



TUXEDO PHOTO PROP SET



Would you care to dance? Suave, sophisticated and a whole lot of sweet! This tuxedo set will turn your little man into the perfect gent.

Both parts are worked in one piece with just a little stitching and seaming.

YOU WILL NEED 260 m Aran yarn - 200 m Colour A (white), 50 m Colour B (black) and approximately 10 m Colour C (red) if making handkerchief or rose.

YOU WILL ALSO NEED a 4.00 mm hook, 1 button for the tuxedo front, 2 buttons for tuxedo back (optional), a stitch marker and a needle for neatening ends.

GAUGE

Pants - 4sts and 3 rows to 2.5 cm (1") in UK half trebles (US half double crochet)

Tailcoat - 4sts and 6 rows to 2.5 cm (1") in UK double crochet (US single crochet)

SPECIAL STITCHES/METHODS

Magic Ring

 1. Take the yarn and wrap it around to form a ring.	 2. Do this once again.	 3. Insert the hook into the ring, yrh and draw a lp through the ring.
 4. Work stitches into the ring, as instructed.	5. Finally, pull the ring tight using the loose end. When you have closed the gap, weave in the loose end to secure. 	

A turning ch is not necessary on rows beginning with 1dc. You may use 1ch, if this is your preferred method.

Always begin in same place as join when instructed to work in first stitch.

UK Abbreviation	UK Term	US Abbreviation	US Term
st(s)	stitch(es)		
htr	half treble	hdc	half double crochet
dc	double crochet	sc	single crochet
ch	chain		
dc2tog	work 2dc together	sc2tog	work 2sc together
dc3tog	work 3dc together	sc3tog	work 3sc together
rnd	round		
rep	repeat		
ss	slip stitch	sl st	slip stitch
BLO	back loop(s) only		
sp(s)	space(s)		
miss		skip	

TAILCOAT

Tail One

In Colour A, commence with a magic ring.

- Row 1: 1ch, 3dc into magic ring, turn - 3sts.
- Row 2: 1dc in first st, 1dc in next st, 2dc in last st, turn - 4sts.
- Row 3: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 4sts.
- Row 4: 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in last st, turn - 5sts.
- Row 5: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 5sts.
- Row 6: 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in last st, turn - 6sts.
- Row 7: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 6sts.
- Row 8: 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in last st, turn - 7sts.
- Row 9: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 7sts.

Note: The increases always occur at the same edge and the return row is always 1dc in each st to keep the st count the same. You may find it useful to mark the increasing edge with a stitch marker.

Continue in this manner until you have 15sts **ending on a non-increase row**.
Fasten off and neaten ends.

Tail Two

In Colour A, commence with a magic ring.

- Row 1: 1ch, 3dc into magic ring, turn - 3sts.
- Row 2: 2dc in first st, 1dc in each st end, turn - 4sts.
- Row 3: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 4sts.
- Row 4: 2dc in first st, 1dc in each st end, turn - 5sts.
- Row 5: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 5sts.
- Row 6: 2dc in first st, 1dc in each st end, turn - 6sts.
- Row 7: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 6sts.
- Row 8: 2dc in first st, 1dc in each st end, turn - 7sts.
- Row 9: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 7sts.

Note: The increases always occur at the same edge and the return row is always 1dc in each st to keep the st count the same. You may find it useful to mark the increasing edge with a stitch marker.

Continue in this manner until you have 15sts **ending on a non-increase row**.
Do not fasten off but continue to back.

Back

Row 1: 2dc in first st, 1dc in each remaining st to end, (bringing the straight edges of the two tails together) 1dc in each st across top of first tail to last st, 2dc in last st, turn - 32sts.

Rows 2 - 14: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 32sts.

Row 15: dc2tog over first 2sts, 1dc in each st to last 2sts, dc2tog over last 2sts, turn - 30sts.

Row 16: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 30sts.

Row 17: dc2tog over first 2sts, 1dc in each st to last 2sts, dc2tog over last 2sts, turn - 28sts.

Row 18: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 28sts.

Row 19: dc2tog over first 2sts, 1dc in each st to last 2sts, dc2tog over last 2sts, turn - 26sts.

Row 20: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 26sts.

Row 21: dc2tog over first 2sts, 1dc in each st to last 2sts, dc2tog over last 2sts, turn - 24sts.

