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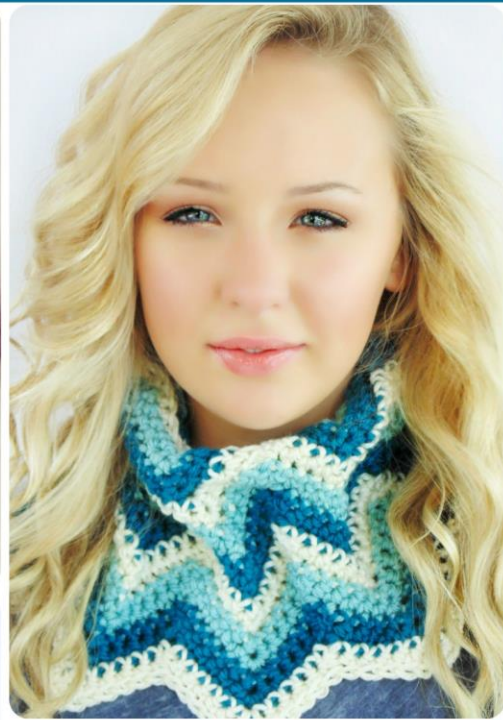
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Sept. 2013 Patterns





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Stylish flower clutch

"stylish on the outside, fun on the inside"

This lovely small clutch will perfectly hold your wallet, phone and some other small stuff like make-up. The lining is made of cute cotton fabric and (recycled) jeans. Just choose your most fun printed fabric for the inside! It's stylish on the outside and just plain fun on the inside! The strap can be removed and the bag closes conveniently with a zipper. Make it green with a hint of pink or any other color you love! Enjoy!

Materials needed

Hook 4.5 and 3.5 (EU)
4 skeins Phil Cotton 3, color Pelmier (03)
Small amount of leftover yarn in matching color
Cotton fabric, about 12x18 inch
Jeans fabric (or another matching cotton fabric), about 12x16 inch
Matching sewing thread
Zipper 8.7 inch
Snap hook

Tools needed

Fabric scissors
Pinking shears
Pins
Sewing machine
Large sharp needle

Abbreviation

st: stitch
Ch: chain
Sl: slip stitch
Sc: single crochet
Dc: double crochet
3dc-group: yarn over (yo), insert in stitch and pull loop up, yo and pull through 2 loops (2 loops on the hook), yo, insert in next stitch and pull loop up, yo and pull through 2 loops (3 loops on the hook), yo, insert in next stitch and pull loop up, yo and pull through 2 loops (4 loops on the hook), yo and pull through all 4 loops (3 dc crocheted together).



Clutch

Use hook 4.5. The clutch is worked in rounds, using 2 strands of Phil Cotton 3 (03) held together.

Set up a chain of 45 stitches with two strands of yarn.

- 1: 3 ch (is first dc), 1 dc in same st, 43 dc, 3 dc in next st - Now work on the other side of the chain - 43 dc, 1 dc in first st (there are 3 dc in this stitch now), close with sl (92 dc)
- 2-6: 3 ch (is first dc), 1 dc in each next st, close with sl (92 dc)
- 7: 3 ch (is first dc), 1 dc in next st, * 1 ch, skip 1 st, 3dc-group in next st * repeat * to * 20 more times, 1 ch, skip 1 st, 3 dc in next 3 st, * 1 ch, 3dc-group in next st * repeat * to * 20 more times, 1 ch, skip 1 st, 1 dc in next st, close with sl (42 3dc-groups)
- 8: 3 ch (is first dc), 1 dc in next st, * 1 ch, 3 dc-group in space between next 2 3-dc-groups of previous row (also see illustration)

* repeat * to * 19 more times, 1 ch, 3 dc in next 3 dc, * 1 ch, 3 dc-group in space between next 2 3-dc-groups of previous row * repeat * to * 19 more times, 1 ch, 1 dc in next dc, close with sl (40 3dc-groups)

9-13: repeat row 8. Each row will have 1 3-dc-group less so repeat each row 1 time less (also see illustration). (9: 38 3-dc-groups, 10: 36, 11: 34, 12: 32, 13: 30)

14: 3 ch (is first dc), 1 dc in each next st, close with sl (68 dc)

15: 3 ch (is first dc), 1 dc in each next st - before closing this round make the loop for the wrist strap - 5 ch, sl in same stitch, close with sl (68 dc)

16: 3 ch (is first dc) - from now on only work in the back loop of all stitches - 1 dc in each next st, close with sl (66 dc)

Finish off leaving a long tail of yarn for sewing the lining and zipper.

Flowers

Use hook 3.5. Start all flowers with a ch 6 closed to a circle. Continue working in rounds.

Small flower

1: * 5 ch, sc in circle * repeat from * to * 9 more times, sl in circle and finish off leaving a long tail for sewing onto the clutch (10 petals)

Medium flower

1: * 8 ch, sc in circle * repeat from * to * 9 more times, sl in circle and finish off leaving a long tail for sewing (10 petals)

Big flower (2x: one green and one other color)

1: 3 ch (is first dc of 3-dc-group), make 2 more st of the first 3-dc-group, * 3 ch, 3-dc-group in circle * repeat from * to * 3 more times, 3 ch, close with sl (5 petals)

2: make sl, ch, sc, ch, 3 dc, sc in each ch 3 space 5 times, close with sl and finish off leaving a long tail for sewing (5 petals)

Circle

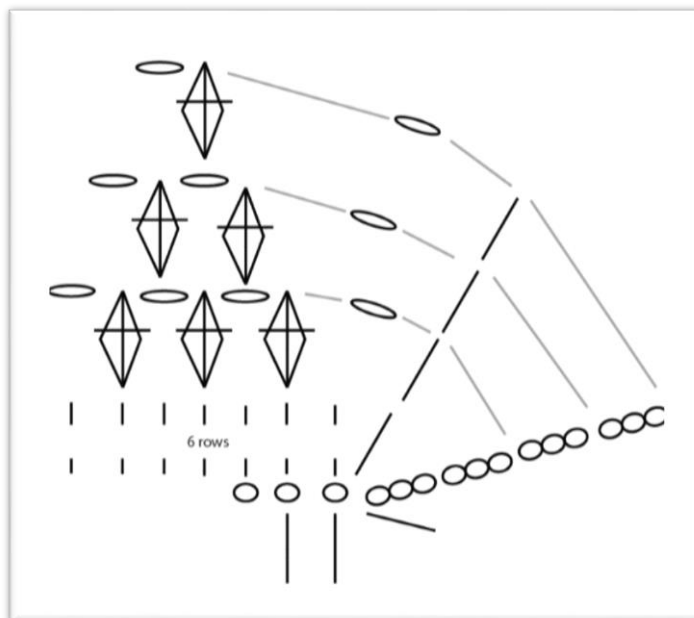
1: 3 ch (is first dc), 15 sc in circle, close with sl (16)

2: 4 ch (is first dc + first ch), * 2 dc in next st, 1 ch, 1 dc in next st, 1 ch * repeat from * to * 6 more times, 2 dc in next st, 1 ch, close with sl

3: 4 ch (is first dc + first ch), * 1 dc between next 2 dc of last row, 1ch, 1 dc in same st, 1 ch, 1 dc in next ch 1 space of last row, 1 ch, 1 ch in next ch 1 space of last row, 1 ch * repeat from * to * 6 more times, 1 dc between next 2 dc of last row, 1ch, 1 dc in same st, 1 ch, close with sl

4: * 4 ch, 1 sc in next ch 1 space of last row * repeat from * to * 29 more times (30 loops)

Sew the circle and the flowers onto one side of the clutch. Tie all loose ends of thread inside the clutch to finish off.



Lining

Transfer the lining pattern onto a folded A4 paper. Use the pattern or the instructions given on the pattern. Cut out and unfold. Lay two pieces of cotton onto each other wrong sides facing out. Secure with pins. Trace the lining pattern onto one side. Sew 3 sides of the lining (see illustration). Cut off excess fabric with pinking shears (to prevent fraying). Repeat for the jeans fabric (or other piece of cotton) but make it slightly larger by sewing just next to the pattern lines. Turn the outer (jeans) lining so the right side is out and insert the inner piece of lining (with the right side inside). Line up the bottom corners by putting in your fingers in both corners and shake the fabrics in place. Then insert the lining into the bag, again lining up the bottom corners.

Fold the last row of crocheted dc's over the edge of the fabric (the ones you crocheted in the back loops only – they will easily fold). Secure with some pins. Use one tail of yarn and a large, sharp needle to sew the crocheted row over the fabric lining. Finish off and weave in end of thread.

Insert the zipper using the other tail of yarn and the sharp needle. Finish off and weave in end of thread.

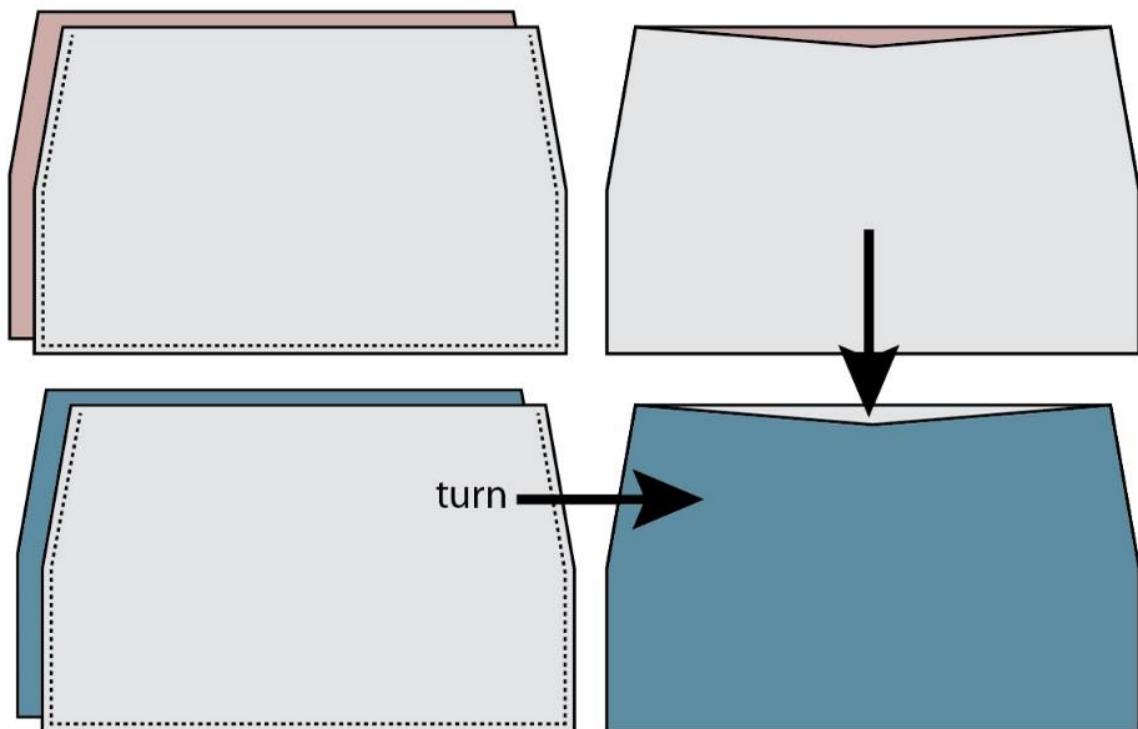
Strap

Cut a piece of the inner lining cotton fabric about 1,5 inch wide and 12 inch long. Fold the strip of fabric in half (lengthwise) and press. Then unfold and fold both long edges to meet the middle fold and press. It's like making bias tape. You may want to secure with some pins.

Attach the snap hook onto the strap. Unfold the two ends of the strap and place them onto each other, right sides touching. Secure with a pin. Sew them together and cut off excess fabric with pinking shears to prevent fraying. Fold the sewn piece back in place and press again.

Sew the strap close along the open side of the fabric. Slide away the snap hook as you work. Then sew over the strap twice near the hook to keep it in place.

And all done. Enjoy your clutch!





Hi, my name is Ashley Leither, I am the face and designer behind Ashley Designs. I am a stay at home to two little beautiful girls, who are always on the move. If I am not playing with my little girls, I am crocheting!

I always wanted to be crafty, and when I discovered Crocheting, it is something I fell in love with instantly!! I love designing patterns, I love the challenge of coming up with something new and seeing the end result. Starting with yarn and a hook and then ending with a beautiful textured hat or blanket, or an adorable photography set was amazing.

You can find my patterns on Craftsby, Etsy and Ravelry.

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0-3 Months Spiral Beanie



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Materials:

Yarn: WW Yarn (Size 4) – Your Two Color Choices

I used the brand: Vanna's Choice

Hook: K – 6.50MM

Additional Supplies: Tapestry Needle, Scissors & Measuring Tape

HDC Gauge - 4X4 Square: 12 Sts & 10 Rows.

Stitches & Abbreviations

Ch - Chain; Sc - Single Crochet; Hdc - Half Double Crochet; Sl St - Slip Stitch;

Dc – Double Crochet; ** - Repeat Around, St - Stitch;

(7) - The Number of Stitches in that round/row. C1 – Color 1; C2 – Color 2;

Join: When ending the round, you will join with a sl st into the 1st st (NOT the Ch 1)

Notes: Ch 1 will NOT count as a st.

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0-3 Months: (13-14" Circumference – 5 - 5.5 Inches Tall)

You need K Hook and your 2 color choices, start with C1.

Make a Magic ring,

RND 1: Ch 1, 7 sc in loop, join with a sl st in the 1st sc, pull tight (7)

RND 2 – 5 Use Stitch Markers, do NOT join at the end of rounds.

RND 2: Ch 2, 1 hdc in same st, 2 hdc in each st around. (14) (Ch 2 will count as a stitch)

RND 3: 2 hdc in 1st st (ch 2), 1 hdc in next st, *2 hdc in next st, 1 hdc in next st*, Repeat*. (21)

RND 4: 2 hdc in 1st st, 1 hdc in next 2 sts, *2 hdc in next st, 1 hdc in next 2 sts*, Repeat*. (28)

RND 5: 2 hdc in 1st st, 1 hdc in next 3 sts, *2 hdc in next st, 1 hdc in next 3 sts*, Repeat*. (35)

You now will be joining at the end of each round.

RND 6: 2 hdc in 1st st, 1 hdc in next 4 sts, *2 hdc in next st, 1 hdc in next 4 sts*, Repeat*, join in 1st hdc. (42)

RND 7: Ch 1, 1 hdc in same st, 1 sl st next st, *1 hdc next st, 1 sl st next st* Repeat*, join. (42)

RND 8: Ch 1, 1 sl st in same st, 1 hdc in next st, *1 sl st in next st, 1 hdc in next st* Repeat*, join. (42)

Repeat RND 7 & 8 until the beanie measures 5 inches tall.

Trim: Change to C2 when you join on the last round of Repeat 7 & 8.

RND 1: Ch 1, 1 sc in same st, 1 sc in next st and each st around, join with C1. (42)

Change back to C1.

RND 2: Ch 1, 1 sc in same st, 1 sc in next st and each st around, join with C1. (42)





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One-on-One with Clare Sullivan from BobWilson123 Crochet YouTube Channel

Interview By: April Dominick

Q: So question one, how long have you been crocheting?

A: 12 years

Q: How did you learn?

A: My best friend taught me, I used to always tease her about being a granny because she used to make baby booties, I asked her one day if it was hard and she said, sit down and I'll show you, I told her I was too stubborn to teach
My bestie must be a great teacher

Q: Aw that's awesome. How does it make you feel to know you have taught people all over the world how to crochet?

A: I feel so privileged to be a part of so many people's crochet adventure. Inspiring people and helping them find their creative side is just an amazing thing to be a part of.

Q: So what inspired you to make videos and put them on YouTube?

A: I watched YouTube crochet tutorials way before I uploaded my first video, I was taught by the sweetest little old lady how to

join granny squares. I looked on YouTube to see if anyone had taught this in a video tutorial. I couldn't find the video so I filmed my own and uploaded it

Q: and now you have hundreds of followers. That's amazing. About how many videos do you have on your channel and what are some of your favorites?

