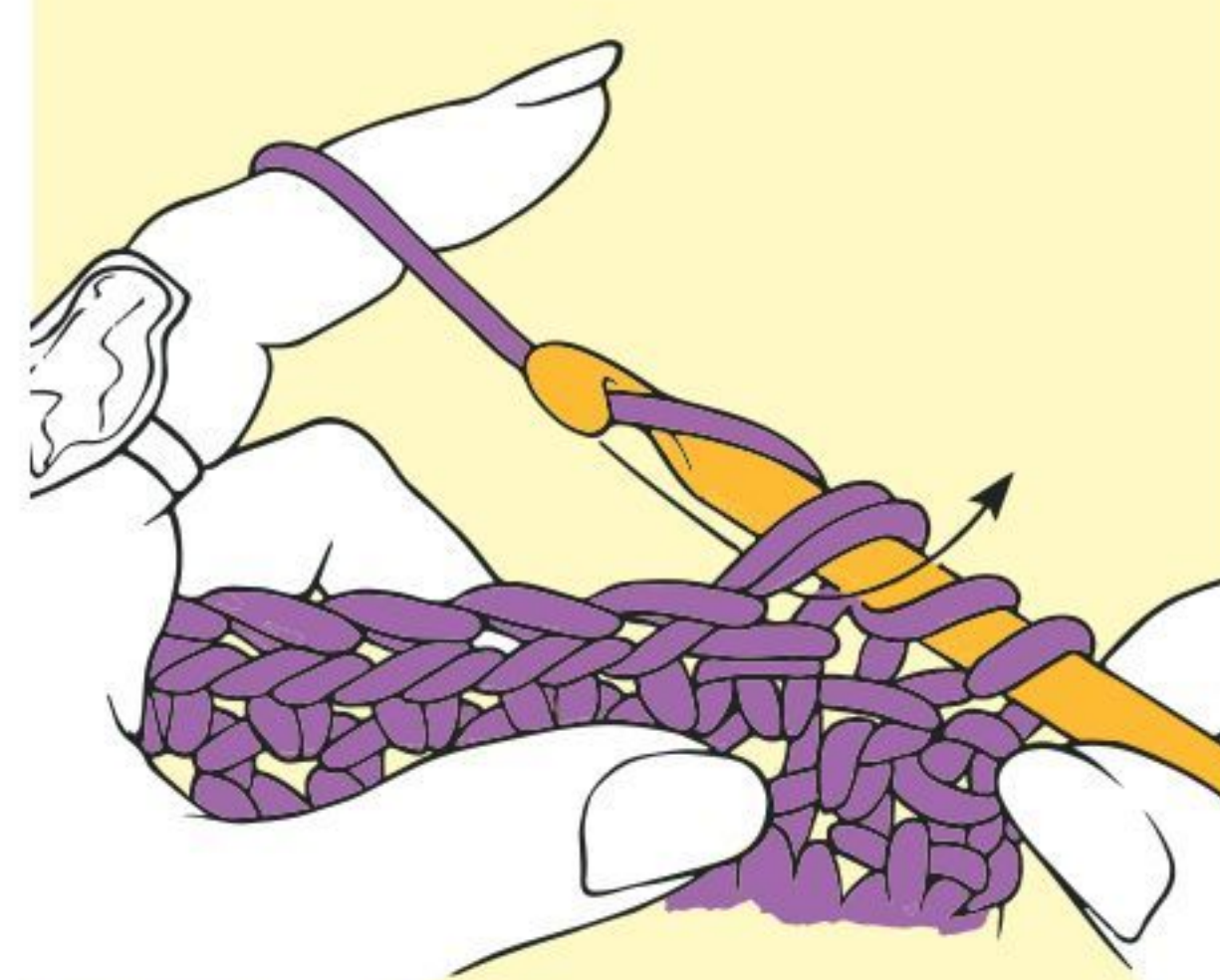
3 Yarn over the hook again and draw through both loops.

half treble (htr)

