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Hello!

This edition encompasses some of my favourite things about Christmas.

Wearing a joyously festive jumper (check out our mini ones on page 16), playing games with my family (you'll love our **festive tic-tac-toe** on page 32) and singing carols in a beautiful church – I bet our **knitted angel** (p35) has the voice of a... well, an angel.

There's also plenty to get excited about if you **crochet for children**. Heather Gibbs' elf (p13) is ideal for some staged antics. Plus, we've also got a wintry home (p28) and Christmas car on page 8 for festive make-believe fun. Prefer knitting? Little ones will adore **Sachiyo Ishii's toy soldiers** over on page 10.

Our North Pole kit has made all of these makes and more possible. Featuring an incredible ten balls of yarn in a heady mix of shades, as well as a 4mm hook and needles, you've got what you need to get started right away. Once you've used up your pack and raided your stash to make more, you'll want to check out our bonus projects: a gorgeous **blanket knit-along** with Debbie Bliss kick-starts on page 60, plus there's also your **fold-out Miffy pattern** of course.

I've barely scratched the surface. Issue 116 is overflowing with patterns and ideas, and we hope you enjoy every little bit of it. From myself and the team, happy Christmas crafting!

Rosie

ROSIE SAVAGE, EDITOR

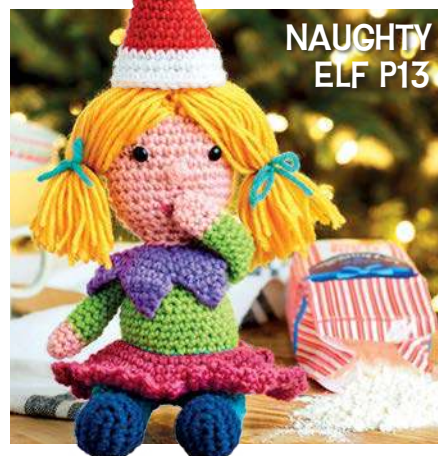
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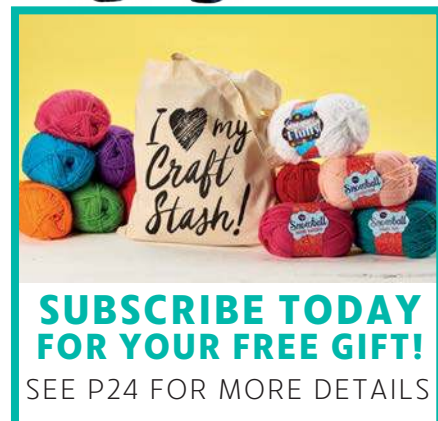
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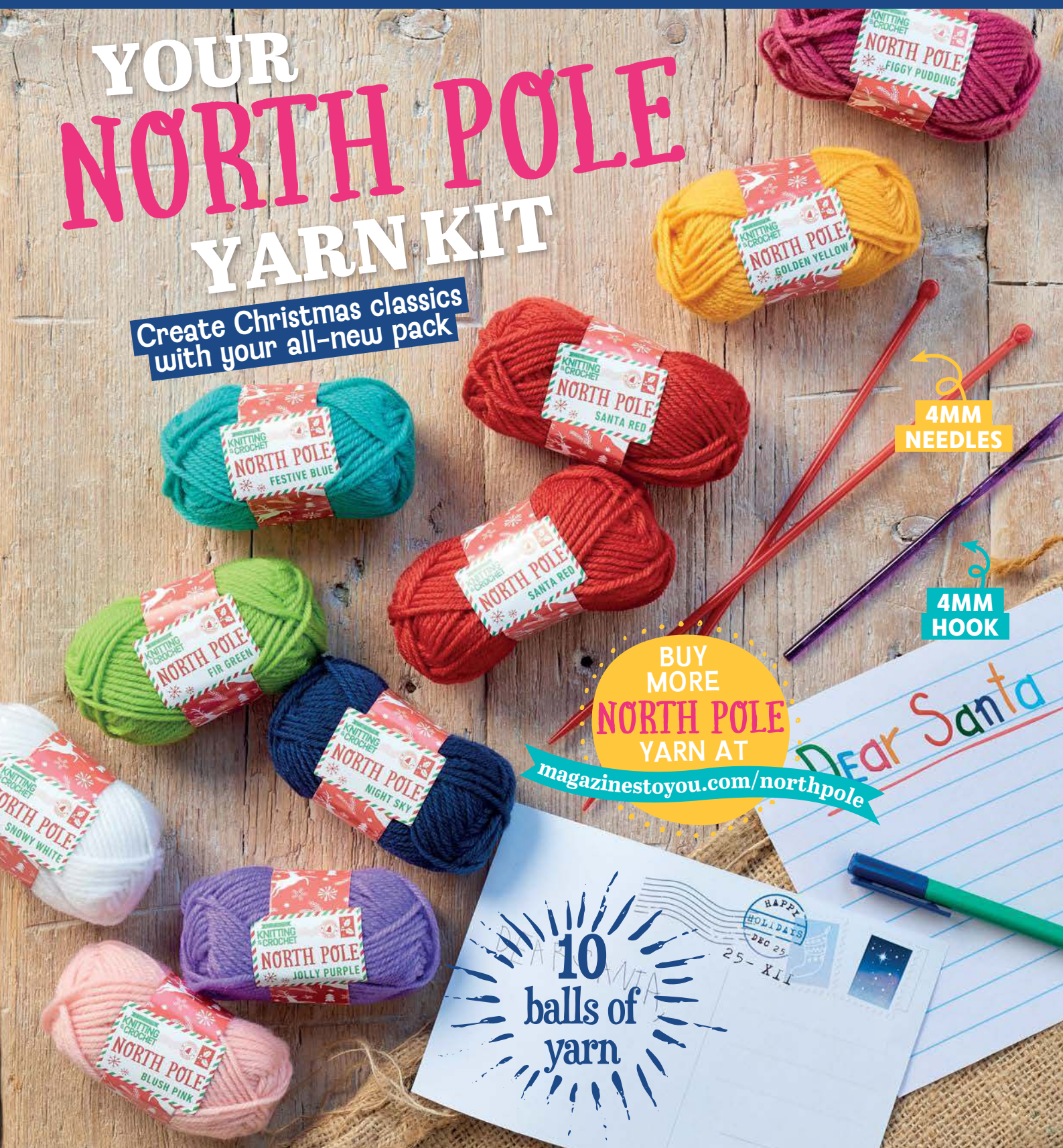
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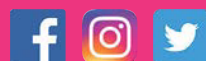


“Awash with vivid shades and plenty of joy, your North Pole kit is a force to be reckoned with. Plus, there are two red skeins so you can craft Father Christmas!”

ROSIE SAVAGE, EDITOR

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Newsflash!

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Dashing dachshund

Sausage dogs are amazing all year round, however this festive friend could join you next to your tree this Christmas for an extra-cute addition to the family.

Complete with a bobble hat and scarf in classic red and green shades, it would make a fabulous decoration or gift to a puppy-loving relative! You can download this pattern just in time to add to your present-making crochet-list at blog.hobbycraft.co.uk.

Hanging around

Get ready for the latest and greatest from knitting sensations Arne and Carlos, who return with their new book *55 Christmas Balls To Knit*. It's packed with traditional patterns that are primarily meant for baubles but can be adapted for hats, mittens or even sweaters if you fancy the challenge. Featuring classic deer designs with accents of traditional red and white, these balls will add a hint of class to your trees, leaving you with that warm, fuzzy feeling for sure. £14.99, searchpress.com.



Yuletide yarn

Stock up on Christmas colours for your yarn collection with Rito Hobby's Infinity Hearts Rose colour pack. Rito has done all the hard work for you by creating a ready-made Christmas bundle, bringing you all the right shades in the right places without you moving a muscle. These pure cotton skeins are ideal for festive gifts and toys that you can make in time for the big day. Purchase these yarns at ritohobby.co.uk.

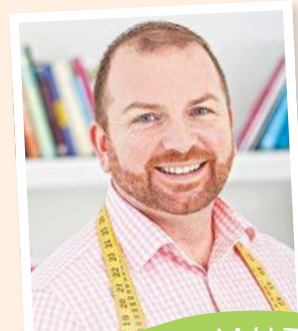


Stitch up a stocking

Fact: this stocking Advent calendar would look great in anybody's household this December. Guaranteed to catch the attention of little ones and their owners, the most practical thing about this calendar is that it can hang from great heights. Make two with 12 stockings on each and arrange them symmetrically in your home to add a festive display to your living space. It doubles up as decoration and allows more room for games and presents – what's not to love? Download the free pattern at schachenmayr.com.

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YARN FUN WITH

Stuart Hillard

This issue's yarn pack got me so excited for Christmas! The Santa Red, Snowy White and Fir Green instantly put me in mind of the 'jolly old elf'. There are ten balls in total, including a deep rich blue called Night Sky and vibrant shades like Festive Blue, Jolly Purple, Figgy Pudding, Golden Yellow and Blush Pink. When I was a child I loved French knitting. My dad would knock four tacks into the top of an old wooden cotton reel and I would wind the yarn around the top of the pins to create a tube of knitting which would magically appear from the bottom of the cotton reel. I was always so impatient for the cord to grow and would often pull on it to try and make it longer! The resulting knitted tube is perfect to wind and stitch into mats and coasters and all sorts of other little projects. You could even use them to make bracelets and necklaces. But I'm going to use this issue's kit to create a yarn ball collage picture. I found a box frame which has a deep recess behind the glass. These frames are perfect for displaying artwork that isn't flat. Make small balls of yarn using your yarn pack... start by winding the yarn around two of three fingers to create a little bunch then slip it off and wind more yarn tightly around until you have a ball, about the size of a marble. Use a dab of glue to secure the end of the yarn to the back of the ball and then just keep going until you've made lots. Using the backboard of your box frame, arrange and glue the yarn balls to create a picture or abstract pattern... you could draw your design first, then fill the spaces in with yarn balls. Once you've finished your design, fit the backboard into the box frame and display – ta-da!

Stu X

Great for gifts

Ideal if you're looking for animal toys for newborns or soft, clean and classic designs, Kerry Lord's new collection of patterns will have you

hooked. Jam-packed with 50 crochet creatures, *Edward's Menagerie: The New Collection* has a core message – once you have conquered one, you'll be able to crack them all. We think these toys are simply beautiful and could make great gifts for children. Or perhaps your coffee table is in need of some cuteness? Start your own menagerie for £16.99 at pavilionbooks.com.





PLUS
stitch markers,
tapestry
needle,
stuffing,
baker's twine

SIZE
Car length:
16cm
Tree length:
12.5cm



CAR body

Using 4mm hook
and Santa Red
make 13ch

Row 1 (roof):
starting in second
ch from hook, 1dc
in each st to end,
turn. 12 sts

Rows 2-16: 1ch, 1dc
in each st to
end, turn

Row 17: 1ch, 1dc in
each st to end,
turn work 90°
anticlockwise

Note: now
working in rnds

Rnd 1: 1ch, 1dc in
end of Row 16, 1dc

in end of each
row, turn, 1dc in
each st along
foundation ch,
turn, 1dc in end of
each row, turn, 1dc
in end of each st.
56 sts

Rnd 2: 1dc in each
st to end
Change to Snowy
White

Rnds 3-7
(windows): 1dc in
each st to end
Note: now
working in rows
Attach Santa Red
to right-hand
corner

Row 1 (bonnet):
1dc in each st to
end, turn. 12 sts

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

Row 7: 1ch, 1dc in
each st to end,
turn work 90°
anticlockwise

Note: now
working in rnds

Rnd 1: 1ch, 1dc in

end of each row
and in each st to
end. 68 sts

Note: change to
Night Sky after
Rnd 7

Rnds 2-9: 1dc in
each st to end
Fasten off

light

Make four

Using 4mm hook
and Golden Yellow
make a magic ring,
work 6dc into ring.
Six sts
Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

number plate

Make two

Using 4mm hook
and Golden Yellow
make 9ch

Row 1: starting in
second ch from
hook, 1dc in each
st to end, turn.
Eight sts
Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

wheel

Make four

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

Rnd 1: 2dc in each

st to end. 12 sts

Change to
Night Sky

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

Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

base

Using 4mm hook
and Night Sky
make 13ch

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

Rows 2-23: 1ch, 1dc
in each st to
end, turn
Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

TREE

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

Rnd 1: 1dc in each
st to end

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rnd 8: 1dc in each
st to end

Rnd 9: (2dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
24 sts

Rnd 10: 1dc in each
st to end

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

Rnds 12-19: 1dc in
each st to end

Rnd 20: (3dc,
dc2tog) to end.
24 sts

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

Note: stuff as
you go

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

Rnd 23: (dc2tog)
to end. Six sts
Fasten off

trunk

Using 4mm hook
and Figgy Pudding
make a magic ring,
work 8dc into ring.

Eight sts

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

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

Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

to make up

Using Santa Red,
surface crochet
(see Great Advice)
or embroider lines
from each corner
down, then add
additional lines for
windows on each
side of Car. Using
Night Sky,
embroider two
lines to create
windscreen wipers
on front window.
Using Snowy
White, embroider
grille on front.
Loosely sl st Base
to top of Car,
stuffing as you go.
Attach Headlights,
Number Plates
and Wheels to Car.
Sew Tree closed
and attach Trunk
to bottom. Weave
in all ends. Tie tree
to top of car with
baker's twine

GIVE THIS CLASSIC MOTIF A CROCHET UPDATE WITH OUR Christmas coupe

Bringing a festive fir home is one of those can't-beat-it feelings, so why not recreate the moment with **HEATHER GIBBS'** all-new pattern? We've used classic baker's twine to join the car and tree, but if you want your decoration to have more stability, you could always sew them together. This creation uses seven of your North Pole yarns... what will you make with the remaining colours?