A: I have 540 videos, but around 250 of them are different crochet projects - some tutorials have 4 videos to the item
I am a huge hat addict so I love Jacobs ladder hat the most. The Cluster stitch, mesh market bags are great and practical
I love projects that are easy and look great



Q: I have to say my favorite of your videos is the granny square bag series. I made one.

A: Thank you, yes the bags are great and when you wear them out, you always get a compliment.

Q: How has being a YouTube crochet guru changed your life?

A: I had to giggle when I read that, because that is so TRUE!

Being a YouTube Guru (Guru is such a big word - I am just a Aussie girl who loves crochet) has really changed my life in so many ways. I used to work a regular 9-5 job. I enjoyed were I worked but it wasn't what I was meant to do with my life. I do believe that I was put on this earth to help others but I just didn't know how I was going to do that ... Then I discovered that I could teach people, and my supporters wanted more. I get to work from home and my hours are very flexible, I get to share my passion with the world, I speak with so many wonderful people and get to see so many beautiful creations. My life is filled with fun, creativity and I really am truly blessed to have such a supportive fan base. I have made so many new friends. My job is a lot of hard work but I wouldn't change it



Q: What advice would you give to others who wanted to be successful from home with the craft?

A: This is the advice I would give to people that may want to make tutorials but this

would also apply to selling crochet items Success Does NOT come overnight, more like 4 years! Haha.

-Passion is very important! If you are not passionate and in love with what you do you will not last long and give up easy - Hard work and dedication-LOTS OF IT - hundreds of emails and questions every day, self promotion, creating new tutorials, editing and uploading videos (which have to be shot and edited)

Believe in yourself - For me this took time, I knew I was good at crochet, but was I good at teaching others? I knew people were telling me every day via comments, but "I" had to believe it and it wasn't until someone asked me one day (only 12 months ago) 'what do you do for a job?' I replied 'I teach crochet online'... I got the weirdest look and then didn't tell anyone for a while hahaha But then I thought , No I do teach people how to crochet and that is my job. I love it and I want to tell the world about it. So now I hold my head high and I am so proud and LOVE EVERY SECOND of my job. Is it a job if you love it so much?

Q: Thanks so much for your time Clare I know you have work to do so I will let you get to it but one last question for you, what's on your hook?

A: ooo what's on my hooklots of secret projects Afghan patterns, a couple wearable items....stay tuned!



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Easy Lacy Poncho/ Skirt For Toddlers



This cute, lacy poncho can also be used as a skirt

Toddlers:

Finished size: approximately 5.5 inches long (not including fringe) waist: 20 inches around. Gauge not necessary for good fit

Materials: 80 yards DK (light worsted) weight yarn (used for sample: 1 skein hand dyed DK merino from <http://Eweandmeyarns.etsy.com> colorway: Strawberry Fields

Notes:

beg ch 7 counts as 1 trc, ch 3

always join rows with a sl st

American crochet terminology used

Need this longer? This is easily made longer simply by adding more rows in the pattern established.

Ch 80, being careful to not twist the chain, sl st in first chain to form loop,

Row 1:

ch7, sk 3 ch, trc in 4th ch, [ch3, sk 3 ch, trc in next ch] 18 times, ch3, sl stitch in 4th ch of beg ch7 (20 trc)

Row 2:

sl st in next 2 ch, ch7, [trc in next ch sp, ch3] 4 times, trc in same ch sp as last st, *[ch 3, trc in next ch sp]5 times, ch 3, trc in same ch sp as last stitch, repeat from * 2 more times, ch 3, sl st in 4th ch of beg ch7, (24 trc)

Row 3:

sl st in first 2 ch, ch 7, [trc in next ch sp, ch 3] 4 times, trc in same sp as last trc, *[ch 3, trc in next ch sp]6 times, ch 3, trc in same ch sp as last stitch, repeat from * 2 more

times, ch 3, trc in next ch sp, ch 3, sl st in 4th ch of beg ch7, (28 trc)

Row 4:

sl st in first 2 ch, ch 7, [trc in next ch sp, ch 3] 4 times, trc in same sp as last trc, *[ch 3, trc in next ch sp]7 times, ch 3, trc in same ch sp as last stitch, repeat from * 2 more times, [ch 3, trc in next ch sp] 2 times, ch 3, sl st in 4th ch of beg ch7, (32 trc)

Row 5:

sl st in first 2 ch, ch 7, [trc in next ch sp, ch 3] 4 times, trc in same sp as last trc, *[ch 3, trc in next ch sp]8 times, ch 3, trc in same ch sp as last stitch, repeat from * 2 more times, [ch 3, trc in next ch sp] 3 times, ch 3, sl st in 4th ch of beg ch7, (36 trc)

Row 6:

sl st in first 2 ch, ch 7, [trc in next ch sp, ch 3] 4 times, trc in same sp as last trc, *[ch 3, trc in next ch sp]9 times, ch 3, trc in same ch sp as last stitch, repeat from * 2 more times, [ch 3, trc in next ch sp] 4 times, ch 3, sl st in 4th ch of beg ch7, (40 trc)

Fringe:

To make your fringe like the photo, cut 120 5 to 6 inch long pieces. Use 3 pieces in each stitch from the 6th row. Trim fringe.

Here's an easy to see tutorial for making a yarn fringe.

<http://www.yarnaboutyarn.com/2011/07/fringe-tutorial.html>

Tie:

For a tie, you can use ribbon. I used some more of my ball of yarn and just crocheted a chain approximately 25 inches long and wove it in and out of row 1.

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Easy lacy Poncho/ Skirt for Adults



One Size fits all, gauge not necessary

size: approximately 21 inches long, not including fringe
waist fits up to 43 inches

Materials:

230 yards each of 2 strands worsted weight yarn held together (used for sample: 1 skein each of Caron Simply soft in white and charcoal) total 460 yards.

9mm crochet hook

1 inch wide ribbon approximately 5 to 6 foot

Notes:

beg ch 7 counts as 1 trc, ch 3

American crochet terminology used

Need this longer? This is easily made longer simply by adding more rows in the pattern established.

Pattern:

Ch88, being careful to not twist the chain, sl st into first chain to form loop,

Row 1: ch7, [sk next 3 ch, trc in next ch, ch 3] 21 times (22 trc)

Row 2: sl st in next 2 ch, ch7, trc in same sp, [ch 3, trc in next sp] 10 times, ch 3, trc in same sp as last st, ch 3 [trc in next ch-sp, ch3] 11 times (24 trc)

Row 3: Sl st in next 2 ch, ch7, ch3, tr in same sp, ch3, [trc, in next sp, ch3] 7 times,

*(trc, ch3, trc) in next sp, ch3, [trc, ch3] 7 times, repeat from * 1 time (27 trc)

Row 4: Sl st in next 2 ch, ch7, ch3, tr in same sp, ch3, [trc, in next sp, ch3] 8 times,
*(trc, ch3, trc) in next sp, ch3, [trc, ch3] 8 times, repeat from * 1 time (30 trc)

Row 5: Sl st in next 2 ch, ch7, ch3, tr in same sp, ch3, [trc, in next sp, ch3] 9 times,
*(trc, ch3, trc) in next sp, ch3, [trc, ch3] 9 times, repeat from * 1 time (33 trc)

Row 6: Sl st in next 2 ch, ch7, ch3, tr in same sp, ch3, [trc, in next sp, ch3] 10 times,
*(trc, ch3, trc) in next sp, ch3, [trc, ch3] 10 times, repeat from * 1 time (36 trc)

Row 7: Sl st in next 2 ch, ch7, ch3, tr in same sp, ch3, [trc, in next sp, ch3] 11 times,
*(trc, ch3, trc) in next sp, ch3, [trc, ch3] 11 times, repeat from * 1 time (39 trc)

Row 8: Sl st in next 2 ch, ch7, ch3, tr in same sp, ch3, [trc, in next sp, ch3] 12 times,
*(trc, ch3, trc) in next sp, ch3, [trc, ch3] 12 times, repeat from * 1 time (42 trc)

Row 9: Sl st in next 2 ch, ch7, ch3, tr in same sp, ch3, [trc, in next sp, ch3] 13 times,
*(trc, ch3, trc) in next sp, ch3, [trc, ch3] 13 times, repeat from * 1 time (45 trc)

Row 10: Sl st in next 2 ch, ch7, ch3, tr in same sp, ch3, [trc, in next sp, ch3] 14 times,
*(trc, ch3, trc) in next sp, ch3, [trc, ch3] 14 times, repeat from * 1 time (48 trc)

Row 11: Sl st in next 2 ch, ch7, ch3, tr in same sp, ch3, [trc, in next sp, ch3] 15 times,
*(trc, ch3, trc) in next sp, ch3, [trc, ch3] 15 times, repeat from * 1 time (51 trc)

Fasten off, leaving a 5 inch end to hide in the fringe

Fringe:

To make your fringe like the photo, cut 10 to 11 inch long pieces. Use 3 pieces of each color (6 strands total) in each stitch from the last row. Trim fringe.

Here's an easy to see tutorial for making a yarn fringe.

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PDF pattern -

Baby Boy Sandals



Yarn Used:

DMC Petra № 3 100% Crochet Cotton
Perle Thread 100gr = 210 m

Color (A) – Navy

Color (B) – White

Crochet hook:

2mm or 2.25 mm

Stitch Used (US terms):

Chain (ch)

Slip Stitch (sl st)

Single crochet (sc)

Half double crochet (hdc)

Notions:

Buttons, Yarn needle, Stitch markers

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Changes for sizes are in [].

Age	Hook	Foundation ch	Sole length
0-3 months	2 mm	10	7 cm
3-6 months	2 mm	12	8-8.5 cm
6-9 months	2.25 mm	12	9-9.5 cm
9-12 months	2.25 mm	14	10-11 cm

Sole

Work in 2 strands of yarn for sole only. Use yarn (A) - Ch10 [12, 12, 14]

Rnd1: ch2 to count as 1st hdc, 3 hdc in same st, hdc in next 8 [10, 10, 12] sts, 7 hdc in last st, work on the opposite site of foundation ch, hdc in next 8 [10, 10, 12] sts, 3 hdc in 1st st. Join with sl st = 30 [34, 34, 38] sts.

Rnd2: ch2 to count as 1st hdc, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 4 [5, 5, 6] sts, hdc in next 6 [7, 7, 8] sts, 2 hdc in next 2 sts, 3 hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 6 [7, 7, 8] sts, hdc in next 4 [5, 5, 6] sts, 2 hdc in next 2 sts, hdc in 1st st. Join with sl st = 42 [46, 46, 50] sts.

Rnd3: ch2 to count as 1st hdc, hdc in same st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 [7, 7, 8] sts, hdc in next 4 [5, 5, 6] sts, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 [5, 5, 6] sts, hdc in next 6 [7, 7, 8] sts, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, hdc in 1st st. Join with sl st = 54 [58, 58, 62] sts.

Fasten off. Sole should be thick and stable. Mark back 23 [25, 25, 27] stitch with markers.



Heel and side strap

Row1: join yarn (A) with sl st, work first row in back-half loops of sole ch1 to count as 1st sc, sc in each of next 22 [24, 24, 26] sts. Turn

Row2-6: ch1 to count as 1st sc, sc in each st = 23 [25, 25, 27] sts. Turn.

Row7: ch1 to count as 1st sc, sc in each st, ch21 for strap. Turn.

Row8: sc in 3rd ch from hook, sc in each of rem ch and st of heel = 43 [45, 45, 47] sts. Turn.

Row9: ch1 to count as 1st sc, sc in next 38 [40, 40, 42] sts, ch2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts.

Turn.

Row10: ch1 to count as 1st sc, sc in each st = 43 [45, 45, 47] sts. Fasten off.

With yarn (B) work sc around edge of heel and strap.



Toes and central loop

Row1: mark 6 front central stitches and join yarn (A) with sl st, work in back-half loops of sole ch1 to count as 1st sc, sc in next 5 sts. Turn.

Row2: ch1 to count as 1st sc, sc in same sts, 2 sc in each of rem sts = 12 sts. Turn.

Row3: ch1 to count as 1st sc, sc in same st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in last st = 14 sts. Turn.

Row4: ch1 to count as 1st sc, sc in each st = 14 sts. Turn.

Row5: ch1 to count as 1st sc, sc in same st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in last st = 16 sts. Turn.

Row6-13: ch1 to count as 1st sc, sc in each st = 16 sts. Turn.

Only for size 9-12 months make 2 more rows of sc in each st.

Fasten off. Mark central 6 sts to continue. Join yarn (A) with sl st.

Row1-18: ch1 to count as 1st sc, sc in next 5 sts = 6 sts. Turn.



With yarn (B) work sc around edge of toe cap and central strap.



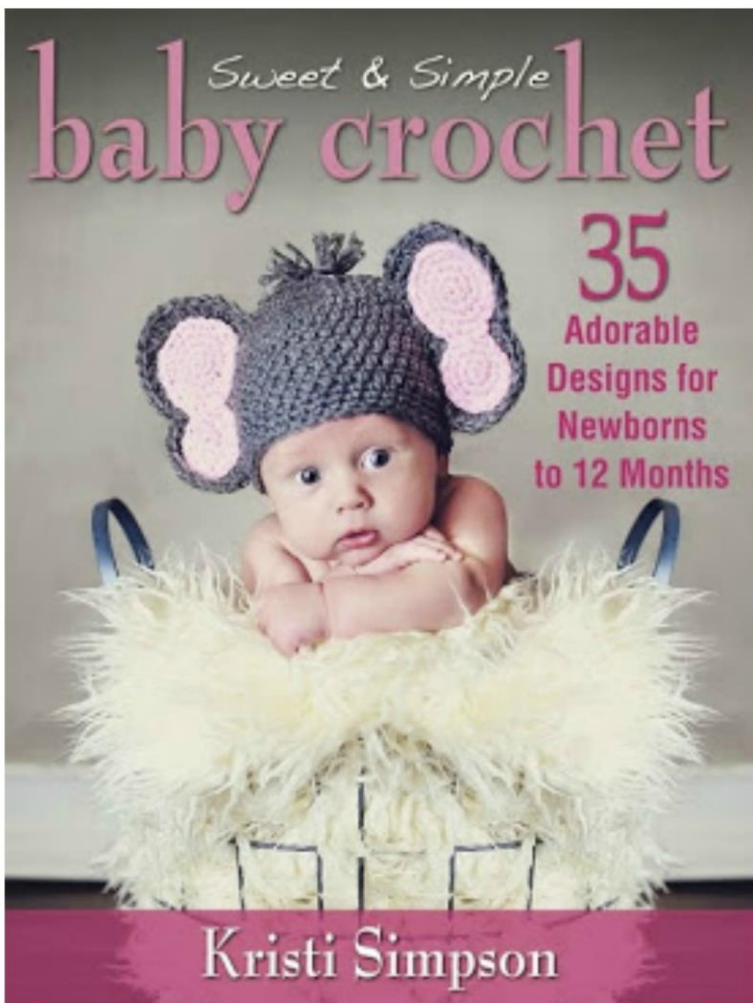
Fold central strap in half and sew to create a loop.

Assembly

Place toe cap of sandal and sole, work sc in front-half loops (yarn B) all around edge of sole joining parts together.



Pull side strap through central loop. Sew on button. Both sandals crochet the same way, but side-strap should match the left and right side.



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Size: Stretchy to fit!

0-6 Months – Fits head circumference 14-16 inches. Band width 3 ½ inches.

6-12 Months – Fits head circumference 16-18 inches. Band width 3 ½ inches.

1-3 Years – Fits head circumference 18-19 inches. Band width 4 inches.

3-10 Years – Fits head circumference 19-20.5 inches. Band width 4 inches.

Adult/Teen – Fits head circumference 20.5-22 inches. Band width 4 ½ inches.