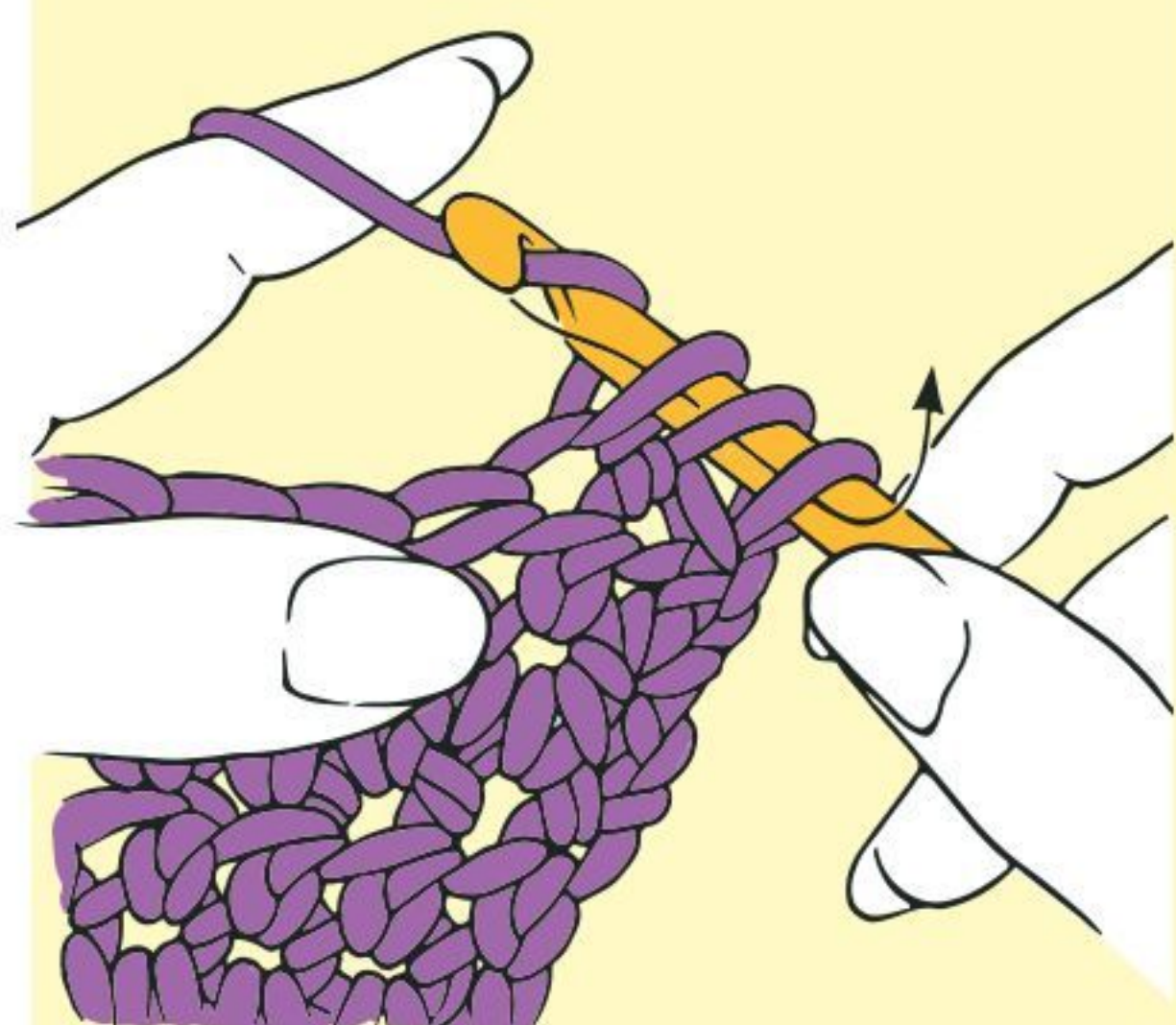
This stitch is longer than a double crochet and involves one extra step



