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# Welcome...

...to our latest issue of Crochet Club, which will get you in the holiday mood thanks to our exclusive 8-ball yarn kit, in hot summery shades! In honour of this theme, we're unveiling our latest crochet-along – turn to p38 for the first part of our seaside scene, featuring a sweet beach hut. You'll also love our adorable seahorse couple (p12), plus a pair of friendly jellyfish (p28), or for something closer to home, there's our cover star Eliza the Mouse (p8), with a pretty bunch of flowers for one lucky person.

We're looking to the stars for inspiration in our fun zodiac article (p24) – what does your sign say about your crochet personality? We also catch up with designer Emma Leith about her fantastic new book, *Mindful Crochet*, filled with beautiful projects that also provide a welcome break from everyday stress (p66). Make sure to pack your copy of Crochet Club with your holiday essentials, then enjoy it as you relax by the pool or ocean!

Best wishes,

*Sarah*

Sarah Crosland,
Editor



**CORINNE BRADD**
Our eco-conscious designer has been busy creating covers for plastic bottles, plus a cute crochet trim bag. Watch her demonstrate the basics at **youtube.com/thecraftschannel**

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# Best for ...

**Check out these fabulous companies that provide crochet enthusiasts with the key essentials they need for creating their crochet projects!**

## Best For ... Accessories



### ChiaoGoo

NEW **ChiaoGoo T-SPIN Tunisian Interchangeable Set** includes 11 bamboo hooks (sizes 3.5mm – 10mm) with stainless steel joins, four TWIST red cables, four stoppers, two connectors, four adapters, keys and needle gauge in a compact, zippered, book-style case with labeled pockets.

**purlnova.com**

## Best For ... Baby

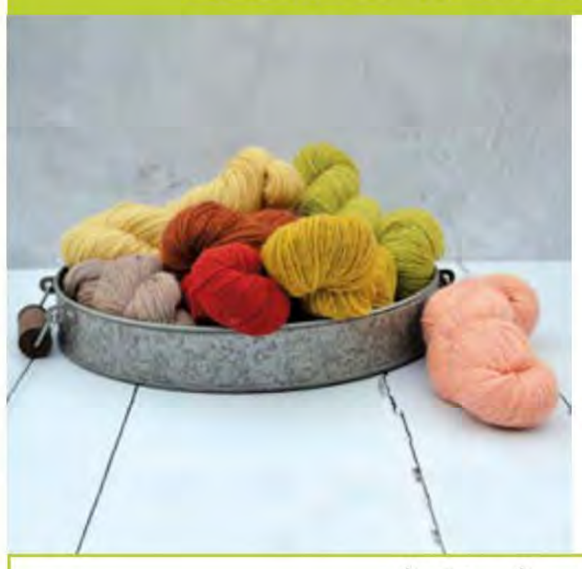


### Marriner Yarns

Marriner Yarns' brand-new **Mosaic Baby DK** – with its playful flecked shades and **only £1.95/100g** – is the ultimate summer baby yarn. As well as their original **£1.25/100g Super soft Baby DK**, you will be spoiled for choice when it comes to gorgeous baby DK.

**marrineryarns.com**

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**felinfach.com**

## Best For ... Toys



### Wool4less

Wool4less recommends the new Happy Cotton from Sirdar which is available in 50 exciting shades ... so many happy shades for all your Amigurumi creations, plus lots of happy pattern books to collect. Choose from 10 pattern booklets containing a variety of cute characters which will provide hours of fun for crafters of all ages!

**wool4less.co.uk**

## Best For ... DIY Kits



### Hoooked

Want a no-fuss amigurumi project for yourself, or a beginner-friendly kit to get your less crafty friends hooked on crochet? Hoooked has a whole menagerie of amigurumi kits that make it easier than ever to craft these cuddly little critters!
Visit their website for more information.

**hoookedyarn.com**

## Best For ... Craft Holidays



### Manor House Hotel

Based in the stunning county of Devon, Manor House Hotel offers a wide variety of crafting activities for you to enjoy all year round. From embroidery, jewellery making, fabric painting to pottery, there's so much for crafters to participate in.

**activityhotelbreaks.co.uk**



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*Start Creating Now!*

# Your Crochet Bundle

## Make our projects overleaf with these zingy yarns

For this issue of Crochet Club, we're in the mood for summer, courtesy of our latest eight-ball yarn kit just for you! It contains vibrant shades that hark back to summer holidays abroad, with waves splashing across the sand, fruity drinks, and yummy icecream to cool you down. We've also provided a 3.75mm hook, plus a selection of exclusive projects to crochet with your set – turn the page to start making! If you'd like some more of these lovely yarns, you can order extra kits from the address below.





Icecream

Orangeade

Shell

Sangria

Beach

Surf

3.75mm hook



















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# GET Hooked

Check out our favourite crochet and needlecraft treats this month!



## SHORT & SWEET

The King Cole 5227 Sweater and Slipover pattern in Majestic DK is one that would suit any time of the year. The short-sleeved slipover in particular works really well in Britain's famously changeable climate! £2.99, **woolwarehouse.co.uk**

## FIT FOR ROYALTY

Inspired by Prince Louis' first birthday recently, this gorgeous knitted baby blanket kit from Wool Couture is perfect for any newborn! Priced £29.99, the Louis set includes two skeins of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in a choice of 30 colours. **woolcouturecompany.com**



## NATURAL BEAUTIES

Hoooked has launched two beautiful new yarns for 2019! Somen (£5.84) is a light and airy blend of recycled cotton and durable linen, ideal for summer garments, while Eucalyps (£7.19) is a soft, silky, all-natural yarn made from sustainable eucalyptus – a great choice for baby crafts. Visit **hoooked.co.uk**




## KNIT ONE, CROCHET ONE

These beautiful Countryside Companions kits are a brand new concept, including both crochet and knitting patterns, plus everything needed to create a gorgeous woodland creature. Choose from an owl, hare, hedgehog or squirrel, all made with Caron Sprinkle Cakes yarn. £25, **knittycritters.co.uk**




## RA RA RAFFIA!

*Raffia Crochet* is Wool and the Gang's very first book, which explains how to use their fabulous raffia yarn! There are ten on-trend projects to make, from bags and phone cases, to hats and baskets, which can be embellished further with raffia yarn embroidery. £12.99, **sewandso.co.uk**

## STAR QUALITY

Baby Soft Little Star, a brand-new DK to catch your eye, has arrived at Marriner Yarns. Beautifully soft with a subtle twinkle, it's perfect to crochet all kinds of pretty things for your new arrival. Visit **marrineryarns.com** to see the full collection.

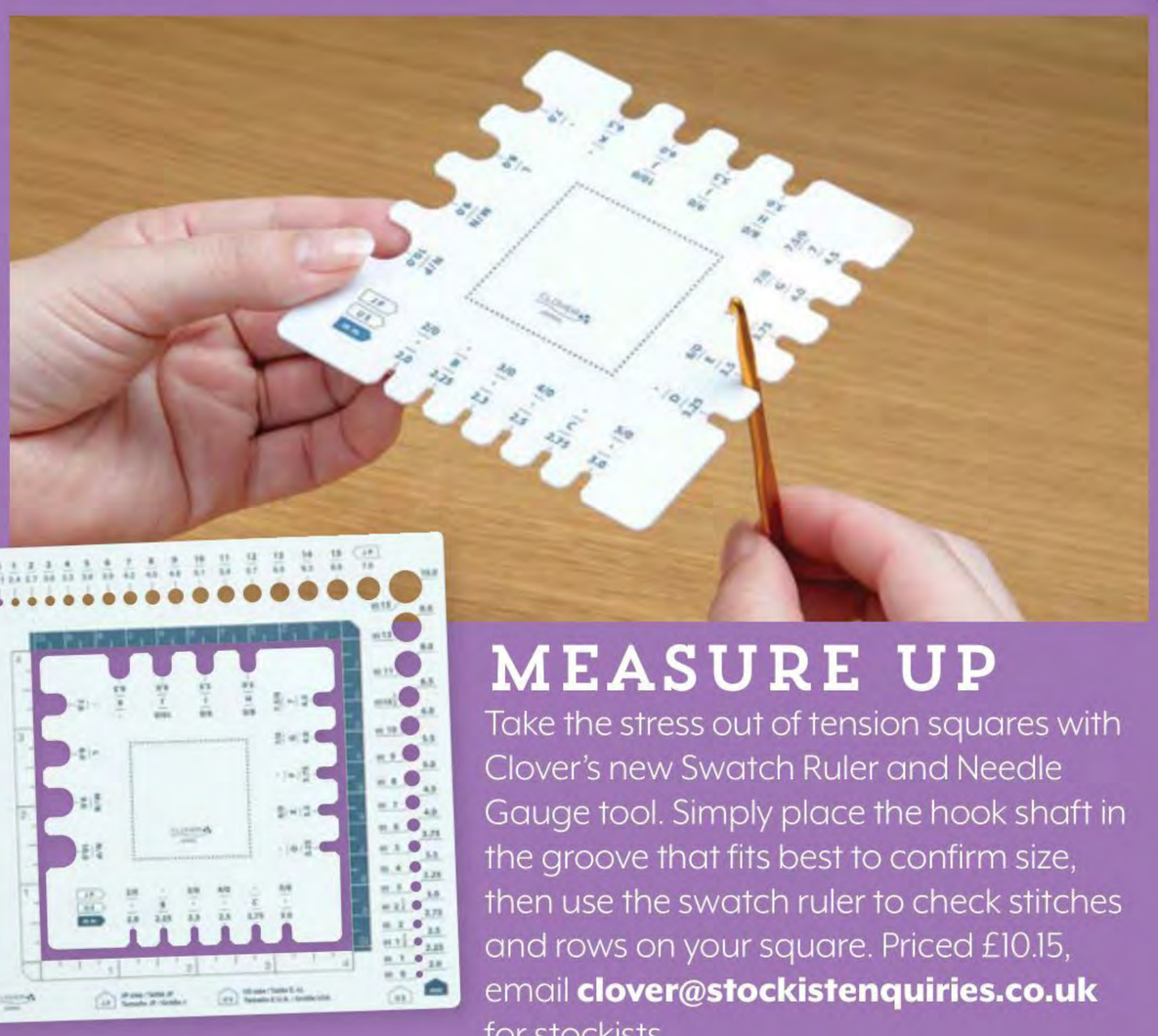





Download this FREE bunny pillow pattern at **topcrochet patterns.com**!

## BABY BUNNY

How cute is this giant bunny floor pillow? He's crocheted with Bernat Baby Blanket, a soft, chenille-style yarn that's safe for very young children – perfect! Find the yarns at **therange.co.uk**, and download the bunny pattern for free at **topcrochetpatterns.com**



## MEASURE UP

Take the stress out of tension squares with Clover's new Swatch Ruler and Needle Gauge tool. Simply place the hook shaft in the groove that fits best to confirm size, then use the swatch ruler to check stitches and rows on your square. Priced £10.15, email **clover@stockistenquiries.co.uk** for stockists.



## DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER

This striking Diamond Granny Square Blanket pattern by Fran Morgan is the perfect showcase for Deramores Studio DK acrylic yarn, in a wide variety of lovely shades. Buy the digital pattern singly for £3.15, and with the required yarns for £46.35, at **deramores.com**



## MEN AT WORK

Visitors to Staffordshire's Wool @ J13 festival on 18th and 19th May can expect heaps of yarn-related fun this year – including a challenge to get male visitors to give knitting a try. They can enjoy workshops by the Sockmatician, Nathan Taylor, with the chance to win some great prizes! Visit **wool-j13.uk** to find out more.

## Essential Kit

**YARN:**
Icecream, Shell, Beach, Surf, Sangria, Orangeade
Crochet hook, 3.75mm
From your Crochet Club kit
**PLUS:**
Yarn: 4-ply dark brown
Cotton thread: black, white
Black beads, 6mm
Lace ribbon, 30cm
Toy stuffing
Artificial flower stems
Floral tape
Needle: chenille/tapestry; all-purpose sewing
**SIZE:**
**Mouse:** 16.5cm sitting




MEET OUR LITTLE COVER STAR

# Eliza Mouse

## Crochet this delightful toy, complete with bouquet

Like her namesake from the musical *My Fair Lady*, Eliza has a pretty bunch of flowers that she wants to give to you! Sachiyo Ishii's amigurumi creation uses the magic ring technique – if you're new to crochet, it's well worth learning as the possibilities for making cute toys are endless!



**NOTE:** Close each rnd with sl st in first dc, beg 1ch does not count as st throughout

## MOUSE

### HEAD

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Icecream make a magic ring, 6dc in ring, sl st in first dc. Six sts
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 2dc in first st, 4dc, 2dc in last st, sl st in first st. Eight sts
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** 1ch, 2dc in first st, 6dc, 2dc in last st. Ten sts
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** 1ch, 2dc in first st, 8dc, 2dc in last st. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** 1ch, 2dc in first st, 10dc, 2dc in last st. 14 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 6:** 1ch, 2dc in first st, 12dc, 2dc in last st. 16 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 7:** 1ch, 2dc in first st, 14dc, 2dc in last st. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 8:** 1ch, 6dc, (2dc in next st) six times, 6dc. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 9:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 10:** 1ch, (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 11:** 1ch, (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 12-15:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 16:** 1ch, (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 17:** 1ch, (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 18:** 1ch, (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 19:** 1ch, (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
- ☐ Stuff
- ☐ **Rnd 20:** 1ch, (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
- ☐ Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### INNER EAR

**Make two**

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Shell make a magic ring, 5dc, do not join to first st, turn. Five sts
- ☐ Turn at the end of each row
- ☐ **Row 1:** 1ch, 2dc in first st, (1dc, 2dc in next st) twice. Eight sts
- ☐ **Row 2:** 1ch, 2dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc. Ten sts
- ☐ **Row 3:** 1ch, 3dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc, 2dc in next st, 3dc. 12 sts
- ☐ **Row 4:** 1ch, (3dc, 2dc in next st) three times. 15 sts
- ☐ Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### OUTER EAR

**Make two**

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Icecream work as for Inner Ear to Row 4
- ☐ **Row 5:** 1ch, 3dc, (2dc in next st, 3dc) three times. 18 sts
- ☐ **Row 6:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### BODY

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Shell make a magic ring, 6dc in ring. Six sts
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 1ch, 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** 1ch, (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** 1ch, (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** 1ch, (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** 1ch, (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 6-10:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Change to Beach
- ☐ **Rnd 11:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 12:** 1ch, (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 13:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 14:** 1ch, (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 15-19:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 20:** 1ch, (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 21:** 1ch, (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
- ☐ Fasten off

### ARM

**Make two**

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Beach make a magic ring, 6dc in ring. Six sts
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 1ch, 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** 1ch, (3dc, 2dc in next st)

**Top Tip:** Leave a long tail where assembly is required, such as the limbs and ears

three times. 15 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 3-12:** 1dc, 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Fasten off

## HAND

**Make two**

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Icecream make a magic ring, 5dc in ring. Five sts
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 1ch, 2dc in each st to end. 10 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 2-3:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** 1ch, 2dc, (dc2tog, 2dc) twice. Eight sts
- ☐ Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## LEG

**Make two**

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Shell make a magic ring, 6dc in ring. Six sts
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 1ch, 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** 1ch, (3dc, 2dc in next st) three times. 15 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 3-7:** 2ch, 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 8:** 1ch, (3dc, dc2tog) three times. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 9-15:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## SHOE

**Make two**

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Surf, make 6ch
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** starting in second ch from hook, 4dc, 3dc in next st, working on the other side of ch, 3dc, 2dc in next ch. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** 1ch, 2dc in first st, 3dc, (2dc in next st) three times, 3dc, (2dc in next st) twice. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** 1ch, 2dc in first st, 4dc, (2dc in next st, 1dc) three times, 3dc, (2dc in next st, 1dc) twice. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** 1ch, 6dc, 6tr, 12dc in back loops only, sl st in first dc
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** 1ch, 6dc, (tr2tog) three times, 12dc. 21 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 6:** 1ch, 6dc, tr3tog, 6dc, (dc2tog) three times. 16 sts
- ☐ Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## TAIL

**NOTE:** worked in a spiral, do not close each rnd with a sl st

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Icecream make a magic ring, 6dc in ring. Six sts
- ☐ **Rnds 1-12:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Change to Shell
- ☐ Rep Rnd 1 until piece measures 8cm
- ☐ Fasten off

## SKIRT

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Sangria, make 32ch
- ☐ **Row 1:** starting in third ch from hook, 1htr in each ch to end, turn. 30 sts
- ☐ Turn at the end of each row
- ☐ **Row 2:** 2ch (counts as 1htr throughout), 3htr, 2htr in next st, (4htr, 2htr in next st) to end. 36 sts
- ☐ **Row 3:** 2ch, 4htr, 2htr in next st, (5htr, 2htr in next st) to end. 42 sts
- ☐ **Row 4:** 2ch, 5htr, 2htr in next st, (6htr, 2htr in next st) to end. 48 sts
- ☐ **Row 5:** 2ch, 6htr, 2htr in next st, (7htr, 2htr in next st) to end. 54 sts
- ☐ **Row 6:** 2ch, 7htr, 2htr in next st, (8htr, 2htr in next st) to end. 60 sts
- ☐ Fasten off

## DRESS TOP

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook join Sangria to 11th st of waist on Skirt
- ☐ **Rows 1-3:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 10htr, turn
- ☐ Fasten off

## STRAP

**Make two**

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Sangria make 16ch
- ☐ Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## LARGE FLOWER

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Beach




make a magic ring, 7dc. Seven sts
- ☐ Change to Orangeade
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** (3ch, 1tr, 3ch, sl st in same st) in each st to end
- ☐ Fasten off

## SMALL FLOWER

**Make two**

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Orangeade make a magic ring, 6dc. Six sts
- ☐ Change to Shell
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** (2ch, 1htr, 2ch, sl st in same st) in each st to end
- ☐ Fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Weave through last rnd of Head and draw tight. Sew Inner and Outer Ears together in pairs, then sew to Head. Sew on beads for eyes. Using Dark Brown, embroider nose and mouth. Lightly stuff Arm, insert Hand and sew Hand to cuff with stitches all around. Stuff Body and sew on Arms. Stuff Legs, stuff toe of Shoes, insert Leg into each Shoe and sew with stitches all around. Sew Legs to Body. Sew lace ribbon to hem of Skirt. Wrap Skirt around Body with seam at back. Sew Head to Body. Sew on straps, crossing at back. Colour cheeks with pink chalk or blusher. Insert a couple of artificial flower stems or garden wire to centre of each Flower and wrap with floral tape. Tape together and push through a Hand




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# Have a little me-time

## Relax and unwind with the ultimate pamper box for crochet lovers

After a long day of crocheting, you deserve to put your feet up and spend an hour or two in a relaxed state of mind! From warm bubble baths to your favourite brew or even a dedicated pamper session, however you choose to unwind, ensure that you make the time to do it once or twice a week. To get you in the swing of things, we've gathered the best buys for an evening of indulgence.

