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Hello!

If I'm certain of one thing, it's that Christmas this year is going to be special. Unique and reflective too. And that no matter what the situation, we can all agree that **being together is what really counts**. I'm already excited about buck's fizz, decking the halls, and belting out festive anthems with my nearest and dearest.

Even more exciting than that, of course, is this new edition of Let's Get Crafting – it practically sings with joy! Our cover star elf (p13) is the perfect Christmas chum, the **holly booties** (p52) will look darling on teeny toes, and our 'Letters for Santa' drawstring bag on page 16 will certainly get you giddy.

These makes were made possible with our all-new Holly kit. It features **six fantastically festive skeins** – including a sparkly red yarn – as well as 3.5mm bamboo needles and a **gold hook**, which I'm a little obsessed with. If you run out faster than you can say Santa Claus, turn to page 5 to see how you can nab some more.

As well as Christmas crafts, we've also got a mini Halloween section starting on page 38, plus – try and contain your excitement! – the patterns and charts for each **Hogwarts house scarf** on page 26. Siriusly amazing. And Sachiyo Ishii has been busy creating the nativity, so **join our knit-along** on page 57 too.

Go ahead, crafters – be merry and enjoy!

Rosie

ROSIE SAVAGE, EDITOR



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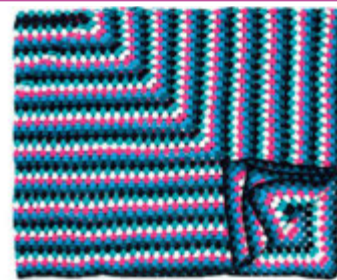
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"Christmas is a crafter's best friend, and I could not be more pleased that our first festive yarns of 2020 are here – we've kept it traditional this time around, with a smattering of gold for a bit of pizzazz" ROSIE SAVAGE, EDITOR

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Newsflash!

All you need to know
from the world of craft



Amigurumi 'yule' love!

Christmas wouldn't be the same without tasty sprouts or pigs in blankets and now you can crochet your own with Sarah-Jane Hicks' delightful new book, *Amigurumi Christmas* (£9.99, Search Press). From festive classics including an angel and Mr and Mrs Claus, to modern quirky makes, we think these tiny projects could be unique gifts for your nearest and dearest, or make fun decorations to pop on your tree. Get your Yuletide crafting underway with this collection of sweet makes, available at searchpress.com.

Charity work

Think your knitted or crocheted creations are prize-worthy? Why not enter The Francis House Virtual Knit Off? The children's hospice is raising much-needed funds to ensure they can keep providing care and support for children with life-limiting illnesses, and all you have to do is pay £3 and send the organisers a picture of a project you're proud of. What's more, you could win a £25 Hobbycraft voucher! You can choose from four categories: cutest soft toy, colourful story character, adorable baby item and most original design. Why not enter something for each category? Find out more at francishouse.org.uk.



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New date alert!

If you've missed your local yarn shop during lockdown, we've got a date for your diary! The UK's biggest knitting and crochet retail event, Yarn Shop Day, has been rescheduled for Saturday 14th November. This annual yarn-based extravaganza is the perfect chance to link up with other crafters, eat cake, take part in games and workshops, and get great discounts and patterns while supporting your local bricks-and-mortar store. In the run-up to Christmas it's also the ideal opportunity to stock up for your festive projects, plus there'll be a chance to get the patterns for our cute mascots too. Check if your local yarn retailer is taking part and find out more at letsknit.co.uk/yarnshopday.



Country style

We are so in love with Highland Heathers, a new tweed style acrylic DK yarn from Stylecraft that comes in a rich palette of 12 shades. The nature-inspired colour names alone get us in the mood for a re-wilding project – Granite, Wild Salmon, Heather – and there are six stunning pattern leaflets for knitters to choose from. Create a classic weekend-in-the-country look with lace and cable designs that perfectly showcase the heathered effect in each colour. Each 100g ball costs £2.79 from woolwarehouse.co.uk.

Up your snuggle game

Create super cosy baby garments with this luxuriously soft new aran yarn. Bernat® Baby Velvet™ is a dream to craft with and works up quickly to create a strokable fabric that tiny hands will love. Anti-pilling and kind to sensitive skin, this velvety yarn is available in a gorgeous selection of delicate pastel shades that are perfect for clothing, blankets and toys. This adorable, crocheted baby jumper with raglan sleeves and cute ruffle is a free pattern from yarnspirations.com.



FESTIVE LETTERS WITH

Stuart Hillard

I'm always excited to start Christmas projects, it never seems too early to play festive songs, make a big mug of steaming hot chocolate and gather my craft supplies for an afternoon of seasonal making. For me, the magic of Christmas really can't be bought, it's homemade. Traditions often feel like they've been around forever but many of our favourites such as decorating trees, crackers and cards have only been around since Victorian times. Something that has been around since pre-Christianity is the tradition of bringing evergreens like holly into our homes to celebrate mid-winter. Our wonderful yarn pack this issue is called Holly and includes a gorgeous array of traditional and modern colours to liven up any festive project. Classic Red and contemporary Leafy Lime are the perfect choice for berries and leaves, and Bright Gold completes my perfect Christmas trio – red, green and gold! I'm going to use my pack to create yarn-wrapped letters. Trace or print off some 25cm-30cm tall letters in a simple font, then transfer the shape to sturdy cardboard; a couple of layers of cereal box glued together is perfect. Use one or two strands of yarn from your Holly pack at a time and glue the tail to your cardboard letter. Wrap the yarn around the card, keep the strands smooth and don't pull too tightly or you will buckle the cardboard. Change colours often and create stripes and criss-cross designs. Neatly glue the tails down and cover them with the next band of colour and, when you're done, glue the tail to the back. Add hanging loops if you want to display your letters on a tree or how about a 'Merry Christmas' garland to welcome friends and family to your home? Have fun!

Stu X



PLUS
stuffing,
tapestry
needle, two
12mm safety
eyes

SIZE
Tree height:
15cm
Red Present
height: 4.5cm
Pink Present
length: 5.5cm
Purple Present
width: 3cm



TREE

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

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

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

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

Rnd 4: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 5: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

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

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

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

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

Rnd 12: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 13: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 14: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 15: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

Rnds 16-17: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 18: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 48 sts

Rnd 19: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 20: working in BLO, (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 54 sts

Rnd 21: working in BLO, (7dc, dc2tog) to end. 48 sts

Rnd 22: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 32 sts

Rnd 23: (dc2tog, 14dc) to end. 30 sts

Insert safety eyes between Rnds 17-18, approx six sts apart

Change to Red Sparkle

Rnd 24: working in FLO, 1dc in each st

to end

Rnds 25-26: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Festive Purple

Rnd 27: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Red Sparkle

Rnd 28: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 29: 1dc in each st to end

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

Stuff

Rnd 31: working in BLO, (dc2tog) to end. Nine sts

Fasten off

small frill

Using 3.5mm hook and Leafy Lime, attach to front loop of Rnd 8 of Tree

Row 1: 1ch, ([1dc, 1htr] in next st, [1dc, one sl st] in next st) to end, join with a sl st in first st. 36 sts

Fasten off

medium frill

Using 3.5mm hook and Leafy Lime attach to front loop of Rnd 14

of Tree

Row 1: 1ch, ([1dc, 1htr] in next st, [1tr, 1htr] in next st, [1dc, one sl st] in next st) to end, join with a sl st in first st. 72 sts

Fasten off

large frill

Using 3.5mm hook and Leafy Lime attach to front loop of Rnd 20 of Tree

Row 1: rep Row 1 of Medium Frill.

96 sts

Fasten off

star

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

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

Fasten off

PRESENTS

purple present

Using 3.5mm hook and Festive Purple 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 BLO, 1dc in each st to end

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

Rnd 8: working in BLO, (2dc, dc3tog) to end. 12 sts

Stuff

Rnd 9: (dc3tog) to end. Four sts

Fasten off

red present

Using 3.5mm hook and Classic Red 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: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 4: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Red Sparkle

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

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

Stuff

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

Rnd 12: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

pink present

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

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

Rnd 2: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

Rnds 3-13: 1dc in each st to end

Stuff

Rnd 14: working in BLO, (dc3tog) to end. Four sts

Fasten off

to make up

Use Festive Purple to embroider smile between eyes. Use Frosty Pink to make two French knots on below eyes for cheeks. Sew Star to top of Tree. Tie contrasting colour yarn in bows around Presents. Weave in all ends

DECK THE HALLS AND GET OUT YOUR HOOK - IT'S TIME TO CREATE OUR

Festive fir

Not much beats the sight of a decorated Christmas tree with lots of exciting presents underneath, just waiting to be opened on the big day. This merry collection has been created by **HANNAH COOPER** and is perfect for beginners as the tree is worked in simple increases with no colour changes and the presents repeat a similar pattern. Why not mix up the shades used to match your Christmas colour scheme at home?

USE ALL
SIX
YARN
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CHRISTMAS TREE



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TRIM YOUR TREE WITH SOMETHING
COSY BY MAKING OUR

Woolly decs

PLUS
tapestry
needle, stitch
holder,
pom-pom
maker
(optional)

SIZE
Woolly
hat height
(excl pom-pom
and loop): 7cm
Mitten height
(excl string):
8.5cm

We just love the exciting build up to Christmas and knitting cute things to pop on our tree is part of the festive fun. These mini designs by **NICOLA VALIJI** are ideal for new knitters and are classic decorations that you can bring out every year. Why not mix up the shades used and make yourself a full colourful set for your tree? You could even add embellishments for extra sparkle!



If you
don't have
a pom-pom
maker, use a
fork instead

WOOLLY DECS mitten

Make two

Using 3.5mm
needles and Leafy
Lime cast on 18 sts
Row 1: (k2, p2) to
last two sts, k2
Row 2: (p2, k2) to
last two sts, p2
Rows 3-10: rep

Rows 1-2 four
times
Change to Red
Sparkle

Row 11: p
Row 12: k1, kfb, k6,
kfb, k1, kfb, k5, kfb,
k1. 22 sts
Rows 13-15:
starting with a p
row work in st st
Row 16: k9, kfb, k2,

kfb, k9. 24 sts
**Row 17 and every
odd-numbered
row:** p
Row 18: k9, kfb, k4,
kfb, k9. 26 sts
Row 20: k9, kfb,
k6, kfb, k9. 28 sts
Note: now
shaping thumb
Row 22: k18, turn
Row 23: p8, turn,

place rem 20 sts
on holder
Note: now work
sts on needle only
Row 24: k
Row 25: (p2tog) to
end. Four sts
Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread
tail onto tapestry
needle and thread
through rem sts,

fasten off
Row 26: with RS
facing rejoin yarn
to sts on holder, k
all sts. 20 sts
**Row 27 and every
odd-numbered
row:** p
Row 28: k
Row 30: (k2tog,
k2) to end. 15 sts
Row 32: k1, (k2tog)

to end. Eight 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 Leafy
Lime cast on 36 sts

Rows 1-5: (k2, p2) to end

Work in foll two-row stripe sequence: Red Sparkle, Festive Purple

Rows 6-13: starting with a k row work in st st

Row 14: (k2tog, k4) to end. 30 sts

Row 15: (p2tog, k3) to end. 24 sts

Row 16: (k2tog, k2) to end. 18 sts

Row 17: (p2tog, p1) to end. 12 sts

Row 18: k

Row 19: (p2tog) to end. Six sts

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

string

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Festive Purple cast on 30 sts

Row 1: k
Cast off

to make up

Gather fastened-off thumb section of Mittens and sew down row edges to form thumb. Fold piece in half and sew row edges tog on WS. Turn RS out and turn cuff over. Sew one String to each Mitten. Use Festive Purple to embroider a snowflake to front of Mittens. Turn Hat to WS and sew from fastened-off end down row edges to cast-on edge. Turn RS out. Make a small pom-pom in Leafy Green and attach to top of Hat. Fold String in half and sew to back of Hat. Weave in all ends

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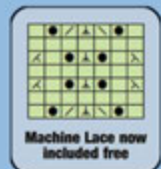
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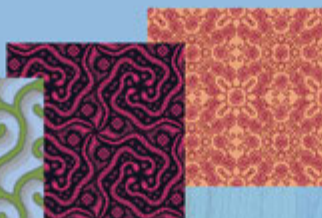
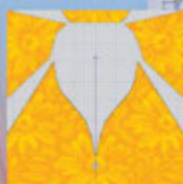


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SIZE

Height: 19.5cm



Take the next step

SPIRIT THE ELF legs, body & head

* Using 3.5mm needles and Frosty Pink cast on 15 sts
Rows 1-9: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st *
Cut yarn, keep sts on holder
Rep from * to * for second Leg
Row 10: k15 (Leg from needle), k15 (Leg from holder). 30 sts
Change to Bright Gold
Row 11: p
Row 12: (k4, kfb) three times, (kfb,



We just want to give Spirit a good squeeze, and we can't be the only ones. **SACHIYO ISHII'S** elf is almost too cute with his happy grin, pointy ears and eagerness to ensure Christmas goes off without a hitch. Use basic stitches to knit him, then dedicate some time for the making up to get it right. A gold bell, mini pom-poms and curly hair make the ideal finishing touches.



k4) three times. 36 sts

Rows 13-23: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 24: (k4, k2tog) three times, (k2tog, k4) three times. 30 sts

Row 25: p

Row 26: (k3, k2tog) three times, (k2tog, k3) three times. 24 sts

Note: change to Frosty Pink after Row 29

Rows 27-33: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 34: (k2, k2tog) three times, (k2tog, k2) three times. 18 sts

