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HELLO

and welcome to issue 5 of your exciting and colourful *Your Crochet and Knitting* magazine



At this wintry time of year there is nothing better than to snuggle up with a warming drink and contentedly crochet or knit away at a quick and easy project that will brighten your day. Now that all those seasonal projects have been finished for others, perhaps now is the time to indulge and make a little something just for you.

Check out our knitted **Ombre Hat and Mitts** on page 22, which are really simple and would make a great sit-in-

front-of-a-film make. On page 36 you can find our pretty **shell and treble crochet wrap**.

We have an abundance of home makes for you to take your pick from, featuring a crochet **granny square cushion and blanket** (page 52), which will look fabulous either on your sofa or a bed. If you love unicorns, take a look at our brilliant **unicorn tablet cover** with her pretty flower garland and our **unicorn booties** for your little one (pages 18 and 38).

To help you expand your yarn knowledge we have taken various sparkle-based yarns and put them through their paces using a simple cluster stitch pattern on page 16.

The talented Sarah-Jayne Fragola from **Bella Coco** shows us how to perfect our official crochet Paddington's coat to keep your little bear nice and cosy. You can find her on page 24 and **Paddington** himself on page 8.

This issue **Emma Escott** of Lululoves is our storyteller for the Your crochet and knitting story on page 66, where she tells us about her yarn beginnings.

Happy crocheting and knitting...

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In your kit

- 8 balls of yarn in Sunflower, Red Rose, Iris Blue, Brown Earth, Peony Pink, Forget-me-not, Freesia & Carnation Cream
- 3mm crochet hook
- 3.5mm knitting needles
- 3 toggles

About your yarn

Your yarn is a standard 4-ply, with 66m per ball, made up of 100% polyester fibre. You can substitute any standard 4-ply yarn, but make sure to check the yardage of the yarn you buy to make sure you have enough to complete your project.

Tension is given in each pattern – make sure you check your tension to be sure that the finished project will be the right size. If your tension is loose, you may need more yarn than specified.

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Your NEWS

Keep up to date with all the latest crochet and knitting news



OH BABY

King Cole has released a range of brand-new patterns designed especially for your baby in its fantastic Finesse Cotton Silk yarn. This luxurious natural yarn is made from a blend of cotton and silk and is available in 10 delicate vintage shades including English Rose and Soft Blue, which are perfect for babies. The collection features a variety of garments and accessories including cute cardigans, baby blankets and booties. The four new leaflets are available now at www.kingcole.com



THE BIG KNIT

Innocent's Big Knit is back to raise money for Age UK. Now in its 15th year the campaign is looking for knitters to help create over 1.5 million hats to go on Innocent smoothie bottles. 25p of every bottle sold will be donated directly to the charity which supports elderly people across the globe to give them information and advice as well as funding research and campaigns to improve quality of life. You can send your hats to Big Knit, Innocent Drinks, Fruit Towers, 342 Ladbroke Grove, London W10 5BU or visit www.thebigknit.co.uk for more information.



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PADDINGTON™

Use your yarn kit to make the perfect official Paddington™ tonight



Zoe's tip

When sewing the snout on, pinch the nose a little to enhance the triangular shape and make him look more like the film version



Kit yarn 3mm

DESIGNED BY

Zoë Potrac

YARN USED

Kit yarn

1 ball each in Carnation Cream (A),
Brown Earth (B), Iris Blue (C),
Sunflower (D) & Rose Red (E)

ABOUT THE YARN

4-ply; 66m per ball; 100% polyester

TENSION

30 rows x 26 sts = 10cm measured
over dc

HOOK USED

3mm

OTHER SUPPLIES

toy stuffing
3 light-coloured wood duffel toggles
safety eyes
safety nose
2 locking st markers

SIZING

Finished toy is approximately 15cm tall

ABBREVIATIONS

pm: place marker in st as directed

rm: remove marker

See page 61 for all other abbreviations

This pattern is made in the amigurumi style, in a spiral without slipstitching or turning chains. Use marker or waste yarn to keep track of the first st of each rnd.

➔ Start crocheting...

Snout

Rnd 1: With A and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 12 sts

Rnd 3: [3 dc in next st, 1 dc in each of next 3 sts] 3 times. 18 sts

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Add safety nose to centre of snout, embroider mouth using photograph as a guide.

Head

Rnd 1: With B and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts



Zoe says...

You could sew the clothes onto Paddington to avoid them being lost

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 12 sts

Rnd 3: [1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 4: [1 dc in each of next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnd 5: [1 dc in each of next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 30 sts

Rnd 6: [1 dc in each of next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 36 sts

Rnd 7: [1 dc in each of next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st] 7 times. 43 sts

Rnds 8-11: 1 dc in each st around.

Rnd 12: [1 dc in each of next 5 sts, 1 dc2tog] 7 times. 36 sts

Rnd 13: [1 dc in each of next 4 sts, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 30 sts

Rnd 14: [1 dc in each of next 3 sts, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnd 15: [1 dc in each of next 2 sts, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 16: [1 dc in next st, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 12 sts

Rnd 17: [1 dc2tog] 6 times. 6 sts
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew snout onto head. Place safety eyes on either side of and near top of snout. Stuff head and sew closed.

Main Body & Legs (worked as one piece)

Rnd 1: With B and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 12 sts

Rnd 3: [1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 4: [1 dc in each of next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 24 sts

Rnd 5: [1 dc in each of next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 30 sts

Rnd 6: [1 dc in each of next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 36 sts

Rnds 7-24: 1 dc in each st around.

Rnd 25: [1 dc in next st] 18 times, leave rem 18 sts unworked, pm in first st made. 18 sts

Rnd 26: Beg in marked st, [1 dc in next st] 18 times, rm. 18 sts

Rnds 27-32: 1 dc in each st around. 18 sts

Rnd 33: 1 dc2tog, [1 dc in next st] 16 times. 17 sts

Rnd 34: 1 dc2tog, [1 dc in next st] 15 times. 16 sts

Rnd 35: 1 dc2tog, [1 dc in next st] 14 times. 15 sts

Rnd 36: 1 dc2tog, [1 dc in next st] 13 times. 14 sts

Rnds 37-38: [1 dc in next st] 5 times, [1 tr in next st] 4 times (for toes), [1 dc in next st] 5 times.

Rnd 39: [1 dc in BLO of next st] 14 times.

Rnd 40: [1 dc2tog] 7 times. 7 sts

Fasten off. Weave in ends. Stuff body and first leg.

Join yarn in first unworked st on Rnd 24.

Next 8 rnds: As Rnd 27. 18 sts

Next 4 rnds: Rep rnds 33-36.

Next 2 rnds: [1 dc in next st] 10 times, [1 tr in next st] 4 times.

Stuff this leg.

Last 2 rnds: Rep rnds 39-40. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Arms (make 2)

Rnd 1: With B and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 12 sts

Rnds 3-7: 1 dc in each st around.



Rnd 8: [1 dc in each of next 2 sts, 1 dc2tog] 3 times. 9 sts

Rnds 9-20: 1 dc in each st around. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff and sew closed across the top. Sew arms onto either side of body, slightly towards the front. (You can tell which side is the front from the toes.)

Ears (make 2)

With B and working into a magic ring, 6 dc, DO NOT JOIN. Close magic ring. Fasten off, sew onto either side of head, rounded edge facing out, above eyes.

Hat

Rnd 1: With E and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts
Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. 12 sts
Rnd 3: [2 dc in each of next 3 sts, 1 dc in each of next 3 sts] twice. 18 sts
Rnd 4: [1 dc in BLO of next st] 18 times.
Rnd 5: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc in each of next 8 sts] twice. 20 sts
Rnd 6: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc in each of next 9 sts] twice. 22 sts
Rnd 7: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc in each of next 10 sts] twice. 24 sts
Rnd 8: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc in each of next 11 sts] twice. 26 sts
Rnd 9: [2 dc in next st, 1 dc in each of next 12 sts] twice. 28 sts
Rnd 10: 1 dc in each st around.
Rnd 11: [1 dc in FLO of each of next 3 sts, 2 dc in FLO of next st] 7 times. 35 sts
Rnd 12: [1 dc in each of next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st] 7 times. 42 sts
Rnd 13: [1 dc in each of next 6 sts, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 48 sts
Rnd 14: [1 dc in each of next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st] 5 times, 1 dc in next 3 dc 53 sts
 Fasten off. Weave in ends. Thread tapestry needle with D, back stitch a band around the hat using photograph as a guide.

Coat

Coat is made in turned rows. With C, chain 43.
Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, [1 dc in next ch] 42 times.
Rows 2-19: 1 ch (does not count as a st

now and throughout), [1 dc in next st] 42 times, turn. 42 sts

Divide for fronts & back

First Front

Row 20: 1 ch, [1 dc in next st] 10 times, pm in next st, leave rem sts unworked, turn. 10 sts
Row 21: 1 ch, 1 dc2tog, [1 dc in next st] 8 times, turn. 9 sts
Row 22: 1 ch, [1 dc in next st] 7 times, 1 dc2tog, turn. 8 sts
Row 23: 1 ch, 1 dc2tog, [1 dc in next st] 6 times, turn. 7 sts
Row 24: 1 ch, [1 dc in next st] 5 times, 1 dc2tog, turn. 6 sts
 Fasten off.

Back

Join C in marked st, rm.
Row 20: 1 ch, [1 dc in next st] 22 times, pm in next st, leave rem sts unworked, turn. 22 sts
Row 21: 1 ch, 1 dc2tog, [1 dc in next st] 18 times, 1 dc2tog, turn. 20 sts
Row 22: 1 ch, 1 dc2tog, [1 dc in next st] 16 times, 1 dc2tog, turn. 18 sts
Row 23: 1 ch, 1 dc2tog, [1 dc in next st] 14 times, 1 dc2tog, turn. 16 sts
Row 24: 1 ch, 1 dc2tog, [1 dc in next st] 12 times, 1 dc2tog, pm in last st, turn. 14 sts
 Fasten off.

Second Front

Join C in lower marked st, rm.
Row 20: 1 ch, [1 dc in next st] 10 times, turn. 10 sts
Row 21: 1 ch, [1 dc in next st] 8 times, 1 dc2tog, turn. 9 sts
Row 22: 1 ch, 1 dc2tog, [1 dc in next st] 7 times, turn. 8 sts
Row 23: 1 ch, [1 dc in next st] 6 times, 1 dc2tog, turn. 7 sts
Row 24: 1 ch, 1 dc2tog, [1 dc in next st] 5 times, turn. 6 sts
 Fasten off.

Sleeves

With C, chain 12. Join to work in the round, being careful not to twist.

Rnds 1-12: 1 ch, [1 dc in next st] 12 times. Fasten off.

Sew Sleeves into diagonal gaps between fronts and back.

Hood

Rows 1-14: Join C in marked st at back of neck, 1 ch, [1 dc in next st] 14 times, turn. Fold edge in half and sew seam closed along Row 14 to form Hood.

Button Loops

Join A with sl st in 8th row from bottom and approx. 3 sts in from edge on RH side of coat, 12 ch. Fasten off. Sew end of ch to st with sl st join and beg of ch to create loop.

Pockets (make 2)

With C, chain 5.
Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, [1 dc in next st] 4 times, turn. 4 sts
Rows 2-6: 1 dc in each st across, turn. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew in place on either side of coat using photograph as a guide.

Making up

With A, sew toggles on LH side of coat opposite button loops. Sew head to top of body ensuring snout is at front as defined by toes. 



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Kit yarn



3.5mm

DESIGNED BY

Sachiyo Ishii

YARN USED

Kit yarn: Brown Earth (A),
Carnation Cream (B), Iris Blue (C),
Sunflower Yellow (D), & Red Rose (E)

Extra: brown oddment

ABOUT THE YARN

4-ply; 66m per ball; 100% polyester

TENSION

28 sts x 36 rows = 10cm measured over
St st

NEEDLES USED

3.5mm straight

OTHER SUPPLIES

3 stitch holders or spare needles
waste yarn or locking st markers (to
mark row ends)
3mm crochet hook
chenille needle or tapestry needle with
fairly sharp point with a large eye
stuffing wool or toy filling
3 toggle buttons, 1.2cm

SIZING

23cm tall

ABBREVIATIONS

k3tog: Knit 3 sts together. 2 sts dec'd
See page 61 for all other abbreviations

➔ Start knitting...

BODY

First Leg

With A, cast on 9 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2: [Kfb] 9 times. 18 sts

Row 3: Purl.

Row 4 (edge): Purl.

Rows 5-8: Starting with a p row, work 4
rows in St st.

Row 9: P6, [p2tog] 3 times, p6. 15 sts

Row 10: K6, k3tog, k6. 13 sts

Rows 11-13: Starting with a p row,
work 3 rows in St st.

Row 14: Kfb, *k3, kfb; rep from * to
end. 17 sts

Rows 15-21: Starting with a p row,
work 7 rows in St st.

Row 22: *Kfb, k2; rep from * to last 2
sts, kfb, k1. 23 sts

Row 23: Purl.

Break yarn, keep sts on holder.

Second Leg

Work as First Leg, but do not break yarn.

Connect legs

Row 24: K across 23 sts of second leg,
k23 from holder. 46 sts

Rows 25-61: Starting with a p row,
work 37 rows in St st.

Row 62: K2, *k2tog, k2; rep from * to
end. 35 sts

Row 63: Purl.

Row 64: K2tog, *k1, k2tog; rep from * to
end. 23 sts

Row 65: Purl.

Row 66: K2tog, *k1, k2tog; rep from *
to end. 15 sts

Break yarn and thread through rem sts.
Pull tight to fasten.

HEAD

With A, cast on 10 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2: [Kfb] 10 times. 20 sts

Row 3: Purl.

Row 4: *K1, kfb; rep from * to end.
30 sts

Row 5: Purl.

Row 6: *K2, kfb; rep from * to end.
40 sts

Row 7: Purl.

Row 8: *K3, kfb; rep from * to end.
50 sts

Rows 9-23: Starting with a p row, work
15 rows in St st.

Row 24: K18, [k2tog] 7 times, k18. 43 sts

Row 25: Purl.

Row 26: K16, [k2tog] twice, k3tog,
[k2tog] twice, k16. 37 sts

Join in B.

Row 27: P18 A, p1 B, p18 A.

Row 28: With A, [k2tog, k1] 5 times,
k2tog; k3 B, with A k2tog, [k1, k2tog] 5
times. 25 sts

Row 29: P10 A, p5 B, p10 A.

Row 30: K9 A, k7 B, k9 A.

Row 31: P8 A, p9 B, p8 A.

Row 32: K7 A, k11 B, k7 A.

Row 33: P6 A, p13 B, p6 A.

Row 34: With A, k2tog, k1, k2tog,
k15 B, with A k2tog, k1, k2tog.
21 sts

Row 35: P2 A, p17 B, p2 A.

Row 36: K2tog A, with B [k2tog] 9 times,
k1 A.

Knitting project



Break yarns and thread B through rem sts.
Pull tight to fasten.

EARS

Work both the same

With A, cast on 20 sts.

Row 1-5: Starting with a p row, work 5
rows in St st.

Row 6: [K2tog] 10 times.

Break yarn and thread through rem sts.
Pull tight to fasten.

ARMS

Work both the same

With A, cast on 14 sts.

Starting with a p row,

work 21 rows in St st.

Row 22 (RS): [K2, k2tog] 3 times, k2.
11 sts

Rows 23-27: Starting with a p row,
work 5 rows in St st.

Break yarn and thread through rem sts.
Pull tight to fasten.

HAT

With E, cast on 80 sts.

Rows 1-2: Knit.