**1** Kate Selene Lucky Mini Dip Yarns, £12 for five, **kateselene.co.uk**

**2** KnitPro Waves Crochet Hook Set, £29 for nine, **lovecrochet.com**

**3** Yarnistry Pattern Reminder Crochet Stitch Markers, £6 for eight, **woolwarehouse.co.uk**

**4** Mavala Nail Polish in Phoenix, £5.20, **mavala.co.uk**

**5** Mojito Handmade Bath Bomb, £8.97 for three, **thesoapkitchen.co.uk**

**6** Soak Travel Size in Yuzu, £9, **lovecrochet.com**

**7** True Rose Nourishing Hand & Nail Cream, £7.99, **woodsofwindsor.co.uk**

**8** Scheepjes Catona 4 Ply in Tropic, £1.79 per 50g, **woolwarehouse.co.uk**

**9** Handmade With Love Natural Ribbon, £3.80, **hobbycraft.co.uk**

## Essential Kit

**YARN:**

Surf x 2, Shell x 2, Icecream, Beach, Orangeade, Sangria

Crochet hook, 3.75mm

From your Crochet Club kit

PLUS:

Yarn, white

Safety eyes, 12mm

Toy stuffing

Stitch markers

Tapestry needle

**SIZE:**

Seahorse: 25cm high




WATER WONDERLAND

# Shelly and Sandy

## Make our lovable seahorse couple today

Seahorses are among the most adorable residents in the ocean, particularly this pair by Sarah Louise Read. With their frilly fins and curly tails, they really stand out when worked with the bright colours in your exclusive Crochet Club kit. This project involves turning at the end of a row to start a new one; a handy skill as it maintains the height of each row.



## SEAHORSE

### HEAD

**Make two** (one in each colour)

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Surf (Shell) make a magic ring, 6dc in ring. Six sts
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** working in back loops only 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnds 3-8:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 9:** (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 14 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 10:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 11:** (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 16 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 12:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 13:** (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 14:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 15:** (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 16:** (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 17:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 18:** (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 19:** 6dc, (2dc in next st) 12 times, 1dc in each st to end. 48 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 20-24:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Insert safety eyes between Rnds 18-19, eight sts apart
- ☐ **Rnd 25:** (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 42 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 26:** 1dc in each st to end.
- ☐ **Rnd 27:** (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 28:** (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 29:** (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 30:** (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 31:** (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
- ☐ Stuff
- ☐ **Rnd 32:** (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
- ☐ Fasten off, weave through rem sts to close

### BODY

**Make two** (one in each colour)

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Surf (Shell) make a magic ring, 6dc in ring. Six sts
- ☐ **Rnds 1-17:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 18:** (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts
- ☐ **Rnd 19:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 20:** (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 21:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 22:** (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 23:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 24:** (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 25:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 26:** (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 27:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Change to Beach (Icecream)
- ☐ **Rnd 28:** (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 29:** 1dc in each st to end.
- ☐ **Rnd 30:** (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts
- ☐ Change to Surf (Shell)
- ☐ **Rnds 31-34:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Change to Beach (Icecream)
- ☐ **Rnds 35-37:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Change to Surf (Shell)
- ☐ **Rnds 38-41:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Change to Beach (Icecream)
- ☐ **Rnd 42:** (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 43:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 44:** (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts
- ☐ Change to Surf (Shell)
- ☐ **Rnd 45:** 1dc in each st to end

Crochet know-how



**BOBBLE STITCH**

Yoh, insert hook into next st, yoh, pull through st, yoh, pull through first two loops, yoh, insert hook into same st, yoh, pull through st, yoh, pull through first two loops, yoh, insert hook into same st, yoh, pull through st, yoh, pull through all loops on hook

- ☐ **Rnd 46:** (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 47:** (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 48:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Change to Beach (Icecream)
- ☐ **Rnds 49-51:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Stuff
- ☐ Fasten off, leaving a tail

## SIDE FIN

**Make four** (two in each colour)

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Orangeade (Sangria) make 5ch
- ☐ **Row 1:** 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end, turn
- ☐ **Row 2:** 1ch, working in back loops only 2dc in first st, 2dc, 2dc in last st, turn. Six sts
- ☐ **Row 3:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
- ☐ **Row 4:** 1ch, working in back loops only 2dc in first st, 4dc, 2dc in last st, turn. Eight sts
- ☐ **Row 5:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
- ☐ **Row 6:** 1ch, working in back loops only 2dc in first st, 6dc, 2dc in last st, turn. Ten sts
- ☐ **Row 7:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
- ☐ **Row 8:** 1ch, working in BLO 2dc in first st, 8dc, 2dc in last st, turn. 12 sts
- ☐ **Row 9:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
- ☐ **Rnd 10:** 1ch, miss first st, 5tr in next st, miss one st, * 1dc, miss one st, 5tr in next st, miss one st, rep from ** once more, 1dc in last st, dc along side of fin, 2dc in corner, dc along foundation ch, 2dc in corner, dc along side of fin
- ☐ Fasten off, and weave in ends

## BACK FIN

**Make two** (one in each colour)

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Orangeade (Sangria) make 51ch
- ☐ **Row 1:** 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. 50 sts
- ☐ **Row 2:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn. 50 sts
- ☐ **Row 3:** 1ch, sl st in first st, 3ch, bobble st in same st, 1dc, (3ch, bobble st, 1dc) to end
- ☐ Fasten off, leaving a tail

## TO MAKE UP

Sew Head onto Body. Curl the bottom of the Body into itself and sew into place. Sew Side Fins onto Body. Sew Back Fin, running from top of Head and down the back to bottom of Body. Using a small amount of Orangeade (Sangria), embroider a triangle shape from the eyes and a small amount of white at the sides

PROJECT DESIGNER
Sarah Louise Read

**Top Tip:** If you prefer not to use safety eyes, why not embroider the eyes using black yarn and a darning needle?

## Essential Kit

**YARN:**
Surf x 2, Shell x 2, Icecream, Beach, Orangeade, Sangria
Crochet hook, 3.75mm
From your Crochet Club kit
**PLUS:**
Yarn, white
Safety eyes, 12mm
Toy stuffing
Stitch markers
Needle, tapestry
**SIZE:**
Giraffe: 29cm sitting




EARN YOUR STRIPES

# Rainbow the Giraffe

## This little charmer is head and shoulders above the rest!

Who can resist a giraffe? With their distinctive patterns, long legs and necks, they literally stand out over the rest of the animal kingdom! Sarah Louise Read's version would look great in any nursery, combining spots and stripes in vibrant shades. As well as colour changing, you'll also be giving Rainbow thread jointed limbs, allowing him to sit nicely.

## GIRAFFE

### HEAD

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Icecream make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 6-8:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Change to Surf
- ☐ **Rnd 9:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 10:** (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 11-12:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Change to Shell
- ☐ **Rnd 13:** (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 48 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 14-15:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 16:** (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 54 sts
- ☐ Change to Surf
- ☐ **Rnds 17-18:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 19:** (7dc, dc2tog) to end. 48 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 20:** 1dc in each st to end.
- ☐ Insert safety eyes between Rnds 13-14, approx ten sts apart
- ☐ Change to Shell
- ☐ **Rnd 21:** (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 42 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 22:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 23:** (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 24:** (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts
- ☐ Change to Surf
- ☐ **Rnd 25:** (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 26:** (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 27:** (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
- ☐ Stuff
- ☐ **Rnd 28:** (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
- ☐ Fasten off, weave through rem sts to close



### EAR

**Make two**

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Sangria make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 15 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 5-9:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 10:** (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 11:** 1dc in each st to end.
- ☐ Fasten off, leaving a tail to sew onto the head

### OSSICONE

**Make two**

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Sangria make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 3-4:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 6:** (2dc, dc2tog) to end. Nine sts
- ☐ Change to Icecream
- ☐ **Rnds 7-11:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### LEG

**Make two**

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Beach 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
- ☐ **Rnds 4-6:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 7:** (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
- ☐ Change to Sangria
- ☐ **Rnd 8:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 9:** (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 10:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Work in four-row stripe sequence of: Shell, Surf




- ☐ **Rnds 11-26:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Stuff
- ☐ Fasten off, weave through rem sts to close

## ARM

**Make two**

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Beach make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 3-5:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 6:** (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
- ☐ Change to Sangria
- ☐ **Rnd 7:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 8:** (2dc, dc2tog) to end. Nine sts
- ☐ **Rnd 9:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Work in four-row stripe sequence of: Shell, Surf, Shell
- ☐ **Rnds 10-21:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Stuff
- ☐ Fasten off, weave through rem sts to close

## BODY

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Shell 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
- ☐ Work in four-row stripe sequence of: Surf, Shell
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 6:** (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 7:** (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 48 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 8:** (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 54 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 9-13:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 14:** (7dc, dc2tog) to end. 48 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 15-16:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 17:** (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 42 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 18-19:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Change to Surf
- ☐ **Rnd 20:** (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 21-22:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 23:** (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 24-25:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 26:** (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 27-39:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Stuff
- ☐ Fasten off, leaving a tail

## SPOTS

**Make six**

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Orangeade 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
- ☐ Fasten off, leaving a tail

## TO MAKE UP

Sew Ears and Ossicones on top of Head, then sew Head to Body. To sew Arms, work through Body, attaching on each side – do this several times to secure and repeat for Legs. Sew Spots evenly around Body (three each on front and back). Use a small amount of White to embroider a st at the side of the eyes, plus two st in Sangria on his muzzle for nostrils, then add a little blusher to colour the cheeks

**Top Tip:** When working in stripes, carry the yarn of each colour so you don't have to keep attaching each colour when alternating



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## WE'RE ADMIRING

I have been crocheting for over 51 years, and I used to run a crochet and knitting group. It's now lead by my friend Jeanette, and is held in the Banbury Methodist Church. I always have wool everywhere, and if I haven't got a crochet hook or knitting needle in my hand, then my husband knows I must be ill! I recently made a lamb cushion for my nephew's little girl as an Easter present and this cupcake doll from issue 42.

**Jane Russo, via Facebook**





## Toys Galore

Crochet toys are my favourite projects to work on, and each of these toys takes me about a day to make, using Stylecraft Special DK for these. My current project is a giant panda toy for my mum's friend!

**Heather Prendergast, via Twitter**

## Star letter





My crochet journey began when I was seven as we had to learn it at school – however, because I am left-handed, no one would teach me, so I taught myself. I run a small group at my local garden centre and often spend the afternoon teaching and encouraging the ladies to enhance their skills. We sell all of the wonderful things they make to raise much-needed funds for our local hospice.

Every Christmas, we decorate a tree in our local NatWest bank, inviting customers to take a decoration in return for a donation to the Make a Wish Foundation, who send children with life-limiting illnesses to Lapland. I also volunteer at my mother's care home, where I encourage residents to rekindle their skills. Crochet is very versatile, as well as being relaxing, inspiring, and really enjoyable.

**Sue Welland, via Facebook**

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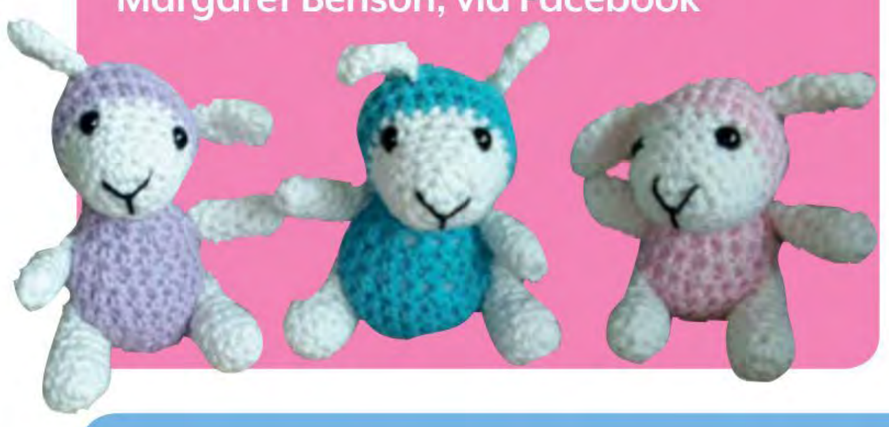
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## Fabulous Amigurumi



Crocheting has enabled me to use my thumbs again after surgery, and helped me to cope with the pain before the operation. When I was concentrating on crochet, it meant I could forget the pain for a while. I am attempting to crochet a shawl at the moment and have several projects from *Make It Today* on my to-do list. I loved making the cupcake doll, and have another in progress for my daughter.

**Margaret Benson, via Facebook**



## COLOURFUL CREATIONS



I started to make this shawl in August 2018 to practise my skills, and completed it in March 2019, having worked on it most evenings. My current task is a temperature blanket of the year leading up to my wedding this August, worked in half treble rows in cotton yarn. When I'm not crocheting or knitting, I teach textiles in a secondary school and dressmaking classes to adults in the evenings and weekends.

**Maddison Langford, via Twitter**







## Relaxing Moments

After realising I needed a hobby, I decided to try crochet as it didn't take attention away from my children. Not only did it turn out I was quite good at it, but it was also very relaxing and something I could do whenever I had a few moments. When my son was on the way, I made blankets and a comforter for him, and since then I have gone on to make various items for family and friends. I have also started teaching children how to crochet at an after school club.

**Emily Brumby, via email**

## Everyday Escapism

Due to being in constant pain because of a chronic illness, crochet distracts me and it means that I can make things for my friends and family. I've been crocheting just over six years now, and in that time I've made multiple projects, including several reusable bags, monkeys, horses, African flower creatures and a hedgehog – my most recent make.

**Em Day, via Facebook**





## We asked...

What does crochet mean to you and why?

Suffering with depression, anxiety, and other health issues, crochet is a great distraction and helps me to relax and focus on something else. I'm learning new stitches and techniques, which challenges me to try new projects, and I'm very proud of how far I have come. Crochet is also something that I share with my daughter – each week we crochet and plan new projects

Judith Mableson, via Facebook

It's something I shared with my Mum, who is no longer with us. She taught me when I was little, and although she also showed me how to knit, it was crochet that we mostly did together.

Tracy Rimmel Stubbs, via Facebook

Yarn and hooks is everything to me right now. Both my kids are at school, so I've just started teaching a crochet class and I'm writing up my own amigurumi patterns – everyday is crochet day!

Kate McCully, via Facebook

Crochet is helping me with my depression whilst I transition to new medication and try to get the dose right. It is my motivation to get some work done at my house because I tell myself it is my reward after I accomplish something, instead of sitting around or trying to stay in the bed.

Teresa Smith, via Facebook



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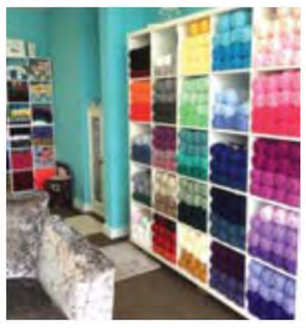
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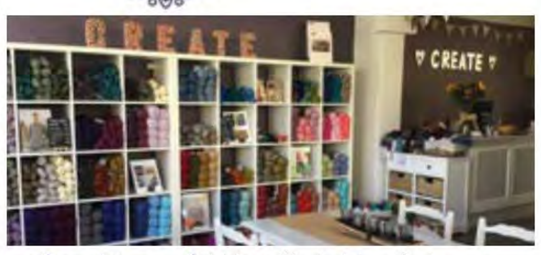
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# THE COUTURE Craft Journal

## Hannah Read-Baldrey shares her thoughts on making it as a 'Mumtrepreneur'



*Catch up with Hannah on Instagram @couturecraft*

Hello, I'm waving but with a slightly slow wave as I'm totally exhausted. However I'm not complaining, as it's all for a good reason. Number one, I'm heavily pregnant, which slows the best of us down. But also this month, my husband and I have launched our new business MakeBox+Co, a craft subscription service. You're probably wondering why on earth we decided to set up a business just before I'm about to pop. I have designed the projects and the 'how to' pamphlets, taken the photos, illustrated the printed materials, and we have hand-packed a whopping number of boxes. Our living room (remember the one that we recently decorated and made lovely?), has now been taken over with pretty white boxes stacked sky high. The spare room has been turned into a packing area and the kitchen table is a thread organising space. We immediately need to move into an office space and employ help! I've read about a lot of 'Mumtrepreneurs' — i.e. women who successfully start businesses in their pregnancy, on maternity leave or after having kids. Do you think it's the "I need to get things done" nesting hormone kicking in? These amazing women include Natalie Massenet of Net-A-Porter, who when pregnant with her first child, started the business from her London flat. Then, famously there's the mum that founded Mumsnet (**mumsnet.com**), Justine Roberts, who after a disastrous first holiday with her twins decided to start up a website pooling advice and information about parenting. She recruited her friends to help grow the business, resulting in one of the most influential platforms online.