Stitch Knowledge: ch (chain), sc (single crochet)

Materials List: Worsted Weight Yarn

[Baby 50 Yards] [Child 60 Yards] [Adult 70 Yards] (*Hobby Lobby I Love This Yarn for the sample.*)

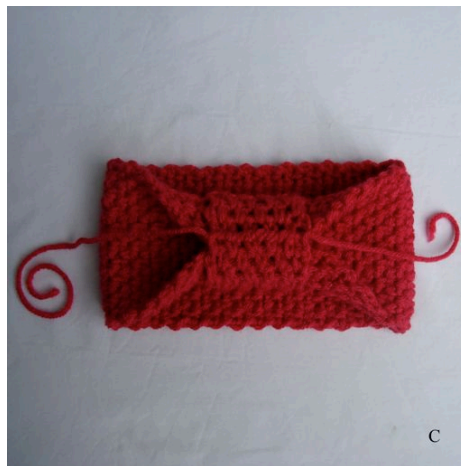
Size U.S. H/8 (5.00mm) Hook

Scissors and Tapestry Needle

Gauge: Rows 1 through 4 measure approximately [3 ½"x1" Baby] [4"x1" Child] [4 ½" x 1" Adult].

Stitch Combinations: This pattern repeats the woven stitch throughout. Woven Stitch is "Ch1. Skip 1 sc. Work Sc in next ch 1 space."

Finishing and Assembly Photo Reference



Baby 0-6 Months [6-12 Months]

Instructions are given for 0-6 Months with changes in [] for 6-12 Months.

HEADBAND

Starting out: Leaving a long end of yarn (*about 8 inches*), Ch 17.

Row 1: Skip 2 chains (*counts as first sc and ch 1 space*). Work 1 sc in 3rd ch from hook. {Ch 1, skip 1 ch, work sc in next ch}. Repeat between {} across ending with sc in last ch stitch. (9 sc & 8 ch 1 spaces)

Row 2: Ch 2, turn (*turning chain counts as first sc and ch 1 space*). Skip 1 sc. Work sc in first ch 1 space. {Ch 1, skip 1 sc. Work sc in next ch 1 space.} Repeat between {} across ending with sc in the turning ch 2 space from the previous round. (9 sc & 8 ch 1 spaces)

Row 3-45 [3-53]: Repeat Row 2.

Fasten off leaving a long end of yarn (*about 8 inches*). Laying flat your finished piece will measure approximately 11 inches [13 inches] long.

CENTER WRAP

Starting out: Leaving a long end of yarn (*about 6 inches*), ch 9.

Row 1: Skip 2 chains (*counts as first sc and ch 1 space*). Work 1 sc in 3rd ch from hook. {Ch 1, skip 1 ch, work sc in next ch}. Repeat between {} across ending with sc in last ch stitch. (5 sc & 4 ch 1 spaces)

Row 2: Ch 2, turn (*turning chain counts as first sc and ch 1 space*). Skip 1 sc. Work sc in first ch 1 space. {Ch 1, skip 1 sc. Work sc in next ch 1 space.} Repeat between {} across ending with sc in the turning ch 2 space from the previous round. (5 sc & 4 ch 1 spaces)

Row 3-13: Repeat Row 2.

Fasten off leaving a long end of yarn (*about 6 inches*).

Finishing: (*See photos on page 2 for help with finishing and assembly.*) Fold your headband in half and line up the edges. Thread the long end of yarn onto your tapestry needle. Whip stitch the edges together working through the top of the sc from the last row and through the ch 1 space from the beginning row. Then whip stitch through the ch 1 space from the last row and through the center of the sc from the beginning row. Long ends will end up on opposite sides. Tie the two ends together and secure with a double knot (*See Photo A*). Weave in ends.

Assembly: Thread the long end of yarn on the center wrap onto your tapestry needle. Center the center wrap under the seam of the headband (*where you whip stitched the edges, See Photo B*). Fold the center wrap around the seam of the headband. Line up the edges and whip stitch together (*See Photo C*). Tie off. Weave in ends. Turn your finished headband right side out (*seam on the inside, See Photo D*).

Child 1-3 Years [3-10 Years]

Instructions are given for 1-3 Years with changes in [] for 3-10 Years.

HEADBAND

Starting out: Leaving a long end of yarn (*about 8 inches*), Ch 19.

Row 1: Skip 2 chains (*counts as first sc and ch 1 space*). Work 1 sc in 3rd ch from hook. {Ch 1, skip 1 ch, work sc in next ch}. Repeat between {} across ending with sc in last ch stitch. (10 sc & 9 ch 1 spaces)

Row 2: Ch 2, turn (*turning chain counts as first sc and ch 1 space*). Skip 1 sc. Work sc in first ch 1 space. {Ch 1, skip 1 sc. Work sc in next ch 1 space.} Repeat between {} across ending with sc in the turning ch 2 space from the previous round. (10 sc & 9 ch 1 spaces)

Row 3-57 [3-61]: Repeat Row 2.

Fasten off leaving a long end of yarn (*about 8 inches*). Laying flat your finished piece will measure approximately 14 inches [15 inches] long.

CENTER WRAP

Starting out: Leaving a long end of yarn (*about 6 inches*), ch 11.

Row 1: Skip 2 chains (*counts as first sc and ch 1 space*). Work 1 sc in 3rd ch from hook. {Ch 1, skip 1 ch, work sc in next ch}. Repeat between {} across ending with sc in last ch stitch. (6 sc & 5 ch 1 spaces)

Row 2: Ch 2, turn (*turning chain counts as first sc and ch 1 space*). Skip 1 sc. Work sc in first ch 1 space. {Ch 1, skip 1 sc. Work sc in next ch 1 space.} Repeat between {} across ending with sc in the turning ch 2 space from the previous round. (6 sc & 5 ch 1 spaces)

Row 3-15: Repeat Row 2.

Fasten off leaving a long end of yarn (*about 6 inches*).

Finishing: (*See photos on page 2 for help with finishing and assembly.*) Fold your headband in half and line up the edges. Thread the long end of yarn onto your tapestry needle. Whip stitch the edges together working through the top of the sc from the last row and through the ch 1 space from the beginning row. Then whip stitch through the ch 1 space from the last row and through the center of the sc from the beginning row. Long ends will end up on opposite sides. Tie the two ends together and secure with a double knot (*See Photo A*). Weave in ends.

Assembly: Thread the long end of yarn on the center wrap onto your tapestry needle. Center the center wrap under the seam of the headband (*where you whip stitched the edges, See Photo B*). Fold the center wrap around the seam of the headband. Line up the edges and whip stitch together (*See Photo C*). Tie off. Weave in ends. Turn your finished headband right side out (*seam on the inside, See Photo D*).

Adult/Teen

HEADBAND

Starting out: Leaving a long end of yarn (*about 8 inches*), Ch 21.

Row 1: Skip 2 chains (*counts as first sc and ch 1 space*). Work 1 sc in 3rd ch from hook. {Ch 1, skip 1 ch, work sc in next ch}. Repeat between {} across ending with sc in last ch stitch. (11 sc & 10 ch 1 spaces)

Row 2: Ch 2, turn (*turning chain counts as first sc and ch 1 space*). Skip 1 sc. Work sc in first ch 1 space. {Ch 1, skip 1 sc. Work sc in next ch 1 space.} Repeat between {} across ending with sc in the turning ch 2 space from the previous round. (11 sc & 10 ch 1 spaces)

Row 3-65: Repeat Row 2.

Fasten off leaving a long end of yarn (*about 8 inches*). Laying flat your finished piece will measure approximately 16 inches long.

CENTER WRAP

Starting out: Leaving a long end of yarn (*about 6 inches*), ch 11.

Row 1: Skip 2 chains (*counts as first sc and ch 1 space*). Work 1 sc in 3rd ch from hook. {Ch 1, skip 1 ch, work sc in next ch}. Repeat between {} across ending with sc in last ch stitch. (6 sc & 5 ch 1 spaces)

Row 2: Ch 2, turn (*turning chain counts as first sc and ch 1 space*). Skip 1 sc. Work sc in first ch 1 space. {Ch 1, skip 1 sc. Work sc in next ch 1 space.} Repeat between {} across ending with sc in the turning ch 2 space from the previous round. (6 sc & 5 ch 1 spaces)

Row 3-17: Repeat Row 2.

Fasten off leaving a long end of yarn (*about 6 inches*).

Finishing: (*See photos on page 2 for help with finishing and assembly.*) Fold your headband in half and line up the edges. Thread the long end of yarn onto your tapestry needle. Whip stitch the edges together working through the top of the sc from the last row and through the ch 1 space from the beginning row. Then whip stitch through the ch 1 space from the last row and through the center of the sc from the beginning row. Long ends will end up on opposite sides. Tie the two ends together and secure with a double knot (*See Photo A*). Weave in ends.

Assembly: Thread the long end of yarn on the center wrap onto your tapestry needle. Center the center wrap under the seam of the headband (*where you whip stitched the edges, See Photo B*). Fold the center wrap around the seam of the headband. Line up the edges and whip stitch together (*See Photo C*). Tie off. Weave in ends. Turn your finished headband right side out (*seam on the inside, See Photo D*).

PUMPKIN HAT AND BOOTIES

SANDY'S
CAPE COD ORIGINALS



Materials Needed

Cascasde 220 Superwash 100g/220yds
orange x 1skein
green x 1skein
US F5/3.75MM Susan Bates Hook
Yarn needle

scfp= single crochet front post

insert hook under the next single crochet, yo, bring yarn back thru, yo, drop off two loops.

Instructions are written for 0-3months, other sizes are in parenthesis.

0-3months sole = 3.25" - hat 14" circumference

3-6months sole = 4" -hat 15" circumference

6-12months sole = 5" - hat 16" circumference

BOOTIES -make 2

SOLE

Rnd 1: With green and G hook, ch 7(**ch9,ch11**) 2sc in 2nd ch from hook, 1sc in next 4ch(**6sc,8sc**), (toe) 5sc in next ch. Now working on opposite side of ch, 1sc in next 4ch(**6sc,8sc**), 1sc in same ch as beg. Slst to join. Ch1 (**16sc,20sc,24sc**)

Rnd 2: 2sc in same st as joining, 2sc in next sc, 1sc in next 4sc(**6sc,8sc**), 2sc in next 5sc, 1sc in next 4sc(**6sc,8sc**), 2sc in next sc. Slst to join. Ch1 (**24sc,28sc,32sc**)

Rnd 3: 2sc in same st as joining, 1sc in next sc, 2sc in next sc, 1sc in next 5sc(**7sc,9sc**), (1sc in next sc, 2sc in next sc) rep 4 more times, 1sc in next 4sc(**6sc,8sc**), 2sc in next sc, 1sc in next sc. Slst to join. Ch1 (**32sc,36sc,40sc**)

Rnd 4: 1 scfp around same st as joining, 1scfp around each sc around. Slst to join. fasten off green. (**32scfp,36scfp,40scfp**)



SIDES

Rnd 1: Attach orange to loops behind the scfp where you fastened off from rnd 4 of sole, 1sc in behind each scfp, under the 2loops, around. Work in continuous rnds. (32sc, **36sc**, **40sc**)



Rnd 2: 1sc in each sc around. (32sc, **36sc**, **40sc**)

Rnd 3: 1sc in next 9sc, (**11sc**, **13sc**) (dc tog the next 2sc) x 10, 1sc in next 3sc (**5sc**, **7sc**). (22sts, **26sts**, **30sts**)

Rnd 4: 1sc in next 12sts (**14sts**, **16sts**) (sc tog the next 2dc) x 2, 1sc in next 6sc (**8sc**, **10sc**). (20sc, **24sc**, **28sc**)

Rnd 5: 1sc in each st around. (20sc, **24sc**, **28sc**)

Rnds 6-9(6-10, 6-11): 1sc in each sc around. (20sc, **24sc**, **28sc**) end of rnd 9(**10**, **11**) fasten off and weave in ends.

CUFF and LEAVES

Rnd 1: Attach green to a sc in the center back of sides of booties. 1Sc in same st as joining, 1sc in each sc around. Slst to join. ch1, turn. (20sc, **24sc**, **28sc**)

Rnd 2: 1sc in the backloop of same st as joining, 1sc in the backloop of each sc around. Slst to join. Ch1 (20sc, **24sc**, **28sc**)

Rnd 3: 1sc in same st as joining, 1sc in next sc, * (3dc, ch 2, 1sc in side of previous dc, 3dc) in next sc, skip next sc, 1sc in next sc, * rep from * to * around. Slst to join. Fasten off leaving a tail to tack the leaves down to booties.

Step 4: Working sc in side of dc to form point



HAT

Follow Rnds 1-4 of stem and 1-6 for all size hats

Stem

Rnd 1: With green, ch2, 6sc in 2nd ch from hook. Work in continuous rnds. (6sc)

Rnds 2-4: 1sc in each sc around. (6sc) end of rnd 4 fasten off and weave in ends.

Hat

Rnd 1: With orange, attach yarn to where you fastened off, 1sc in same st as joining, 1dc in same st, (1sc,1dc in each sc) x 5. Slst to join. Ch1(12sts)

Rnd 2: 2sc in same st as joining, 1fpdc around next dc, *2sc in next sc, 1fpdc around next dc * rep from * to * around. Slst to join. Ch1. (18sts)

Rnd 3: 3sc in same st as joining, skip next sc, 1fpdc around next fpdc * 3sc in next sc, skip next sc, 1fpdc around next fpdc * rep from * to * around. Slst to join. Ch1 (24sts)

Rnd 4: 3sc in same st as joining, 1sc in next sc, skip next sc, 1fpdc around next fpdc * 3sc in next sc, 1sc in next sc, skip next sc, 1fpdc around next fpdc * rep from * to * around. Slst to join. Ch1 (30sts)

Rnd 5: 3sc in same st as joining, 1sc in next 2sc, skip next sc, 1fpdc around next fpdc * 3sc in next sc, 1sc in next 2sc, skip next sc, 1fpdc around next fpdc * rep from * to * around. Slst to join. Ch1 (36sts)

Rnd 6: 3sc in same st as joining, 1sc in next 3sc, skip next sc, 1fpdc around next fpdc * 3sc in next sc, 1sc in next 3sc, skip next sc, 1fpdc around next fpdc * rep from * to * around. Slst to join. Ch1 (42sts)

Rnd 7: 3sc in same st as joining, 1sc in next 4sc, skip next sc, 1fpdc around next fpdc * 3sc in next sc, 1sc in next 4sc, skip next sc, 1fpdc around next fpdc * rep from * to * around. Slst to join. Ch1 (48sts)

Rnd 8: 3sc in same st as joining, 1sc in next 5sc, skip next sc, 1fpdc around next fpdc * 3sc in next sc, 1sc in next 5sc, skip next sc, 1fpdc around next fpdc * rep from * to * around. Slst to join. Ch1 (54sts)

0-3 months hat

Rnds 9-17: 2sc in same st as joining, 1sc in next 6sc, skip next sc, 1fpdc around next dc * 2sc in next sc, 1sc in next 6sc, skip next sc, 1fpdc around next fpdc * rep from * to * around. Slst to join. Ch1 (54sts)

Rnd 18: 1sc in same st as joining, 1sc in each sc and in each fpdc around. Slst to join. Ch1 (54sc)

Rnd 19: 1sc in same st as joining, 1sc in next 3sc, *sc tog the next 2sc, 1sc in next 4sc * rep from * to * areound. Slst to join. (45sc)

Rnd 20: 1sc in same st as joining, 1sc in each sc around. Slst to join. (45sc) Fasten off and weave in ends.