Row 3: *K6, k2tog; rep from * to end.
70 sts



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Row 4: Knit.

Row 5: *K5, k2tog; rep from * to end.
60 sts

Rows 6-8: Knit.

Row 9: *K4, k2tog; rep from * to end.
50 sts

Row 10: Knit.

Change to D.

Rows 11-13: Starting with a p row,
work 3 rows in St st. Break D.
Change to F.

Row 14-25: Starting with a k row,
work 12 rows in St st.

Row 26: *K3, k2tog; rep from * to end.
40 sts

Row 27: Purl.

Row 28: *K2, k2tog; rep from * to end.
30 sts

Row 29 (edge): Knit.

Row 30-31: Starting with a k row, work
2 rows in St st.

Row 32: *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end.
20 sts

Rows 33-35: Starting with a p row,
work 3 rows in St st.

Row 36: [K2tog] 10 times. 10 sts
Break yarn and thread through rem sts.
Pull tight to fasten.

COAT

RIGHT FRONT

With C, cast on 20 sts.

Rows 1-3: Knit.

Row 4: P16, k4.

Row 5: Knit.

Rows 6-29: Rep rows 4-5 twelve times.

Row 30 (armhole): P2tog, p14, k4.
19 sts

Row 31: K to last 2 sts, k2tog. 18 sts

Row 32: P2tog, p12, k4. 17 sts

Row 33: K to last 2 sts, k2tog, mark edge
of row. 16 sts

Row 34: P12, k4.

Row 35: Knit.

Rows 36-41: Rep rows
34-35 three times.

Row 42: As Row 34.

Row 43: Knit.

Row 44: P5, turn. Cast off these 5 sts.
11 sts

Break yarn and keep rem sts on
a holder.

LEFT FRONT

With C, cast on 20 sts.

Rows 1-3: Knit.

Row 4: K4, p16.

Row 5: Knit.

Rows 6-29: Rep rows 4-5 twelve
times.

Row 30 (armhole): K4, p14, p2tog.
19 sts

Row 31: K2tog, k to end. 18 sts

Row 32: K4, p12, p2tog. 17 sts

Row 33: K2tog, k to end, mark edge of
row. 16 sts

Row 34: K4, p12.

Row 35: Knit.

Rows 36-41: Rep rows 34-35
three times.

Row 42: As Row 34.

Row 43: K5, turn, cast off these 5 sts.
11 sts

Break yarn and keep rem sts on
a holder.

BACK

With C, cast on 30 sts.

Rows 1-3: Knit.

Rows 4-29: Starting with a p row, work
26 rows in St st.

Row 30: P2tog, p to last 2 sts, p2tog. 2
sts dec'd

Row 31: K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog. 2
sts dec'd

Rows 32-33: Rep rows 30-31 once
more. 22 sts

Mark each edge of Row 33.

Rows 34-42: Starting with a p row,
work 9 rows in St st.

Row 43: K5, turn, cast off these 5 sts
and break yarn.

With RS facing, slip next 12 sts onto
a holder.

Rejoin C and k5, turn, cast off these 5 sts.
Break yarn.

HOOD

Join both shoulder seams.

With RS facing, C, and beg at Right
Front, k11 sts from holder, pu and
k5 sts from shoulder edge, k12 sts
from Back holder, pu and k5 sts from
shoulder edge, k11 sts from Left Front
holder. 44 sts

Row 1: K4, p to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 2: Knit.

Rows 3-20: Rep rows 1-2 nine times.

Row 21: As Row 1.

Cast off.

To make the hood, fold cast-off end in half
and sew edges together.

SLEEVES

Work both the same

With RS facing and C, pu and k22 sts from
shoulder edge between markers. 22 sts

Row 1 (WS): Pfb, p to last st, pfb. 24 sts

Rows 2-5: Starting with a k row, work 4
rows in St st.

Row 6: Ssk, k to last 2 sts, k2tog.
2 sts dec'd

Row 7: Purl.

Row 8: As Row 6. 20 sts

Rows 9-14: Starting with a p row, work 6
rows in St st.

Rows 15-16: Knit.

Cast off k-wise.

BUTTON LOOPS

Make 6 the same

With crochet hook and B, chain 14.

Fasten off.

Making up: With fasten-off yarn end,
seam body half way. With cast-on yarn
end, seam each leg as far as crotch. Sew
up body a little further, stuff legs and body
and close seam. Thread A and pierce foot
from sole, take the needle out from top of
foot and repeat. Pull thread to flatten sole
and shape ankle.

With fasten-off yarn end, seam head
half way. With cast-on yarn end, work a
gathering thread along cast-on edge and
draw tightly. Stuff head and close seam.
Seam ear and with the seam facing front,
attach its cast-on edge to head. Repeat for
the other side. Using two strands of brown
oddment together, make large French
knots for eyes. With G, embroider nose
and mouth. Attach head to body.
Seam each arm, stuff and attach them
to body.

Sew sides of front and back of coat
together. Sew sleeve seams. Thread
crocheted chain through each button and
attach chains to one side of coat. Attach
chains with other side, forming loops.
Seam hat. Dress Paddington in his coat
and hat. 

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Content: 65% acrylic, 31% wool,
4% soft payette

Weight: 50g

Meterage: 175m

Where to buy: £3.19

www.woolwarehouse.co.uk



Editor Angela says...

I loved crocheting this sequin-based sparkle yarn. It was easy to work, with the yarn running smoothly over my hook despite the sequins. I think because the sequins are so light and soft it would also be a joy to wear. The fact that the main part of the yarn is in a roving style means that the overall fabric is about the colour and the sparkle without adding more textures. The sequins fall randomly and evenly without the need to adjust where they end up. I would certainly make a small wrap or shrug in this yarn.

Stylecraft

CABARET DK

Content: 98% premium acrylic,
2% polyester

Weight: 100g

Meterage: 230m

Where to buy: £5.29

www.minervacrafts.com



Editorial Assistant Liam says...

I really liked the colour change of this yarn, it has a very gentle, effective colourway, which gives a lovely colour change as you work. Once I got used to the handle of the yarn, the glitter running through the yarn did not cause it to snag as it was worked. Once I started working, my swatch came together quickly and I was very pleased with the end result.

Yeoman Yarns

STARLIGHT DK

Content: 55% viscose, 35% polyester,
10% nylon

Weight: 250g

Meterage: 750m

Where to buy: £9.75

www.yeoman-yarns.co.uk



Crochet Now Editor Jenny says...

The finished swatch is pleasingly heavy, but the fabric isn't quite soft enough for traditional projects (blankets, garments) where you want to see the sparkle – it would work fabulously, held alongside a softer yarn, and of a different colour so the royal shine has a chance to be seen more clearly. It's a strong vibrant colour and the finished fabric is very stretchy, it has much more stretch than the yarn itself, which is interesting.

James C Brett

TWINKLE DK

Content: 96% acrylic,
4% polyester

Weight: 100g

Meterage: 300m

Where to buy: £2.89

www.smdknitting.com



Publisher Gavin says...

This yarn was a breeze to crochet with and the sparkle filament did not split when being worked. It adds a gentle glow to the yarn and the sparkle is self-coloured in my swatch so the shine is very subtle. The stitch used showed up remarkably well and working the stitch in one colour with a yarn that has a little shine brought out a new dimension to the stitch. This would make a great classy throw or blanket.

Paintbox Yarns

METALLIC DK

Content: 55% cotton,
45% polyamide

Weight: 50g

Meterage: 120m

Where to buy: £3.99

www.loveknitting.com



Sub-editor Kayleigh says...

This yarn worked up really well in the stitch pattern – I expected it to split as I crocheted with it because of the metallic strand running through it, but I had no problems at all and it was so easy to work with. The metallic purple running through the solid yarn colour really added a special touch to my swatch and the stitch definition was great.

Hayfield

BONUS GLITTER DK

Content: 95% acrylic,
5% polyester

Weight: 100g

Meterage: 296m

Where to buy: £4.79

www.deramores.com



Managing Editor Kate says...

If you're looking to add some sparkle to jazz up a simple project, I can recommend this great-value yarn. It was easy to work with because it doesn't split at all, and I think it gave a lovely neat finish to my swatch (even though I am not the neatest crocheter in the world). The silvery polyester strands can feel a little prickly as you're working so I think this would be more suited to cardigans, homewares and hats than anything that might be worn next to sensitive skin.

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Friends baby booties
in **issue 6!**



Kit yarn



3mm

DESIGNED BY

Angela Hatton

YARN USED

Kit yarn

Unicorn

Peony Pink (MC)

Forget-me-not (CC1)

Sunflower (CC2)

Monkey

Brown Earth (MC)

Carnation Cream (CC1)

ABOUT THE YARN

4-ply; 66m per ball; 100% polyester

TENSION

23 sts x 26 rows =
10cm measured over dc

HOOK USED

3mm

OTHER SUPPLIES

tapestry needle

SIZING

0-3 (3-6, 6-9) months

ABBREVIATIONS

See page 61 for all abbreviations

These novelty booties are worked flat for the sole and then picked up and worked in the amigurumi style, in a spiral without slip stitching or turning chains. Use a marker or waste yarn to keep track of the first st of each rnd. The upper instep is worked separately in a spiral and then crocheted together before continuing in a spiral.

➡ Start crocheting...

Make 2 the same

Sole

With MC, chain 9.

Row 1 (RS): Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc in each ch across. Turn. 8 dc

Row 2: 1 ch (does not count as a st, here and throughout), 1 dc in first st, 2 dc in next st, [1 dc in next st] 4 times, 2 dc in next st, 1 dc in last st. Turn. 10 dc



Angela says...

I've always loved designing fun, character booties but usually in knitted versions; so it was lovely to have the chance to create some crochet ones too!

Row 3: 1 ch, 1 dc in each st across. Turn.

Rep Row 3 until work measures 8 (9, 10) cm, ending after a RS row.

Next Row: 1 ch, 1 dc in first st, miss 1 st, [1 dc in next st] 6 times, miss 1 st, 1 dc in last st. Turn. 8 dc

Upper

Rnd 1: [1 dc in next st] 8 times, place 14 (16, 18) dc evenly along row edges, 1 dc in free loops of 8 foundation chs across toe edge, place 14 (16, 18) dc evenly along other row edges. 44 (48, 52) dc

Rnds 2-4: 1 dc in each st around.

Rnd 5: [1 dc in next st] 21 (23, 25) times, miss 1 st, [1 dc in next st] 8 times, miss 1 st, [1 dc in next st] 13 (15, 17) times. 42 (46, 50) dc

Rnd 6: [1 dc in next st] 21 (23, 25) times, miss 1 st, [1 dc in next st] 3 times, pm, [1 dc in next st] 3 times, miss 1 st, [1 dc in next st] 13 (15, 17) times. 40 (44, 48) dc

Do not fasten off, place aside.

Instep

With CC1 and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

Rnd 1: 2 dc in each st. 12 dc

Rnd 2: *1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st; rep from * to end. 18 dc

Rnd 3: * [1 dc in next st] twice, 2 dc in next st; rep from * to end. 24 dc

Rnd 4: * [1 dc in next st] 3 times, 2 dc in next st; rep from * to end. 30 dc

Rnd 5: * [1 dc in next st] 4 times, 2 dc in next st; rep from * to end, sl st in next st to end spiral. 36 dc

Join instep to main bootie

1 With CC1, RS facing of both instep and bootie and beg 14 dc from marker (to work toward marker),

2 - 4 1 dc in each of next 28 sts working through dc on instep and bootie at the same time. Fasten off.



Baby Accessory

Bootee Top

Insert hook back into MC loop on main bootee.

Rnd 1: 1 dc in each st to instep, 1 dc in first st on main bootee with CC1 st (now 2 dc in same st), 1 dc in last used instep st (now 2 dc in same st), [1 dc in next free st on instep] 8 times, 1 dc in next st on instep (now 2 dc in same st), 1 dc in next main bootee st with CC1 st (now 2 dc in same st), 1 dc in each st end. 24 (28, 32) dc

Rnds 2-5: 1 dc in each st around. Change to CC1.

Rnds 6-7: As Rnd 2. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

UNICORN ONLY:

Horn

With MC, chain 10. Join with sl st in first ch to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist.

Rnd 1: 1 dc in each ch to end. 10 dc

Rnd 2: [1 dc2tog, 1 dc in each of next 3 sts] twice. 8 dc

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

Rnd 5: [1 dc2tog, 1 dc in each of next 2 sts] twice. 6 dc

Rnds 6-7: As Rnd 3.

Rnd 8: [1 dc2tog, 1 dc in next st] twice. 4 dc

Rnd 9: As Rnd 3.

Rnd 10: [1 dc2tog] twice. 2 dc
Fasten off.

Sew horn to front of bootee as shown in photograph. Weave in ends.

Ears

Make 2 the same

With MC, chain 9.

Row 1 (RS): Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc in each ch across. Turn. 8 dc

Rows 2-3: 1 ch, 1 dc in each st across. Turn.

Row 4: 1 ch, 1 dc in first st, miss 1 st, [1 dc in next st] 4 times, miss 1 st, 1 dc in last st. Turn. 6 dc

Row 5: As Row 2.

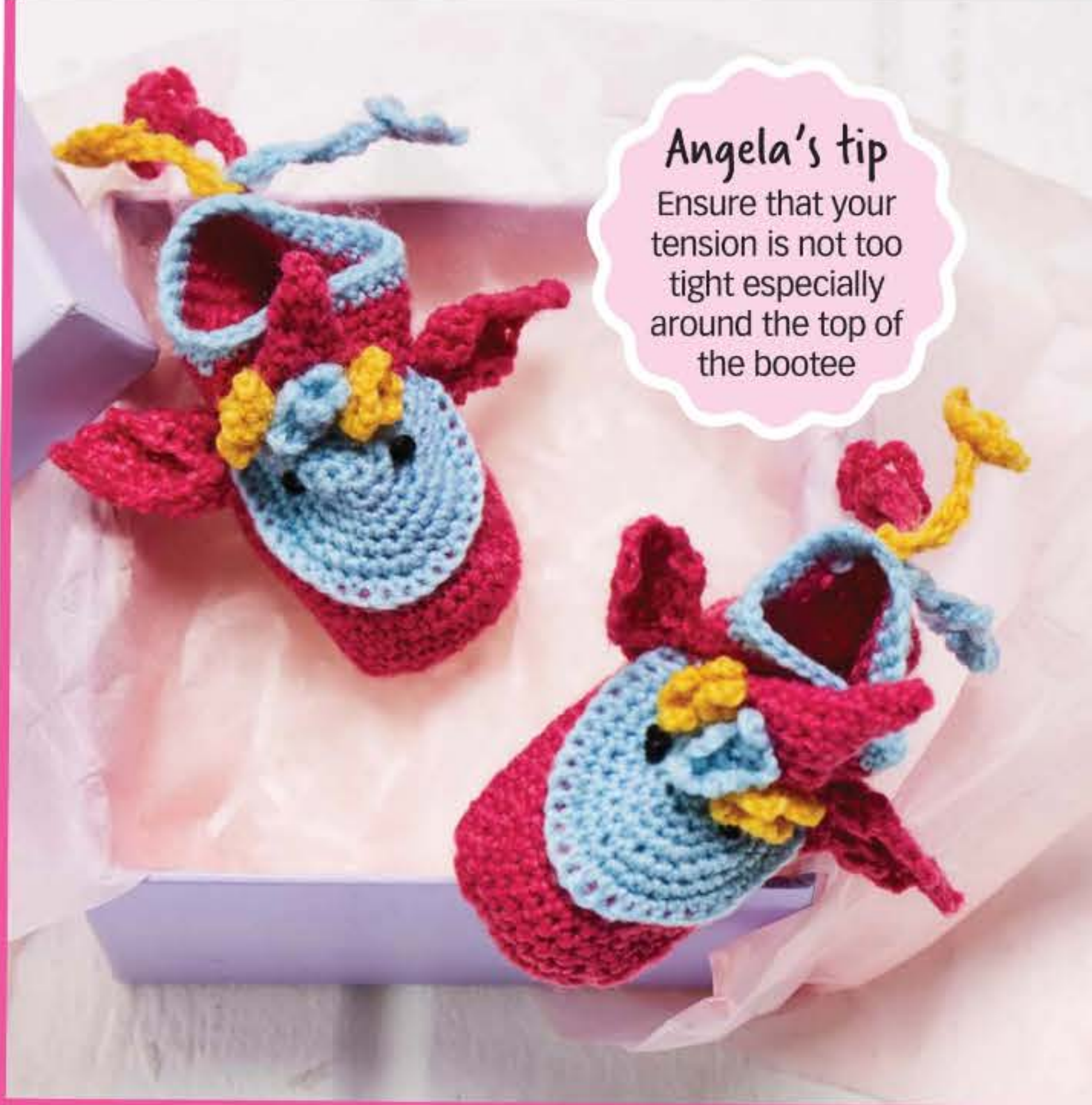
Row 6: 1 ch, 1 dc in first st, miss 1 st, [1 dc in next] 2 times, miss 1 st, 1 dc in last st. Turn. 4 dc

Row 7: 1 ch, 1 dc in first st, 1 dc2tog, 1 dc in last st. 3 dc

Row 8: 1 ch, 1 dc3tog. Fasten off. 1 dc
Sew to bootee as shown in photograph. Weave in ends.

