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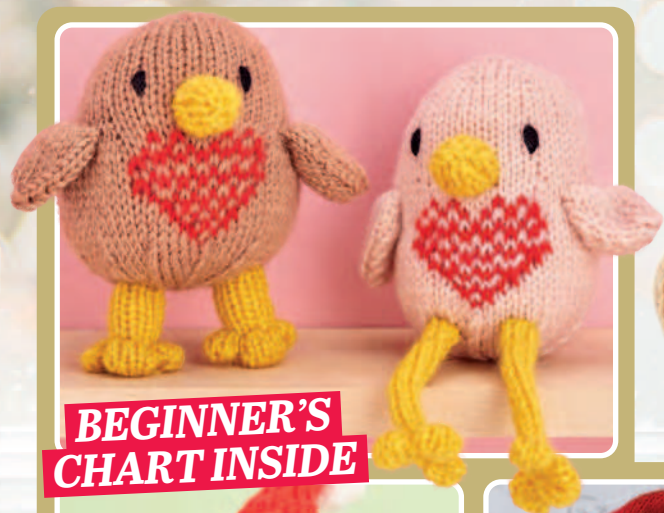
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Hello!

When I was little, I used to have this big brown teddy bear that my dad bought me, aptly named Ted. Our bear on page 13 reminds me of him, so of course it's making me feel very nostalgic indeed. This one's rocking a festive ensemble though, and I'm all for it. And there are plenty more **classic Christmas patterns** for you to revel in.

We've got snowmen, Rudolph, robins and the big man himself, plus staples for the home such as our **stripy stocking**. I'm also obsessed with Hannah Cooper's hot chocolate (p10) because it's one of the best things about the temperature dropping, surely? Pass me the marshmallows!

Even softer and squidgier than marshmallows, though, is our **exclusive fluffy yarn**. It's featured throughout this edition, so you'll have plenty of ideas on how to make the most of it. If you're a complete beginner who's not ready to knit or crochet with fleece yarn yet, flick to page 38 – no fiddliness required with **Dawn Finney's wreath!** Your fluffy yarn is part of our Chestnut kit, which also features five DK balls in warming colours, plus a **3.75mm hook and needles**.

Other highlights this issue include an edit of luxury yarns, plus a wealth of bonus projects from **Moon & Me's Pepi Nana** to part three of our nativity knit-along. Not only that, Heidi helps you to craft in those weird days between Christmas and New Year, when no one quite knows what to do with themselves!

Until next time,

Rosie

ROSIE SAVAGE, EDITOR



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THE STAR OF THE SHOW IS UNDOUBTEDLY THAT FLUFFY YARN

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classic Christmas
makes with your
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3.75MM
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“Our final festive issue of the year had to go out with a bang! This kit exudes nothing but Christmas magic, and I can’t wait to see what you choose to make with it” ROSIE SAVAGE, EDITOR

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Newsflash!

The best crafty updates,
from us to you!



The kids are alright

If you're looking for simple projects for young knitters to take on, this new title from knitting teacher Kerry Kimber is ideal. *Kids Knit* (£12.99, GMC Publications) is filled with straightforward step-by-step instructions and images that break down the basics from casting on, to first stitches. Featuring 20 fun projects that kids will love, it clearly had young knitters in mind when it was put together; it includes jokes, interesting facts and extra activities too. Any young crafter would love to find this in their Christmas stocking this year! gmcbooks.com



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On our radar

This brand new baby yarn from DMC is a dream to knit or crochet with. The cotton fibre makes it soft and breathable, and will give your finished project fantastic weight and stitch definition. Available in a palette of 28 colours, whether you love traditional pastels or modern bolds, you'll find a shade to suit your taste. What's more, the 100% unmercerised cotton fibre has Oeko-tex Standard 100 certification, so you can be sure that it's suitable for babies and toddlers, and for sensitive skin. £2.99 per 50g ball, woolwarehouse.co.uk.





Crafters combat loneliness

The People's Friend sent a colourful message of friendship to older generations throughout September. In a bid to combat loneliness, this amazing yarn-bombed bus delivered magazines and knitted bunting to care homes and residential streets in northern England and throughout Scotland, as Coronavirus restrictions increased. The travelling spectacle, donated by Stagecoach, was adorned with hundreds of donations from UK knitters and crocheters. The event was organised in partnership with loneliness charity Re-engage to raise funds for a telephone befriending service, Call Companions. Visit reengage.org.uk/donate if you'd like to help.



The Innocent Big Knit

Innocent Smoothies is calling on you to create mini hats to pop on its bottles. For every hatted bottle sold, 25p goes to Age UK, a charity that keeps older people safe and well. Since 2003, volunteers have knitted nearly nine million tiny hats and the Big Knit campaign has raised £2.8 million for Age UK. Every hat is important, so whether you knit one or hundreds, you'll be making a difference. For patterns and to find out more, visit thebigknit.co.uk.

Hand-dyed heaven

Hand-dyed yarns are definitely having a moment. Here at Let's Get Crafting HQ we adore the amazing and unique effects achieved by hand dying and that no two skeins are the same. So we were delighted to discover that Rico's Luxury Hand-Dyed Happiness is now available in a chunky weight. Available in six colourways, each features the same pop-of-colour shades as the DK version, and all are ideal for creating garments and accessories that work up quickly and create chic top layers for the colder months. Buy yours for £17.50 from woolnstuff.co.uk.



TRY PUNCH NEEDLE WITH

Stuart Hillard

I'm really excited to introduce your latest yarn pack, Chestnut. It features six beautiful and useful shades, including a very special white fluffy yarn. Along with Fluffy, there's Bright Red – a festive staple if ever I saw one! Chestnuts have long been associated with Christmas and many European countries enjoy roasted chestnuts at this time of year. The nut itself has been around for thousands of years and was a vital part of many people's diet, only being replaced by cereals and potatoes in the last few hundred years. I've recently discovered punch needle embroidery and it's a great way of using some of your yarn pack for a festive make. You'll need a punch needle tool which you can buy from many craft shops. You'll also need some Aida fabric, the same you'd use for cross-stitch, or firm cotton fabric and an embroidery hoop. Draw a simple design onto the fabric. I'm doing a Christmas wreath with holly leaves and berries, because I find simple shapes work best. Put the fabric in the embroidery hoop and thread your yarn through the punch tool – now the fun begins! Push the needle down through the fabric and lift it up again, then back down into the fabric a little way away and repeat. On the side facing you you'll see a series of small stitches but on the other side (the right side) you'll get a series of loops. It's fast and great fun! I'm using Choc Brown for the wreath, Fir Green and Bright Red for holly and I'm adding a bow in Warm Yellow. The best thing? You can use the embroidery hoop as a frame and hang it on your wall. Have fun with your yarn pack this month and have a happy Christmas!

Stu X



PLUS
tapestry
needle,
stuffing, small
amount of
black DK

SIZE
Standing robin:
11.5cm
Sitting robin
(excl legs):
10cm

IMPROVE YOUR COLOURWORK SKILLS WITH OUR RED-BREASTED

Merry robins

You know winter is here when you spot a puffed-up robin flitting around the garden. Now you can bring these favourite feathered friends to your festive makes with **ÁINE MARRIOTT'S** adorable designs. If you've always fancied trying Fair Isle, here's a chance to do a small amount before taking on a larger project; keep your tension tight while changing colour to avoid holes.



Take the
next step

MERRY ROBINS brown body

Using 3.75mm
needles and Choc
Brown cast on
eight sts

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

Row 2: (kfb) to
end. 16 sts

Row 4: (k1, kfb) to
end. 24 sts

Row 6: (k2, kfb) to
end. 32 sts

Row 8: (k3, kfb) to
end. 40 sts

Rows 9-19:
starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 20: (k1, kfb)
seven times, k12,
(k1, kfb) to end.
54 sts

Row 21: p

Row 22 (RS): (k2,
kfb) seven times,
k13 sts from first
row of chart, k1,
kfb, (k2, kfb) to
end. 68 sts

Row 23: p27, work

13 sts from next
row of chart, p28

Row 24: k28,
work 13 sts from
next row of
chart, k27

Rows 25-32: rep
Rows 23-24 four
times

**Row 33 and
every odd-
numbered
row:** p

Row 34: (k4,
k2tog) to last
two sts, k2. 57 sts

Row 36: (k3,
k2tog) to last
two sts, k2. 46 sts

Row 38: (k2,
k2tog) to last
two sts, k2. 35 sts

Row 40: (k1,
k2tog) to last
two sts, k2. 24 sts

Row 42: (k3tog)
to end. Eight sts

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

short leg

Make two

Using 3.75mm
needles and
Warm Yellow cast
on nine sts

Rows 1-8:
starting with a k

row work in st st
Cast off

foot

Make two

Using 3.75mm
needles and Warm
Yellow cast on
six sts

Row 1: p

Row 2: (kfb) to
end. 12 sts

Rows 3-5: starting
with a p row work
in st st

Row 6: k2, k2tog,
yfwd, k4, yfwd,
k2tog, k2

Rows 7-9: starting
with a p row work
in st st

Row 10: (k2tog) to
end. Six sts

Row 11: p

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

blush body

Make two

Using 3.75mm
needles and Light
Blush cast on
eight sts

Rows 1-19: rep
Rows 1-19 of
Brown Body.
40 sts

Row 20: (k4, kfb)
to end. 48 sts

Row 21: p

Row 22: k17, work
13 sts from first
row of chart, k18

Row 23: p18, work
13 sts from next
row of chart, p17

Row 24: k17, work
13 sts from next
row of chart, k18

Rows 25-32: rep
Rows 23-24 four
times

Row 33-35:
starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 36: (k4,
k2tog) to end.
40 sts

**Row 37 and every
odd-numbered
row:** p

Row 38: (k3,
k2tog) to end.
32 sts

Row 40: (k2,
k2tog) to end.
24 sts

Row 42: (k1, k2tog)
to end. 16 sts

Row 44: (k2tog) to
end. Eight sts

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

**long leg &
foot**

Make two

Using 3.75mm
needles and Warm
Yellow cast on
six sts

Rows 1-10: rep
Rows 1-10 of Foot.
Six sts

Rows 11-35:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Cast off

Row 9: (k2tog) to
end. Four sts

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

wing

Make four (two in
each colour)

Using 3.75mm
needles and Choc
Brown (Light
Blush) cast on
24 sts

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

Row 5: k2tog, k8,
(k2tog) twice, k8,
k2tog. 20 sts

Row 6 and every

Yellow cast on
six sts

Rows 1-10: rep
Rows 1-10 of Foot.
Six sts

Rows 11-35:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Cast off

beak

Make two

Using 3.75mm
needles and Warm
Yellow cast on
12 sts

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

Row 5: (k1, k2tog)
to end. Eight sts

Rows 6-8: starting
with a p row work
in st st

GREAT ADVICE

FAIR ISLE

This colourwork technique always looks fabulously intricate, but in fact you're only ever using two colours at a time. Fair Isle patterns are usually worked from charts, with one stitch corresponding to one square of colour on the chart. When you get to the chart, join your second colour and knit (or purl) as normal carrying both yarns across the back of the work and swapping from one to the other as you work along the row. To avoid a tangle, always keep one yarn below the other and don't cross them over

even-numbered row: p

Row 7: k2tog, k6, (k2tog) twice, k6, k2tog. 16 sts

Row 9: k2tog, k4, (k2tog) twice, k4, k2tog. 12 sts

Row 11: k2tog, k2, (k2tog) twice, k2, k2tog. Eight sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

tail

Make two

Using 3.75mm needles and Choc Brown (Light Blush) cast on eight sts

Row 1: p

Row 2: k1, m1, k6,

m1, k1. Ten sts

Rows 3-5: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 6: k1, m1, k8, m1, k1. 12 sts

Rows 7-21: starting with a p row work in st st

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

Rows 23-25: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 26: k1, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k1. Eight sts

Row 27: p

Cast off

to make up

Weave in ends from Fair Isle section. Seam row edges of Body, leaving opening at

top. Stuff well. Sew up rem seam edge. Seam row edges of Beak, stuff well and sew to face just above chest heart. Seam row edges of Wings, oversew across cast-on edge and sew to side of Body, just under shaping and roughly in line with Beak. Seam row edges of Short Legs. Stuff well. Fold Feet in half so cast-on and cast-off edges meet. Seam row edges. Sew Short Legs to Feet and top of Short Legs to base of Brown Body. Seam row edges of Long

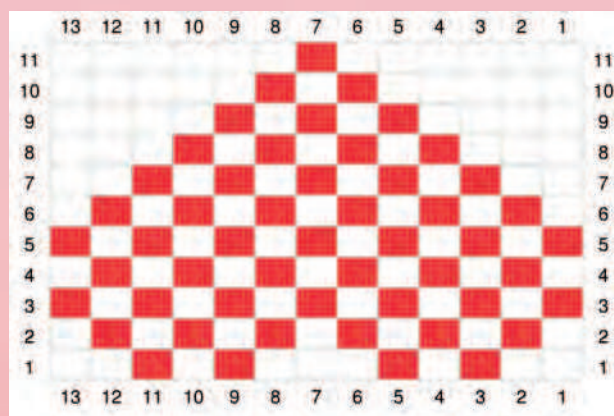
Legs, fold over Feet and attach cast-on edge to bottom of Leg. Seam row edges of Feet. Sew Long Legs to front of Blush Body so it sits. Fold Tail in half so cast-on and cast-off edges meet. Seam row edges, oversew and attach Tail to back

of Body of both robins, pointing upwards.
Embroider eyes

with black DK either side of Beak. Weave in all ends

READING A CHART

When working Fair Isle from a chart, read the chart from the bottom up, working right side rows from right to left and wrong side rows from left to right. Keep track of your work by ticking off each row once you've worked it.





PLUS
tapestry
needle, card,
pipe cleaner,
stuffing

SIZE
Height
(excl marsh-
mallows): 14cm

INTARSIA IS ON THE CARDS WITH OUR Hot choc

Are you after a pattern that you can get stuck into? This one by **HANNAH COOPER** is for you! The Christmas tree motif on her mug of cocoa is made with intarsia, so lots of colour changes await. We recommend ticking off as you go along so you can keep track of your progress. To simplify the pattern, ignore the colour changes and make a plain mug instead.



HOT CHOC mug

Using 3.75mm hook and Light Blush 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: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end.