GREAT ADVICE

SURFACE CROCHET

Attach slipknot to back of work
then, from front of work, insert
hook in st nearby and work ch sts
on surface



FRONT DETAIL

UP CLOSE & PERSONAL



BACK DETAIL





PLUS
tapestry
needle, sewing
needle, stitch
holder, stuffing,
four 5mm
black safety
eyes, blusher
(optional),
black thread,
dark brown
4-ply, liquid
glue

SIZE
Height: 21cm



Take the
next step

TOY SOLDIERS legs, body & head

Make two

Using 4mm
needles and
Snowy White cast
on 14 sts

Rows 1-3: k

Rows 4-12:

starting with a p
row work in st st
Cut yarn, keep sts
on a holder
Work Left Leg as
for Right Leg. Do
not cut yarn, cont
to Body as folls:

Row 13: k14 Left
Leg, k14 from
holder, joining
legs. 28 sts

Rows 14-20:
starting with a p
row work in st st

Change to Santa
Red (Festive Blue)

Rows 21-22:
starting with a k
row work in st st

Row 23: (k2,
k2tog) to end.
21 sts

Rows 24-28:
starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 29: (k1, k2tog)
to end. 14 sts

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

Change to
Blush Pink

Row 34: p

Row 35: k1, (kfb) to
last st, k1. 26 sts

Rows 36-40:
starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 41: k6, (k2tog,
k1) four times,
k2tog, k6. 21 sts

Rows 42-46:
starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 47: (k1, k2tog)
to end. 14 sts
Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread
tail onto tapestry
needle and thread
through rem sts,
fasten off

jacket

Make two

Using 4mm
needles and Santa
Red (Festive Blue)

cast on 30 sts

Rows 1-3: k

Rows 4-14:
starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 15: (k3, k2tog)
to end. 24 sts

Rows 16-18:
starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 19: (k2, k2tog)
to end. 18 sts

Row 20: p

Row 21: (k1, k2tog)
to end. 12 sts
Cast off

shoe

Make four

Using 4mm
needles and Night
Sky cast on
eight sts

Row 1 (WS): (pfb)
to end. 16 sts

Row 2: k

Row 3 (edge): k

Rows 4-7: starting
with a k row work
in st st

Row 8: k4, (k2tog)
four times, k4.
12 sts

Row 9: p

Row 10: k4,
(k2tog) twice, k4.
Ten sts

Row 11: p4, p2tog,
p4. Nine sts

Rows 12-13:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Cast off

hat

Make two

Using 4mm
needles and Jolly
Purple cast on
24 sts

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

Row 10 (edge): k

Row 11: k

Row 12: (p2, p2tog)
to end. 18 sts

Row 13: k

Row 14: (p1, p2tog)
to end. 12 sts

Row 15: k

Row 16: (p2tog) to
end. Six sts

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

hat strap

Make two

Using 4mm hook
and Jolly Purple
make 18ch
Fasten off

hand

Make four

Using 4mm
needles and Blush
Pink cast on
eight sts

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

Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread

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

sleeve

Make four (two in each colour)

Using 4mm
needles and Santa
Red (Festive Blue)
cast on ten sts

Rows 1-11: 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

shoulder pad

Make four

Using 4mm
needles and
Golden Yellow cast
on 12 sts

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

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

belt

Make two

Using 4mm
needles and Night

Sky cast on 26 sts
Cast off

BLUE SOLDIER ONLY

sash

Make two

Using 4mm hook
and Fir Green
make 30ch
Fasten off

to make up

Sew Head to neck,
stitch Body
halfway. Sew Legs
to crotch and stuff
Body, avoiding
neck area, close
Body seam. With
Blush Pink, work a
gathering thread
along neck and
pull tightly. Sew
Shoe seam and
stuff. Using Night
Sky, pierce foot
from sole, take
needle out from
top of shoe and
repeat. Pull thread
to flatten sole and
shape ankle. Insert
Shoe to trouser
leg and secure
with sts around
trouser hem. Rep
for other Leg.
Wrap Body with
Jacket piece and
sew seam at back
of Body, attach
Belt. With Blush

MARCH IN TIME TO A JOLLY TUNE WITH SACHIYO ISHII'S

Toy soldiers

Nothing quite says Christmas like the classical opening notes of The Nutcracker. It brings home the excitement of the Yule season and our sweet little toys are dressed in their festive finery and ready to dance! We think they will make the perfect addition to your merry decorations or could be the perfect toy for your own little soldiers. Use all but one of the colours in your gorgeous yarn kit to create these bright and bold little fellows.

Pink, use French knot for nose. Attach eye beads. With dark brown, embroider mouth. Seam and stuff Hat and attach to Head. Attach Strap at sides of Head. Thread Jolly Purple and insert needle from top of hat, take it out from back of head and rep. Pull thread to make dent at centre of Hat. Sew Hand and stuff, wrap Hand with Sleeve piece and stitch to cuff. Sew up Sleeve seam and stuff, wrap top end of stuffed Arm with Shoulder Pad and secure to Arm with sts. Sew Pad seam and attach Arm to Body, rep for other Arm and attach Arms to Body. For red soldier, embroider lines with Golden Yellow and make French knots on ends of each line. For blue soldier, attach sash, wrapping around back of neck. Wind Golden Yellow three to four times around three fingers. With a length of Golden Yellow, tie one end firmly, cut loops to make a tassel. Separate strands and wet the tip with liquid glue. Attach tassel to centre of Hat. Colour cheeks with pink pastel or blusher. Weave in all ends



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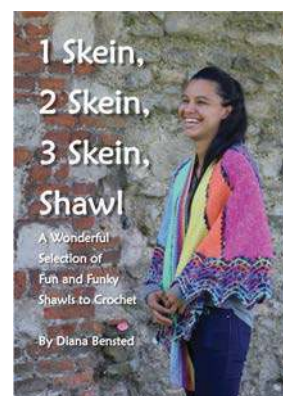
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OOPS! GETTING UP TO
ALL KINDS OF MISCHIEF
IN THE KITCHEN IS

Everly the elf



USING YOUR **NORTH POLE** YARN KIT



PROJECT
OVERLEAF >>



PLUS
stitch markers,
tapestry
needle,
stuffing, two
9mm black
safety eyes,
black
embroidery
thread, jingle
bell, blusher
(optional)

SIZE
Elf height:
27.5cm
Hat height:
9cm



ELF head

Using 4mm hook and Golden Yellow make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
Rnd 5: 1dc in each st to end
Change to

Blush Pink
Rnds 5-9: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 10: 14dc, MB (see Great Advice) in next st, 1dc in each st to end
Insert safety eyes between Rnds 8-9, approx five sts apart
Rnds 11-13: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 14: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 15: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 16: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
Rnd 17: 1dc in each st to end
Stuff
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

legs & body

* Using 4mm hook and Night Sky make 5ch
Rnd 1: starting in second ch from hook, 3dc, 3dc in next st, work down opposite side of ch as follows:

2dc, 2dc in next st. Ten sts
Rnd 2: (2dc in next st, 2dc, 2dc in next st, 3dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
Rnds 3-4: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 5: 4dc,

GREAT ADVICE

MAKE BOBBLE (MB)

(yoh, insert hook in indicated st, yoh, pull through st) four times. Nine loops on hook. Yoh and pull through all loops on hook

(dc2tog) three times, 1dc in each st to end. 15 sts

Rnd 6: 3dc, (dc2tog) three times, 1dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnds 7-9: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Festive Blue
Rnds 10-14: 1dc in each st to end *
Fasten off
Rep from * to * once then, making sure both feet are facing forward, crochet Legs tog as follows:

Rnd 15: sl st to middle inside of Leg, 3ch, sl st to any st on other Leg, (12dc, 1dc in each 3ch st) twice. 30 sts

Note: stuff as you go

Rnds 16-21: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Fir Green

Rnds 22-26: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 27: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnds 28-31: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 32: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 33: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 34: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

arm

Make two

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

Rnds 1-3: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Fir Green

Rnds 4-14: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

collar

Using 4mm and Jolly Purple make 12ch, join with a sl st to make a ring
Rnd 1: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

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

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

Note: now working in rows
Row 1: 5dc, turn. Five sts

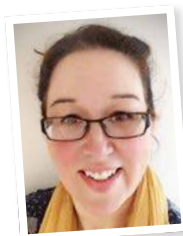
Row 2: (1ch, 1dc) in next st, 1dc in each st to end, turn

Row 3: miss one st, 4dc, turn. Four sts

Row 4: miss one st, 3dc, turn. Three sts

Row 5: miss one st,

Our amigurumi pro **HEATHER GIBBS** has done it again! She's created a character that can be cherished for years to come, and this time she's got a somewhat cheeky personality. Everly is perfect for 'elf on the shelf' antics this Christmas, so start making her tonight... then get your thinking cap on for what she can get up to in your house! The sillier the better.



HEATHER GIBBS, DESIGNER

"Feeling fancy? Make bows from spare yarn and add them to the shoes for a feminine finishing touch"

HOW TO MAKE HER BLONDE LOCKS

Cut 30cm lengths of Golden Yellow. Make tassels by folding two strands in half so there's a u-shaped bend on one side and four 'tails' on other side.

Insert hook around st where you want to add hair (work around post sts of Rnds 1-5 of Head). Catch bend of yarn with hook, pull folded end of yarn under st, taking care not to pull yarn all the way through. The yarn ends should remain on opposite side of st as folded end. Open up fold of yarn so you have a loop. Insert tail ends of yarn into loop. Pull ends of yarn tightly to cinch loop down into a knot. Cont in this way. Take small section of each side of hair and style into bunches on each side of Head. Secure by tying a strand of Festive Blue in a bow on each side

2dc, turn. Two sts
Row 6: miss one st, 1dc, turn. One st Sl st down to next st from Rnd 2 then rep Rows 1-6 for each star point, starting in next st from where you turned for Row 1

skirt

Note: leave a long tail before starting beginning ch Using 4mm hook and Figgy Pudding make 30ch, join with a sl st to make a ring
Rnd 1: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end.

36 sts
Rnd 2: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts
Rnd 3: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 48 sts
Rnd 4: (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 54 sts
Rnds 5-6: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 7: sl st in next st ([3ch, 2tr] in next st, miss one st, sl st to next st) to end Fasten off

hat

Using 4mm hook and Santa Red make a magic ring,

work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 2: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Eight sts
Rnd 3: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Ten sts
Rnd 4: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts
Rnd 5: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 14 sts
Rnd 6: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 16 sts
Rnd 7: (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 8: (8dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 20 sts
Rnd 9: (9dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 22 sts
Rnd 10: (10dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 11: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts Change to Snowy White
Rnd 12: (14dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 32 sts
Rnds 13-14: 1dc in each st to end Fasten off, leaving a long tail



to make up

Create hair (see panel). Using black embroidery thread, add eyelashes to Head. Using Figgy Pudding, embroider mouth over Rnds 13-15 below nose. Add blusher to cheeks (optional). Sew Legs & Body closed. Stuff bottom of Arms only and attach to Body. Sew Collar to top of Body. Tack points of Collar down to Body and Arms to secure. Attach Head to Body. Attach Skirt on Rnd 21 of Body. Attach jingle bell to top of Hat. Weave in all ends

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Mini jumpers

The perfect stashbuster project, these tiny jumpers by **DAWN FINNEY** can be made into a garland, hung on a Christmas tree or even be used to dress up children's toys during the festive period! They are a fantastically quick make and can be whipped up using your favourite colours or to match your decorative colour scheme. Why not embroider your family initials on each jumper to add a personal touch to this adorable project?



MINI JUMPER body

Make two

Note: Yarn A denotes main colour, Yarn B denotes contrast colour

Using 4mm needles and Yarn B cast on 12 sts

Rows 1-2: (k1, p1) to end

Change to Yarn A
Rows 3-17: starting with a k row work in st st

Change to Yarn B
Cast off pwise, leaving a long tail

sleeve

Make two

Note: prepare Body section by using long cast-off

yarn tail to graft tops of Body pieces tog creating shoulder seam, secure tail firmly and weave in, rep for second shoulder seam
Using 4mm needles and Yarn A, with RS of Body pieces facing, pick up ten sts along one side of Body,

with five sts on each side of shoulder seam
Rows 1-8: starting with a p row work in st st
Change to Yarn B
Cast off pwise, leaving a long tail

to make up

Use a long cast-off tail and tapestry needle to

join tog sides of one Sleeve and one side of Body. Rep for second Sleeve and side of jumper. Use oddments of yarn to embroider a star, tree, heart, snowflake or motif of your choice. Weave in all ends



“These adorable jumpers can be used to add a whimsical festive touch to any area of your home!”

DAWN FINNEY, DESIGNER

JUMPER COLOURS

Star - Yarn A: Santa Red, Yarn B: Festive Blue

Tree - Yarn A: Golden Yellow, Yarn B: Jolly Purple

Heart - Yarn A: Fir Green, Yarn B: Golden Yellow

Snowflake - Yarn A: Jolly Purple, Yarn B: Santa Red

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MOO-VELLOUS MAKE!