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



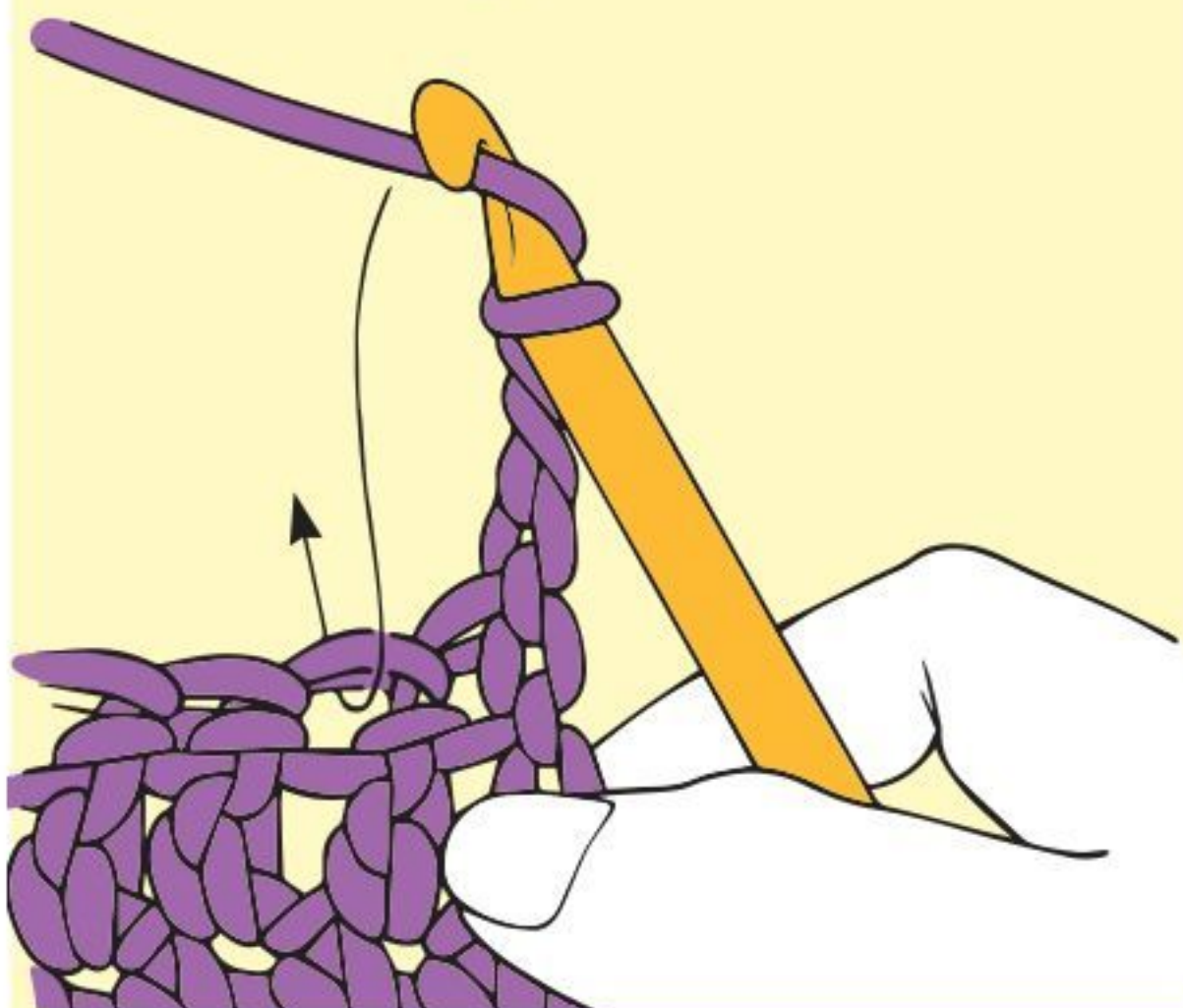
2 Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work. There will be three loops of yarn on the hook.