Having a craft business has always been a dream, and you can see why many creative women can now achieve sustainable businesses with work hour flexibility online. They are able to easily start selling handmade products and materials through sites such as Etsy and Shopify, and promote via platforms such as Instagram and Facebook — all you need is a product, camera phone and computer. Nicole Twena from **cloudcraft.co.uk** has done just this, selling beautiful wool felts and sewing materials from her super pretty website. The mum of three has gained a great reputation, regularly featuring in magazines with her brightly coloured Instagram posts. I must also mention Jane Gois of Covent Garden's Tea and Crafting (**teaandcrafting.co.uk**), also an inspiring mum of two who began her career in HR. She has now set up one of the best known and loved craft workshop locations in London, hosting classes and private parties for hen dos and baby showers. The flexibility of working for yourself really does seem to be an overwhelming driving force after having kids.

So, it seems that working for yourself is a good option for us mums – I'm not pretending running any business is easy, it takes a lot of hard work – but carving out a career that suits your lifestyle really does have its benefits. Wish me luck!



DAME NATALIE MASSENET



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MAKEBOX+CO BOXES

### My Crochet Crush

With a baby girl on the way, I'm drooling over Beau Boutique's bunny-eared bonnets – they're just so cute! **beaubeautique.net**





### I'm Making

I am working on a super gorgeous collection of crochet projects for a new yarn launch called 'Spin' from Trimcraft. I have been hosting my latest series of videos for Dobbies Garden Centres and as well as this, designing our gorgeous MakeBox+Co. kits.



### On My Lust List

Getting my old body back! (Ish)

### Where I'm Having cake

I'm totally inspired by the floral bouquet cupcakes from Cakes By Jane Taylor, who hosts cake making workshops. I'm hoping to receive a bunch for my baby shower! **taylormadecakecourses.com**






## Essential Kit

**YARN:**

Sangria, Orangeade, Surf, Icecream, Shell, Beach

Crochet hook, 3.75mm

From your Crochet Club kit

**PLUS:**

Yarn: 4-ply, dark brown

Black beads, 6mm

Cotton thread, black

Toy stuffing

Needle: chenille/tapestry; all-purpose sewing

**SIZE:**

Hedgehog: 14cm long




OUR CUTE URCHINS WILL WIN YOUR HEART!

# Happy Hedgehogs

## Master bobble stitch to crochet these little sweethearts

Bedecked in flowers, Harry, Hanna and Hal are enjoying the warmer summer months! Sachiyo Ishii has cleverly used bobble stitch to create their 'prickles'; it's an easy technique to learn and is great for adding texture to the projects. Finish off the trio with black bead eyes and use dark brown yarn from your stash to embroider their features.

# HEDGEHOGS

## BODY

**Make three** (one in each colour)

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Sangria (Beach, Surf) make a magic ring, 5dc in ring, make bobble in ring, sl st in first dc
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 2dc in each st to end, sl st in first dc. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** 1ch, (1dc, 1 bobble) to end, sl st in first dc
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** 1ch, 2dc in each st to end, sl st in first dc. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** 1ch, (1dc, one bobble) to end, sl st in first dc
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** 1ch, (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end, sl st in first dc. 30 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 6:** 1ch, (1dc, one bobble) to end, sl st in first dc
- ☐ **Rnd 7:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, sl st in first dc
- ☐ **Rnds 8-14:** rep Rnds 6-7
- ☐ **Rnd 15:** 1ch, (3dc, dc2tog) to end, sl st in first st. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 16:** 1ch, (1dc, one bobble) to end, sl st in first st
- ☐ Fasten off

## HEAD

**Make three** (two in Icecream, one in Shell)

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Icecream (Shell) make a magic ring, 6dc in ring, sl st in first dc. Six sts
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, sl st in first dc
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** 1ch, 2dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 2dc, sl st in first dc. Eight sts
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, sl st in first dc
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** 1ch, 3dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 3dc, sl st in first dc. Ten sts
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** 1ch, 4dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 4dc, sl st in first dc. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 6:** 1ch, (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end, sl st in first dc. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 7:** 1ch, (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end, sl st in first dc. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 8-11:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, sl st in first dc
- ☐ Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## LEG

**Make 12** (eight in Icecream, four in Shell)

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Icecream (Shell) make a magic ring, 6dc in ring, sl st in first dc. Six sts
- ☐ **Rnds 1-2:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, sl st in first dc
- ☐ Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## FLOWERS

**Make six**

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and chosen yarn colour make a magic ring, (5ch, sl st in ring) five times
- ☐ Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## TO MAKE UP

Stuff Body and Head. Insert Head into Body and sew together at the edge. Embroider nose and mouth with dark brown. Sew on beads for eyes. Sew Legs to underside of Body. Sew two flowers to Body. Work French knots in the flower centres with chosen yarn colour

### Crochet know-how



**BOBBLE STITCH**

Yoh, insert hook into next st, yoh, pull through st, yoh, pull through first two loops, yoh, insert hook into same st, yoh, pull through st, yoh, pull through first two loops, yoh, insert hook into same st, yoh, pull through st, yoh, pull through all loops on hook



**Top Tip:** To work Body, place a stitch marker at the beginning of the rnd if you have one



Essential Kit

**YARN:**
Surf, Shell, Icecream, Beach, Sangria
Crochet hook, 3.75mm
From your Crochet Club kit
**PLUS:**
Safety eyes, 10mm
Yarn DK: Brown, White
Toy stuffing
Stitch markers
Tapestry needle
Blusher (optional)
**SIZE:**
Height: 20cm

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CHEERY POCKET CHUMS

# Bongo & Bella

## Create this cuddly teddy couple

These two happy bears will cause squeals of delight when you bring them out on show! Sarah Louise Read has worked her design magic yet again, giving us wonderful characters with open and friendly expressions, moveable arms and legs, and a plump little tum for extra cuteness. You'll find them easy to make and of course you can use any colour combination from your Crochet Club kit. Who will be lucky enough to receive one of your bears?

### BONGO

**NOTE:** the colours for Bella are shown in brackets

### HEAD

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Icecream, make a magic ring, 6dc into ring. Six sts
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Change to Surf (Shell)
- ☐ **Rnd 6:** 6dc, (2dc in the next st) six times, 1dc in each st to end. 30 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 7:** 6dc, (1dc, 2dc in next st) six times, 1dc in each st to end. 36 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 8-12:** 1dc in each st to end

**Note:** insert safety eyes between Rnds 6-7, approx six sts apart

- ☐ **Rnd 13:** (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 14:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 15:** (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 16:** (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 17:** (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
- ☐ Stuff
- ☐ **Rnd 18:** (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
- ☐ Fasten off, weave through rem sts and draw up to close

### EAR

**Make two**

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Sangria (Beach) make a magic ring, 6dc into ring. Six sts
- ☐ **Rnds 1-3:** rep Rnds 1-3 of Head. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 4-5:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Fasten off, leaving a long tail



## LEG

**Make two**

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Sangria (Beach) make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Change to Surf (Shell)
- ☐ **Rnds 4-5:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 6:** (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 15 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 7:** 1dc in each st to end.
- ☐ **Rnd 8:** (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 9-17:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Stuff
- ☐ Fasten off, weave through rem sts and draw up to close

## ARM

**Make two**

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Sangria (Beach) make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Change to Surf (Shell)
- ☐ **Rnds 3-4:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** (dc2tog) three times, 1dc in each st to end. Nine sts
- ☐ **Rnds 6-14:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Stuff
- ☐ Fasten off, weave through rem sts and draw up to close

## BODY

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Surf (Shell) 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:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 6:** 1dc in each st to end.
- ☐ **Rnd 7:** (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 8-11:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 12:** (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 13:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 14:** (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 15-17:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 18:** (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 19:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 20:** (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 21:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Stuff
- ☐ Fasten off, leaving a tail

## TO MAKE UP

Sew Ears on top of Head. Using Brown DK and a tapestry needle, embroider nose onto Face. Sew Head onto Body. To attach Arms and Legs, work through the Body several times to secure. Use an oddment of White to embroider a stitch at side of each eye, and add a small amount of blusher to the cheeks. Weave in all ends

PROJECT DESIGNER
Sarah Louise Read



**YOUR PATTERN**
Camino uses Rowan Cotton Glace and is available as a free download at **knitrowan.com**

# Capricorn



**Dec 22nd to Jan 19th**
Capricorn crocheters are known for being practical, patient and disciplined – the sort who will read a new pattern at least twice before starting, and ensure they've got all the right yarns and hooks to hand. You also love simple yet sophisticated fashion that's comfortable and cosy, preferably in shades of navy, indigo and grey.




**YARN**
Hayfield Sundance DK in 0506 Nautical Navy, £3.44, **deramores.com**



**TREAT**
Keep stitch markers and pins to hand with a Cocoknit Marker's Keep magnetic slap bracelet, £19, **tangled-yarn.co.uk**

# WHAT'S YOUR CROCHET STAR SIGN?

## We look to the stars to discover your yarn-based personality

Even the most down-to-earth of us can't resist a peek at the horoscope page, to see how much we actually have in common with them. In this fun feature, we reveal how your star sign influences your crocheting, along with some goodies that appeal to your zodiac identity... who knows what you'll discover!

WORDS BY **MELISSA HYLAND**



# Aquarius

**Jan 20th to Feb 18th**
Friendly and good humoured, Aquarians are the life and soul of any crochet group. You're also imaginative, creative, and enjoy learning new techniques, as well as being fashion trend setters. Anything bold and experimental in psychedelic shades, including violet, is right up your style street..

**YOUR PATTERN**
Remix Cardigan by Jess Coppom Make & Do Crew, £2.50, **love crochet.com**




**YARN**
James C Brett Party Time Chunky in shade PT6, £2.99, **wool warehouse.co.uk**




**TREAT**
Show your fun-loving side, wearing this Crochet Hook Magic Wand T-shirt. £15, **cafepress.co.uk**



# Pisces

**Feb 19th to Mar 20th**

Crocheters born under Pisces are very empathetic, kind and wise – the sort who'll step in to help beginners and make gifts for others. You're also artistic and enjoy creating beautiful items. Your wardrobe has a whimsical flair, with flowing silhouettes and soft pastel shades of lilac, lavender, yellow and peach.



## YOUR PATTERN

Mykonos uses Rowan Cotton Glace and is available as a free download at **knitrowan.com**




## YARN

Cascade Yarns Sarasota Chunky in 228 Periwinkle, £10.75, **lovecrochet.com**



## TREAT

Treat yourself to a cute set of goldfish stitch markers, £9.51, Little Shop of Clays, **etsy.com**



# Taurus



**Apr 20th to May 20th**

Like the Bull, Taureans are dependable and patient, so you'll take time on a crochet project to get it just right. You're also practical and generous, prepared to make items for others, or help fellow crocheters. Clothes that are comfortable but also fashion-forward suit you best, while pink and white goes well with your calm personality.

## YOUR PATTERN

Women's Tee Shirt and Cardigan in Sundae DK (9365), £2.69, **deramores.com**




## TREAT

Invest in a set of Clover Amour hooks to improve your crocheting. £54, email **clover@stockist enquiries.co.uk** for stockists

# Aries



**Mar 21st to Apr 19th**

The zodiac's Rams are energetic, upbeat and enthusiastic, who love to try out new things. This means you'll often leap into a project, whether you're a beginner or experienced crocheter! You love classic style but can transition to street-style cool, and prefer streamlined, sleek pieces in your fave colour – fiery red.

## YOUR PATTERN

Summer Dress by STYLE_crocheting, £5.85, **lovecrochet.com**






## YARN

Hobbycraft Red Acrylic DK Yarn, £1.80, **hobbycraft.co.uk**

## TREAT

Broaden your horizons with one of Arena Travel's Stitchtopia crochet holidays. **arenatravel.com**






## YARN

Rico Fashion Jersey in 004 Powder, £2.89, **purplelindacrafts.co.uk**





# Gemini

## May 21st to June 20th

You Geminis are always eager to try a diverse range of crochet techniques, often inspiring others with your enthusiasm and intelligence, plus your readiness to have fun! When it comes to style, you love to be on-trend and switch it up often, never wearing the same thing twice. That said, you'll often reach for streamlined staples, particularly in green.

### YOUR PATTERN

Sicily uses Rowan Cotton Glace and is available as a free download at **knitrowan.com**




### YARN

Yorkshire Wolds Aran Suffolk X with 50% Mohair in Zesty Lime, £8, **littlehoundalesknits.com**

### TREAT

Boost your skill set with *200 More Crochet Stitches* by Tracey Todhunter. £14.99, **searchpress.com**






# Cancer



## June 21st to Jul 22nd

Cancer natives are home-loving types and can often be found crocheting projects such as baby blankets and garments for loved ones. You're also creative and ambitious, coming up with exciting new ideas for your own projects! Your dress sense is timeless and classic with clean lines, in sophisticated sea green, white and blue.

### YOUR PATTERN

Crochet Chevron Lace Shawl, available as a free download at **lovecrochet.com**




### YARN

Patons 100% Cotton 4ply in Kiwi, £5.40, **knitpatons.com**

### TREAT

Style up your home with this Zig Zag Puff Stitch Cream Cushion Kit in a choice of gorgeous colours! From £29.99, **woolcouturecompany.com**



# Leo



## Jul 23rd to Aug 22nd

Kind and helpful, you Leos bring a upbeat vibe to crochet meets with your positive energy. You're also straightforward and will speak up if something isn't working out, but aren't discouraged by mistakes. When it comes to outfits, you're drawn to bold, eye-catching pieces in bright colours, with orange being a particular favourite.

### YOUR PATTERN

Kaleidoscope Coat in Paintbox Yarns Simply Aran, available as a free download at **lovecrochet.com**

### TREAT

Stay topped up with tea or coffee while crocheting, with a Leo Constellation Mug. £11.81, **etsy.com/uk/shop/HeartAndWillowPrints**







### YARN

King Cole Bamboo Cotton DK in 3049 Jaffa, £4.49, **woolwarehouse.co.uk**



# Virgo

**Aug 23rd to Sept 22nd**

Counting stitches and following patterns meticulously is perfect for analytical Virgos, with your keen eye for detail. You enjoy learning new techniques, using your problem-solving skills to figure them out. Virgo style involves classic, tailored lines that look polished and ladylike, featuring pastel blue, pink, mauve and peach.

## YOUR PATTERN

Crochet Pullover in Scheepjes Stone Washed XL (Digital Version), free, **deramores.com**




## YARN

Rico Creative Cotton DK in 022 Salmon, £1.89, **woolwarehouse.co.uk**



## TREAT

Keep track of stitches and projects, in this beautiful Virgo leather journal. £22.12, **etsy.com/uk/shop/LuccaWorkshop**




# Libra



**Sept 23rd to Oct 22nd**

Librans will do everything possible to keep people happy, providing assistance with tricky techniques, or crocheting for family and friends. You're also romantic, and would present loved ones with a jumper or similar, made just for them. Blue is a wardrobe must and you like classic garments in luxe materials, sometimes with an edgy twist.



## YOUR PATTERN

Zen Cardigan in Lion Brand Coboo (L70144), free, **deramores.com**




## YARN

Scheepjes Sunkissed 4-ply in 18 Beach Hut Blue, £2.39, **blacksheepwools.com**




## TREAT

Create a peaceful atmosphere with a Mint Green Relaxing Japanese Wild Flower Scented Candle. £6.99, **newlook.co.uk**

# Scorpio



**Oct 23rd to Nov 21st**

Scorpio strengths include focus and ambitiousness, enabling you to take on new techniques or advanced projects. Style-wise, Scorpios also stick to tried and true fashion favourites, which you'll buy – or make – in rich colours, such as purple, bottle green, or deep red.



## YOUR PATTERN

Midnight uses Rowan Kidsilk Haze and Fine Lace, and is in Rowan Magazine 62, visit **knitrowan.com** for details




## YARN

Robin Super Chunky in 0032 Claret, £1.99, **wool warehouse.co.uk**



## TREAT

Enjoy some music as you work, with these stylish Beats by Dr Dre Studio 3 Wireless Headphones. £260, **very.co.uk**

# Sagittarius



**Nov 22nd to Dec 21st**

Positive, enthusiastic and optimistic, Sagittareans aren't afraid to try something new, like a complex pattern or crocheting cruise. Your look is polished, yet unfussy and you can pair bold colours stylishly, with sunny yellow being your top choice.




## YOUR PATTERN

Tee and Cardigan in Stylecraft Classique Cotton 4 ply (9373), £2.69, **deramores.com**




## YARN

Cascade Yarns Pacific Sport in 128 Gold Fusion, £6.29, **lovecrochet.com**



## TREAT

Transport your projects in this Beautiful Boho Yellow Crochet Bag, £17.76, **etsy.com/uk/shop/BenThaiProducts**



UNDER THE SEA

# Friendly Jellyfish

## This aquatic duo make for the dreamiest summer pals

Thousands of creatures swim around the ocean and call it their home, however these sweet jellyfish are a little different to the rest and are much better suited on land! With their smiley faces and loose curls for tentacles made up from a simple chain stitch, they'll be a guaranteed winner this summer. Hang them in a child's bedroom or even gift as a bespoke holiday present for anyone going away.

### Essential Kit

**YARN:**
Shell, Surf, Icecream, Orangeade, Beach, Sangria

Crochet hook, 3.75mm

From your Crochet Club kit

**PLUS:**
Safety eyes, 12mm

Toy stuffing
Tapestry needle

**SIZE:**
Jellyfish: 30cm in length (with tentacles fully stretched)



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# JELLYFISH

## HEAD

**Make two**

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Surf (Sangria) make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 6:** (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 7:** (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 48 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 8:** (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 54 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 9-15:** 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first st
- ☐ Fasten off

## UNDERSIDE

**Make two**

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Beach, work as for Head

## TENTACLES

### LOOSE CURLS

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Surf (Icecream, Orangeade, Shell) make 50ch
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** starting in second ch from hook, work (1dc, 2dc in next st) to last st, 1dc. 73 sts
- ☐ Fasten off

### TIGHT CURLS

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Surf (Icecream, Orangeade, Shell) make 60ch, turn
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** starting in second ch from hook work 2dc into each st to end. 118 sts
- ☐ Fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Attach Tentacles to Underside near centre. Insert eyes between Rnds 11 and 12, six sts apart. Embroider a smile with Shell (Surf) between the eyes. Using Surf (Shell) place Underside into Head and dc around making sure you work into last row of both Underside and Head. Once three-quarters of the way around, stuff and continue to end. Tie off.