I was asked to make a stool for my friend's granddaughter, and I have been making them ever since. They are all based on patterns by Anja Toonen. The highland cow was a challenge from my friend Emma. I have made several before, but I think this is my favourite. He took me about four days solid to make, as every hair is hand knotted on. He was definitely a labour of love... but worth every stitch! I tend to make my stools for friends, family or my darts team. I've been crocheting for about four years now by teaching myself the basics and then attending a crochet and chatter group too.

GINA GUEST, NOTTINGHAM



POM-POM PRINCESS

My inspiration came from childhood memories playing with dolls, but I wanted a traditional knitted rag doll style. I imagined a cute little dolly ready to play out on a crisp winter day and Willow was born. I wanted her to look cuddly and warm and dressed her in a polo jumper and a gilet with a cable pom-pom hat. Then she needed to have friends to play with so began my 'Dolly Days Out' collection with her sister, cousins and friends all dressed for different days out.

**ANNE MORELY LAWLOR,
GALWAY**



BEWITCHED

I am a massive fan of seasonal toys and with us moving into the Halloween period, I decided I wanted to come up with a

Halloween doll to get me in a spooky mood.

I wanted to use the traditional commercial palette of colours you find around this time of year, while making her cute (rather than scary) and simple for people using my pattern to create her. I took inspiration from browsing costumes online for adults, wanting her to be unique, and she was born!

**LEANNE MARSHALL,
WEST LOTHIAN**





GOTHIC GARMENTS

Although I love knitting little pink or blue makes for babies, like me, I think there are people that prefer something a little different. These little gothic cardigans have been popular and I used Stylecraft Special DK. I have an online shop on Etsy called Sweetygreetings if you'd like to check it out.

DEBRA SHERRY-BRENNAN, ESSEX



SWEATER WEATHER

I have knitted since I was 14 and I used to make all my daughter's cardigans and school ones too. I became much more prolific when my husband died ten years ago because I needed something to occupy me. I have made four jumpers and jackets this year. I also make toys (especially Christmas ones) and homeware. I have made cushions, throws and hot water bottle covers, but my favourite thing to make is Jean Greenhowe's Santa. I have made four of these for charity over the years and (finally) one for myself.

ANN GRAHAM, NORTH SHIELDS

CUPID CALLS

My name is Alexis Sheffield (@deannecrochet on Instagram). I have been crocheting for quite a number of years now and started designing my own amigurumi about a year ago. This little guy is called Cupid, and carries his heart wherever he goes to spread love to whoever may need it! Crochet has been a huge passion of mine and amigurumi is my absolute favourite.

ALEXIS SHEFFIELD, WEST YORKSHIRE



HEART OF GOLD

Take Heart is a small project that has been going since January. We make, then post or leave out in public, little crochet hearts with a note saying 'You Are Not Alone' for anyone who needs a bit of love in their life. So far we've sent out almost 7,000 hearts all over the UK, and even to Australia,



America and India. They've been given to people having a hard time and left on bridges which are known suicide spots. We run on donations so the hearts can be sent out for free whenever they're requested through our Instagram, @takeheartxo. We also have people all over the UK (who I've never even met!) who make and send hearts to us. Overall, from the making to the giving of the hearts, the whole process is a simple act of kindness and a physical reminder that someone out there cares.

LOUISE SCRIVENER, DEBBIE LOCKE AND SHARON SULLY, WARWICKSHIRE

BASKET OF BEAUTY

I enjoy lots of different crafts but crocheting seems to be my favourite at the moment. Whilst at a recent yarn festival, I purchased some premium cord to make a basket and on buying this beautiful coloured cord, I knew exactly what to do with it! With the wooden base it was so quick to make and all in one stitch. The cord is 5mm by Bobby and really lovely to work with. I even had enough left out of the skein to make a couple of chunky cup coasters too.



ERICKA GUNTER, NORTH EASTERN SCOTLAND

HAVE YOUR SAY

"If YOU like it, it's beautiful. There is no 'wrong'"

ROWENA
WARD

"Read the pattern, measure twice and cut once"

GILL FOSTER

"Slip the first stitch and knit the last one backwards to make nice straight edges"

NICOLA HULLAH

"Use a row counter when knitting, and when creating a matching set, make sure to measure the second piece against the first to ensure they do match"

ELEANORA MURPHY

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USE YOUR **NORTH POLE** YARN KIT

PLUS: stuffing, tapestry needle, florist wire

SIZE: Height: Lady, 17cm; Lord, 15.5cm; Pipe, 8.5cm; Drum, 7cm



EMMA VARNAM,
DESIGNER

“It’s here, everyone – the final part of our 12 Days of Christmas crochet-along. We hope you’ve enjoyed creating these decorations, which we’re sure you’ll bring out year after year. For part three, it’s the turn of the ladies dancing, lords a-leaping, pipers piping and drummers drumming. Aren’t they lovely? Simple bows and basic embroidery add the perfect finishing touches, and florist wire has been used to make the lord and lady’s arms and legs opposable, telling the true story of the song. If you missed the previous sets, you can find them in all their glory at topcrochetpatterns.com. Happy Christmas!”



Perfect for
beginners

LADY head

Using 4mm hook and Blush 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

Rnds 3-6: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 7: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Stuff
Rnd 8: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

body

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

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

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

Rnds 3-8: 1dc in each st to end Change to Blush Pink

Rnd 9: working in back loops only, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 10: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Stuff
Rnd 11: (dc2tog) to

end. Six sts
Fasten off

skirt

Using 4mm hook and Snowy White make 21ch

Row 1: 2tr in third ch from hook, 3tr in each ch to end, join with a sl st in third ch to make a loop
Fasten off

arm

Make two

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

Rnds 1-9: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

leg

Make two

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

Rnds 1-2: 1dc in each st to end Change to Blush Pink

Rnds 3-12: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

work 6dc into ring. Six sts

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

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

Rnds 3-6: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

bun

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

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



and treasure forever CROCHET-ALONG

12 Days of
Christmas
EDITION

GREAT ADVICE

DOUBLE TREBLE (DTR)

Yoh twice, insert hook through st, yoh and pull through st. Four loops on hook. Yoh and draw through first two loops. Three loops on hook. (Yoh and draw through two loops) twice

LORD head

Work as for Lady Head

body

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rnd 11: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Stuff

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

arm

Make two

Using 4mm hook and Blush Pink

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

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end Change to Night Sky

Rnds 2-9: 1dc in each st to end Fasten off, leaving a long tail

leg

Make two

Using 4mm hook and Night Sky

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

Rnds 1-2: 1dc in each st to end Change to Snowy White

Rnds 3-8: 1dc in each st to end Change to Festive Blue

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

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

hat

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

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

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

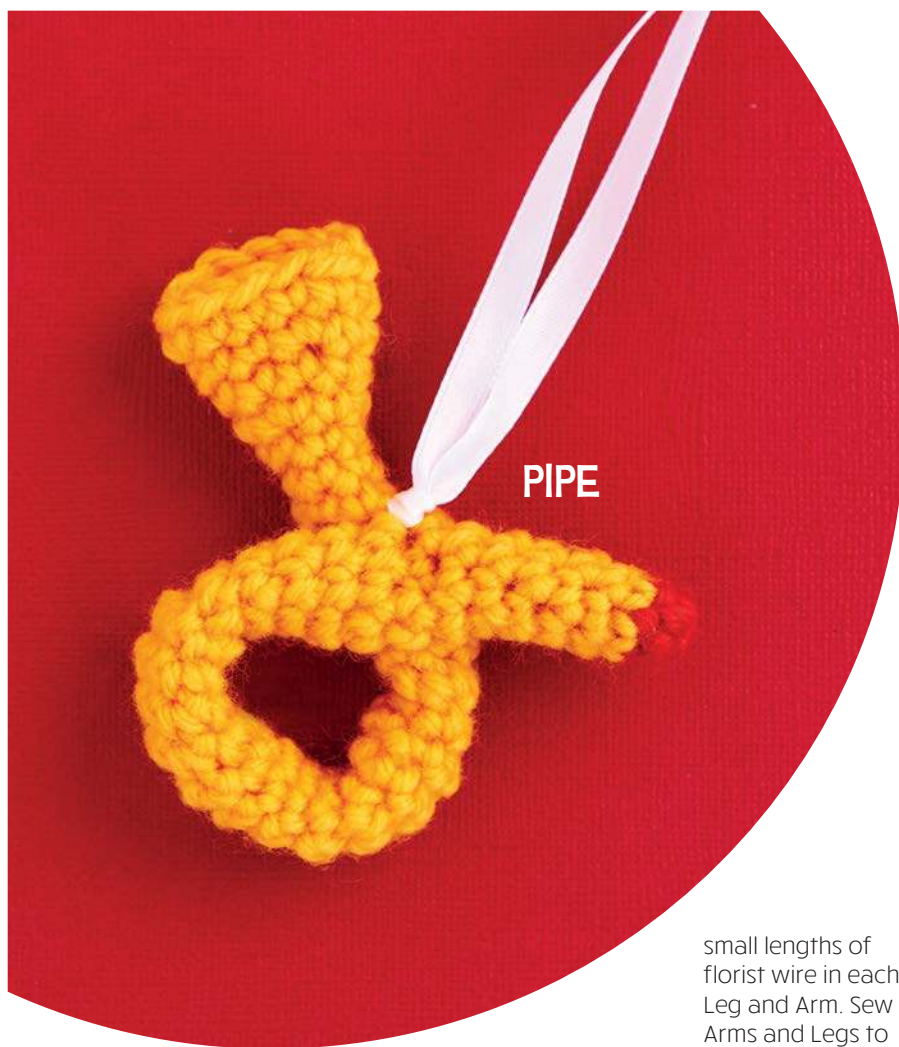
Rnds 3-4: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 5 (brim): 2htr, 2tr, 3dtr, 2tr, 2htr, sl st in next st Fasten off, leaving a long tail



LORD

TURN
OVER



PIPE

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

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end. Six sts
Change to Golden Yellow

Rnds 2-33: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 34: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts

Rnd 35: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 36: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 37: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

DRUM base

Make two

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

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

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

Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 32 sts

Fasten off

side

Using 4mm hook join Golden Yellow to back loop of Rnd 3 of Base

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

Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end. 32 sts
Change to Santa Red

Rnd 3: rep Rnd 1
Rnds 4-10: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Golden Yellow

Rnds 11-12: rep Rnds 1-2
Fasten off

to make up

For Lady, sew Head to top of Body. Place Hair on top of Head and sew in place. Weave along sts of Bun and pull tog to form ball. Sew Bun to top of Hair. Place small lengths of florist wire in Legs and Arms. Sew Legs, Arms and Skirt to Body. Tie a bow from Figgy Pudding and attach to Hair. For Lord, sew Head to top of Body. Place Hat on top of Head, turn brim up and sew. Place

small lengths of florist wire in each Leg and Arm. Sew Arms and Legs to Body. Tie a bow from Snowy White and attach to neck. For Pipe, make a loop to create a horn shape and secure with sts where horn overlaps. For Drum, use Snowy White to st large diagonals on Side. Stuff,



then sew second Base to top of Sides with Snowy White. Weave in all ends



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tapestry
needle, stitch
holder

SIZE
Length: 24cm



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RAINBOW MITTENS

Make two

Using 4mm
needles and Santa
Red cast on 46 sts,
leaving a short tail

Rows 1-10: (k1, p1)
in rib

Change to Fir
Green, leaving a
long tail of
Santa Red

Rows 11-18: cont
in rib

Note: for all foll
colour changes,
leave short tails
unless otherwise
instructed
Change to Festive
Blue

Rows 19-24: cont
in rib

GREAT ADVICE

m1p: with left needle tip, lift
strand between two needles from
front to back, p lifted loop through
back to twist st

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STYLE BRIGHT WITH DAWN FINNEY'S

Rainbow mittens

Colourful stripes add a touch of fun to any knitted project and these bold
mittens will add a pop of colour to your winter outfits. The pointed style
reminds us of traditional Latvian mittens whereas the colour choices are most
definitely modern and on-trend. If you're looking to perfect your stripes and
colour changes then this is the project for you. They would also make the ideal
gift for a loved one who likes to make a fashion statement.