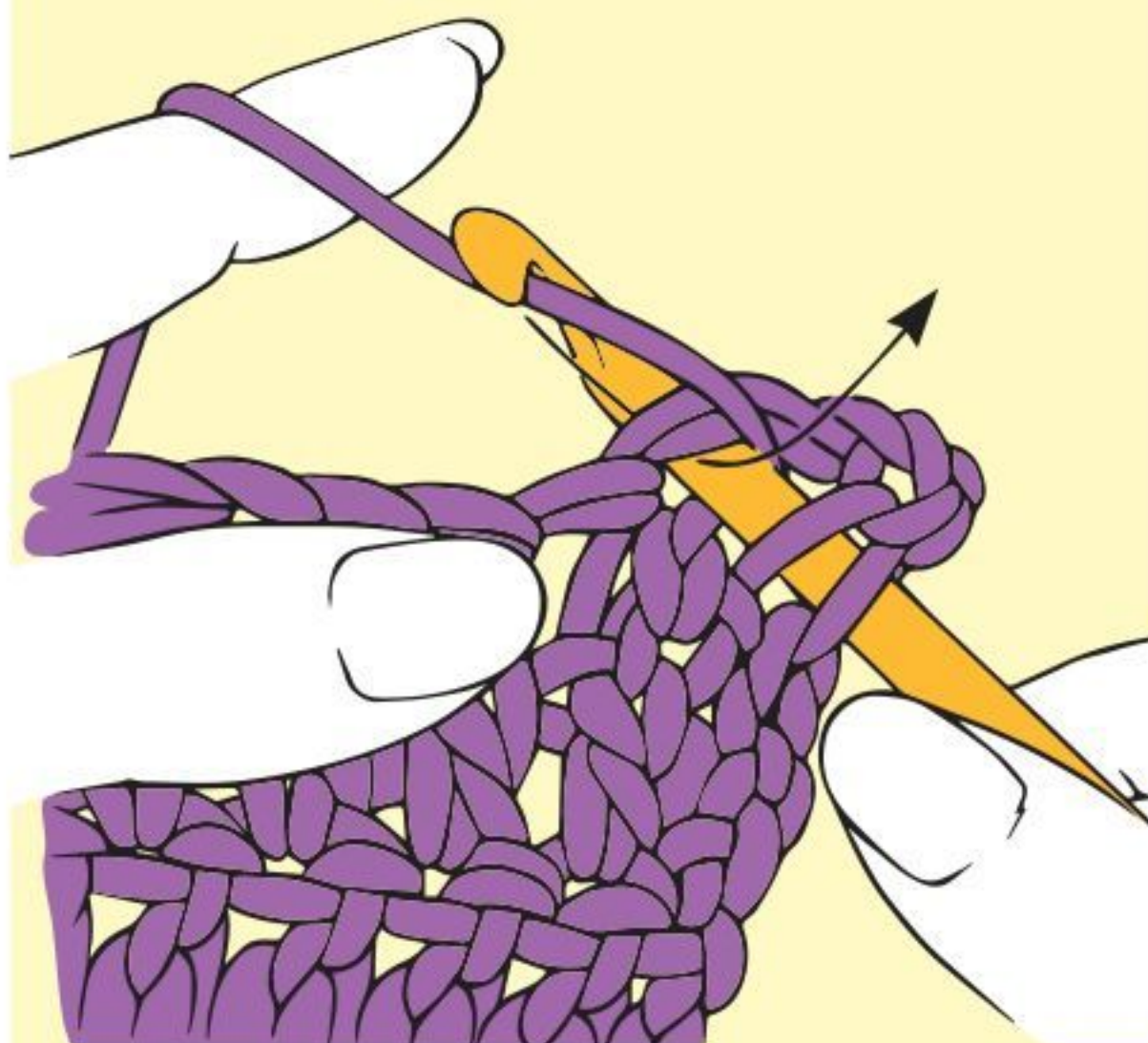
3 Yarn over the hook and draw through all three loops.

treble (tr)