PROJECT DESIGNER Hannah Cooper

## Essential Kit

**YARN:**
Surf, Sangria, Icecream, Beach, Orangeade
Crochet hook, 3.75mm
From your Crochet Club kit
**PLUS:**
Yarn, 4ply dark brown
Black beads, 6mm
Cotton thread, black
Toy stuffing
Needle: chenille/tapestry; all-purpose sewing
**SIZE:**
Puppy: 16cm tall






MEET OUR CUDDLY CANINE COUPLE!

# Poppy and Paddy

## Crochet a cute pair of friendly puppies

Few people can resist a puppy and Sachiyo Ishii has made this pattern even more adorable by creating two! They also make good use of the colours in your exclusive Crochet Club kit, wearing smart dungarees in pink and blue.





**NOTE:** Close each rnd with sl st in first dc, beg 1ch does not count as st throughout

## PUPPIES

### BODY

**Make two** (one in each colour)

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Surf (Sangria) make a magic ring, 6dc in ring. Six sts
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 1ch, 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** 1ch, (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** 1ch, (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 4-6:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Change to Icecream (Beach)
- ☐ **Rnds 7-9:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 10:** 1ch, (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 11-12:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 13:** 1ch, (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
- ☐ Fasten off

### DUNGAREES

**Make two** (one in each colour)

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Surf (Sangria) work as for Body to Rnd 6. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 7-9:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Fasten off
- ☐ Join yarn to ninth st from last st of the rnd
- ☐ **Row 1:** 1ch, 1dc in each of next eight sts, turn. Eight sts
- ☐ **Rows 2-3:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Fasten off

### STRAPS

**Make four** (two in each colour)

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Surf (Sangria) make 16ch
- ☐ Fasten off

### HEAD

**Make two** (one in each colour)

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Icecream (Beach) make a magic ring, 6dc in ring. Six sts
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 1ch, 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** 1ch, (1dc, 2dc in next st) six times. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 3-4:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** 1ch, 6dc, (2dc in next st) six times, 6dc. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 6-7:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 8:** 1ch, (3dc, 2dc in next st) six times. 30 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 9-11:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 12:** 1ch, (3dc, dc2tog) six times. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 13:** 1ch, (2dc, dc2tog) six times. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 14:** 1ch, (1dc, dc2tog) six times. 12 sts
- ☐ Stuff
- ☐ **Rnd 15:** 1ch, (dc2tog) six times. Six sts
- ☐ Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### EARS

**Make four**

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Orangeade make a magic ring, 6dc in ring. Six sts



**Top Tip:** If using safety eyes with washers rather than beads, attach them before stuffing Head

PROJECT DESIGNER
Sachiyo Ishii

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 1ch, 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 2-3:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** 1ch, (4dc, dc2tog) twice. Ten sts
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** 1ch, (3dc, dc2tog) twice. Eight sts
- ☐ **Rnd 6:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## ARMS

**Make four** (two in each colour)

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Icecream (Beach) make a magic ring, 5dc in ring. Five sts
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 1ch, 2dc in each st to end. Ten sts
- ☐ **Rnds 2-4:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** 1ch, (3dc, dc2tog) twice. Eight sts
- ☐ **Rnds 6-8:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## LEGS

**Make four** (two in each colour)

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Surf (Sangria) make a magic ring, 6dc in ring. Six sts
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 1ch, 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** 1ch, (2dc, 2dc in next st) four times. 16 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** 1ch, 6dc, (dc2tog) twice, 6dc. 14 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** 1ch, 5dc, (dc2tog) twice, 5dc. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 6-9:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 10:** 1ch, (4dc, dc2tog) twice. Ten sts
- ☐ Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## TO MAKE UP

Stuff Body, place Dungarees over Body and sew in place. Stuff Legs and Arms then sew to Body. Sew Ears to Head without stuffing. Sew on black beads for eyes. Embroider nose and mouth with Dark Brown 4ply. Sew Head to Body. Sew Straps to Dungarees, crossing them at the back

# Crochet SOS

Got a yarn-based emergency? Our team of experts are on hand to help!



CAN YOU SPOT THE DECREASE STITCHES ON TOFT'S DOUGLAS THE HIGHLAND COW?

## Q Could you explain the amigurumi invisible decrease and what it's for?

VANYA TATE

***Kerry says***: The best way to create a decrease in amigurumi is to dc2tog, or double crochet two stitches together. However, there's a trick to this technique which makes it appear almost invisible, with no unsightly holes or bumps.

To work this decrease, you need to be able to recognise the front and back loops of your stitches. A normal dc is worked through both horizontal loops at the top of a stitch. If the right side of your work is facing out towards you, the front loops are on the outside with the back loops on the inside.

To create an invisible dc2tog, insert the hook into the front loop of the next stitch; do not yarn over, but insert the hook into the front loop of the following stitch, working in the same direction. At this point, there should be three loops on the hook. Next, yarn over and pull through the first two loops, then yarn over again and pull through the final two loops. This completes the dc2tog and once the piece is stuffed and sewn up, it's almost impossible to recognise where those decrease stitches were. For a full video tutorial on this technique and many others, go to **toftuk.com**.

## Q Which crochet stitches are best for making blankets?

ALLISON HARGREAVES

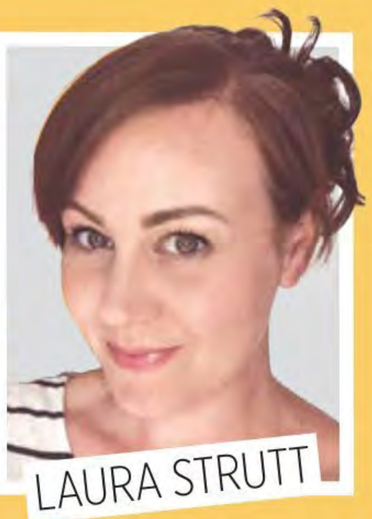
***Sarah says:*** Blankets are made either in rows, or as motifs which are joined together. If you'd like to crochet a simple version in rows, choose your favourite stitch (treble crochets are mine) and work backwards and forwards until the piece is the right size. For something more textural, try a simple linen or grit stitch, both of which use a two-stitch repeat across the rows.

If it's motifs you're after, you can't get more classic than the granny square, made from clusters of treble crochet stitches worked in rounds. You can vary the size, colour combinations and yarn to create the blanket you want. Squares aren't restricted to grannies, of course – there are scores of other beautiful patterns such as floral, geometric, lacy or plain. Motifs don't have to be square, either; there are some fabulous hexagon and triangle patterns out there too.

Finally, consider what the blanket will be used for. If it's for a baby, choose a pattern without too many holes for little fingers to get caught in. For a busy family with kids and dogs, select a sturdy yarn which can be washed repeatedly. To make a beautiful, decorative bedspread, a lacy pattern made in delicate cottons would be perfect.



# Meet Our Crochet Experts



LAURA STRUTT

Laura Strutt is a designer and author, and has written a number of popular crochet books – discover them at **makeetc.com** or **madepeachy.com**



SARAH SHRIMPTON

Sarah Shrimpton is a crochet designer and author, creating several books and patterns – find out more at **annabooshouse.blogspot.com**



KERRY LORD

Kerry Lord is the founder of TOFT and author of the *Edward's Menagerie* collection of animal crochet pattern books – visit **toftuk.com**

**Q I have a project that says to crochet in the back loops only – what is this for?**

ELLEN COOPER

***Laura says:*** For the most part, crochet stitches will be worked under both the loops that make up the stitch, however sometimes the pattern will ask you to crochet – or work – through the back loops only. This is done for a couple of different reasons, primarily this changes the look and texture of the finished stitch. A piece of crochet work that is worked for a series of rows or rounds through the back loop only will have a 'ribbed' appearance to the finish. You may also note that it is slightly stretchier than your work in the same stitch when worked through both loops.

This technique can also be used to add an element of shaping. For example, if you are working a circle, adding in a round of crochet through the back loops only will create a slight angle and form a base effect when the work is continued through both loops. To work through the back loops only, simply look at the two loops that make up the stitch; the back loop is the one that sits farthest away from you. Simply insert your hook through this stitch and work as usual. In the swatch shown here, the upper half (near the hook) is worked through the back loop and the lower portion is worked through both loops, showing the contrast.



Do you have a crochet dilemma that needs solving? Send in your queries to **melissa@aceville.com** or contact us on Facebook at **makeittodaymag**

# Our Top Five TOY KITS

Whether you're a beginner or not, a crochet kit can be a lovely gift containing everything you need to make something amazing. In this issue, we're focusing on toys, from amigurumi cuties to cuddly critters that kids will love – that is, assuming you can bear to part with them once you've completed your kit!




LION HEART

Threaders Cute Companions Leo the Lion, £14.99, **crafters companion.co.uk**



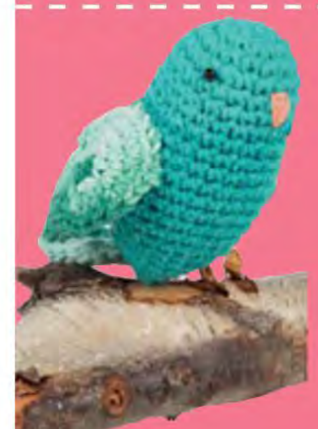
FIRE STARTER

TOFT George the Dragon, £30, **toftuk.com**




VERY WISE

Get Crafty Crochet Owl Kit, £4, **hobbycraft.co.uk**



WATCH THE BIRDIE

DIY Crochet Kit Love Bird Lagoon, £8.99, **hoooked.co.uk**



BUNNY HOP

Ruby Rabbit kit, from £19, **wooland thegang.com**

LITTLE LADIES WILL LOVE THIS!

# Flower Bag

## Use your crochet and sewing skills to create this fun accessory

PROJECT DESIGNER Corinne Bradd

A bag is always handy to carry your essentials in, whatever your age, and this design will definitely suit stylish tweens! Corinne Bradd has sewn a simple lined bag in a pink cotton print, then crocheted a basic strap, plus a multi-coloured scalloped trim to go around the top. An elegant rose with curling tendrils provides the perfect finishing touch.

## Essential Kit

**YARN:**

Icecream, Sangria, Surf, Shell

Crochet hook, 3.75mm

From your Crochet Club kit

**PLUS:**

Fabric: Gutermann Portofino pink diamonds, one fat quarter; plain cotton, one fat quarter

Sewing thread, white

**SIZE:**

Bag: 30cm x 51cm (inc. strap)






## BAG

### TRIM

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Icecream, make 99ch, join with a sl st in first ch
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 1ch, 1dc in each ch end, join with a sl st in 1ch
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** 1ch,* (1dc, 2ch, 1dc) in first st, miss two sts, rep from * to end, join with a sl st in 1ch
- ☐ Change to Sangria
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** join to 2ch sp and work (3ch, 2tr) in same ch sp, * 3tr in next 2ch sp, rep from * to end, join with a sl st in third of 3ch
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** 1ch, * (1dc, 2ch, 1dc) in second tr of group, miss two sts, rep from * to end, join with a sl st in 1ch
- ☐ Change to Surf
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** rep Row 3
- ☐ **Rnd 6:** * 6ch, sl st between two groups of 3tr, rep from * to end, join with a sl st in first ch
- ☐ Change to Shell
- ☐ **Rnd 7:** join to centre of 6ch sp, 6ch, * 1tr in next 6ch sp, 3ch, rep from * to end, join with a sl st in to third of 3ch
- ☐ **Rnd 8:** (3ch, 1tr, 3ch, 2tr) in 3ch sp, * 1dc in next 3ch sp, (2tr, 3ch, 2tr) in next 3ch sp, rep from * to end, join with a sl st in base of 3ch
- ☐ Change to Surf
- ☐ **Rnd 9:** 1dc in sl st from Rnd 8, * (3tr, 3ch, 3tr) in 3ch sp, 1dc in next dc, rep from * to end, join with a sl st in base of first dc
- ☐ Change to Icecream
- ☐ **Rnd 10:** 1ch, 1dc in same dc, 2dc, 4dc in 3ch sp, 3dc, * 3dc, 4dc in 3ch sp, 4dc, rep from * to end, join with a sl st in 1ch
- ☐ Change to Sangria
- ☐ **Rnd 11:** * 1dc, 3ch, miss one st, 1dc, 3ch, miss one st, 1dc, 3ch, 1dc, 3ch, miss one st, 1dc, 3ch, miss one st, 1dc, rep from * to end, join with a sl st in first dc
- ☐ Fasten off
- ☐ Sew in all loose ends and trim

### STRAP

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Shell, make 7ch
- ☐ **Row 1:** 1tr in fourth ch from hook, 3tr, turn
- ☐ **Row 2:** 2ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in each st to end, turn
- ☐ Rep Row 2 until Strap measures desired length

### ROSE

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Icecream, make 43ch
- ☐ **Row 1:** 1tr in fifth ch from hook, *1ch, miss a st, 1tr, rep from * to end, turn
- ☐ **Row 2:** 1ch, * 4tr in ch sp, 1dc in tr, rep from * to end
- ☐ Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### TENDRILS

**Make five**

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Surf, make 50ch
- ☐ Fasten off

### BAG

1 Download and print the template from **topcrochet patterns.com/projects**. Cut two bag pieces from printed cotton and two from plain cotton lining. Sew the pairs right sides together around the sides and base, leaving a 10cm wide gap in the bottom of the lining.

2 Turn the outer bag right sides out and pin the ends of the crochet strap to each side seam, matching to the raw edge. Slip the outer inside the lining and sew together around the top edge, securing the strap as you do so.

3 Turn the bag right sides out. Fold in the raw edges of the gap and topstitch close to the edge. Push the lining inside the outer and press.

### TO MAKE UP

Slip Trim over top edge of Bag, ensuring Strap lays above it. Pin in place and topstitch 2mm in from seam. Curl Rose into a spiralled flower and use the tail to sew together on back. Sew in one end of the yarn on each Tendril and use the other to sew to reverse of Rose. Hand sew Rose and Tendrils to Trim

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DOWNLOAD OUR BAG TEMPLATE AT **TOPCROCHET PATTERNS.COM/ PROJECTS**

**Top Tip:** Keep tension even but not tight; if you need to stretch the trim a little to fit around the bag, you want to avoid it springing back and puckering the fabric




## JANOME J3-24

Speed up the process of sewing your bag with this versatile machine, featuring three simple dials for stitch selection, stitch width and stitch length adjustment. It also offers 24 built-in stitches, plus a built-in needle threader and convenient thread cutter, making sewing so much easier. SWS offer price: £199 – save £30! **janome.co.uk**

## Essential Kit

**YARN:**
Icecream, Sangria, Shell, Beach, Surf

Crochet hook, 3.75mm

From your Crochet Club kit

**PLUS:**
DK: Green, Brown (approx 10g of each), White

Toy stuffing

Beads

Needle: sewing, tapestry

**SIZE:**

Doughnut: 9-10cm in diameter




GIVE YOURSELF A TASTY TREAT

# Sewlicious Doughnuts

## Try these fun and yummy-looking makes

Once you've made one of Hannah Cooper's cute doughnuts, you'll want to create your own favourites to enjoy a 'bake off' or toy picnic with a youngster. The basic shape is a breeze in double crochet, using your Crochet Club yarns, but feel free to add other DK colours to re-create chocolate-dipped dunkers to iced confections topped with beaded sprinkles.

## PINK BEADED

### RING

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Icecream, make 24ch, sl st into first ch to make a ring
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 1ch, starting in the same ch space as sl st, 1dc in each ch to end. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 2-3:** 1dc in st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 6:** (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 7:** (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 48 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 8:** (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 54 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 9:** (8dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 60 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 10-11:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 12:** (8dc, dc2tog) to end. 54 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 13:** (7dc, dc2tog) to end. 48 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 14:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 15:** (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 42 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 16:** (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 17:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 18:** (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 19:** (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 20:** 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first st
- ☐ Fasten off

### ICING

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Sangria, make 24ch, then sl st into first ch to make a ring
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 1ch, starting in the same ch as the sl st, 1dc in each st to end. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnds 3-8:** rep Rnds 4-9 of Ring. 60 sts
- ☐ **Rnds 9-10:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 11:** 3dc, 1htr, 2tr in next st, 1htr, 3dc, (1htr, 1tr, 1dtr) in next st, (1tr, 1htr) in next st, 3dc, (1htr, 1tr) in next st, (1tr, 1htr) in next st, 2dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1tr) in next st, 2dtr in next st, (1tr, 1htr, 1dc) in next st, 4dc, 1htr, 2tr in next st, 1htr, 3dc, (1htr, 1tr, 1dtr) in next st, (1tr, 1htr) in next st, 2dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1tr) in next st, 2dtr in next st, (1tr, 1htr, 1dc) in next st, 3dc, (1htr, 1tr) in next st, 2dtr in next st, (1tr, 1htr) in next st, 4dc, (1htr, 1tr) in next st, (1tr, 1htr) in next st, 5dc, (1dc, 1htr, 1tr) in next st, 2dtr in next st, (1tr, 1htr, 1dc) in next st, 2dc, join with a sl st to first st
- ☐ Fasten off

## PLAIN ICED

**NOTE:** you can replace Green with Beach, Surf, or Shell

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Green, make 24ch, sl st into first ch to make a ring
- ☐ **Rnds 1-9:** rep Rnds 1-9 of Doughnut ring. 60 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 10:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Cont to work in rnds in colours as indicated
- ☐ **Rnd 11:** (6dc) Green, (4dc) Icecream, (5dc) Green, (8dc) Icecream, (7dc) Green, (4dc) Icecream, (11dc) Green, (6dc) Icecream, (5dc) Green, (4dc) Icecream
- ☐ **Rnd 12:** (1dc) Icecream, (4dc) Green, (3dc, dc2tog, 1dc) Icecream, (3dc) Green, (4dc, dc2tog, 4dc) Icecream, (4dc, dc2tog) Green, (5dc) Icecream, (3dc, dc2tog, 4dc) Green, (4dc, dc2tog, 2dc) Icecream, (3dc) Green, (3dc, dc2tog) Icecream. 54 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 13:** 2dc (Icecream), 2dc (Green), (3dc, dc2tog, 2dc) Icecream, (1dc) Green, (4dc, dc2tog, 5dc) Icecream, (2dc, dc2tog) Green, (6dc) Icecream, (1dc, dc2tog, 3dc) Green, (4dc, dc2tog, 3dc) Icecream, (1dc) Green, (3dc, dc2tog) Icecream. 48 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 14:** 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ **Rnd 15:** (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 42 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 16:** (5dc, dc2tog) to end.