Row 35: p

Row 36: (k1, k2tog)

three times, (k2tog, k1) three times. 12 sts

Row 37: p

Row 38: (kfb) to end. 24 sts

Row 39: p

Row 40: k4, (kfb) 16 times, k4. 40 sts

Rows 41-49:

starting with a p row work in st st
Row 50: k10, (k2tog, k2) five times, k10. 35 sts

Rows 51-57:

starting with a p row work in st st
Row 58: (k3, k2tog) to end. 28 sts

Row 59: p

Row 60: (k2tog) to end. 14 sts

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread

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

right trouser leg

Using 3.5mm needles and Leafy Lime cast on 18 sts

Row 1 (RS): k

Row 2: p
Cut yarn, keep sts on holder

left trouser leg

Work as for Right Trouser Leg, do not cut yarn, cont to body

dungarees

Row 3: k18 (Left Trouser Leg from needle), k18 (Right

Trouser Leg from holder). 36 sts

Rows 4-16:

starting with a p row work in st st

Row 17: (k4, k2tog) three times, (k2tog, k4) three times. 30 sts

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

Row 25: (k3, k2tog) three times, (k2tog, k3) three times. 24 sts

Rows 26-28: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 29: (k2, k2tog) three times, (k2tog, k2) three times. 18 sts

Cast off

needles and Leafy Lime cast on 12 sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 24 sts

Row 3: p

Row 4: k

Row 5 (edge): k

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

Row 10: k8,

(k2tog) four times, k8. 20 sts

Row 11: p

Row 12 (ankle): k8, (k2tog) twice, k8. 18 sts

Row 13: p8, p2tog, p8. 17 sts

Rows 14-18:

starting with a k row work in st st
Cast off

sleeve

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Leafy Lime cast on 12 sts

Rows 1-7: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st
Cast off

arm

Make two

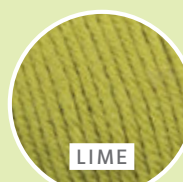
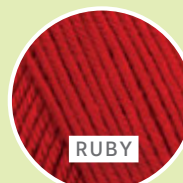
Using 3.5mm needles and Frosty Pink cast on 11 sts

Rows 1-16: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread

Run out of yarn?

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SACHIYO ISHII'S TOYMAKING TIP OF THE MONTH

“Add pink pastel or blusher onto a cotton bud, then use that to apply the colour to your doll’s cheeks – the application is much more precise!”

through rem sts,
fasten off

ear

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Frosty Pink cast on eight sts
Row 1 (WS): p
Row 2: k2, (k2tog) twice, k2. Six sts
Row 3: p
Row 4: k1, (k2tog) twice, k1. Four sts
Row 5: p
Row 6: sl 1, k2tog, pssso. Two 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 Red Sparkle cast on 42 sts
Rows 1-11: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st
Row 12: (k5, k2tog) three times, (k2tog, k5) three times. 36 sts
Rows 13-17: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 18: (k4, k2tog) three times, (k2tog, k4) three times. 30 sts
Rows 19-23:

starting with a p row work in st st
Row 24: (k3, k2tog) three times, (k2tog, k3) three times. 24 sts

Rows 25-29:

starting with a p row work in st st

Row 30: (k2, k2tog) three times, (k2tog, k2) three times. 18 sts

Rows 31-35:

starting with a p row work in st st

Row 36: (k1, k2tog) three times, (k2tog, k1) three times. 12 sts

Rows 37-41: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 42: (k2tog) to end. Six sts

Row 43: p
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

scarf

Using 3.5mm needles and Classic Red cast on eight sts
Rows 1-35: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st
Cast off

to make up

With fastened-off



yarn end of Body, sew Head to neck. With cast-on yarn end, sew each Leg to crotch. Sew back of Body, stuff and close seam. With Frosty Pink, work gathering thread along neck and draw gently to shape. Keep feet ends open. Fold Boots lengthwise, sew seam and stuff toes. With Leafy Lime, pierce foot from sole, take out needle from ankle and rep. Pull thread to flatten sole and shape ankle. Insert Leg in Boot, roll down top edge of Boot, and secure around Leg. Rep for other Leg. Wrap Body with outfit and sew leg and back seams. Seam Arms and stuff. Wrap Arm with Sleeve and

sew Sleeve seam. Attach Arms to Body. Attach eyes. With Frosty Pink, make French knot nose. Using dark brown 4-ply, embroider mouth. With Bright Gold, create front hair by making backstitches to forehead, leaving loops. Seam and attach Hat to Head, stuffing Hat lightly. Bend Hat and secure with a few sts if desired. Sew gold bell to tip of Hat. Sew Scarf seam, wrap neck with Scarf, and connect both ends tog at front. Thread Classic Red through pom-poms, cut yarn end and glue tip of yarn to pom-poms. Attach strings to Scarf. Add blusher to cheeks. Weave in all ends

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LETTER BAG

Using 3.5mm
needles and
Festive Purple cast
on 78 sts
Work in foll stripe

sequence: 24 rows
Festive Purple,
four rows Bright
Gold, 30 rows
Classic Red, four
rows Bright Gold,
28 rows Red
Sparkle
Rows 1-90:
starting with a k

(RS) row work in
st st
Row 91: k1, (k2,
yfwd, k2tog) four
times, k4, yfwd,
k2tog, (k2, yfwd,
k2tog) eight times,
k4, yfwd, k2tog,
(k2, yfwd, k2tog)
four times, k1
Row 92: p
Change to
Bright Gold
Rows 93-102:
starting with a k
row work in st st
Change to Festive
Purple

Rows 103-104:
starting with a k
row work in st st
Cast off, leaving a
long tail

tie
Using 3.5mm
needles and Leafy
Lime cast on
three sts
Create an i-cord
as folls: k three sts,
pass sts back to
LH needle and
k them again
until i-cord
reaches 56cm

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

to make up
Using tapestry
needle and
cast-off tail, join
sides of Bag tog
using mattress st,
then graft bottom
of Bag tog to
close it. Insert a
book or another
hard, flat object

into Bag to
provide a firm
support and
embroider 'Letters
for Santa' with
Leafy Lime (see
Great Advice).
Embroider 'Letters'
and 'Santa' using
chain st and use
backstitch on 'for'.
Pass tie through
buttonholes at top
of Bag and tie in a
bow. Weave in
all ends

GREAT ADVICE

WAYS WITH WORDS

To ensure your embroidered words
fit on the bag, first write them out
on a sheet of paper that's been cut
to size so you can refer to the
placement as you sew

BACK STITCH

Strong hand stitches with a neat finish

1 Secure the thread on the wrong side of the fabric
and bring the needle through to the surface to
start the first stitch. Move a
stitch length backwards along
the sewing line, take the needle
back through the fabric, then
bring it to the surface at the
end position of this stitch.

2 Moving back along the
stitching line, take the
needle down through the same
hole as the previous thread.
Bring it to the surface for
the end position of the stitch.
Repeat along the sewing line
to create even stitches.



CHAIN STITCH

Create chain-like stitches to add
dimension to an embroidered line

1 Bring the needle to the surface at
the start of the sewing line. Take it
back down very close to where it
came up, then return it to the
surface at the end position of the
first stitch.

2 Take the needle back down,
close to where it came up
through the loop and bring it
back up at the end position of
the next stitch.

3 Continue working along the
stitching line, repeating the steps
to create a chain of links. Finish by
catching the final loop with a small
stitch to secure.



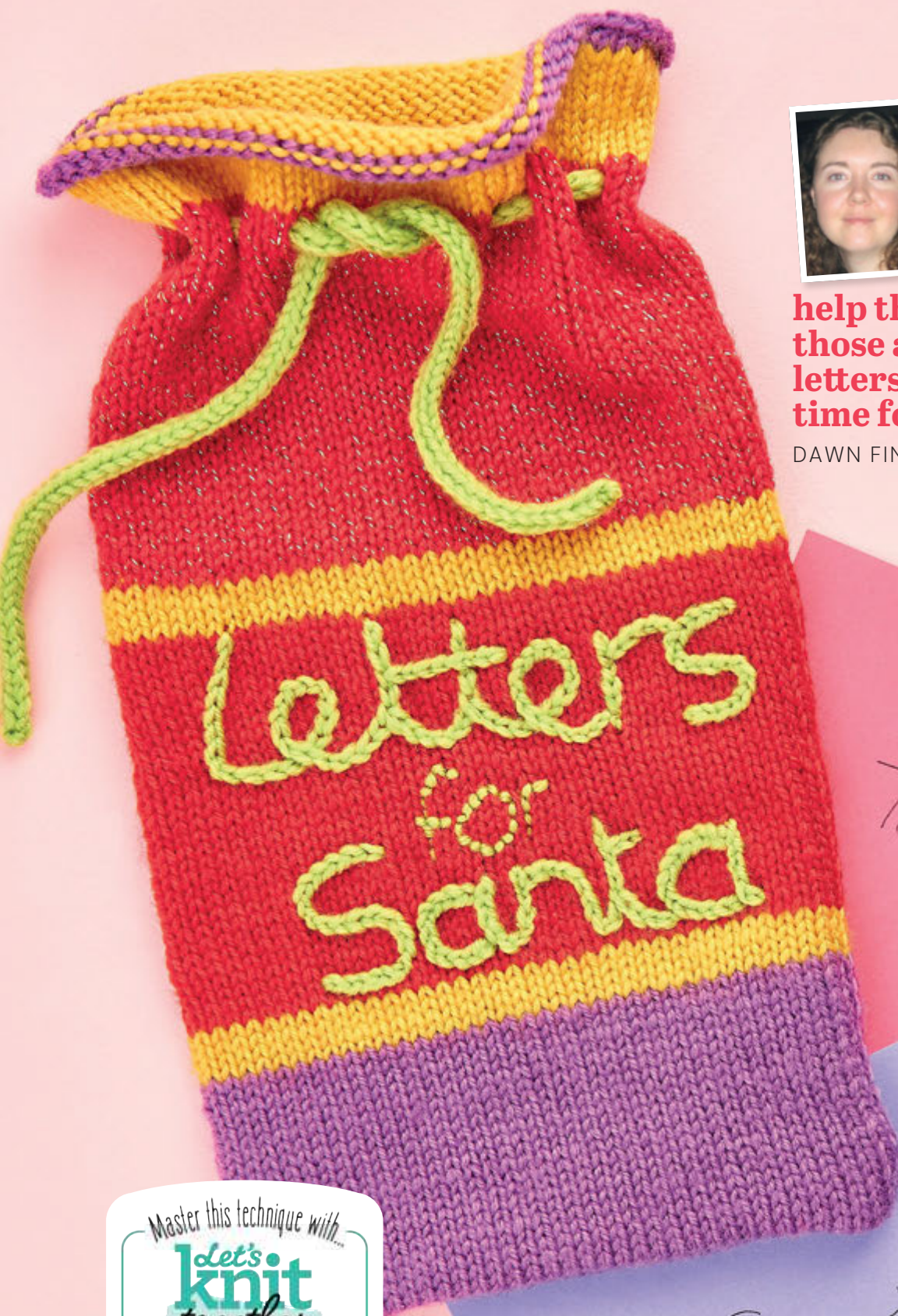
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DAWN FINNEY, DESIGNER

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MY FIRST BEAR

Hi, my name is Amelia. I'm writing because I would like to show you my first ever knitted bear. I loved Sachiyo Ishii's cute knitted bear from issue 122 of Let's Get Crafting and really wanted to make her. With the help of my mum and nan, Bridget the colourful bear was born, and I love her to bits. I'm seven years old and started knitting and crocheting as part of my home schooling in lockdown. My mum and nanny have helped me lots and I'm really enjoying learning how to make things.

AMELIA BUCKLAND, HAMPSHIRE



ADORABLE AMY

I love to craft and spend many evenings either knitting or crocheting and I also make greetings cards. I usually work in a primary school covering lunchtime as well as doing some admin when needed. I've been using my time at home during lockdown to finish off a number of half-made projects, mainly finally getting around to stuffing them and sewing them up as this is always the last thing I want to do! I loved making Amy the donkey from issue 117, the colour combo and her little face are so uplifting. She's the ideal antidote to the doom and gloom everywhere at the moment.

KATHERINE BROOKS, GREATER MANCHESTER



DOUBLE TROUBLE

I'm currently working part-time from home during lockdown. When I'm working, I can't wait to close my laptop to pick up my needles and start knitting! I enjoy multitasking between housework and crafts and I'm always looking for a new pattern to challenge myself, so I really enjoyed knitting Hope from issue 121 of Let's Get Crafting. My husband is on furlough and I got him to sort out my yarn, and because I enjoyed making Hope so much I made two. I'm so pleased with them! An old friend recently got in touch with me, so I knitted one for her granddaughter. When she came to collect her it was the first time I'd seen her in over 40 years!

DENISE DAVIES, CARDIFF





TIME FOR TEA

I made the tea cosy by Nicola Valiji from issue 120 of Let's Get Crafting and I'm so pleased with it. I had to upscale it for a larger teapot and it

turned out well, it was such a quick and fun item to make, I love Nicola's patterns. I crocheted with the bobble yarn instead of knitting the border as I found it easier, however the effect came out the same. I have always been interested in crafts and first learnt to embroider as a young child – I was taught by my mother and grandmother. My mother also taught me to knit and I have continued to enjoy it ever since. I have recently taught myself to crochet as well.

DIANE GRIFFITHS, HEREFORDSHIRE



BABY MAKES

I've been busy knitting and crocheting lots of baby makes, this is just a small taste of what I've made. Just before lockdown we lost our son unexpectedly, and at the time my friend's daughter was expecting. The baby gave me something joyful to look forward to. He was born on Monday 29th June, weighing 8lb 6ozs, which made me glad I'd knitted larger sizes! My friend doesn't know how much I've made; they fill three shopping bags! I hope they like what I've made, and I hope they have as much joy from parenthood as I did.

