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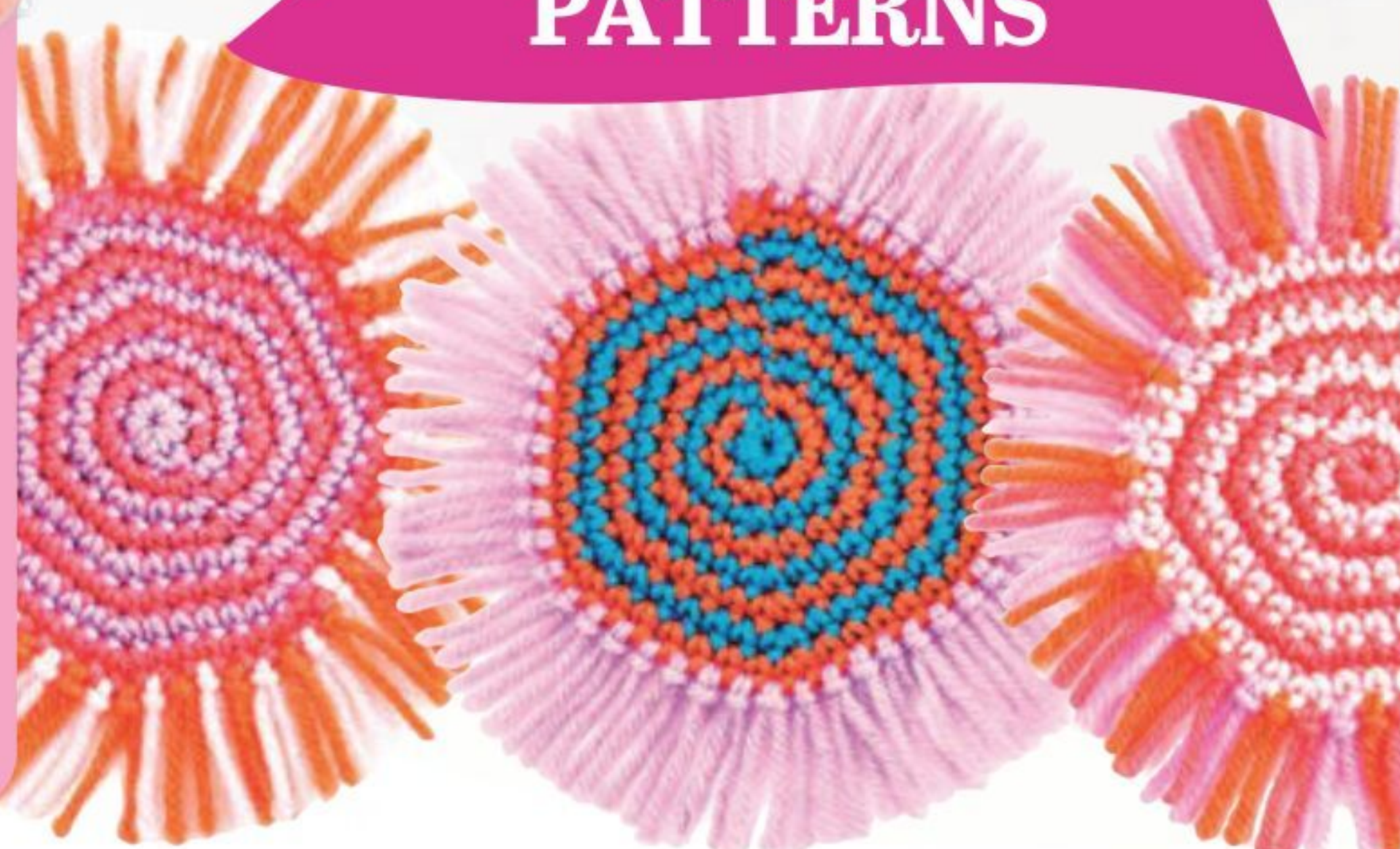
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Hello!

...and welcome to our January issue. A new year often symbolises hope and a fresh start, and although things are ever so strange right now, I can certainly feel **optimism in the air**. It's probably helped by this new edition, which I can describe in one word: happy! Just check out the smile on our **knitted hippo** (p13) and you'll know what I mean.

Something else that never fails to make me grin is our special **pom-pom yarn**. It's fun and frisky, and that's exactly what we need right now. Your Blush yarn kit also comes with five DK balls, 4mm bamboo needles and a metal hook. Remember, the yarn colours are **curated exclusively for you**, so you know you're getting something special. These shades are particularly splendid.

Our designers have been busy knitting and crocheting a wealth of patterns. There's a covetable koala, **mood-boosting coasters**, fingerless mittens and so much more. One of my highlights is our **crochet nurse** on page 10 – why not make her for a frontline worker you'd like to celebrate? Discover our second CBeebies Moon and Me pattern (p36), then flick to page 43 for – drumroll please – a **crochet Queen Elizabeth II!** Oh yes.

The good things keep on coming. I had the pleasure of interviewing Laura Remblance from Lovingly Handmade Crochet (p49) about her remarkable journey, and Heidi was blown away by this issue's **reader makes** on page 18. We hope you enjoy everything, and here's to a better year – cheers!

Rosie

ROSIE SAVAGE, EDITOR



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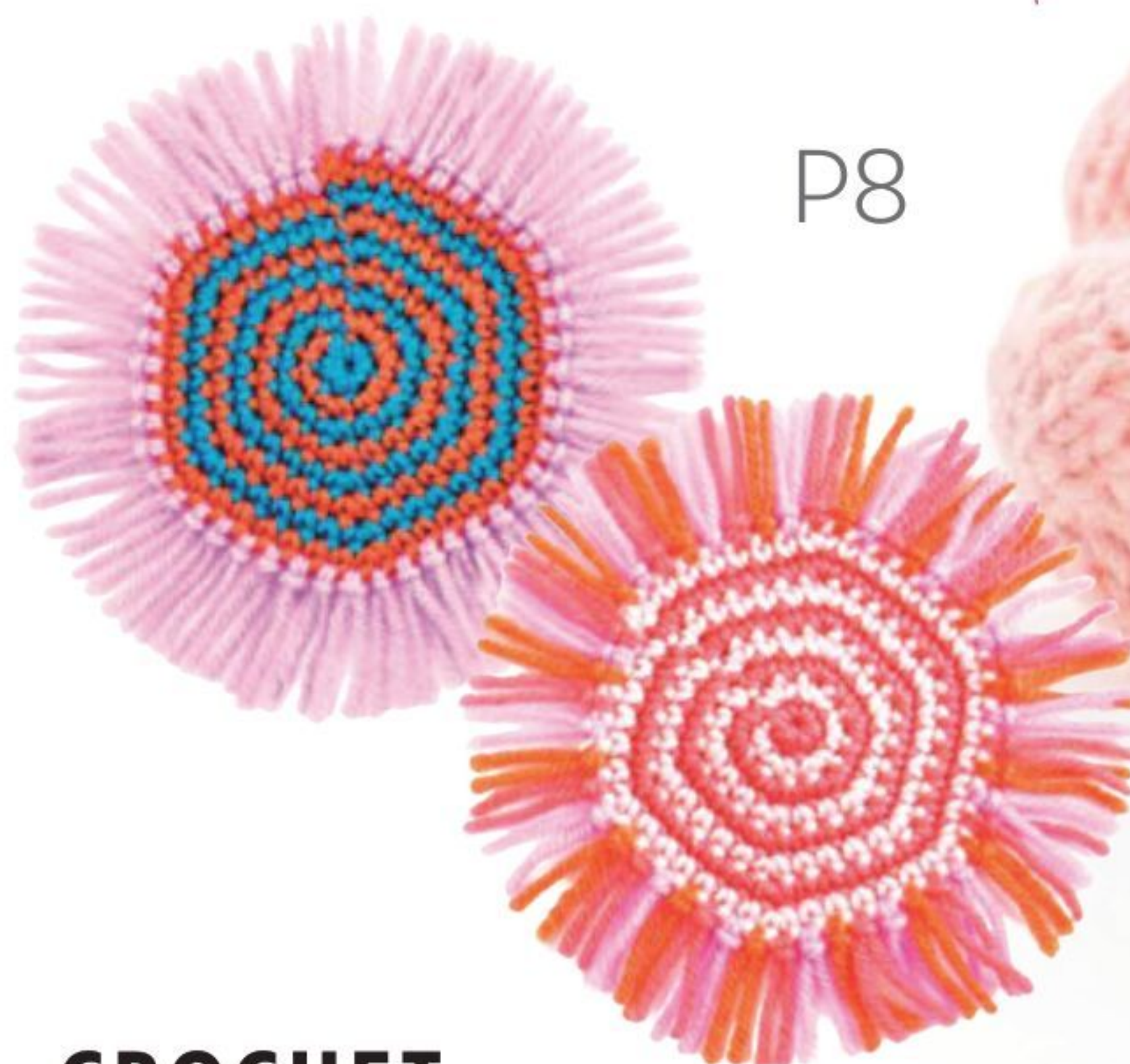
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IF OUR POM-POM YARN COULD TALK IT'D SAY: LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!

YOUR **Blush** YARN KIT

Our aim is to make you smile – and this issue's yarn colours are sure to do just that

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“However much I love Christmas crafting, there’s something truly special about our January issue’s yarns. They exude optimism, happiness... and that’s definitely what we need right now”

ROSIE SAVAGE, EDITOR

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Newsflash!

Take a look at this treasure trove of crafty goodness!



Craft your own kingdom

If you're a fan of cute, regal miniature amigurumi, don't miss this collection of irresistibly sweet patterns by Ukrainian crochet designer, Olka Novytska. *Mini Kingdom* (£13.95, Meteor Books) is a bustling little realm filled with classic royals such as the king, queen, prince and princesses. There are plenty of unique characters inside too, including an astronomer and jester, and an adorable bearded bee keeper with his bees. Featuring 36 darling designs, this mini kingdom has it all! To buy a digital version, visit amigurumipatterns.net.

Don't miss this!

Korean crochet designer Lana Choi has a huge social media following thanks to her charming amigurumi dolls, which are displayed in her optician's practice in Seoul. She shares her creations on her Instagram account @lana_choi229 and *Amigurumi Toy Box* (£14.99, Tuva Publishing) is Lana's first book. Featuring 16 different characters for you to create, it includes detailed steps, clear photography and tutorials. By publishing her designs in a book, Lana hopes to share the joy of crocheted dolls with more people, and we're sure her wishes will come true! Look out for our interview with Lana next issue. gmcbooks.com



Kitted out

From funky necklaces to storage pots for the home and chunky accessories, we're swooning over the fantastic crafty kits available from Stitching Me Softly. This bobble hat kit comes in a range of dreamy winter shades, and includes everything you need to get started, including easy-to-follow colour instructions. The super soft yet durable yarn is a blend of merino and acrylic, and the chunky weight means this project will work up quickly. We can't wait to get started! Priced at £35, visit stitchingmesoftly.co.uk.





Win a copy!

We have the power

Reading through *The Power of Knitting* (£17.99, Penguin Random House) by economist and lifelong knitter Loretta Napoleoni is pure delight and a must-read for anyone who loves their yarn and needles. Not only does it cover the fascinating history of knitting, starting with the ancient Egyptians, the book also explores other aspects of our beloved craft such as the proven neuroscientific links between knitting and relaxation, its healing powers and its place in social history. This

includes a look at yarn bombing and the ways yarn arts have been used in formal and informal protest. We have five copies of this must-have book to give away, visit topcrochetpatterns.com to enter.



We TOTES love this

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Mermazing shades

New year. New yarns. New colours! Kick off 2021 with some bright and bold creations courtesy of Marriner Yarns. This is truly a unique yarn, shot through with beautiful colours; take your pick from brights, pastels, neutrals and one or two stronger shades, all in the gloriously soft and wonderful Mermaid Super Chunky for only £1.75 per 100g ball. We love the idea of making cosy creations with this fibre that's ideal for everything from scarves and hats, to blankets, jumpers or even giant amigurumi. Buy yours at marrineryarns.com.



KNITTED WRIST WARMERS WITH

Stuart Hillard

I always get excited when my copy of *Let's Get Crafting* arrives. There's so much to inspire my creativity and the best part for me is always the yarn pack! This issue it's all about beautiful Blush colours: Soft Coral, Shell Pink, a vibrant Bright Pink and Cool Lilac mixed with complementary shades of Sea Green and a really stunning aqua pom-pom yarn! There's nothing I love more than a pom-pom and knitting with this kind of special yarn is great fun, easy to do and produces great results. The weather is turning a lot colder but I still want to get outside so I'm going to use my yarn pack to make some gorgeous striped wrist warmers; they're so easy. You'll start with the cuff, use your 4mm bamboo needles and Pom-pom yarn to cast on around 36 stitches – you can experiment a bit here but this many stitches should fit a medium-sized wrist. Keep in mind that you knit with the regular yarn 'in between' the pom-poms, and you'll soon get the hang of it! Knit eight rows in plain knit and then change to one of the regular yarns. Work the rest of the wrist warmer in stocking stitch, knitting the right side rows and purling the wrong side rows. Work stripes of four rows, changing colour as you go until your wrist warmer measures around 15cm. For the last four rows, work four rows in rib stitch to finish the top edge nicely. Cast off in k2p2 rib, then use a tapestry needle to sew the side edge up. Make two and you'll be ready to brave those wintry walks – though the cold might bring a blush to your cheeks, your hands will stay warm and cosy with your striped wrist warmers!

Stu X



PLUS
tapestry
needle

SIZE
Width (excl
fringe): 9cm
Width (incl
fringe): 15cm

MAKE YOUR CUPPA EVEN MORE
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Fringed coasters

FRINGED COASTERS

Using 4mm hook
and Yarn A (see
Great Advice)
make 2ch

Rnd 1: 6dc in
second ch from
hook. Six sts
Work in foll
one-rnd stripe
sequence: Yarn B,

Boho? Tick. Colourful? Oh yes. Tassels? You betcha! These coasters by **SARAH-JANE HICKS** are simple to make, but the pizzazz comes with that fringing. The process itself is incredibly therapeutic. You'll be using the most basic stitches (just chains and double crochet) for eight rounds, before creating the tassels in the style of your choosing – we've got one-colour, two-colour and three-colour variations here.



Perfect for
beginners



Yarn A
Note: do not cut
yarn, carry yarn
not being used
up along back

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rnd 8: (6dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
48 sts
Fasten off

tassels

For Coaster 1,
cut 48 9cm long
strands of Cool
Lilac. Fold one
strand in half and
thread through

each st around.
For Coaster 2, cut
24 9cm long
strands each of
Shell Pink and Soft
Coral. Add as
before, alternating
between the two
colours. For
Coaster 3, cut 16
9cm long strands
each of Bright
Pink, Cool Lilac
and Soft Coral.
Add as before,

alternating
between the three
colours

to make up

Trim tassels to
neaten. Weave in
all ends

GREAT ADVICE

COLOURWAYS

Coaster 1: Yarn A, Sea Green; Yarn
B, Soft Coral

Coaster 2: Yarn A, Cool Lilac; Yarn
B, Bright Pink

Coaster 3: Yarn A, Bright Pink; Yarn
B, Shell Pink

Anyone would think we like coasters...

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Opt for some colour therapy
with mindful mandalas



“When changing colour, don’t cut the yarn – carry it up along the back of the coaster instead”

SARAH-JANE HICKS, DESIGNER



PLUS

tapestry needle, two 6mm black beads or safety eyes, black cotton thread, small amount of dark brown DK, stuffing, pink blusher or pastel

SIZE

Nurse Danielle
height: 18cm
Mask width: 6cm

PAY TRIBUTE TO OUR NHS WORKERS AND CROCHET

Nurse Danielle

Our amigurumi nurse, designed by **SACHIYO ISHII**, is a small gesture of thanks to our fantastic nurses and frontline workers who've worked so hard and cared for so many during the coronavirus pandemic. This adorable nurse was named by Danielle Rowland who nominated herself because she loves nursing and crochet! We salute her self-promotion and all that she and her colleagues are doing for patients in the UK and around the world.



Take the next step

NURSE DANIELLE

Note: each rnd is joined with a sl st in first st, 1ch at beg of rnd does not count as a st throughout

legs, body & head

* Using 4mm hook and Sea Green make 12ch, join with a sl st to

make a ring. 12 sts

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

Fasten off
Rep from * to * once, then join

Legs tog as folls:

Rnd 11: 1ch, 1dc in each st around right Leg, insert hook in first st of left Leg, 1dc in each st around left Leg, join with a sl st to first st.

24 sts

Rnds 12-13: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Change to Shell Pink

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

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

Rnds 20-21: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 22: 1ch, (1dc, dc2tog) to end.

12 sts

Rnd 23: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Note: stuff as you go

Rnd 24: 1ch, 2dc in each st to end. 24 sts

Rnd 25: 1ch, (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 26: 1ch, (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

Rnds 27-33: 1ch,

1dc in each st to end

Rnd 34: 1ch, (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 35: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 36: 1ch, (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 37: 1ch, (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

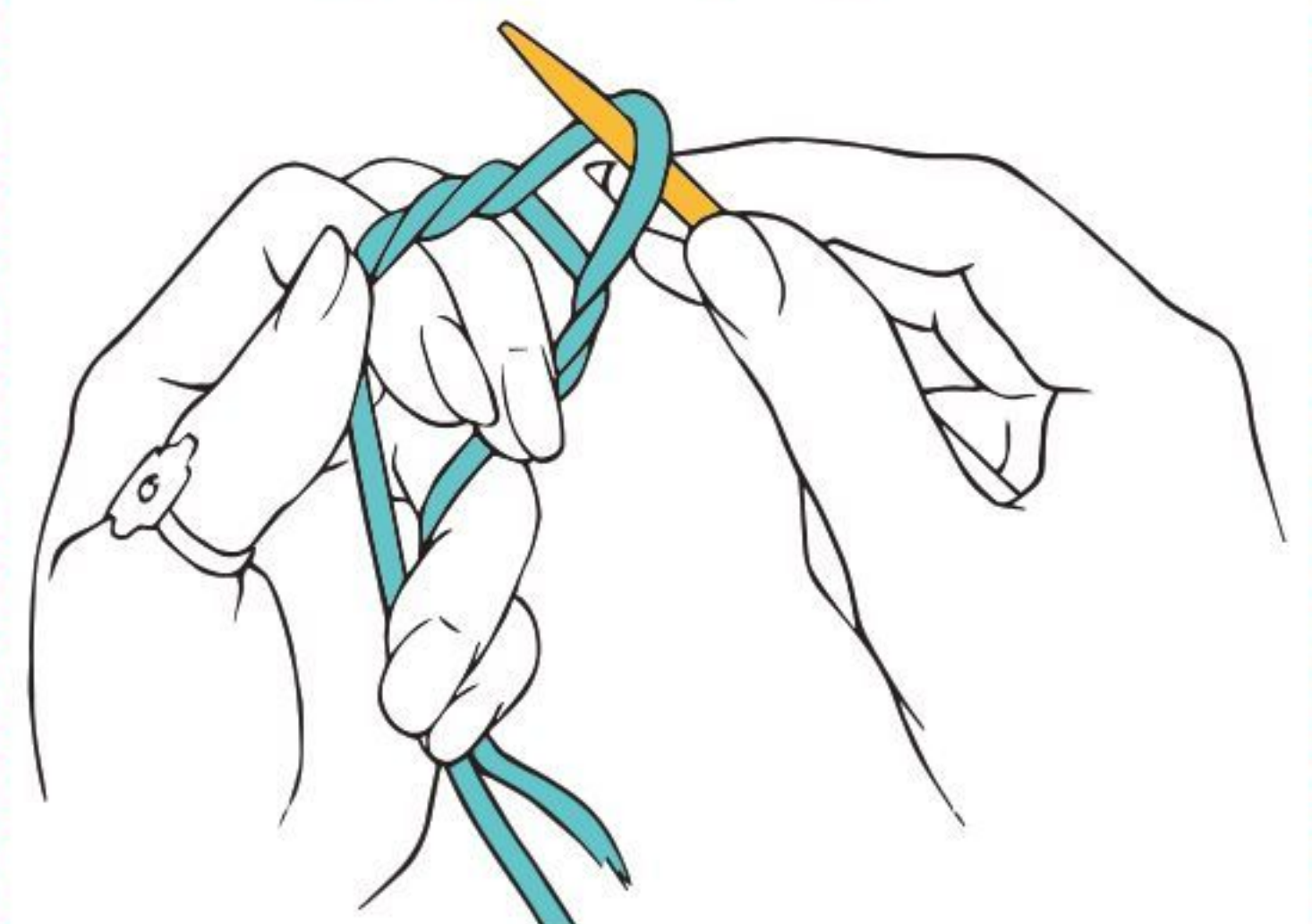
Rnd 38: 1ch, (1dc, dc2tog) to end.



“This design could easily be tweaked and personalised for the nurse or doctor in your life. Change the hair colour, add a bit more stuffing or how about including a touch of facial hair to make a male version? You could also work the scrubs and cap in a different colour; the possibilities are endless!”

HEIDI WILKINS, DEPUTY EDITOR

CROCHET SCHOOL



ARE YOU NEW TO CROCHET?
FIND VISUAL GUIDES TO ALL
THE STITCHES USED ON
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12 sts

Rnd 39: 1ch, (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

scrubs

Using 4mm hook and Sea Green make 35ch, join with a sl st to make a ring. 35 sts
Rnd 1: 1ch, (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 28 sts
Rnds 2-4: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 5: 1ch, (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnds 6-8: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 9: 1ch, (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 20 sts
Fasten off

Note: now shaping v neck
Join yarn to centre st
Row 1: 1ch, dc2tog, 1dc in each st to last two sts, dc2tog, turn. 18 sts
Row 2: 1ch, 7dc, (dc2tog) twice, 7dc, turn. 16 sts

Row 3: 1ch, 6dc, (dc2tog) twice, 6dc, turn. 14 sts
Row 4: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

arm

Make two
Using 4mm hook and Shell Pink make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring.

Five sts

Rnd 1: 1ch, 2dc in each st to end. Ten sts
Rnds 2-4: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 5: 1ch, 3dc, (dc2tog) twice, 3dc, join with a sl st. Eight sts
Rnds 6-9: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

sleeve

Make two

Using 4mm hook and Sea Green make a magic ring, work 7dc into ring. Seven sts
Rnd 1: 1ch, 2dc in each st to end. 14 sts
Rnd 2: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

cap

Using 4mm hook and Sea Green 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,



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2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

Rnds 6-7: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end Fasten off

shoe

Make two

Using 4mm hook and Cool Lilac make 6ch

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

Rnd 4: 6dc, (dc2tog, 1dc) twice, 6dc. 16 sts

Rnd 5: 5dc, (dc2tog, 1dc) twice, 5dc. 14 sts

Rnd 6: (dc2tog) to end. Seven sts

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

mask

Using 4mm hook and Cool Lilac make 7ch, leaving a long tail

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

Rows 2-4: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn Make 8ch for one strap Fasten off Make 8ch using starting yarn end Fasten off

to make up

Dress Body in Scrubs and secure with a few sts.

Stuff Legs and Shoes, then insert Shoe into Leg and secure to hem.

Rep for other Leg.

Sew Cap to Head.

Attach eyes. With

Shell Pink, make

French knot for

nose. Use dark

brown DK to

embroider mouth.

Embroider front

hair with Soft

Coral and make

long straight sts to sides of face, leaving long yarn end. Plait hair and tie ends with Sea

Green. Stuff Arms, insert in Sleeves and sew Arm to Sleeve. Attach Arms to Body. Sew

ends of straps to Mask. Attach Mask to hand or keep separate.

Colour cheeks with pink pastel or blusher. Weave in all ends



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Elaine Edwards



Katrina Waring



Leanne Marshall



YOUR TOY COLLECTION WILL
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Happy hippo



USING YOUR **Blush** YARN KIT



PROJECT OVERLEAF



PLUS

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

SIZE

Height: 17cm



Perfect for beginners

HAPPY HIPPO head

Using 4mm needles and Bright Pink 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: (k1, kfb) to end. 36 sts
Row 8: (k5, kfb) to end. 42 sts
Rows 9-25: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 26: k3, (k2tog) 18 times, k3. 24 sts

Rows 27-33: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 34: (k2, k2tog) to end. 18 sts
Row 35: p
Row 36: (k1, k2tog) to end. 12 sts
 Cut yarn leaving a

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

body

Using 4mm needles and Cool Lilac cast on 12 sts

Rows 1-8: rep Rows 1-8 of Head. 42 sts

Rows 9-21: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 22: k12, (k2tog, k1) six times, k12. 36 sts

Rows 23-31: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 32: k9, (k2tog, k1) six times, k9. 30 sts

Rows 33-39:

starting with a p row work in st st

Row 40: (k3, k2tog) to end. 24 sts

Row 41: p

Row 42: (k4, k2tog) to end. 20 sts

Cast off

skirt

Using 4mm needles and Cool Lilac cast on 84 sts

Rows 1-8: starting with a k (RS) row work in st st

Row 9: (k2tog) to end. 42 sts
 Cast off

ear

Make two

Using 4mm needles and Bright Pink cast on ten sts

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



Firstly, how cute is our hippo? Secondly, our exclusive pom-pom yarn makes the perfect hem for the dress. Thirdly... why haven't you started making her yet? Get **SACHIYO ISHII'S** beginner pattern on your needles this instant, because it's the cutest thing ever. You won't touch your Soft Coral or Sea Green yarns, so use those to crochet a coaster on page 8.

SACHIYO ISHII'S
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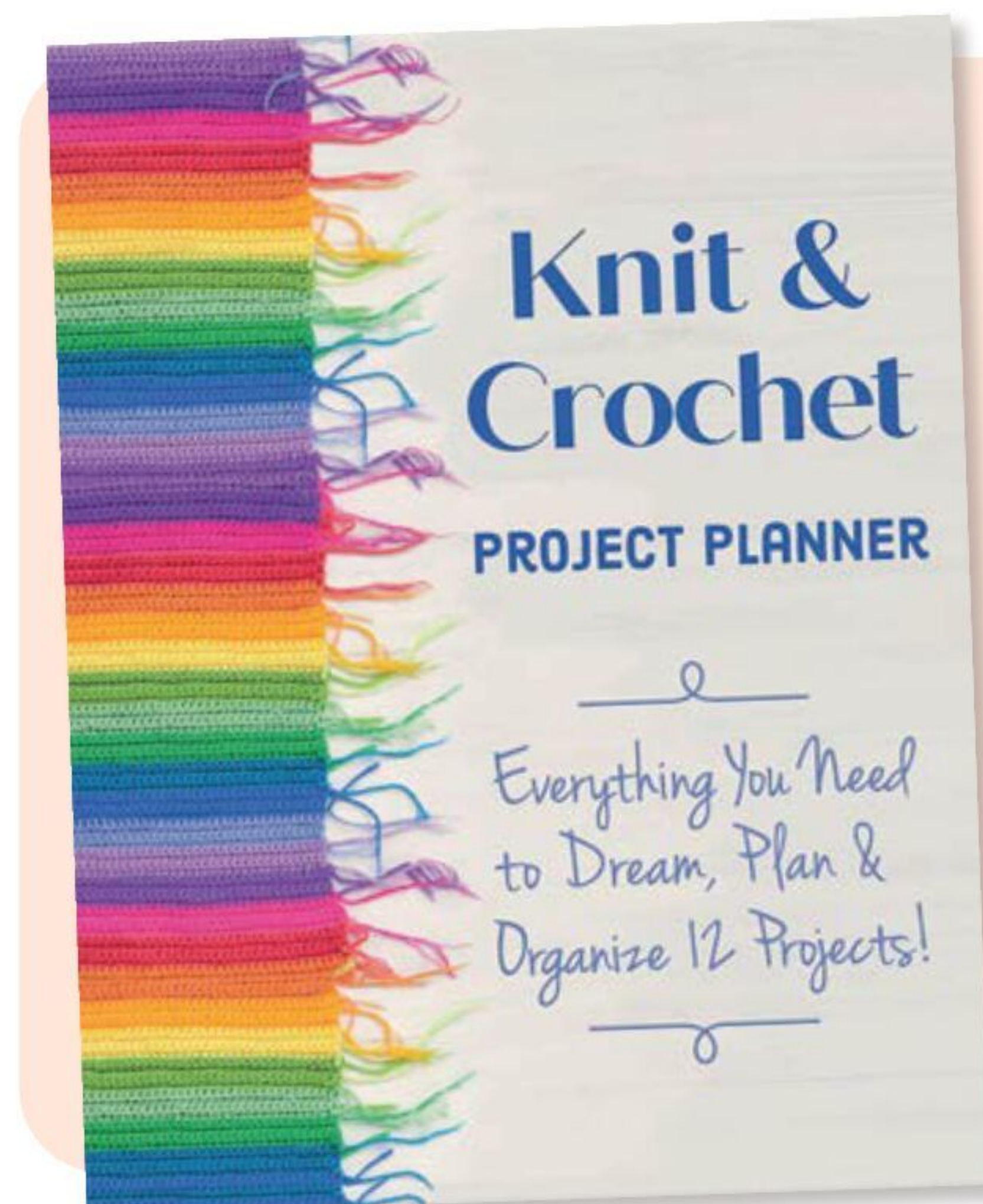
TIP OF THE MONTH

"Intarsia is where you work more than one colour within a row. I've used the technique for the hippo's ears, but it's just a tiny touch of intarsia so it's beginner-friendly. If you're a complete novice and not confident with colour changes yet, simply knit the ears in just Bright Pink"



PLAN AHEAD

This planner is designed especially for knitters and crocheters, so that you can track multiple projects throughout the year because, let's face it, who doesn't have lots of projects going on at once? Set yourself some goals, track your progress, and manage your time and WIPs. Each project has four pages to track and record all the critical details: pattern info, yarn requirements, tension swatches, due dates and tasks, your supply list, and more. Plus, flip to the back of the planner for terms and abbreviations, a needle inventory tracker, and other handy resources. Get your copy of *Knit & Crochet Project Planner* by Sophie Scardaci (£16.99, Search Press) at searchpress.com.



