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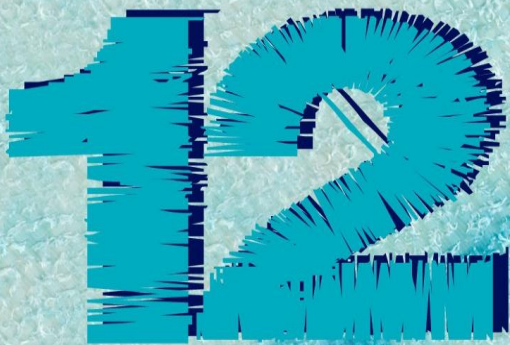
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WELCOME TO Inspired Crochet

Our vision is for the Crochet Community to join together and be INSPIRED from one another by patterns, stories, articles, interviews (and more!) while crocheting. Inspired Crochet is a Digital Magazine that is released on the FIRST of each month.

What will be included for the in the issue? ***TONS AND TONS!!!***

We have designers such as KnotSoCute Designs, RAKJpatterns, MadMe, The Fancy Hooker, Crochet Trend, Baca Creations and many-MANY more designers have come together to provide patterns for Inspired Crochet! There will be approx 10-12 patterns, interviews from fellow crocheters, shop reviews, articles, stories and much more stuffed in the magazine EACH MONTH! We will also email a PDF and a Magazine file to you so that you can open it either way (that way you can access on your kindles, e-readers, anything that you download a pattern to...etc).

One thing that I want to stress about the patterns in the magazine is that they are straight from the designer. What does that mean? Well, I don't edit them, reformat or do anything to alter the pattern. I want Inspired Crochet to be for the designer AND the reader. I want each designer to be represented fairly so that you will know without a doubt what to expect when you visit them. I want a fair place for the online digital designers to be published without all of the restrictions of a mainline 'big' magazine. So, keep in mind that when you notice that all of the patterns 'look' different, there's a reason.

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Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2013! We are so excited to bring you inspiring patterns and fresh ideas to keep your hook busy! Year 2012 was great but it's our goal to make 2013 even better! We are putting together a fun design team to bring you new patterns and on the hunt for patterns that will make you want to drop you cleaning and crochet even more...but who needs that excuse? I think we're all guilty of that!

Reflecting on 2012...we started Inspired Crochet and we're already on our 5th month! Can you believe that? It just took off like a rocket, and the digital community has come together like never before! Inspired Crochet has featured designers such as Amy Gaines, One and Two Company, Baca Creations, Calleigh's Clips and Crochet Creations, RAKJpatterns and so many more! Over 52 patterns have been included (counting Jan) and 52 designers! What an awesome way to end 2012!

This issue is based on Valentines and the love it brings! I hope that you are Inspired and keep your hooks moving this January! February will be here before we know it so get busy!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Kristi Simpson
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January
2013



How To Crochet

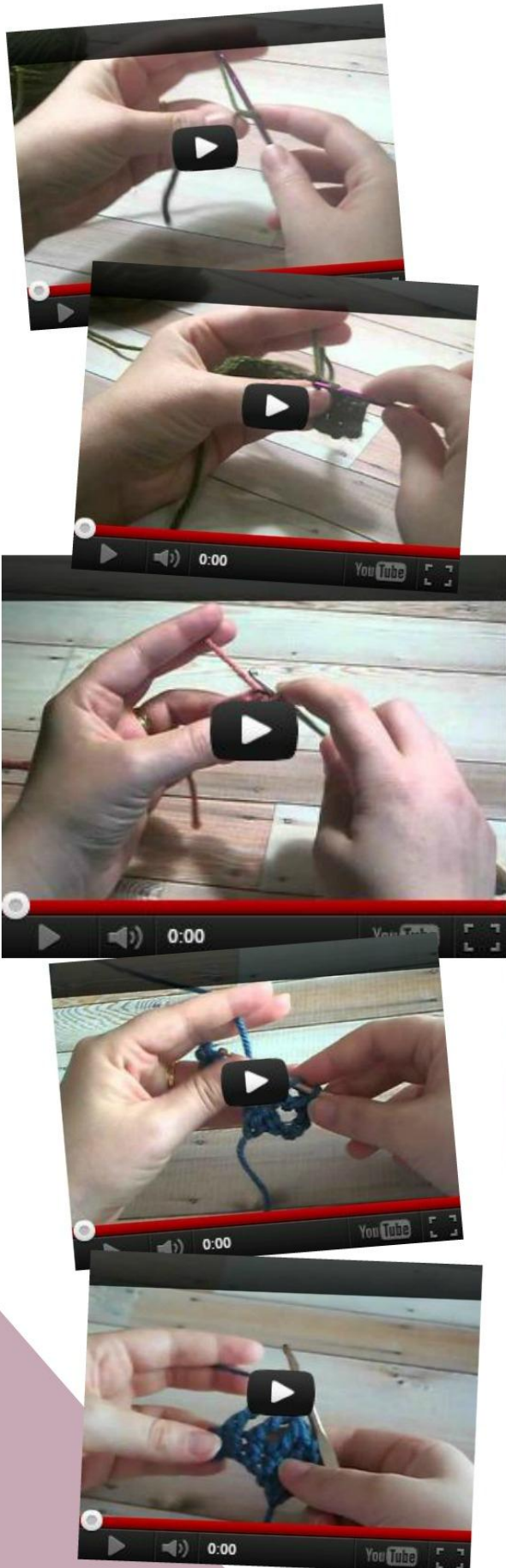


Learning a new craft should be fun and easy, and since this is a digital magazine, we decided that videos would be an awesome way to show you how to crochet. Photos are awesome, but having a visual live representation of each stitch can be valuable to a new crocheter...and even an advanced crocheter that needs to brush up on the basics! RAKJpatterns has created a series of videos that will teach you step by step the basics that will get you started in the right direction. And best of all, you have a magazine full of patterns to practice with!

Click on any of the videos to the left to get started!

*Use the videos to
learn how to:*

- Chain (ch)
- Slip stitch (sl st)
- Single Crochet (sc)
- Half Double Crochet (hdc)
- Double Crochet (dc)
- Treble Stitch (tr)
- Double Treble (dtr)
- Foundation HDC
- Front and Back Post
- Changing colors seamlessly





♥ Ladybug Applique ♥



I am so excited to bring to you this new applique! We're featuring it FIRST in Inspired Crochet!

This sweet little ladybug would make a great appliqué for a hat and a cute embellishment on a headband, but could also become a pin, magnet and more! Whatever you make with it, it is perfect for your love bug on Valentines Day!



Hi, I'm Sarah! I'm a stay-at-home mom to my two little boys and wife to my wonderful, hard working husband. I have always loved art, crafts and creating and find myself coming up with new projects every day. Here is my journey through motherhood, my love of crafts, and my attempts at cooking with the help of my Crock Pot. Thanks for stopping by and feel free to repeat after me! ♥, Sarah





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Crochet Ladybug Appliqué
Pattern by Sarah Zimmerman
www.RepeatCrafterMe.com

Materials:

- Size F crochet hook
- Red worsted weight yarn
- Black worsted weight yarn
- 6 small black buttons for wings
- 2 small white buttons for eyes
- Tapestry needle

Abbreviations:

ch = chain
SC = single crochet
DC = double crochet

Ladybug should measure approximately 3x3 inches.

Wings (make 2):

Magic ring, 8 DC in magic ring. Do not join, ch 2, turn

Row 2: 2 DC in each stitch, pull magic ring tight. You should now have a half circle. (16 DC)

Sew buttons on wings.

Head:

Magic ring, 8 DC in magic ring. Do not join, ch 1, turn.

Row 2: 2 SC in each stitch, pull magic ring tight. (16 SC)

Body:

Magic ring, 12 DC in ring, join to first DC, chain 2

Round 2: 2 DC in each stitch around, join, fasten off, weave in ends. (24 DC)

Sew head and body together. Then sew wings on so they are slightly spread apart onto the body portion.

Sarah is a stay-at-home mom to her toddler and preschooler age sons. She is also an artist and graphic designer who loves crafting with her kids, taking on DIY projects, crocheting, and attempting to cook with the help of her Crock Pot. She offers a variety of free crochet patterns on her blog www.RepeatCrafterMe.com.

If you have any questions please e-mail RepeatCrafterMe@gmail.com



My obsession with crocheting came when my friend asked me to be the godmother of her beautiful baby girl, Megyn. I was so overwhelmed with joy that my mind immediately began to reel with all the ideas of things I wanted to make for her. Success came when I made her her first baby blanket, and I have been "hooked" ever since.

Now I strive to make things filled with love and care in every stitch, which is how I got the name for my business, Heart For Your Home. These items may be thought up in my mind, and made with my hands, but they are from the heart. From my heart, to your home.

~Jaime



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To your home.*

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Security Blanket

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What You Need:

Size G-4.25mm Crochet Hook

Weight 3 yarn-approx 50Z/360 yards. (Bernat Softee Baby in Lemon shown)

Scissors

Yarn Needle (For weaving in ends)

Pattern Notes:

This pattern is for the "Security Blanket." It comes with instructions to make a 24"x18" blanket with or without fringe, and information on how to make it larger or smaller. Please email me with any questions!

Stitches Used:

Chain

Skip (sk)

Single Crochet (sc)

Double Crochet (dc)

Gauge:

2"= 4 clusters of 2dc, and 2 rows.

-If using a different type or weight of yarn, please adjust hook size and gauge to match.

Blanket:

*This pattern is for a security blanket which could be used for babies or small children, as a nursing cover, doll blanket, or shawl (by making it longer). It is worked in rows back and forth with a ch3 in the beginning of each row that counts as the 1st dc. You can adjust the number of chains to make the blanket larger or smaller by adding or subtracting by 2.

To Begin: ch83

Row 1: dc in 3rd ch from hook (counts as 2dc now and throughout),
sk next ch, 2dc in next ch. Repeat *--* to end. 1dc in each of last
2 ch. Turn.

Row 2: ch3, dc in same st, *sk next ch, 2dc in next ch.* Repeat *--* to
end.

1 dc in each of last 2 dc. Turn.

Row 3-24: Repeat Row 2 until desired length of blanket. 24 rows will make
a blanket approx. 24"x18". Do not fasten off.

Row 25: ch1, loosely sc evenly around entire edge of blanket putting 3sc in
each corner st, and sl st into beginning ch. You can make one round of sc
around the edge, or as many rounds as you would like for a thicker
border. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Fringe:

Leave blanket as is, or add fringe by cutting strips of yarn approx 6'-8"
long. Make the fringe as thick or thin as you would like by adding more or
less strips. Attach to sc border by inserting hook into desired st, hooking
middle of the group of strips of yarn, pulling through a loop, and pulling
loose ends through the loop to form a knot. Attach to ends of blanket,
or all four sides-it is completely up to you!



*I hope you enjoyed making your Security Blanket! Email me at heartforyourhome@yahoo.com with any questions!

