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Hello!

Let me start by saying that I wish I was half as elegant as our **ice-skating doll**. When I hit the rink, it's akin to John Sergeant's stint on Strictly – who else is excited to keeeeeeep dancing? – but

Nicola Valiji's knitted doll is all kinds of graceful, and you can find out how to make her on page 8.

In fact, we've got lots of snow-loving characters this issue. Discover our **crochet penguin** on page 13, a cute-as-can-be polar bear (p26) and a hippo... yep, you read that right. Such critters were inevitable with a yarn kit called Snowball. Use your **six standout yarns**, needles and hook to whip up a (snow)storm this Christmas.

Oh, and did I mention there's a **fluffy yarn**? Offering a faux snow feel, this skein adds cuddle-ability and a luxe touch to your crafts – see it in action throughout this edition of Let's Get Crafting and be inspired to try it for yourself.

Elsewhere you'll discover plenty of freebies. We've got **bumper giveaways worth £7,000** (p44), our metallic yarns edit on page 38 is up for grabs on our Instagram page (@knitcrochet), plus you can **win more Snowball yarns** by playing some festive games on page 23. You'll also notice this issue comes with a **20-page Animal Knits collection** from CICO Books – yippee!

Until next time, yarncrafters.

Rosie

ROSIE SAVAGE, EDITOR

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“Oh, the weather outside is (soon to be) frightful, but these yarns are so delightful! Find plenty of inspiration on how to use them throughout this issue”

ROSIE SAVAGE, EDITOR

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Newsflash!

*A must-haves
round-up to go
straight in your
basket*



Amigurumi dream

The phrase 'great minds think alike' has never been more relevant than in this issue, as Rico Design launches their own take on the traditional tale, the Ricorumi Twelve Days of Christmas crochet-along. But this series is far from traditional. The playful twist on the festive tune includes mermaids, sausage dogs and a Santa in a pine tree; an ideal set of homemade decorations to give your tree a quirky revamp. Visit rico-design.co.uk to download your free patterns.

Somen-y to choose from!

Hooked has cleverly created an eco-friendly yarn blend from recycled cotton and natural linen that looks and feels different as it's made from Flax; a super-duper strong plant. Better yet, there's no greenery wasted! If you're someone who is passionate about saving our planet then we reckon Somen will save your day. Available in 12 nature-inspired colours, it's the perfect choice for cool and airy clothing items. hooked.co.uk

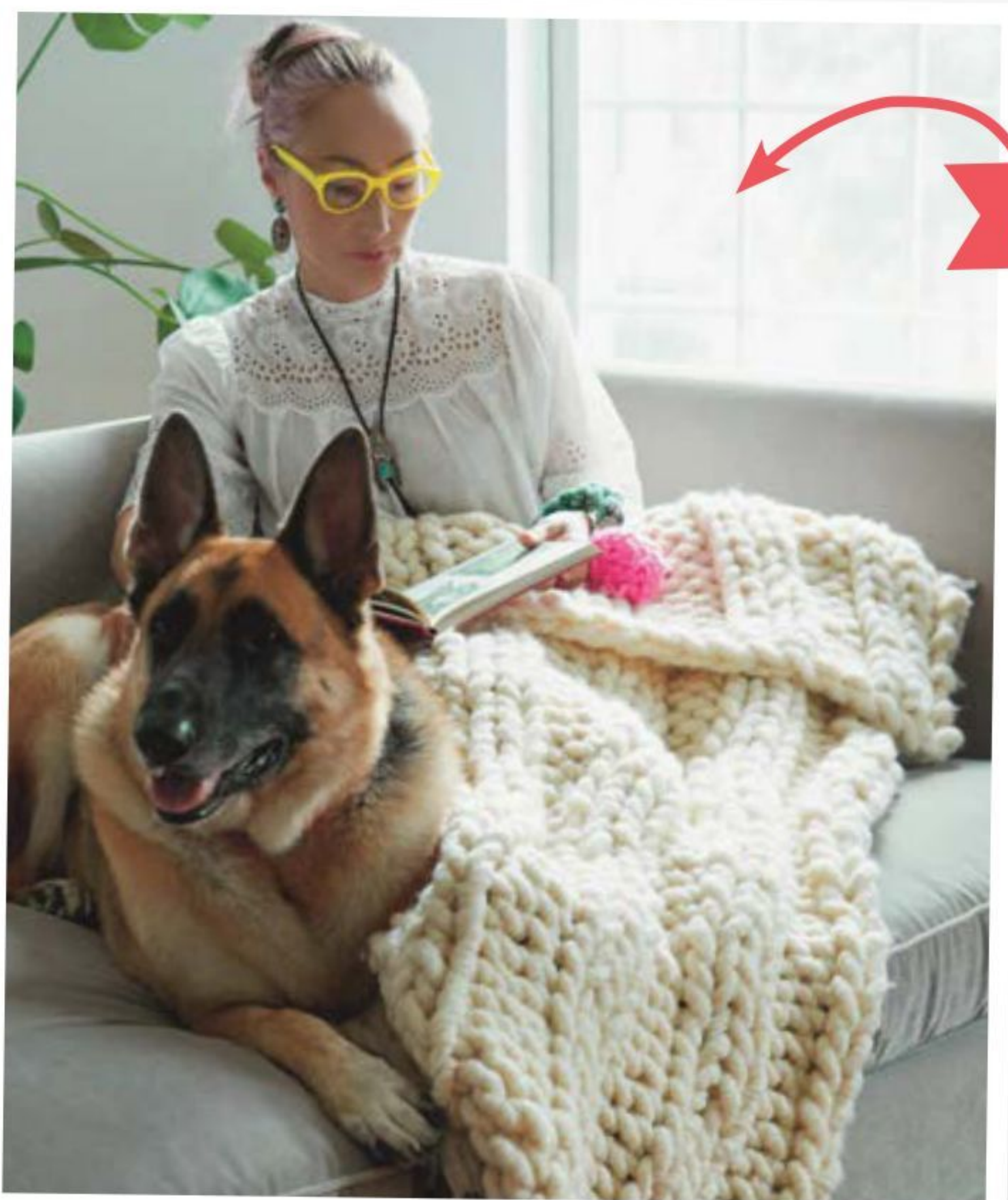


Pudsey pattern

'Do your bit and join the Pudsey knit' is the motto fundraisers are promoting this month as Children in Need 2019 approaches. Luckily for us keen knitters, Wool4Less is stocking a King Cole Pudsey jumper or cardigan pattern



for little ones. Amazingly, 100% of the proceeds go directly to the charity, giving you all the more reason to make your child or grandchild stand out at school with their new jumper. We just love charitable crafting! The pattern is available for £2.50 at wool4less.co.uk.



Starting point

A book filled with vibrant, fun designs for thicker makes using chunky needles and yarn? Sign us up! Aimed at beginners, *Loopy Mango Knitting* by Oejong Kim oozes creativity and dynamic designs, and could even be a gift idea for someone new to the craft. What's more, if you're in need of a brush-up on using chunky yarns and big loops, this is the book for you. £22.99, abramsbooks.com

Advent-urous buy

Upgrade your crafting this December by opening your Advent calendar doors to a little more than a chocolate Santa. With this Pony luxury Advent, you'd be the new owner of 24 knitting and crochet tools, accessories and more. We love the idea of adding even more creative excitement to our day with the wonder of what goodies we will receive next. Could it be some new hooks or a knitting calendar? Who knows! Contact grovesstockistenquiries.co.uk for more information.



Hakuna matata

If you're late to the party and haven't jumped on The Lion King bandwagon, now is your chance. Aldi is introducing several crochet kits of your favourite on-screen characters including Simba and Disney duo Timon and Pumba. The kits include crochet hooks, yarn and all the stuffing you need to bring the jungle into your home. Pre-order online or be first in line at your nearest store as these are sure to fly off the shelf. £3.99, aldi.co.uk



LET IT SNOW WITH

Stuart Hillard

There are always lots of exciting crafts to be cracking on with in the build-up to the holidays. Lots of my friends are papercrafters, and I've been really inspired to decorate my own Christmas cards and wrapping paper this year. I'm using old wooden building blocks found in a charity shop to wrap yarn around. It's important to leave some spaces and criss-cross the yarn in places too. Use an old paintbrush and some thick poster paint to apply a layer to the yarn block, then print the image onto cards and rolls of paper. Brown paper works really well combined with neon colours. After a few goes you'll need to re-apply the paint, not forgetting to change the direction of the printed images to create some interesting patterns. But this issue's yarns are much too pretty for that. Your Snowball pack is a really playful collection of colours to brighten dark, winter days. Berry Red, Merry Magenta and Tinsel Teal are gorgeous brights whilst Dusky Blue and Cheeky Pink are softer pastels. The star yarn, Fluffy, would be great to make a snowman with. Grab a couple of Styrofoam balls in two different sizes, one small for the head and a bigger one for the body. Start with the larger ball and secure one end of the fluffy yarn to the ball with a dressmaker's pin or dab of glue. Wind the yarn around the ball until it's covered, then secure the end and make the head using a smaller ball. Join the two by inserting a wooden cocktail stick into the head and pushing it into the body. You could use the other yarns to knit or crochet a cute striped scarf and use oddments to make the face and some buttons. You could even make a little hat and decorate the end with a tiny pom-pom. Have fun!

Stu X



USE YOUR
Snowball
YARN KIT

PLUS

stuffing, small amount of black DK, blusher (optional), tapestry needle

SIZE

Height: 32cm

WHAT STYLE! WHAT GRACE! MEET OUR Ice-skating doll

The minute this doll by **NICOLA VALIJI** is handed over to eager arms, she'll be twirling about, performing acrobatics to amaze and delight her appreciative audience. From the base of her body to the top of the hat, Alaska – named by @rosiecrafted on Instagram – is knitted all in one piece, with arms, legs and detailing added later. Isn't it fantastic what you can create from just knit and purl stitches?



Perfect for
beginners

ICE-SKATING DOLL

body & head

Using 3.5mm needles and Dusky Blue cast on 15 sts

Row 1 (RS): (kfb) to end. 30 sts

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

Change to Fluffy

Rows 9-12: k

Change to Berry Red

Rows 13-24: starting with a k row work in st st

Row 25: k3, (k2tog) five times, k4, (k2tog) five times, k to end. 20 sts

Row 26: p2, (p2tog) three times, p4, (p2tog) three times, p2. 14 sts

Change to Cheeky Pink

Rows 27-30:

starting with a k row work in st st

Row 31: (kfb) to end. 28 sts

Rows 32-40:

starting with a p row work in st st

Change to Fluffy

Rows 41-44: k

Change to Merry Magenta

Rows 45-52:

starting with a k row work in st st

Row 53: (k2tog) to end. 14 sts

Row 54: (p2tog) to end. Seven sts

Change to Fluffy

Row 55: k

Row 56: p

Row 57: k

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

ear flap

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Fluffy cast on five sts

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

Row 5: k2tog, k1, k2tog. Three sts

Cut yarn leaving a

long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off, leaving a 3cm tail

arm

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Berry Red cast on 11 sts

Rows 1-16: starting with a k row work in st st

Change to Fluffy

Rows 17-20: k

Change to Cheeky Pink

Rows 21-24:

starting with a k row work in st st

Row 25: k1, (k2tog) to end. Six sts

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

leg

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Merry Magenta cast on 21 sts

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

Row 6: k7, k2tog,

k3tog, k2tog, k to end. 17 sts

Row 7: p5, p2tog, p3tog, p2tog, p to end. 13 sts

Note: change to Dusky Blue after Row 10

Rows 8-29:

starting with a k row work in st st
Cast off

skate blade

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Tinsel Teal cast on 12 sts

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

Cast off

boot cuff

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Tinsel Teal cast on 14 sts

Row 1 (RS): k

Row 2: p

Cast off

skirt

Using 3.5mm needles and Tinsel Teal cast on 30 sts

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

Row 5: (k5, kfb) to end. 35 sts

Row 6: p

Row 7: (k6, kfb) to end. 40 sts

Row 8: p

Row 9: (k7, kfb) to end. 45 sts

Row 10: p

Row 11: (k8, kfb) to end. 50 sts

Row 12: p

Change to Fluffy

Rows 13-16: k

Cast off

scarf

Using 3.5mm needles and Dusky Blue cast on five sts

K every row until work meas 26cm

Cast off

to make up

For Body and Head, sew cast-on sts tog, then sew up row ends leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, leaving a gap for stuffing. Turn RS out and stuff firmly, close gap, fasten off. Gather sts of neck and hat pom-pom and secure firmly. Sew Ear Flaps to hat. Embroider eyes with black DK and mouth with Merry Magenta. Use Fluffy to embroider simple snowflake to front of top and hat. For Arms, rep method to seam and stuff as Body. Sew to Body. For Leg, fold in half lengthwise RS tog, join cast-on edges tog, seam row ends, turn RS out and stuff. Close top of Leg and attach to Body with boot facing forwards. Sew Skate Cuff to top of boot. Add laces to skates and tie in a bow. Fold Skate Blade in half lengthwise, joining cast-on and cast-off edges, then attach to seam under boot. For Skirt, join row ends. With seam to back, sew Skirt to Body under band of Fluffy. Tie Scarf around Neck. Add blusher to cheeks (optional). Weave in all ends

TOP TIP

PUT ALL
SEAMS TO
THE BACK!

GREAT ADVICE

Add some hair with oddments of DK by looping lengths of yarn through the stitches at the back of the head. Tie in bunches, braid plaits or trim to the desired length to make your gift even more personal



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Christmas trees

PLUS

stuffing, three
7.5cm diameter
card discs,
tapestry
needle,
self-adhesive
glitter stars
(optional)

SIZE

Starry Tree
height: 18cm
Striped Tree
height: 16cm
Snowy Tree
height: 14cm



STARRY TREE

Using 3.5mm
needles and Merry
Magenta cast on
ten sts

Row 1 (RS): 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

Rows 10-16:
starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 17: k1, (k6,
k2tog) to last st,
k1. 44 sts

Note: change to
Berry Red after
Row 22

Rows 18-24:
starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 25: k1, (k5,
k2tog) to last st,
k1. 38 sts

Row 26: p
Change to

Dusky Blue

Rows 27-32:

starting with a k
row work in st st

Row 33: k1, (k4,
k2tog) to last st,
k1. 32 sts

Row 34: p

Change to
Berry Red

Note: change to
Merry Magenta
after Row 38

Rows 35-40:
starting with a k
row work in st st

Row 41: k1, (k3,
k2tog) to last st,
k1. 26 sts

Rows 42-48:
starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 49: k1, (k2,
k2tog) to last st,
k1. 20 sts

Rows 50-56:
starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 57: k1, (k1,
k2tog) to last st,
k1. 14 sts

Rows 58-64:
starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 65: k1, (k2tog)
to last st, k1.
Eight sts

Rows 66-72:
starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 73: k1, (k2tog)
to last st, k1.
Five sts

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

STRIPED TREE

Using 3.5mm
needles and Berry
Red cast on ten
sts, leaving a short
tail, and beg
knitting RS as folls:

Rows 1-9: rep
Rows 1-9 of Starry
Tree. 50 sts

Rows 10-15:
starting with a p
row work in st st

Work in foll stripe
sequence: * three
rows Tinsel Teal,

four rows Merry
Magenta, three
rows Dusky Blue,

four rows Cheeky
Pink, * three rows
Berry Red, four
rows Tinsel Teal,

three rows Merry
Magenta, four
rows Dusky Blue,

three rows Cheeky
Pink, four rows
Berry Red, rep
from * to * once

Row 16: p1, (p2tog,
p6) to last st, p1.
44 sts

Row 17-22:
starting with a k

row work in st st

Row 23: k1, (k5,
k2tog) to last st,
k1. 38 sts

Rows 24-29:
starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 30: p1, (p2tog,
p4) to last st, p1.
32 sts

Rows 31-36:
starting with a k
row work in st st

Row 37: k1, (k3,
k2tog) to last st,
k1. 26 sts

Rows 38-43:
starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 44: p1, (p2tog,
p2) to last st, p1.
20sts

Rows 45-50:
starting with a k
row work in st st

Row 51: k1, (k1,
k2tog) to last st,
k1. 14 sts

Rows 52-57:
starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 58: p1, (p2tog)
to last st, p1.
Eight sts

Rows 59-64:
starting with a k
row work in st st

Row 65: k1, (k2tog)
to last st, k1.
Five sts

Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread
tail onto tapestry



GREAT ADVICE

NEAT EMBROIDERY

When adding embroidery to a finished stuffed piece, hide the starting and finishing ends of your yarn by securing it to the base of your work and using the tapestry needle to pass it up to and from the area to be embroidered

needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

SNOWY TREE

Using 3.5mm needles and Tinsel Teal cast on ten sts

Rows 1-10: rep Rows 1-10 of Starry Tree. 50 sts
Change to Fluffy

Row 11: k
Change to Tinsel Teal, do not cut Fluffy

Row 12: p

Row 13: k

Row 14: p

Row 15: k1, (k6, k2tog) to last st, k1. 44 sts

Change to Fluffy
Row 16: p
Change to Tinsel Teal, do not cut Fluffy

Row 17: k

Row 18: p

Row 19: k1, (k5, k2tog) to last st, k1. 38 sts

Row 20: p
Change to Fluffy

Row 21: k

Change to Tinsel Teal

Rows 22-24: rep Rows 12-14

Row 25: k1, (k4, k2tog) to last st, k1. 32 sts

Rows 26-30: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 31: k1, (k3, k2tog) to last st, k1. 26 sts

Rows 32-36: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 37: k1, (k2,

k2tog) to last st, k1. 20 sts

Rows 38-42: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 43: k1, (k1, k2tog) to last st, k1. 14 sts

Rows 44-48: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 49: k1, (k2tog) to last st, k1. Eight sts

Rows 50-54: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 55: k1, (k2tog)

to last st, k1.

Five sts

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

to make up

Thread cast-off tail onto tapestry needle and join sides of Tree tog with mattress st, stuff, then insert disc in base of Tree. Close base

with mattress st, then work gathering st through cast-on sts, pull tightly and secure firmly. Using long length of Cheeky Pink in tapestry needle, embroider stars onto Merry Magenta sections of Starry Tree (see Great Advice). Weave in all ends. Add stars (optional)



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IT'S TIME TO UNWRAP

Pandora Penguin



USING YOUR **Snowball** YARN KIT



PROJECT
OVERLEAF 



SARAH LOUISE READ has captured the familiar form of this comical bird with distinctive head markings and flipper arms, and transformed her into a sweet companion in a wintry outfit who'll be happy to join in with any frosty frolics. Pandora would make a wonderful surprise as a stocking filler and the detachable hat with its giant pom-pom is the icing on the (Christmas) cake!

PLUS

stuffing, two 12mm safety eyes, stitch markers, small amount of white and black DK, 7cm diameter pom-pom maker, tapestry needle, blusher (optional)

SIZE

Height (inc hat): 26cm



Take the next step

PANDORA PENGUIN head

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rnd 7: 1dc in each st to end

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

Rnds 9-14: 1dc in each st to end. Insert safety eyes between Rnds 10-11, approx seven sts apart

Rnd 15: (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 42 sts

Rnd 16: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 17: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 18: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

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

Rnd 20: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 21: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

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

head marking

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

Rnds 1-6: rep Rnds 1-6 of Head. 42 sts

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

Rnds 8-14: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 15: 10dc, turn. Ten sts

Rnd 16: 1ch, miss first st, 1dc in each st to last two sts, miss one st, 1dc, turn. Eight sts

Rnd 17: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

Rnd 18-23: rep Rnds 16-17 three times. Two sts

Rnd 24: 1ch, miss

first st, turn. One st

Rnd 25: 1ch, 1dc. Work evenly all around edge, 1dc in each row end or st to end, join with a sl st to first st. Fasten off, leaving a long tail

arm

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and Merry

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

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

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

Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end

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

Rnd 5: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 6: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 15 sts

Work in foll two-row stripe sequence: Berry Red, Tinsel Teal

Rnd 7: working in back loops only,

1dc in each st to end

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

Rnds 9-18: 1dc in each st to end. Fasten off, leaving a long tail

Join Fluffy to front loops of Rnd 7 and work 1dc in each st to end. Fasten off

nose

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

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

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

Rnds 3-4: 1dc in





“The head marking is made by changing from rounds to rows across just a few stitches, which are decreased to form the point”

SARAH LOUISE READ, DESIGNER

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each st to end
Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

legs & body

* Using 3.5mm hook and Berry Red make 6ch
Rnd 1: starting in second ch from hook, 4dc, 3dc in next st, work back along opposite side of ch as folls: 3dc, 2dc in next st. 12 sts
Rnd 2: 2dc in next st, 3dc, (2dc in next st) three times, 3dc, (2dc in next st) twice. 18 sts
Rnd 3: 1dc, 2dc in next st, 3dc, (1dc, 2dc in next st) three times, 3dc, (1dc, 2dc in next st) twice. 24 sts

Rnds 4-5: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 6: 2dc, dc2tog, (1dc, dc2tog) five times, 5dc. 18 sts
Rnd 7: 5dc, (dc2tog) three times, 1dc in each st to end. 15 sts
Rnd 8: 4dc, (dc2tog) three times, 1dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnds 9-10: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Dusky Blue
Rnd 11: working in back loops only, 1dc in each st to end
Rnds 12-13: 1dc in each st to end *
Fasten off first Leg, leave st marker for joining second Leg

Rep from * to * for second Leg, then crochet Legs tog as folls:

Rnd 14: 11dc, 3ch, at fourth st from marker work in first Leg, 12dc, working in back loops only of ch, 3dc, working in both loops, 1dc. 30 sts

Rnd 15: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

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

Rnd 17: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 48 sts

Rnds 18-24: 1dc in each st to end
Work in foll two-row stripe

sequence: Berry Red, Tinsel Teal

Rnd 25: working in back loops only, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 26: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 27: (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 42 sts

Rnds 28-30: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 31: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts

Rnds 32-34: rep Rnds 28-30

Rnd 35: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rnds 36-38: rep Rnds 28-30

Rnd 39: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts



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Rnds 40-42: rep Rnds 28-30
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

Join Fluffy to front loops of Rnd 11 and work 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off
Rep for second Leg

Join Fluffy to front loops of Rnd 25 and work 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

hat

Using 3.5mm hook and Dusky Blue make a magic ring, make 3ch and work 11tr into ring, join with a sl st to third of 3ch. 12 sts

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

Rnd 2: 3ch, 2tr in next st, (1tr, 2tr in next st) to end, join with a sl st to third of 3ch. 36 sts

Rnd 3: 3ch, 1tr, 2tr in next st, (2tr, 2tr in next st) to end, sl st to third of 3ch. 48 sts

Work in foll one-rnd stripe sequence: Merry Magenta, Tinsel

Teal, Dusky Blue, Fluffy

Rnds 4-6: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end

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

to make up

Sew Head Marking to Head at slight angle with front flap between eyes. Attach Nose below Head Marking. Sew Head to Body. Flatten Arms and attach to Body

using whip st. Using a tapestry needle, embroider one st in white DK below each eye and one st in black DK above. Make multicoloured pom-pom by wrapping maker with different yarns, then sew to top of Hat. Add blusher to cheeks (optional). Weave in all ends

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pom-pom
makers,
cardboard
cereal packets,
glue, tapestry
needle, bells

SIZE
Diameter: 24cm

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WITH HER

Canny wreath

Recycle empty cereal packets into a solid base and save some pennies too! Don't stint on the decs though: bells, pom-poms, loopy leaves and bright berries adorn this jazzy cover for a totally different take on this year's Christmas staple. With stitches increasing in height to the outer edge on alternate rows, you'll find this cover has an inbuilt curve for a neat fit.



Perfect for
beginners

CANNY WREATH cover

Using 3.5mm hook
and Berry Red
make 17ch

Note: work in
stripe sequence
(see Great Advice)

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

Row 2: 1ch, 6dc,
5edc, 5htr, turn
Row 3: 1ch, 1edc in
each st to
end, turn
Rows 4-103: rep
Rows 2-3 50 times
Row 104: rep
Row 2
Fasten off

berry
Make seven
(three in Berry Red
and four in Merry
Magenta)
Using 3.5mm hook
and chosen yarn
make a magic ring,
work 4dc into ring,
join with a sl st in
first st. Four sts
Rnd 1: 1ch, 2dc in
each st to end, join
with a sl st in first
st. Eight sts
Rnd 2: 1ch, (1dc,
2dc in next st) to
end, join with a
sl st in first st.
12 sts
Rnds 3-4: 1ch, 1dc
in each st to end,
join with a sl st in
first st
Rnd 5: 1ch, (1dc,
dc2tog) to end,
join with a sl st in
first st. Eight sts
Fasten off

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GREAT ADVICE

STRIPE SEQUENCE

Four rows Dusky Blue, two rows
Cheeky Pink, one row Merry
Magenta, two rows Tinsel Teal, five
rows Berry Red, one row Cheeky
Pink, three rows Merry Magenta,
six rows Dusky Blue, one row Tinsel
Teal, six rows Cheeky Pink, four
rows Berry Red, one row Dusky
Blue, two rows Tinsel Teal, seven
rows Merry Magenta, six rows
Dusky Blue, two rows Cheeky Pink,
one row Berry Red, two rows Tinsel
Teal, five rows Cheeky Pink, one
row Dusky Blue, four rows Berry
Red, one row Tinsel Teal, six rows
Merry Magenta, two rows Dusky
Blue, one row Cheeky Pink, nine
rows Berry Red, one row Tinsel
Teal, four rows Cheeky Pink,
four rows Merry Magenta, one
row Dusky Blue, six rows Tinsel
Teal, three rows Berry Red

loopy leaf

Make seven
(three in Dusky
Blue and four in
Tinsel Teal)
Using 3.5mm hook
and chosen yarn
make 26ch
Row 1: starting in
second ch from
hook, 1edc in each
st to end, turn
Row 2: 1ch, 1edc in
each st to
end, turn
Fasten off

to make up

Cut six 24cm-
diameter rings
with 13cm centre
from cardboard.
Glue tog to make
stiff base. Make
four pom-poms in
assorted yarn.
Whip st ends of
Cover tog. Wrap
Cover around
base, sewing row
ends tog at back.
Leaving 2cm gap
between row
ends, stitch tog
10cm to secure

Cover to base and
stuff lightly. Cont
to join at the back
in 10cm sections,
stuffing as you go.
Decorate one area
of Wreath. Lightly
stuff Berries and
stitch open end
firmly to Cover.
Fold Loopy Leaves
in half to make
loop and sew ends
to Cover, along
with pom-poms
and jingle bells.
Weave in all ends

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SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

Extended double crochet (edc)

Insert hook front to back in designated st, yoh, pull through (two loops on hook), yoh and pull through first loop only (two loops on hook), yoh and pull through two loops

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STITCH BACK IN TIME

I designed most of my wartime garden but knitted it all. Starting on Christmas Day, I made it for our town's vintage weekend in June. It is based on my grandparents' wartime garden in London. The whole town becomes a 1940s zone; all the shops are decorated with a war theme. We had lots of comments from people remembering their own experiences.

