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Hello!

As Slade would sing, it's CHRISTMASSSSS! Well, it is for us eager crafters anyway. This issue is full to the brim with **festive frivolities**.

I'm besotted with every single pattern, from our cover star elf – is he not Christmas incarnate? – to the **mini trees** on page 46.

I've also got a couple of cuties that I'd like to introduce you to. Archie is just three months old, and he's modelling **elf booties** on page 36. Thanks for being such a superstar, little man. On page 16 you'll discover the smiling face of the lovely Scarlett. Wearing a **stripy cardigan** with an eyelash yarn trim, she's eager for present time already!

Excuse me while I gush about that **eyelash yarn** for a minute. It's this month's special wool, and it just screams Christmas. It's a smattering of snow at the base of our **fairy house** (p20), the tutu of our **ballerina kitty** on page 30, and it works wonders for the beard of the one and only Santa Claus (p40).

Why not make one of these fabulous toys for the chance to become our **Toymaker of the Year 2017**? You've got until 9th October to submit your entry, and we can't wait to hear from you. Need some encouragement? Turn to page 66 to hear from last year's winner, Hannah Cooper. She designs for Let's Get Crafting now!

Enjoy making for Christmas, you lovely lot.

Rosie

ROSIE SAVAGE, EDITOR



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JESSICA ELKIN, DEPUTY EDITOR

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TOUCH



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HYGGE HOME

Take a peek at Sainsbury's autumn/winter and Christmas must-haves. The seasonal range is truly striking, and we can't wait to get our hands on it for the festive season. We particularly love this Scandinavian scene... so hygge and so on-trend! **0800 328 1700, sainsburys.co.uk**



POM-POM POPSTAR

Worldwide singing sensation Adele appears to have embraced her crafty side through the art of pom-pom making. She's even set up her own Etsy shop! According to Metro, she told fans – at the closing show of her 15 month world tour – that she had a new hobby. "I'm quite good at it. I am such a natural – I made a real cat on purpose." The question is... how do we find this elusive online shop? Give us a shout if you discover it!



Look
out for
Debbie
Bliss!

KNITFEST

Knit for Peace is hosting KNITFEST, an event with over 50 exhibitors, guaranteed to be full of knitty fun. Yarns, knitting accessories, tombolas and courses are just a handful of the treats available on 5th November in London. If you're not an experienced crafter, don't fear – there will be teachers on hand to offer their expertise. Find all the details at **knitforpeace.org.uk** or call **0207 794 9835**.

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*A look at what we're
loving in the knitting and
crochet-sphere!*

DANCER AND PRANCER

One of our crafty favourites Sincerely Louise has released a faux deer knitting kit that's an ideal Christmas treat – why not make your own Rudolph? The kits include everything you need to adorn your walls with creative taxidermy. Find her amazing range of products at **sincerelylouise.etsy.com**.



MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB

Meet Mary Kilvert, an illustrator whose homeware brand resides in the heart of rural Somerset. Her stunning flock of sheep are all hand-felted and adorned with a mini knitted jumper made from organic wool. "I love to take myself off to the shepherd's hut to work on my designs," says Mary. "It's my little hideaway amidst the farms of the rolling countryside, where I can sketch or hand-felt my flock of sheep." Visit marykilvert.com today where you can also discover her beautiful stationery, accessories and homeware ranges.



YARN TREND

There's no doubt the unicorn trend has taken the world by storm and we get particularly excited when the motif makes an appearance in our craft stash. Named Enchanted Unicorns, this hand-painted yarn from Etsy shop Hand Drawn Yarn is super soft and 100% Merino, £17.50 per 100g (400m). Visit handdrawnyarn.etsy.com to get yours.

EDITOR'S PICK



Find unicorn projects at topcrochetpatterns.com

LET'S GET READING

Grab yourself a cuppa and a slice of cake, and enjoy our pick of the best new titles you need on your crafty radar

SCANDI CHRISTMAS

BY CHRISTIANE BELLSTEDT MYERS

Create gifts for family and friends with this traditional title from CICO Books. Not only does it include knitted and crochet projects, you'll also find cards, decorations, garlands and present ideas too. (£12.99, CICO Books) rylandpeters.com



Knitted CATS & DOGS

OVER 30 PATTERNS FOR CUTE KITTIES AND PERFECT POOCHES

Sue Stratford

Check out Sue's column on page 23!



KNITTED CATS & DOGS

BY SUE STRATFORD

One of Search Press' best-selling authors Sue Stratford has released this beautiful new book, bringing you a choice of cute kitties and perfect pooches. The designs are beginner-friendly and come in a huge range of styles – why not make a mini pet for a loved one? (£12.99, Search Press) searchpress.com

CROCHET KIDS' BAGS

BY CHABEPATTERNS

We're loving *Crochet Kids' Bags*. The title, comprising of 17 fun projects, is just wonderful for the little ones in your life, and what better way to keep them organised? Turn to page 60 where you can make the Penguin Pyjama Keeper. If you love the designs as much as we do then pick up a copy, on sale 1st September. (£13.95, Meteor Books) amazon.co.uk



CHRISTMAS KNITS BOOK 5

BY KING COLE

Keep your needles busy in the run up to Christmas with this pattern book from King Cole (kingcole.com). For every pattern you buy, a small donation will be made to the Pink Ribbon Foundation, so treat yourself in aid of a great cause. (£4.95, King Cole) wool4less.co.uk



USE
YOUR FREE
**Candy
Cane**
YARN KIT



PLUS
stuffing,
two 6mm
safety eyes,
small length
of black DK

SIZE
Length: 23cm



Perfect for
beginners

FALL IN LOVE WITH OUR 'PAW'SOME Snowy the Dachshund

We squealed with delight when Snowy arrived in LGC HQ – we just love his furry Snow Drop body and ears. **HANNAH COOPER'S** beginner project makes such a unique Christmas gift for your loved ones – we're adding him to our wish list as we speak! When he's not busy lighting up faces with huge grins, he loves to cause mischief in the snow.



USE ALL
SIX
YARN
COLOURS!

SNOWY head

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

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

Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end

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

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

Rnd 7: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 21 sts

Rnd 8 and every even-numbered rnd: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 9: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 11: (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 27 sts

Rnd 13: (8dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 15: (9dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 33 sts

Rnd 17: (10dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

Insert safety eyes between Rows 13-14, approx six sts apart

Rnd 19: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

Rnd 21: (5dc,

dc2tog) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 22: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 23: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Stuff

Rnd 24: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

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

Rnd 26: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

body

Using 3mm hook and Blackberry Surprise make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st. Six sts
Note: at end of each rnd, join with a sl st to first st. See Great Advice panel for colour instructions

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

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

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

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

Rnd 5: 1ch, (4dc,

2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

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

Rnds 7-27: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 28: 1ch, (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 29: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

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

Rnds 31-39: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 40: 1ch, (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 41: rep Rnd 29
Stuff

Rnd 42: 1ch, (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 43: rep Rnd 29

Rnd 44: 1ch, (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 45: 1ch, (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

ear

Make two

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

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



HANNAH COOPER, DESIGNER

“If you find eyelash yarn hard to work with, combine it with another colour to make it easier to see”

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

Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end
Work in foll one-row stripe sequence: Snow Drop, Blackberry Surprise,

Snow Drop
Rnds 4-6: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Peppermint Twist

Rnds 7-10: 1dc in each st to end
Work in foll one-row stripe sequence: Snow Drop, Peppermint Twist, Snow Drop

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

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

Rnds 14-17: rep Rnds 7-10

Rnd 18: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

tail

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

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

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

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

Rnd 8: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts

Rnds 9-10: rep Rnds 6-7
Fasten off

foot

Make four

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

Rnds 1-3: rep Rnds 1-3 of Ear. 18 sts

Rnd 4: 3dc, (dc2tog) six times, 3dc. 12 sts

Rnd 5-8: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

to make up

Sew Head and Body closed. Flatten Ears and sew to sides of Head. Sew Head to wider end of Body. Stuff Tail and sew to other end. Stuff Feet and sew to underside of Body. Using length of black DK embroider nose. Weave in all ends

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GREAT ADVICE

COLOUR MADE SIMPLE

The body of the Dachshund is worked in the foll stripe sequence: three rows Blackberry Surprise, one row Snow Drop, one row Blackberry Surprise, one row Snow Drop, * four rows Peppermint Twist, one row Snow Drop, one row Peppermint Twist, one row Snow Drop, four rows Cherry Whirl, one row Snow Drop, one row Cherry Whirl, one row Snow Drop, four rows Blackberry Surprise *, one row Snow Drop, one row Blackberry Surprise, one row Snow Drop, rep from * to *



USE
YOUR FREE
**Candy
Cane**
YARN KIT



PLUS
tapestry
needle, two
5mm safety
eyes, small
amount of
orange and
black DK,
one 10mm
brass bell

SIZE
To fit: a
medium or
large egg
in standard
egg cup



Take the
next step

ADD A QUIRKY TOUCH TO BREAKFAST TIME WITH OUR CHRISTMAS

Egg cosies

We were *eggstatic* when **FIONA GOBLE'S** little hats arrived at Let's Get Crafting HQ. They make the perfect stocking fillers for little ones who love their egg and soldiers on a snowy morning. When knitting with our fluffy Snow Drop yarn it can be tricky to count your stitches and rows, so it may be helpful to use a spare needle or your finger to feel the stitches.

BOBBLE HAT hat

Using 3mm
needles and
Bubblegum Sour
cast on 40 sts
Rows 1-19: (k2, p2)
to end
Row 20: (k2tog,
p2) to end. 30 sts
Row 21: (skpo, p1)
to end. 20 sts
Row 22: (k2tog)
to end. Ten sts
Cut yarn leaving
a long tail, thread
tail onto tapestry

needle and thread
through rem sts,
fasten off

bobble

Using 3mm
needles and
Snow Drop cast
on seven sts
Rows 1-5: k
Cast off

SNOWMAN hat

Using 3mm
needles and
Peppermint Twist
cast on 36 sts
Row 1: k
Change to
Snow Drop

Rows 2-9: starting
with a k row work
in st st
Change to
Blackberry
Surprise

Rows 10-11: k
Rows 12-15:

starting with a k
row work in st st
Rows 16-20: rep
Rows 11-15 of
Santa Hat. 12 sts

Row 21: (p2tog)
to end. Six sts
Cut yarn leaving
a long tail, thread
tail onto tapestry
needle and thread
through rem sts,
fasten off

nose

Using 3mm
needles and small
length of orange
DK cast on
three sts
Cast off

scarf

Using 3mm
needles and
Peppermint Twist
cast on three sts
Rows 1-96: k
Cast off

ELF HAT

Using 3mm
needles and
Peppermint Twist
cast on 35 sts
Rows 1-6: starting
with a k row work
in st st
Work in foll
two-row stripe
sequence:
(Bubblegum Sour,
Peppermint Twist)
eight times,
Bubblegum Sour

IF YOU DON'T HAVE
ANY ORANGE YARN IN
YOUR STASH, USE A
BUTTON FOR THE
SNOWMAN'S NOSE



Rows 7-16:

starting with a k row work in st st

Row 17: (k5, k2tog) to end. 30 sts

Row 18: p

Row 19: k

Row 20: p

Row 21: (k4, k2tog) to end. 25 sts

Rows 22-24: rep Rows 18-20

Row 25: (k3, k2tog) to end. 20 sts

Rows 26-28: rep Rows 18-20

Row 29: (k2, k2tog) to end. 15 sts

Rows 30-32: rep Rows 18-20

Row 33: (k1, k2tog) to end. Ten sts

Rows 34-36: rep Rows 18-20

Row 37: (k2tog) to end. Five sts

Rows 38-40: rep

Rows 18-20

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

SANTA hat

Using 3mm needles and Snow Drop cast on 36 sts

Rows 1-2: k

Change to

Cherry Whirl

Rows 3-10:

starting with a k row work in st st

Row 11: (ssk, k5, k2tog) to end. 28 sts

Row 12 and every even-numbered row: p

Row 13: (ssk, k3,

k2tog) to end.

20 sts

Row 15: (ssk, k1, k2tog) to end.

12 sts

Row 17: (k2tog)

to end. Six sts

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

beard

Using 3mm

needles and Snow Drop cast on 16 sts

Rows 1-3: k

Cast off

bobble

Using 3mm

needles and

Snow Drop cast on seven sts

Rows 1-5: k

Cast off

to make up

Sew back seams

for all Hats. For

Santa, sew short

edges of Beard to

bottom of Hat, just

in from the sides. *

Run yarn tail from

Bobble around

outside of piece

and pull up to

form Bobble.

Sew in place *.

For Snowman,

insert safety eyes.

Sew Nose and

pom-pom in place.

Using black DK,

embroider mouth.

Sew long edge of

Scarf to cast-on

edge, leaving

3.5cm of each end

free at one side.

Tie a knot to

secure Scarf ends.

To make bobble:

using Sherbet Fizz,

wind yarn around

two fingers 30

times. Ease off

finger and secure

tightly in middle

with separate

strand. Trim to a

2.5cm pom-pom.

Sew bell to Elf Hat.

Rep from * to * for

Bobble Hat Bobble.

Weave in all ends



“The colour combos are endless and they’re ideal for using up small oddments of yarn”

FIONA GOBLE, DESIGNER





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OVERLEAF



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PLUS
stitch markers,
tapestry
needle,
stuffing, two
9mm black
safety eyes,
four wooden
buttons, three
bells, blusher

SIZE
Height: 28cm



Perfect for
beginners

HAPPY ELF head

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rnd 12: 17dc, mb
[see Great Advice]
in next st, 1dc in
each st to end

Rnds 13-14: 1dc
in each st to end
Insert safety eyes
between Rnds
9-10 approx four
sts apart

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

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

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

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

Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

hat

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

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

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

Rnds 4-5: rep
Rnds 1-2

Rnd 6: (1dc, 2dc
in next st) to end.

12 sts

Rnds 7-8: rep
Rnds 1-2

Rnd 9: rep Rnd 6.
18 sts

Rnds 10-12: rep
Rnds 1-3. 24 sts

Rnds 13-14: rep
Rnds 1-2

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

Rnds 16-17: rep
Rnds 1-2

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

Rnds 19-23: 1dc

Did you know?

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APPEARED IN
LITERATURE IN 1850,
AFTER LOUISA MAY
ALCOTT COMPLETED
- THOUGH NEVER
PUBLISHED - A BOOK
CALLED CHRISTMAS
ELVES

from hook, 1htr in
next ch, miss
next st from
foundation rnd,
join with a sl st
to next st from
foundation rnd
Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

arm

Make two

Note: stuff as you
go, leaving upper
half unstuffed
Using 3mm hook
and Sherbet Fizz
make a magic ring,
work 6dc into ring.
Six sts

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

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

Rnd 4: 4dc, mb in
next st, 1dc in each
st to end

Rnd 5: working
in back loops
only 1dc in each
st to end

Change to
Peppermint Twist

Rnds 6-16: 1dc in
each st to end
Fasten off, leaving
a long tail, join
Snow Drop to any
front loop of
Rnd 5

Rnd 17: 2dc in each
front loop to end.
18 sts
Fasten off

shoe

Make two

Using 3mm hook
and Bubblegum
Sour make a
magic ring, work
6dc into ring, join
with a sl st to first
st. Six sts

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

Rnd 5: 2dc in each
st to end. 12 sts

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

Rnd 11: (dc2tog)
to end. Six sts

Forget helping Santa... our wondrous elf has assisted us in putting together this first foray into Christmas. Check out that cheeky grin – it's enough to get anyone excited for this year's festivities! **HEATHER GIBBS'** design is very simple to whip up, which means you can go to town on those finishing touches – for us, it's the pointy ears and jingly-jangly bells that make him elf-alicious.



“It’s amazing that a little bit of blusher can add so much character – I’ve just used some from my own make-up drawer!”

HEATHER GIBBS, DESIGNER

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

leg

Make two

Note: stuff as you go
Using 3mm hook and Blackberry Surprise make 12ch, join with a sl st to first ch to form a ring
Rnds 1-9: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 10: working in back loops only 1dc in each st to end
Change to Snow Drop
Rnd 11: working in front loops only of Rnd 10 work 2dc in each st to end. 24 sts
Fasten off

front bib

Using 3mm hook and Blackberry Surprise make 11ch
Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Ten sts
Rows 2-10: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in each st to end, turn
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

pocket

Using 3mm hook and Bubblegum Sour make 6ch
Row 1: rep Row 1 of Front Bib. Five sts
Rows 2-3: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in each st to end, turn
Row 4: dc2tog, 1dc,

dc2tog. Three sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

body

Using 3mm hook and Peppermint Twist make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1-5: rep Rnds 1-5 of Head. 36 sts
Rnds 6-10: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 11: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts
Rnds 12-15: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Blackberry Surprise
Rnds 16-19: rep Rnds 12-15
Rnd 20: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts
Rnds 21-23: rep Rnds 15-17 of Head. 18 sts
Stuff
Rnd 24: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
Rnd 25: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

brace

Make two

Using 3mm hook and Bubblegum Sour make 29ch
Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end. 28 sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

to make up

Weave in all ends. Using two strands of Cherry Whirl,

embroider a mouth below the nose over Rnds 12-13. Apply blusher if desired. Stuff Head. Sew a bell on top of Hat

and stuff if desired, then attach to Head. Sew Ears to Head, just below rim of Hat. Sew Front Bib to Body. Sew

Pocket to centre of Front Bib. Sew Arms to Body. Attach Braces, crossing straps at back. Sew buttons onto ends of

Braces. Push tips of Shoes upwards to make them curl slightly, sew on a bell. Sew Shoes to Legs. Sew Legs to Body. Sew Head to Body

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Polar bear decoration, **tch.net**
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GREAT ADVICE

BOBBLE STITCH (MB)

Insert hook in indicated st, (yoh, pull up a loop, yoh) three times (nine loops on hook), yoh, pull through all loops on hook, cont with next st as normal



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Festive cardigan

This colourful creation by **ÁINE MARRIOTT** is perfect for a baby girl this Yuletide – we particularly love the Snow Drop trim, which you can make using the hook from your kit. If you're unsure about how to do the double crochet stitch needed, just head to page 64 where we guide you through it.

FESTIVE CARDIGAN back

Using 3mm
needles and
Cherry Whirl cast
on 60 sts

Note: change
colour after every
row [see Great
Advice]

Rows 1-18: starting
with a k row work
in st st

Rows 19-20: cast
off three sts at
beg of row. 54 sts

Row 21: k1, ssk, k

to last two sts,
k2tog, k1. 52 sts

Row 22: p

Row 23: rep Row
21. 50 sts

Rows 24-58:

starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 59: k12, cast
off 26 sts, k to end.
24 sts

Note: cont on last
12 sts only

* **Rows 60-62:**
starting with a p
row work in st st
Cast off *

With WS facing

rejoin yarn to rem
12 sts, rep from * to
* once

right front

Using 3mm
needles and
Cherry Whirl cast
on 11 sts

Row 1: k1, m1, k to
end. 12 sts

Row 2: p

Rows 3-18: rep
Rows 1-2 eight
times. 20 sts

Row 19: rep Row 1.
21 sts

Row 20: cast off
three sts, p to end.
18 sts

Row 21: k1, m1, k14,
k2tog, k1

Row 22: p

Rows 23-24: rep
Rows 21-22

Row 25: k1, m1, k to
end. 19 sts

Row 26: p

Rows 27-31: rep
Rows 25-26 twice,
then Row 25 once.
22 sts

Rows 32-34:
starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 35: rep Row
25. 23 sts

Rows 36-38: rep
Rows 32-34

Row 39: rep Row
25. 24 sts

Rows 40-56:
starting with a p

row work in st st

Row 57: cast off
eight sts, k to end.
16 sts

Row 58: p

Row 59: cast off
two sts, k to end.
14 sts

Rows 60-61: rep
Rows 58-59. 12 sts

Row 62: p

Cast off

left front

Using 3mm
needles and
Cherry Whirl cast
on 11 sts

Row 1: k to last st,
m1, k1. 12 sts

Row 2: p

Rows 3-18: rep
Rows 1-2. 20 sts

Row 19: cast off
three sts, k to last
st, m1, k1. 18 sts

Row 20: p

Row 21: k1, ssk, k
to last st, m1, k1

Rows 22-23: rep
Rows 20-21

Row 24: p

Row 25: k to last
st, m1, k1. 19 sts

Rows 26-31: rep
Rows 24-25 three
times. 22 sts

Rows 32-34:

starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 35: rep Row
25. 23 sts

Rows 36-38: rep

Rows 32-34

Row 39: rep Row
25. 24 sts

Rows 40-55:

starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 56: cast off
eight sts, p to end.
16 sts

**Row 57 and every
odd-numbered
row:** k

Row 58: cast off
two sts, p to end.
14 sts

Row 60: rep row
58. 12 sts

Row 62: p

Cast off

sleeve

Make two

Using 3mm
needles and
Cherry Whirl cast
on 40 sts

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

Row 5: k1, m1, k to
last st, m1, k1. 42 sts

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

Rows 9-48: rep
Rows 5-8 ten
times. 62 sts

Row 49: cast off
three sts, k to end.
59 sts

Row 50: cast off
three sts, p to end.
56 sts



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Row 51: k1, ssk, k
to last three sts,
k2tog, k1. 54 sts
Row 52: p
Rows 53-54: rep
Rows 51-52. 52 sts
Cast off

tie

Make two

Using 3mm
needles and Snow
Drop cast on
three sts

Rows 1-55: k
Cast off

to make up

Join shoulder and
side seams of
Back to both
Fronts. Seam row
edges of Sleeves.
Insert sleeves into
arm holes and sew
in position. Using
hook and Snow
Drop, work a row
of dc sts (turn to
p64) around ends
of Sleeves,
neckline and body
of Cardigan. Sew
a Tie to each
Front, just under
neckline. Weave
in all ends

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GREAT ADVICE

COLOUR COMBOS

The entire cardigan is made in a one-row striped sequence, change colour as follows: Cherry Whirl, Sherbet Fizz, Peppermint Twist, Bubblegum Sour, Blackberry Surprise

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CRAFT QUEEN

I had a relaxing week making this lot – it's a shame I have to go back to work! There aren't enough hours in the day, but I'm feeling really good now that I have ticked these Let's Get Crafting patterns off of my always-growing crochet to-do list.

**KENDRA HANNA,
NORTHERN IRELAND**

SPACE AGE

I was very excited when I spotted your amazing Lost in Space series. I love space and Arlo was so much fun to make. I even learnt new techniques! My husband loves space even more than I do – he has autism and it's his dream to go to space. Now he has a little buddy to go with him and even has his own rocket too.

**LUZINDA
JOYCE,
SCOTLAND**



CHARITABLE CRAFTS

Since contacting my local hospital I've made more than 20 twiddlemuffs. I've done another two after seeing your project in issue 91 of Lets Get Crafting. They are for such a good cause, because everyone knows someone that suffers with Alzheimer's.

ANITA THOMAS, WALES





SNUGGLE CUDDLES

I wanted to tell you how much I love, love, love your magazine! I really struggled to get to grips with granny squares and corners, even after reading loads of books and my mother-in-law trying to show me. I picked out an old copy of LGC and decided to try again, and now I can do it! Thank you so much, the magazine is a great help and so easy to follow.

ELLEN SPARKES, WORCESTER



COSY TOES

I made the his 'n' hers socks from issue 91 of LGC, but I decided to try the pattern with baby wool on size 3.25mm needles. It was another easy-to-follow pattern, so thank you! I will definitely be making some more.

CAROL PARTRIDGE, DERBY



FAMILIAR FACES

Here are some of the items that I've made from Let's Get Crafting and have kept for myself!

EMMA BILOUS, GLOUCESTER



HANDY HAMMOCK

The colourful toy hammock from issue 91 of Let's Get Crafting was so much fun to make and is such a great way of keeping my little girl's room tidy!

