

LET'S GET CRAFTING

KNITTING & CROCHET

ISSUE 145

THE UK'S FAVOURITE ALL-IN-ONE MAG PACK

CHRISTMAS *Made Easy*

KNIT & CROCHET YOUR
NEW FESTIVE FAVOURITES



Monster
makes!



Knit me this
weekend!



Tea-rific
ideas



Stylish
homewares



PRESENTS FOR POOCHES



EXCLUSIVE!
self-striping yarn

Love our
rainbow
gnome!



Ultimate gift guide for craft lovers ★ Bonus elf pattern



Offering a stunning collection of British hand dyed yarns using pure botanical dyes plus natural dye kits, project books, our very own handmade candles plus Cocoknits and Cohana accessories!

These will make the most beautiful gifts for crafters this Christmas!



Gift Vouchers

The FelinFach Gift Vouchers can be used to purchase any of the products or hand dyeing courses featured on our website.

As supporters of the Tree Nation Organisation, for each product purchased from our website, a new tree is planted to help reforest the world.

For more information please visit our website

www.felinfach.com



c5789ddb-a5df-4b46-9e84-c56e1e8ad27f



Hello!

We can hardly contain our excitement as we welcome you to this year's full-on festive issue! Firstly there's your **Snowglobe yarn kit**, with its mix of traditional and more modern shades. As you'll see from your collection of patterns starting on page 9, it's so versatile! Whether you fancy making a **classic Santa**, some hanging **makes for your tree** or a **Christmas outfit** for your dog, this issue has a festive project you'll love.

Then if you turn to page 33 we have a **gift guide** that's full of the most amazing inspo for any **crafters' Christmas list**. Be sure to leave this mag open at that page so your nearest and dearest can take the hint!

How cool is **Marvin the Monster** on page 46? He would make a brilliant **gift for a toddler** with quirky taste, or be something different for a cuddly-toy-loving teen. If you don't crochet then don't worry, as Val Pierce's knitted **Rainbow Gnome** on page 56 would serve exactly the same purpose!

Fancy knitting something to delight the whole family on the big day? Your bonus **Figgy Pudding Hat** on page 30 comes in three sizes and is guaranteed to generate chuckles. With its separate topping and berries, it's a fun knit too!

Sarah

SARAH NEAL, EDITOR



HILARIOUS
LAST-MINUTE
CRAFTING
STORIES ON
PAGE 48



WINTER
TRIO P58



CHARACTER
COASTERS, P12

MEET OUR EXPERTS



HEATHER GIBBS

Join my Big Bauble
Crochet-along (p20)



DAWN FINNEY

My poinsettia napkin
rings are on page 38



VAL PIERCE

Knit my delightful
rainbow gnome (p56)



**SUBSCRIBE TODAY
FOR YOUR FREE* GIFT**

SEE P24 FOR MORE DETAILS

**Get in
TOUCH**

TOPCROCHETPATTERNS.COM

letsgetcrafting@aceville.co.uk



facebook.com/knitandcrochet



LGC Knitting & Crochet, 1 Phoenix Court,
Hawkins Road, Colchester, Essex, CO2 8JY



@letsgetcrafting



@knitcrochet

c5789ddb-a5df-4b46-9e84-c56e1e8ad27f

TOPCROCHETPATTERNS.COM | LGC Knitting & Crochet

LET'S GET CRAFTING

KNITTING & CROCHET



Cover
star

P9

IN EVERY ISSUE

6 NEWSFLASH

Hot-off-the-press, the latest crafting news

18 ALL ABOUT YOU

Your letters and tips, plus a home makes special

24 SUBSCRIBE TODAY

Pay less and never miss an issue – what's not to love?

32 FOR EVERY READER

Be sure to claim your yarn pack – just pay postage

50 COMING NEXT ISSUE

Discover what delights are in store for you in issue 146

55 CLICK & WIN!

Over £1300 of prizes must be won!

61 STITCH SCHOOL

Easy to follow knitting and crochet guides

KNITTING

9 CARL THE CAROL SINGER

15 DOG HAT AND BANDANA

38 POINSETTIA NAPKIN RINGS

43 TREE DECORATIONS

53 WALL HANGING

58 WINTER TRIO

P38



CROCHET

12 CHARACTER COASTERS

20 BIG BAUBLE CROCHET-ALONG: PART TWO

26 HANGING DECORATIONS

36 SANTA AND TREE

40 CUTE WINTER DOLL

46 MARVIN THE MONSTER

BONUS PROJECTS

30 CHRISTMAS PUDDING HAT

56 RAINBOW GNOME

P30



GIFT IDEAS

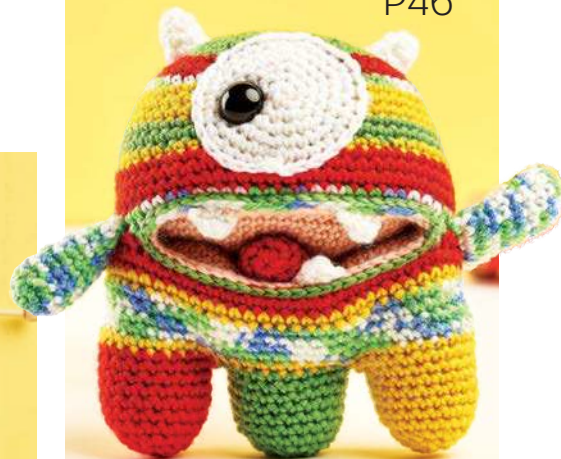
P53



CHEERY
HOME KNIT

MONSTER MAKES

P46



RELAX & READ

29 SNOW IS FALLING

Our round-up of our fab frosty fibres

33 A CRAFTER'S CHRISTMAS

Inspiring ideas for your festive wish list

48 BETTER LATE THAN NEVER!

Hilarious gift-making disasters – and success stories

66 TEA AND A CHAT

Knitter and embroiderer Julie Crawford shares her tips

SIX EXCLUSIVE SHADES PLUS ESSENTIAL TOOLS - GET STARTED RIGHT AWAY!

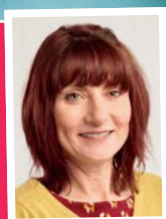
YOUR Snowglobe YARN KIT

Shake up
your Christmas
crafting with
this magical
pack

3.75MM
METAL
HOOK

SPECIAL
VARIEGATED
YARN

3.75MM
BAMBOO
NEEDLES



"When it comes to festive makes you can't beat a traditional combo of red, white and green. Your Snowglobe kit offers all that and more. Hints of gold and frosty blue will add pep to your decs, and with the Blush Pink shade it's ideal for your favourite Christmas characters too!"

SARAH NEAL, EDITOR

Get in
TOUCH



POST YOUR MAKES ON
Facebook · Instagram · Twitter

Newsflash!

Feast your eyes on the newest releases in the crafting world!

Beary Christmas!

A lovingly knitted teddy is a wonderful heirloom to gift to a little one, and the new Christmas Knits Book 9 by King Cole not only includes two traditional bears, but also an entire festive wardrobe to dress them in! Outfits include Mother and Father Christmas, cheerful elves, a reindeer hat, snowflake jumper and sparkly fairy dress. £6.50, woolnstuff.co.uk

Crafters unite!

Take your knitting to a whole new level with Rowan's new platform Rowan Connect. A hub where knitters and crocheters come together, it offers both free and purchasable online events featuring inspiring workshops and presentations with Rowan designers and teachers, plus, a programme of live and pre-recorded courses, designed to build your skills and inspire. Sign up to the Rowan Connect mailing list at

rowanconnect.net/newsletter



Book buddy

Ever come across a stumbling block in your knitting, and wished you had an expert by your side? Cue Patty Lyons and her new book *Knitting Bag of Tricks*! This witty, sanity-saving guide will not only troubleshoot all your stitching stumbles with more than 70 brilliant hacks, but it'll help take your understanding of knitting to a new level, so that you can see why sticky situations arise in the first place.

£15.99, davidandcharles.com





Join in the fun!

Get ready, because on the 11th October, our very own columnist Stuart Hillard is launching a new five-part knitalong with Stylecraft, called Cablemagoria. As the name suggests, you'll be going cable crazy! But never fear, Stuart has created this KAL to be beginner-friendly, with each cable design worked in simple strips, then joined together. For more information, head to stylecraft-yarns.co.uk

Toasty toes

Celebrate the launch of the brand-new shade of West Yorkshire Spinners' Signature 4ply, Gingerbread, with five free socks patterns! Whip up Winwick Mum's selection of four knitted designs (Gretel, Hansel, Rudy and Buddy) or crochet the pair by Anna Nikirowicz, called Clementine, for the cosiest Christmas. Download them all for free from wyspinners.com



Craft your greens

It's time to bring in the harvest and cook up some crunchy crochet companions! Rico's new Fresh Friends collection features adorable fruit and veggie pals with the friendliest faces. The designs, which include a mushroom, peas, aubergines, a carrot, lemon and cherries, make good use of the new Ricorumi Spin Spin yarn with their stunning colour gradients. RRP: £4.75, for stockists visit rico-design.com



MAKE XMAS DECS WITH...

Stuart Hillard

Christmas really is coming, isn't it! It's not just the occasional Christmas song popping up on the radio or the tinsel and cards appearing in the shops... I can feel its approach! I love getting things ready for the holidays and I enjoy nothing more than taking a day off away from the hustle and bustle to make some crafts for Christmas. This issue's yarn pack, Snowglobe, is ideal for quick and easy projects you can make in an afternoon or two. There are so many gorgeous, seasonal colours to choose from including essentials like Santa Red, Leafy Green and Snowy White but I also love the vibrancy of Golden Yellow, which combined with the traditional red, white and green would make some pretty awesome crocheted poinsettia flowers and leaves to glue into a little flower pot! You've also got Blush Pink and a gorgeous variegated mix of soft blues and greens.

I'm going to make some yarn-wrapped decorations to hang on the tree – they are so much fun. Draw a simple outline onto the flat side of a washed polystyrene food tray, such as a heart, a snowflake, a bauble or a tree, then push plenty of glass-headed pins into the tray all around the outline. Pour some white PVA glue into a bowl and prepare to get a bit messy! Cut 30cm lengths of your chosen colour of yarn and dunk them into the glue to saturate every strand. Wipe off the excess, then wind the glue-soaked yarn around the pinned outline. Next wrap the yarn around the pins and go this way and that across the centre of your shape to fill it in. Add more yarn as you need it and flatten down the ends with a bit of extra glue if you need to. Leave your shape to dry, then carefully remove the pins and take the yarn shape off the tray. Add a hanging loop and maybe a little extra glue and glitter! Great fun!

Stu X



THE GO-TO YARN BRAND FOR
CREATING FESTIVE PROJECTS



CYGNET YARNS LIMITED

TELEPHONE: 01274 743374

EMAIL: SALES@CYGNETYARNS.COM

WWW.CYGNETYARNS.COM



**Fine Fettle
Fibres**

British & Fair Trade Yarn
Northumberland

www.finefettlefibres.uk



DesignaKnit9

**Perfect for creating gifts for
friends and family!**

The ultimate design and charting system for
creating bespoke knitting patterns.



The Graphic Studio enables you to add that personal
touch to your projects, providing a detailed conversion
of photos and graphics to stitch patterns.

sales@softbyte.co.uk

<https://softbyte.co.uk>



c5789ddb-a5df-4b46-9e84-c56e1e8ad27f

Carl the carol singer

Hit all the right notes with this festive fella



USE ALL
SIX
YARN
COLOURS!

USING YOUR **Snowglobe** YARN KIT



PROJECT
OVERLEAF





PLUS

two 6mm mushroom-shaped eye beads or safety eyes, small amount of dark brown DK, cotton bud (optional), toy stuffing, pink pastel, stitch holder, 3mm pom-pom maker (optional), tapestry needle

SIZE

Height: 23cm



Perfect for beginners

CARL THE CAROL SINGER

legs, body & head

* Using 3.75mm needles and Leafy Green cast on 15 sts

Rows 1-14: beg with a k (RS) row work in st st * Cut yarn, place sts on holder Rep from * to * for second Leg

Row 15: k15 (Leg from needle), k15 (Leg from holder) connecting both Legs. 30 sts

Row 16: p

Row 17: (k4, kfb) three times, (kfb,

k4) three times. 36 sts

Rows 18-28: beg with a p row work in st st

Row 29: (k4, k2tog) five times, k3, k2tog, k1. 30 sts

Row 30: p

Row 31: (k3, k2tog) five times, k2, k2tog, k1. 24 sts

Row 32: p

Change to Snowy White

Rows 33-40: beg with a k row work in st st

Row 41: (k2, k2tog) five times, k1, k2tog, k1. 18 sts

Row 42: p

Row 43: (k1, k2tog) five times, k2tog,

k1. 12 sts

Change to Blush Pink

Rows 44-46: beg with a p row work in st st

Row 47: (kfb) to end. 24 sts

Row 48: p

Row 49: k3, (kfb) 18 times, k3. 42 sts

Rows 50-58: cont in st st

Row 59: (k5, k2tog) five times, k4, k2tog, k1. 36 sts

Rows 60-64: cont in st st

Row 65: (k4, k2tog) five times, k3, k2tog, k1. 30 sts

Row 66: p

Row 67: (k1, k2tog) to last three sts,

k2tog, k1. 20 sts

Row 68: p

Row 69: (k2tog) to end. Ten sts Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

shoe

Make two

Using 3.75mm needles and Santa Red cast on 18 sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: (k2, kfb) three times, (kfb, k2) three times. 24 sts

Rows 3-7: beg with a p row work in st st

Row 8: k8, (k2tog)

four times, k8. 20 sts

Row 9: p

Row 10: k4, (k2tog) six times, k4. 14 sts

Rows 11-14: beg with a p row work in st st Cast off

jumper

Using 3.75mm needles and Snowy White cast on 42 sts

Rows 1-3: (k1, p1) to end

Change to Variegated

Rows 4-12: beg with a p (WS) row work in st st

Row 13: (k5, k2tog) five times, k4, k2tog, k1. 36 sts

Rows 14-16: cont in st st

Row 17: (k4, k2tog) five times, k3, k2tog, k1. 30 sts

Rows 18-23: cont in st st

Change to Snowy White

Row 24: p

Rows 25-27: (k1, p1) to end Cast off in rib

arm

Make two

Using 3.75mm needles and Blush Pink cast on eight sts

Rows 1-6: beg with a p (WS) row work in st st

Change to Santa Red

Row 7: p

Row 8: k2, (kfb, k2) to end. Ten sts

Rows 9-12: beg with a p row work in st st

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

thumb

Make two

Using 3.75mm needles and Santa Red cast on four sts

Row 1: p

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

GREAT ADVICE

HOW TO MAKE THE SCARF FRINGING

Cut a short length of Santa Red and fold in half to form a loop. Insert a crochet hook into a gap along the Scarf edge and pull the loop through so that the tails remain on the other side.

Pass the tails through the loop and pull to fasten.

Repeat along each edge



Love

THIS PATTERN?



DOES OUR MERRY CAROLLER MAKE YOUR HEART SING? ADD A FESTIVE FAIRY TO YOUR HOME THIS CHRISTMAS TOO! IT WOULD LOOK FABULOUS ATOP YOUR TREE... FIND IT AT TOPCROCHETPATTERNS.COM

hat

Using 3.75mm needles and Snowy White cast on 48 sts

Rows 1-3: (k1, p1) to end

Rows 4-10: beg with a p (WS) row work in st st

Row 11: (k6, k2tog) five times, k5, k2tog, k1. 42 sts

Row 12 and every even-numbered row: p

Row 13: (k5, k2tog) five times, k4, k2tog, k1. 36 sts

Row 15: (k4, k2tog) five times, k3, k2tog, k1. 30 sts

Row 17: (k3, k2tog) five times, k2, k2tog, k1. 24 sts

Row 19: (k2, k2tog) five times, k1, k2tog, k1. 18 sts

Row 21: (k1, k2tog) five times, k2tog, k1. 12 sts

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts,

pull tight and fasten off

scarf

Using 3.75mm needles and Santa Red cast on five sts

Row 1: k Rep Row 1 until Scarf meas approx 32cm Cast off

lantern

Using 3.75mm needles and dark brown DK cast on six sts

Row 1 (WS) and every odd-numbered row: p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 12 sts

Row 4: (k1, kfb) three times, (kfb, k1) three times. 18 sts

Row 6 (edge): p Change to Golden Yellow

Rows 7-13: beg with a p row work in st st

Row 14: (k1, k2tog) five times, k2tog, k1. 12 sts

Change to dark brown DK

Row 15: p

Row 16 (edge): p

Row 17: p

Row 18: (k2tog) to end. Six sts Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

to make up

With fastened-off yarn end, sew Head seam to neck. With each cast-on yarn end, sew Leg to crotch. Sew Body back

seam halfway. Attach safety eyes if using. Stuff Head, Legs and Body. Insert a cotton bud in neck for extra stability (optional). Close seam. Fold Shoe in half longways, sew sole and back seam. Stuff toe. Insert Shoe in Trouser Leg, roll up hem and sew hem to Shoe. Rep for other Leg. Wrap Body with Jumper and sew seam at back. Seam Arm and stuff. With fastened-off yarn end of Thumb, st both ends tog,

attach to glove. Seam Sleeve, insert Arm in Sleeve and secure Arm to Sleeve. Sew Sleeves to Body. Attach eye beads if using. With Blush Pink, make a French knot for nose. Embroider mouth with two strands of dark brown DK. With Golden Yellow, make fringe using back st, leaving loops every other st. Seam Hat and sew Hat to Head. Using Snowy White make a 3cm pom-pom and attach pom-pom

to Hat. Make fringe for Scarf (see Great Advice) and tie Scarf to neck. Colour cheeks with pink pastel. With cast-on yarn end of Lantern, sew seam to first edge. With fastened-off yarn end, sew base seam, stuff Lantern and close side seam. With dark brown DK, embroider chain sts to side panel of Lantern, then attach a loop to top of Lantern and secure over glove





PLUS

six 6mm safety eyes, safety stuffing, tapestry needle

SIZE

9cm diameter (excluding heads and limbs)



Take the next step

COASTERS

base

Make three (one in each colour)

Note: work into space between sts rather than into top of each st unless stated
Using 3.75mm hook and Santa Red (Leafy Green, Golden Yellow) make a magic ring, work 3ch (counts as 1tr throughout), 11tr into ring, join with a sl st to top of 3-ch. 12 sts
Rnd 1: sl st into space between next two sts, 3ch, 1tr in same space, 1ch, (2tr in next space, 1ch) to end, join with a sl st to third of 3-ch. 24 sts
Rnd 2: sl st into first tr, sl st into 1-ch sp, 3ch, 2tr

into same 1-ch sp, 3tr into each 1-ch sp, join with a sl st to top of 3-ch. 36 sts

Rnd 3: sl st into next tr, 3ch, 1tr into same st, miss 1tr, 2tr in next space, (miss 1tr, 2tr into second of 3-tr, 2tr in next space) to end, join with a sl st to top of 3-ch. 48 sts

Rnd 4: 2ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in same st, 1ch, (4htr, 1ch) 11 times, 2htr, join with a sl st to top of 2-ch. 48 sts
Fasten off

SANTA head

Using 3.75mm hook and Santa Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnds 1-4: 1dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnd 5: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnd 6: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 7: (2dc, 2dc in

next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnds 8-10: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Blush Pink
Rnd 11: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

Rnds 12-13: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 14: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 15: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
Stuff firmly
Insert eyes between Rnds 12-13, five sts apart
Rnd 16: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Rnd 17: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

hat trim

Using 3.75mm hook join Snowy White to front loop of any st from Rnd 11
Rnd 1: 1ch, 1dc in same st, 23dc, join with a sl st to first st
Fasten off

beard

Using 3.75mm hook and Snowy White make 11ch
Row 1: beg in second ch from hook, 10dc, turn. Ten sts
Row 2: 1ch, dc2tog, 6dc, dc2tog, turn. Eight sts
Row 3: 1ch, dc2tog, 4dc, dc2tog, turn. Six sts
Row 4: 1ch, dc2tog, 2dc, dc2tog, turn. Four sts
Row 5: 1ch, (dc2tog) twice, turn. Two sts
Row 6: 1ch, dc2tog, turn. One st
Fasten off

arm

Make two
Using 3.75mm hook and Blush Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Santa Red
Rnd 2: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

Rnds 3-6: 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first st
Fasten off

arm trim

Make two
Using 3.75mm hook join Snowy White to front loop of any st from Rnd 2 of Arm
Rnd 1: 1ch, 1dc in same space, 5dc, join with a slip st to first st. Six sts
Fasten off

pom-pom

Using 3.75mm hook and Snowy White make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring. Four sts
Rnd 1: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Six sts
Rnd 2: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. Four sts
Fasten off

leg

Make two
Using 3.75mm hook and Variegated make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1-2: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 3: 1dc, 3ch, miss three sts, 2dc
Rnd 4: 1dc, 3dc into 3-ch sp, 2dc
Rnd 5: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Eight sts
Change to Santa Red
Rnd 6: working in BLO, (2dc, dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Rnds 7-10: 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first st
Fasten off

leg trim

Make two
Join Snowy White to front loop of



SKILL UP!

picot: 3ch, sl st into third ch from hook

Mug up on your crochet techniques and create this fab home project!