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X's and O's Hat



X's and O's

By, Hook'd on You



Materials Needed:

I Hook

WW Weight Yarn (I used Red Heart with Love)

Yarn Needle

Measuring Tape

Abbreviations:

HDC = Half Double Crochet

DC = Double Crochet

St = Stitch

FO = Finish Off

SC = Single Crochet

COS = Cross Over Stitch

Cross Over Stitch

DC in the 2nd stitch. DC in the 1st stitch.

Gage:

3in = 3 sets

Pattern NOTE:

This pattern is worked by Rows. You will Slst in the first and Ch 2. The Ch 2 counts as a DC.

Row 1: 8 HDC in Magic Ring

Row 2: 2 HDC in each Stitch (16)

Row 3: HDC in next stitch, 2HDC in the next, Repeat. (24)

Row 4: HDC in next 2 stitches, 2HDC in the next, Repeat. (32)

Row 5: HDC in next 3 stitches, 2HDC in the next, Repeat. (40)

Row 6: HDC in next 4 stitches, 2HDC in the next, Repeat. (48) 0-6

SKIP TO ROW 11

Row 7: HDC in next 5 stitches, 2HDC in the next, Repeat. (56) 6-12

SKIP TO ROW 11

Row 8: HDC in next 6 stitches, 2HDC in the next, Repeat. (64) 1-3YR

SKIP TO ROW 11

Row 9: HDC in next 7 stitches, 2HDC in the next, Repeat. (72) Child

SKIP TO ROW 11

Row 10: HDC in next 8 stitches, 2HDC in the next, Repeat. (80)

Preteen/ Adult

Row 11: Slst in next st. Ch 2 (counts as DC) Skip 1 DC, Go back one DC (Cross over stitch) DC in the next. Repeat till the end.

Repeat Row 11 till the hat is 1 inch from desired length.

SC in each stitch for one inch. FO and weave in ends.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions please email me at hookdonyou@gmail.com.

This pattern has been tested. It is very important to me that information is easy to understand and accurate. I would appreciate knowing any errors found so they could be fixed. Thank you in advance.

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Hat size chart

NEWBORN

Hat height = 5.5"

Baby - 0-3 months

Hat height = 6"

Baby - 3 to 6 months

Hat height = 6.5 - 7"

Baby - 6 to 12 months

Hat height = 7.5"

TODDLER - 12 months - 3 years

Hat height = 8"

Child - 3 - 10 years

Hat height = 8.5"

Teen

Hat height 9-10"

Adult

Hat height 9-10"

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Mermaid Photography Prop



Skill Level

Beginner

Materials

J and H crochet Hook

Yarn Needle

Ruler or Measuring Tape

4ww (medium) Yarn I used "Caron Simply Soft" for the tail, scales, starfish, and headband and "Redheart Soft" for the seashell top NOTE: If you use a different weight yarn you will need to adjust your hook size and/or make more/fewer increases to obtain hat size. Use measurements next to each size as a guide.

Abbreviations

Sc: single crochet

Dc: double crochet

Hdc: half double crochet

Sl st: slip stitch

Ch: chain

Flo: Crochet in front loop only. Go in from the front as you normally would but instead of going through 2 loops of stitch only go through the first(front) loop.

Hdc2tog: half double crochet 2 stitches together. Start hdc (yarn over hook, put hook through stitch, yarn over, pull through stitch. There are 3 loops on hook. With the 3 loops on hook, yarn over, put hook through next stitch, yarn over, pull through stitch. There are now 5 loops on hook. Yarn over and pull through all 5 loops.) This is a hdc decrease, also abbreviated hdc dec in some patterns.

Dc2tog: To double crochet 2 stitches together. Start dc (yarn over hook, insert hook into stitch, yarn over hook and pull through stitch(3 loops on hook), yarn over pull through 1st 2 loops (3 loops on hook), yarn over and insert hook into next stitch, yarn over hook and pull through stitch, yarn over and pull through first 2 loops, yarn over hook and pull through last 3 loops.

Gauge

- 4 dc = 1 inch
- 2 rows of dc = 1 inch
-

NOTE: You will join with a sl st after every round.

TAIL-use J hook (from top to tip of tail approx 14")

1. Magic Circle, ch 2, 6dc in circle, join with sl st into 1st dc. Tighten circle. 6dc
2. Ch 2, *1dc in 1st st, 2dc in next st. Repeat from * around. Join w sl st in 1st dc. 9dc
3. Ch 2, *1dc, in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st. Repeat from * around. Join w sl st in 1st dc. 12dc
4. Ch 2, *1dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st. Repeat from * around. Join w sl st in 1st dc. 16dc
5. Ch 2, 1dc in each st around. Join w sl st in 1st dc. 16dc
6. Ch 2, *1dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next. Repeat from * around. Join w sl st in 1st dc. 20dc
7. Ch 2, 1dc in each stitch around. Join w sl st in first dc 20dc
8. Ch 2, *1dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st. Repeat from * around. Join w sl st in 1st dc. 24dc
9. Ch 2, 1dc in each st around. Join w sl st in 1st dc. 24dc
10. Ch 2 1dc in each st around. Join w sl st in 1st dc. 24dc
11. Ch 2, *1dc in next 5sts, 2dc in next st. Repeat from * around. Join w sl st in 1st dc. 28dc
12. Ch 2, 1dc in each st around. Join w sl st in 1st dc. 28dc
13. Ch 2, *1dc in next 3sts, 2dc in next st. Join w sl st in 1st dc. 35dc
14. Ch 2, 1dc in each st around. Join w sl st in 1st dc. 35dc
15. Ch 2, *1dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in next. Repeat form * around. Join w sl st in first dc. 40 dc
16. Ch 2, 1dc in each st around. Join w sl st in 1st dc. 40dc

17. Ch 2, *1dc in next 4st, 2dc in next. Repeat from * around. Join w sl st in 1st dc. 48dc
18. Ch 2, 1dc in each st around. Join w sl st in 1st dc. 48dc
19. Ch 2, *1dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next. Repeat from * around. Join w sl st in 1st dc. 56dc
20. Ch 2, 1dc in each st around. Join w sl st in 1st dc. 56dc
21. Ch 2, 1dc in each st around. Join w sl st in 1st dc. 56dc
22. Ch 2, 1dc in each st around. Join w sl st in 1st dc. 56dc
23. Ch 2, 1dc in each st around. Join w sl st in 1st dc. 56dc
24. Ch 2, *1dc in next 12 sts, dc2tog. Repeat from * around. Join w sl st in 1st dc. 52dc
25. Ch 2, *1dc in next 11 sts, dc2tog. Repeat from * around. Join w sl st in 1st dc. 48dc
26. Ch 2, *1dc in next 10 sts, dc2tog. Repeat from * around. Join w sl st in 1st dc. 44dc
27. Ch 2, 1dc in each st around. Join w sl st in 1st dc. 44dc

FINS-make 2 use H hook (From top to bottom approx 6")

1. Ch 28
2. 1hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining 26 ch. 27hdc
3. Ch 1 turn, 1hdc in flo next 26 st, leave last st open. 26hdc
4. Ch 1 turn, skip 1 st, 1hdc in flo next 25 sts. 25hdc
5. Ch 1 turn, 1hdc in flo next 23hdc leave last 2 sts open. 23hdc
6. Ch 1 turn, skip 1 st, 1hdc in flo next 22sts. 22hdc
7. Ch 1 turn, 1hdc in flo next 21sts leave last st open. 21hdc
8. Ch 1 turn, skip 3 sts, 1hdc in flo next 18sts. 18hdc
9. Ch 1 turn, 1hdc in flo next 14sts, sl st next 2 sts. 16sts
10. Ch 1 turn, skip 2 sl st, hdc next 14sts. Fasten off. 14hdc

Sew fins to the back of the tail. This is a little tricky and there's no exact science to it. The way I found best was to lay the fins flat on the back of the tip of the tail and sew the center onto the tail first. Then fold the fins down a little on either side and sew them to the tail. This will create the shape and a little curling of the fins. You may have to play with it to get it right. You can always undo your sewing and try again.

SCALES use H hook

Using turquoise yarn

Join with sl st in 2nd row of dc from the top. *ch 5, skip 1 st, sl st in next 2 sts. Repeat from * around and join w sl st into first sl st.

Repeat this 2 more times each 1 row lower than the 1st one.

TOP use H hook (Approx 16" long)

1. Ch 76.
2. 1dc in 2nd ch from hook and in remaining 74 ch. 75dc

3. 2dc in end ch. Do NOT turn continue around on other side of chain. 1dc in each ch and 2 in end ch. Join w sl st into 1st dc.

Sew button to end of top to use as a closure. This also makes the top adjustable because the button will fit through the dc sts.

SEASHELLS-make 2 Use H hook

1. Magic Circle, ch 1
2. 7hdc in circle, tighten and join w sl st in 1st hdc. 7hdc
3. ch 1, 2hdc in each st around. 14hdc
4. ch 2, 4dc in next st, 1sc in next st, 4dc in next st, 1sc in next st, 4dc in next st, 1sc in next st, 1sl st in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st, 1sc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st, 1 sl st in next 2sts. Fasten off and leave tail for sewing.

Sew seashells onto top about 2" apart.

HEADBAND use H hook (approx 14 ½" circumference)

Ch 67. Dc in 2nd ch from hook, *ch 1 and skip a st, dc in next st. Repeat from * to end. Fasten off.

Sew button onto one end for closure. Button also makes headband adjustable for size as the button will fit through any of the stitches.

STARFISH use H hook

1. Magic circle.
2. Ch 1, 10sc in circle, tighten and join w sl st in 1st sc. 10sc
3. *1sc in 1st st, 2sc in next sc. Repeat from * around. Join w sl st in 1st sc. 15sc
4. Ch 9, sc in 2nd ch from hook, 1 hdc in next 2 ch, dc in next 3 ch, trc in last 2 ch.
5. Skip a st and sc in next 2 sts.
6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 four more times. Fasten off.

Optional: add pearl to center.

Sew Starfish onto headband.

Please feel free to contact me with questions. I will help in any way I can.
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Designer: Jessica Kowal Designs
Company: Elsie's Custom Creations



Title: Scrap Buster Striped Granny Style Shawl Cape
Designer: Jessica Kowal Designs
Company: Elsie's Custom Creations
Product #: JK-SBSGSSC
Size: One Size Adult

Requirements:

1 pound and 1 ounce of scrap yarns, size 4 Medium 4 Ply, and a 4MM hook.
We suggest acrylic or cotton for this scrap buster project for durability and washing ease.
If using cotton the finished project will shrink about 1.5" all around, but due to the loose fitting nature of this project shrinking (in reference to cotton) is not an issue.
Scrap yarns are highly suggested for this project as each row is tied off at the end of each row.
Make it as colorful or rainbow like as you like your comfy clothing items to be, the sky is the limit!

Directions:

Chain out 4 stitches and Slip stitch closed into the first of the 4 stitches.
Leave your tail unwoven here so that you know where the bottom of your strip is at all times.

Chain out 3 stitches and Double Crochet 2 stitches through the center of your circle, Chain 1, then do 3 more Double Crochet stitches into the center of your circle. Your 3 Chain stitches count as a Double Crochet stitch.