JASMIN TUNSTEAD, CHESHIRE

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FAIRY HOUSE walls

Using 3mm
needles and
Peppermint Twist
cast on 70 sts
Work in foll
two-row stripe
sequence:
Peppermint Twist,
Cherry Whirl

Rows 1-36:

starting with a k
row work in st st
Cast off

MAKE CHRISTMAS TRULY MAGICAL WITH OUR Fairy house

Head to the bottom of the garden to find **NICOLA VALIJI'S** mythical make. Although it may look like a complicated project, it's actually made up of simple stitches. Why not create it for a child's bedroom as a special festive gift? If you do get stuck, make sure you head to Knit School on page 62 where we guide you through with helpful illustrations.

base

Using 3mm
needles and
Sherbet Fizz cast
on five sts

Row 1 (RS): (kfb)
twice, k1, (kfb)
twice. Nine sts

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

Row 3: k1, (kfb) in
each st to end.
17 sts

Row 5: k1, (kfb, k1)
to end. 25 sts

Row 7: k1, (kfb, k2)
to end. 33 sts

Row 9: k1, (kfb, k3)
to end. 41 sts

Row 11: k1, (kfb, k4)
to end. 49 sts

Row 13: k1, (kfb,
k5) to end. 57 sts

Row 15: k1, (kfb,
k6) to end. 65 sts

Row 17: k1, (kfb, k7)
to end. 73 sts

Row 19: k1, (kfb,
k8) to end. 81 sts

Note: change to
Snow Drop after
Row 20

Row 21: k1, (kfb,
k9) to end. 89 sts

Row 23: k1, (kfb,
k10) to end. 97 sts

Row 25: k1, (kfb,
k11) to end. 105 sts

Row 27: k1, (kfb,
k12) to end. 113 sts

Row 29: k1, (kfb,
k13) to end. 121 sts

Row 30: p
Cast off

roof

Using 3mm
needles and Snow
Drop cast on
89 sts

Note: change to
Blackberry
Surprise after
Row 4

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

Row 7: k1, (k2tog,
k6) to end. 78 sts

Rows 8-10:

starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 11: k1 (k2tog,
k5) to end. 67 sts

Rows 12-14: rep
Rows 8-10

Row 15: k1 (k2tog,
k4) to end. 56 sts

Rows 16-18: rep
Rows 8-10

Row 19: k1 (k2tog,
k3) to end. 45 sts

Rows 20-22: rep

Rows 8-10

Row 23: k1 (k2tog,
k2) to end. 34 sts

Rows 24-26: rep
Rows 8-10

Row 27: k1 (k2tog,
k1) to end. 23 sts

Rows 28-38:

starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 39: k1 (k2tog,
k1) to last st, k1.
16 sts

Rows 40-44:

starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 45: (k2tog) to
end. Eight sts

Rows 46-62:

starting with a p
row work in st st

Cast off

door

Using 3mm
needles and
Bubblgum Sour
cast on 12 sts

Rows 1-14: starting
with a k row work
in st st

Row 15: (k2tog)
twice, k4, (k2tog)
twice. Eight sts

Row 16: (p2tog) to
end. Four sts

Cast off

roof window

Using 3mm
needles and
Bubblgum Sour
cast on eight sts

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

Row 9: k2tog, k4,
k2tog. Six sts

Row 10: p2tog, p2,
p2tog. Four sts

Cast off

door wreath

Using 3mm
needles and
Peppermint Twist

cast on 26 sts

Rows 1-3: starting
with a k row work
in st st
Cast off

paper chain

Make 38 (two in
Blackberry
Surprise, eight in
Bubblgum Sour,
nine in both
Cherry Whirl and
Sherbet Fizz, ten in
Peppermint Twist)
Using 3mm
needles cast on
eight sts
Cast off

to make up

Gather cast-on sts
of Base and pull
tightly, sew up
side seam. Sew
Walls around final
Sherbet Fizz row
of Base, leaving



**“Stuff the bottom
section of the house
before you sew on
the roof”**

NICOLA VALIJI, DESIGNER

Snow Drop section free, stuffing as you work. Gather and sew Roof from cast-off edge down row edges. Sew Roof to Walls, leaving unsewn overhang of approx ten Blackberry Surprise rows and Snow Drop edging, stuffing as you work. Pin and sew Door and Roof

Window in place, as shown in photo. Using black yarn embroider door knob. Use Blackberry Surprise to embroider a cross on Roof Window. Sew long edges of Wreath tog then sew cast-on and cast-off edges tog to make circle. Thread Cherry Whirl around and

tie bow at top. Sew Wreath to Door. Sew short ends of Paper Chains tog, placing next Chain through circle before finishing. Cont in this way until all Chains have been linked. Place on Roof front and sew into place. Make a pom-pom and sew to Roof tip

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SUE STRATFORD



When is the right time to get started on festive projects? Our columnist Sue has the answers

Every year I repeat the famous last words: "I am not knitting any presents this year". Then – as always – by November I have grand plans to make something for every family member. Last year I made hats and mittens for my youngest daughter and her cousins – it was just as well I didn't see them on Christmas Day as I was still finishing my knitting! This year I have an idea for my dog-loving friends and family. I recently made a small bag for our dog's lead, with an i-cord to put poop sacks in – it worked really well, so that's this year's gifts sorted! Who knows, I may even start before November.



SUE'S CHRISTMAS GARLAND

Anyone who knows me will be aware of how much I love both Christmas and the knitting that comes with it. The first book I ever wrote was *Mini Knitted Christmas* and since then I have gone on to write two more festive titles including *Decorations Galore* and *Christmas Jumpers*. All of the designs were made throughout the year so it really was Christmas every day for me. I particularly enjoy making tree ornaments and sometimes I'll tie them to a present to make it extra special. I thought I'd made every kind of decoration, until last year when I designed a garter stitch garland with buttons to hang motifs from. It's great if you want to keep adding new projects to it.

Sue

Q: I'D LIKE TO START DESIGNING PATTERNS, WHERE DO I BEGIN?



SUE SAYS THAT DRAWING A QUICK SKETCH CAN REALLY HELP TO GET IDEAS FLOWING

A: It's taken me a long time to embrace my 'designer' title and I can't shake that feeling of being a fraud. I am not trained, I haven't even been to university. Everything I have learnt is through following other patterns and picking up techniques and confidence as I go. I always think that I make up patterns rather than design them – if you look at it like that, it's much easier.

Thinking time is very important. Try a quick sketch so that you can picture what you are trying to achieve. What yarn weight should you use? Which techniques will work best? It's always best to make a few swatches in a yarn that you love first too.

Being paid to make patterns has taught me perseverance. If I have been tasked with designing something specific, I can't really go back and say that I can't do it, instead I challenge myself to figure it out. Sometimes the only way to work out a pattern is to re-knit it. With amigurumi projects, you need to sew and stuff to see the results. Don't undo it if it is wrong though – you need to keep it and compare. In the end it will be perfect, and there is nothing more satisfying!

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SOFT touch

Snowball fights, mulled wine and twinkly lights come to mind when we think of the months ahead, but for us, being cosy is what sums up Christmas the best. Check out our pick of the fluffiest yarns that are perfect for snuggling with on chilly, winter days.



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*Nurses knit for soldiers.
Melbourne, Australia, ca. 1940*

Unspun HEROES

Knitted items were sent by the thousands during the war, but did these home comforts improve morale or include secret messages that could end the conflict?

LEST WE FORGET:

*Remembrance
Sunday falls on
12th November 2017*

Knitting has always been important in our eyes, but during both the First and Second World Wars it became vital not only to crafters but to the well-being of troops too. Whether it was socks, hats, mittens or scarves, handmade gifts meant a lot more than warmth, they truly improved the happiness of soldiers. But were they worth more than just a smile? Some items are known to have included unique codes that – if put in the right hands – would end the war for good. Deputy Editor Jessica Elkin discovers what was really happening behind the needles.



"I always carried knitting because my codes were on a piece of silk. I wrapped the silk around a knitting needle and put it in a flat shoe lace which I used to tie my hair up"

PHYLLIS LATOUR DOYLE, SECOND WORLD WAR SPY



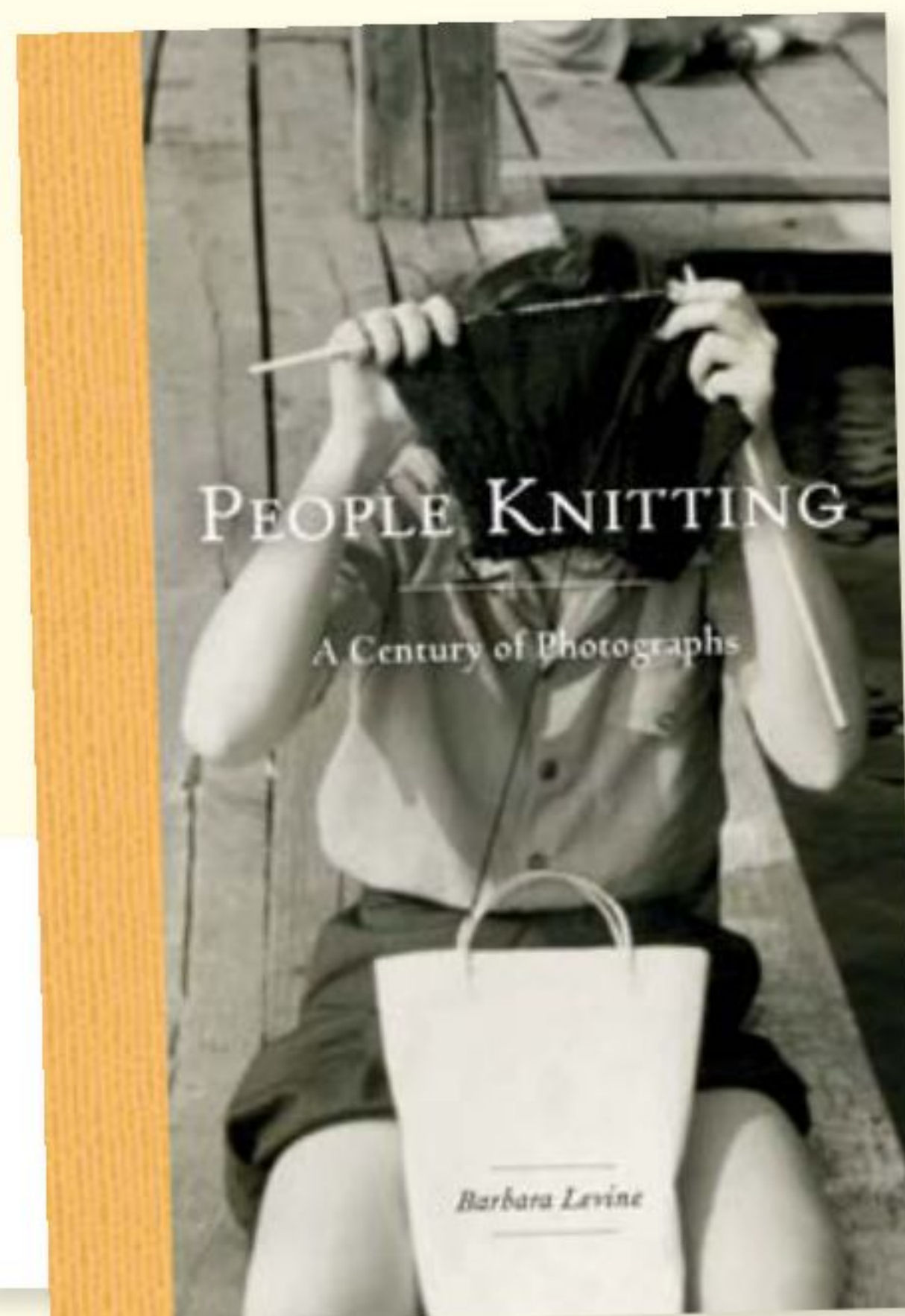
HOME FRONT

Many children were taught to knit by their parents as a necessity during wartime. With a quarter of the British population wearing army uniform in the Second World War, it's not surprising that garments were in high demand – it even led to clothes rationing on 1st June 1941 and became a family effort to make all of the items required for soldiers. It became strictly controlled and wool issued for that purpose couldn't be repurposed for civilian clothes. Our readers got in touch and told us about how their families' crafting became paramount to the war effort. Jacqui Randall explained that her mum was only seven when she started helping out: "Mum and other

family members were knitting gloves and balaclavas for the soldiers, she even taught her dad to knit as therapy for his injured hand." Jan Leavitt also recalled that her parents – who met after the war – learnt to craft at a young age. "It helped the long hours pass for my mum while she wore her RCAF (Royal Canadian Air Force) blues," Jan explains. "She made her own dance night sweater and capes. My dad learnt when he was six, and while he was a soldier he crafted socks and mitts in Holland, England and Germany. He would work away and always return to a row of mum's sock cuffs to finish because he made the nicest heels!"

THE WI AND THE WAR

The WI had an anti-war stance, so they were initially undecided about whether they could help. However, they soon played a huge part when they realised members would want to 'do their bit'. Amongst making food supplies and raising money, they would knit for service personnel, Civil Defence staff and hospital patients. Crafting during WI meetings wasn't practical, so many



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knitting parties were established – perhaps we can thank the WI for the huge popularity in Knit and Natter groups? Communications Officer at the Women’s Institute, Joanna Rayner, explains that during the Second World War, a wartime handicraft policy was agreed. “The WI groups were told they could set up mending parties to fix evacuee children’s clothing and make garments for troops, but the materials were not to be bought using WI funds – instead the money was to be raised by special effort.” By 1945, members had knitted an impressive 152,044 gloves, socks, balaclavas, knee covers, scarves, and jumpers for troops.

MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

Lovingly-crafted gifts for soldiers weren’t always as innocent as they may seem. Rumour has it they received knitted codes too. Although it can be tricky to get proof of hidden messages – they were secret after all! – experts have discovered codes may have been stitched into a piece of fabric in order for spies to send information. Take a moment to think back to reading your first pattern. You will remember that to a non-knitter, they look completely indecipherable. This clearly raised some paranoia as during the wars many patterns were banned to avoid messages being hidden amongst the

stitches. This ban didn’t stop the British Secret Intelligence though. They are known to have hired spies in occupied areas who would pose as citizens doing ordinary things – such as knitting. Crafters could then use their hobby as a cover and could continue spying on enemies without arousing suspicion. The Belgian resistance even recruited women whose windows overlooked railways to note the trains by adding different stitches into their piece. Those dropped stitches were certainly no accident!

SPIES AND SKEINS

The most famous record of knitting and espionage lies with Second World War spy Phyllis Latour Doyle, whose crafty codes had thousands of lives on the line. After joining the army as a mechanic, 21-year-old

Phyllis was quickly spotted by the secret service

and instead dropped behind enemy lines as a member of the Special Operations Executive. She would ride around the countryside – selling soap and chatting with German soldiers – then transmit information to the Allied Command. “I always carried knitting because my codes were on a piece of silk,” she told New Zealand Army News magazine back in 2009. “I had about 2,000 I could use. When I used a code I would just pinprick it to indicate it had gone. I wrapped the piece of silk around a circular knitting needle and put it in a flat shoe lace which I used to tie my hair up.” She once had a close call with this method when she was brought in for questioning. “I can remember being taken to the station and a female soldier made us take our clothes off to see if we were hiding anything. She was looking suspiciously at my hair so I just pulled my lace off and shook my head. That seemed to satisfy her. I tied my hair back up with the lace – it was a nerve-wracking moment.” When you think of the thousands of knitted and crocheted items that were made during the wars, it’s fascinating to consider how many may have been hiding something more. Knitting isn’t just a hobby, it saves lives. But we knew that anyway, didn’t we?

This month marks 100 years since women were allowed to join the Armed Forces!

TRY THIS SIMPLE TWO-STEP poppy project

Make with your kit!



Using 3mm hook and Cherry Whirl make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

Rnd 1: (3ch, miss one st, sl st into next st) four times

Rnd 2: * (1dc, 1tr, 3dtr, 1tr, 1dc) in 3ch sp, sl st to next 3ch sp, rep from * to end. Fasten off, sew a small black button to centre

Crafty favourites

Renowned yarn brand Sirdar was prominent during the war and would have been used to improve the livelihood of so many troops. The company is named after Lord Kitchener’s role as Sirdar of the Egyptian Army. That’s the very same Kitchener you may have spotted in a recent pattern – Lord Kitchener is credited with inventing the stitch after he realised the importance of a seamless sock toe.

Fashion has played an important part in Sirdar’s development, they explain: “We have built up the most amazing design archive from the necessity of the 1940s wartime knitter – who wanted to knit something quite glamorous as well as helping the war effort – through the Fair Isles and space dyes of the 1970s, the bat wings and mohairs of the 1980s, and up to the present day.”

We’ve handpicked some of our favourite vintage shades that we believe would have been enjoyed by fashion-conscious crafters during the war.

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SIRDAR NO.1, SHADE 215 RUST, 100G (230M) BALL. A SOFT DOUBLE-KNITTING CRÊPE YARN. IT COMES IN 18 DIFFERENT SHADES AND HAS AN ACRYLIC NYLON BLEND

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**Candy
Cane**

YARN KIT

PLUS
stuffing, safety
eyes, tapestry
needle, 12mm
pink toy cat
nose

SIZE
Height: 24cm

PURRFECT YOUR
CROCHET SKILLS WITH

Bella the ballerina

Adorned in her favourite frilly tutu and the finest ballet slippers, our delightful dancing cat loves nothing more than practising her pirouettes. **HEATHER GIBBS'** adorable project is the ideal gift for the budding ballerina! Why not give it a whirl and put a smile on the tiny dancer in your life? If you need extra help, head to Crochet School on page 64 for handy tips and guidance.



BELLA THE BALLERINA head

Using 3mm hook and Blackberry Surprise make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
Rnds 6-12: 1dc in each st to end
Note: insert safety eyes between Rnds 8-9, approx eight sts apart
Rnd 13: (4dc, dc2tog) to end.

30 sts
Rnd 14: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 15: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
Note: insert cat nose between Rnds 12-13
Rnd 16: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
Fasten off

ear

Make two

Using 3mm hook and Blackberry Surprise make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts
Rnds 3-5: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

bow

Using 3mm hook and Peppermint Twist make 6ch, join with a sl st to make a ring
Rnd 1: 6ch, join with a sl st to prev sl st to make a second ring

Rnd 2: (2dc, 1hdc, 3tr, 1hdc, 2dc) in each 6ch sp. 18 sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

tutu

Using 3mm hook and Bubblegum Sour make 36ch, join with a sl st to make a ring
Rnds 1-2: 1dc in each st to end. 36 sts
Rnd 3: 3dc in each st to end. 108 sts
Rnd 4: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

body

Using 3mm hook and Sherbet Fizz make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnds 1-12: rep Rnds 1-12 of Head. 36 sts
Change to Bubblegum Sour
Rnds 13-16: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 17: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts
Rnd 18: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 19: (2dc,

dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
Stuff
Rnd 20: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
Rnd 21: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

arm

Make two

Note: stuff as you go, leaving upper arms unstuffed
Using 3mm hook and Blackberry Surprise make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts
Note: change to Sherbet Fizz after Rnd 4
Rnds 2-5: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 6: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Rnds 7-13: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

leg

Make two

Note: stuff as you go

Using 3mm hook and Sherbet Fizz make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, turn. Six sts
Rnd 1: rep Rnd 1 of Arms. Nine sts
Note: change to Blackberry Surprise after Rnd 5, change to Bubblegum Sour after Rnd 8
Rnds 2-12: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

tail

Using 3mm hook and Blackberry Surprise make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnds 1-15: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

to make up

Using fastened-off yarn end from Body, sew

opening closed. Stuff Head and sew closed. Sew Ears to Head and Bow to right Ear. Using Peppermint Twist wrap several strands around centre of Bow. Sew Head, Arms, Legs and Tail to Body. Using two strands of Sherbet Fizz and a tapestry needle embroider eyelashes in corners of each eye. Using Bubblegum Sour embroider cheeks below eyes. Using Sherbet Fizz embroider a mouth below nose. Thread a small length of Sherbet Fizz around ankles and tie in a bow to make ballet slipper straps. Weave in all ends

LET'S SHOP

Tissue paper, kraft gift box and glossy curling ribbon,
paperchase.co.uk

GREAT ADVICE

Attach Tutu to Body on Rnd 12.
Using 3mm hook and Snow Drop,
trim Tutu by working 1dc in each
st around. 108 sts



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BELLA'S DANCING PARTNER,
GRACY BALLERINA, AT
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USE
YOUR FREE
Candy Cane
YARN KIT



PLUS
tapestry
needle, two
wooden
toggles, thin
elastic cord

SIZE
Tablet case:
19cm x 22cm
(to fit iPad)
Phone case:
8cm x 14cm
(to fit iPhone 6S)



**Challenge
yourself**

TECH COVERS tablet case

Using 3mm
needles and
Blackberry
Surprise cast
on 58 sts
Rows 1-4: starting
with a k row work
in st st
Row 5: k1, (p2tog)
twice, (k1, yfwd)
four times, (p2tog)

five times, (k1,
yfwd) five times,
(k2tog) three
times, (yfwd)
twice, (k2tog)
twice, (k1, yfwd)
five times, (p2tog)
five times, yfwd,
(k1, yfwd) four
times, (p2tog)
twice, k1. 60 sts
Row 6: p29, pf, pb,
p to end
Row 7: k28,
(k2tog) twice, k to
end. 58 sts
Rows 8-10:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Row 11: k1, (p2tog)
twice, yfwd, (k1,
yfwd) four times,
(p2tog) five times,
([k1,yfwd] five
times, [p2tog] five
times) twice, (k1,
yfwd) four times,
(p2tog) twice, k1
Change to
Cherry Whirl
Rows 12-16:
starting with a p

row work in st st
Row 17: k1, (p2tog)
twice, (k1, yfwd)
four times, (p2tog)
five times, ([k1,
yfwd] five times,
[p2tog] five times)
twice, yfwd, (k1,
yfwd) four times,
(p2tog) twice, k1
Change to
Bubblegum Sour
Rows 18-22: rep
Rows 12-16
Row 23: rep Row 11
Change to
Sherbet Fizz
Rows 24-38:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Row 39: rep
Row 17
Work in foll
six-row stripe
sequence:
Bubblegum Sour,
Cherry Whirl,
Blackberry
Surprise, Sherbet
Fizz, Bubblegum
Sour, Cherry Whirl,
Blackberry
Surprise
Rows 40-45: rep
Rows 18-23
Rows 46-81: rep
Rows 12-23
three times
Change to
Bubblegum Sour
Rows 82-96: rep
Rows 24-38
Row 97: rep
Row 17
Work in foll
six-row stripe
sequence:

Blackberry
Surprise,
Cherry Whirl,
Bubblegum Sour
Rows 98-103: rep
Rows 18-23
Rows 104-115: rep
Rows 12-23
Change to
Sherbet Fizz
Rows 116-138:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Change to
Bubblegum Sour
Rows 139-141:
starting with a k
row work in st st
Change to
Cherry Whirl
Row 142: p
Row 143: k2, (p2,
k2) to end
Row 144: p2, (k2,
p2) to end
Rows 145-146: rep
Rows 143-144
Cast off in rib,
leaving a long tail
phone case
Using 3mm
needles and
Blackberry
Surprise cast on
38 sts leaving a
long tail
Rows 1-6: starting
with a k row
work in st st
Row 7: k1, (p2tog)
three times, (k1,
yfwd) six times,
(p2tog) six times,
(k1, yfwd) six
times, (p2tog)
three times, k1

Change to
Cherry Whirl
Rows 8-12:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Row 13: rep Row 7
Change to
Peppermint Twist
Rows 14-61: rep
Rows 8-13
eight times
Rows 62-72:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Cast off, leaving a
long tail
to make up
Lightly dampen
work and iron on
WS. Allow to dry
thoroughly. With
RS facing fold

piece so it creates
a pouch and wave
patterns line up.
Use cast-off tail
of Cherry Whirl
for Tablet Case
and Peppermint
Twist for Phone
Case to join sides
using mattress st.
Attach toggle (see
Great Advice) to
front of Tablet
Case and to first
'wave' of Phone
Case. Weave in all
ends. Place phone
in Case then
attach loop of thin
elastic so it holds
Case closed when
pulled around
toggle

BECOME A SECRET SANTA CHAMP WITH OUR Tech covers

DAWN FINNEY'S pattern creates a lovely stretchy fabric, making the cases perfect for a variety of tablets and phones. We think they make such thoughtful gifts for the festive season and we know that family and friends will treasure them. Once you've mastered the project, why not whip up a few for yourself in a variety of colours? You could even add a Snow Drop trim!



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THIS PATTERN?



FIND THE FREE CROCHET PATTERN
FOR IRENE STRANGE'S KINDLE COSY
AT **TOPCROCHETPATTERNS.COM**

Designer tip

PF = PURL INTO FRONT
PB = PURL INTO BACK
TO DO THIS YOU WORK
THROUGH JUST THE FRONT OR
JUST THE BACK OF THE STITCH.
WHEN PURLING THROUGH THE
BACK LOOP, YOU DO EXACTLY
THE SAME STEPS AS A REGULAR
PURL, BUT WORK WITH THE
PART OF THE LOOP THAT
IS ON THE BACK OF
THE NEEDLE





USE YOUR **Candy Cane** YARN KIT

PLUS: tapestry needle
SIZE: 10cm square



IRENE STRANGE,
DESIGNER

“Welcome to this brand new crochet series! Over the next three issues, I’ll be sharing my festive granny squares, which will all be sewn together to create a cherishable Christmas blanket for the whole family to love year after year. For the Present Square, be sure to wash and block all pieces before sewing up to get a more even result. Happy crocheting!”