SUE HINDS, NOTTINGHAM

KNITTY GANG

Here are my latest dolls that I've knitted during my weeks at home shielding from the virus, including Briana the cavegirl, Eloise and Hope from issues 117, 119 and 121. I've endeavoured to make an international smiley doll family to cheer up my five year-old granddaughter while her school has been closed. I would like to offer my appreciation to the magazine and its pattern designers for all the enjoyment and fun this form of creative craft brings me. I can't stop making the dolls, they make everyone smile and I've nearly finished number ten. Thanks again for your great work on the magazine.

JANICE HURNE, HEREFORDSHIRE



RAINBOW BRIGHT

I knitted this doll for my niece and decided to knit her a rainbow dress as a sign of hope. My mum taught me to knit at the age of ten. I love making toys and mainly knit for my local blind society as my son is partially sighted. I knitted them a royal wedding when Prince William and Kate Middleton got married. During lockdown, I've had plenty of time to do more knitting and I'm currently attempting to knit myself a cardigan. I have a grandson who is aged two and I love making jumpers for him.

LORAIN PHELAN, HUNTINGDON



TOY TOWN

These are all the things I have knitted from issue 121 of Let's Get Crafting. I have been knitting for 50 years, I was taught by my gran. I have recently started knitting doll's clothes and I'm always looking for something new to take on. I

enjoy making all the toys in Let's Get Crafting, and I also love my garden and spending time with my grandchildren. I am trying to teach myself to crochet at the moment and keep trying to make the small toys. I will get there with your helpful Crochet School guides in the back of the magazine!

JULIE BEETON, NOTTINGHAM

HAVE YOUR SAY



WHERE IS YOUR FAVOURITE PLACE TO KNIT OR CROCHET?

"Anywhere that nobody disturbs me"

VAL GEARY

"On the deck of my summerhouse"

CAROLINE SMITH

"In my conservatory looking down the garden"

JULIE BARBER

"My sofa, because I am too lazy to carry everything elsewhere!"

ANGELA LEGOZA

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Holly

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SIZE: Father Christmas skittle height: 22cm
Mrs Claus skittle height: 17.5cm



HEATHER GIBBS, DESIGNER

"Christmas just isn't Christmas without games. You stuff yourself silly, watch the Queen's speech, then... anyone for Uno? Monopoly? Well, we thoroughly recommend that you add a handmade touch to proceedings this year. Over the

next three issues, I'll be sharing six skittle patterns, plus a stripy ball so you and yours can gleefully knock them down. In this first part, I've made a classic Father Christmas and his beloved wife. Both use basic stitches and simple shaping, so they're lovely patterns to take on. Half trebles are used to create the scalloped shaping on the beard and apron, and you'll be making bobbles for the noses. If you love our crochet-alongs, make sure you visit

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Happy making!"



FATHER CHRISTMAS SKITTLE head

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rnd 9: 14dc, MB (see Great Advice) in next st, 1dc in each st to end

Rnds 10-12: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 13: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

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

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

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

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

beard

Using 3.5mm hook and White make 9ch

Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end, turn. 12 sts

Row 2: 1ch, (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end, turn. 16 sts

Row 3: 1ch, miss next st, 3htr in next st, miss next st, sl st in next st, (3htr in same st as sl st, miss next st, sl st in next st) to end. Seven sections

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

hat

Using 3.5mm hook and White make 36ch, join with a sl st to make a ring. 36 sts

Rows 1-2: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Classic Red

Row 3: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rows 4-5: 1dc in each st to end

Row 6: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rows 7-8: 1dc in each st to end

USE YOUR
sparkle
yarn!



Row 9: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

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

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

Rows 13-14: 1dc in each st to end

Row 15: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

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

body

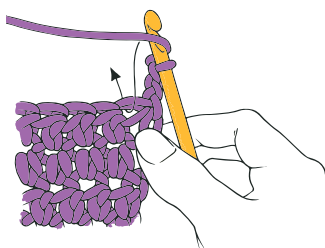
Using 3.5mm hook and Festive Purple make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

GREAT ADVICE

MAKE BOBBLE (MB)

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

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CROCHET SCHOOL

Use the half treble stitch to create the scalloped edges on the beard and apron – turn to page 64 for our three-step visual guide!

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

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

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

Rnd 7: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Red Sparkle

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

Change to Festive Purple

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

Change to Red Sparkle

Rnd 15: 1dc in each st to end

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

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

Rnd 19: (3dc,

dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

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

Rnd 22: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

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

Fasten off

to make up

Stuff Head and Body. Sew top of Hat closed. Use Bright Gold to embroider buckle onto belt. Attach Beard under nose using tail ends to embroider moustache. Split length of Classic Red and use two strands to embroider mouth. Attach Hat to Head, then Head

to Body. Weave in all ends

MRS CLAUS SKITTLE head

Make as for Father Christmas Skittle Head

hat

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

Rnds 1-7: rep Rnds 1-7 of Head. 30 sts

Change to Leafy Lime

Rnd 8: 1ch, 3htr in same st, miss next st, sl st in next st, (3htr in same st as sl st, miss next st, sl st in next st) to end, working last sl st in first st.



15 sections

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

apron

Using 3.5mm hook and White make a magic ring, work 3dc into ring, turn. Three sts

Row 1: 2dc in each st to end, turn. Six sts

Row 2: 1ch, (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end, turn. Nine sts

Row 3: 1ch, (2dc, 2dc in next st) to

end. 12 sts

Row 4: 1ch, 3htr in next st, miss next st, sl st in next st, (3htr in same st as sl st, miss next st, sl st in next st) to last two sts, 3htr in same st as sl st, sl st in next st. Six sections

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

body

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

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

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

Rnd 6: (4dc, 2dc in

next st) to end.

36 sts

Rnd 7: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Classic Red

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

Rnds 16-24: rep Rnds 16-24 of Father Christmas Body

Fasten off

to make up

Stuff Head and Body. Split length of Classic Red and use two strands to embroider mouth over Rnd 12 of Head. Sew Apron to Body. Attach Hat to Head, then Head to Body. Weave in all ends



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Look out for part two in issue 125, on sale 1st October, where you'll be crocheting two elf skittles and the all-important ball

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YARN

Aran: (A) five
113g (174m)
skeins; (B) two
113g (174m)
skeins

COLOURWAYS

Gryffindor: (A)
Maroon, (B)
Mustard
Ravenclaw: (A)
Blue, (B) Grey
Hufflepuff: (A)
Gold, (B) Black
Slytherin: (A)
Dark Green, (B)
Grey

PLUS

5mm x 40cm
circular needles,
stitch markers,
6mm crochet
hook, tapestry
needle

TENSION SQUARE

18 sts x 23 rnds
10cm x 10cm
stocking stitch
5mm needles

SIZE

Width: 45.5cm
Length (excl
fringe): 198cm

SHOW ALLEGIANCE TO YOUR
HOGWARTS HOUSE AND KNIT A

Harry Potter scarf

Pop on your sorting hat then show the wizarding world how much you love Gryffindor, Ravenclaw, Hufflepuff or Slytherin by wearing your house colours with pride. You'll feel like Molly Weasley once you get this knit on your needles; if only we could have a little magical help with weaving in those ends! This project is worked on circular needles and is a marvellous challenge for muggles who've never worked in the round before.

Official
Harry
Potter
pattern!



Take the
next step

SCARF

Note: scarf is worked in the round in one piece from the bottom up. Work stripes using Jogless Join method (see Great Advice overleaf) Using 5mm circular needles and Yarn A cast on 80 sts, pm and join to work in rnd, being careful not to twist sts
* K 27 rnds, or for approx 12cm
Work Rnds 1-15 of chosen House Colours Chart
Rep from * nine times
K 27 rnds in Yarn A, or until piece meas approx 198cm from cast-on edge, or desired length
Cast off kwise





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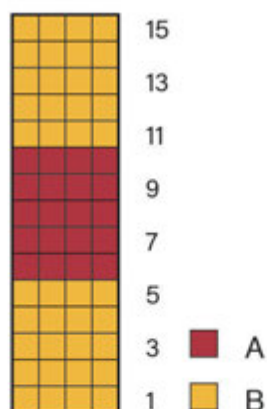
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to make up

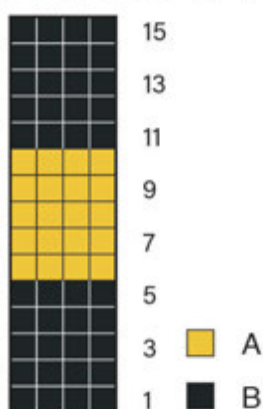
Block to measurements. Cut 80 pieces of Yarn A, approx 10cm long. When attaching fringe, be sure to have both layers held tog to flatten tube into scarf. Use crochet hook and work through both layers of cast-on or cast-off edge, attach a piece of yarn in each pair of sts across both edges. Trim to 4cm long. Weave in all ends



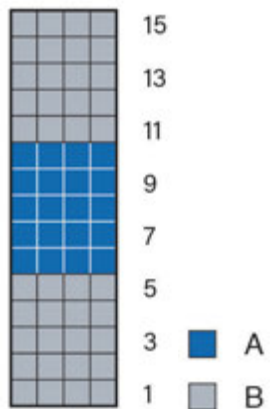
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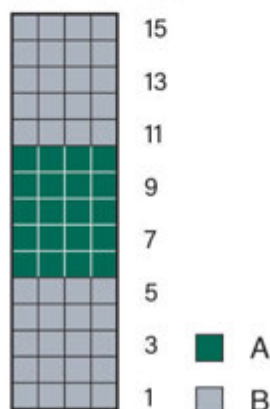
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RAVENCLAW



SLYTHERIN



“This design is worked in the round from the bottom up with no purling. The easy tubular construction means there’s no wrong side and the length is easy to adjust”

HEIDI WILKINS, DEPUTY EDITOR

GREAT ADVICE

JOGLESS JOIN

The Jogless Join is a way of knitting stripes in the round so the beginning and end of the round are not noticeable. Knitting in the round creates a spiral so the beginning and end of each round are offset by a half stitch, creating the ‘jog’ in the knitting. This is most noticeable when working stripes. You will need to be working at least two rounds with the same colour in order to use this technique. When changing colours, knit the first round with the new colour, slip the beginning-of-round marker, twist the yarns as if getting ready to change colours, but then let the colour not in use fall to the wrong side of the work, slip the first stitch of the next round, then knit to the end of the round. Continue knitting without slipping the first stitch of the round until you need to change colours again



Extracted from *Harry Potter Knitting Magic* by Tanis Gray (£22.99, Pavilion). Photography by Laura Flippen.



THE CHRISTMAS CRAFTING Countdown

Your essential guide to the most organised festive build-up, ever!

WORDS BY HEIDI WILKINS

We've all been there. It's late on 23rd December and you still have ends to weave in, knitted items to wrap, and you haven't even thought about what starter you're making for that all-important turkey dinner! Never fear, your favourite magazine is here to make the coming weeks and months an organised dream and to set you on a path that will future proof every December hereafter. This Christmas Eve, you will sit by the fire with a sherry in hand feeling super smug that you started planning early and got everything ticked off your list. Read on to find out how to make this year the most organised one yet.

WHERE TO START

If you begin crafting at the start of September you'll have roughly 16 weeks to get finished. The first things to decide are who you're going to make for. Don't be overambitious, think about who you really want to give something handmade to, who will appreciate it the most and which patterns you're going to have the most fun with. Do you have a project you've made before that you could adapt or make again for a couple of people? Also, make sure you earmark a few projects that don't require extreme concentration; then you can work on them in front of the TV, or even take them with you if you're meeting a friend for coffee - your hands can work away while you're chatting!





Allow time in your plans for festive socialising!

DON'T FORGET

The build-up to Christmas can get amazingly busy. The festive period is filled with extra social commitments from school Nativity plays, events with organisations you may belong to (craft club Christmas meal anyone?) plus that ever-growing shopping list needs items ticking off. So make sure you take this into account when planning your time and block out non-crafting days when you know you're not going to be able to pick up your projects.

Make your list and check it twice

Write a list of who you're going to make for and what you're going to make. Review it and don't feel bad to delete someone or remove a project that you really don't want to make. This is hours of your precious time and you want to be excited when picking up your needles or hook! We advise prioritising your favourite people and anything that will need posting overseas to ensure you allow enough time. Download our free Christmas planner to get your list started, and don't forget to decorate it with fun festive stickers!



DO... *Start early, in September if possible*

Make a list

Set a budget and stick to it

Make the same item for different people, just change the colours

Block out crafting time when you can't be disturbed

Change up yarns and project ideas if it makes things more simple

Have two or three projects on the go at once to keep things interesting

DON'T...

Feel like you have to make something for everyone

Forget how busy pre-Christmas gets

Worry if you don't get finished. If you're crafting for an adult and they have to wait until January for their handmade gift, it's not the end of the world!

GET ORGANISED

Find the patterns you're going to make. Put them in a folder with your list (yes this is an excuse for stationery shopping!) and work out how much yarn you're going to need for each project. It's always best to overestimate here rather than risk running out of yarn. This is also the time to work out costs; it's easy to think making a present is cheaper than buying it but several balls of yarn can get expensive, especially if you're going for more luxurious fibres. Have a look at your patterns and see if you can substitute yarns for something more reasonably priced and bring your overall costs down to meet your budget. Many online retailers don't charge delivery on larger orders, but of course your local yarn shop is the best place to visit to feel what you're buying and choose the perfect shades. So if you're able to hit the shops, make sure you pay your local craft store a visit.