*Chain up 3 and Double Crochet stitch 3 times under the center Single Chain space between your first two sets of 3 Double Crochets, Chain 1 then in the same space Double Crochet 3 more times.

Going into the post of your last stitch in the row add one Double Crochet stitch.*

Turn your work and repeat from * to * a total of 58 times, tie off here and weave in your yarn end, remembering to turn your work each time you do every repeat.

Attach your new yarn color into the open space in one of the corners on the end and Chain up 3. Double Crochet 2 stitches into that same space, Chain 1 and then 3 more Double Crochet stitches into the same space, we will call this the "Corner" from here on out.

In the next space to your left, where there is one Chain stitch space opening, you will do another Corner, doing the same as well for the third and last opening at the end of your strip.

Double Crochet 2 stitches in each opening going down the length of the strip, placing 3 Corners at the opposite end and Double Crocheting 2 stitches in each opening going down the length on the opposite side as well. Close the row with a Slip stitch. Tie off your yarn and weave in your tail end.

You should now have a row with a triangle shape on each end like this, < >.
You will now work in rows, tying off at the end of each row to create the striped pattern shown in our sample.

Place a stitch marker at the edge of the end of the last row here so you can keep track of the next set of 10 rows.

You should have a row shaped similar to what you started the row with.
Remember to turn your work for each row you start with your next color.

At the center of the left side of your strip, where the Single Chain is, tie on your new yarn color with a Slip Stitch (you can weave your end in as you stitch along) and using the Triple Crochet stitch place 2 Corners in the next 2 openings that follow to your left. For the straight portion of this next row you will place 2 Triple Crochet stitches between, not through the loops, the stitches (or posts), every 2 stitches to the opposite end, Chain 1 between every set of 2 Triple Crochet Stitches. At the opposite end, place 2 Corners like you did in the beginning but Slip stitch to the center Corner on the opposite side. Repeat from * to * for a total of 10 rows.

Place a stitch marker at the end of your last row worked. This will make counting your next set of rows easier to make sure you have the correct number of rows worked. For the next set of 44 rows you will now tie on your yarn at the bottom Corner of the previous row in the Single Chain space at the end of every row.

Place one Corner set of stitches into the next open Single Chain space and continue like the previous 1st set of 10 rows, doing 2 Triple Crochet stitches into each Single Chain space and finishing at the opposite end, with one Corner as with the beginning of each row. (These rows will create the curve around the back to bring the edge of the back down approximately to just below the level of your waist line.) Repeat from * to * for a total of 44 rows.

When you have finished your 44th row down, from where you placed your stitch marker, tie onto the bottom corner like the last set of 44 rows, but place a set of Corner stitches in every other Single Chain space, placing 1 Slip stitch between the set of 2 post stitches that follow. Next you will place 3 Triple Crochet stitches in the next Single Chain space, Slip stitching again 1 stitch between the set of 2 post stitches that follow. Repeat from * to * for a total of 6 times.

If you do the math you will have an extra 2 Single Chain spaces in the center of your last row here.

Slip stitch between the next 2 post stitches that follow chaining 1 and then in the next Single Chain space stitch 3 Triple Crochet stitches and then place 1 Slip stitch between the next 2 post stitches that follow. Now continue the last set of 6 Corner stitch sets like you did for the first half of this last row. You will end the row with a set of Corner stitches, tie off and weave in your yarn end.

For the tie that goes around the neck area Chain out a length of 52". This is the original neck opening area of approximately 28" plus 12" for each side, totaling the 52". The extra length is for your tying length so that you can tie the neck opening closed to wear your shawl cape.

Weave your length between as many posts as you would like all the way around the neck opening, making sure you have an even length on each side to tie with and you're done!

We hope you enjoy this great scrap buster project as much as we did designing it, happy stitching from ECC's!

ROSY christening baby set

<http://www.etsy.com/shop/LubaDaviesAtelier>

Crochet pattern by Luba Davies
Written in American crochet terms

DIFFICULTY: INTERMEDIATE



Stitch Used (US terms):

Chain (ch)

Slip stitch (sl st)

Single crochet (sc)

Half double crochet (hdc)

Double crochet (dc)

Finished Measurements:

Shoes 0-12 months

Mittens – one size

Yarn Used:

Patons 100% Cotton DK, 100gr = 320 m

Color (A) – Pink

Color (B) - White

Crochet hook:

2.5 & 2.25 mm

Notions:

Satin ribbon 7mm

Satin roses

Pearl beads 4mm

Invisible thread

Sewing needle

BABY SHOES

Important information for shoes

Age	Hook	Foundation ch	Length of sole
0-3 months	2.25 mm	12	7 cm
3-6 months	2.25 mm	14	8-8.5 cm
6-9 months	2.5 mm	14	9-9.5 cm
9-12 months	2.5 mm	16	10-11 cm

Changes for sizes are in [].

SOLE

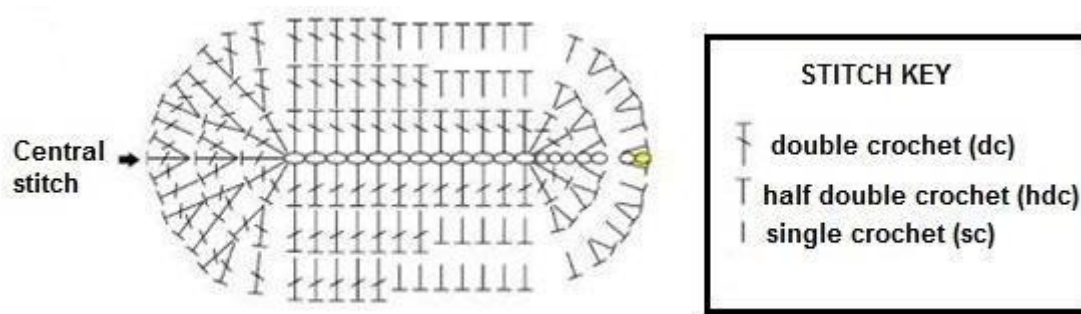
Please follow the diagram and description bellow.

Use yarn (A) - Ch12 [14, 14, 16]

Rnd1: ch3 to count as 1st dc, 3dc into the same st, dc into next 10 [12, 12, 14] sts, 7dc into last st, work on the opposite site of foundation ch, dc into next 10 [12, 12, 14] sts, 3dc into last st. Join with sl st = 34 [38, 38, 42] sts.

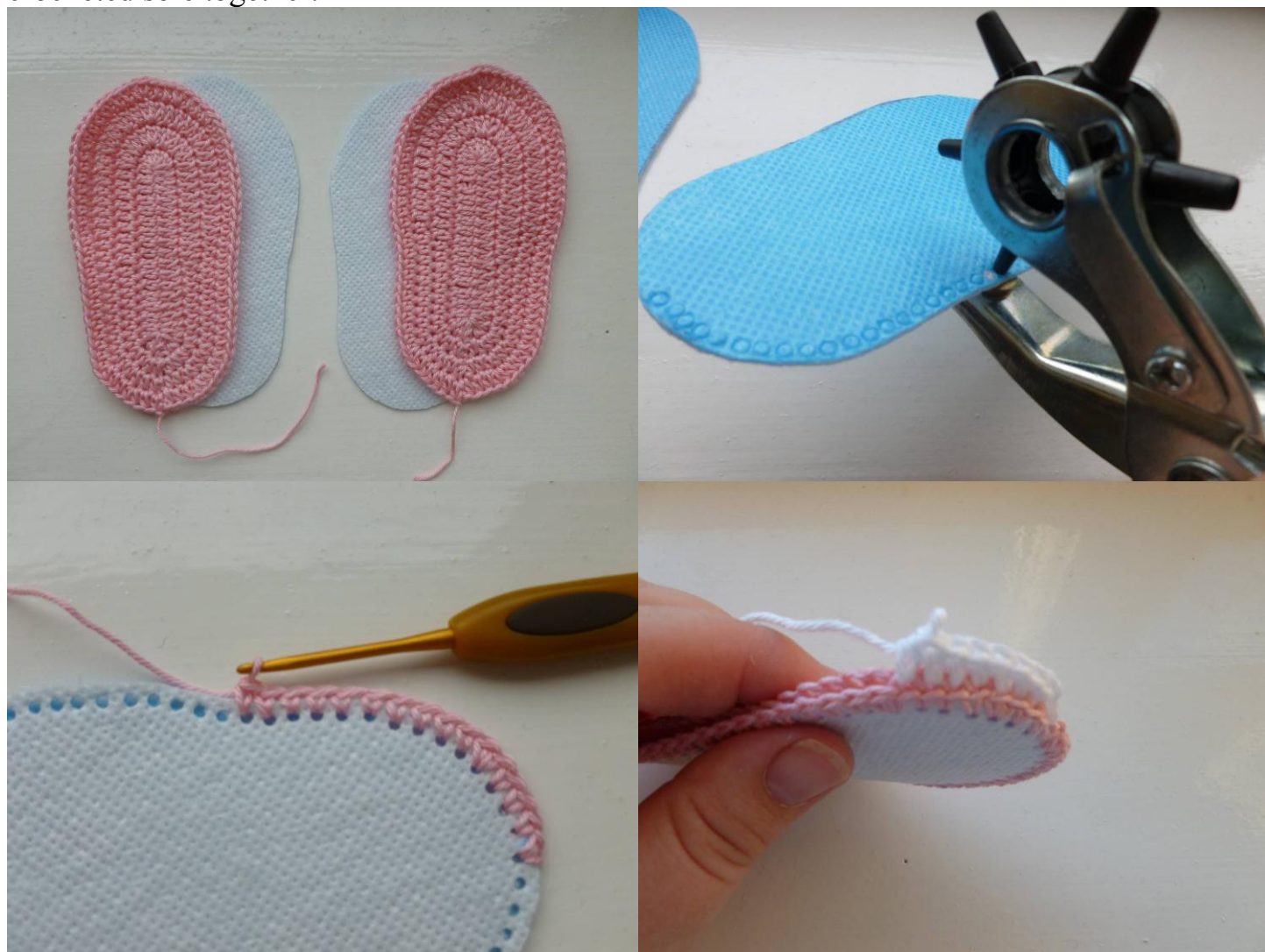
Rnd2: ch2 to count as 1st hdc, hdc into the same st, 2hdc into next 2 sts, hdc into next 5 [6, 6, 7] sts, dc into next 7 [8, 8, 9] sts, 2dc into next 2 sts, 3dc, 2dc into next 2 sts, dc into next 7 [8, 8, 9] sts, hdc into next 5 [6, 6, 7] sts, 2hdc into next 2 sts, hdc into last st. Join with sl st = 46 [50, 50, 54] sts.

Rnd3: ch2 to count as 1st hdc, hdc into the same st, hdc+2hdc+hdc+2hdc+hdc into next 5 sts, hdc into next 7 [8, 8, 9] sts, dc into next 5 [6, 6, 7] sts, dc+2dc+dc+2dc+dc+3dc+dc+2dc+dc+2dc+dc into next 11 sts, dc into next 5 [6, 6, 7] sts, hdc into next 7 [8, 8, 9] sts, hdc+2hdc+hdc+2hdc+hdc into next 5 sts, hdc into next 7 [8, 8, 9] sts, hdc into last st. Join with sl st = 58 [62, 62, 66] sts. Fasten off.