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

48 sts
Rnd 8: 3dc, 2dc in next st, (7dc, 2dc in next st) five times,

4dc. 54 sts
Rnd 9: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

Rnds 10-14: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Fluffy

Note: colour in brackets foll instruction indicates which yarn to use
Rnd 15: 20dc (Fluffy), 3dc (Warm Yellow), 1dc in each st to end (Fluffy)

Rnd 16: 19dc (Bright Red), 5dc (Warm Yellow), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

Rnds 17-18: 19dc (Bright Red), 6dc (Warm Yellow), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

Rnd 19: 7dc (Bright Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 11dc (Bright Red), 7dc (Warm Yellow), 3dc (Bright Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)
Rnd 20: 21dc (Bright Red), 4dc (Choc Brown),

19dc (Bright Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

Rnd 21: 14dc (Bright Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 6dc (Bright Red), 4dc (Choc Brown), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

Rnd 22: 16dc (Bright Red), 14dc (Fir Green), 7dc (Bright Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

Rnd 23: 17dc (Bright Red), 6dc, 2dc in next st, 4dc, dc2tog (Fir Green), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

Rnd 24: 4dc (Bright Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 13dc (Bright Red), 5dc, 2dc in next st, 4dc, dc2tog (Fir Green), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

Rnd 25: 19dc

(Bright Red), 4dc, 2dc in next st, 4dc, dc2tog (Fir Green), 20dc (Bright Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

Rnd 26: 20dc (Bright Red), 4dc, 2dc in next st, 3dc, dc2tog (Fir Green), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

Rnd 27: 12dc (Bright Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 8dc (Bright Red), 3dc, 2dc in next st, 3dc, dc2tog (Fir Green), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

Rnd 28: 22dc (Bright Red), 3dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc, dc2tog (Fir Green), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

Rnd 29: 23dc (Bright Red), 3dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, dc2tog (Fir Green), 5dc (Bright Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 1dc in

each st to end (Bright Red)
Rnd 30: 24dc (Bright Red), 2dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, dc2tog (Fir Green), 15dc (Bright Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

Rnd 31: 25dc (Bright Red), 2dc, 2dc in next st, dc2tog (Fir Green), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

Rnd 32: 2dc (Bright Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 23dc (Bright Red), 1dc, 2dc in next st, dc2tog (Fir Green), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

Rnd 33: 10dc, 2dc in next st, 11dc (Bright Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 4dc (Bright Red), dc3tog (Fir Green), 12dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)
Cont in Bright Red



Use your **EXCLUSIVE** fluffy yarn to make the finishing touches, including the marshmallows!



“Place a circular piece of card at the bottom of the mug and another underneath the hot chocolate section to help the mug keep its shape”

HANNAH COOPER, DESIGNER



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SIX
YARN
COLOURS!



CONTINUE
CROCHETING >>>

Rnds 34-38: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

hot chocolate

Using 3.75mm hook and Choc Brown make a magic ring, 2ch (counts as htr throughout), 11htr, join with a sl st in second ch. 12 sts
Rnd 1: (2ch, 1htr) in next st, 2htr in each st to end, join with a sl st in second of beg 2ch. 24 sts
Rnd 2: (2ch, 1htr) in next st, 1htr, (2htr in next st, 1htr) to end, join with a sl st in second of beg 2ch. 36 sts
Rnd 3: (2ch, 1htr) in next st, 2htr, (2htr in next st, 2htr) to end, join with a sl st in second of beg 2ch. 48 sts
Rnd 4: (2ch, 1htr) in next st, 7htr, (2htr in next st, 7htr) to end, join with a sl st in second of beg 2ch. 54 sts
Fasten off

marshmallow

Make three
Using 3.75mm hook and Fluffy make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnds 1-3: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

handle

Using 3.75mm hook and Warm Yellow make 14ch, join with a sl st to first ch to make a ring. 14 sts

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

Rnds 2-5: 1dc in each st to end
Work in foll five-rnd stripe sequence: Fir Green, Warm Yellow

Rnds 6-35: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

star

Using 3.75mm hook and Warm Yellow make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

Rnd 1: (1dc, 3ch, sl st in first ch, sl st in same st as 1dc) five times
Fasten off

to make up

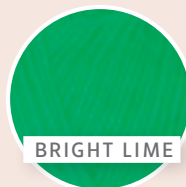
Sew Marshmallows to Hot Chocolate. Insert pipe cleaner through Handle and stuff. Position Handle on Mug and push ends of pipe cleaner through Mug. Secure pipe cleaner inside and sew Handle in place. Sew Star to top of tree. Place

card circle in bottom of Mug and stuff. Place another card circle on top of stuffing. Sew Hot Chocolate inside Mug, two rows from the top. Weave in all ends

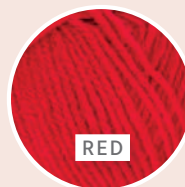


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NO MATTER WHAT THE FESTIVITIES HOLD
FOR US THIS YEAR, YOU'LL HAVE A FRIEND IN

Christmas ted



USING YOUR **Chestnut** YARN KIT



PROJECT
OVERLEAF





PLUS

small amount of dark brown DK, two 8mm black beads or safety eyes, black cotton thread, stuffing, tapestry needle, sewing needle

SIZE

Christmas Ted height: 15cm Hat height: 7cm



Take the next step



The teddy bear will forever be a favourite of ours, so we couldn't resist giving this knitted version a festive touch. The Christmas hat is removable, but you can stitch it in place if you prefer. **SACHIYO ISHII** has created this classic pal using every colour in your Chestnut yarn kit. If you've already run out, you can head to giftstoyou.com/chestnut to purchase more packs.



CHRISTMAS TED body

Using 3.75mm needles and Fir Green 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

Rows 7-23: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 24: k12, (k2tog) eight times, k12. 32 sts

Rows 25-27: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 28: k10, (k2tog) six times, k10. 26 sts

Row 29: p

Change to Light Blush

Rows 30-33:

starting with a k

row work in st st
Row 34: k2, (k2tog, k2) to end. 20 sts
Cast off

head

Using 3.75mm needles and Light Blush cast on ten sts

Rows 1-4: rep Rows 1-4 of Body. 30 sts

Rows 5-8: starting with a p row work in st st

Change to Choc Brown

Row 9: p

Row 10: k3, (kfb, k1) 12 times, k3. 42 sts

Rows 11-25: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 26: (k5, k2tog) to end. 36 sts

Row 27 and every odd-numbered row: p

Row 28: (k4, k2tog) to end. 30 sts

Row 30: (k1, k2tog) to end. 20 sts

Row 32: (k2tog) to end. Ten sts

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

ear

Make two

Using 3.75mm needles and Choc Brown cast on 18 sts

Note: colour in brackets foll instruction

indicates which yarn to use

Row 1 (WS): p10 (Choc Brown), p8 (Light Blush)

Note: keep colours correct as set

Rows 2-3: starting with a k row work in st st

Row 4: k2, (k2tog, k2) to end. 14 sts

Row 5: p

Row 6: (k2tog) to end. Seven sts

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

leg

Make two

Using 3.75mm needles and Light Blush cast on 12 sts

Row 1: p

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

Row 3: p

Row 4: (k2, kfb) to end. 24 sts

Row 5: p
Change to Choc Brown

Rows 6-11: starting with a k row work in st st

Row 12: k8, (k2tog) four times, k8. 20 sts

Row 13: p

Row 14: k8, (k2tog) twice, k8. 18 sts

Rows 15-19: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 20: (k2tog) to end. Nine sts

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

jumper

Using 3.75mm needles and Fluffy cast on 42 sts

Row 1 (RS): k

Change to Bright Red

Rows 2-8: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 9: (k5, k2tog) to end. 36 sts

Rows 10-12:

starting with a p row work in st st

Row 13: (k4, k2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rows 14-16:

starting with a p row work in st st

Row 17: (k3, k2tog) to end. 24 sts

Row 18: p
Cast off

sleeve

Make two

Using 3.75mm needles and Fluffy cast on 16 sts

Row 1 (RS): k

Change to Bright Red

Row 2: p1, pfb, p to last two sts, pfb, p1. 18 sts

Rows 3-6: starting with a k row work in st st

Row 7: k2, (k2, k2tog) to end. 14 sts

Rows 8-10: starting with a p row work in st st

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

Row 12: p
Cast off

arm

Make two

Using 3.75mm needles and Choc



SACHIYO ISHII'S
TOYMAKING
TIP OF THE MONTH
“When you change colour within a row, cross the yarn at the colour change to avoid any holes – bear this in mind when you’re working the teddy’s ears”

Brown cast on 14 sts

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

Row 10: (k2tog) to end. Seven sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

tail

Using 3.75mm needles and Choc Brown cast on eight sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 16 sts

Rows 3-7: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 8: (k2tog) to end. Eight sts

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

belt

Using 3.75mm needles and dark brown DK cast on three sts

Rows 1-60: k
Cast off

buckle

Using 3.75mm hook and Warm Yellow make 20ch
Fasten off

to make up

With cast-on yarn end of Body, work gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly. Sew Body to neck and stuff. With cast-on yarn end of Head, work gathering thread along cast-on edge, draw tightly and sew seam to end of muzzle. With fastened-off yarn end, sew Head halfway, stuff and close seam. Seam each Ear and attach to Head. Attach eyes and, using dark brown DK, embroider nose and mouth. Wrap Body with Jumper and sew seam at back. Wrap Body with Belt and sew both ends tog. Sew Buckle to Belt. Fold Leg in half lengthways and sew sole. Sew rest

of seam and stuff. Rep for other Leg. Attach Legs to Body. Seam Arms and stuff. Wrap Arm with Sleeve, secure Arm to Sleeve at cuff and sew Sleeve seam to shoulder edge. Attach Arms to Body. Attach Head to Body. Weave in all ends

HAT

Using 3.75mm needles and Fluffy cast on 30 sts

Row 1 (RS): k

Change to Bright Red

Rows 2-4: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 5: (k3, k2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rows 6-8: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 9: (k2, k2tog)

to end. 18 sts

Rows 10-12: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 13: (k1, k2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rows 14-16: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 17: (k2tog) to end. Six sts

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

strap

Using 3.75mm needles and Bright Red cast on two sts

Rows 1-60: k
Cast off

bobble

Using 3.75mm needles and Fluffy cast on ten sts

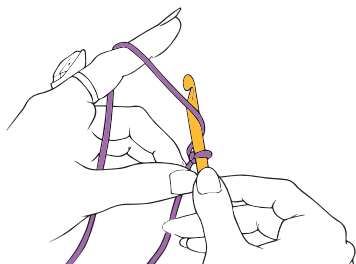
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TOP TIP

IF YOU FIND IT DIFFICULT TO USE THE FLUFFY YARN WHEN SEWING UP, SEPARATE IT AND USE JUST ONE STRAND



CROCHET SCHOOL



THERE'S JUST A SMIDGEN OF CROCHET IN THIS PATTERN. YOU'LL BE WORKING CHAIN STITCH TO CREATE THE BUCKLE, SO HEAD TO PAGE 64 IF YOU'RE NOT SURE HOW TO DO IT.

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Christmas squares

Granny squares are really versatile for the festive season. You can make them into gifts or use them to decorate your home. We adore this selection, designed by **JACKIE CARREIRA**. Three are a variation on the traditional granny and will encourage you to try out new stitches, including double treble. Or if you like to keep it simple when it comes to your squares, stick to what you know and try out different colours instead!

CHRISTMAS SQUARES

snowball

Note: 3ch counts as first tr throughout Using 3.75mm hook and Fluffy make 4ch, join with a sl st to make a ring

Rnd 1: 3ch, 15tr in ring, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 16 sts

Change to Light Blush

Rnd 2: (3ch, 1tr) in same sp, 2tr in each sp to end, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 32 sts

Rnd 3: (3ch, 1tr) in same sp, 1tr in next st, (2tr in next st, 1tr) 15 times, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 48 sts

Change to Choc Brown

Rnd 4: 4ch (counts as 1dtr), (2tr, 2ch, 2tr, 1dtr [see Great Advice]) in same sp, * miss next two sts, 2htr, 3dc, 2htr, miss two sts **, (1dtr, 2tr, 2ch, 2tr, 1dtr) in next sp, rep from * twice, rep from * to ** once, join with a sl st to top of first 4ch

Rnd 5: 3ch (counts as 1tr) 1tr in each st of last rnd, working (3tr, 2ch, 3tr) in each 2ch corner sp, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch

Fasten off

star

Using 3.75mm hook and Warm Yellow make 4ch,

join with a sl st to make a ring

Rnd 1: 1ch, 8dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st

Rnd 2: (6ch, 1dc in third ch from hook, 1dc, 2htr, sl st in next dc from Rnd 1) eight times, join with a sl st to first 6ch. Eight star points

Attach Fir Green to any star point

Rnd 3: 5ch (counts as 1tr, 2ch), 1tr in same st (corner made), 4ch, sl st in tip of next point, 4ch, ([1tr, 2ch, 1tr] in tip of next star point [corner made], 4ch, sl st in tip of next star point, 4ch) three times, join with a sl st to third st of first 5ch

Rnd 4: sl st to next 2ch corner sp, 3ch (counts as 1tr), (2tr, 2ch, 3tr) in same 2ch sp, 4tr in each of next two 4ch sps, ([3tr, 2ch, 3tr] in next 2ch corner sp, 4tr in each of

next two 4ch sps) three times, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch

Rnd 5: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in each st of last rnd, work (3tr, 2ch, 3tr) in each 2ch corner sp, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch

Fasten off

flower

Using 3.75mm hook and Bright Red make 6ch, join with a sl st to make a ring

Rnd 1: 1ch, 16dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st. 16 sts

Rnd 2: 6ch (counts as 1tr, 3ch), miss two sts, (1tr, 3ch, miss one st) seven times, join with a sl st to third st of 6ch

Rnd 3: sl st to first 3ch sp, 1ch, (1dc, 1htr, 1tr, 1htr, 1dc) in same sp, ([1dc, 1htr, 1tr, 1htr, 1dc] in next 3ch sp) seven times, join with a sl st to first dc.