MANAGE YOUR TIME

Once you've worked out who you're crafting for and what you're making, make a realistic estimate about how many hours each project is going to take. After this, you might want to adjust your list again! Then you can highlight times in your day (i.e. an hour before bed, an hour at lunch) when you plan to knit or crochet. We advise that if possible you make sure your family knows this – ask them not to disturb you!

GIFTS they'll love

QUICK AND EASY PROJECTS TO ADD TO YOUR LIST



Christmas donkey



Festive tea cosy

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Candy stripe scarf



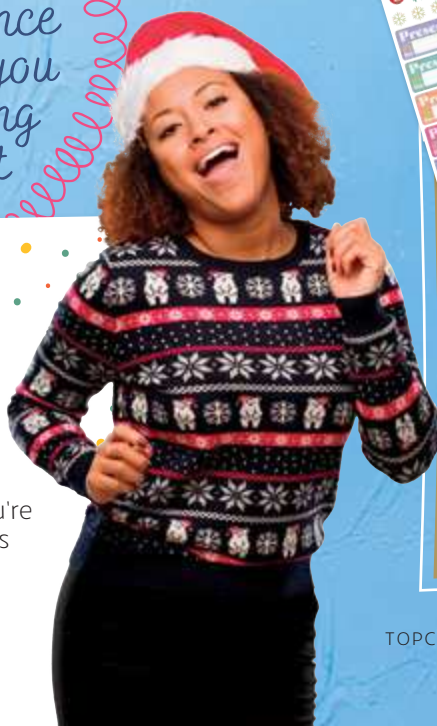
Chunky storage

These Yuletide beauties are at letsknit.co.uk

The happy dance you do when you tick everything off your list

ENJOY YOURSELF!

This is your hobby, not a chore. Creating things for your friends and loved ones is an activity to be enjoyed, not endured. If you get to the end of November and you find you've overestimated how much you're going to get done, cross a few names from your list or think of something easier to make.



Free festive planner!

This fantastic download has everything you need to organise your gift ideas, menu choices, favourite films and TV programmes, decoration inspo and more.

Search for 'Christmas planner' at papercraftermagazine.co.uk to download your 38 pages and printable stickers!



PLUS

white DK,
stuffing, four
10mm safety
eyes, tapestry
needle

SIZE

Mr Claus
height: 17cm
Mrs Claus
height: 16cm

IT'S JUST NOT CHRISTMAS WITHOUT A MINI

Mr & Mrs Claus

Introducing the power couple of the year! They've triumphed over everything 2020 has thrown at them, including keeping their toy production on track and full staff of elves and reindeers fit and well during lockdown. Designed by **SARAH-JANE HICKS**, this festive duo is worked with basic increases and decreases. We adore the touch of glam in Mrs Claus' dress, achieved with our sparkly red yarn. Could this be your first festive project?





MR CLAUS head

Using 3.5mm hook and Frosty Pink make 2ch

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Insert safety eyes between Rnds 7-8

Rnd 12: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 13: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Fasten off

legs & body

* Using 3.5mm hook and Festive Purple make 2ch

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

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

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

Change to White

Rnd 5: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Classic Red

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

Fasten off

Rep from * to * for

second Leg, join with a sl st to first st on Rnd 7 of first Leg

Rnd 8: 1dc in each st of first Leg, 1dc in each st of second Leg. 24 sts

Note: now working Body

Rnds 9-11: 1dc in each st to end

Stuff

Change to Bright Gold

Rnd 12: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Classic Red

Rnd 13: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 14: (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 21 sts

Rnd 15: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 16: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 17: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 18: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 15 sts

Rnd 19: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Fasten off

arm

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and Frosty Pink make 2ch

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

Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end

Change to White

Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Classic Red

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

Fasten off

hat

Using 3.5mm hook and Classic Red make 2ch

Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from

hook. Six sts

Rnd 2 and every even-numbered rnd: 1dc in each st to end

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

Rnd 5: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 7: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 15 sts

Rnd 9: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 11: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

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

Rnds 14-15: 1dc in each st to end

Change to White

Rnds 16-17: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

beard

Using 3.5mm hook and White make 17ch

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

Row 2: 1ch, dc2tog, 12dc, dc2tog, turn. 14 sts

Row 3: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

moustache

Using 3.5mm hook and White, join to seventh st on opposite side of foundation ch of Beard

Row 1: 4ch, miss two sts, join with a sl st

Fasten off

MRS CLAUS head

Work as for Mr Claus' Head

legs & body

* Using 3.5mm hook and Festive Purple make 2ch

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

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

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

Change to Classic Red

Rnds 5-7: 1dc in each st to end *

Fasten off

Rep from * to * for second Leg, join with a sl st to first st on Rnd 7 of first Leg

Rnd 8: 1dc in each st of first Leg, 1dc in each st of second Leg. 24 sts

Note: now working Body

Rnds 9-11: 1dc in each st to end

Stuff

Change to White

Rnd 12: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

Change to Red Sparkle

Rnd 13 and every odd-numbered rnd: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 14: (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 21 sts

Rnd 16: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 18: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 15 sts

Rnd 19: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Fasten off

skirt

Using 3.5mm hook and Red Sparkle, join with a sl st to unworked loops at back of Body on Rnd 11. 24 sts

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

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

Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end

Change to White

Rnd 4: 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st in first st

Fasten off

arm

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and Frosty Pink make 2ch

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

Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end

Change to White

Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Red Sparkle

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

Fasten off

hat

Using 3.5mm hook and Red Sparkle make 2ch

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

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

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

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

Rnd 5: (3dc, 2dc in

next st) to end. 30 sts

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

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

Change to White

Rnd 9: 1ch, (1dc, 2ch, 1dc) in each st to end, join with a sl st in first st

Fasten off

fringe

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and White make 4ch

Row 1: 3ch (counts as first tr), 5tr in fourth ch from hook. Six sts

Fasten off

apron

Using 3.5mm hook and White make 6ch

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

Rows 2-3: 1ch, 5dc, turn

Fasten off

Rejoin with a sl st to base of first ch

Rows 4-5: 1ch, 5dc, turn

Row 6: miss two sts, 5tr in next st, miss one st, sl st in last st

Fasten off

to make up

Stuff Mr Claus' Body and Head, attach Beard to face and sew Head to Body. Stitch Arms to Body. Using Festive Purple, embroider buckle onto belt. Make small pom-pom with White and sew to Hat. Fold end of Hat over and secure with a few sts in Classic Red. Embroider mouth on Mrs Claus using Classic Red, stuff Head and attach Fringe. Stuff Body and sew to Head. Attach Arms. Sew Apron to Body along waistband. Add straps to Apron using White and tie in a bow at back. Weave in all ends



PLUS
small amount
of black DK,
tapestry
needle, stuffing

SIZE
Height: 24cm

IT'S TIME TO PRACTISE YOUR PICOTS WITH OUR CHRISTMAS CUTIE

Stella doll

Our classic doll is the perfect gift for a little one this festive season. Designed by **AINE MARRIOTT**, we adore the cute details like the holly leaves on her chic beret and beautiful bow. When it comes to casting off Stella's dress, you'll be using the picot method to give it that gorgeous frilled effect that looks like holly or icicles.

Once you've learned it, you'll be adding it to all your knits!



Take the
next step

STELLA DOLL

right leg

Using 3.5mm needles and Festive Purple cast on 12 sts

Row 1: p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 24 sts

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

Row 10: k3, (k3tog) five times, k to end. 14 sts

Rows 11-20: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 21 (top of boot): k

Change to Frosty Pink

Rows 22-37: starting with a k row work in st st Cut yarn, place sts on holder

left leg, body & head

Using 3.5mm needles and Festive Purple cast on 12 sts

Rows 1-9: rep Rows 1-9 of Right Leg. 24 sts

Row 10: k6, (k3tog) five times, k to end. 14 sts

Rows 11-37: rep Rows 11-37 of Right Leg

Work in foll two-row stripe sequence: Classic Red, Red Sparkle

Row 38: k across Left Leg, then Right Leg. 28 sts

Rows 39-55: starting with a p row work in st st Cont in Classic Red

Row 56: (k1, k2tog) to last st, k1. 19 sts Change to Frosty Pink

Row 57: p

Row 58: (kfb) to end. 38 sts

Rows 59-75: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 76: (k3, k2tog) to last three sts, k3. 31 sts

Row 77: p

Row 78: (k1, k2tog) to last st, k1. 21 sts

Row 79: p

Row 80: (k2tog) to last st, k1. 11 sts

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

skirt

Using 3.5mm needles and Red Sparkle cast on 34 sts

Row 1: k

Row 2: (k2, m1) to

last two sts, k2. 50 sts

Row 3: p

Work in foll two-row stripe sequence: Classic Red, Red Sparkle

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

Row 8: (k3, m1) to last two sts, k2. 66 sts

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

Change to Leafy Lime

Rows 20-21: k Cast off using picot method (see Great Advice)

arm

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Red Sparkle cast on five sts

Row 1: p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. Ten sts

Row 3: p

Work in foll two-row stripe sequence: Classic Red, Red Sparkle

Rows 4-20: starting with a k row work in st st

Row 21: k

Change to Frosty Pink

Rows 22-25:

starting with a k row work in st st

Row 26: (k2tog) to end. Five 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 Festive Purple cast on 40 sts

Rows 1-3: k

Work in foll two-row stripe sequence: Classic Red, Red Sparkle

Row 4: (k2, m1) to last two sts, k2. 59 sts

Rows 5-15: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 16: (k7, k2tog) to last five sts, k5. 53 sts

Row 17 and every odd-numbered row: p

Row 18: (k6, k2tog) to last five sts, k5. 47 sts

Row 20: (k5, k2tog) to last five sts, k5. 41 sts

Row 22: (k4, k2tog) to last five sts, k5. 35 sts

Row 24: (k3, k2tog) to end.

28 sts

Row 26: (k2, k2tog) to end. 21 sts

Row 28: (k1, k2tog) to end. 14 sts

Row 29: (p2tog) to end. Seven sts Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry

needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

bow

Using 3.5mm needles and Festive Purple cast on five sts

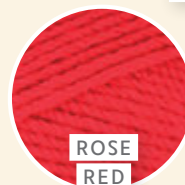
Rows 1-22: k Cast off

Run out of yarn?

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LIME
GREEN



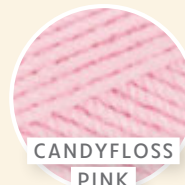
ROSE
RED



PANSY
PURPLE



BUTTERCUP
YELLOW



CANDYFLOSS
PINK



GREAT ADVICE

PICOT CAST OFF

Cast off two sts, (cast on two sts, cast off four sts) until no sts are left

CONTINUE
KNITTING



“If you’d like to add a knitted holly motif to your beret, turn to page 46 for our life-size pattern”

HEIDI WILKINS, DEPUTY EDITOR

holly leaf

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Leafy Lime cast on ten sts

Row 1: k

Cast off using picot method

berry

Using 3.5mm needles and Classic Red cast on ten sts

Row 1: p

Row 2: (k2tog) to end. Five sts

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

to make up

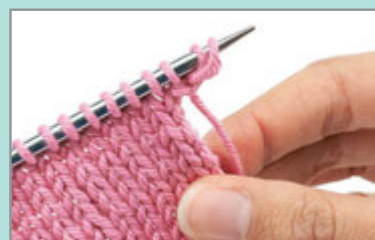
Seam row edges of Body, leaving a gap for stuffing. Seam row edges of each Leg. Oversew across cast-on sts at base of foot with Leg side seam positioned

towards inside of Leg. Stuff well and close up seam in back. Use Classic Red to gather around neck to further emphasise shape. Seam row edges of Skirt, place around Body and sew cast-on edge to waist. Seam row edges of Arms, leaving a gap at top for stuffing, stuff lightly. Oversew

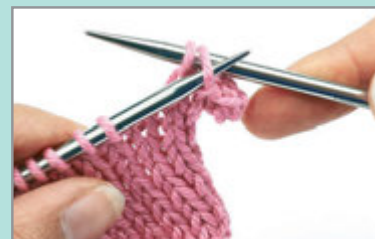
across cast-on edge and sew to side of Body, just below neck. Seam row edges of Hat. Place on Head and sew in position. Cut 18 30cm strands of Bright Gold. Attach middle of nine strands to each side of face, under Hat brim. Plait strands and tie Bright Gold around end of plait. Use Frosty Pink to embroider nose and Classic Red to embroider mouth. Use black DK to embroider eyes in fourth st to either side of nose. Use Bright Gold to embroider laces on front of each boot. Weave in ends on Bow. Gather middle of piece, shape into a bow, sew to front of Dress. Fold Holly Leaf in half along cast-on edge and sew. Sew Holly Leaves to front of Hat. Seam row edges of Berry, gather cast-on sts and pull up tightly. Sew to Hat just over edge of Holly Leaves. Weave in all ends

PICOT CAST OFF

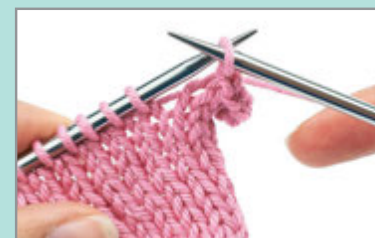
There are many variations on this technique, but the principle is the same for all of them



1 Using the cable cast-on method, cast on two stitches at the beginning of the row



2 Cast off four stitches



3 Slip the remaining stitch on the RH needle back on to the LH needle, then cable cast on two stitches



Repeat Steps 2 and 3 until all stitches have been cast off



With his sweet red scarf, this adorable fellow is all set for a Christmas Eve adventure with you know who!