Tail (make 3, 1 each in MC, CC1 & CC2)

Chain 8.



Angela's tip

Ensure that your tension is not too tight especially around the top of the bootee

Row 1 (RS): Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc in each ch across. 7 dc

Fasten off. Sew to back of bootee as shown in photograph. Weave in ends.

Flower

(make 6, 2 each in MC, CC1 & CC2)

Chain 4. Join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Working into ring, 1 ch, 6 dc.

Rnd 2: [4 ch, sl st to next dc] 5 times.
Fasten off.

Sew 3 flowers around Horn and 3 flowers to end of each Tail.

Weave in ends.

Using an oddment of black yarn, embroider two eyes.

MONKEY ONLY:

Eyes

With CC1, chain 11.

Row 1 (RS): Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc in each ch across. 10 dc

Row 2: 1 dc in first st, *1 htr in next st, 1 tr in next st, 1 htr in next st**, [sl st in next st] twice; rep from * to ** once, 1 dc in last st. Fasten off. Sew to front of bootee as shown in photograph.

Ears (make 2 the same)

With MC, chain 16.

Row 1 (RS): Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc in each ch across. Turn. 15 dc

Row 2: 1 dc in each of next 6 dc, dc3tog, 1 dc in each of next 6 dc. Turn. 13 dc

Row 3: 1 dc in each of next 5 dc, 1 dc3tog, 1 dc in each of next 5 dc.
Turn. 11 dc

Fasten off. Sew to bootee as shown in photograph.

With MC, embroider eyes and mouth as shown in photograph. Weave in all ends.



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YARN USED

Kit yarn

Hat: 1 ball each in Iris Blue (A) & Forget-me-not (B)

Mitts: 1 ball each in Freesia (C) & Peony Pink (D)

ABOUT THE YARN

4-ply; 66m per ball; 100% polyester

TENSION

21 sts x 30 rows = 10cm measured over St st

NEEDLES USED

3.5mm straight

OTHER SUPPLIES

10 stitch markers
tapestry needle
pom-pom maker

SIZING

Hat: 26.5cm tall, 42cm brim circumference (unstretched), 46cm circumference in rev St st section

Mitts: 14cm long, 16cm circumference (unstretched)

ABBREVIATIONS

Pm: Place a marker on the RH needle, between the stitch just worked and the next stitch

Sm: Slip marker from LH needle to RH needle

See page 63 for all other abbreviations

This accessory set are knitted in pieces and rows. They are then seamed.

➔ Start knitting...

Hat

With A, cast on 102 sts.

Row 1: K2, *p2, k2; rep from * to end.

Row 2: P2, *k2, p2; rep from * to end.

Rep rows 1-2 three more times.

Row 9: Knit.

Row 10: Purl.

These last 2 rows form Rev St st.

Cont in Rev St st, working the following stripe pattern:

10 rows A
2 rows B
8 rows A
4 rows B
6 rows A
6 rows B
4 rows A
10 rows B
2 rows A
7 rows B

Crown shaping

Row 1 (RS, marker placement row):

P1, pm, *p10, pm; rep from * to last 11 sts, p11.

Row 2: *K to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, sm; rep from * to last st, k1. 10 sts dec'd

Row 3: Purl, slipping all markers as you come to them.

Rows 4-12: Rep rows 2-3 four times, then Row 2 once more. 42 sts

Row 13: P1, *sm, p2tog, p to marker; rep from * to last marker, sm, p2tog, p to end. 32 sts

Row 14: As Row 2. 22 sts

Row 15: P1, *sm, p2tog; rep from * to last marker, sm, p2tog, p1. 12 sts
Remove all markers. Break yarn, thread through rem sts and pull tight to fasten.

Sew up back seam.

Make pom-pom and attach to top of hat. Weave in all ends and block to dimensions given in schematic.

Mitts

With C, cast on 34 sts.

Row 1: Sl1, k1, *p2, k2; rep from * to end.

Row 2: Sl1, p1, *k2, p2; rep from * to end.

Rep rows 1-2 three more times for rib.

Row 9: Sl1, k to end.

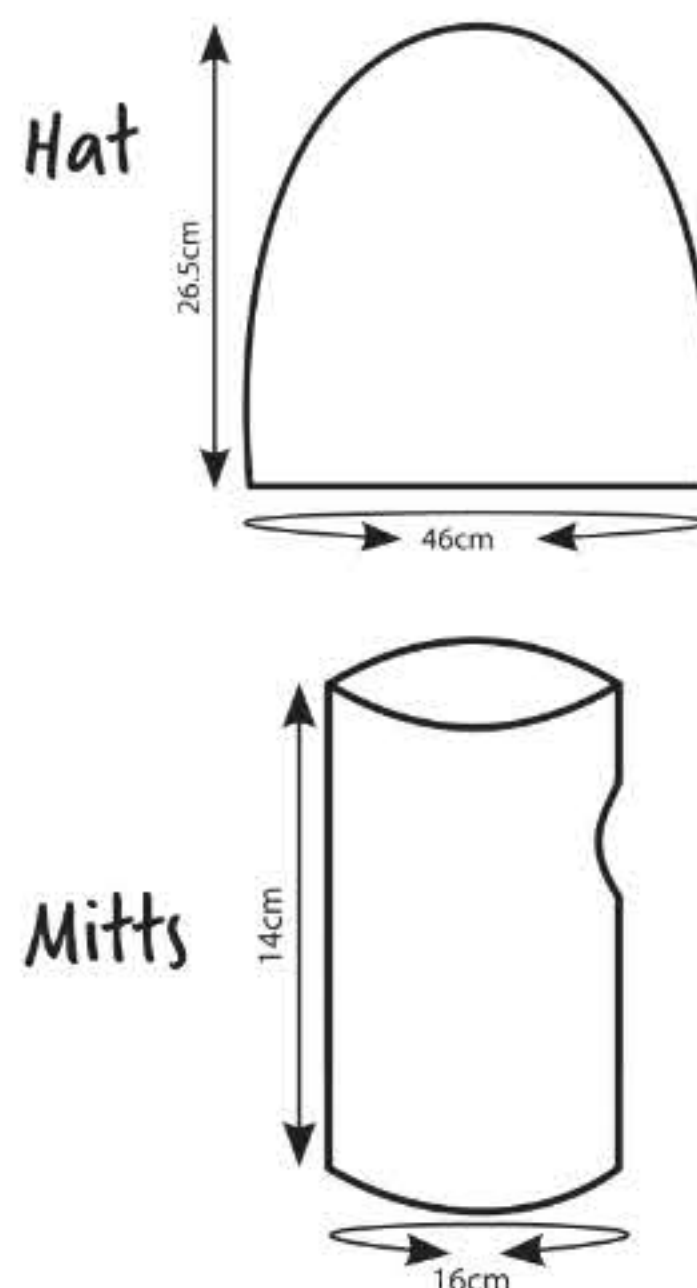
Row 10: Sl1, p to end.

These last 2 rows form Rev St st.

Cont in Rev St st, working the following stripe patt:

2 rows C
2 rows D
6 rows C
4 rows D
4 rows C
6 rows D
2 rows C
2 rows D

Schematics



Work 8 rows of rib as rows 1-2.

Cast off in patt.

Sew side seam using mattress stitch. Leave a 4cm hole for thumb approximately 6cm from cast-on as shown in photo. Weave in ends and block to dimensions given in schematic.



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Pattern tutorial

This issue Sarah-Jayne is taking on our official Paddington's coat and giving you her top tips on how to work in rows and rounds!



Sarah-Jayne Fragola

www.bellacococrochet.com

 **4-ply**  **3mm**

YARN USED

Yarn kit

1 ball in Iris Blue

ABOUT THE YARN

4-ply; 66m per ball; 100% polyester

TENSION

26 sts x 30 rows =
10cm measured over dc

HOOK USED

3mm

OTHER SUPPLIES

stitch markers

SIZING

Approximately 12cm high x 14cm long

ABBREVIATIONS

See page 61 for all abbreviations

**Find the official
pattern on page 8**

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3 When this first front section is complete, fasten off and reattach yarn in the st you marked in Step 2. Work 22 dc and place another marker at the end. Work the back of your coat as per pattern. After completing the back piece, fasten off yarn and reattach in the marked st from Step 3. Complete the second front in the same way as the first. Shaping will be reversed, so the rows will have dc2tog at the end instead of the beginning.

SLEEVES

4 The sleeves are worked in rounds – work in a spiral without turning. It is important not to twist your base chain to ensure a neat edge. Work 1 dc into each st until you have completed 12 rounds. Place a marker after each round so you don't lose your place. Fasten off.

POCKETS

5 The pockets are worked in rows. Begin by making 5 ch. Work 1 dc into the 2nd ch from hook, then dc into remaining 3 ch. At the end of the row, turn your work, remembering your 1 ch. Work 6 rows in dc then fasten off. Repeat for second pocket.

HOOD

6 On Row 24 of the main coat you will have placed a marker. Reattach your yarn at this point and work 1 ch, 14 dc, turn. Work a total of 14 rows in dc.

SEWING UP

7 Fold the hood in half lengthways and sew across the top of the last row to shape your hood. Sew your sleeves into the V-shaped gap of your main coat. Position your pockets evenly before sewing on.

FINISHED COAT

8 Sew toggles of your choice onto the front of your coat and leave a gap at the top, so that the coat can be worn with or without the collar folded back. For a neat finish, wet-block your coat.

➡ Start crocheting...

MAIN COAT

1 Chain 43, keeping chains as even as possible to ensure your coat fits and has a neat hem. Work 1 dc into each ch. Turn. 1 ch after turning to create height for the next row. Work 19 rows, working 1 dc into each st and turning at each end of row.

2 Divide your coat into two fronts and the back. Work 10 dc, place a marker in the next st and leave the remaining sts unworked. On Row 21, dc2tog 8 times to shape. Insert your hook into the next st, yrh, then insert hook in the following st, yrh and pull through all 3 loops – this will decrease 1 st. Continue rows 22-23 as per the pattern on page 10.



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Stretch your skills

ELAINE'S blanket

This pretty flower baby blanket would look charming in any nursery



DESIGNED BY

Alexie Shackleton

YARN USED

Kit yarn

Cygnet Cottony DK

8 balls in cream 225 (MC)

3 balls each in Pistachio 266,

Coral 549, Powder Blue 198

& silver 139

Available from

www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

ABOUT THE YARN

DK; 111m per 50g ball; 46% cotton,
46% acrylic, 8% viscose

TENSION

Finished flower squares should measure
10cm square

HOOK USED

4mm

OTHER SUPPLIES

4 locking st markers
tapestry needle

SIZING

78x82cm

ABBREVIATIONS

See page 61 for all abbreviations

This baby blanket is made up of an assortment of squares made in whichever colour combination you prefer, just make sure to always finish with cream.

➔ Start crocheting...

Square 1

Make 14

With first colour, chain 4. Join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Working into ring, 3 ch (counts as first tr throughout), 2 tr, 5 ch, [3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr, 5 ch] 3 times, 3 tr, 2 ch, join with sl st in 3rd of beg 3 ch. 24 tr

Fasten off. Join second colour in any 5ch-sp.

Rnd 2: 3 ch, [2 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] in first 5-ch-sp, *2 ch, 3 tr in next 2ch-sp, 2 ch, [3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] in next 5ch-sp; rep from * twice, 2 ch, 3 tr in next 2ch-sp, 2 ch, join with sl st



You can sew or dc your squares together, whichever you prefer

in 3rd of beg 3 ch. 36 tr

Rnd 3: Sl st across to 2ch-sp, [3 ch, 2 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] in first 2ch-sp, *2 ch, 2 tr in next 2ch-sp, 3 tr, 2 tr in next 2ch-sp, 2 ch, [3 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] in corner 2 ch-sp; rep from * twice, 2 ch, 2 tr in next 2ch-sp, 3 tr, 2 tr in next 2ch-sp, 2 ch, join with sl st in 3rd of beg 3 ch. 52 tr

Fasten off. Join MC in any corner 2ch-sp.

Rnd 4: [3 ch, 2 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] in first 2ch-sp, *2 ch, 2 tr in next 2ch-sp, 7 tr, 2 tr in next 2ch-sp, 2 ch, [3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] in next 2ch-sp; rep from * twice, 2 ch, 2 tr in next 2ch-sp, 7 tr, 2 tr in next 2ch-sp, 2 ch, join with sl st in 3rd of beg 3 ch. 68 tr

Rnd 5: 1 ch, *3 dc, [2 dc, 1 ch, 2 dc] in corner 3ch-sp, 3 dc, 2 dc in next 2ch-sp, 11 dc, 2 dc in next 2ch-sp; rep from * three times, join with sl st into first dc. 100 dc

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Square 2

Make 8

With first colour, chain 4. Join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): Working into ring, 1 ch (counts as first dc), 11 dc, join with sl st in beg 1 ch. 12 dc

Fasten off. Join second colour to any dc.

Rnd 2: [3 ch (counts as first tr now and throughout), 1 tr] in first st, *miss 2 sts, 7 ch, 2 tr in next st; rep from * twice, 7 ch, join with sl st in 3rd of beg 3 ch. 8 tr

Rnd 3: *2 ch, 1 tr between next 2 tr, 2 ch, [1 dc, 1 htr, 2 tr, 2 dtr, 1 trtr, pm, 2 dtr, 2 tr, 1 htr, 1 dc] in next 7ch-sp; rep from * three times, 2 ch, join with sl st into base of beg 2 ch. 4 petals

Fasten off. Turn work and join MC to last tr.