Eight petals

Rnd 4: 1ch, (1dc in each dc and htr in last rnd, working 3dc in each tr, join with a sl st to first dc

Attach Warm Yellow to second dc of any petal

Rnd 5: (1ch, 1dc) in same st, * 5ch, miss three dc, 1dc, 7ch, miss two dc, 1dc, 5ch, miss three dc, 1dc, 2ch, miss two dc **, 1dc, rep from * twice, rep from * to ** once, join with a sl st to first dc

Rnd 6: 2ch (counts as 1htr), 3htr in next 5ch sp, * (4tr, 3ch, 4tr) in next 7ch sp, 4htr in next 5ch sp, 2htr in next 2ch sp **, 4htr in next 5ch sp, rep from * twice, rep from * to ** once, join with a sl st to second of 2ch

Rnd 7: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, working (1dc, 3ch, 1dc) in each 3ch corner sp

Fasten off

granny

Make three

Note: 3ch counts as first tr throughout Using 3.75mm hook and Bright Red (Fir Green, Light Blush) make 6ch, join with a sl st to make a ring

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

Attach Fir Green (Light Blush, Bright Red) to any 3ch sp

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

Attach Light Blush (Bright Red, Fir Green) to any 3ch corner sp

Rnd 3: 3ch, (2tr, 3ch, 3tr) in same sp, * 1ch, 3tr in next 1ch sp, 1ch **, (3tr,

GREAT ADVICE

DOUBLE TREBLE (DTR)

Yoh twice, insert hook in st, yoh, pull yarn through st. Four loops on hook. (Yoh and pull through first two loops only) twice, yoh and pull through last two loops on hook

3ch, 3tr) in corner sp, rep from * twice, rep from * to ** once, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch

Rnds 4-5: sl st to first corner sp, 3ch, (2tr, 3ch, 3tr) in same sp, * (1ch, 3tr) in each 1ch sp along side of square, 1ch **, (3tr, 3ch, 3tr) in next 3ch corner sp, rep from * twice, rep from * to ** once, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. Fasten off

to make up

Weave in all ends



“Why not join all six squares together to make a festive table centrepiece? Or you could choose your favourite design and make a few in different colours”

JACKIE CARREIRA, DESIGNER

All about you

We adore seeing the lovely things you make



You're obsessed with...granny squares

THE CAT'S WHISKERS

I adore cats! I really wanted to make something that I could eventually sell to raise money for our local cat rescue to help with the rehabilitation of elderly cats like my own lady, Poncho.

Aisling Boyhan, County Wexford



ARMCHAIR REFRESH

I recently made this cover for my new chair. I created it with crocheted squares with a knitted i-cord around the edge. This pattern is from *200 Crochet Squares* by Jan Eaton.

**Maxine Steele,
Western Australia**



ULTIMATE STASHBUSTER

I needed something to keep me occupied during lockdown, so decided to make granny squares with remnants of wool from previous kits from your magazine. I then stitched them together to make a body warmer!

Carol Forman, Edinburgh



I learnt to knit and crochet when I was pregnant with my little boy, who is now five! With every new project I'm still learning and developing my crafty skills, and most of all, I enjoy every minute of it.

Naomi Cobb, Merseyside

◆ We love your little Pokémon character, Naomi!

I've been knitting since I was eight years old; I was taught by my gran and grandad. These booties are knitted in acrylic and snowflake yarn and are my own design.

I have knitted over 100 pairs in various colours this year, which I sell in my Etsy shop called Sweetygreetings where I also sell toys, hats and baby clothes.

Debra Sherry-Brennan, Essex

◆ They're perfect for baby's first Christmas!



Here's my Christingle candle from issue 114 of Let's Get Crafting. I added knitted sweets as it will be going on my Christmas dresser display and I want them to last! I like to knit festive things that are a bit different, and love your magazine because it always seems to have that sort of pattern!

Susan Evans, Buckinghamshire

◆ We're so happy you love our projects Susan, thanks for sharing!



"I like to knit festive things that are a bit different, and love your magazine because it always seems to have that sort of pattern!"



What are your favourite items to craft at Christmas?

"Knitted gift bags in different colours"

Tara K. Bilinski



"I love making toques, socks, mitts and sweaters for my family for Christmas"

Darlene Krystal



"Father Christmas' washing line"

Maureen Thomas



"The ones I swore I would have finished by the Christmas before, having started the two before that!"

Christina Baron



"Hats, elves and wreaths. The elves became very popular when the elf on the shelf was introduced a few years ago. They are always well received and really get peeps feeling festive"

Susie Manso



"This year during lockdown I've learnt crochet, and festive bunting has been my main Christmas make!"

Caroline Smith

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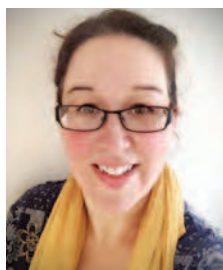
Rudolph, a snowman, YOUR 3-PART

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PLUS: 3.5mm hook, stitch markers, tapestry needle, stuffing, four 8mm black safety eyes

SIZE:

Snowman Skittle height: 18cm
Rudolph Skittle height: 20cm



HEATHER GIBBS,
DESIGNER

"It's here, folks... the final part of our Christmas Skittles crochet-along! Up until this point you've crafted four characterful pins and the bowling ball, and now it's time for the final two skittles: Rudolph and Frosty the snowman.

They make use of every colour in your Chestnut pack, but if you use yarns from your stash, you can simplify the colour changes by working the bodies in just one colour. Saving your fluffy yarn for something else? Follow the instructions for Rudolph's head using white DK yarn from your collection. We hope you've enjoyed this festive series – turn the page to see the full set! And don't forget to share your skittles with us on Facebook, Instagram or by dropping Heidi an email at heidi.wilkins@aceville.co.uk"



SNOWMAN SKITTLE head

Note: start from top

Using 3.5mm hook and Fluffy 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 4-7: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 8: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
Insert safety eyes between Rnds 3-4, approx four sts apart

Note: stuff as you go

Rnd 9: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 10: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

nose

Using 3.5mm hook and Warm Yellow make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring.

Five sts

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

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

Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end

Rnds 4-5: rep Rnd 2 twice. Eight sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

hat

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

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

Rnds 3-5: 1dc in

each st to end

Rnd 6: 2dc in each st to end. 36 sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

body

Note: starting from bottom

Using 3.5mm hook and Warm Yellow 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

Rnd 5: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 6: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 7: 1dc in each st to end

Work in foll three-rnd stripe sequence: Fir Green, Warm Yellow

Rnds 8-15: 1dc in each st to end

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

Rows 17-18: 1dc in each st to end

Row 19: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rows 20-21: 1dc in each st to end

Row 22: (2dc,

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Christmas
skittles

dc2tog) to end.

18 sts

Rows 23-25: 1dc in each st to end. Fasten off, leaving a long tail

to make up

Sew Head closed. Stuff Nose and Body. Stuff Hat lightly, leaving last rnd unstuffed. Sew Nose centrally to Head, just below eyes. Sew Hat to top of Head. Sew Head to top of Body. Weave in all ends

RUDOLPH SKITTLE head

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

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

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

30 sts

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

Rnd 13: (3dc, dc2tog) to end.

24 sts

Insert safety eyes between Rnds 7-8, approx four sts apart

Note: stuff as you go

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CONTINUE
CROCHETING

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

Rnd 15: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 16: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

ear

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and Choc Brown make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

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

Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 4: (dc2tog) to end. Three sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

nose

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

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 2: (dc2tog) to end. Three sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

snout

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

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

Rnds 3-5: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

antler small section

Make two

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

Rnds 1-2: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

antler main section

Make two

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

Rnds 1-6: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

body

Make as for Snowman Body using Bright Red and Choc Brown

to make up

Sew Head closed. Stuff Snout. Sew Nose to Rnd 2 of

Snout. Embroider vertical line underneath Nose on Snout. Sew Snout to Head below eyes. Sew Antler Small Section to Rnd 2 of Main Section. Sew Antlers to top of Head on Rnd 2, approx three sts apart. Sew Ears to Head, approx one st apart from Antlers. Sew Head to Body. Weave in all ends



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NEXT ISSUE!**

It's our brand new crochet series! Make a set of outfits for this mini dolly

THE FINISHED RESULT!

Missed parts one and two? Find them at topcrochetpatterns.com by searching 'skittles'



GET COSY

At this time of year as the evenings get darker, we adore having something luxurious on our hook and needles. There's nothing like the touch of soft fibre between your fingers while you're crafting, and choosing yarns that include merino, silk, alpaca or cashmere is such a treat. Soft blends like these are perfect for making a garment or accessory that you'll always treasure, or for creating an extra special gift for the most precious people in your life – they'll think of you every time they wrap the fancy fibres around them! Take a look at our pick of cosy, luxury yarns to craft with this winter.



Rico Design
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laughinghens.com

Cascade Yarns
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IN LIMBO: CRAFTY IDEAS TO GET YOU THROUGH THE FESTIVE SEASON LULL

WORDS BY HEIDI WILKINS

We've all been there, in those strange days between Christmas and New Year's Eve when life doesn't quite make sense. You've forgotten what day it is, have flicked through every channel on the television, gorged yourself silly on chocolates and may slowly feel boredom creeping in. Never fear! We're here to tell you that these unusual moments are the perfect crafty opportunity for taking on a new project, sorting out your yarn stash and setting yourself some challenges for the new year.



SOMETHING SMALL

'Limbo' days are ideal for relaxing and doing something that requires little brain power. Pair these mini projects with leftover chocolates and your favourite films.



Add something fruity to your outfits with this cute cherry brooch



Never lose your keys again with our colourful keyrings; why not make them in different shades for all the family?



Young crafters will adore these cheeky crayons, what a fun addition to their pencil cases when they go back to school!

GET ORGANISED

Finally you have a few days to yourself to sort out that ever-growing yarn stash! These free patterns are the ultimate storage solutions for yarn, notions, pins and hooks.



Create a colourful storage basket to squish all your yarn into



Use these cute containers to keep your hooks, stitch markers and scissors in one neat place



These stackable pots are neat to put away when you're not using them

OUR 2021 CRAFTY RESOLUTIONS

Why not use your downtime to make yourself some promises for the new year? The Let's Get Crafting team has made their resolutions already!



"I want 2021 to be the year that I up my knitting game! I tend to stick to simple knitting projects but plan to add more complex stitches to my knitty repertoire"

HEIDI WILKINS, DEPUTY EDITOR

"I plan to make 2021 the year that my craft stash stays organised. I love a storage basket and can't wait to get labelling and sorting like Mrs Hinch!"

ROSIE SAVAGE, EDITOR



STASHBUSTERS

Don't buy more yarn (until the sales start anyway!) – take a look at these projects that were made for using up those odds and ends of yarn in your stash

Add a pop of colour to your favourite cosy corner with a granny square blanket



Use all the colours in your stash to create these contemporary feathers that make lovely bookmarks

If you're a dedicated hoarder of fabric this project is ideal for using up your vintage prints



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PASS ON YOUR CRAFTY SKILLS

Got a family member (or two) who's always wanted to learn to knit or crochet? Stop them looking longingly at you while you craft and show them the ways of yarn.

You've finally got a few spare days to sit down with them and teach them your marvellous skills and we think in one afternoon you can get the whole family off to a crafty start! Don't forget to refer to our handy guides on page 62 to reinforce your instructions.

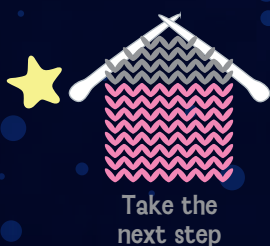
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LEARN POPCORN STITCH WITH Millie the camel

HEATHER GIBBS has wowed us again, this time with a Christmas camel no less. Millie is made with stitches you'll most likely have in your repertoire, but we've kicked things up a notch by using popcorn stitch to create the dinky ears. The most important thing with this make is to take your time when sewing her together to ensure she stands proud.



MILLIE THE CAMEL body

Using 3.75mm hook and Fluffy 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 5-7: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 8: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 9: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
Note: stuff as you go
Rnd 10: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
Rnd 11: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

hump
Using 3.75mm hook and Fluffy make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring.

Six sts
Rnds 1-2: rep Rnds 1-2 of Body. 18 sts
Rnds 3-4: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

leg
Make four
Using 3.75mm hook and Choc Brown make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnds 1-2: rep Rnds 1-2 of Body. 18 sts
Rnd 3: working in BLO, 3dc, (dc2tog) three times, 1dc in each st to end. 15 sts

Rnd 4: 2dc, (dc2tog) three times, 1dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnd 5: 1dc, (dc2tog) three times, 1dc in each st to end. Nine sts
Rnds 6-13: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

head

Using 3.75mm hook and Choc Brown make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnds 1-3: rep Rnds 1-3 of Body. 24 sts
Rnd 4: 1dc in each st to end.
Rnd 5: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 6: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 7: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
Rnds 8-9: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 10: 2dc, PC (see Great Advice), 2dc, PC, 1dc in each



“This camel is named after a friend at Let’s Get Crafting HQ. She very rarely drinks water, so we’re convinced she stores it for months on end”

ROSIE SAVAGE, EDITOR

GREAT ADVICE

POPCORN STITCH (PC)

5dc in indicated st, remove hook completely, insert hook in first dc, insert hook in loop that you removed hook from, yoh and pull through both loops on hook

st to end
Insert safety eyes
on Rnd 10, approx
two sts apart
Note: stuff as
you go
Rnd 11: (dc2tog) to
end. Six sts
Fasten off

neck

Note: leave a long
tail before you
start
Using 3.75mm
hook and Choc
Brown make 12ch,
join with a sl st to
make a ring
Rnd 1: 1dc in each
st to end. 12 sts
Rnds 2-8: 1dc in
each st to end
Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

tail

Using 3.75mm
hook and Choc
Brown make 9ch
Starting in second
ch from hook, sl st
in each st to end.
Eight sts
Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

to make up

Sew Body and
Head closed. Stuff
Hump, Legs and
Neck. Add small
tassel to end of
Tail. Sew Head to
top of Neck over

Rnds 9-10. Sew
Hump to Body
over Rnds 5-10.
Ensuring feet are
facing forwards
and checking
they're balanced,
sew Legs to Body.
Sew Tail to Body.
Sew Neck to top
of Body in front of
Hump, making
sure Camel
doesn't topple.
Weave in all ends

BLANKET

Using 3.75mm
hook and Fir
Green make a
magic ring, work
6dc into ring.
Six sts
Rnds 1-4: rep Rnds
1-4 of Body. 30 sts
Rnds 5-8: 1dc in
each st to end
Note: now

working in rows to
make sides, 1ch at
beg of row does
not count as a st
throughout
Row 1: 9dc, turn
Rows 2-6: 1ch,
9dc, turn
Fasten off
Miss six sts of Rnd
8 and rejoin Fir
Green in next st
Rows 7-12: rep
Rows 1-6
Fasten off

blanket edging

Using Warm
Yellow, work 1dc in
each st around
edge, working
(1dc, 1ch, 1dc) in
each corner and
dc2tog where
sides meet centre.
Add small tassel
on each corner

to make up

Weave in all ends





PLUS
tapestry
needle

SIZE
Height (excl
loop): 26cm



Perfect for
beginners

BECOME A COLOUR-CHANGING
EXPERT WITH OUR

Stripy stocking

We love the sight of colourful stockings hung up at Christmastime, and you can't beat the excitement of finding them filled with treats on Christmas morning! This fluffy-topped design by **NICOLA VALIJI** is sure to be a favourite year after year and it's worked mainly in stocking stitch, so it's simple to knit. Why not make one for all the family using your stash? You could even personalise them with an embroidered initial.