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PLUS

two 6mm black eye beads, black thread, small amount of dark brown 4-ply, stuffing, black felt, fabric glue, stitch holder, tapestry needle, sewing needle, pink blusher and cotton bud (optional)

SIZE

Witch height (including hat): 24.5cm
Pumpkin height: 7cm



Take the next step

JOANNE THE WITCH

right leg

Using 3.5mm needles and Leafy Lime cast on 14 sts
Rows 1-11: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st
Cut yarn, keep sts on holder

GREAT ADVICE

FRENCH KNOTS

Use a tapestry needle to pull yarn from WS to RS. Hold tapestry needle horizontal, close to your knitted piece, and wrap yarn around needle twice. Taking care to hold yarn taut throughout, pass tapestry needle to back of piece slightly away from original point to create and secure the knot

START YOUR HALLOWEEN KNITTING IN THE MOST ADORABLE WAY WITH

Joanne the witch

When the witching hour strikes, our little Joanne always throws the best Halloween parties for her gang of 'ghoul' friends. She mixes magical potions in her pumpkin cauldron and before you know it, you'll be under her spell! Designed by **SACHIYO ISHII**, part of Joanne's cute charm is the shaping of her face. Make sure you pay special attention to your stuffing and sewing up to get those rosy cheeks just right.

left leg, body & head

Using 3.5mm needles and Leafy Lime cast on 14 sts

Rows 1-11: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st

Row 12: k14 (leg from needle), k14 (leg from holder). 28 sts

Row 13: p

Row 14: (k3, kfb) to end. 35 sts

Change to Bright Gold

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

Row 20: (k4, k2tog) five times, k5. 30 sts

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

Row 24: (k3, k2tog) three times, (k2tog, k3) three times. 24 sts

Rows 25-27:

starting with a p row work in st st

Row 28: (k2, k2tog) three times, (k2tog, k2) three times. 18 sts

Row 29: p

Row 30: (k1, k2tog) three times, (k2tog, k1) three times. 12 sts

Row 31: p

Row 32: k
Change to Frosty Pink

Row 33: p

Row 34: (kfb) to end. 24 sts

Row 35: p

Row 36: k4, (kfb) 16 times, k4. 40 sts

Rows 37-45: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 46: k10, (k2tog, k2) five times, k10. 35 sts

Rows 47-53: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 54: (k3, k2tog) to end. 28 sts

Row 55: p

Row 56: (k2, k2tog) to end. 21 sts

Row 57: p

Row 58: k1, (k2tog) to end. 11 sts

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread

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

dress

Using 3.5mm needles and Festive Purple cast on 54 sts

Rows 1-2: k

Rows 3-10: starting with a k (RS) row work in st st

Row 11: (k1, k2tog) to end. 36 sts

Row 12: p

Row 13: (k4, k2tog) three times, (k2tog, k4) three times. 30 sts

Rows 14-18: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 19: (k3, k2tog) three times, (k2tog, k3) three times. 24 sts

Row 20: p

Row 21: (k2, k2tog) three times, (k2tog, k2) three times. 18 sts

Cast off

sleeve

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Festive Purple cast on 18 sts

Rows 1-2: k

Rows 3-8: starting with a k (WS) row work in st st

Row 9: (k1, k2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rows 10-14: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 15: (k2tog) to end. Six sts

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

boot

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Classic Red cast on ten sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 20 sts

Row 3: p

Row 4: k

Row 5 (edge): k

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

Row 10: k8, (k2tog) twice, k8. 18 sts

Row 11: p

Row 12 (ankle): k7, (k2tog) twice, k7. 16 sts

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

Cast off

arm

Make two

Using 3.5mm needles and Frosty Pink cast on ten sts

Rows 1-13: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st

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

hat

Using 3.5mm needles and Festive Purple cast on six sts

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

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

Rows 5-7: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 8: k2, (kfb, k2) twice. Ten sts

Rows 9-11: starting with a p row work in st st

Row 12: k4, (kfb) twice, k4. 12 sts

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

Row 16: (k1, kfb) three times, (kfb, k1) three times. 18 sts



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Rows 17-21:

starting with a p row work in st st
Row 22: (k2, kfb) three times, (kfb, k2) three times. 24 sts

Row 23:

p
Change to Leafy Lime, keep Festive Purple attached

Rows 24-27:

starting with a k row work in st st
Row 28: (k3, kfb) three times, (kfb, k3) three times. 30 sts

Row 29:

p
Work in foll six-row colour sequence: Festive Purple, Leafy Lime, Festive Purple

Rows 30-33:

starting with a k row work in st st
Row 34: (k4, kfb) three times, (kfb, k4) three times. 36 sts

Row 35:

p
Rows 36-39: starting with a k row work in st st

Row 40: (k5, kfb) three times, (kfb, k5) three times. 42 sts

Row 41:

p

Row 42:

k

Row 43 (edge):

k

Row 44: (k2, kfb) to end. 56 sts

Row 45:

k

Row 46: (k3, kfb) to end. 68 sts

Row 47:

k
Change to Classic Red
Cast off



CAULDRON base

Using 3.5mm needles and Bright Gold cast on ten sts

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

p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 20 sts

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

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

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

Row 14: (k2, k2tog) to end. 30 sts

Row 15: p

Row 16: (k3, k2tog) to end. 24 sts

Row 17 (edge): k

Row 18: k

Row 19: (p4, p2tog) to end. 20 sts

Cast off

handle

Using 3.5mm needles and Bright Gold cast on four sts

Rows 1-18: starting with a p (WS) row work st st

Cast off

to make up

With fastened-off yarn end of Body, sew Head to neck. With cast-on yarn end, sew each Leg to crotch. Sew back of Body, stuff and close seam. With Frosty Pink, work gathering thread along neck and draw gently to shape, keep Feet ends open. Fold Boots lengthwise, sew seam and stuff toes. With Classic Red, pierce foot from sole, take out needle from ankle and rep. Pull thread to flatten sole and shape ankle. Insert Leg in Boot, fold down top edge of Boot and secure to Leg, sewing in place. Rep for other Leg. Wrap Body with Dress and sew back seam. Seam Arms and stuff. Sew Sleeve seam. Insert Arm in Sleeve, secure with a few sts to cuff. Attach Sleeves to Body. Attach eyes. With Frosty Pink, make a French knot (see Great Advice) for nose. Use dark brown 4-ply to embroider mouth. With Bright Gold, create front hair by making backstitches, leaving loop every other st to forehead, leaving loops. Thread Bright Gold and make long, straight sts to sides of Head, leaving long loops. Tie hair with Classic Red at sides of face. Cut loops and trim. Seam and lightly stuff Hat, attach to Head. Rub pink pastel onto cotton bud and apply to colour cheeks. With cast-on yarn end of Cauldron Base, sew seam to cast-off edge and stuff. Sew long sides of Handle and attach to Cauldron. Cut out black felt using photo as a guide and glue pieces to Cauldron. Weave in all ends

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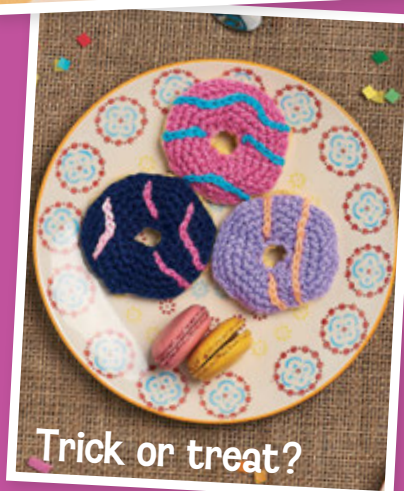
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SPOOKY FIBRES

Crafting for Halloween has to be one of our favourite activities. If you also love whipping up a witch or grafting together a ghoul, take a look at these colourful yarns that are the perfect shades for your end of October celebrations. We love the idea of creating a lace-knit shawl or a legacy garment from luxury fibres that you can get out each year. If you love crafting for kids, why not make a spooky outfit that will look amazing and feel soft against delicate skin? Get creative now to make sure you're fastening off in time for the witching hour!



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PLUS

20mm googly eye, stuffing, stitch markers, tapestry needle, small amount of black DK

SIZE

Height (sitting): 14.5cm



Perfect for beginners

ELBIE THE ALIEN

body

Using 3.5mm hook and Festive Purple make 26ch

Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, 1ch, turn. 25 sts

Rows 2-36:

working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end, 1ch, turn. 25 sts

head

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rnd 12: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 13: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
Insert googly eye
Stuff

Rnd 14: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

hat

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

Rnds 1-5: rep Rnds 1-5 of Head. 30 sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

pumpkin curl

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook

and Bright Gold make 12ch

Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 3dc in each st to end. 36 sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

arm

Make two

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

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

Rnds 2-8: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

leg

Make two

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

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

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

Rnd 5: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 6: 1dc in each st to end

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

Rnds 8-10: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

antenna

Make two

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

Rnds 1-4: rep Rnds 1-4 of Arm
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

to make up

Sew Body sides tog. At one side of opening, gather top sts to close and stuff, rep for other side. Sew Hat on Head. Position Antennae and Pumpkin Curls

on Hat and sew in place. Sew Head to Body. Position Legs at front of Body and attach. Sew Arms to Body using whip st. Use black DK to

embroider pumpkin eyes and mouth on Body, then a mouth and st above eye on Head. Weave in all ends

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Elbie the alien

Halloween is that special time of year when you can go to a party dressed as whatever you choose. Our little alien wanted to be a purple pumpkin so he's fulfilling his spooky dreams in this fa'boo'lous costume. We adore this cute creature who was designed by **SARAH LOUISE READ** and, unusually for our crocheted toys, has a body that's worked in flat rows rather than rounds, because we just love to keep you on your toes!



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SARAH LOUISE READ, DESIGNER





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♥ EDITOR'S PICK



Dakota the Dalmatian

A new addition to the Deradogs family! This pattern has been designed by Heather Gibbs of crochet blog Keep Calm & Crochet On. She has used Deramores Studio DK which is a wonderfully soft acrylic yarn that has been developed with anti-pilling technology.

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needle, two
brooch
fastenings

SIZE
Poinsettia
width: 12cm
Holly width:
11cm



Perfect for
beginners

POINSETTIA small petal

Make six

Using 3.5mm
needles and
Classic Red tie a
slipknot on the
needle, leaving a
short tail

Row 1 (RS): kfbf.

Three sts

Row 2: p

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

Rows 4-10:

starting with a p

row work in st st

Row 11: k1, (k2tog)

twice. Three sts

Row 12: p

Row 13: k1, k2tog.

Two sts

Row 14: p2tog.

One st

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

large petal

Make five

Using 3.5mm
needles and
Classic Red tie a
slipknot on the
needle, leaving a
short tail

Row 1 (RS): kfbf.

Three sts

Row 2: p

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

Row 4: p

Row 5: kfb, k2, kfb,

k1. Seven sts

Rows 6-12:

starting with a p

row work in st st

Row 13: k1, k2tog,

k2, k2tog. Five sts

Row 14: p

Row 15: k1, (k2tog)

twice. Three sts

Row 16: p

Row 17: k1, k2tog.

Two sts

Row 18: p2tog.

One st

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

leaf

Make four

Using 3.5mm
needles and Leafy
Lime cast on five
sts, leaving a
short tail

Row 1 (RS): k

Row 2 and every

even-numbered

row: p

Row 3: kfb, k2, kfb,

k1. Seven sts

Row 5: kfb, k4, kfb,

k1. Nine sts

Row 7: kfb, k6, kfb,

k1. 11 sts

Row 9: cast off

one st, k to end.

Ten sts

Row 10: cast off

one st, p to end.

Nine sts

Row 11: k1, k2tog,

k4, k2tog.

Seven sts

Row 12 and every

even-numbered

row: p

Row 13: k1, k2tog,

k2, k2tog. Five sts

Row 15: k1, (k2tog)

twice. Three sts

Row 17: k1, k2tog.

Two sts

Row 18: p2tog.

One st

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

to make up

Use tapestry
needle to weave
in cast-on tails of
Leaves and Petals.
Weave in cast-off
tails, carrying
them to cast-on
ends. Trim all but
one of cast-off
tails for Small
Petals. Block
Leaves and Petals
and allow to dry
thoroughly. Use
rem cast-off tail
to join six Small
Petals tog in a ring

with a few sts at
base of each
Petal, then secure
firmly and weave
in. Use cast-off
tails to attach five
Large Petals to
back of ring of
Small Petals, then
secure firmly and
weave in. Use
tapestry needle
and cast-off tails
to join Leaves to
back of piece. Use
long length of
Bright Gold to
create French
knots in centre of
flower (see Great
Advice). Attach
brooch fastening
to back of piece.
Weave in all ends

HOLLY leaf

Make three

Using 3.5mm
needles and Leafy
Lime tie a slipknot
on the needle,
leaving a short tail

Row 1 (RS): kfbf.

Three sts

Row 2 and every

even-numbered

row: p

Row 3: (kfb) twice,

k1. Five sts

Row 5: kfb, k2, kfb,

k1. Seven sts

Row 7: kfb, k4, kfb,

k1. Nine sts

Row 9: kfb, k6,

kfb, k1. 11 sts

Row 11: cast off

two sts, k to end.

Nine sts

Row 12: cast off

two sts, p to end.

Seven sts

Row 13: k

Row 14 and every

even-numbered

row: p

Row 15: kfb, k4,

kfb, k1. Nine sts

Row 17: kfb, k6,

kfb, k1. 11 sts

Row 19: cast off

two sts, k to end.