There's always time for a tea break, no matter how hectic the Christmas preparations, and what could be better than having some cheery themed coasters by **HANNAH COOPER** to keep you in the festive mood? The bases for the elf, gingerbread man and Santa are all made in the same way, working in the spaces between the stitches which creates a flatter, more open effect. Guaranteed to bring a smile, these coasters would make great gifts.

USE ALL
SIX
YARN
COLOURS!

CONTINUE
CROCHETING

any st from Rnd 6 of Leg

Rnd 1: 1ch, 1dc in same st, 7dc, join with a sl st to first st. Eight sts. Fasten off

to make up

Sew Beard to Head. Sew pom-pom to Hat and secure to top of Head. Sew Head to Coaster Base. Fold foot to a 90-degree angle and sew in place. Sew Arms and Legs to Coaster Base. Embroider a small nose on face using Blush Pink. Weave in all ends

GINGER-BREAD MAN head

Using 3.75mm hook and Golden Yellow make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Change to Snowy White

Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Change to Golden Yellow

Rnds 4-7: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 8: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 9: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Stuff firmly and insert safety eyes between Rows 5-6, five sts apart

Rnd 10: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts. Fasten off

arms & legs

Make four

Using 3.75mm hook and Golden Yellow make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Change to Snowy White
Rnd 1: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts

Change to Golden Yellow
Rnds 2-6: 1dc in each st to end. Fasten off

to make up

Sew Head and limbs to Coaster Base. Weave in all ends



ELF head

Using 3.75mm hook and Leafy Green work as for Santa Head inserting eyes after Rnd 16 between Rnds 14-15, five sts apart

hat trim

Using 3.75mm hook join Santa Red to front loop of any st from Rnd 11

Rnd 1: 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 1dc in same st, 23dc, join with a sl st to first st. 24 sts

Rnd 2: 1ch, (1 sl st, 1dc, picot, 1dc) to end, join with a sl st to first sl st. Fasten off

right ear

Using 3.75mm hook and Blush Pink make a magic ring, work 3dc, 3ch, sl st into ring. Fasten off and close ring

left ear

Using 3.75mm hook and Blush Pink make a magic ring, work sl st,



"These coasters are the perfect addition to any Christmas table. Why not personalise them by adding a name in the middle for each Christmas guest?"

HANNAH COOPER, DESIGNER

3ch, 3dc into ring. Fasten off and close ring

arm

Make two

Work as for Santa Arm changing to Leafy Green after Rnd 1

arm trim

Make two

Work as for Santa Arm Trim using Santa Red

leg

Make two

Using 3.75mm hook and Santa Red make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring. Four sts

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Six sts

Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 4: 1dc, 3ch, miss three sts, 2dc. Three sts

Rnd 5: 1dc, 3dc into

3-ch sp, 2dc. Six sts

Rnds 6-7: 1dc in each st to end. Change to Leafy Green

Rnd 8: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

Rnds 9-10: 1dc in each st to end. Fasten off

to make up

Sew Ears to side of Head. Sew Head, Arms and Legs onto Coaster Base. Embroider a small nose using Blush Pink and a smile using Santa Red. Weave in all ends



COMING NEXT ISSUE!

Love Hannah's quirky designs? Don't miss her crocheted couch potato in issue 146, on sale 3rd November 2022

Dog hat and bandana

This project comes with a warning:
cuteness overload!



USING YOUR **Snowglobe** YARN KIT



PROJECT
OVERLEAF





PLUS

medium and small pom-pom makers, tapestry needle

SIZE

Hat: to fit a 30-35cm dog's head, 32cm circumference at ear holes, 30cm length (not incl pom-pom)
Bandana triangle: 18cm width, 16cm depth
Bandana tie: 48cm long



Take the next step

HAT

Using 3.75mm needles and Santa Red cast on 72 sts
Rows 1-10: (k2, p2) to end
Change to Leafy Green and work in foll six-row colour sequence: Leafy Green, Golden Yellow,

Snowy White, Santa Red
Rows 11-24: beg with a k (RS) row work in st st
Row 25: k12, cast

off 12 sts, k until there are 24 sts from gap, cast off 12 sts, k to end
Row 26: p12, cast on 12 sts, p24, cast

on 12 sts, p12
Rows 27-36: beg with a k row work in st st
Row 37: (k2tog, k4) to end. 60 sts
Rows 38-42: beg with a p row work in st st
Row 43: (k2tog, k3) to end. 48 sts
Row 44-48: cont in st st
Row 49: (k2tog, k2) to end. 36 sts
Rows 50-60: cont

in st st
Row 61: (k2tog, k1) to end. 24 sts
Rows 62-66: cont in st st
Row 67: (k2tog, k4) to end. 20 sts
Rows 68-72: cont in st st
Row 73: (k2tog, k3) to end. 16 sts
Rows 74-78: cont in st st
Row 79: (k2tog, k2) to end. 12 sts
Rows 80-84: cont in st st
Row 85: (k2tog, k1) to end. Eight sts
Row 86-88: cont in st st
Change to Golden Yellow
Rows 89-93: cont in st st
Row 94: (p2tog) to end. Four sts
Cut yarn leaving a

tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

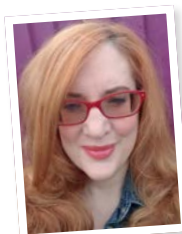
tree

Using 3.75mm needles and Leafy Green cast on 13 sts
Rows 1-3: k
Row 4: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. 11 sts
Rows 5-6: k
Row 7: as Row 4. Nine sts
Rows 8-9: k
Row 10: as Row 4. Seven sts
Rows 11-12: k
Row 13: as Row 4. Five sts
Row 14: as Row 4. Three sts
Row 15: sl 1, k2tog, pssso. One st
Fasten off

NICOLA VALIJI has created a fabulously festive ensemble for your pooch, which we just know is going to melt some hearts on Christmas day – little Ralph here certainly melted ours at the photoshoot! The hat is complete with ear holes for a comfortable fit, and you can easily extend the length of the yellow ties on the neck scarf for bigger dogs by working a few more rows either end. Let the tail wagging ensue!

"The ear holes on the hat can be made smaller or bigger by casting off more or less stitches to fit your dog."

DESIGNER, NICOLA VALIJI



trunk

Using 3.75mm needles and Blush Pink cast on four sts

Row 1: k

Cast off

BANDANA triangle

Using 3.75mm needles and Variegated cast on two sts

Row 1: kfb, k1.

Three sts

Row 2: p

Row 3: kfb, k1, kfb.

Five sts

Row 4: p

Rows 5-40: rep

Rows 3-4. 41 sts

Cast off

side borders

Using 3.75mm needles, Golden Yellow and with RS facing, pick up and k 29 sts from cast-on edge to cast-off edge

Rows 1-3: k

Cast off

Rep for other border working from cast-off edge to cast-on edge

neck strap

Using 3.75mm needles and Golden Yellow cast on six sts
K every row until work meas 48cm
Cast off

tree and trunk

Work as for Tree and Trunk of Hat

to make up

For Hat, gather fastened-off top, sewing down row edges on WS to cast-on edge. Turn RS out. Make a medium-sized pom-pom using

mix of all yarns and sew to top of Hat. Embroider each Tree with baubles using mix of yarns. Sew one Tree to Hat at front. Place Trunk at base of Tree and secure. Using Golden Yellow add a top bauble in satin stitch. For Bandana, sew Neck Strap to cast-off edge of Triangle. Make seven pom-poms and sew to edges of Triangle. Embroider and attach Tree and Trunk to middle of Triangle

GREAT ADVICE

HOW TO MAKE A POM-POM

If you don't have a pom-pom maker, create your own! For the large pom-pom on the hat, cut two matching 5cm-diameter cardboard rings. Bear in mind that a larger central hole results in a smaller but fuller finished pom-pom. Place rings together. Cut lengths of yarn and wrap them around the rim until the hole is filled. Insert sharp scissors between the card and snip the wrapped strands. Thread a longer length of yarn between the rings and tie tightly to secure your pom-pom.

Remove the rings and trim any untidy strands. Leave the long strand for attaching your pom-poms to the cover.

For the smaller pom-poms on the bandana, reduce the size of your cardboard rings and repeat



Love THIS PATTERN?



DOES YOUR POOCH DESERVE TO BE REALLY SPOILT? TREAT THEM TO THEIR VERY OWN BLANKET SO THEY CAN SNOOZE IN STYLE! FIND THIS DOG BLANKET AT TOPCROCHETPATTERNS.COM



You're obsessed with... Homewares!



CUSHION QUEEN

I sent for the kit for this King Cole blanket in May after I saw it advertised in issue 141. I didn't make the second round of the pattern because this was the size I wanted for my chair. I made this 'hot colours' cushion with some of the yarn I had left over. I still have some left to make something else too.

Caz Partridge

BRANCHING OUT

I wanted to make something using the traditional granny square but not a blanket. I've made so many now as gifts, but I love this one hanging from a branch. Something a little bit different but simple and achievable for crochet beginners.

Kathryn Heywood



ROAR-SOME RUG

My little one just loves his own comforts so I knew he would love this lounging lion. He's been using it as a blanket on the sofa too. The patterns and yarn are from Sirdar. It was a bit warm working on it during a heatwave!

Kendra Hanna



I knitted these from the Louise Crowther Knitted Animal Friends book. The first one I made was the owl a few years ago and it pushed me to my limits. These are just a few I've made since. I'm in the middle of another and can't wait to finish it. I had to learn new stitches, how to knit in the round and how to use dpns. I'm now addicted to making them!

Clare Joanne Denver

◆ What a fabulous collection, Clare! We love that tiger!



What are your top knitting tips?

.....

"Mark the sizes on a new pattern with different colour highlighters so you can easily read instructions."

Teri Hamilton



"Experiment with different wool."

@sallychilds34



"Stitch markers are your friend, especially when you have multiple increases and decreases."

Em Day



"You don't have to do knitting in the 'proper' way. If your way works for you then go for it."

@icancraft_uk



"Rip it out if it's not to the standards that will make you happy to wear it or gift it. It's usually ten times better on the second try."

@fiberyogi



"Always start and end a row with a knit stitch where possible. It makes a nice straight edge."

Carolyn Gamble



I'm an absolute knitaholic, and any excuse to get out the knitting needles... well, I'm on it. I just love to take a basic pattern and adapt it to whatever I'm knitting or create my own designs. I always make a selection of novelty items for Easter, Halloween and Christmas. My knitted cupcakes always go down well with family and friends. I'm making lots of Halloween knits at the moment and creating designs for spooky cakes and witch dolls.

Marilyn Allen

◆ Those knitted witch cupcakes are genius, Marilyn!



My first crochet! When I saw issue 141 of Let's Get Crafting, I immediately fell in love with Adriana the alpaca and decided to just do it! I had never even attempted crocheting before. I started by practicing the first steps on baby pink until I figured it out and I'm very pleased with how it turned out.

Eva Katai

◆ We can't believe this was your first ever crochet, Eva – fantastic!



"I immediately fell in love with Adriana the alpaca and decided to just do it!"



Get in TOUCH

TOPCROCHETPATTERNS.COM
jodie.sheehan@aceville.co.uk



facebook.com/knitandcrochet



LGC Knitting & Crochet, 1 Phoenix Court,
Hawkins Road, Colchester, Essex, CO2 8JY



@knitcrochet

6 more YOUR 2-PART



PLUS: 3.75mm hook, stitch markers, tapestry needle, toy stuffing, approx 120cm of twine
SIZE: 21cm circumference, 8cm high



HEATHER GIBBS,
DESIGNER

"I hope you enjoyed part one of the Big Bauble Crochet-along! I'm delighted to bring you a further six magical designs to complete the set. These ones are in a more traditional round shape, but with lots of details to keep them interesting. As with the last set, when changing colour you should pull the new colour through the last two loops of the previous stitch to complete it, and then continue in the new colour. When working stripes, carry the unused colour loosely on the wrong side so it does not pucker, and crochet over it to secure and hide the unused strands. Have fun making them!"



ZIG ZAG BAUBLE

Using 3.75mm hook and Santa Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts.

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Make a hanging loop from 20cm of twine, and pull through centre of magic ring

Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

Rnds 6-8: 1dc in each st to end. Change to Snowy White

Rnds 9-12: 1dc in each st to end. Change to Santa Red

Rnds 13-15: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 16: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts



SKILL UP!

Spike double crochet (Spike dc): worked using the same steps as double crochet, but worked into the row below. Draw the yarn up so that the top of the st is where it would be if this were a normal double crochet st

Rnd 17: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Using Santa Red embroider zig zags at four-st intervals on middle section. Stuff as you go

Rnd 18: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 19: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 20: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts. Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts and fasten off

SOLID STRIPE BAUBLE

Using 3.75mm hook and Leafy Green make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Make a hanging loop from 20cm of twine, pull through centre of magic ring

Cont as for Zig Zag Bauble in foll three-row stripe sequence: Santa Red, Snowy White, Leafy Green, omitting

embroidery. Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts and fasten off

SPIKE STRIPE BAUBLE

Using 3.75mm hook and Snowy White make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Make a hanging loop from 20cm of twine, pull through centre of magic ring. Change to Blush Pink

Rnd 3: (1dc, Spike dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

Change to Golden Yellow

Rnd 6: (5dc, Spike dc) to end

Rnds 7-8: 1dc in each st to end. Change to Leafy Green

Rnd 9: 3dc, Spike dc, (5dc, Spike dc) to last two sts, 2dc

Rnds 10-11: 1dc in each st to end. Change to Santa Red

Rnd 12: 1dc, Spike dc, (5dc, Spike dc) to last four sts, 4dc

Rnds 13-14: 1dc in each st to end. Change to Snowy

White

Rnd 15: 4dc, Spike dc, (5dc, Spike dc) to last st, 1dc

Rnd 16: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 17: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Change to Blush Pink. Stuff as you go

Rnd 18: (Spike dc, 1dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 19: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 20: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts. Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts and fasten off

LITTLE SQUARES BAUBLE

Using 3.75mm hook and Blush Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnds 1-5: work as for Zig Zag Bauble. 36 sts

Rnd 6: 1dc in each st to end

Rnds 7-8: (2dc, change to Snowy White, 2dc, change to Blush Pink) to end

Change to Blush Pink, do not cut Snowy White, carry yarn up side

Rnds 9-14: rep Rnds 6-8 twice. Fasten off Snowy White and cont in Blush Pink only

Rnd 15: 1dc in each st to end

Rnds 16-20: work as for Zig Zag Bauble

brilliant baubles CROCHET-ALONG

BIG
BAUBLE

crochet-along

Share your progress with us at
facebook.com/knitandcrochet

TOP TIP

SECTIONS ARE
WORKED IN
SPIRALS, SO MARK
THE START OF THE
ROUND WITH A
STITCH MARKER

CONTINUE
CROCHETING





Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts and fasten off

DOTTY BAUBLE

Using 3.75mm hook and Leafy Green make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring.

Six sts

Rnds 1-5: work as for Zig Zag Bauble. 36 sts

Rnd 6: (5dc, change to Golden Yellow, MB, change to Leafy

Green) to end

Rnd 7: 1dc in each st

Rnd 8: 3dc, change to Golden Yellow, MB, change to Leafy Green, (5dc, change to Golden Yellow, MB, change to Leafy Green) to last two sts, 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 9: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 10: as Rnd 6

Change to Variegated

Rnds 11-15: 1dc in each st to end

Rnds 16-20: work as for Zig Zag Bauble

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts and fasten off

STAR BAUBLE

Using 3.75mm hook and Variegated make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnds 1-20: work as for Solid Stripe Bauble in Variegated only

star

Using 3.75mm hook and Golden Yellow make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. Ten sts

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 15 sts

Turn and commence working in rows
** Rows 1-2: 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 3dc, turn. Three sts
Row 3: 1ch, dc2tog, 1dc the next st, turn. Two sts

Row 4: 1ch, dc2tog. One st
Fasten off **
Rejoin Golden Yellow to next st from Row 2, turn, rep from ** to ** four more times, leaving a long tail on fifth point
Use yarn tail to sew Star to Bauble

CALS CALS CALS!

CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF OUR CROCHET-ALONGS? YOU'LL FIND ALL THESE AND MORE AT TOPCROCHETPATTERNS.COM

TOP CROCHET PATTERNS



Search: diddy dinosaurs



Search: Christmas skittles



Search: Christmas crochet-along



Search: merry mice



SKILL UP!

Make bobble (MB): * yoh, insert hook in indicated st, pull up a loop, rep from * three times (nine loops on hook), yoh and pull through all loops on hook

BONUS PATTERN!

CRAFT YOUR
OWN ELF ON
A SHELF

EASY DOUBLE
CROCHET
STITCHES

USE DK YARN
FROM YOUR
STASH

FREE
download
worth £5!

Magic up your own little helper with our fabulous elf doll! The pattern for Florence the Elf is free to download and even crochet beginners will be able to make her – just watch out for the trickier half-trebles on her frilled collar! Our handy guides on pp 64-65 are here to help with those.



**DOWNLOAD NOW,
HERE'S HOW!**

Simply use the camera function on your smartphone to scan this QR code or visit **topcrochetpatterns.com** and search 'Christmas elf doll'

c5789ddb-a5df-4b46-9e84-c56e1e8ad27f

! ★ Subscribe Now! ★ Subscribe Now! ★ Subscribe Now! ★ Subscribe Now!

FREE* *KnitPro*[®] ZING SINGLE-ENDED CROCHET SET

WHEN YOU SUBSCRIBE TO

LET'S GET CRAFTING

Treat yourself this Christmas with a brand-new KnitPro Zing crochet hook set! These nine single-ended aluminium crochet hooks are colour coded by size and packaged in an attractive fabric case. The shiny silver tips allow easy crocheting with any colour and the perfectly shaped hooks are warm to the touch and exceptionally gentle in the hand. Subscribe today to get your free set!