SUSAN EVANS, NEWPORT PAGNELL

WOOL YOU BE MINE?

I made this bride and groom for my niece on her wedding day last June in Galway, Ireland. I created them with her in mind as I like to have the receiver in my thoughts as I crochet stitch by stitch. For her main gift I crocheted a throw, which took me between 70 and 80 hours to complete.

**ANNE MORELY
LAWLOR, GALWAY**



A RARE BEAR

My Paddington Bear was knitted to raise funds for Knitted Knockers N.I, a charity I craft for. As well as making the knockers, us knitters make baby clothes and toys for sale to help with funds too.

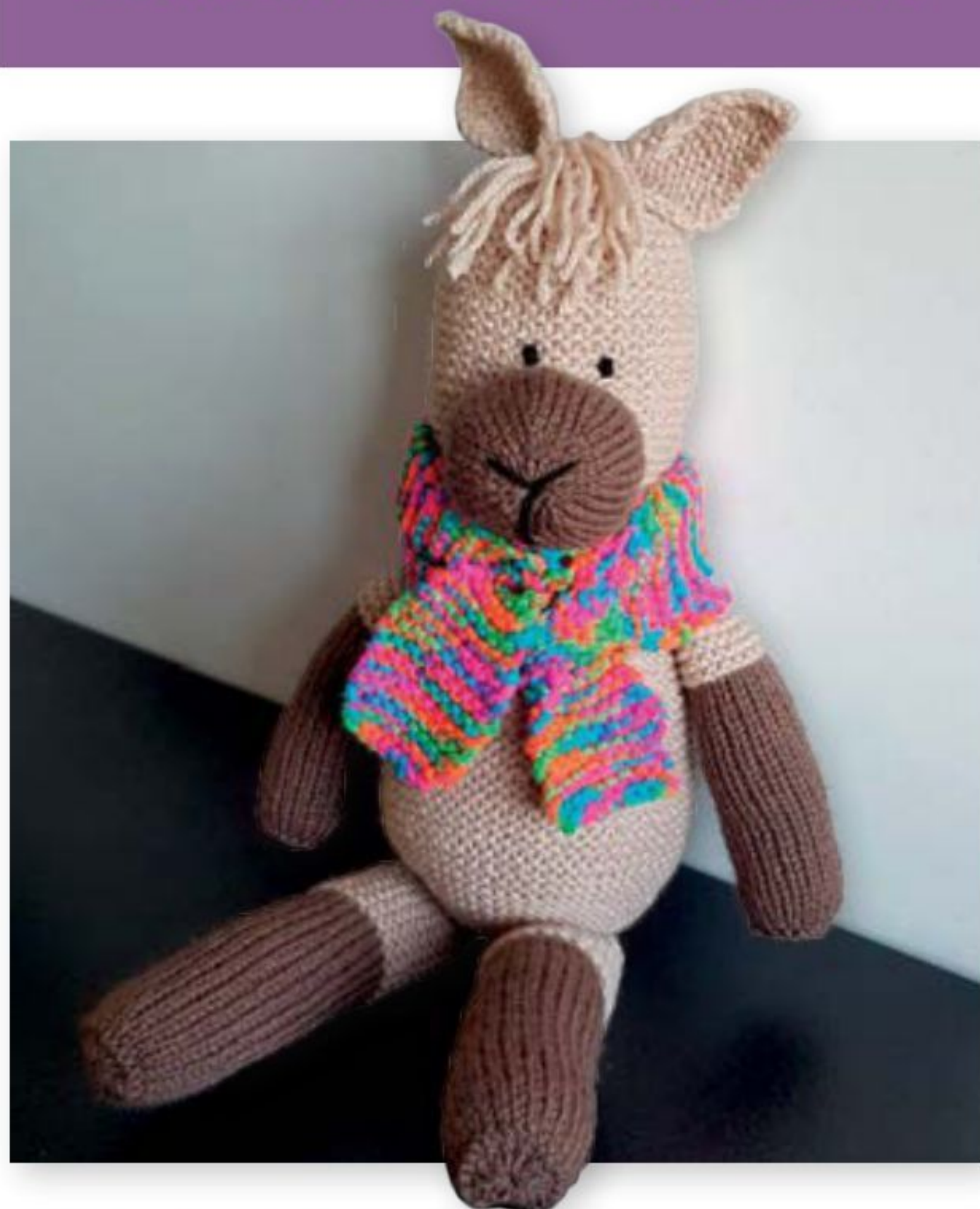
**JANET TREANOR,
PORTADOWN**



FRILLY FRIEND

I crocheted Daisy-Mae for an ami-along I participated in this month. She is a design by the lovely Little Aqua Girl which I made using cotton yarn. I just love how soft and delicate she is with her frilly tutu.

LIANNE TAYLOR, NEWTON AYCLIFFE



ALPACALY EVER AFTER

I've been knitting for three years and I've made several of these alpacas. They're super easy to knit and make lovely gifts for someone. I made my first one as a gift for my daughter-in-law and she loved it. I particularly loved knitting this one, as he was so easy to create, with a lovely straightforward pattern.

SARAH BARGE, CAERPHILLY

SIMPLY QUACKERS!

I loved making this duck for a lady in my area. I had so much fun tackling the boots as it's the first time I've crocheted any before. All the money I raise from making and selling my toys goes to charity. I love a challenge when it comes to crafting!

JAIME ESCOTT, GRAYS



ECO WARRIOR

I taught myself how to crochet two years ago after watching endless tutorial videos and picking up tips from your magazine. Originally, I started crocheting octopuses for preemie babies through a group on Facebook. Now I coordinate and supply my local neonatal unit with the octopuses at Calderdale Hospital. I decided to make this set in 100% cotton to reduce waste. It is washable, reusable and much better for the environment.

NAT HAWKINS, HALIFAX

FLIPPIN' COLD

Just a little hello from Canada! I crocheted this winter berry scarf using Charisma Black Raspberry yarn for the different colours. I also make cards so I sketched a penguin, then took a photo of my scarf and printed it out, before adhering it to the card.

WENDY MANZ, CANADA



SPELLBOUND

I was inspired to make these witches as I was running a craft stall at the Green Man Festival in Clun. All the witchy patterns I could find were more 'wicked witch' and I wanted to show that witches can be cute and cuddly too! So I designed my own pattern and they've proven to be a hit ever since.

STEPHANIE HALL, SHREWSBURY

HAVE YOUR SAY



WHO TAUGHT YOU TO KNIT?

"My primary school teacher. The first thing I knitted was a multicoloured tea cosy at about age nine or ten"

ELIZABETH BACON

"I learnt watching my mum. I would pick up her knitting and carry it on, and she always knew when I had but I never knew how. It turns out I'm left-handed whereas she's right-handed, so I was knitting the wrong way!"

GWEN KITE

"When I was about four years old, my nanny Lil gave me two green pencils and turquoise yarn. It's strange that I remember that when often I can't remember what I did yesterday!"

SALLY PRITCHARD

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PLUS: four 6mm safety eyes, stuffing, yellow DK, small amounts of black DK, sewing needle, matching thread, ribbon, tapestry needle

SIZE: Height:

Gold Ring: 6cm

Goose: 10cm

Swan: 11.5cm

Maid: 13cm



EMMA VARNAM,
DESIGNER

“Hello everyone! I hope you had fun with the four birds in part one of our 12 Days of Christmas crochet-along – if you missed it, you can find it at topcrochetpatterns.com.

Now we’re moving on to the gold ring, goose, swan and maid. Once again we’ll be practising a useful range of crochet stitches, mainly working in continuous spirals (rather than finishing each round with a slip stitch) so take your time and if you’re not sure of any stitches, refer to our handy guide on pages 64-65.

Remember you can always embroider eyes if you prefer.

We’ll be completing the set in the next issue, just in time for Christmas, so see you then!”



Take the
next step

GOLD RING

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

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

ruby

Using 3.5mm hook and Berry Red 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

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

GOOSE body & tail

Using 3.5mm hook and Tinsel Teal make 8ch

Note: work around both sides

of ch in cont spiral to make oval base, place st marker in last st of rnd

Rnd 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, 2ch, work back along other side of ch as folls: 1dc in each st to end, 2ch. 18 sts

Rnd 2: (1dc in each st to 2ch sp, 3dc in 2ch sp) twice. 20 sts

Rnd 3: (7dc, [2dc in next st] three times) twice. 26 sts

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

Rnd 8: 21dc, miss

one st, 7dtr in next st, miss one st, one sl st
Fasten off

neck & head

Fold oval tog and miss six sts, join Tinsel Teal to next st and work in rnds on foll ten sts

Rnd 1: 9dc, 1ch (counts as st). Ten sts

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

Rnd 4: 4dc, dc2tog, 3dc, 2dc in next st

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

Rnd 7: 2dc in each st to end. 20 sts

Top Tip

WHEN CROCHETING WITH A FLUFFY YARN IT CAN BE DIFFICULT TO SEE WHERE TO PLACE YOUR HOOK, SO USE A STITCH MARKER AT THE BEGINNING OF THE ROUND TO HELP



GOLD RING

five to eight in the song CROCHET-ALONG

12 Days of
Christmas
EDITION

Rnds 8-10: 1dc in each st to end

Rnds 11-12:

(dc2tog) to end.

Five sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

wing

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and Tinsel Teal make a magic ring, work 8dc into ring. Eight sts

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

Rnd 2: one sl st,

1dc, 1tr, 1dtr.

Three sts

Fasten off

beak

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

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

GREAT ADVICE

DOUBLE TREBLE (DTR)

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

DON'T WORRY IF YOU'VE MISSED PART ONE! YOU CAN FIND THE PATTERNS FOR THE PARTRIDGE, CALLING BIRD, TURTLE DOVE AND FRENCH HEN AT TOPCROCHETPATTERNS.COM



GOOSE

TURN
OVER



SWAN

SWAN body

Using 3.5mm hook and Fluffy make 8ch

Rnds 1-7: rep Rnds 1-7 of Goose Body. 26 sts
Fasten off

neck & head

Fold oval tog, miss eight sts, join Fluffy to next st and work on foll ten sts for neck

Rnd 1: 9dc, 1ch (counts as st). Ten sts

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

Rnd 7: 2dc in each st to end. 20 sts

Rnds 8-10: 1dc in each st to end

Rnds 11-12: (dc2tog) to end.

Five sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

beak

Using 3.5mm hook and yellow DK make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring.

Six sts

Rnds 1-2: 1dc in each st to end
Change to black DK

Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

MAID head & body

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

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

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

18 sts

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

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

12 sts

Stuff

Rnd 8: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Change to Merry Magenta

Rnd 9: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnds 10-11: 1dc in each st to end

Rnds 12-15: rep Rnds 2-5. 18 sts

Rnd 16: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnds 17-25: 1dc in each st to end
Do not fasten off

Rnd 26 (edging): (miss one st, 4tr in next st, miss one st, one sl st) to end
Fasten off

base

Using 3.5mm hook and Merry Magenta 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

Fasten off

arm

Make two

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

Rnds 1-2: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Merry Magenta

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

Six sts

Rnds 4-9: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

hair

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

Rnds 1-6: rep Rnds 1-6 of Head. 18 sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

apron

Using 3.5mm hook and Dusky Blue make 6ch

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

Rows 2-5: 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 1dc in each st to end, turn. Five sts

Row 6: 1ch, miss one st, 2dc, miss one st, 1dc, turn. Three sts

Row 7: 1ch, miss two sts, 1dc. One st
Fasten off

to make up

For Gold Ring, sew short ends tog. Attach Ruby to hide join. For Goose, insert safety eyes between Rnds 10-11. Stuff Neck

and Head. Attach Beak below eyes. Stuff Body lightly and sew gap closed. Add Wings to Body. Rep for Swan. For Maid, stuff Body firmly and attach Base inside edging. Using Dusky Blue, embroider chain st around Body between Rnds 15-16. Sew Apron to Body at chain. Attach Arms below neck. Sew Hair to Head. Attach six 20cm strands of yellow DK to each side at base of Hair and make two plaits. Tie with Dusky Blue yarn. Attach ribbon for hanging loops. Weave in all ends



MAID

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- 3 GLEIJN LBSEL _____
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		14			20												4	16				10			

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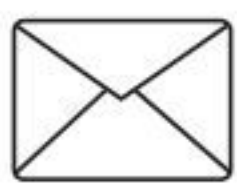
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SIZE

Height (incl hat): 16cm



Take the next step

POLAR BEAR head

Using 3.5mm needles and Fluffy cast on ten sts
Row 1 (RS): (kfb) to end. 20 sts
Row 2: k
Row 3: (k1, kfb) to end. 30 sts
Row 4: k
Row 5: (k4, kfb) to end. 36 sts
Rows 6-13: k
Row 14: k9, (k1, k2tog) six times, k9. 30 sts
Change to Cheeky Pink
Rows 15-22: starting with a k row work in st st
Row 23: (k1, k2tog) to end. 20 sts

Row 24: p
Row 25: (k2tog) to end. Ten sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

body

Using 3.5mm needles and Fluffy cast on ten sts
Rows 1-3: rep Rows 1-3 of Head. 30 sts
Note: colour in brackets foll instruction indicates which yarn to use
Row 4: k11 (Fluffy), p8 (Cheeky Pink), k11 (Fluffy)
Note: keep colours correct as set
Row 5: k
Rows 6-9: rep Rows 4-5 twice
Row 10: rep Row 4
Row 11: (k2tog, k2) twice, k2tog, k1 (Fluffy), k8 (Cheeky Pink), k1, k2tog, (k2, k2tog) twice (Fluffy). 24 sts
Row 12: k8 (Fluffy), p8 (Cheeky Pink), k8 (Fluffy)
Row 13: k
Rows 14-15: rep Rows 12-13
Row 16: rep Row 12
Row 17: (k2, k2tog) to end. 18 sts

Row 18: k6 (Fluffy), p6 (Cheeky Pink), k6 (Fluffy)
Row 19: k
Rows 20-23: rep Rows 18-19 twice
Cast off

ear

Make two
Using 3.5mm needles and Fluffy cast on six sts
Row 1 (RS): k
Row 2: skpo, k2, k2tog. Four sts
Row 3: k
Cast off

nose

Using 3.5mm needles and light brown 4-ply cast on seven sts
Row 1 (WS): p
Row 2: (kfb) to end. 14 sts
Row 3: (k2tog) to end. Seven sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

arm

Make two
Using 3.5mm needles and Fluffy cast on seven sts
Rows 1-7: k
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

leg

Make two
Using 3.5mm needles and Cheeky Pink cast on ten sts
Row 1 (WS): p
Row 2: (kfb) to end. 20 sts
Row 3: p
Change to Fluffy
Rows 4-5: k
Row 6: k6, (k2tog) four times, k6. 16 sts
Row 7: k6, (k2tog) twice, k6. 14 sts
Row 8: k6, k2tog, k6. 13 sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

HAT

Using 3.5mm needles and Berry Red cast on 60 sts
Row 1 (RS): (k1, p1) to end
Rows 2-4: (k1, p1) to end
Rows 5-8: starting with a k row work in st st
Change to Tinsel Teal
Row 9: k
Row 10 (create earholes): p14, cast off eight sts (one st on RH needle), p15, cast off eight sts, p to end. 44 sts
Row 11: k14, turn,

cast on eight sts, turn, k16, turn, cast on eight sts, turn, k to end. 60 sts
Row 12 and every even-numbered row: p
Row 13: (k4, k2tog) to end. 50 sts
Row 15: (k3, k2tog) to end. 40 sts
Row 17: (k2, k2tog) to end. 30 sts
Row 19: (k1, k2tog) to end. 20 sts

Row 21: (k2tog) to end. Ten sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

SCARF

Using 3.5mm needles and Berry Red cast on seven sts



SACHIYO ISHII'S
TOYMAKING
TIP OF THE MONTH!

"If you're using safety eyes with washers, attach them before stuffing the head. Fleecy yarn can be too bulky for sewing, so use regular white DK yarn for making up the bear. Sew the seams with the right side facing out and using mattress stitch for invisible seams"



TOP TIP

BRING THE YARN FORWARD OR BACK TO CROSS THE YARN AS REQUIRED

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RED



FLASH



AQUA

Work in foll 20-row stripe sequence: Berry Red, Tinsel Teal
Rows 1-120: k
Cast off

to make up

Attach safety eyes to Row 14 of Head, approx five sts apart. With

cast-on tail of Head, work gather along edge and stuff. Draw tightly and close seam. Attach Ears, approx 6cm apart. Stuff Nose, then seam with cast-off tail and attach to muzzle. Using dark brown 4-ply

in tapestry needle, embroider mouth across cast-off point. With cast-on tail of Body, work gather along cast-on edge. Sew seam to cast-on edge and stuff. Seam and stuff each Arm

and Leg, attach to Body so Bear sits. Attach Head to Body. Seam Hat. Using Berry Red make a pom-pom approx 3.5cm in diameter and attach to top of Hat. Weave in all ends



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PLUS

stuffing, stitch markers, four 6mm eye beads, small amounts of dark brown and black 4-ply, tapestry needle, blusher (optional)

SIZE

Height: 13cm



Perfect for
beginners

MR & MRS CLAUS

head

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and Cheeky Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st. Six sts

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

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

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

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

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

Rnd 11: 1ch, (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

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

Rnd 13: 1ch, (2dc, dc2tog) to end.

18 sts

Rnd 14: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

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

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

body

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and Berry Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st. Six sts

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

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

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

Rnd 8: 1ch, (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

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

Rnd 10: 1ch, (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 11: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

sleeve

Make four

Using 3.5mm hook and Berry Red make a magic ring,

work 6dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st. Six sts

Note: change to Fluffy after Rnd 3

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

arm

Make four

Using 3.5mm hook and Cheeky Pink make 5ch

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

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

boot

Make four (two in each colour)

Using 3.5mm hook and Tinsel Teal (Dusky Blue) make a magic ring, work

6dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st. Six sts

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

Rnd 2: 1ch, working in back loops only, 4dc, 4htr, 4dc

Rnd 3: 1ch, 4dc, (htr2tog) twice, 4dc. Ten sts

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

Mr Claus' hat

Using 3.5mm hook and Berry Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st. Six sts

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

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

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

Rnd 4: 1ch, (4dc, 2dc in next st) twice. 12 sts

Rnd 5: 1ch, (5dc, 2dc in next st) twice. 14 sts

Rnd 6: 1ch, (6dc, 2dc in next st) twice. 16 sts

Rnd 7: 1ch, (7dc, 2dc in next st) twice. 18 sts

Rnd 8: 1ch, (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Note: change to Fluffy after Rnd 9

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

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

Mr Claus' beard

Using 3.5mm hook and Fluffy make 10ch

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

Rows 2-3: 1ch, miss first st, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Seven sts

Rows 4-5: 1ch, miss first st, 1dc in each st to last two sts, dc2tog. Three sts

Mrs Claus' hair

Using 3.5mm hook and Fluffy make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st. Six sts

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

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

Mrs Claus' bun

Using 3.5mm hook and Fluffy make 4ch

Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each

SITTING PRETTY ARE SACHIYO ISHII'S MINI

Mr & Mrs Claus

These poppets will be delighted to preside over your festivities. How about a new tradition with a post-dinner toy hunt, and the winner gets to take them home? The main bodies are largely the same, worked in rounds joined with a slip stitch, rather than as a spiral – so you need one turning chain at the beginning of each round, even though it doesn't count as a stitch.



“Add the French knot nose on the same row as the eyes, with the mouth or beard just below, for that sweet amigurumi look”

SACHIYO ISHII, DESIGNER

TOP TIP

COUNTERBALANCE
THE HEAD WITH
THE BOOTIES AT
THE FRONT

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st to end, turn.
Three sts
Row 2: 1ch, 1dc in
each st to end
Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

to make up
Stuff Body and
Boots, then attach
to Body in sitting
position. Sew long
edges of Arms tog,

insert into Sleeves
and secure at cuff.
Attach Arms to
Body. Using
Cheeky Pink,
embroider nose
with a French knot
on Rnd 9 of Head,
then attach eyes

approx five sts
apart. For Mr
Claus, stuff Head,
attach Hat and
join Head to Body.
Fold under short
edge of Beard by
1-2cm to round off,
secure, then

attach Beard to
face. For Mrs
Claus, embroider
eyelashes using
black 4-ply and
mouth with dark
brown 4-ply. Sew
Hair to Head, add
Bun on top, attach

Dusky Blue bow.
Using Fluffy, add
two French knot
buttons. Add
blusher to cheeks
(optional). Weave
in all ends

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A Year of Creativity

*Get social and creative by turning
your coffee dates into craft
appointments with friends*

The only thing better than crafting is crafting with friends, and that is exactly what this fun-filled book, *A Year of Creativity*, is all about. Produced by four female authors who are not only skilled craftswomen but, more importantly, friends, it's the new craft-date bible that will have you pencilling in shared projects into next year's calendar before you know it.

Petra, Miriam, Lidy and Bregje meet regularly for craft dates and have even planned crafting weekends away together



Four's a crowd

The best thing about *A Year Of Creativity* by authors Petra Hoeksema, Miriam Catshoek, Lidy Nooij and Bregje Konings is the way this innovative concept was born entirely from their sole desire to craft and share with others. The push to compile their craft dates into a book took only a simple nudge from friend and book designer Eline Pellinkhof and, as Petra, 45, concludes, “The journey began.” A crafting book from four contributing authors could have proved quite a challenge, but not for Petra, Bregje and sisters Miriam and Lidy, who relied on one another for help.

“I loved doing this together, because we could support each other during the process,” Petra says. “It was time-consuming though because we each had to make the other’s projects!”

But not only does multiple curators mean shared responsibility, it also quadruples the input of creativity, ideas and design. Each creator brings something new to the table. “Lidy has such a wide range of experience and is fearless when it comes to trying something new,” Petra shares. “Miriam has the beautiful edge for styling. Bregje is a very skilled tailor, and has an eye for detail, and I am the organiser.” Miriam, 52, kindly interjects: “Petra is also a very creative person, with lots of ideas and a bright and colourful style!” This is just one example of their heartwarming friendship, and it exhibits how their creativity and enthusiasm has no limits; together they cook up a crafting storm.

The work/craft balance

The opportunities to get together and start projects can sometimes be few and far between. Amongst their own busy lives, which includes work as a dental assistant for Miriam, or as a user





Lidy's crochet bag can be adapted to suit your style just by changing the length of the strap



experience designer for Petra, their crafting dates allowed them a designated slot to relax and pursue their much-loved hobbies. This very idea sparked the aim of this book, to take the role of a ready-made, crafts-date planner filled with tips and inspiration. But these lovely ladies do not mix work and pleasure. "I have never made or wanted to make a career out of my craft passion. I really like to craft as a hobby, and I just love my job in dentistry," explains Miriam. "The differences between the two gives me the joy to craft in my free time."

The ladies stress the importance of allocating time for their hobbies, with Petra even admitting, "crafting keeps me sane." Lidy, 53, agrees. "For me, it's a way of life. I have to make something every day because I really am addicted." When asked if the formation of their crafting club has benefitted their own mentalities she shared, "The anticipation for a craft date gives me such a good feeling and just to be together with people who share the same passion makes me very happy."

All in the genes

And their crafting heroes? Look no further than their own family trees. "For sure my grandmothers!" answers Petra. "It all began with my mother who gave me the ability to experiment," says Lidy. "My mum and my sister for sure," adds Miriam. "They inspired me, handed me materials and gave me the confidence. It's such a pity they never got to see our book." Though we have no doubt through their new collaboration, the confidence shall be passed on. "Coming together and surprising each other with projects doesn't need to cost a whole lot of money," encourages Petra. "Just enjoy the crafts and have fun with lots of laughter," Miriam adds.

The book and beyond

'One book, four authors. Because a craft date is something you do together and creating a book about it is too.' You are greeted with this motto as you open

"The anticipation for a craft date gives me such a good feeling"

LIDY NOOIJ

the beautifully-landscaped book, which embodies a Scandi feel. *A Year of Creativity* inspires you to catch up with your crafting buddies far and wide and organise your own project dates. It encourages you to build your own community of crafting. A place to share, take inspiration from and belong. Absolutely jam-packed with fun and creativity, Petra, Lidy, Bregje and Miriam have managed to put together ideas that range from needlework to baking, which will keep you entertained and chatting for hours. Our favourites whittle down to Petra's crochet basket or Miriam's crochet glass vases. Described by Lidy, the feeling of self-satisfaction is one that cannot be beaten – "Sometimes I see a project bag I made and think, 'did I make this?' and it is then I feel proud of myself" – so what better idea than to share this joy with your friends and exude greatness together?