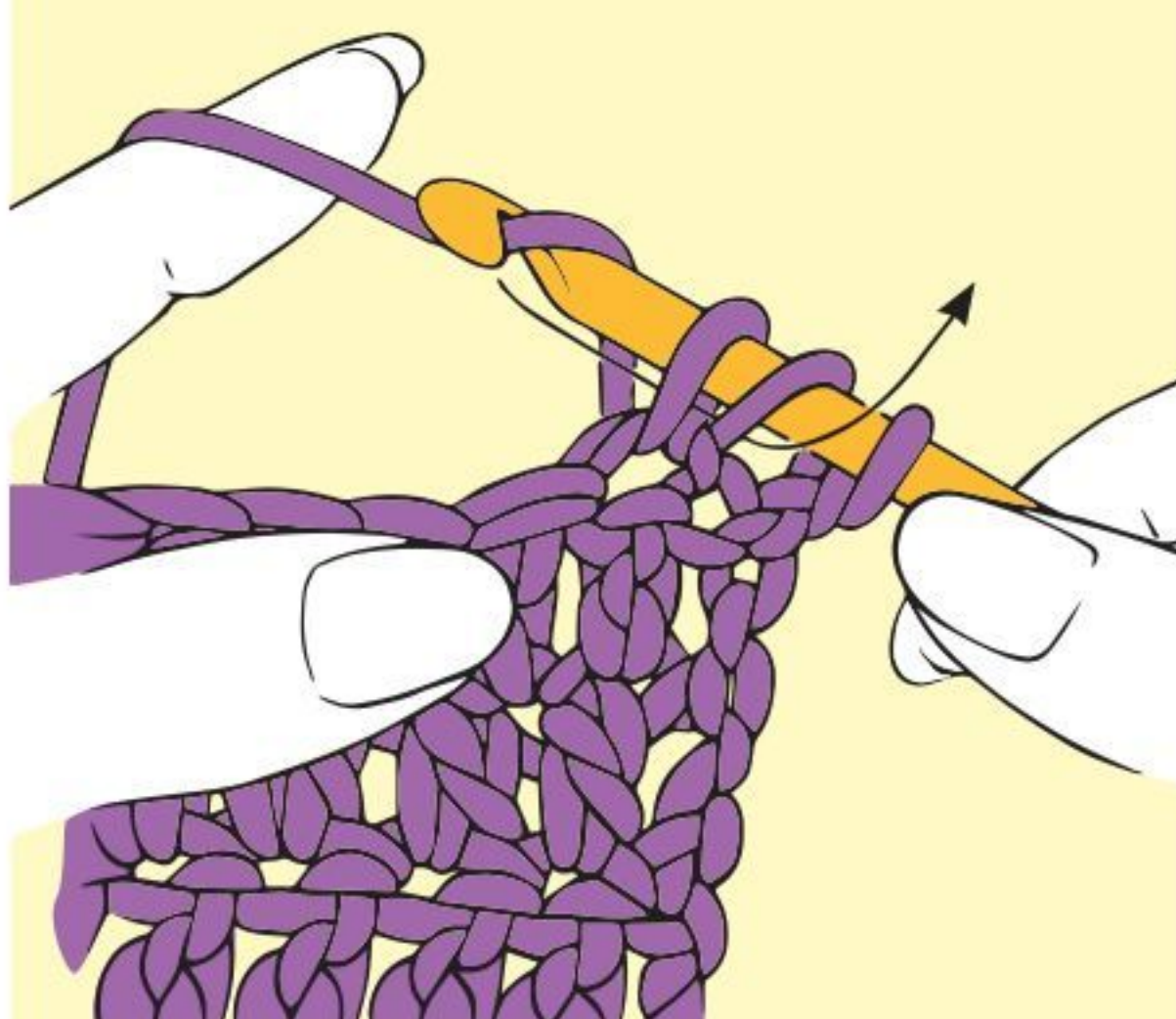
Treble crochet is slightly taller than half treble crochet but is made in a similar way