Rows 22- 26: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 24sts.

Row 27: 1dc in each of first 8sts, PM in the 8th st to mark the beginning of Left Front later, 1dc in each remaining st to end, turn - 24sts.

Do not fasten off but continue to Right Front

Right Front

Rows 1-20: 1dc in each of next 8sts, turn - 8sts.

Row 21: 1dc in each st to last, 2dc in last st, turn - 9sts.

Row 22: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 9sts.

Row 23: 1dc in each st to last, 2dc in last st, turn - 10sts.

Row 24: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 10sts.

Row 25: 1dc in each st to last, 2dc in last st, turn - 11sts.

Row 26: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 11sts.

Continue in this manner until you have 16sts ending on an **increase row**.

Row 34: dc2tog over first 2sts, 1dc in each remaining st, turn - 15sts. **Note:** The decrease takes place at the **start** of the row only.

Rep Row 34 (reducing st count by 1 per row) until 2sts.

Final Row: dc2tog and fasten off.

Neaten ends and proceed to Left Front.

Left Front

Turn so Right Front is complete and on right hand side. Miss next 8sts and re-join Colour A in marked st.

Rows 1-20: 1dc in each of next 8sts, turn - 8sts.

Row 21: 2dc in first st, 1dc in each st to end, turn - 9sts.

Row 22: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 9sts.

Row 23: 2dc in first st, 1dc in each st to end, turn - 10sts.

Row 24: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 10sts.

Row 25: 2dc in first st, 1dc in each st to end, turn - 11sts.

Row 26: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 11sts.

Continue in this manner until you have 16sts ending on an **increase row**.

Row 34: dc2tog over first 2sts, 1dc in each remaining st, turn - 15sts. **Note:** The decrease takes place at the **start** of the row only.

Rep Row 34 (reducing st count by 1 per row) until 2sts.

Final Row: dc2tog, TURN, and without fastening off, continue to edge the waistcoat in dc.

For best results, you should

- begin with 1ch
- work 1dc in each dc and row end
- dc3tog at each internal corner - the section where the two tails meet should be treated as an internal corner.
- add extra dc (as required) to keep external corners flat
- end with a ss to first dc to join.

Fasten off, neaten ends and proceed to Lapel.



Lapel

The lapel is made in one piece consisting of three distinct sections - Side 1, mid-section and Side 2. See picture page 6 for layout and direction of rows to assist working.



You begin at the narrow tip of side one, labelled **1** in the picture, increasing as instructed in horizontal rows.

Then, without fastening off, you continue to the mid-section, labelled **MS** in the picture. The rows run in the other direction.

Finally, work side 2, labelled **2** in the picture, and decrease to the tip of side two (again in horizontal rows).

Side 1

In colour B, leaving a 30 cm (12") tail, commence with 2ch.

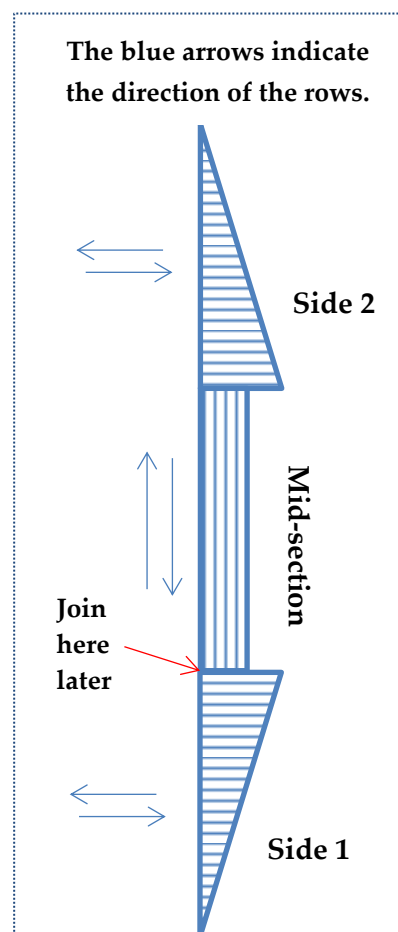
Row 1: 2dc in 2nd ch from hook, turn - 2sts.
Row 2: 2dc in first st, 1dc in next st, turn - 3sts.