3 ISSUES
FOR ONLY
£26.97



WORTH
£25



3 EASY WAYS TO SUBSCRIBE

Already a
subscriber?
RENEW
quoting the
code L145

Scan or visit: dcthomsonshop.co.uk/LGC-subscription



Or post **your order form**
Or call: **0800 904 7000**
and quote: **L145**

3 ISSUES FOR
ONLY £26.97!

Lines are open Monday-Friday and Bank Holidays 8am-6pm. Closed on weekends

*Terms and conditions apply, see online for further details. This offer is subject to availability, an alternative gift may be supplied to the same or greater value.

c5789ddb-a5df-4b46-9e84-c56e1e8ad27f



PLUS

stuffing, two 8mm and two 6mm safety eyes, silver thread

SIZES

Hot Chocolate: 9cm tall (max)
Penguin: 7cm tall
Rocking horse: 8cm tall x 11cm long
Heart: 8.5cm tall
Star: 8cm max diameter, plus tassel



HOT CHOCOLATE mug

Using 3.75mm hook and Santa Red make 2ch
Rnd 1: 8dc in second ch from

GREAT ADVICE

Work in continuous rounds throughout unless stated. When changing colour, use the new colour for the last yarn-over-hook of the previous stitch



Cool collection

Give your tree a treat with a quirky set of crocheted decs

With not a snowman or Santa in sight, these delightful designs by **SARAH-JANE HICKS** are a great way to bring a modern touch to your festive décor. We just love the cream-topped hot chocolate and the natty rocking horse. If you're making all five you can hang them together for a fun display, or use small amounts of leftovers from your kit to make one or two of your favourites.

hook. Eight sts
Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 16 sts
Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 4: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 32 sts
Rnd 5: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end
Rnds 6-12: 1dc in each st to end Change to Leafy Green
Rnd 13: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 14: working in FLO, 1dc in each st to end Fasten off

handle

Using 3.75mm hook and Santa Red make 7ch
Row 1: 2dc in second ch from hook, 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts Fasten off, leaving a long tail

mug top

Using 3.75mm hook and Snowy White make 2ch
Rnd 1: 8dc in

second ch from hook. Eight sts
Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 16 sts
Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 4: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 32 sts Fasten off, leaving a long tail

cream

Using 3.75mm hook and Snowy White make 2ch
Rnd 1: 4dc in second ch from hook. Four sts
Rnd 2: working in BLO, 2dc in each st to end. Eight sts
Rnd 3: working in BLO, 2dc in each st to end. 16 sts
Rnds 4-5: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end Fasten off, leaving a long tail

to make up

Stuff Mug and Cream. Sew Mug Top to Mug through both loops of Top piece and BLO of Mug

sts between Rnds 13-14. Sew Handle to side of Mug and Cream on to Top. Using Variegated, embroider an eight-point star to front and add six French knots around star

PENGUIN body

Using 3.75mm hook and Leafy Green make 2ch
Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts
Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 4: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
Join in Snowy White, colour in brackets indicates shade
Rnd 5: (3dc, 2dc in next st) twice, 2dc (Leafy Green), 1dc (Snowy White), (2dc in next st), 2dc (Leafy Green), 1dc (Snowy White), 2dc in next st, (3dc,

2dc in next st) to end (Leafy Green). 30 sts
Rnd 6: 11dc (Leafy Green), 3dc (Snowy White), 2dc (Leafy Green), 3dc (Snowy White), 11dc (Leafy Green)
Rnd 7: 10dc (Leafy Green), 4dc (Snowy White), 2dc (Leafy Green), 4dc (Snowy White), 10dc (Leafy Green)
Rnds 8-9: 9dc (Leafy Green), 12dc (Snowy White), 9dc (Leafy Green)
Cont in Leafy Green only
Rnds 10-13: 1dc in each st to end Attach 8mm safety eyes between Rnds 7-8, six sts apart Stuff as you go
Rnd 14: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 15: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 16: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Stuff
Rnd 17: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

beak

Using 3.75mm hook and Golden Yellow make 2ch
Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook, join with sl st to top of first st. Six sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

foot

Make two
Work as for Beak

wing

Make two
Using 3.75mm hook and Leafy Green make 2ch
Rnd 1: 4dc in second ch from hook. Four sts
Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Six sts
Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Eight sts



"These little decs would make fab gifts for friends and family, and they'll be brought out year after year as the prized decorations!"

JODIE SHEEHAN, CONTENT CREATOR



Rnd 4-6: 1dc in each st to end
Flatten Wing and work through both layers across top edge as folls:
Row 1: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end. Four sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

scarf

Using 3.75mm hook and Santa Red make 49ch
Rnd 1: 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end. 48 sts
Fasten off

to make up

Shape Beak into dome. Sew Beak, Wings and Feet to Body. Tie Scarf around neck and sew in place with a few small sts

ROCKING HORSE body

Using 3.75mm hook and Blush

Pink make 2ch
Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts
Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 4: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 5: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
Rnds 6-8: 1dc in each st to end

first leg

Rnd 9: 5dc, miss 20 sts, 5dc. Ten sts
Rnds 10-12: working in the rnd in ten sts just made, 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 13: (dc2tog) to end. Five sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

second leg

Using 3.75mm hook and Blush Pink, miss next five sts on Body, join

yarn with sl st to next st
Rnd 9: 1ch, 10dc, miss next five sts. Ten sts
Rnds 10-12: working in the rnd in ten sts just made, 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 13: (dc2tog) to end. Five sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail
Stuff Body and Legs and close gaps

head

Using 3.75mm hook and Blush Pink make 2ch
Rnds 1-4: work as for Body. 24 sts
Rnd 5: 6dc, miss 12 sts, 6dc. 12 sts
Rnds 6-7: working in the rnd in 12 sts just made, 1dc in each st to end
Attach 6mm safety eyes around front between Rnds 4-5, five sts
Rnd 8: (dc2tog) to

end. Six sts
Fasten off

neck

Using 3.75mm hook and Blush Pink join yarn with sl st to first unworked st from Rnd 5
Rnd 5: 1dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnd 6: working in 12 sts just made, 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off
Stuff Head and Neck

rocker

Using 3.75mm hook and Santa Red make 2ch
Rnd 1: 5dc in second ch from hook. Five sts
Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. Ten sts
Rnds 3-21: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 22: (dc2tog) to end. Five sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts,

pull tight and fasten off

mane

Using 3.75mm hook and Golden Yellow, make 8ch
Row 1: (1dc, 1ch, 1dc) in second ch from hook, (1dc, 1ch, 1dc) in each st to end. 14 sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

ear

Make two
Using 3.75mm hook and Blush Pink make 2ch
Row 1: 1dc in second ch from hook. One st
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

saddle

Using 3.75mm hook and Snowy White make 7ch
Rnd 1: 2dc in second ch from hook, 4dc, 3dc in next st, working in underside of ch, 4dc, 1dc in same st

as first 2dc, join with sl st to top of first st. 14 sts
Change to Santa Red
Rnd 2: 1ch, (2dc in next st) twice, 4dc, (2dc in next st) three times, 4dc, 2dc in next st, join with sl st to top of first st. 20 sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

to make up

Sew base of Neck to Body. Sew Mane along top centre of Head and down Neck. Sew Ears to Head. Sew Saddle on to Body. Using Santa Red, form a simple bridle and reins, using photo as a guide. Using Golden Yellow, embroider a French knot at either side of reins and make a 3cm

CONTINUE CROCHETING >>>



TOP TIP
TEASE OUT
YOUR STUFFING
FIRST TO AVOID
UNSIGHTLY
LUMPS AND
BUMPS

fassel for a tail.
Sew any gaps
closed. Flatten
Rocker and sew
along centre to
keep flat. Sew
Horse's Legs to
Rocker, bending
ends of Rocker up
slightly. Weave in
all ends

HEART

Make two (one in
each colour)
Using 3.75mm
hook and Santa
Red (Snowy White)
make 11ch

Rnd 1: 2dc in
second ch from
hook, 3dc, miss
2ch, 3dc, 3dc in
next st, working in
underside of ch,
4dc, 2ch, 4dc, 1dc
in same st as first
2dc, join with sl st
to top of first st.

20 sts

Rnd 2: (2dc in next
st) twice, 2dc, miss
two sts, 2dc, (2dc
in next st) three
times, 4dc, (1dc,
2ch, 1dc) in 2-ch sp,
4dc, 2dc in next st,
join with sl st to
top of first st.

26 sts

Rnd 3: (2dc in next
st) three times,
2dc, miss two sts,
2dc, (2dc in next
st) four times, 6dc,
(1dc, 2ch, 1dc) in
2-ch sp, 6dc, 2dc in
next st, join with sl
st to top of first st.
34 sts

Rnd 4: (2dc in next
st) four times, 3dc,
miss two sts, 3dc,

(2dc in next st)
four times, 9dc,
(1dc, 2ch, 1dc) in
2-ch sp, 9dc, join
with sl st to top of
first st. 42 sts
Fasten off

to make up

Place two pieces
of Heart with
wrong sides tog,
join in Snowy
White, 1ch, working
through both
pieces, 1dc in each
st around edge to
join, stuff before
finishing, join with

sl st to top of first
st, fasten off and
weave in all ends.
Using Snowy
White embroider a
small eight-point
star to Santa Red
side

STAR

Make two

Using 3.75mm
hook and
Variegated
make 2ch
Rnd 1: 6dc in
second ch from
hook. Six sts
Rnd 2: 2dc in each

st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
18 sts

Rnd 4: (2dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
24 sts

Rnd 5: (3dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
30 sts

Rnd 6: (3dc, [1htr,
1tr] in next st, [1tr,
1htr in next st]) to
end. 42 sts
Fasten off

to make up

Place two Stars
wrong sides tog.
Using 3.75mm
hook and
Variegated join
yarn to first of 3dc
between points,

working through
both pieces, 1ch
(does not count as
st), 4dc, * 2dc in
next st, 2ch, 2dc in
next st, 5dc, rep
from * to last
three sts, 3dc, stuff
before finishing,
join with sl st to
top of first st,
fasten off and
weave in ends.
Using Snowy
White make a 7cm
tassel to hang
from bottom point

all baubles

Attach length of
silver thread to
top of each
decoration and tie
into a loop

SNOW IS FALLING

...all around us! Well, maybe not quite yet, but these ultra-snug fibres and novelty yarns will ensure you're well-prepared for when those pretty flakes do start to float down.

Whether you're dreaming of a white Christmas, or just love a fresh, monochrome look, these frosty fibres are sure to please. As well as deliciously soft and squishy chunkies, we've also picked out some jolly novelty yarns for all kinds of festive fun!

Shade Husk



FACT FILE

NAME: Lion Brand AR Workshop Chunky Knit
YARN WEIGHT: Super chunky
FIBRE CONTENT: 100% polyester
SHADE COUNT: 15
PRICE: £8.81 per 226g (26m) ball, lionbrand.com

FACT FILE

NAME: King Cole Opium
YARN WEIGHT: Chunky
FIBRE CONTENT: 54% Cotton, 42% Premium Acrylic, 4% Polyamide
SHADE COUNT: 9
PRICE: £4.19 per 100g (250m) ball, woolwarehouse.co.uk

Shade Ecu



FACT FILE

NAME: Bergère de France Cabelou
YARN WEIGHT: Chunky
FIBRE CONTENT: 63% acrylic, 27% wool, 10% polyamide
SHADE COUNT: 10
PRICE: £6.90 per 50g (90m) ball, bergeredefrance.co.uk

Shade 190 White



FACT FILE

NAME: Sirdar Alpine
YARN WEIGHT: Super chunky
FIBRE CONTENT: 100% polyester
SHADE COUNT: 14
PRICE: £4.40 per 50g (33m) ball, sirdar.com



Shade 400 Polar

FACT FILE

NAME: Divante Pom Pom Yarn
NEEDLE/HOOK SIZE: 4mm
FIBRE CONTENT: 100% polyester
SHADE COUNT: 3
PRICE: £3.99 per 200g (86m) ball, therange.co.uk



Shade White

Shade 001 White



FACT FILE

NAME: Rico Creative Bubble
NEEDLE/HOOK SIZE: 2mm/4mm
FIBRE CONTENT: 100% polyester
SHADE COUNT: 40
PRICE: £3.55 per 50g (90m) ball, ritohobby.co.uk

YOU WILL
NEED

■■■■■■■■■■

YARN

Stylecraft Life
DK: (A) 2448
Bark, (B) 2305
Cream, (C) 2311
Fern (D) 2449
Pillar Box Red,
one 100g ball of
each

PLUS

3.25mm and
4mm needles,
tapestry needle,
stitch holder,
three wooden
or plastic beads

SIZE

To fit: baby
(child, adult)
Circumference
(cm): 43.5 (49,
54.5)

TENSION

22 sts x 30 rows
10cm x 10cm
Stocking stitch
4mm needles



Take the
next step

HAT

Using 3.25mm
needles and yarn
A, cast on 96 (108,
120) sts
Beg with a k row
work eight rows
in st st
Change to 4mm
needles

Cont in st st until
work meas 14 (16,
18) cm, ending
after a p (WS) row

CROWN

Row 1: [k10, k2tog]
8 (9, 10) times. 88
(99, 110) sts
Beg with a p row
work three rows in
st st

Row 5: [k9, k2tog]
8 (9, 10) times. 80
(90, 100) sts

**Row 6 and every
foll WS row:** p

Row 7: [k8, k2tog]
8 (9, 10) times. 72
(81, 90) sts

Row 9: [k7, k2tog]
8 (9, 10) times. 64
(72, 80) sts

Row 11: [k6, k2tog]
8 (9, 10) times. 56
(63, 70) sts

Row 13: [k5, k2tog]
8 (9, 10) times. 48
(54, 60) sts

Row 15: [k4, k2tog]

8 (9, 10) times. 40
(45, 50) sts

Row 17: [k3, k2tog]
8 (9, 10) times. 32
(36, 40) sts

Row 19: [k2, k2tog]
8 (9, 10) times. 24
(27, 30) sts

Row 21: [k1, k2tog]
8 (9, 10) times. 16
(18, 20) sts

Row 22: [p2tog] 8
(9, 10) times
Cut yarn leaving a
long tail, thread

through rem sts,
pull tight and
fasten off

TOPPING

** Using 4mm
needles and yarn
B cast on six sts

Row 1: p
Row 2: k1, m1, k to
last st, m1, k1
Rep last two rows
2 (2, 3) times. 12 (12,
14) sts

Row 9: cast on 2

(3, 3) sts, k to end.
14 (15, 17) sts

Row 10: cast on 2
(3, 3) sts, p to end.
16 (18, 20) sts

Cut yarn and
leave sts on a
holder
Rep from ** five
times more but at
end of last rep do
not cut yarn and
leave sts on
needle

Next row: k all sts

on needle, then all
sts from holder. 96
(108, 120) sts

Next row: p

shape top

Work as for Crown
from Row 1 to end

HOLLY
LEAF

Make three

Using 3.25mm
needles and yarn
C cast on three sts

Figgy pudding hat

Have some fun with this
charming festive headwear!

If your 'currant' winter hat has seen better days, you should definitely get this sweet thing by **SUSIE JOHNS** on your needles. What better way to spread Christmas cheer than with the nation's favourite Yuletide afters on your head? With three sizes to choose from, this joyous make will keep you and your little ones super warm this season.



3
SIZES!

TOP TIP

IF YOU'RE MAKING THE SMALLER SIZES, OMIT THE BEADS IN THE BERRIES AND USE SAFETY TOY STUFFING INSTEAD

Row 1: k
Row 2 and every foll even-numbered row: p

Row 3: [k1, m1] twice, k1. Five sts

Row 5: k2, m1, k1, m1, k2. Seven sts

Row 7: k3, m1, k1, m1, k3. Nine sts

Row 9: k4, m1, k1, m1, k4. 11 sts

Row 11: cast off three sts, [k1, m1] twice, k5. Ten sts

Row 12: cast off three sts, p to end. Seven sts

Rows 13-18: rep Rows 7-12 once more

Row 19: k3, m1, k1, m1, k3. Nine sts

Row 20: p

Row 21: k4, m1, k1, m1, k4. 11 sts

Row 22: p

Row 23: cast off three sts, k to end. Eight sts

Row 24: cast off three sts, p to end. Five sts

Row 25: skpo, k1, k2tog. Three sts

Row 26: p1, p2tog. Two sts

Row 27: k2tog

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

HOLLY BERRY

Make three

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn D cast on six sts

Row 1: p

Row 2: kfb, k to last st, kfb
Rep Rows 1-2 once more. Ten sts
Beg with a p row work three rows in st st

Row 8: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog.

Eight sts

Row 9: p
Rep Rows 8-9 once more. Six sts

Row 12: p
Cast off

to make up

Sew back seam of Hat. Sew seam on Topping. Place Topping on Hat and pin in place. Use yarn ends to sew Topping in place. Attach

leaves to centre top of Hat and weave in loose ends. On each berry, sew a running st around outside edge. Place a bead on wrong side and pull up yarn tail to gather knitting around bead. Sew berries in a cluster in centre of leaves. Weave in rem loose ends



“After sewing the seams on the Hat and Topping, place the Hat on an upturned bowl with the Topping on top. Align the ring formed by the cast-off edge and pin the Topping to the Hat, then stitch in place using the yarn tails.”

SUSIE JOHNS, DESIGNER

DISCOVER
MORE AT...
DC THOMSON
Shop

READER OFFER

Shopping made easy at
WWW.DCTHOMSONSHOP.CO.UK

CLAIM YOUR FREE*
Nativity Knit Kit!

Create your own knitted nativity!

HOW TO CLAIM YOUR FREE*
Nativity Knit Kit

Worth £9.99

Visit www.dcthomsonshop.co.uk/nativity-knit-kit
and enter the discount code **NATIVITY** in your
shopping basket – easy as that!

Product Code: ACE-P2901

* Just pay postage

*UK postage costs £4.99. Orders must be received by 24th October 2022. Offer subject to availability. Only one knit kit per customer. While stocks last, we reserve the right to send an alternative knit kit. We can only provide refunds for damaged or faulty goods. Please allow 28 days for delivery. Open to UK residents only.

WORTH
£9.99!



DC THOMSON *Shop*

Bargello Wall Hanging Kits

- Bargello is a super fun craft and really easy to pick up. It's a type of needlepoint that uses just straight stitches to build up the design. Once you're in the swing, it's such a relaxing and enjoyable craft to lose yourself in.
- Delivered in a project box which includes the best quality-tapestry supplies.
- Each kit contains: full skeins of DMC tapestry wool (100% wool), tapestry canvas (cut to size), John James embroidery needle, wooden dowels, Bargello pattern, illustrated instructions from start to finish.
- The finished size of the wall hanging is 15cm wide by 20cm high (not including the hanging loop).

£29.95
EACH + P&P



Ditsy Daisies
Bargello Wall
Hanging Kit
Code: OHDDW



Tulips
Bargello Wall
Hanging Kit
Code: OHTUW



Making Waves
Bargello Wall
Hanging Kit
Code: OHMWW

TO ORDER *Shop*

CALL: 0800 318 846 quoting appropriate code.

Lines open Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm.

Please allow up to 7 to 10 working days for delivery. P&P £3.95 per order to one address.