## CHOCOLATE DIPPED

The half and half chocolate doughnut is the same as the others, except that every row begins with Icecream and changes to Brown exactly halfway, so that each colour has the same amount of sts including decs and incs per row

### TO MAKE UP

Sew first row and last row together three quarters of the way round to make the doughnut hole in the middle. Stuff firmly and finish sewing up. For Pink Beaded Doughnut, place Icing on top and sew around the edge. Sew beads randomly to Icing. For Chocolate Dipped Doughnut, align the colours from the starting ch and final row to ensure colours match up. Weave in all ends

# TOP CROCHET PATTERNS

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PROJECT DESIGNER
Hannah Cooper





**Top tip:**
Add extra drizzles of icing with chain stitch, or multicoloured sprinkles with random stitches in different yarns





Summer is calling with our 3-part

# Crochet-Along Beach Scene

PART one

PROJECT DESIGNER Heather Gibbs

Now that the warm weather has finally arrived, it's time to start crocheting some summery projects while we can! That's exactly why we're taking inspiration from the Great British seaside over the next three issues, and you can join us along the way. Using all the colours in your yarn kit, Heather Gibbs' projects are perfect for long journeys or relaxing evenings in the garden – make it a summer to remember with Crochet Club!

## Essential Kit

**YARN:**
Shell, Surf, Sangria, Beach, Icecream, Orangeade

Crochet hook, 3.75mm

From your Crochet Club kit

**PLUS:**
Toy stuffing or upholstery foam

Yarn needle

**SIZE:**
15.5cm x 22cm

USE YOUR YARN KIT
Make it Today!
Crochet Club

# BEACH HUT

## SIDES

**Make two**

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Surf, make 26ch
- ☐ **Row 1:** 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. 25 sts
- ☐ Work in foll two-row stripe sequence: Shell and Surf
- ☐ **Rows 2-22:** (1ch, 1dc) in next st, 1dc in each st to end, turn
- ☐ Fasten off and weave in ends

## GABLE ENDS

**Make two**

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Surf, make 19ch
- ☐ **Row 1:** 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end, turn. 18 sts
- ☐ Work in foll two-row stripe sequence: Shell and Surf
- ☐ **Rows 2-22:** (1ch, 1dc) in next st, 1dc in each st to end, turn
- ☐ **Row 23:** (1ch, 1dc) in next st, dc2tog, 1dc in next 12 sts, dc2tog, 1dc in last st, turn. 16 sts
- ☐ **Row 24:** (1ch, 1dc) in next st, 1dc in each st to end, turn
- ☐ **Row 25:** (1ch, 1dc) in next st, dc2tog, 1dc in next ten sts, dc2tog, 1dc in last st, turn. 14 sts
- ☐ **Row 26:** rep Row 24
- ☐ **Row 27:** (1ch, 1dc) in next st, dc2tog, 1dc in next eight sts, dc2tog, 1dc in last st, turn. 12 sts
- ☐ **Row 28:** rep Row 24
- ☐ **Row 29:** (1ch, 1dc) in next st, dc2tog, 1dc in next six sts, dc2tog, 1dc in last st, turn. Ten sts
- ☐ **Row 30:** rep Row 24
- ☐ **Row 31:** (1ch, 1dc) in next st, dc2tog, 1dc in next four sts, dc2tog, 1dc in last st, turn. Eight sts
- ☐ **Row 32:** rep Row 24
- ☐ **Row 33:** (1ch, 1dc) in next st, dc2tog, 1dc in next two sts, dc2tog, 1dc in last st, turn. Six sts
- ☐ **Row 34:** rep Row 24
- ☐ **Row 35:** (1ch, 1dc) in next st, dc2tog, twice, 1dc in last st, turn. Four sts
- ☐ **Row 36:** rep Row 24
- ☐ **Row 37:** 1ch, (dc2tog) twice, turn. Two sts
- ☐ **Row 38:** 1ch, dc2tog. One st
- ☐ Fasten off and weave in ends

## ROOF PANELS

**Make two**

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Sangria, make 26ch
- ☐ **Row 1:** 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. 25 sts
- ☐ **Rows 2-10:** (1ch, 1dc) in next st, 1dc in each st to end, turn
- ☐ Fasten off Sangria, attach Orangeade to top of the st where fastened off
- ☐ **Rows 11-16:** (1ch, 1dc) in next st, 1dc in each st to end, turn
- ☐ Fasten off and weave in end on one panel

**NOTE:** Do not fasten off Roof

## PANEL TWO

- ☐ Line up Roof Panels with WS tog, beg at right hand edge, dc through both pieces to join
- ☐ Fasten off and weave in ends

## ROOF ENDS

**Make two**

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Orangeade, make 5ch
- ☐ **Row 1:** 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end. Four sts
- ☐ Fasten off

## HUT BASE

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Beach, make 19ch
- ☐ **Row 1:** 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rows 2-25:** (1ch, 1dc) in next st, 1dc in each st to end, turn
- ☐ Fasten off

## DOOR

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Orangeade, make 11ch
- ☐ **Row 1:** 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Ten sts
- ☐ **Rows 2-16:** (1ch, 1dc) in next st, 1dc in each st to end, turn
- ☐ Fasten off

## DOOR KNOB

- ☐ Using 3.75mm and Icecream make a magic ring, work 3dc into ring, sl st to first st to join. Three sts
- ☐ Fasten off

## WINDOW

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Icecream, make 9ch
- ☐ **Row 1:** 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Eight sts
- ☐ **Rows 2-9:** (1ch, 1dc) in next st, 1dc in each st to end, turn
- ☐ Fasten off and weave in ends
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** Attach Surf to top of st where you fastened off, dc around edge of outer window, working 3dc in each corner
- ☐ Fasten off, leaving a long tail
- ☐ With Surf, embroider window pane panels

## LIFE BUOY

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Icecream make 8ch, join with a sl st in first ch
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 16dc in ring. 16 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
- ☐ Fasten off
- ☐ With Sangria, embroider stripes of the Life Buoy

## TO MAKE UP

Add Door Knob to Door on Row 8. Attach Buoy to front of Hut on a Gable End at the top. Add Door to front of Hut. Attach Window to side of Hut. With the right side of the crochet pieces facing you, and matching up the stripe pattern, join the Sides and Gable Hut Ends with a dc at end of each row. Join Roof to Hut by working dc around all edges. Attach Roof Ends to the Top of either end of the Gable Ends. Stuff. Whipstitch on Hut Base onto the Hut to finish off

**Top tip:** If you find the corners curl up a little, tack them down to the sides of the hut with corresponding yarn



## *Save the Date! 20th June*

Say hello to these little sea creatures, the perfect extras for your beach hut in issue 45 of Crochet Club



WE LOVE THESE ECO-FRIENDLY MAKES!

# Trellis Pots

## Upcycle throwaway plastics in an evening with these smart covers

Corinne Bradd has found a much better use for the ubiquitous water bottle than merely recycling it! Transform flasks into fun tidies and containers with a smart mesh design.

PROJECT DESIGNER Corinne Bradd



### Essential Kit

**YARN:**

King Cole Cottonsoft DK in 3363 Blush, Cascade Ultra Pima in 3829 Papaya, one 100g ball of each

**PLUS:**

Crochet hook, 4mm

Clean plastic bottles

**SIZE:**

To fit plastic bottle of your choice

**NOTE:** Cut bottle to desired height before crocheting (see To Make Up), then regularly check the cover size as you get close to finishing

## ROUND BOTTLE

- ☐ Using 4mm hook and Papaya, make a magic ring and work 8dc into ring, join with sl st to top of first st. Eight sts
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** (2ch, 1tr) in first st, 2tr in each st to end, join with a sl st to second of 2ch. 16 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** 2ch (counts as 1tr throughout), 1ch, (1tr, 1ch, 1tr) in next st, * 1ch, 1tr, 1ch, (1tr, 1ch, 1tr) in next st, rep from * to end, 1ch, join with a sl st to second of 2ch. 48 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** 2ch, * 1ch, miss one st, 1tr, rep from * to last st, 1ch, miss one st, join with a sl st to second of 2ch. 48 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** 2ch, 1ch, (1tr, 1ch, 1tr) in next st, * (1ch, miss one st, 1tr) twice, 1ch, miss one st, (1tr, 1ch, 1tr) in next st, rep from * to last three sts, 1ch, miss one st, 1tr, 1ch, join with a sl st to second of 2ch. 64 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** 2ch, * 1ch, miss one st, 1tr, rep from * to last st, 1ch, join with sl st to top of first st
- ☐ Rep Rnd 5 until work reaches top of cut-off bottle
- ☐ **Next rnd:** 1ch (does not count as a st), * 1dc, miss one st, rep from * to end, join with a sl st in first st
- ☐ Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Mark a line around plastic bottle and cut off along this line using sharp scissors or a craft knife. Smooth any rough edges with sandpaper, then slide the completed Cover onto bottle




Visit **topcrochetpatterns.com** and search 'square bottle cover' for this other decorative make



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WHEN? **22ND JUNE**

On the Crochet Flower Hexagons and Squares workshop, you'll make two types of motif, using fun popcorn and puff stitches, and also a beautiful African flower hexagon. As part of this workshop, you'll master crocheting in the round, changing colours, joining and edging squares, and using the 'join-as-you-go' method. All the materials are provided, just bring a 4mm hook. You'll leave with some handy reference sheets and be inspired to go on to create a fab cushion or blanket! **bibelot.co.uk**



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STYLISH AND PRACTICAL

# Summer Shawl

## Keep out the evening chill and wrap yourself in this lacy accessory

Cosy up when you're out and about on summer evenings with this pretty mesh stitch wrap draped over your shoulders. Created with only a couple of different stitches, you'll be surprised how quickly it grows. The bright colours of your kit are teamed with puff stitches and mesh for striking borders on the ends!

PROJECT DESIGNER
Laura Strutt

### Essential Kit

**YARN:**
Surf x 2, Shell x 2, Sangria, Beach, Icecream

Crochet hook, 3.75mm

From your Crochet Club kit

**PLUS:**
Tapestry needle

Yarn: Stylecraft Special DK, Cream (3 x 100g)

**SIZE:**
55cm x 200cm




**SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS**
**PS - puff stitch**
* Yoh, insert into ch sp, yoh, draw through loop, keeping the yarn loops long, rep from * twice more, yoh, draw through all of the loops on hook, 1ch to close st

## LACY WRAP

**Foundation row**

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Cream, 129ch
- ☐ **Row 1:** 1tr in ninth ch from hook (counts as 1tr, 3ch, 1tr), * 3ch, miss three sts, 1tr, rep from * to end, turn
- ☐ **Row 2:** 6ch (counts as 1tr, 3ch), miss three sts, 1tr, * 3ch, miss three sts, 1tr, rep from * to end, working last tr in third of 6ch, turn
- ☐ Rep Row 2 until measures 160cm

### BORDER

**NOTE:** Change to Shell, work at both ends of wrap

- ☐ **Row 1:** 6ch (counts as 1tr, 3ch), miss three sts, 1tr, * 3ch, miss three sts, 1tr, rep from * to end, working last tr in third of 6ch, turn
- ☐ **Rows 2-6:** Rep Row 1
- ☐ Change to Surf
- ☐ **Row 7:** 4ch, PS in ch sp, 1ch, * PS in ch sp, 1ch, rep from * to end, 1tr in third of 6ch, turn
- ☐ Change to Beach
- ☐ **Row 8:** 6ch (counts as 1tr, 3ch), miss 1ch sp, 1tr in next ch sp, * 3ch, 1tr in next ch sp, rep from * to last ch sp, 3ch, 1tr in third of 4ch, turn
- ☐ Change to Sangria
- ☐ **Row 9:** 4ch, PS in ch sp, 1ch, * PS in ch sp, 1ch, rep from * to end, 1tr in third of 6ch, turn
- ☐ Change to Icecream
- ☐ **Row 10:** 6ch (counts as 1tr, 3ch), miss 1ch sp, 1tr in next ch sp, * 3ch, 1tr in next ch sp, rep from * to last ch sp, 3ch, 1tr in third of 4ch, turn
- ☐ Change to Surf
- ☐ **Row 11:** 4ch, PS in ch sp, 1ch, * PS in ch sp, 1ch, rep from * to end, 1tr in third of 6ch, turn
- ☐ Change to Beach
- ☐ **Row 12:** 6ch (counts as 1tr, 3ch), miss 1ch sp, 1tr in next ch sp, * 3ch, 1tr in next ch sp, rep from * to last ch sp, 3ch, 1tr in third of 4ch, turn
- ☐ Change to Sangria
- ☐ **Row 13:** 4ch, PS in ch sp, 1ch, * PS in ch sp, 1ch, rep from * to end, 1tr in third of 6ch, turn
- ☐ Change to Icecream
- ☐ **Row 14:** 6ch (counts as 1tr, 3ch), miss 1ch sp, 1tr in next ch sp, * 3ch, 1tr in next ch sp, rep from * to last ch sp, 3ch, 1tr in third of 4ch, turn
- ☐ Change to Cream
- ☐ **Row 15:** 4ch, PS in ch sp, 1ch, * PS in ch sp, 1ch, rep from * to end, 1tr in third of 6ch, turn
- ☐ Change to Surf
- ☐ **Row 16:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Fasten off
- ☐ Turn Wrap and rep to add Border to foundation row of Wrap

### TO MAKE UP

Weave in all ends neatly to finish

**Top Tip:** To make the full-size shawl, you'll need to dig a few more balls of Cream DK out of your stash!



"When creating the puff stitch, maintain the length of the loops as you wrap them around the hook to create neat and even stitches"

LAURA STRUTT, DESIGNER

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Designed especially for making amigurumi characters, once you start creating the adorable, crocheted animals with this easy-to-use yarn, you'll be obsessed.

Woolyhippo 100% Cotton DK, C17 Sky Blue, £2.50 per 100g (180m), **woolyhippo.com**
Tightly spun to avoid any snagging, this is great for crochet projects and the soft texture makes it ideal to use for baby blankets.







King Cole Cottonsoft Crush, Watermelon, £3.99 per 100g (210m), **woolwarehouse.co.uk**
Looking for something a little fruity? The combination of pink, green and blue makes it easier than ever to incorporate in-season colours together for a stunning, lightweight summer blanket or shawl.

West Yorkshire Spinners Exquisite, Viscount, £13.95 per 100g (800m), **wyspinners.com**
Made with a combination of 80% Falkland wool and 20% Mulberry silk, this luxurious lace yarn has a softness like no other, and is made using the finest materials around.




# Meadow fresh

## As we head into summer, the blue and green hues of these yarns are perfect to add some vibrancy to any seasonal project

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Scheepjes Cotton 8, 665, £1.99 per 50g (170m), **woolwarehouse.co.uk**
Soft yet strong, it's an affordable choice that deserves a place in your collection. This striking turquoise shade is an essential for spring-summer projects, and is just one of many colours.

Paintbox Yarns Cotton DK, Spearmint Green, £2.50 per 50g (125m), **loveknitting.com**
Upgrade your colour palette this summer with a vibrant shade of green. Made from 100% cotton, it is a must-have for days spent making in the garden.







Paintbox Yarns Metallic DK, Blue Hawaii, £4.50 per 50g (120m), **loveknitting.com**
Reminiscent of an island paradise, the vibrant colours add a pop of colour into any design, with the bright metallic blue complementing the lime green wonderfully for any summery projects.

Patons Fairytale Cotton 4ply, 1065, £3.15 per 25g (92m), **knitpatons.com**
Made using long fibres of Egyptian cotton, it is suitable for a little one's skin and is also baby-proof, making it a must-have for designs that may encounter a little wear and tear.



# Fruity Set

## Whip up a juicy coaster trio and watermelon purse!

Bright and vibrant motifs are eye-catching makes for the summer season. We've got three brilliant coaster designs from Drops, which are perfect for barbecues and al fresco entertaining. You can also add a fruity feel to your outfit with this pretty beaded watermelon purse, designed by Anna Nikipirowicz. Both patterns use the half treble crochet stitch which means your work will grow nice and quickly too!