For outdoor use

You can cut from hard adult's insoles two pieces of soles for baby shoes. Using the hole-puncher make enough holes and work sc around the edges. Then you can join hard and crocheted sole together.



UPPER PART OF SHOE

Continue with yarn (B)

Rnd4-5: begin from the central stitch on the heel, ch2 to count as 1st hdc, hdc into each st around to end, inserting hook into back loop of st. Join with sl st = 58 [62, 62, 66] sts.

Rnd6: decrease on heel, ch2 to count as 1st hdc, [hdc into next 4 [6, 6, 8] sts, hdc2tog] – repeat twice, hdc into 34 sts, [hdc2tog, hdc into next 4 [6, 6, 8] sts,] - repeat twice. Join with sl st = 54 [58, 58, 62] sts.

Rnd7: decrease on toes, ch2 to count as 1st hdc, hdc into next 15 [17, 17, 19] sts, [hdc2tog, hdc

into next 2 sts] – repeat 5 times, hdc2tog, hdc into next 16 [18, 18, 20] sts . Join with sl st = 48 [52, 52, 56] sts.

Rnd8: decrease on toes, ch2 to count as 1st hdc, hdc into next 15 [17, 17, 19] sts, [hdc2tog, hdc into next st] – repeat 5 times, hdc2tog, hdc into next 15 [17, 17, 19] sts. Join with sl st = 42 [46, 46, 50] sts.

Rnd9: decrease on toes, ch2 to count as 1st hdc, hdc into next 12 [14, 14, 16] sts, hdc2tog – repeat 8 times, hdc into next 13 [15, 15, 17] sts. Join with sl st = 34 [38, 38, 42] sts.

Rnd10: ch2 to count as 1st hdc, hdc into next 9 [11, 11, 13] sts, ch8, skip 12 sts, join on the opposite site, hdc into next 10 [12, 12, 14] sts. Join with sl st.

Rnd11: ch3 to count as 1st dc, dc into each st around including ch8. Join with sl st = 28 sts.

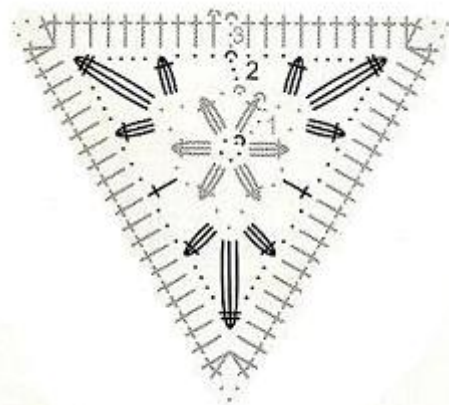
Rnd12: use yarn (A), ch1 to count as 1st sc, sc into each st around. Join with sl st = 28 sts. Fasten off.

With yarn (A) work sc around of inner edges of strap space. Fasten off.

Insert satin ribbon into spaces of dc round. Sew on satin roses using invisible thread and sewing needle.

LACY MITTENS

Make 2 the same



Please follow the description bellow (diagram as a guide only).

Use yarn (B) – Ch6, join with sl st to form a ring.

Rnd1: ch3 to count as 1st dc, dc2tog into ring, ch2, dc3tog into ring, ch3, dc3tog into ring, ch2, dc3tog into ring, ch3, dc3tog into ring, ch2, dc3tog into ring, ch3. Join with sl st.

Rnd2: make one more sl st to move forward, ch6 (including ch3 to count as 1st dc), [dc3tog into arch of ch3, ch4, tr3tog into the same arch, ch4, dc3tog into the same arch, ch3, dc into arch of ch2] – repeat 3 times around, finish with ch3. Join with sl st into 3rd ch of ch6.

Rnd3: use yarn (A), ch2 to count as 1st hdc, hdc into each st until first conner, [2hdc, ch2, 2hdc into same st], hdc into each st until second conner, [2hdc, ch7, 2hdc into same st], hdc into each st until third conner, [2hdc, ch2, 2hdc into same st], hdc into each st until end. Fasten off.

Use yarn (B) to make a mitten strap, work sc across bottom edges of mitten, ch8, cut 15 cm tail of yarn, leave big enough loop for button, work through back loops of ch, sl st into 2nd ch from hook and in each of next 7 ch. Join with sl st onto mitten. Fasten off.

Sew on satin rose at the center of mitten and pearl bead (as a button) on the opposite side of strap.

THE END OF PATTERN

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Materials needed

I Love This Yarn 7oz

Red x1 skein

White x 1skein

Green x 1oz

Pink variegated x 1oz

Brown x 1skein

G, H and I hook

Yarn needle

Gauge: H hook= 3sc = 1"

3sc rows = 1"



BOX OF VALENTINE CHOCOLATES COCOON

FRONT COVER OF BOX

Rnd 1: With Red and I hook, make a magic loop, 12sc inside magic loop. Do not join, but keep going in a spiral fashion and use a place marker if desired. (12sc)

NOTE: if you don't know how to make a magic loop, I have included a link to see a video showing you how to make a magic crochet loop on the last page of this pattern.

Rnd 2: 2sc in each sc around. (24sc)

Rnd 3: 1sc in each sc around. (24sc)

Rnd 4: *1sc in next sc, 2sc in next sc, * repeat from * to * around. (36sc)

Rnd 5: 1sc in each sc around. (36sc)

Rnd 6: *1sc in each of the next 2sc, 2sc in next sc * repeat from * to * around. (48sc)

Rnd 7: 1sc in each sc around. (48sc)

Rnd 8: * 1sc in each of the next 3sc, 2sc in the next sc * repeat from * to * around. (60sc)

Rnd 9: 1sc in each sc around. (60sc)

Rnd 10: * 1sc in each of the next 4sc, 2sc in the next sc * repeat from * to * around. (72sc)

Rnds 11-12: 1sc in each sc around. (72sc)

Rnd 13: 1sc in next sc, 1hdc in next sc, (1dc, 1trc, 1dc) all in next sc, 1hdc in next sc, 1sc in each of the next 20sc, 1sc in the front loops of the next 29sc, 1sc in both loops of the next 19sc. (74sts)

Rnd 14: 1sc in next sc, 1hdc in next hdc, 1dc in next dc, 3trc in next trc, 1dc in next dc, 1hdc in next dc, 1sc in each of the next 21sc, 2hdc in the next sc, (2dc the next sc, 1dc in the next sc) x 5more times, 2hdc in the next sc, 1sc in the next sc, 1slst in the next 3sc,

1sc in the next sc, 2hdc in the next sc, (2dc in the next sc, 1dc in the next sc) x 5 more times, 2hdc in the next sc, 1sc in each of the next 14sc. (92sts)

Rnd 15: 1sc in next sc, 1hdc in next hdc, 1dc in each of the next 2sts, 3trc in the next trc, 1dc in each of the next 2sts, 1hdc in next st, 1sc in each of the next 21sc, * 1hdc in each of the next 2hdc, 1dc in each of the next 4dc, 1trc in each of the next 10dc, 1dc in each of the next 4dc, 1hdc in each of the next 2hdc, * 1sc in the next sc, 1slst in each of the next 3slst, 1sc in the next sc, repeat from * to * for 2nd hump, 1sc in each of the next 14sc. (94sts)

Rnd 16: 1sc in each of the next 5sts, 3sc in next trc, 1sc in each of the next 88sts. (96sc)

Rnd 17: 1sc in the back loops of each st around. (96sc)

Rnds 18-22: 1sc in both loops of each sc around. (96sc)

Rnd 23: 1sc in the back loops of each sc around, slst to join. Fasten off and put aside for now. (96sc)

BACK COVER OF BOX

Rnds 1-18: repeat same as for front cover. End of rnd 18 fasten off.

CONNECTING FRONT AND BACK OF BOX

Holding right sides together, Find the center top of heart. Leave 50sts unworked for the opening and sc tog the rest of the sts to close the heart. Fasten off and turn hearts to the right side out.

CHOCOLATE BODY

Rnd 1: With I hook and Brown yarn, attach in the back of the cocoon, in the unworked loops from rnd 13, 1sc in each unworked loop around, slst to join. Ch3 (58sc)

NOTE: ch3 counts as first dc

Rnd 2: 1dc in each sc around, slst to join. Ch3 (58dc)

Rnds 3-7: 1dc in each dc around, slst to join, ch3 (58dc) at the end of rnd 7, ch2.

NOTE: ch2 counts as first hdc

Rnds 8-9: Change to H hook, 1hdc in each back loop of each st around, slst to join, ch2. (58hdc)

Rnd 10: 1sc in each back loop of each hdc around, slst to join. (58sc)

Fasten off and tie in ends.

WHITE SWIRL ON NECK OF COCOON

Rnds 1 -3: With G hook and white, attach to unworked loop in back of cocoon. (1slst, ch1) in each unworked loop around for this rnd and the next 2rnds that have unworked loops on them. Fasten off and tie in ends.

BEANIE

Rnd 1: With Dark Brown and H hook, make a magic crochet loop, sc in loop, ch3, 11dc in magic loop, slst to join. Ch3 (12dc)

NOTE: ch3 counts as first dc

Rnd 2: 1dc in same st as joining, 2dc in the back loops of each dc around, slst to join. Ch3 (24dc)

Rnd 3: 2dc in the back loop of the next dc, *1dc in the back loop of the next dc, 2dc in the back loop of the next dc* repeat from* to * around. (36dc)

Rnd 4: 1dc in the back loop of the next dc, * 2dc in the back loop of the next dc, 1dc in the back loop of each of the next 2dc, * repeat from * to * around. (48dc)

Rnds 6-7: 1dc in both loops of each st around. (48dc)

Rnd 8: 1dc in each of the next 2dc, dc tog the next 2dc, *1dc in each of the next 3dc, dc tog the next 2dc * (39dc)

Rnds 9-11: 1sc in each sc around. (39sc) Fasten off and tie in ends.

WHTIE SWIRL ON BEANIE

Rnds 1 -3: With G hook and white, attach to unworked loop on top of beanie. (1slst,ch1) in each unworked loop around for this rnd and the next 2rnds that have unworked loops on them. Fasten off and tie in ends.

FRONT RUFFLE

Rnd 1: With H hook and white yarn, attach to unworked loop at point in bottom of heart. Attach yarn, ch3, 2dc in same st as joining, *3dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc * repeat from * to * around, slst to join. Fasten off and tie in ends.

BACK RUFFLE

Rnd 1: With H hook and white yarn, attach to unworked loop at point in bottom of heart. Attach yarn, ch2, 2hdc in same st as joining, *3hdc in next dc, 2hdc in next dc * repeat from * to * around, slst to join. Fasten off and tie in ends.