ONLINE: www.dcthomsonshop.co.uk

c5789ddb-5c5f-4b4a-b894-e56e1e8ad27f

A CRAFTER'S Christmas

Your 2022 wish list starts here...

It's that time of year again where we can start shamelessly dropping hints about all the nifty crochet tools, knitting accessories, and must-have yarns that our crafty hearts yearn for. And of course, it's the season of giving and generosity, so our knittiest nearest and dearest are due some treats too! Look no further than these very pages for spectacular gift ideas for makers, whether you need a Secret Santa solution, handy stocking fillers, or ideas for yourself... if you're reading this because the magazine has been casually left open at this page on the coffee table... well, you know what to do.



West Yorkshire Spinners, Woodside Fair Isle Festive Blanket, free download, or part of The Croft Homewares Collection, £12.95, wyspinners.com



THREADY, STEADY, SEW!

MANY CRAFTERS FIND MAKING UP A BIT OF A CHORE - BUT THESE HANDY TOOLS WILL MAKE IT A DELIGHT!

Patchwork Print Apple Pin Cushion, £10.95, libertylondon.com

Mandala Cat Needle Minder, £11.95, melocadesigns.com

Flamingo Embroidery Scissors, £10, hawthornhandmade.com

Decorative Pins, £4.95, **TheSnoutyDragon** on etsy.com



PERFECT HOME FOR YARN!



STORAGE SOLUTIONS

WHAT DO YOU GET THE CRAFTER WHO HAS EVERYTHING? SOMEWHERE TO PUT IT ALL!

Personalised Knitting Needle Holder, £35, parkinandlewis.com

Bolga Large Storage Basket - Ayoka No. 2, £45, lolaandmawu.com

Sky Blue Stars Crochet Hook Roll, £15, simplywishesuk.co.uk

Sheep in Sweaters Long Tin, £8, emmaball.co.uk



CRAFTER'S LITTLE HELPER

SANTA HAS HIS ELVES, WE FIBRE FANS HAVE OUR OWN LITTLE SIDEKICKS TO HELP US ALONG!



Cactus Yarn Organiser, £8, rocketandfox.com



Small Ceramic Yarn Bowl in Rutile Blue, £23.95, theknittinggiftshop.co.uk



Cake and Biscuit Stitch Markers, £10, chapelviewcrafts.co.uk



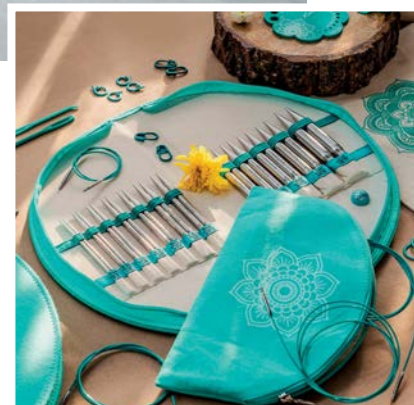
TOOLS OF THE TRADE

GIVE A CRAFTER THEIR MAGIC WANDS AND EXTRAORDINARY THINGS WILL HAPPEN...

Furls Streamline Resin Aquarius 10mm Crochet Hook, £22, thetightstitch.co

Happy Place Personalised Crochet Hook, £6, woodpaperscissors.com

KnitPro Gratitude Lace Interchangeable Needle Set, £122, shop.knitmcintosh.com



STOCKING FILLERS

THESE LITTLE TREATS ARE ALL UNDER £4!

Christmas Buttons, £2 for ten, [bythebridlepath](http://bythebridlepath.etsy.com) on etsy.com

It Takes Balls to Knit Knitting Sticker, £1.60, [Sarahwillustration](http://Sarahwillustration.folksy.com) on folksy.com

Donuts Stitch Stoppers, £3.95, yarnworx.com

Teacup Cat Stitch Marker, £1.85 for one, [AliceRCrafts](http://AliceRCrafts.etsy.com) on etsy.com



IT'S KNITTING SEASON!

Give the gift of knitting this year with a Let's Knit Together gift membership! Packages start at £23.99 and include access to 2,600+ knitting patterns, 100+ how-to videos and a welcoming online community of knitters. Gift an annual membership and your loved one will receive 16 balls of Stylecraft Special DK yarn*. Visit letsknit.co.uk/gift

*T&Cs apply



YARN, GLORIOUS YARN

WE ALL KNOW WHAT THE QUICKEST WAY TO A KNITTER OR CROCHETER'S HEART IS...



4ply/Sock Yarn - Fiesta Beach, £15 per 100g (425m) skein, undertheolivetreeknits.com



Caron® Simply Soft® O'Go™, RRP: £6.49 per 141g (228m) skein, stockists include woolwarehouse.co.uk



Thistle - Suri Cloud, £18 per 50g (300m) skein, woollenwyitch.co.uk

TIME FOR TEA

MAKE YOUR NEXT KNIT AND NATTER EXTRA SPECIAL BY TREATING YOUR BUDDIES TO THESE



Lucy Pittaway Sheep and Daisy Mug, £13; Teapot, £32, greatbritishproducts.co.uk



Ulster Weavers Dotty Sheep Set of 4 Coasters, £10.00, joyceandjoan.co.uk



2 Tier Cake Stand, £45, yvonneellen.com

TOP TIP: USE US AS QUIRKY TAGS!



REUSABLE FABRIC GIFT WRAP!

ALL WRAPPED UP

DON'T FORGET TO ADD THOSE ALL-IMPORTANT FINAL TOUCHES TO YOUR GIFTS WITH BEAUTIFUL WRAPPING!

Trimits Christmas Pom-Pom Kits, RRP: £1.70, contact groves@stockistenquiries.co.uk for stockists

Reversible Gift Wrap: Pine Sprigs & Golden Pebbles, £12, wragwrap.com

Handmade Love Typography Minimalist Dusty Blue by Girl Trend, £7.05 for six, zazzle.co.uk



PROMOTION



COSY CHRISTMAS

Treat a loved one to a kit to make this generous hug of a shawl! The Template Shawl kit contains the pattern by Emily Kemp and four luscious skeins of Garthenor Preseli 4ply, RRP £56, finefettlefibres.uk



ROAR-SOME MAKES

Make eight different dinosaurs with these high-quality cotton crochet kits, including full video tutorials for all eight patterns, courtesy of US-based brand, Club Crochet! \$30, clubcrochet.com



MERRY KIT-MAS!

Give yourself or a friend the ultimate night in and unbox a self-care session. Sink into a blissful rhythm as you use the bamboo needles, super-soft Melange Wool and how-to guide to make your own snood and bobble hat. Accompany your crafting with the soothing scent of a velvet rose and oud candle, for the ultimate wind-down. £55, stitchandstory.com



PLUS
two 8mm
safety eyes,
stuffing

SIZE
Santa height:
22cm
Tree height:
10.5cm



SANTA leg

Make two

Using 3.75mm hook and Leafy Green make 5ch
Rnd 1: 2dc in second ch from hook, 2dc, 3dc in next st, working back along opposite side of ch, 2dc, 1dc in same st as first 2dc. Ten sts
Rnd 2: (2dc in next st) twice, 2dc, (2dc in next st) three times, 2dc, 2dc in next st. 16 sts
Rnd 3: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 4: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 5: 5dc, (dc2tog) four times, 3dc. 12 sts
Rnds 6-9: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Santa Red
Rnd 10: working in BLO, 1dc in each

to end
Rnds 11-12: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off
Stuff Legs

body

Using 3.75mm hook and Santa Red and with both Legs facing forward, join Legs with a sl st in centre between them
Rnd 1: beg in joining st at back of one Leg, 1ch (does not count as st), 1dc in each st around first Leg, 1dc in each st around second Leg. 24 sts
Rnd 2: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
Rnds 3-4: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 5: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end
Rnds 6-7: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Leafy Green
Rnd 8: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Santa Red
Rnd 9: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 10-11: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 12: (2dc,

dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 13-14: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 15: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
Fasten off

head

Using 3.75mm hook join Blush Pink to centre back of neck
Rnd 1: 1ch (does not count as st), 1dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
Rnds 5-10: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 11: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 12: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
Attach safety eyes between Rnds 8-9, five sts apart
Stuff as you go
Rnd 13: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
Rnd 14: (dc2tog) to

end. Six sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts and fasten off

fur trim

Using 3.75mm hook join Snowy White with sl st FLO to unworked loop between Rnds 4 and 5 at back of Body
Rnd 1: 1ch, (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end, join with sl st to top of first st. 36 sts
Fasten off

arm

Make two
Using 3.75mm hook and Blush Pink make 2ch
Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts
Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts
Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end
Join Santa Red
Rnd 4: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 5: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end
Rnds 6-14: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

fur cuff

Make two

Using 3.75mm hook join Snowy White with a sl st FLO to any unworked loop between Rnds 4 and 5 of one Arm
Rnd 1: 1ch, (2dc, 2dc in next st) three times, join with sl st to first st. 12 sts
Fasten off

hat

Using 3.75mm hook and Santa Red make 2ch
Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts
Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts
Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts
Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 15 sts
Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 6: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 21 sts
Rnd 7: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 8: (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 27 sts

Rnd 9: (8dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
Rnds 10-11: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Snowy White
Rnds 12-13: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

bobble

Using 3.75mm hook and Snowy White make 2ch
Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts
Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts
Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 4: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Stuff
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts and fasten off

beard

Using 3.75mm hook and Snowy White make 3ch
Row 1: 5htr in third ch from hook, turn. Five sts
Row 2: 2ch (does not count as st throughout), 2htr in each st to end,

Santa & tree

Use your Snowglobe kit and basic stitches to make a timeless toy

Naturally it wouldn't be Christmas without this jolly chap, and **SARAH-JANE HICKS** has added a sweet mini tree to accompany him. Working mainly in simple double crochet stitches you'll have him ready for the big day in no time. If you're putting Santa on display, a top tip is to fill his legs with dried beans – then he'll stand to attention well into new year!



TOP TIP

WORK IN CONTINUOUS ROUNDS THROUGHOUT UNLESS STATED. WHEN CHANGING COLOUR, USE THE NEW COLOUR FOR THE LAST YARN-OVER-HOOK OF THE PREVIOUS STITCH

USE ALL
SIX
YARN
COLOURS!

turn. Ten sts

Row 3: 2ch, (1htr, 2htr in next st) to end, turn. 15 sts

Row 4: 2ch, (2htr, 2htr in next st) to end. 20 sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

TREE

Using 3.75mm hook and Leafy Green make 2ch

Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts
Working in BLO throughout work as follows:

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts

Rnd 3 and every odd-numbered rnd: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 4: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 6: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 15 sts

Rnd 8: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 10: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 21 sts

Rnd 12: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 13: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

tree base

Using 3.75mm hook and Leafy Green make 2ch

Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts
Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 4: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
Fasten off

star

Using 3.75mm hook and Variegated make 2ch
Rnd 1: 5dc in second ch from hook, join with sl

st to top of first st. Five sts
Rnd 2: * 2ch, 1dc in second ch from hook, miss one st, sl st in next st, rep from * four times. Five points made
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

to make up

Stuff Body and Arms. Sew pieces tog using image as a guide. Sew Hat to Head and Bobble to Hat. Sew Beard in place. Using Santa Red, embroider a small

v for mouth. Using Blush Pink, embroider a few sts several times for Nose. Sew Arms in place one row down from neck at either side of Body. Using Golden Yellow, embroider a square of chain sts for belt buckle. Stuff Tree and sew on Base, stitching through back loops only of Tree and both loops of Base sts. Sew Star to top of Tree. Weave in all ends



Love
THIS PATTERN?



YOU'VE MADE SANTA, SO WHY NOT MOVE ON TO... A FESTIVE HIPPO!
DOWNLOAD FOR FREE AT
TOPCROCHETPATTERNS.COM



PLUS
two 1.5cm
buttons,
tapestry
needle

SIZE
Flower
(without
leaves): 9-10cm
diameter
Napkin Ring
(flat): 3cm x
15cm



Take the
next step

NAPKIN RINGS

band

Make two
Using 3.75mm
needles and
Golden Yellow cast
on nine sts leaving
a long tail

Row 1 (RS): k

Row 2: p2, k5, p2

Rep Rows 1-2 until
piece meas 14cm
from cast-on edge

Buttonhole row:
k4, yfwd, k2tog, k3

Next row: p2,
k5, p2

Next row: k
Rep last two
rows once
Cast off pwise,
leaving a long tail

small petal

Make 12 (six in
each colour)
Using 3.75mm
needles and Santa
Red (Blush Pink)
place a slipknot
on LH needle
Row 1 (RS): kfbf.
Three sts

Row 2: p

Row 3: (kfb) twice,
k1. Five sts

Rows 4-10: beg
with a p row work
in st st

Row 11: k1, (k2tog)
twice. Three sts

Row 12: p

Row 13: k1, k2tog.
Two sts

Row 14: p2tog.
One st

Fasten off leaving
a long tail

large petal

Make 14 (seven in
each colour)
Using 3.75mm

needles and Santa
Red (Blush Pink)
place a slipknot
on LH needle

Row 1 (RS): kfbf.
Three sts

Row 2 and every

WS row: p
Row 3: (kfb) twice,
k1. Five sts

Row 5: kfb, k2, kfb,
k1. Seven sts

Rows 6-12: beg
with a p row work
in st st

Row 13: k1, k2tog,
k2, k2tog. Five sts

Row 14 and every

WS row: p
Row 15: k1, (k2tog)
twice. Three sts

Row 17: k1, k2tog.
Two sts

Row 18: p2tog.
One st

Fasten off leaving
a long tail

Did you know?

In its native country of
Mexico, the poinsettia can
grow up to four metres
tall, resembling a
small tree!



Row 3: kfb, k2, kfb,
k1. Seven sts

Row 5: kfb, k4, kfb,
k1. Nine sts

Row 7: kfb, k6, kfb,
k1. 11 sts

Row 9: cast off
one st, k to end.
Ten sts

Row 10: cast off
one st, p to end.
Nine sts

Row 11: k1, k2tog,
k4, k2tog. Seven sts



"To make the perfect French knot, bring the needle out from below at the point where you want the knot to be,

wrap the yarn twice around the needle close to the exit point, then insert the needle back into the piece a short distance away from the original exit hole."

DAWN FINNEY, DESIGNER

Row 12 and every

WS row: p

Row 13: k1, k2tog, k2, k2tog. Five sts

Row 15: k1, (k2tog) twice. Three sts

Row 17: k1, k2tog.

Two sts

Row 18: p2tog.

One st

Fasten off leaving a long tail

to make up

For each Napkin Ring, weave in long cast-on tail of Band to centre point approx 1.5cm from cast-on edge, add button to RS and fasten off. Weave in cast-on tails of Leaves and Petals, then weave in fastened-off tails, carrying them to cast-on ends of Leaves and Petals. Trim all but one of each of fastened-off tails. Block and allow to dry. Use rem fastened-off tail to st six Small Petals tog in an overlapping ring at base and bottom edges of each Petal, then secure firmly. Rep to join six Large Petals into a ring, then secure firmly behind ring of Small Petals. Join seventh Large Petal to finished flower as desired. Use fastened-off tails to join Leaves to back of each Flower (three to Santa Red flower and four to Blush Pink flower). Use a long length of contrast yarn to create French knot stamens at centre of each flower. Weave long cast-off tail of Band to centre to attach flower, secure and weave in all rem tails



SKILL UP!

kfbf: k into front, back and front of same st (two sts

increased)





PLUS
stitch markers,
toy stuffing,
two 8mm black
safety eyes,
black thread,
blusher
(optional), 5cm
pom-pom
maker,
tapestry
needle

SIZE
24.5cm tall



Take the
next step

CHRISTMAS CHLOE

Note: many
sections are
worked without
joining in

Christmas Chloe

There's no doubt about which season
is this little lady's favourite!

With her festive hat and jolly green jumper, this delightful doll by **HEATHER GIBBS** is well and truly set for the big day! Chloe would make a great new friend for an imaginative toddler and won't take long to crochet. We've included detailed instructions for making her hair, to ensure she'll be looking her best for the big celebration!

continuous rnds
(unless specified),
so place st marker
in top of first st to
mark start of rnd

head

Using 3.75mm
hook and Blush
Pink make a magic
ring, work 6dc into
ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each
st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
18 sts

Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in

next st) to end.
24 sts

Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
30 sts

Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
36 sts

Rnds 6-10: 1dc in
each st to end

Rnd 11: 18dc, * yoh,
insert hook in 19th
st, pull up a loop,
rep from * three
times (nine loops
on hook), yoh and
pull through all
loops on hook

(creates Nose), 1dc
in each st to end.
36 sts

Add safety eyes
between Rnds
9-10, approx six sts
apart

Using black thread
add eyelashes
next to eyes

Rnds 12-14: 1dc in
each st to end

Rnd 15: (4dc,
dc2tog) to end.
30 sts

Rnd 16: (3dc,
dc2tog) to end.
24 sts
Split a strand of
Santa Red and
embroider mouth
over Rnd 16
under Nose

Rnd 17: (2dc,
dc2tog) to end.
18 sts

Rnd 18: (1dc,
dc2tog) to end.
12 sts

Rnd 19: 1dc in each
st to end
Stuff firmly
Fasten off leaving
a long tail

leg

Make two

Using 3.75mm
hook and Santa
Red make a magic
ring, work 6dc into
ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each
st to end. 12 sts

Rnds 2-5: 1dc in
each st to end
Fasten off Santa
Red and weave in
ends, attach Blush
Pink to any st

Rnds 6-16: 1dc in
each st to end
Fasten off and
weave in ends

body

Attach Variegated
to any st on
one Leg

Rnd 17: 3ch, sl st
onto any st on
other Leg, 12dc
around First Leg,
1dc in each of 3 ch,
12dc around
Second Leg, 1dc in
each of next 3 ch.
30 sts

Rnds 18-22: 1dc in
each st to end

Stuff Legs and
lower Body firmly
and cont to stuff
as you go
Fasten off
Variegated

Join Leafy Green
to any st

Rnd 23: working in
BLO, 1dc in each st
to end

Rnds 24-33: 1dc in
each st to end

Rnd 34: (3dc,
dc2tog) to end.
24 sts

Rnd 35: (2dc,
dc2tog) to end.
18 sts

Rnd 36: (1dc,
dc2tog) to end.
12 sts

Rnd 37: (dc2tog)
to end. Six sts



SKILL UP!

Front post half treble (FPhtr):

Yoh, insert hook
from front to back to front around post
of corresponding st below, yoh, pull up
a loop. Three loops on hook. Yoh and
pull through all loops on hook

Back post half treble (BPhtr): Yoh,
insert hook from back to front to back
around post of corresponding st below,
yoh, pull up a loop. Three loops on
hook. Yoh and pull through all
loops on hook



Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts and fasten off

skirt

Using 3.75mm hook and Variegated make 30ch, join with a sl st to make a ring
Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end. 30 sts
Rnd 2: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
Rnd 3: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts
Rnds 4-12: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 13: 2dc in each st to end. 84 sts
 Fasten off, leaving a long tail

arm

Make two

Note: stuff as you go leaving upper half of Arm unstuffed
 Using 3.75mm hook and Blush Pink make a magic ring, work 10dc into ring. Ten sts
Rnds 1-2: 1dc in each st to end
 Fasten off and weave in ends. Join Leafy Green to any st
Rnd 3-15: 1dc in each st to end
 Fasten off, leaving a long tail

scarf

Using 3.75mm hook and Santa Red make a magic ring, work 2dc into

ring, turn. Two sts
Row 1: 1ch (counts as st), 2dc, turn. Three sts
Rows 2-64: 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 1dc in each st to end, turn
Row 65: 1ch, 1dc, dc2tog, turn. Two sts
Row 66: dc2tog. One st
 Fasten off

hat

Note: worked from tip down, carry unused yarn

up side ready for next stripe
 Using 3.75mm hook and Santa Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 2: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Eight sts
Rnds 3-4: 1dc in each st to end
 Work in foll three-row stripe sequence: Snowy White, Santa Red
Rnd 5: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end.