## Essential Kit

**COASTERS**

Yarn: Rico Creative Cotton Aran, shades (A) 60 Natural, two 50g balls, (B) 13 Fuchsia, (C) 41 Pistachio, (D) 74 Orange, (E) 64 Candy Pink, one 50g ball of each

Crochet hooks: 4mm, 4.5mm

Tapestry needle

**PURSE**

Yarn: Drops Paris, shades (A) 6 Shocking Pink, (B) 17 Off White, (C) 39 Pistachio, one 50g ball of each

Crochet hook: 4.5mm

Beads, small, black

Zip, 17cm

Needle: sewing; tapestry

## COASTERS

### BASIC PATTERN

**NOTE:** for colour sequences see individual instructions. 2ch and 1ch at beg of rnd do not count as sts

- ☐ Using 4mm hook, make 4ch, sl st in first ch to make a ring
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 2ch, 10htr in ring, sl st in second of beg 2ch
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** 1ch, 2dc in each st to end, sl st in first ch
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** 2ch, * 1htr, 2htr in next st, rep from * to end, sl st in top of beg 2ch
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** 1ch, * 2dc, 2dc in next st, rep from * to end, sl st in first ch
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** 2ch, * 4htr, 2htr in next st, rep from * to end, sl st in top of beg 2ch
- ☐ **Rnd 6:** 1ch, * 7dc, 2dc in next st, rep from * to end, sl st in first ch
- ☐ **Rnd 7:** 2ch, * 8htr, 2htr in next st, rep from * to end, sl st in top of beg 2ch
- ☐ Fasten off

### LEMON

- ☐ Using 4mm hook and yarn A, make 4ch, sl st in first ch to make a ring
- ☐ Work from Basic patt in foll colour sequence
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** yarn A
- ☐ **Rnds 2-5:** yarn B
- ☐ **Rnd 6:** yarn A
- ☐ **Rnd 7:** yarn C
- ☐ Thread yarn A onto tapestry needle and from back of work, bring needle out through a htr on Rnd 1. Insert needle through work to right of corresponding htr on Rnd 5, then bring it out to the left of this stitch. Insert needle back through original htr. Repeat in every alternate htr on Rnd 1 and leaving a gap of seven sts on Rnd 5

### WATERMELON

- ☐ Using 4mm hook and yarn D, make 4ch, sl st in first ch to make a ring
- ☐ Work from Basic patt in foll colour sequence
- ☐ **Rnds 1-5:** yarn D
- ☐ **Rnd 6:** yarn E
- ☐ **Rnd 7:** yarn F
- ☐ Using Black and working on Rnd 2, embroider five pips using ch st

### KIWI

- ☐ Using 4mm hook and yarn E, make 4ch, sl st in first ch to make a ring
- ☐ Work from Basic patt in foll colour sequence
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** yarn E
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** yarn G
- ☐ **Rnds 3-6:** yarn H
- ☐ **Rnd 7:** yarn I
- ☐ Using yarn G, embroider straight stitches three htr apart on Rnd 3

### PURSE

- ☐ Thread beads onto yarn A
- ☐ Using 4.5mm hook and yarn A, make a magic ring
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 6htr in ring, sl st in first htr
- ☐ Pull yarn tail to close hole. Work as folls AT THE SAME TIME place a bead in every alt htr on Rnds 1, 2, 5, 7 and 9
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 2ch (counts as 1htr throughout), 1htr in base of ch, * 2htr in next st, rep from * to end, sl st in top of beg 2ch. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** 2ch, 1htr in base of ch, * 1htr, 2htr in next st, rep from * to last st, 1htr in last st, sl st in top of beg 2ch. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** 2ch, 1htr in next st, 2htr in next st, * 2htr, 2htr in next st, rep from * to end, sl st in top of beg 2ch. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** 2ch, 2htr, 2htr in next st, * 3htr, 2htr in next st, rep from * to end, sl st in top of beg
- ☐ 2ch. 30 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** 2ch, 2htr, 2htr in next st, * 3htr, 2htr in next st, rep from * to last two sts, 2htr, sl st in top of beg 2ch. 37 sts

## Crochet know-how

To add beads onto yarn, thread a needle with cotton and knot. Pass yarn through loop and fold end down. Slide beads onto yarn. To place bead on htr stitch, wrap yarn around hook and insert into next stitch. Wrap yoh and pull through stitch. Slide bead close to hook, wrap yarn around hook and pull through all loops

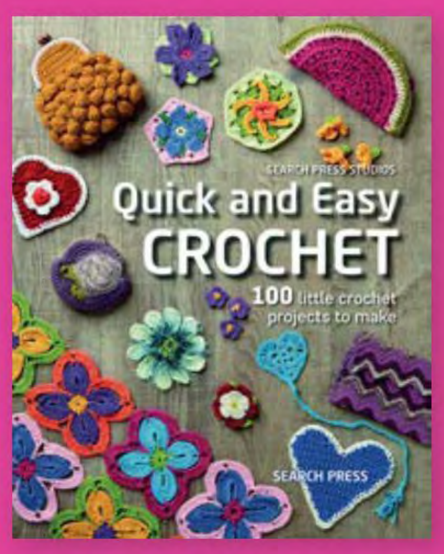


- ☐ **Rnd 6:** 2ch, 2htr, 2htr in next st, * 3htr, 2htr in next st, rep from * to last st, 1htr, sl st in top of beg 2ch. 46 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 7:** 2ch, 2htr, 2htr in next st, * 3htr, 2htr in next st, rep from * to last two sts, 2htr, sl st in top of beg 2ch. 57 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 8:** 2ch, 2htr, 2htr in next st, * 3htr, 2htr in next st, rep from * to last st, 1htr, sl st in top of beg 2ch. 71 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 9:** 2ch, 2htr, 2htr in next st, * 3htr, 2htr in next st, rep from * to last three sts, 3htr, sl st in top of beg 2ch. 88 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 10:** 2ch, 1htr in each st to end, sl st in top of beg 2ch
- ☐ Change to yarn B
- ☐ **Rnd 11:** 2ch, 1htr in each st to end, sl st in top of beg 2ch
- ☐ Change to yarn C
- ☐ **Rnd 12:** 2ch, 1htr in each st to end, sl st in top of beg 2ch
- ☐ Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Weave in ends. Fold purse in half and stitch for 5cm up each side. Insert zip to close

PROJECT DESIGNER
Drops & Anna Nikipirowicz




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# Gardening Apron

## Stay neat while working outdoors in this useful pinny

If you're a budding Carol Klein or Monty Don, then Lucinda Ganderton's project is just for you; whip up this quick-to-crochet pinny in just a few evenings. It's worked in the half treble crochet stitch so grows really quickly. There's no shaping at all and if you read our crochet know-how panel, you'll find an easy colour change technique.



## Essential Kit

**YARN:**

Rico Creative Cotton Aran, shades (A) 60 Natural, two 50g balls, (B) 13 Fuchsia, (C) 41 Pistachio, (D) 74 Orange, (E) 64 Candy Pink, one 50g ball of each

Crochet hooks: 4mm, 4.5mm

Tapestry needle

**TENSION SQUARE:**

16.5 sts x 12 rows

10cm x 10cm

Half treble

4.5mm hook

**SIZES:**

Apron: 27cm x 53cm excluding ties

## APRON

### POCKETS

- ☐ Using 4.5mm hook and yarn B, make 60ch
- ☐ **Row 1:** 1htr in third ch from hook, 1htr in each ch to end, turn
- ☐ **Row 2:** 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in each htr to end, working last htr in top of 2ch at beg of prev rnd, turn
- ☐ This row sets htr patt
- ☐ Rep last row 12 more times, joining yarn A in last st (see Crochet Clever)
- ☐ Fasten off yarn B
- ☐ Using yarn A, work two rows in htr patt, joining yarn C in last st
- ☐ Fasten off yarn A
- ☐ Using yarn C, work ten rows in htr patt, joining yarn A in last st
- ☐ Fasten off yarn C
- ☐ Using yarn A, work two rows in htr patt, joining yarn D in last st
- ☐ Fasten off yarn A
- ☐ Using yarn D, work six rows in htr patt, joining yarn A in last st
- ☐ Fasten off yarn D
- ☐ Using yarn A, work two rows in htr patt, joining yarn E in last st
- ☐ Fasten off yarn A
- ☐ Using yarn E, work 14 rows in htr patt, joining yarn A in last st
- ☐ Fasten off yarn E
- ☐ Using yarn A, work two rows in htr patt, joining yarn C in last st
- ☐ Fasten off yarn A
- ☐ Using yarn C, work eight rows in htr patt
- ☐ Fasten off and weave in ends

### WAISTBAND

- ☐ Using 4mm hook and with RS facing, join yarn A to bottom right corner of foundation row, turn work 90° and work into row ends as folls:
- ☐ **Row 1:** 1ch, work 3dc for every two rows to end, working last dc in fasten off row, turn
- ☐ **Row 2:** 2ch, 1htr in each dc to end
- ☐ **Row 3:** 2ch, 1htr in each htr to end
- ☐ Rep last row six more times
- ☐ Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Fold work with WS together until edge of Pockets overlaps first three rows of Waistband. Pin side edges together

### EDGING & TIES

- ☐ Using 4.5mm hook and with RS of Apron facing, join yarn A to top left corner of Waistband above yarn B Pocket
- ☐ ** **Row 1:** 2ch, work 6htr into row ends of Waistband, working through both layers of Pockets, 1htr in each st to end, turn

### Crochet know-how

For a neat finish when working stripes, join the new colour during the last movement of the final stitch (htr) of the row before the colour change. Using the old colour, wrap yarn around hook and insert into next stitch. Wrap yarn around hook again and pull loop through stitch. Now use the new colour to wrap yarn around hook and pull through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Work the next row

PROJECT DESIGNER
Lucinda Ganderton

- ☐ **Row 2:** 2ch, 1htr in each htr to end, working last htr in top of 2ch at beg of prev row, turn
- ☐ Make 100ch for tie **
- ☐ Fasten off
- ☐ Using 4.5mm hook and with WS of Apron facing rejoin yarn to top left corner of Waistband above yarn C Pocket
- ☐ Rep from ** to **
- ☐ Change to 4mm hook
- ☐ **Next row:** 2ch, 1htr in third ch from hook, 1htr in each of next 99ch, 3htr in row ends of Edging, 1htr in each htr along top of Waistband, 3htr in row ends of Edging, 1htr in each ch to end, turn
- ☐ **Next row:** 2ch, 1htr in htr to end working last htr in top of 2ch at beg of prev row
- ☐ Fasten off
- ☐ Weave in ends. Sew backstitch down yarn A stripes to divide pockets

## FLOWERS

**Make seven**

**NOTE:** use contrasting colours for centre and petals

- ☐ Using 4.5mm hook and first colour, make 6ch, sl st in first ch to join ring
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 1ch, 12dc in ring, sl st in first dc
- ☐ Fasten off first colour
- ☐ Join second colour to any dc
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** * 1ch, 3tr in next dc, sl st in next dc, rep from * five more times
- ☐ Fasten off
- ☐ Sew Flowers to Pockets

# Carry on Glamping

## Create these handy essentials for a fun trip away

Summer's here and it's time to embrace the great outdoors! Whether you prefer glamping or roughing it, you're still entitled to pretty crocheted accessories. This trio are all highly practical – we've got a cover for your inflatable pillow, a holder for your water bottle and a sturdy bag, all made in vibrant summery shades.



## Essential Kit

**YARN:**
Rico Design Essentials Cotton DK, shades (A) 014 Fuchsia, (B) 066 Grass Green, (C) 031 Aquamarine, (D) 062 Lemon, (E) 080 White, two 50g balls of each, (F) 087 Pumpkin, one 50g ball

Crochet hook: 4mm

Plastic canvas

Lining fabric, cotton

Zip, 23cm

Inflatable pillow, 35cm x 22cm

Plastic clip

**TENSION SQUARE:**
20 sts x 20 rows
10cm x 10cm
double crochet
4mm hook

**SIZES:**
**Pillow:** 25cm x 43cm
**Bag:** 13cm deep x 30cm high x 34cm wide
**Bottle holder:** to fit a 500ml bottle

## BAG

### BASE

- ☐ Using 4mm hook and yarn A make 61ch
- ☐ **Row 1:** 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end, turn. 60 sts
- ☐ **Row 2:** 1ch (does not count as a st throughout), 1dc in each dc of prev row, turn
- ☐ Rep last row 25 times more

### BASE EDGING

- ☐ **Row 28:** 1ch, 1dc in each dc of prev row, do not turn, work 25dc evenly spaced down side edge inserting hook into row ends, 1dc in each st of foundation ch, 25dc up opposite side edge, do not turn. 170 sts
- ☐ Fasten off

### FRONT

**NOTE:** work Caravan, Camper or Tent chart where instructed

- ☐ With RS facing, join yarn B in last st of Base Edging
- ☐ **Row 1:** 1ch, working in BLO, work Row 1 of chosen Chart, turn. 60 sts
- ☐ Working through both loops as normal, cont as set until Chart is complete
- ☐ Fasten off

### SIDES & BACK

- ☐ With RS facing, join yarn C to next st on edge of Base
- ☐ **Row 1:** 1ch, working in BLO, 1dc in each st around rem three sides of Base, turn. 110 sts
- ☐ **Row 2:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
- ☐ Rep Row 2 once more, changing to yarn D in last st
- ☐ Cont in dc patt as set by Row 2, working stripe patt as folls and changing colour in last st of prev row:
- ☐ ** Two rows in yarn D
- ☐ Four rows in yarn C
- ☐ One row in yarn F
- ☐ Four rows in yarn D
- ☐ Two rows in yarn A
- ☐ Four rows in yarn D
- ☐ One row in yarn C
- ☐ Four rows in yarn A
- ☐ Two rows in yarn E
- ☐ Four rows in yarn A
- ☐ One row in yarn D
- ☐ Four rows in yarn E
- ☐ Two rows in yarn B
- ☐ Four rows in yarn E
- ☐ One row in yarn A
- ☐ Four rows in yarn B
- ☐ Two rows in yarn D
- ☐ Four rows in yarn B
- ☐ One row in yarn E
- ☐ Four rows in yarn D
- ☐ Two rows in yarn F
- ☐ Four rows in yarn D
- ☐ One row in yarn B
- ☐ Four rows in yarn F
- ☐ Two rows in yarn E
- ☐ Four rows in yarn F
- ☐ One row in yarn D
- ☐ Four rows in yarn E
- ☐ Fasten off

### HANDLES

**Make two**

- ☐ Using 4mm hook and yarn F make 61ch
- ☐ **Row 1:** 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end, joining yarn D in last st, turn. 60 sts
- ☐ **Row 2:** using yarn D, 1ch (does not count as a st throughout), 1dc in each dc of prev row, turn
- ☐ Cont in dc patt as set by Row 2, working stripe patt as folls and changing colour in last st of prev row:
- ☐ **Row 3:** yarn D
- ☐ **Rows 4-5:** yarn E
- ☐ **Rows 6-7:** yarn D
- ☐ **Row 8:** yarn F
- ☐ **Row 9:** using yarn F, sl st in each st to end
- ☐ Fasten off

## BORDER

- ☐ Stitch side seams
- ☐ Using 4mm hook, rejoin yarn A with a sl st to any st along top edge
- ☐ **Row 1:** 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in each st to end, sl st in first dc, turn
- ☐ **Row 2:** as Row 1
- ☐ Fasten off
- ☐ Stitch ends of handles in place on inside

## TO MAKE UP

Cut two 30cm x 34cm pieces of plastic canvas for Front and Back, two 13cm x 30cm pieces for Sides and one 13cm x 34cm piece for Base. Stitch edges together and place inside Bag. Cut two 32cm x 36cm pieces of lining fabric for Front and Back, two 15cm x 32cm pieces for Sides and one 15cm x 36cm piece for Base. Sew together with a 1cm allowance and place inside Bag. Fold over 1cm at top and slip stitch to top edge

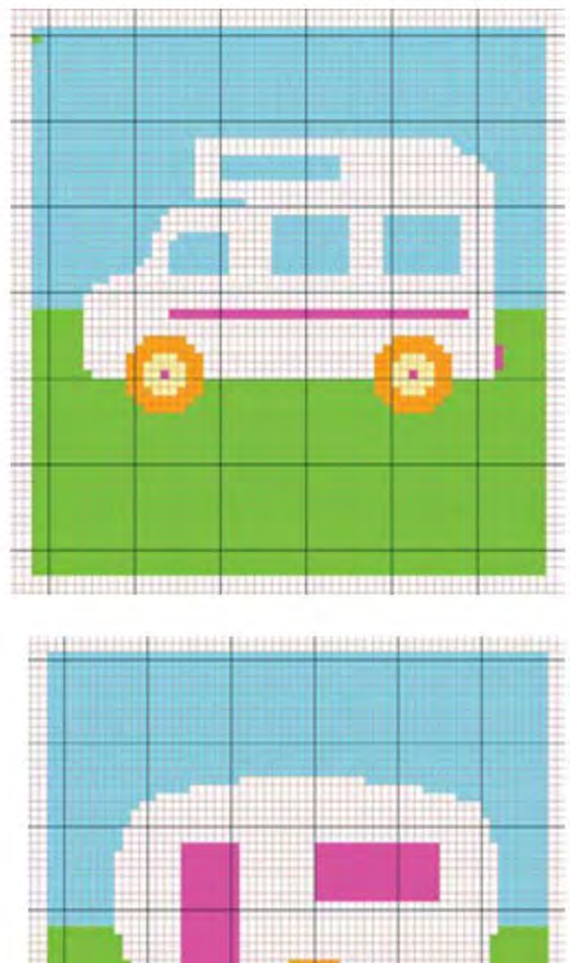
## PILLOW

- ☐ Using a 4mm hook and yarn A, make 50ch
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end, work along opposite side of foundation ch as folls: 1dc in each ch to end, sl st in first dc. 100 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** 1ch (does not count as a st throughout), 1dc in each dc to end, sl st in first dc changing to yarn C
- ☐ **Rnds 3-4:** 1ch, 1dc in each dc to end, sl st in first dc changing to yarn D
- ☐ Cont as set working stripe sequence as for Bag from **, when complete cont as folls:
- ☐ Two rows in yarn C
- ☐ Four rows in yarn E
- ☐ One row in yarn A
- ☐ Four rows in yarn C
- ☐ Cont as set working stripe sequence as for Bag from ** until work meas 43cm from foundation row
- ☐ Fasten off
- ☐ Stitch zip to open end of cover. Place inflatable cushion inside, then inflate




## WATER BOTTLE HOLDER

- ☐ Using 4mm hook and yarn A, make a magic ring
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 1ch (does not count as a st throughout), 6dc into ring, sl st in first dc. Six sts
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** 1ch, 2dc in each dc to end, sl st in first dc. 12 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** 1ch, (1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc) to end, sl st in first dc. 18 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** 1ch, (1dc in next two dc, 2dc in next dc) to end, sl st in first dc. 24 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** 1ch, (1dc in next three dc, 2dc in next dc) to end, sl st in first dc. 30 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 6:** 1ch, (1dc in next four dc, 2dc in next dc) to end, sl st in first dc. 36 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 7:** 1ch, (1dc in next five dc, 2dc in next dc) to end, sl st in first dc. 42 sts
- ☐ **Rnd 8:** using yarn C, 1ch, working through back loops only: 1dc in each dc to end, sl st in first dc
- ☐ **Rnd 9:** 1ch, working through both loops as normal, 1dc in each dc to end, sl st in first dc
- ☐ Rep last rnd until work meas 19cm from base
- ☐ Fasten off yarn C and join in yarn A using a sl st
- ☐ **Next rnd:** 1ch, 1dc in each dc to end, sl st in first dc
- ☐ **Next rnd:** 3ch (counts as 1htr, 1ch), * miss 1dc, 1htr in next st, 1ch, rep from * to end, sl st in second of beg 3ch
- ☐ **Next rnd:** 1ch, 1dc in each htr and 1ch sp of prev rnd, turn



## HANGING TAB

- ☐ **Row 1:** 1ch, 1dc in next three dc, turn
- ☐ Rep Row 1 eight times
- ☐ Fasten off

## DRAWSTRING

- ☐ Using 4mm hook and yarn D, make 71ch
- ☐ Fasten off yarn D, join yarn E to first st with a sl st
- ☐ Sl st in each ch to end
- ☐ Fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Pass free end of tab through ring at base of plastic hook, then join ends of tab to make a loop. Knot ends of drawstring and trim excess yarn. Thread through eyelet holes at top of holder

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# Storage Basket

## Practise colour changing to make this stripy holder



PROJECT DESIGNER
Lucinda Ganderton

### Essential Kit

**YARN:**
Shell, Icecream, Beach, Orangeade, Sangria, Surf
From your Crochet Club kit

**PLUS:**
Crochet hook, 4mm
Tapestry needle

**SIZE:**
Basket: 25cm diameter, 17cm high with folded brim

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Ever since tidying guru Marie Kondo's show aired on Netflix earlier this year, we've been trying to organise our crochet stashes – with varying degrees of success! Lucinda Ganderton's handy storage provides the perfect solution, along with the chance to master changing colours within a pattern to create vibrant stripes.