Rnd 4 (WS): 9 ch (counts as first dtr and 5 ch), sl st in back of marked st, *5 ch, miss [4 sts, 2 ch-sp], 1 dtr, 5 ch, sl st in back of next marked st; rep from * twice, 5 ch, join with sl st in 4th of beg 9 ch. Turn. 8 ch-sps

Rnd 5 (RS): Sl st in next 5ch-sp, [3 ch, 2 tr, 1 ch, 3 tr] in first 5ch-sp, *3 ch, [3 tr, 1 ch, 3 tr] in next 5ch-sp, 1 ch, [3 tr, 1 ch, 3 tr] in next 5ch-sp; rep from * twice, 3 ch, [3 tr, 1 ch, 3 tr] in last 5ch-sp, 1 ch, join with sl st in 3rd of beg 3 ch. 48 tr

Rnd 6: Sl st across to next 1ch-sp, 3 ch, 2 tr in first 1ch-sp, *[3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] in next 3ch-sp, [3 tr in next 1ch-sp] 3 times; rep from * twice, [3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] in last 3ch-sp, [3 tr in next 1ch-sp] twice, sl st in 3rd of beg 3 ch. 60 tr

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Square 3

Make 12

With first colour, chain 6. Join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): Working into ring, 1 ch (counts as first dc), 11 dc, join with sl st in beg 1 ch. 12 dc

Rnd 2: 1 ch, 3 tr in first st, [1 ch, sl st in next st, 1 ch, 3 tr in next st] five times, join with sl st in back loop of beg 1 ch. 6 petals

Turn work so WS is facing.

Rnd 3 (WS): [3 ch, miss 1 petal, sl st into centre of next petal, 3 ch, sl st into centre of next petal] twice, join with sl st in first of beg 3 ch. 4 ch-sps

Fasten off. Turn and join MC in any 3ch-sp.

Rnd 4 (RS): [3 ch (counts as first tr now and to end of square), 2 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] in first 3ch-sp, 1 ch, *[3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] in next 3ch-sp, 1 ch; rep from * around, join with sl st in 3rd of beg 3 ch. 24 tr

Rnd 5: Sl st across to next 3ch-sp, [3 ch, 2 tr, 3 ch, 2 tr] in first 3ch-sp, 1 ch, [3 tr in next 1ch-sp, 1 ch] across to corner 3ch-sp, *[3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] in next 3ch-sp, 1 ch, [3 tr in next 1ch-sp, 1 ch] across to corner 3ch-sp; rep from * around, 1 ch, sl st in 3rd of beg 3 ch. 36 tr

Rnds 6-7: As Rnd 5. 60 tr

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Square 4

Make 8

With first colour, chain 6. Join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Working into ring, 1 ch (counts as first dc), 11 dc, join with sl st in beg 1 ch.

Rnd 2: 1 ch, 3 tr in first st, [1 ch, sl st in next st, 1 ch, 3 tr in next st] five times, join with sl st in back loop of beg 1 ch. 6 petals

Turn work so wrong side is facing.

Rnd 3 (WS): *3 ch, miss 1 petal, dc into back of sl st; rep from * around, join with sl st in beg 3ch-sp. 6 ch-sps

Fasten off. Turn work and join second colour in any 3ch-sp.

Rnd 4 (RS): 1 ch, 5 tr in first 3ch-sp, 1 ch, 1 dc in next st, [1 ch, 5 tr in next 3ch-sp, 1 ch, 1 dc in next st] five times, join with sl st in beg 1 ch. 6 petals

Turn work so WS is facing.

Rnd 5 (WS): [Sl st into back of dc, 5 ch, miss next petal, *sl st into back of centre st of next petal, 5 ch, miss next petal] twice, join with sl st in beg sl st. Turn. 4 ch-sps

Fasten off. Join MC in any 5ch-sp.

Rnd 6 (RS): [3 ch (counts as first tr), 2 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] in first 5ch-sp, *[3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] in

next 5ch-sp; rep from * around, join with sl st in 3rd of beg 3 ch. 24 tr

Rnd 7: 3 ch (counts as first tr), 2 tr, *[2 tr, 3 ch, 2 tr] in next 3ch-sp, 6 tr; rep from * around, omitting last 2 tr, join with sl st in 3rd of beg 3 ch. 40 tr

Rnd 8: 4 ch (counts as tr and 1 ch now and throughout), miss 1 st, 1 tr, 1 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr, [2 tr, 3 ch, 2 tr] in next 3ch-sp, [1 tr, 1 ch, miss 1 st] twice, *2 tr, [1 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr] twice, [2 tr, 3 ch, 2 tr] in next 3ch-sp, [1 tr, 1 ch, miss 1 st] twice; rep from * around to last st, 1 tr, join with sl st in 3rd of beg 3 ch. 40 tr

Rnd 9: 4 ch, miss 1 st, [1 tr, 1 ch, miss 1 st] twice, [2 tr, 3 ch, 2 tr] in next 3ch-sp, [1 tr, 1 ch, miss 1 st] three times, *2 tr, [1 ch, miss 1 st, 1 tr] three times, [2 tr, 3 ch, 2 tr] in next 3ch-sp, [1 tr, 1 ch, miss 1 st] 3 times; rep from * around to last st, 1 tr, join with sl st in 3rd of beg 3 ch. 46 tr

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Making up

Steam block and join all squares in a random order using whip stitch with 6 squares per row and 7 rows.

Border

Rnd 1: Join MC in any st, 1 ch, *dc across to corner of blanket, [1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc] in corner; rep from * 3 times, dc across to end, join with sl st to first dc. Fasten off. Rep Rnd 1 eight times using the following colour sequence: Pistachio, cream, silver, cream, Powder Pink, cream and Powder Blue.

Rnd 9: Join MC in any st, [3 ch (counts as first tr), 4 tr] into first st, miss 2 sts, 1 dc, miss 2 sts, *5 tr in next st, miss 2 sts, 1 dc, miss 2 sts; rep from * around, sl st in 3rd of beg 3 ch.

Fasten off. Weave in ends. 

COSMIC CATERPILLAR & BUTTERFLY

These fun characters can be used as
toys or as decorations



Ruth Haydock



Always pull the short thread to close the magic ring after working the stitches into the ring

I am a huge sci-fi fan and I like to think that there are giant cosmic butterflies and caterpillars out there on a distant planet!



YARN USED

Kit yarn

1 ball each in Red Rose (A), Freesia (B), Peony Pink (C), Brown Earth (D), Sunflower (E) & Carnation Cream (F)

ABOUT THE YARN

4-ply; 66m per ball; 100% polyester

TENSION

24 sts x 26 rows = 10cm measured over dc

HOOK USED

3mm

OTHER SUPPLIES

stitch marker
tapestry needle
toy filling

SIZING

Caterpillar: 7cm tall x 20cm long

Butterfly: 18cm square

ABBREVIATIONS

See page 61 for all abbreviations

Caterpillar and Butterfly are worked in the round and use the same pattern for some parts. They have two colourways and are worked in the amigurumi style, in a spiral without slipstitching or turning chains. Use st marker or waste yarn to keep track of the first st of each rnd.

➔ Start crocheting...

Caterpillar

Stuff after every colour change and finish stuffing at Rnd 40.

Head

Rnd 1: With A/C for Caterpillar or B/E for Butterfly and working into a magic ring, 1 ch, 8 dc. Pull yarn end to close ring. 8 sts

Rnd 2: [2 dc in next st] 8 times. 16 sts

Rnd 3: 1 dc in each st around.

Rnd 4: [1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st] 8 times. 24 sts

Rnd 5: As Rnd 3.

Rnd 6: [1 dc in each of next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st] 8 times. 32 sts

Rnds 7-9: As Rnd 3.

Rnd 10: [1 dc in each of next 2 sts, 1 dc2tog] 8 times. 24 sts

Rnd 11: As Rnd 3.

Rnd 12: [1 dc in next st, 1 dc2tog] 8 times. 16 sts

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Body

Rnd 13: Join C/A in next st, [1 dc in BLO of next st] 16 times.

Rnd 14: [1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st] 8 times. 24 sts.

Rnd 15: As Rnd 3.

Rnd 16: [1 dc in each of next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st] 8 times. 32 sts

Rnds 17-18: As Rnd 3.

Rnd 19: [1 dc in each of next 2 sts, 1 dc2tog] 8 times. 24 sts

Rnd 20: As Rnd 3.

Rnd 21: [1 dc in next st, 1 dc2tog] 8 times. 16 sts.

Fasten off and change to B/E.

Rnds 22-30: Rep rnds 13-21. Fasten off and change to C/A.

Rnds 31-39: Rep rnds 13-21. Fasten off and change to B/E

Rnd 40: [1 dc in BLO of next st, 2 dc in BLO next st] 8 times. 24 sts

Rnd 41: As Rnd 3.

Rnd 42: [1 dc in next st, 1 dc2tog] 8 times. 16 sts

Rnd 43: As Rnd 3.

Rnd 44: [1 dc2tog] 8 times. 8 sts
Fasten off. Draw tail through last 8 sts and pull tight. Weave in all ends.

Antennae

Make 2 the same

Rnd 1: With C/E and working into a magic ring, 1 ch, 4 dc. 4 sts

Rnd 2: [2 dc in next st] 4 times. 8 sts

Rnd 3: Dc in each st around.

Rep Rnd 3 until Antenna measures 2cm.

Next Rnd: [1 dc2tog, 1 dc in each of next 2 sts] twice. 6 sts

Rep Rnd 3 until entire Antenna measures 3.5cm.

Fasten off. Sew Antenna to top of Head leaving 1-1.5cm space between both antennae.

Eyes

Make 2 the same

Rnd 1: With B and working into a magic ring, 1 ch, 8 dc, change to D/E in last yrh of last st. Fasten off B. 8 sts

Rnd 2: With E, *[2 dc in next st] twice, 1 dc in each of next 2 sts; repeat from * once more. 12 sts

Fasten off. Sew Eyes to Head in the top third of the face and 1-2cm below the antenna. Leave a slightly wider space between the eyes than for the antenna.

Nose

Rnd 1: With B and working into a magic ring, 1 ch, 6 dc. 6 sts

Fasten off. Sew Nose over magic ring, below and in between Eyes.

Feet

Make 6 the same

With D/B, chain 7.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc in each of next 2 sts, 1 dc2tog, 1 dc in each of next 2 sts. 5 sts

Fold lengthwise, then over-sew the sides. Sew 2 Feet to the underside of each of the 3 middle sections of Caterpillar.

Butterfly

Head

Work as for Caterpillar, stuff before starting Body.

Body

Rnd 1: Join D/B in next st, [1 dc in next st] 16 times.

Rnd 2: [1 dc in next st] 16 times.

Rep Rnd 2 until Body measures 11cm from the top of Head to end of Body. Lightly stuff Body.

Final Rnd: [1 dc2tog] 8 times. 8 sts
Fasten off. Draw tail through final 8 sts and pull tight. Weave in end to secure.

Butterfly Wings

Make 6: 2 each in A/F, B/C and C/A

Rnd 1: Working into a magic ring, 1 ch, 8 dc. 8 sts

Rnd 2: [2 dc in next st] 8 times. 16 sts

Rnd 3: [1 dc in each of next 7 sts, 2 dc in next st] twice. 18 sts

Rnd 4: 1 dc in each st around.

Rnd 5: [1 dc in each of next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st] twice. 20 sts

Rnds 6: As Rnd 4

Rnd 7: [1 dc in each of next 9 sts, 2 dc in next st] twice. 22 sts

Rnds 8-10: As Rnd 4.

Rnd 11: [1 dc in each of next 9 sts, 1 dc2tog] twice. 20 sts

Rnd 12: As Rnd 4.

Rnd 13: [1 dc in each of next 8 sts, 1 dc2tog] twice. 18 sts

Rnd 14: As Rnd 4.

Rnd 15: [1 dc in each of next 7 sts, 1 dc2tog] twice. 16 sts

Rnd 16: As Rnd 4.

Rnd 17: [1 dc in each of next 6 sts, 1 dc2tog] twice. 14 sts

Rnd 18: As Rnd 4.



Rnd 19: [1 dc in each of next 5 sts, 1 dc2tog] twice. 12 sts

Rnd 20: As Rnd 4.

Rnd 21: [1 dc in each of next 4 sts, 1 dc2tog] twice. 10 sts

Rnd 22: As Rnd 4

Rnd 23: [1 dc in each of next 3 dc, 1 dc2tog] twice. 8 sts

Fasten off.

Top-wing Spot

Make 2 the same

Rnd 1: With D/E and working into a magic ring, 1 ch, 10 dc. 10 sts

Fasten off yarn leaving a short tail to sew in.

Rnd 2: Join C/B 2 in next st, [2 dc in next st] 10 times. 20 sts

Fasten off. Sew Spot to Top Wing as shown in photo.

Centre-wing Spot

Make 2 the same

Rnd 1: With A/B and working into a magic ring, 1 ch, 6 dc. 6 sts

Fasten off. Sew Spot to Centre Wing as shown in photo.

Bottom-wing Spot

Rnd 1: With A/C and working into a magic ring, 1 ch, 8 dc. 8 sts

Fasten off leaving a tail to sew in.

Rnd 2: Join B in next st, [2 dc in next st] eight 8 times. 16 sts

Fasten off leaving a tail to sew in.

Rnd 3: Join D/F in next st, [1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st] eight 8 times. 24 sts

Fasten off. Sew Spot to Bottom Wing as shown in photo.

Attach wings to body

Sew flat edge (last rnd) of each wing onto Butterfly Body evenly spaced as shown in photo. Make sure that the identical wing is opposite and Wing Spots are facing the front.

Antenna

With D/F, as for Caterpillar.

Eyes

Beginning with C and changing to A/F, as for Caterpillar.

Nose

With C, as for Caterpillar.

Finishing

Weave in any rem ends. 🧶



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Crochet project

 **Kit yarn**  **3mm**

DESIGNED BY
Angela Hatton

YARN USED

Kit yarn

1 ball each in Sunflower (A),
Carnation Cream (B) & Iris Blue,
Freesia or Peony Pink (C)

ABOUT THE YARN

4-ply; 66m per ball;
100% polyester

TENSION

Motif: 9cm square

HOOK USED

3mm

OTHER SUPPLIES

tapestry needle

SIZING

Motif: 9cm square

ABBREVIATIONS

Beg pc – Beginning popcorn: 2 ch,
2 tr into first sp, remove hook from
loop, insert hook behind post of first
tr from front to back, put loop back on
hook and pull through, 1 ch to secure

Pc – popcorn: 3 tr into the next st/sp,
remove hook from loop, insert hook
behind post of first tr from front to
back, put loop back on hook and pull
through, 1 ch to secure

Tr spike – treble spike: 1 tr into top
of popcorn st made on the first rnd of
popcorn sts

See page 61 for all other abbreviations

The motif is worked in one piece and
in the round. The beginning round is
worked into a ring made of chains
joined with a slipstitch.

Start crocheting...

With A, chain 8. Join with sl st in first ch
to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Working into ring, 4 ch (counts
as 1 tr and 1 ch), [1 tr, 1 ch] 11 times,
join with sl st in 3rd of beg 4 ch. 12 tr



Angela says...

“With one little
motif and a little
imagination, you
can create so
many things”

Fasten off A and join B or C
(depending on preference) with sl st in
any ch-sp.