Row 1 (WS): p6 (Bright Pink), p4 (Shell Pink)

Note: keep colours correct and cross yarn at colour change to avoid any holes

Rows 2-5: starting with a k row work in st st

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

leg

Make two

Using 4mm needles and Shell Pink cast on 18 sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (k2, kfb) to end. 24 sts

Row 3: p

Row 4: (k3, kfb) to end. 30 sts

Row 5: p

Change to Bright Pink

Rows 6-9: starting with a k row work in st st

Row 10: k9, (k2tog) six times, k9. 24 sts

Row 11: p

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

Rows 13-15: starting with a p row work in st st
Cast off

arm

Make two

Using 4mm needles and Shell Pink cast on six sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 12 sts

Note: change to Bright Pink after Row 4

Rows 3-11: starting with a p row work in st st

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

Rows 13-17:

starting with a p row work in st st
Cast off

nostril

Make two

Using 4mm needles and Shell Pink cast on eight sts
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 Head, sew seam halfway. With

cast-on yarn end, work gathering thread along

cast-on edge and draw tightly. Sew

up seam a little further, stuff and close seam. Seam

Ears. Attach Ears to Head. Attach

Eyes. For Nostril, sew both ends tog

to make into bobble and attach. With dark

brown DK, embroider mouth. With cast-on yarn

end of Body, work gathering thread along

cast-on edge and draw tightly. Sew up

seam to neck and stuff. Seam Skirt. Using

thread, sew Pom-pom to hem.

Attach Skirt to waist. Fold each Leg in half lengthways and sew sole. Sew up Leg seam to cast-off edge and stuff. Using Shell Pink, pierce Leg from sole and take needle out

from top of foot and rep. Pull thread to flatten sole and shape ankle. Attach Legs to Body. Seam and stuff Arms. Attach Arms to Body. Attach Head to Body. Weave in all ends



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PLUS
80cm wire,
tapestry
needle

SIZE
Height (incl
loop): 29cm



Perfect for
beginners

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Heart wreath

Whether you love crafting for a special someone, or enjoy showing yourself a bit of self-love, **NICOLA VALIJI'S** charming wreath is a sweet project that is sure to bring a bit of warmth into your home. The frill effect is simple to achieve, yet looks so intricate. We love the idea of adding extra embellishments to this project. Ribbons, buttons, lace or extra knitted flowers would look fantastic – raid your craft stash now!

HEART WREATH heart

Using 4mm
needles and Shell
Pink cast on
five sts
Starting with a k
row work in st st
until piece meas
82cm, ending on a
WS row
Cast off

frill

Make two

Using 4mm
needles and Cool
Lilac cast on

five sts

Row 1: sl 1, k1, yfwd,

k2tog, k1. Five sts

Row 2: sl 1, k4

Row 3: sl 1, k1,

(yfwd, k1) to end.

Eight sts

Row 4: cast off

three sts, k5.

Five sts

Rep Rows 1-4 30

times, ending with

Row 3. 31 frills

Cast off

hanging tag

Using 4mm

needles and Shell

Pink cast on

five sts

K every row until

piece meas 18cm

Cast off

flower

Make two

Using 4mm

needles and Bright

Pink (Soft Coral)

cast on six sts

Row 1 (RS): (kfb)

to end. 12 sts

Row 2: p

Row 3: (kfb) to

end. 24 sts

Rows 4-6: starting

with a p row work

in st st

Change to Soft

Coral (Shell Pink)

Row 7: (k2tog) to

end. 12 sts

Row 8: (p2tog) to

end. Six sts

Cut yarn leaving a

long tail, thread

tail onto tapestry

needle and thread

through rem sts,

fasten off

leaf

Make two

Using 4mm

needles and Sea

Green cast on

eight sts

Row 1: k6, turn

Row 2: p

Row 3: k

Cast off pwise

to make up

Bend wire into

heart shape. Wrap

Heart piece

around wire and

sew into place

with seam at back.

Sew Frills to each

side of Heart. Fold

Hanging Tag in

half and sew to

back of wreath.

Gather fastened-

off sts of Flowers

and sew to

cast-on edge.

Gather cast-on sts

to make a circle

and secure. Use

yarn from middle

and back of

Flower and pull up

through centre to

make five petals,

pulling yarn tightly

each time. Attach

one Leaf to back

of each Flower.

Use contrasting

yarn to embroider

small buds to front

of Flowers. Weave

in all ends

Feel the love



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TOP TIP

TURN TO PAGE 65 FOR OUR
HANDY LIST OF KNITTING
ABBREVIATIONS

All about you

*Is it us, or are
our readers
becoming more
talented?*



You're obsessed with...our toys!

BEAM ME UP

I help run Crafty Llama, a small knitting and crochet Etsy shop in Norwich. My mum taught me to knit on my great grandma's needles when I was 12. And 14 years later I'm an avid knitter and crocheter.

Emily-Rose Athey, Norfolk



PRECIOUS PUP

When self-isolating with Covid recently, a friend delivered a surprise copy of Let's Get Crafting magazine! It really cheered me up, and I loved making this gorgeous pup. I'm a lot better now and am considering which project to take on next.

Emma Fairley, Yorkshire



PENGUIN PALS

I was very excited that the little penguin in issue 125 is called Artie, the same as my seven year-old son, so I had to make him. As you can see, my son is very pleased!

**Charley Mackintosh,
Oxfordshire**





I recently knitted this matching set for a friend's granddaughter. I started knitting about three years ago because I'd been wanting to learn for a while. I decided I'd teach myself and, with the help of books, magazines and watching tutorials on the internet, I got there in the end! This adorable pattern is from One Stitch Baby Knits by Val Pierce.

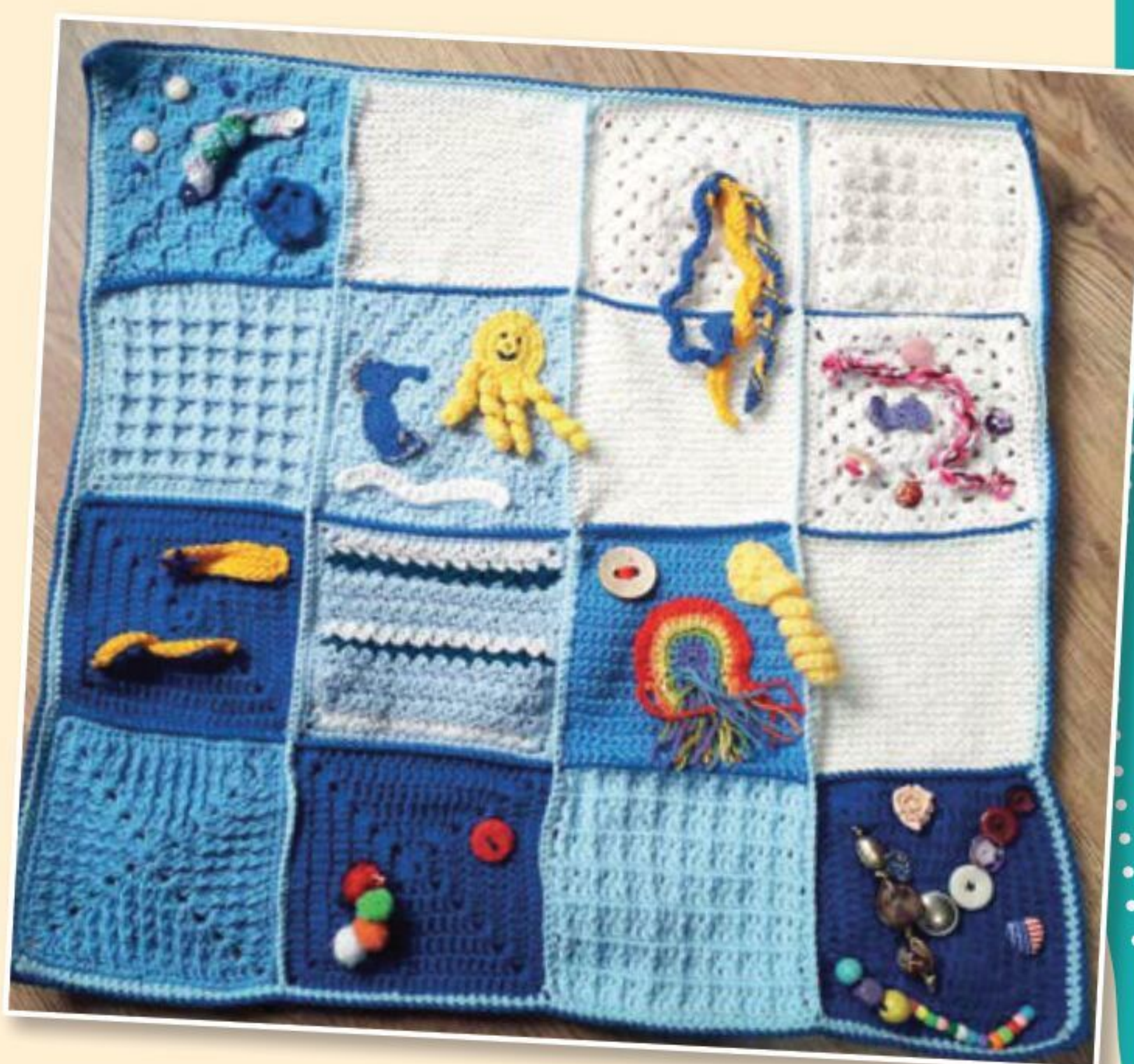
Michelle Young, Leicester

♦ What a cute set and a lovely gift for new parents

I'm part of a group called Blanket Friends where the lovely members donate six-inch knitted or crocheted squares. This blanket is one of our latest makes, which is going with six others to a nursing home for their dementia residents. We make many other blankets for lots of different causes and people.

Michelle Kirk, Lincolnshire

♦ Amazing! We love hearing about crafters helping others



I've been busy making 'Friendship Flowers'. I thought I'd send them to family and friends that I have not been able to see since the pandemic started. I will also be selling them to raise funds for my local Scout group, as with all charities their fundraising abilities have been drastically reduced. I really hope these small flowers will brighten someone's day.

Margaret Mills, Ayrshire

♦ What a wonderful idea Margaret – they're beautiful!



"I really hope these small flowers will brighten someone's day!"



What's your favourite thing you've ever knitted or crocheted?

"I crocheted some fruit for my little sister when she was admitted into hospital and diagnosed with Crohn's disease. She was put on a liquid diet so couldn't eat any solid food, so the crochet fruit made her laugh!"

Romilly Huxley



"A wedding shawl for my best friend last year. Made all the more special this year as her husband suddenly passed away"

Lucy Jane



"The first thing I ever knitted was a jacket for my little girl. It was from a vintage pattern, I used chunky yarn by mistake and it took me three months to make!"

Kelly Rankin



"I made a cardie and a matching hat for my granddaughter. It's the first piece of clothing I've made and the first ever written pattern I've been able to follow right through successfully without giving up. I'm so proud of myself!"

Keri Kez

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Make a doll, dress YOUR 2-PART



PLUS: stitch markers, tapestry needle, stuffing, two 8mm black safety eyes, black thread, sewing needle, blusher (optional)
SIZE: Doll height: 23cm
 Dress height: 12cm
 Hair Bow width (excl tie): 5cm



HEATHER GIBBS,
DESIGNER

“Hello crafty people! Welcome to a brand new crochet-along. This one’s a two-parter, featuring a lovely doll and a selection of dresses and accessories to keep her looking stylish. Little ones will love her, and you’ll get to practise new techniques and unleash your creativity. The puffball dress features six rounds of your special Pom-pom yarn, and I have lots of advice to ensure you know how to use it. You’ll also need to work some shorter rows to create the straps on the dress, so that’ll be the trickiest bit you tackle. Don’t forget to add lots of character to your doll – I’ve embroidered dainty eyelashes and applied a little blusher from my own make-up stash. Why not take it further and decorate the dress with buttons or an embroidered motif?”



DOLL head

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

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

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

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

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

Rnds 5-9: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 10: 14dc, MB (for nose – see Great Advice) in next st, 1dc in each st to end
Rnds 11-12: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 13: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Insert safety eyes between Rnds 8-9, approx five sts apart with nose in between
Rnd 14: (2dc, dc2tog) to end.

body
 Using 4mm hook and Shell Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnds 1-5: rep Rnds

18 sts

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

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

hair

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

Rnds 1-8: rep Rnds 1-8 of Head. 30 sts

Rnd 9: 1dc, 1htr, 2tr, 1htr, 1dc, sl st in next two sts, 1dc, 1htr, 1tr, 1htr in each st to last st, 1dc
 Fasten off, leaving a long tail

ringlet

Make six

Using 4mm hook and Soft Coral make 15ch

Row 1: 3dc in second ch from hook and 3dc in each st to last three sts, 1dc in each st to end
 Fasten off, leaving a long tail

body

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

Rnds 1-5: rep Rnds

1-5 of Head. 30 sts

Change to Cool Lilac

Rnds 6-15: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 16: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 17: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 18: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 19: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
 Fasten off, leaving a long tail

arm

Make two

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

Rnds 1-13: 1dc in each st to end
 Fasten off, leaving a long tail

leg

Make two

Using 4mm hook and Soft Coral make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring.

Six sts

Rnd 1: (1dc, [2dc in next st] twice) to end. Ten sts

Rnd 2: (2dc, [2dc in next st] three times) to end. 16 sts

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

Rnd 4: dc2tog, 1dc in each st to last six sts, (dc2tog) three times. 12 sts

Rnd 5: dc2tog, 1dc in each st to last four sts, (dc2tog) twice. Nine sts

Rnd 6: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Shell Pink

Rnds 7-11: 1dc in each st to end
 Change to Cool Lilac

Rnds 12-16: 1dc in each st to end
 Fasten off, leaving a long tail

to make up

Using black thread, embroider eyelashes next to eyes on Head.

GREAT ADVICE

MAKE BOBBLE (MB)

(yoh, insert hook in indicated st, yoh, pull up a loop) three times. Nine loops on hook. Yoh and pull through all loops on hook



and hair accessory CROCHET-ALONG



USING YOUR POM-POM YARN

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"You may find you need to crochet more loosely and more slowly than you are used to. When using pom-pom yarn, ease your hook gently through the fluff, don't yank it. The good news is that a stitch gained or lost here and there isn't the end of the world as the yarn is so fluffy that it'll cover up the occasional slip! This sort of yarn can also make it a little tricky to count stitches – try using more than one stitch marker to help you count rounds. You could also insert your hook between the posts of the stitches instead of inserting your hook into the stitch; as you work along each row you can feel for the gaps with your finger."

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Using two strands of Bright Pink, embroider mouth over Rnds 12-13. Stuff Head. Attach Hair to top of Head. Line up sl sts at front of Hair crown with nose. Sew three Ringlets to each side of Head. Sew Body closed and attach Head. Stuff Arms up to Rnd 8 and sew to Body. Stuff Legs up to Rnd 13 and attach to Body. Apply blusher to cheeks (optional). Weave in all ends

PUFFBALL DRESS

Using 4mm hook and Pom-pom make ch a little bigger than needed to fit around Body of Doll, join with a sl st to make a ring
Rnds 1-6: 1dc in each st to end
 Change to Sea Green
Rnds 7-9: 1dc in each st to end
Note: now working in rows to make dress front
Row 1: 1ch, 10dc, turn
Rows 2-6: 1ch, 1dc

in each st to end
 Fasten off
 Miss six sts from where you fastened off and reattach Sea Green to next st
Rows 7-12: rep Rows 1-6, turn
Note: now working shorter rows to make first strap
Rows 13-19: 1ch, 2dc, turn, on last row fasten off, sew yarn tail to first two sts of dress front
 Fasten off
 Miss six sts from where you fastened off and reattach Sea Green to next st
Rows 20-26: rep Rows 13-19
 Fasten off

to make up

Weave in all ends

HAIR BOW

Using 4mm hook and Sea Green make 8ch
Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Seven sts
Rows 2-4: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
 Fasten off

Wrap length of Sea Green around centre eight times, fasten off
 Using 4mm hook and Sea Green attach yarn to back of Bow on left-hand side as folls: sl st around post of st near centre of Bow, 50ch, sl st in second ch from hook, sl st in each ch to end, fasten off
 Rep for right-hand side

to make up

Weave in all ends



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 part two! You'll
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 two more dresses,
 a hat and
 shoulder bag



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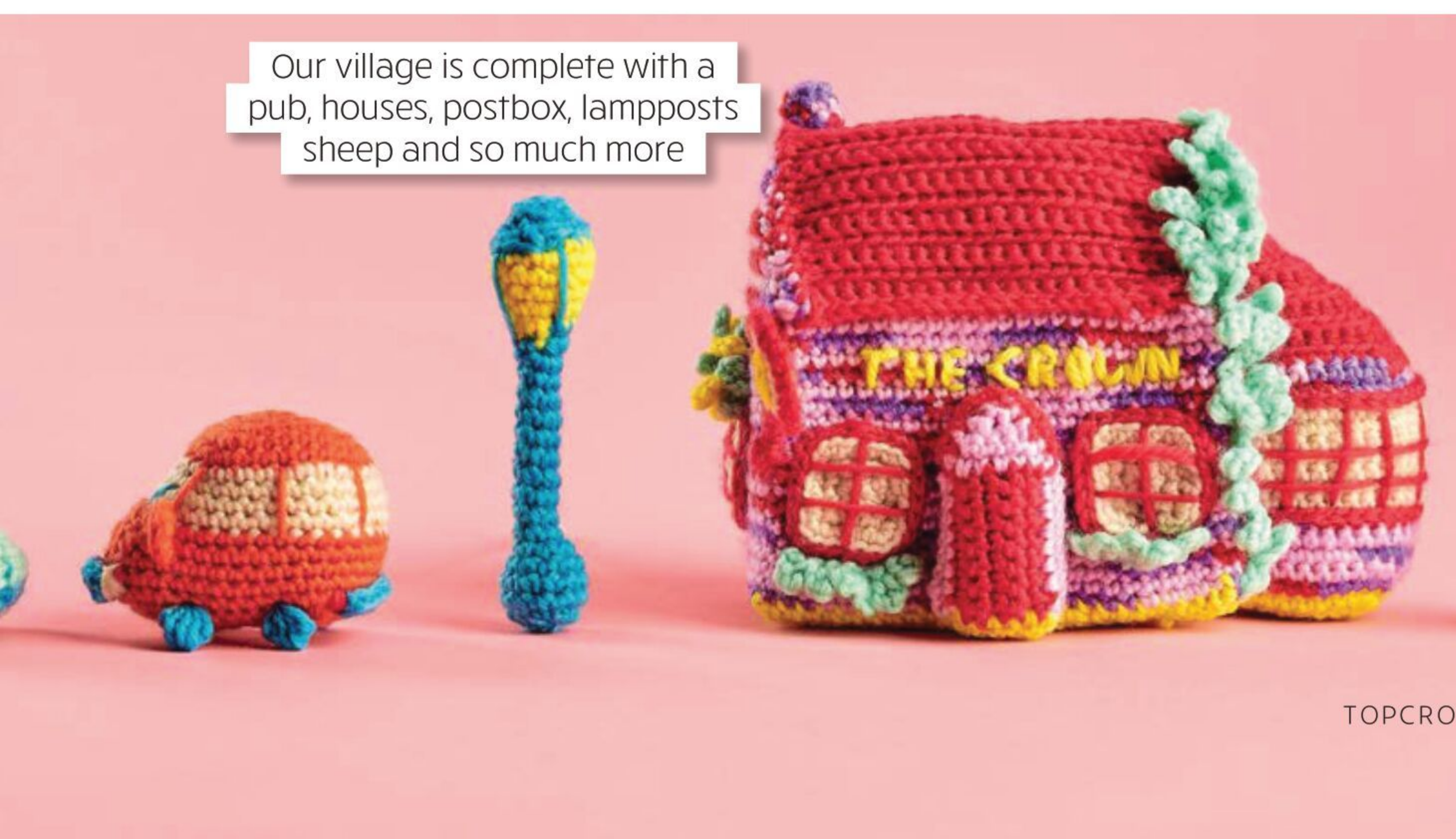
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The joy is in the making though, especially as you're crafting alongside fellow enthusiasts, eagerly awaiting the next instalment. But our archive of crochet-alongs is teeming, so you can take them at your own pace and start whenever you fancy! We've chosen a few of our favourites here, but be sure to explore even more on our website.

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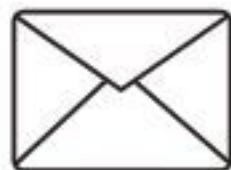


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LET'S GET CRAFTING BY NUMBERS

WORDS BY HEIDI WILKINS

Let's face it, 2020 didn't quite turn out how we expected it to. But it definitely takes more than a worldwide pandemic to stop us in our tracks! The Let's Get Crafting team has been firing on all cylinders throughout the past year to deliver the very best content to you, and we've loved bringing you cute patterns, fabulous reads and non-stop inspiration in your favourite mag. Step this way as we recount a year of crafting that none of us will ever forget!



Nothing quite fills us with warm fuzzies like looking back over our beautiful front covers; here are three of our favourites from 2020

167 | 172

The number of knitting patterns we've brought you this year

How many crochet patterns we've featured

From cute toys to chic homewares, and bold accessories to crocheted blooms, we've covered it all. We marked the 75th anniversary of VE day with our adorable land girl and the 2020 Olympics that never were with Terry the weightlifting pig! Let's not forget we also included an amazing 5 Knitting vs Crochet projects, because we know how much you love them!



This year we've given each reader
76 BALLS OF YARN
Not forgetting, 10 crochet hooks
and sets of knitting needles

135

The amount of
crochet patterns
we've released online.
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29

The number of experts we've interviewed

Every day's a school day for us, and we love bringing you top tips from those with ultimate knitting and crochet know-how

2 MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS among the Let's Get Crafting team

During lockdown, Editor Rosie turned 30 and Deputy Editor Heidi celebrated her 40th



Arnie is always on hand to bat some yarn around or to make an impromptu Instagram appearance!



Harry loves head bumps during Zoom calls, showing off how handsome he is

4

Furry members of the WFH team – aww!

Arnie, Poppy, Harry and Nola have been integral cogs in the Let's Get Crafting machine while we've been working from home

39

The number of weeks we've been working from home

19/03/2020

The date Team Let's Get Crafting started working from home

7

How many cups of tea Editor Rosie and Deputy Editor Heidi consume per work day

58

Hours spent at socially-distanced photoshoots

17

The number of crafters on that call

Video calls in lockdown have kept the creative ideas flowing, and of course it means we're always bang up to date with all the gossip too!

9:15am

The time our full crafty team always meet on Zoom on a Monday





PLUS
stuffing,
tapestry
needle, small
amount of
black DK, two
8mm black
safety eyes

SIZE
Height: 17cm



Perfect for
beginners

BRYONY KOALA head

Using 4mm hook
and Sea Green
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, 1dc) twice,
2dc in next st,
10dc, (2dc in next
st, 1dc) twice, 2dc
in next st, 6dc.
36 sts

Rnd 6: 5dc, (2dc in
next st, 2dc) twice,
2dc in next st, 11dc,
(2dc in next st,
2dc) twice, 2dc in
next st, 6dc. 42 sts
Rnd 7: (6dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
48 sts

Rnds 8-14: 1dc in
each st to end
Rnd 15: (6dc,
dc2tog) to end.
42 sts
Insert safety eyes
between Rnds
9-10, approx 13 sts
apart

Rnd 16: 5dc,
(dc2tog, 2dc)
twice, dc2tog, 11dc,
(dc2tog, 2dc)
twice, dc2tog, 6dc.
36 sts

Rnd 17: 4dc,
(dc2tog, 1dc) twice,
dc2tog, 10dc,
(dc2tog, 1dc) twice,
dc2tog, 6dc. 30 sts

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

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

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

legs & body

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

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

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

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

Rnd 5: 1dc in each
st to end
Change to Soft
Coral

Rnd 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 right
Leg, insert hook in
first st of left Leg,
1dc in each st
around left Leg.
36 sts

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

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

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

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

Rnds 20-22: 1dc in
each st to end
Change to Sea
Green

Rnds 23-24: 1dc in
each st to end
Stuff firmly

Rnd 25: (2dc,
dc2tog) to end.
18 sts

Rnd 26: (1dc,
dc2tog) to end.
12 sts
Fasten off

ear

Make four (two in
each colour)
Using 4mm hook
and Sea Green
(Shell Pink) make a
magic ring, work
6dc into ring, turn.
Six sts

Row 1: 1ch, 1dc,
(2dc in next st)
four times, 1dc.
Ten sts
Fasten off

arm

Make two
Using 4mm hook
and Sea Green

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

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

Rnds 2-4: 1dc in
each st to end
Note: stuff as
you go

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

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

strap

Make two
Using 4mm hook
and Soft Coral
make 13ch, turn
Row 1: starting in
second ch from
hook, 1dc in each
st to end. 12 sts
Fasten off

pocket

Using 4mm hook
and Soft Coral
make 6ch, turn
Row 1: starting in
second ch from
hook, 1dc in each
st to end, turn.
Five sts

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

Row 5: 1ch, dc2tog,
1dc, dc2tog, turn.
Three sts

Row 6: 1ch, dc3tog.
One st
Fasten off

nose

Using 4mm hook
and black DK
make a magic ring,
work 6dc into ring.
Six sts
Rnd 1: 2dc in each
st to end. 12 sts

SAY G'DAY TO OUR POM-POM EARED MARSUPIAL FROM DOWN UNDER

Bryony koala

These creatures hold a special place in our hearts, because we will always remember how crafters around the world came together to save koalas affected by the 2020 Australian bushfires. By creating pouches and blankets for those whose habitats were sadly destroyed, the power of craft means that many real world koalas are alive today. Now you can create **HANNAH COOPER'S** amigurumi version to cherish forever!



“This pattern uses every cm of Sea Green, so if you crochet loosely, I’d recommend going down a hook size”

HANNAH COOPER, DESIGNER

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

to make up

Sew Head and Arms to Body. Place one Sea Green and one Shell Pink Ear piece tog. With Pom-pom, crochet through both pieces working 1ch, 10dc. Fasten off and rep for other Ear. Sew Ears and Nose to Head. Sew Pocket to front of Body. Secure Straps to front of Body, cross them over at back and sew in place. Sew hole shut between Legs. Weave in all ends



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Fingerless mittens



Designed by **DAWN FINNEY**, these basic mitts will keep your hands toasty and warm. We also think they'd make the ultimate gift for that friend who is still working from home and tends to feel the cold! This project is a nice step up to making a more complex pair of gloves with five fingers, but if you want to keep things simple knit them in one striking colour so you can focus on getting your rib stitch spot on.