A Year of Creativity by Petra Hoeksema, Miriam Catshoek, Lidy Nooij and Bregje Konings (£12.99, Quarto). quartoknows.com



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stuffing,
tapestry
needle

SIZE
Height: 24cm

WE'VE NEVER SEEN A Star so bright!

HANNAH COOPER has smashed our challenge of a five-pointed, double-sided star with ten different segments! Stripes, mid-row colour changes, increases and decreases all make this an eye-popping design that would look fantastic in a child's bedroom all year round. Using double crochet throughout, each diamond segment is the same shape. And if you'd like a simpler star? Single-colour segments would also make you a superstar!



Take the
next step

STAR SO BRIGHT

Note: colour in brackets follow instructions indicates which yarn to use, fasten off if not used again within three rows; 1ch at beg of rows does not count as st

plain

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and Dusky Blue (Merry Magenta) make 2ch

Row 1: 2dc in second ch from hook. Two sts

Row 2: 1ch, 1dc, 2dc in next st, turn. Three sts

Rows 3-15: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in last st, turn. 16 sts

Rows 16-29: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last two sts, dc2tog, turn. Two sts

Row 30: 1ch,

dc2tog. One st
Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

four dots

Using 3.5mm hook and Berry Red make 2ch

Rows 1-9: rep Rows 1-9 of Plain. Ten sts

Row 10: 1ch, 5dc (Berry Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 3dc, 2dc in next st, turn (Berry Red). 11 sts

Row 11-13: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in last st, turn (Berry Red). 14 sts

Row 14: 1ch, 7dc (Berry Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 5dc, 2dc in next st, turn (Berry Red). 15 sts

Row 15: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in last st, turn. 16 sts

Rows 16-17: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last two sts, dc2tog, turn. 14 sts

Row 18: 1ch, 6dc (Berry Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 5dc, dc2tog, turn (Berry Red). 13 sts

Rows 19-21: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last two sts,

dc2tog, turn (Berry Red). Ten sts

Row 22: 1ch, 4dc (Berry Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 3dc, dc2tog, turn (Berry Red). Nine sts

Rows 23-30: rep Rows 23-30 of Plain. One st
Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

white stripe

Using 3.5mm hook and Berry Red make 2ch

Rows 1-14: rep Rows 1-14 of Plain. 15 sts

Change to Fluffy
Row 15: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last two sts, 2dc in last st, turn. 16 sts

Change to Dusky Blue
Rows 16-30: rep Rows 16-30 of Plain. One st
Fasten off, leaving
a long tail

square

Using 3.5mm hook and Merry Magenta make 2ch

Rows 1-5: rep Rows 1-5 of Plain. Six sts

Row 6: 1ch, 3dc



(Merry Magenta), 1dc (Fluffy), 1dc, 2dc in next st, turn (Merry Magenta). Seven sts

Rows 7-12: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in last st, turn (Merry Magenta). 13 sts

Rows 13-14: 1ch, 4dc (Merry Magenta), 6dc (Dusky Blue), 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in last st, turn (Merry Magenta). 15 sts

Row 15: 1ch, 5dc (Merry Magenta), 2dc (Dusky Blue), 2dc (Fluffy), 2dc (Dusky Blue), 3dc, 2dc in next st (Merry Magenta), turn. 16 sts
Row 16: 1ch, 5dc (Merry Magenta), 2dc (Dusky Blue), 2dc (Fluffy), 2dc (Dusky Blue), 3dc, dc2tog, turn (Merry Magenta). 15 sts

Row 17: 1ch, 4dc (Merry Magenta),

6dc (Dusky Blue), 3dc, dc2tog, turn (Merry Magenta). 14 sts

Row 18: 1ch, 4dc (Merry Magenta), 6dc (Dusky Blue), 2dc, dc2tog, turn (Merry Magenta). 13 sts

Rows 19-23: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last two sts, dc2tog, turn (Merry Magenta). Eight sts

Row 24: 1ch, 3dc (Merry Magenta),

1dc (Fluffy), 2dc, dc2tog, turn (Merry Magenta). Seven sts
Cont in Merry Magenta

Rows 25-30: rep Rows 25-30 of Plain. One st
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

half stripe

Using 3.5mm hook and Merry Magenta make 2ch

Rows 1-14: rep Rows 1-14 of Plain. 15 sts
Work in foll two-row stripe sequence: Tinsel Teal, Cheeky Pink

Rows 15-30: rep Rows 15-30 of Plain. One st
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

arrows

Using 3.5mm hook and Tinsel Teal make 2ch

Rows 1-8: rep Rows 1-8 of Plain. Nine sts

Row 9: 1ch, 4dc (Tinsel Teal), 2dc (Fluffy), 2dc, 2dc in last st, turn (Tinsel Teal). Ten sts

Row 10: 1ch, 3dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 2dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 2dc, 2dc in last st (Tinsel Teal), turn. 11 sts

Row 11: 1ch, 3dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 4dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 1dc, 2dc in last st, turn (Tinsel Teal). 12 sts

Row 12: 1ch, 2dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 6dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 1dc, 2dc in last st, turn (Tinsel Teal). 13 sts

Row 13: 1ch, 2dc

(Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 8dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 2dc in last st, turn (Tinsel Teal). 14 sts

Cont in Tinsel Teal

Rows 14-15: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in last st, turn. 16 sts

Rows 16-17: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last two sts, dc2tog, turn. 14 sts

Row 18: 1ch, 2dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 8dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), dc2tog, turn (Tinsel Teal). 13 sts

Row 19: 1ch, 2dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 6dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 1dc, dc2tog, turn (Tinsel Teal). 12 sts

Row 20: 1ch, 3dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 4dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 1dc, dc2tog, turn (Tinsel Teal). 11 sts

Row 21: 1ch, 3dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 2dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 2dc, dc2tog, turn (Tinsel Teal). Ten sts

Row 22: 1ch, 4dc (Tinsel Teal), 2dc (Fluffy), 2dc, dc2tog, turn (Tinsel Teal). Nine sts

Cont in Tinsel Teal
Rows 23-30: rep Rows 23-30 of Plain. One st
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

two spots

Using 3.5mm hook and Cheeky Pink make 2ch

Rows 1-4: rep Rows 1-4 of Plain. Five sts

Row 5: 1ch, 2dc (Cheeky Pink), 2dc (Fluffy), 2dc in last st, turn (Cheeky

Pink). Six sts
Row 6: 1ch, 2dc (Cheeky Pink), 2dc (Fluffy), 1dc, 2dc in last st, turn (Cheeky Pink). Seven sts

Cont in Cheeky Pink
Rows 7-23: rep Rows 7-23 of Plain. Eight sts

Row 24: 1ch, 3dc (Cheeky Pink), 2dc (Fluffy), 1dc, dc2tog, turn (Cheeky Pink). Seven sts

Row 25: 1ch, 2dc (Cheeky Pink), 2dc (Fluffy), 1dc, dc2tog, turn (Cheeky Pink). Six sts

Cont in Cheeky Pink

Rows 26-30: rep

Rows 26-30 of Plain Diamond. One st
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

striped

Using 3.5mm hook and Cheeky Pink make 2ch

Work as for Plain in foll six-row stripe sequence: Cheeky Pink, Tinsel Teal, Berry Red, Dusky Blue, Merry Magenta
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

three lines

Using 3.5mm hook and Dusky Blue make 2ch

Rows 1-9: rep Rows 1-4 of Plain. Ten sts

Row 10: 1ch, 2dc (Dusky Blue), 7dc (Fluffy), 2dc in next st, turn (Dusky Blue). 11 sts

Rows 11-14: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in last st, turn (Dusky Blue). 15 sts

Row 15: 1ch, 2dc (Dusky Blue), 12dc (Fluffy), 2dc in next st, turn (Dusky Blue). 16 sts

Row 16: 1ch, 2dc (Dusky Blue), 12dc (Fluffy), dc2tog, turn (Dusky Blue). 15 sts

Rows 17-21: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last two sts, dc2tog, turn (Dusky Blue). Ten sts

Row 22: 1ch, 1dc (Dusky Blue), 7dc

(Fluffy), dc2tog, turn (Dusky Blue). Nine sts
Cont in Dusky Blue
Rows 23-30: rep Rows 23-30 of Plain. One st
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

to make up

Sew five diamonds tog to make each side of star, working halfway up each diamond from where points meet. Place sides WS tog and using Fluffy work dc evenly through both layers around edge, stuffing as you go. Fasten off. Weave in all ends



“Take your time when working the edging with your fluffy yarn and the easier it will become”

HANNAH COOPER, DESIGNER



USE YOUR
Snowball
YARN KIT

PLUS

card, stuffing,
tapestry
needle

SIZE

Length: 42cm
Height: 12cm
Width: 10cm



Perfect for
beginners

**TRAIN
engine front**

Using 3.5mm
needles and Berry
Red cast on
nine sts

Row 1 (RS): k1,
(kfb) to end. 17 sts

Row 2: p

Row 3: k1, (kfb, k1)
to end. 25 sts

Row 4: p

Row 5: k1, (kfb, k2)
to end. 33 sts

Row 6: p
Cast off

engine strip

Using 3.5mm
needles and Merry
Magenta cast on
18 sts

Row 1 (RS): k

Row 2: p
Cast off

engine barrel

Using 3.5mm
needles and Berry
Red cast on 12 sts

Rows 1-38:

starting with a k
row work in st st
Cast off

cab side

Make four

Using 3.5mm
needles and Tinsel
Teal cast on 11 sts

Rows 1-22:

starting with a k
row work in st st
Cast off

cab base

Using 3.5mm
needles and Tinsel
Teal cast on 11 sts

Rows 1-17: starting
with a k row work
in st st
Cast off

cab roof

Make two

Using 3.5mm
needles and Berry

Red cast on 14 sts

Rows 1-20:

starting with a k
row work in st st
Cast off

wheel

Make ten

Using 3.5mm
needles and Dusky
Blue cast on six sts

Row 1 (RS): (kfb)
to end. 12 sts

Row 2: p

Row 3: (k1, kfb) to
end. 18 sts

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

Row 8: (p1, p2tog)
to end. 12 sts

Row 9: k

Row 10: (p2tog) to
end. Six sts

Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread
tail onto tapestry



needle and thread
through rem sts,
fasten off

window

Make two

Using 3.5mm
needles and Merry
Magenta cast on
eight sts

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

Cast off

funnel

Using 3.5mm
needles and Merry
Magenta cast on
four sts

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

funnel top

Using 3.5mm
needles and Dusky
Blue cast on
four sts

Rows 1-10: rep Rows 1-10 of Wheel. Four sts Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

carriage side

Make two

Using 3.5mm
needles and Merry
Magenta (Cheeky
Pink) cast on

43 sts
Rows 1-22: starting
 with a k row work
 in st st
 Cast off

carriage base

Make two

Using 3.5mm
needles and Merry
Magenta (Cheeky
Pink) cast on 12 sts

Rows 1-16: k
Cast off

joining strip

Make two

Using 3.5mm
needles and
Cheeky Pink cast
on seven sts

Rows 1-32: k
Cast off



to make up

Sew Cab Sides tog along row ends to make a square, insert Base and secure to Sides. Line Cab with card cut to fit Sides and Base, then stuff. Place WS of Cab Roofs tog and seam along three sides. Turn RS out, stuff, close gap. Attach to tops of Sides. For Engine, join cast-on and cast-off edges of Barrel tog to form a cylinder. Sew Strip across Front. Gather cast-on stitches of Front and sew row ends tog to form a disc. Secure to one end of Barrel. Stuff firmly and sew other end to Cab. Sew Window to opposite sides of Cab. For Funnel Top and each Wheel, gather cast-on sts and sew up row ends. Leave cast-off edge open and turn RS out. Close gap, pass tail through centre and fasten off on other side to secure. Attach two Wheels to each side of Engine and one to each side of Cab. Join row ends of Funnel tog to make a tube. Sew Top in position. Attach Funnel to centre top of Engine. Fold Carriage Sides in half lengthwise and sew cast-on and cast-off edges tog. Join row ends, then attach Base to make rectangular box. Cut card to fit Base. Attach Wheel to each long side. Attach Joining Strips between Cab and Carriages. Weave in all ends

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NICOLA VALIJI, DESIGNER



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tapestry
needle

SIZE
Length: 12.5cm



Take the
next step

JOLLY BOOTIES

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Berry Red cast on 40 sts

Row 1 (RS): k

Row 2 and every even-numbered row: k

Row 3: k1, kfb, k17, (kfb) twice, k17, kfb, k1. 44 sts

Row 5: k2, kfb, k18, (kfb) twice, k18, kfb, k2. 48 sts

Row 7: k3, kfb, k19, (kfb) twice, k19, kfb, k3. 52 sts

Row 9: k4, kfb, k20, (kfb) twice, k20, kfb, k4. 56 sts

Row 11: k5, kfb, k21, (kfb) twice, k21, kfb, k5. 60 sts

Row 12: k
Change to Dusky Blue, leaving a long tail of Berry Red

Rows 13-16:

starting with a k row work in st st

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

THE LOVELY JOSEPHINE WEARS OUR Jolly booties

A squishy sole and ribbed ankle cuff provide the comfort and stretch in these show-stopper slippers by **DAWN FINNEY**. If your toddler is especially active, add a few stripes of paint-on anti-slip sole grip. The fluffy white cuff can be positioned up or folded down, depending on your personal preference.

Row 17: k24 (Dusky Blue – do not cut), k12 (Merry Magenta), join second end of Dusky Blue, k24 (Dusky Blue)
Row 18: p24 (Dusky Blue), p12 (Merry Magenta), p24 (Dusky Blue)
Row 19: k24 (Dusky Blue), k11, ssk, turn (Merry Magenta). 36 sts
Cont in Merry Magenta
Row 20: sl 1, p10, p2tog, turn. 12 sts
Row 21: sl 1, k10, ssk, turn
Rows 22-35: rep Rows 20-21 seven

times
Row 36: rep Row 21
Row 37: sl 1, k10, ssk (Merry Magenta), k to end (Dusky Blue). 41 sts
Row 38: p14 (Dusky Blue), p11, p2tog (Merry Magenta), p to end (Dusky Blue). 40 sts
Rows 39-45: (k2, p2) to end
Row 46: k
Change to Fluffy
Row 47: p
Row 48: k
Row 49: p
Cast off kwise, leaving a long tail

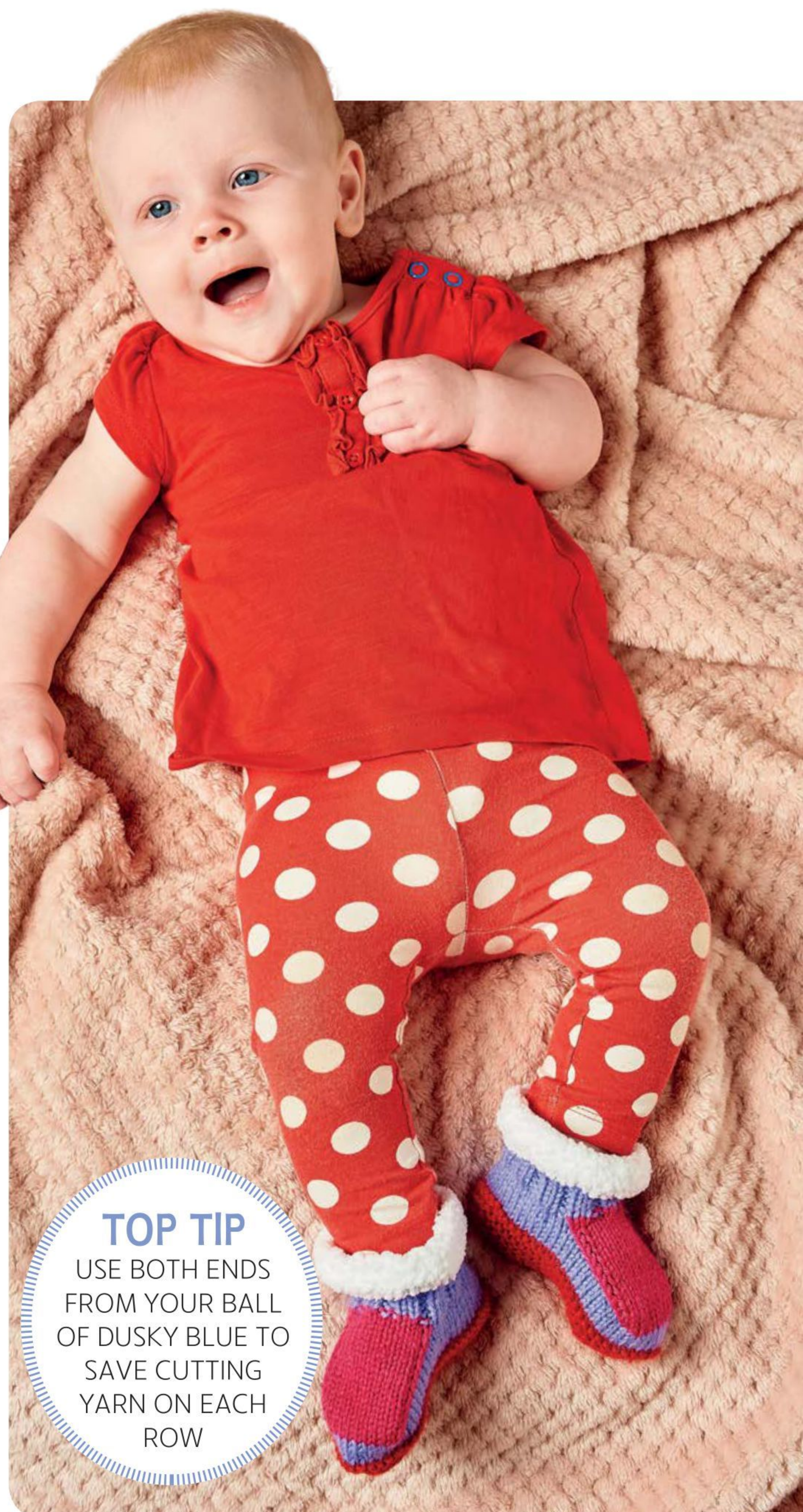
to make up

Thread long tail of Berry Red onto tapestry needle and join row top sides tog using mattress st, then seam sole, fasten off. Use tails of Dusky Blue and Fluffy to join relevant sides tog and fasten off. Weave in all ends



“You may find it easier to join the Fluffy cuff sides using overstitch – it’s perfect for joining this type of novelty yarn”

DAWN FINNEY, DESIGNER



TOP TIP

USE BOTH ENDS FROM YOUR BALL OF DUSKY BLUE TO SAVE CUTTING YARN ON EACH ROW



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YARN KIT

PLUS

stitch markers,
stuffing, four
6mm safety
eyes, tapestry
needle

SIZE

Height (inc
hat): 29cm



Take the
next step

GENEROUS ELVES head

Make two

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

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

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

Rnd 3: 1dc in each
st to end

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

Rnds 5-8: 1dc in
each st to end

Rnd 9: (5dc,
dc2tog) to end.
18 sts

Insert safety eyes
between Rnds 5-6,
approx four sts
apart

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

Stuff

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

body

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook
and Tinsel Teal
(Merry Magenta)
make a magic ring,
work 6dc into ring.
Six sts

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

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

Rnds 3-7: 1dc in
each st to end

Change to Dusky
Blue (Tinsel Teal)

Rnd 8: 9dc, place
st marker in last st,
1dc in each st
to end

Change to Berry
Red (Dusky Blue)

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

Rnds 10-15: 1dc in
each st to end

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

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

Change to Fluffy
Rnd 18: working in
front loops only,

1dc in each st

to end
Fasten off

coat tails

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook
join Berry Red
(Dusky Blue) with
standing dc to
front loop of
marked st from
Rnd 8 of Body

Row 1: working in
front loops only,
1dc in each st to
end, turn. 18 sts

Rows 2-10: 1ch, 1dc
in each st to
end, turn

Row 11: one sl st,
(1dc, 1htr, [1tr, 3ch,
sl st in third ch
from hook, 1tr] in
next st, 1htr) to last
st, sl st in last st
Fasten off

arm

Make four (two in
each colour)

Using 3.5mm hook
and Cheeky Pink
(Cheeky Pink)
make a magic ring,
work 4dc into ring.
Four sts

Rnd 1: (1dc, 2dc in
next st) twice.
Six sts

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

Red (Dusky Blue)

Rnd 4: working in
back loops only,
1dc in each st
to end

Rnds 5-14: 1dc in
each st to end
Fasten off
Using Fluffy, work
1dc in front loops
only of Rnd 4
Fasten off

leg

Make four (two in
each colourway)

Note: keep
starting tail easily
accessible to pull
through to curl

foot later

Using 3.5mm hook
and Berry Red
(Dusky Blue) make
a magic ring, work
3dc into ring.
Three sts

**Rnd 1 and every
odd-numbered
rnd:** 1dc in each st
to end

Rnd 2: 2dc,
2dc in next
st. Four sts

Rnd 4: 3dc,
2dc in next st.
Five sts

Rnd 6: 4dc, 2dc
in next st. Six sts

Rnd 8: 5dc, 2dc

in next st.

Seven sts

Rnd 10: 6dc, 2dc in
next st. Eight sts

Rnd 11: dc2tog,
(2dc in next st)
twice, dc2tog
(twice). Seven sts

Rnd 12: dc2tog,
(2dc in next st)
three times,
dc2tog. Eight sts

Rnd 13: dc2tog,
(2dc in next st)
twice, (dc2tog)
twice. Seven sts

Change to
Tinsel Teal
(Merry
Magenta)



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Rnd 14: 1ch, working in back loops only, 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first dc

Rnd 15: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first dc

Work in foll two-rnd stripe sequence: Berry Red (Dusky Blue), Tinsel Teal (Merry Magenta)

Rnds 16-25: rep Rnd 15 ten times
Fasten off
Using Fluffy, work 1dc in front loops only of Rnd 14
Fasten off

hat

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and Tinsel Teal (Merry Magenta) make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

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

Rnd 9: 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in last st. Seven sts

Rnd 10: 1dc in each st to end

Rnds 11-12: rep Rnds 9-10. Eight sts

Rnd 13: rep Rnd 9. Nine sts

Rnd 14: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 15 and every odd-numbered rnd: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 16: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 15 sts

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

Rnd 20: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 21 sts

Rnd 22: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts



Rnd 24: (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end, turn. 27 sts

Change to Berry Red (Dusky Blue)

Rnd 25: 1ch, working in front loops only, 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first dc

Rnd 26: 1ch, [1tr, 3ch, sl st in third ch from hook, 1tr] in same st, 1dc) to end, join with a sl st to first htr
Fasten off

right ear

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and Cheeky Pink

make a magic ring, work (1dc, 1tr, 3ch, sl st in third ch from hook, 1tr, 1tr, 1dc) into ring
Fasten off

left ear

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and Cheeky Pink make a magic ring, work (1dc, 1tr, 1tr, 3ch, one sl st in third ch from hook, 1tr, 1dc) into ring
Fasten off

PRESENT

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and Tinsel Teal (Merry Magenta)

make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring. Four sts

Rnd 1: 3dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: 1dc, (3dc in next st, 2dc) three times, 3dc in next st, 1dc. 20 sts

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

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

Rnd 8: working in back loops only, 1dc, (dc3tog, 2dc) three times, dc3tog, 1dc. 12 sts

Rnd 9: (dc3tog) to end. Four sts

Cut yarn leaving a

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

to make up

Sew Ears to Head. Embroider smile using Berry Red. Stuff Body, Arms and Legs. Pull starting yarn tail of Leg until tip of foot curls, then secure. Attach limbs and Head to Body. Using length of Fluffy as ribbon, tie around Presents and finish with bow. Weave in all ends

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STANDING DC

Make a slipknot and place on hook, insert hook through st, yoh and draw through a loop. Two loops on hook. Yoh and pull through all loops, cont to next st

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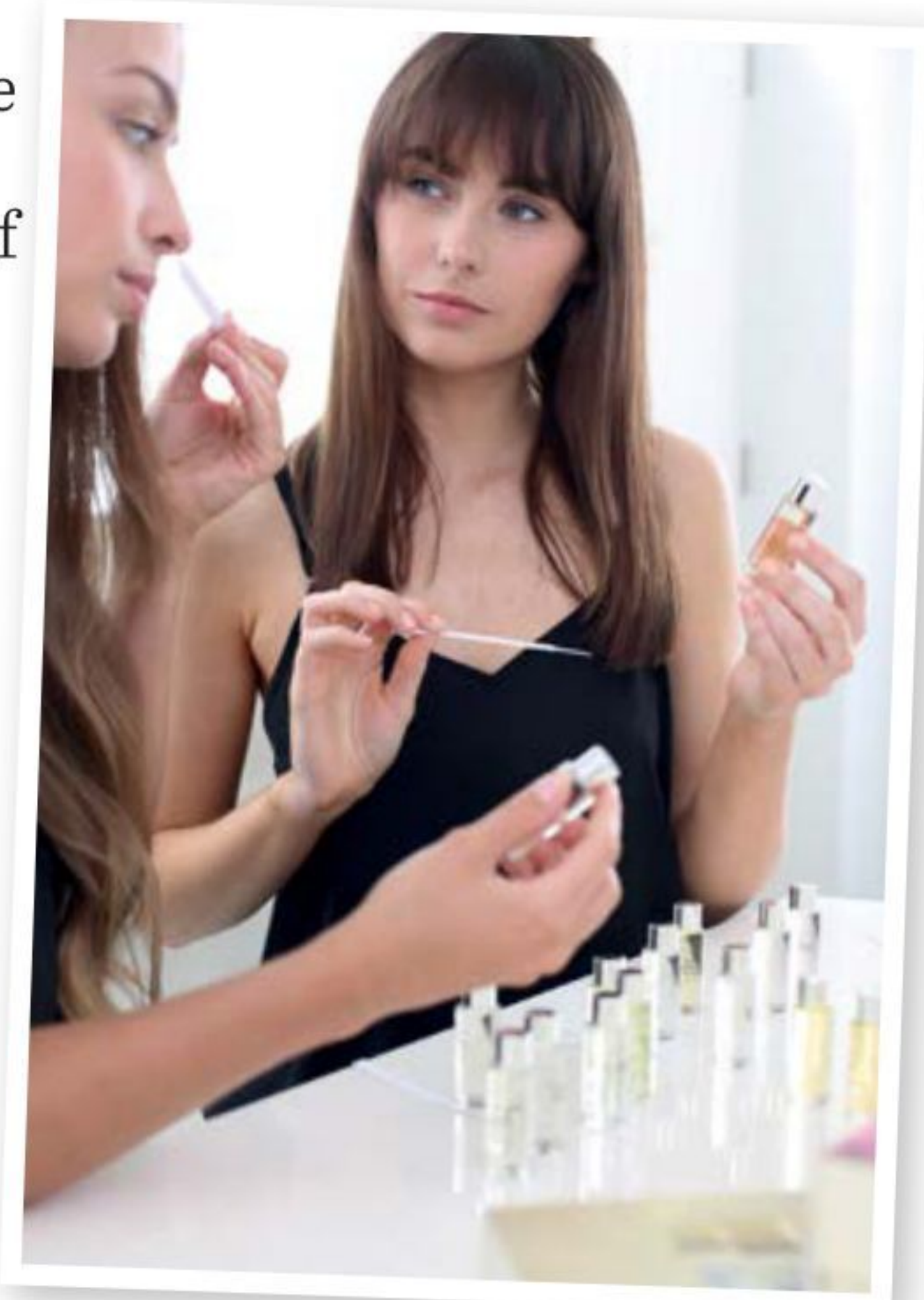
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SWISH SNOWGLOBE globe