Ten sts
Rnds 6-7: as Rnds 3-4
Rnd 8: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts
Rnds 9-10: as Rnds 3-4
Rnd 11: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 14 sts
Rnds 12-13: as Rnds 3-4
Rnd 14: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 16 sts
Rnd 15-16: as Rnds 3-4
Rnd 17: (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end.

18 sts
Rnds 18-19: as Rnds 3-4
Rnd 20: (8dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 20 sts
Rnds 21-22: as Rnds 3-4
Rnd 23: (9dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 22 sts
Rnds 24-25: as Rnds 3-4
Rnd 26: (10dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 27-28: as Rnds 3-4
Rnd 29: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end.

30 sts
Rnd 30-31: as Rnds 3-4
Rnd 32: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
Rnd 33-34: as Rnds 3-4
Rnd 35: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts
Rnd 36-37: as Rnds 3-4
 Cont in Santa Red only
Rnd 38: 1htr in each st to end
Rnd 39-41: (FPHtr, BPHtr) to end, sl st to top st to join
 Fasten off

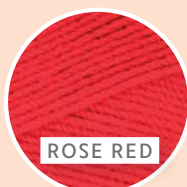
to make up

For hair, cut several 40cm strands of Golden Yellow. Fold two strands in half. Working into post sts of Rnds 1-4 of Head, insert hook through a st, catch the bend of yarn with hook and pull a short loop under st. Pull yarn tails through to cinch loop into a knot. Rep to add more hair intermittently around very top of Head only. Make a centre parting and style into plaits on each side. Attach Head to top of Body, and Arms to either side of Body. Attach Skirt to Rnd 23 of Body. Tie Scarf round neck. Add Hat to top of Head, folding over to one side and tacking in place. Using Snowy White make a 5cm pom-pom and attach to Hat. Add blusher to cheeks (optional). Weave in all ends



Run out of yarn?

TRY PAINTBOX YARNS SIMPLY DK, £2.49 PER 100G (276M) BALL, LOVECRAFTS.COM



ROSE RED



GRASS GREEN



BLUSH PINK



BUTTERCUP YELLOW



PAPER WHITE

Let's
knit
together

KNIT YOUR OWN SANTA'S WORKSHOP WREATH

Sign up as an annual member for £59.99 and
get a FREE 1,600g Festive Yarn Bundle.*

*Hurry - only available while stocks last



Your free yarn is perfect for our exclusive
knitalong. Whether you're gifting or
keeping this seasonal sensation, you'll
love casting on with the rest of the club.



Scan Me



Join Now: letsknit.co.uk/santa
c5789ddb-a5df-4b46-9e84-c56e1e8ad27f

BY
**NICOLA
VALIJI**

Knitwear Decs

Try intarsia, cable cast-ons and working heels with these merry mini-makes



USING YOUR **Snowglobe** YARN KIT



PROJECT
OVERLEAF





PLUS
stitch holders,
tapestry
needle

SIZE
Jumper: 8cm
tall
Mittens: 5cm
long
Socks: 10cm
long



RED HEART JUMPER

front
Using 3.75mm needles and Santa Red cast on 21 sts
Row 1 (RS): k1, (p1, k1) to end
Row 2: p1, (k1, p1) to end
Row 3: as Row 1
Change to Snowy White
Rows 4-8: beg with a p row work in st st
Row 9: k10, join in Santa Red, k1, join in another yarn end of Snowy White, k to end
Note: colour in bracket indicates which yarn to use
Row 10: p9 (Snowy White), p3 (Santa Red), p9 (Snowy White)
Row 11: k8 (Snowy White), k5 (Santa Red), k8 (Snowy White)
Row 12: p7 (Snowy White), p7 (Santa Red), p7 (Snowy White)



What's better than knitwear? Adorable miniature versions, of course! **SACHIYO ISHII** has done it again with this set of teeny tiny sweaters, mitts and stockings, perfect for decorating your Christmas tree or hanging up as quirky festive bunting! There's even a touch of crochet involved, so get your hook ready for when it comes to the sock strings and glove straps.

Row 13: k6 (Snowy White), k9 (Santa Red), k6 (Snowy White)
Row 14: p6 (Snowy White), p9 (Santa Red), p6 (Snowy White)
Note: carry Snowy White across the back of your work on the next two rows
Row 15: k6 (Snowy White), k4 (Santa Red), k1 (Snowy White), k4 (Santa Red), k6 (Snowy White)
Row 16: p7 (Snowy White), p2 (Santa Red), p4 (Snowy White), p2 (Santa Red), p7 (Snowy White)
Cut Santa Red
Row 17: k1, skpo, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 19 sts
Row 18: p
Rows 19-22: rep Rows 17-18. 15 sts
Row 23: as Row 17. 13 sts
Cut yarn, place sts

on a holder
back
Using 3.75mm needles and Snowy White work as for Front, omitting heart motif
sleeve
Make two
Using 3.75mm needles and Snowy White cast on 14 sts
Rows 1-3: (k1, p1) to end
Change to Santa Red
Rows 4-8: beg with a p (WS) row work in st st
Row 9: kfb, k to last st, kfb. 16 sts
Rows 10-12: beg with a p row work in st st
Row 13: k1, skpo, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 14 sts
Row 14: p
Rows 15-22: rep Rows 13-14. Six sts
Row 23: as Row 13.

Four sts
Cut yarn, place sts on a holder
neck band
With RS facing, return sts from holders to needle in foll order: Back, Sleeve, Front, Sleeve. 34 sts
Rejoin Santa Red
Row 1 (RS): k
Rows 2-4: (k1, p1) to end
Cast off in rib
to make up
Sew raglan
Sleeves to Front and Back. Sew underarm and side seams
WHITE HEART JUMPER
Work as for Red Heart Jumper, reversing colours
WHITE CUFF SOCK
Using 3.75mm needles and

Cut yarn, slip all sts onto other needle so RS is facing

foot

Using 3.75mm needles,
Variegated and with RS facing, k5 sts of Right Heel, pick up and k two sts down edge of Right Heel, k16 centre sts, pick up and k two sts up edge of Left Heel, k5 sts of Left Heel. 30 sts

Next row (WS): p

Next row: k5, k2tog, k16, k2tog, k5. 28 sts

Next row: p

Next row: k4, k2tog, k16, k2tog, k4. 26 sts

Next three rows:

beg with a p row work in st st

Change to Snowy White

Next row: k2, (k2tog, k2) to end. 20 sts

Next row: p

Next row: (k3, k2tog) twice, (k2tog, k3) twice. 16 sts

Next row: p

Next row: (k2, k2tog) twice, (k2tog, k2) twice. 12 sts

Next row: p

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

hanging loop

Using 3.75mm crochet hook and Snowy White, make 20ch
Fasten off

to make up

Sew sides tog and attach Hanging Loop

Snowy White cast on 30 sts

Rows 1-3: (k1, p1) to end

Change to Variegated

Rows 4-18: beg with a p (WS) row work in st st

right side of heel

Change to Snowy White

Row 19: k7, turn

Row 20: sl 1, p6

Rows 21-24: rep Rows 19-20

Row 25: k5, skpo, turn. Six heel sts

Row 26: sl 1, p5

Row 27: k4, skpo, turn. Five heel sts

Row 28: sl 1, p4
Cut yarn, slip all sts onto other needle so WS is facing

left side of heel

With WS facing, join Snowy White to sts on other end of needle

Row 19 (WS): p7, turn

Row 20: sl 1, k6

Rows 21-24: rep Rows 19-20

Row 25: p5, p2tog, turn. Six heel sts

Row 26: sl 1, k5

Row 27: p4, p2tog, turn. Five sts

Row 28: sl 1, k4

GREAT ADVICE

The mini sweaters in this project use the intarsia method, which produces a shape of colour within another colour, by using separate mini balls of yarn for each colour along a row, rather than carrying the strands along. When you get to your colour change, take the working yarn and pull it over to the left, and then take your new colour under the working yarn and to the right. This will give it a twist on the back, which will attach the new colour to the previous colour so there is no gap



GREEN CUFF SOCK

Work as for White Cuff Sock, using Leafy Green instead of Snowy White and using Snowy White for Hanging Loop

LARGE RED GLOVE

Using 3.75mm needles and Santa Red cast on 28 sts
Rows 1-3: (k1, p1) to end
 Change to Leafy Green
Rows 4-5: beg with a p (WS) row work in st st
 Change to Santa Red
Row 6: p
Row 7: k1l, turn,

work on this set of sts only, leave rem sts on needle. 11 sts
Rows 8-9: beg with a p row work in st st

Cut yarn
 Transfer first six sts on LH needle to a holder for Thumb
 With RS facing rejoin Santa Red to rem 11 sts
Rows 7-9: beg with a k row work in st st. 11 sts
 Change to Golden Yellow

Row 10: p across all sts except Thumb sts on holder. 22 sts

Row 11: k
 Change to Santa Red
Rows 12-15: beg with a p row work in st st
 Change to Leafy Green
Rows 16-17: cont in st st

Row 18: (p2tog) to end. 11 sts
 Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

thumb

Using 3.75mm needles, Santa Red and with RS facing, rejoin yarn to sts on holder

Row 1: cast on three sts using cable cast-on method, k these sts, k to end. Nine sts

Row 2: cast on three sts, p these sts, p to end. 12 sts

Row 3: k
Row 4: (p2tog) to end. Six sts
 Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

strap

Using 3.75mm hook and Leafy Green make 20ch
 Fasten off

to make up

With fastened-off yarn end of Thumb, sew sides tog and sew to Glove. With fastened-off yarn end of Glove, sew seam to cast-on edge. Attach Hanging Loop

LARGE GREEN GLOVE

Work as for Large Red Glove with foll colour alterations: Leafy Green instead of Santa Red, Golden Yellow instead of Leafy Green (first and last stripe), Santa Red instead of Golden Yellow (second stripe). Make Hanging Loop with Santa Red

SMALL YELLOW GLOVE

Using 3.75mm needles and Golden Yellow cast on 24 sts

Rows 1-3: (k1, p1) to end

Change to Leafy Green

Rows 4-5: beg with a p (WS) row work in st st
 Change to Golden Yellow

Row 6: p

Row 7: k10, turn, work on this set of sts only, leave rem sts on needle. Ten sts

Rows 8-9: cont in st st
 Cut yarn
 Transfer first four sts on LH needle

to st holder for Thumb. With RS facing, rejoin Golden Yellow to rem ten sts

Rows 7-9: beg with a k row work in st st. Ten sts
 Change to Santa Red

Row 10: p across all sts except Thumb sts on holder. 20 sts

Row 11: k
 Change to Golden Yellow

Rows 12-15: beg with a p row work in st st
 Change to Leafy Green

Row 16: p
Row 17: k2tog, (k1, k2tog) to end. 13 sts
 Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

thumb

Using 3.75mm needles, Golden Yellow and with RS facing, rejoin yarn to sts on holder

Row 1: cast on two sts using cable cast-on method, k these sts, k to end. Six sts

Row 2: cast on two sts, p these sts, p to end. Eight sts

Row 3: k

Row 4: (p2tog) to end. Four sts
 Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

hanging loop

Using 3.75mm hook and Santa Red make 15ch
 Fasten off

to make up

Work as for Large Red Glove

CABLE CAST ON METHOD

This gives a really strong, firm edge and is a good method to use when instructed to cast on in the middle or at the beginning of a row.



Steps 1-3: Cast on two stitches using the normal two-needle/knitted cast-on method. Remember that the slip knot counts as one stitch



Step 4: Insert your RH needle between the first two stitches on the LH needle, wrap the working yarn around the tip of the RH needle



Step 5: Use the tip of the RH needle to pull the strand through between the stitches, slip this loop on to the LH as before. Repeat Steps 4-5 until all stitches are cast on



Finished edge



PLUS
safety stuffing,
one 15mm
safety eye,
tapestry
needle

SIZE
14cm tall



Take the
next step

MONSTER head, body and leg one

Using 3.75mm
hook and Golden
Yellow make a
magic ring, work
6dc into ring.

Six sts
Rnd 1: 2dc in each
st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
18 sts

Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
24 sts

Change to Leafy
Green

Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
30 sts

Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
36 sts

Rnd 6: (5dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
42 sts

Rnd 7: (6dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
48 sts

Change to
Santa Red

Rnd 8: (7dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
54 sts

Rnd 9: (8dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
60 sts

Change to
Variegated

Rnd 10: 1dc in each
st to end

Rnds 11-20: rep
Rnd 10 in foll stripe
sequence: three
rnds Golden
Yellow, two rnds
Leafy Green, one
rnd Golden Yellow,
three rnds Santa
Red, one rnd
Variegated
Change to
Santa Red

Rnd 21: 18dc, 24ch,
miss 24 sts, 18dc.

36 sts

Rnd 22: 18dc, work
1dc into front loop
of each ch, 18dc.

60 sts

Change to Golden
Yellow

Rnd 23: 1dc in each
st to end

Change to
Variegated

Rnds 24-27: 1dc in
each st to end
Change to Golden
Yellow

Rnd 28: 1dc in each

st to end
Change to Leafy
Green

Rnd 29: 6dc,
change to Santa
Red, 20dc

Cont in rnds on
these 20 sts in
Santa Red for
Leg One

Rnds 30-34: 1dc in
each st to end

Rnd 35: dc2tog,
8dc, dc2tog, 8dc.
18 sts

Rnd 36: (1dc,
dc2tog) to end.
12 sts

Rnd 37: (dc2tog)
to end. Six sts
Fasten off all
colours

leg two

Using 3.75mm
hook, Leafy Green
and with mouth
hole facing, join
yarn to first
Golden Yellow st
to left of Leg One,
1ch, 1dc into same
st, 9dc, miss 20
sts, 4dc

Note: include six
Leafy Green sts of
Rnd 29 in this rnd
for Leg Two

Rnds 1-5: 1dc in
each st to end.

20 sts

Rnd 6: 6dc, dc2tog,
8dc, dc2tog, 2dc.
18 sts

Rnd 7: (1dc,
dc2tog) to end.
12 sts

Rnd 8: (dc2tog) to
end. Six sts
Fasten off

leg three

Using 3.75mm
hook, Golden
Yellow and with
mouth hole facing
join yarn to first st
to left of Leg Two,
1ch, 1dc into same
st, 19dc. 20 sts
Rep Rnds 30-37 of
Leg One
Fasten off

mouth

Using 3.75mm
hook and Blush
Pink make 48ch,
join with a sl st to
make a ring

Rnds 1-10: 1ch, 1dc
in each st to end,

join with a sl st to
first st. 48 sts
Fasten off

tongue

Using 3.75mm
hook and Santa
Red make a magic
ring, work 6dc into
ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each
st to end. 12 sts

Rnds 2-6: 1dc in
each st to end
Fasten off

arm

Make two
Using 3.75mm
hook and
Variegated make
a magic ring, work
6dc into ring.
Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each
st to end. 12 sts

Rnds 2-9: 1dc in
each st to end
Fasten off

eyeball

Using 3.75mm

hook and Snowy
White make a
magic ring, work
6dc into ring.

Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each
st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
18 sts

Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
24 sts

Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.
30 sts

Rnd 5: 1dc in each
st to end
Fasten off

horn

Make two
Using 3.75mm
hook and Snowy
White make a
magic ring, work
6dc into ring.
Six sts

Rnd 1: 1dc in each
st to end

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in
next st) to end.

Marvin the monster

Don't be scared! Despite his jagged teeth
and giant eyeball Marvin is a big softy

If you're after a gift for a youngster who's a bit on the wild side
look no further than this fun design by **HANNAH COOPER**.
Marvin is worked in simple stitches, but follow the instructions
carefully when making his magnificent mouth, as you'll need to
attach this insert at the same time as adding the lips.



*"This monster really is a cheeky
little chap with the ability to stick
his tongue out. He really will get
up to mischief."*

HANNAH COOPER, DESIGNER

USE ALL
SIX
YARN
COLOURS!



Nine sts
Rnd 3: 1dc in each
st to end
Fasten off

tooth

Make three

Using 3.75mm
hook and Snowy
White make a
magic ring, work
6dc into ring.
Six sts

Join with sl st and
fasten off

to make up

Sew Eyeball on
to Head. Add safety
eye to Eyeball as
desired or using
photograph as a
guide. Flatten one
edge of Mouth
and sandwich
open end of

Tongue in centre.
Sew along edge
through all layers.
Stuff Head, lower
Body and Legs,
then insert Mouth.
Using 3.75mm
hook and Leafy
Green join yarn to
far-right side of
bottom lip, 1ch,
starting in the
same st and

working through
Mouth sts at same
time, work 48 sl sts
evenly around lips,
sl st into first st
and fasten off.
Sew Teeth to edge
of Mouth, Horns to
top of Head and
Arms to Body.
Close any holes
between Legs.
Weave in all ends

TOP TIP

WHEN MAKING A
CHAIN FOR THE
MOUTH OPENING
MAKE THE CHAINS
REALLY LOOSE SO
IT'S EASIER TO WORK
INTO THEM FOR THE
NEXT ROW

Better Late than Never!

Your laugh-out-loud Christmas disasters and success stories

We've all been there... the big day has crept up on us again and we're just not quite ready for it! No matter how early we start and how quickly we work that yarn, there's always a bit of a mad scramble as December rolls around, leaving us crafters to attempt to pull off the impossible. We asked you, our lovely readers, for your tales of crazed Christmas crafting – the ups and the downs – and you didn't disappoint! Even our talented LGC designers aren't immune to the festive frenzy and have some cracking tales for you too. Enjoy!

"Email from pre-school: we forgot to ask you to send children in Christmas jumpers tomorrow..."
@madewithloveandfibres on Instagram



"Last year, I decided to try knitting again after learning the basics as a child. I went straight in with a pair of socks rather than something more simple to start on... then I was asked for a Fair Isle Christmas jumper! So my second knitting project of the year was a jumper with colour changes all over the place. I twisted the waistband on my first attempt and ended up spending weeks of early mornings, lunch breaks at work and hours each evening knitting away – I managed to finish with about 48 hours to spare! The jumper was for my partner – I've told him he's got to get it out on 1st November this year to make the most of it!"

READER, HANNAH BISHOP, @STITCHEDUPBYHANNAH ON INSTAGRAM



"One year I made elves for friends and family that I promised to deliver before 1st December - I made so many I hurt my shoulder in the process and couldn't crochet for a good couple of weeks afterwards! The upside is that I still get tagged in photos of those elves every year when they make an appearance as part of Christmas decorations!"