**FINGERLESS
MITTENS**
Make two
Using 4mm
needles and Sea
Green cast on 46
sts, leaving a
short tail
Row 1: k1, (k1, p1) to
last st, k1

Row 2: p1, (k1, p1)
to last st, p1
Rows 3-4: rep
Rows 1-2
Work in foll
two-row stripe
sequence: Shell
Pink, Soft Coral
Rows 5-26: rep
Rows 1-2 11 times

Change to
Bright Pink
Row 27: k
Row 28: p45, pfb, p
to end. 47 sts
Row 29: k23, M1L,
k1, M1R, k to end.
49 sts
Row 30: p
Row 31: k23, M1L,
k3, M1R, k to end.
51 sts
Rows 32-34:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Row 35: k23, M1L,
k5, M1R, k to end.
53 sts

Row 36: p
Row 37: k23, M1L,
k7, M1R, k to end.
55 sts
Rows 38-40:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Row 41: k23, M1L,

k9, M1R, k to end.
57 sts
Row 42: p
Row 43: k23, M1L,
k11, M1R, k to end.
59 sts
Row 44-46:
starting with a p

row work in st st
Row 47: k23, M1L,
k13, M1R, k to end.
61 sts
Row 48: p23, place
next 15 sts onto st
holder, pfbf, p to
end. 48 sts

GREAT ADVICE
M1L: with left needle tip, lift strand
between needles from front to back
and k lifted loop through back
M1R: with left needle tip, lift strand
between needles from back to front
and k lifted loop through front



**“Fingerless mitts are
just so cute. Wear
them when knitting
to keep your hands
nice and cosy”**

DAWN FINNEY, DESIGNER

**Let's
knit
together**

We're so excited to announce that Let's Knit magazine has launched Let's Knit Together, a brand new and exclusive club aimed at knitters like you. Membership to this community gives you access to over 1,000 patterns, an online video course, exclusive and branded patterns, discounts, competitions and so much more. Everyone who joins will also be able to join the private Facebook community just for members! Join the club at...

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TOP TIP

IF YOU DON'T HAVE A STITCH HOLDER, USE A SPARE PIECE OF YARN IN A CONTRASTING COLOUR

Change to Cool Lilac

Rows 49-57:

starting with a k row work in st st
Change to Sea Green

Row 58: p

Row 59: k1, (k1, p1) to last st, k1

Row 60: p1, (k1, p1) to last st, p1

Rows 61-62: rep Rows 59-60
Cast off in rib, leaving a long tail

Note: now working thumb
Transfer 15 sts from st holder to 4mm needle with RS facing, attach Sea Green

Row 1a: kfbf, k12, kfb, k1. 18 sts

Row 2a: p1, (k1, p1) to last st, p1

Row 3a: k1, (k1, p1) to last st, k1

Rep Rows 2a-3a
Cast off in rib, leaving a long tail

to make up

Use tapestry needle and Sea Green tail to join sides of thumb using mattress st. Secure tails firmly. Join sides of Mittens tog beg with cast-off rib section, then secure firmly. Weave in all ends





KNITTING

MEET DEREK AND DARCEY, OUR (VERY

We love how you all enjoy Knitting vs Crochet, so we keep bringing it back! This time around it's the battle of the bears, though really Derek and Darcey are the best of friends. Thank you very much to Charley Mackintosh on Facebook for naming these two. Do you want to name a future duo? Keep an eye on our social accounts and have your say! Oh, and don't forget to share your finished teddy with us at

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VS CROCHET

NEARLY) IDENTICAL TEDDY BEARS

CHOOSE YOUR
TEDDY BEAR, THEN
TURN OVER FOR
THE PATTERN...





PLUS
two 6mm black beads or safety eyes, black cotton thread, stuffing, small amount of dark brown DK, tapestry needle, sewing needle

SIZE
Height: 13cm



Perfect for beginners

KNITTED TEDDY BEAR

body
Using 4mm needles and Soft Coral cast on 12 sts
Row 1 (WS) and every odd-numbered row: p
Row 2: (kfb) to end. 24 sts
Row 4: (k3, kfb) to end. 30 sts
Row 6: (k4, kfb) to end. 36 sts
Rows 7-15: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 16: (k4, k2tog) to end. 30 sts
Rows 17-19: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 20: (k3, k2tog) to end. 24 sts
Rows 21-23: starting with a p

row work in st st
Row 24: (k2, k2tog) to end. 18 sts
Rows 25-27: starting with a p row work in st st
Cast off

head

Using 4mm needles and Shell Pink cast on 12 sts
Row 1 (WS): p
Row 2: (k1, kfb) to end. 18 sts
Rows 3-6: starting with a p row work in st st
Change to Soft Coral
Row 7: p
Row 8: k3, (kfb) 12 times, k3. 30 sts
Row 9: p
Row 10: (k4, kfb) to end. 36 sts
Rows 11-17: starting with a p

row work in st st
Row 18: (k4, k2tog) to end. 30 sts
Row 19 and every odd-numbered row: p
Row 20: (k3, k2tog) to end. 24 sts
Row 22: (k2, k2tog) to end. 18 sts
Row 24: (k1, k2tog) to end. 12 sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

ear

Make two
Using 4mm needles and Shell Pink cast on 18 sts
Rows 1-3: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st

Row 4: (k1, k2tog) to end. 12 sts
Row 5: p
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

leg

Make two
Using 4mm needles and Shell Pink cast on 12 sts
Row 1 (WS): p
Row 2: (k1, kfb) to end. 18 sts
Row 3: p
Row 4: (k2, kfb) to end. 24 sts
Rows 5-7: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 8: k6, (k2tog, k1) four times, k6. 20 sts
Row 9: p
Row 10: k4, (k2tog,

k1) four times, k4. 16 sts
Rows 11-13: starting with a p row work in st st
Cast off

arm

Make two
Using 4mm needles and Shell Pink cast on ten sts
Rows 1-5: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st
Row 6: k4, (kfb) twice, k4. 12 sts
Rows 7-13: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 14: (k2, k2tog) to end. Nine sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

tail

Using 4mm needles and Shell Pink 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

to make up

With cast-on yarn end of Body, work gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly. Sew seam to neck and stuff. With fastened-off yarn end of Head, sew seam halfway. With cast-on yarn end, sew muzzle seam. Stuff Head and close seam. Sew each Ear and attach Ears to Head. Attach eyes. With dark brown DK, embroider nose and mouth. Attach Head to neck. Fold Leg piece in half lengthways and sew seam to cast-off edge. Stuff Legs and attach to Body. Seam and stuff Arms and Tail. Attach to Body. Wrap neck with Pom-pom, make a bow and trim to desired length. Weave in all ends



PLUS
two 6mm black beads or safety eyes, black cotton thread, stuffing, small amount of dark brown DK, tapestry needle, sewing needle

SIZE
Height: 12.5cm



CROCHET TEDDY BEAR

Note: this pattern is worked in joined rnds, join with a sl st to first dc after each rnd. 1ch at beg of each rnd does not count as a st throughout

body

Using 4mm hook and Soft Coral 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

Rnds 6-9: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 10: 1ch, (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rnds 11-13: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 14: 1ch, (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 15-16: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 17: 1ch, (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 18: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end Fasten off

head

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

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

Rnds 3-4: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end Change to Soft Coral

Rnd 5: 1ch, 3dc, (2dc in next st) 12 times, 3dc. 30 sts

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

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

Rnds 8-12: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 13: 1ch, (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 14: 1ch, (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 15: 1ch, (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 16: 1ch, (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts Stuff

Rnd 17: 1ch, (dc2tog) to end. Six sts Fasten off

ear

Make two

Using 4mm hook and Shell Pink

make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

Rnd 1: 1ch, 2dc in each st to end. Ten sts

Rnd 2: 1ch, (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 15 sts

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

leg

Make two

Using 4mm hook and Shell Pink 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

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

Rnd 6: 1ch, 6dc, (dc2tog, 1dc) four times, 6dc. 20 sts

Rnd 7: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 8: 1ch, 4dc, (dc2tog, 1dc) four times, 4dc. 16 sts

Rnds 9-10: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end Fasten off

arm

Make two

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

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

Rnds 2-5: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 6: 1ch, 4dc, (dc2tog) twice, 4dc. Ten sts

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

tail

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

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

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

Rnd 4: 1ch, (dc2tog) to end. Six sts Fasten off

to make up

Stuff Body. Attach Ears to Head. Attach eye beads. With dark brown DK, embroider nose and mouth. Attach Head to Body. Stuff Arms and Legs. Attach to Body. Attach Tail. Wrap neck with Pom-pom, make a bow and trim to desired length. Weave in all ends

TOP TIP

IF YOU'RE GIVING THIS TOY TO A VERY YOUNG CHILD WE RECOMMEND YOU EMBROIDER MOON BABY'S EYES INSTEAD

Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

nose

Using 3mm hook and Yarn A make a magic ring, work 7dc into ring, join with a sl st
Fasten off

moon

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

Row 1: 2dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 2dc. Eight sts

Row 2: 3dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 3dc. Ten sts

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

Row 4: 1dc in each st to end

Row 5: dc2tog, (2dc, dc2tog) to end. Ten sts

Row 6: 3dc, (dc2tog) twice, 3dc. Eight sts

Row 7: 2dc, (dc2tog) twice, 2dc. Six sts
Fasten off

coat

* Using 3mm hook and Yarn B make 25ch

Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end. 24 sts

Rows 2-3: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Change to Yarn D

Rows 4-10: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end *
Fasten off

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

Rnd 11: 1ch, 1dc in each st around left Leg, insert hook in first st of right Leg, 1dc in

each st around right Leg. 48 sts

Note:

change to Yarn B after Rnd 37

Rows 12-41: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

coat front trim

With RS facing, rejoin yarn and work 25dc from neck to crotch. 25 sts

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

sleeve

Make two

Using 3mm hook and Yarn C make 19ch

Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end. 18 sts

Rows 2-3: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Change to Yarn D

Rows 4-16: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

arm

Make two

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

Rnds 1-12: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

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
Fasten off

hood

Using 3mm hook and Yarn D make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join with a sl st, turn. Six sts

Note: cont to join each rnd with a sl st but turn at end of each rnd

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

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

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

Rnds 8-9: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 10: 1ch, (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

Rnds 11-13: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

to make up

Stuff Shoe and insert Leg. Secure Shoe to Leg with

sts around Leg. Rep for other Leg.

Wrap Body with Coat and sew seam to crotch.

Roll up trouser hem and secure in place. Roll down Coat neck and centre front edges and secure with sts.

Attach Hood to back of Coat, under neck collar edging (note: piece does not function as hood, it is for appearance).

Fold each Finger in half lengthways and sew edge of each.

Stuff Arm and close hand

opening. Wrap Arm with Sleeve, roll up cuff and secure with sts. Seam Sleeve, sew to Body. Attach Nose to face. Sew Ears to sides of Head. With strong white cotton thread, make dent for mouth. Seam and stuff Moon, attach to top of Head. Push in top 2cm of Body edge into body and sew Head to Body. Cut out stars in felt, glue tog and st to Coat. Cut out moon in felt and st to centre of Hood. Weave in all ends



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HC: Clover
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USE PINKY HUES TO CREATE OUR
COLOUR-CHANGING FRIEND

Blossom



TOP TIP

CARRY THE YARN
UP THE SIDE OF
YOUR WORK TO
AVOID HAVING
LOTS OF ENDS TO
SEW IN

USING YOUR **Blush** YARN KIT



PROJECT
OVERLEAF





PLUS
tapestry
needle,
stuffing, small
amounts of
black DK and
white DK

SIZE
Height: 16cm



Take the
next step

BLOSSOM head & body

Using 4mm
needles and Shell
Pink cast on
eight sts
Work in foll
one-row stripe
sequence: Shell
Pink, Bright Pink,
Cool Lilac

**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

While most elephants enjoy
munching on grass and peanuts,
this colourful lady prefers
snacking on cupcakes with pink
buttercream! They say elephants
never forget and you'll definitely
remember how to work in stripes
once you've knitted this adorable
toy by **ÁINE MARRIOTT**. Our
multicoloured ellie is mainly
worked in stocking stitch with
basic increases and decreases,
so you can focus your grey matter
on perfecting those vibrant
colour changes.

end. 40 sts

Row 10: (k4, kfb)

to end. 48 sts

Row 12: (k5, kfb)

to end. 56 sts

Rows 13-31:

starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 32: (k5,
k2tog) to end.
48 sts

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

Row 34: (k4,
k2tog) to end.
40 sts

Row 36: (k3,
k2tog) to end.
32 sts

Row 38: (k2,
k2tog) to end.
24 sts

Row 39-44:

starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 45: (k2, kfb)

to end. 32 sts

Rows 46-52:

starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 53: (k3, kfb)

to end. 40 sts

Rows 54-61:

starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 62: (k3,
k2tog) to end.
32 sts

Row 63: p

Row 64: (k2,
k2tog) to end.
24 sts

Row 65: p

Row 66: (k1, k2tog)

to end. 16 sts

Row 67: (p2tog) to
end. Eight sts

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

leg

Make four

Using 4mm
needles and Shell
Pink cast on
nine sts

Work in foll
one-row stripe
sequence: Shell
Pink, Bright Pink,
Cool Lilac

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

Row 7: (k2, kfb) to
end. 12 sts

Rows 8-14:

starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 15: (k3, kfb)

to end. 15 sts

Rows 16-22:

starting with a p
row work in st st

Change to Sea
Green

Row 23: (k3,
k2tog) to end.
12 sts

Row 24: k

Row 25: (k2,
k2tog) to end.
Nine sts

Row 26: p

Row 27: (k1, k2tog)

to end. Six sts

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

ear

Make two

Using 4mm
needles and Shell
Pink cast on
ten sts

Work in foll
one-row stripe
sequence: Shell
Pink, Bright Pink,
Cool Lilac

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

Row 2: kfb, k7, kfb,
k1. 12 sts

Row 4: kfb, k9, kfb,
k1. 14 sts

Row 6: kfb, k11,
kfb, k1. 16 sts

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

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

Row 15: p

Row 16: k1, k2tog,
k8, k2tog, k1. 12 sts

Row 17: p

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

Row 19: p1, p2tog,
p4, p2tog, p1.
Eight sts

Row 20: k1, k2tog,
k2, k2tog, k1. Six sts

Row 21: p

Change to Sea
Green

Rows 22-23:

starting with a k
row work in st st

Row 24: kfb, k3,
kfb, k1. Eight sts

Row 25: p

Row 26: kfb, k5,
kfb, k1. Ten sts

Row 27: p

Row 28: kfb, k7,
kfb, k1. 12 sts

Rows 29-35:

starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 36: k1, k2tog,
k6, k2tog, k1.
Ten sts

Row 37: p

Row 38: k1, k2tog,
k4, k2tog, k1.
Eight sts

Cast off pwise

trunk

Using 4mm
needles and Shell
Pink cast on 30 sts

Work in foll
one-row stripe
sequence: Shell
Pink, Bright Pink,
Cool Lilac

Row 1: p

Row 2: (k1, k2tog)

to end. 20 sts

Row 3: p

Row 4: (k2tog) to
end. Ten sts

Rows 5-39:

starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 40: (k2tog) to
end. Five sts

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



to make up

Seam row edges of Body, leaving a gap
at top of Head. Stuff well, close seam.
Gather cast-on sts, pull up tightly and
fasten off. Seam row edges of Legs.
Stuff well. Oversew across cast-on sts.
Sew two Legs to base of Body, pointing
slightly outwards. Sew two Legs to
Body, just under neck, towards
centre-front of Body. Fold Ears in half
so cast-on and cast-off edges meet.
Seam row edges and oversew them.
Sew Ears to Head. Seam rows edges of
Trunk, stuffing lightly as you sew. Stitch
to face. Use black DK to work circle of
ch sts for eyes, approx five sts each side
of Trunk. Fill in eye with ch sts. Use white
DK to add highlights. Use black DK to
embroider eyebrows and mouth. Make
tail using 30cm lengths of Shell Pink,
Bright Pink and Cool Lilac. Sew centre of
lengths to back of Body, near base. Plait
six lengths and knot at bottom. Trim to
neaten. Weave in all ends

Run out of yarn?

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LIGHT PINK

LEMON ZEST

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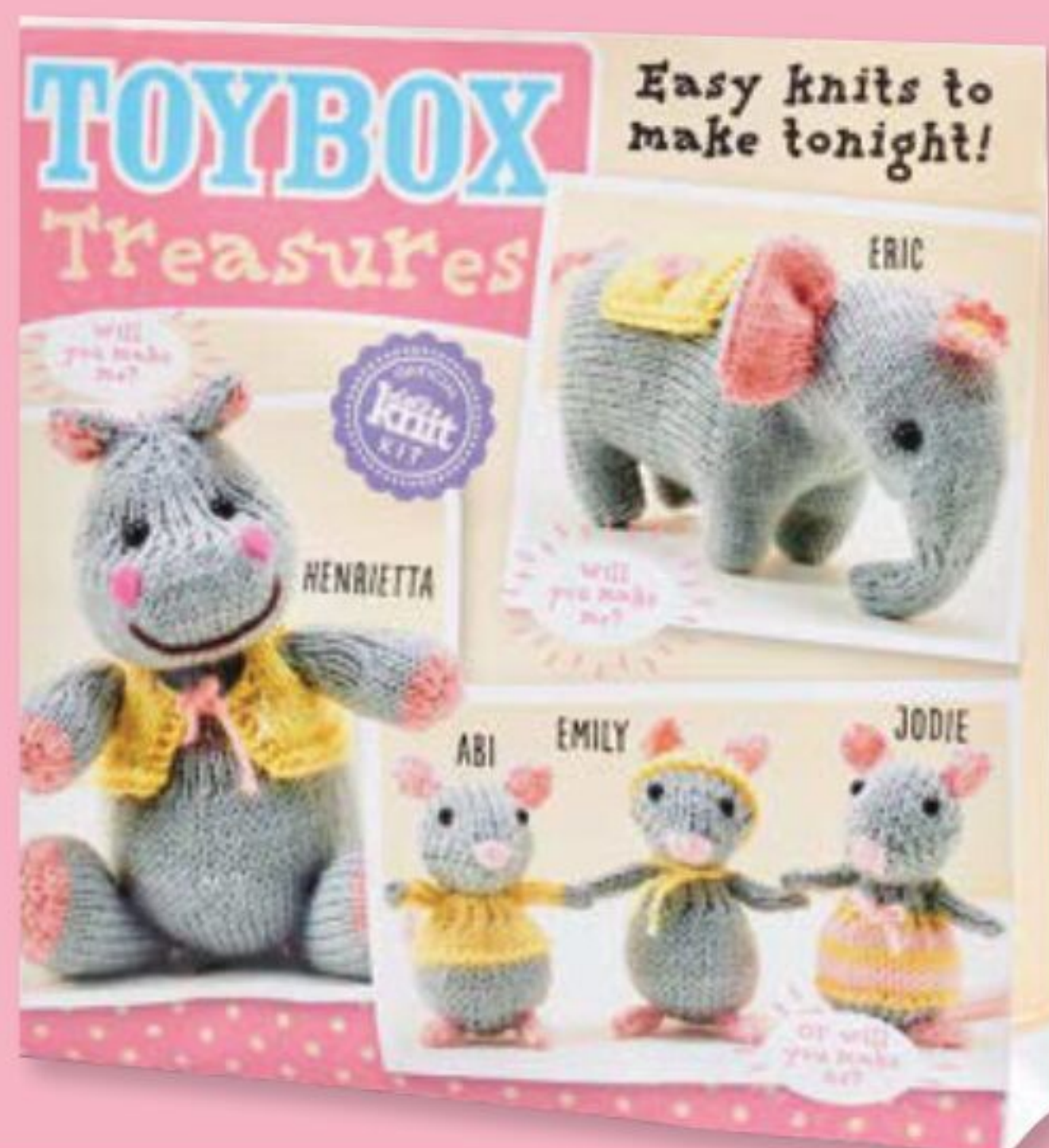
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LEARN TO CROCHET HER MAJESTY

The Queen

24 sts

Rnd 49: (2dc, dc2tog) to end.

18 sts

Stuff firmly

Rnd 51: (1dc, dc2tog) to end.

12 sts

Rnd 52: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

arm

Make two

Using 2.5mm hook and Cream make 2ch

Rnd 1: 4dc in second ch from hook. Four sts

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

Rnds 3-5: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Black

Rnd 6: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 7: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Light Turquoise

Rnd 8: rep Rnd 6

Rnds 9-17: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 18: press opening with your fingers, aligning four sts side by side and dc both sides tog by working 1dc in each pair of sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

hair

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

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

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

18 sts

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

24 sts

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

30 sts

Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in

next st) to end.

36 sts

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

42 sts

Rnd 7: (13dc, 2dc in next st) to end.

45 sts

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

Rnd 16: one sl st, 6dc, 1htr, 10tr, 1htr,

6dc, (one sl st in next st, 9ch, 1dc in

second ch from hook, 1dc in each

st along ch) to last

st, one sl st. 19 hair

curls

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

HAT

Using 2.5mm hook and Light

Turquoise make a magic ring, work

6dc into ring.

Six sts

Rnds 1-2: 2dc in

each st to end.

24 sts

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

30 sts

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

36 sts

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

42 sts

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

56 sts

Rnd 7: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 8: working in BLO, 1dc in each st

to end

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

49 sts

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

Change to Black

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

Change to Light Turquoise

Rnd 17: working in

BLO, 1dc, (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end.

73 sts

Rnd 18: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 19: 1dc, (2dc, 2dc in next st) to

end. 97 sts

Rnd 20: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

flower

Make two

Using 2.5mm hook and White (Pink) make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

Rnd 1: (one sl st in next st, 2ch, yoh,

insert hook in same st, yoh and

pull yarn through st, yoh, pull yarn

through first two loops on hook,

yoh, insert hook in same st, yoh and

pull yarn through



st, yoh, pull yarn through first two

loops on hook, yoh, pull

yarn through three rem loops

on hook, 2ch, one

sl st in same st to complete first

petal) five times, finish with one

sl st in next st. Five petals

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

2dc in last ch.

16 sts

Rnds 2-6: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

strap

Using 2.5mm hook and Black, leaving

a long tail at beg, make 15ch

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

to make up

Sew Hair to Head.

Sew Arms to Body.

Sew Flowers to Hat. Using

tapestry needle, sew Strap to Purse

using both tails. Place Purse on

Arm and sew Arm in position to hold

Purse with a few sts. Weave in

all ends



PURSE

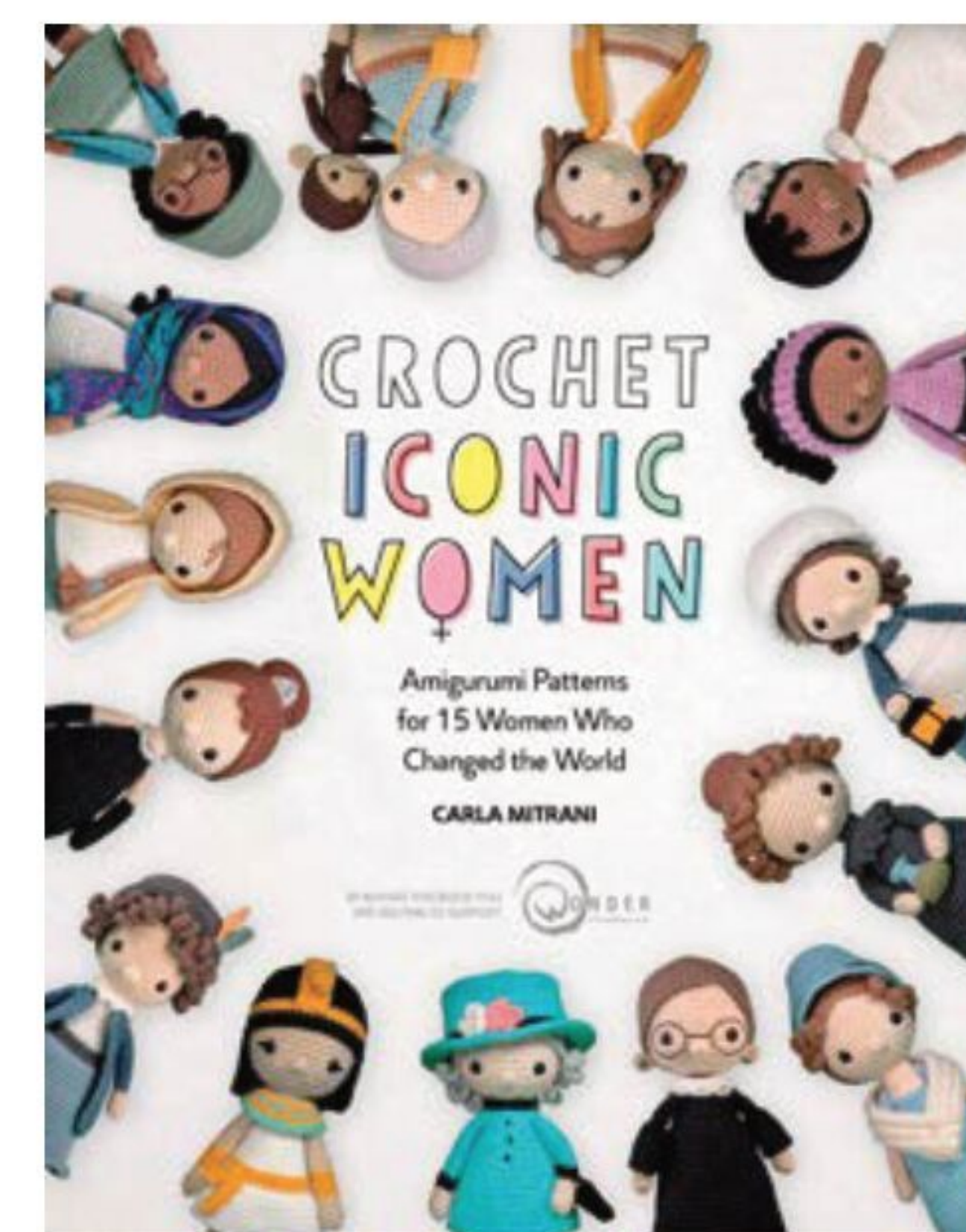
Using 2.5mm hook and Black make 7ch

Rnd 1: 2dc in second ch from

hook, 1dc in each of next 4ch, 4dc in

last ch, turn and work along other

side of foundation ch as folls: 4dc,



This pattern has been adapted from *Crochet Iconic Women* by Carla Mitrani (£15.99, David & Charles) davidandcharles.com



USE YOUR

Blush

YARN KIT

PLUS
tapestry
needle

SIZE
21.5cm square
(excluding
strap)

LOSE YOURSELF IN A MINDFUL PROJECT AND CREATE A

Swish shopper

This retro-inspired tote by **JACKIE CARREIRA** is definitely on our 'to make' list. Whipping up granny squares is so pleasingly repetitive that once you get into the mindful rhythm, you'll have all 18 made and ready to be sewn up before you know it. If you adore granny squares, you won't be disappointed by our treasure trove at **topcrochetpatterns.com**. Pop online now and find your next project.

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beginners

SWISH SHOPPER square

Make 18 (six in each colourway)
Using 4mm hook and Yarn A make 5ch, join with a sl st to make a ring
Rnd 1: 3ch (counts as first tr), 15tr into

ring, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 16 sts
Change to Yarn B joining yarn in BLO
Rnd 2: working in BLO, 3ch (counts as first tr), 4tr in same st as 3ch, (3tr, 5tr in next st) to last three sts, 3tr, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch
Rnd 3: 3ch (counts as first tr), 1tr, 5tr in next st, (7tr, 5tr in next st) to last 5tr, 5tr, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch
Fasten off

to make up
Using Sea Green, join squares tog to create two panels of nine squares as folls: hold two squares tog and, with RS facing out, work 1dc in each st of Rnd 3. Be sure to insert hook through both loops of st in each square and take care to match squares carefully. Join squares to create horizontal strips, turn work 90° then use one row of dc to join along vertical lines in same way. Once two panels are complete, place them on top of each other with RS facing out. Rejoin Sea Green to corner st at top-left. Using same method as above, join panels tog along three sides with one round of dc, working 3dc in each corner st at bottom of Bag. Leave fourth side unjoined to create opening. Work one round of dc around top edge

of Bag and join with a sl st to first dc. Do not fasten off, cont to Strap

strap
Row 1: 3ch (counts as first tr), 1tr in each of first 6dc, turn. Seven sts
Row 2: 3ch (counts as first tr), 1tr in each st to end, working last st in top of 3ch of prev row, turn

Rep Row 2 until strap meas 40cm, or longer if preferred
Fasten off

to make up
Join end of Strap to opposite corner of Bag opening, using either dc method or tapestry needle. Take care not to twist Strap. Weave in all ends

GREAT ADVICE

COLOURWAYS

- Square 1:** Yarn A, Shell Pink; Yarn B, Soft Coral
- Square 2:** Yarn A, Shell Pink; Yarn B, Cool Lilac
- Square 3:** Yarn A, Shell Pink; Yarn B, Bright Pink



Run out of yarn?