3 LEAVES

Rnd 1: With G hook and green, ch5, 1trc in 4th ch from hook, (1dtrc, ch3, sc in top of dtrc, 1dtrc, trc, dc, hdc, sc,) all in 4th ch from hook, ch6, 1trc in 4th ch from hook, (1dtrc, ch3, sc in top of dtrc, 1dtrc, trc, dc, hdc, sc,) all in 4th ch from hook, leaving the other 2chs unworked. Ch 7, 1trc in 4th ch from hook, (1dtrc, ch3, sc in top of dtrc, 1dtrc, trc, dc, hdc, sc,) all in 4th ch from hook, leaving the other 3chs unworked. Fasten off leaving tail to sew with. Attach the 3 leaves to middle of heart.

FLOWER

Rnd 1: With pink variegated and G hook, ch 25, 1dc in 4th ch from hook, ch1, skip next 2ch *(1dc, ch2, 1dc) all in next ch, skip next 2ch, * repeat from * to * 5 more times, ch1, skip next 2ch, 1dc in last ch. Ch1 turn.

Rnd 2: 1sc in first ch1sp, (6dc in next ch2sp, sc in next ch1sp,) repeat one more time, (8dc in next ch2sp, sc in next ch1sp) repeat one more time, (10dc in next ch2sp, sc in next ch1sp) repeat 2more times. Fasten off leaving a tail to sew with. Roll stitches into a rose; sew a few stitches thru the bottom of the rose to help hold it together. Attach flower to middle of leaves,

CHOCOLATES

MEDIUM

Rnd 1: With chocolate brown and G hook, make a magic loop, 4sc inside magic loop, do not join, but use place marker if desired. (4sc)

Rnd 2: 3sc in the back loops of each of the next 4sc. (12sc)

Rnd 3: 1sc in the back loops of the next sc, 2sc in the back loop of the next sc, *1sc in the back loop of each of the next 2sc, 2sc in the back loop of the next sc* repeat from * to * two more times. (16sc)

Rnd 4: 1sc in both loops of each sc around. (16sc) fasten off leaving a tail to sew with. Put white swirl on as for beanie

LARGE

Rnd 1: With chocolate brown and G hook, ch4, 2sc in 2nd ch from hook, 1sc in next ch, 4sc in last ch, now working on opposite side of ch, 1sc in next ch, 2sc in last ch. Do not join. (10sc)

Rnd 2: 1sc in the back loop of next sc, 2sc in back loop of next sc, * 1sc in each of the next 2sc, 2sc in next sc * repeat from * to * 2 more times. (14sc)

Rnd 3: 1sc in the back loops of each sc around. (14sc)

Rnd 4: 1sc in both loops of each sc around. (14sc) fasten off leaving a tail to sew with. Put white swirl on as for beanie

SMALL

Rnd 1: With chocolate brown and G hook, make a magic crochet loop, 6sc inside magic loop, pull loop tight. (6sc)

Rnd 2: 1sc in the back loop of each sc around. (6sc)

Rnd 3: 1sc in both loops of each sc around. (12sc) fasten off leaving a tail to sew with. Do not put white swirl on this one.

Attach all chocolates to front of heart box.

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What if I said Yes...

By Buffi Young

A story of LOVE and adoption

Eighteen years ago....I married my best friend...my partner....the most wonderful man that I could ever dream God would put me with. He was a perfect fit for me and we both had a heart for God, to seek Him and to do His will. For many of the first years of our lives together we were in full time ministry. We always felt that was God's calling for us. Being pastors on staff at a church was what we had always done and thought it was what we would always do.

Funny thing though....when you seek the Lord with all your heart and cry out to Him to have his way, and let His will be done in your life...things don't always go as you have it laid out in your perfectly planned goal book.



Proverbs 16:9 - In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.

You see...it's so important to always remain open to what the Lord is placing on your heart. Because after all...He may be taking you down a path you never dreamed you would go! As he did with us!

Over eight years ago, our hearts were challenged, our obedience to doing HIS will was challenged even greater. God placed before us the overwhelming journey of stepping out to adopt a little girl from China.

WHAT?!?! God...you want US to adopt?!?! We already have two biological children. Why in the WORLD would we do that?! It was NOT in our 10 year plan or goals. It was NOT

something we had ever dreamed of doing...and really...the moment He placed it on our hearts...it wasn't something we wanted to do.

Psalm 37:4 – Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Interesting enough...the word “**delight**” here in scripture means “**to be soft and pliable**”. So, if we are ‘soft and pliable’ in the Lord, HE will give us the desires of our hearts.’ He will place and mold those desires in us...and he will bring them to full fruition.

After a YEAR of grappling with God about this...there were so many reasons we could think of to not adopt.

- *We already had children...why would we want to “mess up” what we already have.*
- *Have you seen how expensive international adoption is?!? Wow God!! We don't even have the application money to get started! How in the world would we be able to come up with over \$30,000 to adopt a child.*
- *OH...and do we REALLY have to fly?!? My brother was killed in a plane crash and I REALLY don't want to be confronted with THAT fear!*
- *Can we really afford to bring another child into our home?? Life is good just the way it is.*



These were all our arguments against doing it. We did wrestle with God. We could not see logic in what He was asking us to do. Yet, we also could not deny He was asking us to do it.

We knew if we didn't do this...not only would we be dis-obedient to His voice...but we would be missing out on something special God had planned for our family.

So nerves and all...we jumped in and said “YES GOD...we will step out in faith and trust your voice and your Word...and we will care for the orphan. We will bring a little girl into our family who has no family, and help give her a future and hope.”

WHAT HAPPENED?

In July of 2007, that's exactly what we did...our lives collided with the most precious little girl who has completely turned our world around. I cannot imagine our lives without her. And I cannot imagine our lives without having experienced the miracle of adoption.



We have learned more about God's unconditional love for us...through adoption. After all, we are sons and daughters of God, ADOPTED into His family. The very core and foundation of our faith is built with adoption. It IS God's heart and desire...and in hind sight...we can see that now.

Again, five and a half years later, we find ourselves on another adoption journey. TOTALLY not on our radar of plans! ☺ This time, we are adopting a little boy from China. Yes....it is another step of faith.



- Do we have all the money to do it? NO....but when God gives a vision He gives the provision.
- Do we know this little boy...NO...but God does and we believe He has destined him to be a part of our family...and our destiny is to say YES to what God is calling us to do. The rest is up to Him.

I would like to encourage you to open your heart to what God may be saying to you. He may be asking you to do some things that seem WAY OUT THERE. God seems to specialize in impossibilities. That way...HE can get all the credit!! We can just give Him all the glory!

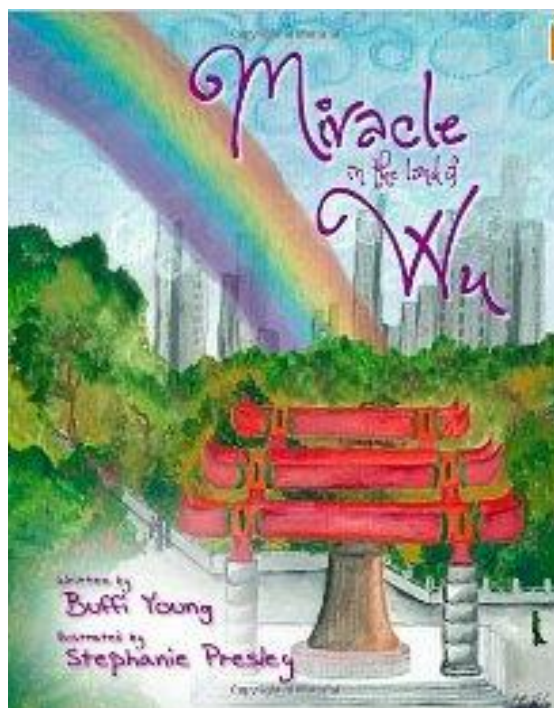
Mark 10:27 - "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God."

Remember this scripture when God asks you to step out in faith and trust Him. He's never going to leave you hanging when you place your trust in Him.

I encourage you as well...consider adoption. Instead of thinking of all the reason why not do it...think of all the amazing things that could happen if you say YES!!! It truly is God's heart. Not only will it change the life of a child...but it will change yours forever too!!

I would LOVE for you to follow our journey of adoption this time from our blog at: www.whatif-isayyes.blogspot.com .

I have also written a children's book about adoption and the proceeds go to help us raise funds for our adoption expenses. Thank you for taking a look at it and considering a purchase of one.



The book is called "Miracle in the Land of Wu" and you can purchase it on Amazon.com here http://www.amazon.com/Miracle-Land-Wu-Buffi-Young/dp/1478196653/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1354546849&sr=8-1&keywords=miracle+in+the+land+of+wu

Thank you for taking your time to hear my heart and hear about our journey. I would love to encourage you and inspire you to step out and do the impossible thing that God is asking you to do. With God...all things are possible!!! Be someone's miracle!!





Cloud Mitten Pattern

DESIGN BY KATIE HANKEN



Cloud mittens - toddler size

Design: Katie Hanken

www.optimisticbynature.com

photos by www.taramurrayphotography.com

Materials: Lion Brand Fisherman Wool, G Hook

Pattern stitches:

American English terms

ch- chain

sl st – slip stitch

hdc – half double crochet

blo – back loop only

cl – cloud stitch - a variation of a grit stitch

Make cloud stitch: sc,dc in next st

Gauge:

Instead of providing gauge this pattern provides measurements for mitten body.

Adjust number of stitches or rows accordingly with yarn that gives different results.

Measurement of toddler size: Height including 2 inch cuff: 6.5 inches

Width before slip stitching together: 5.5 inches

Full pattern includes 4 childrens sizes: baby, toddler, child small and child medium.

Full pattern, adult pattern and other mitten patterns can be purchased here:

www.etsy.com/shop/OptimisticByNature

Instructions

Mitten body - Make 2

ch 32

Row 1: hdc 10 starting in 3rd ch from hook, *sk 1, cl* until end, ch 1, turn

Row 2: cl in each sc across until hdc's of previous row (or last 10 sts), (tip: the first sc is the 3rd loop from hook), sl st in blo loosely in remaining 10 sts, ch 2, turn (note: DO NOT sk 1 between the last cl st and the first sl st)

Row 3: hdc 10 in blo starting in 3rd loop from hook, *sk 1, cl* until end, ch 1, turn

Row 4: repeat row 2

Row 5: repeat row 3

Continue repeating rows 2 and 3 until you have 22 rows.

Thumb - Make 2

ch 6

Row 1: sk 1st ch from hook, cl in 2nd ch from hook, continue with *sk 1, cl* until last 2 sts, sk second to last st, (sc, 2dc) in last st, ch 2, turn (there will be 3 cloud sts in row 1 + an extra dc)

Row 2: cl in 3rd loop from hook (or last dc of row 1), *sk 1, cl* until end (note: the last st will be in turning ch), ch 1, turn (there will be 4 cloud sts in row 2)

Row 3: cl in each sc across until last 2 sts (note: the first sc is the 3rd loop from hook), sk second to last st, (sc, 2dc) in last st, ch 2, turn (there will be 4 cloud sts in row 3 + an extra dc)

Row 4: dc in 3rd loop from hook (or last dc of row 3), *sk 1, cl* until end, ch 1, turn (there will be 4 cloud sts and 1 dc in row 4)

Row 5: cl in each sc across until last st, sc in last st, ch 1, turn (there will be 4 cloud sts and 1 sc in row 5)

Row 6: cl in 2nd sc (or 4th loop from hook), *sk 1, cl* until end, ch 1, turn (there will be 4 cloud sts in row 6)

Row 7: cl in each sc across until last 2 sts, sk second to last st, sc in last st, fasten off. (there will be 3 cloud sts and 1 sc in row 7)

Fold together and sl st the edges of thumb together, fasten off

Assembly:

Thread a needle and pick up loops around the top of the thumb (the part that is even – not the shaped side), pull tight so that it closes completely at the top, make a knot and weave in ends. Fold mitten (with wrong side out) and sew on thumb (also wrong side out). The inside (top) of thumb should be placed appr 1/3 above wrist. See photo. (photo from adult size of basic felted mitten - same rule applies for all sizes.)