Nine sts

Row 20: cast off

two sts, p to end.

Seven sts

Row 21: k1, k2tog,

k2, k2tog. Five sts

Row 22: p

Row 23: k1, (k2tog)

twice. Three sts

Row 24: p

Row 25: k1, k2tog.

Two sts

Row 26: p2tog.

One st

Cut yarn leaving a

long tail, thread

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Merry brooches

It's official: mini makes are always a winner. They're transportable and quick to whip up, so they'll never get added to your ever-expanding WIP list. And the end results can be incredibly rewarding too. **DAWN FINNEY'S** latest patterns prove just that – her Christmas brooches will give your everyday garms and accessories a little seasonal boost, and we're certain you'll reach for them every year.



GREAT ADVICE

THE PERFECT FRENCH KNOT

Pull your needle out of the work where you want to create the knot, wrap the yarn close to the exit point around the front of your sewing needle twice, then insert the needle back into the piece a short distance away from the exit point

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

berries

Using 3.5mm needles and Classic Red tie a slipknot on the needle, leaving a short tail

Row 1 (RS): kfbfbf. Five sts

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

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

Rows 6-15: rep Rows 1-5 twice Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem st, fasten off

to make up

Use tapestry needle to weave in cast-on tails of Leaves. Weave in cast-off tails, carrying them to cast-on end. Trim one of cast-off tails. Use second cast-off tail to join two Leaves tog with a few sts, then leave it to attach brooch fastening later. Block Leaves and allow to dry thoroughly. Using tapestry needle

and Classic Red cast-off tail, work gathering st along edges of first Berry (Rows 1-5), then pull to gather into ball shape. Rep for rem Berries, then join

first and third Berries tog with a few sts. To define, wrap yarn around joins between each Berry a few times by passing it through centre of Berry group, over

join and back up through Berry group, then pulling tightly. Join Berries to centre of Leaves. Attach brooch fastening to back of piece. Weave in all ends

“To save you from moving your brooch from jumper to cardigan to scarf depending on that day’s outfit, why not fasten it onto your everyday handbag instead?”



ROSIE SAVAGE, EDITOR



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The gift of giving

Christmas is all about the makeworthy people in your life

One of the wonderful things about being a yarn crafter is being able to gift your makes to friends and loved ones. At Christmas, giving a unique handmade present is like giving someone a piece of yourself; it's as if hours of love have been woven into every stitch. What's more, who doesn't love the praise you get from people telling you how talented you are? (Yes, we know). We asked you what your Christmas crafty traditions are and you shared the squidgy parcels you've given over the years, and those that you've received and still treasure.



Amigurumi Advent

I always crochet something special for my daughter. One year it was more than 40 unicorns, another year I made a complete dollhouse furniture collection, last year it was a very special blanket by Pony McTate. I'll be making another blanket this year.

Monika Weber, Munich
@monigurumi on Instagram



Stealing Christmas

I'm a self-taught newbie crocheter. Last year I crocheted a Grinch Christmas tree ornament for my friend who loves The Grinch. This year I'm planning on crocheting a Nativity set.

Natalie Gonzell, London - @nattie.threads on Instagram



A Nativity story

The story behind this Nativity scene began eight years ago when I had just learnt to knit. Over the first Christmas, Mary, Joseph and Jesus were created, along with an armless king and then the season came and went before I had time to attach his appendages! I then sadly didn't work on it for six years, until lockdown came around that is. Now a much more experienced knitter, I worked non-stop on it for weeks, and was so excited to get the original figures down from the loft and put it all together. However, it turns out my tension had altered an awful lot over the years, and I was distraught to find the old figures were about twice the size of the new ones! So each large figure entered several rounds of surgery where their bottoms were unpicked, re-knitted and stuffing was removed, until they were perfect. In the end, I'm so happy with how it turned out, it is a precious Christmas story and it also shows my journey as a knitter.

Verity McClelland, Buckinghamshire



Cosy heads, fingers & toes

I knit for Christmas all year round. I always make gifts and it varies every year. One year everyone got fingerless mittens. I mainly did two colour stripes, but one particular friend warranted a rainbow of colours! Another year everyone got hats, I knitted my niece's little boy a fox hat and his mum liked it so much I had to make her one! I've also done booties – the basic shape came from a pattern of my mum's, she bought it in 1966 when she was expecting my brother, and then used it when I was born. I've knitted them for every single one of my friends who's had a baby. Recently, I used the basic bootie shape but just added a cuff to the top and added a pom-pom for a more contemporary feel.

June Jacobs, North Lincolnshire



Tree-mendous decorations

In recent years I have crocheted small decorations to give to friends instead of Christmas cards. I love the idea of people being able to get out a little handmade decoration each year instead of throwing a card in the recycling. So far I've done granny square style Christmas trees and snowflakes. I still need to decide what I'm going to make this year!

Heidi Wilkins, Deputy Editor



Christmas treasures

When I started knitting I decided to make a new Christmas decoration each year. It's interesting to see the progress that I have made in my crafting over the last seven years! I also treasure a pig in a dress crocheted for me one Christmas by a close friend, and a cushion that's an old Let's Get Crafting pattern knitted by my mum.

Emily Day, Reading



A stitch in time...

If you'd love to start a yearly making tradition and you adore all things vintage, you'll be in awe of what Let's Knit Together has coming up. Don't miss out on the opportunity to get your hands on timeless knitting patterns from the 1930s – yes, really! – then take a trip down memory lane with fellow club members in the invite-only Facebook group and discuss all your nostalgic knitting memories. Sign up as a member to the UK's friendliest knitting club and get unlimited access to all the vintage designs and 1,800+ patterns, plus plenty of extra benefits!

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PLUS
stitch markers,
tapestry
needle,
stuffing, two
8mm black
safety eyes

SIZE
Height: 28.5cm

NUT CRACKER head

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

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

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

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

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

Rnds 5-10: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 11: 14dc, MB (see Great Advice) in next st, 1dc in each st to end. 30 sts

Rnd 12: 7dc, 2dc in next st, 14dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc in each st to end. 32 sts

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

Rnd 15: 7dc, dc2tog, 14dc, dc2tog, 1dc in each st to end. 30 sts
Rnd 16: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

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

18 sts
Insert safety eyes between Rnds 9-10, approx six sts apart, with nose in centre

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

hat

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

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

Rnd 5: (14dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 32 sts

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

Rnds 7-13: 1dc in each st to end
Sl st to next st, make 28ch (or chain long enough to fit around chin), sl st to opposite side of Hat to join
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

legs & body

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

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

Rnd 2: 2dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 3dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 1dc. 14 sts

Rnd 3: 2dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 1dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 2dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 1dc, (2dc in next st) twice. 22 sts

Rnd 4: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 5: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 6: 2dc, (dc2tog) four times, 1dc in each st to end. 18 sts

Rnd 7: 1dc, (dc2tog) four times, 1dc in each st to end. 14 sts

Rnd 8: 1dc, (dc2tog) twice, 1dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Change to Classic Red

Rnds 9-19: 1dc in each st to end *
Fasten off
Rep from * to * once, cont to Body as folls:

Note: make sure boots are both pointing forwards before you begin
Rnd 20: sl st to middle inside of

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

Rnds 21-27: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off
Stuff Legs firmly

coat bottom

Using 3.5mm hook and Red Sparkle make 30ch, join with a sl st to first ch to make a ring. 30 sts

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

coat top

Using 3.5mm hook and Festive Purple work through Rnd 4 of Coat Bottom and Rnd 27 of Legs & Body

Rnd 1: working through all layers, 1dc in each st to end. 30 sts

Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Red Sparkle

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

Rnd 5: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

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

Note: stuff as

you go
Rnd 11: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

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

Rnd 13: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

coat braiding

Using 3.5mm hook and Leafy Lime make ch that is long enough to cross over front of Body
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

arm

Make two

stuff as you go
Using 3.5mm hook and Frosty Pink make a magic ring, work 10dc into ring. Ten sts
Rnds 1-4: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Red Sparkle

Rnds 5-16: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off



Perfect for
beginners

epaulette

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and Bright Gold make a magic ring, work 10dc into ring. Ten sts
Rnds 1-5: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

to make up

Sew Coat Top closed. Split length of Classic Red and using two strands, embroider mouth over Rnd 14 of Head. Stuff, ensuring neck is stuffed firmly. Sew Hat to top of Head, then sew Head to Body. Push Epaulettes over top of Arms and sew into place. Attach Arms to Body. Attach Coat Braiding to Body, crossing it over. Weave in all ends

GREAT ADVICE

MAKE BOBBLE (MB)

(Yoh, insert hook in st, pull up a loop) four times. Nine loops on hook. Yoh and pull through all loops on hook, cont with next st

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SIX
YARN
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KEEP TINY TOOTSIES WARM AND SNUGGLY IN JACKIE CARREIRA'S

Holly booties

A cosy pair of boots is essential for the cooler months of the year and we can't get enough of these baby booties with their jolly Christmas trimmings. This is a great pattern if you've not yet ventured into crocheting garments and it's a chance to try out trebles, half trebles and double trebles. By the end of this project you'll have more stitches up your sleeve than you'll know what to do with!



HOLLY BOOTIES cuff

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and Leafy Lime make 27ch

Row 1 (RS):

starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. 26 sts

Work in foll one-row stripe sequence: Bright Gold, Classic Red

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

Row 3: 1ch, 8dc, (MB [see Great Advice] in next st, 2dc) three times, MB in next st, 1dc in each st to end, turn

Rows 4-18: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn. 26 sts

Note: now working upper section, cont in Bright Gold

Row 19: sl st across first eight sts, 1ch, 10dc, turn leaving rem eight sts unworked

Rows 20-29: work across 10dc only, 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

Row 30: 1ch, miss first st, 8dc, sl st in last st

Fasten off

sides

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and Classic Red, with RS facing, join at start of Cuff on Row 18

Row 1: 1ch, 8dc, 11dc in row ends along first side of upper section, 8dc across toe, 11dc in row ends along second side, 8dc, turn. 46 sts

Rows 2-5: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn Fasten off

sole

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and Red Sparkle make 4ch, join with a sl st to make a ring

Rnd 1 (RS): 1ch, 8dc in ring, sl st in first dc, 5ch

Rnd 2: 2dc in second ch from hook, 5dc, (2dc in next st) four times, 2dc, 3dc in base of beg ch, 2dc in next st, sl st in first dc. 22 sts

Rnd 3: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 8dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc, 2dc in next st, 8dc, 2dc in next st, sl st in first

dc. 26 sts

Rnd 4: 1ch, (2dc in next st) twice, 8dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 2dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 8dc, (2dc in next st) twice, sl st in first dc. 34 sts

Rnd 5: 1ch, 1dc, 2dc in next st, 12dc, 2dc in next st, 4dc, 2dc in next st, 12dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, sl st in first dc. 38 sts

Rnd 6: 1ch, 1dc, 2dc in next st, 13dc, 2dc in next st, 6dc, 2dc in next st, 13dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, sl st in first dc. 42 sts

Rnd 7: 1ch, 1dc, 2dc in next st, 14dc, 2dc in next st, 8dc, 2dc in next st, 14dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, sl st in first dc. 46 sts

Fasten off

holly leaf

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and Leafy Lime make 17ch

Rnd 1: starting in second ch from hook, (sl st in next st) four times, (1ltr, 1tr, 1dtr [see Great Advice], 1tr, 1ltr, 1dc) twice, 3ch, now work base of

starting 17ch as folls: (1dc, 1ltr, 1tr, 1dtr, 1tr, 1ltr) twice, sl st in next st, turn

Rnd 2: 2dc, picot [see Great Advice], 5dc, picot, (3dc, picot) twice, 5dc, picot, 2dc, sl st in next st

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

to make up

Join Red Sparkle to centre back of Sole. With WS tog, join Sole to last row of Sides by working one row of dc through BLO of corresponding st of both pieces. Cont joining centre back of Cuff working 1dc across each row end. Leave top seven rows of boot Cuff unjoined. Fasten off. Thread long tails of Holly Leaves through centre of Row 3 of Cuff in middle of bobbles and tie securely. Fold top of Cuffs over to edge of last joined row. Weave in all ends



“Even if you don't have little feet in your home to fit these festive booties, they make cute Christmas decorations, and are big enough to hide a little gift inside!”

JACKIE CARREIRA, DESIGNER

GREAT ADVICE

MAKE BOBBLE (MB)

4tr in next st leaving last part of each tr unworked on hook. Five loops on hook. Yoh and pull through all five loops

DOUBLE TREBLE (DTR)

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

PICOT

(1dc, 3ch, sl st in third ch from hook, 1dc) in next st

TOP TIP

FOR A LARGER SIZED BOOTIE, SIMPLY USE A LARGER CROCHET HOOK. START BY WORKING THE SOLE FIRST, THEN MEASURE AGAINST THE BABY'S FOOT TO CHECK THE LENGTH



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Nativity knit-along



YOU WILL NEED



YARN

King Cole
Pricewise DK,
shades (A) 3024
Vintage Rose,
(B) 201 Cloud,
(C) 149 Blush,
(D) 307 Crocus,
(E) 037 Taupe,
(F) 1740
Mustard,
(G) 1741 Fudge,
(H) 001 White,
(I) 009 Red,
(J) 080
Buttermilk,
(K) 341 Topaz,
(L) 022 Jade,
one 100g ball
of each; 4-ply,
Dark Brown,
small amount

PLUS

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

SIZE

Mary and
Joseph height:
14cm
Jesus height:
7cm

TENSION SQUARE

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



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next step

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USE THE HASHTAG
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CAN ALL CHECK IN ON
EACH OTHER'S
PROGRESS!