Rnds 2-3: Beg pc, 2 ch, [pc into next
ch-sp, 2 ch] 11 times, join with sl st to
first pc. 12 pc

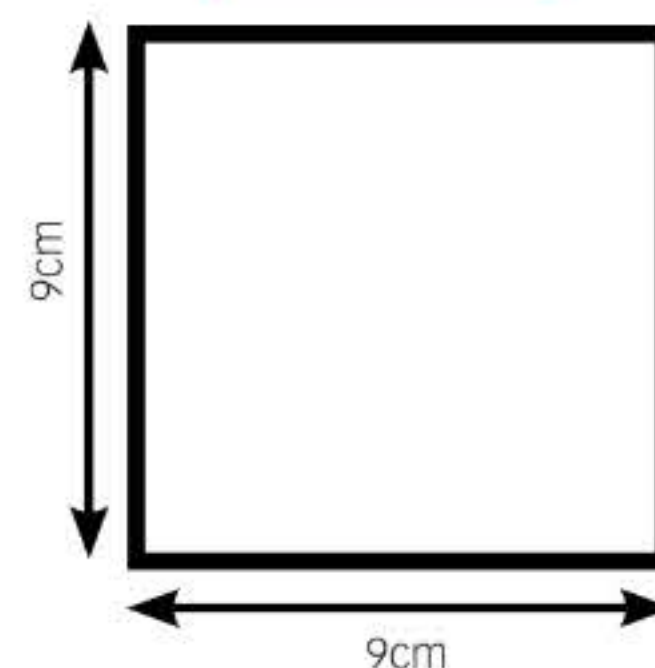
Fasten off B or C and join C or B
(depending on preference) in any
ch-sp.

Rnd 4: 1 ch, *[1 dc, tr spike, 1 dc,
2 ch, 1 dc, tr spike, 1 dc] in same
ch-sp, [2 ch, [1 dc, tr spike, 1 dc] in
next ch-sp] twice, 2 ch; rep from * 3
more times, join with sl st to first dc.

Rnd 5: Sl st across to corner ch-sp, 3
ch, [2 tr, 2 ch, 3 tr] into first ch-sp,
[3 tr into next ch-sp] 3 times, *[3 tr,
2 ch, 3 tr] into corner ch-sp, [3 tr
into next ch-sp] 3 times; rep from *
twice more, join with sl st in 3rd of
beg 3 ch.

Fasten off. Weave in all ends and
block to dimensions given. 

Schematic



Special stitches

This pretty project introduces the use
of popcorn stitch and spike stitch;
a spike st is simply a stitch that is
worked into a previous round or row
instead of the one you are working on



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YARN USED

Kit yarn

1 ball each in Sunflower (A), Rose Red (B), Iris Blue (C), Earth Brown (D), Carnation Cream (E), Freesia (F), Forget-me-not (G) & Peony Pink (H)

ABOUT THE YARN

4-ply; 66m per ball; 100% polyester

TENSION

5 reps in shell pattern = 12cm, 14 rows
(1 colour block) = 11cm

HOOK USED

3mm

OTHER SUPPLIES

tapestry needle

SIZING

24cm wide x 89cm long

ABBREVIATIONS

Shell: 5 tr in same stitch

X stitch (X-st): Miss 1 st, 1 tr in next st, working in front of previous tr, 1 tr into missed st

See page 61 for all other abbreviations

This quick and easy wrap is worked in one piece and in rows.

Start crocheting...

With A, chain 62.

Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc, *miss 2 chs, shell in next st, miss 2 chs, 1 dc in next st; rep from * to end. Turn. *10 shells, 11 dc*

Row 2: 3 ch (counts as first tr now and throughout), 2 tr in first st, [miss 2 sts, 1 dc in next st (centre tr of shell), miss 2 sts, shell in next dc] 9 times, miss 2 sts, 1 dc in next st, miss 2 sts, 3 tr in last dc. Turn. *9 shells, 10 dc, 6 tr*

Row 3: 1 ch (does not count as st now and throughout), 1 dc in first st, [miss 2 sts, shell in next dc, miss 2 sts, 1 dc in next st] 10 times. Turn. *10 shells, 11 dc*

Row 4: As Row 2.

Row 5: As Row 3.

Row 6: As Row 2.

Row 7: 3 ch, [X-st over next 2 sts] 29 times, 1 tr in each of last 2 sts. Turn. *29 X-st, 3 tr*

Row 8: 1 ch, 1 dc in each st across. Turn. *61 dc*

Rows 9-14: Rep rows 7-8 three times.

Rows 15-20: With B, rep rows 3-4 three times.

Rows 21-28: Rep rows 7-8 four times.

Rows 29-42: With C, rep rows 15-28.

Rows 43-56: With D, rep rows 15-28.

Rows 57-70: With E, rep rows 15-28.

Rows 71-84: With F, rep rows 15-28.

Rows 85-98: With G, rep rows 15-28.

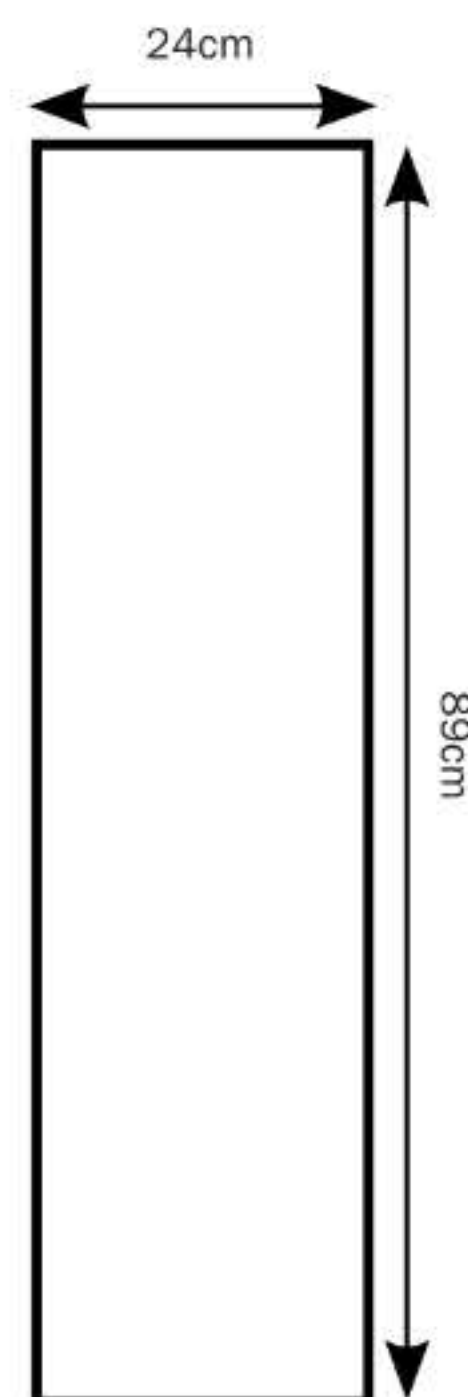
Rows 99-112: With H, rep rows 15-28.

Fasten off. Weave in ends and block.

Elisabeth's tip

Weave in your ends as you go! If you do, you'll save yourself a long job once you've finished crocheting

Schematic



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Knitting project



YARN USED

Kit yarn

1 ball each in Carnation Cream (A), Peony Pink (B), Freesia (C) & Sunflower (D)
Scrap amounts of black yarn

ABOUT THE YARN

4-ply; 66m per ball; 100% polyester

TENSION

21 sts x 30 rows = 10cm measured over
St st

NEEDLES USED

3.5mm straight

OTHER SUPPLIES

stitch holder
tapestry needle

SIZING

Fits standard Kindle, 16x12cm
slightly stretched

ABBREVIATIONS

See page 63 for all abbreviations

This kindle cover is worked in rows, with the main part in one piece. The details are worked separately and then sewn on.

➔ Start knitting...

With A, cast on 28 sts.

Knit 7 rows.

Next Row: Purl.

Next Row: Knit.

These last 2 rows set St st.

Cont in St st until piece measures 36cm, finishing after a knit row.

You could use this novelty cover as a bag or sew up to make a small cushion

First Ear

Row 1 (WS): K3, p7, k8, p7, k3.

Row 2: Knit.

Rep rows 1-2 twice more.

Row 7: K1, k2tog, k9, turn. Place rem 16 sts on stitch holder. 11 sts

Row 8: K2, p7, k2.

Row 9: K2, ssk, k3, k2tog, k2. 9 sts

Row 10: K2, p5, k2.

Row 11: K2, ssk, k1, k2tog, k2. 7 sts

Row 12: K2, p3, k2.

Row 13: K2, cdd, k2. 5 sts

Row 14: Knit.

Row 15: K1, cdd, k1. 3 sts

Row 16: Cdd. 1 st

Break yarn and thread through rem st. Pull tight to fasten.

Second Ear

Return sts from stitch holder to needle.

With RS facing, rejoin yarn. 16 sts

Row 1: Cast off 5 sts (1 st rem on RH needle, 11 sts on LH needle), k1, ssk, k3, k2tog, k1, k2tog. 9 sts

Rep rows 9-16 of first ear.

Ear Linings (make 2 the same)

With B, cast on 9 sts.

Row 1 & all WS rows: Sl1, p to end.

Rows 2 & 4: Sl1, k to end.

Row 6: Sl1, ssk, k3, k2tog, k1. 7 sts

Row 8: Sl1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1. 5 sts

Row 10: Sl1, cdd, k1. 3 sts

Row 11: P3tog. 1 st

Break yarn and thread through rem st. Pull tight to fasten.

Horn

With D and yarn held double, cast on 6 sts.

Rows 1-6: Sl1, k to end.

Row 7: Sl1, k1, k2tog, k2. 5 sts

Row 8: Sl1, k to end.

Row 9: Sl1, k1, k2tog, k1. 4 sts

Row 10: Sl1, k2tog, k1. 3 sts

Row 11: K3tog. 1 st

Break yarn and thread through rem st.

Pull tight to fasten.

Roses (make 1 in B & 2 in C)

Cast on 6 sts.

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, [kfb] 5 times. 11 sts

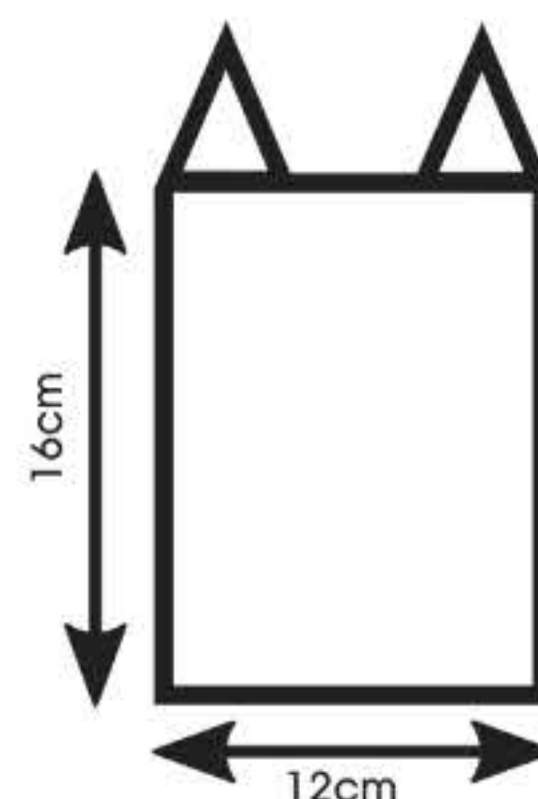
Row 2 & all WS rows: Sl1, p to end.

Row 3: Sl1, [kfb] 10 times. 21 sts

Row 5: Sl1, [kfb] 20 times. 41 sts

Cast off p-wise.

Schematic



Finishing

Fold in half with WS tog by bringing Garter ridge up even with base of Ears (on back). Sew side seams using mattress stitch.

Roll up each rose and secure.

Sew ear linings over ears. Sew horn in place over flat area between ears. Sew roses between ear linings and under horn.

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a guide.



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Part 2

Craft-along Blankets

Welcome back to the second part of your
gorgeous six-part craft-along



Make either the crocheted or
knitted blanket from your kit
yarn or choose a branded yarn

Craft-along



DESIGNED BY

Crochet-along: Zoë Potrac
Knit-along: Bryony Kate Robinson

YARN USED

CROCHET-ALONG

Kit yarn

1 ball each in Brown Earth (A), Iris Blue (B), Peony Pink (C), Red Rose (D), Sunflower (E), Freesia (F), Forget-me-not (G) & Carnation Cream (H)

KNIT-ALONG

Kit yarn

1 ball each in Iris Blue (A), Brown Earth (B), Carnation Cream (C), Peony Pink (D), Freesia (E), Forget-me-not (F), Sunflower (G) & Red Rose (H)

Both

Branded yarn

Scheepjes Catona 4-ply

1 ball each in Saffron 249 (Sunflower), Hot Red 115 (Red Rose), Capri Blue 261 (Iris Blue), Root Beer 157 (Brown Earth), Old Rose 408 (Peony Pink), Bluebell 173 (Forget-me-not), Garden Rose 251 (Freesia) & Linen 505 (Carnation Cream)

ABOUT THE YARN

Kit yarn: 4-ply; 66m per ball; 100% polyester

Scheepjes Catona 4-ply: 4-ply; 125m per 50g ball; 100% cotton

TENSION

Crochet-along (after blocking):

Large square: 30cm square

Small square: 15cm square

Knit-along:

28 (26, 26, 26) sts x 36 (36, 40, 36) rows = 10cm measured over C4B Rope Cable (St st and Bobble, Mosaic Half Cross, St st)

HOOKE USED

3mm

NEEDLES USED

3.5mm straight

OTHER SUPPLIES

tapestry needle
cable needle

SIZING

Crochet-along: Finished blanket: 120x90cm when blocked

Knit-along: Finished blanket: 93x128cm when blocked

ABBREVIATIONS

Knit-along

C4B (cable 4 backwards): Sl next 2 sts onto CN, hold at back, k2 from LH needle, k2 from CN

MB (make bobble): [K1, p1, k1] into next st, turn and p3, turn and k3, turn and p2tog, p1, turn and k2tog
See pages 61 & 63 for all other abbreviations

Crochet-along

Each square is worked in one piece from corner to corner..

➔ Start crocheting...



SMALL

Make 4 using pairs of colours as follows: one with E as MC & H as CC, one with F as MC & C as CC, one with A as MC & D as CC, one with G as MC & B as CC)

Increase rows

With MC, chain 6.

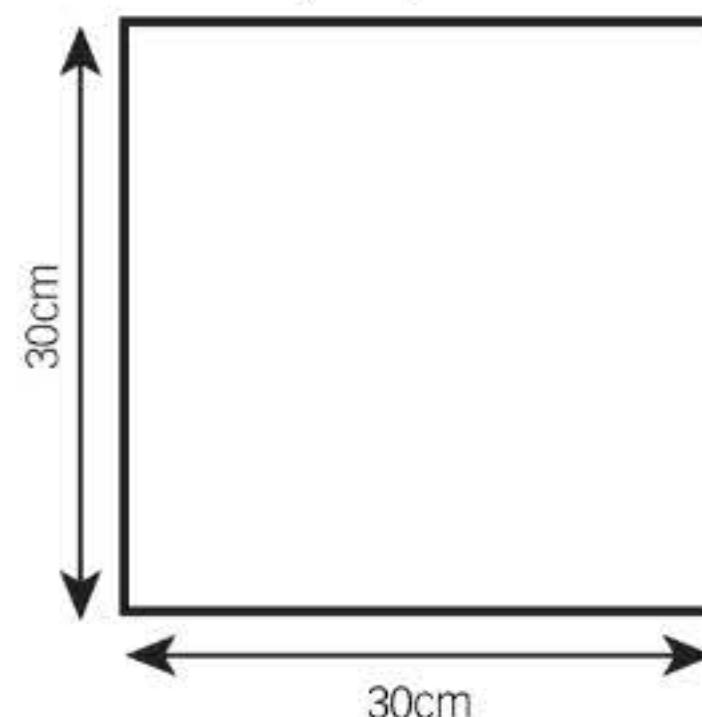
Row 1: Starting in 4th ch from hook, 1 tr in each of next 3 chs. Turn. *1 block*

Row 2: 6 ch, starting in 4th ch from hook, 1 tr in each of next 3 chs, [1 sl st, 3 ch, 3 tr] into 3ch-sp of previous row. Turn. *2 blocks*

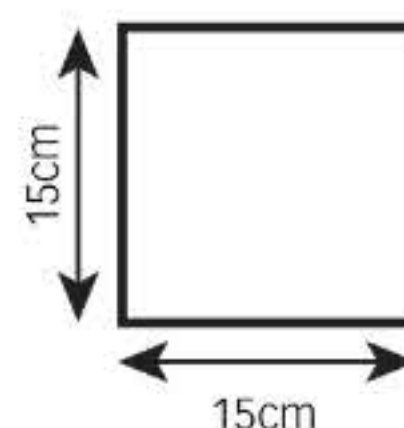
Row 3: 6 ch, starting in 4th ch from hook, 1 tr in each of next 3 chs, *[1 sl st, 3 ch, 3 tr] into next 3ch-sp of previous row; rep from * across. Turn. *3 blocks*

Crochet-along schematics

Large square



Small square



Rows 4-5: Continue increasing as Row 3. *5 blocks*

Rows 6-10: Change to CC, continue increasing as Row 3. *10 blocks*

Decrease rows

Row 11: Join MC into final 3ch-sp of previous row, [3 ch, 3 tr] into same 3ch-sp as join, *[1 sl st, 3 ch, 3 tr] into next 3ch-sp of previous row; rep from * 7 more times, 1 sl st into next 3ch-sp. Turn. *9 blocks*

Row 12: 1 sl st in each of first 3 tr, *[1 sl st, 3 ch, 3 tr] into next 3ch-sp of previous row; rep from * 7 more times, 1 sl st in last 3ch-sp. Turn. *8 blocks*

Rows 13-15: Continue to decrease as Row 12. *5 blocks*

Fasten off MC.