STRIPY STOCKING front

Using 3.75mm needles and Bright Red cast on 30 sts
Row 1 (WS): p
Row 2: k1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1. 32 sts
Rows 3-6: rep Rows 1-2 twice. 36 sts
Change to Fir Green
Row 7: p
Row 8: k1, m1, k to end. 37 sts
Rows 9-12: rep Rows 7-8 twice. 39 sts
Work in foll six-row stripe sequence: Warm Yellow, Choc Brown, Light Blush, Bright Red, Fir

Green, Warm Yellow, Choc Brown, Light Blush
Rows 13-23: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st
Row 24: k2tog, k to end. 38 sts
Row 25 and every odd-numbered row: p
Row 26: k2tog, k to end. 37 sts
Row 28: k2tog, k to end. 36 sts
Row 30: cast off ten sts, k to end. 26 sts
Note: change to Fluffy after Row 60
Rows 31-73: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st

Cast off

back

Using 3.75mm needles and Bright Red cast on 30 sts
Rows 1-7: rep Rows 1-7 of Front, including colour change. 36 sts
Row 8: k to last st, m1, k1. 37 sts
Rows 9-12: rep Rows 7-8 twice. 39 sts
Work in foll six-row stripe sequence: Warm Yellow, Choc Brown, Light Blush, Bright Red, Fir

Green, Warm Yellow, Choc Brown, Light Blush
Rows 13-23: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st
Row 24: k to last two sts, k2tog. 38 sts
Row 25 and every odd-numbered row: p
Row 26: k to last two sts, k2tog. 37 sts
Row 28: k to last two sts, k2tog. 36 sts
Row 30: k25, cast off ten sts. 26 sts

Note: change to Fluffy after Row 60
Rows 31-73: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st
Cast off

hanging loop

Using 3.75mm needles and Fluffy cast on four sts
Rows 1-44: starting with a k row work in st st
Cast off

holly leaf

Make two
Using 3.75mm needles and Fir Green cast on 16 sts
Row 1 (RS): k
Row 2: p

Row 3 (eyelet row): k1, (yfwd, k2tog) to last st, k1
Row 4: p
Row 5: k
Cast off

berry

Using 3.75mm needles and Bright Red cast on three sts
Row 1 (RS): (kfb) to end. Six sts
Row 2: p
Row 3: (k1, kfb) to end. Nine sts
Row 4: p
Row 5: k1, (k2tog) to end. Five sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

Run out
of yarn?

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CITRINE



FIR



GINGERBREAD



MOCHA



RASPBERRY

to make up

Sew Front and Back tog on WS leaving top open. Turn RS out. Fold Hanging Loop in half and sew to top of Stocking. Sew cast-on and cast-off edges of Holly Leaf tog to make a picot edge. Fold in half and sew along middle to form shape. Gather fastened-off end of Berry, sew around row edges and cast-on edge, pull tightly to shape into a ball. Sew Holly Leaves and Berry to front of Stocking. Weave in all ends

TOP TIP

CHECK THE STRIPES ARE LINED UP WHEN SEWING YOUR TWO PIECES TOGETHER

INTRODUCING...

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**Moon
and Me**

GET TO KNOW THESE FAVOURITE CHARACTERS!

This issue we are delighted to bring you an exclusive crochet pattern for Pepi Nana, star of the television series, *Moon and Me*, as seen on CBeebies. The programme launched in February 2019 and tells the adventures of a magical doll who comes to life when the moon is shining. Read on to find out more!

STORY TIME

Each episode of *Moon and Me* starts with a child putting their toys to bed and that's when the fun begins! When the moon shines on the Toy House, special doll Pepi Nana writes a letter to the moon. Her letter is received by Moon Baby, who comes down to the house for tea and whilst he's there, uses his magical kalimba to wake up a whole

raft of fun and fabulous characters. The cast includes Colly Wobble, Little Nana, Lambkin, Mr. Onion, Sleepy Dibillo and the polite knitted pot plant, Lily Plant. All the characters have their own distinct personalities and favourite sayings to enchant children – and their parents too!

CREATIVE GENIUS

The visionary behind *Moon and Me* is Andrew Davenport, a multi-award-winning producer, writer and composer who also came up with children's favourites, *Teletubbies* and *In the Night Garden*. Davenport writes every episode and also composes all the music. Like his previous programmes, *Moon and Me* has a strong emphasis on the power of imaginative play and uses the characters to explore bonds of friendship, as well as kindness and empathy. The series was partly inspired by a Toy House Play Observation Project, conducted in partnership with the University of Sheffield, looking at how children engage with toy houses during playtime.

DELIGHTFUL DETAILS

The programme combines modern production methods with traditional storytelling and has become a big hit with its young viewers. The characters, and world in which they live, are based on the drawings and models of creator Andrew Davenport. The Toy House itself features over 500 individually designed,

The Moon and Me world is full of fantastic and colourful characters!



hand-built and hand-painted miniature props and furnishings, and contains hidden messages for children to discover in many of the patterns and decorations.

GET CRAFTY

Our crochet Pepi Nana toy opposite was designed by Sachiyo Ishii and features the doll's signature outfit. Look out for the pattern for Moon Baby in issue 127, on sale 10th December. If you are a knitting fan, you can find alternative versions in the November and December issues of our sister title *Let's Knit*, on sale 22nd October and 19th November respectively.

Watch *Moon and Me* on CBeebies channel Monday to Friday at 5:45pm, or catch up on BBC iPlayer. Follow *Moon and Me* on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @moonandmehq



Our crochet version was designed by Sachiyo Ishii

FUN FACTS!

- ★ The series is narrated by actress Nina Sosanya who has appeared in *Good Omens*, *Killing Eve* and *Love Actually*
- ★ The song *Horsely in the House* featured in several episodes is sung by Michael Bublé!
- ★ The *Moon and Me* logo includes eight coloured stars, each representing a key character
- ★ Seven Moon Baby puppets are used in the show and each one has 17 heads with different expressions. That's 119 in total!
- ★ Moon Baby's musical instrument, the kalimba, is just 15mm in real life!
- ★ Each character's bedroom in the Toy House has been designed with bespoke wallpaper, bedding and accessories to reflect their character



Moon and Me teaches children about friendship, empathy and kindness



CREATE A CBEEBIES FAVOURITE
IN YARN, FROM *MOON AND ME* IT'S

Pepi Nana



If you have little ones who adore watching *Moon and Me*, they'll love our crochet version of this magical toy that comes to life when the moon shines! Designed by **SACHIYO ISHII**, this project features a couple of tricky features such as Pepi Nana's fingers, cute freckles and the stars on her jumper. Take your time with these details to really bring your toy to life.

YOU WILL NEED



YARN

King Cole
Pricewise DK:
(A) 055 Gold,
(B) 201 Cloud,
(C) 128 Fondant,
(D) 038 Acid,
(E) 048 Black,
one 100g ball of
each; small
amount of dark
brown DK

PLUS

3mm hook,
tapestry needle,
sewing needle,
two 17cm aqua
safety eyes,
stuffing, small
amounts of felt
in pink, soft
pink, white,
navy blue, sky
blue, orange,
bright yellow
green and
yellow green,
liquid glue, card

SIZE

Height: 28cm



Take the
next step

PEPINANA

Note: join end of
each rnd with a sl
st throughout. Beg
1ch does not count
as a st throughout

legs & body

* Using 3mm hook
and Yarn C make
16ch, join with a
sl st to make a
ring. 16 sts

Rnds 1-2: 1ch, 1dc in
each st to end

Rnd 3: (6dc,
dc2tog) twice.
14 sts

Rnds 4-20: 1ch, 1dc
in each st to end *
Fasten off

Rep from * to *
once, then join
Legs tog as folls:

Rnd 21: 1ch, 1dc in
each st around
left Leg, insert
hook in first st of
right Leg, 1dc in
each st around
right Leg, join with
a sl st to first st.
28 sts

Note: change to
Yarn B after
Rnd 23

Rnds 22-37: 1ch,
1dc in each st
to end

Rnd 38: 1ch, (5dc,
dc2tog) to end.
24 sts

Rnds 39-40: 1ch,
1dc in each st
to end

Rnd 41: 1ch, (2dc,
dc2tog) to end.
18 sts

Rnd 42: 1ch, 1dc in
each st to end
Fasten off

head

Using 3mm hook
and Yarn A make a
magic ring, work
6dc into ring.

Six sts

Rnd 1: 1ch, 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

Rnd 7: 1ch, (6dc,
2dc in next st) to
end. 48 sts

Rnd 8: 1ch, (7dc,
2dc in next st) to
end. 54 sts

Rnd 9: 1ch, (8dc,
2dc in next st) to
end. 60 sts

Rnds 10-19: 1ch, 1dc
in each st to end

Rnd 20: 1ch, (8dc,
dc2tog) to end.
54 sts

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

Rnd 23: 1ch, (7dc,
dc2tog) to end.
48 sts

Rnds 24-25: 1ch,
1dc in each st
to end

Rnd 26: 1ch, (6dc,
dc2tog) to end.
42 sts

Rnd 27: 1ch, (5dc,
dc2tog) to end.
36 sts

Rnd 28: 1ch, (4dc,
dc2tog) to end.
30 sts

Rnd 29: 1ch, (3dc,
dc2tog) to end.
24 sts

Insert safety eyes
on Rnd 16
Stuff

Rnd 30: 1ch, (2dc,
dc2tog) to end.
18 sts

Rnd 31: 1ch, (1dc,
dc2tog) to end.
12 sts

Rnd 32: (dc2tog)
to end. Six sts
Fasten off

nose

Using 3mm hook
and Yarn A make
a magic ring, work
6dc into ring.
Six sts

Fasten off

shorts

* Using 3mm hook
and Yarn D make
20ch, join with a
sl st to make a
ring. 20 sts

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

Rep from * to *
once, then join
Legs tog as folls:

Rnd 7: 1dc in each
st around left Leg,
insert hook in first
st of right Leg, 1dc
in each st around
right Leg, join with
a sl st to first st.
40 sts

Rnd 8: 1dc in each
st to end

Rnd 9: (8dc,
dc2tog) to end.
36 sts

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

Rnds 11-14: 1dc in
each st to end
Fasten off

shoe

Make two

Using 3mm hook
and Yarn E
make 6ch

Rnd 1: starting in
second ch from
hook, 4dc, 3dc in
last ch, work along



other side of ch as folls: 3dc, 2dc in last ch. 12 sts

Rnd 2: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 3dc, (2dc in next st) three times, 3dc, (2dc in next st) twice. 18 sts

Rnd 3: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 4dc, (2dc in next st, 1dc) three times, 3dc, (2dc in next st, 1dc) twice. 24 sts

Rnd 4: working in BLO, 1ch, 8dc, 8htr, 8dc

Rnd 5: 1ch, 8dc, 8htr, 8dc

Rnd 6: 1ch, 9dc, (htr2tog, 1htr) twice, 9dc. 22 sts

Rnd 7: 1ch, 5dc, (dc2tog, 1dc) four times, 5dc. 18 sts

Rnd 8: 1ch, 5dc, (dc2tog, 1dc) twice, dc2tog, 5dc. 15 sts

Rnds 9-11: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end Fasten off

shirt

Using 3mm hook and Yarn B make 20ch, join with a sl st to make a ring. 20 sts

Rnds 1-2: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 3: 1ch, (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 4: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 5: 1ch, (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 6: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 7: 1ch, (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

Rnds 8-15: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 16: 1ch, (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

Rnds 17-22: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end Fasten off

sleeve

Make two

Using 3mm hook and Yarn B make 14ch, join with a sl st to make a ring. 14 sts

Rnds 1-14: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end Fasten off

pocket

Using 3mm hook and Yarn B make 8ch

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

Rows 2-6: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn Fasten off

hand

Make two

Using 3mm hook and Yarn A make a magic ring, work 10dc into ring. Ten sts

Rnds 1-3: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st, do not fasten off

Note: now working first finger

Row 1: 1ch, 2dc in next st, turn

Row 2: 1ch, 2dc, fasten off

Note: now working second, third, fourth and fifth fingers

(Rejoin yarn in next st on Row 1 with a sl st, 1ch, 2dc in same st as sl st, turn, 1ch, 2dc, turn, 1ch, 2dc, fasten off) four times

to make up

Stuff Body and Legs. Dress Body in Shorts. Secure Shorts to Body. Stuff Shoes. Insert Shoe in Leg and

secure with sts. Dress Body in Shirt and attach Pocket. Fold each finger lengthways and sew side of each. Close Hand opening. Stuff Sleeve lightly and insert Hand. Secure Hand to Sleeve and attach Sleeves to Body. Sew Nose to face. Use dark brown

DK to embroider eyebrows, eyelashes and mouth. Add two lines over eyebrows with Yarn B. Embroider freckles on face with Yarn C. Wind Yarn E around 25cm card 10-15 times, release from card, place across Head and sew centre. Rep

until you achieve desired volume. To finish, wind yarn around 15cm card 10-15 times and make small tassel. Sew to top of

Head. Cut loops and trim. Sew Head to body. Cut out stars and glue them to Shirt. Weave in all ends



KNIT PEPI NANA INSTEAD!

Prefer knitting? Find this version in issue 164 of Let's Knit magazine, ON SALE 22ND OCTOBER.



COMING NEXT ISSUE!

LOOK OUT FOR NEXT MONTH'S MOON AND ME PROJECT, MOON BABY! ON SALE 5TH NOVEMBER 2020



PLUS
two 10mm
black safety
eyes, stuffing,
stitch markers,
tapestry
needle, small
amount of
dark brown DK

SIZE
Height (sitting):
15cm

IT'S SANTA'S RED-NOSED RIGHT-HAND MAN! GIVE A CHEER FOR

Rudolph

When the presents are wrapped and the sleigh is loaded, who does Santa rely on to guide him through the winter skies? Rudolph of course!

Designed by **SARAH LOUISE READ**, our adorable version is sporting a cute, fluffy-fringed jacket to keep him snug. Take your time when sewing up your reindeer's antlers and ears to make sure they're even and matching; wonky antlers could lead to a wrong turn on Christmas Eve!