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BLUSH PINK



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DUSTY LILAC



BRIGHT PEACH



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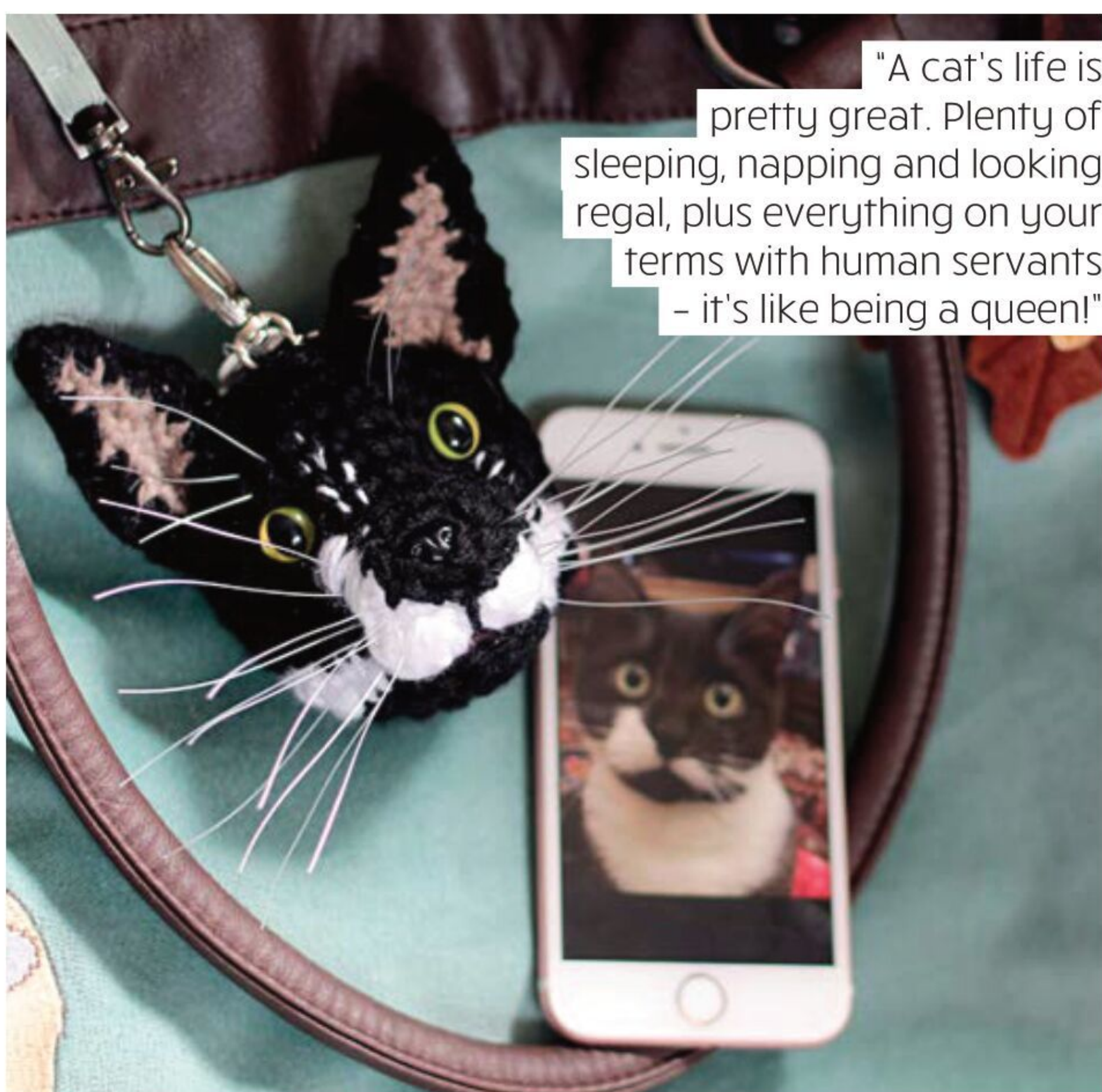
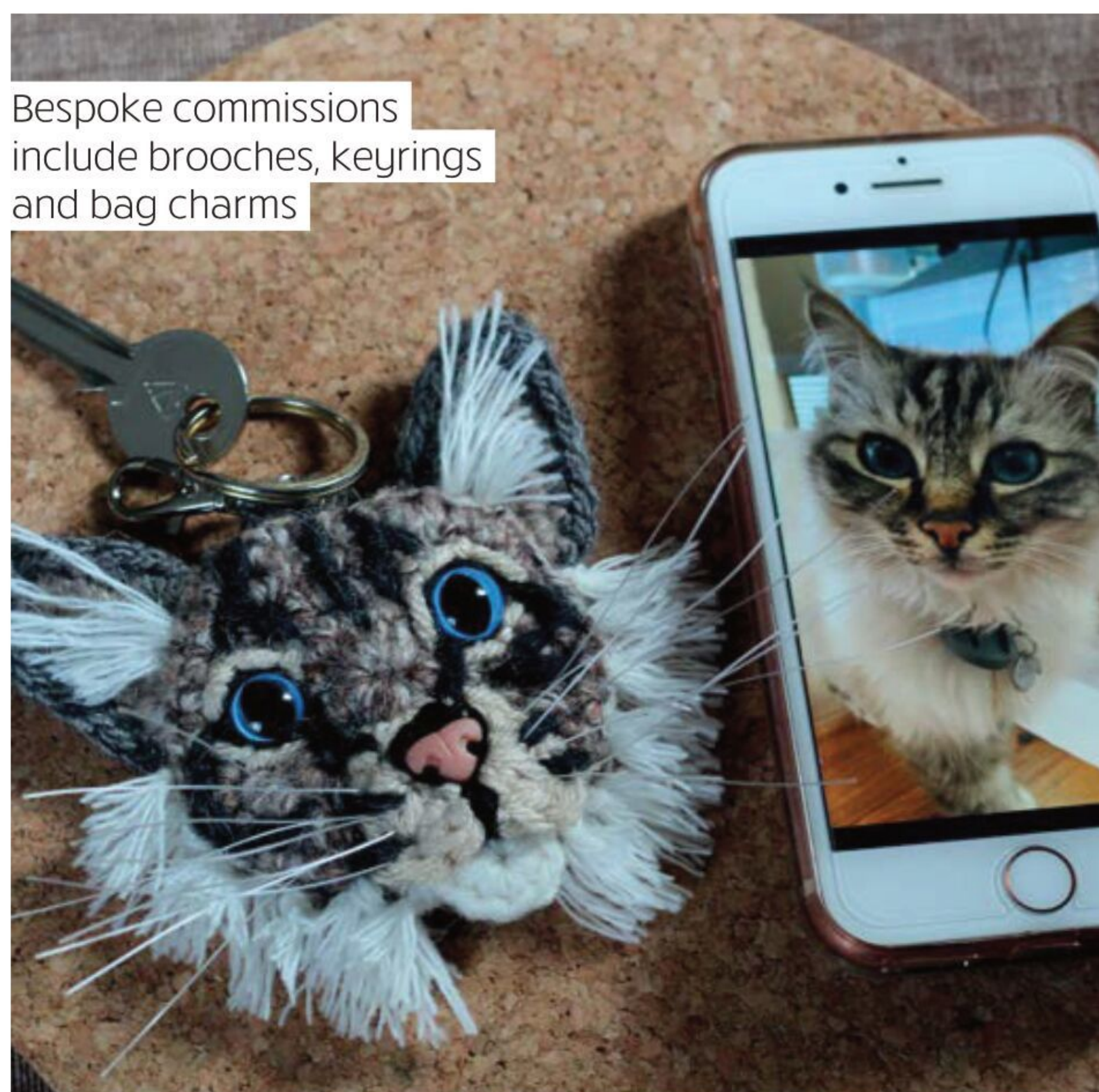
*Behind these bespoke
crochet pet portraits
is a story of heart,
determination and
overcoming life's obstacles*

WORDS BY ROSIE SAVAGE

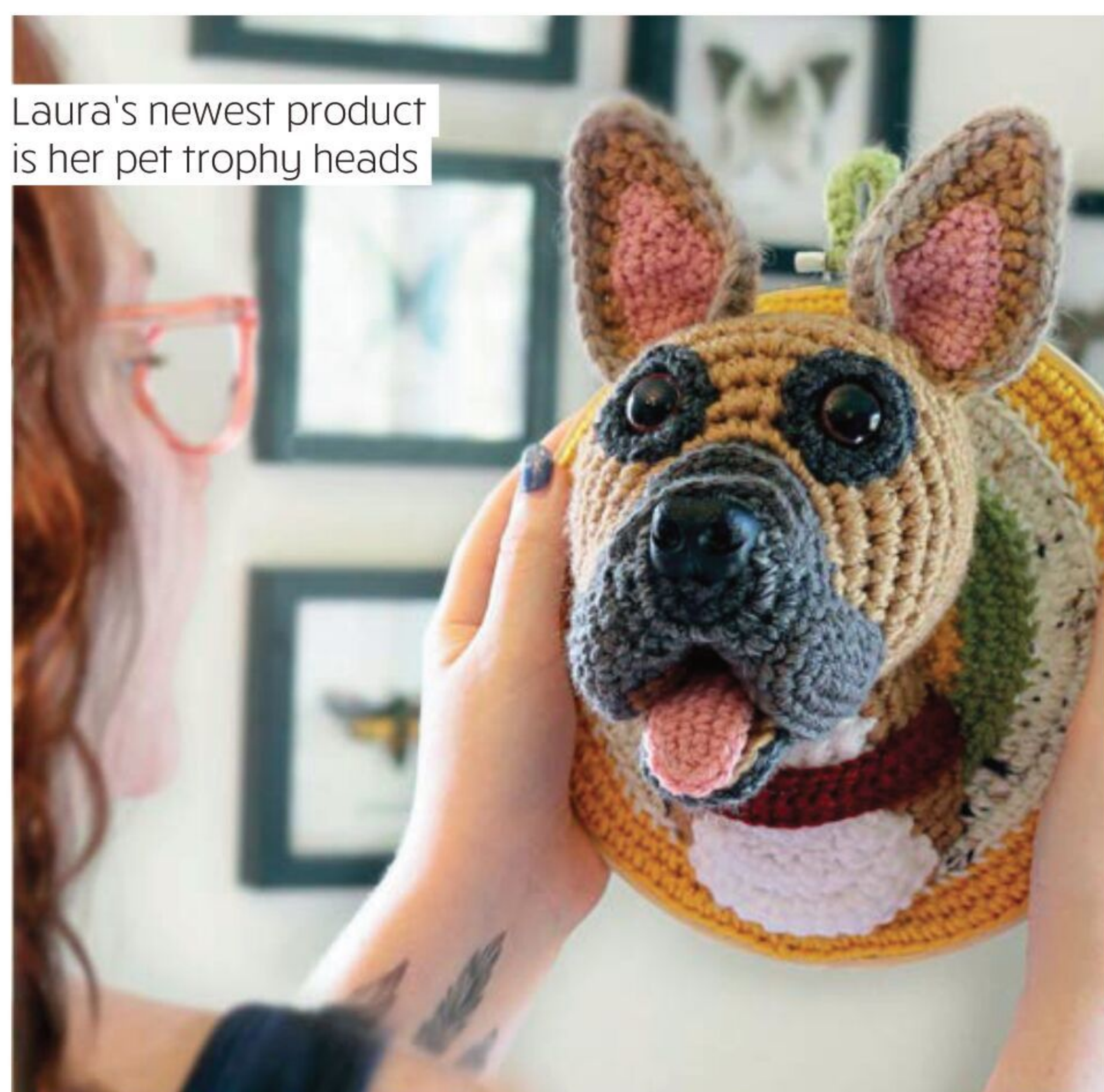
Picture the scene: you have your dream job. You're doing what you've always wanted to do, something that's been ingrained in you from a very young age. But due to something entirely out of your control – in this case, a debilitating chronic illness – you have to stop. Now, it takes a special kind of person to pull themselves out of such a dark place, and that person is Laura Remblance. The founder of Lovingly Handmade Crochet, Laura turned her life around and now brings joy to others with her crocheted pets. She's an utter inspiration. Naturally, I wanted to find out more...



Bespoke commissions include brooches, keyrings and bag charms



"A cat's life is pretty great. Plenty of sleeping, napping and looking regal, plus everything on your terms with human servants – it's like being a queen!"



Laura's newest product is her pet trophy heads

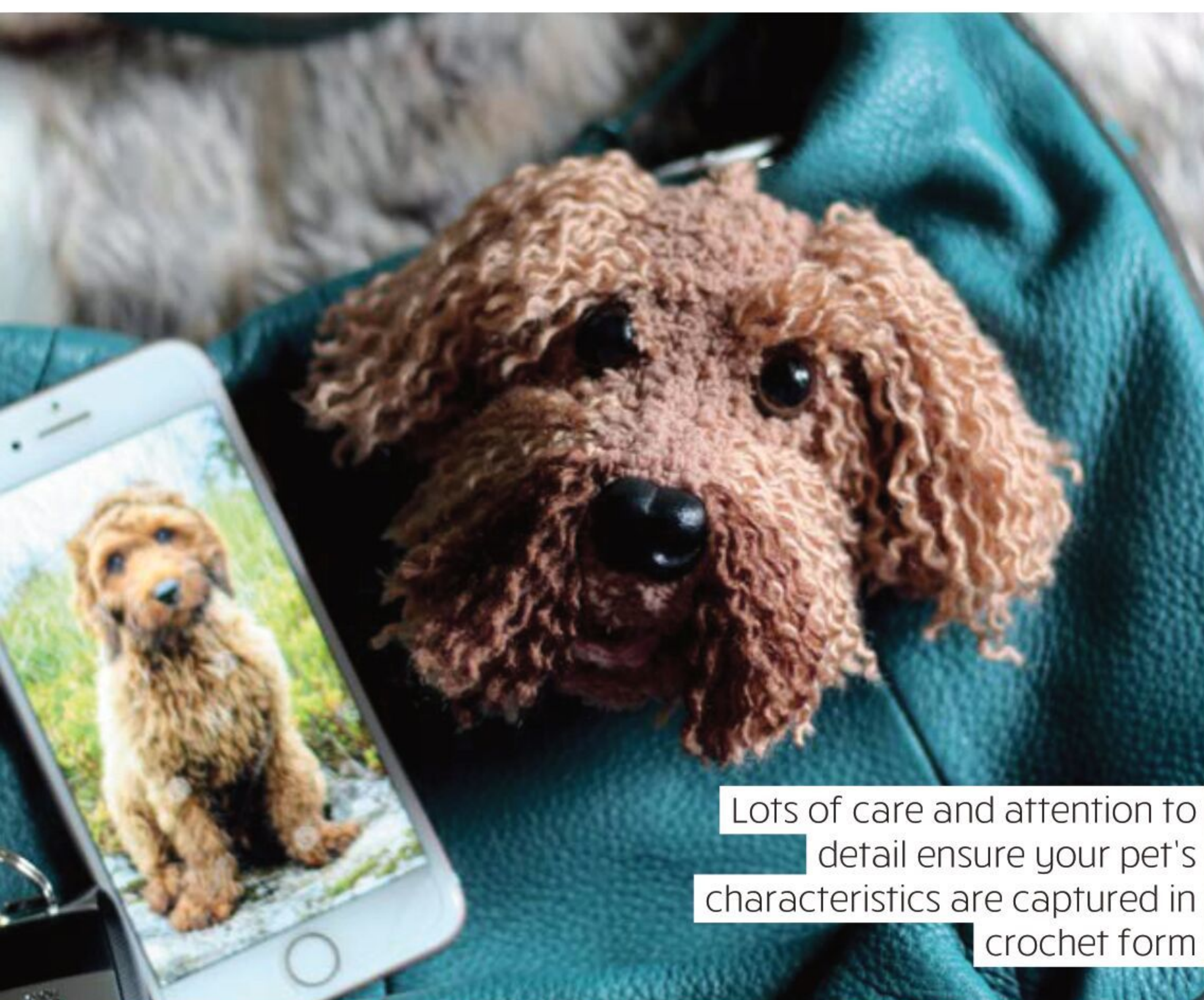
To understand Laura's story, we need to go back to (almost) the very beginning. From the age of four, she experienced severe pain in her knees and was told the old adage: it's just growing pains. But Laura couldn't sleep, she couldn't see her friends, and 15 years of misdiagnosis followed. "My wonderful mum and dad would often wake up to hear me crying and end up sitting on my bed for hours on end trying to console me," remembers Laura. "Knowing that the doctors were doing nothing to help, they would end up taking me to A&E at all hours of the morning and just generally fighting for me in any way they could."

As it happened, Laura underwent a small, completely unrelated operation aged 19, and a kind nurse told her she had juvenile arthritis. "I saw a rheumatologist and I got my final results – I had the knees of a 90 year-old woman. And I had rheumatoid arthritis." Treatment took the edge off Laura's pain, but unfortunately the hardship doesn't stop there. Severe anxiety, depression and fibromyalgia followed. "I became disabled at just 28 years old," she explains. "I had to give up my new teaching job in special education as I was unable to cope with the hours and intensity involved in such a career."

"Ever since I was a young child, I had always wanted to be a teacher," Laura continues. "My poor little sister Becky had to play the part of my pupil during the holidays when I used to make her play 'schools' for the whole summer. I would even set her homework! When I realised that I was no longer going to be able to teach, it was almost like going through a grieving process. I really felt like I was living my dream, so when it was all gone it really devastated me."

She became very depressed and lost, but she has her family to thank for pulling her through. "My mum especially would encourage me to carry on and not let it limit me," she says fondly. "Having such a close family made a huge difference and seeing my mum and dad always work hard despite their difficulties really inspired me to have the same strength." Her partner Riccardo was another guiding light. "He truly helped me get through it and encouraged me to pursue the arts and crafts that I always enjoyed. Crafting really became my coping mechanism and escape."

Riccardo is more than encouragement though; he's Laura's ally. They run the company together and, better still, they crochet together! "Riccardo picked up a hook too and wanted to learn!" exclaims Laura. "He ended up having to leave work



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to take care of me, but we started getting busy and I needed his help with the business anyway. Now he is able to care for me and work with me."

Laura started crocheting as a sofa activity, to take her mind off the pain. After admiring beautiful crochet flowers that her aunt had put on a blanket for her, she decided to give it a go for herself. "I'd been taught to knit as a child by my mum and nan, but never really got the hang of anything other than doing rows for scarves," admits Laura. "Crochet seemed like an exciting way to do more with the balls of wool I still had laying around the house. I was hooked pretty much straight away – pun intended!"

For someone with as much talent as Laura, understandably she wanted to go beyond following YouTube videos to make simple flowers. "Once I got bored of that (which doesn't take long for me!) I decided to try following a free toy pattern," she remembers. "Around this time, we lost our first furbaby, our beautiful cat Binky. She was a dinky little thing who was sadly hit by a car near our home. I wanted a cuddly reminder of her."

It was Riccardo who suggested she do the same for other people: immortalise pets in crochet form, so furry friends can be celebrated and remembered. Laura joined a disabled crafting community called Conscious Crafties, which helped her grow her business and find support from others in similar circumstances. What's followed is a wealth of bespoke commissions that make people smile. Has she had a favourite order over the years? "It's hard to pick because they're all so different," she says. "I know that sounds a bit of a cop out but it's true. We both love animals so much, each one means something very different to each customer, and it's always an honour to be entrusted with making a tangible memorial of a lost pet. Those commissions are the hardest but also the most rewarding."

Laura and Riccardo understandably have to build relationships to help grieving pet owners; it's certainly not a quick transaction, and they wouldn't want it to be. "We've had customers crying on our doorstep whilst collecting their

What would you say to someone else who has suddenly had to rethink their career due to a disability?

I think there is an old saying that is very true – when one door shuts another will open! Sometimes bad things happen, and it can feel like the end of the world, but also a lot of good can come from having to start again. I would not change what happened to me now for anything. That's certainly not something I ever thought I would say three years ago but now everything feels right. Just don't give up! Disability may be a limitation but there is still plenty you can achieve with a little creative thinking.

keepsakes, and we've received beautiful handwritten thank you cards and even gifts. We really have amazing clients and appreciate their trust in us so much."

"I became disabled at just 28 years old. I had to give up my new teaching job in special education as I was unable to cope with the hours and intensity involved in such a career"

Also trusting in Lovingly Handmade Crochet is notonthehighstreet.com. "Being accepted as a Partner was the biggest achievement for our business and it's something we are so proud of," explains Laura. "To then win Best Handmade Product 2019 was absolutely mind-blowing! We were overwhelmed by it all and it was such a huge honour considering how many incredibly talented Partners there are."

Notonthehighstreet.com has always offered love and support to Laura, as have the people around her. And when life throws you such devastating curveballs, it really is essential. Surround yourself with people who build you up, and who knows what could happen? In Laura's case, she left her dream job – but it's safe to say she found another.

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PLUS

stitch markers,
tapestry
needle,
stuffing, two
9mm black
safety eyes,
one small
brown safety
nose

SIZE

Height: 17.5cm



MITTENS

head

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rnds 6-13: 1dc in
each st to end
Note: stuff as
you go

Rnd 14: (4dc,
dc2tog) to end.
30 sts

Rnd 15: (3dc,
dc2tog) to end.
24 sts
Insert safety eyes
between Rnds
10-11, approx seven

sts apart

Rnd 16: (2dc,
dc2tog) to end.
18 sts

Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

muzzle

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

Rnd 1: (1dc, [2dc in
next st] twice) to
end. Ten sts

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

Rnds 3: 1dc in each
st to end
Insert nose
between Rnds 1-2
Stuff slightly
Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

ear

Make two

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

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

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

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

Rnd 4: 1dc in each
st to end

Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

body

Note: working
from bottom
upwards
Using 4mm hook
and Soft Coral
make a magic ring,
work 6dc into ring.
Six sts

Rnds 1-5: rep Rnds
1-5 of Head. 36 sts

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

Rnd 11: (4dc,
dc2tog) to end.
30 sts

Rnds 12-13: 1dc in
each st to end

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

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

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

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

Note: stuff as
you go

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

Rnd 21: (dc2tog) to
end. Six sts
Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

front leg

Make two

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

Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

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

Rnds 3-5: 1dc in
each st to end

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

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

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

Change to Cool
Lilac

Rnds 12-16: 1dc in
each st to end
Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

back leg

Make two

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

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

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

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

Rnd 8: (1dc,
dc2tog) to end.
12 sts

Rnds 9-12: 1dc in
each st to end

Change to Cool
Lilac

Rnds 13-16: 1dc in
each st to end
Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

tail

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

Rnds 1-2: rep Rnds
1-2 of Ear. Ten sts

Rnds 3-21: 1dc in

each st to end
Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

collar

Using 4mm hook
and Sea Green
make a ch long
enough to fit
around neck

Row 1: starting in
second ch from
hook, 1dc in each
st to end
Fasten off

bow

Using 4mm hook
and Sea Green
make 11ch

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

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

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to make up

Sew Muzzle between eyes over Rnds 11-15. Use two strands of Bright Pink to embroider three whiskers, starting on Rnd 12, either side of nose. Attach Ears to Head at least five sts apart. Sew Body closed. Attach Head to Body. Stuff Back Legs up to Rnd 10 and attach on either side of bottom of Body over Rnds 6-10. Stuff Front Legs up to Rnd 10 and attach to front of Body on Rnd 16. Stuff Tail up to Rnd 13. Sew Tail to back of Body. Attach Collar around cat's neck. Wrap length of Sea Green around centre of Bow eight times, secure yarn tail and fasten off. Attach Bow to Collar. Weave in all ends

TOP TIP

LEAVING LONG TAILS BEFORE FASTENING OFF MAKES SEWING UP MUCH EASIER!





PLUS

4mm x 80cm
circular needle,
17cm pink zip,
tapestry
needle

SIZE

Pencil Case
length: 20cm
Dish
circumference:
38cm
Bookmark
length (excl
tassels): 19.5cm



Take the
next step

**PENCIL
CASE**
side

Using 4mm
needles and Shell
Pink cast on 35 sts
Row 1 (RS): k
Row 2: p
Change to
Pom-pom
Row 3: k
Row 4: p
Work in foll colour
sequence: six rows
Cool Lilac, four

rows Soft Coral,
eight rows
Bright Pink
Row 5-22: starting
with a k row work
in st st
Change to
Shell Pink
Rows 23-44: rep
Rows 1-22
Change to
Pom-pom
Rows 45: k
Row 46: p
Change to Shell
Pink

Row 47: k
Row 48: p
Cast off

end

Make two
Using 4mm
needles and Shell
Pink cast on 14 sts
Rows 1-6: k
Row 7: k2tog, k to
last two sts, k2tog.

12 sts
Rows 8-9: k
Row 10: rep Row 7.
Ten sts
Rows 11-13: k
Row 14: rep Row 7.
Eight sts
Rows 15-16: k
Row 17: rep Row 7.
Six sts
Rows 18-19: k
Row 20: rep Row
7. Four sts
Row 21: k
Cast off

DISH

Using 4mm
needles and Bright
Pink cast on 15 sts
**Row 1 and every
odd-numbered
row:** k
Row 2: k14, turn
Row 4: k13 turn
Row 6: k12, turn
Row 8: k11, turn
Row 10: k10, turn

Row 12: k9, turn
Row 14: k8, turn
Row 16: k7, turn
Row 18: k6, turn
Row 20: k5, turn
Row 22: k4, turn
Row 24: k3, turn
Row 26: k2, turn
Rows 27-28: k
Rep Rows 1-28 five
times, using foll
colours for each
segment: Sea
Green, Soft Coral,
Bright Pink, Cool
Lilac, Shell Pink
Cast off
Join last section to
first section to
form circle

rim

Using 4mm
circular needle
and Sea Green
pick up and k 102
sts around
circumference of

Dish. Do not join in
the rnd
Row 1: p
Row 2: (k4, k2tog)
to end. 85 sts
Rows 3-5: starting
with a p row work
in st st
Cast off

BOOKMARK

Make two

Using 4mm
needles and Shell
Pink cast on 50 sts
Row 1 (WS): p
Row 2: k1, kfb, k5,
sl 1, k1, pss0, k2tog,
k5, ([kfb] twice, k5,
sl 1, k1, pss0, k2tog,
k5) to last two sts,
kfb, k1
Work in foll
two-row stripe
sequence: Cool
Lilac, Bright Pink,
Sea Green, Soft
Coral

Rows 3-10: rep
Rows 1-2 four
times
Cast off

to make up

Attach zip to
cast-on and
cast-off edge on
WS of Pencil Case.
Sew End pieces to
either side and
turn RS out. Make
small tassel and
attach to zip. Fold
over Dish Rim
lengthwise and
sew in place. Sew
Pom-pom around
Rim. Sew two
pieces of
Bookmark tog.
Make three tassels
and attach to
bottom. Weave in
all ends



**“When sewing the
zip in, make sure
you leave enough
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YARN

King Cole Baby Alpaca DK, shade 3068 Basil, three 50g balls for Bedsocks, two 50g balls for Hot Water Bottle Cover

PLUS

4mm needles, 4mm double-pointed needles, stitch markers, tapestry needle

SIZE

Bedsocks foot length: 22cm
Hot Water Bottle Cover height: 32cm



BEDSOCKS cuff

Using 4mm dpns cast on 48 sts, join in rnd being careful not to twist sts, pm for beg of rnd
Rnd 1: (k2, p2) to end
Rep Rnd 1 until work meas 15cm

ankle

Rnds 1-2: k
Rnd 3: (k1, p1) to end
Rnd 4: k
Rnds 5-16: rep Rnds 1-4 three times

heel

Note: work back and forth in rows
Set-up row 1 (RS): k12, turn

Is there anything more comforting than snuggling up on a chilly day in cosy socks, with a toasty hot water bottle? This beautiful set designed by **JULIE FERGUSON** is knitted in baby alpaca so it's soft and super luxurious! The socks require working in the round and shaping skills, whereas the hot water bottle cover is more straightforward and worked on straight needles, so it's ideal for novice knitters.