Row 16: Join CC into final 3 ch-sp of previous row, [3 ch, 3 tr] into same 3ch-sp as join, *[1 sl st, 3 ch, 3 tr] into next 3ch-sp of previous row; rep from * 2 more times, 1 sl st in last 3ch-sp. *4 blocks*

Crochet & knitting project

Rows 17-19: Continue to decrease as Row 12. 1 block. Do not fasten off.

Edging

1 ch, *work 30 dc evenly along edge, [1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc] in corner; rep from * 3 more times, join with sl st to first dc.

128 sts

Fasten off. Weave in ends.



LARGE

Make 1, using all 8 colours

Increase rows

With A, chain 6.

Rows 1-5: With A, work as for Small.

5 blocks

Rows 6-10: Change to B, continue increasing as Row 3 of Small. 10 blocks

Rows 11-15: Change to C, continue increasing as Row 3 of Small. 15 blocks

Rows 16-20: Change to D, continue increasing as Row 3 of Small. 20 blocks

Decrease rows

Row 21: Join E into final 3ch-sp of previous row, [3 ch, 3 tr] into same 3ch-sp as join, *[1 sl st, 3 ch, 3 tr] into next 3ch-sp of previous row; rep from * 17 more times, 1 sl st in last 3ch-sp. Turn. 19 blocks

Row 22: 1 sl st in each of first 3 tr, *[1 sl st, 3 ch, 3 tr] into next 3ch-sp of previous row; rep from * 17 more times, 1 sl st in last 3ch-sp. 18 blocks

Rows 23-25: Continue to decrease as Row 22. 15 blocks

Fasten off.

Row 26: Join F into final 3ch-sp of previous row, [3 ch, 3 tr] into same 3ch-sp as join, *[1 sl st, 3 ch, 3 tr] into next 3ch-sp of previous row; rep from

* 12 more times, 1 sl st in last 3ch-sp. 14 blocks

Rows 27-30: Continue to decrease as Row 22. 10 blocks

Fasten off.

Rows 31-35: With G, rep rows 26-30. 5 blocks

Fasten off.

Rows 36-39: With H, rep rows 26-29. Do not fasten off. 1 block



Always check your tension – check and compare to your squares from Part 1

Edging

1 ch, *work 60 dc evenly along edge, [1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc] in corner; rep from * 3 more times, join with sl st to first dc.

248 sts

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Craft-along



Byrony says...

“I jumped at the chance to create such a unique and special item; I know my children will enjoy for years to come and hopefully use with their own children”

Knit-along

Each square/ block is worked in one piece using one colour across each row.

➔ Start knitting...



BLOCK FIVE: C4B (CABLE 4 BACKWARDS) CABLE

Make 1 block using A & 1 block using B

Cast on 43 sts.

Work 4 rows in G st.

Row 1: K3, *k1, p2, k4, p2; rep from * to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 2: K3, p1, *k2, p4, k2, p1; rep from * to last 3 sts, k3.

Row 3: K3, *k1, p2, C4B, p2; rep from * to

last 4 sts, k4.

Row 4: As Row 2.

Rep these 4 rows until Block measures 14.5cm, ending after a WS row.

Purl 4 rows.

Cast off k-wise.



BLOCK SIX: ST ST AND BOBBLE

Make 1 block using C & 1 block using D

Cast on 39 sts.

Work 4 rows in G st.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: K3, p to last 3 sts, k3.

Row 3: K5, *mb, k7; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 4: As Row 2.

Row 5: Knit.

Row 6: As Row 2.

Row 7: K9, *mb, k7; rep from * to last 6 sts, mb, knit to end.

Row 8: As Row 2.

Row 9: Knit.

Row 10: As Row 2.

Rep these 10 rows until Block measures 14.5cm, ending after a WS row.

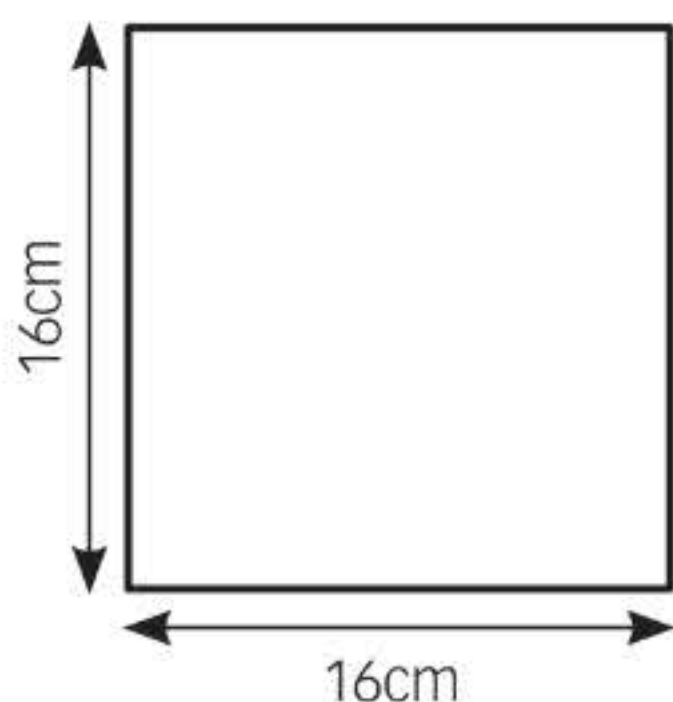
Purl 4 rows.

Cast off k-wise.



Make time for knitting – a little bit every day will make projects fly by

Knit-along schematic



BLOCK SEVEN: MOSAIC HALF CROSS

Make 2 blocks, with first using E for MC & F for CC and second using F for MC & E for CC.

With MC, cast on 39 sts.
Work 4 rows in G st.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: K3, p to last 3 sts, k3.
Change to CC.

Row 3: K3, *sl1 p-wise, k3; rep from * to end.

Row 4: K3, *wyif, sl1 p-wise, wyib, k3; rep from * to end.

Change to MC.

Row 5: K5, *sl1 p-wise, k3; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 6: As Row 2.

Rows 7-8: Rep rows 1-2.
Change to CC.

Row 9: As Row 5.

Row 10: K5, *wyif, sl1 p-wise, wyib, k3; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.
Change to MC.

Row 11: As Row 3.

Rows 12-14: Rep rows 6-8.

Rep these 14 rows until Block measures 14.5cm, ending after a WS row.
Purl 4 rows.
Cast off k-wise.



BLOCK EIGHT: ST ST

Make 1 block using G & 1 block using H

Cast on 39 sts.

Work 4 rows in G st.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: K3, p to last 3 sts, k3.
Rep these 2 rows until Block measures 14.5cm, ending after a WS row.

Purl 4 rows.

Cast off k-wise.

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

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ball
make



YARN USED

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ABOUT THE YARN

DK; 295m per 100g ball; 100% acrylic

TENSION

17 sts x 14 rows = 10cm measured over
basketweave pattern

HOOCS USED

4mm
4.5mm

OTHER SUPPLIES

tapestry needle
2 safety pins
3 (3, 3, 3, 4) buttons, 1.5cm

SIZING

25cm deep x 51cm circumference

ABBREVIATIONS

RtrB3tog: Work first RtrB until there are 2 loops on the hook, work 2nd RtrB until there are 3 loops on the hook, work 3rd RtrB until there are 4 loops on the hook, yrh and pull through all loops

RtrF3tog: Work first RtrF until there are 2 loops on the hook, work 2nd RtrF until there are 3 loops on the hook, work 3rd RtrF until there are 4 loops on the hook, yrh and pull through all loops

Ftr (foundation treble): Yrh, insert hook in ch at base of previous ftr, yrh and pull a loop through, 1ch, [yrh and pull through 2 loops] twice. Place these 6 sts onto a safety pin, cast on 1 st using backward loop method, work in patt to end. 28 (29, 31, 32, 34) sts
See page 61 for all other abbreviations

This hat uses a foundation treble stitch for its foundation rnd.

➡ Start crocheting...

Rnd 1: Using 4.5mm hook, 3 ch (counts as 1 ftr), yrh, insert in 3rd ch from hook, yrh and pull a loop through (3 loops on hook), 1 ch (the next ftr is worked in this ch), [yrh and pull through 2 loops] twice, make 83 more ftr, join with sl st in beg 3 ch. Turn. 85 sts



Rnd 2: 2 ch (counts as st here and throughout), *3 RtrF 3 RtrB; rep from * around, join with sl st in beg 2 ch. Turn.

Rnd 3: Rep Rnd 2.

Rnd 4: *3 RtrB, 3 RtrF; rep from * around, join with sl st in beg 2 ch. Turn

Rnd 5: Rep Rnd 4.
Rep the last 4 rnds 5 times, then rnds 2 and 3 once.

Rnd 28: 2 ch, *RtrB3tog, RtrF3tog; rep from * around, join with sl st in beg 2 ch. Turn. 29 sts

Rnd 29: 1 dc in same place as sl st, dc2tog around, join with a sl st in first dc. 15 sts

Rnd 30: Rep Rnd 29. 8 sts
Fasten off yarn, leaving a long end.

Thread end through top of stitches, gather together and secure.

Ribbing

With smaller hook, attach yarn to other

side of foundation round.

Row 1: 9 ch, 1 sl st in 2nd ch from hook, 1 sl st in each ch, 1 sl st in next st of hat. Turn.

Row 2: Miss joining sl st, 1 sl st in blo of next 8 sts. Turn.

Row 3: 1 ch, 1 sl st in blo of next 8 sts, 1 sl st in next st of hat. Turn.

Rep rows 2 and 3 to end.

Fasten off yarn, join seam and weave in ends.

Raspberry



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YARN USED

Kit Yarn

1 ball each in Sunflower (MC), Forget-me-not (CC1), Brown Earth (CC2) & Red Rose (CC3)

ABOUT THE YARN

4-ply; 66m per ball; 100% polyester

TENSION

26 sts x 32 rows = 10cm measured over St st

NEEDLES USED

3.5mm

OTHER SUPPLIES

tapestry needle
toy filling

SIZING

Truck: 28x9cm
Car: 8x5cm

ABBREVIATIONS

See page 63 for all abbreviations

The truck cab is made first, then the truck flatbed and lastly three little cars that can be loaded and unloaded onto the truck.

Start knitting...

Truck Cab

Side 1

With MC, cast on 36 sts.

Rows 1 (WS)-14: Starting with a p row, work 14 rows in St st.**

Row 15: Cast off 16 sts, p to end. 20 sts

Row 16: Knit.

Row 17: Purl.

Row 18: K2 MC, k16 CC1, k2 MC.

Row 19: P2 MC, p16 CC1, p2 MC.

Rows 20-29: Rep rows 18-19 five times.

Rows 30-31: With MC, rep rows 16-17.

Cast off.

Side 2

Work as for Side 1 to **.

Row 15: Purl.

Row 16: Cast off 16 sts, k to end. 20 sts

Row 17: Purl.

Row 18: Knit.

Row 19: P2 MC, p16 CC1, p2 MC.

Row 20: K2 MC, k16 CC1, k2 MC.

Rows 21-30: Rep rows 19-20 five times.

Rows 31-32: With MC, rep rows 17-18.

Cast off.

Middle

With MC, cast on 12 sts.

Rows 1 (WS): Starting with a p row, work 12 rows in St st.

Row 13: P2 MC, p8 CC1, p2 MC.

Row 14: K2 MC, k8 CC1, k2 MC.

Rows 15-24: Rep rows 13-14 five times.

Rows 25-46: Starting with a p row, work 22 rows in St st.

Rows 47-58: Rep rows 13-24.

Rows 59-104: With MC, starting with a p row, work 46 rows in St st.

Cast off.

Cab Wheels (make 2)

With CC2, cast on 48 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2 (RS): [K4, k2tog] 8 times. 40 sts

Row 3: Purl.

Row 4: [K3, k2tog] 8 times. 32 sts

Row 5: [P2, p2tog] 8 times. 24 sts

Row 6: [K1, k2tog] 8 times. 16 sts

Row 7: [P2tog] 8 times. 8 sts

Row 9: [K2tog] 4 times. 4 sts

Break yarn and thread through rem sts.

Pull tight to fasten.

Truck Body

With CC1, cast on 20 sts.

Rows 1 (WS): Starting with a p row, work 128 rows in St st.

Cast off.

Truck Wheels

Make 4 the same

With CC2, cast on 32 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2 (RS): [K2, k2tog] 8 times. 24 sts

Row 3: Purl.

Row 4: [K1, k2tog] 8 times. 16 sts

Row 5: [P2tog] 8 times. 8 sts

Pin pieces in place then use mattress stitch to sew them together. When there is one side left open, add stuffing before finishing the sewing





Row 6: [K2tog] 4 times. 4 sts
Break yarn and thread through rem sts.
Pull tight to fasten.

Car Body

Make 3 the same

With CC3, cast on 42.

Rows 1 (WS): Starting with a p row, work 12 rows in St st.

Row 13: Cast off 17 stitches, p8, cast off 17 sts. 8 sts

Rows 14-19: Join CC1, starting with a k row, work 6 rows in St st.

Rows 20-61: With CC3, starting with a p row, work 42 rows in St st.
Cast off.

Car Wheels

Make 12 the same

With CC2, cast on 16 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2 (RS): [K2, k2tog] 4 times.
12 sts

Row 3: [P1, p2tog] 4 times. 8 sts

Row 4: [K2tog] 4 times. 4 sts
Break yarn and thread through rem sts.
Pull tight to fasten.

Making up Truck Cab

Seam the front edges of each Side together (this seam will sit at the front middle of the Cab). Centre the cast-on edge of Middle piece above this seam and pin. Pin Middle piece around the edges of both sides and centre the cast-off edge of Middle piece below seam at front middle of cab. Sew seams and stuff before closing. Seam Cab Wheels and attach to Cab (wheels are not stuffed).

Truck Body

Fold in half matching short ends together. Sew seam around three sides, adding a little stuffing before closing. Seam Truck Wheels and sew to Body. Sew Truck Body to Cab.