Sl st the rest of the mitten edge together above and below the thumb. Top of mitten body: Thread a needle and pick up loops around the top of mitten, pull tightly together so that it closes completely at the top, make a knot and weave in ends.



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Yarn Therapy

By Kristi Simpson

For many non-crafty people, yarn is just a colorful string that is sold in a craft store...but to me (and many others) buying and using it has become a therapy. Seriously, go look at how many skeins you have and tell me you have enough...I don't think so.

When I first learned how to crochet, I couldn't afford but one skein at a time, but even then I wanted to have at least two colors to work with. I knew our budget and I needed to at least learn how to crochet well before buying more. So, I was on a mission to use up all of that one color just so I could get another one. Mission accomplished! I used all of my camo pink and I got a teal...and then a blue...and then a gray. But I used it all before I bought another—that was the rule. I had to figure out how to get more at once and after talking to my husband, we decided that if I could pay for it with my hobby I could buy what I wanted. Wow! What a thought! I could have more yarn if I could fund it with my new hobby—again, I was on a mission to use and create more and more. I was thrilled when I sold my first hat on Ebay for .99 with free shipping. Yes, it cost me money, but it gave me hope!

After making a few hats and selling to friends, my yarn stash started to grow. And I know what you're thinking....how much do you need? But never ask that to a yarn lover. They will tell you that they buy yarn just to 'feed the stash' or because it was so pretty and they'll use it (and mumble 'eventually').

Take a look at all of the photos on the first page. Buying yarn is truly therapy. Leaving the store with a bag full of yarn that you get to play with in your own peaceful time is just priceless. Yes, some of the ladies own their own shop and 'need' it but really, it's a prized collection that you love and will even show your friends just as you would any other hobby or collection....

I asked one gal, Angela Geist about her yarn therapy and this is what she shared with me...

"My name is Angela, Ang to all my family and friends. When I was just a teen, I tried to learn the art of crochet. Try as I may, I just couldn't get my hook on. But that doesn't mean I gave up! Life got busy, I became a mom, moved on to single mom, full time job, full time school. I reconnected with a guy I had known from high-school. We hit it off, I moved back to the small town I grew up in, and we had a little girl. I had mentioned to his mom that I always wanted to learn to crochet and this seemed like the perfect time. Turned out she knew how and was willing to teach me. This time I picked it up right away and I loved it!

Now, over a year later, I look at crochet as my daily therapy session. It has helped me get my mommy time, escape a bad day, and relax even in the worst of times. My boyfriend has some mental issues and can be verbally aggressive at times. I've learned to ignore and escape. Unfortunately, this usually leaves me frustrated and needing an outlet. I grab a ball of yarn and a hook and away I go. Thank you, yarn therapy.

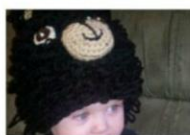
It's not only mental therapy, but also wonderful physical therapy. An online friend of mine has the use of her right hand thanks to yarn therapy in the form of crochet. She was in an automobile accident that left her right arm/hand and leg to be paralyzed. She had to learn to walk, dress, and feed herself with her paralyzed and crippled hand. She returned home with a walker and graduated with a cane. She started to crochet for hand therapy. Her dad made thick handles for her hooks so she would be able to better hold them. She believes without her yarn therapy, she would have little to no use of her right hand.

Whether you knit, crochet, latch hook, or any other craft with it, yarn is a marvelous thing. Next time you're feeling stressed or overwhelmed, grab your favorite skein and to your thing. Soon, you'll be smiling thanks to yarn therapy."

Whether it's physical or mental—yarn therapy is good for you. The more yarn the better if you ask me. So when the cashier mentions to your loved one that this is your 3rd time in the store in a week -- just smile and let the cashier know that it's just 'yarn therapy'....and then hide the receipt.

Love is the air...

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Love Is In the Air

By Jen Hatch

Materials:

Worsted Weight Yarn

Hook size J (6.00MM) and I (5.50MM)

Yarn Needle

Gauge:

6 hdc = 2 inches

4 rows of hdc = 2 inches

Sizing:

Newborn/ 0-3 Months:

Hat Circ: 11-12 inches

Hat Height: 5-5.5 inches

3-6 Months:

Hat Circ: 11.5-13 inches

Hat Height: 6.5-7 inches

6-12 Months:

Hat Circ: 13-16 inches

Hat Height: 7.5 inches

1-3 Years:

17-19 inches

Hat Height: 8 inches

3-10 Years:

18-19.5 inches

Hat Height: 8.5 inches

Teen/Adult:

Hat Circ: 19.5-22 inches

Hat Height 9-11 inches

Stitches used:

Slip Stitch (sl st): insert hook in st, YO, pull through both lps on hook.

Single Crochet (sc): insert hook in st and pull up a lp, YO, and draw through both lps on hook.

Half Double Crochet (Hdc): YO, insert hook in st and pull up a lp, YO and draw through all 3 lps on hook.

Double Crochet (Dc): YO, insert hook in st and pull up a lp, YO and draw through 2 lps on hook, YO and draw through remaining 2 lps on hook.

CROWN: With I hook and color choice for hat.

All sizes start the same, when you reach the row for the desired size you are making, skip to the body section.

Rnd 1: Ch 2, 8 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, join with sl st. OR magic circle 8 hdc, join with sl st, pull closed.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, 2 hdc in same as joining and in each st around, join with sl st. (16)

Rnd 3: Ch 1, hdc in same as joining, 2 hdc in next st, *hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, repeat from * around, join with sl st. (24)

Rnd 4: Ch 1, hdc in same as joining, and in next st, 2 hdc in next st, *hdc in each of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, repeat from * around, join with sl st. (32)
STOP HERE FOR NEWBORN/0-3 MONTHS

Rnd 5: Ch 1, hdc in same as joining and in each of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, *hdc in each of next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, repeat from * around, join with sl st. (40) STOP HERE FOR 3-6 MONTHS

Rnd 6: Ch 1, hdc in same as joining and in each of next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, *hdc in each of next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, repeat from * around, join with sl st. (48) STOP HERE FOR 6 MONTHS- 2 YEARS

Rnd 7: Ch 1, hdc in same as joining and in each of next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, *hdc in each of next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, repeat from * around, join with sl st. (56) STOP HERE FOR 3-10 YEARS

Rnd 8: Ch 1, hdc in same as joining and in each of next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st,

*hdc in each of next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, repeat from * around, join with sl st.
(64) STOP HERE FOR TEEN/ADULT

BODY: ALL SIZES

Rnd 1: Ch 1, hdc in same as joining and in each st around, join with sl st.
Repeat Rnd 1 of Body until the desired length is reached.. DO NOT FINISH OFF

EARFLAPS: With I hook and color choice for hat.

NEWBORN/0-3 MONTHS & 3-6 MONTHS:

Row 1: sl st in each of next 3 sts, Ch 2, hdc in each of next 10 sts
Row 2-3: Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.
Row 4: Ch 2, turn, hdc2tog, hdc in each st across, hdc2tog. (8)
Row 5: Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.
Row 6: Ch 2, turn, hdc2tog, hdc in each st across, hdc2tog. (6)
Row 7: Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.
Row 8: Ch 2, turn, hdc2tog, hdc in each st across, hdc2tog. (4)
Row 9: Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.
Row 10: Ch 2, turn, hdc2tog, hdc2tog (2)
Row 11-13: Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.
Row 14: Ch 2, turn hdc2tog (1)
Row 15-19: Ch 2, turn hdc in st.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

The easiest way to get the other side is fold the hat in half and match up stitches on the other side.. Repeat for other earflap.

ALL other sizes:

Row 1: sl st in each of next 3 sts, Ch 2, hdc in each of next 12 sts.
Row 2-3: Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across
Row 4: Ch 2, turn hdc2tog, hdc in each st across, hdc2tog (10)
Row 5: Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.
Row 6: Ch 2, turn, hdc2tog, hdc in each st across, hdc2tog. (8)
Row 7: Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.
Row 8: Ch 2, turn, hdc2tog, hdc in each st across, hdc2tog. (6)
Row 9: Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.
Row 10: Ch 2, turn, hdc2tog, hdc in each st across, hdc2tog. (4)
Row 11: Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.

Row 12: Ch 2, turn, hdc2tog, hdc2tog (2)

Row 13–15: Ch 2, hdc in each st across.

Row 16: Ch 2, hdc2tog.

Row 17–21: Ch 2, hdc in st.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

The easiest way to get the other side is fold the hat in half and match up stitches on the other side. Repeat for other earflap.

HEART: With J hook and color choice.

NOTE: You can do as many or as few hearts as you would like, these are just approximate counts

NEWBORN/0–3 MONTHS size– 16 hearts

3–6 MONTHS size– 20 hearts

6 MONTHS– 2 YEARS size– 24 hearts

CHILD Size– 28 hearts

TEEN/ADULT size– 32 hearts

Row 1: Ch 2, hdc in 2nd ch from hook.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in st. (2)

Row 3: Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in each st, (4)

Row 4: Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in first st, hdc in each of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st.
(6)

Row 5: Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in first st, hdc in each of next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st.
(8)

Row 6: Ch 1, turn sk first st, 3 dc in next st, hdc in next st, sl st in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next st, 3 dc in next st, sl st in last st.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

ASSEMBLY: to assemble, sew the hearts down the earflaps and around the bottom edge of hat, I sewed mine like a puzzle, fitting them together.

I take pride in my work. Please if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please email me at hatchedwithlove@ymail.com.

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My grandmother taught me the summer of my 8th grade year when I broke my ankle. She past the spring of my senior year. I'm now almost 35 and it's my way of keeping her spirit alive.

~April Horner

In 2007 I went from a full time college student and full time worker to not being able to do anything. All of a sudden my body was consumed with pain. I couldn't function like a normal woman in her 20s should be able to. I went from having an annoying pain to all over chronic pain. If my day wasn't filled with doctor's and specialists appointments, I was laying in my bed wishing the pain to go away. I decided to start crocheting - something to keep my mind off the pain. I learned to crochet through TJW1963's youtube channel. I started with a single crochet blanket. I didn't expect at the time to still be crocheting 5 years later. Then again at that point I wasn't even sure I would survive the pain 5 more years. In 2008 I was diagnosed with Endometriosis and started treatment for it. Though my pain levels are still pretty high and I have had to come to terms with being a stay at home mom/homemaker without a college degree (for now!) I am making it through. I've kept up my crocheting, with a few breaks here and there, and find that it helps me the most when I am in pain. It gives me something to fully concentrate on instead of the pain and it helps me make it through the bad days.