RUDOLPH body & head

Using 3.75mm hook and Choc Brown make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnds 1-2: 2dc in each st to end. 24 sts
Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
Rnds 5-6: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Fluffy
Rnd 7: 1dc in each st to end
Change to

Bright Red
Rnds 8-10: 1dc in each st to end. 24 sts
Rnd 11: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
Rnds 12-18: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 19: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 20: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Choc Brown
Rnd 21: 2dc in each st to end. 36 sts
Rnds 22-30: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 31: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts
Rnd 32: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 33: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 34: (1dc, dc2tog) to end.

12 sts
Stuff
Rnd 35: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

muzzle

Using 3.75mm hook and Light Blush 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
Rnds 3-5: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

ear

Make two
Using 3.75mm hook and Choc Brown make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnd 2: 5dc, (1dc, 1htr) in next st, 1ch, (1htr, 1dc) in next st, 5dc. 14 sts
Fasten off

antler

Make two
* Using 3.75mm hook and dark brown DK make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring. Four sts
Rnds 1-3: 1dc in each st to end. Four sts *
Fasten off
Rep from * to * for second antler piece
Rnd 4 (joining rnd): 2dc, join first antler piece: 1dc to last st of first antler piece, 2dc in second antler piece. Eight sts

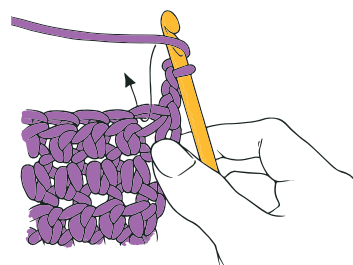
Rnd 5: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Rnds 6-7: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

arm

Make two
Using 3.75mm hook and Light Blush make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring.

Six sts
Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnd 2: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Choc Brown
Rnd 4: 3dc, (dc2tog) three times, 1dc in each st to end. Nine sts

CROCHET SCHOOL



THIS PATTERN MOSTLY USES DOUBLE CROCHET, BUT YOU'LL BE USING THE HALF TREBLE STITCH TO CREATE THE EARS - TURN TO PAGE 64 FOR OUR VISUAL STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

Rnd 5: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Fluffy

Rnds 7-14: 1dc in each st to end
Stuff
Fasten off

leg

Make two

Using 3.75mm hook and Light Blush make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring.

Six sts

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

Rnd 2: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 15 sts

Rnd 3: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 4: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Choc Brown

Rnd 4: 3dc, (dc2tog) five times, 1dc in each st to end. Ten sts

Rnds 5-17: 1dc in each st to end
Stuff
Fasten off

to make up

Sew Muzzle to front of face. Embroider nose with Bright Red. Sew Ears and Antlers to top of Head. Join Arms by sewing through side of Body several times to ensure they are secure. Rep for Legs. Weave in all ends

TOP TIP

LEAVE LONG TAILS AFTER YOU FASTEN OFF TO MAKE SEWING UP MUCH EASIER





PLUS
tapestry
needle, 20.5cm
diameter
embroidery
hoop

SIZE
Height: 21.5cm



Perfect for
beginners

BRING A WARM GLOW INTO
YOUR HOME BY MAKING A

Winter wreath

Is there anything more festive than a wreath? We don't think so and this design by **DAWN FINNEY** featuring cosy candlelight and fluffy yarn is sure to take pride of place in your home this Christmas. The knitted pieces are small and quick to make. Be sure to block them before sewing up; see our Great Advice if you're not sure how to do it. Share your finished wreath with us at facebook.com/knitcrochet.

WINTER WREATH large candle

Using 3.75mm
needles and Light
Blush cast on
20 sts
Starting with a k
row work 11cm in
st st
Cast off, leaving a
long tail

small candle

Using 3.75mm
needles and Light
Blush cast on 20
sts, leaving a
short tail
Starting with a k
row work 8cm in
st st
Cast off, leaving a
long tail

flame

Make two

Using 3.75mm
needles and Warm
Yellow cast on
three sts

Row 1 (RS): (kfb)

twice, k1. Five sts

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

Row 3: kfb, k2, kfb,
k1. Seven sts

Row 5: kfb, k6.

Eight sts

Row 7: k6, k2tog.
Seven sts

Row 9: k5, k2tog.
Six sts

Row 11: k4, k2tog.
Five sts

Row 13: k3, k2tog.
Four sts

Row 15: k2, k2tog.

Three sts

Row 17: k1, k2tog.

Two sts

Row 18: p2tog.

One st

Cast off

holly leaf

Make four

Using 3.75mm
needles and Fir
Green cast on
one st

Row 1 (RS): kfbf.

Three sts

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

Row 3: (kfb) twice,
k1. Five sts

Row 5: kfb, k2, kfb,
k1. Seven sts

Row 7: kfb, k4, kfb,
k1. Nine sts

Row 9: kfb, k6,
kfb, k1. 11 sts

Row 11: cast off
two sts, k to end.
Nine sts

Row 12: cast off
two sts, p to end.
Seven sts

Row 13: k

**Row 14 and every
even-numbered
row:** p

Row 15: kfb, k4,
kfb, k1. Nine sts

Row 17: kfb, k6,

kfb, k1. 11 sts

Row 19: cast off
two sts, k to end.
Nine sts

Row 20: cast off

two sts, p to end.
Seven sts

Row 21: k1, k2tog,

k2, k2tog. Five sts

Row 22: p

Row 23: k1, (k2tog)

twice. Three sts

Row 24: p2tog, p1.

Two sts

Row 25: k2tog.

One st

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

berries

Using 3.75mm
needles and Bright
Red cast on one st,
leaving a short tail
Row 1 (RS): kfbfbf.
Five sts
Rows 2-4: starting
with a p row work
in st st

Row 5: k to end,
pass first four sts
over fifth st in
reverse order.
One st

Rows 6-15: rep

Rows 1-5 twice
Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread
tail onto tapestry
needle and thread
through rem sts,
fasten off

to make up

Wrap Fluffy
around
embroidery hoop,
leaving a short
tail. Cut yarn, tie
tails tog to secure
and weave in. Fold
Candle pieces in
half vertically, use
cast-off tail to
graft top of
Candle closed
using mattress st,
rep for base of
Candle. Place
Small Candle next
to Large Candle,
overlap them and
sew tog with a
few sts on WS.
Lightly block Holly
Leaves (see Great
Advice) and allow
to dry thoroughly.
Join Leaves to
base of Candles
using running st.
Use cast-off tails
to attach Leaves
to hoop by

wrapping them
around it and
securing firmly.
Work gathering st
along edges of
first Berry (Rows
1-5), pull to gather
into a ball shape.
Rep for rem
Berries, join first
and third Berries
tog with a few sts.
To define them,
wrap yarn around
joins between
each Berry a few
times by passing it
through centre of
cluster, over join
and back through
centre, pulling
tightly. Join Berries
to middle of Holly
Leaves. Lightly
block Flames and
allow to dry
thoroughly. Use
Bright Red to
attach Flame to
top of each
Candle. Use
cast-off tails to
attach Flames
to frame by
wrapping them
around it and
securing firmly.
Weave in all ends

GREAT ADVICE

BLOCKING

This finishing technique relaxes the stitches and makes them more uniform. It's great for shaping fabrics so it's easier to join them together when sewing up. Wet your finished knit by either submerging it in water or spraying it with a water spray bottle. After dampening your work, pin it on a flat surface, such as a towel laid out on a table. Leave to dry naturally



“Weave the cast-on tail of each flame around its circumference on the wrong side to increase the rigidity – this means the blocked flame will be less likely to curl over when the wreath is finished”

DAWN FINNEY, DESIGNER



PLUS

four 6mm black beads or safety eyes, black cotton thread, small amounts of white and black DK, stuffing, tapestry needle

SIZE

Height: 10cm

DO YOU WANT TO KNIT A SNOWMAN? YOU'LL LOVE OUR

Frosty friends

This jolly duo is the perfect addition to your festive decorations, bringing a cute and wintry touch to any display. Designed by **SACHIYO ISHII**, this straightforward pattern is ideal to try out if you've never worked with fluffy yarn before. Take your time and keep an eye on your stitch count as the fluffiness makes it slightly harder to see, but creates a cosy texture that makes our snowmen extra cuddly!



Perfect for beginners

FROSTY FRIENDS body

Make two

Using 3.75mm needles and Fluffy cast on 12 sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 24 sts

Rows 3-9: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 10: k8, (k2tog) four times, k8. 20 sts

Rows 11-13: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 14: k8, (k2tog) twice, k8. 18 sts

Row 15: p

Row 16: k7, (kfb) four times, k7. 22 sts

Rows 17-19: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 20: (k2tog) to

end. 11 sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

arm

Make four

Using 3.75mm needles and Fluffy cast on four sts

Rows 1-3: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st

Cast off

glove

Make four (two in each colour)

Using 3.75mm needles and Bright Red (Fir Green) cast on ten sts

Row 1 (WS): p4, (pfb) twice, p4. 12 sts

Row 2: k4, cast off four sts, k to end. Eight sts

Row 3: p

Row 4: working across row, (k1, k2tog, k1) twice. Six sts

Cut yarn leaving a

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

nose

Make two

Using 3.75mm needles and Warm Yellow cast on six sts

Row 1: p

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

needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

bobble

Make two

Using 3.75mm needles and Warm Yellow cast on six sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 12 sts

Rows 3-5: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 6: (k2tog) to end. Six sts

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

foot

Make four

Using 3.75mm needles and Choc Brown cast on 14 sts

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

Row 6: (k2tog) to end. Seven sts

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

CREATE THEIR BUTTONS WITH FRENCH KNOTS



1 Bring the thread to the surface at the position for the knot. Wrap the thread around the needle tip twice and take the needle back through the fabric where it came up



2 Ease the knot onto the surface of the fabric, holding it steady whilst pulling the needle through to the wrong side. Stitch to secure or return to the surface for the next French knot

scarf**Make two**

Using 3.75mm needles and Bright Red (Fir Green) cast on three sts

Rows 1-80: k
Cast off

to make up

Sew Body seam using white yarn, working gathering thread along

cast-on edge. Stuff Body and close seam. Seam Hat and attach to Body. Tie Scarf around neck. Seam Arm, wrap one Arm end with Glove piece and sew Glove seam. Secure Glove to Arm with a few sts around cuff. Attach Arms to

Body. Seam Feet, stuff and attach to Body. Stitch Nose ends tog to make a bobble. Attach eyes and Nose. Use black yarn to embroider mouth and make French knots for buttons. Seam and stuff Bobble and attach to Hat. Weave in all ends



“Fleecy yarn is very chunky and can be difficult to sew up. When you’re sewing up your seams, separate the strands of yarn or, even better, use white DK”

SACHIYO ISHII, DESIGNER

**TOP TIP**

SEW ANY SEAMS
WITH THE RIGHT
SIDE FACING
USING MATTRESS
STITCH



These bright shades sure are welcome after the year we've had. Stylecraft Batik Swirl in Meadow, £8.99 per 200g (550m) cake, blacksheepwools.com



Personalisation is big this year and for good reason. 2020 is the year to show you care, so we love this customised cushion. £35, notonthehighstreet.com



Jasmine and neroli hand cream in beautiful packaging? Yes please! £9.95, annabeljames.co.uk



New to Stitch & Story's Miffy collection is this amigurumi birthday edition. Isn't she fabulous? £38, stitchandstory.com

Yarn Lover's GIFT GUIDE

Gathered just for you, these luxury buys are captivating and utterly apt for your creative friends and family... or yourself of course. Our advice? Put this wishlist under your loved one's nose and they'll soon take the hint!



Name someone who doesn't like stationery... you can't, can you? Plan your next project, jot down the yarns you need to buy and sketch out your design plans. Daily planner, £8, paperchase.com. A notebook, £22, amara.com

Just. Look. At. That. Colour. That is all. Rowan Big Wool Super Chunky Yarn, £8.79 per 100g (80m) ball, deramores.com



We love a bit of whimsy, and that's exactly what you get with this flamingo yarn bowl. Say goodbye to tangled yarn! £6, pinsandneedles.co.uk



When it comes to gifting, we regularly make a beeline for Kelly O'Connor Designs. Our current favourite? This 'knit and be kind' enamel pin. £8.95, notonthehighstreet.com

Inspired surroundings equals an inspired mind. We love these artist-themed posters. From £8.95, desenio.co.uk



Pass on your love of knitting to the youngest generation with this darling Knitting Mushroom. £6.95, rexlondon.com



Variegated yarn will never fail to please. This beautiful blue concoction is perfect for baby knits. Stylecraft Bambino Print DK in Sailboat, £3.19 per 100g (268m) ball, woolwarehouse.co.uk



So precious! Be inspired by this classic pull-along toy. £49, ellajames.co.uk



Lauren Aston's kits never fail to make us say 'oooh!' – this leopard print cushion design receives top marks for trendy. £60, notonthehighstreet.com



This shade has the power to warm you up on even the chilliest of evenings. DROPS Alaska in Mustard, £1.70 per 50g (70m) ball, purplesheep yarns.co.uk



Caffeine is a yarn crafter's secret weapon, and if it's not housed in a stop-and-stare mug, we're just not interested. This 'Tis The Season' illustration is too sweet. £6, marksandspencer.com



Embrace your inner child with this sprinkles hat – because adults are allowed to have fun with fashion too! £38, stitchandstory.com

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Storage can be stylish! We love this ochre stool from Next; it's perfect for your latest WIP. £55, next.co.uk

YOU WILL
NEED

YARN

Aran cotton:
Ochre Yellow,
Light Grey,
Off-White,
Graphite Grey,
Pastel Pink,
Black

PLUS

2.75mm hook,
two 12mm black
safety eyes,
stuffing,
tapestry needle

SIZE

Height: 18cm



Take the
next step

AGATHA
BEE
head & body

Using 2.75mm
hook and Ochre
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: (5dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
42 sts

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

Rnds 8-13: 1dc in
each st to end

Note: now work
from chart in
vertical stripes
pattern. Pattern is
made by

WORK AMIGURUMI COLOUR
CHANGES FROM A CHART WITH

Agatha Bee

This adorable busy bee is set to cosy up for winter in her stripy scarf and Fair Isle style jumper. Designed by **YAN SCHENKEL**, this fun project is from her latest book *Animal Friends of Pica Pau 2* and we cannot wait to make her! You'll be using Aran yarn with a small hook so this project can be fiddly in places and requires extra attention to detail. Once you've finished her, this little critter is the perfect Christmas gift.