3-6months hat

Rnd 9: 3sc in same st as joining, 1sc in next 6sc, skip next sc, 1fpdc around next dc * 3sc in next sc, 1sc in next 6sc, skip next sc, 1fpdc around next fpdc * rep from * to * around. Slst to join. Ch1 (60sts)

Rnds 10-19: 2sc in same st as joining, 1sc in next 7sc, skip next sc, 1fpdc around next dc * 2sc in next sc, 1sc in next 7sc, skip next sc, 1fpdc around next fpdc * rep from * to * around. Slst to join. Ch1 (60sts)

Rnd 20: 1sc in same st as joining, 1sc in each sc and in each fpdc around. Slst to join. Ch1 (60sc)

Rnd 21: 1sc in same st as joining, 1sc in next 3sc, *sc tog the next 2sc, 1sc in next 4sc * rep from * to * around. Slst to join. (50sc)

Rnd 22: 1sc in same st as joining, 1sc in each sc around. (50sc) Fasten off and weave in ends.

6-12 months hat

Rnd 9: 3sc in same st as joining, 1sc in next 6sc, skip next sc, 1fpdc around next dc * 3sc in next sc, 1sc in next 6sc, skip next sc, 1fpdc around next fpdc * rep from * to * around. Slst to join. Ch1 (60sts)

Rnd 10: 3sc in same st as joining, 1sc in next 7sc, skip next sc, 1fpdc around next dc * 3sc in next sc, 1sc in next 7sc, skip next sc, 1fpdc around next fpdc * rep from * to * around. Slst to join. Ch1 (66sts)

Rnd 11: 3sc in same st as joining, 1sc in next 8sc, skip next sc, 1fpdc around next dc * 3sc in next sc, 1sc in next 8sc, skip next sc, 1fpdc around next fpdc * rep from * to * around. Slst to join. Ch1 (72sts)

Rnds 12-21: 2sc in same st as joining, 1sc in next 9sc, skip next sc, 1fpdc around next dc * 2sc in next sc, 1sc in next 9sc, skip next sc, 1fpdc around next fpdc * rep from * to * around. Slst to join. Ch1 (72sts)

Rnd 22: 1sc in same st as joining, 1sc in each sc and in each fpdc around. Slst to join. Ch1 (72sc)

Rnd 23: 1sc in same st as joining, 1sc in next 3sc, *sc tog the next 2sc, 1sc in next 4sc * rep from * to * around. Slst to join. (60sc) Fasten off and weave in ends.

VINES and LEAVES for all hat sizes

With green, ch 20, 1slst in 2nd ch from hook, 1sc in next 3ch, ch15, (1slst in 2nd ch from hook, 1sc in next 3sc, ch15) x 10. Fasten off leaving a long tail to sew with. Sew vines and leaves around hat as shown in pictures.

LEAVES ON TOP OF HAT for all sizes

Rnd 1: With green, ch16, slst to form a circle. Work 24 sc inside circle. Slst to join. Ch1 (24sc)

Rnd 2: 1sc in same st as joining, * (3dc, ch 2, sc in side of previous dc, 3dc) in next sc, skip next sc, 1sc in next sc, skip next sc * rep from * to * around. Slst to join. Fasten off leaving a tail to sew with. Place leaves over stem. Tack leaves down on hat.

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Skill Level: Advanced Beginner

Finished Size: 16 inches

Materials:

J crochet hook

Red Heart supersaver yarn in lavender, black, white, grey, bit of brown

Blunt eyed needle for attaching pieces

Fiberfill stuffing

Pattern Abbreviations:

R= round

Sl st= slip stitch

CH= chain

SC= single crochet

DC= double crochet

Sc2tog= single crochet two stitches together as one

Inc= increasing

Dec=decreasing

F.O.= fasten off

PATTERN NOTES: All pieces will start with a sloppy slip knot since they are worked in the round. This will prevent a hole in your work. Also, do not join rounds at the end. Continue with the next round, moving your stitch marker to mark the start of your round. **To make a sloppy slip knot:** wrap the yarn around the hook and then crochet as directed. Once the first round is completed, pull the tail tight as you hold the loop you just finished. Your loop will be tighter and there won't be any hole in the center.

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Goggle Strap- with black yarn, make sloppy slip knot
Row 1- Ch 35, turn
Row 2- Hdc 35, ch 1, turn
Rows 3- 4: Hdc in each st, ch 1, turn
Fasten off with tail.



B:

Eye Circle-start with brown and sc 6 into 2nd ch from hook

Round 2- CC to white: sc 2 in each sc (12sc)

Round 3- (2sc in the first st, sc next) repeat around to end (18sc)

Round 4- (2sc in first st, sc next two st) repeat around to end (24sc)

Round 5- (2sc in next st, sc next 3 st) repeat around to end (30 sc)

Round 6- CC to grey- sc in each st around (30 sc)

Round 7- Back loop only, sc in each st around (30sc) f.o. cut tail

Eyelids-Top and bottom

TOP: with purple yarn, ch 10 and turn

Round 2- Sc 10, ch 1 and turn

Round 3- Sc2tog two times and sc remaining stitches (8sc)

Round 4- Sc2tog, sc 5, sc2tog, f.o. with tail. Sew with needle and tail to top of eye just above brown iris with a running stitch, finish on the back side to hide knot.

BOTTOM: with purple yarn, ch 5, ch 1 and turn

Round 2- Sc in each st and finish off with tail and sew to eye going around in each st. Finish on back side

A: Head and Body

Start with a sloppy slip knot (see first page) and ch 2

Round 1- Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook

Round 2- (2sc in each sc) Inc to 12sc

Round 3- (2sc in the first st, sc next) repeat around to end (18sc)

Round 4- (2sc in first st, sc next two st) repeat around to end (24sc)

Round 5- (2sc in next st, sc next 3 st) repeat around to end (30 sc)

Round 6- (2sc in next st, sc next 4 st) repeat around to end (36sc)

Round 7- (2sc in next st, sc next 5 st) repeat around to end (42sc)

Rounds 8- 12: Sc around in each st (42sc)

Rounds 13- (Hdc2tog, Hdc next 5 st) repeat around (36 hdc)

Rounds 14-17: Hdc around in each st (36hdc)

Round 18: Sc-around in each st (36sc)

❖ **Stop here and make eye, goggle and band**

Rounds 19-22: Sc in each st around to end (36sc) STUFF to almost top of stitches

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Round 23-CC to black yarn: in front loop only, (2 Sc in first st, sc next 5) four times then sc remaining stitches (40sc)

Rounds 24-28: Hdc in each (40hdc)

Round 29- (Hdc2tog, hdc in next 4) dec to 33hdc

Round 30- Sc around in each st (33sc)

Round 31- (Hdc2tog, hdc next 3 st) around dec to 27hdc

Fasten off and weave in tail

Bottom of body

Make a circle of 27 hdc following rounds 1 – 4 from Head and Body

Round 5- (2hdc in next st, hdc next 3 st) repeat 3 times to inc to 27 hdc

F.O. with tail for attaching to bottom of body.

❖ Stuff Body firmly but that no stuffing shows through
Attach stitch to stitch around and sew by whip stitching. F.O. and hide tail.

❖ Attach the goggle strap by threading the tail on the needle and whip stitching around the 13th round of the head (where the hdc stitches are). Once the strap is secure, do the same with the eye after centering it. The ends of the eye should cover the two ends of the strap. Sew with a running stitch on the flattest part of the eye to attach to the body. Hide tails and knot on the back of the eye.

Overall Straps- Make 2

Row 1- With the black yarn, ch 15, turn

Row 2- Hdc in each st, ch 1, turn

Row 3- Hdc in each st, turn and sl st in next st and fasten off with a tail.

❖ When you have two straps made, thread the tail onto the needle and attach the first chain of stitches to the body in an arched shape to the end of the row until secure. Keep the strap curved as you sew. Pull the tail down into the body area and knot. Do the same on the other side.



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They don't have to match up exactly. It adds to

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ARMS- Make 2

Start with a sloppy slip knot (see first page) and ch 2

Round 1- Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook

Round 2- (2sc in each sc) Inc to 12sc

Round 3- (2sc in the first st, sc next) repeat around to end (18sc)

Round 4-22: Sc in each stitch around to end (18sc)

Stuff arms slightly to the top so they are still bend able. Put aside until gloves are finished

GLOVES- Make 2

Start with a sloppy slip knot (see first page) and ch 2

Round 1- Hdc 6 in 2nd ch from hook

Round 2- (2hdc in each hdc) Inc to 12hdc

Round 3- (2hdc in the first st, hdc next) repeat around to end (18hdc)

Round 4-8: Hdc in each stitch around to end (18hdc)

Thumb- Ch 5, turn, sc 4, ch 1, sc 4, ch 1, turn, sl st to first st, sc 3 down back to circle

Round 5- Sc in each st around up to the thumb



Bottom Lip Circle (far left)-make 1

Start with a sloppy slip knot (see first page) and ch 2

Round 1- Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook

Round 2- (2sc in each sc) Inc to 12sc

Round 3- (2sc in the first st, sc next) repeat around to end (18sc)

Round 4- (Hdc 2 in first, hdc next 2) repeat around (24 hdc)

Fold circle in half, just under the middle mark and stitch to top of pants in between the overall straps. Fasten off and hide knot.



What the glove should look like – thumb will go Behind the body when attaching; first fold the Thumb in toward the glove. Use the tail to attach To the bottom of the arm (rounded area) after Stuffing the arms



Attaching the bottom lip

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Before folding the thumb



After folding the thumb in- stitch around to
Secure the glove to the arm

ATTACH THE ARMS TO THE BODY

Using the tail on the end of the arm, thread the needle and whip stitch the arm under the overall straps, onto the body, making sure to go through all the stitches on the arms



BOOTS

MAKE THE BOOTS

Make 2

Start with a sloppy slip knot (see first page) and ch 2

Round 1- Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook

Round 2- (2sc in each sc) Inc to 12sc

Round 3- (2Hdc in the first st, Hdc next) repeat around to end (18 Hdc)

Rounds 4-5: Hdc 2 in first 2 st, hdc next 7, hdc 2 in next 2, hdc in next 8 st (26 hdc)

Round 6- Hdc in each st (26 hdc)

Round 7-Sc around in each st (26 sc)

Round 8-(Hdc2tog, hdc next 2) repeat around dec to (20 hdc)

Round 9-(Sc2tog, sc next st) repeat around dec to 13 sc

Fasten off with tail for attaching to bottom of body, whip stitching to the 3rd & 4th rounds

❖ Shape so the bottoms stay flat and stuff so the body will "sit" on the boots.

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ADD TEETH

First tooth-With your white yarn, make a chain of 4, turn, sc 3, turn, sc 2, turn

2nd tooth-Ch 6, turn, sc 5, turn, sc 5, ch 7, turn

3rd tooth-sc 6, turn, sc 6, turn, sc 6, ch 2 and fasten off with tail to use for attaching to inside of lower lip.

ADD HAIR

Cut strands approximately 6, 8 and 12 inches long of purple yarn. These will be attached to the top, middle and bottom levels of the minion's head respectively. Loop each piece of yarn through the stitch and pull tight. It will look like the photo below. Keep doing this until at least 2 or more rounds on the bottom above the eye have been mostly filled in. Do as many as you like. It will puff out when you separate the strands.

Do the same a few more rounds above the last one with the hair. On the top of the head, cover the entire circle with the smallest pieces of yarn. When you're finished attaching your hair, separate each strand within each piece. Carefully pull them apart so you don't break them. Fluff them by hand and push upward to get the big hairdo look. Make the hair as bushy as you want.



Another less labor-intensive option is to use a matching color thick or bulky yarn or fur and do the same.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at wonderificdesign@netzero.net. If you have a moment, please let me know how you liked the pattern. If you find any errors, please let me know so I can correct it. Thanks again and enjoy!



Making Time

by Liisa Mackey

It's 2 a.m. on a Tuesday, and my toddler will be up in four hours.

I think, I'll just finish this row ...

Everyone who loves crochet understands exactly what I am talking about ... especially those who could rival the best circus clown act with the amount of juggling they do on a daily basis. Like me. Managing a wealth of responsibilities—and finding time to feed my need for crochet—is a challenge I am determined to meet.

It's now 3 a.m., and it seems that as soon as my head hits the pillow, the baby monitor is crying at me. It's 6 a.m., and I am rushing around the house to tidy up before Elisabeth's therapist Nicole arrives. My two-year-old has special needs and receives therapy daily in our home. So, I rush around to dress the baby (and myself), feed and entertain her, vacuum the rugs, sweep the floors, empty the dishwasher and trash, and give the bathroom a wipe down.

Why didn't I just do all of this last night, when I wasn't all bleary-eyed and too rushed to set up my very necessary coffee IV drip? *The answer is obvious:* My crochet hooks beckon me like the wail of the Siren beckons unwitting sailors to a watery doom. When Elisabeth and Nicole settle in for their session, I settle in for a bit of crochet. I select a project from a vast expanse of yarn-filled bags for what I hope will be a few uninterrupted hours, hit the couch, and switch on the floor lamp.

But this time is destined to be interrupted, as Elisabeth frequently escapes Nicole's hot seat, and comes running to me in search of hugs and kisses and comfort. These are the best kinds of interruptions, I think, as I cuddle and kiss my baby, and stare wistfully at the mounting collection of projects mocking me from the corner of the living room.

Time mocks me, too, as most of the items on my ever-expanding crochet project list have some sort of deadline attached to them. I've got a gift list for friends and relatives, an inventory list for my craft fair table and future Etsy store, a prop list for my photographer friend, and a list of things I'd like to make for my home, family and, at last, myself. The out-of-control mess mocks my husband, Ed—he asks me at every other day if there is still a wood stove underneath that mass of spun fiber. This is his cryptic way of asking me when I am going to find another home for it.

When 11:30 a.m. rolls around, Elisabeth's (and my crochet) therapy ends, and I'm back flying solo on Mommy duty. I feel like I haven't accomplished anything at all with a hook and yarn in the past few hours, since frequent interruptions mean lost stitch counts and lost places in patterns.

Oh well, there is always nap time. Hers, not mine. I've got some crocheting to do. I can sleep when I'm dead.

After lunch and some playtime, it is 1 p.m., and baby girl is asleep for what may be a couple of hours. I squander a few treasured minutes picking up scattered toys, clearing the table, loading the dishwasher, and throwing on some laundry. At last, it's time to squeeze in a little more stitching!

This is the time of day I enjoy most for projects. My house is quiet and clean, and I can really concentrate and crank out the crochet. I try to make the most of it, because I know that when the baby monitor breaks its silence, it's time to stash my hooks away from prying little hands. It's time to attend to the wealth of other responsibilities that come with being a wife, mother/therapist, and homemaker. The crafter, writer, and budding entrepreneur might have to wait until my little one is back in bed for the night, when I will have about half a dozen hours to churn out some work, before the daily process begins all over again.

Balancing the responsibilities of career and motherhood, keeping a home, and feeding a passion to create truly tests one's fortitude.

I find myself pleading with Father Time to please slide a few extra hours on over my way each day, but he won't budge. Doesn't he know I have things to accomplish? Because I am passionate about crochet, I beg, borrow, and steal any moment I can. My grandmother, whom I admired greatly, was a skilled crafter. She taught me the basic granny square when I was a young child, and I was hooked. Family and legacy is something I cherish, so I crochet to maintain my connection with her, and to honor her memory. One day, I hope to pass this gift on to my child.

I am thinking this very thought when the phone rings. It is my mom. In the middle of a conversation about crochet, she interjects, "You should stop crocheting for awhile because of all the stress you have. Worrying about crochet projects, too, has to add more stress to your life." Her statement surprises me, and couldn't be any farther from the truth! I was amazed that everyone who can crochet doesn't feel the same way I feel about it.

It is cathartic. It relaxes me and helps me escape all the regular stress of life for a little while each day. There is something so completely enthralling about the methodical looping and counting, and experiencing the metamorphosis from thread to finished product. Without a doubt, it helps keep me sane, so it is essential that I find time to fit it into my daily routine.

Just one more row...

How do you make time to crochet?



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I come from a long line of crocheters. Mom sat me on her knee at 8 years old and didn't let me get up until I learned to crochet. Without giving away my age, let's just say that was a long time ago. I guess I crochet with a vengeance because my husband says I have an intense look on my face whenever I have a hook in my hand. Being a lefty presented many challenges reading patterns, so I started creating my own.