DESIGNER, HEATHER GIBBS

"Quite a long time ago, I decided to knit a king-sized patchwork bed throw for my best friend. Ever the optimist, I started this with just two weeks to go before the big day... I finished it two years later!" Designer, Dawn Finney



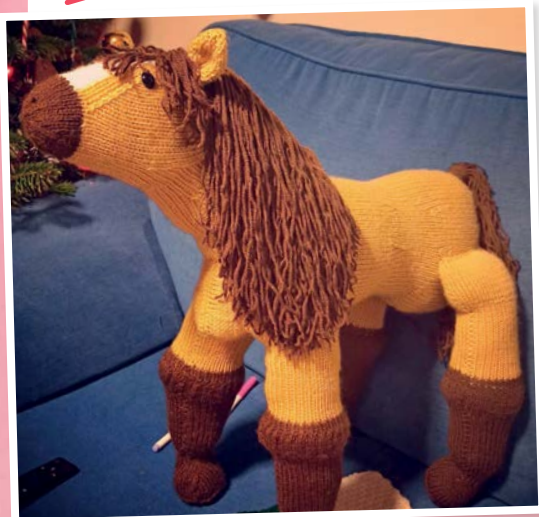
"Every year I end up being last minute, despite how much I plan! I usually end up sitting up late every night the week before Christmas getting gifts finished. My most ambitious one was my daughter's horse that I made last year – it is absolutely huge and I had to cobble together items from other patterns, tweaking the sizing so they would fit and completely invent the body, so that was stressful! She now can't sleep without it, so it was definitely worth the effort!"

READER, KATIE DONALDSON,
@BLOOMKNITSBYKATIE ON
INSTAGRAM

"I have been knitting a gift in the car on the way to see the person it was for!"
@verityshobbies
on Instagram

"One Christmas, I decided to challenge myself to make all the decorations for the Christmas tree. I started in September thinking I had loads of time and by December I stopped, thinking I had plenty. I bought what we thought was a nice medium-sized tree... wrong! It was huge! Not only did I not have enough decorations to cover it, but I also discovered I had made some too big, their weight causing them to fall off the tree! I ended up placing the decorations over two thirds of the tree and tying the heavy ones on. It was not the nice fun day I thought it would be and now every year I make a few decorations in the hope that one day I can have enough for a whole tree!"

DESIGNER, HANNAH COOPER



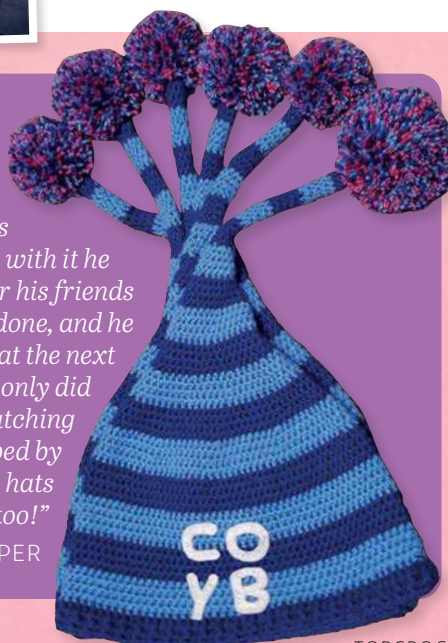
"This was my Christmas present for my husband last year... he was finished on 11th August 2022! I didn't even need to crochet the clothes as I cut up old jumpers to sew the clothes but poor Gandulf sat unfinished in our front room for months. Oh, he did look sour. When I handed him to my husband that Christmas it was just a nudey Gandulf doll! But he still loved him. One day I'll magic him up some shoes, but for now my husband loves his gaming buddy."

READER, KAYLEIGH SKINNER



"One Christmas my father asked if I would crochet him a hat for the rugby. Naively I said yes and set about making an elf hat in his team's colours. He was so over the moon with it he then asked if I could make some for his friends too! Six hats later I was finally done, and he surprised his friends with them at the next match. They were a huge hit! Not only did they look great stood together in matching hats, but they were constantly stopped by other fans asking where they got the hats from as they wanted them too!"

DESIGNER, HANNAH COOPER



"I made a Santa toilet roll holder, but the bottom got burnt by a magnifier as I left it in the sun! I rescued it by knitting a sack to go over the burn." Reader, Jenny Hogben

ISSUE
146

Marvellous colourful

Coming next issue

Knit & crochet with your

Millie

colour pack

ON SALE

**3RD NOVEMBER
2022**

**TOM DALEY
INTERVIEW
AND SCARF
PATTERN!**

Subscribe by
11th October
to get this issue
delivered to
your door!



ALL-OCCASION GIFT BAGS



**BOHO-STYLE
PLANT HOLDER**



GLEN THE GIRAFFE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

makes for you and yours!

4.5mm
bamboo
needles

4.5mm
metal
hook

Fluffy
YARN

- **Cosy winter makes:** essentials to knit and crochet this coming season
- It's throw time! Our pick of the best **blanket yarns**
- **Knitting vs Crochet:** cute bears – choose your craft!

PET PARADE



Stockists of
SIRDAR, DMC, KING COLE,
STYLECRAFT & WOOLCRAFT

PLEASE USE THIS DISCOUNT CODE FOR 10% OFF YOUR FIRST ORDER: CRAFTING10



Established in November 1935 by Mavis Conquest,
our traditional wool shop loves to support the crafting community!

Now under new management and a new website.
If you're a pro-knitter, crocheter or if you're completely new to
the craft, we'd love to support you in your upcoming projects.

We stock everything you could need for
knitting, crochet, cross stitch, embroidery and tapestry.
We also have a range of fabrics, dress patterns and haberdashery.

Give us a call or email to tell us about your project!

Call: **0208 950 5445** Email: **customersupport@mavisofbushey.com**



mavisofbushey.com

44 High Street, Bushey, Hertfordshire, WD23 3HL

Pop into the shop, we would love to meet you!



**FREE
BONUS
PATTERN!**



BAWNIMALS.COM



All-inclusive crochet retreat

22nd October 2022

Our crochet day retreat will immerse you in a world that you'll love!
From the moment that you arrive, you can relax and enjoy laughter, crochet,
fabulous food, beautiful scenery, and the company of wonderful like-minded
people. All in an amazing setting in the heart of Cheshire.

Join our award winning crochet expert on this all-inclusive day retreat and
enhance your love of crochet. All ages & abilities welcomed.

2023 weekend & day retreats are also available to book now!

ohsoprettyandclever.com

Email: **info@ohsoprettyandclever.com**

— THE —
**CREATIVE
CRAFT
SHOW**

**CRAFTS
FOR
Christmas**

NOT TO BE MISSED

GLASGOW, SEC
13 - 16 OCTOBER 2022

4 SHOWS FOR THE PRICE OF 1 TICKET

— THE —
**CREATIVE
CRAFT
SHOW**

**SIMPLY
Christmas**

BIRMINGHAM, NEC
3 - 6 NOVEMBER 2022

Also featuring **Cake International** and
Bake International (both 4 - 6 November)

KNITTING • STITCHING • PAPERCRAFTS • QUILTING • EMBROIDERY • CARD MAKING • BEADING

Buy tickets online at
www.creativecraftshow.co.uk

GET AN EXTRA £1 OFF EARLY BIRD
TICKETS WITH CODE AUTUMN22

Enter discount code on the last page of checkout, cannot be used in conjunction with other offers, discount applies to one day tickets only

c5789ddb-a5df-4b46-9e84-c56e1e8ad27f

Turn to page 61 to discover how to work an I-cord on double-pointed needles



Christmas tree wall hanging

Rocking around the knitted tree...

USING YOUR **Snowglobe** YARN KIT



PROJECT OVERLEAF





PLUS
3.75mm
double-
pointed
needles

SIZE
20cm x 28cm



Take the
next step

WALL HANGING background

Using 3.75mm
needles and
Leafy Green
cast on 57 sts
Work in two-row
stripe sequence
Leafy Green,
Variegated as folls:

Rows 1-90: k
Cast off

Using Santa Red,
pick up and k 47
sts along one row
edge of knitted
piece

Rows 1-4: k

Row 5: k1, (yfwd,
k2tog) to end

Put a crafty spin on your seasonal décor this year with this fabulously festive Christmas tree tapestry by **AINE MARRIOTT**. The fir itself is knitted in blackberry stitch (kpk) which forms a gorgeous bobbly texture and we just love the unique finishing touch of a knitting needle through the eyelets at the top – if that doesn't say 'knitter' we don't know what does!

Rows 6-9: k
Cast off

hanging string

Using 3.75mm
needles and Santa
Red make a
three-st, 25cm-
long I-cord (see
pages 60 and 61)

tree

Using 3.75mm
needles and
Snowy White cast
on three sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: k1, kpk, k1.
Five sts

Row 3: p1, m1, p3,
m1, p1. Seven sts

Row 4: k1, kpk,
p3tog, kpk, k1.
Nine sts

Row 5: p1, m1, p to
last st, m1, p1. 11 sts

Row 6: k1, (kpk,
p3tog) twice, kpk,
k1. 13 sts

Row 7: as Row 5.
15 sts

Row 8: k1, (kpk,
p3tog) three times,
kpk, k1. 17 sts

Row 9: as Row 5.
19 sts

Row 10: k1, (kpk,
p3tog) four times,
kpk, k1. 21 sts

Row 11: as Row 5.
23 sts

Row 12: k1, (kpk,
p3tog) five times,
kpk, k1. 25 sts

Row 13: as Row 5.
27 sts

Row 14: k1, (kpk,
p3tog) six times,
kpk, k1. 29 sts

Row 15: cast off
seven sts pwise, p
to end. 22 sts

Row 16: cast off
seven sts, (kpk,
p3tog) three times,
kpk, k1. 17 sts

Rows 17-22: rep
Rows 9-14. 29 sts

Row 23: as Row 5.
31 sts

Row 24: k1, (kpk,
p3tog) seven
times, kpk, k1.
33 sts

Row 25: as Row 5.
35 sts

Row 26: k1, (kpk,
p3tog) eight times,
kpk, k1. 37 sts

Row 27: as Row 5.
39 sts

Row 28: k1, (kpk,
p3tog) nine times,
kpk, k1. 41 sts

Row 29: as Row 5.
43 sts

Row 30: k1, (kpk,
p3tog) ten times,
kpk, k1. 45 sts

Row 31: cast off
seven sts pwise, p
to end. 38 sts

Row 32: cast off
seven sts, (kpk,
p3tog) seven
times, kpk, k1.
33 sts

Row 33-38: rep
Rows 25-30. 45 sts

Row 39: as Row 5.
47 sts

Row 40: k1, (kpk,
p3tog) 11 times,
kpk, k1. 49 sts

Row 41: as Row 5.
51 sts

Row 42: k1, (kpk,
p3tog) 12 times,
kpk, k1. 53 sts

Row 43: as Row 5.
55 sts

Row 44: k1, (kpk,
p3tog) 13 times,
kpk, k1. 57 sts

Row 45: as Row 5.
59 sts

Row 46: k1, (kpk,
p3tog) 14 times,
kpk, k1. 61 sts

Row 47: cast off 25
sts pwise, p to
end. 36 sts

Row 48: cast off
25 sts, k to end.
11 sts

Rows 49-57: k
Cast off

Row 31: cast off
seven sts pwise, p
to end. 38 sts

Row 32: cast off
seven sts, (kpk,
p3tog) seven
times, kpk, k1.
33 sts

Row 33-38: rep
Rows 25-30. 45 sts

Row 39: as Row 5.
47 sts

Row 40: k1, (kpk,
p3tog) 11 times,
kpk, k1. 49 sts

Row 41: as Row 5.
51 sts

Row 42: k1, (kpk,
p3tog) 12 times,
kpk, k1. 53 sts

Row 43: as Row 5.
55 sts

Row 44: k1, (kpk,
p3tog) 13 times,
kpk, k1. 57 sts

Row 45: as Row 5.
59 sts

Row 46: k1, (kpk,
p3tog) 14 times,
kpk, k1. 61 sts

Row 47: cast off 25
sts pwise, p to
end. 36 sts

Row 48: cast off
25 sts, k to end.
11 sts

Rows 49-57: k
Cast off

Row 31: cast off
seven sts pwise, p
to end. 38 sts

Row 32: cast off
seven sts, (kpk,
p3tog) seven
times, kpk, k1.
33 sts

Row 33-38: rep
Rows 25-30. 45 sts

Row 39: as Row 5.
47 sts

Row 40: k1, (kpk,
p3tog) 11 times,
kpk, k1. 49 sts

Row 41: as Row 5.
51 sts

Row 42: k1, (kpk,
p3tog) 12 times,
kpk, k1. 53 sts

Row 43: as Row 5.
55 sts

Row 44: k1, (kpk,
p3tog) 13 times,
kpk, k1. 57 sts

Row 45: as Row 5.
59 sts

Row 46: k1, (kpk,
p3tog) 14 times,
kpk, k1. 61 sts

Row 47: cast off 25
sts pwise, p to
end. 36 sts

Row 48: cast off
25 sts, k to end.
11 sts

Rows 49-57: k
Cast off

Row 31: cast off
seven sts pwise, p
to end. 38 sts

Row 32: cast off
seven sts, (kpk,
p3tog) seven
times, kpk, k1.
33 sts

Row 33-38: rep
Rows 25-30. 45 sts

Row 39: as Row 5.
47 sts

Row 40: k1, (kpk,
p3tog) 11 times,
kpk, k1. 49 sts

Row 41: as Row 5.
51 sts

Row 42: k1, (kpk,
p3tog) 12 times,
kpk, k1. 53 sts

Row 43: as Row 5.
55 sts

Row 44: k1, (kpk,
p3tog) 13 times,
kpk, k1. 57 sts

Row 45: as Row 5.
59 sts

Row 46: k1, (kpk,
p3tog) 14 times,
kpk, k1. 61 sts

Row 47: cast off 25
sts pwise, p to
end. 36 sts

Row 48: cast off
25 sts, k to end.
11 sts

Rows 49-57: k
Cast off

MAKE ONE (M1)

Also known as 'make one left' (m1l)

This increase method is worked
between the stitches and is ideal
for stocking stitch fabrics.



Step 1: insert the LH needle
into horizontal bar between
the last stitch on the RH needle
and first stitch on the LH needle
from front to back



Step 2: knit into the
back of this loop



The finished stitch leans to the left



GREAT ADVICE

This pattern uses the abbreviation kpk, which means knit, purl, knit all into the same stitch. To do this, knit a stitch as you normally would, but don't drop it from your left needle. Instead bring your yarn to the front and purl it, again without slipping the stitch off, then bring your yarn to the back and knit it, this time dropping the stitch from your left needle like normal. This will create a double increase



SKILL UP!

kpk: k1, p1, k1, all into same
st (inc two sts)

p3tog: p three sts tog (dec two sts)

Row 4: sl 1, k3tog,
pssso, k2. Three sts

Row 5: k

Row 6: cast on
three sts, k to end.
Six sts

Rows 7-28: rep
Rows 1-6 three
times, then Rows
1-4 once more
Cast off

to make up

Sew each end of
Hanging String to

top corners of
Background. Pin
Tree to
Background and
sew in position.
Seam cast-on and
cast-off edges of
Star, weave in
ends and secure
to top of Tree.
Thread one
knitting needle
from kit through
eyelets at top of
Wall Hanging



**WORTH
£92 EACH!**

SEW FESTIVE

Inject some festive cheer into your crafting corner with a bundle of joyous essentials from Groves, worth £92 each. Three lucky winners will receive two fantastic fabric bundles comprising festive and tartan designs, a stocking motif, ribbon bundle, Pom Pom Father Christmas Kit, bag of assorted buttons, Hemline sewing kit and scissor set. If you ask us, that's everything you need to sew Christmas gifts for your nearest and dearest! For stockists, email groves@stockistenquiries.co.uk

YARN-TASTIC!



STASH BOOST!

Sirdar are offering eight lucky crafters the chance to win any ten-ball yarn bundle of their choosing! Prizes include favourite Sirdar brands Hayfield Bonus DK, Hayfield Bonus Chunky, Snuggly Replay and Sirdar Stories. You'll find a bundle for every kind of knit and crochet project at sirdar.com – take a look at the complete range of special price bundles to stock-up your stash and save up to 25%.



**12
TO WIN**

CRAFTY KIDS

Introduce a youngster to crochet in a fun, accessible way with this fabulous suitcase kit from Buttonbag! Worth £24.99 each, we've got 12 up for grabs, and each one contains a selection of yarns, two bamboo crochet hooks, a plastic tapestry needle, googly eyes, scissors, a tape-measure, toy stuffing, full-colour instructions, and super fun patterns – everything a creative kid needs to make easy bracelets, a small bag, a hat and adorable crochet monsters!

Click & WIN

Enter online for free at

TOPCROCHETPATTERNS.COM



**Super
sewing
tools!**

DRESSMAKER'S DELIGHT

Win one of three sewing bundles and enhance your dressmaking skillset! Clover is offering a nifty assortment of products, worth £66 each. You'll be raring to stitch your next masterpiece with a jumbo darning set, double tracing wheel, locking stitch marker set, pin holder, pack of clips and sewing gauge. These must-have accessories are designed to simplify techniques and make for more accurate and time-efficient crafting sessions. For stockists, visit clover@stockistenquiries.co.uk

DISNEY MAGIC!

Get your hands on these Disney embroidery, crochet, and cross stitch kits, accompanied by spectacular fat quarters in a selection of princess and ultimate classics prints, worth over £300 in total! Popular characters from Winnie the Pooh, Toy Story, Aladdin and more feature in this fabulous bundle, ready for seven lucky winners to add a touch of magic to their crafting cupboards, taking present-giving and home décor up a notch. Enter now! You won't want to miss out... Follow [@a2v_team](https://www.instagram.com/a2v_team) on Instagram for more!



BELOVED CHARACTERS

ENTERING IS EASY!