Read our
interview
with Yan
Schenkel on
page 66



alternating three sts in Light Grey and three sts in Off-White. In Rnd 14 the increase counts as two sts. This means that sometimes the increase will be made with two sts of same colour, and sometimes it will be made with one st in each colour

Rnd 14: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 60 sts

Rnds 15-18: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end. Insert safety eyes between Rnds 11-12, approx ten sts apart. Change to Graphite Grey, cont working from chart

Rnd 19: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 48 sts

Rnds 20-23: 1dc in each st to end. 48 sts

Change to Ochre Yellow, cont working from chart

Rnd 24: (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 54 sts

Rnds 25-30: 1dc in each st to end. Change to Graphite Grey

Rnds 31-32: 1dc in each st to end. Change to Ochre Yellow

Rnds 33-34: 1dc in each st to end. **Rnd 35:** (7dc, dc2tog) to end. 48 sts

Rnd 36: (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 42 sts. Work in foll one-rnd stripe sequence: Off-White, Ochre Yellow

Rnd 37: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 38: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 39: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 40: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Stuff firmly. **Rnd 41:** (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 42: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 43: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 44: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts. Fasten off, leaving a long tail, add more stuffing if needed

cheek

Make two Using 2.75mm hook and Pastel Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join with a sl st. Fasten off, leaving a long tail

hair

Make three Using 2.75mm hook and Ochre Yellow, pull up a loop in Rnd 2 at top of Head, 6ch, turn. Starting in second ch from hook, sl st in next five sts. Join with a sl st in next st on Head. Insert hook in next st, 8ch, turn. Starting in second ch from hook, sl st in next seven sts. Join with a sl st in next st on Head. Insert hook in next st, 10ch, turn, starting in second ch from hook, sl st in next nine sts. Join with a sl st in

next st on Head

arm

Make two Using 2.75mm hook and Graphite Grey make a magic ring, work 7dc into ring. Seven sts. **Rnds 1-10:** 1dc in each st to end. Fasten off, leaving a long tail

leg

Make two Using 2.75mm hook and Graphite Grey make a magic ring, work 7dc into ring. Seven sts. **Rnds 1-17:** 1dc in each st to end. Fasten off, leaving a long tail

small wing

Make two Using 2.75mm hook and Pastel Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts. **Rnd 1:** 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts. **Rnds 2-7:** 1dc in each st to end. Fasten off, leaving a long tail

large wing

Make two Using 2.75mm hook and Pastel Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts. **Rnd 1:** 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts. **Rnds 2-9:** 1dc in each st to end. Fasten off, leaving a long tail

sting

Using 2.75mm hook and Light Grey 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

Rnds 3-4: 1dc in each st to end. Fasten off, leaving a long tail

boot

Make two Using 2.75mm hook and Pastel Pink make 6ch. **Rnd 1:** 2dc in second ch from hook, 3dc, 4dc in last st, work along other side of ch as folls: 3dc, 2dc in last st. 14 sts

Rnd 2: (2dc in next st) twice, 4dc, (2dc in next st) three times, 4dc, 2dc in next st. 20 sts

Rnd 3: working in BLO, 9dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 7dc. 18 sts

Rnd 4: 6dc, (dc2tog) four times, 4dc. 14 sts

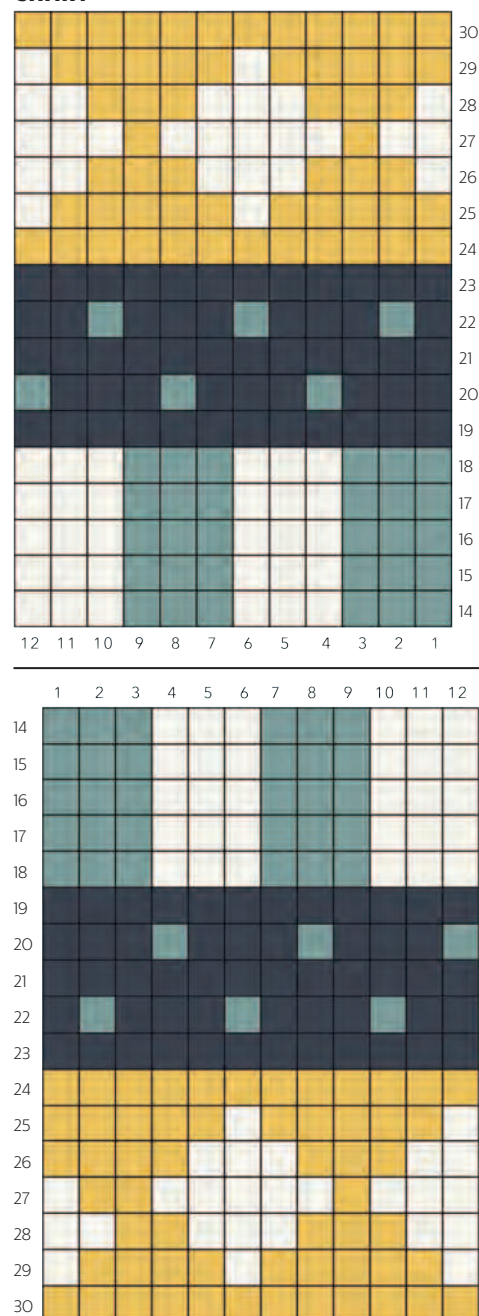
Rnd 5: 6dc, (dc2tog) twice, 4dc. 12 sts

Rnds 6-7: 1dc in each st to end. **Rnd 8:** sl st in each st to end. Fasten off and weave in yarn end. Rejoin Pastel Pink in last front loop st of Rnd 2, working in FLO, sl st in all 20 sts. Fasten off

to make up

Embroider mouth with black yarn. Sew Cheeks next to eyes. Sew up Body by weaving yarn tail through front loop of each rem st and pull tightly to close. Stuff Arms, sew on both sides of Body between Rnds 20-21. Stuff Legs lightly, sew on both sides of Body between Rnds 19-23, 11 sts apart. Flatten Small Wings, sew to back of Body between Rnds 34-35. Flatten Large Wings, sew between Small Wings. Stuff Sting lightly. Sew to back of Body over Rnd 34. Weave in all ends

CHART



Make some friends for Agatha Bee with *Animal Friends of Pica Pau 2* by Yan Schenkel (£15.95, Meteor Books)



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CHRISTMAS BUNDLES

Take your festive projects to the next level with these exciting bundles. Two lucky readers will be transforming their trees thanks to a quirky pom-pom kit, a cute snowman needle felting kit and a rocking horse project. A selection of traditional tartan fabric is also included, and a sheepy craft bag! As if that wasn't enough, this prize also includes a Hemline Advent calendar that is filled with amazing accessories and seasonal surprises. For stockists email groves@stockistenquiries.co.uk.

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SIZE

Height: 20cm



Perfect for beginners

FATHER CHRISTMAS body & head

Using 3.75mm needles and Bright Red 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

Note: change to Choc Brown after Row 17

Rows 7-23: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 24: k12, (k2tog) eight times, k12. 32 sts

Rows 25-27: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 28: k10, (k2tog) six times, k10. 26 sts

Row 29: p

Change to Light Blush

Rows 30-33: starting with a k row work in st st

Row 34 (neck): k2, (k2tog, k2) to end. 20 sts

Row 35: p

Row 36: (kfb) to end. 40 sts

Rows 37-47: starting with a p

row work in st st

Row 48: k10, (k2tog, k2) five times, k10. 35 sts

Rows 49-55: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 56: (k3, k2tog) to end. 28 sts

Row 57: p

Row 58: (k2, k2tog) to end.

21 sts

Row 59: p

Row 60: (k1, k2tog) to end. 14 sts

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

beard

Using 3.75mm needles and Fluffy cast on 20 sts

Row 1: k

Rows 2-15: skpo, k to last st. Five sts Cast off

moustache

Make two

Using 3.75mm needles and Fluffy cast on four sts

Row 1: kfb, k2, kfb. Six sts

Rows 2-4: k

Row 5: k1, (k2tog) twice, k1. Four sts

Rows 6-8: k

Row 9: skpo, k2. Three sts

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

boot

Make two

Using 3.75mm needles and Fir Green cast on 12 sts

Row 1 (WS) and every odd-numbered row: p

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

Row 4: (k2, kfb) to end. 24 sts

Row 6 (edge): p

Rows 7-11: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 12: k8, (k2tog) four times, k8. 20 sts

Row 13: p

Row 14: k8, (k2tog) twice, k8. 18 sts

Row 15: p

Row 16: k8, k2tog, k8. 17 sts

Row 17: p

Cast off

jumper

Using 3.75mm needles and Fluffy cast on 42 sts

Row 1 (RS): k

Change to Bright Red

Rows 2-8: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 9: (k5, k2tog) to end. 36 sts

Rows 10-12:

starting with a p row work in st st

Row 13: (k4, k2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rows 14-16:

starting with a p row work in st st

Row 17: (k3, k2tog) to end. 24 sts

Row 18: p

Cast off

sleeve

Make two

Using 3.75mm needles and Fluffy cast on 16 sts

Row 1 (RS): k

Change to Bright Red

Row 2: p1, pfb, p to last two sts, pfb, p1. 18 sts

Rows 3-6: starting with a k row work in st st

Row 7: k2, (k2, k2tog) to end. 14 sts

Rows 8-10: starting with a p row work in st st

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

Row 12: p

Cast off

arm

Make two

Using 3.75mm needles and Light Blush cast on 14 sts

Rows 1-9: starting with a p (WS) row

After spending all year getting toys made for children worldwide, this cute Santa can't wait to load up his sleigh and start delivering on Christmas Eve! Designed by **SACHIYO ISHII**, this sweet version of our favourite jolly fellow is great for beginner knitters. You'll be making and decreasing stitches as you go, so make sure you check our handy guide on page 62 to remind yourself how to do it.



"If you find it difficult to use the Fluffy yarn for embroidering features, separate the strands and use just one, adding more when needed"

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work in st st

Row 10: (k2tog) to end. Seven sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

belt

Using 3.75mm needles and dark brown DK cast on three sts
Rows 1-60: k
Cast off

buckle

Using 3.75mm hook and Warm Yellow make 20ch
Fasten off

hat

Using 3.75mm needles and Fluffy cast on 40 sts
Row 1 (RS): k
Change to Bright Red
Rows 2-10: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st
Row 11: (k8, k2tog) to end. 36 sts
Row 12 and every

even-numbered row:

Row 13: (k4, k2tog) to end. 30 sts
Row 15: (k3, k2tog) to end. 24 sts
Row 17: (k2, k2tog) to end. 18 sts
Rows 18-22: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 23: (k1, k2tog) to end. 12 sts
Rows 24-30: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 31: (k2tog) to end. Six sts
Row 32: p
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

bobble

Using 3.75mm needles and Fluffy cast on ten sts
Row 1: p
Row 2: k
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

nose

Using 3.75mm needles and Light Blush cast on ten sts
Row 1 (WS): p
Row 2: k
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

to make up

With fastened-off yarn end of Body and Head, sew Head seam to neck. With cast-on yarn end, work gathering thread along cast-on edge and pull tightly. Sew Body halfway, stuff Head and Body and close seam. With Light Blush, work gathering thread along neck. Wrap Body with Jumper and sew seam at back. Wrap Body with Belt and sew both ends tog. Sew Buckle on front. Seam and lightly stuff Hat and

attach to Head. Attach Beard and Moustache. Seam and stuff Nose and attach to face. Attach eyes. Take two strands of dark brown DK and embroider mouth. Use Fluffy to embroider

eyebrows. Seam and stuff Bobble and attach it to tip of Hat. Fold Boot in half lengthways and sew sole. Sew rest of seam and stuff. Rep for other Boot. Attach Boots to Body.

Seam Arms and stuff. Wrap Arm with Sleeve, secure Arm to Sleeve at cuff and sew Sleeve seam to shoulder edge. Attach Arms to Body. Weave in all ends



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SIZE

Height: 18.5cm



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GINGER-BREAD MAN legs, body & head

* Using 3.75mm hook and Choc Brown make 2ch
Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts
Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnds 3-4: 1dc in each st to end
 Change to Fluffy
Rnd 5: 1dc in each st to end
 Change to Choc Brown
Rnds 6-11: 1dc in each st to end *
 Fasten off
 Rep from * to * for

second Leg, join with a sl st to first st on Rnd 11 of first Leg

Rnd 12: 1dc in each st of first Leg, 1dc in each st of second Leg. 24 sts
Note: stuff as you go

Rnd 13: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

Rnds 14-18: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 19: (8dc, dc2tog) to end. 27 sts

Rnd 20: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 21: (7dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 22: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 23: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 24: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 25: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Note: now working Head
Rnd 26: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 27: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 28: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

Rnds 29-33: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 34: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 35: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 36: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Insert safety eyes between Rnds 32-33

Rnd 37: (1dc, dc2tog) to end.

12 sts

Rnd 38: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
 Fasten off

arm

Make two

Using 3.75mm hook and Choc Brown make 2ch

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

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

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

Rnd 5: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Choc Brown

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

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

cheek

Make two

Using 3.75mm

hook and Light Blush make 2ch

Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts
 Fasten off, leaving a long tail

button

Make three

Using 3.75mm hook and Bright Red (Fir Green, Warm Yellow) make 2ch

Rnd 1: 6dc in

second ch from hook. Six sts
 Fasten off, leaving a long tail

to make up

Stuff Head and sew up rem sts. Stuff Arms and sew to Body. Sew Cheeks to face and Buttons to Body. Embroider mouth with black DK. Weave in all ends



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“You’ll only use small amounts of Bright Red, Fir Green and Warm Yellow in this project, so why not use them to make our tasty hot chocolate on page 10?”

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(I) 009 Red, (J)
080 Buttermilk,
(K) 341 Topaz,
(L) 022 Jade,
one 100g ball
of each; 4-ply,
Dark Brown,
small amount

PLUS

3.5mm needles,
stuffing,
tapestry
needle, 18 x
4mm black
beads, sewing
needle, black
sewing thread,
blusher or
pastel, two
twigs, card

SIZE

Angel and
Shepherd
height: 14cm
Sheep: 8cm
wide x 7cm tall
Donkey: 12.5cm
wide x 11cm tall

TENSION SQUARE

26 sts x 32 rows
10cm x 10cm
Stocking Stitch
3.5mm needles



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next step

COMPLETE YOUR CHRISTMAS SCENE WITH PART THREE OF OUR

Nativity knit-along

THE
FINALE!

It's here! The final part of our nativity series by **SACHIYO ISHII**. We hope you've enjoyed bringing these characters to life. Here you can finish off your display with the angel, shepherd, sheep and donkey. If you're using these as toys, make sure all parts are really securely attached and use safety eyes or embroidery instead of beads.