Take the
next step

PLAIN SQUARE

Make two

Using 3mm hook and Peppermint Twist make a magic ring, work 3ch (counts as 1tr), 2tr into ring, (2ch, 3tr) three times into ring, 2ch, join with a sl st to third of first ch. 12 sts

Rnd 1: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 2tr, ([2tr, 2ch, 2tr] in next 2ch corner sp, 3tr) three times, (2tr, 2ch, 2tr) in next 2ch corner sp, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 28 sts

Rnd 2: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 4tr, ([2tr, 2ch, 2tr] in next 2ch corner sp, 7tr) three times, * (2tr, 2ch, 2tr) in next 2ch corner sp, 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch *. 44 sts

Rnd 3: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 6tr, ([2tr, 2ch, 2tr] in next 2ch corner sp, 11tr) three times, rep from * to *. 60 sts

Rnd 4: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 8tr, ([2tr, 2ch, 2tr] in next 2ch corner sp, 15tr) three times, rep from * to *. 76 sts
Fasten off

STRIPED SQUARE

Using 3mm hook and Cherry Whirl make a magic ring, work 3ch (counts as 1tr), 2tr into ring,

(2ch, 3tr) three times into ring, 2ch, join with a sl st to third of first ch. 12 sts
Work in foll one-rnd stripe sequence: Cherry Whirl, Bubblegum Sour, Blackberry Surprise, Cherry Whirl

Rnds 1-4: rep Rnds 1-4 of Plain Square. 76 sts
Fasten off

fairy light

Make ten (six in Bubblegum Sour, three in Cherry Whirl, one in Sherbet Fizz)
Using 3mm hook and chosen yarn make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

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

fairy light chain

Make four (two that connect three Fairy Lights, two that connect two Fairy Lights)
Using 3mm hook and Blackberry Surprise * make 6ch

Row 1: working across three sts of Fairy Light, tr2tog across next two sts, 1tr in same st as last st, tr2tog across same st as last st and next st *, rep from * to * twice for three-light chain or once

for two-light chain, 6ch
Fasten off

to make up

Weave in all ends. Sew Fairy Light Chains onto Plain Squares

BAUBLE SQUARE

Make three

Using 3mm hook and Bubblegum Sour (Sherbet Fizz, Blackberry Surprise) make a magic ring, work 3ch (counts as 1tr), 11tr into ring, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 12 sts

Rnd 1: (3ch [counts as 1tr], 1tr) in same st, 2tr in each st to end, join with a sl st to third of first ch. 24 sts

Rnd 2: (3ch [counts as 1tr], 1tr) in same st, 1tr, (2tr in next st, 1tr) 11 times, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 36 sts

Change to Sherbet Fizz (Cherry Whirl, Bubblegum Sour)

Rnd 3: working in back loops only 1ch, (3dc, 2htr, 3tr in next st, 2ch, 3tr in next st, 2htr) four times, join with a sl st to first st. 52 sts

Rnd 4: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 7tr, (* [2tr, 2ch, 2tr] in next 2ch corner sp *, 13tr) three times, rep from * to * once, 1tr in each st

to end, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 68 sts
Fasten off

to make up

Starting in centre, embroider four diamonds in chosen yarn colours. Sew accent strokes to middle of each and between each diamond. Embroider small square at top of circle. Sew Snow Drop yarn around edge of circle. Weave in all ends

PRESENT SQUARE

present

Make three

Using 3mm hook and Blackberry Surprise (Cherry Whirl, Bubblegum Sour) make 15ch
Row 1: starting in fourth ch from hook, 1tr in each ch to end, turn. 12 sts

Row 2: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in each st to end, turn

Change to Sherbet Fizz (Blackberry Surprise, Sherbet Fizz)

Row 3: rep Row 2
Change to Blackberry Surprise (Cherry Whirl, Bubblegum Sour)

Rows 4-5: rep Row 2 twice
Fasten off

festive granny squares CROCHET SERIES

Christmas
BLANKET
EDITION

edge

Make three

Using 3mm hook and Bubblegum Sour (Sherbet Fizz, Cherry Whirl) join to any corner of Present

Rnd 1: (3ch, 1tr) in next st, 11tr along edge, (2tr in next st, 2ch, 2tr in next st, 11tr) three times, 2tr in next st, 2ch, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 60 sts

Rnd 2: 3ch, 1tr in each st to next 2ch corner sp, ([1tr, 2ch, 1tr] in 2ch corner sp, 1tr in each st to next 2ch corner sp) three times, 1tr in next 2ch corner sp, 2ch, join with a sl st to third of first 2ch sp. 68 sts
Fasten off

ribbon

Make three

Using 3mm hook and Sherbet Fizz (Blackberry Surprise, Sherbet Fizz) make 52ch

Row 1: starting in third ch from hook, 1tr in each st to end. 50 sts
Fasten off

to make up

Sew Ribbon to Present, folding long edge into a bow and securing in place with extra yarn. Sew Edge to Present

USE ALL
SIX
YARN
COLOURS!



USE
YOUR FREE
**Candy
Cane**
YARN KIT



PLUS
tapestry
needle, two
jingle bells

SIZE
0-3 months



Take the
next step

ELF BOOTIES boot

Make two

Using 3mm
needles and
Peppermint Twist
cast on 24 sts

Rows 1-4: (k1, p1)
to end

Rows 5-8: k

Row 9: k1, kfb, k8,
kfb, k2, kfb, k to
last two sts, kfb,
k1. 28 sts

**Row 10 and every
even-numbered
row:** k

Row 11: k1, kfb, k10,
kfb, k2, kfb, k to
last two sts, kfb,
k1. 32 sts

Row 13: k14, kfb,
k2, kfb, k to end.
34 sts

Row 15: k15, kfb,
k2, kfb, k to end.
36 sts

Row 17: k16, kfb,
k2, kfb, k to end.
38 sts

Row 19: k17, kfb,
k2, kfb, k to end.
40 sts

Rows 20-24: k

Change to
Blackberry
Surprise

Row 25: k20, m1, k
to end. 41 sts

Row 26: k

Row 27: k20, kfb, k
to end. 42 sts

Row 28: k

Row 29 (toe): k21,
turn (WS facing),
cast on five sts, k
in each st to end.
26 sts

Row 30: * skpo, k
to end. 25 sts

Row 31: kfb, k to
end. 26 sts

Row 32: cast off 18
sts, k to end.
Eight sts

Rows 33-34: kfb,
k4, turn, k to end.
Ten sts *

Note: rejoin

Blackberry
Surprise to rem
21 sts

Row 29: cast on
five sts, k to end.
26 sts

Rows 30-34: rep
from * to *. Ten sts
Cast off

ear

Make four
Using 3mm
needles and
Sherbet Fizz cast
on 18 sts

Row 1: (k1, k2tog)
to end. 12 sts

Row 2: k

Rows 3-4: (k2tog)
to end. Three sts
Cast off

to make up

Fold Boot in half
matching cast-off
edges at sole and
toe and aligning

row ends at heel,
sew tog using
mattress st. Ease
top of toe row
ends tog and sew
using mattress st.
Work running st
along top of toe
seam, pull gently
to enhance curve.

Sew tip of toe to
front of Boot. Sew
jingle bell to each
heel. Fold Ears in
half across
cast-off edge, WS
facing, oversew
around cupped,
cast-off edge to
each side of Boot
1cm from back
seam. Fold
becomes top of
Ear. Using Snow
Drop work one
row of dc around
edge of cuff as
folls: * insert hook

in st at cast-on
edge from RS to
WS, pull yarn
through, yoh, pull

yarn through, rep
from * to end.
Weave in ends

DRESS YOUR SANTA'S LITTLE HELPER WITH THESE JINGLE BELL Elf booties

Get little'uns ready for the festivities with **CLAIRE GARLAND'S** adorable baby shoes. The bells add lovely Christmas charm, however if you don't have any to hand, you could make mini pom-poms instead. Once you've finished this project, you'll still have 90g of yarn left in your kit, that's plenty to try another pattern – what will you make next?



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YARN KIT



PLUS
pair of leather
handles,
tapestry
needle

SIZE
29cm x 34cm

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Festive tote

KATH WEBBER'S bright bag is a simple pattern repeat of make one stitch, make a chain, then miss one. It also uses extended stitches which produce a more textured and looser effect – just check the Great Advice section if you get stuck. When changing colours, make sure to leave 15cm tails because you'll use these to sew up the side seams at the end.



Take the
next step

FESTIVE TOTE

Using 3mm hook and Blackberry Surprise make 102ch

Row 1 (RS):

starting in second ch from hook ([1exdc, 1ch] in next ch, miss next ch) 50 times, 1exdc in next ch, turn. 51 sts Work in foll seven-row stripe sequence, leaving a long tail when cutting each yarn: Blackberry Surprise, Peppermint Twist, Bubblegum Sour, Sherbet Fizz, Cherry Whirl

Rows 2-36: 1ch (does not count as st), 1dc, (1exdc, 1ch) in each 1ch sp to end, turn Fasten off

to make up

With WS tog pin piece in half width-wise. Starting from bottom, dc bottom edge tog through foundation row. Thread yarn onto tapestry needle and oversew side seam using tails of each colour.

Weave in all ends. Steam block bag. Use surface sl st to crochet word 'Joy' (see In The Detail panel). Position handles to align with bottom of Cherry Whirl stripe, 7cm in from each edge, then use pre-punched holes to sew onto bag

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GREAT ADVICE

EXDC

This stands for extended double crochet and is worked as follows: yoh, insert hook in next st, yoh, draw through st, yoh, draw through first loop only, yoh, draw through two loops

Pick up bag handles from any good haberdashery!



IT'S ALL IN THE DETAIL

To create 'joy', make a slip knot with Snow Drop. Position yarn and slip knot behind bag. Insert hook from front to back and bring loop from slip knot through front, holding end of slip knot tightly behind work. One loop on hook. Insert hook between next two sts, catching yarn from behind and bringing to front, then through loop on hook. Cont to form each letter, breaking yarn when reaching end of each letter. Pull through end of yarn to front of bag and use a tapestry needle to pass end back through to back and weave in.

USE ALL
SIX
YARN
COLOURS!



CHRISTMAS IS COMPLETE WITH OUR MINI Mr & Mrs Claus

SACHIYO ISHII has knitted the most wonderful duo. Father Christmas is joined by his lovely wife in this pattern, which is a great one for knitting beginners to try. Their bottoms – oo-er! – are flat, making them ideal to sit upon your festive mantelpiece, a bedecked dining room table, or even on a Christmas tree branch. Where will your Mr & Mrs Claus reside?

PLUS

small amount of dark brown DK, stuffing, chenille needle, tapestry needle

SIZE

Height:
Santa: 10cm
Mrs Claus: 11cm



BOTH shoe & leg

Make four

Using 3mm needles and Peppermint Twist cast on six sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 12 sts

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

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

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

Row 8: p3, p2tog, p to end. Eight sts
Change to Cherry Whirl

Rows 9-15 (WS): 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

MR CLAUS body & head

Using 3mm needles and Cherry Whirl cast on ten sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 20 sts

Row 3: p

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

Row 5: p

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

Rows 7-19: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 20: (k2, k2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rows 21-23: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 24 (shape neck): (k2tog) to end. 15 sts

Change to Sherbet Fizz

Row 25: p

Row 26: k3, (kfb) nine times, k to end. 24 sts

Rows 27-31: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 32 (shape eyeline): k6, (k2tog, k1) four times, k to end. 20 sts



Rows 33-37:

starting with a p row work in st st

Row 38: (k2, k2tog) to end. 15 sts

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

arm

Make two

Using 3mm needles and Cherry Whirl cast on eight sts

Rows 1-6: starting with a p row work in st st
Join Snow Drop, do not cut

Cherry Whirl

Rows 7-8: p

Cont in

Cherry Whirl

Rows 9-10:

starting with a p row work in st st

Row 11: (p2, p2tog) to end. Six sts

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

hat

Using 3mm needles and Snow Drop cast on 28 sts
Change to Cherry Whirl

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

Row 9: (k2, k2tog) to end. 21 sts

Row 10: p

Row 11: (k1, k2tog) to end. 14 sts

Row 12: p

Row 13: k
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

beard

Using 3mm needles and Snow Drop cast on 14 sts
Rows 1-2: starting with a k row work

in st st

Row 3: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. 12 sts

Row 4: p

Rows 5-10: rep Rows 3-4 three times. Six sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

to make up

* With cast-on yarn end, work gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly. Sew rest of base seam and stuff, avoiding neck area. Work gathering thread around neck using Sherbet Fizz, draw in tightly. Using same yarn, work a gathering thread around face over eyeline, draw in gently to shape dent. Close Body seam. Make a French knot nose using Sherbet Fizz and French knot eyes with dark brown DK. Fold Leg pieces in half lengthwise and, with cast-on yarn

end, sew sole, stuff and sew rest of Leg seam. Pierce Shoe from base centre using Peppermint Twist, take needle out of top of foot and rep. Pull thread gently to flatten sole and shape ankle. Attach Legs to Body. Seam Arms, stuff and sew to Body *. Using 3mm hook and Peppermint Twist, make 30ch to create belt. Sew belt to Body and, using Blackberry Surprise, create buckle with backstitches. Attach beard. Seam Hat and sew to Head

MRS CLAUS body & head

Using 3mm needles and Cherry Whirl cast on ten sts

Rows 1-7: rep Rows 1-7 of Santa Body & Head. 40 sts

Join Snow Drop, do not cut Cherry Whirl

Rows 8-9: k Cont in Cherry Whirl

Rows 10-38: rep Rows 10-38 of Santa Body & Head. 15 sts Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

arm

Make two

Using 3mm needles and Cherry Whirl cast on eight sts

Note: Change to Sherbet Fizz after Row 8

Rows 1-11: rep Rows 1-11 of Santa Arm. Six sts Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

hair

Using 3mm needles and Snow Drop cast

on 26 sts

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

Row 9: k2, (k2tog, k2) to end. 20 sts

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

Row 13: (p2tog) to end. Ten sts Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry

needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

to make up

Rep from * to * of Santa To Make Up. Wrap small length of Snow Drop around neck twice and hide yarn ends in Body. Seam Hair third of length from

fastened-off end and attach to Head with opening at front. Pierce through top of Hair using Cherry

Whirl, wrap yarn around and make a bow in front with sts. Sew hands tog and attach to Body

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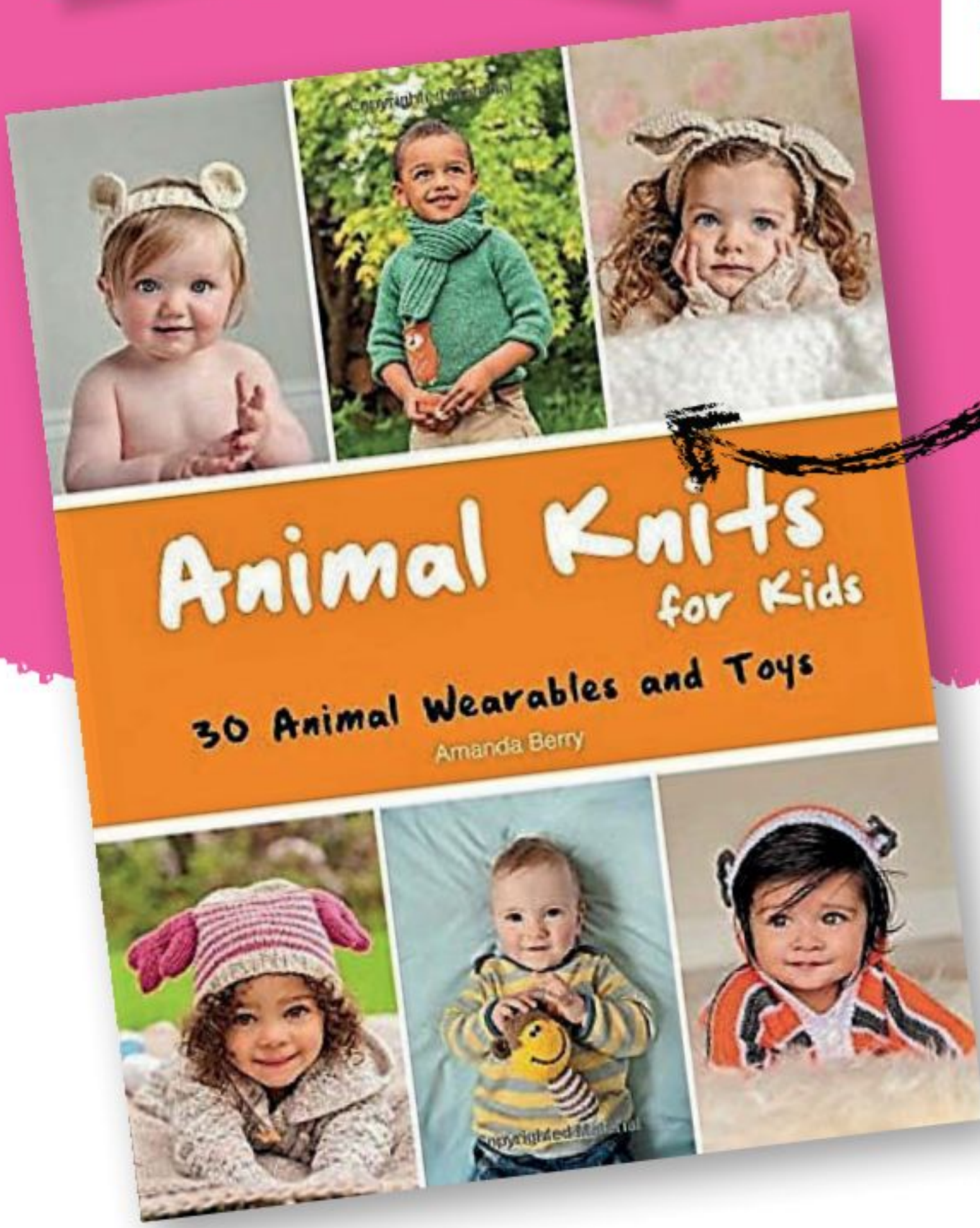
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A real creative treat, these yarn bowls from DaWanda (en.dawanda.com) are simply 'purr'ecious – you'll be the envy of your knit and natter group! The cat designs, worth £33, from Bordo Ceramics and fox bowls, worth £26, from Burrantando, are up for grabs at letsgetcrafting.com, so make sure you enter for your chance to win one of eight yarn bowls.



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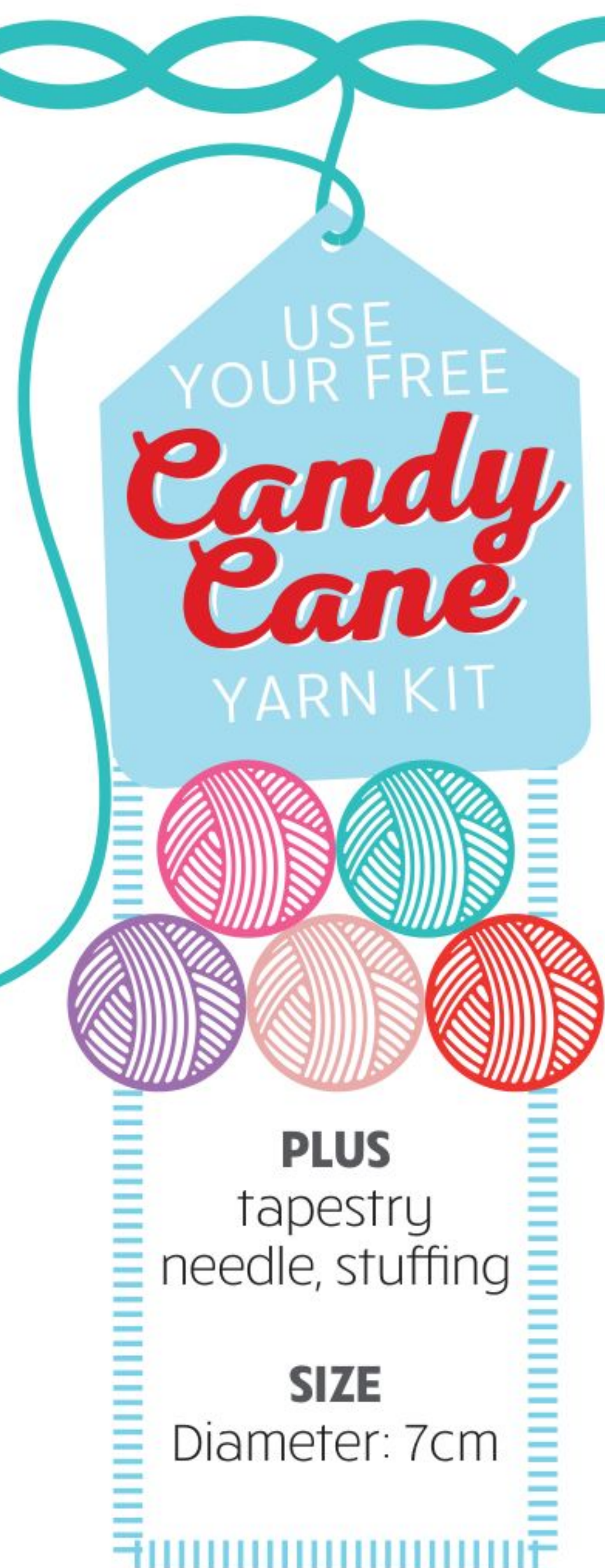
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PLUS
tapestry
needle, stuffing

SIZE
Diameter: 7cm



Take the
next step

STYLE A bauble 2, 5, 6

Make six (two the same for each bauble)
Note: change colour after every rnd [see Great Advice]
Using 3mm hook

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

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

Rnd 2: one sl st in each st to end

Rnd 3: 3ch, (1htr in next st, 1ch) to end, join with a sl st to first st

Rnd 4: 2ch (counts as first tr of first bobble), (mb [see Top Tip] in next 1ch

sp, 1ch) to end, join with a sl st. 12 bobbles

Rnd 5: 1ch, (1htr in top of bobble, 2htr in next 1ch sp) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 6: rep Rnd 2

Rnd 7: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 8: 1htr in each st to end

Fasten off
Note: work through sts of both halves to join,

stuffing as you go

Rnd 9: one sl st in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a loop of yarn to hang

STYLE B bauble 1, 3, 4

Make six (two the same for each bauble)
Note: change colour after every rnd [see Great Advice]
Using 3mm hook

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

Rnd 1: 2ch (counts as first tr of first bobble), (mb [see Top Tip] in next st, 1ch) to end, join with a sl st. 12 bobbles

Rnds 2-3: rep Rnds 5-6 of Style A. 24 sts

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

Rnd 5: one sl st in each st to end

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

Rnd 7: 1tr in each st to end

Fasten off

Note: work through sts of both halves to join, stuff as you go

Rnd 8: one sl st in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a loop of yarn to hang

GREAT ADVICE

COLOUR COMBOS

Note: foundation rnd and Rnd 1 are worked in same colour

Bauble 1: (Blackberry Surprise, Bubblegum Sour, Peppermint Twist) twice, Bubblegum Sour, Blackberry Surprise

Bauble 2: Bubblegum Sour, Sherbet Fizz, Blackberry Surprise, Bubblegum Sour, Sherbet Fizz, Bubblegum Sour, Blackberry Surprise, Bubblegum Sour, Sherbet Fizz

Bauble 3: (Cherry Whirl, Peppermint Twist, Blackberry Surprise) twice, Peppermint Twist, Cherry Whirl

Bauble 4: (Peppermint Twist, Sherbet Fizz, Cherry Whirl) twice, Sherbet Fizz, Peppermint Twist

Bauble 5: Cherry Whirl, Bubblegum Sour, Blackberry Surprise, Cherry Whirl, Bubblegum Sour, Cherry Whirl, Blackberry Surprise, Cherry Whirl, Bubblegum Sour

Bauble 6: Sherbet Fizz, Blackberry Surprise, Peppermint Twist, Sherbet Fizz, Blackberry Surprise, Sherbet Fizz, Peppermint Twist, Sherbet Fizz, Blackberry Surprise





Top tip
MB (MAKE BOBBLE)
 yoh, insert hook in st, yoh, draw through, yoh, draw through two loops, (yoh, insert hook in same sp, yoh, draw through, yoh, draw through two loops) three times, yoh, draw through all five loops on hook

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PLUS
stuffing,
tapestry
needle, small
discs of
cardboard
(four 6cm, one
5cm), 6mm
pearl beads,
one small pom-
pom, ribbon

SIZE
Height: 8cm



Take the
next step

USE ALL
SIX
YARN
COLOURS!

CRAFT FOR THE BORROWERS WITH OUR Mini trees

DAWN FINNEY'S pint-sized decorations are the perfect little treats for your mantelpiece. Each tree is made by following the Basic Tree pattern that appears first in the project, however there are small adaptations such as different colour changes to keep an eye out for. We think they make lovely gifts, and as they don't take too long to make you could fill the stockings of friends and family.

MINI TREES basic tree

Using 3mm
needles and
Peppermint Twist
cast on ten sts

Row 1: k1, (kfb) to
last st, k1. 18 sts

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

Row 3: k1, (kfb, k1)
to last st, k1. 26 sts

Row 5: k1, (kfb, k2)
to last st, k1. 34 sts

Row 7: k1, (kfb, k3)
to last st, k1. 42 sts

Row 9: k1, (kfb, k4)
to last st, k1. 50 sts

Row 11: k1, (kfb, k5)
to last st, k1. 58 sts

Row 13: k13, k2tog,
(k12, k2tog) to last
st, k1. 54 sts

Row 15: k12, k2tog,
(k11, k2tog) to last
st, k1. 50 sts

Row 17: k11, k2tog,
(k10, k2tog) to last
st, k1. 46 sts

Row 19: k10, k2tog,
(k9, k2tog) to last
st, k1. 42 sts

Row 21: k9, k2tog,
(k8, k2tog) to last
st, k1. 38 sts

Row 23: k8, k2tog,
(k7, k2tog) to last
st, k1. 34 sts

Row 25: k7, k2tog,
(k6, k2tog) to last
st, k1. 30 sts

Row 27: k6, k2tog,
(k5, k2tog) to last
st, k1. 26 sts

Row 29: k5, k2tog,
(k4, k2tog) to last
st, k1. 22 sts

Row 31: k4, k2tog,
(k3, k2tog) to last
st, k1. 18 sts

Row 33: k3, k2tog,
(k2, k2tog) to last
st, k1. 14 sts

Row 35: k2, k2tog,
(k1, k2tog) to last
st, k1. Ten sts

Row 37: k1, (k2tog)
to last st, k1. Six sts
Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread
tail onto tapestry
needle and thread

through rem sts,
fasten off

pink and red

Using 3mm needles
and Cherry Whirl
cast on ten sts

Note: change to
Bubblegum Sour
after Row 17,
change to Sherbet
Fizz after Row 19

Rows 1-37: rep
Rows 1-37 of Basic
Tree. Six sts
Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread
tail onto tapestry
needle and thread
through rem sts,
fasten off



pearl

Using 3mm needles and Blackberry Surprise cast on ten sts

Rows 1-11: rep Rows 1-11 of Basic Tree. 58 sts

Row 12: k

Row 13: rep Row 13 of Basic Tree. 54 sts

Row 14: k

Row 15: rep Row 15 of Basic Tree. 50 sts

Row 16: k

Change to Cherry Whirl, leaving a long tail of Blackberry Surprise

Rows 17-37: rep Rows 17-37 of Basic Tree. Six sts Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

pink tinsel

Using 3mm needles and Bubblegum Sour cast on ten sts

Rows 1-11: rep Rows 1-11 of Basic

Tree. 58 sts

* Change to

Snow Drop

Row 12: p

Row 13: k

Change to Bubblegum Sour *

Rows 14-19: rep

Rows 12-17 of Basic

Tree. 46 sts

Rep from * to * once

Rows 22-27: rep

Rows 18-23 of

Basic Tree. 34 sts

Rep from * to * once

Rows 30-43: rep

Rows 24-37 of

Basic Tree. Six sts

Cut yarn leaving a

long tail, thread

tail onto tapestry

needle and thread

through rem sts,

fasten off

rainbow stripe

Using 3mm needles and Blackberry Surprise cast on ten sts

Note: change to Peppermint Twist after Row 16, change to Cherry Whirl after Row 22, change to

Bubblegum Sour

after Row 28

Rows 1-37: rep

Rows 1-37 of Basic

Tree. Six 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, pull

cast-off tail

through sts at top

of Tree to close,

then join sides

using mattress st.