Set-up row 2 (WS):

with one needle, p24
Place rem 24 sts on two spare dpns
Set-up row 3: k24, cont on these 24 sts only

Row 1:

wyif sl 1 pwise, p to end

Row 2:

(wyib sl 1 pwise, k1) to end

Note:

these two rows set patt

Rep Rows 1-2 12 times, then Row 1 once more

Turn Heel as folls:

Row 1:

k14, skpo, k1, turn. 23 sts

Row 2:

sl 1 pwise, p5, p2tog, p1, turn. 22 sts

Row 3:

sl 1 pwise, k to first st before gap, skpo, k1, turn. 21 sts

Row 4:

(wyib sl 1 pwise, k1) to one st before gap, p2tog, p1, turn. 20 sts

Rows 5-8:

rep Rows 3-4 twice. 16 sts

Row 9:

sl 1 pwise, k to first st before gap, skpo, turn. 15 sts

Row 10:

(wyib sl 1 pwise, k1) to one st before gap, p2tog, turn. 14 sts

gusset & foot

Note: return to working in rnds as folls:

N1: k across 14 sts, pick up and k15 sts evenly down side edge of Heel, N2: k24 sts from spare needles, N3: pick

up and k16 sts evenly up side edge of Heel then k first seven sts from N1, pm for beg of Rnd. N1: 23

sts, N2: 24 sts, N3: 23 sts
Note: each rnd now begins at centre back Heel, with decreases on

N1 and N3 in knit, and keeping continuity of pattern on N2
Rnd 1: N1: k to last three sts, k2tog, k1,

N2: patt, N3: k1, skpo, k to end. 68 sts

Rnd 2: N1: k, N2: patt, N3: k
Rep Rnds 1-2 until 48 sts rem
Rep Rnd 2 only until foot meas 19cm from back of Heel

shape toe

Rnd 1: N1: k to last three sts, k2tog, k1, N2: k1, skpo, k to

KITCHENER STITCH

This is a brilliant technique for grafting toe stitches together on socks. It is worked as follows:

SET UP: Before starting you need to prepare the stitches on the needle. Hold the two needles with the remaining stitches parallel. The loose end of yarn should be coming from the back needle and lying to the right of the work.



1 Thread the yarn end onto a tapestry needle and insert it purlwise into the first stitch on the needle closest to you. Pull the yarn through but leave the stitch on the needle.



2 Insert the tapestry needle knitwise into the first stitch on the back needle and pull the yarn through, leaving the stitch on the needle.

3 Having set up as shown in Steps 1 and 2, repeat Steps 3 and 4 until all stitches have been grafted. Insert the tapestry needle knitwise into the first stitch on the front needle and slide the stitch off. Before you pull the yarn through this stitch, insert the tapestry needle into the next stitch on the front needle purlwise and pull the yarn through, this time leaving the stitch on the needle.



4 Insert the tapestry needle purlwise into the first stitch on the back needle and slide it off. Before pulling the yarn through this stitch, insert the tapestry needle into the next stitch on the back needle knitwise and pull the yarn through, leaving the stitch on the needle.



last three sts,
k2tog, k1, N3: k1,
skpo, k to end.
44 sts

Rnd 2: k
Rep Rnds 1-2 until
20 sts rem
Graft sts using
Kitchener st (see
panel)

to make up

Block carefully.
Weave in all ends

HOT WATER BOTTLE COVER

side

Make two

Using 4mm
needles cast on
33 sts

Row 1 (RS): k

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

Row 3: k2, m1, k to

last two sts, m1, k2.
35 sts

Row 5: k2, m1, k1,
(p1, k1) to last two
sts, m1, k2. 37 sts

Row 7: k2, m1, k to
last two sts, m1, k2.
39 sts

Row 8: p

Rows 9-16: rep
Rows 5-8 twice.
47 sts

Row 17: k1, (p1, k1)
to end

Row 19: k

Row 20: p
Rep Rows 17-20
until work meas
20cm from
cast-on edge,
ending after
a WS row

Next row: k2,
skpo, patt to last
four sts, k2tog, k2.
45 sts

Next row: p2,
p2tog, p to last
four sts, p2tog tbl,
p2. 43 sts
Rep last two rows
three times. 31 sts

cuff

Row 1: k2, (p2, k2)
to last st, p1

Row 2: k1, p2, (k2,
p2) to end

Rep Rows 1-2 until
Cuff meas 20cm
Cast off loosely

to make up

Put two Sides tog
and seam edges
on WS. Seam on RS
of Cuff for a
neat, folded finish.
Weave in all ends

GREAT ADVICE

It may seem daunting to be using four or five needles to knit these socks, but you are actually only holding two at a time. Make sure your stitches sit in the middle of each needle when not in use to avoid them sliding off. To prevent ladders forming in your work, give the yarn an extra tug when knitting the first stitch on each needle. Alternatively, you can knit these socks on a long circular needle using the magic loop method



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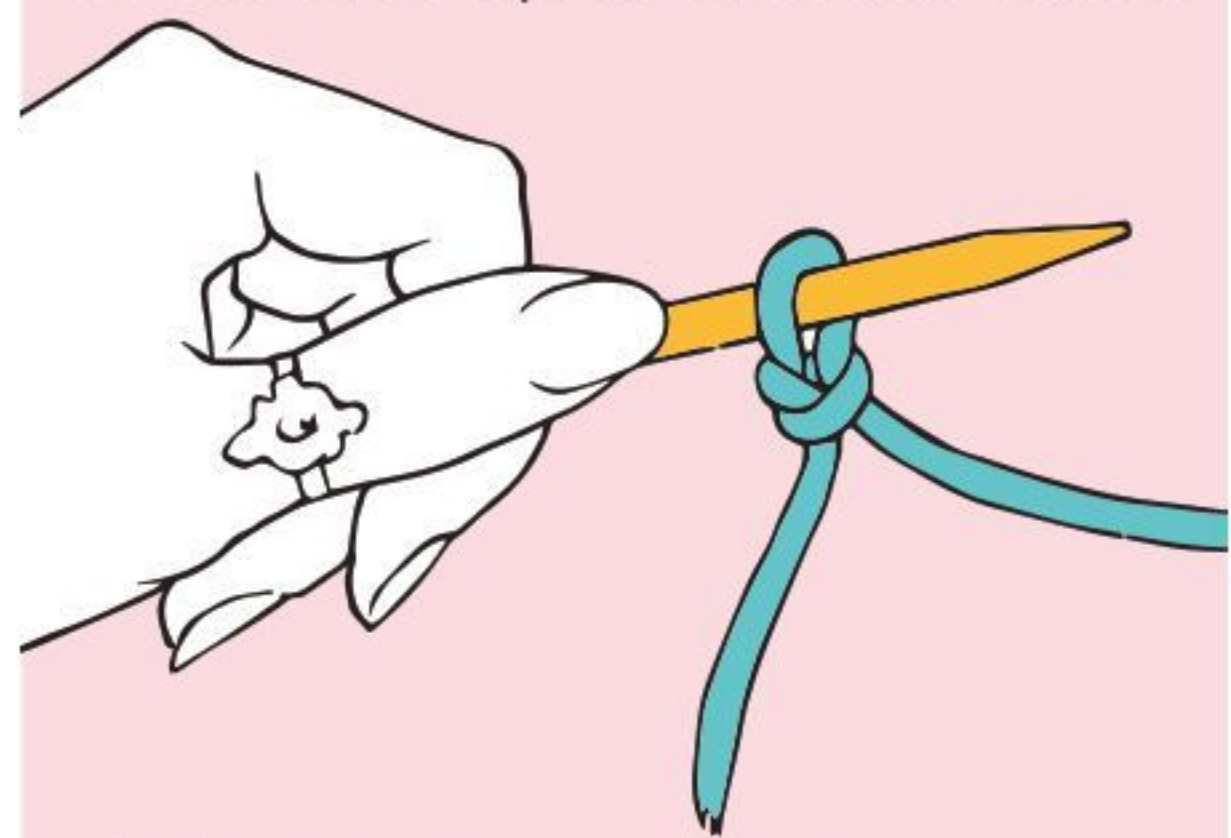
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slip knot

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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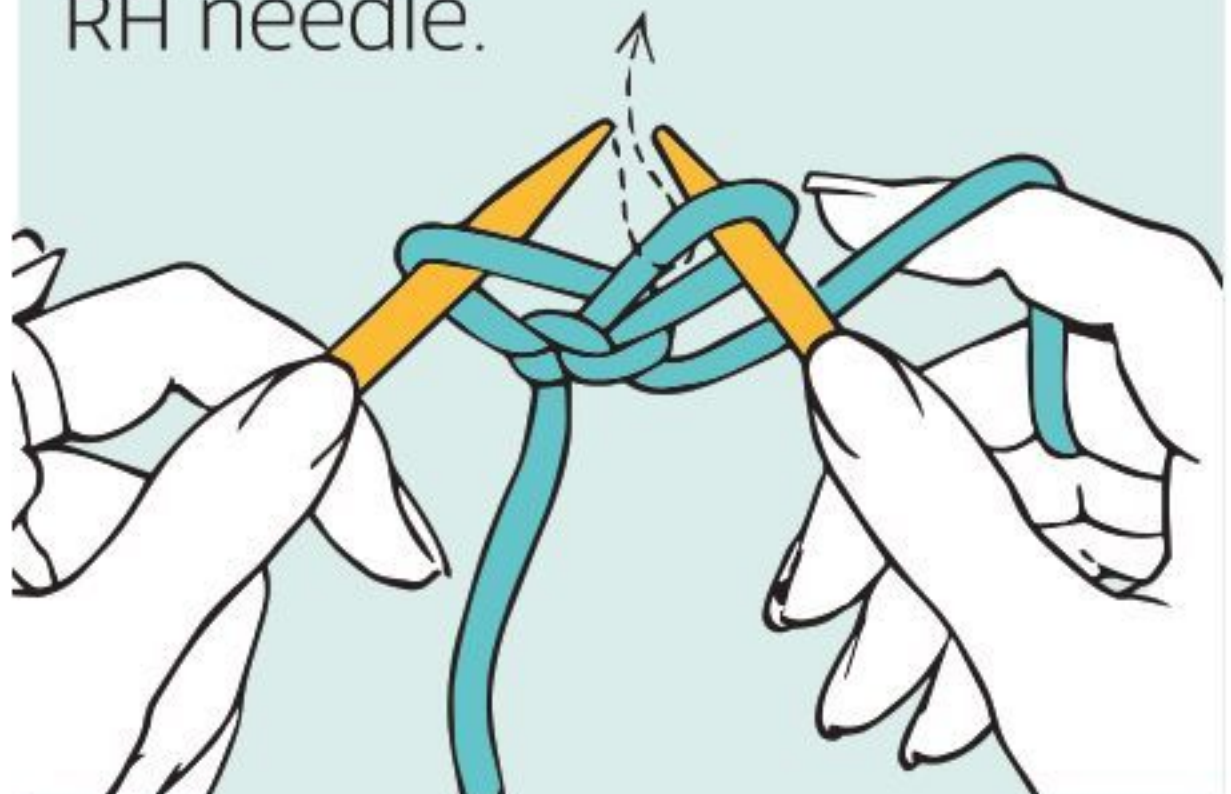
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cast on

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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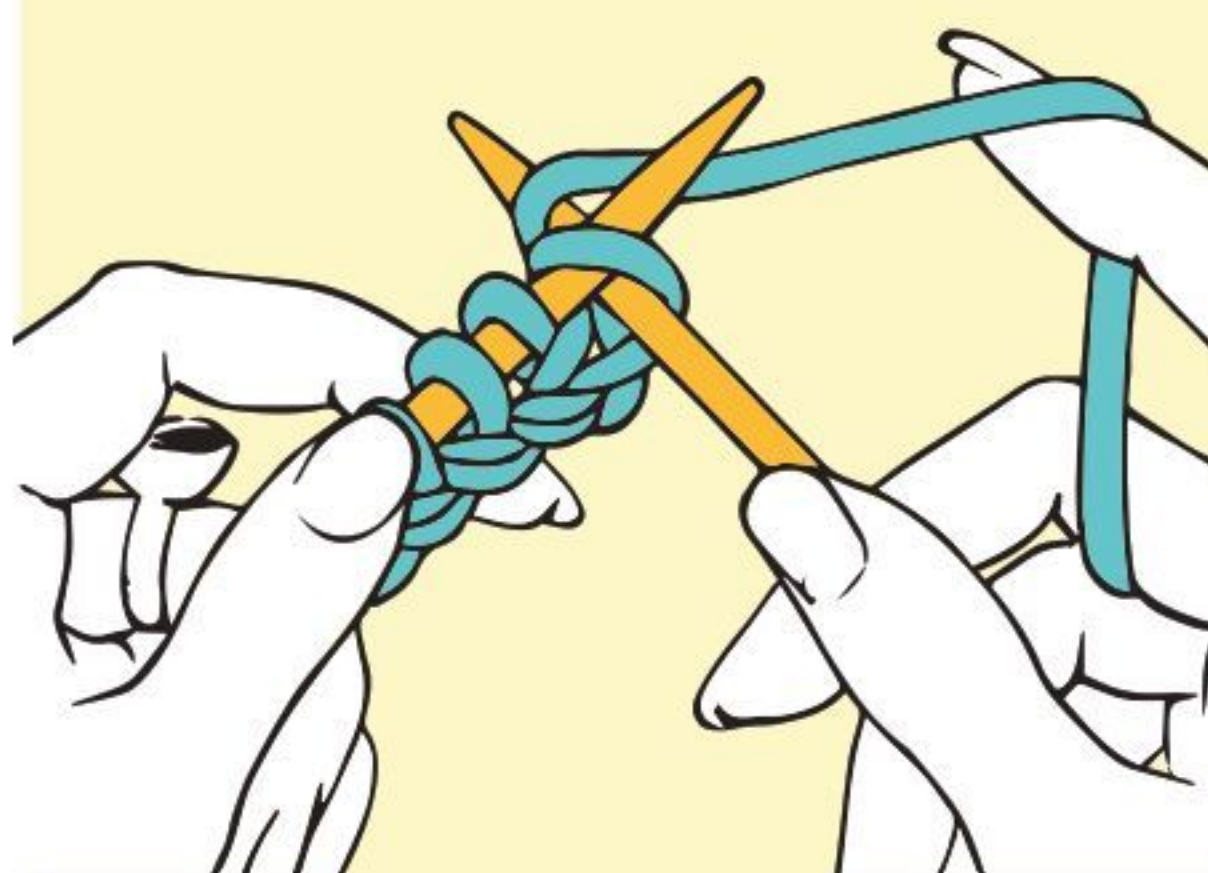
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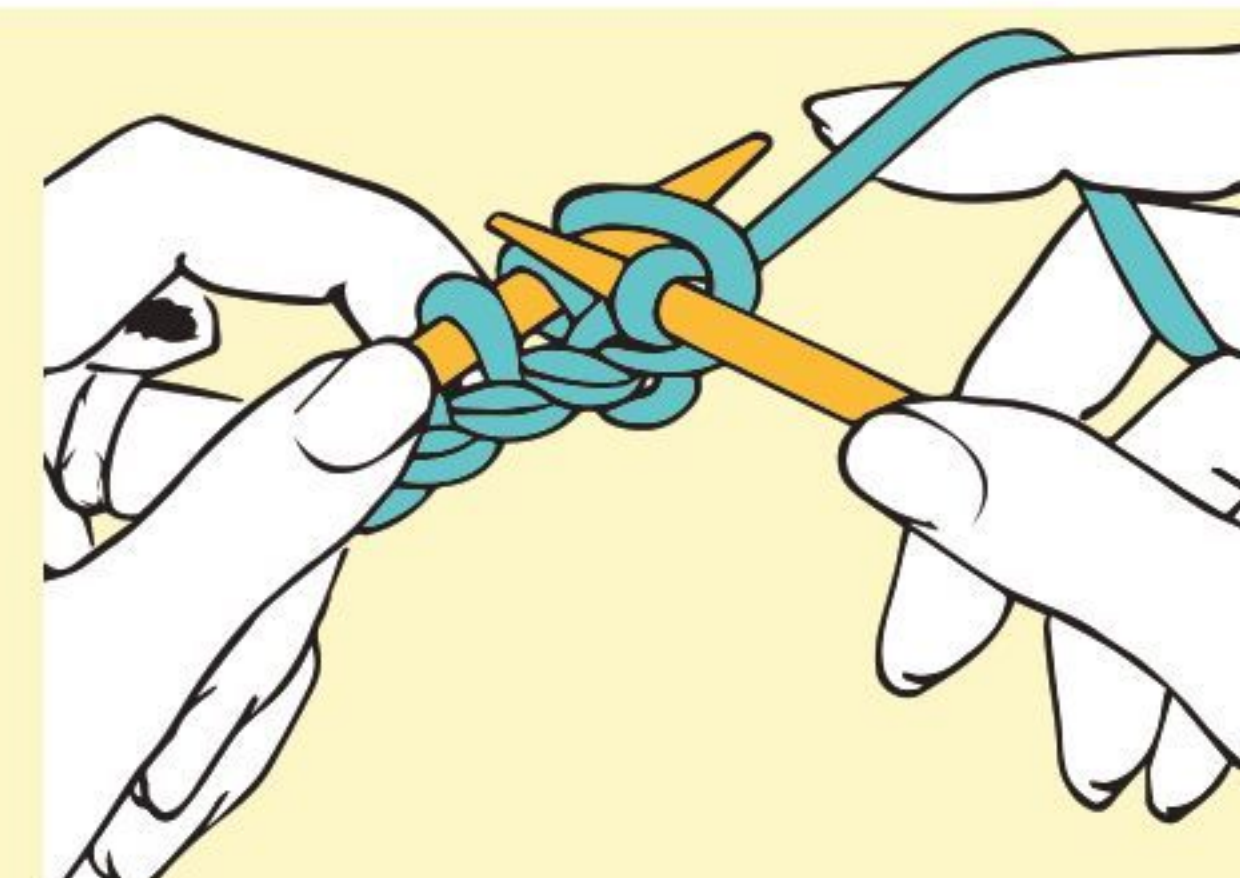
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knit stitch (k)

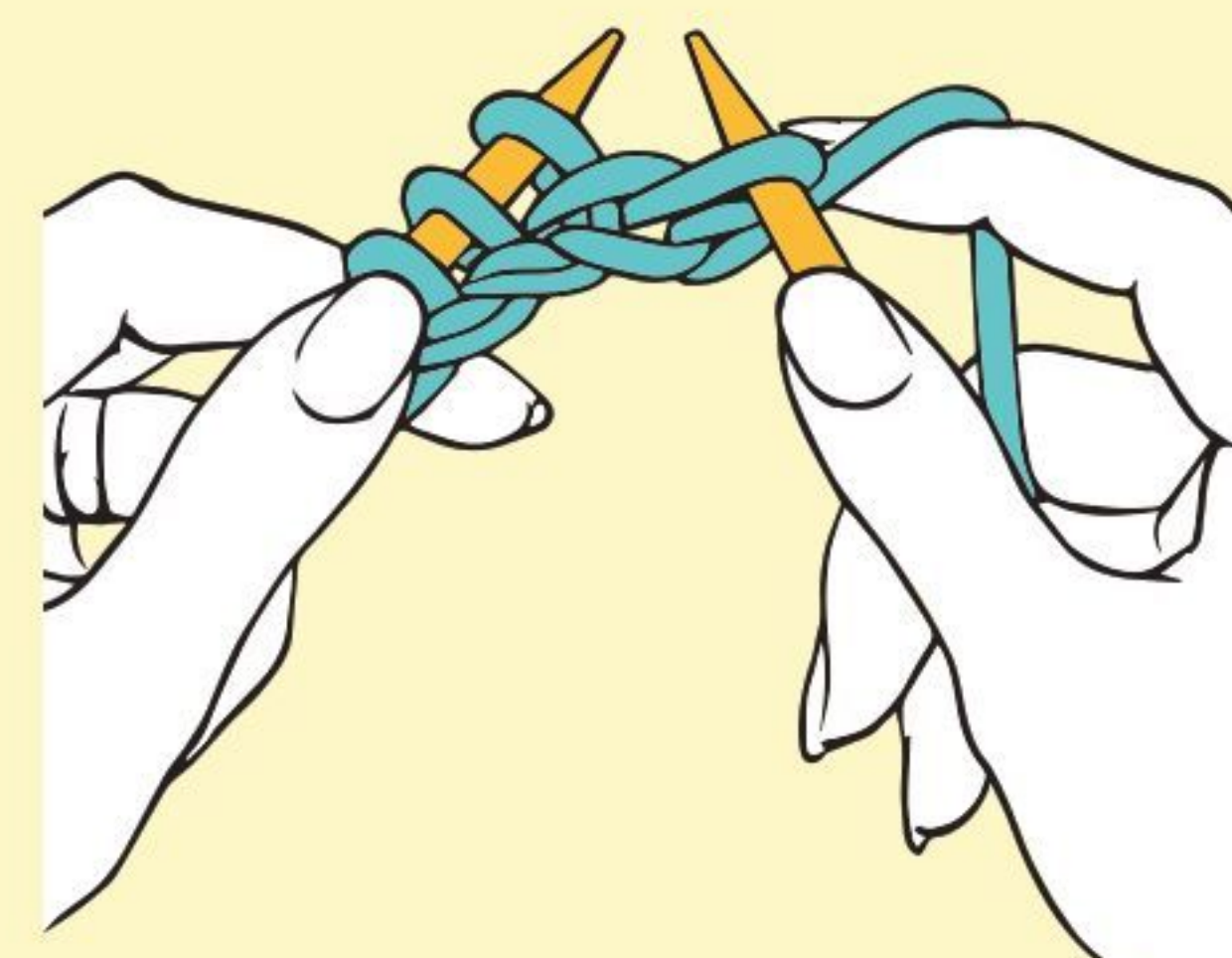
Also known as garter stitch, the knit stitch is the foundation of knitting



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.



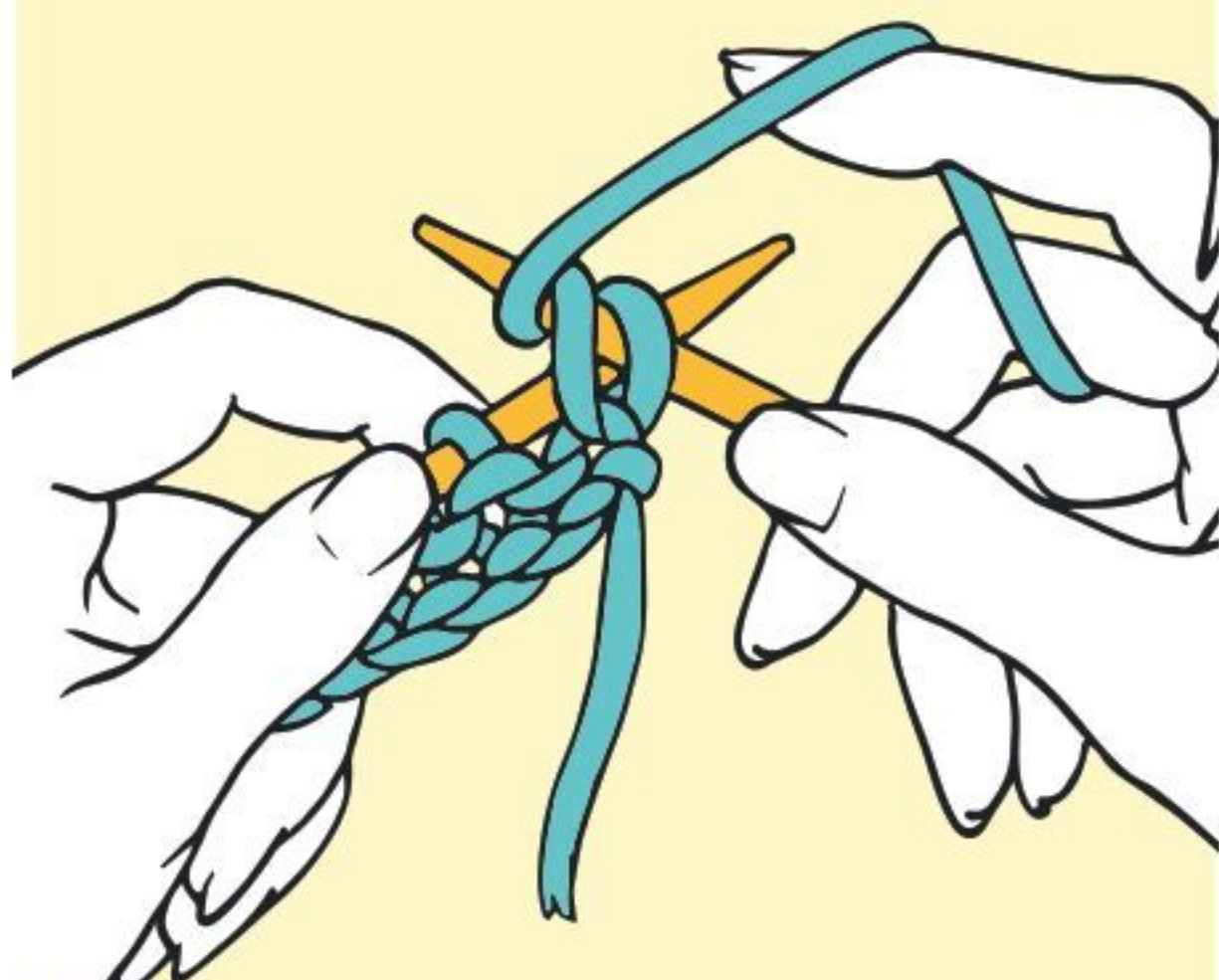
2 Using the RH needle, pull a loop of the wrapped yarn through the original stitch to create a new one on the RH needle.



