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DESIGNS
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PAPERWEIGHT/DOORSTOP



Cute toy, paperweight or doorstop, the choice is yours!

You will need oddments of yarn in the same weight (DK or Aran recommended), 2m of yellow yarn (4ply or DK recommended), hooks appropriate for chosen yarns, two black buttons (optional), a small amount of toy stuffing, weighted filling (optional), a needle for neatenning ends.

This pattern is written in UK terms.

Abbreviation	Term
ch	chain
dc	double crochet
rep	repeat
st	stitch
tr	treble
ss	slip stitch

The number of chain you begin with will determine how long the base of your doorstep will be - the width in the diagram below. The example was worked with 17ch.

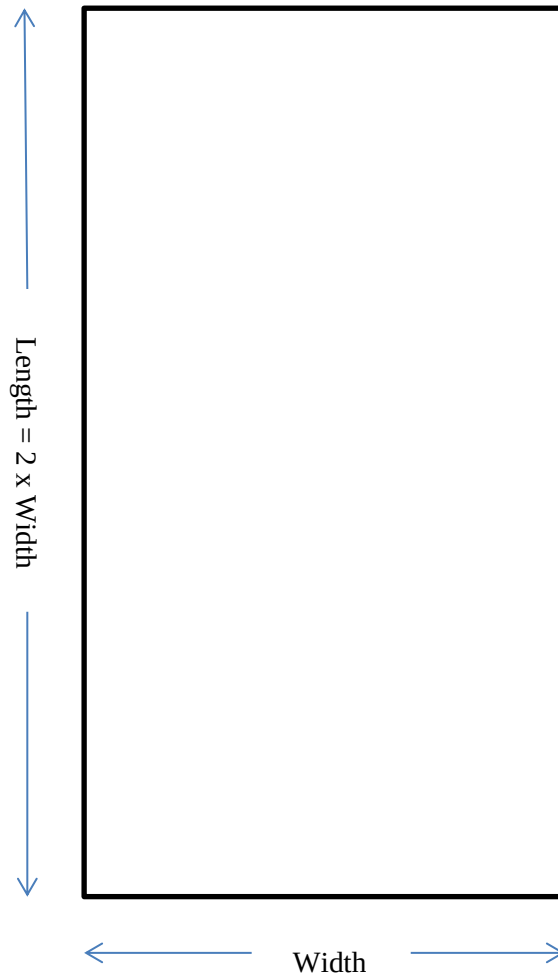
Leaving a tail of 30cm (12"), commence with desired number of chain.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn.

No turning chains are required in the rows that follow. However, if it is your preferred method to make 1ch at the start/end of a row, it is perfectly fine to do that.

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

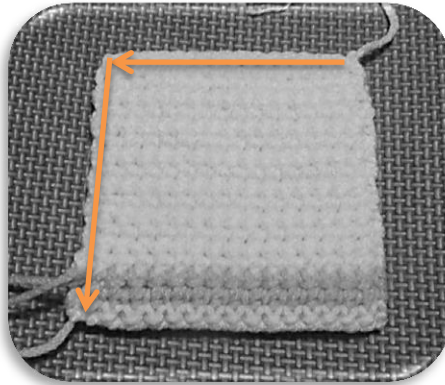
Rep Row 2 until the piece is twice as long as it is wide. Add a bit of variety with coloured stripes, if desired.



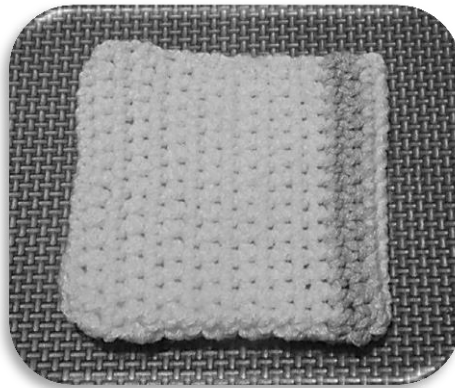
Proceed to the tutorial which shows how to stitch, fill and trim.

TUTORIAL

Take your piece and fold it in half lengthways.
Slip stitch along the edges indicated by the arrows, to join two of the open edges.



Flip so that the stitching is on the inside. You now have a pocket with one open end. Leave a tail of approximately 30cm (12") for later.



The next step is to stuff your pocket.

You may like to add dried peas, marbles, pebbles or other items if you are making a paperweight or doorstop. Otherwise, toy stuffing is fine.



TUTORIAL (CONTINUED)

Once stuffed, bring together the two seams (indicated by arrows) and flatten.



Like this!



Weave your tail through to the start of the seam and stitch the opening.
Then join the two ends (indicated by the solid dots)
Fasten off and neaten ends.



You now have your shape ready for trimming.



TUTORIAL (CONTINUED)

TRIM

Insert the hook, as show, in the 7th row from the tip. Work through both layers if possible.



Pick up red yarn. 3ch, 2tr into the same place as the join.



(Miss the next row, ss into next row, 3ch, 2tr into the same place) twice more.
Fasten off and neaten ends.



TUTORIAL (CONTINUED)

TRIM

Securely attach a small black button (or embroider small black dots) to either side of the shape for eyes



Finally, work the beak, using yellow - thinner yarn works best for this: 4ch, 4tr into 4th ch from hook. Fasten off, fold along the 2nd tr and stitch in place along the centre seam below the eyes.