Stuff and insert

6cm card disc

(5cm disc for Pearl

Tree). Join bases

of Tree using

mattress st, weave

in all ends. Cut two

20cm lengths of

ribbon, use a

tapestry needle

and pull through

tip of Basic Tree

and Pink and Red

Tree, tie a bow.

Sew beads to

Pearl Tree. Sew

pom-pom to top

of Rainbow

Stripe Tree



“I think these trees would look lovely with embroidered hearts on them – just use a small length of black DK”

DAWN FINNEY, DESIGNER

TOP TIP

TO AVOID TAIL ENDS WHEN KNITTING TINSEL TREE, DON'T CUT BUBBLEGUM SOUR AND SNOW DROP. INSTEAD TWIST THE YARNS OVER EACH OTHER AT THE END OF EACH K ROW TO CARRY THE YARNS UP

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- ☐ White and cream
- ☐ Black, grey and brown

Which of these special yarns is your favourite type?

- ☐ Chunky
- ☐ Aran
- ☐ Sparkly
- ☐ Variegated
- ☐ Eyelash
- ☐ Fluffy
- ☐ Tinsel
- ☐ Beaded

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- ☐ Entered a giveaway
- ☐ Read our techniques section

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Toymaker of the year 2017

Want to be crowned the ultimate toymaking champion? You've come to the right place

Last issue we launched our Toymaker of the Year competition and we've loved seeing your entries come flooding in. If you missed it, there's still time! Read on to find out how simple it is to enter.

THE PRIZE

If you're crowned our champion, not only will you have the amazing accolade of being our Toymaker of the Year 2017, but you'll also win 3,000g of exclusive Let's Get Crafting yarn!

HOW TO ENTER

Knit or crochet ANY toy you like. It can be your own design, a pattern from a book or even one of your favourite Let's Get Crafting or Let's Knit projects. It can be any shape or size and can be used with materials of your choice. Download a form from letsgetcrafting.com/toymaker, attach it to your toy, and post it to **Toymaker, LGC Knitting & Crochet, 1 Phoenix Court, Hawkins Road, Colchester, Essex, CO2 8JY** no later than 9th October 2017. Read all of the Terms and Conditions at letsgetcrafting.com/toymaker

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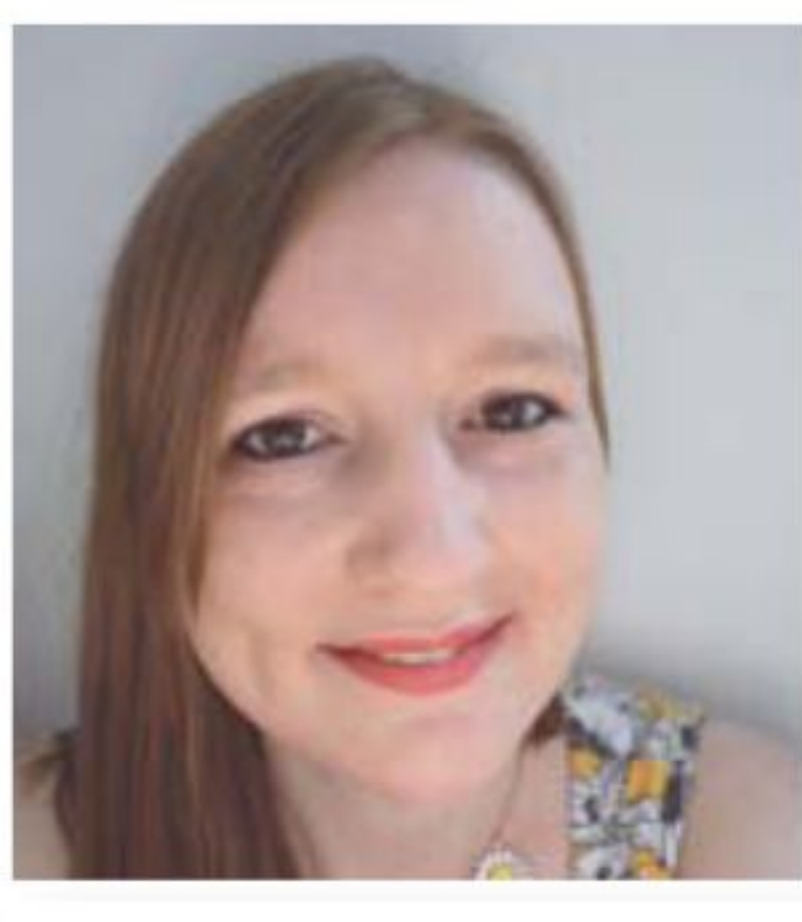
If you're contacted as our winner and you've created an original design from scratch, you'll need to provide us with your pattern so it can be published in issue 97. If you're the winner and the pattern is not your own, you will need to specify exactly where you got it from. All the projects sent in – that do not make it to the final stages – will be donated to Woolly Hugs for their Christmas Hugs project with the Friends of Chernobyl Children Charity. For more information visit woollyhugs.org

**DEADLINE:
9TH
OCTOBER
2017**

MEET THE JUDGES



SACHIYO ISHII



HANNAH COOPER



SUE STRATFORD

Top tips



Our competition is in partnership with crafty favourites, King Cole (kingcole.com). Here are their top tips to help you on your way to toymaking stardom

SHRED YOUR STUFFING

Stuffing a toy can be tricky. For the surface of your toys to appear smoother, separate the fibres first.

LEAVE YARN ENDS LONG

After casting off each piece, use the ends to sew together later. This method will create fewer ends overall to weave in.

DON'T FORGET THE EYES!

Safety eyes or embroidered eyes are the safest option if you are giving a toy to a baby or small child.

SEW PIECES TOGETHER AS YOU GO

Labelling each piece can help too – you don't want to be left with lots of parts that can be tricky to identify.

WASHABILITY IS KEY

If you're giving a toy to a little one, make sure it's washable. Super wash or acrylic craft yarns are better for these projects.

USE STITCH MARKERS

Whether you're counting rows or stitches, it's easy to lose your place in crochet. You can use a stitch marker to mark the beginning of a round or the beginning of a group of increases or decreases.

YOU'LL LOVE CRAFTING THE MISCHIEVOUS
YET ADORABLE

Murray the mouse

USE
YOUR FREE
**Candy
Cane**
YARN KIT



PLUS

stuffing, small
length of
brown DK,
tapestry
needle

SIZE

Height: 24cm

Make little hearts melt with this cheeky chappy! Complete with his own set of dungarees, **SACHIYO ISHII** brings to life the cheese-loving character. Ideal as a gift for the little'uns or to prop up in the nursery, Murray is guaranteed to make the perfect cuddly companion. For an extra special touch, personalise your mouse by embroidering the name of your recipient onto the dungarees.



Perfect for
beginners

MURRAY THE MOUSE body

Using 3mm
needles and
Peppermint Twist
cast on ten sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: kfb in each
st to end. 20 sts

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

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

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

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

Row 10: kfb, k8,
kfb, (k9, kfb) to
end. 56 sts

Rows 11-29:

starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 30: k2tog, k8,
k2tog, (k9, k2tog)
to end. 50 sts

Row 31: p

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

Row 33 (waist): k
Work in foll
four-row stripe
sequence:

Bubblegum Sour,
Cherry Whirl

Rows 34-55:

starting with a k
row work in st st

Row 56: (k2,
k2tog) to end.
30 sts

Row 57: p

Row 58: k

Row 59: (p1, p2tog)
to end. 20 sts

Row 60: k

Row 61: (p2tog) to
end. Ten sts

Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread

tail onto tapestry
needle and thread

through rem sts,
fasten off

dungarees

Using 3mm

needles and

Blackberry

Surprise cast on

ten sts

Rows 1-9: rep

Rows 1-9 of Body.
50 sts

Row 10: (k4, kfb)
to end. 60 sts

Rows 11-39:

starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 40: (k4,

k2tog) to end.
50 sts

Row 41: cast off 13
sts, p2tog, p18,

p2tog, p1, cast off
to end. 22 sts

Change to
Peppermint Twist

Row 42: k1, k2tog,
k to last three sts,
k2tog, k1. 20 sts

Row 43: p1, p2tog,
p to last three sts,
p2tog, p1. 18 sts

Rows 44-45: rep
Rows 42-43. 14 sts

Rows 46-48:

starting with a k
row work in st st

Rows 49-50: k

Cast off k wise

strap

Make two

Using 3mm

needles and

Blackberry

Surprise cast on

four sts

Rows 1-38: k

Cast off

pocket

Make two

Using 3mm

needles and

Peppermint Twist

cast on 12 sts

Rows 1-2: starting
with a k row work
in st st

Row 3: k1, k2tog, k
to last three sts,
k2tog, k1. Ten sts

Row 4: p

Rows 5-6: rep

Rows 3-4. Eight sts

Row 7: rep Row 3.

Six sts

Row 8: (k2tog) to
end. Three sts

Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread

tail onto tapestry

needle and thread

through rem sts,

fasten off

head

Using 3mm

needles and

Sherbet Fizz cast

on ten sts

Rows 1-8: rep
Rows 1-8 of Body.
50 sts

Rows 9-17:

starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 18: k15,
(k2tog) ten times,
k to end. 40 sts

Row 19: p

Row 20: k10,
(k2tog) ten times,
k to end. 30 sts

Rows 21-27:

starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 28: (k1, k2tog)
to end. 20 sts

Row 29: p

Row 30: (k2tog) to
end. Ten sts

Cut yarn leaving a

long tail, thread

tail onto tapestry

needle and thread

through rem sts,

fasten off

ear

Make two

Using 3mm

needles and

Sherbet Fizz cast

on 20 sts

Rows 1-3: starting

with a p row work
in st st

Row 4: k2tog, (k1,
k2tog) to end.
13 sts

Rows 5-7: rep

Rows 1-3

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

Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread

tail onto tapestry

needle and thread

through rem sts,

fasten off



SACHIYO'S ADVICE!

"Knit your stitches as evenly as you can and use slightly finer needles than you would for garments. Knitted pieces need to be tight so the stuffing is hidden. Try not to stretch the first and last stitch of the row and take care when you sew up."

Turn to p51 to enter our Toymaker of the Year 2017 competition!

arm**Make two**

Using 3mm needles and Cherry Whirl cast on 20 sts
Work in foll four-row stripe sequence: Cherry Whirl, Bubblegum Sour
Rows 1-10: starting with a k row work in st st
Row 11: (k2, k2tog) to end. 15 sts
Row 12: p
Cont in Bubblegum Sour
Rows 13-15: starting with a k row work in st st
Row 16: (p1, p2tog) to end. Ten sts
Row 17 (cuff): p
Change to Sherbet Fizz
Rows 18-20 (WS): starting with a p row work in st st
Row 21: cast off one st, k to last two sts, k2tog. Eight sts
Row 22: p
Row 23: k
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

foot**Make two**

Using 3mm needles and Sherbet Fizz cast on ten sts

Rows 1-2: rep Rows 1-2 of Body. 20 sts

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

Row 10: (k2, k2tog) to end. 15 sts

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

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

Row 15: p

Row 16: (k2tog) to end. Five sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

tail

Using 3mm needles and Sherbet Fizz cast on 12 sts

Rows 1-44: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 45: (p2tog) to end. Six sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

to make up

Using fastened-off yarn end seam Body halfway. With cast-on yarn end work gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly. Sew rest of base, stuff Body and close seam. With cast-on yarn

end of Dungarees work gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw tightly. Sew seam, insert Body and secure Dungarees with sts at back. Attach Pockets. Seam Arms leaving cast-on edges open. Stuff and

attach cast-on edge of Arms to Body. Attach Straps. Make up Head as for Body. Seam Ears and with seam on front inner centre, sew base corners tog. Sew Ears to Head. Using length of brown DK, embroider eyes. Using Bubblegum Sour, embroider mouth, nose and whiskers with back sts. Close Head seam. Attach Head to Body. Seam Foot and stuff. Attach Feet to Body. From fastened-off end, seam Tail, stuffing as you work. Sew cast-on edge to Body. Weave in all ends



USE
YOUR FREE
Candy Cane
YARN KIT



PLUS
tapestry
needle,
pom-pom
maker

SIZE
15cm x 16cm

SAVOUR THE TASTE OF CHRISTMAS WITH OUR STRIPED Tea cosy

Best served with a warm mug of minty candy cane tea, **EMMA VARNAM'S** simple project is ideal for beginner crocheters as it involves no shaping. We've made ours in a two-colour stripe design to create a feminine result, but you can easily follow the pattern with all of the colours in your kit and work more than 30 rows to create a larger cosy.



TEA COSY side

Make two

Using 3mm hook and Cherry Whirl make 28ch

Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end, turn. 27 sts

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

Work in foll two-row stripe sequence: Sherbet Fizz, Cherry Whirl
Rows 3-30: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
Fasten off

to make up

Join seams at top with a few sts.

Using Cherry Whirl weave a few sts along top seam and pull yarn to gather. Secure with a few sts. Join one side of bottom seam with a few sts, leaving other side open

(see Great Advice panel to create button fastening). Make pom-pom in Cherry Whirl and Sherbet Fizz. Sew to top of Tea Cosy. Weave in all ends



ON THE GO!



Store your WIPs in this Korbond Whimsical Floral knitting bag from Create and Craft, £15.99, club price £14.39, **0905 648 0480**, createandcraft.com

GREAT ADVICE

BUTTON IT

Instead of sewing tog both sides of the Tea Cosy, try adding a buttonhole to one edge – here's how: Using 3mm hook and Cherry Whirl join yarn to bottom edge of one side, make 5ch, miss two sts, sl st in next st, turn, 7dc into 5ch sp, sl st at base of ch, fasten off



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you...

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- ...including Santa's clothing line, a **granny hexagon** stocking, Christmas pud and pretty snowflakes
- We reveal who's won our **short story competition**
- BONUS **Rudy Reindeer** crochet kit!



Reindeer headband



Easy robins

YOU'LL HAVE A CUDDLY COMPANION FOR LIFE WITH Ozzy the owl

YOU WILL NEED

YARN

Cygnat Yarns
Pure Wool
Superwash DK:
A (Cream),
B (Mocha),
C (Copper),
D (Gold),
E (Stone), 50g
ball of each

PLUS

3.75mm needles,
tapestry needle,
stuffing

SIZE

Height: 23cm

OZZY THE OWL back

Using 3.75mm
needles and Yarn
E cast on 28 sts

Rows 1-2: starting
with a k row work
in st st

Row 3: kfb, k to
last st, kfb. 30 sts

Row 4: p

Rows 5-30: rep
Rows 3-4 13 times.
56 sts

Rows 31-40:
starting with a k
row work in st st
Change to Yarn B

Rows 41-42: k

Note: work in foll
two-row stripe
sequence: Yarn E,
Yarn D, Yarn B

Rows 43-72:
starting with a k
row work in st st

Row 73: k2tog,
k to last two sts,
k2tog. 54 sts

Row 74: p

Rows 75-78: rep
Rows 73-74 twice.
50 sts

Cast off



Take the
next step

front

Using 3.75mm
needles and Yarn
B cast on 28 sts

Rows 1-2: k

Change to Yarn E
Row 3: kfb, sl two
sts, (k6, sl two sts)
to last st, kfb.
30 sts

Row 4: p2, sl two
sts, (p6, sl two sts)
to last two sts, p2

Row 5: kfb, k1,
sl two sts, (k6, sl
two sts) to last
two sts, k1, kfb.
32 sts

Row 6: p3, sl two
sts, (p6, sl two sts)
to last three sts, p3

Row 7: kfb, k2,
sl two sts, (k6, sl
two sts) to last
three sts, k2, kfb.
34 sts

Row 8: p4, sl two
sts, (p6, sl two sts)
to last four sts, p4

Change to Yarn B
Row 9: kfb, k to
last st, kfb. 36 sts

Row 10: k

Change to Yarn E
Row 11: kfb, sl two
sts, (k6, st two sts)
to last st, kfb.
38 sts

Row 12: p2, sl two
sts, (p6, sl two sts)
to last two sts, p2

Rows 13-18: rep
Rows 5-10. 44 sts

Change to Yarn E

Well, *owl* about that, check out this pattern
from **CYGNAT YARNS**. This lovely design
by **VAL PIERCE** is brilliant for the autumn months
ahead, however if you'd prefer a festive character,
just knit Ozzy up in different colours. If you get
stuck on any tricky stitches, turn to Knit School on
page 62, and don't forget to 'tweet' us a picture of
your finished creation.

Rows 19-28: rep

Rows 3-12. 54 sts

Rows 29-34: rep

Rows 5-10. 60 sts

Change to Yarn E

Rows 35-42: rep

Rows 3-10. 68 sts

Change to Yarn D

Rows 43-72:

starting with a k

row work in st st

Row 73: k2tog, k

to last two sts,

k2tog. 66 sts

Row 74: p

Rows 75-78: rep

Rows 73-74 twice.

62 sts

Cast off

ear tuft

Make ten (two in
each yarn colour)

Using 3.75mm

needles and

chosen yarn

cast on 24 sts

Cast off

foot

Make two

Using 3.75mm

needles and Yarn

C cast on 20 sts

Rows 1-4: k

Row 5: k2tog, k to

last two sts, k2tog.

18 sts

Row 6: k

Rows 7-20: rep

Rows 5-6 seven

times. Four sts

Rows 21-24: k

Row 25: kfb, k to

last st, kfb. Six sts

Row 26: k

Rows 27-40: rep

Rows 25-26 seven

times. 20 sts

Rows 41-44: k

Cast off

eye mask

Using 3.75mm

needles and Yarn

A cast on ten sts

* **Rows 1-2:** k

Row 3: kfb, k to

last st, kfb. 12 sts

Row 4: k

Rows 5-14: rep

Rows 3-4 five

times. 22 sts

Rows 15-22: k

Row 23: k2tog, k

to last two sts,

k2tog. 20 sts

Row 24: k

Rows 25-34: rep

Rows 23-24 five

times. Ten sts *

Rows 35-38: k

Rep from * to *

once

Cast off

beak

Using 3.75mm

needles and Yarn

C cast on three sts

Row 1: k

Row 2: kfb, k to

last st, kfb. Five sts

Row 3: k

Rows 4-5: rep

Rows 2-3.

Seven sts

Rows 6-7: k

Row 8: k2tog,

k to last st, k2tog.

Five sts

Row 9: k

Rows 10-11: rep

Rows 8-9.

Three sts

Row 12: k3tog.

One st

Fasten off

large wing

Make two

Using 3.75mm

needles and Yarn

E cast on four sts

Row 1: k

Row 2: kfb, k to

last st, kfb. Six sts

Row 3: k

Rows 4-17: rep

Rows 2-3 seven

times. 20 sts

Rows 18-25: k





Row 26: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. 18 sts
Row 27: k
Rows 28-37: rep Rows 26-27 five times. Eight sts
 Cast off

small wing
Make eight (two each in Yarn A, Yarn B, Yarn C and Yarn D)
 Using 3.75mm needles and

chosen yarn cast on two sts
Row 1 and every odd-numbered row: k
Row 2: kfb, k1. Three sts
Row 4: (kfb) twice, k1. Five sts
Row 6: kfb, k to last st, kfb. Seven sts
Row 7: k
Rows 8-11: rep Rows 6-7 twice. 11 sts

Rows 12-13: k
Row 14: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. Nine sts
Row 15: k
Rows 16-21: rep Rows 14-15 three times. Three sts
 Cast off

to make up
 With WS tog, join Back and Front tog, leaving base open. Stuff and sew closed. Sew

Eye Mask to Front. Sew Beak in between eyes, adding a little stuffing. Sew four Small Wings to each Large Wing, overlapping slightly. Sew a Wing to each side of Body. Sew seams on Feet, stuff lightly and sew closed. Using a tapestry needle and Yarn C shape

toes by sewing from back to front. Pull tightly to draw in Foot, rep twice to form Foot. Rep for other Foot. Sew to base of Body. Sew

four Ear Tufts tog on either corner of head. Using Yarn B embroider an eye on each side of Eye Mask. Weave in all ends

LET'S SHOP

Pure Wool Superwash DK, 50g balls available in 23 shades, visit cygnet yarns.com for stockists

BEDTIME HAS NEVER BEEN SO FUN WITH THIS

Penguin pyjama keeper

Store PJs in style with this Antarctic design by **CHABEPATTERNS**. It's a present every child will want to find in their stocking, so consider your festive season sorted. The stitches are simple, however if you're a craft newbie, head to Crochet School on page 64 for a helping hand. Check out *Crochet Kids' Bags* where there are plenty of other fun projects to get your hook into this Christmas.

YOU WILL NEED

YARN

Worsted weight:
A (White),
B (Green), 100g
ball of each,
C (Black), 50g
ball, D (Red),
E (Yellow),
5g ball of each

PLUS

5mm hook, two
15mm safety
eyes, stuffing,
pom-pom
maker, tapestry
needle, stitch
markers
(optional)

SIZE

21.5cm x 26cm



Take the
next step

PENGUIN PYJAMA KEEPER head

Using 5mm hook
and Yarn A
make 14ch

Note: sts are
worked around
both sides of
foundation ch

Rnd 1: starting in
second ch from
hook, 3dc in next

st, 11dc, 5dc in next
st, work along
opposite side of
ch as folls: 11dc,
2dc in next st.

32 sts

Rnd 2: (5dc in next
st, 15dc) twice.

40 sts

Rnd 3: 2dc, 5dc in
next st, 19dc, 5dc in
next st, 1dc in each
st to end. 48 sts

Rnd 4: 4dc, 5dc in
next st, 23dc, 5dc
in next st, 1dc in
each st to end.

56 sts

Rnd 5: 6dc, 3dc in
next st, 27dc, 3dc
in next st, 1dc in
each st to end.

60 sts

Rnd 6: 7dc, 3dc in
next st, 29dc, 3dc
in next st, 1dc in
each st to end.

64 sts

Rnd 7: 8dc, 3dc in
next st, 31dc, 3dc in
next st, 1dc in each
st to end. 68 sts

Rnd 8: 9dc, 3dc in
next st, 33dc, 3dc
in next st, 1dc in
each st to end.

72 sts

Rnd 9: 10dc, 3dc in
next st, 35dc, 3dc
in next st, 1dc in
each st to end.

76 sts

Rnds 10-25: 1dc in
each st to end

**Rnd 26 (to reach
bag fold):** 16dc.

16 sts

Change to Yarn C
Note: place st
marker in first st
of next rnd, this
will be new beg
of rnds

Rnd 27: 38dc, 38ch,
miss 38 sts. 76 sts

Rnd 28: 38dc, 1dc
in each ch to end

Rnds 29-35: 1dc in
each st to end

Change to Yarn B
Rnd 36: sl st in first
st, 3ch, 1dc in each
st to end, join with
a sl st to first st

Rnds 37-40: 3ch,
1FPtr (see Great
Advice), (1dc, 1FPtr)
37 times, join with
a sl st to first st

Rnds 41-42: 1dc in
each st to end

Rnd 43: (7dc,
dc2tog, 8dc,
dc2tog) to end.

68 sts
Rnd 44: (15dc,
dc2tog) to end.

64 sts
Rnds 45-46: rep
Rnds 41-42

Rnd 47: (6dc,
dc2tog) to end.

56 sts
Rnd 48: (5dc,
dc2tog) to end.

48 sts
Rnd 49: (4dc,
dc2tog) to end.

40 sts
Rnd 50: (3dc,

dc2tog) to end.
32 sts

Rnd 51: (2dc,
dc2tog) to end.

24 sts

Rnd 52: (1dc,
dc2tog) to end.