## STORAGE BASKET

### BASE

- ☐ Using 4mm hook and Shell make 4ch, join with a sl st in first ch to make a ring
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 2ch (does not count as a st throughout), 10htr in ring, join with a sl st in first htr
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** 2ch, (2htr in next st) ten times, join with 1sl st in 1st htr
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** 2ch, (2htr in next st, 1htr) ten times, join with a sl st in first htr
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** 2ch, (2htr in next st, 2htr) ten times, join with a sl st in first htr
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** 2ch, (2htr in next st, 3htr) ten times, join with a sl st in first htr
- ☐ **Rnd 6:** 2ch, (2htr in next st, 4htr) ten times, join with a sl st in first htr
- ☐ **Rnd 7:** 2ch, (2htr in next st, 5htr) ten times, join with a sl st in first htr
- ☐ **Rnd 8:** 2ch, (2htr in next st, 6htr) ten times, join with a sl st in first htr
- ☐ **Rnd 9:** 2ch, (2htr in next st, 7htr) ten times, join with a sl st in first htr
- ☐ **Rnd 10:** 2ch, (2htr in next st, 8htr) ten times, join with a sl st in first htr

### SIDES

- ☐ Work in foll five-rnd stripe sequence: Icecream, Beach, Orangeade, Shell, Sangria, Surf
- ☐ **Rnds 11-40:** 2ch, 1htr in each st to end, join with a sl st in first htr
- ☐ Fasten off and weave in ends

## Essential Kit

**YARN:**

Surf, Shell, Sangria, Beach, Orangeade, Icecream

Crochet hook, 3.75mm

From your Crochet Club kit

**PLUS:**

Cotton lining, 20cm x 36cm

Needle: tapestry, sewing

Lace-tape zip, 23cm

Matching thread

**SIZE:**

Bag: 15cm x 21cm




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## Keep all your make-up essentials together in a bold mini carry all

This one-of-a-kind purse from Laura Strutt is just the right size for your daily compacts, lippies, spritz, and wands – you won't want to leave home without it. The pouch is made from two identical sides, seamed together, then lined with a fresh cotton fabric. Adding a lace-tape zip isn't as fiddly as insetting a normal one as it sits on top of the crochet fabric, so if you've been wary of inserting this type of fastening before, ease yourself in with this simple option and take your makes to the next level!



### MAKE-UP BAG

#### SIDE

**Make two**

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Surf, make 35ch
- ☐ **Row 1:** 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end, turn. 34 sts
- ☐ **Rows 2-3:** 2ch (counts as 1htr throughout), 1htr in each st to end, turn
- ☐ Change to Shell
- ☐ **Rows 4-5:** 2ch, 1htr in each st to end, turn
- ☐ Change to Sangria
- ☐ **Rows 6-7:** 2ch, 1htr in each st to end, turn
- ☐ Change to Beach
- ☐ **Rows 8-9:** 2ch, 1htr in each st to end, turn
- ☐ Change to Orangeade
- ☐ **Rows 10-11:** 2ch, 1htr in each st to end, turn
- ☐ Change to Icecream
- ☐ **Rows 12-13:** 2ch, 1htr in each st to end, turn
- ☐ Change to Surf
- ☐ **Rows 14-16:** 2ch, 1htr in each st to end, turn
- ☐ **Row 17:** 1ch (counts as 1dc), 1dc in each st to end
- ☐ Fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Place both Sides together with WS together. To seam Sides, use 3.75mm hook and join Surf to one top corner, work 1dc in each stitch through both Sides to bottom corner, work 2dc in corner stitch and continue along bottom edge working 1dc in each st, work 2dc at next corner, and work 1dc in each stitch up remaining edge. Fasten off. Weave in all ends. Fold fabric in half, with RS together and align short edges at the top. Pin side seams with a 1cm seam allowance, then sew to 2cm from top using straight stitch. Press 2cm along each top edge to WS. Insert lining so WS of crochet and lining are together. Pin lining just below top row of dc stitches, sew to the upper edge of the purse, fasten off. Open zip, position lace tapes to RS of purse so lace is visible and turn raw ends under, pin. Using small neat stitches, secure tapes in place. For extra security, work two lines of stitching along tape



PROJECT DESIGNER
Laura Strutt

**Top Tip:** For best results, keep your hand sewing neat and even – using a machine will speed up making the lining

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MAKE WAVES IN THE TEA-ROOM

# Take-away Cosy

## Keep your drinks warm with these pretty personalised wraps

### Essential Kit

**YARN:**
Sangria, Icecream, Orangeade, Beach, Surf
Crochet hook, 3.75mm
From your Crochet Club kit
**PLUS:**
Tapestry needle
**SIZE:**
Cosy: 24cm circumference, 7cm high

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Stand out from the crowd as you flash past with your custom, hot-drink holder. The striking undulating pattern is super-easy, hardly takes up any yarn and there's not even any making up as it is made in the round. There are endless possibilities for eye-catching stripe combinations using the colours from your Crochet Club kit... here are two to get you started, but why not have a different one for every day of the week?

PROJECT DESIGNER
Lucinda Ganderton




## FRUITY WAVE COSY

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Sangria, make 36ch, join with a sl st in first ch to make a ring
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 1ch, 1dc in each ch to end, join with sl st in first ch
- ☐ Change to Icecream and join to any dc
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** 3ch (counts as 1htr, 1ch), 1htr in dc at base of 3ch, * miss 1dc, (1htr, 1ch, 1htr) in next st, rep from * to end, join with sl st in second of 3ch
- ☐ Join Orangeade to any 1ch sp
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** 3ch, 1htr in same ch sp, (1htr, 1ch, 1htr) in next ch sp to end, join with sl st in second of 3ch
- ☐ Join Beach to any 1ch sp
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** rep Rnd 3
- ☐ Join Sangria to any 1ch sp
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** rep Rnd 3
- ☐ Join Icecream to any 1ch sp
- ☐ **Rnd 6:** rep Rnd 3
- ☐ Join Orangeade to any 1ch sp
- ☐ **Rnd 7:** rep Rnd 3
- ☐ Join Beach to any 1ch sp
- ☐ **Rnd 8:** rep Rnd 3
- ☐ Join Sangria to any 1ch sp
- ☐ **Rnd 9:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, join with sl st in first dc
- ☐ Fasten off and weave in ends

## SURF WAVE COSY

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Sangria, make 36ch, join with sl st in first ch to make a ring
- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 1ch, 1dc in ch to end, join with a sl st in first ch
- ☐ Change to Orangeade and join to any dc
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** 3ch (counts as 1htr, 1ch), 1htr in dc at base of 3ch, * miss 1dc, (1htr, 1ch, 1htr) in next st, rep from * to end, join with a sl st in second of 3ch
- ☐ Join Icecream to any 1ch sp
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** 3ch, 1htr in same ch sp, (1htr, 1ch, 1htr) in next ch sp to end, join with a sl st in second of 3ch
- ☐ Join Surf to any 1ch sp
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** rep Rnd 3
- ☐ Join Beach to any 1ch sp
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** rep Rnd 3
- ☐ Join Surf to any 1ch sp
- ☐ **Rnd 6:** rep Rnd 3
- ☐ Join Icecream to any 1ch sp
- ☐ **Rnd 7:** rep Rnd 3
- ☐ Join Orangeade to any 1ch sp
- ☐ **Rnd 8:** rep Rnd 3
- ☐ Join Sangria to any 1ch sp
- ☐ **Rnd 9:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st in first dc
- ☐ Fasten off and weave in ends

**Top Tip:** Alternate strong colours with light ones to make your stripes extra zingy





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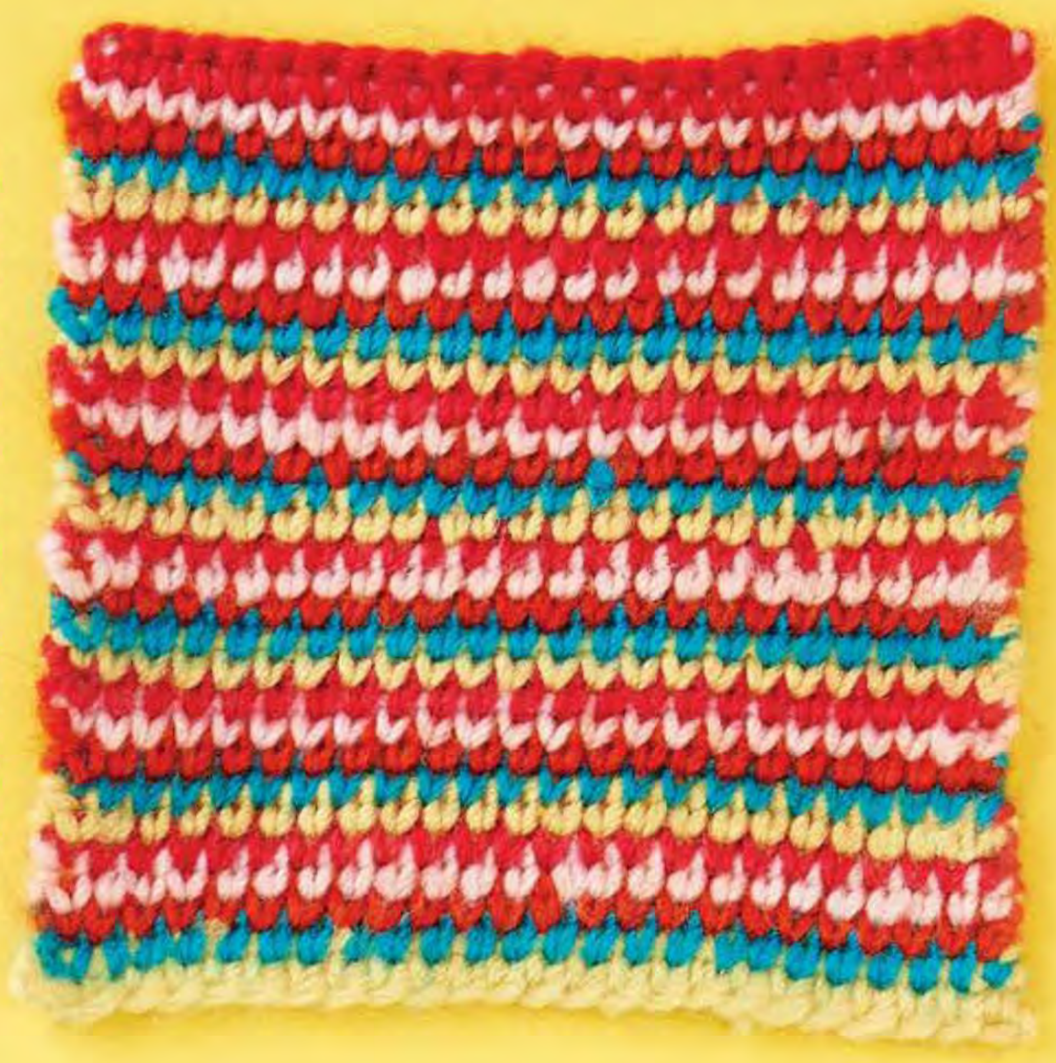
# Swatch Club

## Corinne Bradd offers more crochet techniques to stretch your skills

In this issue, Corinne Bradd reveals more decorative stitches that will give garments and other items that extra va-va-voom. The primrose stitch creates a pretty shell effect, while the waistcoat (knit) stitch really does look as though it has been worked on a pair of needles, creating a tightly woven fabric. Finally, there's star stitch, which lives up to its name by drawing the yarn through six loops.



PINK PRIMROSE STITCH



MULTI WAISTCOAT OR KNIT STITCH



BLUE STAR STITCH

### MULTI WAISTCOAT OR KNIT STITCH

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and chosen colour make a ch with any number of sts
- ☐ **Foundation row:** 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in every ch to end, turn
- ☐ **Row 1:** 1ch, * 1dc in centre post between st, below the horizontal bar, rep from * to end, turn
- ☐ Rep Row 1 as required

### PINK PRIMROSE STITCH

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Shell make a ch with a multiple of 3 sts + 2
- ☐ **Foundation row:** (1dc, 2ch, 1dc) in third ch from hook, * miss 2ch, (1dc, 2ch, 1dc) in next ch, rep from* to last 2ch, miss 1ch, 1htr, turn
- ☐ **Row 1:** 3ch (counts as 1tr), * 3tr in next 2ch sp (creating a shell), rep from * to end, 1tr in second of 2ch, turn
- ☐ **Row 2:** 2ch, * (1dc, 2ch, 1dc) in second tr of shell, rep from * to last st, 1htr, turn
- ☐ Rep Rows 1-2 as required

### BLUE STAR STITCH

- ☐ Using 3.75mm hook and Surf make a ch with any odd number of sts
- ☐ **Row 1:** insert hook in second ch from hook, yoh, draw through loop, (insert hook in next ch, yoh, draw through loop) four times, * yoh, draw through all six loops to create star, 1ch to hold star in place, insert hook in centre of star, yoh, draw through loop, insert hook in side of star's last loop, yoh, draw through loop, insert hook in foundation ch of last loop, yoh, draw through loop, (insert hook in next st, yoh, draw through loop) twice, rep from * to last ch, 1tr in last ch, turn
- ☐ **Row 2:** 2ch, 1htr in third st from hook, * miss st that forms top of star, 2htr in next st, rep from * to end, turn
- ☐ **Row 3:** 4ch, insert hook in second ch from hook, yoh, draw through loop, (insert hook in next ch, yoh, draw through loop) twice, (insert hook in next htr, yoh, draw through loop) twice, * yoh, draw through all six loops to create star, 1ch to hold star in place, insert hook in centre of star, yoh, draw through loop, insert hook in side of star's last loop, yoh, draw through loop, (insert hook in next htr, yoh, draw through loop) twice, rep from * to last htr, 1htr in last htr, turn
- ☐ Rep Rows 2-3 as required, ending after a Row 2

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# YOUR GUIDE TO crochet

## Follow these illustrated guides to get to grips with crochet

### TO HAVE AND TO HOLD

The two basic ways of holding a crochet hook are in the knife or pencil position. Depending on which one is most comfortable for you, hold the hook as if you're eating your tea with a knife or writing a card. If neither works, find a way that suits you and your style of crocheting – just make sure your tension stays even.

Pencil



Knife



Use your opposite hand to hold your yarn, creating a standard tension across your work. To do this, wrap the yarn around your index and little finger and hold your work between your middle finger and thumb, just beneath the crochet hook.

Use a mirror to reverse the how-to illustrations for left-handed crocheting

### COUNTING, ONE, TWO, THREE...



Whether you're counting chains or stitches, always remember the first slip knot doesn't count and neither does your working loop (the one on your hook).



When counting short stitches (e.g. double crochet), the easiest way is to count the plaited 'V' shapes at the top.



For taller stitches, the best way is to count the upright 'stems' – there is one for each stitch you make.