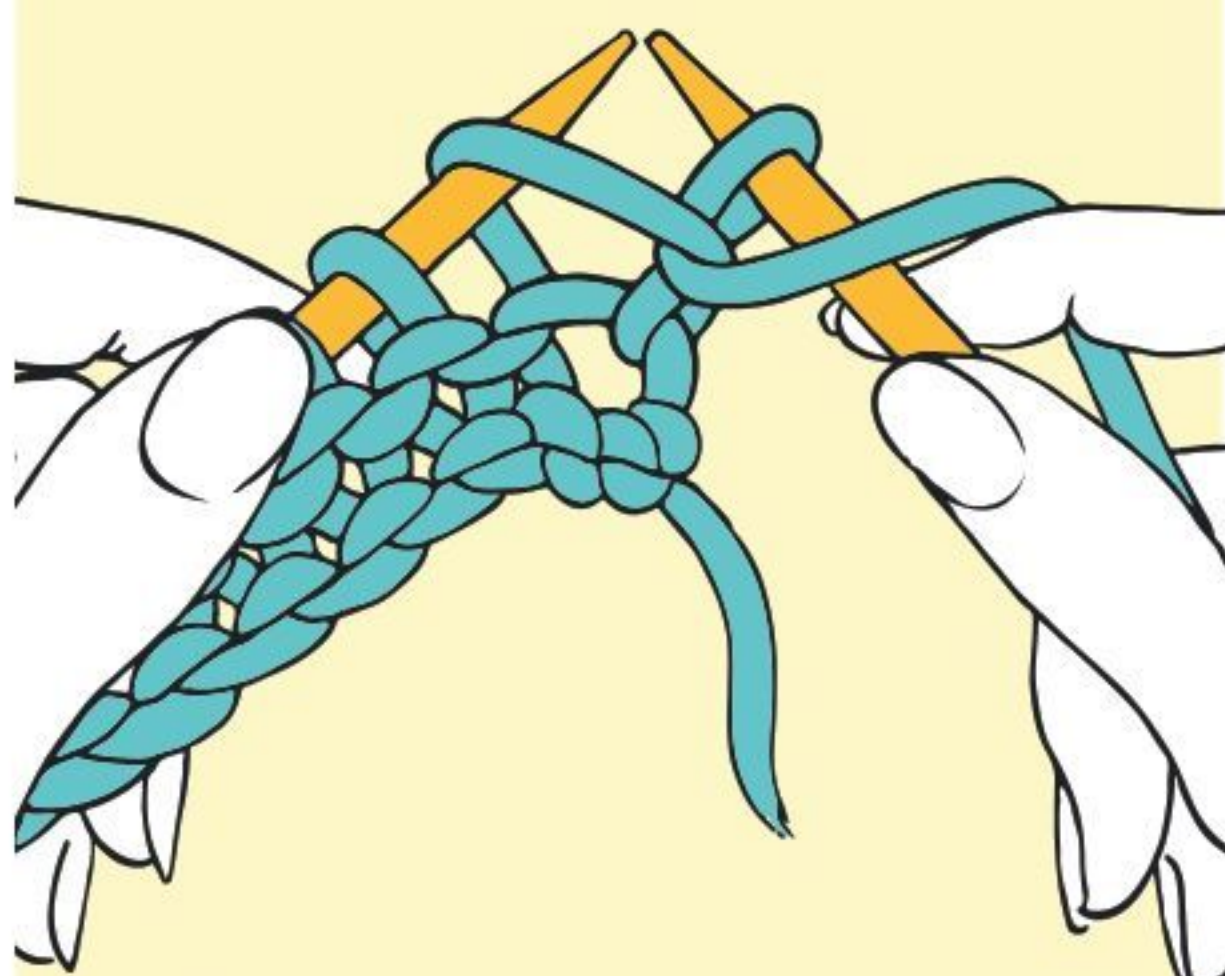
3 Slide the original stitch off the LH needle. Repeat from step 1.

purl stitch (p)

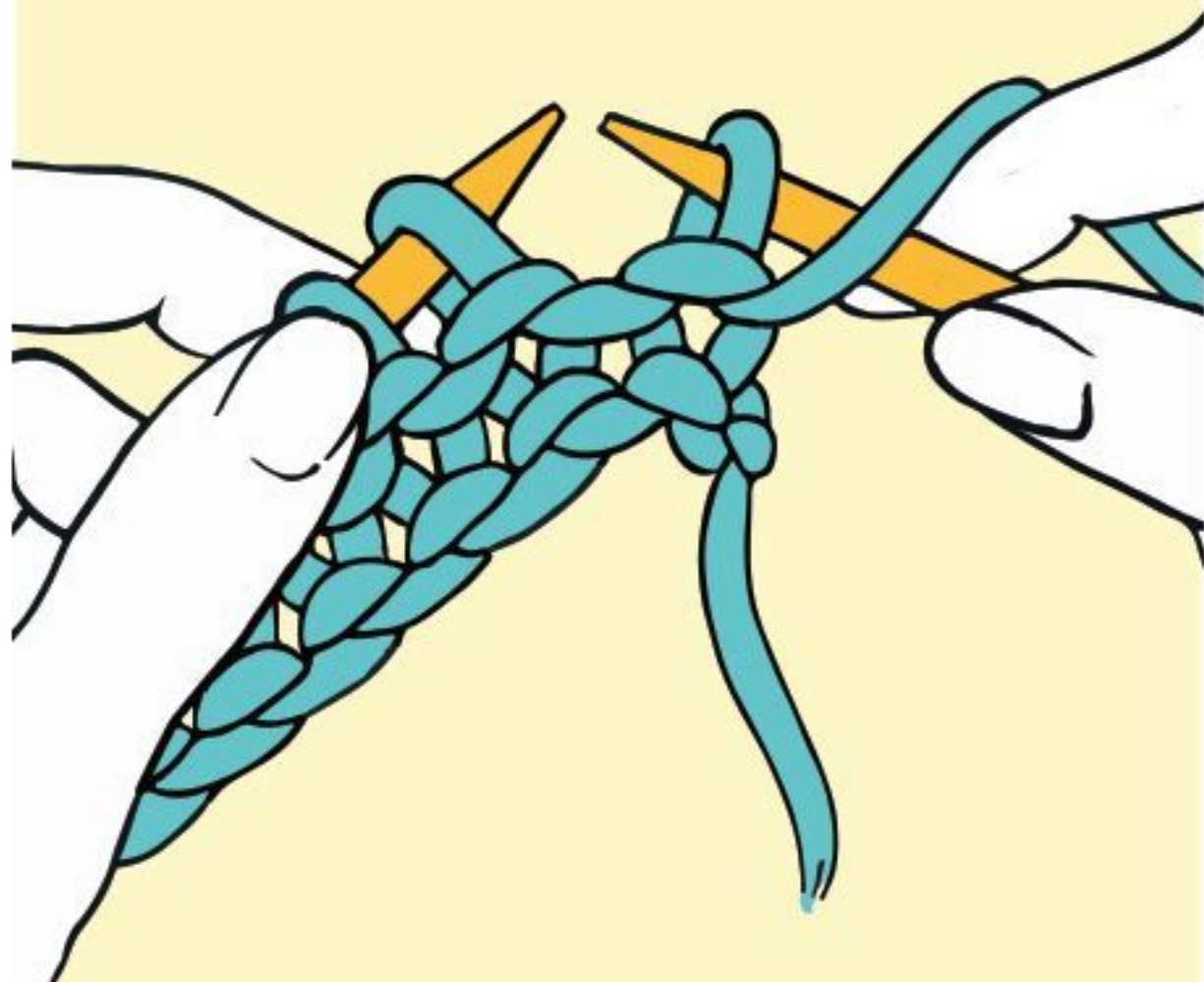
Most frequently seen paired with the knit stitch to create different stitch patterns like stocking stitch and ribbing



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).

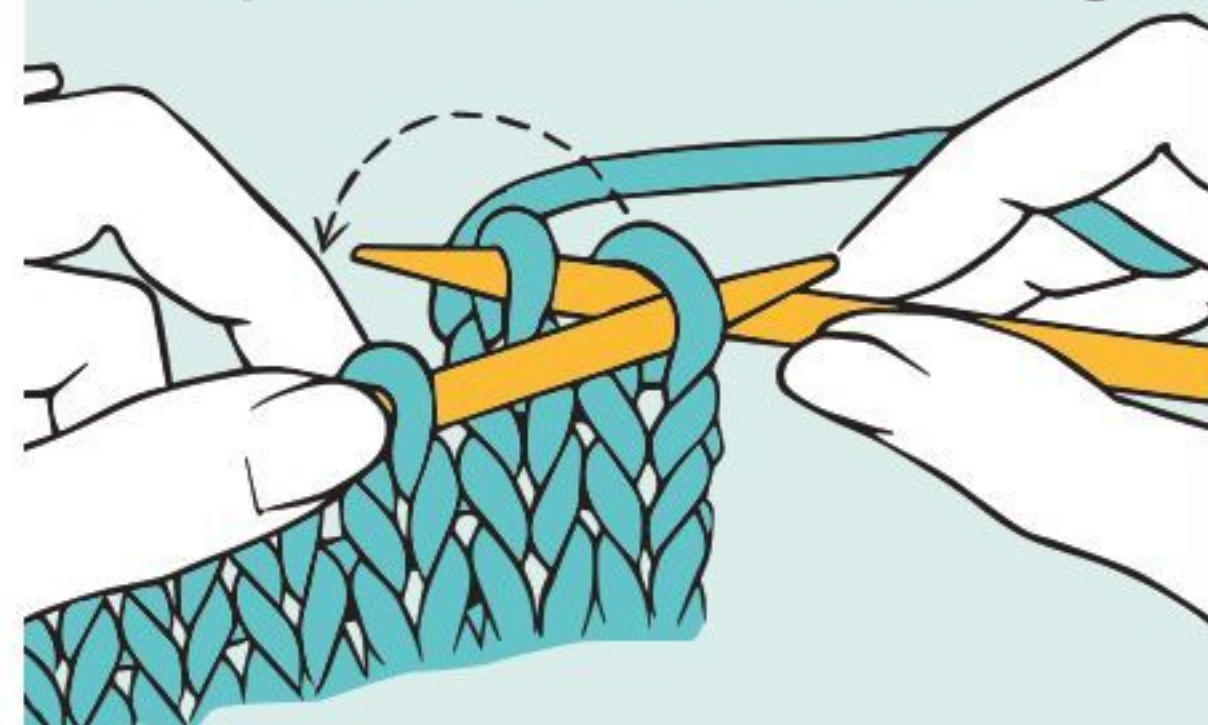


2 Push the RH needle into the back part of the loop that now lies over the LH needle and knit this stitch. You will now have an additional stitch on the RH needle.

FINISH HERE

cast off

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

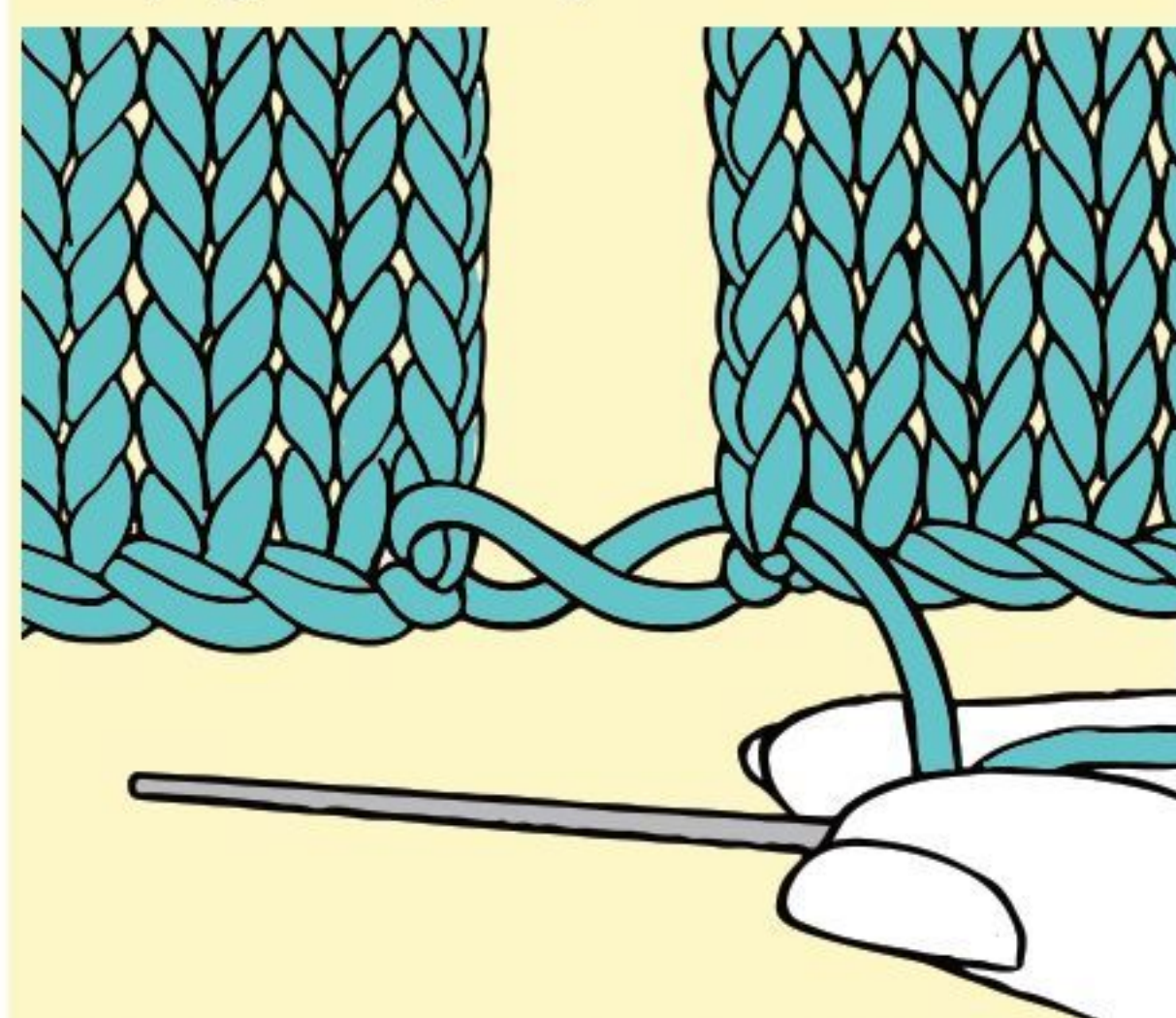


1 Knit two stitches as normal. Insert the tip of the LH needle into the second stitch on the RH needle (the stitch closest to you). Carefully lift it up and over the top stitch, dropping it off the tip of the RH needle and pulling the yarn to tighten. There is now one stitch on the RH needle.

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

beginning a seam

How to start sewing up your project



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

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mattress stitch

Join knitted pieces together with this invisible method



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

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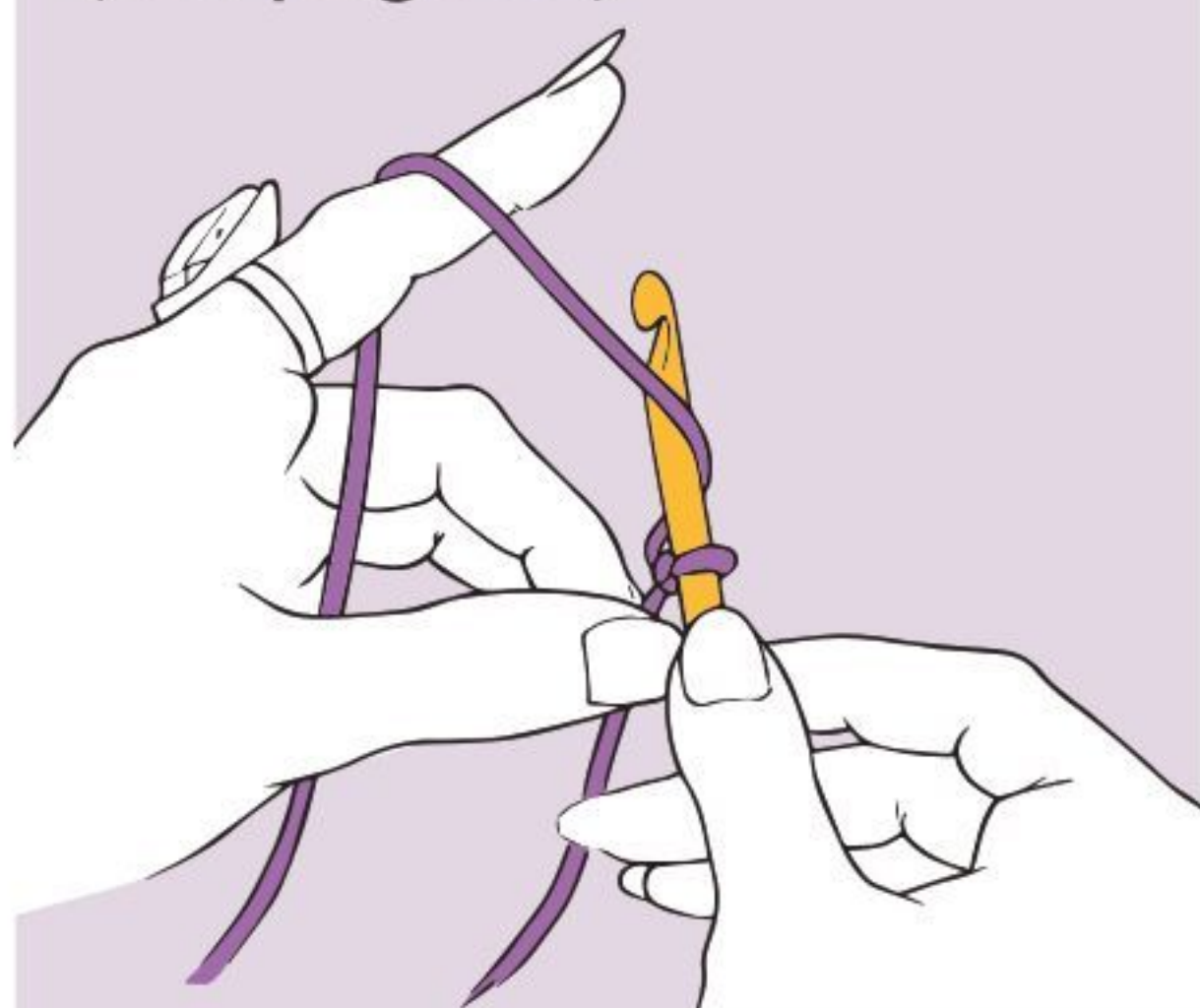
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slip knot & chain (ch)

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'.

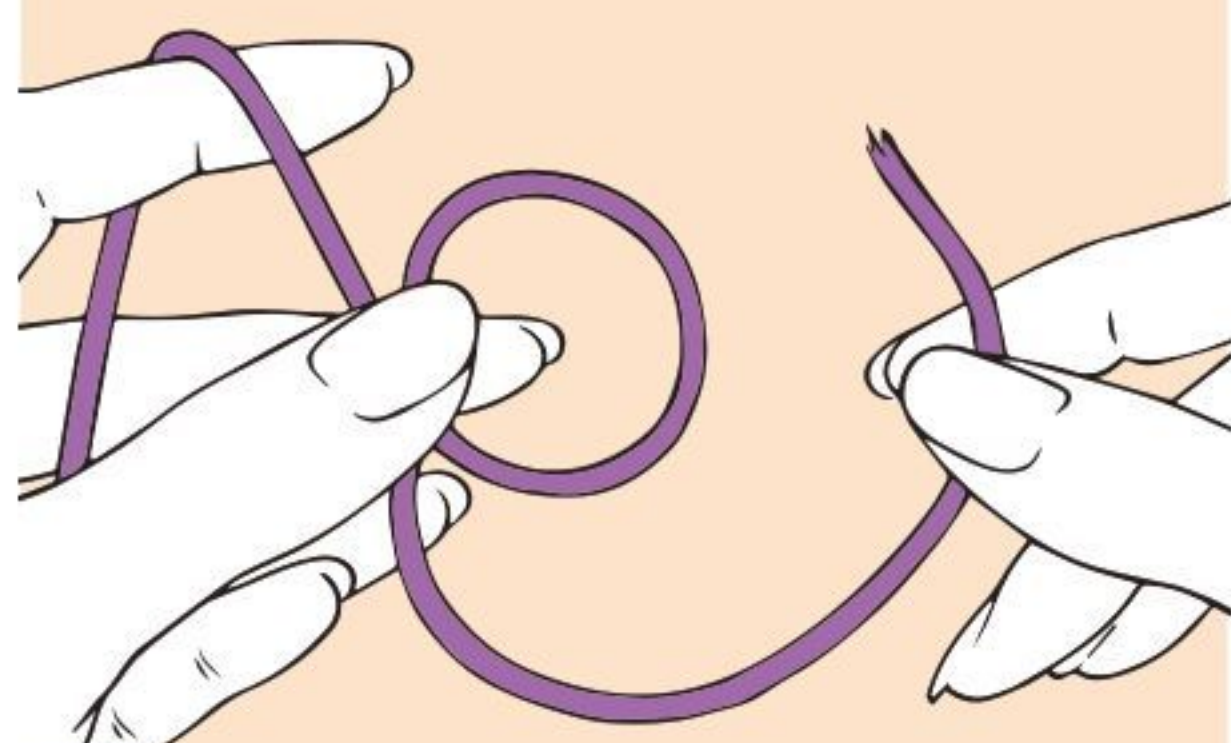


2 Catch the yarn and use the hook to pull it down through the slip knot. You have now made one chain (ch). Continue to make more chains, as directed in the pattern.

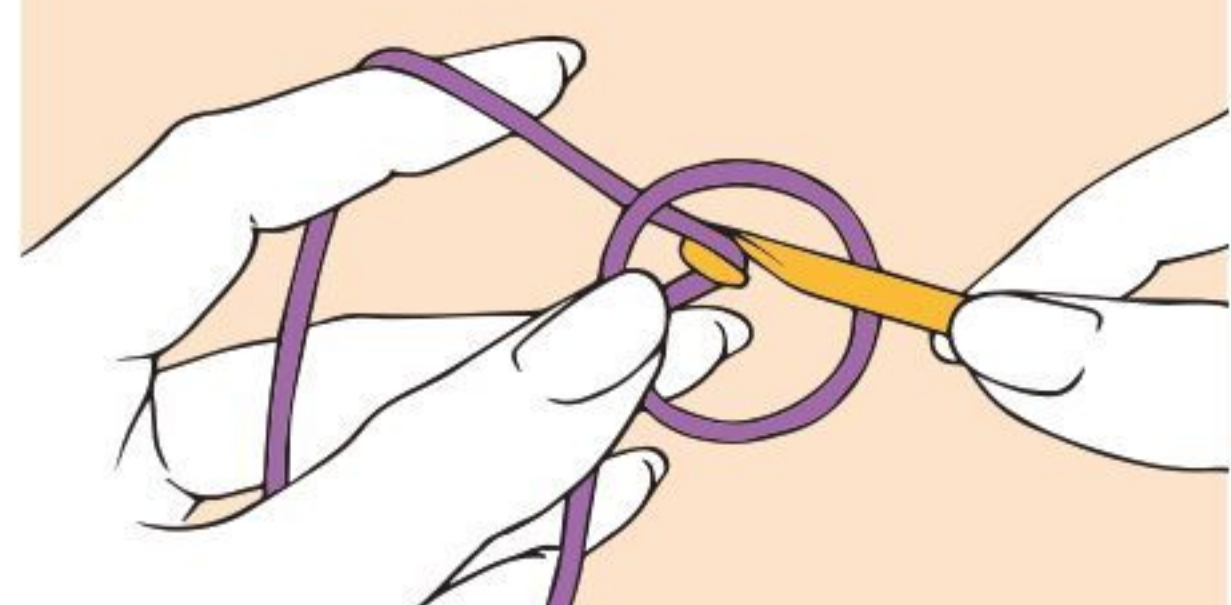
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magic ring

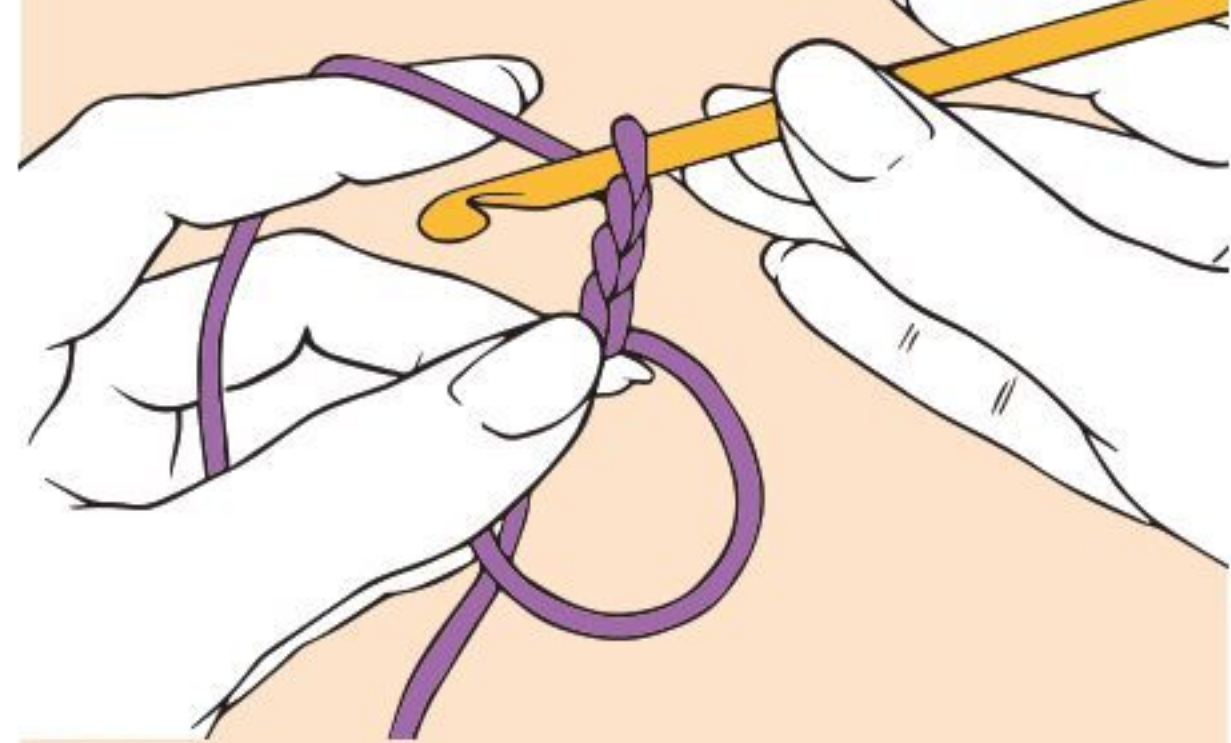
The magic ring is an easy way of beginning to work in the round. It is often used when making amigurumi toys



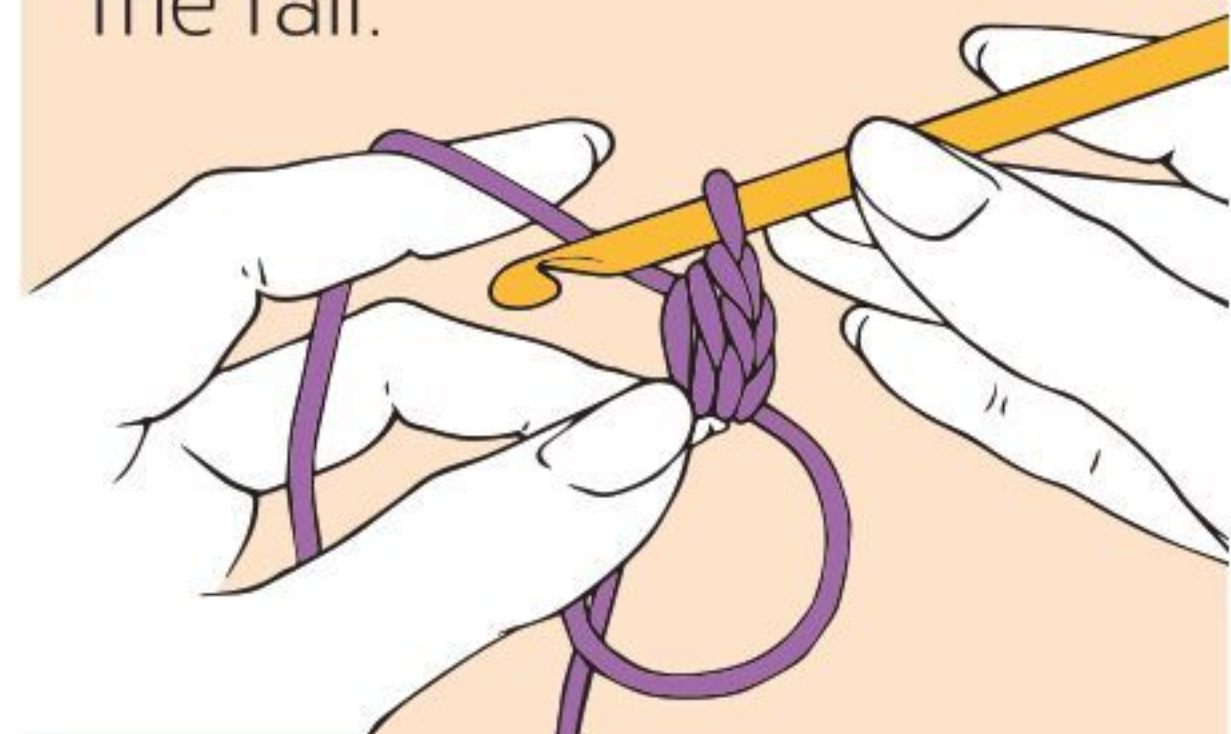
1 Make a large loop by putting the yarn tail behind the working yarn.



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.