I suppose I'm a crochet avenger, some kind of new brand of superhero intent on making the world a prettier and more genteel place by bringing back the finer arts of needlework.



Let's save the world together, one stitch at a time! Peace, love, crochet! Kim

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Materials: Caron Simply Soft (pictured in Pistachio), 1 skein is 315 yds but you will use only a portion. I've also used Vanna's Choice Yarn. Size J (6.00 mm) hook

Special stitches:

Hdc Ribbing: This pattern is worked in rows instead of rounds. The hook is inserted beneath the third loop of a hdc. See picture below: (wrong side)

Row 1: (right side) Ch 2, hdc in each st across.

Row 2: (wrong side) The hook needs to be inserted around the loop right BELOW where you would normally insert the hook. This makes a ribbing pattern. See picture to left.

Row 3: (right side) is worked in back loop of each hdc.

Pattern is worked vertically around wrist.

Row 1: Ch 20, hdc in 2nd ch from hook and each remaining ch. - 18 hdc

Row 2-14: Repeat rows 2-3 of Special Stitches, making a ribbing pattern. (Alternately, you could work in back loop of each row). At

end of Row 14, turn to wrong side and sl st together, forming a tube. Do not end off.



Top Edging: Turn to right side of work and work in hdc around top of tube.

Round 1: Ch 2, working in the end of rows, alternate working 2 hdc in the end of one row, then 1 hdc in next for a total of 22 sts. Join..

Round 2: Ch 2, work behind hdc in third post (see pic above), hdc in next 18 sts, ch 4, sk 4 sts, join. (skipped sts makes thumb opening) Working in third post behind hdc makes a ribbing pattern.

Round 3: Ch 2, hdc in third post of each hdc and ea ch around, working hdc dec over last 2 sts. Join. 21 sts.

Round 4: Ch 1, *sc in next st, ch 3, 2 dc in third ch from hook, sk 2 sts*. Repeat from * around. Join to ch 1.

Lower Edging: Attach yarn to lower side and work around bottom of tube in hdc.

Round 1: Ch 2, evenly sp 22 hdc as for Round 1 of top edging. Join.

Round 2-3: Ch 2, work hdc around in third post behind hdc of previous round.
End off.

Weave in ends and tack to wrong side with a dab of fabric glue.

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The Strawberry Basket Tunisian Washcloth is a fun and interesting introduction to the world of Tunisian Crochet! Just a few stitches, one hook, and a bit of cotton are all you need to get started with this amazing technique.



Strawberry Basket Tunisian Washcloth



By Tamara Kelly - www.mooglyblog.com

Materials:

- US - J, 6.00mm Tunisian or afghan hook
- Worsted weight kitchen cotton in 3 colors, 60 yds total

Tunisian Stitch Instructions and Tutorials:

Tunisian Foundation Forward Pass, Return Pass, Simple Stitch (TSS) and TSS Bind Off :

<http://www.mooglyblog.com/tunisian-crochet-tutorials/>

Tunisian Knit Stitch (TKS): <http://www.mooglyblog.com/tunisian-knit-stitch/>

Tunisian Purl Stitch (TPS): <http://www.mooglyblog.com/tunisian-purl-stitch/>

Tunisian Strawberry Stitch (TStS):

<http://www.mooglyblog.com/tunisian-strawberry-stitch/>

Instructions:

Row 1: With Color A, ch 27 and work a standard Tunisian Foundation Forward Pass. (27 sts)

Row 2: Standard Tunisian Return Pass. (27 sts)

Row 3: Skip the first st (loop on hook always counts as first st), TKS in the next 2 sts. *TPS in next 3 sts, TKS in next 3 sts. Repeat from * to end. (27 sts)

Row 4: Standard Tunisian Return Pass.

Row 5 - 8: Repeat Rows 3 - 4 twice.

Row 9: Skip the first st, TPS in the next 2 sts.
*TKS in the next 3 sts, TPS in the next 3 sts.
Repeat from * to end, finishing last repeat with 2 TPS and a TKS in the last st. (27 sts)

Row 10: Standard Tunisian Return Pass.

Row 11 - 14: Repeat Rows 9 - 10 twice.

Row 15 - 20: Repeat Rows 3 - 4 3 times.

Row 21 - 26: Repeat Rows 9 - 10 3 times.
Finish the last st with Color B. Do not break Color A yarn, but leave hanging to pick up later.



Row 27: With Color B, work the first forward pass of TStS as follows. Skip the first st, and TSS in the next two sts. Then working into the next st as for a Tunisian Knit Stitch (TKS), make 5 dc as if you were making a bobble. In other words, *yo, insert the hook as for a TKS, yo, pull up a loop, pull through two loops, and leave the last loop on the hook. Repeat from * 4 more times in the same st. At this point you

should have 8 loops on the hook – 3 from the first 3 TSS, then 5 from the set of dc sts. ** TSS in the next 3 sts, then work the 5 dc sts in the next st as a TKS, leaving the last loop of each dc on the hook. Repeat from ** until there are 3 sts, left, work TSS in the last 3 sts. (51 sts)

Row 28: Standard Tunisian Return Pass, finish last st with Color C. Do not break Color B.

Row 29: With Color C, work the second forward pass of TStS as follows. Skip the first st, TSS in the next 2 sts. *Then working into the tops of the dc sts, TKS in each dc. Yo, and pull through the first 5 loops on the hook. TSS in the next 3 sts. Repeat from * to end. (27 sts)

Row 30: Yo, pull through the first 3 loops. *Yo, pull through 2 loops. Repeat from * until 4 loops remain. With Color B, yo and pull through all 4 loops.

Row 31 - 46: Repeat Rows 27 - 30 4 times, finishing the last stitch of Row 46 with Color C. The stitch counts will decrease as follows:

Row 31: 43 sts

Row 33: 23 sts

Row 35: 35 sts

Row 37: 19 sts

Row 39: 27 sts

Row 41: 15 sts

Row 43: 19 sts

Row 45: 11 sts

Row 47: With Color C, work the TSS bind off. Break Colors B and C only.

Edging and Loop: Insert hook near where Color A ended, yo with Color A and work sc all around outside edge. At the top of the berries, make a ch 10 loop if desired. Break yarn and join to first sc of edging. Weave in ends. Wet block if desired.





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Chevron Cowl Crochet Pattern

by Kristi Simpson (RAKJpatterns)



Materials:

Hook: N-9.0mm

Yarn: Medium Weight (weight 4)

Used: Red Heart Soft

100% acrylic (256 yd/5 oz per skein)

Color A: #4601 Off White

Color B: #9520 Sea Foam

Color C: #9518 Teal

Yarn Needle

Legend:

Chain (ch)

Stitch (st)

Skip

Slip Stitch (sl st)

Single Crochet (sc)

Single Crochet decrease (sc dec)

Gauge:

4" square in sc = 11 rows and 12 stitches

Please check gauge and adjust accordingly

Notes:

1. Pattern is worked rows.
2. Cowl will be made in one panel, and then sew together to create the cowl.
3. If you would like to make the cowl larger, you can easily adjust the counts by 12+2.

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2. When a number is AFTER the command, such as hdc3, you will work that command in the number of FOLLOWING stitches.
3. The number in parenthesis () at the end of the round is the TOTAL number of stitches for that round.

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Directions:

Using Color A, Ch72+2 (74 sts).

Row 1: 2sc in second stitch, * sc5, skip 1 chain, sc5, 3sc in next stitch, repeat from * to last 12 stitches, sc5, skip 1 chain, sc5, 2sc in last stitch (72 sts).

Row 2: Turn, ch1, 2sc in second stitch, * sc5, skip 2 chains, sc5, 3sc in next stitch, repeat from * to last 12 stitches, sc5, skip 2 chains, sc5, 2sc in last stitch.

Row 3: Fasten off Color A, join Color B, repeat Row 2

Row 4: Repeat Row 2.

Row 5: Fasten off Color B, join Color C, repeat Row 2

Row 6: Repeat Row 2.

Rows 7-20: Repeat Row 2, changing colors ever 2 rows. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Finishing

Using yarn needle, sew the ends together. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

This cowl is the perfect accessory to add a touch of color and flair to any wardrobe. It is fast and easy to create, and is stunning to wear! The chevron is wildly popular, and this cowl would be the ultimate gift to anyone who loves this pattern!

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Reading this Pattern:

- * This pattern is worked in rows.
- * The number in () at the end of each round is the total number of stitches for that round!
- * Ch-3 at the beg. of each row counts as 1dc through.
- * When a Number is Before the stitch command you will work in the Same stitch. Ex.- 2sc
- * When a Number is After the stitch command, you

Stitches and Abbreviations

Used in this Pattern

Stitch	Abbreviation
Slip stitch	slst
Single crochet	sc
Skip	sk
Chain Stitch	ch
Stitch(es)	st.(s)
Double Crochet	dc
Front Post Double Crochet	Fpdc
Special Stich: Shell	(2dc, ch-1, 2dc)

Materials:

- *Hook: I/9-5.50mm
- * Yarn: 2-14oz. Cones of Peaches and Cream 100% Cotton, Medium(#4) weight, in Panorama
- * 1 Large Eyed Threading Needle

Gauge: 3dc = 1 in. x 1 row dc = 1in., 1 row shell = 1in.

Finished Sizes: Approx. 42in. Wide x 60in. Long

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Blanket

1.) ch-107

Bottom Band

2.) in Ch-104 work dc in the bottom loop of ch, dc across. -104 dc

3.) ch-3, turn, Fpdc across. -104 Fpdc

4.) ch-3, turn, Fpdc across. -104 Fpdc

5.) ch-3, turn, Fpdc across. -104 Fpdc

Body

6.) ch-3, turn, sk next, shell, *sk-3, shell. Repeat * across, ending with a shell. Sk next, dc in last. -26 shells

7.) ch-3, turn, shell in the ch-1 of each previous shell. -26 shells

8-65.) Repeat Row 7 for a total of 65 Shell Rows.

Top Band

66.) ch-1, turn, ch-1, *slst in ch-1 of previous Shell, ch-3. Repeat * across to last shell. Ch-1, sc in ch-3.

67.) ch-3, trun, dc in ch-1, *dc in slst, dc in next 3ch. Repeat * across. -104dc

68.) ch-3, turn, Fpdc across. -104 Fpdc

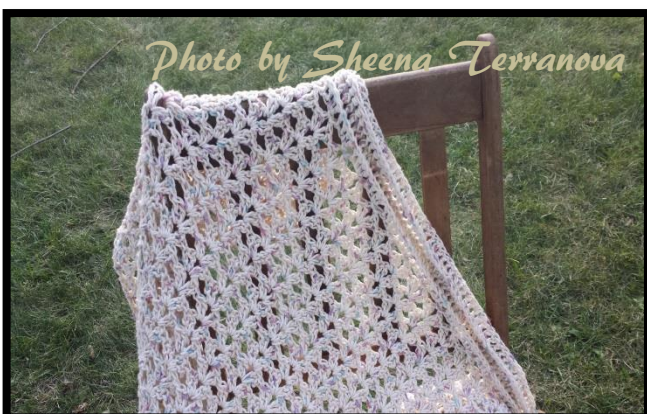
69.) ch-3, turn, Fpdc across. -104 Fpdc

70.) ch-3, turn, Fpdc across. -104 Fpdc

71.) ch-3, turn, Fpdc across. -104 Fpdc

Fasten Off! Weave in Ends!

****Optional:** for clean edges on the sides of your blanket you may work 2sc along each dc and ch-3!



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Hi, my name is Sascha and I'm the designer and owner of A la Sascha. I'm a married mommy of 2, living in the Netherlands.

I've been a crochet and knitting addict for a few years. When I started my own blog it soon led to a lot of free patterns until I decided to try and create my own little pattern store.

I always try to be original and write down my patterns in a way that everybody can understand and follow. That's why all of my patterns are carefully tested first and I always try to respond to any questions.

My stores are filled with a large variety of patterns, you can find toys, amigurumi's, wearable items in both child and adult sizes and a lot of accessories such as my ponchettes, shawls, scarfs and purses.

About the pattern

I'm very honored to have the opportunity to publish a pattern right here in Inspired Crochet Magazine! When I showed Kristi a preview of my winter collection, we quickly agreed that the Simple Slouchy hat would be a great fit.

It is a very simple pattern with a lovely light texture to create the breezy "slouchiness", but also a fitting knit-look brim to keep the hat in place.

It's a really quick project made with an 10mm/N crochet hook and bulky weight yarn.

Available in two sizes: Toddler/Child and Teen/Adult. It looks great on both women and men!



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Simple Slouchy Hat

Materials

- Bulky weight yarn, I've used Phildar Partner 6
- 2 (leather) buttons
- Crochet hook 10mm / N
- Needle

Sizes

Toddler/Child	Head circ: 17-20" / 43-51cm	Yarn: ±65m/71yd
Teen/ adult	Head circ: 21-24" / 53-61cm	Yarn: ±98m/107yd



Abbreviations

Ch: Chain	Sc: Single crochet	Sc2tog: Single crochet 2 stitches together
Bpsc	Back post single crochet	Worked as a regular single crochet, but instead of inserting your hook into the stitch as usual you'll insert your hook around the stitch. Keep your hook at the back of your work and insert from right to left around the indicated stitch, yarn over, draw up a loop, yarn over, draw through both loops.

Toddler / Child Hat

- o Rnd 1: Start with a magic loop, 6sc in loop, you'll be working in the round (6)
 - o Rnd 2: **Back loops only**, 2sc in each stitch around (12)
 - o Rnd 3: **Back loops only**, *sc 1, 2sc in next* repeat around (18)
 - o Rnd 4: **Back loops only**, *sc 2, 2sc in next* repeat around (24)
 - o Rnd 5: **Back loops only**, *sc 3, 2sc in next* repeat around (30)
 - o Rnd 6: **Back loops only**, *sc 4, 2sc in next* repeat around (36)
 - o Rnd 7: **Back loops only**, *sc 5, 2sc in next* repeat around (42)
 - o Rnd 8: **Back loops only**, *sc 6, 2sc in next* repeat around (48)
 - o Rnd 9: **Back loops only**, *sc 11, 2sc in next* repeat around (52)
 - o Rnd 10: - Rnd 14: **Back loops only**, sc in each stitch around (52)
 - o Rnd 15: **Back loops only**, *sc 1, sc2tog* repeat around, 1sc in last (35)
 - o Rnd 16: - Rnd 21: bpsc in each stitch around (35)
- Cut yarn and weave in ends.



Teen / Adult Hat

- o Rnd 1: Start with a magic loop, 6sc in loop, you'll be working in the round (6)
 - o Rnd 2: **Back loops only**, 2sc in each stitch around (12)
 - o Rnd 3: **Back loops only**, *sc 1, 2sc in next* repeat around (18)
 - o Rnd 4: **Back loops only**, *sc 2, 2sc in next* repeat around (24)
 - o Rnd 5: **Back loops only**, *sc 3, 2sc in next* repeat around (30)
 - o Rnd 6: **Back loops only**, *sc 4, 2sc in next* repeat around (36)
 - o Rnd 7: **Back loops only**, *sc 5, 2sc in next* repeat around (42)
 - o Rnd 8: **Back loops only**, *sc 6, 2sc in next* repeat around (48)
 - o Rnd 9: **Back loops only**, *sc 7, 2sc in next* repeat around (54)
 - o Rnd 10: **Back loops only**, *sc 8, 2sc in next* repeat around (60)
 - o Rnd 11: - Rnd 18: **Back loops only**, sc in each stitch around (60)
 - o Rnd 19: **Back loops only**, *sc 1, sc2tog* repeat around (40)
 - o Rnd 20: - Rnd 24: bpsc in each stitch around (40)
- Cut yarn and weave in ends.