### YARN VS HOOK

| YARN TYPE | STANDARD HOOK SIZE |
|---|---|
| Lace | 1.6 – 2.2mm |
| 4ply | 2.25 – 3.5mm |
| DK | 3.5 – 5.5mm |
| Aran | 5.5 – 6.5mm |
| Chunky | 6.5 – 9mm |
| Super Chunky | 9mm+ |

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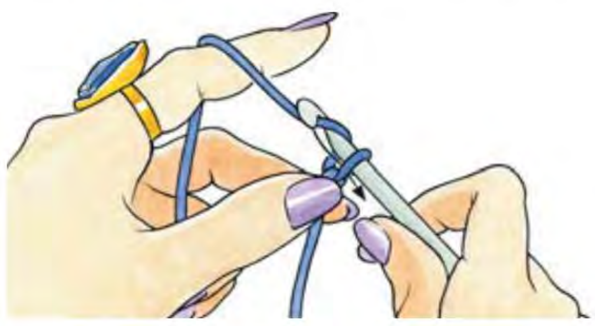
| | |
|---|---|
| alt | alternate |
| approx | approximately |
| beg | beginning |
| bet | between |
| ch | chain stitch |
| ch sp | chain space |
| cont | continue(ing) |
| dc | double crochet |
| dc2tog | double crochet two together |
| dec | decrease(ing) |
| dtr | double treble crochet |
| foll | following |
| htr | half treble crochet |
| inc | increase(ing) |
| meas | measure(s) |
| pm | place marker |
| prev | previous |
| rem | remain(ing) |
| rep | repeat(ing) |
| rm | remove marker |
| rnd(s) | round(s) |
| RS | right side |
| sl st | slip stitch |
| sm | slip marker |
| sp(s) | space(s) |
| st(s) | stitch(es) |
| tog | together |
| tr | treble crochet |
| WS | wrong side |
| yoh | yarn over hook |
| * | repeat instructions following the asterisk as many times as instructed |
| ( ) [ ] | work instructions inside the brackets as many times as instructed |

## CHAIN (CH)

Before you learn any other crochet technique, you'll need to master the chain stitch. When repeated, it forms your foundation chain



**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.

## DOUBLE CROCHET TWO TOGETHER (DC2TOG)

The double crochet decrease appears in patterns as dc2tog, but the number can change according to how many stitches you are crocheting together



**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.

## SLIP STITCH (SL ST)

The slip stitch is ideal for joining one part of crochet to another



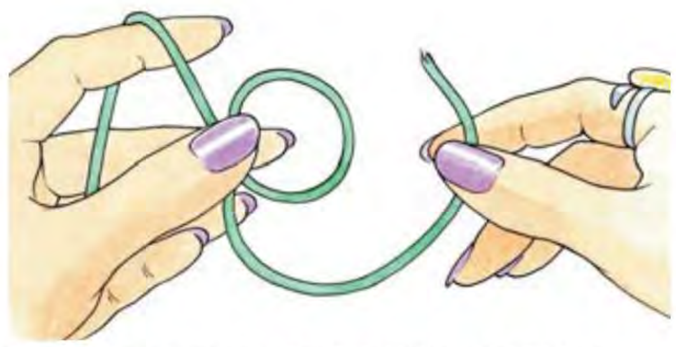
**1** Insert hook into second chain from the hook (or as indicated in the pattern you are using). Two loops on the hook.



**2** Wrap yarn around hook and pull yarn through both loops. The loop on the hook does not count as a chain.

## 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.

## DOUBLE CROCHET (DC)

This is one of the main stitches in crochet. Once you've mastered it, the world really is your (crochet) oyster!



**1** Insert hook through both strands of next stitch.

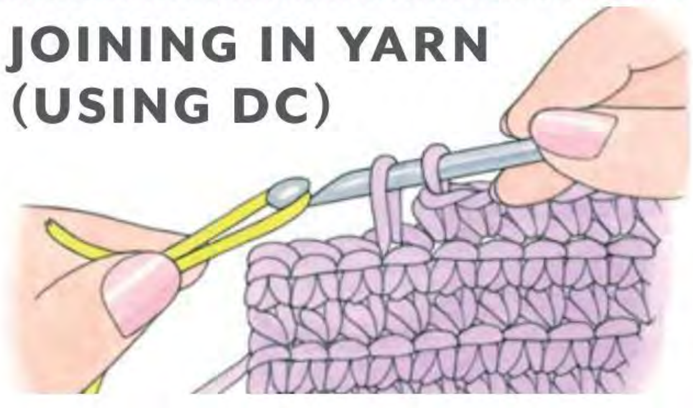


**2** Yarn over hook and draw back through work. Two loops of yarn on hook.



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

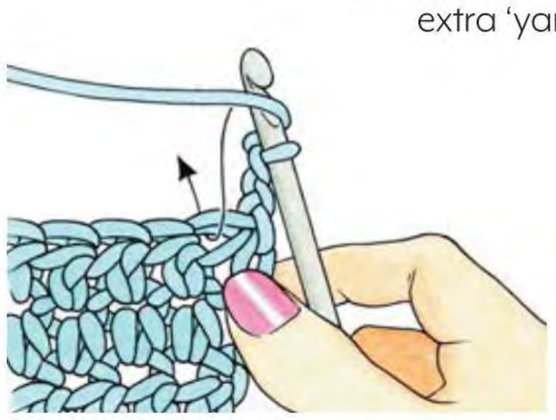
## JOINING IN YARN (USING DC)



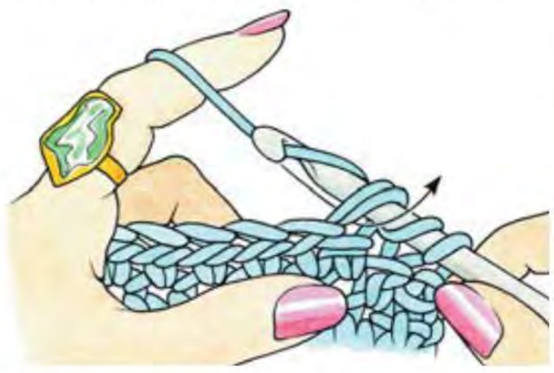
Work through the stitch until the final step (leaving two loops on the hook). Wrap the new yarn around the hook and draw through the two loops. Continue to work in new yarn.

## HALF TREBLE (HTR)

The half treble is very similar to the double crochet, except for the extra 'yarn over hook' (yoh) before each stitch is started.



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

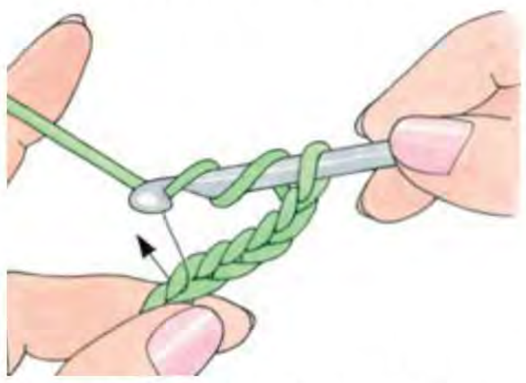


**2** Yarn over hook and draw back through work. Three loops on hook.



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

## DOUBLE TREBLE



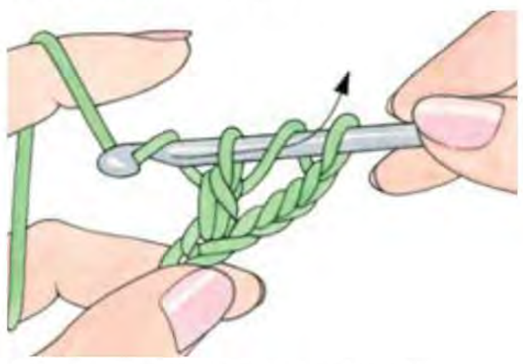
**1** (You will need a chain of five stitches). Wrap yarn twice around hook, inserting hook through the stitch.



**2** Yarn over hook and draw back through the work. Four loops on hook.



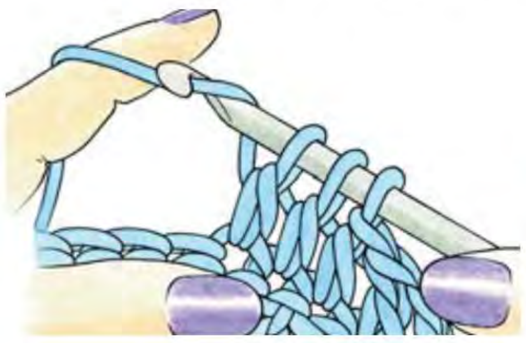
**3** Yarn over hook and draw through first two loops. Three loops on hook.

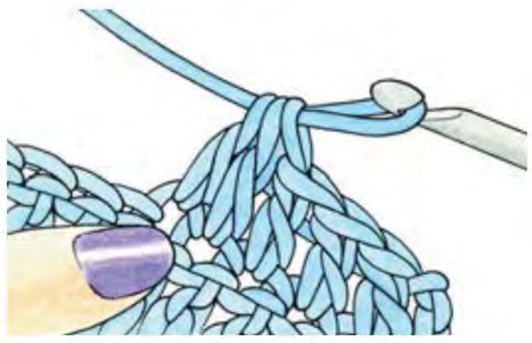


**4** Repeat for next two loops (leaving two loops) and again for last two loops (leaving one loop).

## TREBLE TWO TOGETHER (TR2TOG)

This is similar to double crochet decrease, but with treble stitches – again, the number can change.





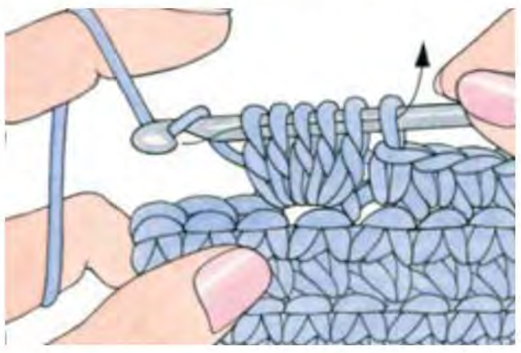
**1** Yarn over hook. Insert hook through stitch. Yarn over hook and draw back through work. Three loops on hook. Yarn over hook and draw through first two loops. Two loops on hook. Yarn over hook and insert though next stitch, yarn over hook and draw through work. Four loops on hook. Yarn over hook and draw through two loops. Three loops on hook.

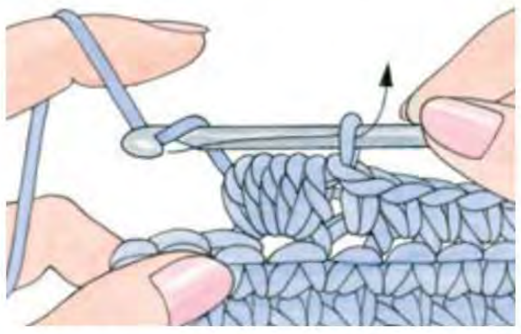
**2** Yarn over hook and draw through all three loops on the hook. One loop on the hook.

### PRACTICAL POINTERS

For a selection of videos covering crochet techniques from the basic stitches to more advanced patterns including amigurumi and adding crochet edgings to your work, head over to our helpful website, **topcrochetpatterns.com**

## MAKING A FIVE-STITCH BOBBLE



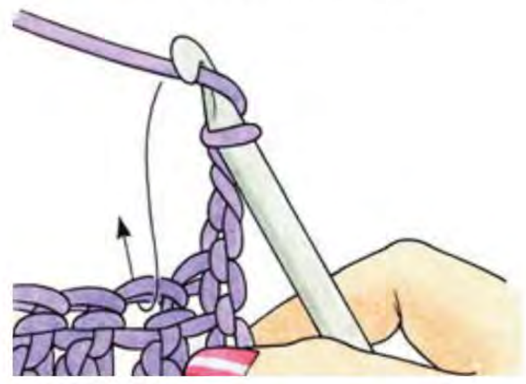


**1** With wrong side of work facing, create five incomplete stitches by leaving the last loop of each stitch on the crochet hook (six loops will remain). Yarn over hook, draw through all six loops.

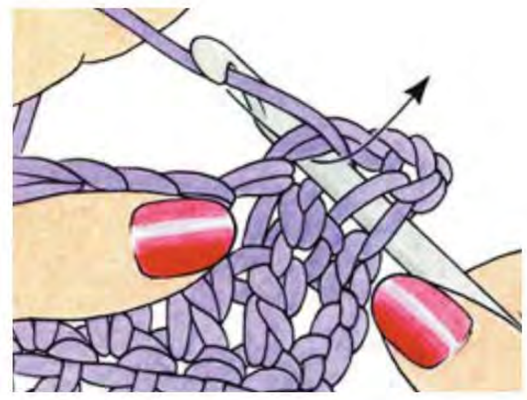
**2** Yarn over hook, draw through loop on the hook. Push bobble through to the right side of the work.

## TREBLE (TR)

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



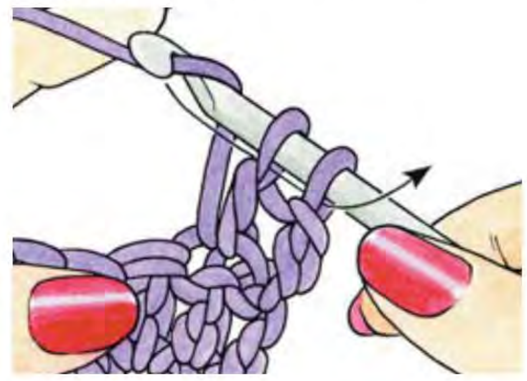
**1** (You will need a turning chain of three stitches). Yarn over hook. Insert hook through stitch.



**2** Yarn over hook and draw back through work. Three loops on hook.



**3** Yarn over hook and draw through first two loops. Two loops on hook.



**4** Yarn over hook and draw through all loops. One loop on hook.




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> “I love how crochet is evolving – we’re all sharing ideas and finding new ways to do it”

We chat to crochet designer Emma Leith about her latest book, *Mindful Crochet*

**What is your earliest crochet memory?**
My nan teaching me when I was six years old, with me pretending I could knit, when in actual fact I was creating a lovely big knot!

**How did you develop your passion for crocheting?**
Colour and the love of yarn. I collected random balls of wool for years, never quite knowing what to do with them until I rediscovered crochet!

**What do you enjoy most about this technique?**
I love how crochet is evolving – we’re all sharing ideas and techniques, and finding new ways to do it. The rules are constantly being rewritten which means there is often more than one way to do things; this makes crochet incredibly creative.

**What are your biggest creative influences?**
I know Instagram gets a lot of criticism but honestly the crafters and crocheters on there are like a big family and I love them all. It’s such a wonderful place to share and be inspired.

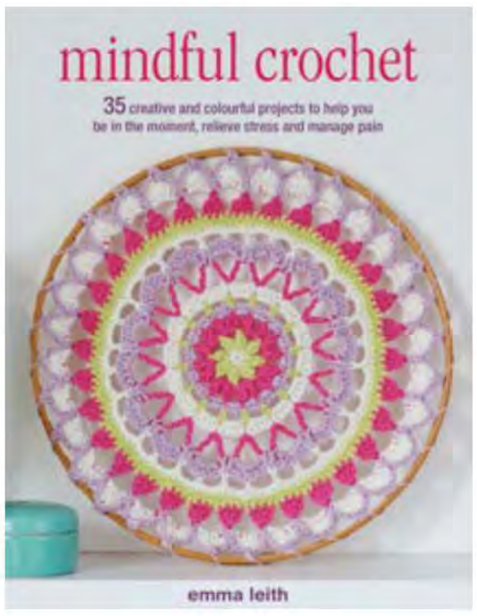
**What crocheting tool or yarn would you be unable to live without?**
My 4mm hook and glasses!

**We love your latest book, *Mindful Crochet* – what was the inspiration behind it?**
I used crochet to help me get through my cancer treatment and without it, I just don’t know where I would be. It really held me in a safe space and provided the comfort I needed, especially when navigating the chronic pain which I still experience.

**And which of the featured projects are your favourites?**
My favourite project is the Ripple Wrap of Mindful Imperfections because its a genuine pleasure to work, both in terms of ease and repetition. Any 4-ply fingering weight yarn can be used and there are some amazing ones out there!

**Are you working on any special projects at the moment?**
The one I am most excited about is a version of my ‘Something Wonderful Is About To Happen’ heart wall hanging which I plan to release as a CAL later this year.

**Can you describe your creative space?**
A riot of colour! I sit in a sun drenched conservatory flooded with light, surrounded by yarn. Plants hang from above and there is a wood burner to keep warm on wintery days. I work at a large table which gets completely covered in yarn within minutes and amongst it all will be one or two cats demanding love and attention!




See more of Emma’s projects in *Mindful Crochet*, (CICO Books, £12.99), **rylandpeters.com**







## QUICK-FIRE QUESTIONS

***What do you have playing on the radio as you work?***
Radio 4, always. *The Archers* theme tune is my signal to stop and have a cup of tea!

***What would be your top tips to our readers?***
Have a lesson from an experienced teacher. It is invaluable and will set you upfor life.

***What is the best advice you’ve ever received?***
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***How would you like to be remembered?***
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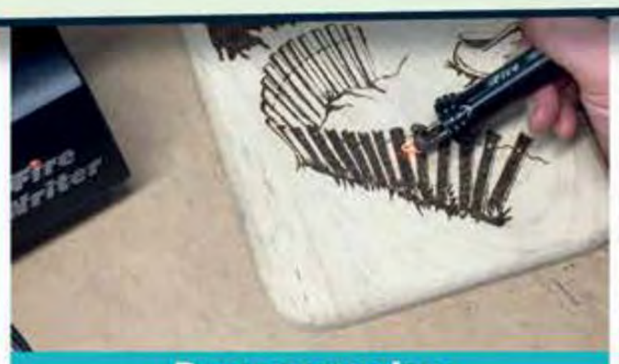
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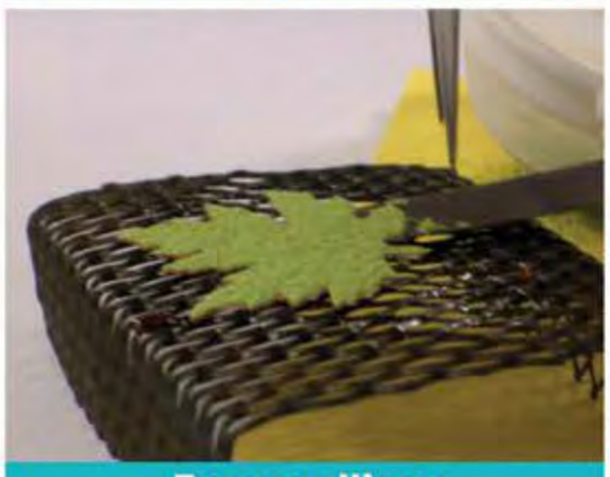
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