Car

Pin Car Body cast-off edge to middle of cast-on edge, pin sides, stuff and sew. Seam Wheels and sew to Car.

Finishing

Weave in all remaining ends. 



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Kate says...

The granny square is the start of many fab projects. Get creative and see how many things you can make from our square



Kit yarn



3mm

DESIGNED BY

Kate Heppell

YARN USED

Kit yarn

1 ball each in Rose Red (A), Peony Pink (B), Freesia (C), Carnation Cream (D), Iris Blue (E), Forget-me-not (F) & Sunflower (G)

ABOUT THE YARN

4-ply; 66m per ball;
100% polyester

TENSION

5 clusters x 10 rows =
10cm measured over patt

HOOK USED

3mm

SIZING

One size

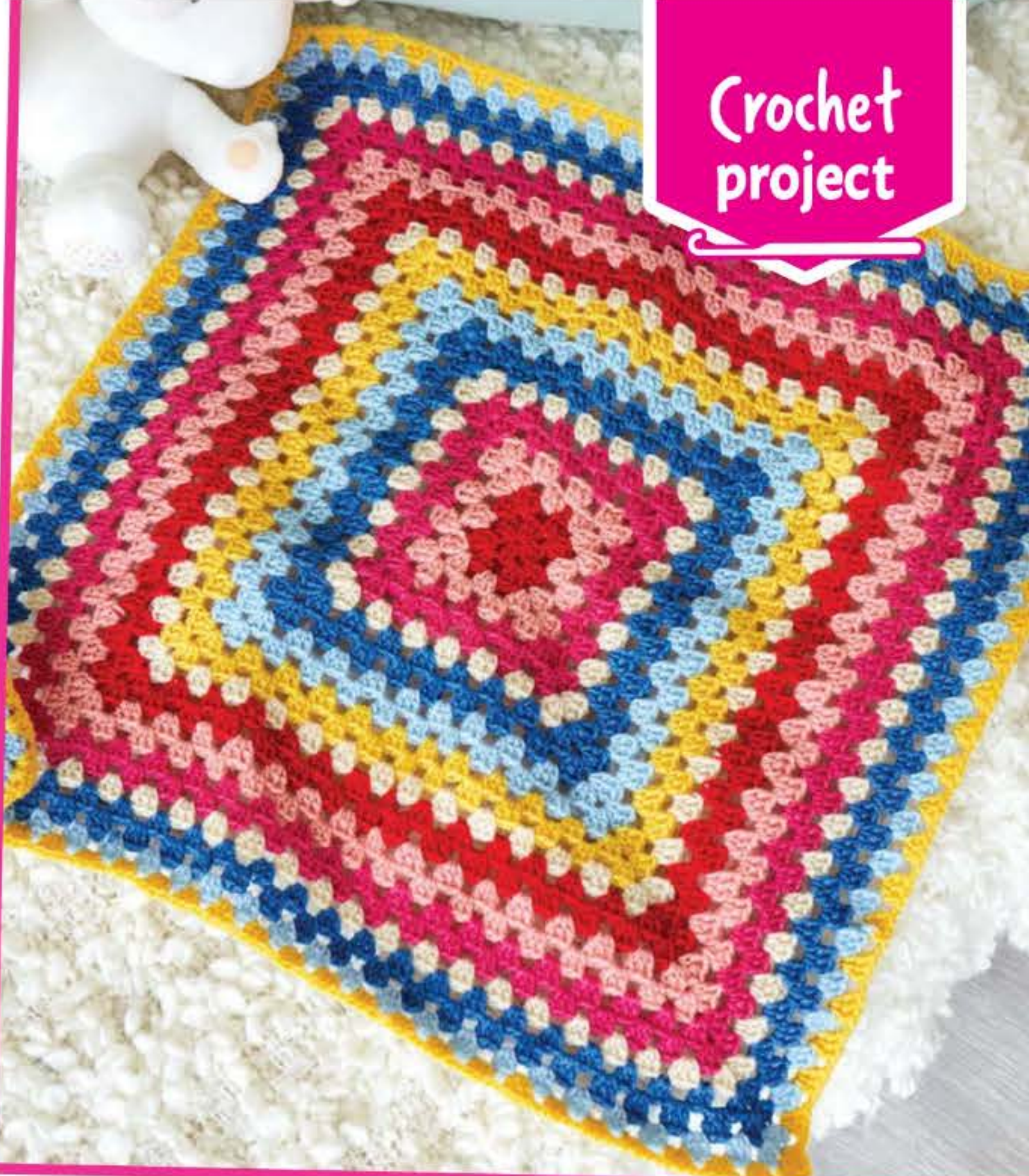
Blanket: 50cm square

Cushion: Fits 30cm-square cushion pad

ABBREVIATIONS

See pages 61 for all abbreviations

This pattern uses the classic Granny Square technique to create your choice of cosy homewares.



Start crocheting

Work Granny Square pattern below, in the following stripe sequence: AA, BB, CC, D, EE, FF, GG, D, AA, BB, CC, D, EE, F, G.

Rnd 1: Working into a magic ring, 3 ch (counts as first tr here and throughout), 2 tr, [3 ch, 3 tr] 3 times, 3 ch, join with sl st to top of beg 3 ch. 12 sts

Rnd 2: 1 sl st in each of next 2 tr, 1 sl st into 3ch-sp, 3 ch, [2 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] into same 3ch-sp, *1 ch, [3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] into next 3ch-sp (corner); rep from * twice, 1 ch, join with sl st to top of beg 3 ch. 24 sts

Rnd 3: Join yarn into any corner 3ch-sp, 3 ch, [2 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] into same 3ch-sp, *1 ch, 3 tr in next 3ch-sp, 1 ch, [3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr] into next 3ch-sp (corner); rep from * twice, 1 ch, 3 tr in next 3ch-sp, 1 ch, sl st in top of beg 3 ch.

Cont patt as set, working [3 tr, 3 ch, 3 tr, 1 ch] into each corner, *3 tr, 1 ch; rep from * to next corner 3ch-sp,

along each side, changing colour as specified in stripe sequence.

CUSHION ONLY:

With D, work in dc to join edges as shown in photo.



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TRIO OF PLANTERS

Brighten up your home with these simple covers for your plants



Zoë Potrac

These patterns can be easily adjusted to fit different size plant pots – see end of each individual pattern for instructions



Kit yarn



3mm

YARN USED

Kit yarn

1 ball each in Carnation Cream (A),
Peony Pink (B), Iris Blue (C), Sunflower (D),
Freesia (E) & Forget-me-not (F)

ABOUT THE YARN

4-ply; 66m per ball; 100% polyester

TENSION

20 sts x 14 rows = 10cm measured over tr

HOOK USED

3mm

OTHER SUPPLIES

3 small plant pots, 8cm top diameter
11cm high
tapestry needle

SIZING

To fit plant pots listed above. Hints for
altering size are included in each pattern

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

Spike stitch one below previous row

(SP2): Insert hook in st 2 rows directly
below next st, finish dc as normal

Spike stitch two below previous row

(SP3): Insert hook in st 3 rows directly
below next st, finish dc as normal

Spike stitch three below previous

row (SP4): Insert hook in st 4 rows
directly below next st, finish dc as normal

Spike stitch four below previous row

(SP5): Insert hook in st 5 rows directly
below next st, finish dc as normal

Spike stitch five below previous row

(SP6): Insert hook in st 6 rows directly
below next st, finish dc as normal

See page 61 for all other abbreviations

These pot covers are worked in the round,
using dcs, trs and spike stitches. Join each
rnd with a sl st in first tr or dc.

➡ Start crocheting...

Striped Pot

(Start with this pot; the first 6 rows of this
are the same for each design.)

With A, chain 40. Join with sl st in first
ch to work in the rnd, being careful not
to twist.

Rnd 1: 3 ch (does not count as a st here

and throughout), 1 tr in each st around,
join. 40 sts

Rnd 2: With B, 3 ch, 2 tr in first st, 1 tr in
each st to end, join. 41 sts

Rnd 3: With C, 3 ch, [1 tr in next st] 20
times, 2 tr in next st, 1 tr in each st to
end, join. 42 sts

Rnd 4: With D, 3 ch, [1 tr in next st] 10
times, 2 tr in next st, 1 tr in each st to
end, join. 43 sts

Rnd 5: With E, 3 ch, [1 tr in next st] 30
times, 2 tr in next st, 1 tr in each st to
end, join. 44 sts

Rnd 6: With F, as Rnd 2. 45 sts

Rnd 7: With A, as Rnd 3. 46 sts

Rnd 8: With B, as Rnd 4. 47 sts

Rnd 9: With C, as Rnd 5. 48 sts

Rnd 10: With D, as Rnd 2. 49 sts

Rnd 11: With E, as Rnd 3. 50 sts

Rnd 12: With F, as Rnd 4. 51 sts

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

For different sizes, adjust the number of
sts in the foundation ch by any number
to fit around the bottom end of your pot.
Add extra rows (changing colour each
row) for extra length.

Crocodile Stitch Pot

Rnds 1-6: With E only, begin as for
striped pot. 45 sts

Rnd 7: With B, 3 ch (does not count as a
st here and throughout), 1 tr in each st
around, join.

Rnd 8: [5 tr around the post of next st
from top to bottom, 5 tr around post of
following st from bottom to top, sl st in
next st] 15 times.

Rnd 9: With D, 3 ch, working into tops
of sts from Rnd 7, 1 tr in each st
around, join.

Rnd 10: As Rnd 8.

Rnd 11: With C, 3 ch, working into tops
of sts from Rnd 9, [1 dc in each of next
14 sts, 2 tr in next st] 3 times. 48 sts

Rnd 12: [5 tr around the post of the next
st from top to bottom, 5 tr around post
of following st from bottom to top, sl st
in next st] 16 times.

Rnd 13: With F, 3 ch, working into
tops of sts from Rnd 11, 1 tr in each
st around.

Rnd 14: As Rnd 12.

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

For different sizes, adjust the number
of sts in the foundation chain by a
multiple of 3. Add or remove extra tr
rows as desired.

Crochet project

“When working spike
stitch rnds, it helps
to use a marker to
mark the first st of
each repeat (ie sts 1,
7, 13, 19, 25, 31, 37
and 43)”

Spike Stitch Pot

Rnds 1-6: Begin as for striped pot,
working odd rows with F and even rows
with C. 45 sts

Rnd 7: With E, 1 ch, [1 dc in next st] 20
times, 2 dc in next st, 1 dc in each st to
end, join. 46 sts

Rnd 8: 1 ch, dc in each st around, join.

Rnd 9: 1 ch, [1 dc in next st] 10 times, 2
dc in next st, 1 dc in each st to end.
47 sts

Rnd 10: As Rnd 8.

Rnd 11: 1 ch, 2 dc in first st, 1 dc in each
st to end, join. 48 sts

Rnd 12: With A, [1 dc in next st, SP2, SP3,
SP4, SP5, SP6] 8 times.

Rnds 13-17: With D, As Rnd 8.

Rnd 18: As Rnd 12.

Rnd 19: With A, as Rnd 8.
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chain by any multiple of six. Add or
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Kit yarn 3.5mm

YARN USED

Kit yarn (for first 2 sizes only; extra yarn needed for remaining sizes):

1 (1, 2, 2, 2) balls each in Iris Blue (A), Peony Pink (B), Earth Brown (C), Sunflower (D), Forget-me-not (E), Freesia (F) & Carnation Cream (G)

Branded yarn

King Cole Big Value Baby Print 4-ply
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ABOUT THE YARN

Kit yarn: 4-ply; 66m per ball;
100% polyester

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TENSION

30 sts x 32 rows = 10cm measured over
1x1 rib

NEEDLES USED

3.5mm straight, 20cm

HOOK USED

3mm (for toggle fasten only)
3 buttons

OTHER SUPPLIES

Supplied in kit: 3 toggles

Extra: tapestry needle, 1 stitch holder

SIZING

3 (6, 12, 18, 24) months

See schematic for finished measurements
Shown in size 6 months

ABBREVIATIONS

See page 63 for all abbreviations

This basic T-shaped cardigan can be knitted in an appealing striped or plain 1x1 inverted rib pattern. It's worked in a single flat piece, which is seamed. There are no complicated shapings, simply cast-on, knit and cast-off, so it's perfect for your first knitting project....

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MULTICOLOURED GARMENT

Back

With A, cast on 69 (73, 77, 79, 85) sts.

Row 1 (RS): K1, *p1, k1; rep from * to end.

Row 2 (WS): P1, *k1, p1; rep from * to end.

Rows 3-6: Rep rows 1-2 twice.

Change to B.

Row 7: K2, *p1, k1; rep from * to last st, k1.

Row 8: P2, *k1, p1; rep from * to last st, p1.

Rows 9-12: Rep rows 7-8 twice.

Rows 1-12 form patt and are repeated.

Stripe Sequence

6 rows C

6 rows D

6 rows E

6 rows F

6 rows G

6 rows A

6 rows B

Cont in patt **AND AT THE SAME TIME** work in stripe sequence until Back measures approximately 15 (19, 19, 22.5, 22.5) cm, ending after Row 12 of patt.

Shape armholes

Next Row: With next colour in stripe sequence, cast on 34 (36, 38, 42, 46) sts for sleeve, work 69 (73, 77, 79, 85) sts on needle in patt, cast on 34 (36, 38, 42, 46) sts for sleeve. 137 (145, 153, 163, 177) sts

Cont in patt and stripe sequence until sleeve measures approximately 13 cm, ending after Row 5 of patt.

Shape back neck

Next Row (WS): Work 61 (64, 67, 72, 78) sts in patt, cast off 15 (17, 19, 19, 21) sts, work in patt to end. 122 (128, 134, 144, 156) sts

RIGHT FRONT

Next Row: Working on the first 61 (64, 67, 72, 78) sts on the needle only for Right Front, k2, *p1, k1; rep from * to last 1 (0, 1, 0, 0) st, p1 (0, 1, 0, 0), cast on 12 (13, 14, 15, 15) sts. 73 (77, 81, 87, 93) sts

Slip rem 61 (64, 67, 72, 78) sts from LH needle onto a st holder, these will be for the Left Front.

Returning to 73 (77, 81, 87, 93) sts, continue to work in patt and stripe sequence until approximately 13cm after beg of back neck shaping, ending after Row 12 of patt.

Shape armhole

Next Row (RS): Cast off 34 (36, 38, 42, 46) sts, work in patt to end. 39 (41, 43, 45, 47) sts

Cont in patt and stripe sequence until Right Front measures approximately 15 (19, 19, 22.5, 22.5) cm from armhole shaping, ending after a WS Row. Cast off in patt.

LEFT FRONT

Using corresponding yarn colour to match Right Front, cast on 12 (13, 14, 15, 15) sts.

Move the 61 (64, 67, 72, 78) sts from st holder onto LH needle.