SHEPHERD body & head

Using 3.5mm
needles and Yarn
G cast on ten sts
**Row 1 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 (edge): p
Rows 9-23:

starting with a p
row work in st st
Row 24: (k2,
k2tog) to end.
30 sts
Rows 25-35: cont
in st st
Row 36: (k1, k2tog)
to end. 20 sts
Row 37: p
Row 38: (k2,
k2tog) to end.
15 sts
Change to Yarn C
Row 39: p
Row 40: k2, (kfb) 11

times, k2. 26 sts
Rows 41-47: cont
in st st
Row 48 (eyeline):
k6, (k2tog, k1) four
times, k2tog, k6.
21 sts
Rows 49-53: cont
in st st
Row 54: k1, (k2tog,
k2) to end. 16 sts
Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread
tail onto tapestry
needle and thread
through rem sts,

fasten off

coat

Using 3.5mm
needles and Yarn
F cast on 50 sts
Rows 1-3: k
Row 4 (WS): k2, p
to last two sts, k2
Row 5: k
Rows 6-15: rep
Rows 4-5 five
times
Row 16: rep Row 4
Row 17: (k3, k2tog)
five times, (k2tog,

k3) five times.
40 sts

**Row 18 and every
even-numbered
row:** k2, p to last
two sts, k2

Row 19: k
Row 21: (k2, k2tog)
five times, (k2tog,
k2) five times.
30 sts

Row 23: k
Row 24: k2, p to
last two sts, k2
Cast off



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sleeve

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Yarn F cast on 18 sts

Rows 1-3: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st

Row 4: k2, (k2tog, k2) to end. 14 sts

Rows 5-7: cont in st st

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

Nine sts

Rows 9-10: cont in st st

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

arm

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Yarn C cast on eight sts

Rows 1-12: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st

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

hat

Using 3.5mm needles and Yarn E cast on six sts

Row 1 and every odd-numbered row: p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 12 sts

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

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

Rows 7-8: cont in st st

Row 9 (fold line): k

Row 10: (kfb) to end. 48 sts

Row 11: p

Cast off

to make up

Using yarn tail, sew Head seam to neck. Sew Body from neck halfway. Using yarn tail, gather thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly. Sew rest of base. Sew Body a little further and stuff, avoiding neck area. Close Body. Using Yarn C, work gathering thread along neck and draw tightly. Using Yarn C, embroider French knot for nose. Using Yarn G, embroider hair

with straight sts. Attach bead eyes. Place Coat over Body. Wrap each Arm with Sleeve and secure Arm at cuff. Seam Sleeve and attach to Body. Colour cheeks with pink pastel. Seam and attach Hat to head. Weave in all ends

SHEEP body

Using 3.5mm needles and Yarn H cast on ten sts

Row 1 and every odd-numbered row: k

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 20 sts

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

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

Rows 7-25: k

Row 26: (k2, k2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rows 27-37: k

Row 38: (k1, k2tog) to end. 20 sts

Row 39: k

Row 40: (k2tog) to end. Ten sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

head

Using 3.5mm needles and Yarn H cast on nine sts

Row 1 (WS): k

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 18 sts

Rows 3-5: k

Change to Yarn C

Row 6: k5, (k2tog) four times, k5.

14 sts

Rows 7-11: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 12: (k2tog) to end. Seven sts

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

ear

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Yarn H cast on three sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: skpo, k1. Two sts

Row 3: p2tog.

One st

Fasten off

tail

Using 3.5mm needles and Yarn H cast on five sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: k

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

to make up

Using fastened-off yarn end, sew body halfway. With cast-on yarn end, work

gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly. Sew a little further, stuff and close Body. Rep for Head. Attach Ears and bead eyes. Using two strands from Yarn E, embroider nose and mouth. Attach Head to Body. Seam Tail and attach to Body. Weave in all ends

ANGEL body & head

Using Yarn H for Body, work as for Shepherd

cape

Using 3.5mm needles and Yarn H cast on 40 sts

Rows 1-3: k

Row 4 (WS): k2, p to last two sts, k2

Row 5: k

Rows 6-7: rep Rows 4-5

Row 8: k2, p to last two sts, k2

Row 9: (k2, k2tog) five times, (k2tog, k2) five times.

30 sts

Rows 10-13: rep Rows 4-5 twice

Row 14: k2, p to last two sts, k2

Row 15: (k2, k2tog) three times, k2tog, k2, k2tog, (k2tog, k2) three times.

22 sts

Cast off

sleeves & arms

Work as for Shepherd, using Yarn H for Sleeves

wing

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Yarn H cast on 30 sts

Rows 1-35: k

Cast off

GREAT ADVICE

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To get a smooth and professional look, make sure you tease the toy stuffing before filling your toy. This will prevent large clumps. To add the rosy cheeks, dab some pastel or blusher on a cotton bud and gently apply to your knitting, gradually building up the colour

halo

Using 3.5mm needles and Yarn F cast on 22 sts
Cast off

to make up

Make up Body, Head and face as for Shepherd. For hair, using Yarn J, embroider long back sts to cover Head. Leave long ends on both sides of face and tie with Yarn F. Attach Cape. Make up Arms and Sleeves as for Shepherd and sew to Body. Stitch ends of Halo tog and attach to Head. Work running thread in centre of Wing and pull to gather. Attach to back of Body. Weave in all ends

DONKEY body

Using 3.5mm needles and Yarn G cast on 40 sts
Rows 1-8: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st
Row 9: cast off ten sts, p to end. 30 sts
Row 10: cast off ten sts, k to end. 20 sts
Row 11: cast on five sts, p to end. 25 sts
Row 12: cast on five sts, k to end. 30 sts
Rows 13-26: cont in st st
Row 27: cast off five sts, p to end. 25 sts
Row 28: cast off five sts, k to end. 20 sts
Row 29: cast on ten sts, p to end. 30 sts
Row 30: cast on ten sts, k to end.

40 sts
Row 31 and every odd-numbered row: p
Row 32: k19, (kfb) twice, k to end. 42 sts
Row 34: k20, (kfb) twice, k to end. 44 sts
Row 36: k21, (kfb) twice, k to end. 46 sts
Row 38: k22, (kfb) twice, k to end. 48 sts
Row 39: cast off ten sts, p to end. 38 sts
Row 40: cast off ten sts, k to end. 28 sts
Row 41: cast off seven sts, p to end. 21 sts
Row 42: cast off seven sts, k to end. 14 sts
Row 43: cast on six sts, p to end. 20 sts
Row 44: cast on six sts, k to end. 26 sts
Rows 45-48: cont

in st st
Row 49: cast off 13 sts, p to end. 13 sts
Cast off

ear

Make two
Using 3.5mm needles and Yarn G cast on ten sts
Rows 1-5: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st
Row 6: k2, (k2tog, k2) to end. Eight sts
Rows 7-8: cont in st st
Row 9: (p2tog) to end. Four sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

blanket

Using 3.5mm needles and Yarn K cast on 14 sts
Row 1: k
Work in foll stripe sequence: two rows Yarn J, two

rows Yarn K
Rows 2-29: k
Cont in Yarn K only
K three rows
Cast off kwise

mane

Cut lightweight card to 1.5cm x

7cm and wrap Yarn E evenly across card 50 times. Using sewing needle and thread, sew centre tog with card. Cut both side loops, tear card from centre to release tassel

tail

Cut 50cm of Yarn E and tie ends tog. Fold into three so you have six strands lying parallel. Hold both ends and twist tightly until it folds up on itself, insert one end slightly through the other to secure. Tie end with another length of yarn. Cut loops of tied end and trim

to make up

Starting with a hind leg, fold leg in half lengthways and close tip by working gathering thread. Sew to top of leg and cont sewing to attach

one of tummy flaps to cast-on edge. Join another strand from other end and rep for other leg. Connect flap ends tog on underside and fold rem cast-on edge outwards. Sew cast-on edge tog to make an allowance for bottom. Sew front legs in same way, joining strands and working from tip to centre. Connect tummy flaps at chest and sew underside of neck. Cont sewing up to top of head. Stuff Body and close tummy. Seam and attach Ears. Place Mane on back and, with Yarn E, backstitch through Mane and Body, sewing over Mane seam on centre. Attach eye beads and Tail. Attach Blanket. Using Yarn J, make tassels for blanket fringe. Weave in all ends



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YARN

Santa Hat:
(A) King Cole
Merino Blend
DK, 9 Scarlet,
two 50g balls,
(B) King Cole
Moments DK,
470 White, one
50g ball
Elf Hat: King
Cole Merino
Blend DK, (A) 9
Scarlet, (C) 854
Fern, one 50g
ball of each

PLUS

3.25mm and
4mm needles,
large bell,
tapestry needle,
stuffing

SIZE

Santa Hat: to fit
an average
adult head
Elf Hat: to fit
head
46cm-52cm
circumference

TENSION
SQUARE

22 sts x 30 rows
10cm x 10cm
stocking stitch
4mm needles

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Festive hats

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SANTA HAT

Using 4mm
needles and Yarn
A cast on 108 sts
Rows 1-20:
starting with a k
row work in st st
Row 21: (k10,
k2tog) to end.
99 sts

Rows 22-28:

starting with a p
row work in st st
Row 29: (k9,
k2tog) to end.
90 sts

Rows 30-36:

starting with a p
row work in st st
Row 37: (k8,
k2tog) to end.
81 sts

Rows 38-42:

starting with a p
row work in st st
Row 43: (k7,
k2tog) to end.
72 sts

Rows 44-48:

starting with a p
row work in st st
Row 49: (k6,
k2tog) to end.
63 sts

Rows 50-54:

starting with a p
row work in st st
Rows 55-90: cont
to dec on every
sixth row as set
until nine sts rem
Cast off

Using 4mm
needles and Yarn
B pick up and
k108 sts along
cast-on edge
Starting with a p
row work 17 rows
in st st
Cast off

ELF HAT

Using 4mm
needles and Yarn
C cast on 84 sts
Rows 1-14: starting
with a k row work
in st st

Row 15: (k10,
k2tog) to end.
77 sts

Rows 16-22:
starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 23: (k9,
k2tog) to end.
70 sts

Rows 24-30:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Row 31: (k8, k2tog)
to end. 63 sts

Rows 32-38:

starting with a p
row work in st st
Row 39: (k7,
k2tog) to end.
56 sts

Row 40-44:

starting with a p
row work in st st
Row 45: (k6,
k2tog) to end.
49 sts

Rows 46-50:

starting with a p
row work in st st
Rows 51-86: cont
to dec on every
sixth row as set
until seven sts rem
Cast off

bobble

Using 4mm
needles and Yarn
B cast on ten sts

Row 1: kfb, k to
last st, kfb. 12 sts

Row 2: k

Rows 3-12: rep
Rows 1-2 five
times. 22 sts

Rows 13-18: k

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

Row 20: k

Rows 21-30: rep
Rows 19-20 five
times. Ten sts
Cast off, leaving a
long tail



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brim

Using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A cast on six sts

Row 1 and every odd-numbered row: k

Row 2: kfb, k1, k2tog, yfwd, k2. Seven sts

Row 4: kfb, k2, k2tog, yfwd, k2. Eight sts

Row 6: kfb, k3, k2tog, yfwd, k2. Nine sts

Rows 8-11: cont to inc as set. 11 sts

Row 12: cast off five sts kwise, k1, k2tog, yfwd, k2. Six sts

Rep Rows 1-12 a further 12 times
Cast off

to make up

Using tails of yarn, backstitch side seam of both Elf Hat and Santa Hat on WS. Backstitch border on Santa Hat. Fold border in half and slip stitch cast-off edge to inside of Hat along cast-on row. Using yarn tail, sew running stitch around all edges of Bobble. Place stuffing in centre, pull yarn tail to gather edge and enclose stuffing in a little pouch. Secure yarn and sew to end of Santa Hat. Stitch short ends of Elf Hat Brim tog. Place Brim inside Hat with WS tog and stitch long edges. Turn Brim to RS and hold in place with a few sts. Stitch bell to pointed end of Hat. Weave in all ends



“The Santa hat fits most adult heads, while the elf hat is designed for the younger members of the family”

SUSIE JOHNS, DESIGNER

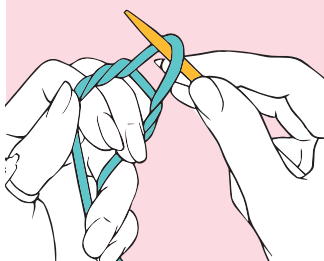
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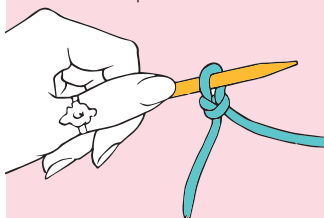
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slip knot

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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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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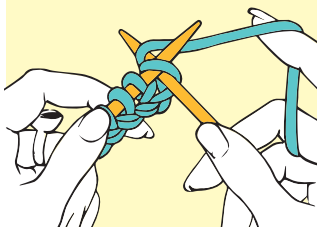
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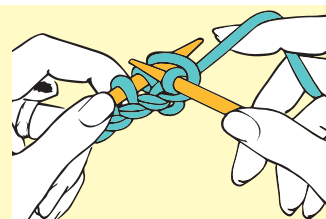
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knit stitch (k)

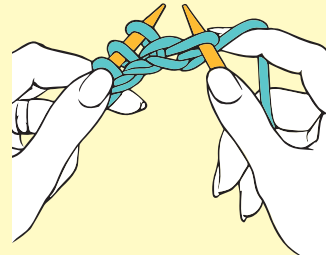
Also known as garter stitch, the knit stitch is the foundation of knitting



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.



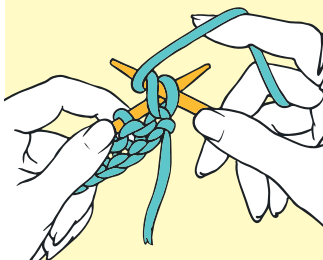
2 Using the RH needle, pull a loop of the wrapped yarn through the original stitch to create a new one on the RH needle.



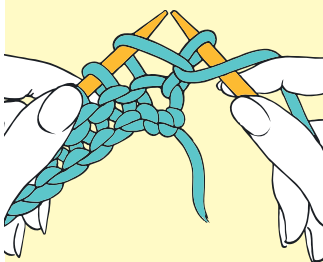
3 Slide the original stitch off the LH needle. Repeat from step 1.

purl stitch (p)

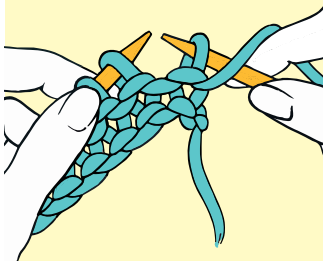
Most frequently seen paired with the knit stitch to create different stitch patterns like stocking stitch and ribbing



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



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

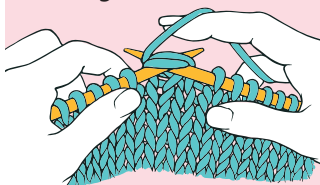


3 Once the new stitch has been formed on the RH needle you can let the loop from the LH needle slide off the end. Repeat until all the stitches have been purred and you have completed the row.