16 sts

Rnd 53: (dc2tog)
to end. Eight sts

Rnd 54: (1dc, miss
one st) to end, sl st
in next st. Four sts
Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread
tail onto tapestry
needle and thread
through rem sts,
fasten off

outer flap

Note: working on
back side of bag
over white edge
of opening, start
on first missed st
from Rnd 27
of Head

* Using 3mm hook
and Yarn C pull up
loop leaving a
long tail

Row 1: 1dc in each
st to end. 38 sts

Rows 2-9: 1ch, 1dc
in each st to end,
turn

Fasten off, leaving
a long tail *

inner flap

Note: turn Head
upside down.
Working on back
side of bag over
black edge of



GREAT ADVICE

FPTR = FRONT POST TREBLE

Insert hook from right to left around vertical post of next st, yoh, draw up loop, finish st as usual



opening, start on last ch of Rnd 28 of Head
Work as for * to * of Outer Flap

eye

Make two

Using 3mm hook and Yarn A make a magic ring, work 8dc into ring. Eight sts

Note: leave small hole when pulling ring closed

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

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

st in next st. 24 sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

beak

Using 3mm hook and Yarn E make a magic ring, work 8dc into ring. Eight sts

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

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

Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 16 sts

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

end. 20 sts

Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 6: rep Rnd 4. 30 sts

Rnds 7-8: 1dc in each st to end, sl st in next st
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

to make up

Sew sides of Inner Flap to inside of bag. The nine rows of the Inner Flaps' sides will be sewn to nine rnds from opening of Head

down. Sew sides of Outer Flap to sides of bag on outside. The nine rows of Outer Flaps' sides will be sewn to nine rnds from opening of Head up, just below hat brim. Insert safety eyes inside Eyes and sew in place four rnds below hat. Stuff Beak, sew closed and sew to face. Make a pom-pom using Yarn B and D, sew to top of Hat



CROCHET KIDS' BAGS

CHABEPATTERNS

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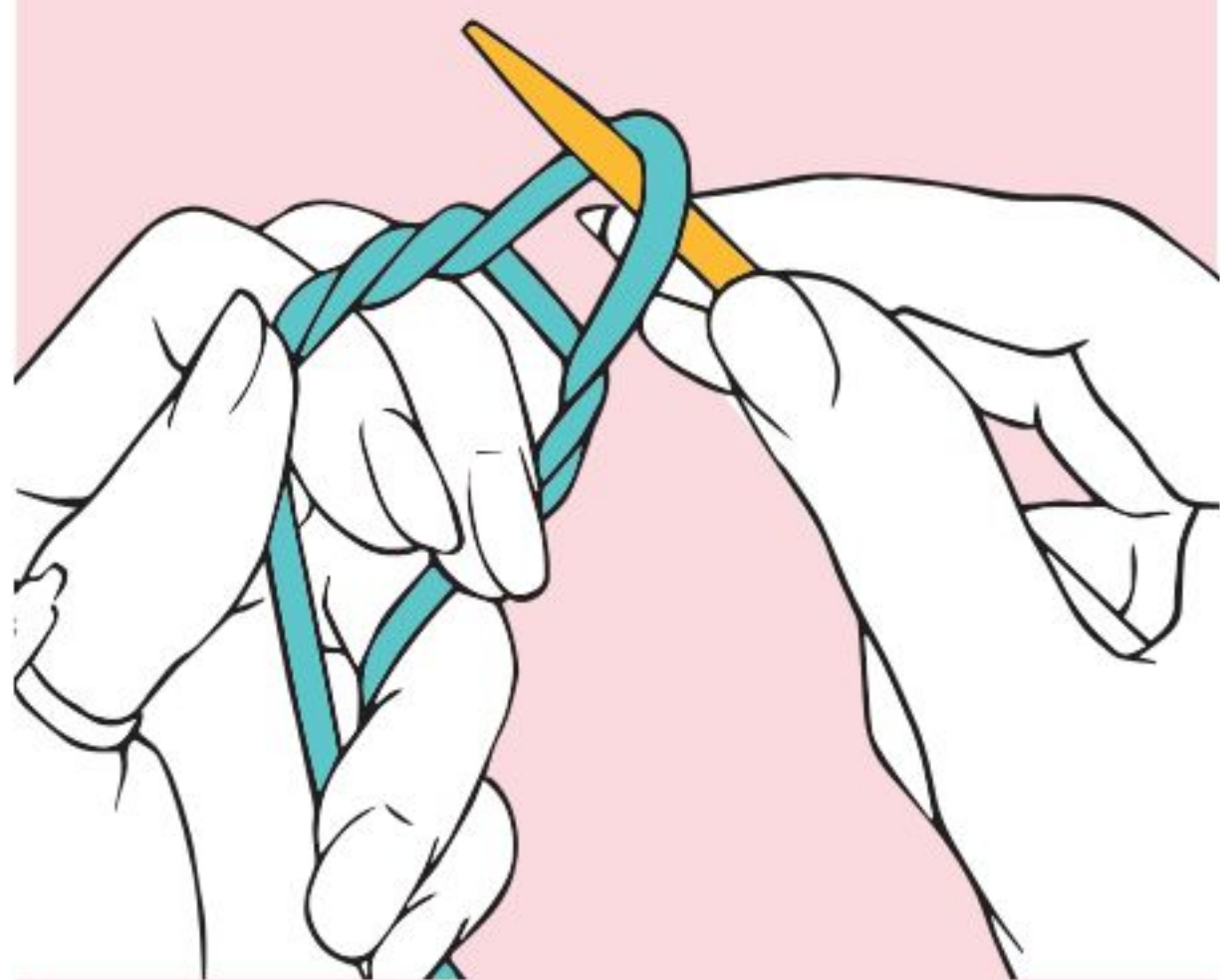
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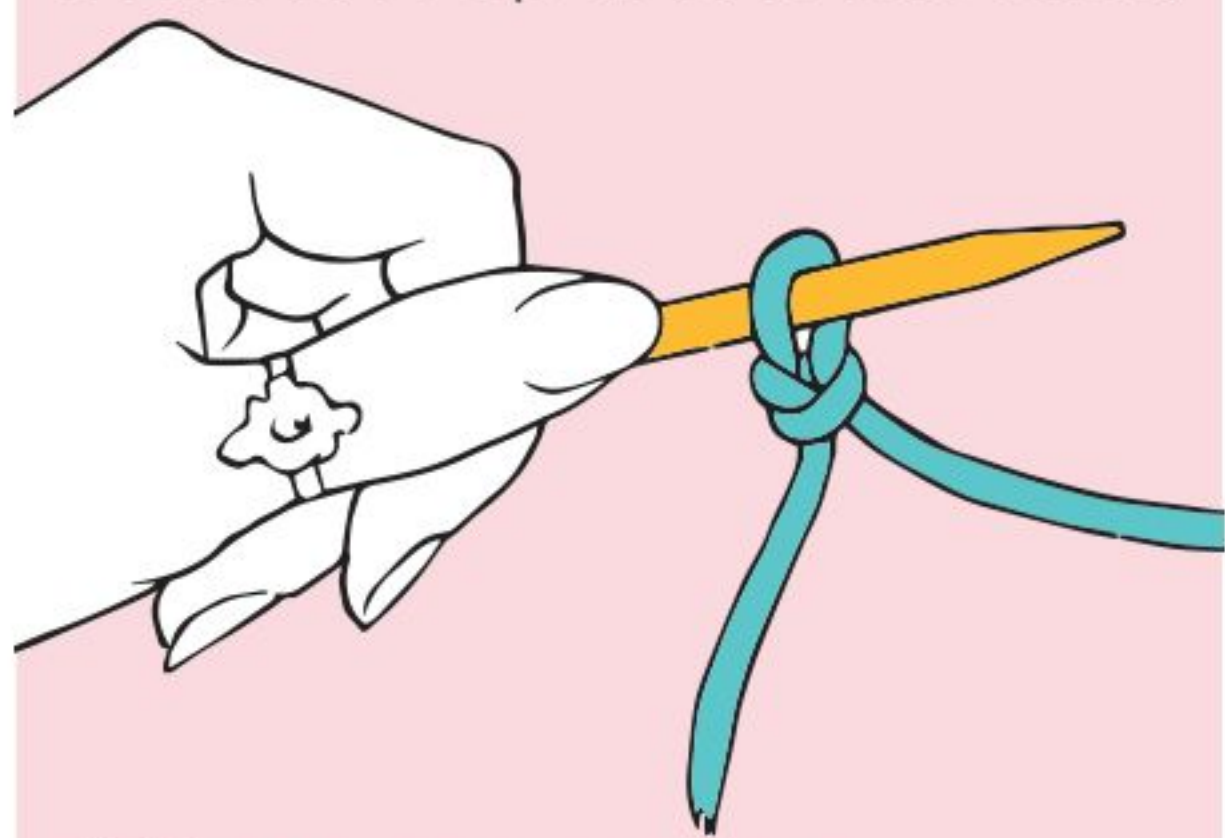
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slip knot

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



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



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

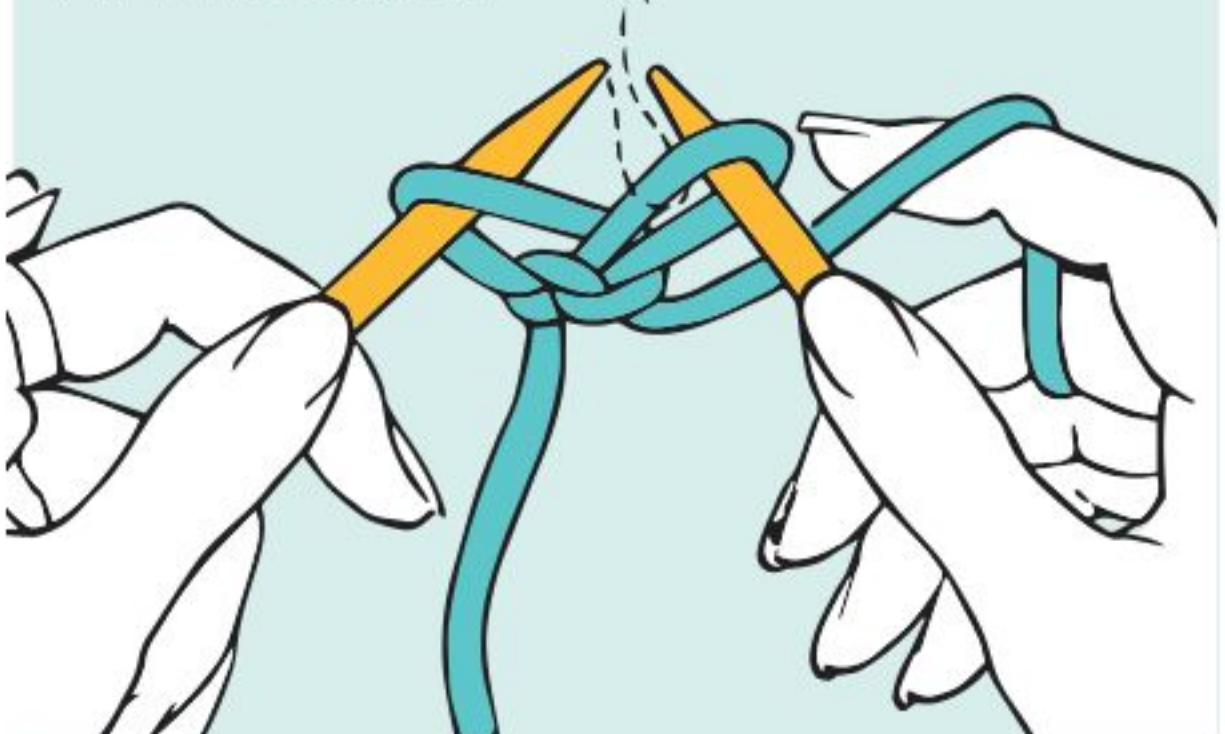
Count your stitches after every row to check you haven't dropped any

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.



COMING UP...

Every issue we give away different needle and hook sizes, plus extra goodies for your craft kit. Here's what you can look forward to receiving soon...

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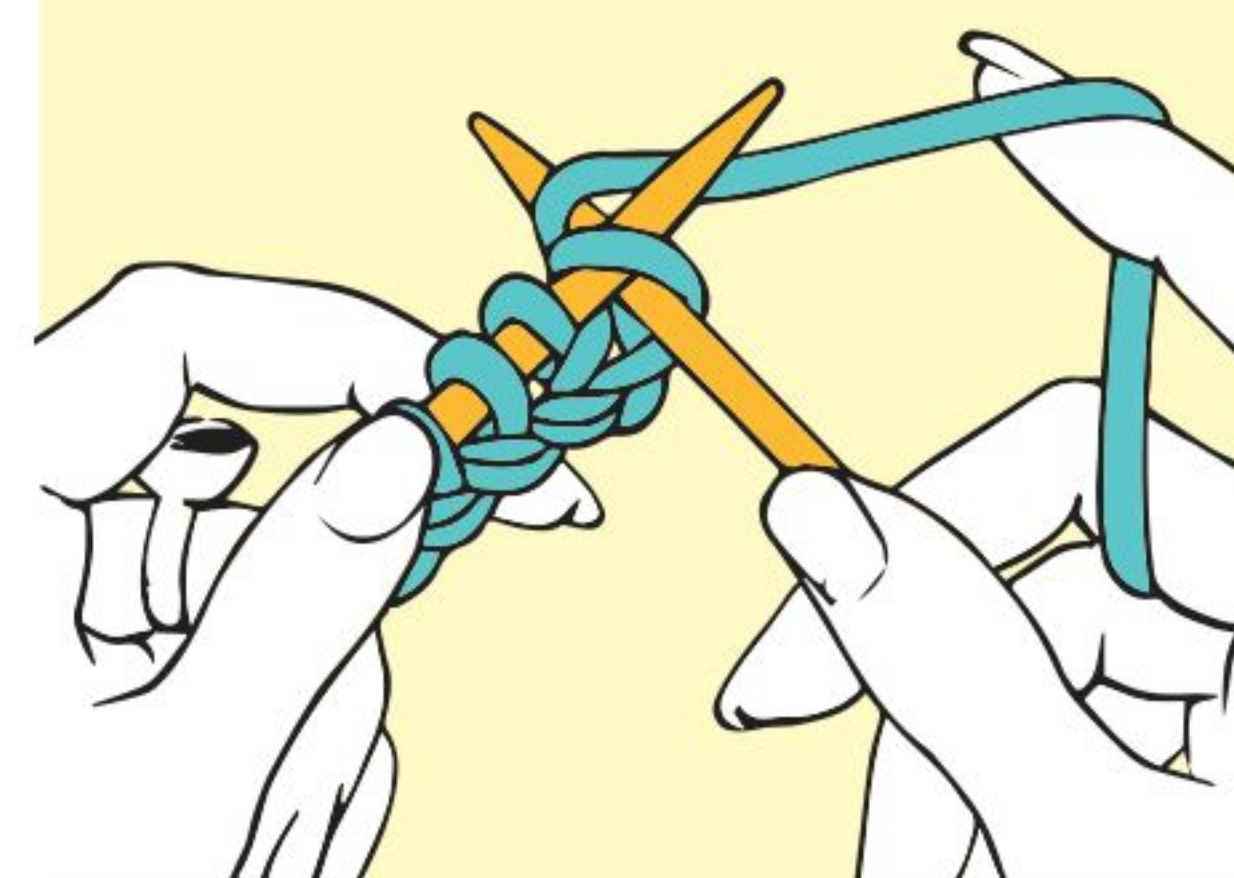
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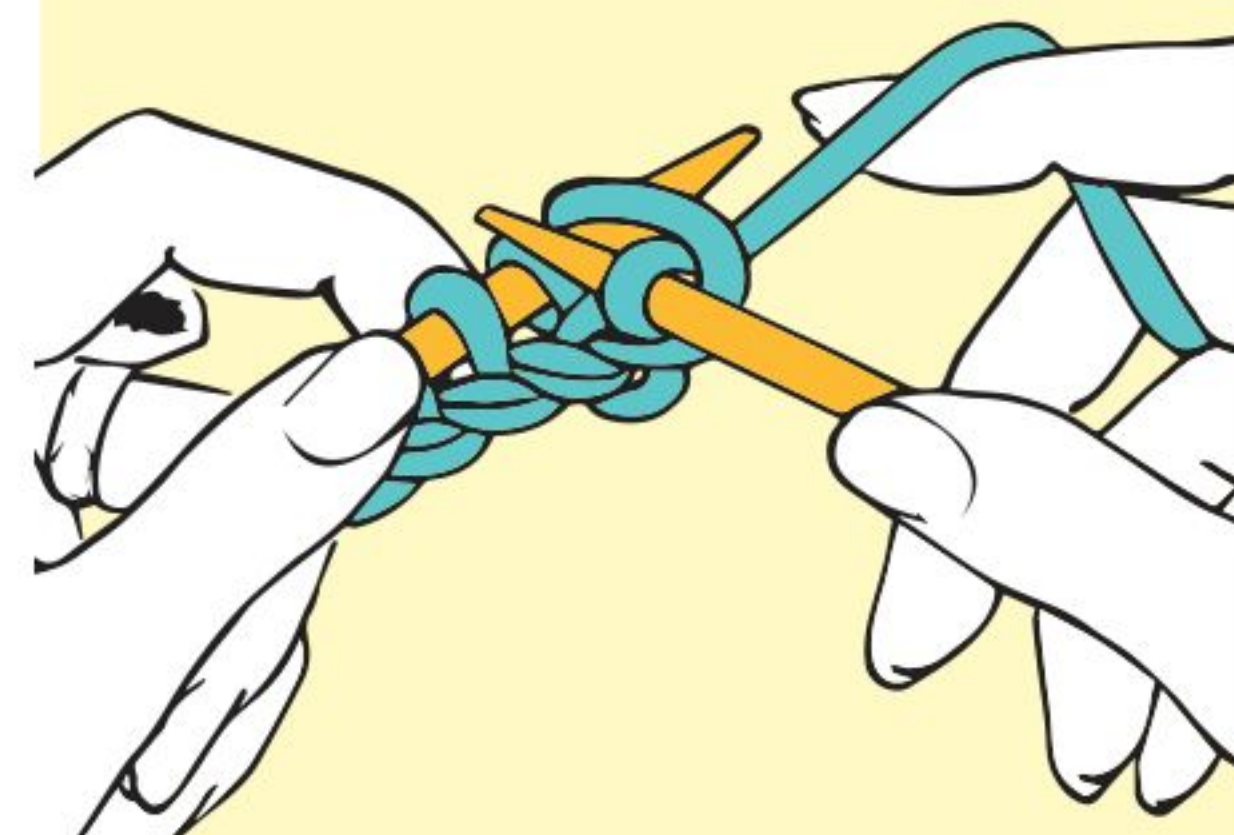


knit stitch (k)

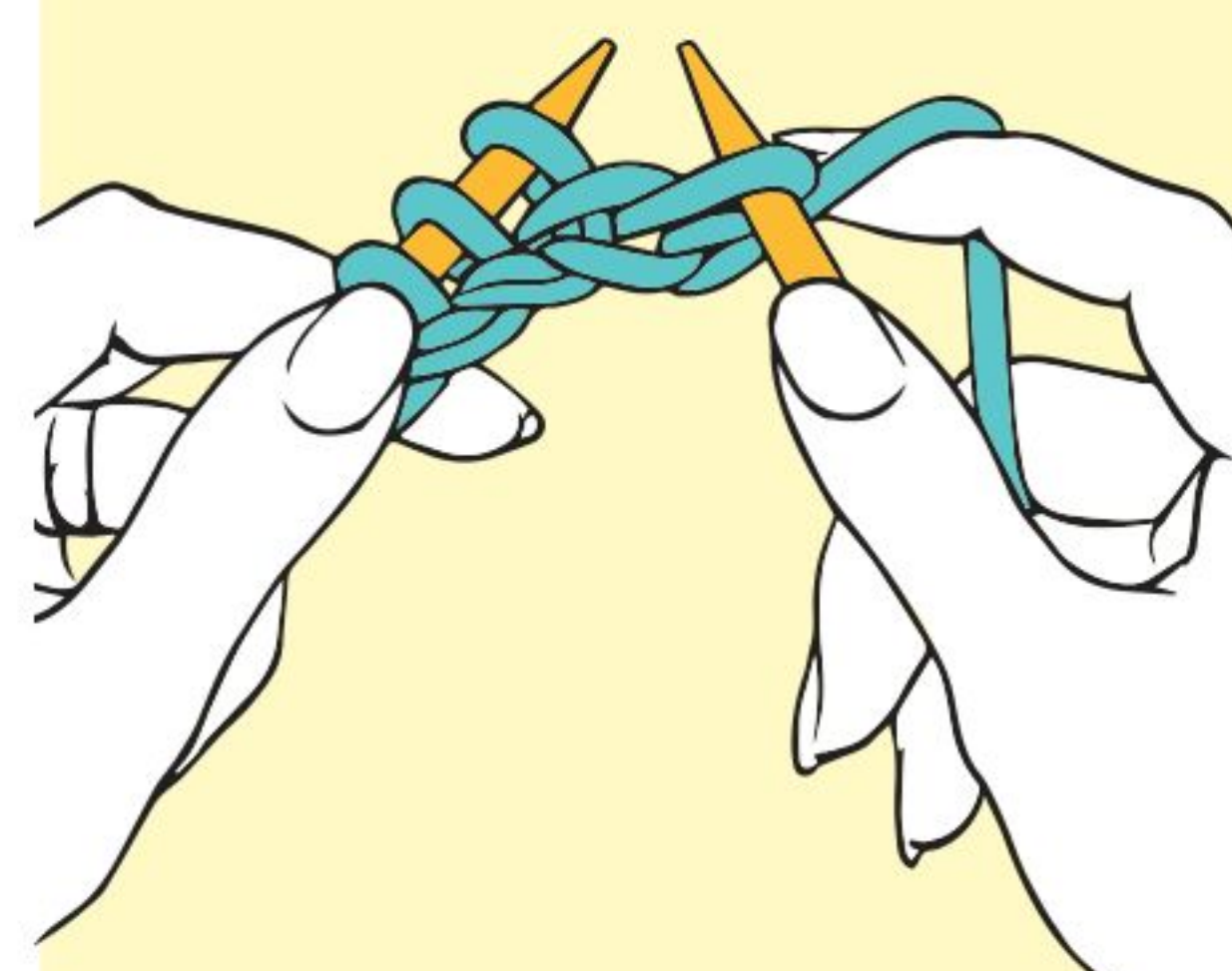
Also known as garter stitch, the knit stitch is the foundation of knitting



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



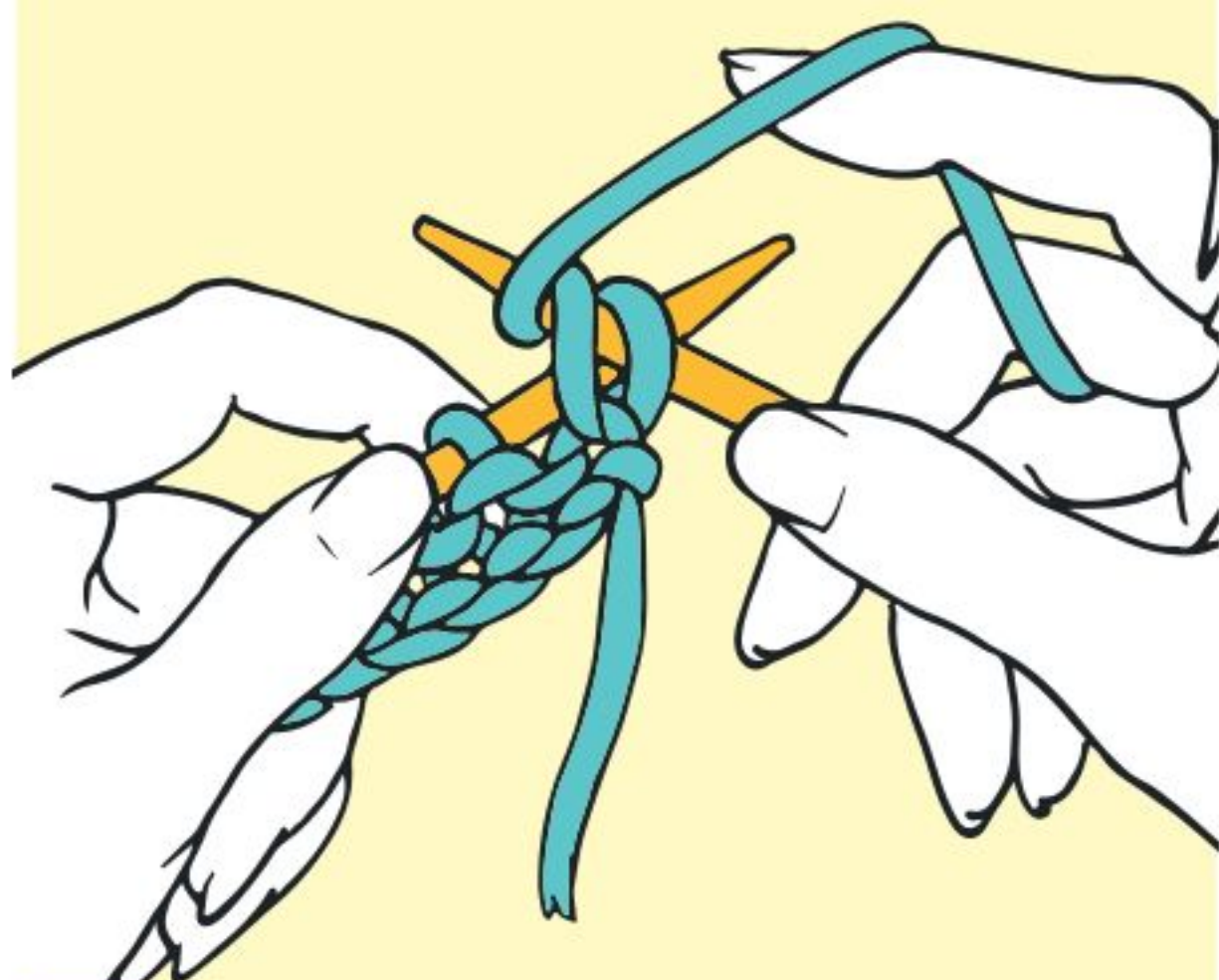
2 Using the RH needle, pull a loop of the wrapped yarn through the original stitch to create a new one on the RH needle.