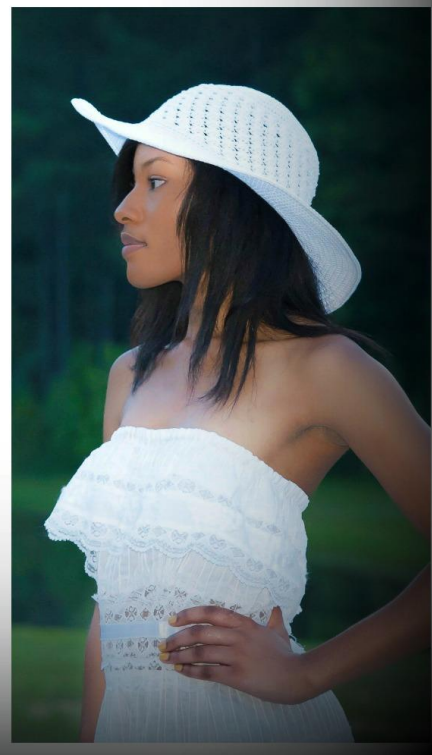
Button piece

- o Rnd 1: Ch6, 5sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc 3, 5sc in last, now continue along other side of chains, sc 4, sl st in first sc.
- Sew in place and attach buttons on each side of the strap.



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Southern and Sassy

**By ELK Studio Handcrafted
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Pattern and photo tutorial

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Model: Tiara Baker

Supplies:

1. Sinfonia 100% mercerized cotton. 2 skeins (Hobby Lobby or www.creativeyarnsource.com)
2. Crochet Hook Size – G/4.25
3. Tapestry needle for weaving in the ends.
4. 19" gauge millinery wire (1 ½ yards of wire)
5. Joiner
6. Stiffening spray (optional)

Suppliers:

1. Yarn – Hobby Lobby or www.creativeyarnsource.com
2. Wire and Joiners – for bulk items www.judithm.com
3. Stiffening Spray - www.judithm.com (Custom Spray) or Michaels

If you are making this item for personal use, you can purchase 1 ½ yards and a joiner from my Etsy shop. <https://www.etsy.com/shop/kathylashley>

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Gauge: 10 stitches and 7 Rows = approximately 2 inches. (My measurements were taken from the rounds using the hdc st.

Abbreviations:

ch – chain

sc – single crochet

hdc – half double crochet

sl st – slip st

YO – yarn over

Right-Handed Version

- **On each round of the increase rows I will instruct you to ch 1. This does not count as an hdc throughout the pattern.**

ch 4, sl st into first ch to make a ring.

Round 1: ch 1, 12 hdc in ring, sl st in first hdc (12 st)

Round 2: ch 1, 2 hdc in each hdc, sl st in first hdc (24 st)

Round 3: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, work 2 hdc in next hdc, *hdc in next hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc , repeat from * to *join by sl st in first hdc (36 st)

Round 4: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, hdc in next hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc, *hdc in next 2 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc*, repeat from * to * join by sl st in first hdc (48 st)

Round 5: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, hdc in next 2 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc, *hdc in next 3 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc*, repeat from * to * join by sl st in first hdc (60 st)

Round 6: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, hdc in next 3 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc, *hdc in next 4 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc*, repeat from * to * join by sl st in first hdc (72 st)

Round 7: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, *hdc in next 4 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc, *hdc in next 5 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc*, repeat from * to * join by sl st in first hdc (84 st)

Round 8: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, *hdc in next 5 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc, *hdc in next 6 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc*, repeat from * to * join by sl st in first hdc (96 st)

Round 9: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, *hdc in next 6 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc, *hdc in next 7 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc*, repeat from * to * join by sl st in first hdc (108 st)

Round 10: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, hdc in next hdc and around, join by sl st in first hdc (108 st)

Round 11: ch 3, dc in next 2 hdc, in previous st before ch 3, YO, insert hook and pull up a loop, YO and pull through 2 loops, YO and pull through remaining two loops, *skip next hdc, dc in next 3 hdc, in skipped hdc, YO, insert hook and pull up a loop, YO and pull through 2 loops, YO and pull through remaining two loops*, repeat from *to*, join by sl st in top of ch 3.(108 st) **(See special instructions)**

Round 12 - 19: ch 3, dc in next 2 dc, in previous st before ch 3, YO, insert hook and pull up a loop, YO and pull through 2 loops, YO and pull through remaining two loops, *skip next dc, dc in next 3 dc, in skipped dc, YO, insert hook and pull up a loop, YO and pull through 2 loops, YO and pull through remaining two loops*, repeat from *to*, join by sl st in top of ch 3.(108 st) **(See special instructions)**

Special Instructions: To make the unique design, on round 11-19, you will ch 3 and dc in next 2 hdc. You will then YO and insert hook into the previous hdc **prior** to ch 3, YO and pull up loop on hook, pull through 2 loops, YO and pull through the remaining two loops. (Basically you are going to do a dc but it will feel different.)

(Special Instruction Images)

Chain 3



2 dc in next 2 hdc



dc in previous hdc



YO, insert hook and pull up a loop. 3 loops on hook, YO and pull through 2 loops



YO and pull through remaining two loops



Round 20: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, hdc in next hdc and around, join by sl st in first hdc (108 st)

Round 21: ch 1 and hdc in front loop only, hdc in front loop only in next hdc and around, join by sl st in first hdc (108 st)

Begin increasing;

Round 22: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, hdc in next 4 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc, *hdc in next 5 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc*, repeat from * to * join by sl st in first hdc (126 st)

Round 23: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, *hdc in next 5 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc, *hdc in next 6 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc*, repeat from * to * join by sl st in first hdc (144 st)

Round 24: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, hdc in next hdc and around, join by sl st in first hdc (144 st)

Round 25: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, *hdc in next 6 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc, *hdc in next 7 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc*, repeat from * to * join by sl st in first hdc (162 st)

Round 26: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, hdc in next hdc and around, join by sl st in first hdc (162 st)

Round 27: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, *hdc in next 7 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc, *hdc in next 8 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc*, repeat from * to * join by sl st in first hdc (180 st)

Round 28: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, hdc in next hdc and around, join by sl st in first hdc (180 st)

Round 29: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, *hdc in next 8 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc, *hdc in next 9 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc*, repeat from * to * join by sl st in first hdc (198 st)

Round 30: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, hdc in next hdc and around, join by sl st in first hdc (198 st)

Round 31: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, *hdc in next 9 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc, *hdc in next 10 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc*, repeat from * to * join by sl st in first hdc (216 st)

Round 32: ch 1 and hdc in same sp, hdc in next hdc and around, join by sl st in first hdc (216 st)

Row 33 is where you will add the millinery wire. Start crocheting the yarn as you normally would just yarning over the wire and continue this until you get about 3 inches from the end. At this point try to gauge how much wire you will need to finish off the hat. Cut the wire and unravel a small portion of the rayon from the wire exposing the silver. This is the portion that you insert into the joiner and using pliers clamp the ends tight. Finish crocheting the remainder of the hat and fasten off. See Round 33 instructions below:

Round 33: Position wire in place, ch 1 and hdc around wire in same sp, hdc around wire in next hdc and around, join by sl st in first hdc (216 st)

Insert hook into st with wire lying on top of st

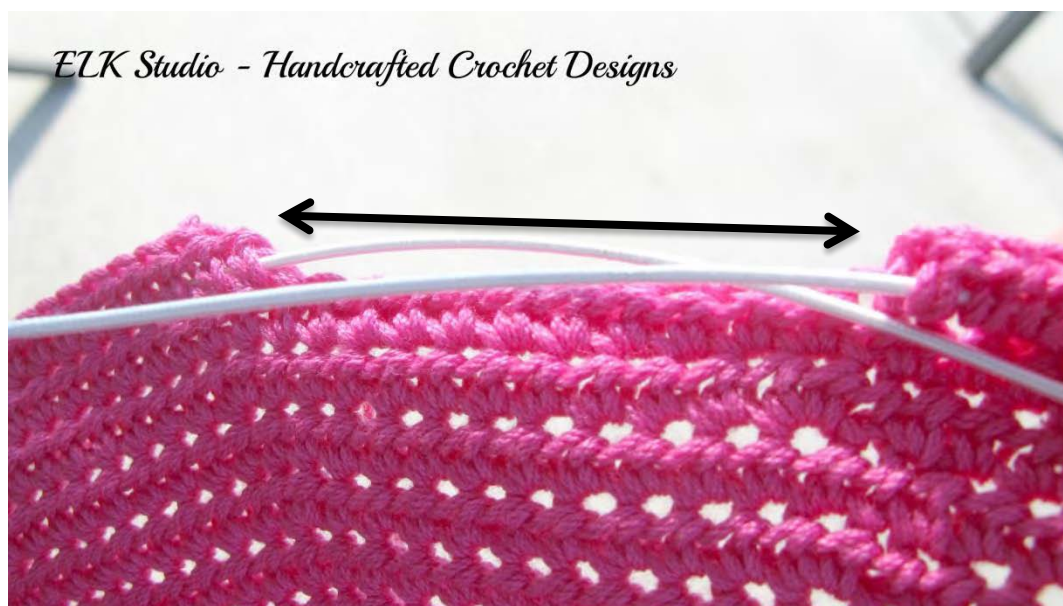


hdc around wire and pull through all three loops



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hdc around until approximately 3 inches to first hdc and gauge where to cut wire.



Unravel a small portion of the rayon exposing the wire on both ends.



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Insert each end of the wire into the joiner.



Using pliers, apply pressure to secure the wire into the joiner being careful not to cut the joiner.



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Round 34: ch 1 and sc in same sp, sc in next sc and around, join by sl st in first sc. (216 st).

The long tail is to weave along the join to cover it up. Run the yarn along the top side of the wire and then do the same thing for the underside. The yarn will help disguise the silver join. Weave in remaining yarn and finish off.

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Interviews
with
Crochet
Designer
Shops

Your pattern collection is growing and you wonder.....
"What can I do with my ever growing pattern stash?"
Well, check out what these designers have done
with their patterns and

BE INSPIRED!

Interviews hosted by Angie Bailes

Stitching Girl

Angie-How did you learn to crochet?

Stitching Girl-My mom taught me the basics, doilies, granny squares, but I taught myself how to read a pattern and make things from there.

Angie: Crochet is a great art to pass through families. Then to build on that knowledge for yourself.

Angie: How long have you been crocheting?

Stitching Girl: Pretty much my whole life. My mom always did crafts when I was growing up and taught me whatever she was doing.

Angie: That is great, I also learned most of my crafts from my family.

Angie: Do you design your own patterns?

Stitching Girl: Not yet but I do have some plans in the works.

Angie: Can't wait to see what you come up with.

Angie: What are some of your inspirations for crochet designs?

Stitching Girl: All of my crafty friends. I take ideas that I see and try to make them my own. RAKJ Patterns and Happy Berry are two of my favorite designers.

Angie: There are so many great designs out now that it would take years and years to do them.

Angie: Who has been most influential in your crocheting adventures?

Stitching Girl: My customers. They are what push me to try new things and make items I would never have dreamed of trying before.

Angie: It is so wonderful to take something that is in a person's mind and bring it to life for them.

Angie: What is your favorite hook?

Stitching Girl: Don't really have one, odd lol.

Angie: Not odd. I have heard about every known hook from fellow crocheters, only some have favorites.

Angie: What is your favorite yarn?

Stitching Girl: Caron Simply Soft

Angie: That is some fabulous yarn to use especially if you are making things for little ones.

Angie: What tool have you found you cannot do without while you crochet?

Stitching Girl: Stitch markers, usually this is just a scrap piece of left over yarn but they are my lifeline.

Angie: I think that is one of the most useful tools for a crocheter is left over yarn stitch markers.

Angie: Do you like quiet when you crochet or do you listen to music/watch tv/etc?

Stitching Girl: I am a multi-tasker so I'm always doing at least two things at once, usually watching TV.

Angie: TV watching is the number one thing that is used along with crocheting that I have found.

Angie: What is your greatest pet peeve about crocheting?

Stitching Girl: The fact that my gauge is usually tighter than most patterns. It means I usually have to tweak everything I make which can get tiring at times.

Angie: Tweaking is a most known talent that all crocheters have.

Angie: What are some of your favorite things to crochet? What are some of your least favorite things to crochet?

Stitching Girl: My favorites are scarves and tutus. I love personalizing scarves and love making little "princess skirts". I'm not a huge fan of flowers and bows and all the little stuff lol.

I like big projects.

Angie: Seeing little Princesses twirling is a wondrous thing.

Angie: What is the biggest thing you have crocheted? What is the smallest?

Stitching Girl: The biggest thing is a blanket I made a while back, it was a crazy ongoing project that was probably the size of a full bed. Smallest would be the embellishments on my hats.

Angie: Many crocheters have started a project that would be for a bed and end up with something that would cover a car. I have seen some really cute embellishments.

Be sure and go check out Stitching Girl:
<https://www.facebook.com/StitchingGirl>

Chris Cross Crafts

My name is Christine, named after one of my mother's best friends. I learned to crochet at 6 and that year everybody in my family had to have a potholder from my hook.

They may have not been quite square, but I was so proud to see them hanging in my family's kitchen. Now days I crochet for the fun of it. I love seeing new things that are coming out and trying to make something that is recognizable from the movie, cartoon or whatever it is and the excitement there is to wear it. I try to write down everything so if asked it can be made again or the pattern is there to pass on the joy of making the item.

I have 4 sons, my husband has 2 sons and 2 daughters. We have 2 grandkids and are expecting another one at the beginning of the new year. I have 5 cats and one is very special to me. Her name is Baby Girl. I raised her from a tiny 2 week old kitten to a small but fat cat. She is my mascot and shows up on my logo. I own ChrisCrossCrafts. The name was given to me by my oldest son that walked around the house saying "Chris-Cross" because he thought it was funny. It has been 18 years

since I named my business, 10 since I started writing down the patterns. Hoping for many more years with lots of grandkids to crochet for.

Angie: How did you learn to crochet?

Chriss Cross Crafts (CCC): My mother taught me when I was about 6, because I would not quit pestering her on what she was doing. She crocheted and knitted. I believe she thought the crochet hook was safer for a 6 year old than long pointy needles. I later learned to knit about 4 years later.

Angie: Knitting needles can be scary for any age. I was always poking myself with one when I tried to learn to knit.

Angie: How long have you been crocheting?
CCC: 40 years, but I really started working on it the last 10 years. That is when I started writing patterns down and having a hook in my hand almost constantly.

Angie: That is great, you have been crocheting about as long as I have been alive (42).

Angie: Do you design your own patterns?

CCC: Yes, I love making new things. I write the pattern down so if I want to make it again I have a blue print to follow.

Angie: It is always easier to have a blue print to follow if you are going to be making the same thing over and over again.

Angie: What are some of your inspirations for crochet designs?

CCC: Cartoons and family, things that are popular right now.

Angie: Crocheting is a great excuse for adults to watch cartoons if there are no kids around. I was watching Scooby Doo to make a crochet pattern. LOL

Angie: Who has been most influential in your crocheting adventures?

CCC: My family. I make a lot of things with them in mind and love watching them use whatever it is.

Angie: Family is great for inspiration in crochet. And it is very rewarding when a family member uses something you have created for them.

Angie: What is your favorite hook?

CCC: I am partial to my I hook. I have about 5 of them, 3 of them I have actually worn the finish off so bad that now it will leave marks on my hand from where I am holding it.

Angie: It is great to have backups for our favorite hooks, but some hooks you just go back to over and over again like an old friend.

Angie: What is your favorite yarn?

CCC: I love Red Heart Super Saver. The yarn has become softer over the years and there is so many colors to choose from.

Angie: There are so many great colors out on the market today and they are always coming up with more every year.

Angie: What tool have you found you cannot do without while you crochet?

CCC: Besides my hook and yarn, it has to be my laptop. It is always on my lap when I am working on something. Either I am looking at a pattern, writing it down or looking at a picture of what I am trying to replicate in yarn.

Angie: Laptops and iPads are fabulous creations for the crafters today. The patterns are right at hand and perfect for taking notes while working.