Make six

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

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

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

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
Fasten off

tree

Using 3.5mm hook and Tinsel Teal make 2ch

Row 1: 3dc in second ch from hook, turn. Three sts

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

Row 3: 1ch, 1dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, turn. Four sts

Rows 4-6: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

present

Using 3.5mm hook and Berry Red make 6ch

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

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

stocking

Using 3.5mm hook and Berry Red make 4ch

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

Change to Tinsel Teal

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

Row 5: dc2tog, 2dc in next st, turn

Row 6: 2dc in next st, dc2tog, turn

Row 7: rep Row 5
Turn work clockwise and work along ends of Rows 5-7

Row 8: 1dc in each row end, turn. Three sts

Row 9: 1ch, 1dc, dc2tog. Two sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

base

Make six (two in each colour)
Using 3.5mm hook and Berry Red (Tinsel Teal, Merry Magenta) make 6ch

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

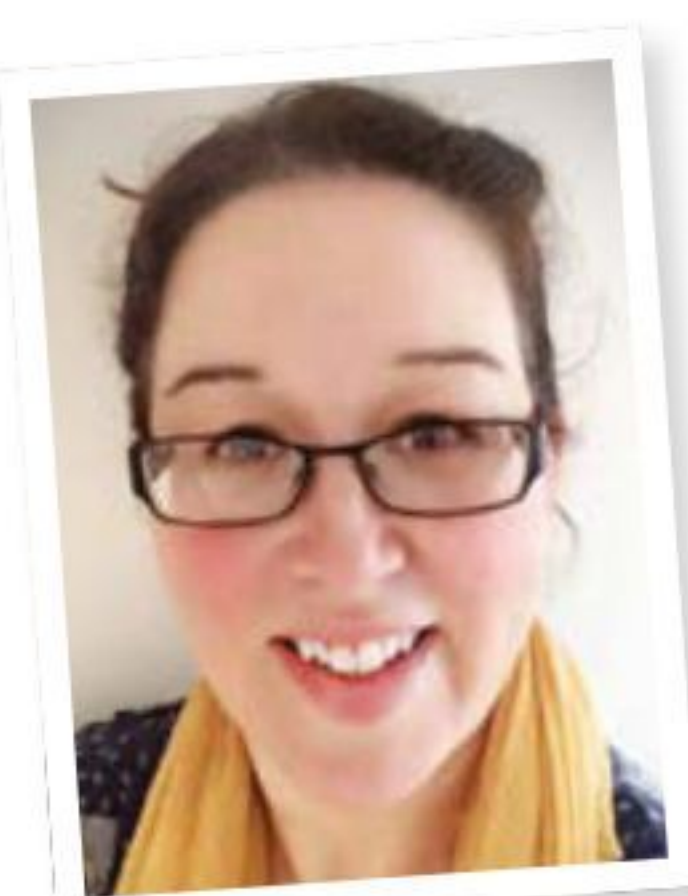
Rows 2-4: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in next st, turn. 11 sts
Fasten off

to make up

Sew Tree to Globe and attach snowflake button to top of Tree. Sew Present to Globe and using Tinsel Teal add bow. Sew Stocking to Globe and using

Berry Red add small loop to Stocking. Using white sewing thread, embroider snowflakes. With WS tog and leaving gap of five sts along bottom for Base, join motif Globe to plain Globe through both layers using

3.5mm hook and Fluffy as folls: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to last st, 1dc in last st, then fasten off. Pair up two Bases and sew tog, then attach to gap at bottom of Globe. Secure ribbon to back for hanging. Weave in ends



“The turning 1ch at the start of the rows does not count as a stitch”

HEATHER GIBBS, DESIGNER

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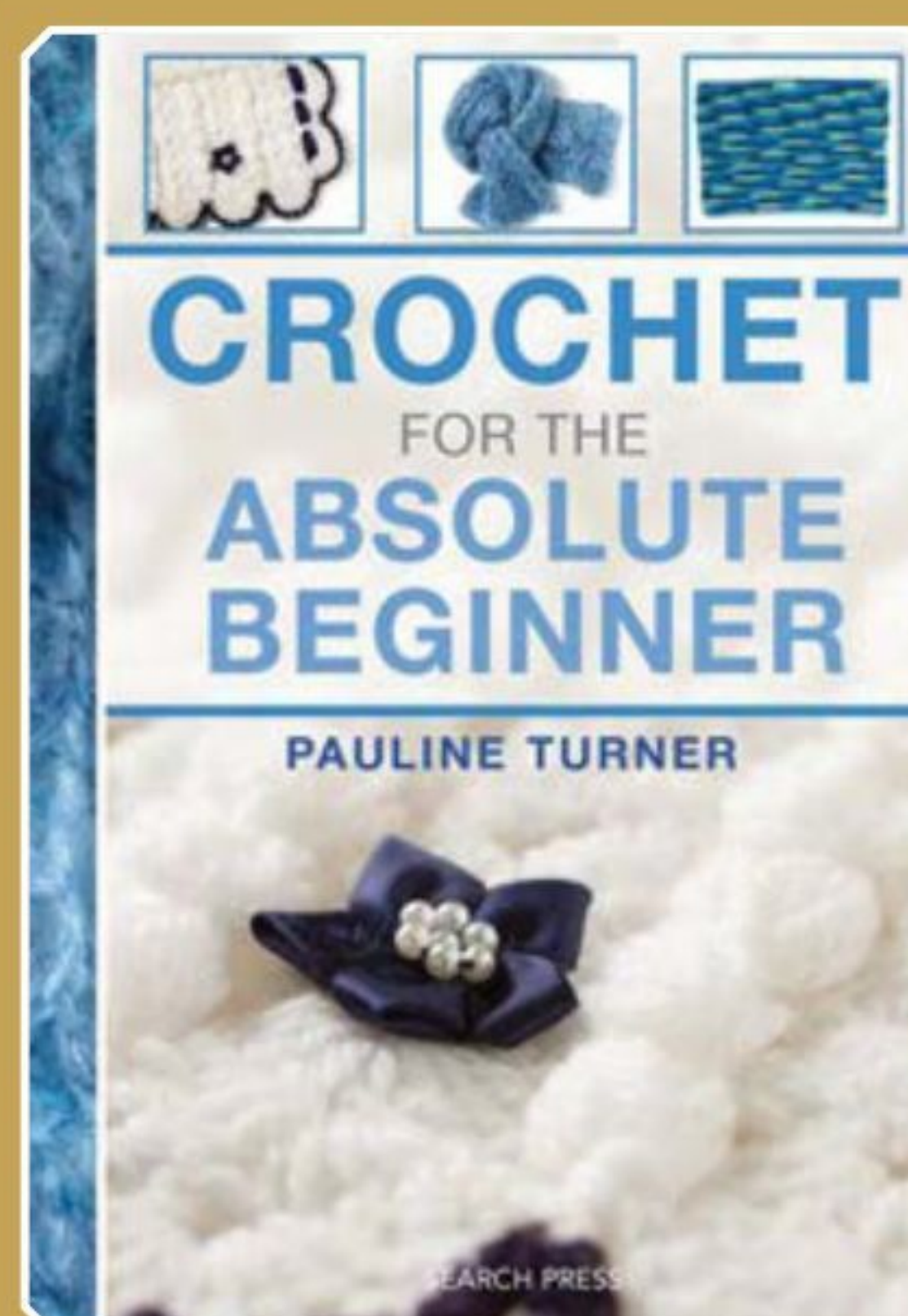
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- ☐ Pandora penguin
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- ☐ Swish snowglobes
- ☐ Noel the hippo
- ☐ 12 Days of Christmas crochet-along
- ☐ Polar bear
- ☐ Hootenanny owl
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- ☐ Sweet train
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eyes, stitch
markers,
tapestry
needle

SIZE

Height (inc
hat): 22cm

LET'S PLAY IN THE SNOW WITH

Noel the hippo

Seeing an exotic hippopotamus at this time of year is bound to cause a big stir with someone! **HEATHER GIBBS** has him all wrapped up in a fur-trimmed hat and jolly jumper, so he'll stay warm.

Worked in continuous rounds, you'll work into the front or back loops to add neat details on certain rounds, then bobbles for his cute ears. Plus we show you a different way to work the chunky hat bobble.



NOEL THE HIPPO

legs & body

Using 3.5mm hook and Dusky Blue make a magic ring, work 7dc into ring. Seven sts

* **Rnd 1:** 2dc in each st to end. 14 sts

Rnd 2: working in back loops only, 1dc in each st to end

Note: change to Tinsel Teal after Rnd 3

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

Fasten off first Leg

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

Rnd 7: 3ch, sl st in any st on First Leg, 14dc, 3dc across ch, 14dc in second Leg, 3dc across ch. 34 sts

Stuff

Note: stuff as you go

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

Rnd 12: (15dc, dc2tog) to end. 32 sts

Rnd 13: (14dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 14: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Merry Magenta

Rnd 15: working in back loops only, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 16: 1dc in each st to end

Work in foll two-row stripe sequence: Cheeky Pink, Berry Red, Cheeky Pink, Merry Magenta, Cheeky Pink

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

Rnd 21: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 22: 1dc in each

st to end

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

Rnd 24: rep Rnd 22

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

Rnd 26: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

nose

Using 3.5mm hook and Dusky Blue make 5ch

Rnd 1: starting in second ch from hook, 3dc, 3dc in last st, work down other side of ch as folls: 3dc, 3dc in last st. 12 sts

Rnd 2: (3dc, 2dc in next st, 3dc in next st, 2dc in next st) twice. 20 sts

Rnd 3: (7dc, 2dc in next st, 3dc in next st, 2dc in next st) twice. 28 sts

Rnd 4: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 5: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 21 sts

Rnd 6: rep Rnd 4

Stuff

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

head

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

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

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

Rnd 3: (MB [see Great Advice], 1dc, 2dc in next st, [2dc, 2dc in next st] twice) twice. 24 sts

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

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

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



GREAT ADVICE

MAKE BOBBLE (MB)

(yoh, insert hook in st, yoh and pull up a loop, yoh and pull through two loops on hook) four times. Five loops on hook. Yoh, pull through all loops on hook

24 sts

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

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

Stuff

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

arm

Make two

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

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

Rnd 2: working in back loops only, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 3: 1dc in each

st to end

Work in foll two-rnd stripe sequence: Merry Magenta, Cheeky Pink, Berry Red, Cheeky Pink

Rnds 4-10: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 11: (2dc, dc2tog) to end.

Eight sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

hat

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

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

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in

next st) to end.

Nine sts

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

Rnd 6: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 15 sts

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

Rnd 10: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 21 sts

Rnd 12: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 14: (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 27 sts

Rnd 16: (8dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 18: (14dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 32 sts

Note: change to Fluffy after Rnd 20

Rnds 19-22: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

bobble

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

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 2: (dc2tog) to end. Three sts

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

to make up

Sew Nose to Head over Rnds 9-13, then sew Head to Body. Stuff Arms halfway, then sew to Body. Attach Bobble to Hat. Fold Hat to one side and tack in place, without affecting fit. Weave in all ends

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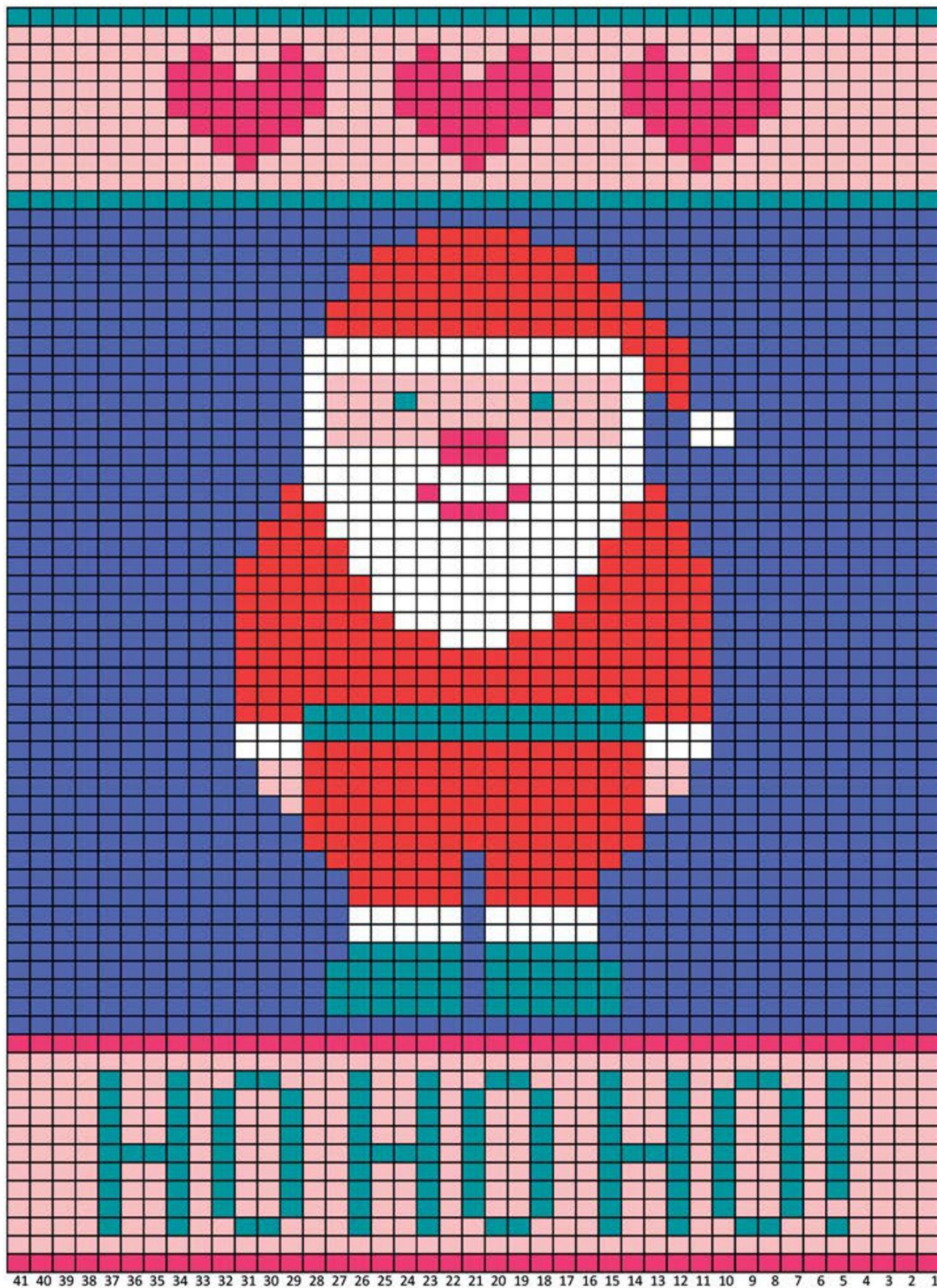
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Take the
next step

SANTA ARTWORK

Using 3.5mm
needles and Merry
Magenta cast on
41 sts

Row 1: k

Row 2: p

Rows 3-10:

starting with a k
row work in st st

Change to
Cheeky Pink

**Row 11 (Row 2 of
chart):** k

Row 12: p

Rows 13-21:

starting with a k
row work in st st
Change to Merry
Magenta

**Row 22 (Row 13 of
chart):** p

Change to
Dusky Blue

**Row 23 (Row 14 of
chart):** k

Row 24: p

Rows 25-67:

starting with a k
row work in st st

GREAT ADVICE

CROSS-STITCH

This is a technique that covers a fabric with simple embroidered crosses by counting across rows and stitches to create blocks of colour according to a chart.

Single cross-stitch: insert needle from back of work to front at bottom-left of st to work over. Make diagonal leg from bottom-left to top-right of st, inserting needle through to back and out at front at bottom-right of st. Make second diagonal leg over first, to top-left of st, covering it with a cross-stitch

Row of cross-stitches: work row of single legs all in same direction, then work back along row crossing over top with second leg of st. Secure tail on WS by working over it with first few sts

Change to
Tinsel Teal

**Row 68 (Row 59
of chart):** p

Change to
Cheeky Pink

**Row 69 (Row 60
of chart):** k

Row 70: p

Rows 71-77:

starting with a k
row work in st st

Change to
Tinsel Teal

**Row 78 (Row 69
of chart):** p

Rows 79-97:

starting with a k
row work in st st

Cast off

Work main image
and lettering in
cross-stitch (see
Great Advice) foll
chart, leaving
Fluffy until last;
work smile in
chain st

to make up

Block by wetting
with cool water
and pinning to
size on a flat
absorbent surface
to dry, allowing
for an overlap on
frame backing by
1-2cm all around.
Once dry, weave
in all ends. Centre
work RS up on
frame backing
and fold edges
over to back,
making sure
wording will be
visible when
framed. Hold in
place by working
long sts between
opposite row
ends, then
between cast-on
and cast-off
edges. Assemble
frame without
glass. If work is
very stretched,
use extra tape to
overlap work and
back of frame to
help secure



ELLA AUSTIN, DESIGNER

**“Keep your cross
stitches neat by always
working the bottom
and top ‘legs’ in the
same direction”**



TOP TIP

IF YOU DON'T HAVE
A BLOCKING
BOARD, USE A
CLEAN TOWEL
INSTEAD



LOOK OUT! SOMEONE SPECIAL HAS LANDED, IT'S

Hootenanny owl

PLUS

stuffing, two 6mm eye beads, two 2cm diameter yellow felt discs, sewing needle, black thread, tapestry needle

SIZE

Height: 13cm

There's definitely something Scottish about this pocket-sized snowy owl by **SACHIYO ISHII**. Perhaps it's the tam o' shanter shape of the hat, its jaunty angle or just his wise look that gives him this air... in any case, he'll fly off your needles in no time. But if there's too much to do before Christmas, relax in the post-Boxing Day lull and make the perfect Hogmanay gift!



Take the next step

OWL body

Using 3.5mm needles and Fluffy cast on ten sts
Row 1 (RS): (kfb) to end. 20 sts
Row 2: k
Row 3: (k1, kfb) to end. 30 sts
Row 4: k
Row 5: (k4, kfb) to end. 36 sts
Rows 6-20: k
Row 21: (k4, k2tog) to end. 30 sts
Rows 22-30: k
Row 31: (k1, k2tog) to end. 20 sts
Row 32: k
Row 33: (k2tog) to end. Ten sts
 Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

wing

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Fluffy cast on eight sts
Rows 1-6: k
Row 7: skpo, k4, k2tog. Six sts
Rows 8-9: k
Row 10: skpo, k2, k2tog. Four sts
Row 11: k
 Cast off

beak

Using 3.5mm needles and Merry Magenta cast on ten sts
Rows 1-2: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st
Row 3: p2, (p2tog, p2) to end. Eight sts
Row 4: p
Row 5: (p2tog) to end. Four sts
Row 6: (k2tog) twice. Two sts
 Pass first st over second and fasten off

foot

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Merry Magenta cast on

seven sts

Row 1: cast off six sts. One st
Row 2: cast on seven sts, cast off seven sts
Row 3: cast on six sts
 Cast off

hat

Using 3.5mm needles and Berry Red cast on 30 sts
Row 1 (RS): (k1, p1) to end
Rows 2-3: (k1, p1) to end
 Change to Tinsel Teal
Rows 4-8: starting with a p row work

in st st

Row 9: (k1, k2tog) to end. 20 sts
Row 10: p
Row 11: (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 3.5mm needles and Berry Red cast on ten sts
Row 1: p
Row 2: k
Row 3: p
 Cut yarn leaving a

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

to make up

With cast-off tail seam Body halfway. With cast-on tail, work gather along cast-on edge, then draw up and stuff. Close seams. Attach cast-on edge of Wings approx one-third of way down Body. With cast-off tail, seam Beak and attach

to face one row above Wings. Using sewing thread, attach eye beads securely through felt circles close to Beak. With Dusky Blue, embroider two rows of staggered Vs on chest. Attach Feet to front at base edge of Body, approx 6cm apart. Seam and stuff Bobble, then attach to Hat. Stuff Hat and attach to Head at angle. Weave in all ends



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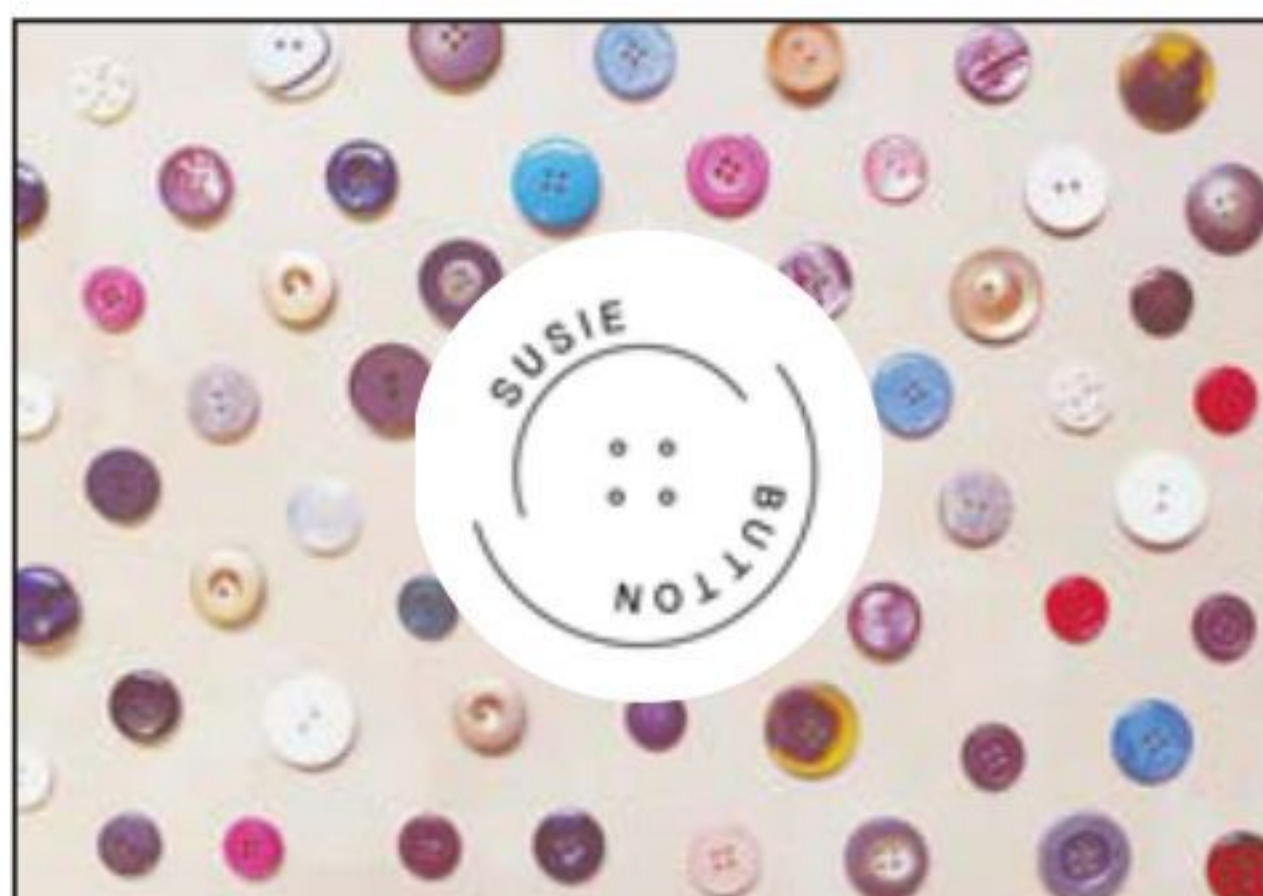
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YARN

Rowan Pure Wool DK in Tea Rose 025, one 50g ball

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2.75mm needles, tapestry needle, stuffing, pins, sewing needle and thread, thin card for templates, metallic gold thread, small amounts of black, pink, yellow, orange and red felt

SIZE

Height: 12cm

TENSION

Approx 32 sts and 45 rows to 10cm over st st using 2.75mm needles



Take the next step

TINY CLANGER head, body & legs

Using 2.75mm needles and Tea Rose cast on six sts

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

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

Row 6: p

Rows 7-16: rep Rows 5-6 five times. 18 sts

Row 17: rep Row 5. 20 sts

Row 18: p1, m1, p to last st, m1, p1. 22 sts

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Rows 19-20: rep Rows 17-18. 26 sts
Row 21: rep Row 5. 28 sts
Row 22: p

shape back of head

Next row (RS): k1, m1, k to last two sts, turn

Next row: sl 1, p to last two sts, turn

Next row: sl 1, k to last four sts, turn

Next row: sl 1, p to last four sts, turn

Cont in this way, working two sts less on each row until foll has been worked: sl 1, p to last 12 sts, turn

Next row: sl 1, k to last st, m1, k1. 30 sts

Next row: p

Cont working in st st, increasing one st as set in Row 5 at each end of every k row until there are 42 sts, ending with a k row

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Next row: p

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Next row: p

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Next row: p

Cont working in st st, increasing one st as set in Row 5 at each end of every k row until there are 42 sts, ending with a k row

sts, turn, k to last st, m1, k1. 44 sts

Next row: p

Cont working in st st, increasing one st as set in Row 5 at each end of every k row until there are 48 sts

Work next 13 rows straight, ending with a p row

Next row: p

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With WS facing, rejoin yarn to rem ten sts and, starting with a p row, work four rows in st st
Cast off

arm

Make two

Using 2.75mm needles and Tea Rose cast on eight sts

Row 1 (RS): k

Row 2: p

Row 3: k1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1. Ten sts

Row 4: p

Row 5: k

Row 6: p

Row 7: rep Row 3. 12 sts

Rows 8-10: rep Rows 4-6

Cast off

outer ear

Make two

Using 2.75mm needles and Tea Rose cast on three sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: k1, m1, k1, m1, k1. Five sts

Row 3: p1, m1, p3, m1, p1. Seven sts

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

Row 8: k1, k2tog tbl, k1, k2tog, k1. Five sts

Row 9: p

Row 10: k1, sl1, k2tog, pssso, k1.