Change to Golden
Yellow, cont in st
st as folls:

Row 25: kfb, k45.
47 sts

Row 26: p

Row 27: k23, join
Snowy White but
do not cut Golden
Yellow, m1 (Snowy
White), k1 (Snowy
White), m1 (Snowy
White), join other
end of Golden
Yellow but do not

cut Snowy White,
k23 (Golden
Yellow). 49 sts

Row 28: p23
(Golden Yellow),
p3 (Snowy White),
p23 (Golden
Yellow)

Row 29: k23
(Golden Yellow),
k3 (Snowy White),
k23 (Golden
Yellow)

Row 30: p23
(Golden Yellow), p1
(Snowy White), m1p
(Snowy White), p1
(Snowy White), m1p
(Snowy White), p1
(Snowy White), p1
(Snowy White),

p23 (Golden
Yellow). 51 sts

Row 31: k23
(Golden Yellow),
k5 (Snowy White),
k23 (Golden
Yellow)

Row 32: p23
(Golden Yellow),
p5 (Snowy White),
p23 (Golden
Yellow)

Row 33: k23
(Golden Yellow), k1
(Snowy White), m1
(Snowy White), k3
(Snowy White), m1
(Snowy White),
k23 (Golden
Yellow). 53 sts

Row 34: p23
(Golden Yellow),
p7 (Snowy White),
p23 (Golden
Yellow)
Change to Jolly
Purple for both
Golden Yellow
sections

Row 35: k23 (Jolly
Purple), k7 (Snowy
White), k23 (Jolly
Purple)

Row 36: p23 (Jolly
Purple), p1 (Snowy
White), m1 (Snowy
White), p5 (Snowy
White), m1 (Snowy
White), p1 (Snowy
White), p23 (Jolly
Purple). 55 sts

Row 37: k23 (Jolly

Purple), k9 (Snowy
White), k23 (Jolly
Purple)

Row 38: p23 (Jolly
Purple), p9 (Snowy
White), p23 (Jolly
Purple)

Row 39: k23 (Jolly
Purple), k1 (Snowy
White), m1 (Snowy
White), k7 (Snowy
White), m1 (Snowy
White), k1 (Snowy
White), k23 (Jolly
Purple). 57 sts

Row 40: p23 (Jolly
Purple), p11 (Snowy
White), p23 (Jolly
Purple)

Change to Santa
Red for Jolly
Purple sections

Row 41: k23 (Santa
Red), k11 (Snowy
White), k23
(Santa Red)

Row 42: p23
(Santa Red), p1
(Snowy White), m1
(Snowy White), p9
(Snowy White), m1
(Snowy White), p1
(Snowy White),
p23 (Santa Red).
59 sts

Row 43: k23
(Santa Red), k13
(Snowy White),
k23 (Santa Red)

Row 44: p23
(Santa Red), p13
(Snowy White),

p23 (Santa Red)

Row 45: k23
(Santa Red), k1
(Snowy White), m1
(Snowy White), k11
(Snowy White), m1
(Snowy White), k1
(Snowy White),
k23 (Santa Red).
61 sts

Row 46: p23
(Santa Red), cut
Snowy White and
place next 15 sts
(Snowy White) on
a st holder, ensure
holder is on RS of
the piece, cont
with same length
of Santa Red yarn
across whole row,
p23. 46 sts.

Cut second,
unworked Santa
Red end

Rows 47-66: cont
in st st, beg with a
k row as folls: two
rows in Santa Red,
then six rows each
in Festive Blue,
Snowy White and
Jolly Purple
Beg top shaping
as folls:

Row 67: k10, k2tog,
(k9, k2tog) three
times, k1. 42 sts

Row 68: p

Row 69: k9, k2tog,
(k8, k2tog) three
times, k1. 38 sts

Row 70: p

Change to Golden
Yellow

Row 71: k8, k2tog,
(k7, k2tog) three
times, k1. 34 sts

Row 72: p

Row 73: k7, k2tog,
(k6, k2tog) three
times, k1. 30 sts

Row 74: p

Row 75: k6, k2tog,
(k5, k2tog) three
times, k1. 26 sts

Row 76: p

Change to Fir
Green

Row 77: k5, k2tog,
(k4, k2tog) three
times, k1. 22 sts

Row 78: p

Row 79: k4, k2tog,
(k3, k2tog) three
times, k1. 18 sts

Row 80: p

Row 81: k3, k2tog,
(k2, k2tog) three
times, k1. 14 sts

Row 82: p

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

thumb

Make two

Move 15 sts on st
holder to knitting
needle so WS is
facing

Change to Golden Yellow and work thumb as follows:

Row 1b: pfb, p14.

16 sts

Starting with a k row work six rows in st st

Change to Fir Green

Shape end of Thumb as follows:

Row 1c: (k2, k2tog) four times. 12 sts

Row 2c: p

Row 3c: (k1, k2tog) four times.

Eight sts

Row 4c: (p2tog) four times.

Four sts

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

to make up

Using tapestry needle, pass long tail of Fir Green at top of mitten through the 'cast off' sts again. Join sides tog using mattress st up to long Santa Red tail at rib section.

Secure Fir Green tail then use Santa Red tail to join rest of mitten's sides tog. Use Fir Green tail at tip of Thumb to join sides tog. Secure any remaining yarn ends and weave in. Rep for second mitten



"These cosy mittens are a surprisingly quick knit, making them a great last-minute present idea. Knitted flat, they are the perfect project for a beginner wishing to try raised increases"

DAWN FINNEY, DESIGNER

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needle

SIZE
Height: 20cm



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SKILLS TO DECORATE THIS

Merry dwelling

What is it about a crocheted house that is so darn lovely? Offering a festive feel, **SARAH LOUISE READ'S** design is perfect for creating showstopping scenes this Christmas.

Here's an idea – try and replicate your own home for a personalised take (we believe in you!) or use additional yarns to make an entire street if you fancy taking on a bigger project.



MERRY DWELLING

Using 4mm hook and Santa Red make 13ch

Rnd 1: 2htr in second ch from hook, 10htr, 5htr in next st, work along opposite side of ch as folls: 10htr, 3htr in next st. 30 sts

Rnd 2: (2htr in next st) twice, 10htr, (2htr in next st) five times, 10htr, (2htr in next st) to end. 40 sts

Rnd 3: (1htr, 2htr in next st) twice, 10htr, (1htr, 2htr in next st) five times, 10htr, (1htr, 2htr in next st) to end. 50 sts

Rnd 4: (2htr, 2htr in next st) twice, 10htr, (2htr, 2htr in next st) five times, 10htr, (2htr, 2htr in next st) to end. 60 sts

Rnd 5: (3htr, 2htr in next st) twice, 10htr, (3htr, 2htr in next st) five times, 10htr, (3htr, 2htr in next st) three times. 70 sts

Rnd 6: working in back loops only, join with a sl st to first st, 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 70 sts
Work in foll one-rnd stripe sequence: Figgy Pudding,

Santa Red

Rnds 7-14: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch
Change to Festive Blue

Rnd 15: working in back loops only, (5htr, htr2tog) to end. 60 sts

Rnd 16: 1htr in each st to end

Rnd 17: (8htr, htr2tog) to end. 54 sts

Rnd 18: rep Rnd 16

Rnd 19: (7htr, htr2tog) to end. 48 sts

Rnd 20: rep Rnd 16

Rnd 21: (6htr, htr2tog) to end. 42 sts

Rnd 22: rep Rnd 16
Change to Snowy White

Rnd 23: (5htr, htr2tog) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 24: working in back loops only, 1htr in each st to end

Rnd 25: (4htr, htr2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 26: rep Rnd 16

Rnd 27: (3htr, htr2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 28: rep Rnd 16

Rnd 29: (2htr, htr2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 30: (1htr, htr2tog) to end. 12 sts

Stuff
Rnd 31: (htr2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

roof frill

Using 4mm hook and Jolly Purple attach yarn to first st of front loop only of

Rnd 15 of House
Rnd 1: (3ch [counts as 1tr throughout], 1tr) in next st, 2tr in each st to end. 140 sts

Change to Blush Pink

Rnd 2: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end. 140 sts

Fasten off

snow frill

Using 4mm hook and Snowy White, attach yarn to first st of front loop only of

Rnd 24 of House
Rnd 1: 1dc, (miss one st, [3tr in next st] twice, miss one st, 1dc) to end, join with a sl st to first st. 50 sts
Fasten off

window

Make two

Using 4mm hook and Night Sky make 10ch

Row 1: starting in fourth ch from hook, 1tr in each st to end, turn. Seven sts

Rows 2-4: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end, turn

Do not fasten off
Now working around Window, 1dc in each st to end, working 2dc in each row end

GREAT ADVICE

MAKE BOBBLE (MB)

Yoh, insert hook in st, yoh and pull through st, yoh and pull through two loops. Two loops on hook. (Yoh, insert hook in same st, yoh and pull through st, yoh and pull through two loops) three times. Five loops on hook. Yoh, pull through all five loops on hook



Fasten off, leaving a long tail

door

Using 4mm hook and Jolly Purple make 12ch

Rows 1-4: rep Rows 1-4 of Window. Nine sts

Row 5: 1ch, 1dc, 1htr, 1tr, 3dtr, 1tr, 1htr, 1dc

Do not fasten off
Now working around Door, 1dc in each st to end, working 2dc in each row end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

light

Make six (one in each colour)

Using 4mm hook and Santa Red (Golden Yellow,

Blush Pink, Festive Blue, Figgy Pudding, Jolly Purple) make 2ch

Row 1: MB (see Great Advice) in second ch from hook. One st
Fasten off

wreath

Using 4mm hook and Fir Green

to make up

Sew House closed. Using Golden Yellow and a tapestry needle, embroider lines on Windows and Door onto House. Add small Santa Red bow to bottom of Wreath and sew to Door. To string Lights, use Night Sky to make 10ch, 1dc in top of bobble st on one Light, (4ch, 1dc in top of next Light) for all Lights, 10ch. Fasten off and sew to House. Weave in all ends



“Be careful not to twist the chain when working the wreath”

SARAH LOUISE READ, DESIGNER



9 Reasons

Your Loved Ones Want
A Handmade Gift
This Christmas

WORDS BY HEIDI WILKINS

Five Quick Projects

YOU SHOULD START TODAY

Picture the scene: it's Christmas Eve and your perfectly decorated Christmas tree is twinkling in the darkness. A pile of exquisitely wrapped squishy parcels sit beneath it, just waiting to be opened. Your hours of crafting have paid off and the gifting will soon commence! Here are nine reasons the special people in your life definitely want to receive a handmade gift this year.

FEEL THE LOVE

Anyone can go into a shop and grab something off a shelf. But you're a talented crafter and handmade gifts are not only a great opportunity to demonstrate your fantastic skills, but also to show your affection for the favourites in your life. A knitted or crocheted present shows you've taken the time to create something special for your closest friends and family – now that's love!

ONE OF A KIND

A handmade gift is completely unique. No two knitted or crocheted items are totally identical so your recipients can be safe in the knowledge that their crafty present is unlike anything else they will receive. They definitely won't find anything as wonderful in the shops and will love that smug reply ("my friend crocheted it for me!") when someone asks, "ooh where did you get that?"

WHAT FUN!

Us crafters know that the process of creating is often more fun than the finished item itself. Think of the hours of enjoyment you'll have with your hook and needles taking on exciting new projects. It's a great time to try out new skills and patterns and give yourself a challenge while having the time of your life!

AVOID THE SHOPS

Does anyone really enjoy fighting their way through busy crowds in hot stores to buy mediocre gifts? We think not. It's clearly better to stay home with a pile of yarn, a stack of our fab patterns, a cuppa and pack of festive biscuits! Working your way through your gifting list has never been quite so hygge.

IT'S WINTER

Let's be honest, yarn and winter go together perfectly like turkey and cranberry. This cold time of year is ideal for crafting cosy items like scarves, gloves and hats or for creating festive Christmas decorations for your loved ones to use every year.

STASHBUSTING

Hand making your Christmas gifts is the perfect opportunity to go through your stash and use up those odds and ends of yarn, cute embellishments or those gorgeous buttons you picked up at a craft shop but haven't yet used – get rummaging!

BUDGET BUSTING!

If you're trying to keep costs down during the expensive festive period then hand making your gifts could be the answer. Hunt in charity shops and craft fairs for cheap yarn, material or accessories so that you can smash your gift giving without smashing your budget.

THIS IS PERSONAL

It's easy to personalise a handmade gift. Receiving a present with your name or initial on it makes it significantly more special – especially if your name is uncommon. Other ways you can personalise projects are by using the recipient's favourite colours or embellishments – they'll adore this extra special touch!

A FOREVER TREASURE

When you make someone a gift, they will cherish and keep it forever. What's more, it will always remind them of you! A handmade item is so much more special than something bought over the counter so you are giving your loved one something that will stay with them for a lifetime.



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tapestry
needle, six star
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amount of
black thread

SIZE
Board: 20cm
square
Tree: 5cm
x 6cm
Santa: 5cm
x 6cm



Take the
next step

TIC-TAC-TOE board

Note: colour in brackets foll instruction indicates which yarn to use
Using 4mm hook make 12ch (Festive Blue), 12ch (Jolly Purple), 13ch (Festive Blue), turn
Row 1: starting in second ch from

hook 12dc (Festive Blue), 12dc (Jolly Purple), 12dc (Festive Blue), turn
Rows 2-15: 1ch, 12dc (Festive Blue), 12dc (Jolly Purple), 12dc (Festive Blue), turn
Rows 16-29: 1ch, 12dc (Night Sky), 12dc (Figgy Pudding), 12dc (Night Sky), turn
Rows 30-43: 1ch, 12dc (Festive Blue), 12dc (Jolly Purple), 12dc (Festive Blue), turn
Fasten off

border

Using 4mm hook, join Golden Yellow to any st
Rnd 1: 1ch, work 1dc in each st around Board edge, working 2dc in each corner, join with a sl st to

first st
Join Santa Red to any st
Rnd 2: 1ch, crab st in each st to end
Fasten off

santa counter

Make six
Using 4mm hook and Blush Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Change to Snowy White
Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end, turn. 18 sts
Next row: 1ch, 1dc in same st, * (1ltr, 2tr) in next st, (1ltr, 1ltr) in next st, 1dc, rep from *, (1ltr, 2tr) in next st, (1ltr, 1ltr) in next st, sl st in last st
Fasten off

hat

Make six
Using 4mm hook and with RS facing, join Santa Red to first st of Rnd 2 of Santa Counter
Row 1: 1ch, 1dc,

2htr, 1tr, 2tr in next st, 2htr, 3htr in next st, 4ch, turn
Row 2: starting in second ch from hook, sl st, 2dc, sl st in same st as 3htr on Row 1
Fasten off

hat bobble

Make six
Using 4mm hook and Snowy White work one puff st into tip of Hat
Fasten off

moustache

Make six
Using 4mm hook and Snowy White make 9ch, turn
Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, sl st, 1dc, 2htr in next st, sl st in next two sts, 2htr in next st, 1dc, sl st
Fasten off

tree counter

Make six
Using 4mm hook and Fir Green make 2ch, turn
Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 2dc in same st, turn. Two sts
Row 2: 1ch, 2dc in

next st, 1dc, turn. Three sts
Row 3: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 2dc, turn. Four sts
Row 4: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 3dc, turn. Five sts
Row 5: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 4dc, turn. Six sts
Row 6: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 5dc, turn. Seven sts
Row 7: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 6dc, turn. Eight sts
Row 8: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 7dc, turn. Nine sts
Row 9: 1ch, 2dc in

next st, 8dc, turn. Ten sts
Row 10: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 9dc. 11 sts
Row 11: attach Santa Red to fifth st of Row 10 using a standing dc, 2dc, turn
Row 12: 1ch, 3dc
Fasten off

to make up

Sew Moustache onto Santa and embroider eyes on face. Stitch a star bead on top of every Tree. Weave in all ends

GREAT ADVICE

CRAB ST

Work as dc but in reverse. Insert hook in st to right of working yarn, yoh, pull through st, yoh, pull through both loops

PUFF ST

* yoh, insert hook in st, yoh, pull through st, yoh and pull yarn through first two loops on hook, rep from * twice. Four loops left on hook. Yoh, pull through all four loops on hook

STANDING DC

Make a slipknot and place it on hook, insert hook in st, yoh, pull through st, yoh, pull through both loops

TOP TIP

WET BLOCK YOUR GAME BOARD TO STOP THE ENDS CURLING UP



DID YOU KNOW?