Welcome to the first instalment of our brand new knit-along! **SACHIYO ISHII'S** incredible nativity is perfect for sharing the story with little ones, or for setting up as part of your seasonal display. In this three-part project, we're starting with Mary, Joseph and Jesus, and you'll find more characters over the next two issues. Oh, and the yarn amounts we've given are for the full set so you know exactly what you'll need. Happy knitting!

MARY body & head

Using 3.5mm
needles and Yarn

A cast on ten sts

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

Row 2: (kfb) to
end. 20 sts

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

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

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

Row 10 (edge): p

Rows 11-19:

starting with a p
row work in st st

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

Rows 21-25:
starting with a p

row work in st st

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

Rows 27-35:
starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 36: (k1, k2tog)
to end. 20 sts

Row 37: p

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

Change to Yarn C

Row 39: p

Row 40: k2, (kfb) 11
times, k2. 26 sts

Rows 41-47:

starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 48 (eyeline):
k6, (k2tog, k1) four
times, k2tog, k6.
21 sts

Rows 49-53:
starting with a p
row work in st st

Row 54: k1, (k2tog,
k2) to end. 16 sts

Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread
tail onto tapestry
needle and thread

through rem sts,
fasten off

sleeve

Make two

Using 3.5mm
needles and Yarn

A cast on 18 sts

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

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

Rows 5-7: starting
with a p row work
in st st

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

Nine sts

Row 9: p

Row 10: k
Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread
tail onto tapestry
needle and thread
through rem sts,
fasten off

arm

Make two

Using 3.5mm
needles and Yarn
C cast on eight sts

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

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

cape

Using 3.5mm
needles and Yarn
B cast on 70 sts

Rows 1-3: k

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

Row 5: k

Rows 6-15: rep
Rows 4-5 five
times

**Row 16 (shape
hood):** k2, p23,
cast off 20 sts,
p22, k2. 50 sts

Row 17: k23,
(k2tog) twice, k23.
48 sts

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

Row 19: k22,
(k2tog) twice, k22.
46 sts

Row 21: k21,
(k2tog) twice, k21.
44 sts

Row 23: k20,
(k2tog) twice, k20.
42 sts

Cont to dec on
every RS row as
set until 32 sts rem
K two rows
Cast off kwise
on WS

to make up

Using yarn tail,
sew Head seam to
neck. Sew Body
from neck
halfway. Using
yarn tail, gather
thread along
cast-on edge and
draw tightly. Sew
rest of base. Sew
Body a little
further and stuff,
avoiding neck
area. Close Body.
Using Yarn C, work
gathering thread
along neck and
draw tightly. Using
Yarn C, make
French knot for
nose. Using Yarn E,
embroider hair
with straight sts.
Attach eye beads.
Wrap each Arm
with Sleeve and,
using Yarn A,
secure Arm at cuff.
Seam Sleeve and
attach to Body.
Fold cape in half
vertically and sew
back of hood.
Dress Body with
Cape and attach
at neck. Sew
hands tog. Colour
cheeks with pink
pastel. Weave in
all ends

JOSEPH body & head

Using 3.5mm
needles and Yarn
D cast on ten sts
**Row 1 (WS) and
every odd-**

numbered row: p
Row 2: (kfb) to end. 20 sts
Row 4: (k1, kfb) to end. 30 sts
Row 6: (k2, kfb) to end. 40 sts
Row 8 (edge): p
Rows 9-29: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 30: (k2, k2tog) to end. 30 sts
Rows 31-37: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 38: (k1, k2tog) to end. 20 sts
Row 39: p
Row 40: (k2, k2tog) to end. 15 sts
 Change to Yarn C
Rows 41-56: rep Rows 39-54 of Mary Body & Head
 Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

coat

Using 3.5mm needles and Yarn E cast on 50 sts
Rows 1-3: k
Row 4 (WS): k2, p to last two sts, k2
Row 5: k
Rows 6-15: rep Rows 4-5 five times
Row 16: rep Row 4
Row 17: (k3, k2tog) five times, (k2tog, k3) five times. 40 sts
Row 18: k2, p to last two sts, k2
Row 19: k
Rows 20-21: rep Rows 18-19
Row 22: rep Row 18
Row 23: (k2, k2tog) five times, (k2tog, k2) five times. 30 sts
Row 24-45: rep Rows 18-19 11 times
 Cast off pwise

sleeve

Make two
 Using 3.5mm needles and Yarn E cast on 18 sts
Rows 1-5: starting with a p (WS) row work in st st
Row 6: k2, (k2tog, k2) to end. 14 sts
Rows 7-9: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 10: k2tog, (k1, k2tog) to end. Nine sts
Row 11: p
Row 12: k
 Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

arm

Make two
 Work as for Mary Arm

to make up

Make up Body, Head and face as

for Mary. Using two strands of Yarn G, embroider hair and beard with backstitch, leaving small loops. Fold cast-off edge of Coat in half, seam, and place Coat over Body. Make up Arms and Sleeves as for Mary and attach. Weave in all ends

BABY JESUS body & head

Using 3.5mm needles and Yarn H cast on ten sts
Row 1 (WS): p
Row 2: (kfb) to end. 20 sts
Rows 3-13: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 14 (shape neck): (k2tog) to end. Ten sts
 Change to Yarn C
Row 15: p
Row 16: (kfb) to

end. 20 sts
Rows 17-19: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 20 (eyeline): k4, (k2tog, k1) four times, k4. 16 sts
Rows 21-23: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 24: k1, (k2tog, k1) to end. 11 sts
 Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

blanket

Using 3.5mm needles and Yarn H cast on 25 sts
Rows 1-3: k
Row 4 (WS): k2, p to last two sts, k2
Row 5: k
Rows 6-31: rep Rows 4-5 13 times
Rows 32-33: k
 Cast off kwise

manger

Using 3.5mm needles and Yarn F cast on 20 sts
Row 1 and every odd-numbered row: p
Row 2: (k1, kfb) to end. 30 sts
Row 4: (k2, kfb) to end. 40 sts
Row 6: (k3, kfb) to end. 50 sts
Row 8: (k4, kfb) to end. 60 sts
Row 10 (edge): p
Rows 11-17: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 18 (edge): p
Row 20: (k8, k2tog) to end. 54 sts
Rows 21-25: starting with a p row work in st st
 Cast off

to make up

Using end yarn tail, sew Head. Using cast-on tail,

partially sew Body, stuff avoiding neck area and close seam. Using Yarn C, work gathering thread along neck and draw tightly. Using two strands of Yarn E, backstitch hair along forehead, leaving small loops. Using Yarn C, make French knot for nose. With Dark Brown 4-ply, embroider eyes. Colour cheeks. Wrap Body with Blanket. Fold Manger in half lengthwise and sew base seam. Sew rest of base and side seam. Fold cast-off edge inwards and sew edge to inner side of Manger. Weave in all ends

COMING
NEXT ISSUE:
KNIT THE
THREE
KINGS!



“Leave a long yarn tail at the beginning and end for sewing up and use mattress stitch to join the seams”

SACHIYO ISHII, DESIGNER



YOU WILL
NEED

■■■■■■■■■■

YARN

Aran: (A) Mid Blue, (B) Light Blue, (C) Lemon, (D) Raspberry, (E) Plum, (F) Pale Rose, (G) Magenta, (H) Camel, (I) Turquoise, (J) Orange, (K) Lime, (L) Pistachio, (M) Coral, one 100g ball of each; (N) Cream, (O) Teal, two 100g balls of each

PLUS

5mm needles, tapestry needle, stitch markers

SIZE

Each square: 14cm x 14cm after making up
Finished blanket: 90cm x 105cm

TENSION
SQUARE

18 sts x 24 rows
10cm x 10cm
Stocking stitch
5mm needles



Take the
next step

WALL

Make two

Note: carry Yarn N up RH edge but fasten off other colours after each stripe, sl all sts pwise
Using 5mm needles and Yarn N cast on 25 sts
Rows 1-4: k
Work in foll four-row stripe sequence: Yarn A

(E), Yarn N, Yarn B (D), Yarn N, Yarn L (H), Yarn N, Yarn H (K), Yarn N, Yarn M (G), Yarn N

Row 5: k4, (sl 1, k3) five times, k1

Row 6: p4, (sl 1, p3) five times, p1

Rows 7-8: rep Rows 5-6

Rows 9-12: k

Row 13: k2, (sl 1, k3) five times, sl 1, k2

Row 14: p2, (sl 1, p3) five times, sl 1, p2

Rows 15-16: rep Rows 13-14

Rows 17-20: k

Rows 21-24: rep Rows 5-8

Rows 25-28: k

Rows 29-32: rep Rows 13-16

Rows 33-36: k

Rows 37-40: rep Rows 5-8

Rows 41-44: k

Cast off

2 X 2
SQUARE

Make two

Using 5mm needles and Yarn A (I) cast on 26 sts
Row 1 (RS) and every odd-numbered row: k
Row 2: k3, (p2, k2) five times, p3

Rows 3-4: rep

Rows 1-2

Row 5: k

Row 6: p3, (k2, p2) five times, k3

Rows 7-8: rep

Rows 5-6

Rows 9-40: rep

Rows 1-8 four times

Cast off

3 X 3
SQUARE

Make two

Using 5mm needles and Yarn

K (J) cast on 26 sts

Row 1 (RS) and every odd-numbered row: k

Row 2: k4, (p3, k3)

three times, p4

Rows 3-6: rep

Rows 1-2 twice

Row 7: k

Row 8: p4, (k3, p3)

three times, k4

Rows 9-12: rep

Rows 7-8 twice

Rows 13-36: rep

Rows 1-12 twice

Rows 37-42: rep

Rows 1-6

Cast off

4 X 4
SQUARE

Make two

Using 5mm needles and Yarn

E (G) cast on 26 sts

Row 1 (RS) and every odd-numbered row: k

Row 2: k5, (p4, k4)

twice, p5

Rows 3-8: rep

Rows 1-2 three times

Row 10: p5, (k4,

p4) twice, k5

Rows 11-16: rep

Rows 9-10 three times

Rows 17-32: rep

Rows 1-16

Rows 33-40: rep

Rows 1-8

Cast off

BORDER
END STRIP

Make two

Using 5mm needles and Yarn O cast on ten sts

JUST IN TIME FOR AUTUMN, WE'RE INTRODUCING THE FINAL PART OF OUR

Patchwork blanket-along

It's the moment you've been waiting for, the last squares in **LUCINDA GANDERTON'S** delicious blanket-along. We can't wait to see your finished projects so make sure you get these last colourful additions knitted up fast. Take a look at the image below for the layout to check your squares are in the right place – or choose your own order! – then stitch them together and add your new creation to your décor for the ultimate pop of colour.



Row 1: k3, p2, k2, p2, k1
Row 2: p1, k2, p2, k2, p3
Row 3: k1, p2, k2, p2, k3
Row 4: p3, k2, p2, k2, p1
Rows 5-36: rep Rows 1-4 eight times, pm at LH edge
Rows 37-252: rep Rows 1-4 54 times, pm every 36 rows
 Cast off

SIDE STRIP

Make two

Using 5mm needles and Yarn O cast on ten sts
Rows 1-12: rep Rows 1-4 of Border End Strip three times, pm
Rows 13-228: rep Rows 1-4 of Border End Strip 54 times, pm every 36 rows
Rows 229-240: rep Rows 1-4 of Border End Strip three times
 Cast off

to make up

Lay all 42 squares out using our image as a guide. Using mattress stitch, join top and bottom edges of squares in vertical columns. Pin first two columns tog, matching seams, sew tog. Add rem columns in same way. Pin Border End Strips at top and bottom, lining up markers with seams. Sew in place with mattress st. Rep to add Side Strips to side edges. Weave in all ends

Yarn colours in brackets refer to additional squares



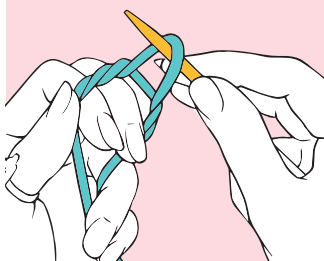
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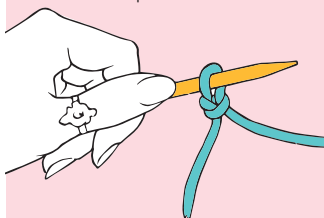
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slip knot

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



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



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

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cast on

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



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



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



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



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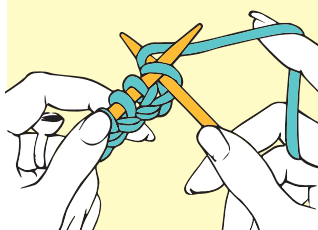
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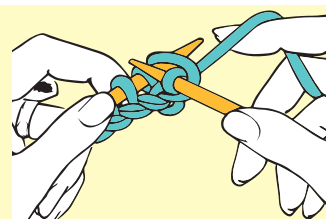
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knit stitch (k)

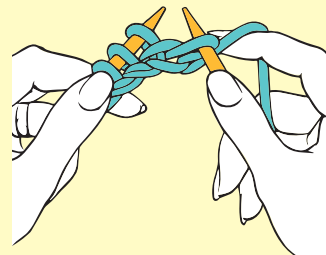
Also known as garter stitch, the knit stitch is the foundation of knitting



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



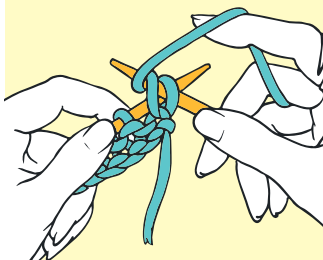
2 Using the RH needle, pull a loop of the wrapped yarn through the original stitch to create a new one on the RH needle.