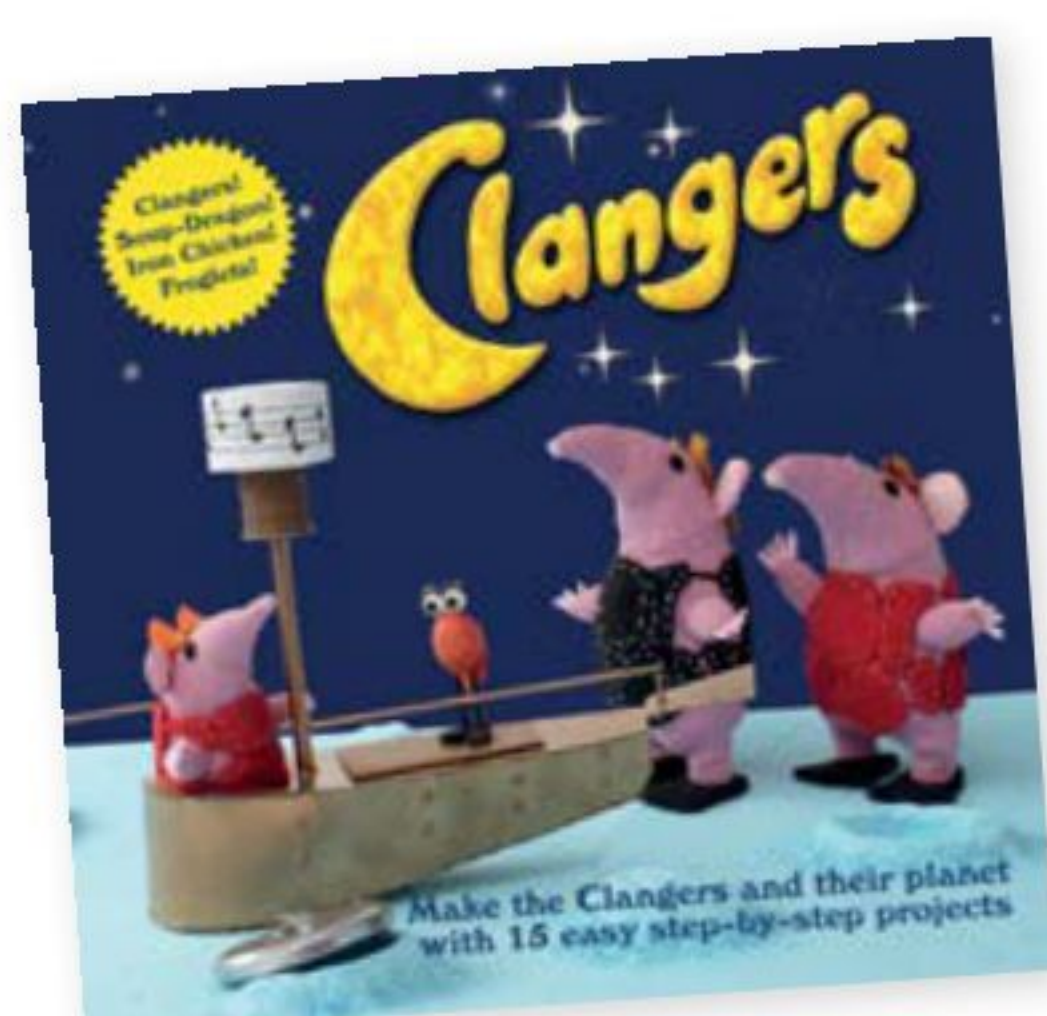
Three sts
Cast off

to make up

Gently press Arms, Ears and outer edges of Body. Fold Body in half, WS tog, and pin edges at regular intervals to keep them even. With RS facing, use mattress stitch to sew from bottom seam towards nose. Starting from cast-off edge, sew up Legs using a long enough tail of yarn so that you can sew bottom seam once Clanger has been

stuffed. Insert stuffing through open bottom seam, using a small amount to start with so that you do not overstuff nose. Once stuffed, sew up bottom seam. Fold one Arm in half, WS tog. With RS facing, use mattress stitch to sew up cast-on edge and side seam of Arm. Rep for second Arm, then stuff both firmly and sew securely to armholes. Weave in all ends





This pattern has been extracted from *Clangers* by Peter Firmin, Carol Meldrum and Ruth Herbert (£9.99, Collins & Brown). Photography by Holly Jolliffe.

THE FINISHING TOUCHES

EYES: Cut two small circles of black felt, then pin and sew to Head.

NOSE: Cut a small circle of pink felt, then sew into position.

EARS: Using pink felt, cut two inner ears and sew to WS of Outer Ears. Pin and sew ears to Head.

HANDS: Using pink felt, cut two hands, then pin and sew to bottom of Arms.

FEET: Cut four feet from black felt and two more from card. Trim card pieces so they are slightly smaller than the felt pieces. Sandwich card between two black felt pieces and sew around edges. Once both feet have been completed, pin and sew to bottom of Legs.

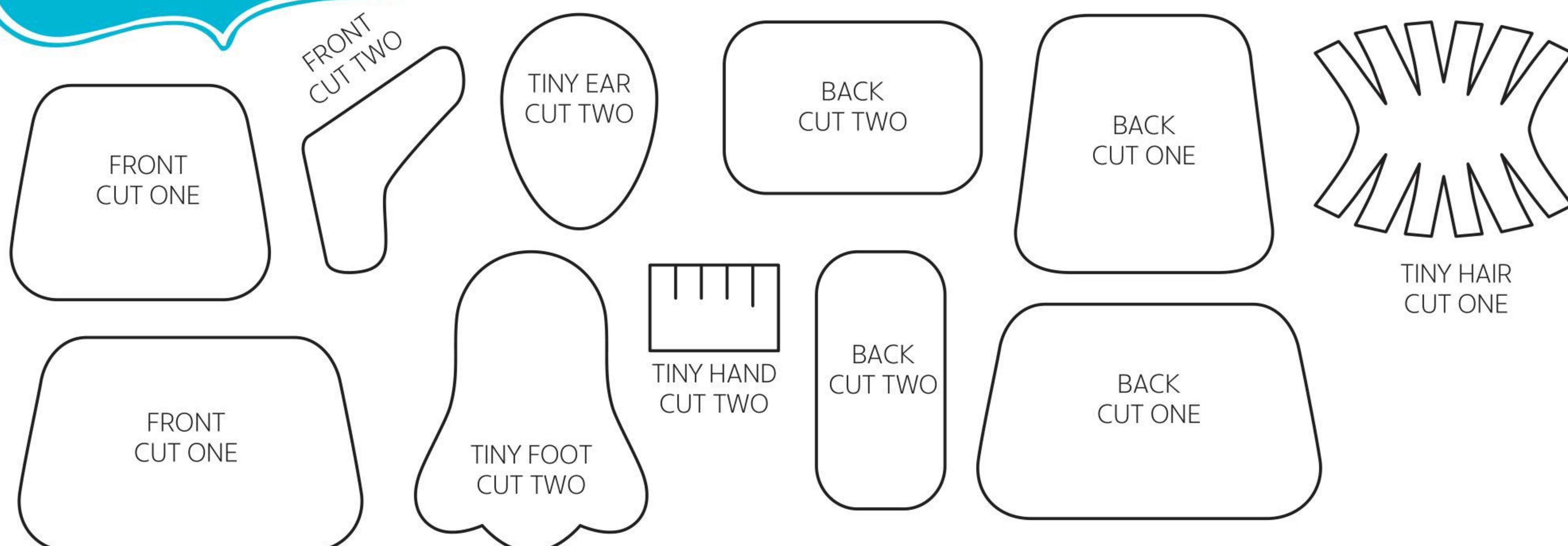
HAIR: Cut hair from yellow felt, then pin and sew into position between ears.

TUNIC: Cut pieces from red felt. Use metallic gold thread to work a running st around outer edges of each felt piece. Sew tunic pieces tog using red thread, checking regularly to make sure it will fit onto Body.

BOW: Cut a 2cm x 2.5cm rectangle of orange felt. Pinch at centre to form concertina shape, allowing edges to fan out. Using orange thread, sew along centre to secure. Position bow on top of Head between ears and sew to hair.



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START HERE

slip knot

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



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



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

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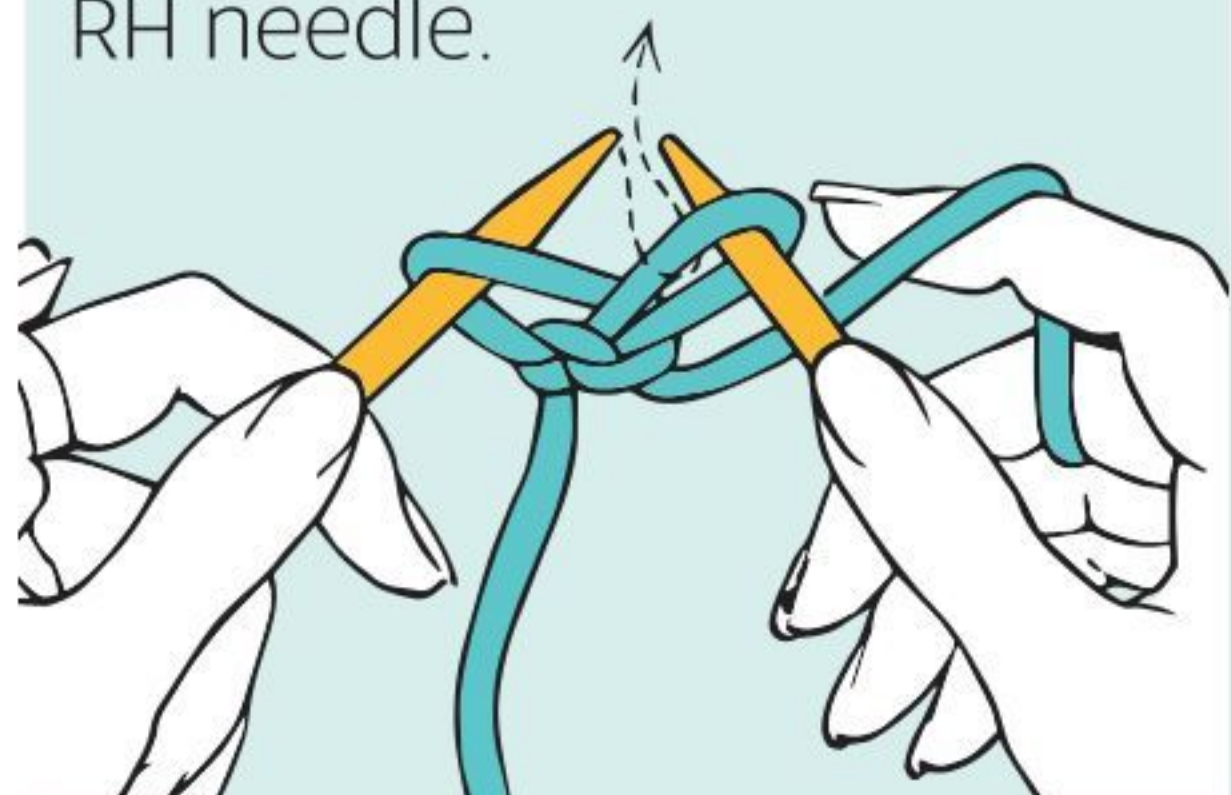
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cast on

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



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



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



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



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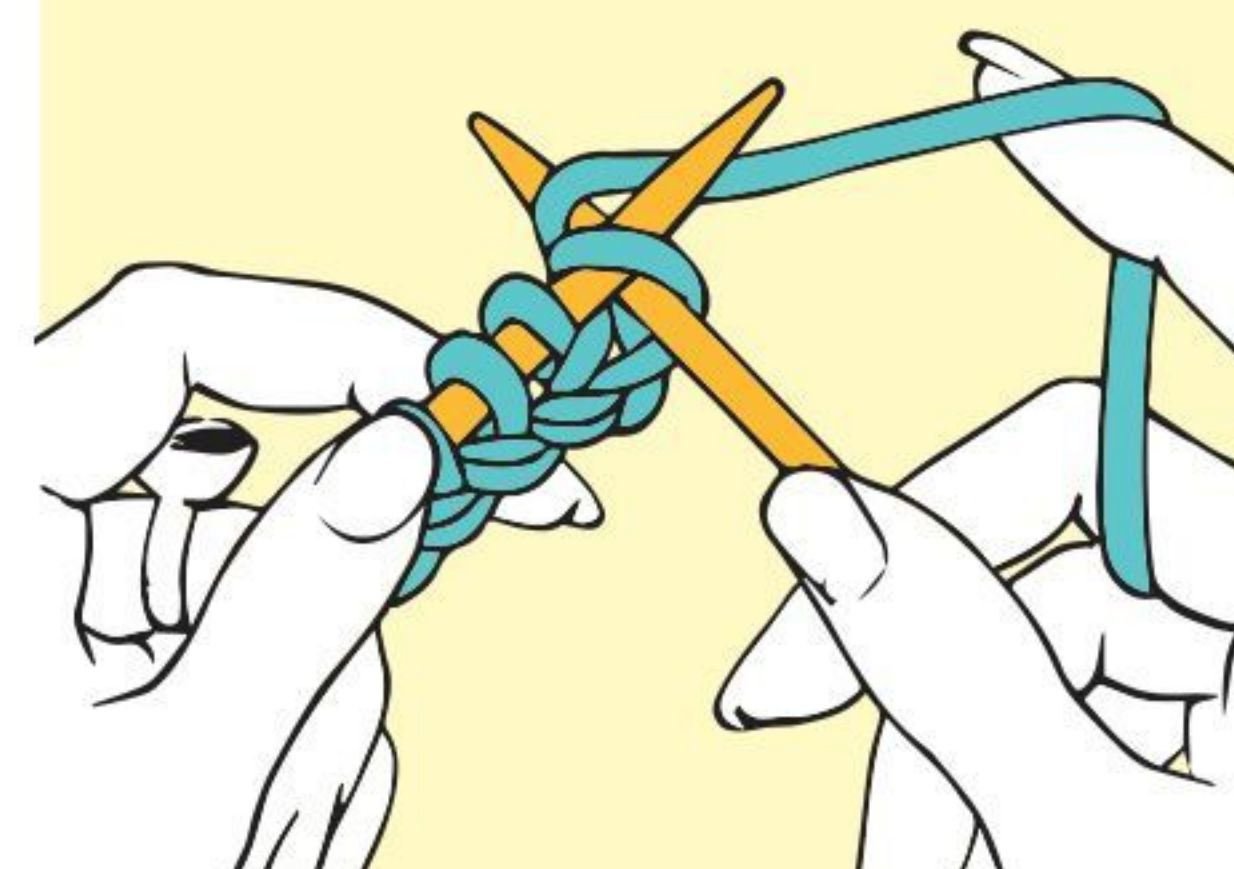
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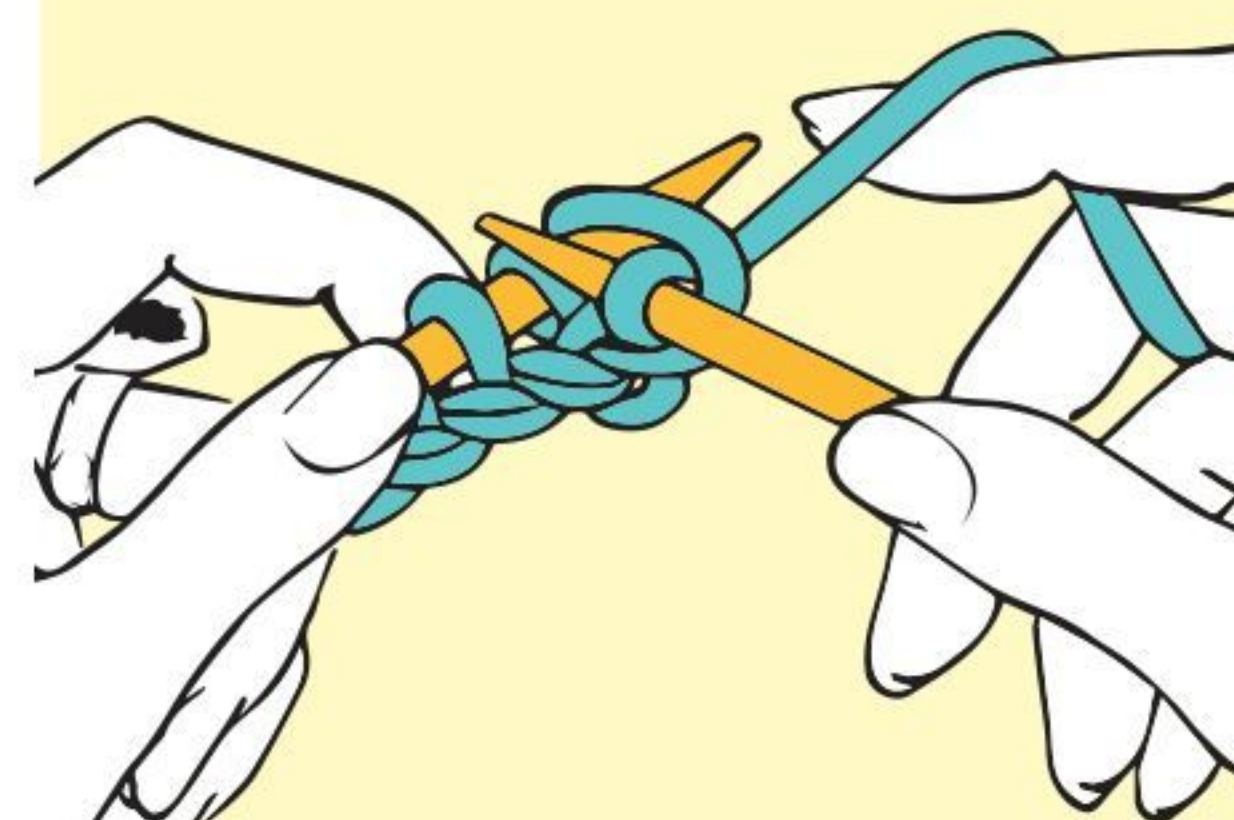
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knit stitch (k)

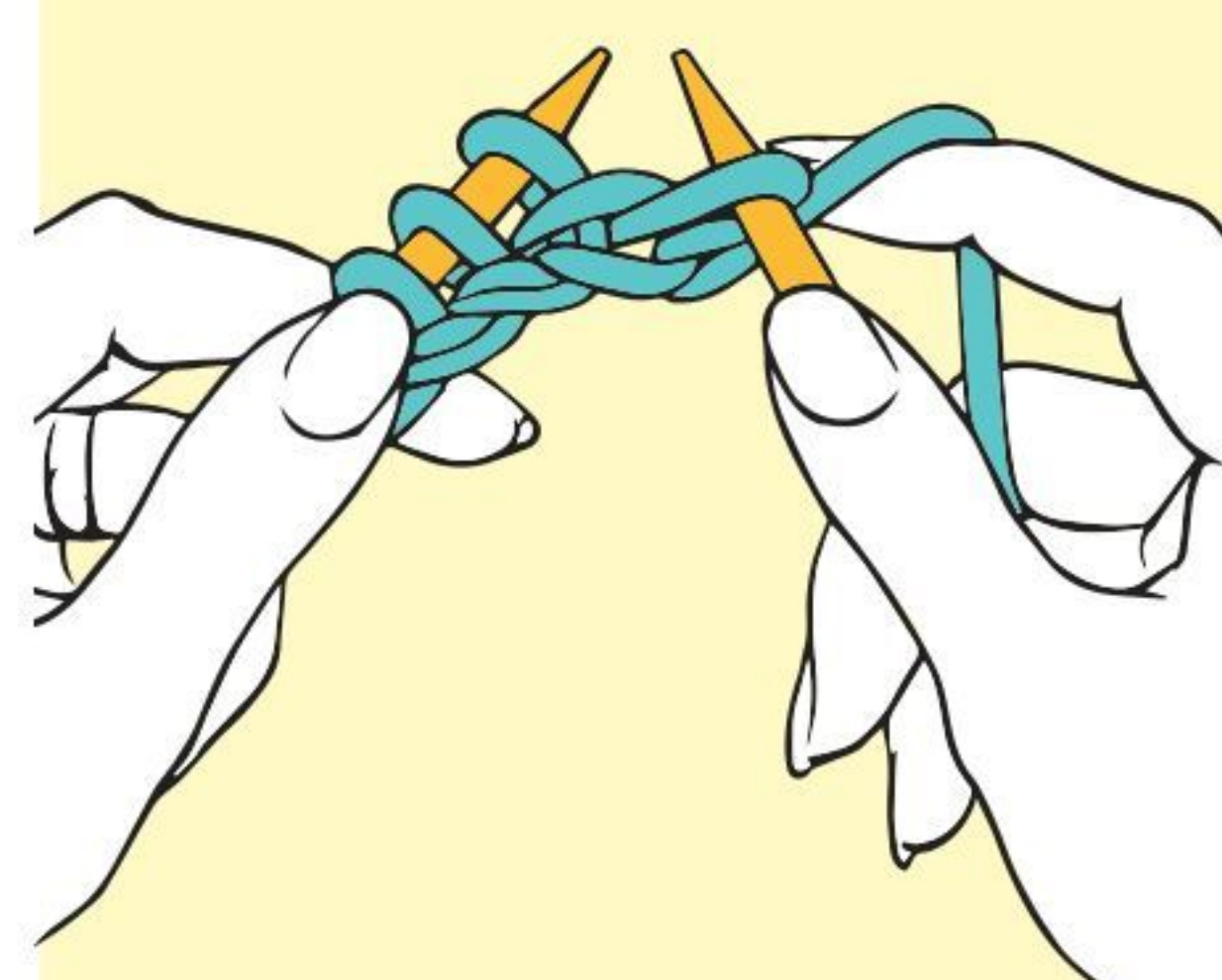
Also known as garter stitch, the knit stitch is the foundation of knitting