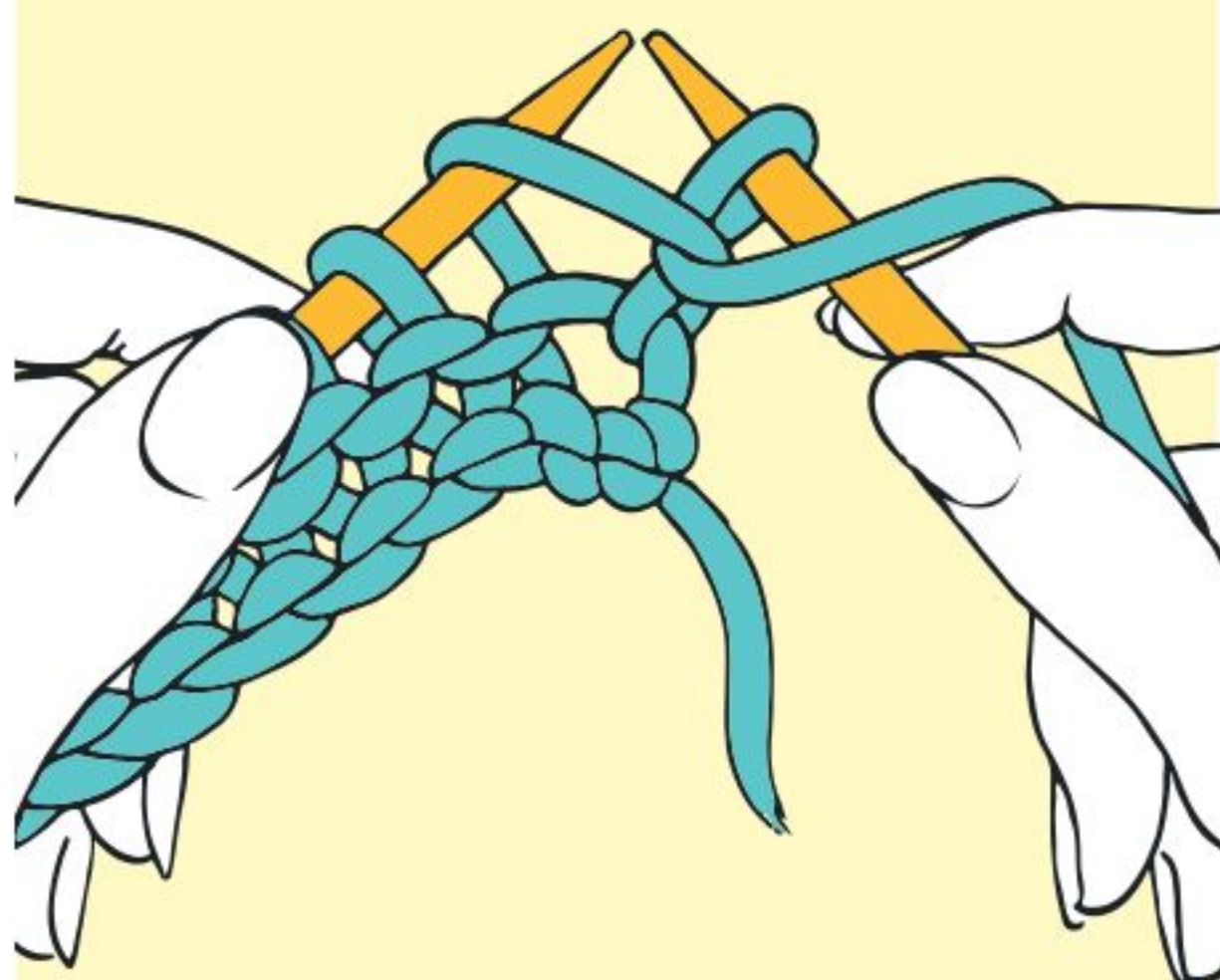
3 Slide the original stitch off the LH needle. Repeat from step 1.

purl stitch (p)

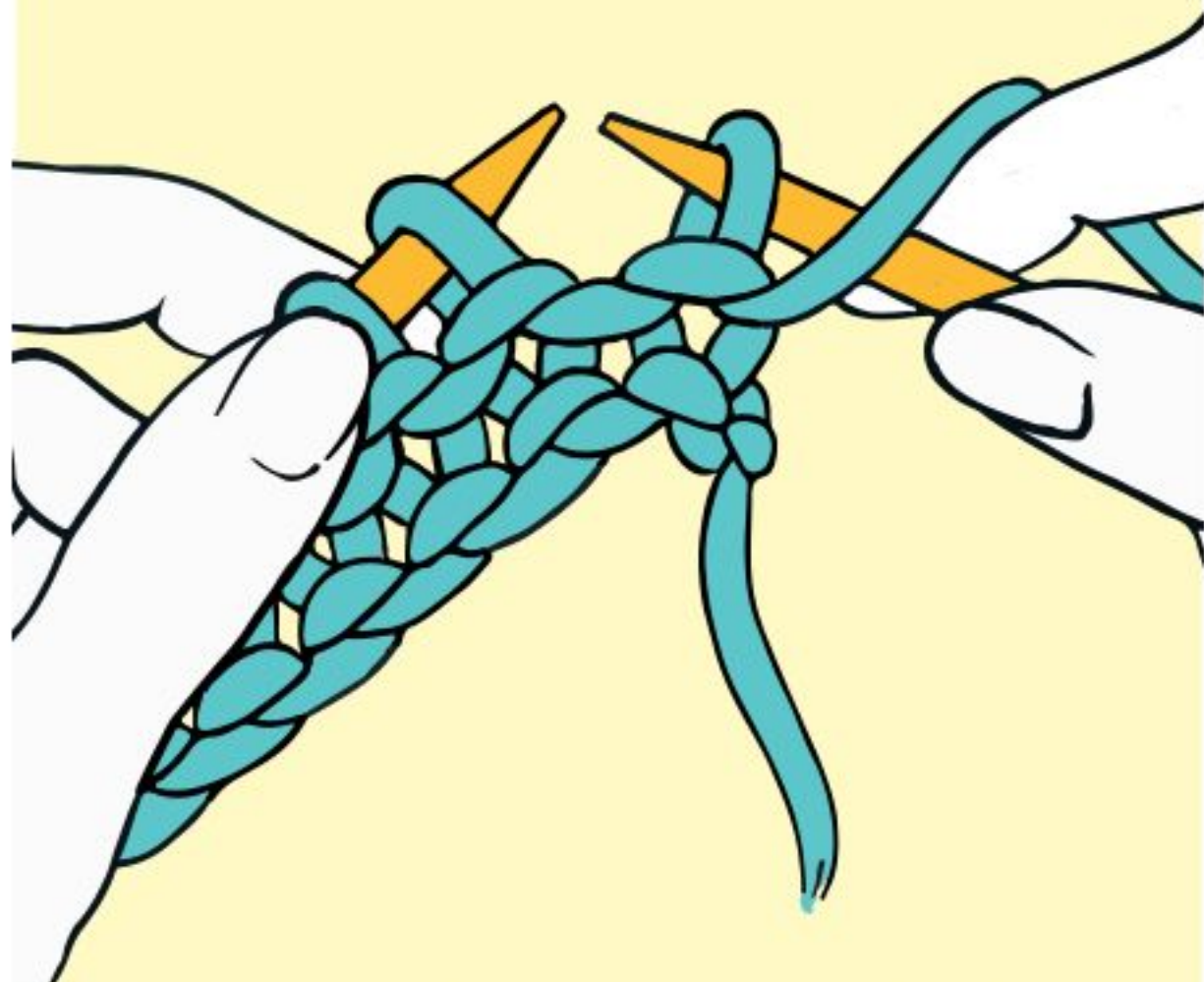
Most frequently seen paired with the knit stitch to create different stitch patterns like stocking stitch and ribbing



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



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



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

INCREASING & DECREASING

knit two together (k2tog)

Decrease two stitches to one by knitting them together



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

make one (m1)

Form a new stitch and increase your stitch count by one



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

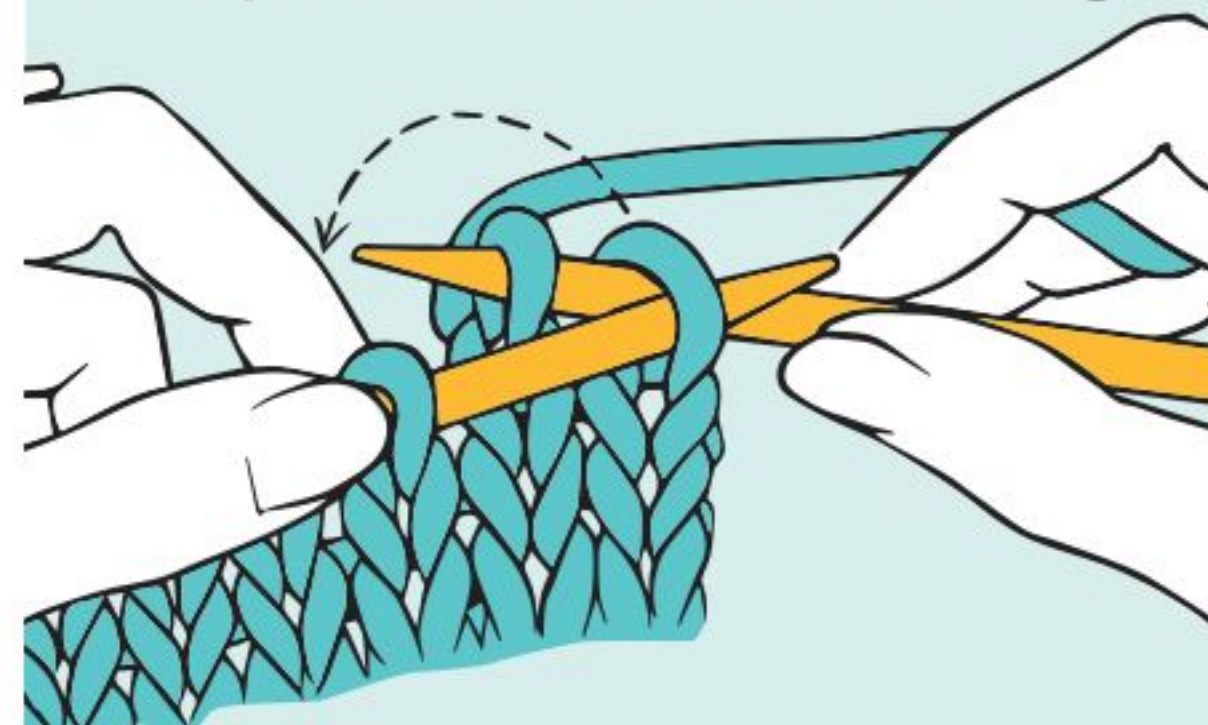


2 Push the RH needle into the back part of the loop that now lies over the LH needle and knit this stitch. You will now have an additional stitch on the RH needle.

FINISH HERE

cast off

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

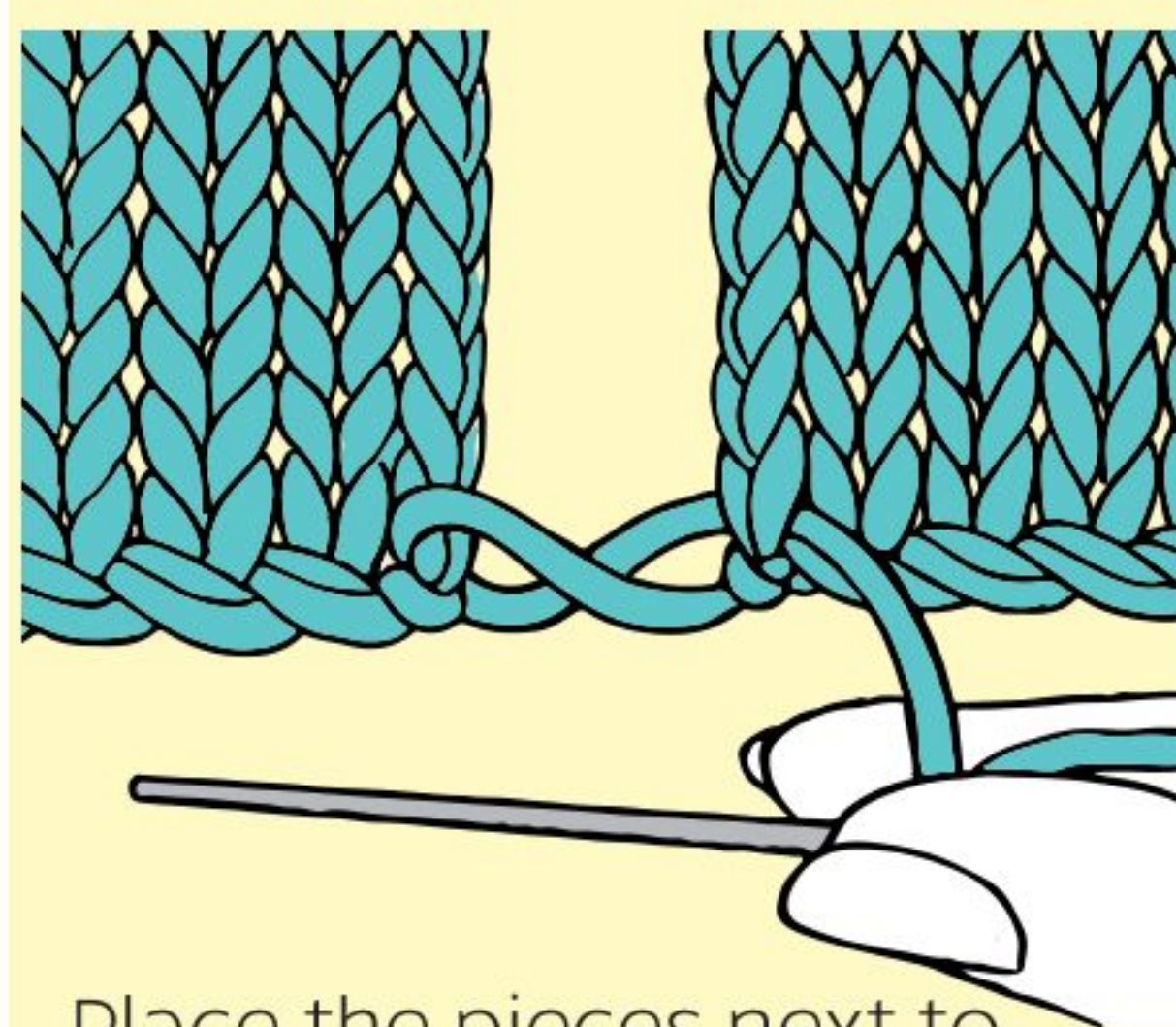


1 Knit two stitches as normal. Insert the tip of the LH needle into the second stitch on the RH needle (the stitch closest to you). Carefully lift it up and over the top stitch, dropping it off the tip of the RH needle and pulling the yarn to tighten. There is now one stitch on the RH needle.

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

beginning a seam

How to start sewing up your project



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

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mattress stitch

Join knitted pieces
together with this
invisible method



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

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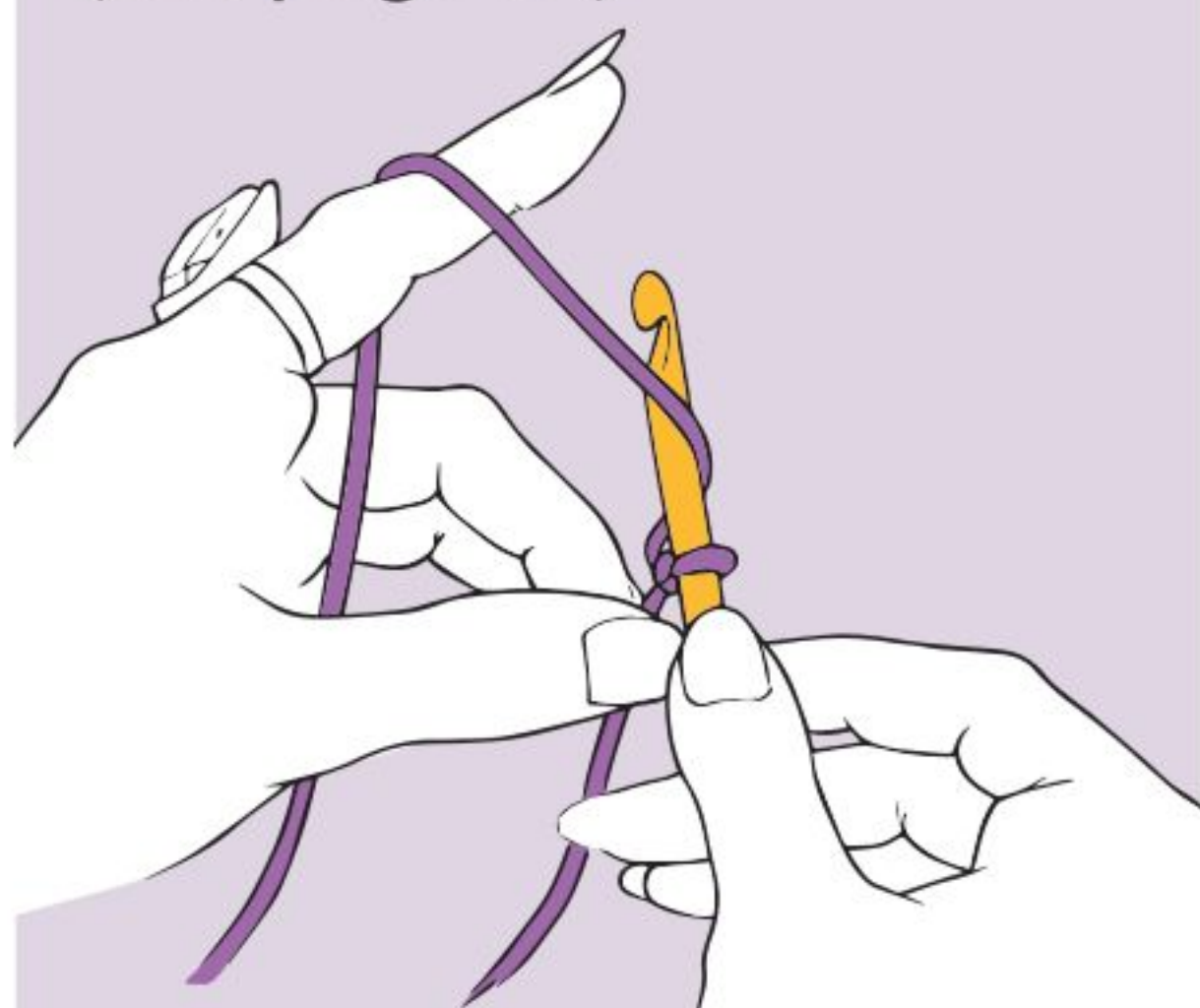


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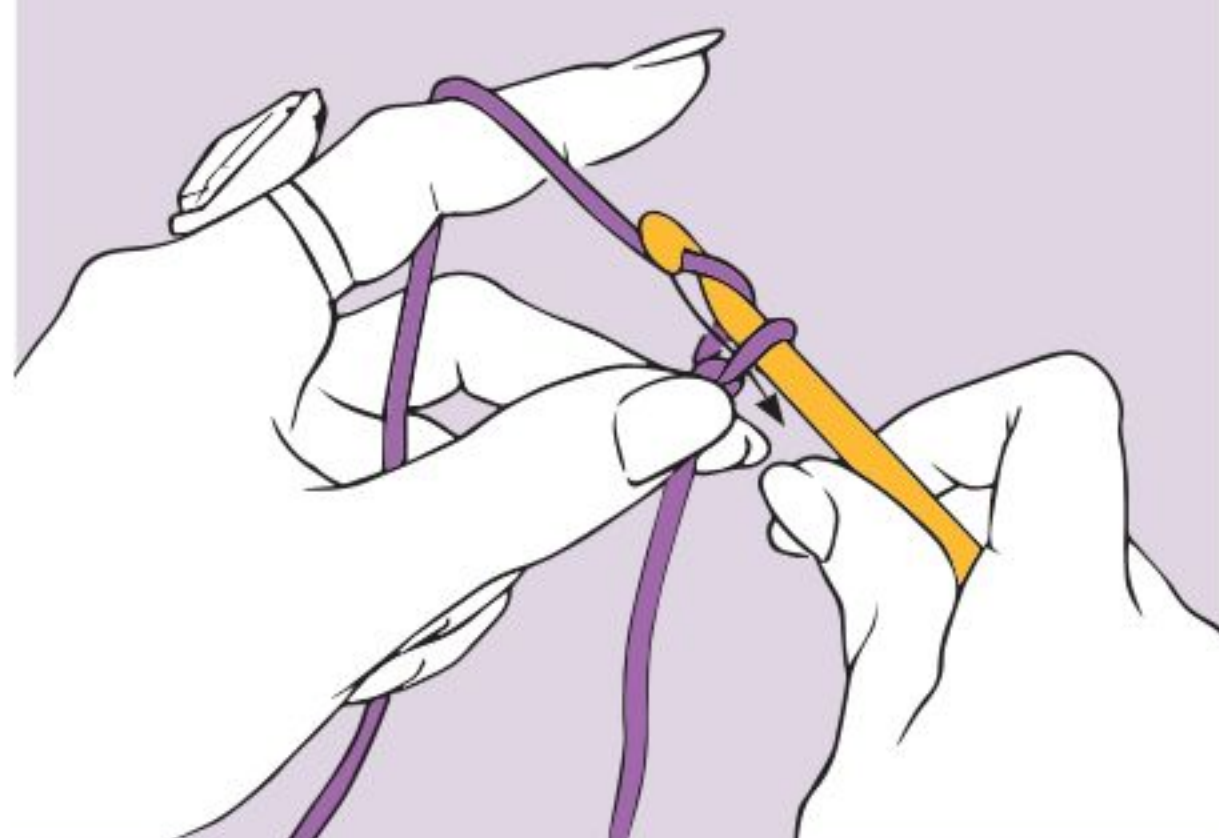
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slip knot & chain (ch)

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



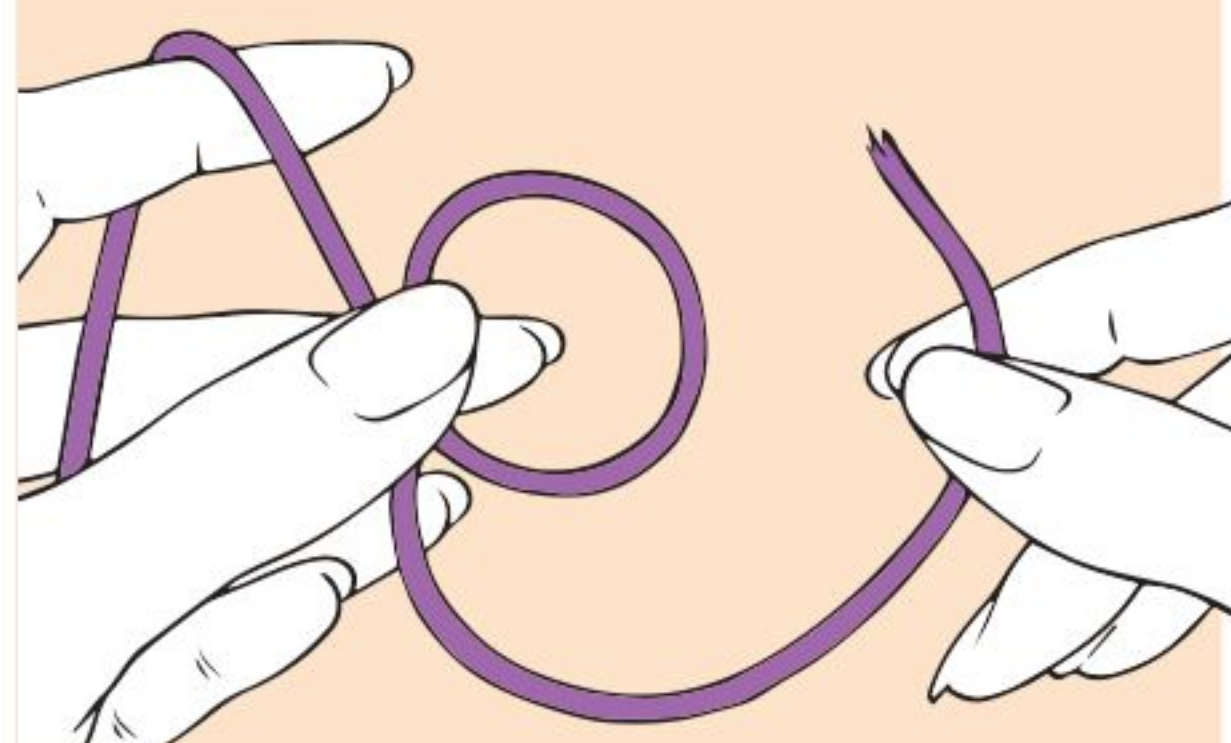
1 Make a slip knot and put it on the neck of the hook – don't pull it too tight or it will be difficult to stitch with. Coming from behind, wrap the yarn around the hook from right to left, across the 'neck'.