“Even with the same brand and ball band, dyes can vary in weight producing fluctuations in yarn thickness,” explains Pauline Turner from Crochet

Design. “Do check your tension when crocheting or knitting with different shades.” If you’re interested in learning more about crochet, visit crochet.co.uk where you’ll discover fantastic courses and workshops.

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PROJECT
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PLUS
tapestry
needle,
stuffing, 9cm
diameter circle
of cardboard

SIZE
Height: 14cm



LITTLE ANGEL body & head

Using 4mm
needles and
Snowy White cast
on nine sts
Row 1: k1, (kfb) to
end. 17 sts
**Row 2 and every
even-numbered
row:** p
Row 3: k1, (kfb, k1)
to end. 25 sts
Row 5: k1, (k2, kfb)
to end. 33 sts
Row 7: k1, (k3, kfb)
to end. 41 sts
Row 9: k1, (k4, kfb)
to end. 49 sts
Row 11: k
**Row 12 (base
ridge):** k
Row 13: k
Rows 14-16:
starting with a p

row work in st st
Row 17: (k5, k2tog)
to end. 42 sts
Rows 18-20:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Row 21: (k5, k2tog)
to end. 36 sts
Rows 22-24:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Row 25: (k4,
k2tog) to end.
30 sts
Rows 26-32:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Row 33: (k3,
k2tog) to end.
24 sts
Row 34: p

Row 35: (k2tog) to
end. 12 sts
Change to Blush
Pink
Row 36: p
Row 37: (kfb) to
end. 24 sts
Row 38: p
Row 39: (kfb, k3)
to end. 30 sts
Rows 40-50:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Change to Figgy
Pudding
Rows 51-54:
starting with a k
row work in st st
Row 55: (k2tog) to
end. 15 sts
Cut yarn leaving a

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

halo

Using 4mm
needles and
Golden Yellow cast
on 28 sts
Row 1: p
Row 2 (RS): k
Row 3: p
Cast off

arm

Make two
Using 4mm
needles and
Snowy White cast
on nine sts
Rows 1-14: starting
with a k row work
in st st
Change to Blush
Pink
Rows 15-18:
starting with a k
row work in st st

Row 19: k1, (k2tog)
to end. Five sts

wing

Make two
Using 4mm
needles and
Golden Yellow cast
on nine sts
Row 1: kfb, k to
end. Ten sts
Row 2: k
Rows 3-6: rep
Rows 1-2 twice.
12 sts
Rows 7-12: k
Row 13: k2tog, k to
end. 11 sts
Row 14: k
Rows 15-18: rep
Rows 13-14 twice.
Nine sts
Rows 19-20: k
Row 21: kfb, k to
end. Ten sts
Row 22: k
Rows 23-26: rep
Rows 21-22 twice.
12 sts
Rows 27-32: k

Row 33: k2tog, k
to end. 11 sts

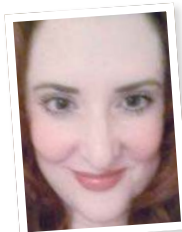
Row 34: k

Rows 35-38: rep
Rows 33-34 twice.
Nine sts
Cast off

to make up

Gather up cast-on
sts of Body and
Head and sew row
edges on WS
leaving a gap.
Turn RS out, place
cardboard disc in
bottom, stuff
firmly and sew
closed. Gather st
of neck and pull
tightly. Use Night
Sky and Figgy
Pudding to
embroider eyes
and mouth. Sew
edges of Arms on
WS, turn RS out
and stuff. Stitch
Arms to Body, sew
hands tog. Make
hair by cutting
lengths of Figgy
Pudding 28cm
long, place across
Head and sew in
place from top of
Head to back of
neck. Pull hair to
one side of Head
and tie in place.
Plait two sections
of side ponytail
and secure all
yarn at bottom.
Using same shade,
place 20cm
lengths at front of
Angel's head and
sew in place at
back of head.
Fold Halo in half
lengthways and
sew cast-on and
cast-off edges
tog, sew row
edges tog to make
a ring. Place on
top of Angel's
head and sew in
place. Place two
Wings to back of
Body and sew in
place. Weave in
all ends

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VS CROCHET

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two 6mm black
eye beads,
black thread,
small amount
of dark brown
4-ply, stuffing,
tapestry
needle, sewing
needle, stitch
holder

SIZE

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KNIT

KNITTED SANTA legs & body

* Using 4mm needles and Snowy White cast on 15 sts
Rows 1-5: k
 Change to Santa Red
Rows 6-13: starting with a k (RS) row work in st st
Row 14: (k4, kfb) to end. 18 sts
Row 15: p *
 Cut yarn, place sts on st holder
 Rep from * to * once, then join Legs tog as folls:
Row 16: k18 from left Leg, k18 from st holder. 36 sts
 Change to Figgy Pudding
Rows 17-23: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 24: (k4, k2tog) to end. 30 sts
Rows 25-33: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 34: (k3, k2tog) to end. 24 sts
Rows 35-39: starting with a p

row work in st st
Row 40: (k2, k2tog) to end. 18 sts
Rows 41-43: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 44: (k1, k2tog) to end. 12 sts
 Cast off

head

Using 4mm needles and Blush Pink cast on six sts
Row 1 (WS): p
Row 2: (kfb) to end. 12 sts
Row 3 and every odd-numbered row: p
Row 4: (k1, kfb) to end. 18 sts
Row 6: (k2, kfb) to end. 24 sts
Row 8: (k3, kfb) to end. 30 sts
Row 10: (k4, kfb) to end. 36 sts
Rows 11-21: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 22: (k4, k2tog) to end. 30 sts
Rows 23-25: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 26: (k3,

k2tog) to end. 24 sts
Rows 27-29: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 30: (k2, k2tog) to end. 18 sts
Rows 31-33: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 34: (k1, k2tog) to end. 12 sts
Row 35: (k2tog) to end. Six sts
 Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

shoe

Make two
 Using 4mm needles and Night Sky cast on six sts
Row 1 (WS): p
Row 2: (kfb) to end. 12 sts
Row 3 and every odd-numbered row: p
Row 4: (k1, kfb) to end. 18 sts
Row 6: (k2, kfb) to end. 24 sts
Row 8 (edge): p
Rows 9-13: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 14: k7, (k2tog) five times, k to end. 19 sts
Row 15 and every odd-numbered row: p
Row 16: k7, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k to end. 17 sts
Row 18: k7, k3tog, k to end. 15 sts
Row 20: k
 Cast off

jumper

Using 4mm needles and Snowy White cast on 42 sts
Rows 1-4: k
 Change to Santa Red
Rows 5-12: starting with a k (RS) row work in st st
Row 13: (k5, k2tog) to end. 36 sts
Rows 14-18: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 19: (k4, k2tog) to end. 30 sts
Rows 20-24: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 25: (k3, k2tog) to end. 24 sts
Rows 26-28: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 29: (k2, k2tog) to end. 18 sts
 Cast off

sleeve

Make two
 Using 4mm needles and Snowy White cast on 12 sts
Rows 1-5: k
 Change to Santa Red
Rows 6-18: starting with a k (RS) row work in st st
 Cast off

hand

Make two
 Using 4mm needles and Blush Pink cast on six sts
Row 1 (WS): p
Row 2: (kfb) to end. 12 sts
Rows 3-7: starting with a p row work in st st
 Cast off

beard

Using 4mm needles and Snowy White cast on seven sts

Row 1: kfb, k to last st, kfb.
 Nine sts
Row 2: k
Rows 3-12: rep Rows 1-2 five times. 19 sts
Rows 13-20: k
 Cast off kwise

hat

Using 4mm needles and Snowy White cast on 36 sts
Rows 1-5: k
 Change to Santa Red
Rows 6-11: starting with a k (RS) row work in st st
Row 12: (k4, k2tog) to end. 30 sts
Row 13: p
Row 14: (k3, k2tog) to end. 24 sts
Row 15: p
Row 16: (k2, k2tog) to end. 18 sts
Rows 17-19: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 20: (k1, k2tog) to end. 12 sts
Row 21: p
Row 22: k
Row 23: (k2tog) to end. Six sts
 Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

bobble

Using 4mm needles and Snowy white cast on seven sts
Row 1 (WS): p
Row 2: (kfb) to end. 14 sts
Rows 3-9: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 10: (k2tog) to end. Seven sts
 Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

belt

Using 4mm needles and Festive Blue cast on four sts
Rows 1-60: k
 Cast off

buckle

Using 4mm hook and Golden Yellow make 20ch
 Fasten off

to make up

Sew each Leg and Body seam and stuff. Seam Shoe from cast-on end and stuff. Thread Night Sky onto needle and pierce foot from centre of sole, take needle out from ankle and rep. Pull thread to flatten sole and shape ankle. Insert shoe in trouser leg and secure shoe at hem with sts all around. Rep for other Leg. Seam Jumper and dress Body. Attach Belt and Buckle. Seam and stuff Hands. Wrap Hand with Sleeve piece and secure at wrist with sts all around. Stuff Sleeve halfway and close side seam. Rep for other Arm. Attach to Body. Seam and stuff Bobble. Seam Hat and attach Bobble. Attach Hat to Head. Attach Beard. Using Blush Pink, make French knot to create nose. Attach eye beads. Using dark brown 4-ply, embroider mouth. Attach Head to Body. Weave in all ends



CROCHET SANTA

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

* Using 4mm hook and Snowy White make 15ch, join with a sl st to make a ring

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

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

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

Rnd 8: 1ch, (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 9: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end * Fasten off
Rep from * to * once, then join Legs tog as folls:

Rnd 10: 1ch, 1dc in each st around left Leg, insert hook in first st of right Leg, 1dc in each st around right Leg, join with a sl st to first st. 36 sts
Change to Figgy Pudding

Rnds 11-14: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 15: 1ch, (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

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

Rnd 20: 1ch, (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

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

Rnd 23: 1ch, (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 24: rep Rnd 9

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

Rnd 26: rep Rnd 9
Fasten off

head

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

Rnd 1: 1ch, (2dc in next 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 6-11: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 12: 1ch, (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

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

Rnd 15: 1ch, (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

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

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

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

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

Fasten off

shoe

Make two

Using 4mm hook and Night Sky make 6ch

Rnd 1: starting in second ch from hook, 4dc, 3dc in next st, work along other side of ch as folls: 3dc, 2dc in next st, join. 12 sts

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

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

Rnd 4: 1ch, working in back loops only, 6dc, 10htr, 8dc

Rnd 5: 1ch, 6dc, 10htr, 8dc

Rnd 6: 1ch, 6dc, (htr2tog) five times, 8dc. 19 sts

Rnd 7: 1ch, 6dc, htr2tog, 1htr, htr2tog, 8dc. 17 sts

Rnd 8: 1ch, 6dc, htr3tog, 8dc. 15 sts

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

jumper

Using 4mm hook and Santa Red make 19ch, join with a sl st to make a ring. 18 sts

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

Rnd 2: 1ch, (2dc, 2dc

in next st) to end. 24 sts

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

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

Rnd 8: 1ch, (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 9: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

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

Rnds 11-15: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Change to Snowy White

Rnd 16: 1ch, working in back loops only, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 17: rep Rnd 1
Fasten off

sleeve

Make two

Using 4mm hook and Snowy White make 13ch, join with a sl st to make a ring. 12 sts

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

Change to Santa Red

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

Rnds 4-11: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

hand

Make two

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

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

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

Rnd 4: 1ch, (2dc, dc2tog) to end. Nine sts

Rnd 5: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

beard

Using 4mm hook

and Snowy White make 7ch

Row 1: 2dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to last ch, 2dc in last ch. Seven sts

Rows 2-7: 1ch, 2dc in first st, 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in last st. 19 sts

Rows 8-9: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

Rnd 10: 1ch, (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 11: 1ch, (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

Rnds 12-13: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Change to Snowy White

Rnds 14-16: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

bobble

Using 4mm hook and Snowy White make a magic ring, work 7dc into ring. Seven sts

Rnd 1: 1ch, (2dc in next st) to end. 14 sts

Rnds 2-4: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Stuff

Rnd 5: 1ch, (dc2tog) to end. Seven sts
Fasten off

belt

Using 4mm hook and Festive Blue make 4ch

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

Rows 2-38: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

buckle

Using 4mm hook and Golden Yellow make 20ch, join with a sl st to make a ring
Fasten off

to make up

Stuff Body and Shoes. Insert Shoe in trouser leg and secure at trouser hem with sts all around. Dress Body with Jumper, then attach Belt and Buckle. Stuff Hands. Insert Hand into Sleeve and secure at wrist. Stuff Sleeve halfway. Attach Arms to Body. Gather fastened-off end of Bobble and attach to Hat. Stuff Head and gather fastened-off end. Attach Hat to Head. Attach Beard. Using Blush Pink, make French knot for nose. Attach eye beads. Using dark brown 4-ply, embroider mouth. Attach Head to Body. Weave in all ends

Funky chunkies

Whether you're arm knitting, finger knitting or just a lover of fuller yarns, this issue's selected skeins are bound to have you broadening your horizons and realising that sometimes, bigger is better. From Merino giants to a variety of plump DKs, we have searched high and low for the elite chunky champions. Ideal for big-knit sweaters or oversized blankets, there really is no limit to the makes you can achieve using thicker materials. Check out these hand-picked yarns for some fubsy fibres.