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



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

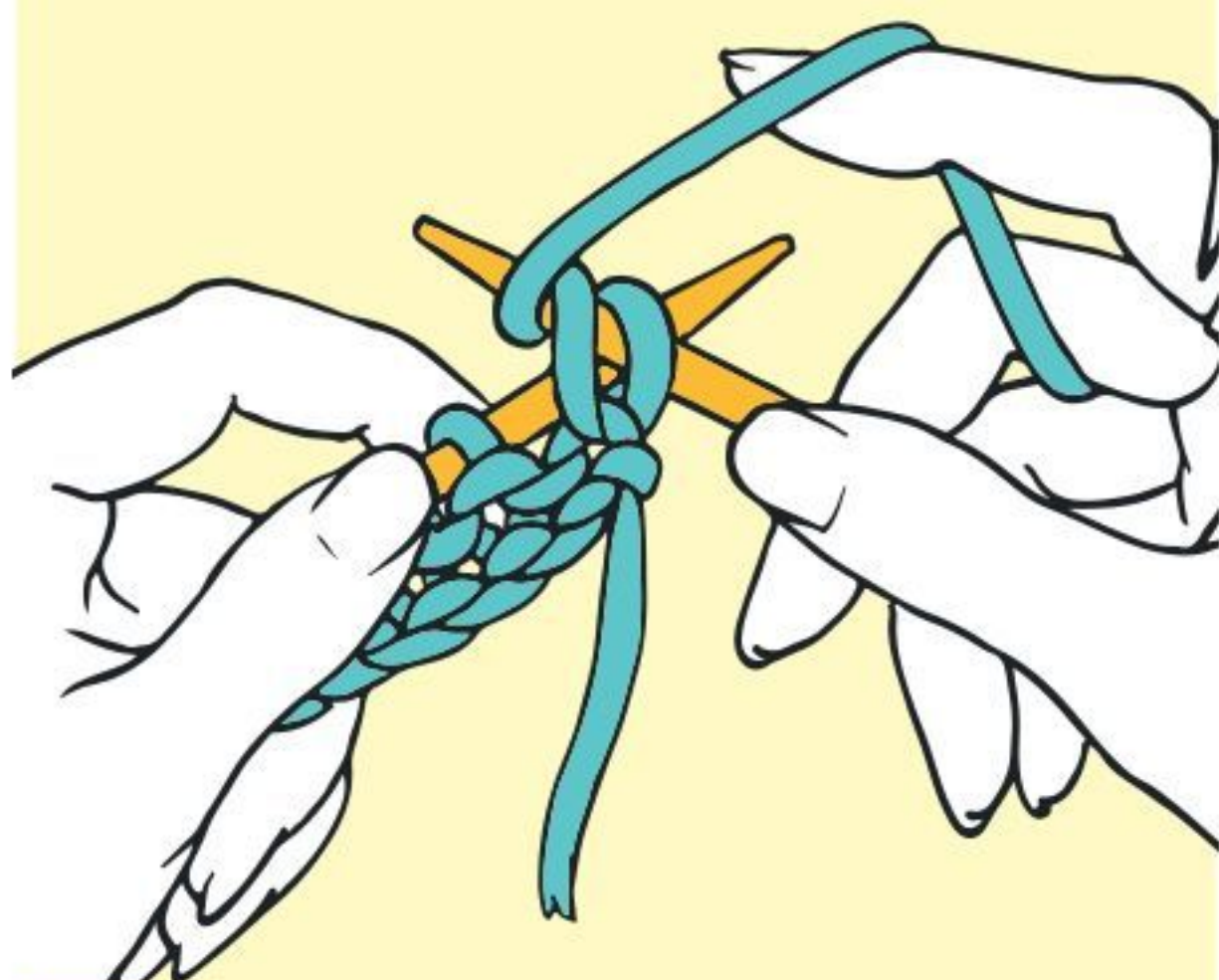


3 Slide the original stitch off the LH needle. Repeat from step 1.

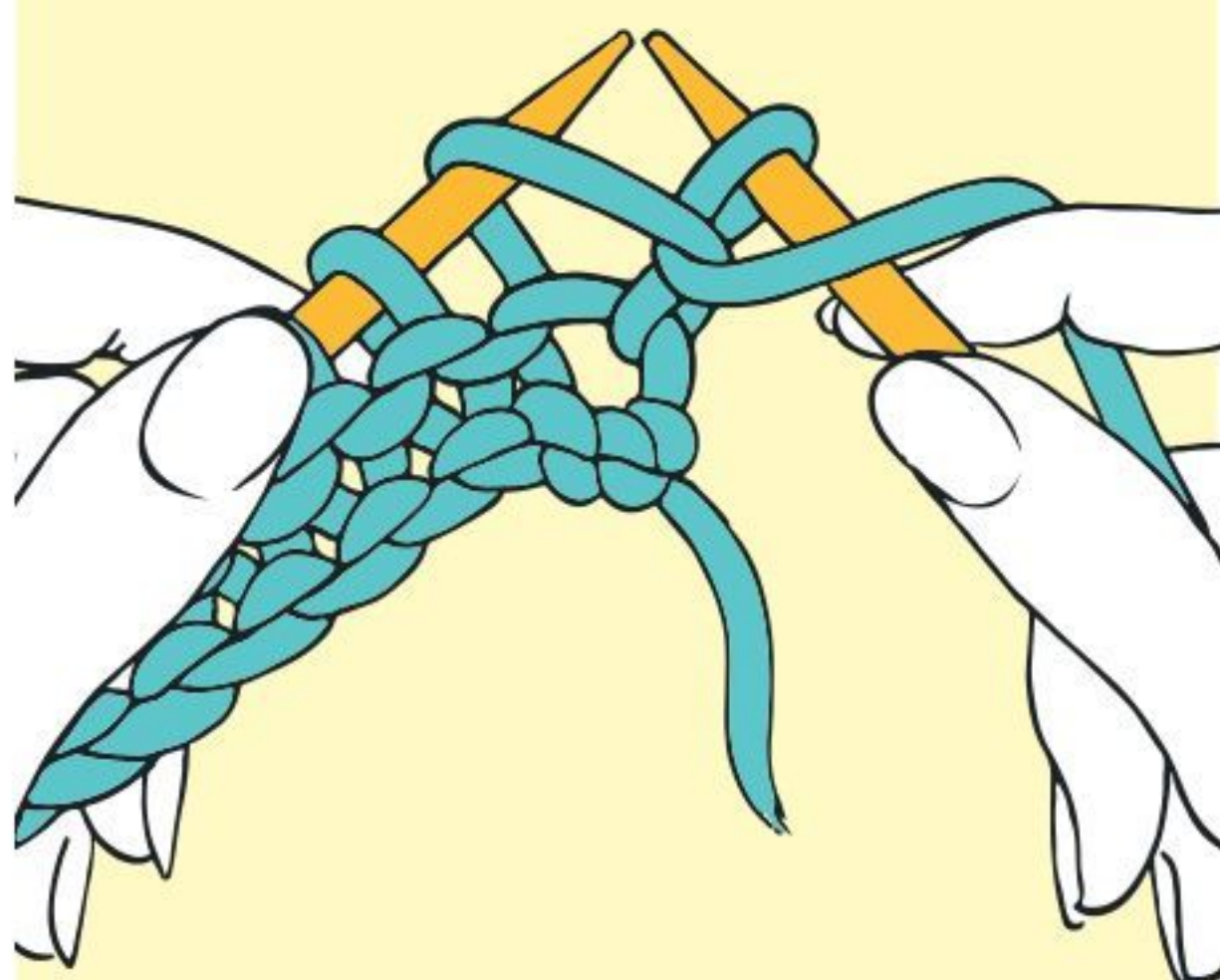


purl stitch (p)

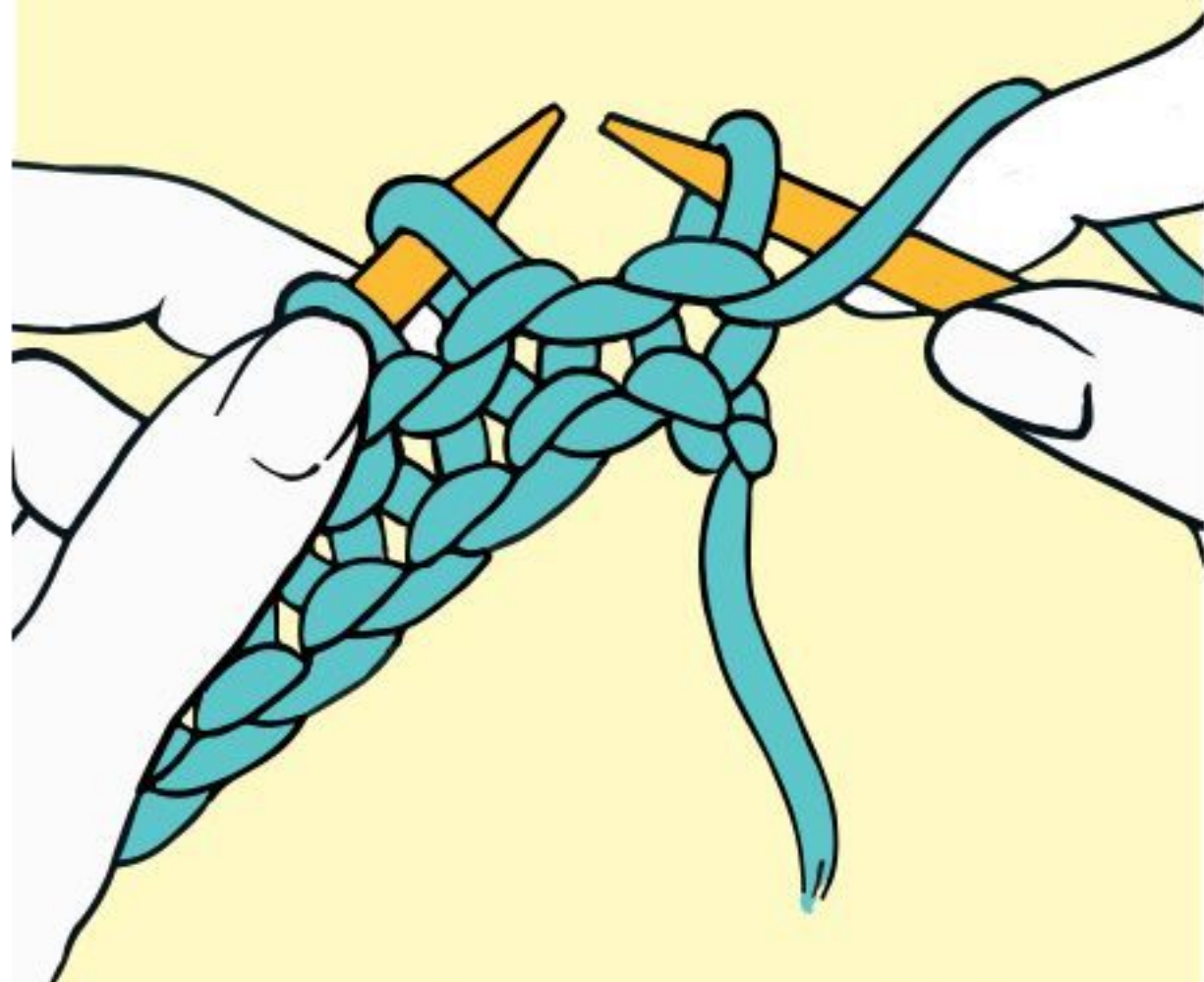
Most frequently seen paired with the knit stitch to create different stitch patterns like stocking stitch and ribbing



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

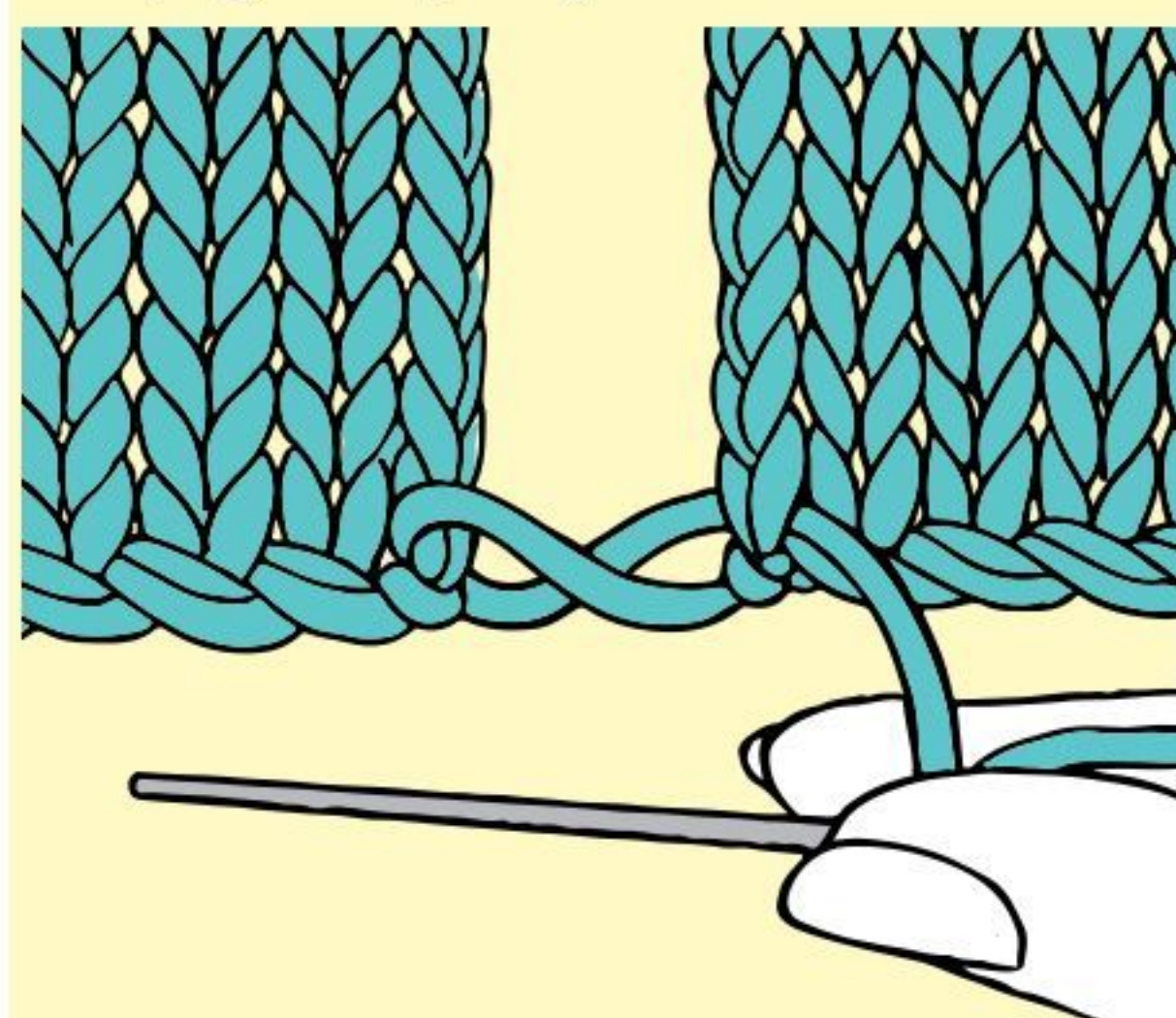


1 Knit two stitches as normal. Insert the tip of the LH needle into the second stitch on the RH needle (the stitch closest to you). Carefully lift it up and over the top stitch, dropping it off the tip of the RH needle and pulling the yarn to tighten. There is now one stitch on the RH needle.

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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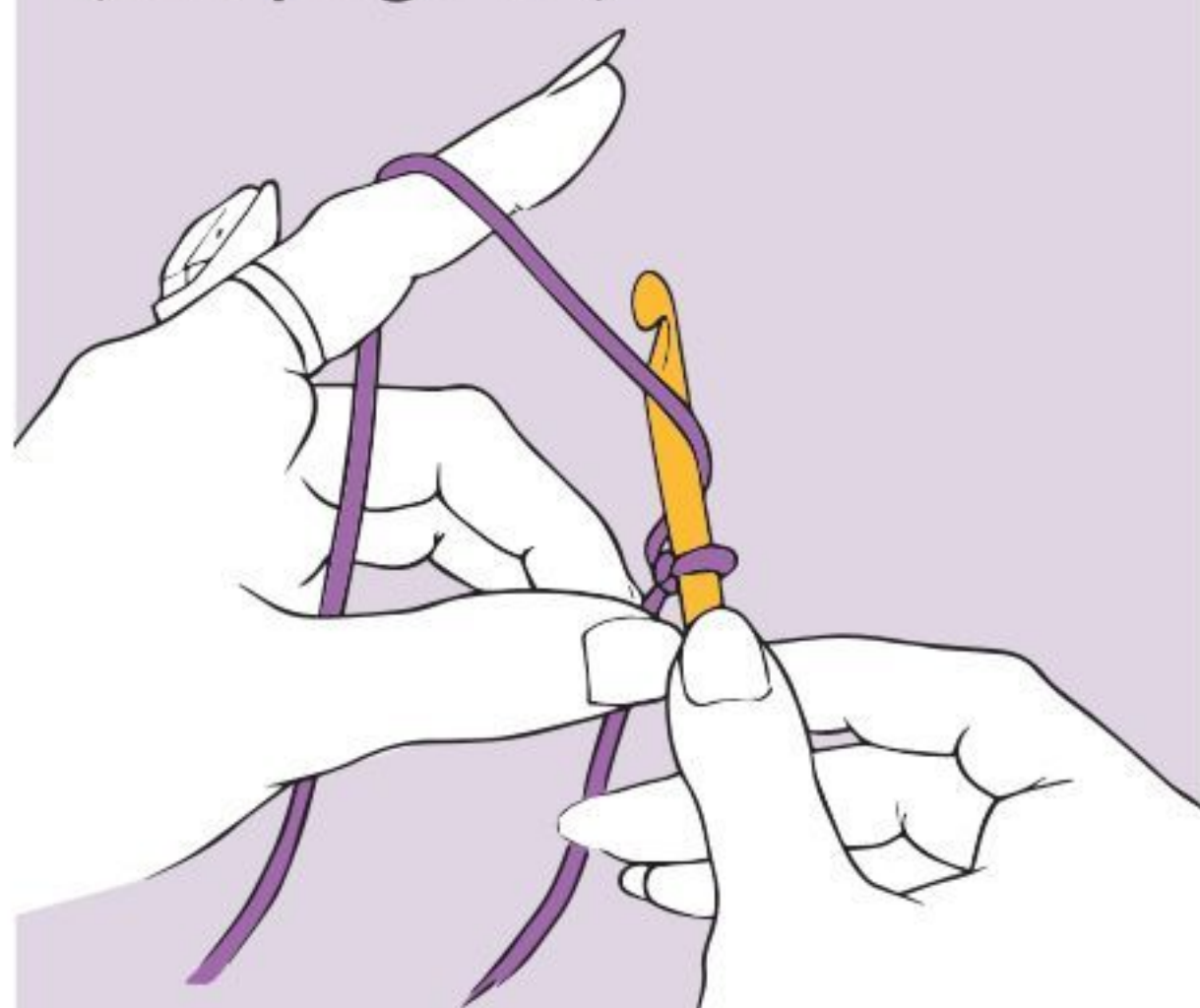
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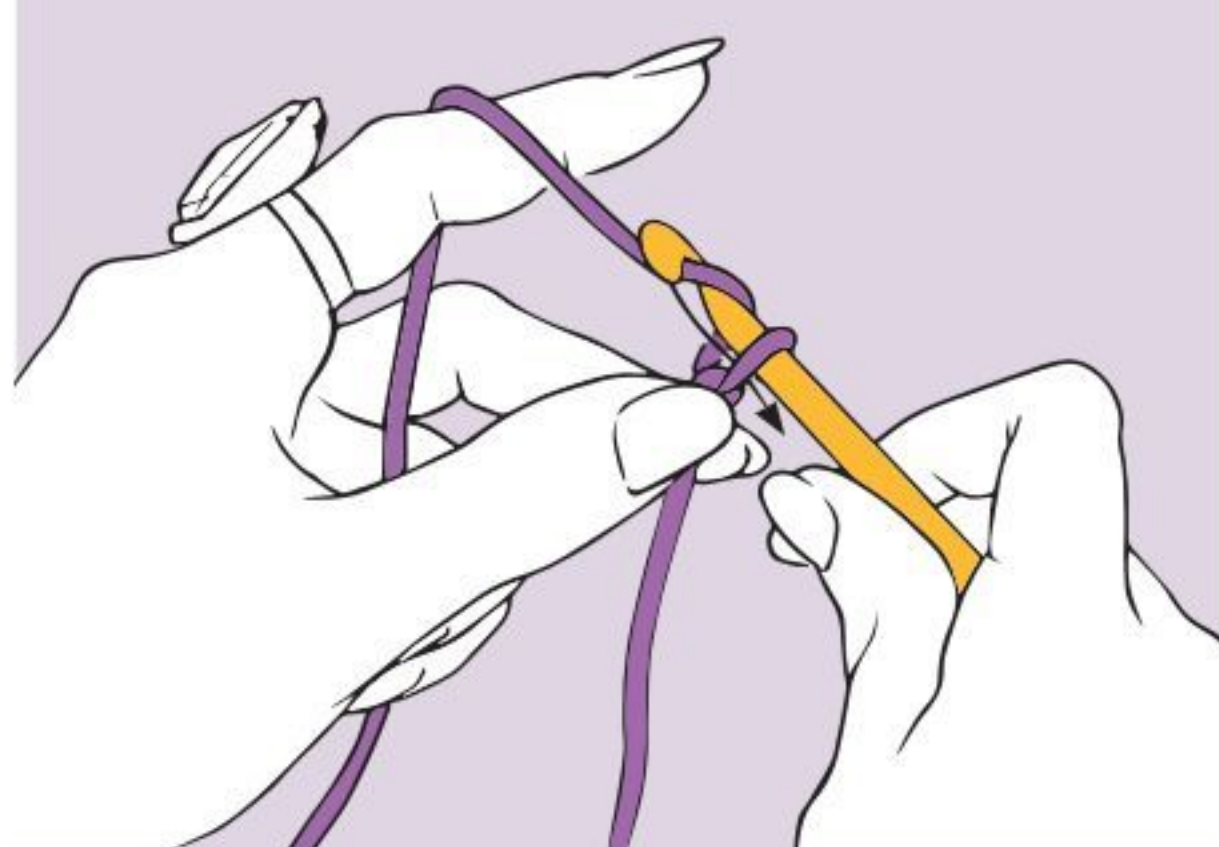
START HERE

slip knot & chain (ch)

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



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

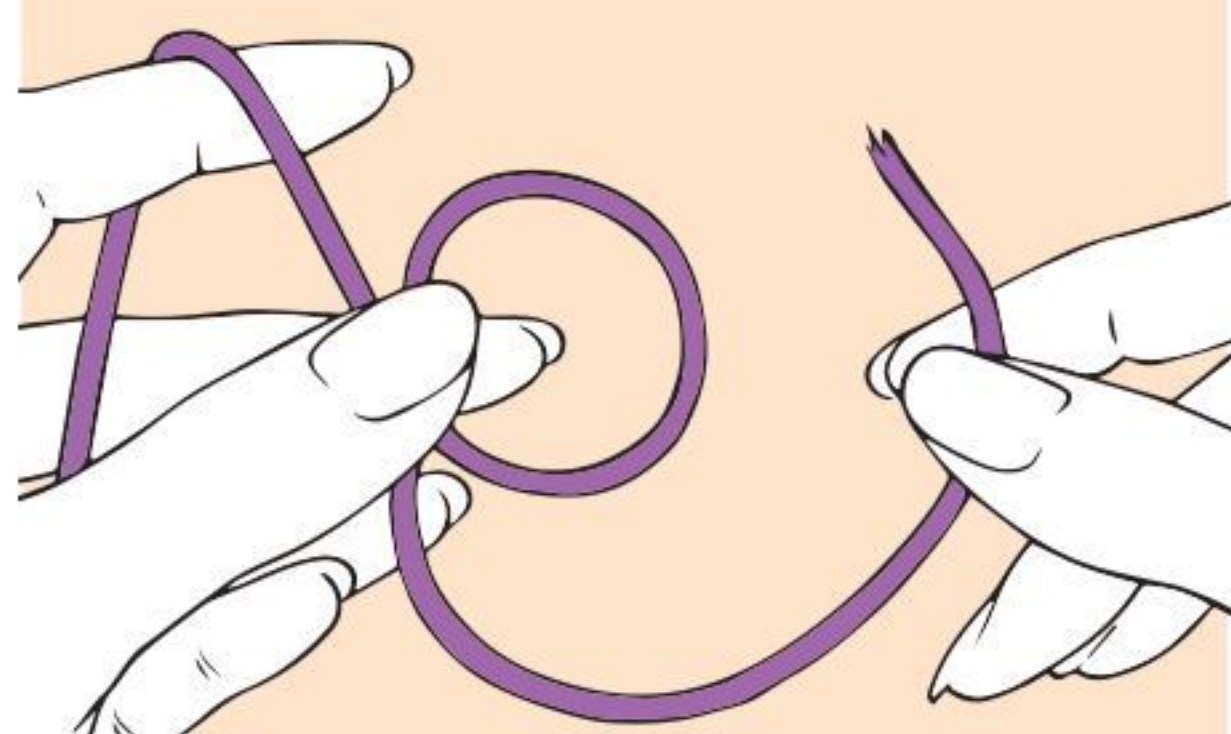


2 Catch the yarn and use the hook to pull it down through the slip knot. You have now made one chain (ch). Continue to make more chains, as directed in the pattern.