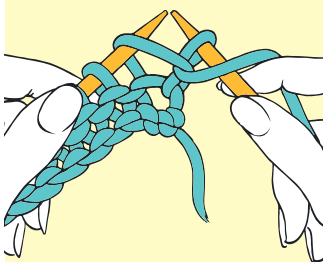
3 Slide the original stitch off the LH needle. Repeat from step 1.

purl stitch (p)

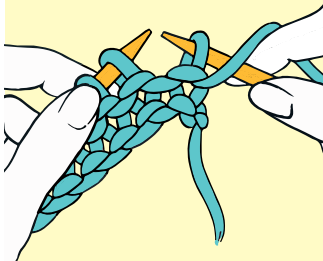
Most frequently seen paired with the knit stitch to create different stitch patterns like stocking stitch and ribbing



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



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

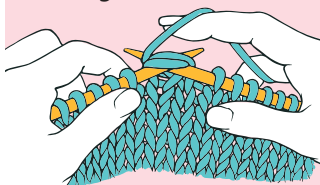


3 Once the new stitch has been formed on the RH needle you can let the loop from the LH needle slide off the end. Repeat until all the stitches have been purred and you have completed the row.

INCREASING & DECREASING

knit two together (k2tog)

Decrease two stitches to one by knitting them together



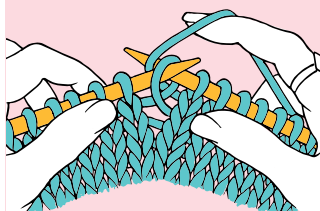
Insert the RH needle into the front loops of the next two stitches on the LH needle. Then wrap the yarn anti-clockwise around the tip and knit both stitches at the same time.

make one (m1)

Form a new stitch and increase your stitch count by one



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

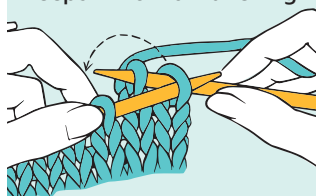


2 Push the RH needle into the back part of the loop that now lies over the LH needle and knit this stitch. You will now have an additional stitch on the RH needle.

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

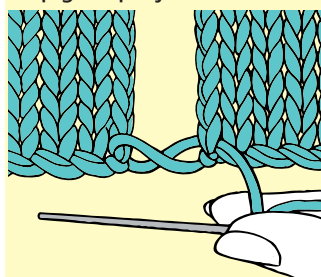


1 Knit two stitches as normal. Insert the tip of the LH needle into the second stitch on the RH needle (the stitch closest to you). Carefully lift it up and over the top stitch, dropping it off the tip of the RH needle and pulling the yarn to tighten. There is now one stitch on the RH needle.

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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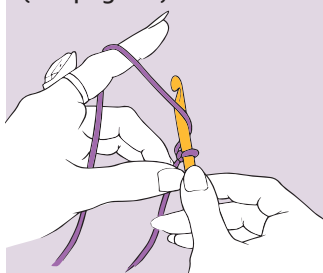
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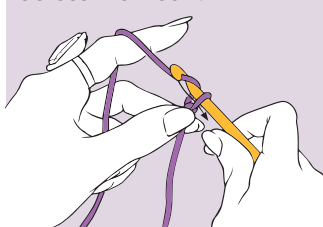
START HERE

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'.

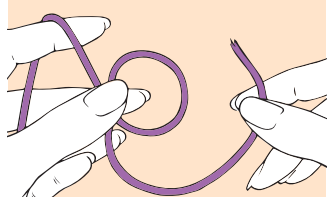


2 Catch the yarn and use the hook to pull it down through the slip knot. You have now made one chain (ch). Continue to make more chains, as directed in the pattern.

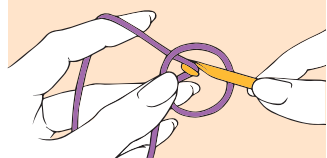
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magic ring

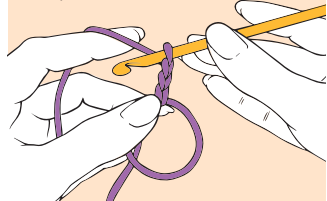
The magic ring is an easy way of beginning to work in the round. It is often used when making amigurumi toys



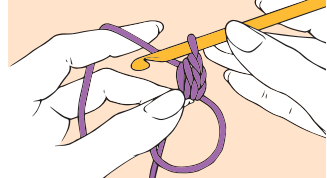
1 Make a large loop by putting the yarn tail behind the working yarn.



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.

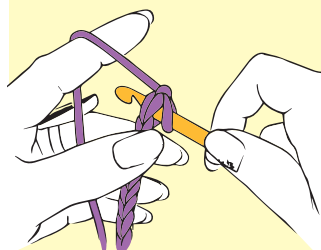


4 Continue to work as many stitches as needed into the loop. Once finished, untwist the tail if necessary and then pull to close the loop.

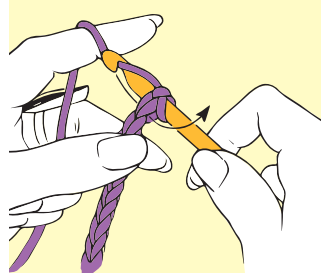
THE BASIC STITCHES

double crochet (dc)

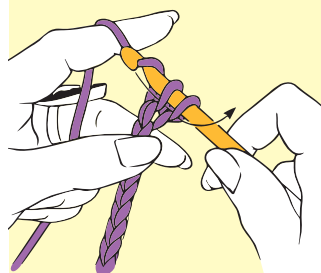
Double crochet is the shortest and most commonly-used crochet stitch



1 Insert hook through both strands of the next stitch.



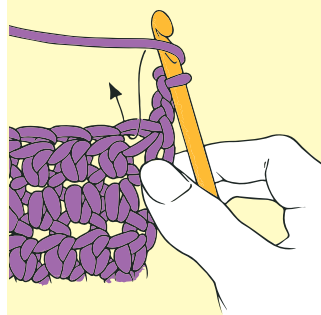
2 Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work. There will be two loops of yarn on the hook.



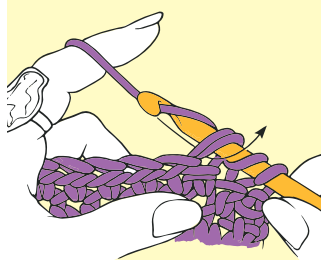
3 Yarn over the hook again and draw through both loops.

half treble (htr)

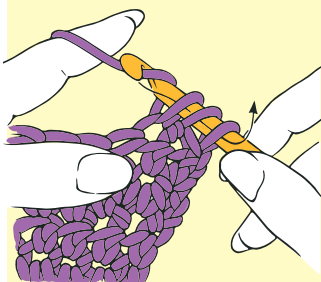
This stitch is longer than a double crochet and involves one extra step



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



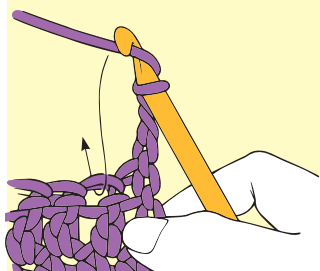
2 Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work. There will be three loops of yarn on the hook.



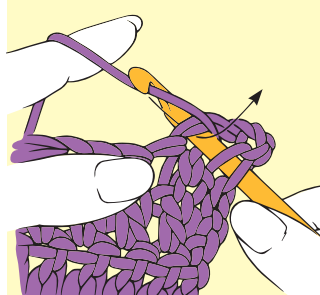
3 Yarn over the hook and draw through all three loops.

treble (tr)

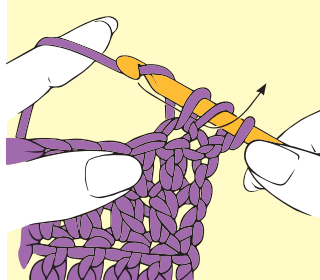
Treble crochet is slightly taller than half treble crochet but is made in a similar way



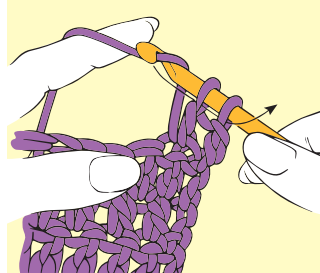
1 (You will need a turning chain of three stitches). Yarn over the hook. Insert the hook through the stitch.



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.

DECREASING

double crochet two together (dc2tog)

Turn two crochet stitches into one with this simple method



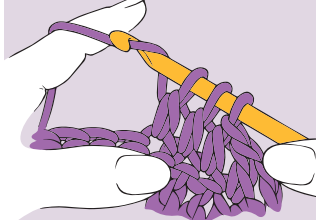
1 Insert hook through next stitch, yarn over hook, draw back through work. Two loops on hook. Insert hook into next stitch, yarn over hook, draw back through. Three loops on hook.



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

treble two together (tr2tog)

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



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



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

VIDEO OF THE MONTH



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ABBREVIATIONS

Here's a handy list of the most common abbreviations

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



Take a look at Oxfam's range of ethical and sustainable gifts for Christmas and beyond

Many Oxfam volunteers got crafty in lockdown, including Hilary with her laundry bags for scrubs



TEA AND A CHAT WITH...

Oxfam

How you can craft (and shop!) to help eliminate poverty



Oxfam T-shirts were made into masks by volunteers in Bideford's store

crafters, there are so many other ways we could be supporting this amazing charity, as demonstrated by Oxfam volunteers and employees during lockdown, many of whom took to sewing scrubs, masks and laundry bags for hospital workers. Volunteers Jane and Hilary started making laundry bags for nurses and care workers to help prevent the spread of coronavirus. The

bags are used to pack up work clothes safely at the end of each shift and can be put straight into the washing machine to prevent cross-contamination. Jane and Hilary made an incredible ten bags a day each. "I was finding lockdown very difficult and this was my first chance to help other people instead of asking to be helped myself," says Hilary. "Our neighbours all contributed by donating sheets and duvet covers. For six weeks

it became a little home industry!"

THE COVID EFFECT

When you support Oxfam, you're supporting a global community that works in 67 countries around the world; this includes tackling hardship in the UK. The coronavirus pandemic has disproportionately impacted people who live in poverty in this country and beyond, as explained by

Rachael Huttly, Head of Community and Retail Engagement at Oxfam. "In many countries, this pandemic is a crisis on top of a crisis. People are often already struggling without basics like water, food and sanitation, let alone a health service like our incredible NHS."

Did you use lockdown as an opportunity to clear out your wardrobe to do a drop at the Oxfam shop once it was open?

Us too. Oxfam has become synonymous with all charity shops as somewhere to take your pre-loved clothes, and to pick up a bargain! Yet for us

She told us that with support from people in the UK, Oxfam is working with vulnerable communities to ensure people have life-saving essentials such as handwashing facilities, clean water, toilets and soap. "It's work like this that helped contain deadly outbreaks of ebola and cholera in the past – and it's vital to help save lives now," says Rachael. As an Oxfam supporter, you are part of a global movement of millions of people who believe that in a world rich in resources, poverty isn't inevitable.

"The pandemic is a crisis on top of a crisis for those already struggling without basics like water, food and sanitation"

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

As a crafter, the power is in your hands to create items that will help raise money for Oxfam. Your local shop will not only accept your old clothes, but also knitted and crocheted garments or accessories that they can sell. The Oxfam website has a selection of gorgeous patterns, some designed by Kim Hargreaves for Rowan that range from basic to more challenging.

Not only that, Oxfam is the perfect place to

go for your Christmas shopping. Its range of gifts, decorations and homewares are not only totally gorgeous, but sustainable and ethically sourced too. So as you put your Christmas crafting list together, or ponder what unique gift you could buy that awkward person who has everything, think about Oxfam. Every time you donate a knitted or crocheted item you're helping this fantastic charity in their work to eliminate poverty with the power of craft!

To knit for Oxfam, visit oxfam.org.uk and type "knit for Oxfam" in the search bar. To see the charity's range of ethical and sustainable Christmas gifts, go to oxfam.org.uk/shop



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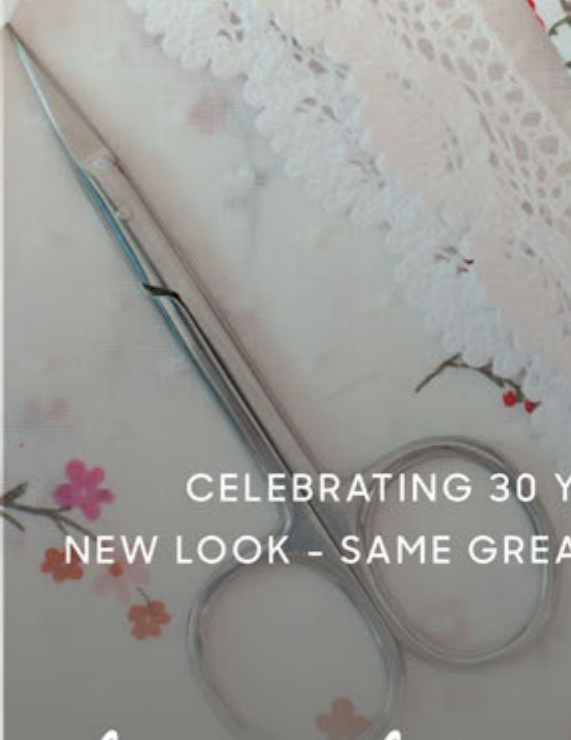


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