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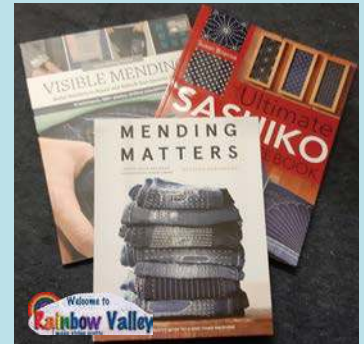
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As you've been good all year round, we're sure Santa will be paying you a visit on Christmas Eve to pop something special in your stocking. He'll be wowed by your crafty skills if you whip up **SARAH SHRIMPTON'S** festive make using all the colours in your yarn kit. Why not personalise this fab project with pom-poms, ribbons or bells that jingle all the way?



RETRO STOCKING

Note: starting with toe
Using 4mm hook and Santa Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnds 1-2: 2dc in each st to end. 24 sts
Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
Rnd 6: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts
Rnd 7: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 48 sts
Rnds 8-14: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Fir Green
Note: now working foot
Rnd 15: (3ch [counts as 1tr throughout], 2tr) in next st, miss two sts, (3tr in next st, miss two sts) to end, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch
Change to Snowy White

Rnd 16: 3tr in each sp between clusters to end, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch
Work in foll one-row stripe sequence: Festive Blue, Jolly Purple, Blush Pink, Figgy Pudding, Golden Yellow, Night Sky
Rnds 17-22: rep Rnd 16 six times
Note: now working heel in rows
Change to Santa Red
Row 23: 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 15dc, turn. 15 sts
Row 24: 1ch, 10dc,

turn. Ten sts
Row 25: 1ch, 5dc, turn. Five sts
Row 26: 1ch, 5dc, 1dc in row below, turn. Six sts
Row 27: 1ch, 6dc, 1dc in row below, turn. Seven sts
Row 28: 1ch, 7dc, 1dc in row below, turn. Eight sts
Row 29: 1ch, 8dc, 1dc in row below, turn. Nine sts
Row 30: 1ch, 9dc, 1dc in row below, turn. Ten sts
Row 31: 1ch, 10dc, 1dc in row below, turn. 11 sts
Row 32: 1ch, 11dc, 1dc in row below, turn. 12 sts
Row 33: 1ch, 12dc, 1dc in row below, turn. 13 sts
Row 34: 1ch, 13dc, 1dc in row below, turn. 14 sts
Note: now working sock
Rnd 35: 1ch, 14dc, 1dc in row below, 1dc in each st to end. 48 sts
Work in foll one-row stripe sequence: Fir

GREAT ADVICE POM-POM STITCH

3ch, * yoh, insert hook in third ch from hook, yoh, pull through st, yoh, pull through first two loops, rep from * twice. Four loops on hook. Yoh, draw yarn through all loops. Rep from beg, sl st to first ch to close pom-pom

Green, Festive Blue, Jolly Purple, Blush Pink, Figgy Pudding, Golden Yellow, Night Sky
Rnd 36: rep Rnd 15
Rnds 37-52: rep Rnd 16 16 times
Note: now working cuff
Change to Santa Red
Rnds 53-56: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch, turn at end of Rnd 56
Change to Fir Green
Rnd 57: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch, turn
Change to Snowy White
Rnd 58: rep Rnd 57

Change to Festive Blue
Rnd 59: 1ch, (1dc, miss two sts, [3tr, pom-pom st (see Great Advice), 3tr] in next st, miss two sts) to end, join with a sl st to first st
Fasten off

hanging loop

Using 4mm hook and Santa Red make 15ch
Row 1: 1dc in each ch to end
Fasten off

to make up

Use yarn tails to sew Hanging Loop to top of Stocking. Turn top of cuff over. Weave in all ends

Stocking fillers



Ladies novelty snowman socks, £3, mandco.com, Who Am I Trivia Box, £4, oliverbonas.com, Star Photo Holder, £5, oliverbonas.com

TOP TIP

MAKE THIS STOCKING
LONGER OR SHORTER
BY ADJUSTING THE
NUMBER OF ROUNDS
IN THE FOOT OR TOP
SECTION

USE ALL
TEN
YARN
COLOURS!

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WORTH
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FRIEND!

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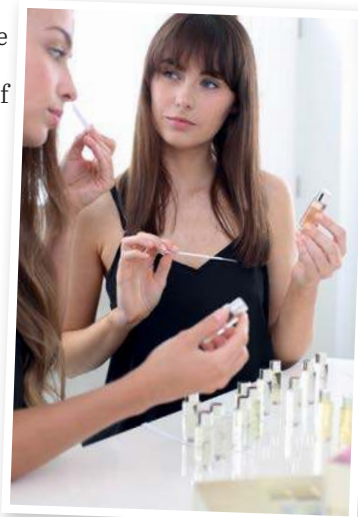
51
skeins to
be won!



*shades
may vary

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Yarn overload



* shades may vary

AMAZING CRAFT GOODIES

Courtesy of our friends at LoveCrafts (lovecrafts.com), we have three incredible prizes for three fabulous readers! In third place, one lucky winner will receive 15 balls of Debbie Bliss Baby Cashmerino yarn, perfect for those who enjoy making for little ones. The second prize is a KnitPro Waves crochet hook set, along with a pack of Paintbox Simply DK, Paintbox Simply Aran and Paintbox Cotton DK, plus another 15 Cashmerino yarns! Now you're talking. For the ultimate winner, there are two packs each of Paintbox Simply DK, Paintbox Simply Aran and Paintbox Cotton DK to give away. Add to this 15 Cashmerino yarns, a KnitPro Waves crochet hook set, KnitPro

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5 lucky winners

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AVOID RUNNING OUT



YARN REFILL

Rico (rico-design.co.uk) is kindly giving 11 of you readers ten balls of yarn each! The yarn in favour is the Rico Essentials Soft Merino Aran in the shade 018 Berry. This rich and full shade would be perfect for winter knits or crochet jumpers, and with the help of this prize, you won't be running out any time soon either. Each ball is a weighty 50g and 100m long, not forgetting its 100% wool blend. Stock up now by entering this giveaway online!



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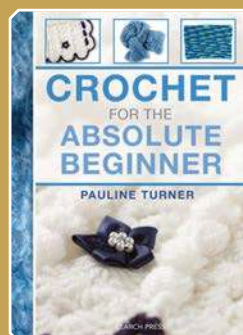


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JLS wrote:

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SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO
ÁINE MARRIOTT'S FIR-LOVING DOLL

Katreena





PLUS
stuffing,
tapestry
needle

SIZE
Height: 17cm



Take the
next step

KATREENA body & head

Using 4mm
needles and Fir
Green cast on
six sts

Row 1: p

Row 2: (kfb) to
end. 12 sts

Row 3: p

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

Rows 5-11: starting
with a p row work
in st st

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

Rows 13-17:

starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 18: (k2tog) to
end. Six sts

Change to
Blush Pink

Row 19: p

Row 20: (kfb) to
end. 12 sts

Row 21: p

Row 22: (kfb) to
end. 24 sts

Rows 23-29:

starting with a p



This festive little lady is dressed up and ready to brighten your day with her sassy style. She believes in embracing every part of this merry season and that includes dressing as a Christmas tree! Her outfit is embellished with colourful baubles and an adorable star atop her head, which we simply love. Our tiny Katreena doll is perfect for small hands to play with and an ideal gift for you to make for your favourite little one.

row work in st st
Row 30: (k1, k2tog)
to end. 16 sts

Row 31: p

Row 32: (k2tog) to
end. Eight sts

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

small ruffle

Using 4mm
needles and
Festive Blue cast
on 36 sts

Rows 1-2: k

Rows 3-4: (k2tog)
to end. Nine sts

Row 5: k

Cast off

medium ruffle

Using 4mm
needles and
Festive Blue cast
on 60 sts

Rows 1-3: k

Rows 4-5: (k2tog)
to end. 15 sts

Row 6: k

Cast off

large ruffle

Using 4mm

needles and
Festive Blue cast
on 84 sts

Rows 1-3: k

Rows 4-5: (k2tog)
to end. 21 sts

Row 6: k

Cast off

hair

Using 4mm
needles and
Golden Yellow cast
on nine sts

Row 1: p

Row 2: (kfb) to
end. 18 sts

Row 3: p

Row 4: (k1, kfb) to
end. 27 sts

Rows 5-9: starting
with a p row work
in st st

Row 10: cast off
one st, (slip st on
RH needle back
onto LH needle,
cast on two sts,
cast off four sts)

to end

to end. 26 sts

Rows 5-7: k

Row 8: k2 (k2tog,
k2) to end. 20 sts

Rows 9-10: k

Row 11: (k2, k2tog)
to end. 15 sts

Rows 12-13: k

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

Rows 15-16: k

Row 17: (k2tog) to
end. Five sts

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

arm

Make two

Using 4mm
needles and Blush
Pink work a three
st i-cord for 5cm

leg

Make two

Using 4mm
needles and Santa
Red (Jolly Purple)
cast on six sts

Row 1: k

Row 2: p

Row 3: (k2tog) to
end. Three sts

Row 4: p

GREAT ADVICE

I-CORDS

Cast on the required number of stitches then knit one row. Next, slide your stitches to the other end of your needle. Knit another row as normal with your working yarn coming from the back. Slide these stitches to the other end of the next needle and keep repeating this – tada, you have an i-cord!

Change to
Blush Pink

Row 5: k

Cont knitting as
i-cord for 3.5cm
Cast off

star

Using 4mm
needles and
Golden Yellow cast
on six sts

Row 1: p

Row 2: (k1, m1) to
last st, k1. 11 sts

Row 3: p

Row 4: k1, (yfwd,
k2tog) to end

Row 5: p

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

Row 7: p

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

bauble

Make 18 (three in
each colour)

Using 4mm
needles and
chosen colour
cast on six sts

Row 1: k

Row 2: p

Row 3: (k2tog) to
end. Three sts

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

to end. 26 sts

Rows 5-7: k

Row 8: k2 (k2tog,
k2) to end. 20 sts

Rows 9-10: k

Row 11: (k2, k2tog)
to end. 15 sts

Rows 12-13: k

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

Rows 15-16: k

Row 17: (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 edges of
Head and Body
and stuff. Gather
cast-on sts, pull
tightly and fasten

off. Use Night Sky
to embroider eyes
and Figgy Pudding

for mouth. Place
Small Ruffle

around neck,
stitch edges tog,

sew cast off edge
to neck. Rep with

Medium Ruffle
around middle of

Body, and Large
Ruffle underneath.

Seam edges of
Hair and sew to

Head. Seam row
edges of Hat and

sew to Head.
Attach Arms to

Body. Sew row
edges of coloured

Shoe. Gather
round cast-on

edges, pull tightly
and fasten off.

Sew Legs to base
of Body. Seam

row edges of Star.
Gather cast-on sts,

pull tightly and
fasten off. Loop

yarn from cast-on
to cast-off centre

around edge of
Star, passing

through each
space left by

yarn-overs to
further define

points of Star.
Seam row edges

of Baubles. Gather
cast-on edge, pull

tightly and fasten
off. Work a few sts

through centre to
flatten. Sew

Baubles to Ruffles
and Hat. Weave in

all ends

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PLUS
tapestry
needle, two
6mm safety
eyes, stuffing,
small amount
of black yarn

SIZE
Height (inc
hat): 12.5cm



JOE THE SNOWMAN head & body

Using 4mm hook and Snowy White make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
Rnd 6: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 7: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts
Rnd 8: rep Rnd 6
Rnd 9: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts
Rnds 10-11: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 12: (4dc, dc2tog) to end.