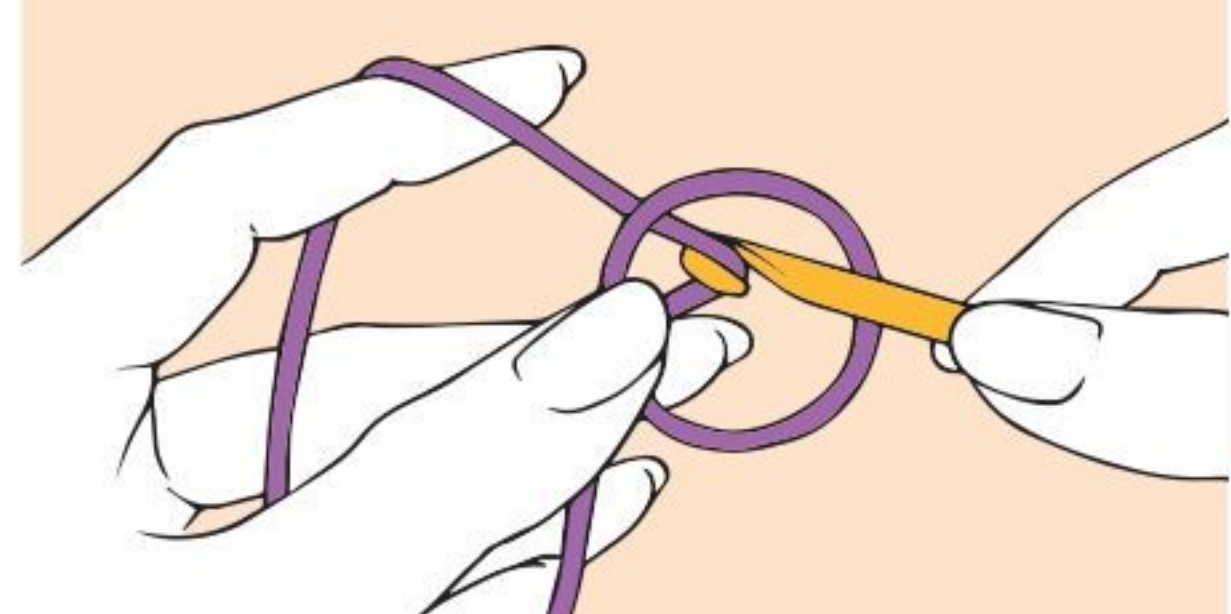
Crochet a
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magic ring

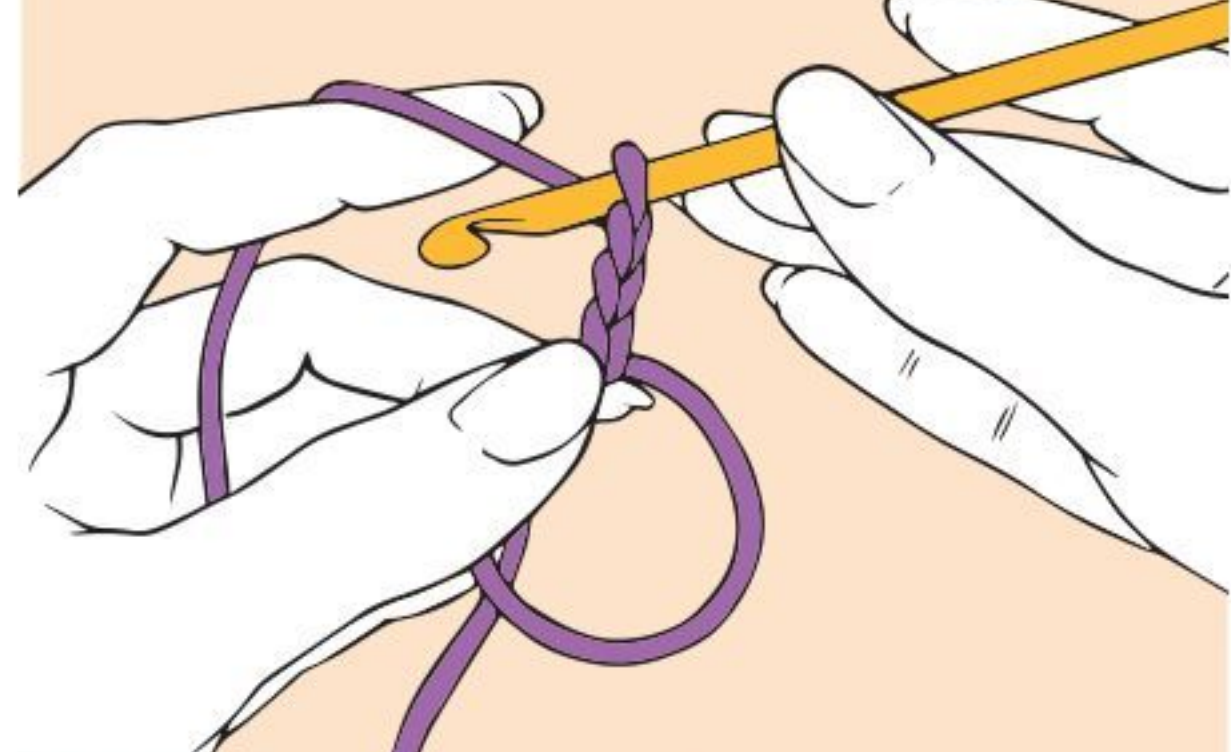
The magic ring is an easy way of beginning to work in the round. It is often used when making amigurumi toys



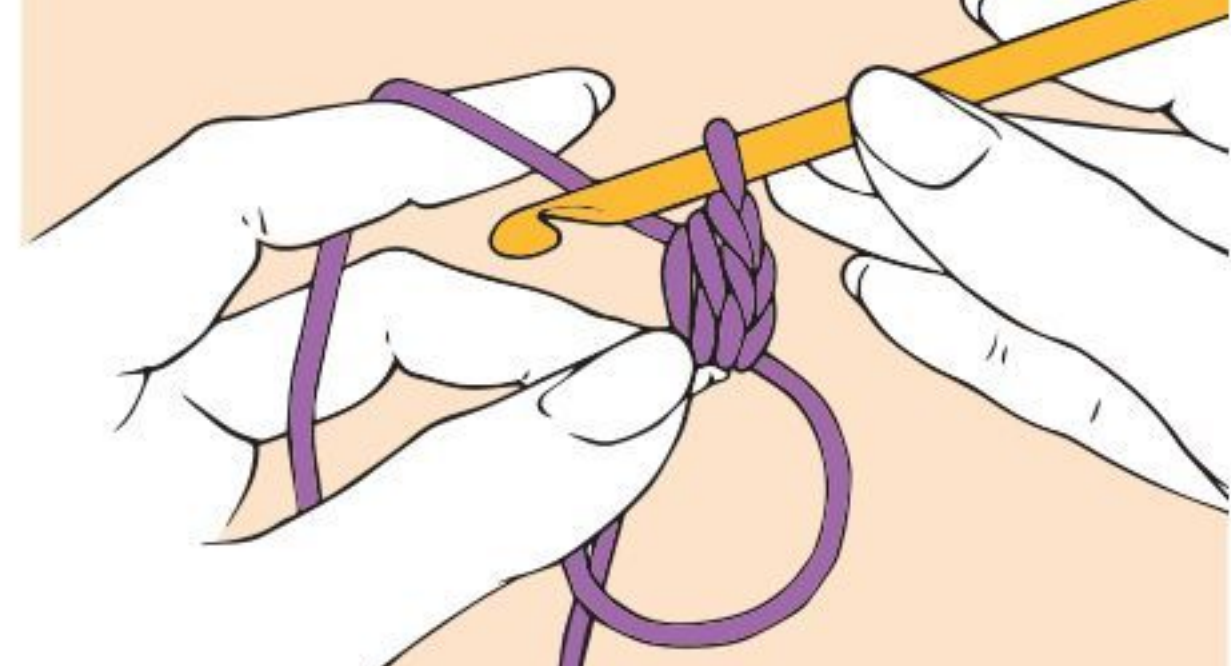
1 Make a large loop by putting the yarn tail behind the working yarn.



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



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

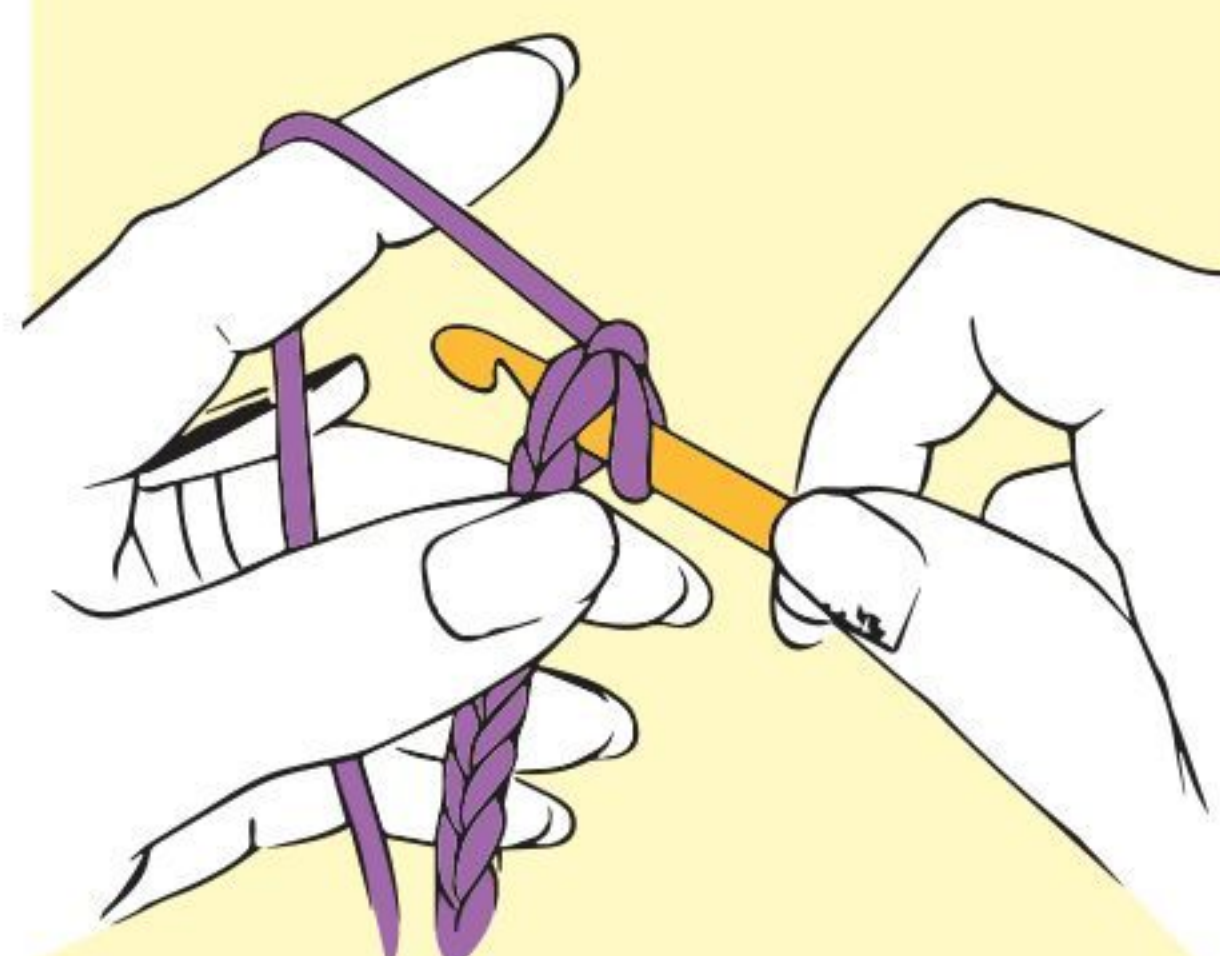


4 Continue to work as many stitches as needed into the loop. Once finished, untwist the tail if necessary and then pull to close the loop.

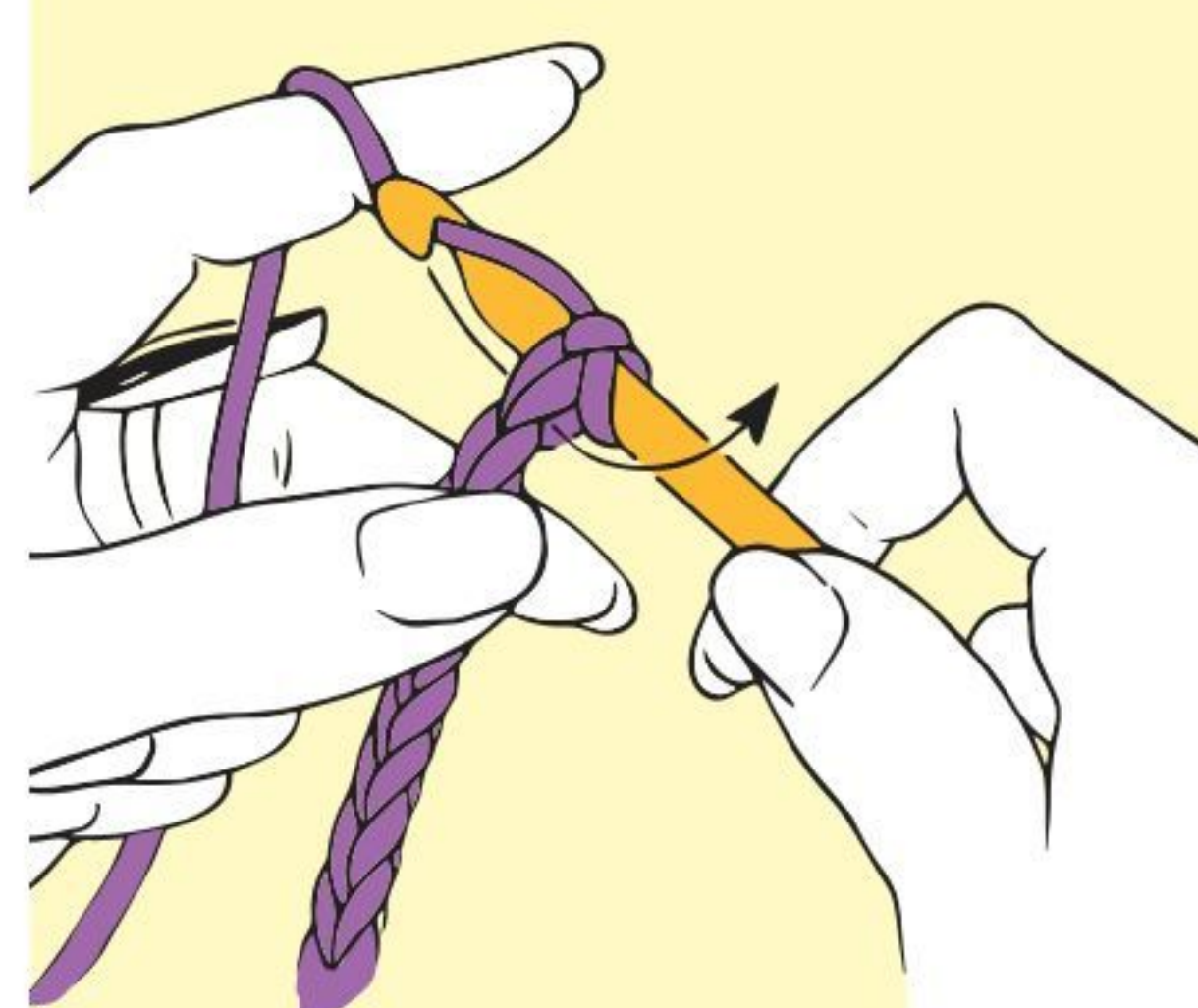
THE BASIC STITCHES

double crochet (dc)

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



1 Insert hook through both strands of the next stitch.



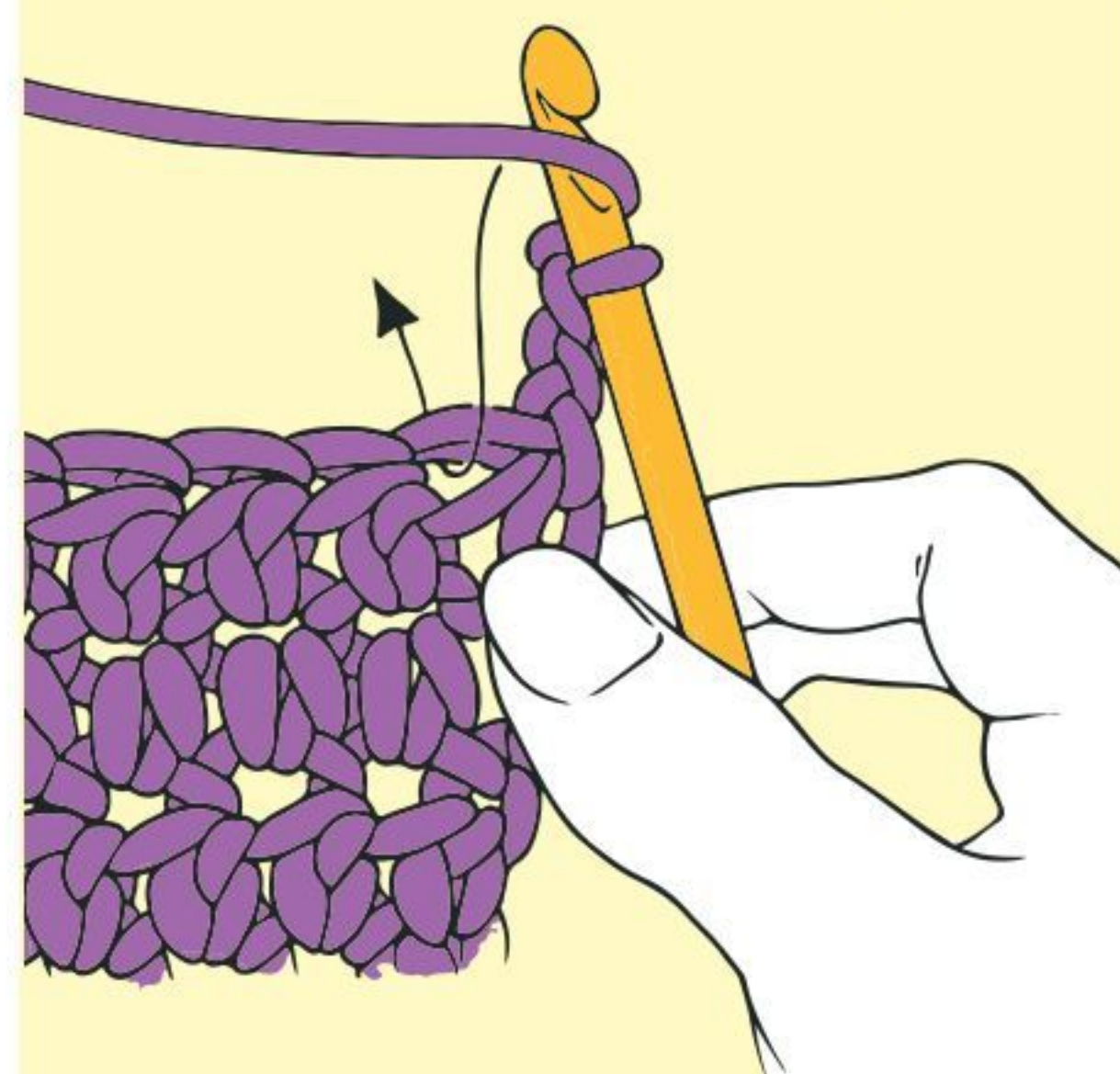
2 Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work. There will be two loops of yarn on the hook.



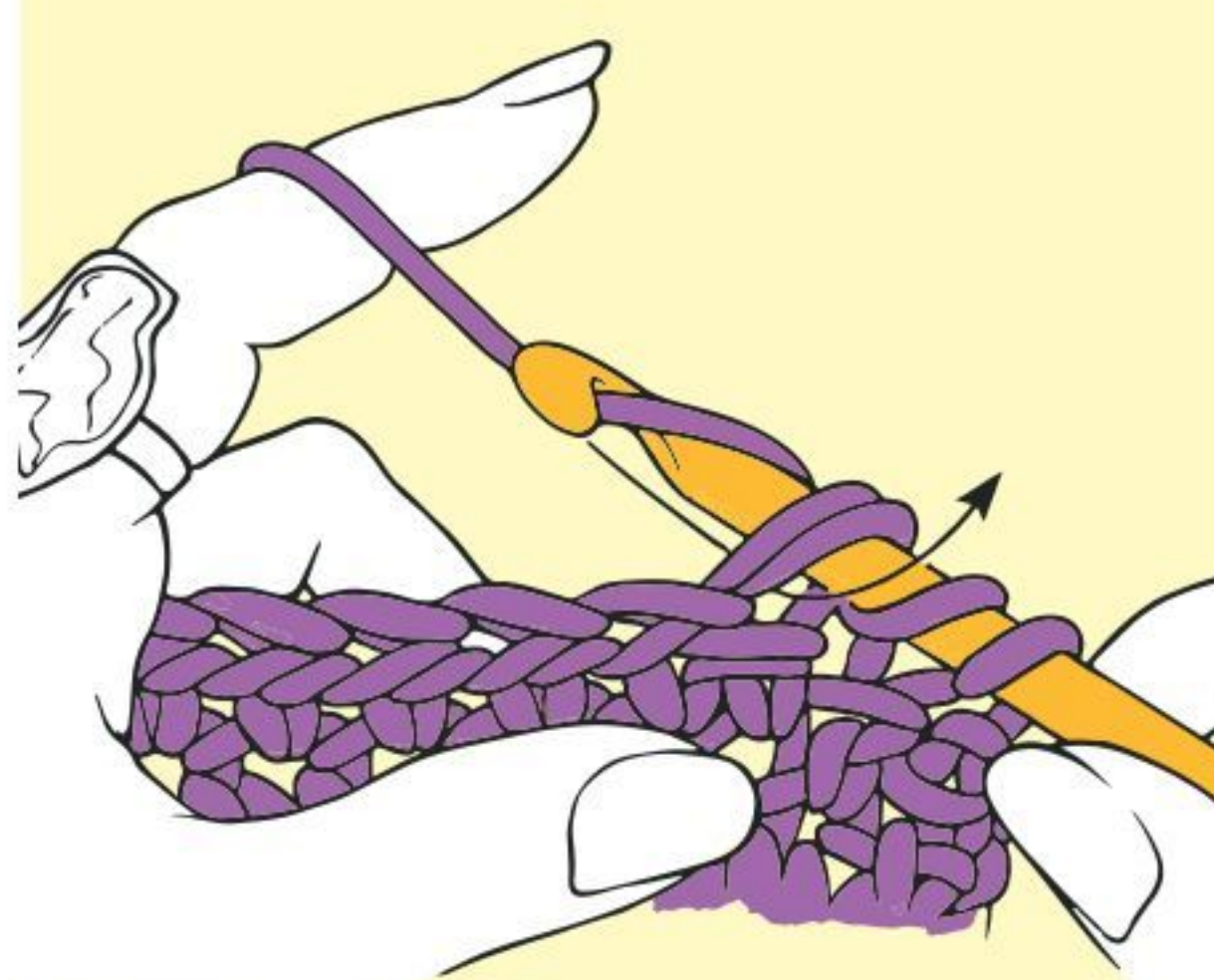
3 Yarn over the hook again and draw through both loops.

half treble (htr)

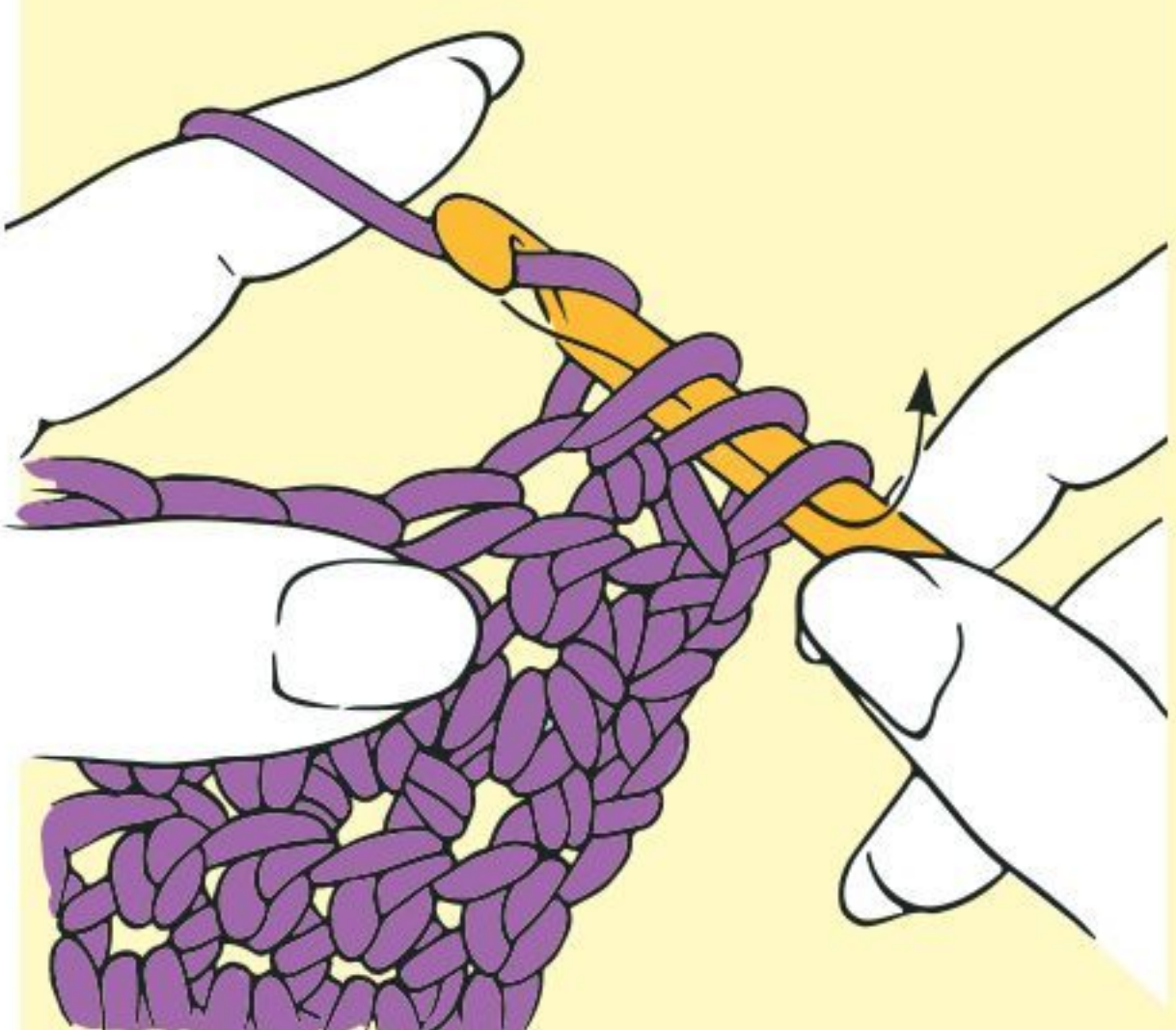
This stitch is longer than a double crochet and involves one extra step



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



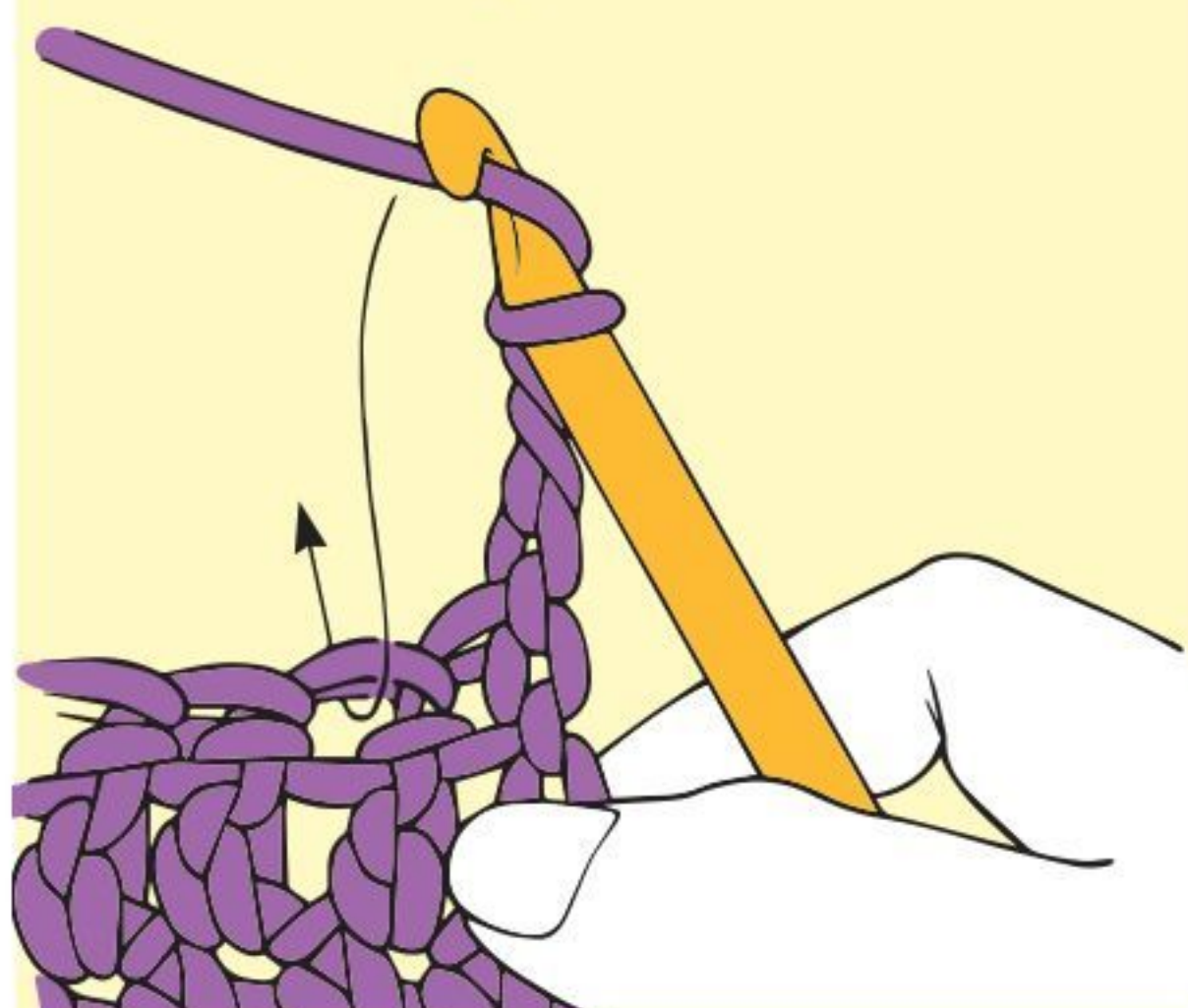
2 Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work. There will be three loops of yarn on the hook.