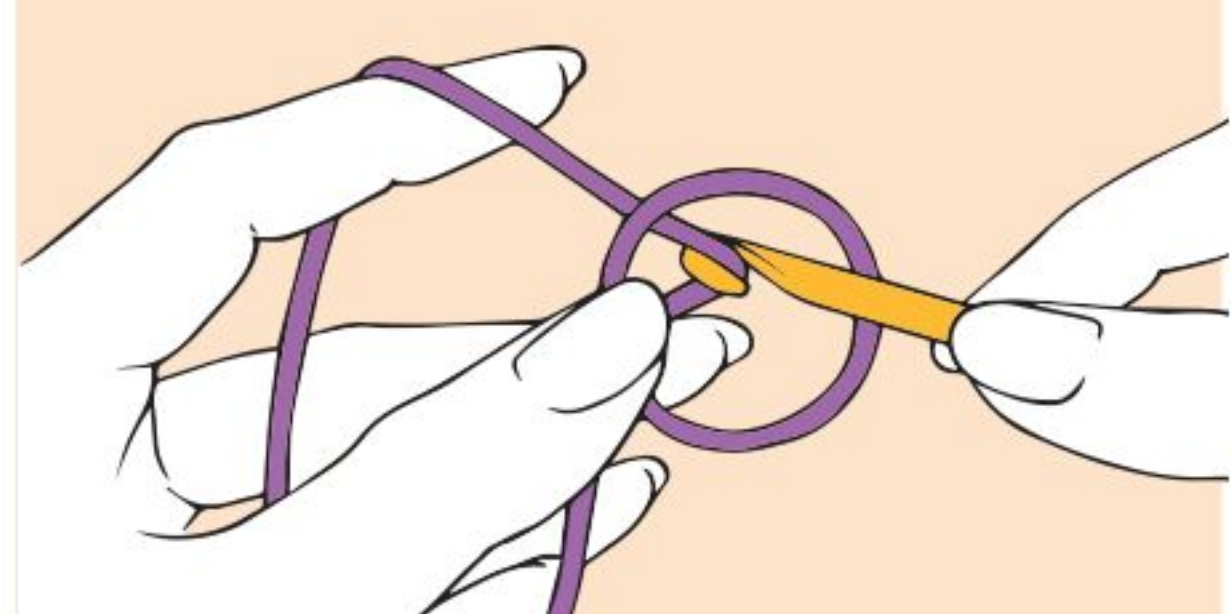
2 Catch the yarn and use the hook to pull it down through the slip knot. You have now made one chain (ch). Continue to make more chains, as directed in the pattern.

magic ring

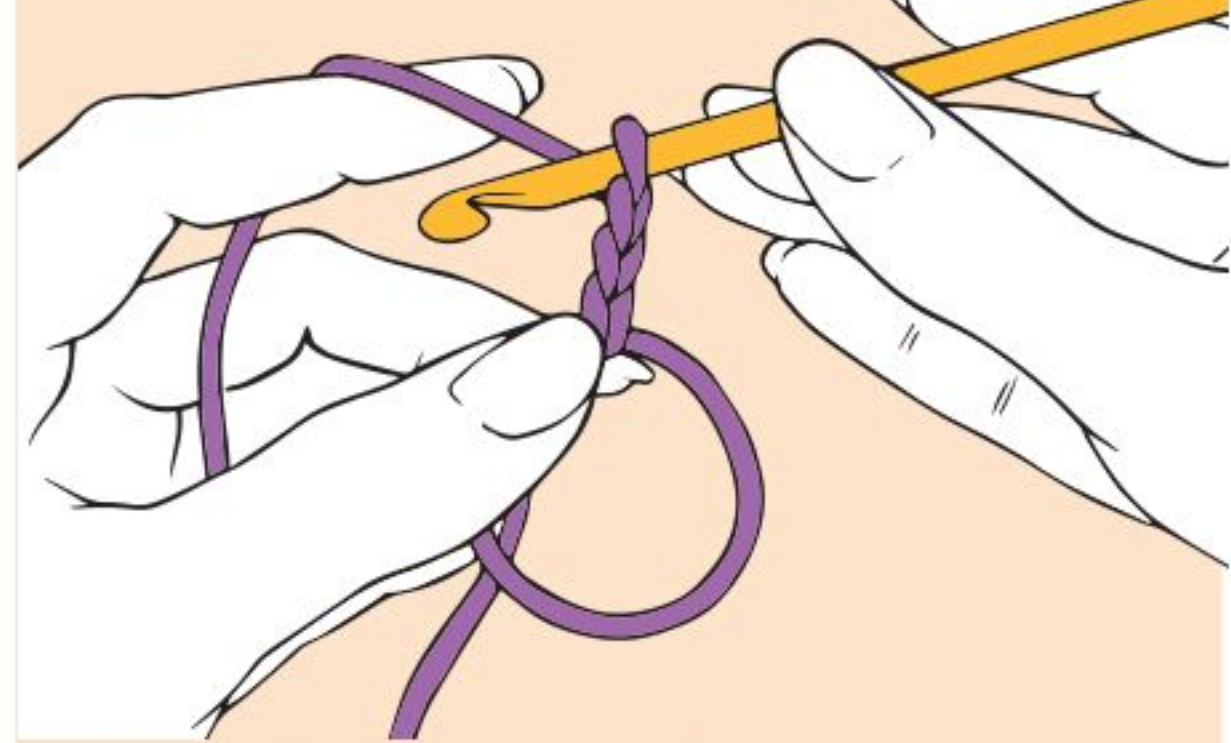
The magic ring is an easy way of beginning to work in the round. It is often used when making amigurumi toys



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.

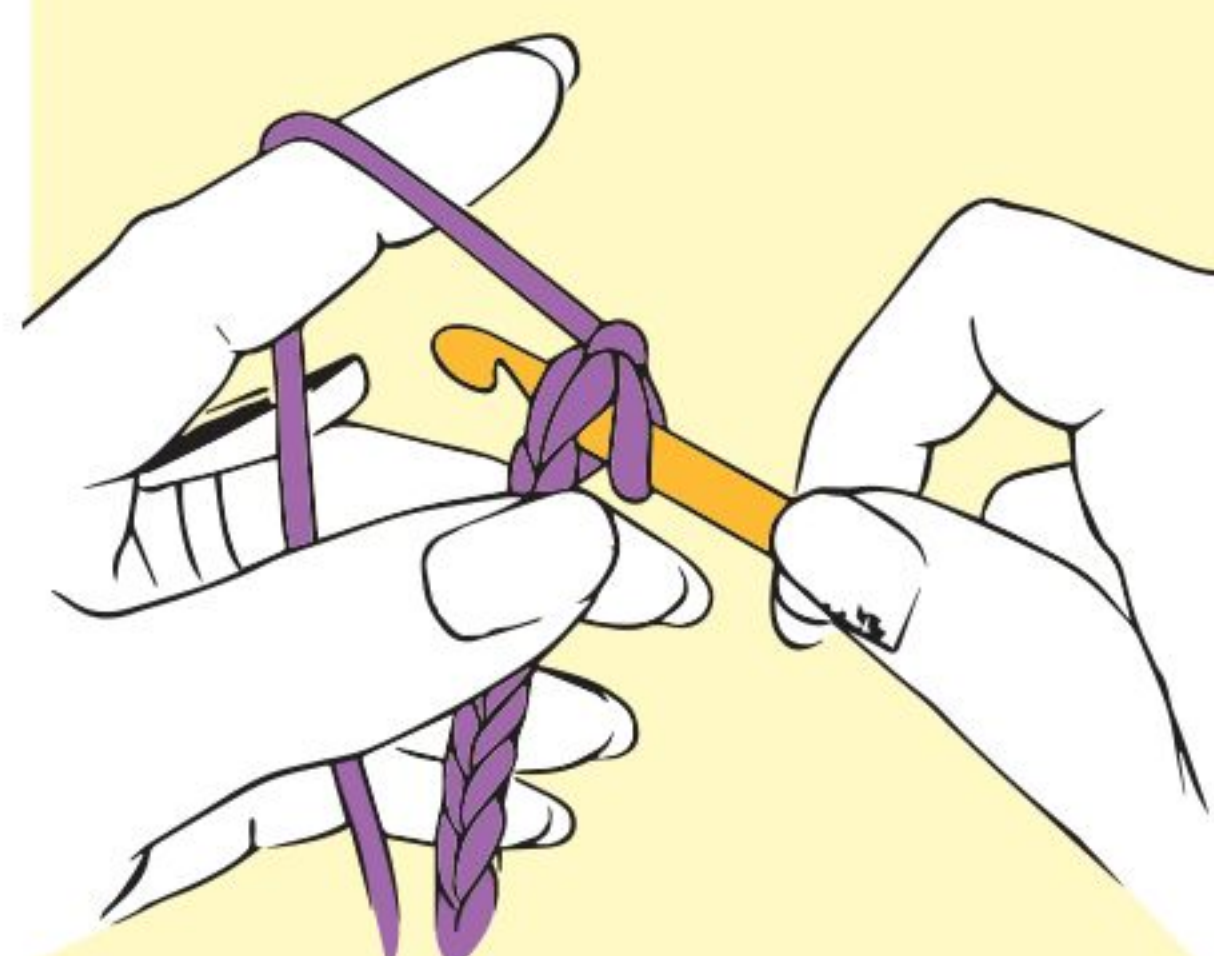


4 Continue to work as many stitches as needed into the loop. Once finished, untwist the tail if necessary and then pull to close the loop.

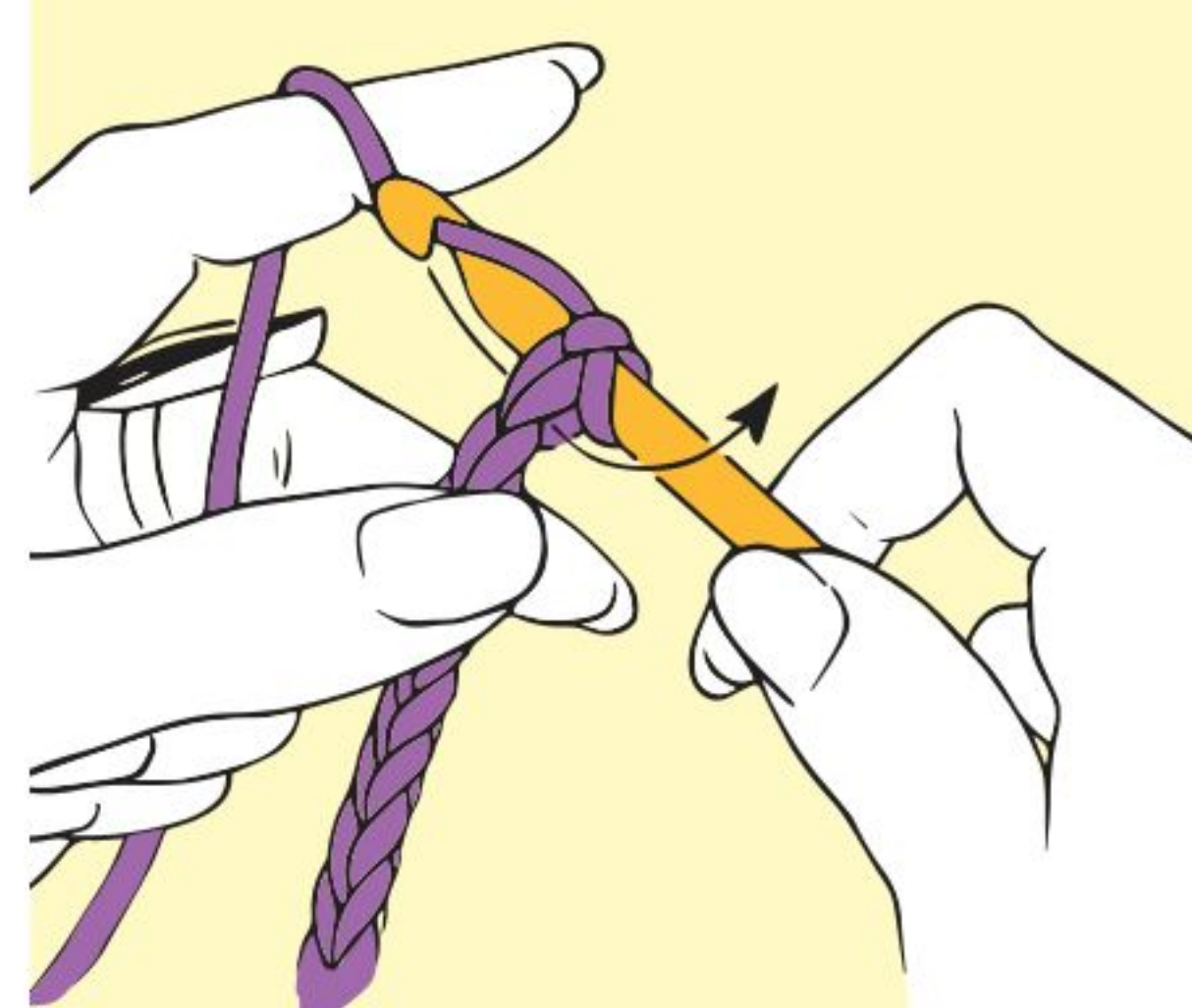
THE BASIC STITCHES

double crochet (dc)

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



1 Insert hook through both strands of the next stitch.



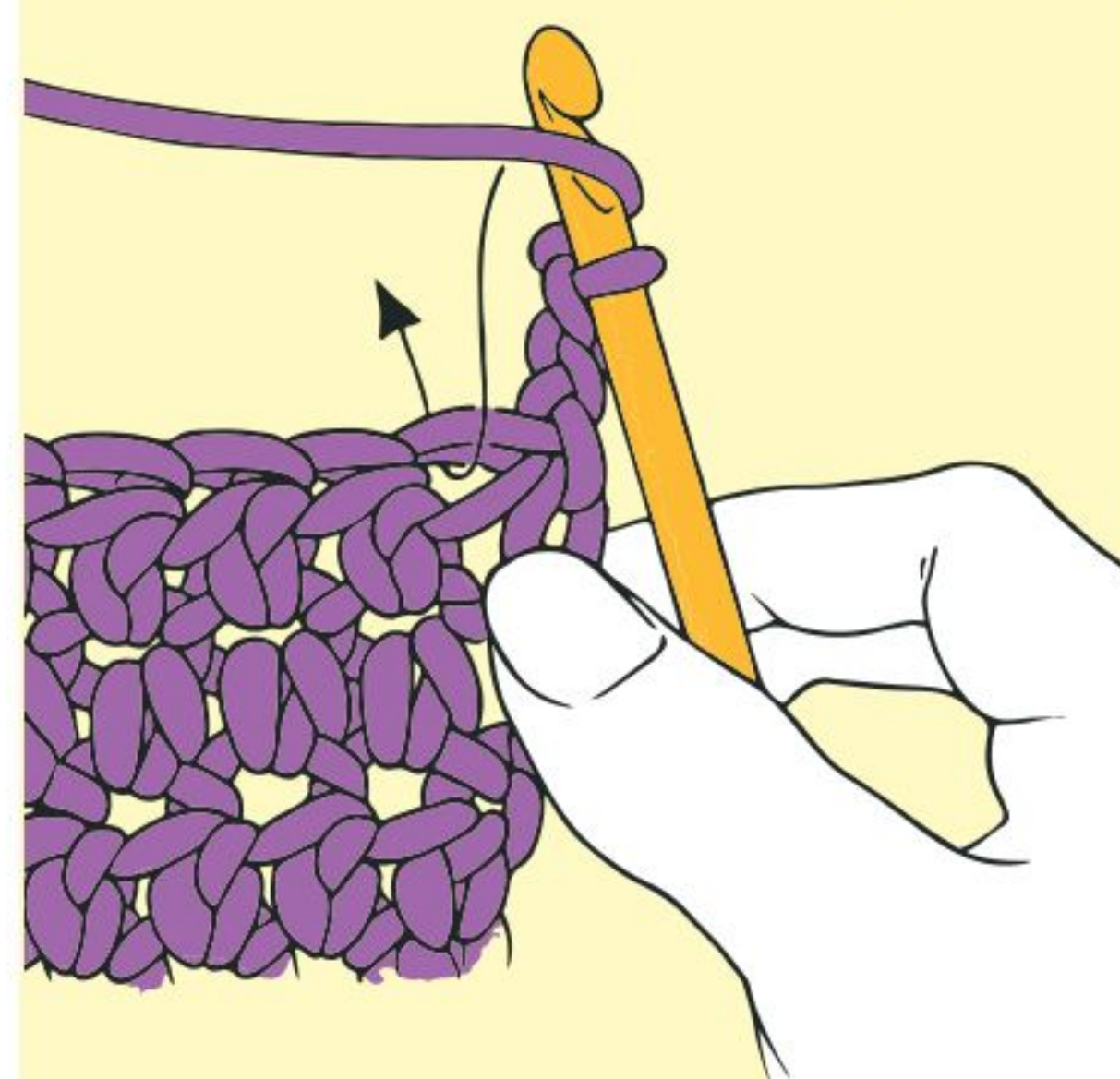
2 Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work. There will be two loops of yarn on the hook.



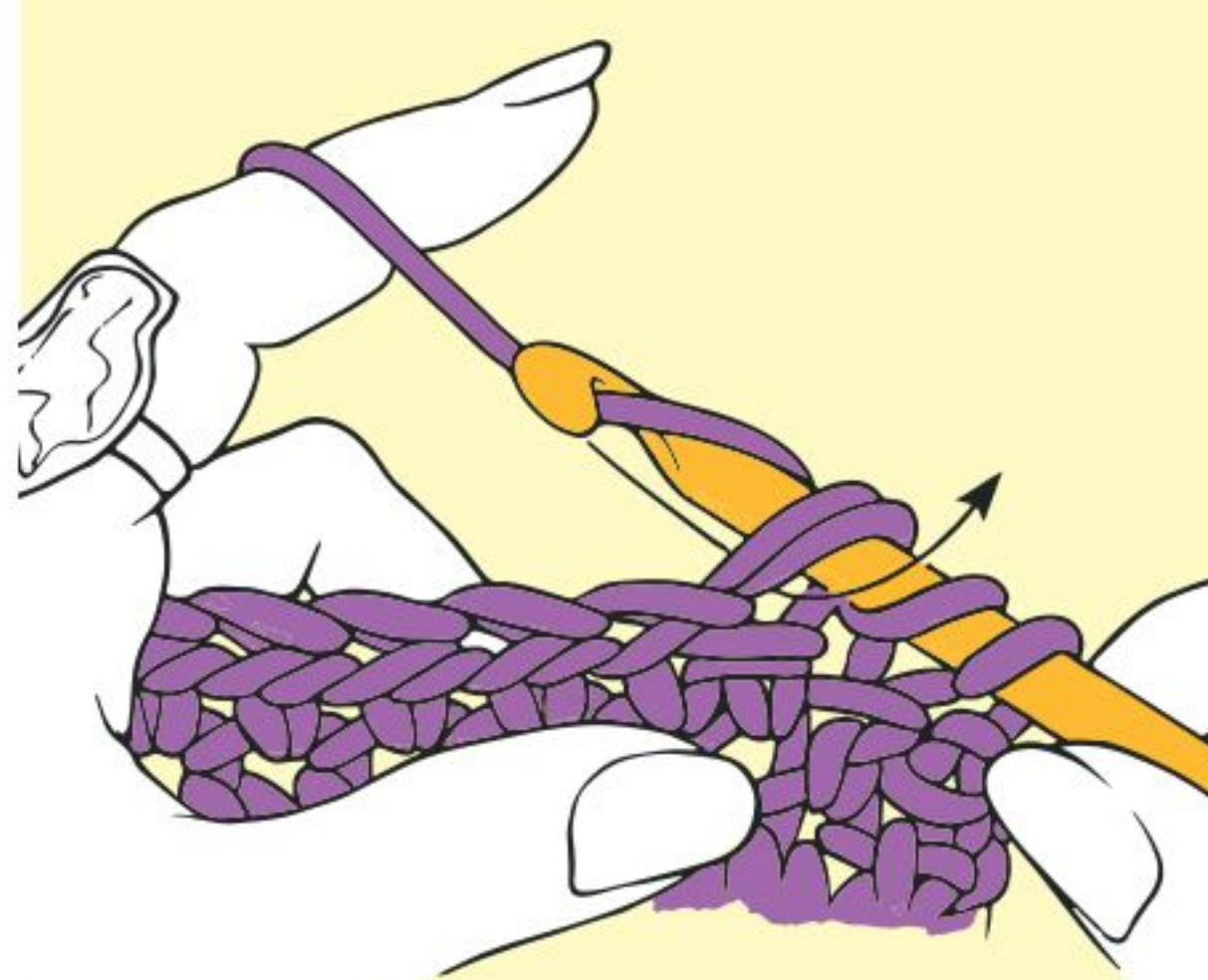
3 Yarn over the hook again and draw through both loops.

half treble (htr)

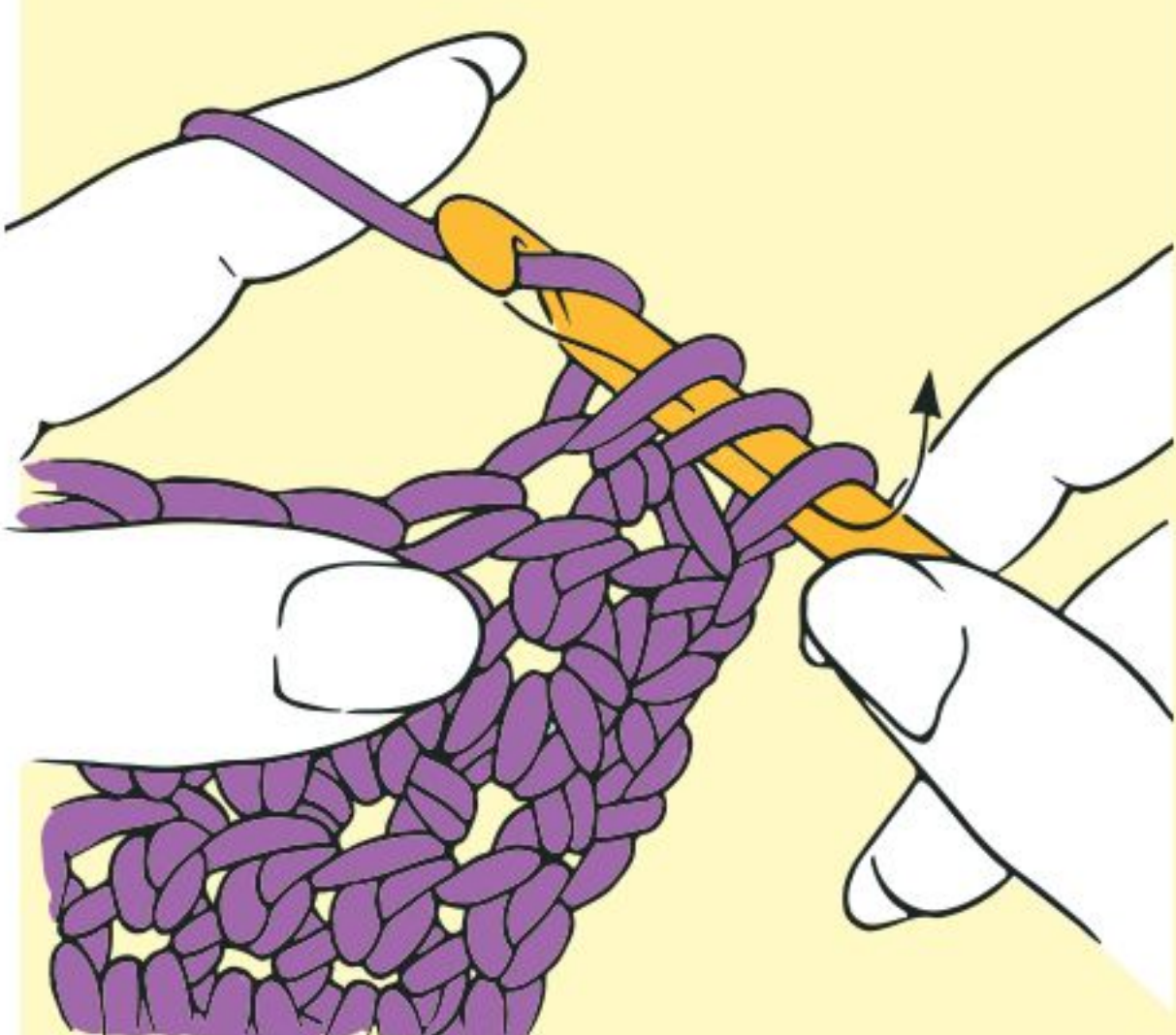
This stitch is longer than a double crochet and involves one extra step



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.