30 sts
Rnd 13: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 14: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
Insert safety eyes between Rnds 10-11, approx eight sts apart
Rnd 15: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 15 sts
Rnd 16: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
Rnd 17: rep Rnd 6
Rnd 18: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 15 sts
Rnd 19: rep Rnd 6
Rnd 20: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 21: rep Rnd 6
Rnd 22: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 21 sts
Rnds 23-26: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 27: working in back loops only, (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
Stuff
Rnd 28: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
Rnd 29: dc2tog to end. Six sts
Fasten off

nose

Using 4mm hook and Golden Yellow make a magic ring, work 3dc into ring. Three sts
Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. Six sts
Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

arm (main branch)

Make two
Using 4mm hook and Golden Yellow make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring. Four sts
Rnds 1-6: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

arm (mini branch)

Make two
Using 4mm hook and Golden Yellow make a magic ring,

work 4dc into ring. Four sts
Rnds 1-2: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

button

Make two
Using 4mm hook and Santa Red make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st. Five sts
Fasten off

hat

Using 4mm hook and Night Sky 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: working in back loops only, 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 6: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Santa Red
Rnd 7: (8dc, dc2tog) to end. 27 sts
Rnd 8: rep Rnd 6
Rnd 9: (7dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
Change to Night Sky
Rnd 10: working in front loops only, (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
Rnd 11: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
Rnd 12: rep Rnd 6
Fasten off

snowball

Make four
Using 4mm hook and Snowy White make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts
Rnd 2: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

to make up

Sew Nose onto Head and embroider mouth using black yarn. Stitch Mini Branch onto Main Branch and sew Arms and Buttons onto Body. Sew Hat on top of Head. Weave in all ends



HANNAH COOPER, DESIGNER

“When sewing on the nose, count how many stitches there are between the nose and the eyes to help with an even placement”





PLUS
tapestry
needle, stuffing

SIZE
Height: 19.5cm



TRIO OF PENGUINS

body & head

Make three
Using 4mm
needles and Yarn
A (B, C) cast on
12 sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (kfb) to
end. 24 sts

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

Row 12: (k4, k2tog)
to end. 20 sts

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

Row 16: (k2tog) to
end. Ten sts

Change to Yarn D

Row 17: p

Row 18: (kfb) to
end. 20 sts

Row 19: p

Row 20: (kfb, k3)
to end. 25 sts

Rows 21-25:
starting with a p
row work in st st

Note: colour in
brackets foll
instruction

indicates which
yarn to use

Row 26: k12 (D), k1
(A [B, C]), k12 (D)

Row 27: p11 (D), p3
(A [B, C]), p11 (D)

Row 28: k10 (D),
k5, (A [B, C]),
k10 (D)

Row 29: p6 (A [B,
C]), p3 (D), p7 (A [B,
C]), p3 (D), p6 (A
[B, C])

Row 30: k6 (A [B,
C]), k3 (D), k7 (A [B,
C]), k3 (D), k6 (A
[B, C])

Row 31: p7 (A [B,
C]), p1 (D), p9 (A [B,
C]), p1 (D), p7 (A
[B, C])

Cont in A (B, C)

Rows 32-38:
starting with a k
row work in st st

Row 39: p1, (p2tog)
to end. 13 sts

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

beak

Make three
Using 4mm
needles and
Golden Yellow cast
on four sts

Rows 1-4: starting

with a k row work
in st st

Cast off

wing

Make six (two in
each colour)
Using 4mm
needles and Yarn
A (B, C) cast on
four sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: kfb, k2, kfb.
Six sts

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

Row 8: skpo, k2,
k2tog. Four sts

Row 9: (p2tog)
twice. Two sts

Cast off

ear muff

Make six (two in
each colour)
Using 4mm
needles and Yarn
E (F, G) cast on
nine sts

Row 1 (RS): k

Row 2: p

Row 3: k1, (k2tog)
to end. Five sts

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

head band

Make three
Using 4mm
needles and Yarn
E (F, G) cast on
20 sts

Row 1 (RS): k

Row 2: p

Cast off

foot

Make six
Using 4mm
needles and
Golden Yellow cast
on six sts

Row 1 (RS): k

Rows 2-6: starting
with a p row work
in st st

Cast off

scarf

Make three
Using 4mm
needles and Yarn
E (F, G) cast on
35 sts

Row 1: k

Row 2: p

Cast off

tummy

Make three
Using 4mm
needles and
Snowy White cast
on four sts

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

Rows 2-7: starting

with a p row work
in st st

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

Cast off

hanging tag

Make three
Using 4mm
needles and Yarn
E (F, G) cast on
30 sts

Row 1: k

Row 2: p

Row 3: k

Cast off

to make up

Gather cast on sts
of Body and Head
and sew row
edges on WS
leaving top open.

Turn RS out and
stuff firmly
avoiding neck
area, sew top of
Head closed. Tie
Scarf around neck,
place Tummy on
Body and sew in
place, adding
small amount of
stuffing behind.

Fold Beak in half,
join cast-on and
cast-off edges,
sew it to middle of
face. Using Night
Sky embroider
two eyes, add a
small amount of
blusher to cheeks.

Place Wings either
side of Body and
sew in place. Fold
Feet in half to join
cast-on and
cast-off edges,
sew to bottom of
Body. For Ear
Muffs, gather
fastened edges
and sew down
row edges to
cast-on edge to
form a circle.

Place Head Band
over Head and
sew in place, place
Ear Muffs at each
end and sew in
place. Fold
Hanging Tag in
half and sew to
top of Head.

Weave in all ends



TOP TIP

WHEN SEWING UP, PIN PIECES IN
PLACE BEFORE STITCHING TO GET
THE POSITIONING JUST RIGHT!

YARN COLOURS

Yarn A - Night Sky
Yarn B - Festive Blue
Yarn C - Jolly Purple
Yarn D - Snowy White
Yarn E - Festive Red
Yarn F - Fir Green
Yarn G - Figgy
Pudding

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Makes to treasure



Lots for little ones



YOU WILL NEED

YARN
Debbie Bliss
Baby
Cashmerino: A (101 Ecru), six 50g balls; B (12 Silver), five 50g balls; C (57 Mist); D (94 Rose Pink), four 50g balls of each; E (27 Denim), two 50g balls; F (306 Flame), G (18 Citrus), H (98 Tobacco) one 50g ball of each

PLUS
3.25mm cable needle, tapestry needle

SIZE
Squares:
15cm x 15cm
Finished blanket:
90cm x 120cm

WHIP UP SOMETHING COSY
WITH OUR FABULOUS

Primavera blanket-along

A snuggly blanket is the perfect winter make and we love this gorgeous project by **DEBBIE BLISS**. Made with 48 squares and featuring eight different designs, it's perfect if you're looking to develop your knitting techniques and create something beautiful for the home. We adore the pastel tones in this piece and are firm believers that working in squares is ideal if you like knits that are reassuringly repetitive. This is part one of a four-part project so make sure you pick up the next few issues of Let's Get Crafting to get all eight designs.



Take the
next step

PRIMAVERA BLANKET morning fair isle

Make four

Note: work Morning Chart using Fair Isle technique. When working Chart

Rows 8-16 and 28-36, use a small bobbin of Yarn B to work edging using intarsia technique Using 3.25mm needles, Yarn B and cable method, cast on 37 sts,

leaving 25cm tail

Rows 1-4: k

Row 5 (RS): k2, m1, k to last two sts, m1, k2. 39 sts

Row 6: k2, p to last two sts, k2

Row 7: k

Commence Chart as folls, reading Row 1 from left to right:

Next row: using Yarn B, k2, p1, p Row 1 of Chart working eight-st rep four times, using Yarn B, p1, k2

Next row: using Yarn B, k3, k Row 2 of Chart working eight-st rep four times, using Yarn B, k3

These two rows set position of

Chart with three-st edging in Yarn B Working correct row of Chart, cont as set until Chart is complete Cont in Yarn B only

Next row (RS): k
Next row: k2, p2tog, p to last four sts, p2tog, k2. 37 sts

K four rows
Cast off kwise, leaving a 25cm tail

midnight fair isle

Make four

Using Yarn E instead of Yarn B, work as for Morning Fair Isle but following Midnight Chart





Look
out for
PART TWO of
our blanket-along
in the next
issue!

Key

	Silver 12
	Denim 27
	Mist 57
	Ecru 29
	Rose Pink 94
	Flame 306
	Citrus 18

GREAT ADVICE

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS FOR THIS BLANKET-ALONG

5-st bobble: (k1, p1, k1, p1, k1)
all in next st, turn, p5, turn,
pass second, third, fourth and
fifth st over first st and off LH
needle, then slip st to RH
needle

C4B: slip next two sts on to
cn, hold at back of work, k2,
k2 from cn

C4F: slip next two sts on to
cn, hold at front of work, k2,
k2 from cn

Cr2L: slip next st onto cn,
hold at front of work, k1, k1
from cn

Cr2Lp: slip next st onto cn,
hold at front of work, p1, k1
from cn

Cr2R: slip next st onto cn,
hold at back of work, k1, k1
from cn

Cr2Rp: slip next st onto cn,
hold at back of work, k1, p1
from cn

Cr3L: slip next two sts onto
cn, hold at front of work, p1,
k2 from cn

Cr3Lp: slip next st onto cn,
hold at front of work, p2, k1
from cn

Cr3R: slip st onto cn, hold at

back of work, k2, p1 from cn
Cr3Rp: slip next two sts onto
cn, hold at back of work, k1,
p2 from cn

Cr4L: slip next three sts onto
cn, hold at front of work, p1,
k3 from cn

Cr4R: slip next st onto cn,
hold at back of work, k3, p1
from cn

Cr5L: slip next three sts onto
cn, hold at front of work, p2,
k3 from cn

Cr5R: slip next two sts onto
cn, hold at back of work, k3,
p2 from cn

Make berry: k into front,
back, front, back and front of
same st, turn, p5, turn, skpo,
k1, k2tog, turn, p3, turn, k3tog

MB: (k into front and back of
same st) twice, turn, p4, turn,
k4tog

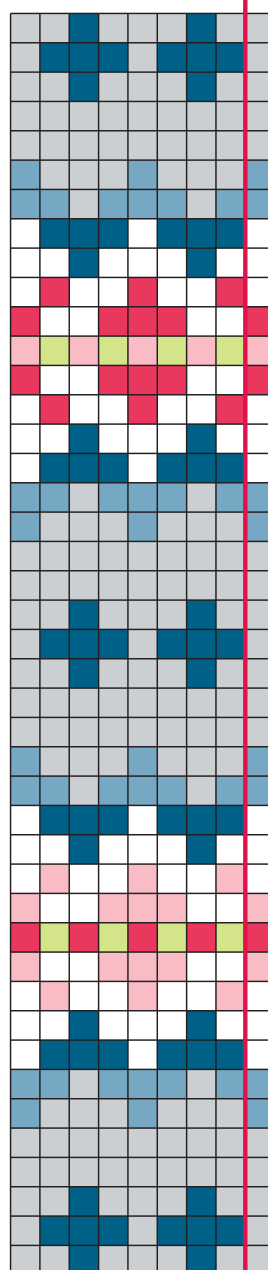
T2L: k into back of second st,
then k into front of first st,
slip both sts off LH needle tog

T2LP: p into back of second
st, then k into front of first st,
slip both sts off LH needle tog

T2R: k into front of second st,
then k into back of first st,
slip both sts off LH needle tog

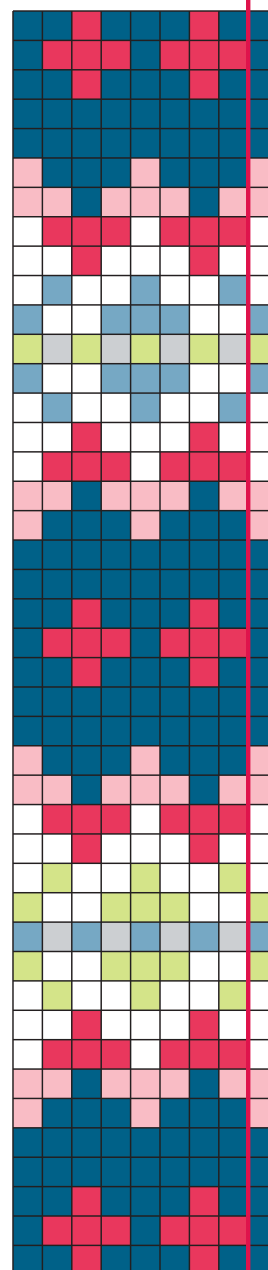
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MORNING



8-st re p

MIDNIGHT



8-st re p

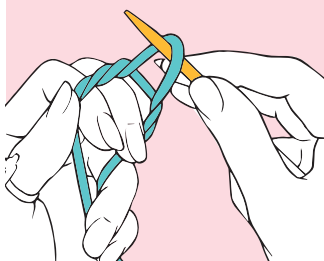
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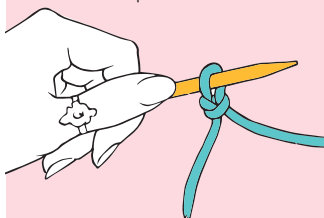
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slip knot

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 first loop over the second, then pull the second loop under the first.



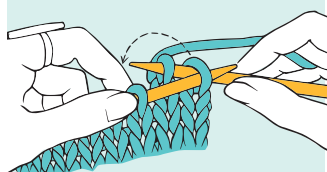
2 Remove your two fingers and gently tug on both ends of yarn to tighten the slip knot around the needle.

TOY SAFETY:

PLEASE NOTE THAT TOYS WITH SMALL PARTS ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER THREE YEARS OF AGE. IF MAKING A TOY FOR A VERY YOUNG CHILD OMIT ANY BUTTONS AND EMBROIDER THE DETAILS INSTEAD. BABIES SHOULD BE SUPERVISED WHEN PLAYING WITH TOYS.

cast on

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



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



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



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

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COMING UP...