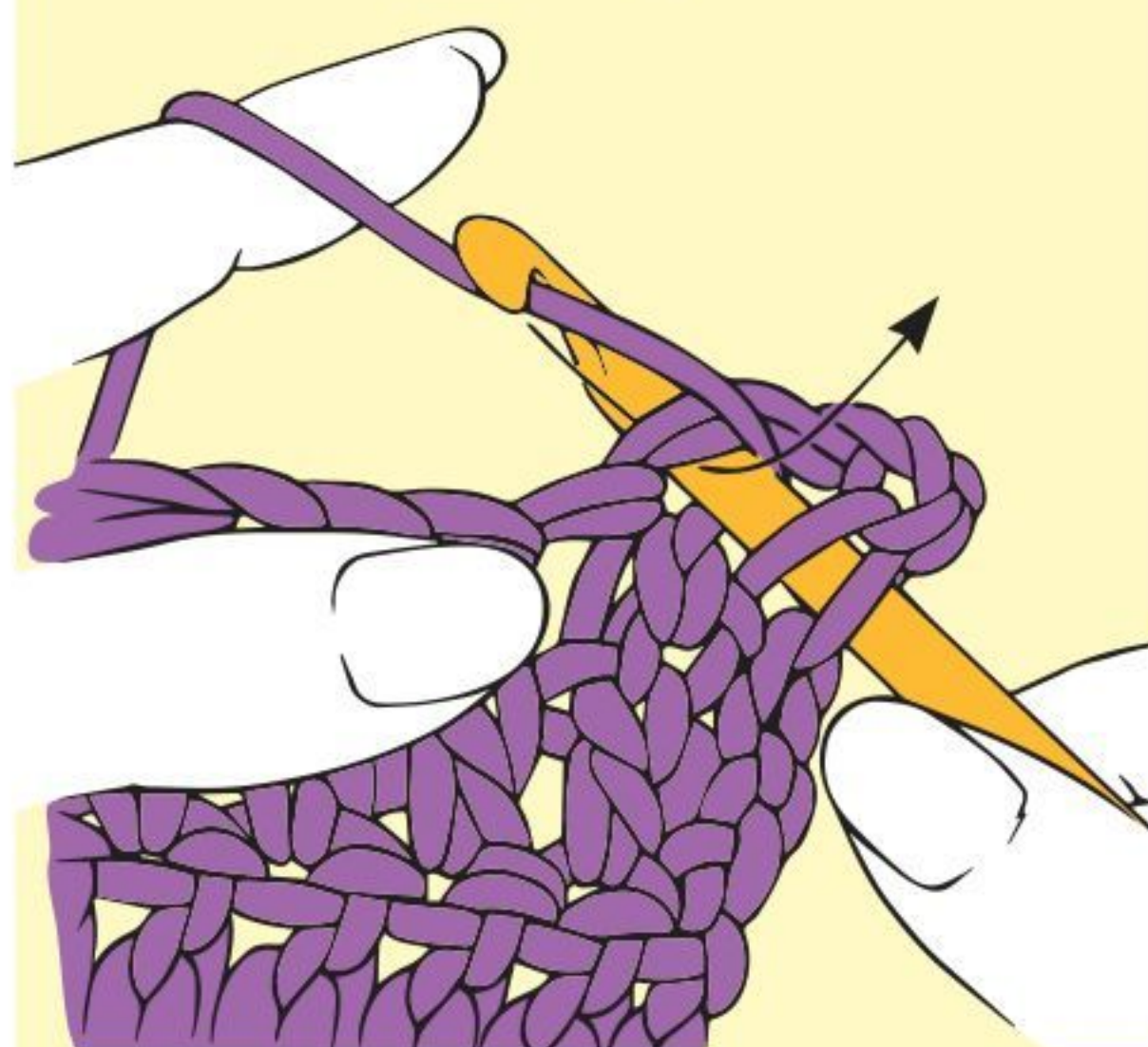
3 Yarn over the hook and draw through all three loops.

treble (tr)

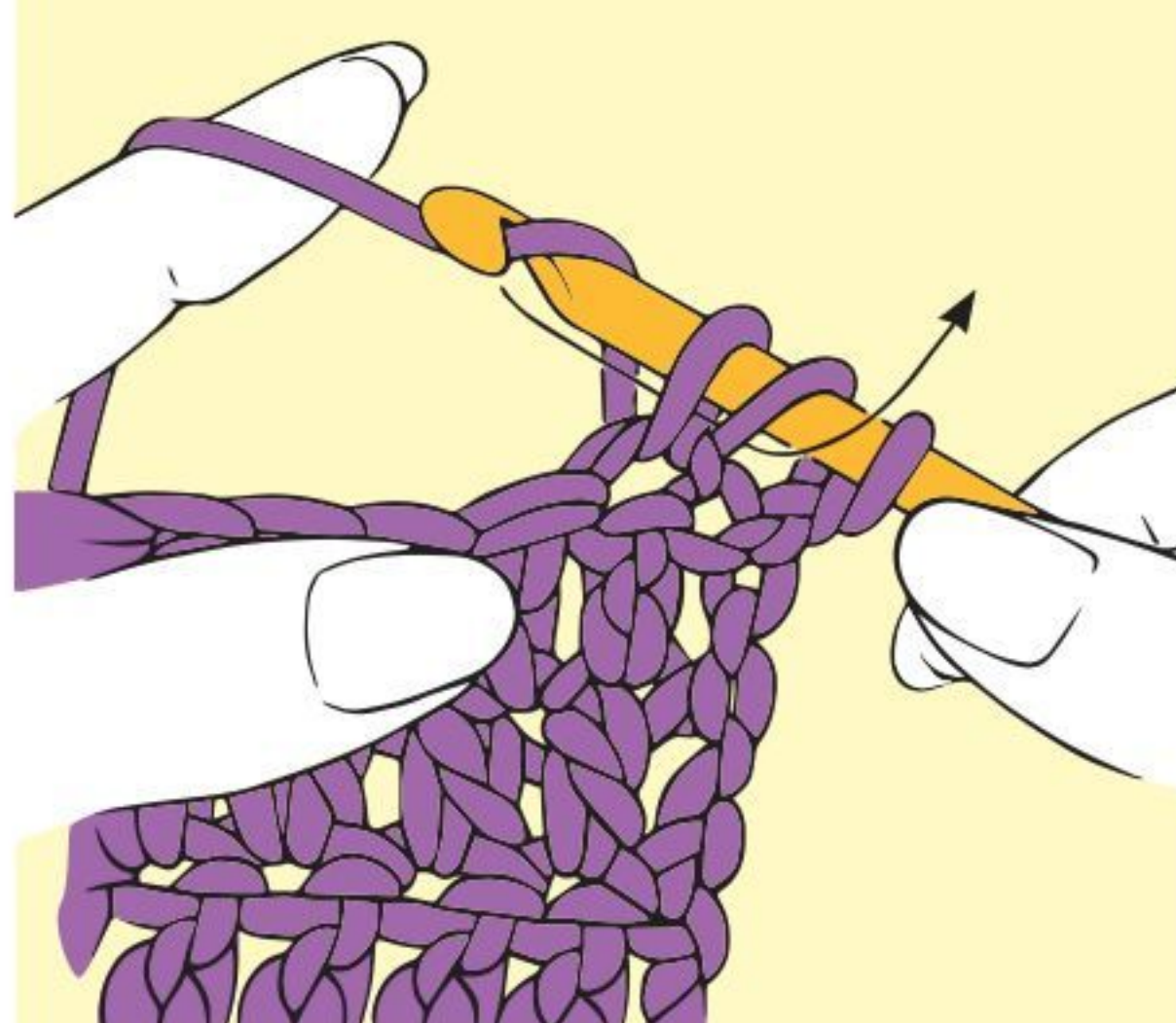
Treble crochet is slightly taller than half treble crochet but is made in a similar way



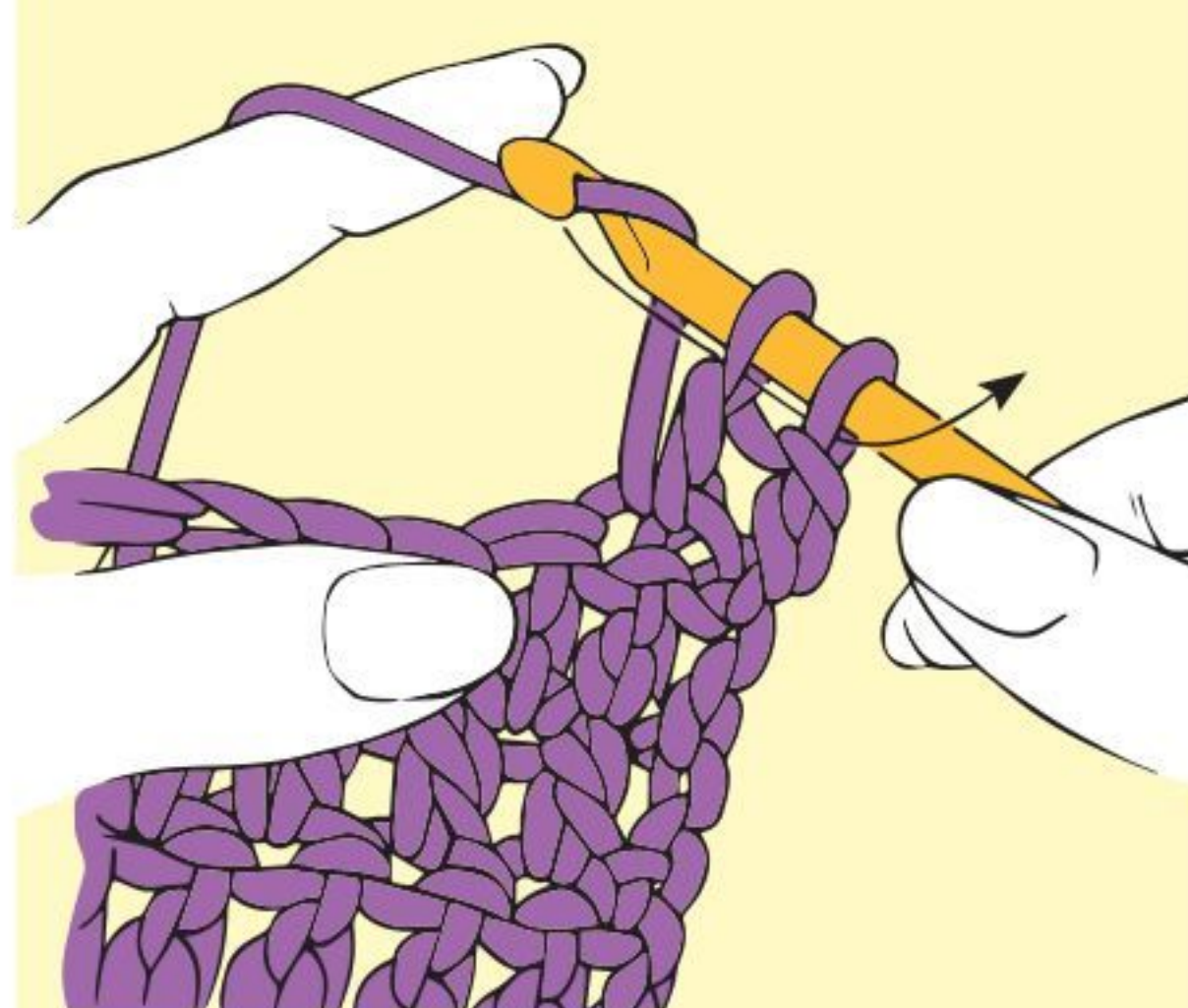
1 (You will need a turning chain of three stitches). Yarn over the hook. Insert the hook through the stitch.



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



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



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

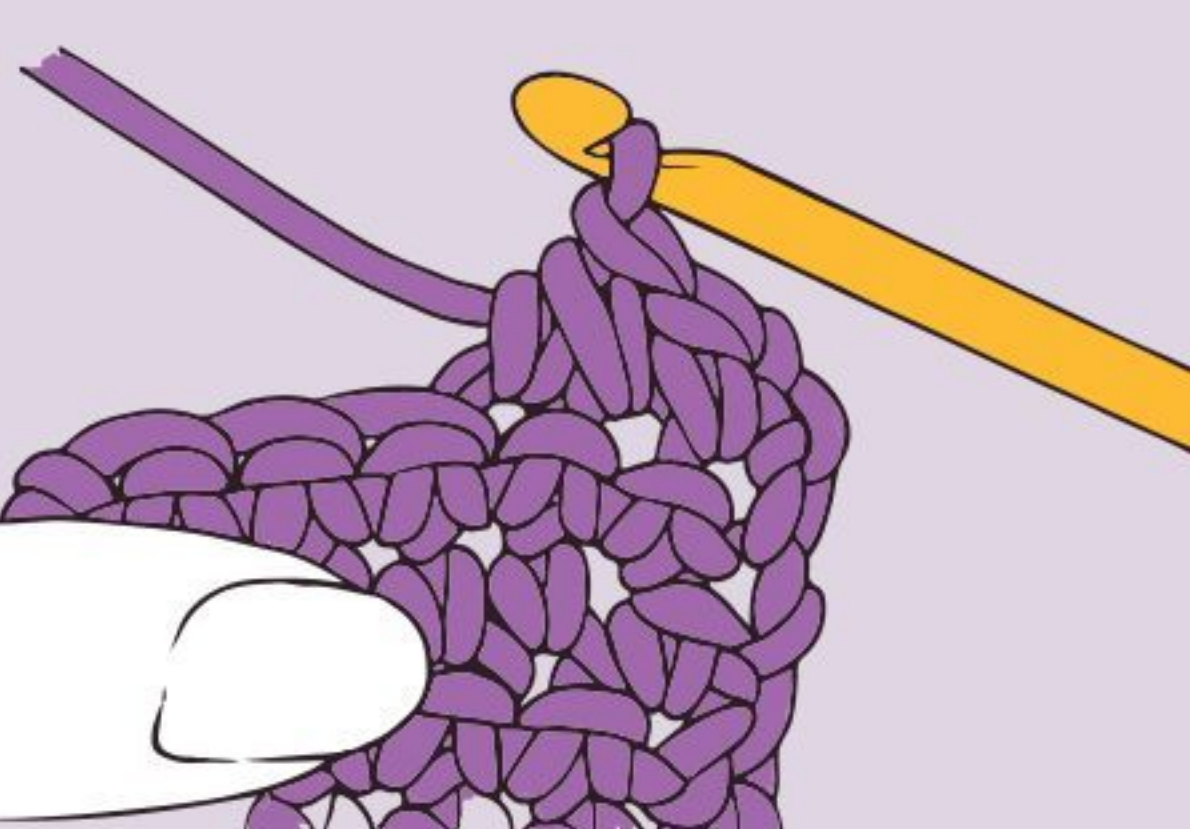
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double crochet two together (dc2tog)

Turn two crochet stitches into one with this simple method



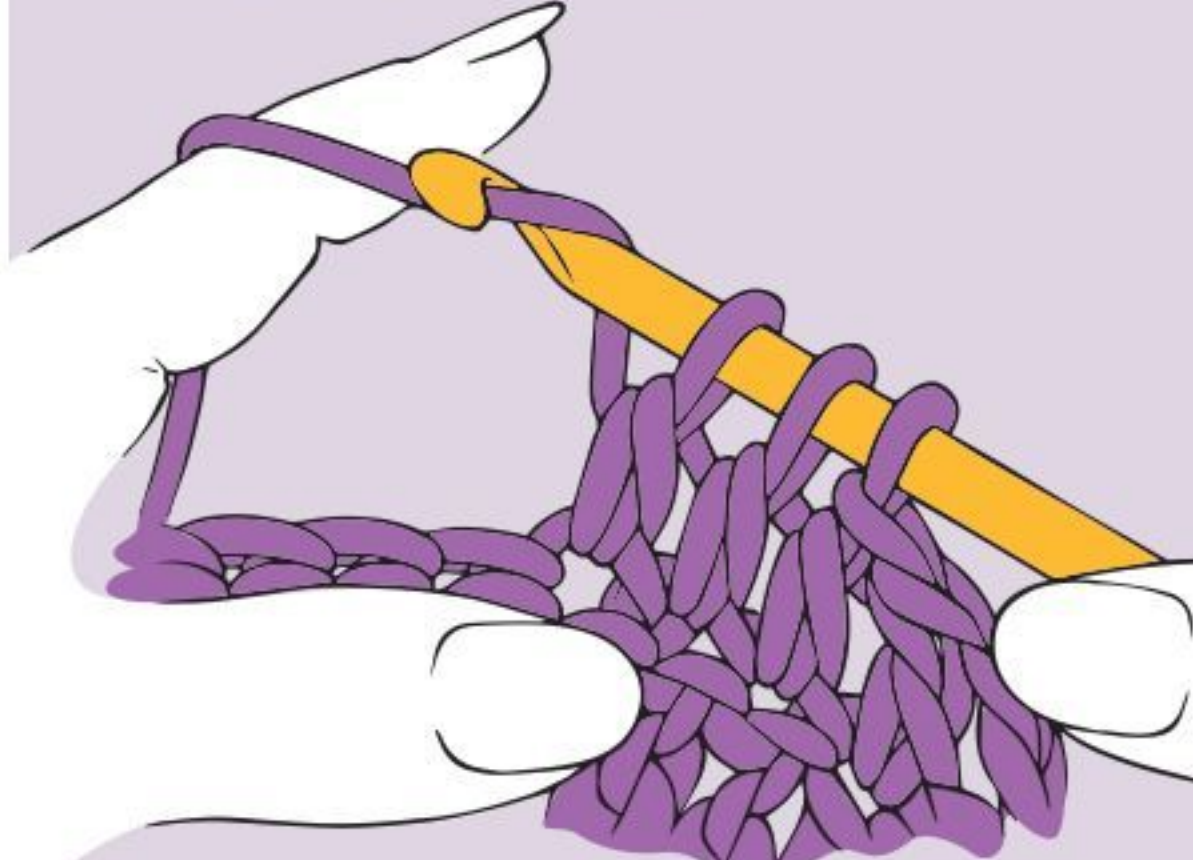
1 Insert hook through next stitch, yarn over hook, draw back through work. Two loops on hook. Insert hook into next stitch, yarn over hook, draw back through. Three loops on hook.



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

treble two together (tr2tog)

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



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



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

VIDEO OF THE MONTH



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ABBREVIATIONS

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
kwis: knitwise
k2tog: knit two together
LH: left-hand
m1: make one stitch by picking up horizontal loop before next stitch and knitting into back of it
meas: measures
p: purl
pfb: purl into front and back of next stitch
pm: place stitch marker
pss: pass slipped stitch over
pwis: purlwise
p2tog: purl two together
rem: remaining
rep: repeat
rev: reverse
RH: right-hand
RS: right side
skpo: slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over
sl 1: slip one stitch
sl st: slip stitch
sm: slip stitch marker
sp(s): space(s)
ssk: one by one, slip next two stitches knitwise, put left-hand needle through front loops of both slipped stitches and knit them together
st(s): stitch(es)
st st: stocking stitch (knit one row, purl one row)
tbl: through back loop
tog: together
tr: treble
WS: wrong side
wyib: with yarn in back
wyif: with yarn in front
yb: yarn back
yfwd: yarn forward (between knit stitches)
yoh: yarn over hook
yon: yarn over needle (between a purl and a knit stitch)
yrn: yarn round needle (between purl stitches and between a knit and a purl stitch)



TEA AND A CHAT WITH...

Save the Children

The only day of the year to wear your ugliest festive jumper whilst raising money for charity, all in the name of Christmas

Christmas Jumper Day, born in 2012 from a mere bit of trend spotting, has become one of Save the Children's biggest successes, raising a whopping £21 million over the last seven years. In fact, nearly a fifth of that figure was raised last year alone, proving its rapid triumph. Fast forward to 2019 and annually sourcing out your best, ugliest, most fantastic Christmas jumpers is a ritual everyone follows. But fun aside, what's more important is the excellent cause that propels participants on every year to get involved. The organisation's plight to better the lives of children worldwide through contributions such as safe aid, providing clean water or vaccinations is what makes this brilliant day on Friday 13th December all the more worthwhile.

AN IDEA WAS BORN

It was winter 2012 and hideous Christmas jumpers were lining the shelves in shops and taking the catwalks by storm.

And it was exactly the inspiration needed by Save the Children staff to launch their first-ever Christmas Jumper Day seven years ago. Head of the campaign Sarah Button-Stephens shares how the idea was initially introduced. "We noticed the trend had really gained momentum – they seemed to be everywhere, and so we thought it would be great to get people together on the same day to wear their jumpers and help raise some money. We asked adults to donate £2 and kids to donate £1 and the rest is history!" What's clear is that Christmas jumpers do not discriminate. Over the years the campaign has seen both A-list celebs and school children getting festive, with broken records achieved for the largest amount of dogs wearing Christmas sweaters too.

And the fun doesn't stop there. We asked Sarah for her favourite memory of Christmas Jumper Day so far. "We've had granddads 'wing walking' in festive jumpers but my ultimate story has to be when the town of Cardigan in Wales changed its name to Jumper. Now that is dedication!"

"Small donations like £2 can make such a big difference"

Granddads aren't the only ones sporting unsightly jumpers, and who even said they had to be ugly? Designer brands hopped on the bandwagon last year when jumpers with Valentino or Alexa Chung labels dropped onto the shelves. Over the years, football teams, entire offices and even famous faces have joined the crusade to raise money. "I love how seriously people take it," says Sarah. "You name it, someone has put it on a jumper. It's the sillier the better for me – last year I wore one with hundreds of baubles on it."

A CENTENARY OF CHANGE

As December approaches, not only is this a reminder to get started on your own jumper, but it adds to the inspiration knowing this year Save the Children also celebrates its 100th anniversary. Back in 1919 when it all began, founder Eglantine Jebb challenged the world to stop wars against children in the aftermath of the First World War. Across the last century, the organisation has gone above and beyond, providing care in times of desperation and offering aid in tragedies like the Rwandan genocide and Vietnam War. "We have played a key role in wiping out killer diseases and helped slash the number of children who die before their fifth birthday from 12 million to less than six million in the space of 25 years," explains Sarah. So if the waft of Christmas spirit is not enough to

encourage the masses to source their age-old festive jumpers from the back of the wardrobe, then perhaps Sarah's words on the importance of donations will help inspire – "I love everything about Christmas, but I think the fact that it is so much about giving really is wonderful. It's time for reflection and knowing that small donations like £2 to Save the Children can make such big differences, makes it even more special to me."

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★★★★★
"Your website was easy to use. There were lots of choices and types of yarn to choose from. I will shop your site again!"
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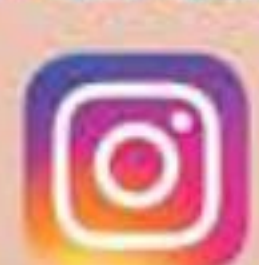
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