1

Visit our website
topcrochetpatterns.com

2

Hover over 'More',
then click 'Giveaways'

3

Select a giveaway
and enter details

CLOSING DATE: 16TH DECEMBER 2022

YOU WILL
NEED

YARN

Cygnat Little Ones A-Z DK: (A) 994 Red, (B) 996 Yellow, (C) 986 Lilac, (D) 785 Kool Blue, (E) 790 Mint, (F) 998 Cream, (G) 933 Shell, one 25g ball of each

PLUS

3.75mm needles, safety stuffing, tapestry needle, comb

SIZE

25cm tall



Perfect for
beginners

GNOME
arm

Make two

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn C cast on four sts

Row 1: kfb, k to last st, kfb. Six sts

Row 2: p

Rows 3-4: rep Rows 1-2. Eight sts

Row 5: cast on three sts, k to end. 11 sts

Row 6: cast on three sts, p to end. 14 sts

Note: Work in foll colour sequence: two rows yarn C, four rows yarn D, four rows yarn E

Rows 7-16: work in st st

Change to yarn G
Row 17: k1, (k1, k2tog) to last st, k1. Ten sts

Row 18: p

Row 19: (kfb) to end. 20 sts

Rows 20-22: cont

in st st

Row 23: k1, (k1, k2tog) to last st, k1. 14 sts

Row 24: p

Row 25: (k2tog) to end. Seven sts

Row 26: (p2tog) to last st, p1. Four sts
Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

beard base

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn F cast on three sts
Work in garter st (k every row) inc at each end of next and all foll alt rows until there are 21 sts
Divide for nose opening:

Next row: kfb, k7, cast off five sts, k to last st, kfb

Work on first set of nine sts as folls:

Next row (RS): k

Next row: k2tog, k to last st, kfb

Next row: k

Rep last two rows four times more
Cast off

With RS facing rejoin yarn to rem nine sts

Next row (RS): k

Next row: kfb, k

to last two sts, k2tog

Next row: k

Rep last two rows four times more
Cast off

hat

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn C cast on 50 sts

Note: work in four-row colour sequence yarn C, yarn D, yarn E, yarn A, yarn B as folls:

Rows 1-12: beg with a k row work in st st

Row 13: (k3, k2tog) to end. 40 sts

Rows 14-16: cont in st st

Row 17: (k2, k2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rows 18-20: cont in st st

Row 21: (k1, k2tog) to end. 20 sts

Rows 22-26: cont in st st

Row 27: (k1, k2tog) to last two sts, k2. 14 sts

Rows 28-38: cont in st st

Row 39: (k1, k2tog) to last two sts, k2. Ten sts

Rows 40-44: cont in st st

Row 45: (k2,

k2tog) to last two sts, k2. Eight sts

Rows 46-48: cont in st st

Row 49: (k2tog) to end. Four sts

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

bobble

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn A cast on nine sts

Row 1: p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 18 sts

Rows 3-11: beg with a p row work in st st

Row 12: (k2tog) to end. Nine sts

Cast off

nose

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn G, work as for Bobble

body and
head

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn A cast on 12 sts

Row 1 and every odd-numbered row: p

Row 2: (kfb) to end. 24 sts

Row 4: (k1, kfb) to end. 36 sts

Change to yarn B
Row 6: (k2, kfb) to end. 48 sts

Row 8: (k3, kfb) to end. 60 sts

Row 9: p

Note: work in four-row colour sequence yarn C, yarn D, yarn E, yarn A, yarn B

Row 10: (k4, kfb) to end. 72 sts

Rows 11-25: cont in st st

Row 26: (k4, k2tog) to end. 60 sts

Rows 27-29: cont in st st

Row 30: (k3, k2tog) to end. 48 sts

Rows 31-33: cont in st st

Row 34: (k2, k2tog) to end. 36 sts

Rows 35-45: cont in st st

Change to yarn F
Rows 46-53: cont in st st

Row 54: (k4, k2tog) to end. 30 sts

Row 55 and every odd-numbered row: p

Row 56: (k3, k2tog) to end. 24 sts

Row 58: (k2, k2tog) to end. 18 sts

Row 59: (k1, kfb) to end. 30 sts

Row 60: (k1, k2tog) to end. 12 sts

Row 62: (k2tog) to end. Six sts

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

Row 60: (k1, k2tog) to end. 12 sts

Row 62: (k2tog) to end. Six sts

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

foot

Make two

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn A cast on ten sts

Row 1: kfb, k to last st, kfb. 12 sts

Row 2: p

Rows 3-4: rep Rows 1-2. 14 sts

Rows 5-24: cont in st st

Row 25: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. 12 sts

Row 26: p

Rows 27-28: rep Rows 25-26.

Ten sts

Cast off

to make up

Seam Body and Head, matching stripes and stuffing before closing and ensuring base is nicely rounded. Seam will run down centre back. Sew a running thread around



outer edge of Nose, stuff and draw up firmly to form a ball shape and secure. Sew to front of Head. Seam Hat. Make Bobble in same way as Nose. Sew to top of Hat. Fold Foot in half and sew side seams. Insert small

amount of stuffing, then sew rem opening. Rep for second Foot. Pin Feet to base of Body, angled outwards slightly to make Gnome stand up. For Beard, cut 20cm lengths of yarn F. Using a crochet hook, take two

strands of yarn tog, hook through every other st on alternate rows to form a fringe. Trim strands and shape, then lightly brush yarn to create a fuzzy effect. Sew to either side of face and under Nose. Shape Beard around Nose. Pull

Hat onto Head and sew on either side of Nose to secure and shape Hat. Let first four rows of Hat turn over to form a brim. Seams Arms and Hands, leaving top open, stuff and shape. Sew to either side of Body

TOP TIP

YOU'LL BE USING A COMB TO CREATE THE FUZZY EFFECT IN GREGORY'S BEARD - THE MORE YOU COMB, THE FLUFFIER THE EFFECT!



PLUS

six 6mm safety eyes, stuffing, sewing needle, black thread, tapestry needle

SIZE

14cm tall (excluding ears/hats)



Take the next step

POLAR BEAR

legs
* Using 3.75mm needles and Snowy White cast on six sts
Row 1 (WS): p
Row 2: (kfb) to end. 12 sts
Rows 3-9: beg with a p row work in st st *
Cut yarn, place sts on a holder
Rep from * to * for second Leg then cont to Body

body

Row 1 (RS): cast on three sts, k across Leg sts from needle, cast on six sts, k across Leg sts from holder, cast on three sts. 36 sts
Rows 2-12: beg with a p row work in st st
Row 13: k6, k2tog,

k2, ssk, k12, k2tog, k2, ssk, k6. 32 sts
Rows 14-16: cont in st st
Row 17: k5, k2tog, k2, ssk, k10, k2tog, k2, ssk, k5. 28 sts
Rows 18-20: cont in st st
Row 21: (k1, k2tog) to last st, k1. 19 sts
Row 22: p
Row 23: k1, (k2tog) to end. Ten sts
Row 24: p
Cast off

head

Using 3.75mm needles and Snowy White cast on eight sts
Row 1 (RS): (kfb) to end. 16 sts
Row 2 and every even-numbered row: p
Row 3: (k1, kfb) to end. 24 sts
Row 5: (k2, kfb) to end. 32 sts
Row 7: (k3, kfb) to end. 40 sts
Rows 8-21: beg with a p row work in st st
Row 22: (k3, k2tog) to end. 32 sts
Row 23: p
Row 24: (k2, k2tog) to end. 24 sts
Row 25: p
Row 26: (k1, k2tog)

to end. 12 sts
Row 27: (p2tog) to end. Six sts
Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

arm

Make two
Using 3.75mm needles and Snowy White cast on six sts
Rows 1-2: beg with a k (RS) row work in st st
Row 3: (k2, m1) twice, k2. Eight sts
Rows 4-8: cont in st st
Row 9: (k3, m1) twice, k2. Ten sts
Rows 10-14: beg with a p row work in st st
Row 15: (k2tog) to end. Five sts
Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

ear

Make two
Using 3.75mm needles and Snowy White cast on ten sts
Rows 1-2: beg with a k row work in st st
Row 3: (k2tog) to

end. Five sts
Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

scarf

Using 3.75mm needles and Variegated cast on six sts
K every row until Scarf meas 28cm
Cast off

hat

Using 3.75mm needles and Santa Red cast on 25 sts
Rows 1-3: k
Change to Variegated
Rows 4-7: k
Row 8: (k3, k2tog) to end. 20 sts
Row 9 and every odd-numbered row: k
Row 10: (k2, k2tog) to end. 15 sts
Row 12: (k1, k2tog) to end. Ten sts
Row 14: (k2tog) to end. Five sts
Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

RABBIT

Using Golden Yellow work Legs, Body, Head and

Arms as for Polar Bear

tail

Using 3.75mm needles and Snowy White cast on six sts
Row 1: (kfb) to end. 12 sts
Rows 2-5: k
Row 6: (k2tog) to end. Six sts
Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

tummy panel

Using 3.75mm needles and Snowy White cast on five sts
Row 1: k
Row 2: k1, m1, k3, m1, k1. Seven sts
Row 3: k1, m1, k5, m1, k1. Nine sts
Row 4: k1, m1, k7, m1, k1. 11 sts
Rows 5-9: k
Row 10: k1, k2tog, k5, k2tog, k1. Nine sts
Row 11 and every odd-numbered row: k
Row 12: k1, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k1. Seven sts
Row 14: k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1. Five sts
Row 16: k2tog, k1,

k2tog. Three sts
Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

hat

Using 3.75mm needles and Santa Red cast on 46 sts
Rows 1-3: k
Change to Leafy Green
Rows 4-13: beg with a k (RS) row work in st st
Row 14: (k3, k2tog) to last st, k1. 37 sts
Row 15 and every WS row: p
Row 16: (k2, k2tog) to last st, k1. 28 sts
Row 18: (k1, k2tog) to last st, k1. 19 sts
Row 20: (k2tog) to last st, k1. Ten sts
Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

bobble

Using 3.75mm needles and Santa Red cast on six sts
Row 1: (kfb) to end. 12 sts
Rows 2-5: k
Row 6: (k2tog) to end. Six sts
Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts,

Winter trio

They're cute, cosy and oh, so cuddly...

Who would have thought a mouse, a polar bear and a bunny would be the best of friends? In the wonderful world of **AINE MARRIOTT**, they are! The main pattern for each cute critter is the same, and then it's time to add their characteristic ears, tails and patches and wrap them up warm! Our mouse's tail is made using an I-cord – take a look at our handy panel for more on that.



TOP TIP

ÁINE HAS OPTED FOR LARGE EYES POSITIONED FAR APART ON THE LOWER HALF OF THE TOYS' FACES, WHICH CREATES A CHILD-LIKE CUTENESS. YOU COULD ALSO CHOOSE SMALLER EYES AND PLACE THEM CLOSER TOGETHER FOR A MORE SWEET AND DOCILE LOOK

USE ALL
SIX
YARN
COLOURS!



CONTINUE
KNITTING



GREAT ADVICE

I-cords are an easy way to make thin tubes, such as our mouse's tail.

Here's how to do them using the needles in your kit. Cast on the required number of stitches and knit one row.

Then, instead of turning your work like normal, slip your stitches one by one onto your right-hand needle. Swap your needles round so that the needle with your stitches on is in your left hand.

Pull the yarn tight across the back and knit another row. Repeat the process of transferring the stitches back and knitting a row, until you reach the desired length, then cast off

pull tight and fasten off

ear

Make two

Using 3.75mm needles and Golden Yellow cast on nine sts

Rows 1-10: beg with a k (RS) row work in st st

Row 11: (k2tog) to last st, k1. Five sts Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

MOUSE

Using Blush Pink work Legs, Body, Head and Arms as for Polar Bear

hat

Using 3.75mm needles and Leafy Green cast on 36 sts

Rows 1-3: k Change to Variegated

Rows 4-7: beg with a k (RS) row work in st st

Row 8: (k3, k2tog)

to last st, k1. 29 sts

Rows 9-13: cont in st st

Row 14: (k2, k2tog)

to last st, k1. 22 sts

Rows 15-19: cont in st st

Row 20: (k1, k2tog) to last st, k1. 15 sts

Rows 21-25: cont in st st

Row 26: (k2tog) to last st, k1. Eight sts

Rows 27-29: cont in st st

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

bobble

Using 3.75mm needles and Leafy Green work as for Bobble of Rabbit Hat

ear

Using 3.75mm needles and Blush Pink cast on eight sts

Row 1 (WS): p

Row 2: k1, m1, k6, m1, k1. Ten sts

Row 3: p

Row 4: k1, m1, k8,

m1, k1. 12 sts

Rows 5-7: beg with a p row work in st st

Row 8: k1, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k1. Ten sts

Row 9: p

Row 10: k1, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k1. Eight sts

Row 11: p

Row 12: k1, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k1. Six sts

Row 13: p1, (p2tog) twice, p1. Four sts

Row 14: k1, m1, k2, m1, k1. Six sts

Row 15: p

Row 16: k1, m1, k4, m1, k1. Eight sts

Row 17: p

Row 18: k1, m1, k6, m1, k1. Ten sts

Row 19: p

Row 20: k1, m1, k8, m1, k1. 12 sts

Rows 21-23: beg with a p row work in st st

Row 24: k1, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k1. Ten sts

Row 25: p

Row 26: k1, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k1. Eight sts

Row 27:

Cast off

tail

Using 3.75mm needles and Blush Pink make a four-st I-cord 9cm long (see Great Advice panel)

cowl

Using 3.75mm needles and Leafy Green cast on six sts

Rows 1-2: k

Change to

Variegated

Rows 3-4: k

Rows 5-48: rep Rows 1-4 11 times

Cast off

to make up

For each character, seam row edges of Body and each Leg, leaving a gap. Stuff well, close seam. Seam row edges of Head, leaving a gap. Insert safety eyes. Stuff. Close seam and sew Head to Body. Using

Snowy White

(Blush Pink) embroider nose between eyes.

Using black thread, embroider mouth. Seam row edges of each

Arm, stuff lightly and attach just below neck. For

Polar Bear, sew row edges of each

Ear to Head. Seam row edges of Hat.

Use Santa Red to add a tassel to top of Hat and fringe at each end of

Scarf. Stuff Hat lightly, sew to Head between

Ears. For Rabbit, seam row edge of

Tail. Stuff lightly, then sew to back of Body. Sew

Tummy Panel to front of Body. Seam row edges of Hat. Seam row edges of Bobble, stuff lightly, sew to top of Hat. Place Hat on Rabbit Head and secure. Seam row edges of Ears. Place on

Head and attach through Hat. For Mouse, seam row edges of Hat and add Bobble. Place on Mouse Head at a jaunty angle and attach. Turn down tip of Hat and sew in place. Fold Ear so cast-on and cast-off edges meet, seam row edges and oversew cast-on/cast-off edge. Attach to side of Head. Sew Tail to back of Body. Seam cast-on and cast-off edges of Cowl. Weave in all ends



STITCH SCHOOL

New to knitting or crochet? You'll get the hang of it in no time with our at-a-glance guides

TOOLKIT ESSENTIALS

Tapestry needle A blunt needle with a large eye, perfect for threading with yarn. It's used for weaving in ends, sewing seams and embroidery – a must-have!

Stitch marker Used to identify an important place in your knitting or crochet to help guide you – there are ring markers and locking stitch markers available

Stuffing We're all about the toys, so you'll need stuffing to turn them from 2D to 3D

Safety eyes Bring your toys to life with a pair of eyes, but don't let the name fool you – they're not suitable for very young children

Stitch holder Used by knitters to hold live stitches when not being worked on the needles



BEGINNER BUY

Gorgeous Alpaca has launched a new Restful range of knitting kits aimed at knitters who want an easy project that produces a beautiful result without involving difficult or stressful knitting patterns. These socks, made in beautifully soft yarn from UK alpacas, are worked flat on two needles. The kit costs £28 and is one of many available from gorgeousalpacos.co.uk

KNITTING AN I-CORD ON DPNS

I-cords are easiest when worked on two double-pointed needles. First, cast your stitches onto one needle and knit them.



Do not turn your work; instead slide your stitches to the other end of the needle so that the yarn is coming from the left, as shown in the image. Pull the yarn tightly across the back of the work and knit the row. Repeat this step until your I-cord is the desired length.

Turn over for our classic stitch illustrations

LEARN TO KNIT



JOIN OUR EXCLUSIVE COMMUNITY TODAY!

Look no further for unlimited access to our pattern library, with new content added every day, exclusive knitting patterns you'll only find here, video tutorials, community hubs, and so much more. Try the Let's Knit Together club for just the price of a ball of yarn a month!

This month's highlights:

- ▶ Cute Rudolph toy
- ▶ Mini knitted safari
- ▶ Christmas bunny

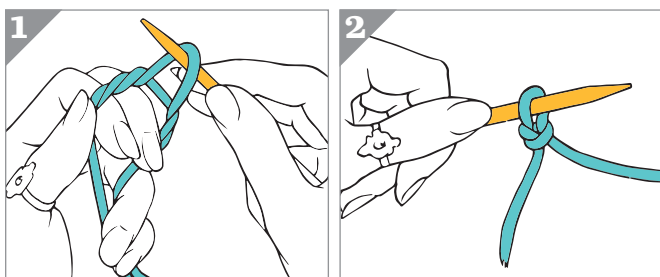
*Let's
knit
together*

Join the club at letsknit.co.uk/together

START HERE

slip knot

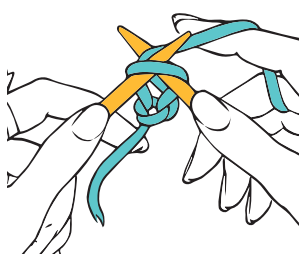
You need to make a slip knot on your needle before casting on. It counts as your first cast-on stitch



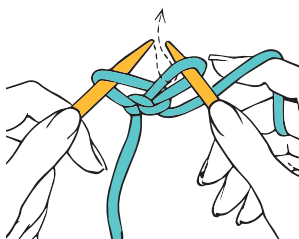
- 1 Hold the yarn under your left thumb, wrap it twice around your left index and middle fingers, with the second loop closer to the base of the fingers. With the backs of the fingers uppermost, insert the tip of the needle beneath the first loop and over the second, then pull the second loop under the first.
- 2 Remove your two fingers and gently tug on both ends of yarn to tighten the slip knot around the needle.

cast on

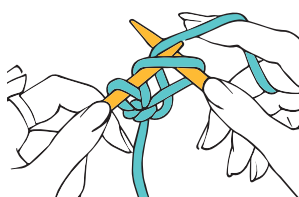
This method, also called the 'two-needle method', is great for beginners



- 1 Make a slip knot on the LH needle and pull it taut. Insert the RH needle into the knot from front to back, passing under the LH needle. Wrap the ball end of yarn anti-clockwise around the point of the RH needle.



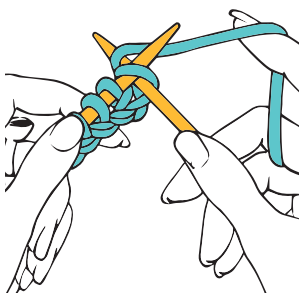
- 2 Pull the loop that forms back through the original stitch and insert the tip of the LH needle into the new stitch from underneath to transfer from the RH to LH needle. There should now be two stitches on the LH needle.



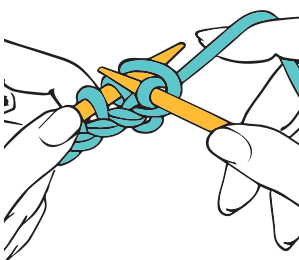
- 3 Repeat the above steps, knitting into the top stitch on the LH needle and returning the new stitches from the RH to the LH needle until you have the required number of stitches.

knit stitch (k)

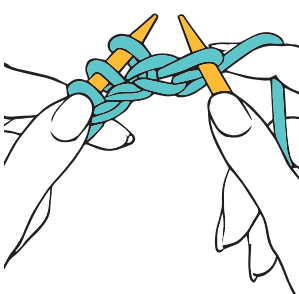
Also known as garter stitch, the knit stitch is the foundation of knitting



- 1 Once cast on, insert the tip of the RH needle upwards and from front to back into the top stitch on the LH needle. The RH needle should sit behind the LH one. Wrap the ball end of yarn anti-clockwise around the tip of the RH needle.



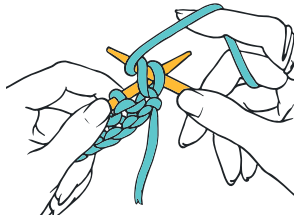
- 2 Using the RH needle, pull a loop of the wrapped yarn through the original stitch to create a new one on the RH needle.



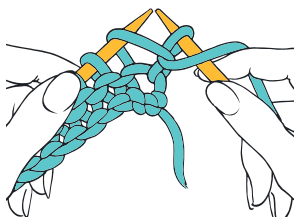
- 3 Slide the original stitch off the LH needle. Repeat from step 1.

purl stitch (p)

Most frequently seen paired with the knit stitch to create different stitch patterns like stocking stitch and ribbing



1 With the ball-end of the yarn at the front (towards you), insert the tip of the RH needle into the front loop of the first stitch from right to left, with the RH needle in front of the LH one. Wrap the ball end of the yarn anti-clockwise around the RH needle.



2 Draw this needle backwards and upwards, forming a new stitch on the RH needle.



3 Once the new stitch has been formed on the RH needle you can let the loop from the LH needle slide off the end. Repeat until all the stitches have been purred and you have completed the row.