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

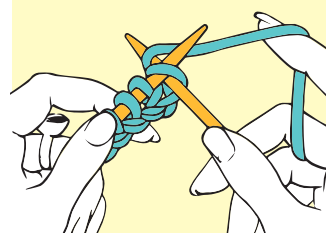
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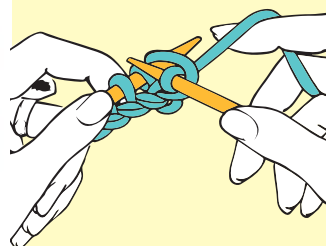
Rosie Savage, Editor

knit stitch (k)

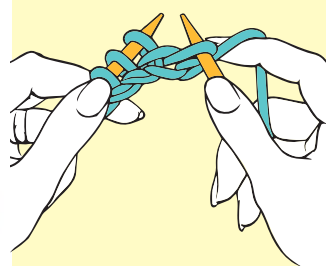
Also known as garter stitch, the knit stitch is the foundation of knitting



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



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

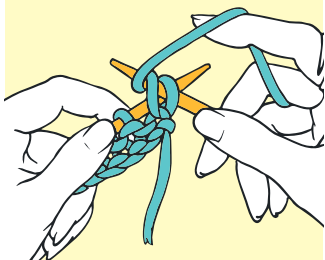


3 Slide the original stitch off the LH needle. Repeat from step 1.

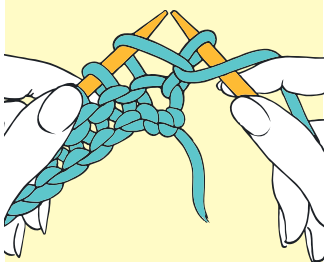


purl stitch (p)

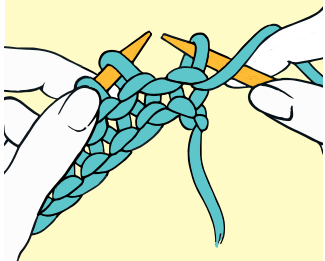
Most frequently seen paired with the knit stitch to create different stitch patterns like stocking stitch and ribbing



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



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

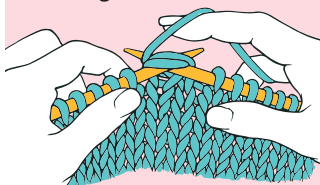


3 Once the new stitch has been formed on the RH needle you can let the loop from the LH needle slide off the end. Repeat until all the stitches have been purred and you have completed the row.

INCREASING & DECREASING

knit two together (k2tog)

Decrease two stitches to one by knitting them together



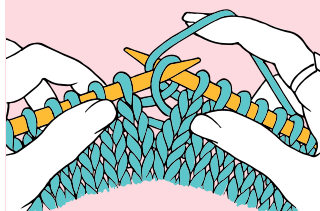
Insert the RH needle into the front loops of the next two stitches on the LH needle. Then wrap the yarn anti-clockwise around the tip and knit both stitches at the same time.

make one (m1)

Form a new stitch and increase your stitch count by one



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

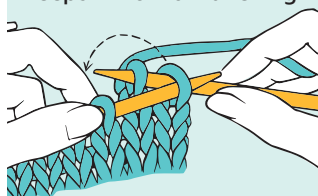


2 Push the RH needle into the back part of the loop that now lies over the LH needle and knit this stitch. You will now have an additional stitch on the RH needle.

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cast off

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

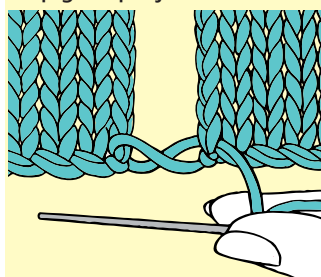


1 Knit two stitches as normal. Insert the tip of the LH needle into the second stitch on the RH needle (the stitch closest to you). Carefully lift it up and over the top stitch, dropping it off the tip of the RH needle and pulling the yarn to tighten. There is now one stitch on the RH needle.

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

beginning a seam

How to start sewing up your project



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

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mattress stitch

Join knitted pieces together with this invisible method



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

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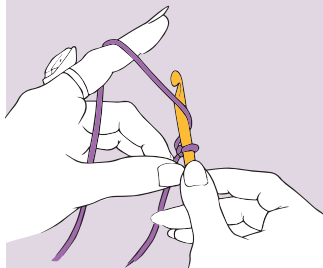
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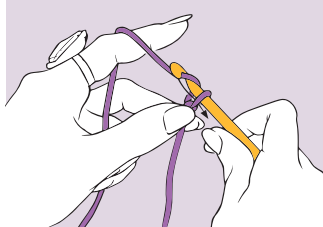
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slip knot & chain (ch)

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



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

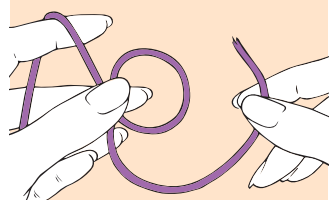


2 Catch the yarn and use the hook to pull it down through the slip knot. You have now made one chain (ch). Continue to make more chains, as directed in the pattern.

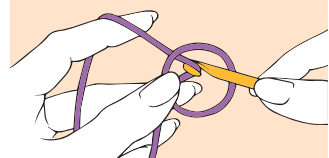
Crochet a naughty elf on page 13

magic ring

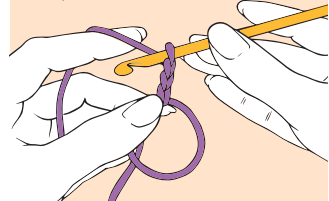
The magic ring is an easy way of beginning to work in the round. It is often used when making amigurumi toys



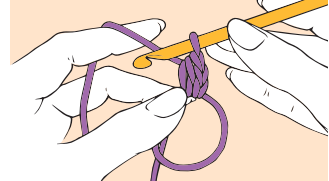
1 Make a large loop by putting the yarn tail behind the working yarn.



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



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

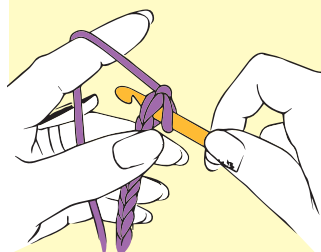


4 Continue to work as many stitches as needed into the loop. Once finished, untwist the tail if necessary and then pull to close the loop.

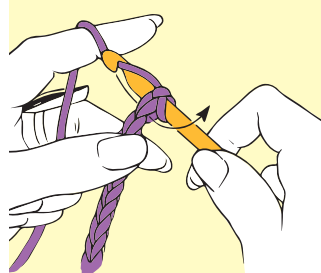
THE BASIC STITCHES

double crochet (dc)

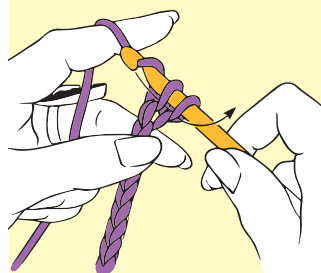
Double crochet is the shortest and most commonly-used crochet stitch



1 Insert hook through both strands of the next stitch.



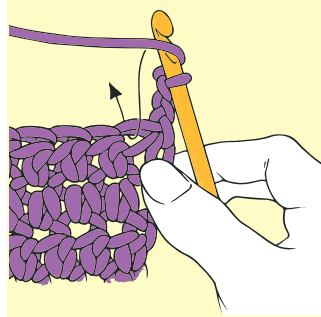
2 Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work. There will be two loops of yarn on the hook.



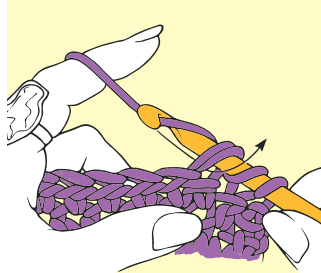
3 Yarn over the hook again and draw through both loops.

half treble (htr)

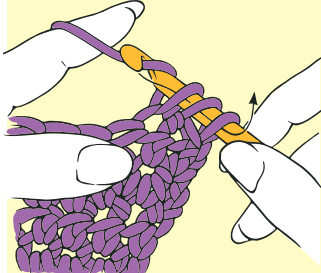
This stitch is longer than a double crochet and involves one extra step



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



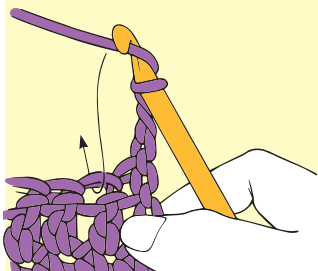
2 Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work. There will be three loops of yarn on the hook.



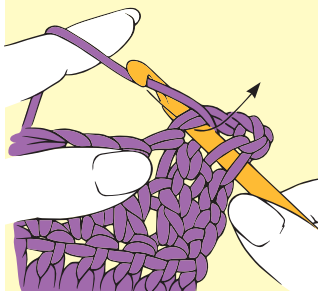
3 Yarn over the hook and draw through all three loops.

treble (tr)

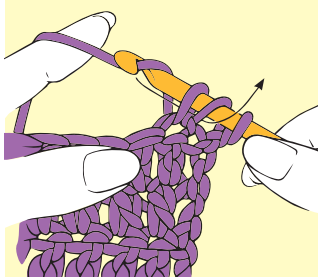
Treble crochet is slightly taller than half treble crochet but is made in a similar way



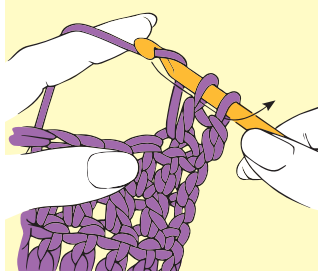
1 (You will need a turning chain of three stitches). Yarn over the hook. Insert the hook through the stitch.



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



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

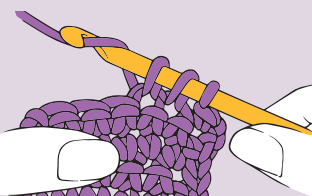


4 Yarn over the hook and draw through all the loops. This will leave one loop on the hook.

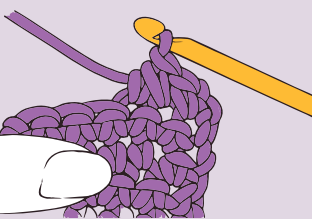
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double crochet two together (dc2tog)

Turn two crochet stitches into one with this simple method



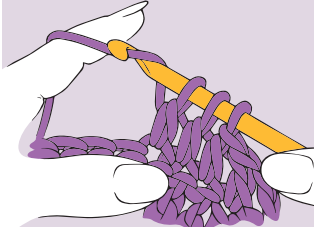
1 Insert hook through next stitch, yarn over hook, draw back through work. Two loops on hook. Insert hook into next stitch, yarn over hook, draw back through. Three loops on hook.



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

treble two together (tr2tog)

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



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



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

VIDEO OF THE MONTH

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How to crochet:
decreasing + increasing

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ABBREVIATIONS

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

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



TEA AND A CHAT WITH...

Juliet Bernard

Find out how UK Hand Knitting is helping the homeless this Christmas and, more importantly, how and why you should get involved



Take a second to recall when you last gave to charity. Most of us will have an automatic flick through our brain to remember the last time we rooted around in our pockets for that fun run or sponsored silence. But as spokesperson for the UK Hand Knitting Association, Juliet Bernard says, "There are three levels to charity; bringing awareness, fundraising or donating goods." The latter of the three is exactly what the association is attempting to achieve with the annual return of their Commit To Knit campaign, encouraging knitters everywhere to knit – or crochet – at least one item for charity this winter. The UKHKA was determined to step it up this year. "I've done some work with a local youth homeless charity in Hertfordshire who mentioned that they needed adult hats for winter. That's where the idea started and the phrase 'wherever you lay your hat is your home' rings true, inspiring the tagline for the campaign," explains Juliet. And so it was decided – encouraged by the fact that the number of people sleeping rough in England has increased by 31% in the last three years. "We wanted to make hats for the homeless so that people without a home know somebody out there cares for their wellbeing."

BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE

The Wherever I Lay My Hat campaign will run until Christmas and the hats received will go to homeless charities across the country. "We plan to donate to St Mungo's and Centrepont who are London based, and the Salvation Army and The Big Issue who tackle homelessness nationwide." These hats will help thousands sleeping rough in towns and cities, where the lack of protection from the outdoor elements is inescapable. "It is so important to give to the homeless because it's brutal out there on the streets and especially with all the heavy rain we've had, it is so difficult to stay dry and warm. Not forgetting those in

bigger cities that experience daily abuse." Juliet shares her urgency for us all to help in any way we can. "If there's any comfort we can bring them then we must. I have always found the knitting community very generous. If the bus is late and everyone is complaining, you can bet that the knitter doesn't mind the delay!" Only three weeks on from the campaign launch on social media and Juliet already has 30 hats in her office and six in the post on their way. She was absolutely right.

THE SMALL PRINT

A hat is not only a necessary defence in keeping your head and body warm, but is also an accessible design that most knitters of every level can master. Juliet says, "We do ask that the hats are not made from pure wool as they just get felted and can be ruined if washed at a hostel or elsewhere." For this reason, she and the team at UKHKA ask that any hats knitted for the campaign are made from acrylic or other man-made fibres. There are at least four available patterns on the UK Hand Knitting website that can be followed and a 100g skein of regular DK should produce two hats. "Plain or patterned hats are welcome so this project is great for using up your stash." As for Juliet, she has already managed to make three herself inbetween her busy schedule and plans to continue doing what she loves for a great cause. "I have always found it soothes me; I find that knitters are always relaxed." Knitting for a good cause and feeling zen at the same time – is there a better combination?



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