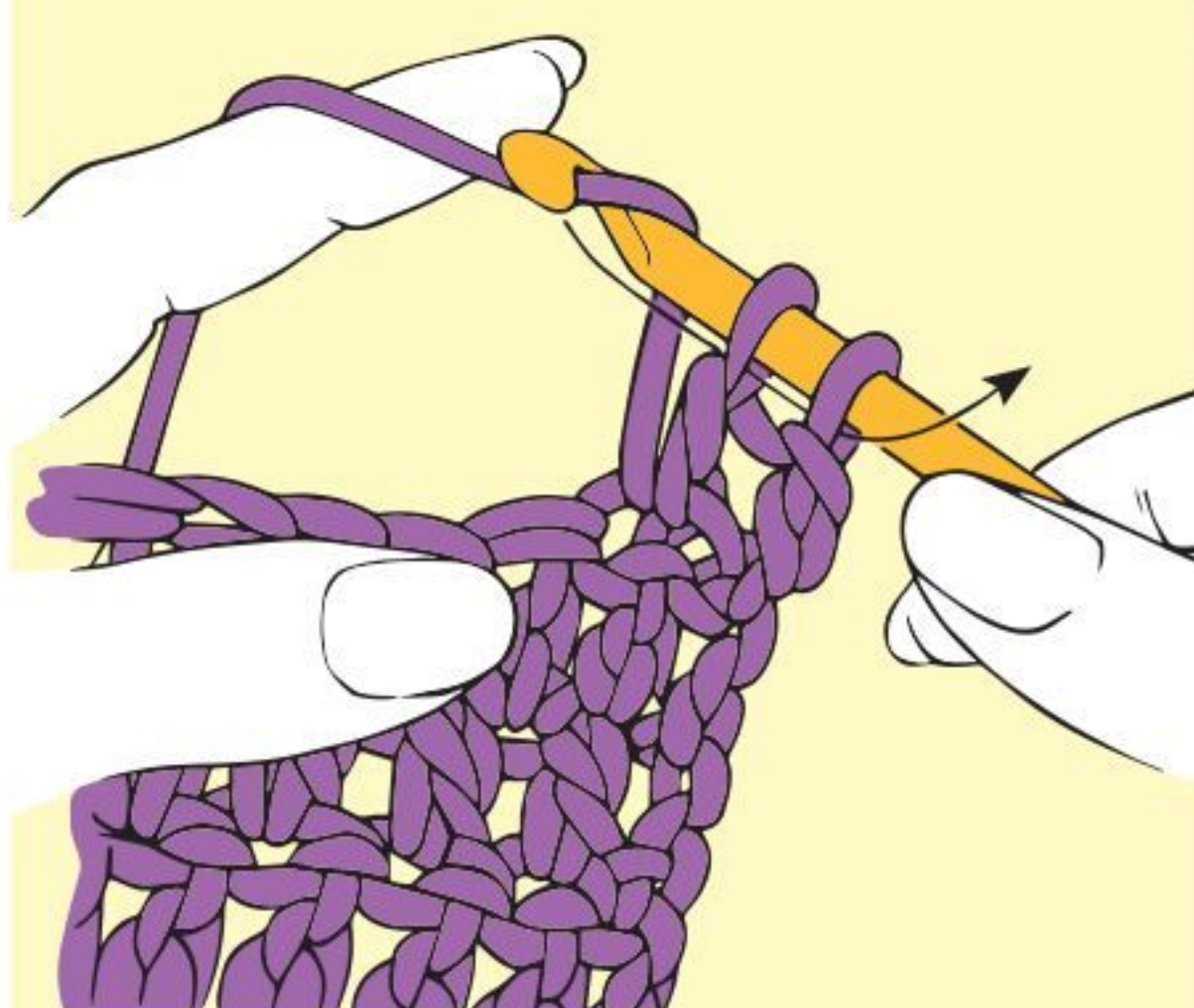
1 (You will need a turning chain of three stitches). Yarn over the hook. Insert the hook through the stitch.



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.