Angie: Do you like quiet when you crochet or do you listen to music/watch tv/etc?

CCC: The TV or computer is always on with a movie or a show. I may not seem to be watching it, but I do not like the silence when I am working on thing by hand.

Angie: What are your some of your favorite things to crochet? What are some of your least favorite things to crochet?

CCC: I love doing hats and toys. I really do not like to work with the specialty yarns, anything made with them I am ready to tear my hair out.

Angie: I have heard that complaint before. The specialty yarns do tend to knot up worse than other yarns.

Angie: What is the biggest thing you have crocheted? What is the smallest?

CCC: The biggest thing, I made my son and daughter in law an afghan that was 7 ½ feet long and 5 ½ feet wide. My son is over 6 feet tall and wanted it BIG. The smallest, I have worked with thread and tiny hooks making doilies and rugs for a doll house.

Angie: Those would be tiny.

Be sure and check out Christine's creations at Chris Cross Crafts:

<https://www.facebook.com/ChrisCrossCrafts>

The Trendy Tot Shop

Angie: How did you learn to crochet?

The Trendy Tot Shop (TTS): I actually learned by you tube videos, different tips online, and from a friend.

Angie: You Tube has been very instrumental in furthering the art of crochet. There is a video out there for every known stitch and others that people come up with themselves.

Angie: How long have you been crocheting?

TTS: I have been crocheting for 2 1/2 years.

Angie: Do you design your own patterns?

TTS: I have designed my own and also find many online.

Angie: There are great patterns out on the web and also pictures of projects that will inspire crocheters to create their own.

Angie: What are some of your inspirations for crochet designs?

TTS: My inspirations come from my daughters and nieces. They like to put in their own orders.

Angie: I think those are the best orders- from family and children.

Angie: Who has been most influential in your crocheting adventures?

TTS: My husband was the first person who wanted me to crochet and also my friend. My friend and I like to get away and just crochet together whenever we can.

Angie: It is great when family and friends encourage and help along with the crocheting journey.

Angie: What is your favorite hook?

TTS: I probably use G and H hook the most.

Angie: What is your favorite yarn?

TTS: I love Caron simply soft yarn. It is the softest and not scratchy like many others.

It really is soft and great for baby items.

Angie: What tool have you found you cannot do without while you crochet?

TTS: My ruler and I'd also say my yarn needles. You can't finish anything without a yarn needle.

Angie: Yarn needles are the greatest gift to a crocheter. You never know when you are going to need one on a project.

Angie: Do you like quiet when you crochet or do you listen to music/watch tv/etc?

TTS: When I crochet I usually am watching tv. Crocheting is so relaxing.

Angie: That is what I hear most from fellow crocheters is that crocheting is so relaxing. It really is unless you are going along a pattern and find you have to Rip It. Rip Rip Rip it.

Angie: What is your greatest pet peeve about crocheting?

TTS: When you get towards the end of the skein of yarn and it tangles up. Or when you

can't find the right end to the yarn to pull from the middle.

Angie: That is so true. Crocheters spend a lot of time finding the right end to pull from the middle of skeins. And don't get me started on tangles. You are going along so well and then all of a sudden you have a giant tangle hanging from your hand.

Angie: What are some of your favorite things to crochet? What are some of your least favorite things to crochet?

TTS: I love making hats especially newborn sizes. You can whip those up really fast. I do not like to make blankets or mittens. I like when a project is finished fairly quickly so you can see results quicker.

Angie: Hats are amazing you can do so many different looks from a single design just by changing colors changing a row with a different stitch, adding ears, eyes, etc.

Angie: What is the biggest thing you have crocheted? What is the smallest?

TTS: The biggest has probably been a hat and scarf and the smallest is a pair of barefoot sandals.

Angie: Babies are so adorable in the barefoot sandals in the Summer.

Be sure and go check out Brennen's fabulous creations out at The Trendy Tot Shop:

www.facebook.com/thetrendytotshop1

Lindsay's Crochet Creations

First, I learned to crochet almost 8 years ago. My husband and I had just found out we were expecting our first child (2005). Our neighbor and really good friend above us was the one to taught me, but I only learned how to

chain and to single crochet, but that's where it began, I made my daughter a little blanket for her rocking chair for her room. But it wasn't until 2011 that I picked up my hook again and started to take my crochet to the next level.

Many woman pick up crochet hooks in anticipation of giving birth. Creating something for your little one is most rewarding.

I do design my own patterns in a way of which what I already know for crochet. For example with hats, I take a basic beanie pattern that I already know and create my own designs with them, not super extravagant simple and sweet.

Many crocheters take the basic patterns and run wild with them, especially the beanie hat pattern.

A lot of my inspiration does come from other crochet designers that I follow. Crocheters find so much inspiration from other crocheters, you can get such great ideas looking at others work.

What has been most influential for crochet are two things. First would be my photographers. I a few really amazing women that I have been privileged to work with over the past year or so and the way they use my products in their photo's warms my heart and gets me so excited to see my work in action. Second would be the clients that get to wear my products.

That is a big market for crocheters today photo studios/photographers, making photo props.

My favorite hook by far is my 'I' hook. I have found that to be the best with crocheting my hats, it doesn't make the chains too tight which is what you need when putting on a brand new babies head. You don't want to force it on and you don't want it too tight. The 'I' hook is definitely my most used hook and I couldn't make 75% of my items without it.

Angie: Definitely agree with not making chains to tight for little ones items. You don't want to have the items be uncomfortable for them.

LCC: Yarn, oh how I love yarn, I have lots of it so picking a favorite it difficult. First I'd have to say Red Heart Soft yarn, it is still the medium weigh yarn but softer then regular Red Heart Super Saver yarn (which I use most). Second I really love Jo-Ann's Sensations Angel Hair Boucle yarn. It is so incredibly soft and perfect for tiny babies. Plus I like that it has a little fuzziness to it. I also love Lion Brand Homespun yarn, it makes the most adorable teddy bear hats because it is a little fuzzy and it has a great texture to it.

Angie: Homespun is a great yarn for items like that and also to make super comfy scarves.

LCC: So besides my yarn and hook I have found 3 things I can't live without while I crochet, 1 would be my tape measure, I use that every time I crochet to make sure all my measurements are correct. Second would be my wide eye tapestry needle. Third of course is my iPad that has all my patterns on it.

Angie: The good old tape measure. Never leave my side.

LCC: I definitely love to just sit in quiet when I crochet, or as much quiet as I can get with both my daughters home during the summer time. I find it relaxing and somewhat therapeutic sit down and crochet in the quiet.

It is known widely that crochet is one of the most relaxing things out there. Unless you get a really difficult pattern or project and then it is throw the hook, tear up the pattern and rip,rip, rip.

My biggest pet peeve about crochet would only be when something doesn't turn out exactly like I envisioned.

Angie: Many designer has said that. It didn't look like that in my head.

LCC: My favorite things to crochet are hats and headbands. My least favorite is animals, the ones where you have to make everything so small and stuff and then assemble, which is why I don't offer those anymore. *;)

The biggest thing I have crocheted before was blankets. The smallest would be my little silk heart tie back headbands.

I can't thank you enough for letting have the chance to tell you about my background with crochet. It is something that I will continue to do for a long time.

Be sure and go check out Lindsay's wonderful creations.

<http://www.facebook.com/LindsaysCrochetCreations>

Propjar

Here is some of Julie's crocheting journey.

I learnt how to crochet as a young girl by my gran. She was devoted to her craft and made beautifully intricate items. I remember her in the afternoons, sitting on her bed, with hook in hand finishing square after square for a bedspread she was working on. She would be listening to her stories on the radio and I would keep her company, fascinated by her work. She was the one who patiently taught me the very basics of crochet at a young age.

It seems more and more now a days that the old crafts are being forgotten or not passed on to the new generation. I love to hear or read about

how people have learned a craft from a family member. Crochet is one of the great crafts that is passed down through the generations and the newest generations are taking crochet to a whole new level of creativity.

I am forever grateful for the skill, as I now find that this too has become my way of relaxing. As the house goes quiet when my children head to bed, my husband and I will sit quietly and watch TV. He'll be browsing the web and I will be busy with my latest crocheting project with the TV quietly on in the background. That, for us, is the perfect evening.

Many crocheters can relate to this. Spending a little quiet time with a hook and a ball of yarn. Relaxing.

Although I have been crocheting since very young, I have only seriously taken on the craft for the last 6 years. It started with making my very first granny square baby blanket for my eldest just before she was born. I remember the joy of creating an heirloom piece for this little miracle growing in my belly and remember feeling happy and content. Needless to say, I did the same while pregnant with my second too.

Babies are some of the greatest inspiration for crochet designs. Nothing looks cuter than a little baby in a crocheted hat/outfit/blanket.

As they have grown, the blankets keep getting used. First to snuggle under in their cots till they got too big for that and now as picnic blankets, dolly blankets or what ever their imaginations can conjure. I had big plans for these blankets to be passed from generation to generation, but with the use the girls are getting out of them I'm not sure they'll make it that long! Oh well, I'd rather they enjoy them.

The next generation might not have a whole blanket but I am sure you can use what is left for some great project that can be passed on

when the time comes. That is the great thing about crochet you can incorporate small pieces into a different project and make something incredible.

I am now in the design stage for my biggest single project, a single bed blanket for each of my 2 girls. I know this is rather ambitious and I don't know when exactly I will have time for this but at least I am planning. I keep hoping at some point I will have the time but I am still waiting! Now these should hopefully last till they are old and grey.

I am always amazed at the fantastic talent that is out there and am continuously inspired by others work. Some pages that I really enjoy following are The Creative Crochet Collective and Sanderellas. They both offer up such a vast collection of designs and projects.

I really enjoy designing my own items. I love the challenge of making something come to life from an idea that has been floating in my head. I use patterns on the rare occasion but I generally find patterns rather frustrating. I blame my tension!

I am sure that this is possibly the reason why I love custom orders. It forces me to push my creativity and technical skills, which of course leads to growth. Thankfully, I have a lot of customers that entrust me with this and I am honored that they choose to use me for those special requests. I draw a lot of inspiration from these. Some of my creations come from childhood memories. The fishing hat was inspired by our fishing trips with my Dad during holidays as children. Those were fun! Sometimes I fall in love with a colour or even a type of yarn and create something to highlight the beauty of it.

Designers love to have something in their head become something incredible in their hands.

The designs out there available today are really amazing and keep getting better and better.

I am a huge fan of chunky yarns and big hooks. I love how those 2 work together and I am extremely fond of mohair yarns. I have found a gorgeous range in South Africa. It's the softest mohair yarn I have come across. The colours are beautiful and the yarn is so fluffy. It creates beautiful items that always look a bit dreamy. I love that look!

Crochet has become my way to express myself, keeps my hands busy and allows me to relax and unwind. I can't imagine an evening without my trusty hook and yarn in hand. I have fallen deeply in love with this craft!

Be sure and stop by PropJar and pay Julie a visit she has some incredible items.

<https://www.facebook.com/PropJar>

Spring Creations

Angie: How did you learn to crochet?

Spring Creations (SC): A close friend taught me when I was pregnant with our second child.

Angie: I think there is something in the hormones of pregnant women. Your pregnant, you must crochet. LOL

Angie: How long have you been crocheting?

SC: 2yrs

Angie: Do you design your own patterns?

SC: I have designed 2 original patterns, a granny square afghan and a baby dress. I also have recreated patterns with simple changes to make a new look.

Angie: What are some of your inspirations for crochet designs?

SC: My inspirations come from things that we use every day. Sometimes it's just to make something from the items I already have rather than buying them.

Angie: It is great to be frugal, especially now a days with prices the way they are.

Angie: Who has been most influential in your crocheting adventures?

SC: My daughter! She is almost 5 and loves the fact that mommy can make her beautiful things.

Angie: What is your favorite yarn?

SC: It's so hard to choose my favorite. I absolutely LOVE cotton (Sugar n Cream) but I also LOVE the 'I love this yarn' brand for its softness and their color blends.

Angie: Do you like quiet when you crochet or do you listen to music/watch tv/etc?

SC: In the mornings, before my children rise and shine, I enjoy the quiet time to focus but by afternoon there is usually Disney Jr. on so we are all singing to Jake and the Neverland Pirates while I work

Angie: What is your greatest pet peeve about crocheting?

SC: When someone just HAS to have my attention in the middle of a stitch count!

Angie: Stitch markers to the rescue. LOL

Angie: What is the biggest thing you have crocheted? What is the smallest?

SC: My biggest item was my first granny square afghan. It took 16 skeins of yarn (approximately) to create. My smallest has to be the facial scrubbers that go with my spa sets.

Angie: That afghan must have been huge. I love facial scrubbers, especially from cotton.

Be sure and go check out Jeannie's incredible items out at Spring Creations.

<https://www.facebook.com/springcreationsbyjeannie>

Heidi's Knits and Tutus

Heidi was taught by her mother to crochet when she was 8 years old and used the skill on and off until her teen years. Then she didn't pick her hook back up until 2004 and has been crocheting since.

It seems that a lot of crocheters have picked up the craft again I think it is all the great new patterns and the internet. You can find many crocheters on youtube, Facebook and Pinterest sharing this great craft again.

Heidi doesn't design her own patterns but when she has the time she wants to. When she does they will be for "babies when I do them it will be for babies".

I hope she finds some time to do them. I have found that baby designs are the most precious and rewarding designs to do.

Melodys Makings and Crochet My Love on Facebook plus her mom have been the most influential in Heidi's crocheting journey.

As a big multi-tasker Heidi is found with her favorite I hook and Hobby Lobby yarn crocheting, watching tv, and talking to family. Of course with her trusty place marker and scissors by her side.

Heidi's biggest pet peeve for crocheting would be when patterns do not work out right and do not turn out the dimensions stated on the pattern.

I have found this a regular peeve/complaint of many a crocheter. I believe it is where everybody crochets different. Some people crochet so tight you cannot get a hair through the piece and others crochet so loose you can drive a truck through the piece. This is where tweaking comes in handy.

Heidi's favorites to crochet is everything but she really doesn't like to do afghans. But one of her biggest projects to date was an afghan for her cousin, while she was still in high school and gave it to her at graduation.

Her smallest project so far has been a stuffed mermaid doll.

Be sure and stop in at Heidi's Knits and TuTus she has some really adorable baby items along with her other crafts and crocheted items.

Crochet by Jaime

I interviewed Jamie from Crochet By Jamie and learned about some of her crocheting journey and would like to share it with you.

She was initially taught to crochet by her mom when she was 9 years old, in the subsequent 24 years of her crocheting she learned more from a 4-H leader and of course the internet and youtube. Youtube has been great for all crocheters out there to learn to crochet or to improve or learn new stitches for people that already crochet.

Jamie loves to crochet blankets that she finds easy enough to do without patterns but when she does use patterns for other projects she usually "tweaks" them to work better for her. I think most all crocheters can relate to that.

She finds inspiration for her projects from different places including her sister for the yellow and gray squares baby blanket that is one of her top sellers in her store-

https://www.etsy.com/listing/154641343/crochet-gray-yellow-baby-blanket-made-to-ref=shop_home_feat

Jamie also searches for trending patterns and colors and puts them together in her chevron mini blankets.

Her husband Dorian has been the most influential in her crocheting journey, Jamie says "He has always encouraged me to have a hobby. When I decided to make this particular hobby a small business, he was there to support me."

She has also found other crocheters and photos on Facebook and Pinterest have been the reason she has tried so many new things and expanded her crocheting skills.

With boys ages 2, 5, and 10, Jamie finds the best time to crochet is when everyone has gone to bed and with the tv on. With her favorite Clover Amour Crochet Hooks and Hobby Lobby's I Love This Yarn and her trusty measuring tape beside her.

Jamie feels the I Love This Yarn is the softest, washable, affordable, and has Tons of colors to choose from. I totally agree with that I have found it to be the best out there for baby items.