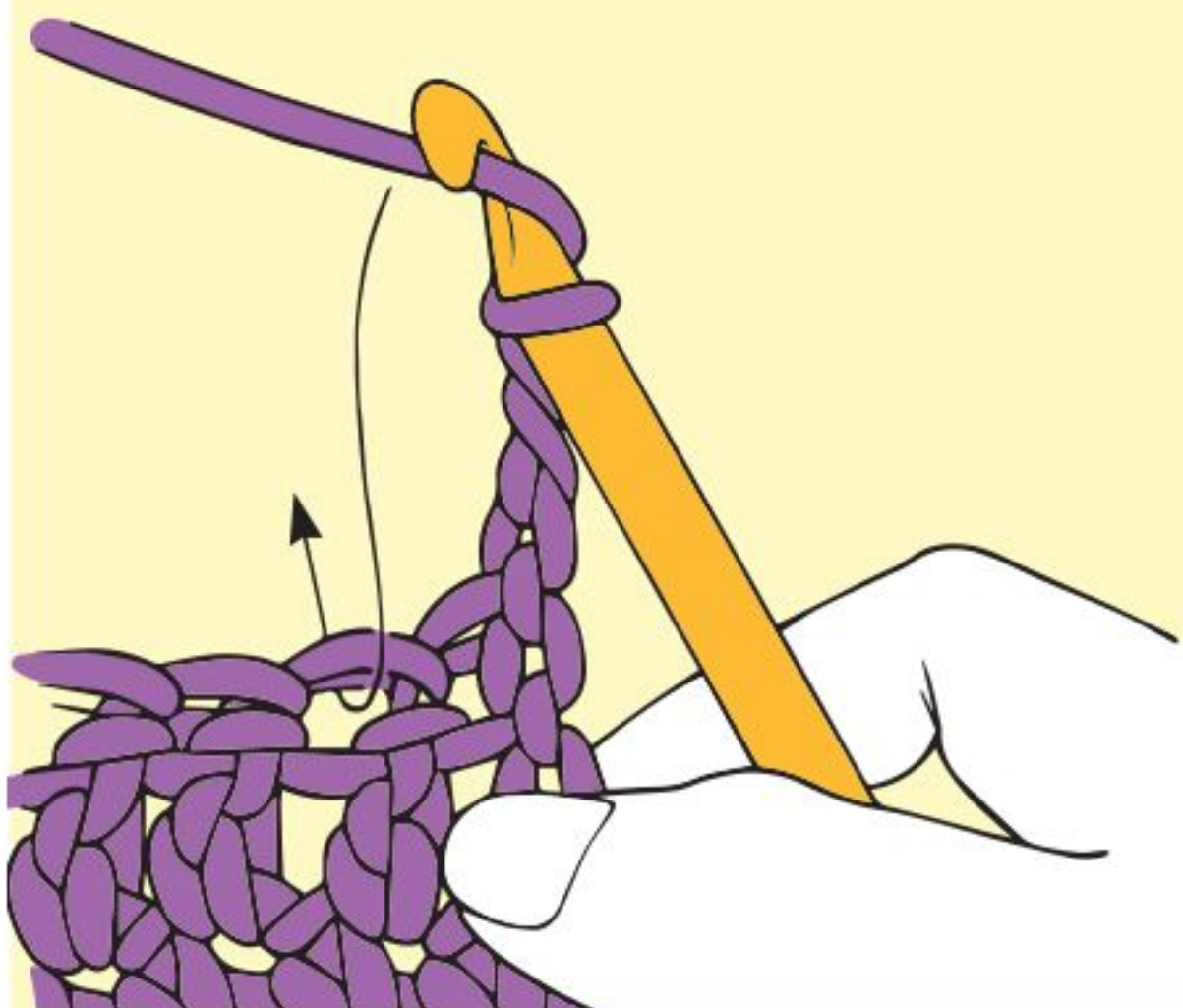


3 Yarn over the hook and draw through all three loops.

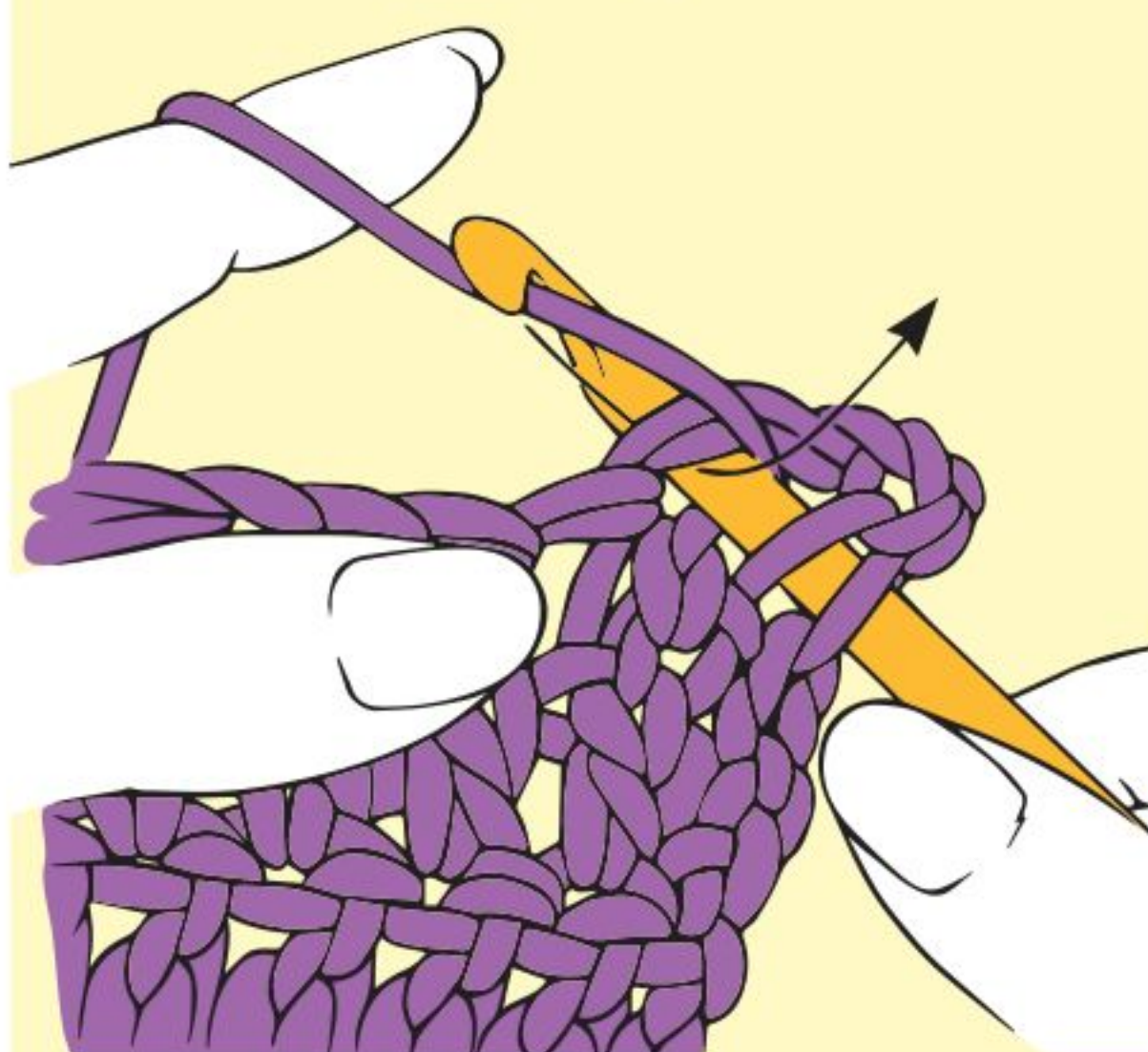
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treble (tr)

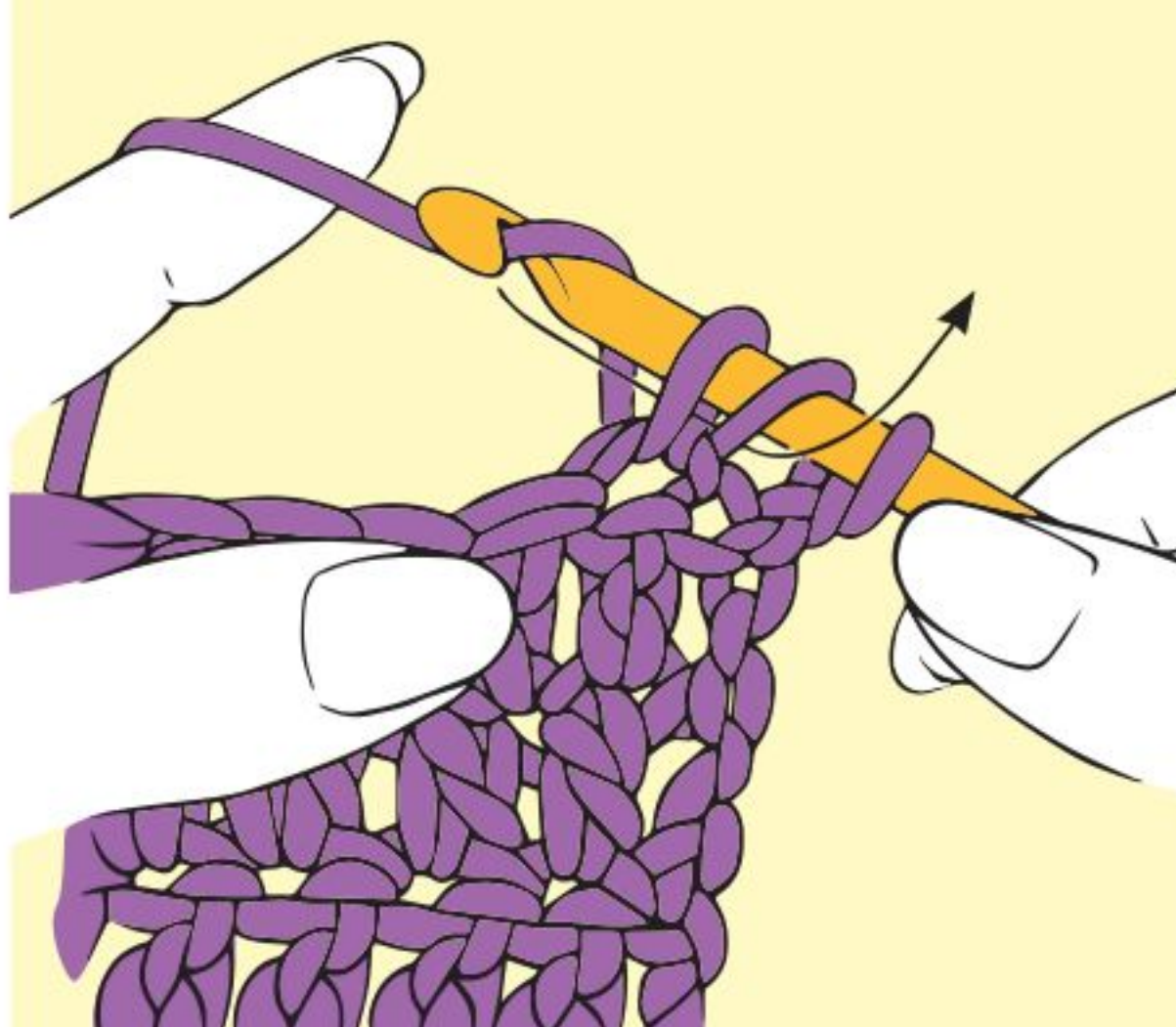
Treble crochet is slightly taller than half treble crochet but is made in a similar way



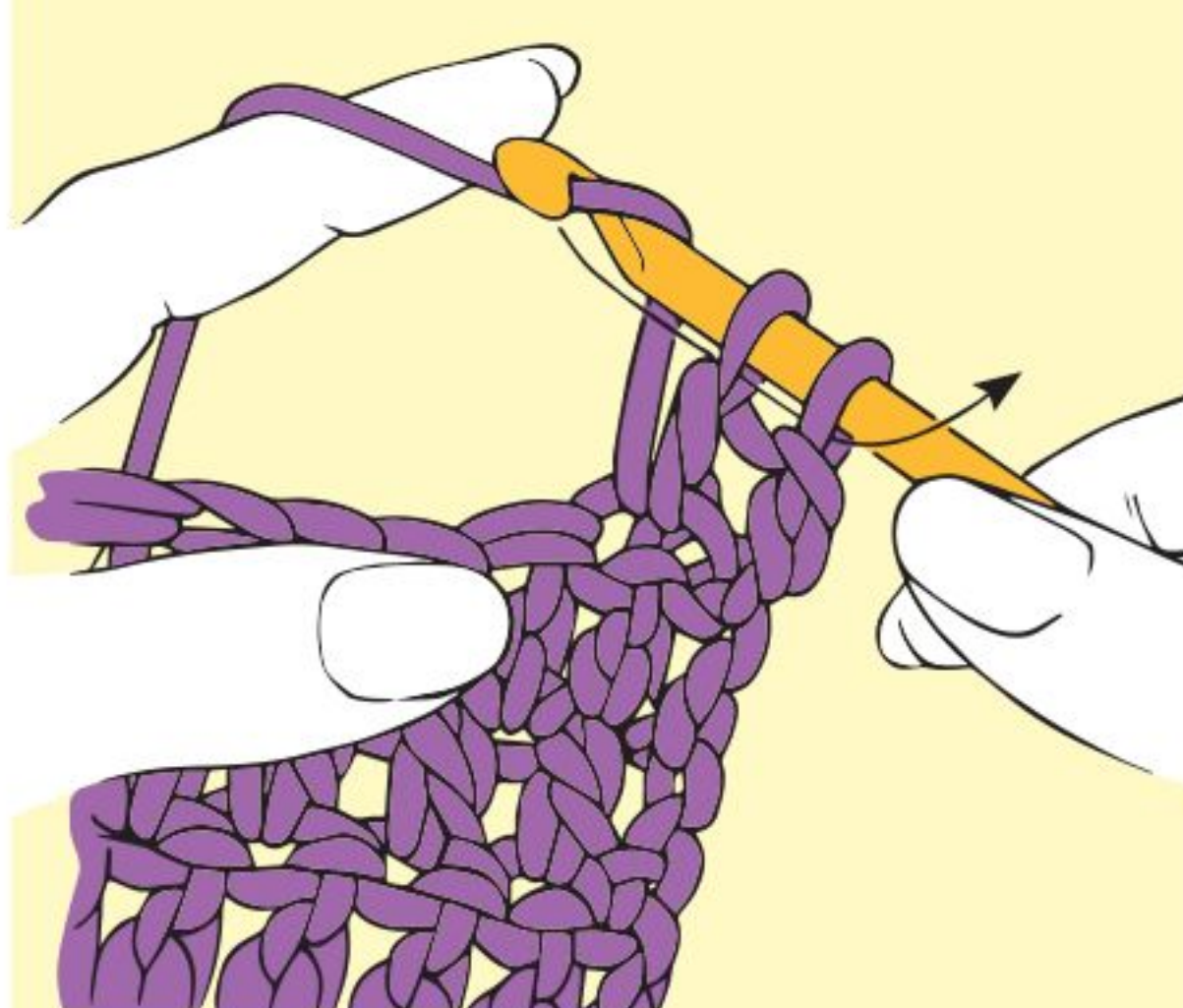
1 (You will need a turning chain of three stitches). Yarn over the hook. Insert the hook through the stitch.



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



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



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

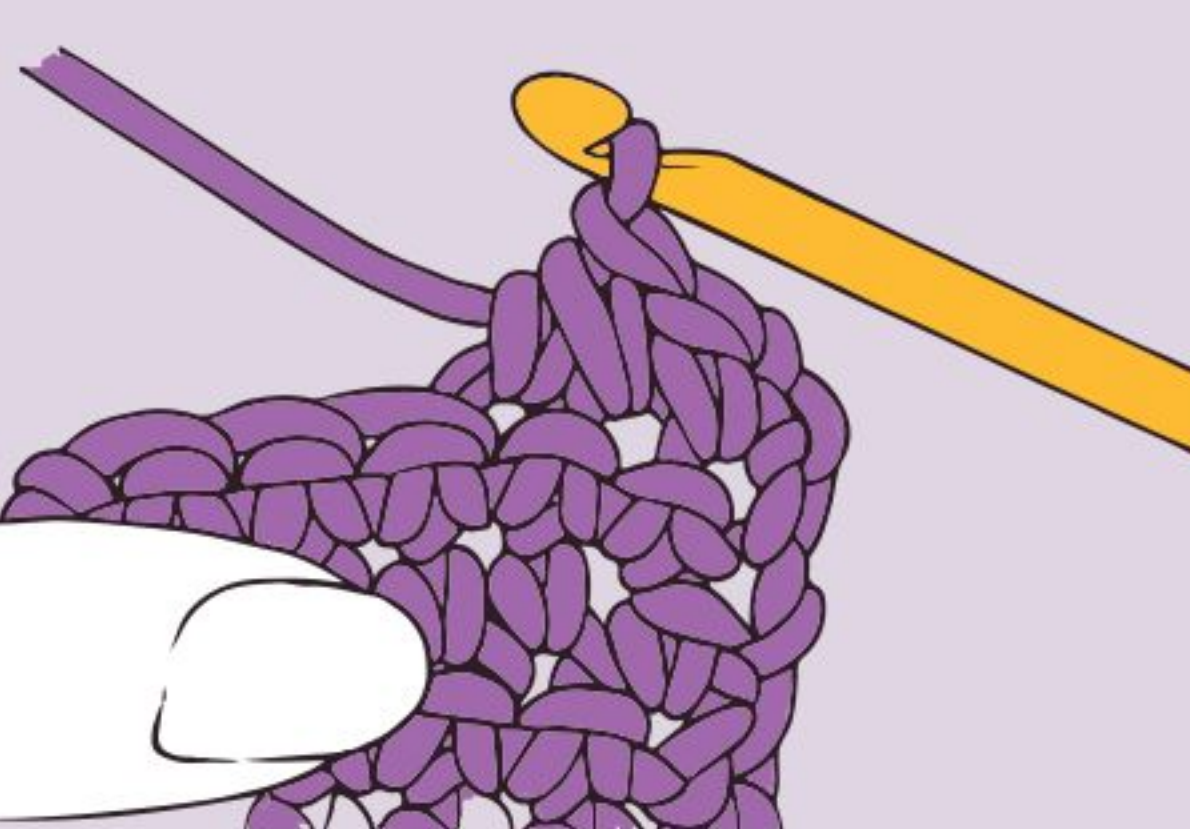
DECREASING

double crochet two together (dc2tog)

Turn two crochet stitches into one with this simple method



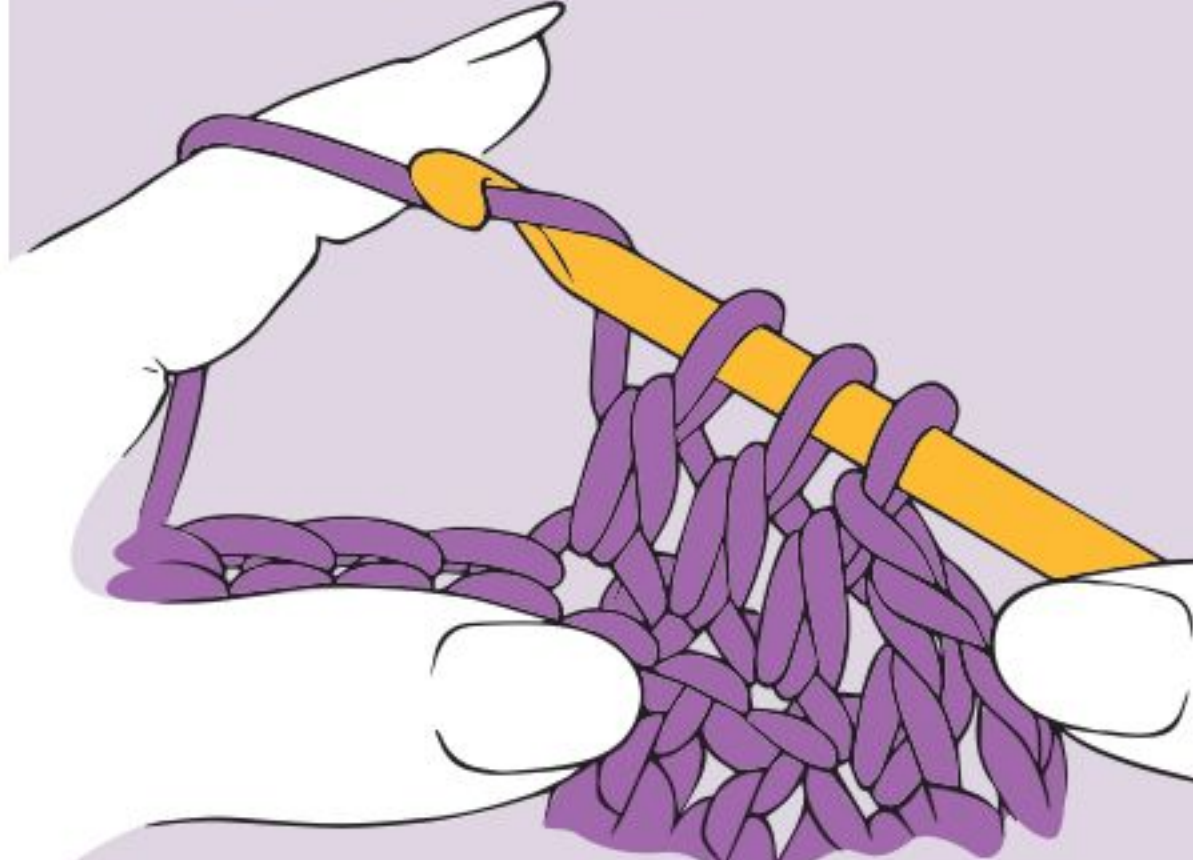
1 Insert hook through next stitch, yarn over hook, draw back through work. Two loops on hook. Insert hook into next stitch, yarn over hook, draw back through. Three loops on hook.



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

treble two together (tr2tog)

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



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



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

COMING NEXT ISSUE



Crochet festive granny squares with your Merry yarn kit!

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

Tea and a chat with...

HANNAH COOPER

Find out how she became a Let's Get Crafting designer

Since winning last year's Toymaker of the Year competition, Hannah Cooper has gone on to become a successful designer for Let's Get Crafting. As well as a huge confidence boost, she's also gained the biggest superfan too, her young son Jack. Hannah has proved that with a little bit of faith, you too can become a toymaking champion. Read her story, then turn to page 51 to enter our competition and follow in Hannah's footsteps.

"The confidence that Toymaker of the Year has given me is unbelievable – I no longer doubt my abilities"

CAREER GOALS

Hannah never thought she'd be a crafts designer and even decided it was an unachievable goal. But that's all changed now. "Winning the competition has been a dream come true and has helped me to realise the potential in a hobby. I felt so surprised, it took a few days to sink in." Now that her win has led to regular designing for this very magazine, she's working towards making it a full-time career. "I still wake up some mornings and find it hard to believe that it's now my reality. I relish the challenge to make new creations." Hannah's first design for us was Arlo the astronaut – which she designed to cheer up her son after his toy rocket fell apart – back in issue 90. Her Lost in Space series continued with his spaceship and pal Alfie the alien. "I felt so ecstatic to see my designs in print, I bought several copies!" Hannah had only ever written a few patterns before, proving that you really don't need to be an expert to be in with a chance of winning our annual Toymaker of the Year competition.

CONFIDENCE BOOST

Having her skills recognised has been a big deal for Hannah. "The confidence that the competition has given me is unbelievable. I've always made toys for my son, but now I feel that I can make anything I put my mind to and I no longer doubt my abilities." Hannah has crafted all her life. "Throughout my childhood, my mum would always be working on beautiful knitted jumpers and I remember wanting to be just like

"IT BRINGS ME SO MUCH JOY TO SEE MY SON JACK'S FACE WHEN I SHOW HIM WHAT I'VE MADE"

he saw my winning Toymaker project, he was so happy. He said 'that's my robot' and ran off to get his version so he could place him next to the magazine. He was thrilled to know that I won, he had the biggest smile I've ever seen!"



WE LOVED HANNAH'S LOST IN SPACE SERIES – FIND THE PATTERNS FOR ARLO THE ASTRONAUT, ARLO'S SPACESHIP AND ROCKET, AND ALFIE THE ALIEN AT **TOPCROCHETPATTERNS.COM**

her. One day I tried to help, but it resulted with me frogging several rows." It wasn't until she fell pregnant whilst in her third year of university that she really fell in love with crochet again and admits that she hasn't put her hook down since. "In the local supermarket I came across Let's Get Crafting and made my first teddy bear – I soon began to adapt patterns from there. I often fell for knitted designs which I struggle with, so this led me to creating my own crochet versions."

NUMBER ONE FAN

Hannah loves making things for her son and it's clear that he's very impressed with his mum's achievements. "When



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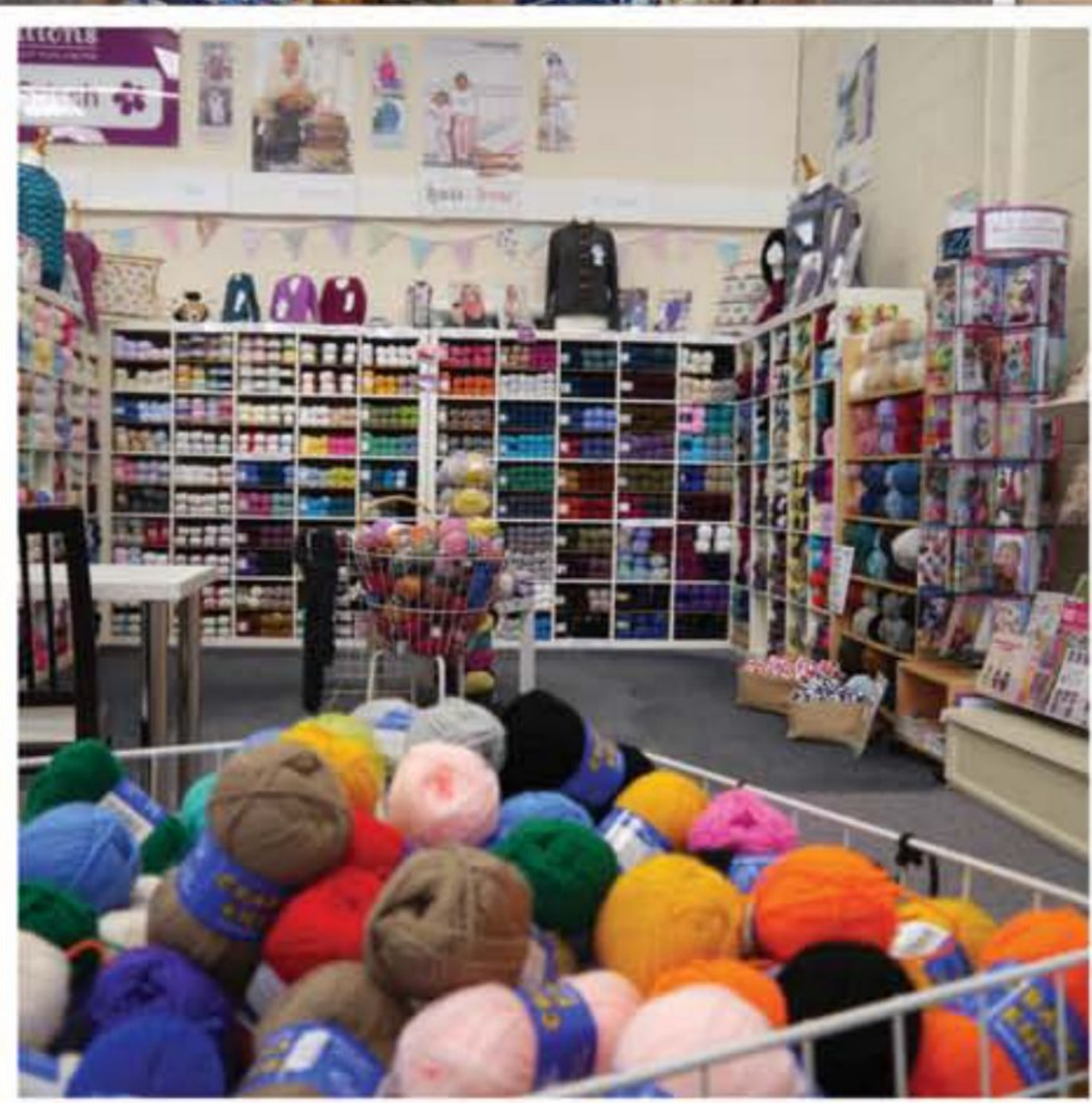


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