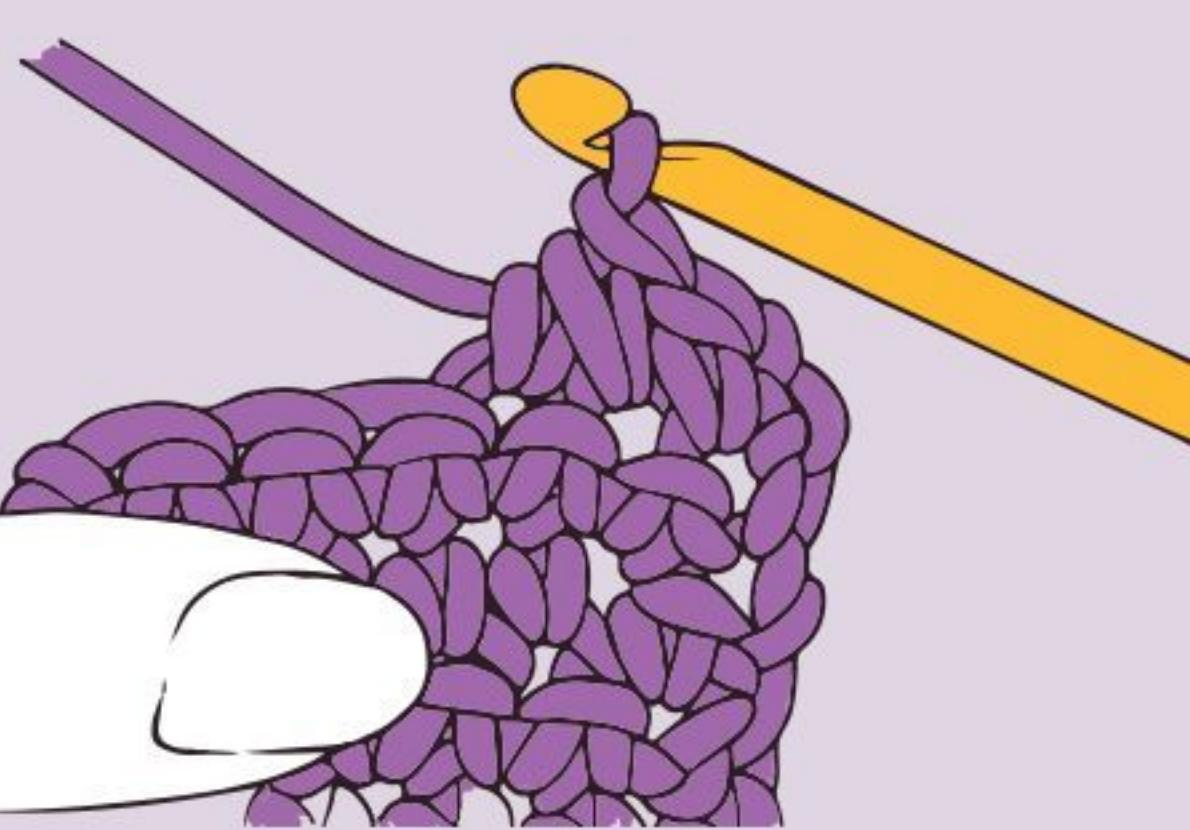
DECREASING

double crochet two together (dc2tog)

Turn two crochet stitches into one with this simple method



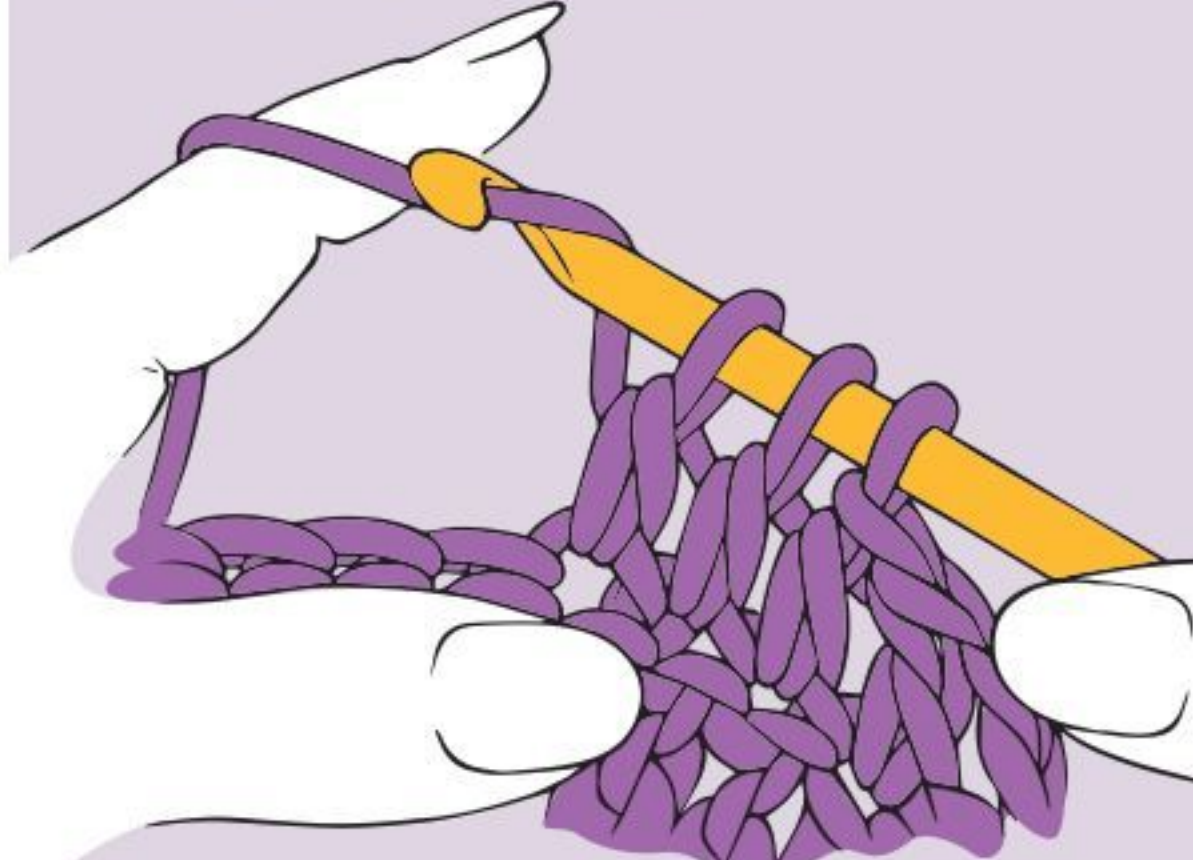
1 Insert hook through next stitch, yarn over hook, draw back through work. Two loops on hook. Insert hook into next stitch, yarn over hook, draw back through. Three loops on hook.