INCREASING & DECREASING

knit two together (k2tog)

Decrease two stitches to one by knitting them together



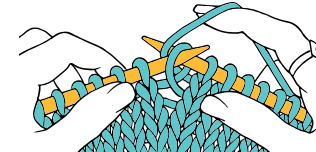
Insert the RH needle into the front loops of the next two stitches on the LH needle. Then wrap the yarn anti-clockwise around the tip and knit both stitches at the same time.

make one (m1)

Form a new stitch and increase your stitch count by one



1 Insert the LH needle into the horizontal bar of yarn lying between the stitch just knitted and the next stitch to be knitted. Hook and lift it with the needle tip in a backwards direction (away from you).



2 Push the RH needle into the back part of the loop that now lies over the LH needle and knit this stitch. You will now have an additional stitch on the RH needle.

FINISH HERE

cast off

Once you have completed the number of rows needed for your project, you'll need to cast off. This fastens the work and keeps it from unravelling



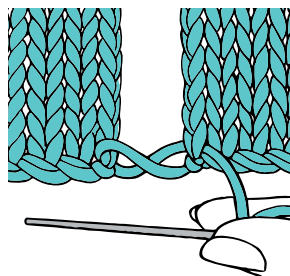
1 Knit two stitches as normal. Insert the tip of the LH needle into the second stitch on the RH needle (the stitch closest to you). Carefully lift it up and over the top stitch, dropping it off the tip of the RH needle and pulling the yarn to

tighten. There is now one stitch on the RH needle.

2 Knit one more stitch and repeat the process in step one. Continue until there is one stitch remaining. Cut the yarn, leaving a long tail. Slip the loop off the needle and pull the tail through, pulling it tight.

beginning a seam

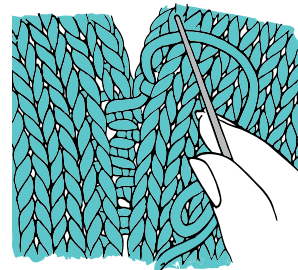
How to start sewing up your project



Place the pieces next to each other RS up, push a threaded tapestry needle through the fabric after the first stitch, moving from front to back. Push through after the first stitch on the second piece, moving from back to front.

mattress stitch

Join knitted pieces together with this invisible method



With the two pieces next to each other, hook the horizontal bar of the first stitch with a needle. Move to the other piece and hook the first horizontal bar of the stitch on that side. Repeat, moving from one piece to the next.

ABBREVIATIONS

Here's a handy list of the most common abbreviations

alt: alternate
approx: approximately
beg: beginning
BLO: back loops only
ch: chain
ch sp: chain space
cn: cable needle
cont: continue
dc: double crochet

dec: decrease
dtr: double treble
FLO: front loops only
fol: following
htr: half treble
inc: increase
k: knit
kfb: knit into front and back of next stitch
knw: knitwise
k2tog: knit two together
LH: left-hand

m1: make one stitch by picking up horizontal loop before next stitch and knitting into back of it
meas: measures
p: purl
pf: purl into front and back of next stitch
pm: place stitch marker
psso: pass slipped stitch over
pw: purlwise

p2tog: purl two together
rem: remaining
rep: repeat
rev: reverse
RH: right-hand
RS: right side
skpo: slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over
sl 1: slip one stitch
sl st: slip stitch
sm: slip stitch marker
sp(s): space(s)
ssk: one by one, slip next two stitches

knitwise, put left-hand needle through front loops of both slipped stitches and knit them together
st(s): stitch(es)
st st: stocking stitch (knit one row, purl one row)
tbl: through back loop
tog: together
tr: treble
WS: wrong side
wyib: with yarn

in back
wyif: with yarn in front
yb: yarn back
yfwd: yarn forward (between knit stitches)
yoh: yarn over hook
yon: yarn over needle (between a purl and a knit stitch)
ym: yarn round needle (between purl stitches and between a knit and a purl stitch)

LEARN TO CROCHET

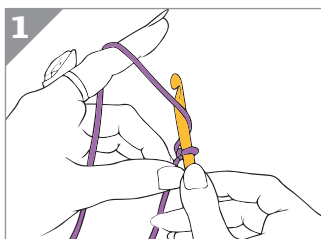


DOWNLOAD THE FREE PATTERN FOR
OUR CHRISTMAS BOWS AT
TOPCROCHETPATTERNS.COM

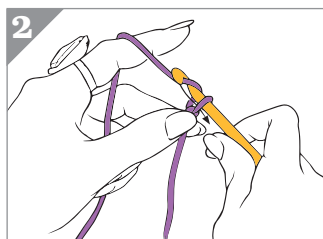
START HERE

slip knot & chain (ch)

Many projects start with a series of chain stitches. To begin you need to make a slip knot on your hook (see page 62)



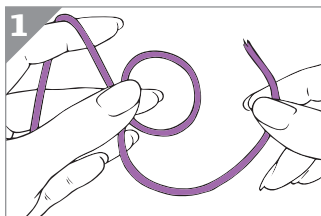
1 Make a slip knot and put it on the neck of the hook – don't pull it too tight or it will be difficult to stitch with. Coming from behind, wrap the yarn around the hook from right to left, across the 'neck'.



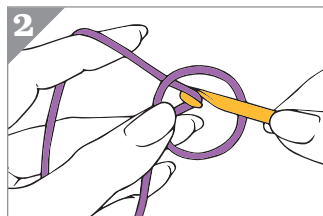
2 Catch the yarn and use the hook to pull it down through the slip knot. You have now made one chain (ch). Continue to make more chains, as directed in the pattern.

magic ring

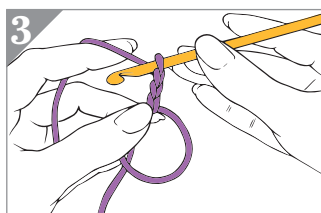
The magic ring is an easy way of beginning to work in the round. It is often used when making amigurumi toys



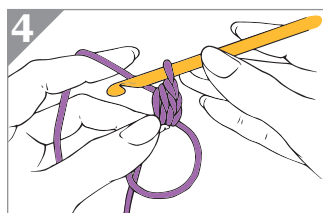
1 Make a large loop by putting the yarn tail behind the working yarn.



2 With your hook, draw the working yarn through the loop, so you have one loop on the hook.



3 Make three chain stitches (counts as first treble), work a treble into the loop, crocheting over the tail.

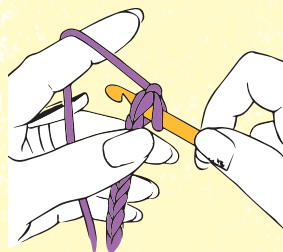


4 Continue to work as many stitches as needed into the loop. Once finished, untwist the tail if necessary and then pull to close the loop.

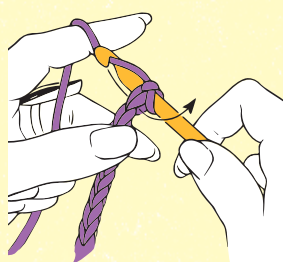
THE BASIC STITCHES

double crochet (dc)

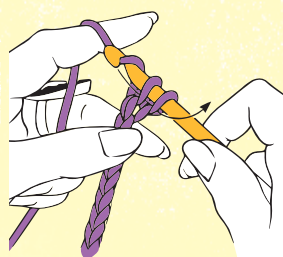
Double crochet is the shortest and most commonly-used crochet stitch



1 Insert hook through both strands of the next stitch.



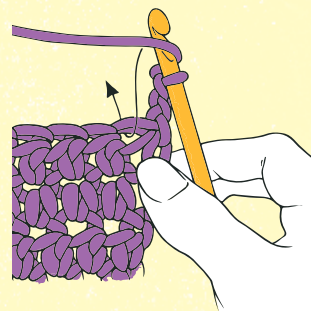
2 Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work. There will be two loops of yarn on the hook.



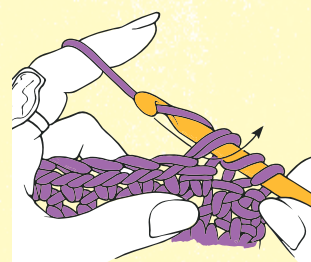
3 Yarn over the hook again and draw through both loops.

half treble (htr)

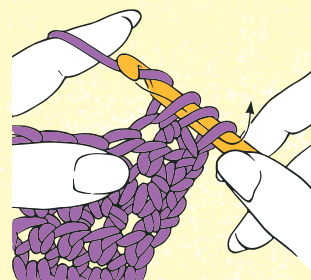
This stitch is longer than a double crochet and involves one extra step



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



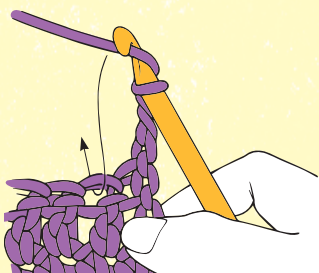
2 Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work. There will be three loops of yarn on the hook.



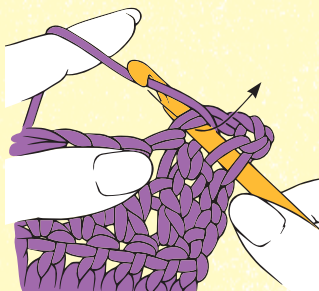
3 Yarn over the hook and draw through all three loops.

treble (tr)

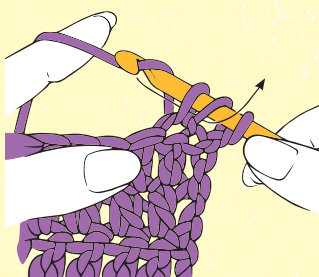
Treble crochet is slightly taller than half treble crochet but is made in a similar way



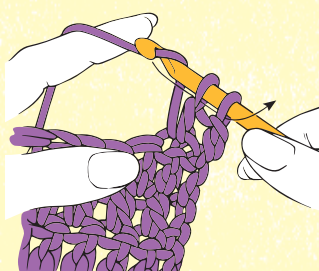
1 (You will need a turning chain of three stitches). Yarn over the hook. Insert the hook through the stitch.



2 Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work, there will be three loops of yarn on the hook.



3 Yarn over the hook and draw through the first two loops. This will leave two loops on the hook.

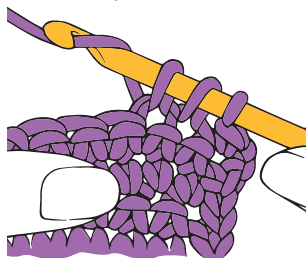


4 Yarn over the hook and draw through all the loops. This will leave one loop on the hook.

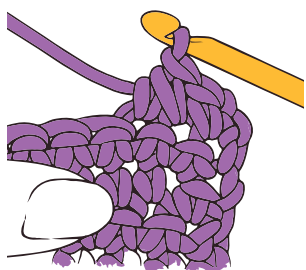
DECREASING

double crochet two together (dc2tog)

Turn two crochet stitches into one with this simple method



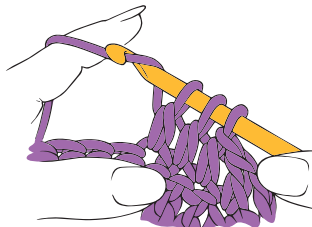
1 Insert hook through next stitch, yarn over hook, draw back through work. Two loops on hook. Insert hook into next stitch, yarn over hook, draw back through. Three loops on hook.



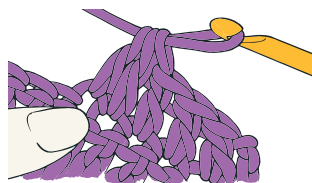
2 Yarn over hook, draw through all three loops. One loop on hook.

treble two together (tr2tog)

This is similar to 'dc2tog' but is worked with treble stitches



1 Yarn over the hook. Insert the hook through the stitch. Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work. There will be three loops of yarn on the hook. Yarn over the hook and draw through the first two loops. This will leave two loops on the hook. Yarn over the hook and insert through the next stitch, yarn over the hook and draw through the work. There will be four loops of yarn on the hook. Yarn over hook and draw through two loops. This will leave three loops on the hook.



2 Yarn over hook and draw through all three loops on the hook. This will leave one loop on the hook.

VIDEO OF THE MONTH



[YOUTUBE.COM/THETCRAFTCHANNEL](https://www.youtube.com/thecraftschannel)

LET'S GET CRAFTING KNITTING & CROCHET

WHO DOES WHAT?

EDITORIAL

EDITOR & VERTICAL LEAD:

KNITTING & CROCHET: Sarah Neal,
sarah.neal@dcthomson.co.uk

CONTENT CREATOR: Jodie Sheehan

ART DIRECTOR: Sarah Barajas

DESIGNERS: Clare Brasier, Louise Warner

ILLUSTRATIONS

Coral Mula

PATTERN QUERIES

patternqueries@letsgetcrafting.com

ADVERTISING

ADVERTISING MANAGER:

Samantha Dean (01206) 505114,
samantha.dean@dcthomson.co.uk

PHOTOGRAPHY

cliqq.co.uk

SUBSCRIPTION ENQUIRIES

& CUSTOMER SERVICE

0800 904 7000,

aceville@dctmedia.co.uk

SAFETY NOTICE: Ensure all elements included in the soft toy making process are sewn on securely, including eyes, buttons and embellishments. If in doubt, please omit them. Toys with small parts are not suitable for children under 36 months. If making a toy for a very young child, omit fastenings and embroider the details instead. Never leave your child unattended with toys. The publishers are not responsible for any safety issues arising from any items made using the patterns and instructions contained within LGC Knitting & Crochet. Your covermounted gift is not a toy. Warning - choking hazard. Not suitable for children under 36 months due to small parts.

DC THOMSON

Published by DC Thomson & Co Ltd.
© DC Thomson & Co Ltd 2022. 21/23
Phoenix Court, Hawkins Road,
Colchester, Essex, CO2 8JY. Printed in the
UK by William Gibbons. All rights
reserved. Items made from patterns
published by LGC Knitting & Crochet are
for personal use only and cannot be
sold. Multiple copies of any part of this
publication may not be made, and no
part of this publication whether in its
original form or a reproduction thereof
may be sold. All projects featured within
LGC Knitting & Crochet are reproduced
in good faith that they do not infringe
any copyright. All published prices are
correct at time of going to press but are
subject to change.

We are committed to journalism of the highest
standards and abide by the Editors' Code of
Practice which is enforced by the Independent
Press Standards Organisation (IPSO). If you
have a complaint, you can email us at
readerseditor@dcthomson.co.uk or write to
the Readers' Editor at Let's Get Crafting, DC
Thomson & Co Ltd, 21/23 Phoenix Court,
Hawkins Road, Colchester, Essex, CO2 8JY.

Distributed by Frontline Ltd, Stuart House,
St John's St, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire,
PE1 5DD. Tel: +44 (0)1733555161.
www.frontlinedistribution.co.uk. Export
Distribution (excluding AU & NZ) - Seymour
Distribution Ltd, 2 East Poultry Avenue, London
EC1A 9PT. Tel: +44 (0) 20 7429 4000.
www.seymour.co.uk. EU Representative Office:
DC Thomson & Co Ltd, c/o Findmypast Ireland,
Irishtown, Athlone, Co. Westmeath, N37 XP52.



Make your very own pair of these using Julie's Framework Mitten Kit



All Julie's embroidery designs are knitting-inspired – this hoop is yarn-fastic!



"I love seeing how confident workshop attendees get after trying out peel and stick templates!"



TEA AND A CHAT WITH...

Julie Crawford

Knitting and embroidery go hand in hand for this talented designer

Have you ever finished a knitting project and thought that just maybe, it could do with a little extra something? A touch of embroidery could be the answer... As Canadian stitcher Julie says, it can "completely transform a 'blah' knit into something extraordinary, and a great knit into something phenomenal." We're listening!

THREADY, SET, GO!

Julie lives a very busy crafting life in Toronto with her husband, their two little'ns, and their pets – including a cat called Yarn, no less! She was taught to knit and cross stitch by her grandmother when she was about eight years old. "I still remember the bright green plastic needles she got for me!" Julie recalls fondly. "I knitted the odd garter stitch scarf here and there, but when living in Istanbul, Turkey in the early 2000s I became enamoured with Turkish knitting, and started to knit a lot more. I started knit blogging in 2007, and have been aggressively crafty ever since," she jokes. It was early in the pandemic that Julie began designing her own knitting-themed embroidery kits.

OH, SEW SIMPLE

If you're looking at some of the beautiful images of embroidered knits on this page and thinking, "Nope, that's too hard for me," Julie is keen to allay your fears. "Embroidery is much easier than it looks. It's brilliant on knits to jazz up a project that feels so-so, and it doesn't have to be perfect to be incredible," she says. "I love helping other knitters discover how amazing embroidery can be, and how it can elevate their knits and their crafting life." Julie recently started offering stick and stitch packs for this very purpose, so people could more easily add embroidery to their knits without having to figure out the design or how to draw it. "If you like how embroidery looks on knits, give it a go!" Julie urges. "I offer videos on my website knittedbliss.com that go with the kits, and YouTube is always there for anything that feels tricky."

SNAP YOUR STITCHES

As well as teaching workshops on embroidering knitting, Julie also loves to equip crafters with the photography skills to do their creations justice on the screen.

THIS OR THAT

Chocolate or ice cream?

Milk chocolate, always.
With nuts, preferably.

Knitting or embroidery?

Why choose when you can do both on the same project?!

Cats or dogs?

I love other people's dogs, but I'm forever a member of Team Cat.
#CatLadyForever

Beach holiday or adventure holiday?

Adventure holiday! I get grumpy and fidgety when I sit still too long.

Summer or winter knitting?

Summer knitting, because if you accomplish anything it feels like an extra win. Winter knitting is always so much more ambitious.

"I love teaching my Photograph Your Knits workshop, it's so much fun!" she enthuses. "Online I focus a bit more on how to take photos all by yourself, with no 'photographer'. In-person, I pair workshop attendees to practice what they are learning so they leave with photos they can use. Two quick tips," she offers. "Clean your lens. If you are using your phone, trust me, it's got a smudge on it! And always use natural daylight. Indoor shots still work, just set up near a good window or patio door that has bright, indirect light. And don't stand between the light source and what you are photographing!" OK, we're off to get snapping!

FIND JULIE ON INSTAGRAM @KNITTEDBLISSJC AND VISIT HER WEBSITE KNITTEDBLISS.COM

TREAT YOURSELF OR A LOVED ONE TO A SUBSCRIPTION THIS CHRISTMAS

There's something for everyone!

★ Crafts ★ Heritage ★ Lifestyle ★ Gardening ★ Kids

**SAVE UP
TO 76%
+ FREE UK
DELIVERY**



3 issues for £9.99
Expert tips, tutorials and patterns galore



13 issues for £8
Feel-good, quality fiction every week!



3 issues for £5
This magazine has something for every keen gardener



3 issues for £9.99
Inspiring patterns, expert advice, and free yarn kits



13 issues for £8
The perfect heart-warming read



3 issues for £3
Everything a woman needs to live, look and feel fabulous

**ENJOY
HUGE
SAVINGS
ON THE
SHOP PRICE**

★ 3 EASY WAYS TO SUBSCRIBE ★

1 ONLINE:
[dcthomsonshop.co.uk/
xms22](http://dcthomsonshop.co.uk/xms22)

2 CALL:
0800 318 846
quoting **XMS22**

3 OR
SCAN ME:



JOAL

c r a f t s

www.joalcrafts.co.uk

*The online craft shop
stocking the brands you love!*



Free delivery when you spend over £30



c5789ddb-a5df-4b46-9e84-c56e1e8ad27f