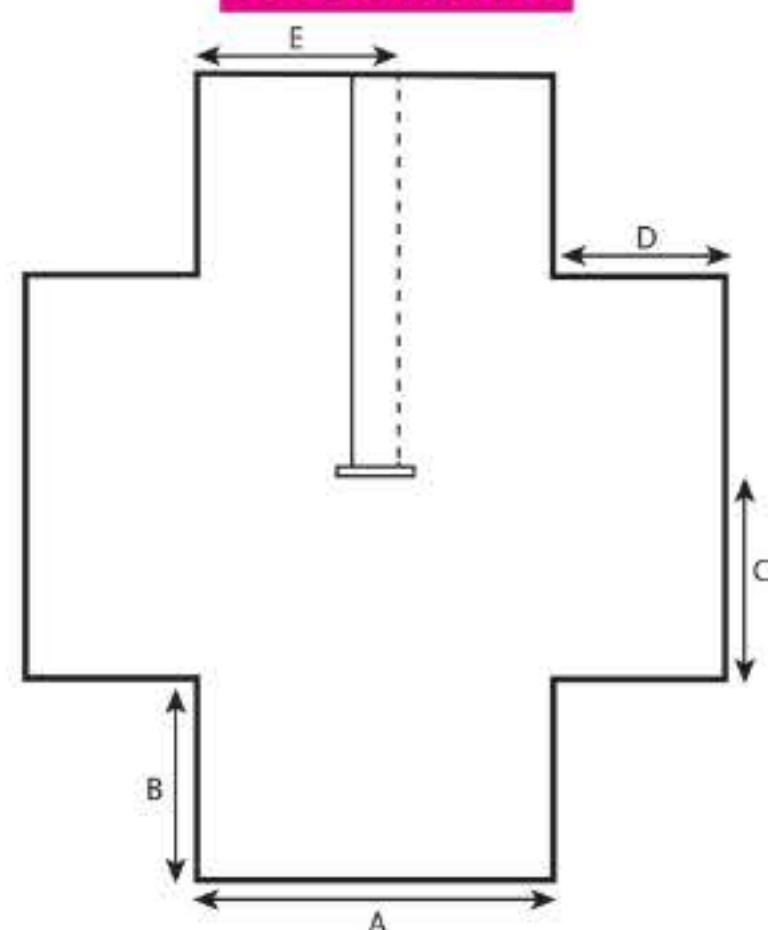
Next Row: Working across these 61 (64, 67, 72, 78) sts and with RS facing at neck edge p1 (0, 1, 0, 0), *k1, p1; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2. 73 (77, 81, 87, 93) sts

Continuing with stripe sequence, work in patt until approximately 13cm after beg of back neck shaping, ending after Row 11 of pattern.

Blocking a ribbed garment is essential to prevent a distorted shape to your finished garment



Schematic



A = 23 (24.5, 25.5, 26.5, 28.5) cm
 B = 15 (19, 19, 22.5, 22.5) cm
 C = 13 (13, 13, 13, 13) cm
 D = 11.5 (12, 12.5, 13.5, 15) cm
 E = 13 (13.5, 14, 14.5, 15) cm

Shape armhole

Next Row (WS): Cast off 34 (36, 38, 42, 46) sts, work in patt to end. 39 (41, 43, 45, 47) sts

Continue to work in patt and stripe sequence until Left Front measures approximately 15 (19, 19, 22.5, 22.5) cm from armhole shaping, ending after a WS Row.

Cast off in patt.

PLAIN GARMENT

Work as for Multicoloured Garment using Single colour only.

Finishing

Fold across sleeve at neck shaping, join side and sleeve seams using mattress st. Sew on toggles equally down front

edging, placing first toggle at front edge where desired, and second and third toggle equally spaced between. Rejoin yarn of your choosing, corresponding to placement of toggles on opposite front. With 3mm crochet hook chain 9 and sl st to first ch. Fasten off. Weave in ends and block to measurements given in schematic.

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Holding the yarn



- 1 The key is to ensure tension in the yarn. This technique shows the tail held between index finger and thumb, and working end over the middle finger.

Making a slipknot



- 1 Holding the tail end firmly, wrap the working end of the ball of yarn around two fingers to make a loop.



- 2 Pull a loop from the working end of the ball of yarn up through the centre of the loop you've just made. Remove the loop from your fingers and you should have something that looks like this. Pull the tail end of the yarn to close the slipknot – it's now ready to be popped onto your crochet hook and pulled tight to close.

Chain stitch (ch)



- 1 This is what the start of any crochet project looks like – a slipknot on a hook.



- 2 To begin making your first chain, first wrap the yarn around the hook (yrh).



- 3 Pull the hook towards the first loop on the hook – always be sure to move the crochet hook and not the yarn to make your stitches – this will catch the yrh in the head of the hook.



- 4 Continue to move the hook until you pull your yrh through the first loop on the hook – you've made your first chain stitch!

Double crochet (dc)



- 1 Insert your hook into the next stitch from front to back. Wrap the yarn round the hook (yrh).



- 2 Pull up a loop through the stitch. You will now have two loops on the hook.



- 3 Yarn round the hook again.



- 4 Pull through both loops on hook. You've made your first double crochet.

Treble (tr)



- 1 First up, yarn round the hook.



- 2 Insert the hook into the next stitch and pull up one loop. There are three loops on the hook.



- 3 Yarn round the hook and pull through two loops. There are two loops left on the hook.



- 4 Yarn round the hook again and pull through the remaining two loops. One treble crochet stitch made.

Half treble (htr)



1 First up, yarn round the hook.



2 Insert the hook into the next stitch, yrh and pull through one loop. There are three loops on the hook.



3 Yarn round the hook again.



4 Pull through all three loops. One half treble stitch made.

Magic ring



1 A magic ring allows greater control over the size of the centre ring of your project



2 To start off make a slipknot by making a loop around your fingers with the end of the yarn.



3 Pull through a loop of the working end of the yarn, place hook into new loop; don't pull the tail to make slipknot.



4 In this example, we're double crocheting into the magic ring. To secure the magic ring, make one chain.



5 Continue to work desired double crochet stitches into magic ring ensuring loop and tail are caught in the stitches



6 Pull the tail end of the yarn and the magic ring will close up as tightly as it is able, depending on the number of stitches.

Double crochet 2 together (Dc2tog)



1 This stitch is a common decrease in double crochet. First up, work a double crochet stitch as far as Step 3. Then insert your hook into the next stitch, yrh and pull up a loop. You will have three loops on the hook.



2 Yarn round the hook again.



3 Pull through all three loops on the hook.

Crochet Abbreviations

BLO	work in back loops only
ch	chain
ch-sp	chain space
dc	double crochet
dc2tog	work two double crochet stitches together
fdc	foundation double crochet
FLO	work in front loops only
htr	half treble crochet
pul	pull up a loop
RS	right side
sl st	slip stitch
sp	space
st(s)	stitch(es)
tbl	through the back loop
tr	treble
ttr	triple treble
tr2tog	work two treble crochet stitches together
WS	wrong side
yrh	yarn round hook

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Cast on



1 Make a slipknot, leaving a long tail of yarn. Place slipknot on needle and draw up.



2 Hook left thumb under working yarn, back to front. Insert needle into front of loop on left thumb.



3 Use RH to bring tail under needle, R to L. Take between thumb and needle, over top of needle, hold to right. Wrap yarn clockwise as if to knit.



4 Lift loop on left thumb over tip of needle, remove thumb and draw up working yarn. 2 sts on RH needle. Repeat steps 2-4 until number of sts required has been cast on.

Knit (k)



1 Insert RH needle from left to right into front of next st.



2 Wrap yarn clockwise around RH needle.



3 Holding working yarn firmly, pull loop through.



4 Drop old st off LH needle. 1 knit st has been made.

Purl (p)



1 Insert RH needle from right to left into front of next st.



2 Wrap yarn anti-clockwise around RH needle.



3 Holding working yarn firmly, pull loop through.



4 Drop old st off LH needle. 1 purl st has been made.

Cast off



1 Knit 2 sts.



2 Insert the tip of left hand needle into front of first st on RH needle.



3 Lift this st over the 2nd st and lift off needle. 1 st is left on RH needle.



4 Knit next st from the LH needle and lift 2nd st over this. Rep until 1 st remains. Thread yarn through.



Make one (m1)



1 Insert LH needle from back to front below the strand between the two needles, lifting the strand onto the LH needle.



2 Insert the tip of the RH needle from front to back into the front of the new loop on the LH needle. Knit this st.

Yarn over (yo)



Between knit sts: Start with yarn at back. Bring yarn forward from back to front between the needles and back over the RH needle.



Between purl sts: With the yarn at the front of the work, take it from front to back over the top of the RH needle, continue round, under RH needle, and hold to front ready to purl next st.

Slip, slip, knit (ssk)



1 Insert the RH needle into the next st k-wise, then slip it onto the RH needle without knitting it.



2 Insert the RH needle into the next st p-wise, then slip onto the RH needle. You have 2 slipped sts on the RH needle, 1 slipped k-wise, 1 slipped p-wise.



3 Insert the tip of the LH needle from left to right up into the front of the two slipped sts (the RH needle is behind the LH needle). Knit these two sts tog.

Knit 2 together



Knit to required place, insert RH needle knitwise through next 2 sts, knit them as 1 st.

Mattress stitch



End to end: Lay pieces RS up together. Thread yarn onto darning needle (DN). Secure two corners at RH edge. R to L, *insert DN under V of next st in top piece, pull gently, insert DN under V of opposite st in bottom piece, pull gently; rep from *.



Side to side: Lay pieces RS up together. Thread yarn onto darning needle (DN). Secure two corners at RH edge. R to L, *with DN, catch first rung of ladder on RH piece. Catch opposite rung on LH piece and pull gently until the two edges meet; rep from *.

Knit Abbreviations

cdd	Centred double decrease – slip 2 stitches knitwise together, knit 1, pass slipped stitches over	psso	Pass slipped stitch over
cm	Centimetres	sk2p	Slip 1, knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over
CN	Cable needle	skp	Slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over
DPN	Double-pointed needle	sl	Slip stitch – slip p-wise unless specified
G st	Garage stitch. Knitting flat: Knit every row. Knitting in the round: Knit and purl alternate rounds	ssk	Slip one knitwise, slip one purlwise, knit two slipped stitches together
k	Knit	ssp	Slip one, slip one, purl two slipped stitches together
k-wise	Knitwise	St st	Stocking stitch. Knitting flat: Alternate knit and purl rows. Knitting in the round: Knit all rounds
kfb	Knit one through the front then through the back (same stitch)	tbl	Through back loop
k2tog	Knit two together	wyib	With yarn in back
m1	Make one by lifting the bar between stitches onto LH needle and knitting into it	wyif	With yarn in front
p	Purl	yo	Yarn over
p-wise	Purlwise		
p2tog	Purl 2 together		

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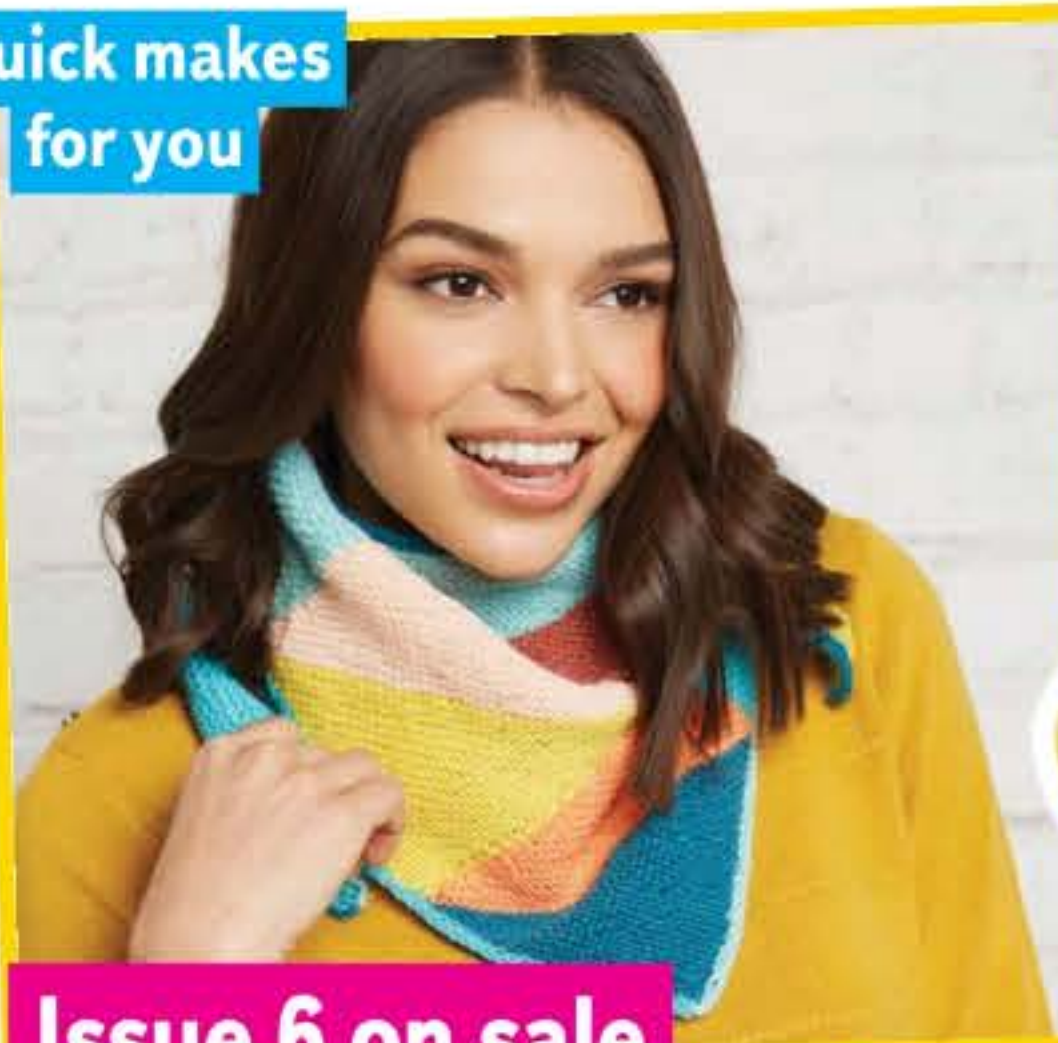
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Each month we find out how our favourite bloggers got started on their yarn adventures

What first inspired you to pick up your hook?

I was inspired to learn to crochet after the birth of my third child Lulu. I'd bought her a crocheted octopus toy by Pebblechild and thought it would be lovely to be able to make her something myself. I discussed it with a friend and we set to teaching ourselves with the help of YouTube tutorials. I started with a basic granny square; it took quite a few attempts. To this day a granny square is still my go-to comfort project.

What inspired you to start designing your own patterns?

I don't think it was a conscious decision. I hadn't had much success with following written patterns when I first began crocheting. Partly I think because I never checked gauge or yarn type so I had a lot of oddly sized items. In the end I just started making what I wanted and detailing how I'd created it on my blog. I took step-by-step photos to help others who weren't yet confident pattern readers. I also found I really enjoyed the freedom of being able to create what I wanted how I wanted.

What was the hardest part about learning to crochet?

I think the hardest part was finding a learning method. I discovered quickly I was a visual learner, so without someone to show me, video tutorials worked best.

When it came to reading patterns I always struggled with the stitch placement at the beginning and ends of rows/rounds. Now when I put patterns up on the blog I try to photo the beginning and ends of each row.

What benefits has crochet had for you?

I think crochet and knitting can give so many benefits. For me the biggest has been giving me an outlet for my creativity. It was something that I didn't even realise I was missing in my life. But now I'm happiest when I'm experimenting with new techniques and yarn. The act of visualising something and being able to create it with my hands gives me a real thrill. I still get so excited by every pattern I create. When I want to relax I will choose something repetitive to help calm my mind.

What advice would you give readers picking up a hook for the first time?

If you know someone who crochets don't be afraid to ask for help or try learning with a friend. It helped me so much to have someone to talk too; we often helped each other when it came to learning new techniques. Other than that just keep practising, if something doesn't work for you try another method. I found it almost impossible to crochet back and forth in rows when I started, so I tried crocheting granny squares. I think this helped as I had a tangible finished object at the end rather than oddly shaped scraps of fabric.



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