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

the CRAFTS CHANNEL

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flowers part 1

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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...

Zoë Potrac

When you pair creativity with dedication, dreams really do come true: this inspirational designer is here to prove it

NEVER GIVE UP

At the tender age of five, Zoë was introduced to crochet by her gran. "I got as far as some chains which I turned into a dubious looking doily," she reveals. "Years later, my brilliant mother-in-law taught me how to make a basic granny square and I then used oddments of yarn to create a small blanket." In spite of its imperfections, Zoë's first project holds a special place in her heart. "I still have the blanket, and whenever I'm feeling stuck it reminds me to persevere. If I can get from that first wonky granny square to where I am now, anything is possible!"

AMAZING IDEAS

Struggling for inspiration? Zoë reminds us that it's absolutely everywhere. "Lots of my more playful ideas come from childhood memories," she reveals. "Take my Ice Cream Tote Bag. It was inspired by summer holidays spent in Devon and Cornwall – eating endless ice creams on days that always seemed to be sunny. Less glamorous influences include the pattern on the drum inside our washing machine or an embossed roll of kitchen paper." Only once she has settled on her design does Zoë turn to the important task of choosing her yarn. "I try to pick a fibre with properties suitable for the project I'm working on. Say I'm making a blanket or cushion, I'll choose a fibre that's soft and practical like Deramores Studio DK – which also comes in a fab range of colours." It's no surprise that an impressive selection of shades appeals to Zoë. "I like to work in bright colours with a contemporary feel," she explains. Ensuring her makes are accessible is also of great importance. "There's a fine line between using interesting stitch patterns and designing a project that's far too fussy to make." Luckily, Zoë is an expert at getting the balance just right!

A DREAM JOB

Due to the success of her designer shop at Deramores, Zoë has been able to quit her day job. She now spends her time doing what she loves – crochet of course! "I'm given amazing creative freedom and I've had so much fun with all of my designs," says Zoë. "One of my favourites has to be the Starfish in the Waves Blanket. It was so satisfying to find out it was a really popular pattern – it's amazing to think that other people are out there enjoying something I created!" In fact, receiving feedback from her fellow crafters is a real treat for Zoë. "I love it when people seek me out on social media to tell me they're working on one of my projects," she confesses. "It feels like the completion of the design process, knowing that my pattern is being used to make something tangible."

"If I can get from that first wonky granny square to where I am now, anything is possible!"

We predict Zoë will be receiving a lot more online attention in the coming months thanks to her involvement in the Deramores' 2019 Crochet Along. Working with four other designers, she has created the breathtaking 4 Seasons Blanket. She has also discovered the joys of collaboration. "It was such a refreshing change to work with other people; bouncing ideas around and watching this amazing shared vision grow from just a little seed. I hope I get the chance to do more collaborations soon." We'd love to see that too! In fact, we can hardly wait to see what the future holds for this talented designer.

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