~Nicole Whiffen

I have been crocheting now for a year and I love it. I crochet because when I take that string of yarn, yarn over and pull it through with my hook something magical happens. To see my work come to life put a humongous smile on my face and joy in my heart. It relaxes me and sort of gives me a place to escape. It comes with peace and passion deep down in my soul. Yes it is comfort in my life when I am struggling with situations. I am blessed by God to be able to crochet because many say they do not have the patience to do crocheting.

~Christal White

I crochet not only out of passion but because my husband saw it as a passion that should be given the opportunity to explore through business. He allowed me to leave my job so that I could take control of my business full-time instead of in my spare time. He and I saw this as a positive move towards something I could feel accomplished at and it opened up time to spend with him, which I was lacking being away from home close to 10-12 hours a day. So I crochet, not only because I love it but because it offers a less stressful job which means my life is more enjoyable and not to mention for once I love my job. That's more than most could ever say.

~Victoria Tutwiler

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Miss Mouse

A pattern by

KAMILIN

We are two Czech “girls” born early ‘80, who like to crochet and knit and who are keen on trying new things and techniques too.

Katka is the creative head of the project. She is the one who creates most of the patterns here and her fantasy and creativity are amazing. She has two beautiful daughters and they are both her inspiration as well as her “time eaters” :-). Her specialty is larger crocheted toys for kids - bears, other animals, Christmas decorations etc. She is really able to bring to life almost anything you imagine by her magic wand / crochet hook

Mirka is more the tech support. She is the one who translates the patterns, works on the blog etc. She too has two kids (two boys) and spend most of her rare spare time crocheting and making “miniature things”. However thanks to Katka she too makes also larger toys for her kids and she also tests the patterns to make sure they are working well even for beginners.



MISS MOUSE CROCHET PATTERN



Used material: wool – 1 ball of **light gray** (we used Czech production wool with parameter 50g/152 m -name: Elian Nicky, VSV Pilníkov, it is 100 % acryl), 1 ball of **light pink** - (50g/126 m, Camilla, it is 100 % cotton), little bit of darker pink (also Camilla) – or you can use whatever you like to work with,

Toy stuffing material (e.g. PES balls)

Thread to sew the parts together

Black cotton yarn for embroidering mouth, eyes, and eyebrows

Hook according to used material

Pink bow to attach on head

We work with single crochet (SC), use slip stitch (Sl St) to join the rows. Start each row with two chain stitches (Ch) – (do not count the chain stitches into the total count of stitches) – and finish each row with slip stitch.

Terminology:

SC = single crochet

DC = double crochet

Ch = chain

DEC = decrease

Head: light gray color

Start with the loop

1st row – crochet 2 Ch (as each beginning) and 12 SC into the loop.

2nd row – crochet one SC into the first SC of the first row, crochet 2 SC into the second SC, repeat 6x =18 SC in total

3rd row – one SC into the first two SC of the last row, 2 SC into the third SC, repeat 6x =24 SC in total

4th row – one SC into the first three SC of the last row, 2 SC into the fourth SC, repeat 6x =30 SC in total

5th row – one SC into the first four SC of the last row, 2 SC into the fifth SC, repeat 6x =36 SC in total

6th row – one SC into the first five SC of the last row, 2 SC into the sixth SC, repeat 6x =42 SC in total

7th row – crochet one SC into each SC of the last row = 42 SC in total

8th – 11th row - same as the 7th row (4 rows each 42 SC in total)



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12th row – one SC into first five SC of last row, DEC (crochet together the 6th and the 7th SC – or skip the sixth one), repeat 6x= 36 SC in total

13th row – crochet one SC into each SC of the last row = 36 SC in total

14th row – same as the 13th row (36 SC in total)

15th row – one SC into first four SC of last row, DEC (5th and 6th SC together – or skip 5th), repeat 6x= 30 SC in total

16th row – crochet one SC into each SC of the last row = 30 SC in total

17th row – same as the 16th row (30 SC in total)

18th row – one SC into first three SC of last row, DEC (4th and 5th SC together – or skip 4th), repeat 6x= 24 SC in total

19th row – crochet one SC into each SC of the last row = 24 SC in total

20th row – same as the 19th row (24 SC in total)

21st row – one SC into first two SC of last row, DEC (3rd and 4th SC together – or skip 3rd), repeat 6x= 18 SC in total

22nd row – crochet one SC into each SC of the last row = 18 SC in total

23rd row – same as the 22nd row (18 SC in total)

Interrupt the work and fill in the head with toy stuffing, than continue work as follows:

24th row – one SC into first SC of last row, DEC (2nd and 3rd SC together – or skip 2nd), repeat 6x= 12 SC in total

25th row – crochet one SC into each SC of the last row = 12 SC in total

26th row – DEC (crochet together each 1st and 2nd SC of the last row – or skip 1st), repeat 6 x = 6 SC in total

27th row – DEC (crochet together each 1st and 2nd SC of the last row – or skip 1st), repeat 3 x = 3 SC in total

Fasten off

Ears (make 2): light gray color

Start with the loop

1st row – crochet 2 Ch (as each beginning) and 12 SC into the loop

2nd row – crochet one SC into the first SC of the first row, crochet 2 SC into the second SC, repeat 6x =18 SC in total

3rd row – one SC into the first two SC of the last row, 2 SC into the third SC, repeat 6x =24 SC in total

4th row – one SC into the first three SC of the last row, 2 SC into the fourth SC, repeat 6x =30 SC in total

5th row – crochet one SC into each SC of the fourth row = 30 SC in total, Fasten off



Ears – inner part (make 2): light pink color

Start with the loop

1st row – crochet 2 Ch (as each beginning) and 6 SC into the loop

2nd row – 2 SC into each SC of the first row = 12 SC in total

3rd row – crochet one SC into the first SC of the last row, crochet 2 SC into the second SC, repeat 6x =18 SC in total



Legs (make 2): light gray color

Start with 7 + 2 Ch.



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1st row – crochet according the scheme on right (crochet 9 Ch, starting from the third Ch from the hook, crochet 6 SC – one into each Ch, than three into the last one, turn the work and crochet from the other side one SC into each Ch (5 times), than 2 SC into the last Ch = 16 SC in total

2nd row – crochet one SC into each of the first seven SC of the first row. Make 3 SC into the 8th SC, than crochet one SC into each of the next 7 SC and 3 SC into the last SC = 20 SC in total

3rd row – crochet 2 SC into the first SC of the last row, than one SC into each of next 5 SC, crochet 2 SC into each of following 5 SC, than again one SC into each of next 5 SC and 2 SC into each of last 4 SC = 30 SC in total

4th row – **in this row crochet into back loop of each SC only:** crochet one SC into each SC of last row = 30 SC in total

5th row – crochet one SC into each SC of last row = 30 SC in total

6th row – the same as the 5th row (30 SC in total)

7th row – crochet 1 SC into first five SC, ***DEC – crochet together the 6th and 7th SC - or skip 6th, than crochet 1 SC into the next SC.***, repeat between* * 4 more times (so you make it 5 times in total), SC one into each of remaining ten SC = 25 SC in total

8th row – crochet 1 SC into first three SC, ***DEC – crochet together the 4th and 5th SC - or skip 4th, than crochet 1 SC into the next SC.***, repeat between* * 4 more times (so you make it 5 times in total), SC one into each of remaining seven SC = 20 SC in total

9th row – crochet 1 SC into first SC, ***DEC – crochet together the 2nd and 3rd SC - or skip 2nd, than crochet 1 SC into the next SC.***, repeat between* * 4 more times (so you make it 5 times in total), SC one into each of remaining four SC = 15 SC in total

10th row – ***DEC – crochet together the 1st and 2nd SC - or skip 1st, than crochet 1 SC into the next SC.***, repeat between* * 4 more times (so you make it 5 times in total)= 10 SC in total

Interrupt the work and fill in the leg with toy stuffing, than continue work as follows:

11th row – crochet one SC into each SC of the tenth row = 10 SC in total

12th to 22nd row – the same as 11th row (11 rows, 10 SC in total in each row), Fasten off

Hands (make 2): light gray color

Start with the loop

1st row – crochet 2 Ch (as each beginning) and 6 SC into the loop

2nd row – in each SC of the first row crochet two, repeat 6x =12 SC in total

3rd row – crochet one SC into the first SC, crochet 2 SC into the second SC, repeat 6x =18 SC in total

4th row – crochet one SC into each SC of the last row = 18 SC in total

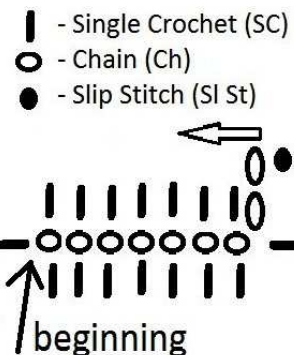
5th row – crochet one SC, DEC (crochet together the 2nd and 3rd SC – or skip 2nd), repeat 6 x = 12 SC in total

6th row – crochet one SC into each SC of the last row = 12 SC in total

7th row – DEC (crochet together the 1st and the 2nd SC – or skip 1st), repeat 6x = 6 SC in total,

8th row – crochet one SC into each SC of the last row = 6 SC in total

9th to 18th row – the same as the 8th row (10 rows, 6 SC in total in each row), Fasten off



Body: light pink color

Start with the loop

1st row – crochet 2 Ch (as each beginning) and 12 SC into the loop

2nd row – crochet one SC into the first SC of the first row, crochet 2 SC into the second SC, repeat 6x =18 SC in total

3rd row – one SC into the first two SC, 2 SC into the third SC, repeat 6x =24 SC in total

4th row – one SC into the first three SC, 2 SC into the fourth SC, repeat 6x =30 SC in total

5th row – one SC into the first four SC, 2 SC into the fifth SC, repeat 6x =36 SC in total

6th row – one SC into the first five SC, 2 SC into the sixth SC, repeat 6x =42 SC in total

7th row – one SC into the first six SC, 2 SC into the seventh SC, repeat 6x =48 SC in total

8th row – crochet one SC into each SC of the last row = 48 SC in total

9th to 12th row – the same as the 8th row (4 rows, 48 SC in total in each row)

13th row – one SC into the first six SC, DEC (crochet together the 7th and 8th – or skip 7th), repeat 6x =42 SC in total

14th row – crochet one SC into each SC of the last row = 42 SC in total

15th row – the same as the 14th row (42 SC in total)

16th row – one SC into the first five SC, DEC (crochet together the 6th and 7th – or skip 6th), repeat 6x =36 SC in total

17th row – crochet one SC into each SC of the last row = 36 SC in total

18th row – the same as the 17th row (36 SC in total)

19th row – one SC into the first four SC, DEC (crochet together the 5th and 6th – or skip 5th), repeat 6x =30 SC in total

20th row – crochet one SC into each SC of the last row = 30 SC in total

21st row – the same as the 20th row (30 SC in total)

22nd row – one SC into the first three SC, DEC (crochet together the 4th and 5th – or skip 4th), repeat 6x =24 SC in total

23rd row – crochet one SC into each SC of the last row = 24 SC in total

24th row – the same as the 23rd row (24 SC in total)

25th row – one SC into the first two SC, DEC (crochet together the 3rd and 4th – or skip 3rd), repeat 6x =18 SC in total

26th row – crochet one SC into each SC of the last row = 18 SC in total

Interrupt the work and fill in the body with toy stuffing, than continue work as follows:

27th row – one SC into the first SC, DEC (crochet together the 2nd and 3rd – or skip 2nd), repeat 6x =12 SC in total

28th row – DEC (crochet together the 1st and 2nd – or skip 1st), repeat 6x =6 SC in total

29th row – DEC (crochet together the 1st and 2nd – or skip 1st), repeat 3x =3 SC in total, Fasten off



Frill for the dress: light pink color

On this picture the frill was directly made on the dress (body) – count 10th row from the beginning - the 10th row from the bottom of the mouse, which you are going to attach the frill to. Make 48 SC around to the 10th row, which are to be joined with Slip Stitch.