Row 3: 1dc in each of first 2sts, 2dc in last st, turn - 4sts.
Row 4: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 4sts.
Row 5: As Row 4 - 4sts.

Row 6: 2dc in first st, 1dc in each st to end, turn - 5sts.
Row 7: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 5sts.
Row 8: As Row 7 - 5sts.

Row 9: 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in last st - 6sts.
Row 10: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 6sts.
Row 11: As Row 10 - 6sts.
Row 12: 2dc in first st, 1dc in each st to end, turn - 7sts.
Row 13: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 7sts.
Row 14: As Row 13 - 7sts.

Row 15: 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in last st - 8sts.
Row 16: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 8sts.
Row 17: As Row 16 - 8sts.
Row 18: As Row 16 - 8sts.



Without fastening off, continue to work mid-section of lapel as follows:

Mid-Section

- Row 1: loosely make 35ch, (starting in 2nd ch from hook) 1dc in each ch to end, turn - 34sts
Row 2: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 34sts.
Row 3: As Row 2 - 34sts.
Row 4: 1dc in each st to end, 5ch, DO NOT TURN but continue to work Side 2 as follows:

Side 2

- Row 1: (Starting in 2nd ch from hook) 1dc in each ch, 1dc in each row end, turn - 8sts.
Row 2: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 8sts.
- Row 3: dc2tog over first 2sts, 1dc in each st to end, turn - 7sts.
Row 4: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 7sts.
Row 5: As Row 4 - 7sts.
- Row 6: 1dc in each st to last 2sts, dc2tog over last 2sts - 6sts.
Row 7: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 6sts.
Row 8: As Row 7 - 6sts.
- Row 9: dc2tog over first 2sts, 1dc in each st to end, turn - 5sts.
Row 10: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 5sts.
Row 11: As Row 10 - 5sts.
- Row 12: 1dc in each st to last 2sts, dc2tog over last 2sts - 4sts.
Row 13: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 4sts.
Row 14: As Row 13 - 4sts.
- Row 15: dc2tog over first 2sts, 1dc in each st to end, turn - 3sts.
Row 16: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 3sts.
Row 17: dc2tog over first 2sts, 1dc in next st, turn - 2sts.
Row 18: dc2tog, 6ch ss into top of dc2tog to form a button loop.

Fasten off leaving a 30cm (12") tail.

You now have your lapel, with tails at either end, ready for attaching. Determine what you want to use as your right and wrong sides.

Lay such that the wrong side of the lapel touches the right side of the tailcoat.

Working from ends of lapel, towards the centre back neck, stitch in place.

See page 8 for detailed instructions.



- Ease the lapel evenly into position around the rear neck edge.
- Close the gap between Side 1 and Mid-Section as appropriate.

Once lapel is attached, fold front over back, along centre of shoulders, and stitch side seams

- The lower side shaping will line up (front and back) and you should stitch between this and the upper rear shaping.

Finally stitch a button, opposite the button loop, on the other side of the lapel. Fasten off and neaten all ends.

Proceed to Rear Strap.

Rear Strap

In Colour A, commence with 20ch.

Row 1: (Starting in 2nd ch from hook) 1dc in each ch to end, turn - 19sts.

Row 2: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 19sts.

Row 3: As Row 2 - 19sts.

Fasten off. Stitch in place as shown in picture right, trim with buttons if desired and neaten ends.



Proceed to pocket.

Pocket

In Colour A, commence with 11ch.

Row 1: (Starting in 2nd ch from hook) 1dc in each ch to end, turn - 10sts.

Row 2: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 10sts.

Fasten off leaving a 30 cm (12") tail.

Position as shown in the picture below, adding a handkerchief or flower if desired.



Handkerchief (optional)

In Colour C, commence with 8ch.

Row 1: (Starting in 2nd ch from hook) 1dc in each ch to end, turn - 7sts.

Rows 2-8: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 7sts.

Fasten off leaving a 30 cm (12") tail. Fold along the diagonal such that the tails are at the folded edge.

Stitch in place, keeping the folded side behind the pocket flap. Neaten ends.

Flower (optional)

Commence with 2ch.

Row 1: 6htr into 2nd ch from hook, ss to first htr to join and form a 'bobble' for the centre of your flower.