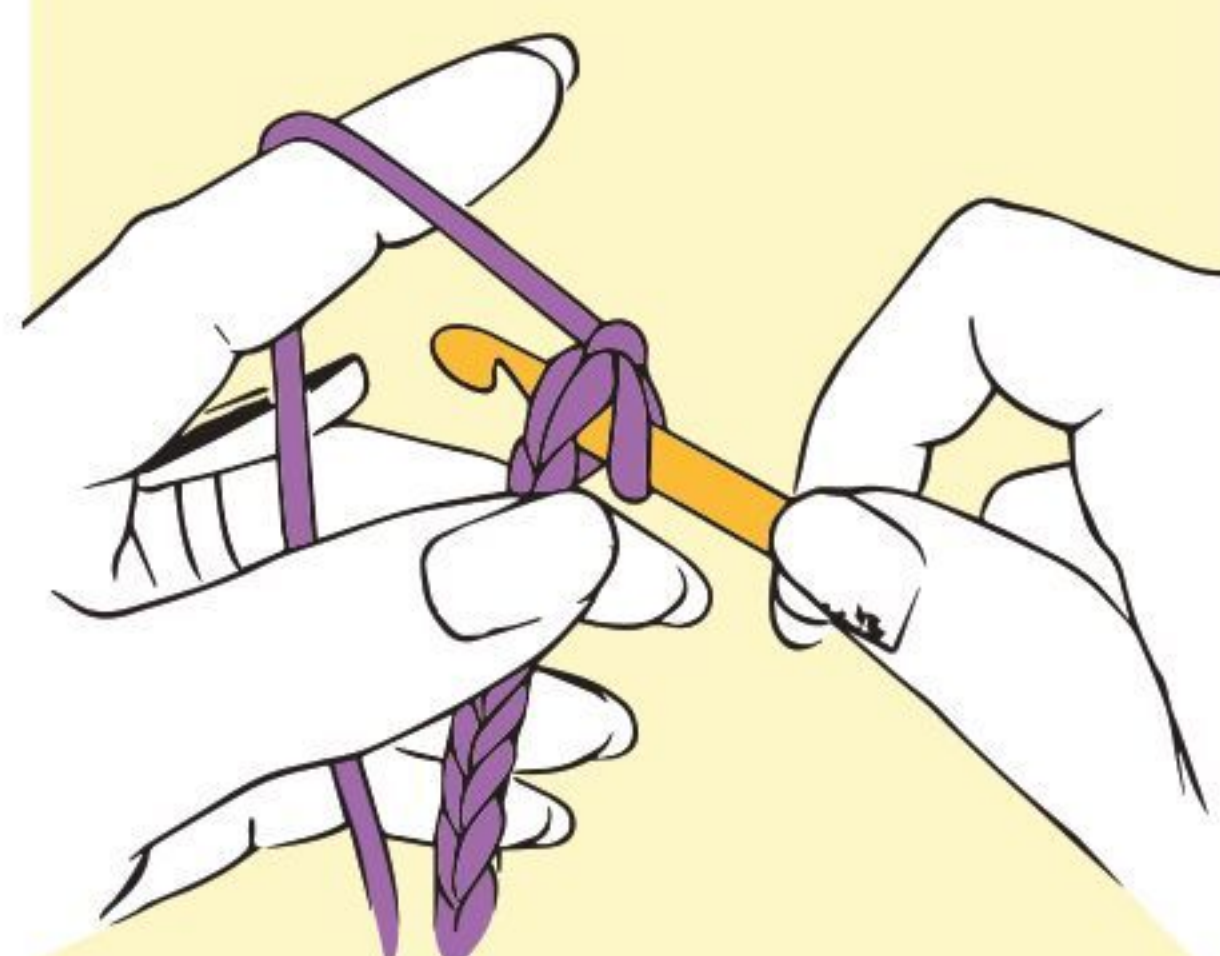


4 Continue to work as many stitches as needed into the loop. Once finished, untwist the tail if necessary and then pull to close the loop.

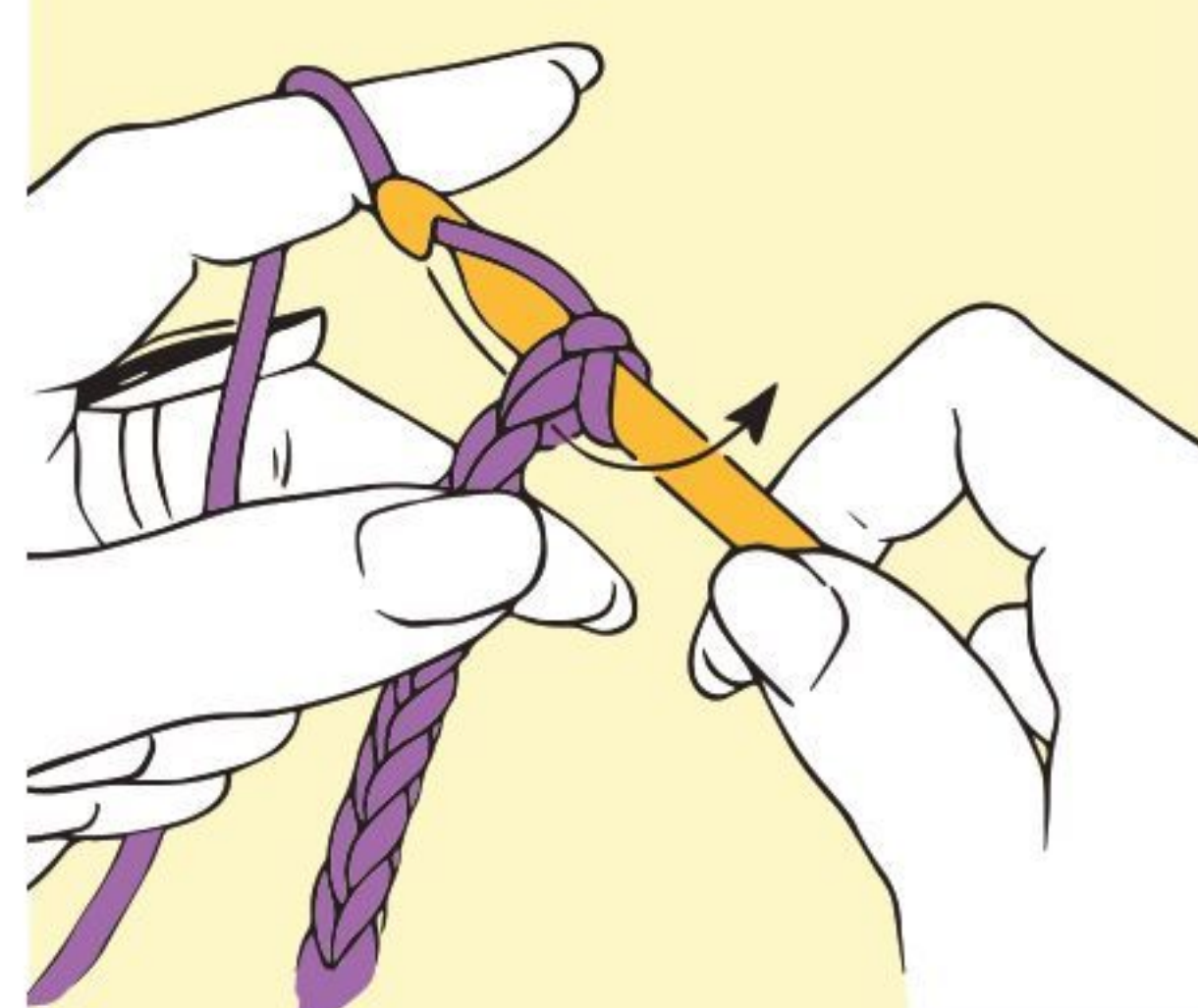
THE BASIC STITCHES

double crochet (dc)

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



1 Insert hook through both strands of the next stitch.



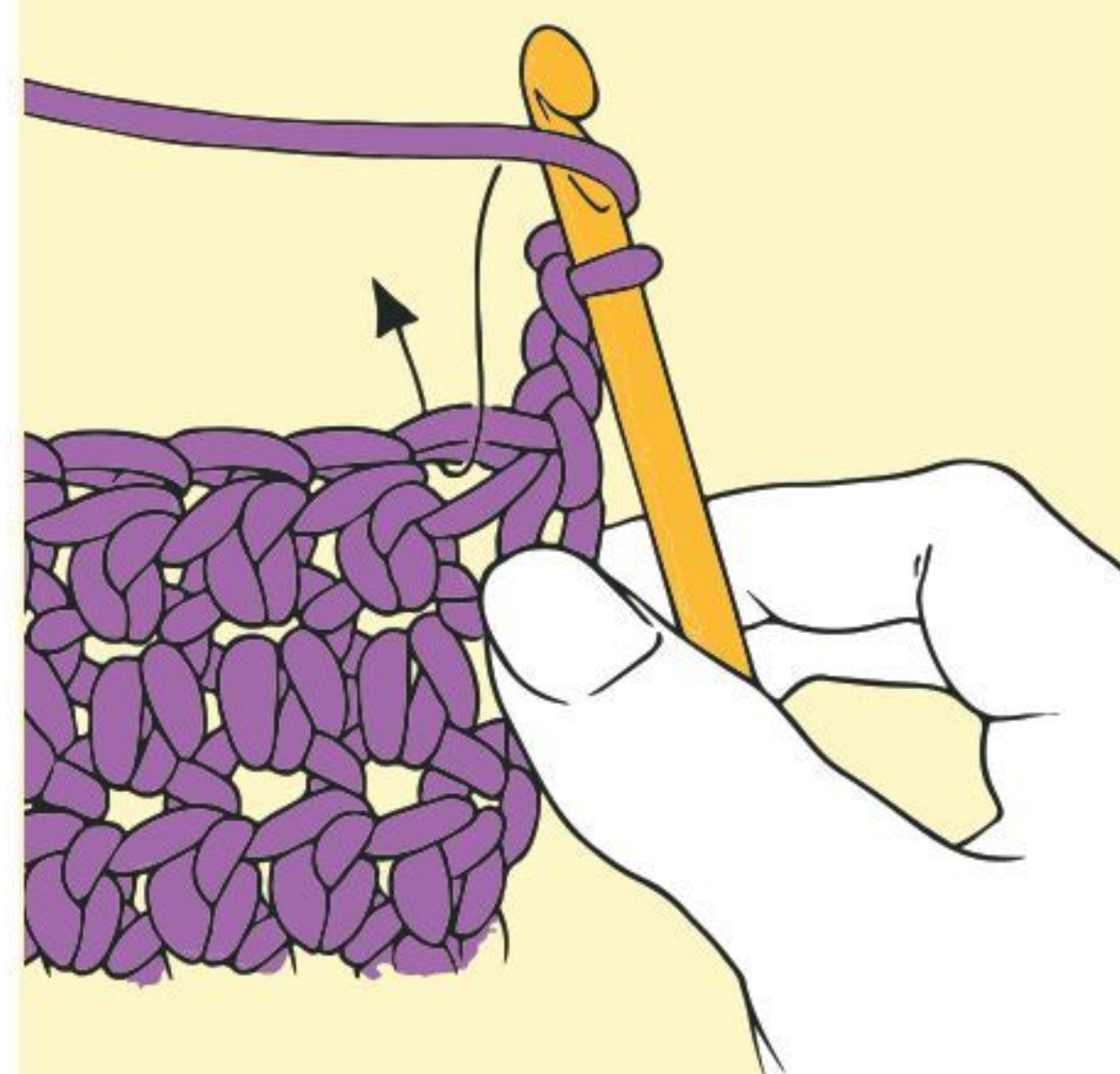
2 Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work. There will be two loops of yarn on the hook.



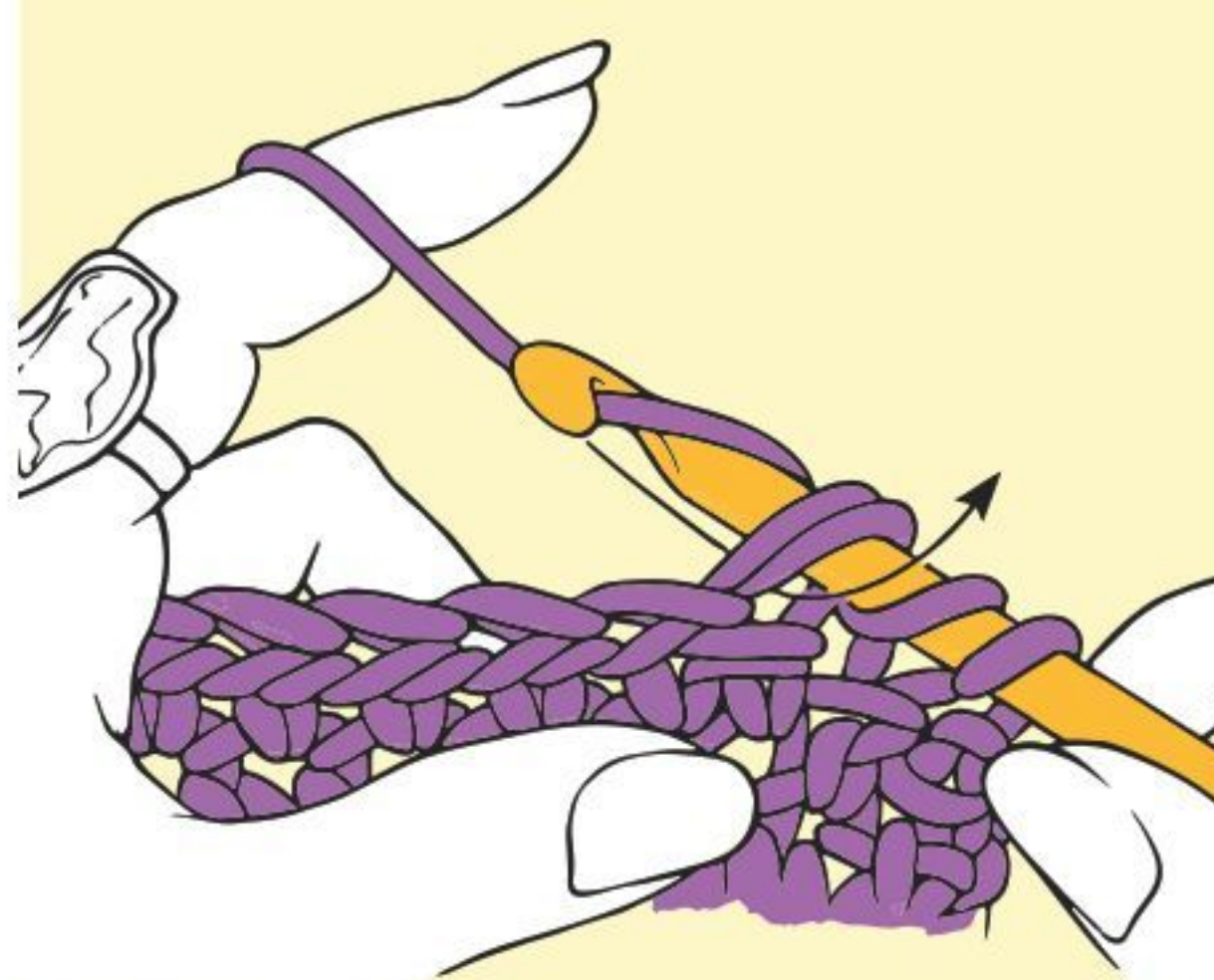
3 Yarn over the hook again and draw through both loops.

half treble (htr)

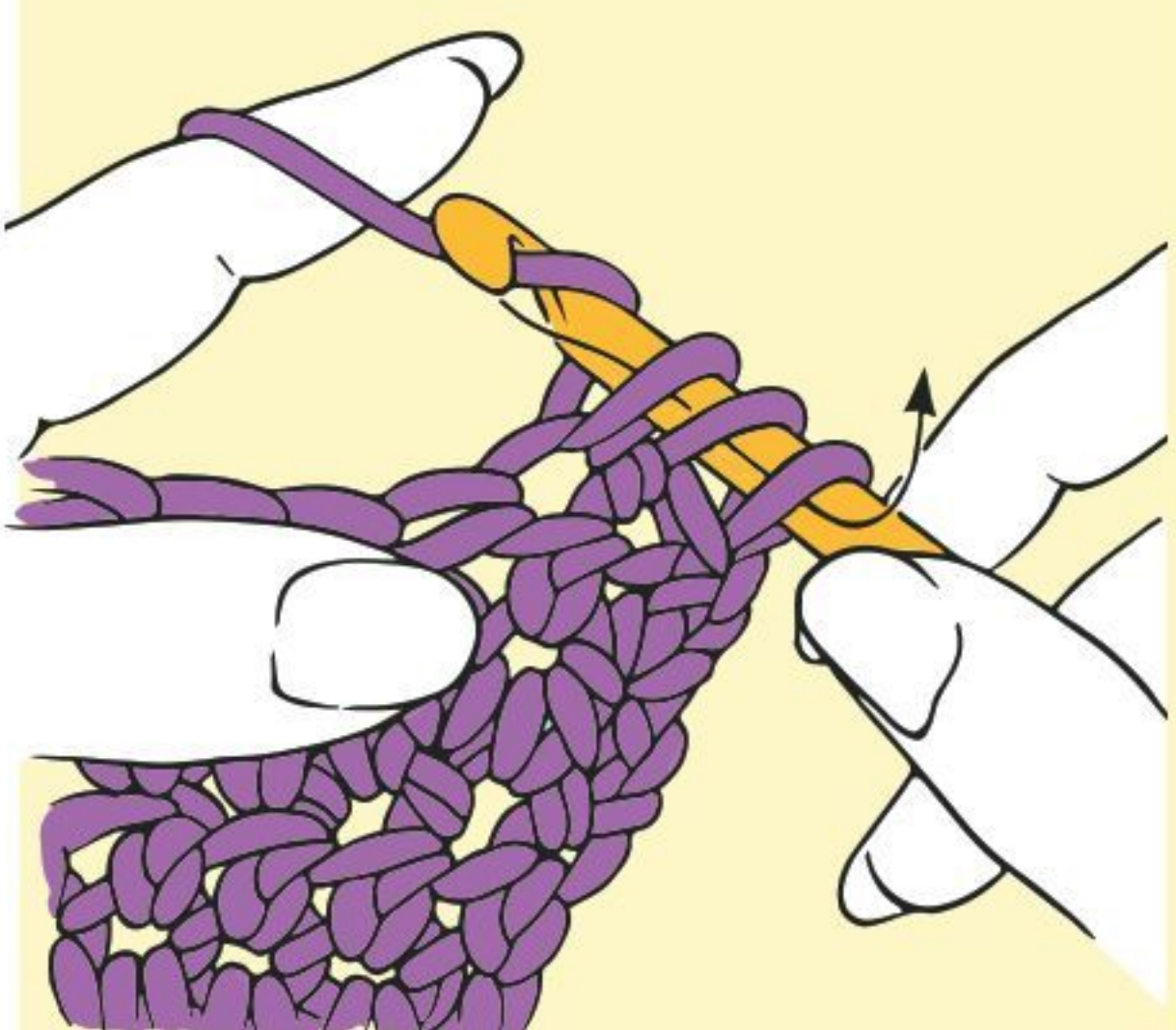
This stitch is longer than a double crochet and involves one extra step



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



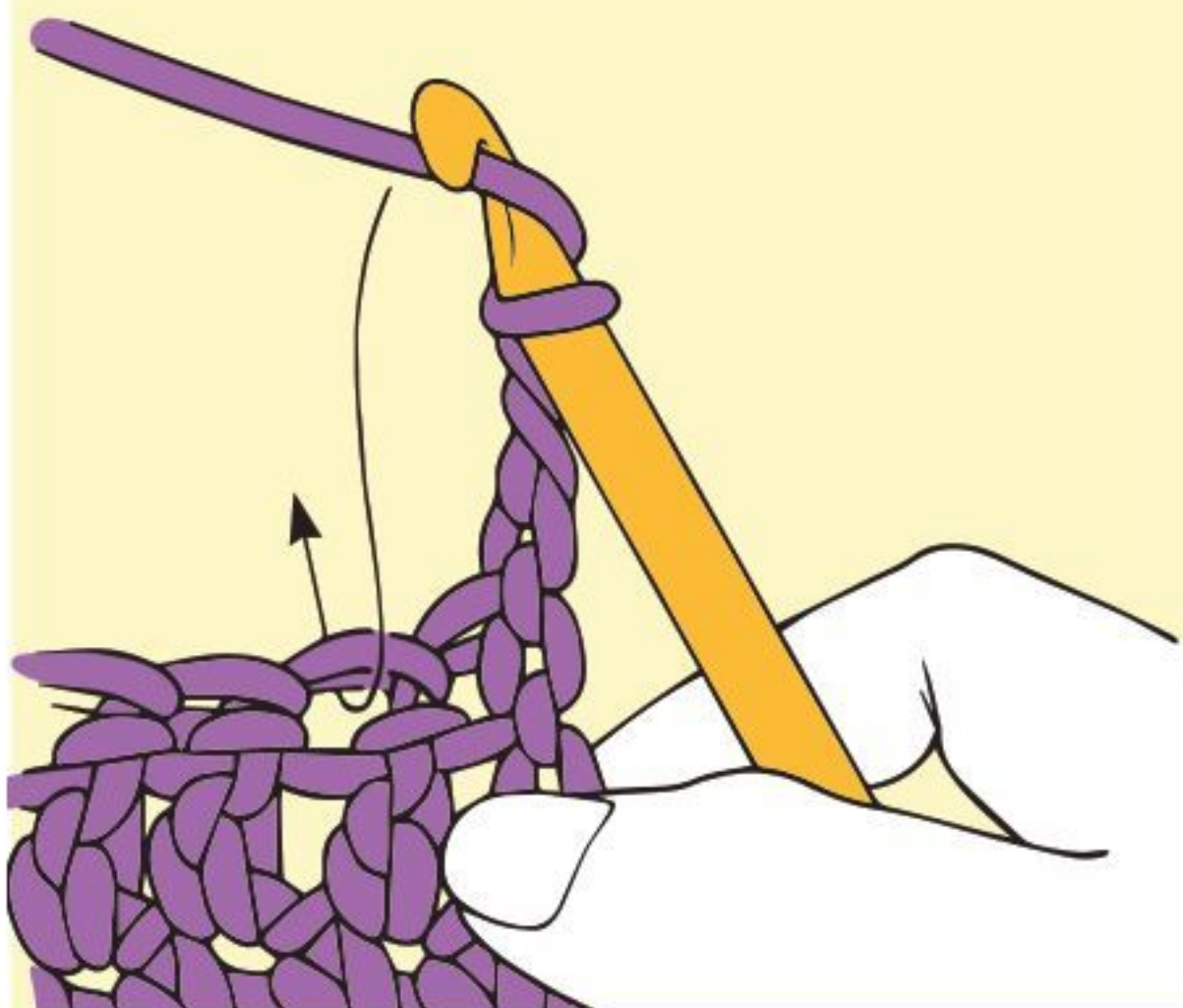
2 Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work. There will be three loops of yarn on the hook.



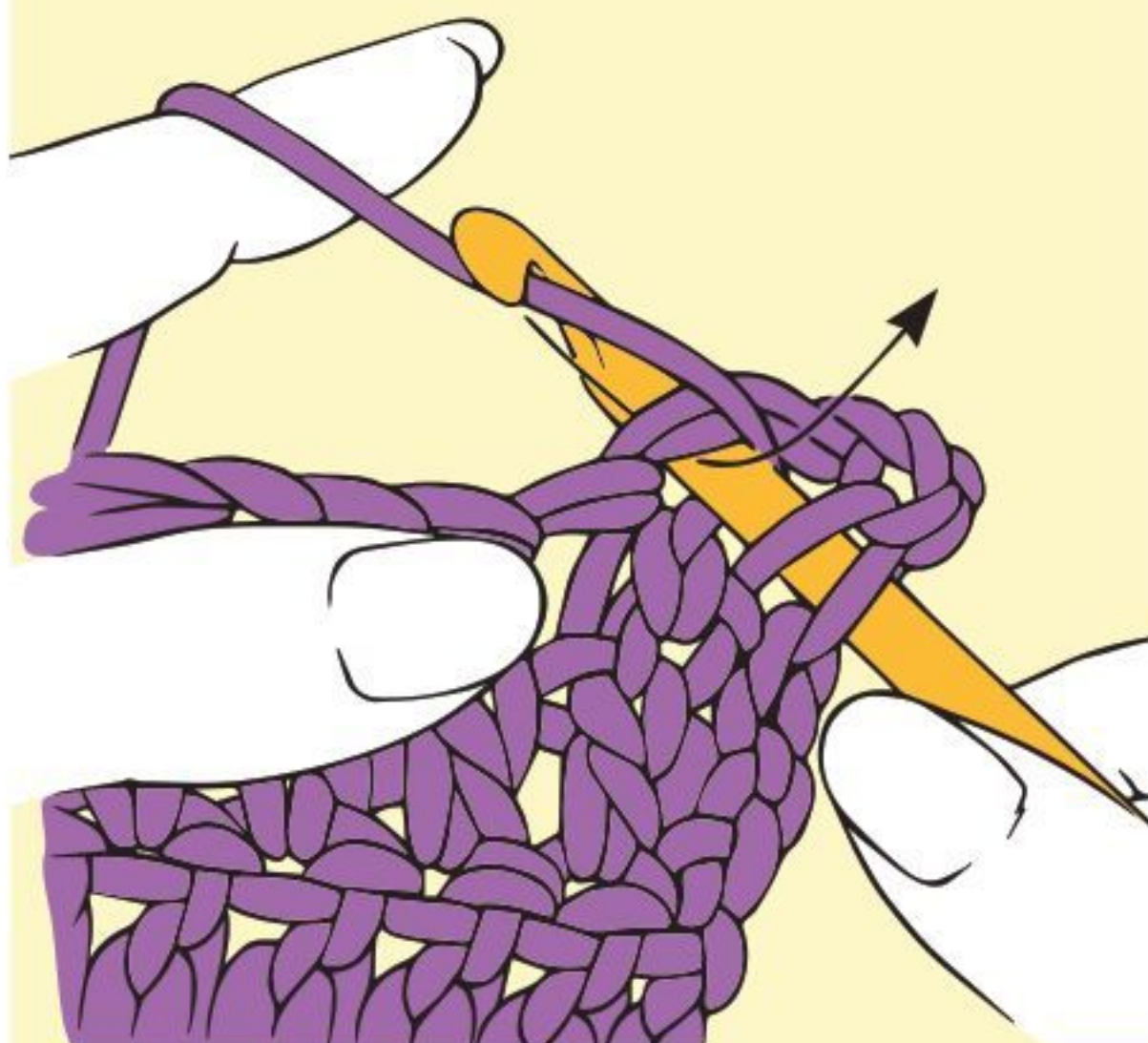
3 Yarn over the hook and draw through all three loops.

treble (tr)