INCREASING & DECREASING

knit two together (k2tog)

Decrease two stitches to one by knitting them together



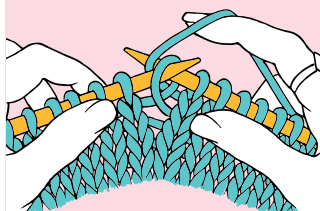
Insert the RH needle into the front loops of the next two stitches on the LH needle. Then wrap the yarn anti-clockwise around the tip and knit both stitches at the same time.

make one (m1)

Form a new stitch and increase your stitch count by one



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

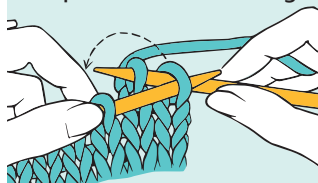


2 Push the RH needle into the back part of the loop that now lies over the LH needle and knit this stitch. You will now have an additional stitch on the RH needle.

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cast off

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

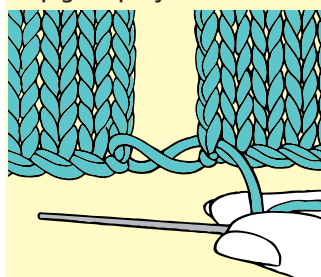


1 Knit two stitches as normal. Insert the tip of the LH needle into the second stitch on the RH needle (the stitch closest to you). Carefully lift it up and over the top stitch, dropping it off the tip of the RH needle and pulling the yarn to tighten. There is now one stitch on the RH needle.

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

beginning a seam

How to start sewing up your project



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

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mattress stitch

Join knitted pieces together with this invisible method



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

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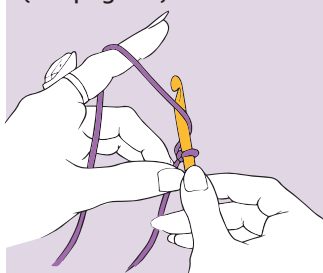
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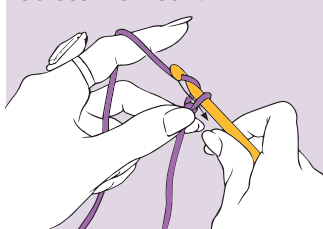
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slip knot & chain (ch)

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'.

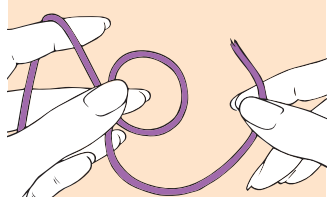


2 Catch the yarn and use the hook to pull it down through the slip knot. You have now made one chain (ch). Continue to make more chains, as directed in the pattern.

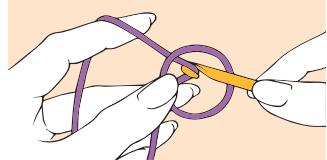
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magic ring

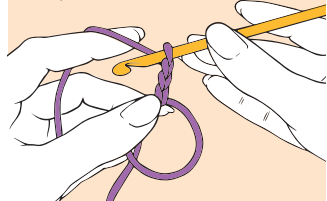
The magic ring is an easy way of beginning to work in the round. It is often used when making amigurumi toys



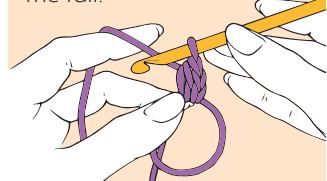
1 Make a large loop by putting the yarn tail behind the working yarn.



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.

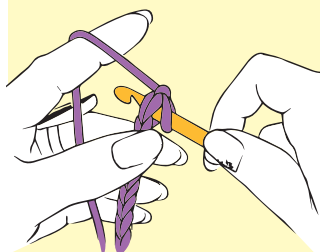


4 Continue to work as many stitches as needed into the loop. Once finished, untwist the tail if necessary and then pull to close the loop.

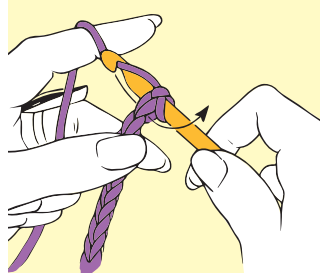
THE BASIC STITCHES

double crochet (dc)

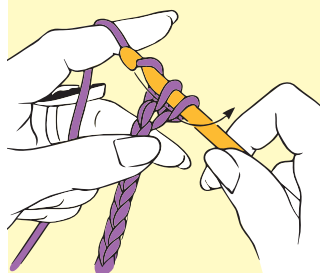
Double crochet is the shortest and most commonly-used crochet stitch



1 Insert hook through both strands of the next stitch.



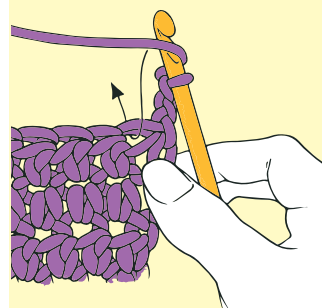
2 Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work. There will be two loops of yarn on the hook.



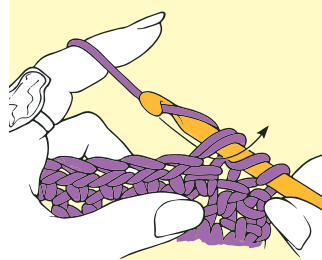
3 Yarn over the hook again and draw through both loops.

half treble (htr)

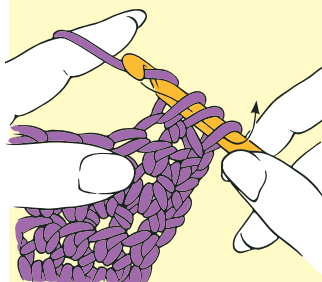
This stitch is longer than a double crochet and involves one extra step



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



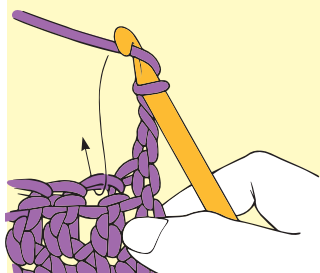
2 Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work. There will be three loops of yarn on the hook.



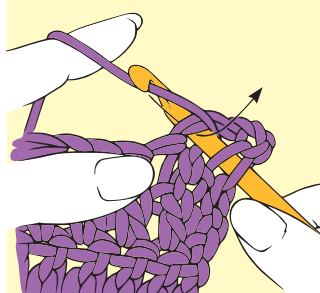
3 Yarn over the hook and draw through all three loops.

treble (tr)

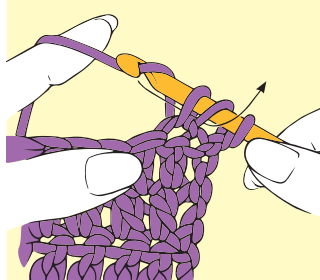
Treble crochet is slightly taller than half treble crochet but is made in a similar way



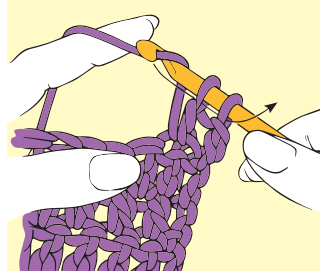
1 (You will need a turning chain of three stitches). Yarn over the hook. Insert the hook through the stitch.



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.

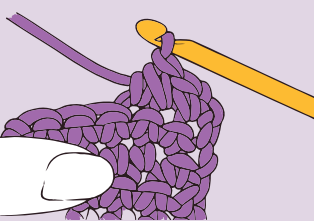
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double crochet two together (dc2tog)

Turn two crochet stitches into one with this simple method



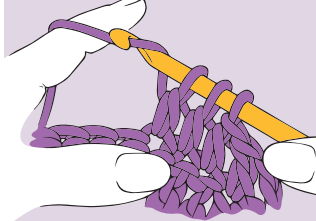
1 Insert hook through next stitch, yarn over hook, draw back through work. Two loops on hook. Insert hook into next stitch, yarn over hook, draw back through. Three loops on hook.



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

treble two together (tr2tog)

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

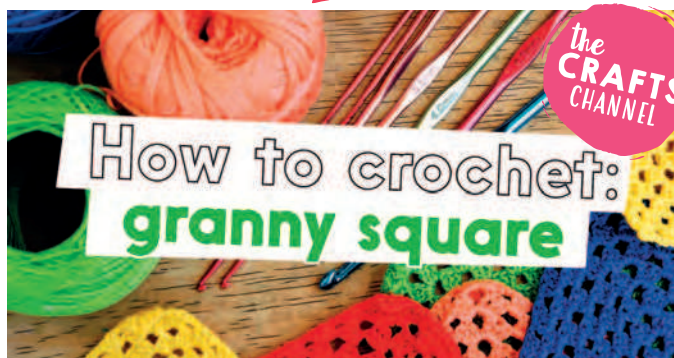


1 Yarn over the hook. Insert the hook through the stitch. Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work. There will be three loops of yarn on the hook. Yarn over the hook and draw through the first two loops. This will leave two loops on the hook. Yarn over the hook and insert through the next stitch,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



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

VIDEO OF THE MONTH



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ABBREVIATIONS

Here's a handy list of the most common abbreviations

- alt:** alternate
- approx:** approximately
- beg:** beginning
- BLO:** back loops only
- ch:** chain
- ch sp:** chain space
- cn:** cable needle
- cont:** continue
- dc:** double crochet
- dec:** decrease
- dtr:** double treble
- FLO:** front loops only
- 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
- ml:** 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)
- yn:** yarn round needle (between purl stitches and between a knit and a purl stitch)



A Christmas garland, Pica Pau style!



Find the pattern for Agatha Bee on page 44

Yan lives and works in her apartment in Buenos Aires, Argentina



TEA AND A CHAT WITH...

Yan Schenkel

The creator of Pica Pau crochet tells us about South American Christmas traditions

In a cosy apartment in Buenos Aires, Argentina lives Yanina Schenkel, the creator of Pica Pau. What started as a blog and an online shop featuring cute and stylish crocheted toys, now has two pattern books and a yarn brand to its name. Yan lives with her husband, two of her children (aged seven and two) and many critters from her *Animal Friends of Pica Pau* collection of amigurumi toys. She learned to knit and crochet as a child but picked up the craft again when she was an art student in her twenties. "I was more into knitting, but crochet was easier to carry on the bus and a nice way to kill time between classes – smartphones and social media didn't exist back then!" she laughs. It wasn't until she had to invent something to use as a button in a short knitted scarf for her son that she started on her amigurumi journey. "I made a super ugly bear, but I fell in love with the possibility of making three-dimensional objects with crochet. So I started crocheting a lot of toys... and here I am!"

NOT THAT CUTE ACTUALLY

Pica Pau means 'woodpecker' in Portuguese, and the name of Yan's crochet brand is inspired by a popular Brazilian children's book, *Sítio do Picapau Amarelo*. "My mother and a big part of my family are from Brazil, so the culture, books, music, food and crafts were a fundamental part of my childhood," she says. We wondered what other crafts this creative lady enjoys. "I sew a little, but I don't have the patience I would like to have," explains Yan. "I also knit, and a long, long time ago I was into making notebooks from scratch. I also love to cook and draw." When asked how she would describe her amigurumi style, she says with a giggle, "I don't know...big?" She's

always crocheted toys based on her illustrations. "They're kind of quirky. I guess they're cute, but not too cute? I always try to make them as simple as possible, with clean lines and not too many colours. I also don't like putting in too many details because, for me, the crochet language already contains so much information. So, perhaps this is the best description: simple, quirky and not too cute!"

CHRISTMAS WITH PICA PAU

So does Yan spend pre-Christmas like many of us, desperately finishing makes for family and friends? "Not so much. When I first started Pica Pau, my only income came from selling my toys, so Christmas was the most stressful time of the year!" she admits. "Last year I did crochet some garlands and little ornaments for our Christmas tree, but almost everyone I know has a toy crocheted by me, including my kids who have a room full of them!" she laughs. And how does an amigurumi artist celebrate Christmas? "Here in Argentina and everywhere in the Southern Hemisphere we have a very hot Christmas because it's summer," Yan tells us. "It's so hot that our traditions are kind of related to that: cold foods, a lot of ice cream and, if at all possible, to be at a Brazilian beach! But this year I only wish to be safe with my family. Though I think we will still enjoy a lot of cold drinks and ice cream by the pool."



Animal Friends of Pica Pau 2 by Yan Schenkel (£15.95, Metoor Books) features 20 adorable patterns and is available to buy now

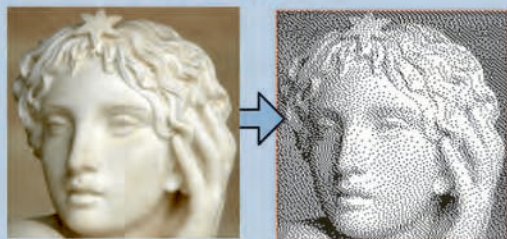
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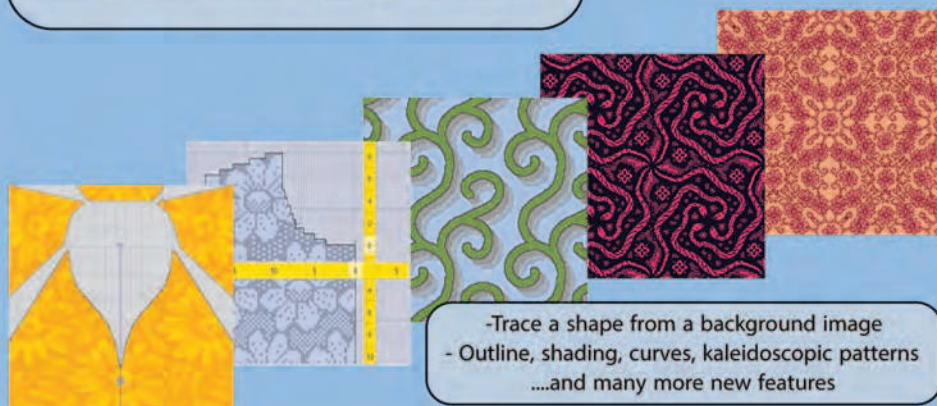
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