Row 2: 37ch, (starting in 2nd ch from hook) *1dc in next ch, (1htr, 1tr, 1htr) all in next ch, 1dc in next ch, rep from * back to bobble - tail of 12 petals and a bobble.

Fasten off leaving a 30 cm (12") tail and use to stitch the tail of petals, around the bobble - spiral the petals so that they fall outside (and staggered with) the previous round.



BOWTIE

The Bowtie is made in two parts (Bow and Loop). The Bow is wider than the opening of the Loop and should be squeezed to fit, to give a gathered appearance.

Bow

In Colour B, commence with 31ch.

Row 1: (Starting in 2nd ch from hook), 1dc in each st to end, turn - 30sts.

Rows 2-8: 1dc in each st to end, turn - 30sts.

Row 9: 1dc in each st to end, DO NOT TURN but rotate, bring short ends together and seam with ss.

Fasten off and neaten ends.

Position the seam such that it lies in the centre of the Bow.

Continue to make Bar as follows.



Bar

In Colour B, commence with 5ch.

Row 1: (Starting in 2nd ch from hook), 1dc in each ch to end, turn - 4sts.

Rows 2-10: 1dc in each st to end - 4sts. Fasten off leaving a 20 cm (8") tail.

Wrap the Bar all the way around the centre of the Bow, covering the seam. Use the tail to stitch securely in place. Stitch to one side of lapel so that it lies on the join between Side 1 and the Mid-Section. This will ensure it sits in correct position when two sides of lapel are brought together. As an alternative to stitching, you may attach the Bowtie to a ribbon or cord. Please be aware of choking risks if using this method.

SHORTS

In colour of choice, commence at waistband with 9ch. **Style Suggestion:** A contrasting colour for the waistband will give the appearance of a cummerbund and looks great matched to the bowtie.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end, turn - 8sts.

Row 2: 1ch, **working in BLO** 1dc in each st to end, turn - 8sts.

Rep Row 2 until waistband is 35cm (14") long. **Do not stretch when measuring.**

Bring ends together and, working through the BLO of final row AND the foundation chain, ss along the 8sts to join. Rotate waistband and work around the length, as follows.

- Rnd 1: 1ch, 1dc in next 'dip' i.e. the groove part of the waistband, *2ch, 1dc in next dip around waistband, rep from * to last dip, 2ch, ss into first ch-2 sp of rnd.
- Rnd 2: 1ch, (1dc, 1ch, 1htr) in same ch-2 sp - *counts as 2htr*, 2htr in each remaining ch-2 sp around, ss to ch on top of initial dc to join - even stitch count.
- Rnd 3: 1ch, 1dc in first st, 1ch - *this combination counts as 1htr in this and subsequent rnds*, 1htr in each remaining st around, ss to ch on top of initial dc to join.

Rep Rnd 3 until the piece measures 17.5 cm (7") from top of waistband.

Before continuing, count the number of sts you have at the end of Rnd 3 (remember that the initial ch does not count) and place a st marker between the two central sts. This will mark the centre front. Each leg will be worked using the sts to one side of the marker.

Leg

Without fastening off, continue from centre back,

- Rnd 1: 1ch, 1dc in first st, 1ch, 1htr in each remaining st to stitch marker, miss remaining sts and ss to ch on top of initial dc to join.

Rep until piece measures 22.5 cm (9") from top of waistband - you may extend this to 30 cm (12") for trouser length.

Final Rnd: 1ch, (working in BLO throughout the rnd) 1dc in each st around, ss to first dc to join. Fasten off and neaten ends.

Leaving a 30 cm (12") tail, re-join yarn at marker and work second leg in same manner as the first to a matching length. Use initial tail to close any gaps in the crotch area and strengthen the seam. Make Tie (as below) or thread ribbon through the eyelets in Rnd 1 below the waistband

Tie

In colour of choice, commence with 35 cm (14") ch.

- Rnd 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, ss in each ch to the end, without fastening off, make another length of ch equal in length to the section of tie already worked, starting in 2nd chain from hook, ss back to centre of tie. The finished tie is now TWICE the length of the waistband and both ends are in the centre. Fasten off and thread through the eyelets in Rnd 1 below the waistband. Use loose ends to stitch tie securely at rear of waistband and neaten ends.