Or you can make the frill separately and attach it later. In this case make 48 + 1 Ch and connect them into a ring.

Than continue as follows – if you chose the first option, start at the beginning of the row as usually. If you chose the second option, start on the 3rd Ch.

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1st row – crochet 3 DC into each SC of the previous row = 144 DC in total, finish off

Tail: light gray color

Start with the loop

1st row – crochet 2 Ch (as each beginning) and 5 SC into the loop

2nd row – crochet one SC into each SC of the first row = 5 SC in total

3rd to 19th row – the same as the second row (17 rows each 5 SC in total)



Nose: dark pink color

Start with the loop

1st row – crochet 2 Ch (as each beginning) and then make the small bobble – 5 double crochets, at which you do not fish the last step, you only make the half of the DC (the whole DC is drawn through twice, but you only draw it once and keep the rest on the hook and repeat the whole thing until you have 5 unfinished DC on the hook, than you draw the yarn through all loops you have on the hook and thus finish the bobble. Tie the loose ends and shape the bobble and sew it to the nose point on the head.

Sew all parts together so the little Miss Mouse looks exactly like in the pictures. Embroider eyes, eyebrows, and mouth with black thread and attach the bow to the head.



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What you need:

Crochet hook size E-3.50mm
 Lion Brand Wool-Ease (weight 3) cream
 Vanna's Choice Dusty Rose (weight 4)

Gauge: 13 stitches and 16 rows for 4 inches (based off of sc swatch)

Legend:

Chain (ch)
 Slip stitch (sl st)
 Single Crochet (sc)
 Front Post Single Crochet (fpSC)
 Back Post Single Crochet (bpSC)
 Single Crochet Decrease (sc dec)

To adjust for sizes, increase by the count of 12 per size. You will still work the heart in the same manner so, no adjusting for it. The only difference will be the height, so add rows accordingly.

To begin: (size 0-3 months)

Working from bottom up.

Ch55

Row 1: Turn, sc in the first stitch and across.

Row 2: turn, ch1, fpSC2, bpSC2 across, sl st to the ch1 to join into a ring. Be sure not to twist the strip.

Row 3: turn, ch1, bpSC2, fpSC2 across, sl st to the ch 1 to join the row.

Row 4: repeat row 2

Rows 5-7: Sc continuously.

Row 8: sc20, with B sc1, with A, sc the remainder of the round

Row 9: sc 19, with B sc 3, with A, sc the remainder of the round

Row 10: sc 18, with B sc 5, with A sc the remainder of the round

Row 11: sc 17, with B sc 7, with A sc the remainder of the round

Row 12: sc 16, with B sc 9, with A Sc the remainder of the round

Row 13: sc 16, with B sc 9, with A sc the remainder of the round

Row 14: sc 16, with B sc4, with A sc1, with B sc4, with A sc the remainder of the round

Row 15: sc 17, with B sc 2, with a sc3, with B sc 2, with a sc the remainder

Row 16-18: sc around continuously (This is where you will add more rows for a larger hat until you reach 1.5 inches from final measurement).

Row 19: Sc5, sc dec and repeat around (if it isn't even in the end, then just continue to the end of the round with sc and start your count with the first sc for the next row again).

Row 20: sc4, sc dec and repeat around The dec should be on top of the previous dec

Row 21: sc3, sc dec and repeat around.

Row 22: sc2, sc dec and repeat around.

Row 23: sc1, sc dec and repeat around.

Row 24: sc dec around.
Now take the yarn and fasten off. Run the yarn through the top stitches and pull tight to join the top of the hat. Fasten off.

Pom:

Use a large pom pom maker and add pom to the top or make one as follows: Find a cup, glass, can or piece of card board that you can wrap your yarn around that is approx. 3-4 inches wide.

Wrap your yarn around at least 50 times. If you want a thicker pom wrap 75-100 times. Tie in the middle. Cut the loops on each end. Trim the pom pom to desired length and then sew onto the top of that hat.

Fasten off and weave in ends.



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All techniques and finished sizes are listed in US terminology.

Materials Needed:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Size Preemie: ❖ Size F [3.75mm] crochet hook ❖ Size E [3.50mm] crochet hook ❖ Light Worsted Weight Yarn in any color (I used Caron Simply Soft in Limelight) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Size 6-12 months: ❖ Size I [5.50mm] crochet hook ❖ Size H [5.00mm] crochet hook ❖ Medium Worsted Weight Yarn in any color (I used Red Heart Super Saver in Pumpkin) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Size Newborn and 3-6 Months: ❖ Size H [5.00mm] crochet hook ❖ Size G [4.25mm] crochet hook ❖ Medium Worsted Weight Yarn in any color (I used Vanna's Choice in | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Materials Required: ❖ Tapestry needle ❖ Stitch marker |



Scoops of Love Rolled Brim Hat

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Stitches and Terms Used:

- Ch/chs: chain/chains
- dc: double crochet
- hdc: half double crochet
- hk: hook



- LDfPdc: Long Diagonal Front Post double crochet: Yarn over, insert hook from front to back to front again around the post of indicated stitch and pull up a loop to level of current round, (yarn over and pull through two loops on hook) twice.
- Rnd: round
- sc: single crochet
- sl st: slip stitch
- st/sts: stitch/stitches

Finished size for Preemie [Newborn; 3-6 Months, 6-12 Months]:

- Circumference: 12" [14"; 16"; 18"]
- Height: 4" [5"; 6"; 7"]
Note: the brim can be adjusted to give you more or less length.

Gauge: Preemie [Newborn & 3-6 Months; 6-12 months]:

- 9 dc=2"; 4 rows=2" [4 dc=1"; 2 rows=1"; 7 dc=2"; 3 rows=2"]

Scoops of Love: Rolled Brim Hat

*With your chosen crochet hook and yarn: begin with a magic ring. **NOTE: For size 3-6 months ONLY you will work a double strand of your chosen color yarn.***

Rnd 1: ch 1 (does not count as sc), 12 sc in center of ring, join with a sl st to the 1st sc, pull ring to close. (12 sc)

Rnd 2: Ch 3 (counts as a dc here and throughout rest of pattern), dc in same st as join, 2 dc in each sc around, join with a sl st to the top of ch 3. (24 dc)

Rnd 3: Ch 3, *LDfPdc around the rnd 2 dc post three stitches back, dc in same rnd 3 dc, dc in next 3 dc, repeat from * around omitting last dc, join with sl st to the top of ch 3. (32 dc, 8 LDfPdc)

Note: Throughout this pattern your ch 3 is actually the *last* st of the rnd. Once you complete your 8th LDfPdc of rnd 3, you will dc in the same rnd 3 dc and then dc in the next 2 dc *which are located BEHIND your 1st LDfPdc of the rnd.* See photo tutorial at the end of the pattern for a visual.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, *dc in next 3 sts, LDfPdc around previous LDfPdc in rnd 3, dc in next 2 dc, repeat from * around omitting last dc, join with sl st to the top of ch 3. (40 dc, 8 LDfPdc)

Rnd 5: Ch 3, *LDfPdc around previous LDfPdc in rnd 4, dc in same st, dc in next 6 sts, repeat from * around omitting last dc, join to top of ch 3. (56 dc, 8 LDfPdc)

Note: Once you complete your 8th LDfPdc of rnd 5, you will dc in the same rnd 5 dc and then in the next 5 dc—the *last three of the five dc are located BEHIND your 1st LDfPdc of the rnd.*

Rnd 6: Ch 3, *dc in the next 4 sts, LDfPdc around previous LDfPdc in rnd 5, dc in the next 4 sts, repeat from * around omitting last

dc, join to the top of ch 3.
(64 dc, 8 LDFPdc)

Rnd 7: Ch 3, *LDFPdc around previous LDFPdc in rnd 6, dc in the next 4 sts, skip next st, dc in the next 4 sts, repeat from * around omitting the last dc, join to the top of ch 3. (64 dc, 8 LDFPdc)

Note: Once you complete your 8th LDFPdc of rnd 7, you will dc in the next 4 dc—the last skip and three dc are located *BEHIND* your 1st LDFPdc of the rnd.

Rnd 8: Ch 3, *sk next st, dc in the next 4 sts, LDFPdc around previous LDFPdc in rnd 7, dc in the next 4 sts, repeat from * around omitting last dc, join to the top of ch 3. (64 dc, 8 LDFPdc)

Rnd 9: Ch 3, * dc in the next 4 sts, skip next st, dc in the next 4 sts LDFPdc around previous LDFPdc in rnd 8, repeat from * around omitting last LDFPdc, join to the top of ch 3, LDFPdc around previous LDFPdc in rnd 8. (64 dc, 8 LDFPdc)

Rnd 10: Ch 3, *dc in the next 4 sts, LDFPdc around previous LDFPdc in rnd 9, dc in the next 4 sts, skip next st, repeat from * around omitting last dc and skip, join to the top of ch 3. (64 dc, 8 LDFPdc) *For size 6-12 months only, work rnds 11 and 12. For all other sizes, skip to rnd 13.*

Rnd 11: Repeat rnd 7

Rnd 12: Repeat rnd 8

Note: The brim of the hat will be worked in a

continuous spiral. Do not ch; do not join.

Rnd 13: Place a st marker in your join. Work one sc in the next st and in each st around.

Rnd 14: *Sc in the next 5 sts, 2 sc in the next, repeat from * around. (12 increases made)

Switch to your smaller hook size for the hat you are working.

Rnd 15: Sc in the next st and in each st around, sl st in the last st. *For size 6-12 months only, work rnd 16. For all other sizes finish off and weave in tails.*

Rnd 16: Sc in the next st and in each st around, sl st in the last st. Finish off and weave in tails.



Photo Tutorial for Rnd 3:

Rnd 3: Ch 3, *LDFPdc around the rnd 2 dc post three stitches back, dc in same rnd 3 dc, dc in next 3 dc, repeat from * around omitting last dc, join with sl st to the top of ch 3. (32 dc, 8 LDFPdc)



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