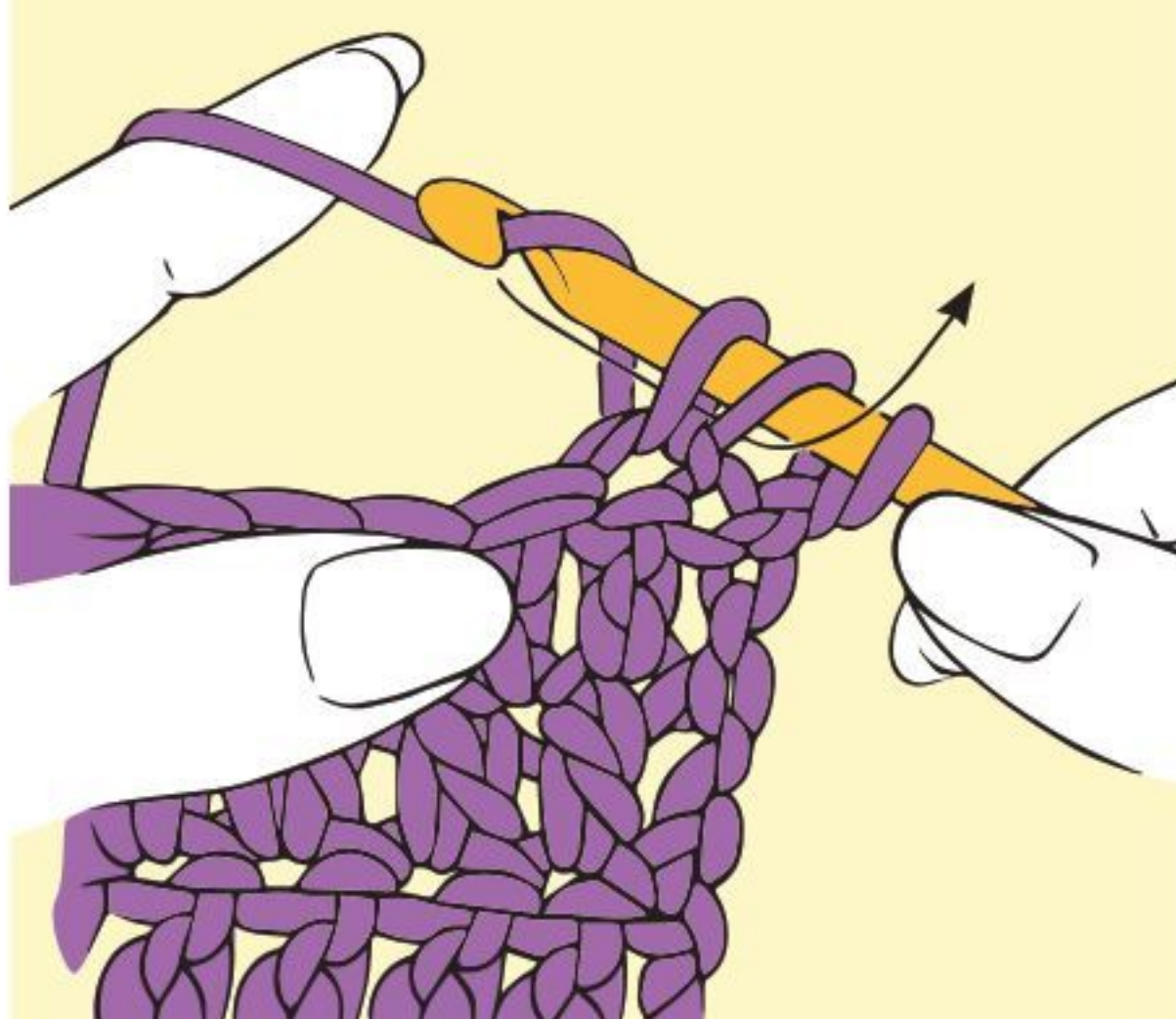
Treble crochet is slightly taller than half treble crochet but is made in a similar way



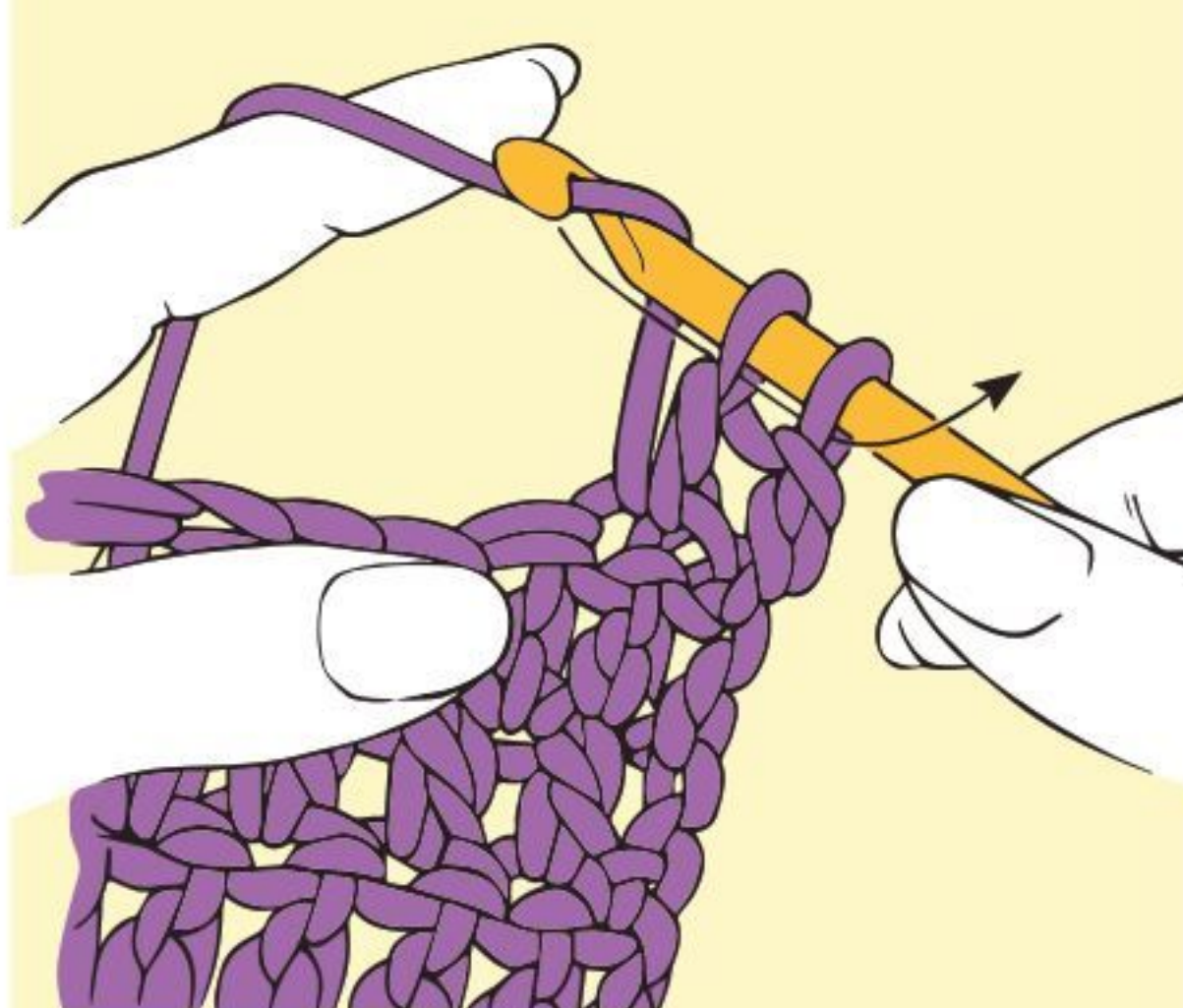
1 (You will need a turning chain of three stitches). Yarn over the hook. Insert the hook through the stitch.



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.

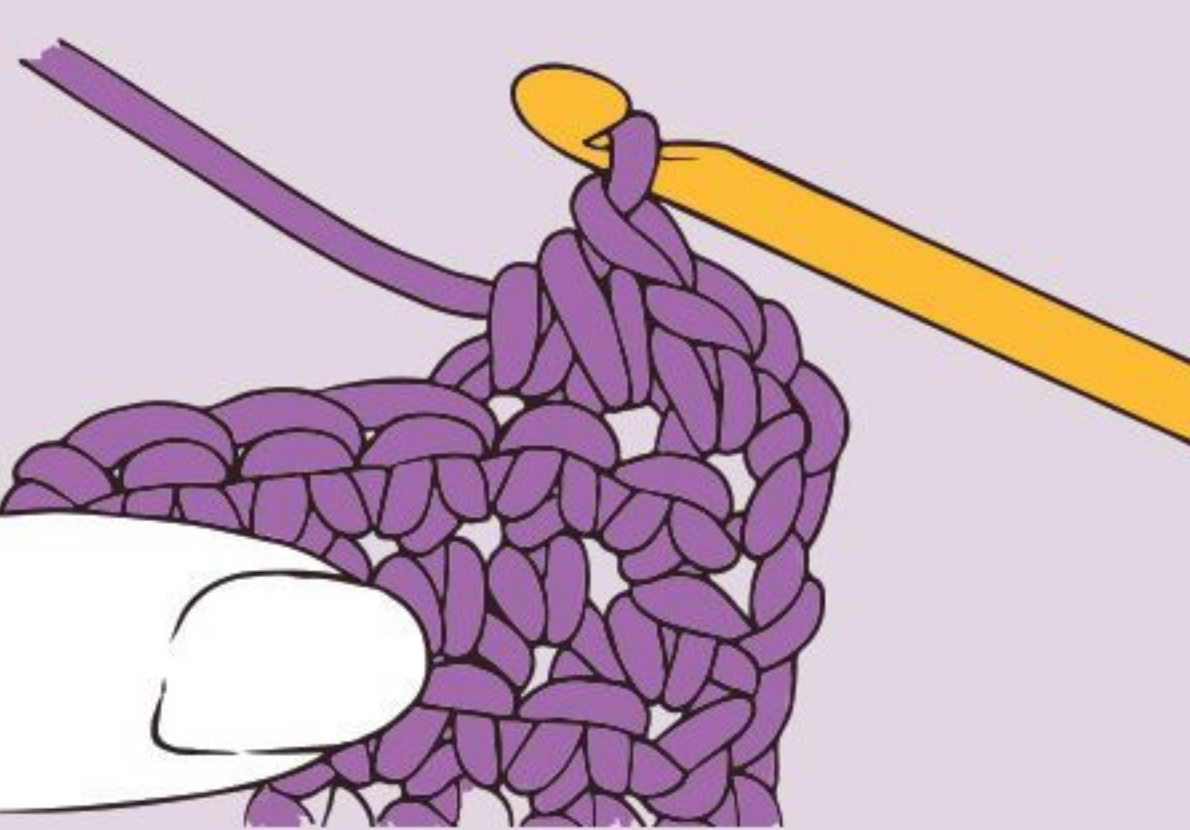
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double crochet two together (dc2tog)

Turn two crochet stitches into one with this simple method



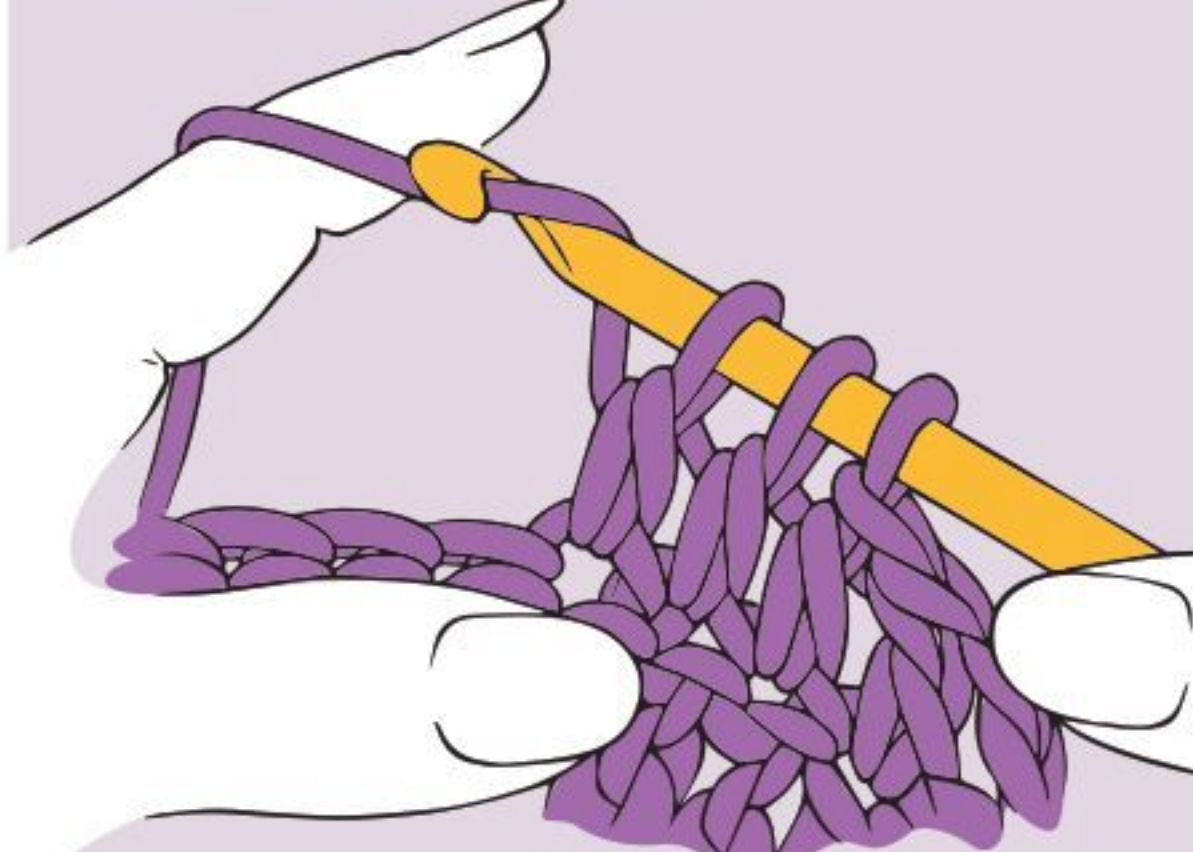
1 Insert hook through next stitch, yarn over hook, draw back through work. Two loops on hook. Insert hook into next stitch, yarn over hook, draw back through. Three loops on hook.



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.

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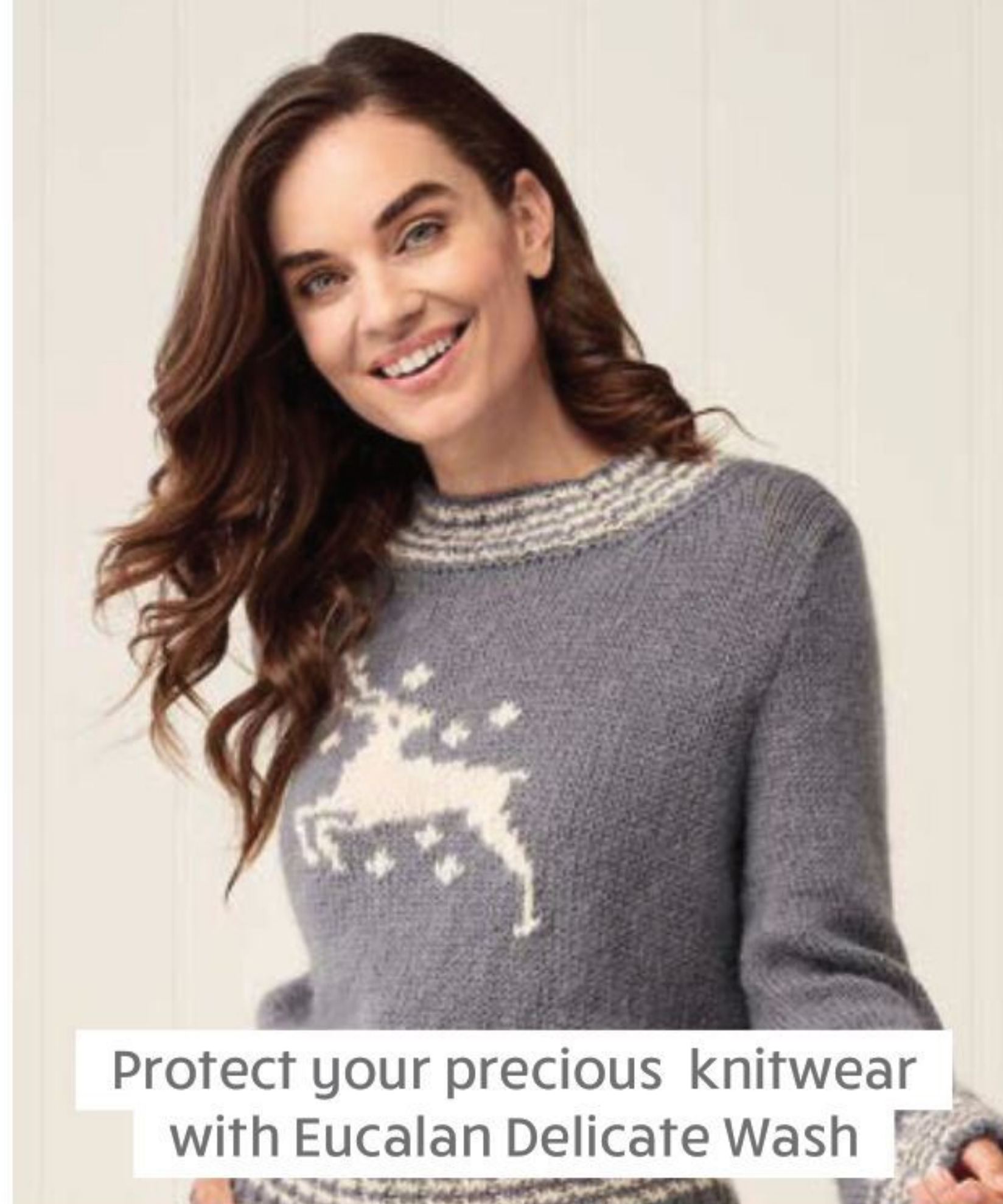
ABBREVIATIONS

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
- m1:** make one stitch by picking up horizontal loop before next stitch and knitting into back of it
- meas:** measures
- p:** purl
- pfb:** purl into front and back of next stitch
- pm:** place stitch marker
- pssso:** pass slipped stitch over
- pwise:** purlwise
- p2tog:** purl two together
- rem:** remaining
- rep:** repeat
- rev:** reverse
- RH:** right-hand
- RS:** right side
- skpo:** slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over
- sl 1:** slip one stitch
- sl st:** slip stitch
- sm:** slip stitch marker
- sp(s):** space(s)
- ssk:** one by one, slip next two stitches knitwise, put left-hand needle through front loops of both slipped stitches and knit them together
- st(s):** stitch(es)
- st st:** stocking stitch (knit one row, purl one row)
- tbl:** through back loop
- tog:** together
- tr:** treble
- WS:** wrong side
- wyib:** with yarn in back
- wyif:** with yarn in front
- yb:** yarn back
- yfwd:** yarn forward (between knit stitches)
- yoh:** yarn over hook
- yon:** yarn over needle (between a purl and a knit stitch)
- yrn:** yarn round needle (between purl stitches and between a knit and a purl stitch)



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TEA AND A CHAT WITH...

Jennifer Edgar

The CEO of Eucalan tells us why you should be using its specially formulated products when washing your delicates

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30 YEARS OF CLEANING MAGIC

To mark three decades of cleaning excellence, Eucalan has relaunched its products with a chic new look. "Our updated branding is new and hitting shelves around the world now," says Jennifer. The company is super proud of its unique formula, which is scented with essential oils so it's suitable for anyone with sensitive skin

or allergies. We love a cleaning tip and asked Jennifer to divulge some Eucalan secrets: "Treat any spots as soon as you notice them. Gently press a cloth with a little Eucalan and water directly on any spills. Then launder as you normally would by hand or machine." Eucalan is effective on regular clothes, not just your delicates, and the company's blog at eucalan.com is filled with happy customers using it for all sorts, including getting stains out of carpets!

KEEPING IT GREEN

Environmental concerns have consistently been high on the agenda. "Company founder Mary Ellen Edgar has always lived on a farm where a well is the only source of water to run the household and farm," Jennifer says. "Conserving water is always important to her." Eucalan meets strict European standards requiring it be biodegradable within 28 days. "Our product was green before that word took on its current meaning," Jennifer exclaims. Today Eucalan proudly partners with organisations such as 1% For The Planet, a global network of businesses committed to maintaining healthy waterways and clean drinking water. Meanwhile, Eucalan has become a dependable member of the cleaning armory in many homes. "We hear amazing stories from our customers of how Eucalan has saved the day," enthuses Jennifer. "How special garments that people thought they had no hope of saving were resurrected with Eucalan." So why not try it for yourself and experience an amazing 'spa treatment' for your fine washables, handknits, woollen items, delicate lingerie, baby items, homecare and much more.



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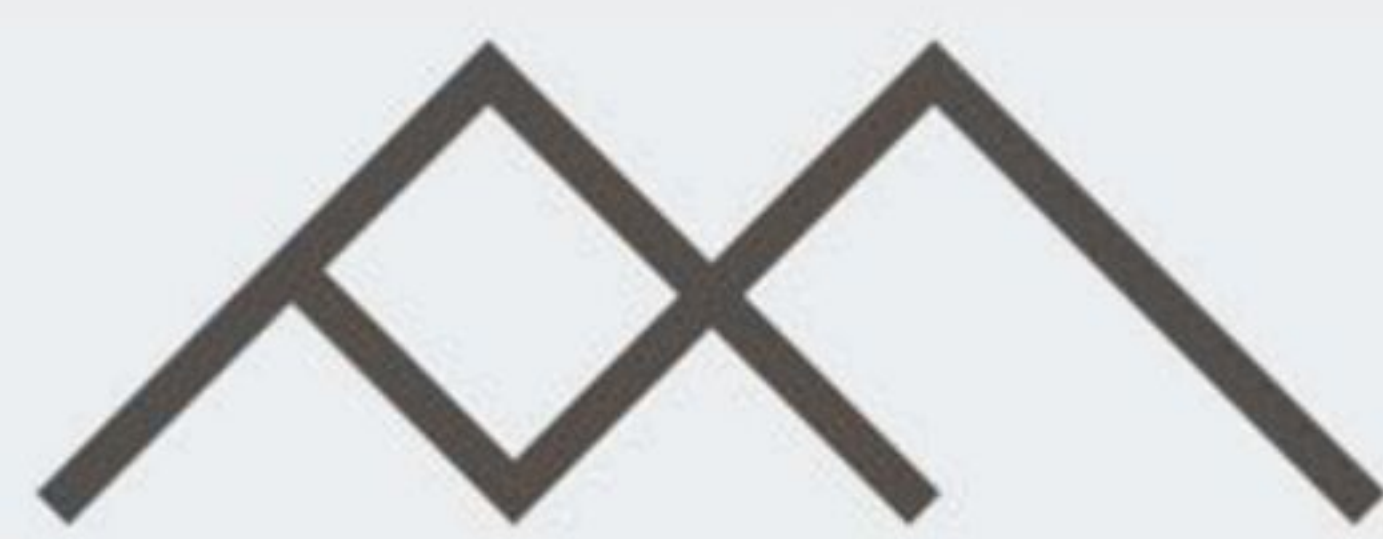
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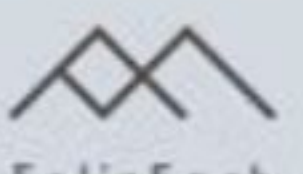


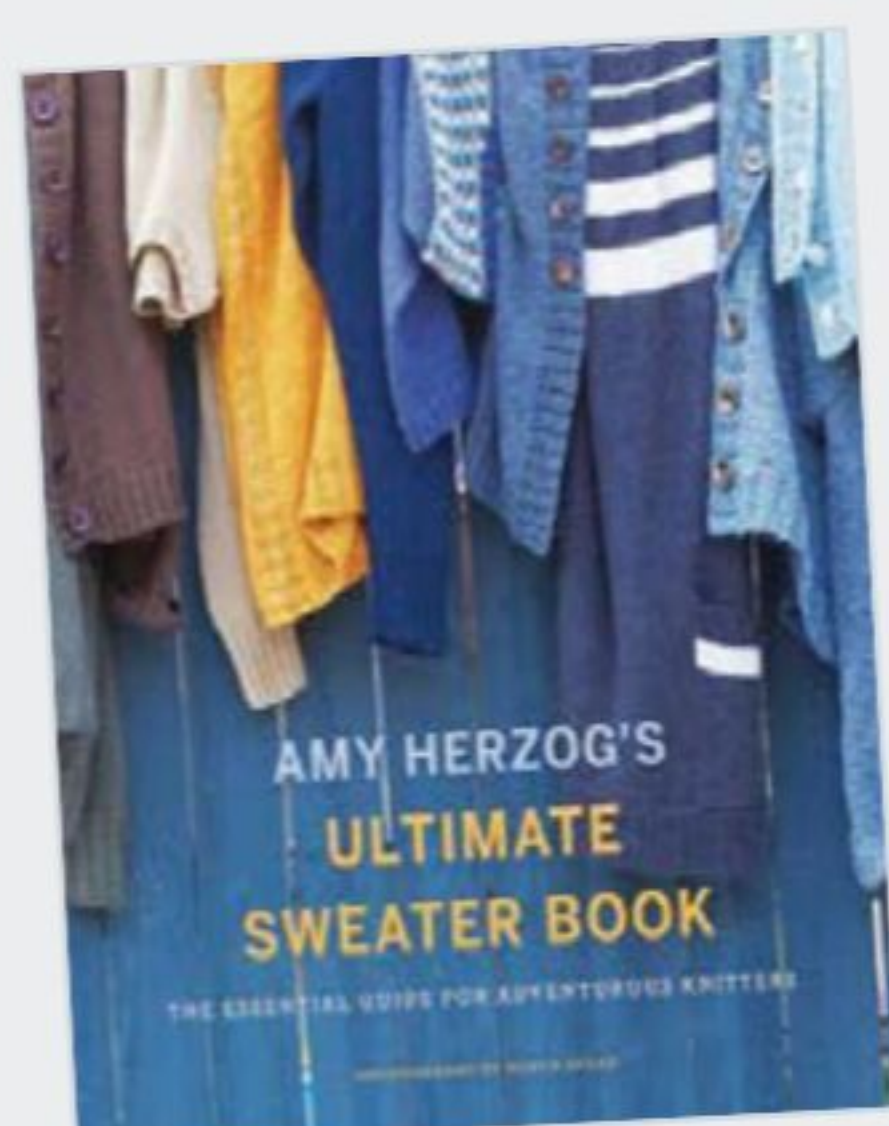
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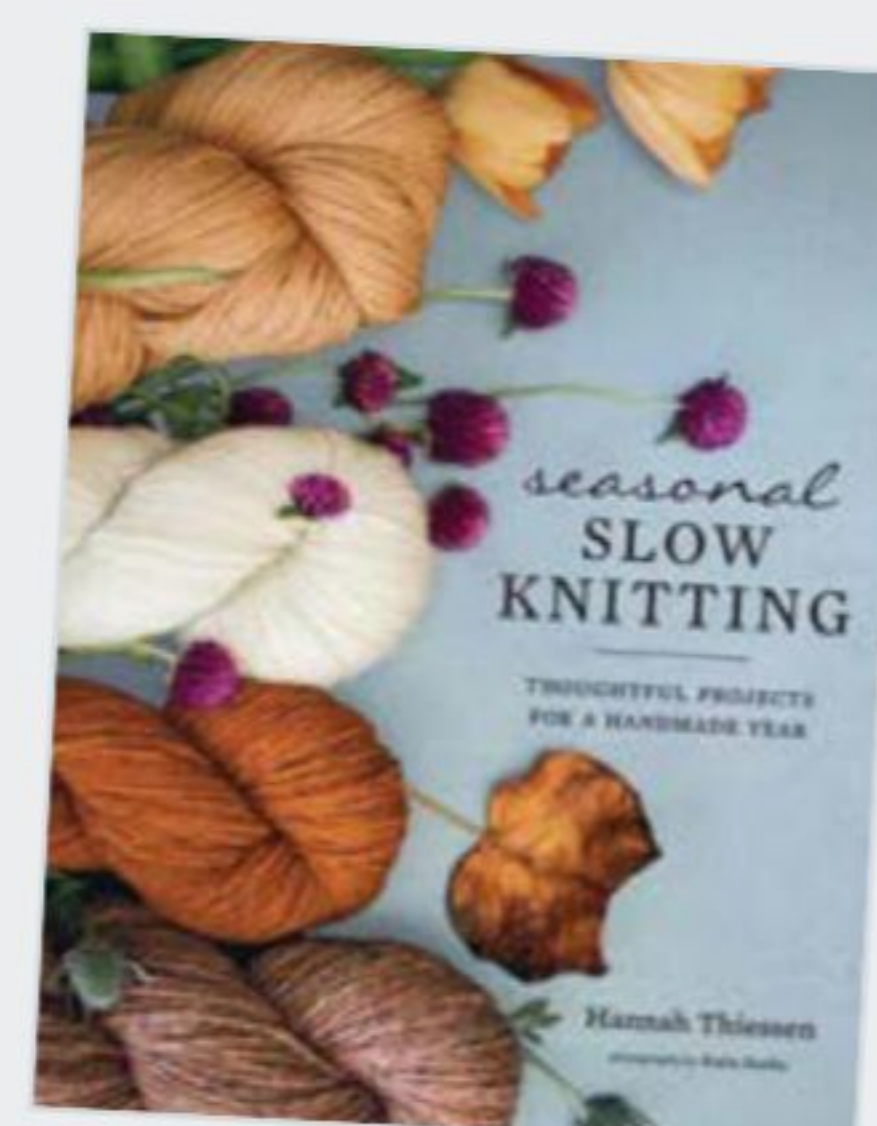



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