As other crocheters can relate Jamie's greatest pet peeve with crocheting is RIPPING. "Although ripping things out ultimately leads to learning something, I still hate ripping out! :)" Rip it. Rip it good. I think that is many of crocheters theme song.

Found from talking to fellow crocheters and in my own experience that ripping does lead to learning something and it will also change patterns into something incredible sometimes.

Jamie's favorite things to crochet are baby or mini blankets(but she also crocheted a blanket for her husband that fit a queen size bed), she doesn't like crocheting amigurumis. "I don't like sewing things together much."

With the queen sized blanket being her largest project her smallest was 1.5 inch flowers.

Jamie's crocheting journey has been great to follow along and she has some incredible pieces in her shop be sure and check it out. - Crochet By Jamie.

<https://www.facebook.com/CrochetByJamie>

Interview by Christen Rose

Hats and What Knots

I had the pleasure of interviewing Kerry Siegel, owner of "Hats & What Knots," founded August 1, 2011. She has been crocheting for over 15 years and specializes in hats, mittens, shoes, blankets and any special request item by her customers. Here is what she had to say.

Q. What inspired you to start crocheting? How did you learn, who taught you?

A. Lack of mobility during my second pregnancy resulted in me trying to fill the hours in the day. I started making a blanket and have not stopped since. I learned from my Grandmother who taught me to crochet as young as five or six.

Q. How long were you crocheting before you decided to open your own shop?

A. I have been crocheting on and off since, I was 6 years old. I decided to start my own shop based on recommendations from my friends and family to share and sell my products.

Q. What gave you the idea for your business' name?

A. It just came to me. I started making hats from patterns, and then started making baby booties and then it just clicked that I made more than just hats. That is where the "what Knots"

came from. From there on Hats & What Knots was born.

Q. Where do you get your ideas?

A. I take a base idea for example a clown fish. I then make a hat or what knots based on this premise and adjust it to a functional use, or a specific used based on a customer request.

Q. What inspires you?

A. I take great joy in the idea that I can any yarn and hook, and with one continuous motion, I can make whatever comes to my imagination, like socks or blankets. Anything I can think of I can make.

Q. What three things can you always find in your craft bag?

A. Yarn, crochet hooks, scissors

Q. Who is your target audience?

A. Anyone who wants a custom made one of a kind crotched item. My customers are made up of mostly other moms.

Q. What is your favorite thing to make for someone?

A. Charitable gifts for cancer patients, and yarn bombing pieces for remembrance.

Q. What are the most memorable item you have ever made and what was it is meaning to you?

A. The Clown Fish ear flap hat. It was the first "character hat" I ever made. It is memorable because it marked the first time I was able to make a product by looking at a picture and of course, because my then 4-month-old son was able to model it.

Q. If you could give one piece of advice to a beginner crocheter, what would it be?

A. -Do not give up on any project EVER.
-It is not always going to be perfect the first try sometimes not even the

hundredth try but the practice makes perfect.

-Remember to make something for yourself occasionally

You can also visit her on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/HatsandWhatKnots>.

Interview by Amber Sadler

Creations byTeresa

Amber: How did you get started crafting?

CbT: I started crafting when I was very young. I loved coloring and paid extra attention to staying within the lines and I always did it with my mother. I guess you could say that she was my catalyst. I also used to spend all of my allowance on art supplies, glitter sequins, colored pencils -- you name it! If I could create with it, I bought it.

Amber: What is your favorite item to make?

CbT: I like making smaller projects mostly. I usually enjoy making things like hats, ear warmers, headbands, earrings and anything else I can find that piques my interest.

Amber: Do you design your own patterns? If not who is your favorite pattern designer?

CbT: I generally don't make my own patterns, but I use other patterns I find and tweak them a bit to make them my own. Most recently, I tested a pattern for a dress, but modified it to my liking and what came out was something completely different and I was very happy with it. As for my favorite pattern designer, I can't

say I have a favorite, but I usually love any pattern from Mamachee, Playin Hooky, or RAKJpatterns.

Amber: When did you start selling your crafts?

CbT: I started selling in late 2011, I believe.

Amber: What is a good early story about your business?

CbT: Ha! This is a great question as it reminds me of my 2nd or 3rd order I ever had. I had received an order for a cute hat for my friends' new arrival and she was due to pick up her cute little sock monkey hat the same day as this story. I had sat down the almost-finished hat in the morning and sat it down on the couch next to me when I was called upstairs by my children arguing about something that I can't quite remember. I came back down only a minute or two later and my 1 year old at the time had not only unraveled half of the hat, but also poured half a glass of water on it as well! Not wanting to cancel the delivery of the hat, I had to think quickly. I tied a knot around the area that was still together. Cut off the rest of the skein rewound it shoved it in a garment bag and threw it into the dryer for 30 minutes. Thankfully, it dried and I was able to finish the order with only minutes to spare! I'll never forget the stress from that day.

Amber: What is unusual or unique about your business, in comparison to your competitors or similar businesses?

CbT: I think what makes my business unique is how many different types of crafts that I create. I am not only a crocheter; but an all-around crafter. Crochet is definitely what I spend most of my time doing. I make wire wrapped pendants and metal stamped jewelry, I spin yarn, I usually make my kids Halloween costumes by hand. I think I just have an addiction to crafting. I've only completed 1.5

skeins with a drop spindle, but one day hope to purchase a spinning wheel.

Amber: Do you have a blog or other way you keep in touch with your customer base?

CbT: I keep in touch with my fans mostly through my Facebook business page. I like to do a lot of networking when I can. This time is mostly spent during the morning, over my cup of coffee, while my four children are still waking up.

Amber: What are some of your greatest challenges in your business?

CbT: I think one of the greatest challenges would have to be just putting your product out there for the world to see and knowing that you're not the only one doing what you do so there is a lot of competition and pressure to get things right. I think, as it stands right now, I'm still trying to find my niche in this market. Another challenge is keeping my work/home life balanced. Having four children is quite the task when you're trying to run a business out of your home. I can't tell you how many times I've had to start over on a project because one of my kids spilled a drink on a project, or unraveled it!

Amber: Who taught you your craft?

CbT: My friends' mother taught me a basic ripple pattern that I used for several years before I branched out to other patterns. When I finally learned another pattern, It sparked something in me and I was hooked (pun intended!). I began browsing YouTube and found patterns to purchase on Etsy and other websites and haven't stopped since.

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Yarn:

- Caron Simply Soft - 3oz Dark Sage
- Lion Brand Fun Fur - 10 yards or less.

Hook: I9/5.50mm

Special Stitches:

- ch up - [Chain Up](#) - Insert your hook into the first st, yo, draw up a loop, you will have 2 loops on your hook, yo, draw up through both loops on hook, insert your hook into the center of the stitch you just created, yo, draw up a loop, you will now have 2 stitches on your hook, yo draw through both loops on hook. (If you have trouble with this method you can use a ch3 instead.)
- fpdc - Front Post Double Crochet
- bpdc - Back Post Double Crochet
- yo - Yarn Over

Gauge: 7 dc x 4 rows of pattern = 2"

Notes:

- Turn work at the beginning of each row.
- ch up counts as 1st dc.
- If you do not know how to make a magic ring for the cozy top you can ch 3, join with sl st to beg ch to form a ring, continue working row.



Ch 20, dc in 4th ch from hook (counts as first 2 dc), dc in each ch across. (18 dc)

Row 2: ch up, dc in each st. (18 dc)

Row 3: ch up, bpdC in next st and each st across. (18 sts)

Row 4 - 17: rep rows 2 & 3 consecutively.

Row 18: ch up, dc in next 3 sts, ch 10, sk 10 sts, dc in last 4 sts. (18 sts)

Row 19: ch up, dc in next 3 dc, dc in next 10 chs, dc in last 4 dc. (18 dc)

Row 20: ch up, fpdc in next st and each st across. (18 sts)

Row 21: ch up, dc in each st. (18 dc)

Row 22 - 35: rep row 20 & 21 consecutively.

Place work with wrong sides facing each other, for the next row you will start working through both layers of work.

Row 36: ch 1, sc in beg st, sc in next 3 sts, working through one layer only, sl st in next 12 sts, working through both layers, sc in last 2 sts, fasten off, weave in ends.

Cozy Top..

Starting with a magic ring, ch 1, work 5 sc in ring, tighten ring, do not join. (5 sc)

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. (10 dc)

Rnd 3: *dc in next st, fpdc in same st, rep from * around. (20 sts)

Rnd 4: *(dc in next st, fpdc in same st) 2 times, dc in next st, fpdc in next st, rep from * around. (30 sts)

Rnd 5: *(dc in next st, fpdc in next st) 2 times, (dc in next st, fpdc in same st) 2 times, rep from * around. (40 sts)

Rnd 6: *2 dc in next st, fpdc in next st, rep from * around, fasten off leaving long enough tail for sewing. (60 sts)

Attaching top to sides..

Line up your top ribs with the side ribs. You will have 2 extra ribs and they will line up with the first row of dc and the last row of dc as pictured below.

Using a whip stitch sew the top to the sides.

Adding Fun Fur..



Sew fun fur in and out of your stitches between ribbing.

Cactus Flower..

Pattern for Cactus flower available on Dearest Debi's [Blog](http://www.dearestdebi.com).

~Happy Hooking~



“Callie's Cuddly Chevrons”

A Rippled Zig Zag Lap Blanket

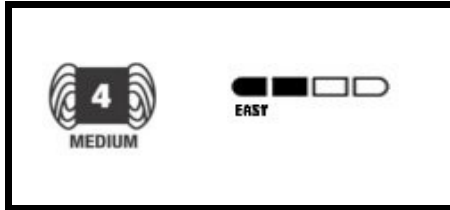
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Materials

I hook

Lion Brand Pound of Love

or

Worsted weight yarn in desired colors
(Approximately 1000 yards)

(If making the blanket with stripes, you will
need approximately 333 yards each of 3
different colors)

Tapestry needle to weave in ends

Abbreviations

Ch(s) – Chain(s)

Hdc – Half double crochet

Hdc2tog – Half double
crochet 2 together

St(s) - Stitch(es)

Sk – Skip

Inc – Increase

Dec – Decrease

Gauge = 3 ¾”width

**1 1/8” is the measurement of the height of the
2 rows, not the height from the bottom point
to the top point.**

Row 1: Ch 15, Hdc in 3rd Ch from hook, Hdc in
each of the next 5 Chs, Inc, Hdc in each of the
next 6 Chs, turn.

Row 2: Work in back loops only. Ch 2, Hdc2tog,
Hdc in next 5 Sts, Inc, Hdc in each of the next 5
Sts, Hdc2tog, turn.



Photo Credit: The lovely Jillian of Hookertopia,
www.facebook.com/hookertopia

Special Stitches

Increase - 3 half double crochet in same stitch.

Decrease - Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, draw up a loop. There will now be 3 loops on hook. Yarn over again, skip 1 stitch, insert hook into next stitch, draw up a loop. There will now be 5 loops on hook. Yarn over and pull through all loops on hook.

Half Double Crochet 2 Together – Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, draw up a loop. There will now be 3 loops on hook. Yarn over again, insert hook in next stitch, draw up a loop. There will now be 5 loops on hook. Yarn over and pull through all loops on hook.

Instructions for solid color blanket

Row 1: With MC, Ch 141, Hdc in 3rd Ch from hook, Hdc in next 5 Chs, Inc, Hdc in next 5 Chs, *Dec, Hdc in next 5 Chs, Inc, Hdc in next 5 Chs,* Repeat from * to * 8 more times, Hdc in next Ch, turn.

*****Remainder of work is done in back loops only*****

Row 2-81: Ch 2, Hdc2tog, Hdc in next 5 Sts, Inc, Hdc in next 5 Sts, *Dec, Hdc in next 5 Sts, Inc, Hdc in next 5,* Repeat from * to * 8 more times, Hdc2tog, turn. At end of row 81, fasten off. Using tapestry needle, weave in any loose ends.

Alternately, you could use a variegated or self striping yarn.

Instructions for striped blanket

The following directions are for a blanket with a pattern of 3 chunks of color, consisting of 3 sections of 27 rows each. Alternately, you can work 9 sections of 9 rows each or 27 sections of 3 rows each.

Row 1: With 1st color, Ch 141, Hdc in 3rd Ch from hook, Hdc in next 5 Chs, Inc, Hdc in next 5 Chs, *Dec, Hdc in next 5 Chs, Inc, Hdc in next 5 Chs,* Repeat from * to * 8 more times, Hdc in next Ch, turn.

*****Remainder of work is done in back loops only*****

Row 2-27: Ch 2, Hdc2tog, Hdc in next 5 Sts, Inc, Hdc in next 5 Sts, *Dec, Hdc in next 5 Sts, Inc, Hdc in next 5,* Repeat from * to * 8 more times, Hdc2tog, Change to 2nd color on last step of Hdc2tog by pulling new color through the 5 loops on the hook, turn.

Row 28- 54: Ch 2, Hdc2tog, Hdc in next 5 Sts, Inc, Hdc in next 5 Sts, *Dec, Hdc in next 5 Sts, Inc, Hdc in next 5,* Repeat from * to * 8 more times, Hdc2tog, Change to 3rd color on last step of Hdc2tog by pulling new color through the 5 loops on the hook, turn.

Row 55-81: Ch 2, Hdc2tog, Hdc in next 5 Sts, Inc, Hdc in next 5 Sts, *Dec, Hdc in next 5 Sts, Inc, Hdc in next 5,* Repeat from * to * 8 more times, Hdc2tog, turn. At end of row 81, fasten off. Using tapestry needle weave in loose ends.

Happy Hooking!!

Fancy Cowl Pattern

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Notes: (Chain 1 double crochet combo) Instead of doing the chain 3 at the end of each row I do a chain 1 and a double crochet in the very first stitch. I find that this helps to eliminate the gaps along the edges.

Crochet Hook = 5.5 mm and Yarn weight is DK weight

Chain 31

Row 1 – Double Crochet 30 stitches across ending with a chain 1 turn

Row 2 - Double Crochet in the first stitches and across to the other side each row should have a total of 30 stitches by including the chain 1 turn and double crochet combo stitch.

Row 3 – 60 – continue row 2 until you have 60 rows or the piece measures 40 inches or 102 cm.

Row 61 – Fold the piece in $\frac{1}{2}$ and join the 2 sides together by chaining 5 and use a slip stitch to connect to the other side of the piece. You will be creating a closing without having to sew the two ends together.

Note: Now the lacey part of the cowl is created.

Round 1 - Turn the work so that you have the side with the yarn upwards and chain 5 into every other opening around the bottom.

Round 2 - Once you work around the entire edge of the scarf keep going with the next round with a chain 5 into each of the previous chain 5's.

Round 3 – Chain 6 into each of the previous rounds chain 5's.

Round 4 – Chain 7 into each of the previous round chain 6's.

Round 5 – Chain 8 into each of the previous round chain 7's.

Attach the last chain 8 into the first chain 7 with a slip stitch

Sew in any ends and block and steam to ensure proper drape

Thank you so much for your interest in my pattern I hope you're able to make many fancy cowls with it.





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Materials List:

Yellow Worsted Yarn

Blue Worsted Yarn

Black Worsted Yarn

Small amount of White Worsted Yarn

Small amount of Grey Worsted Yarn

Size G - 6/4.00mm hook

Yarn needle

Stitch marker or a piece of yarn to mark the stitch.

Pattern Notes:

Directions are the same for right and left mittens; make 2.

When you sew the eyes on make sure you sew them on the back of the mittens.

You can make these in one color if you don't want them to be minion mittens you can also add your favorite appliqué to them instead of minion.

Just have fun and enjoy the pattern!

Ch 2 at the start doesn't count as a stitch on the ribbing.

Use a stitch marker for the body of the mitten, don't join the rounds

*Repeat from * to* across or as many times as it says to.*

The instructions for the eyes are at the end of the pattern.

Finished Size:

1-4 year old

These mittens measure approximately 6.5" in length, including ribbed cuff. They measure about 6" around the hand (circumference was measured just above where thumb splits off).

5- 13 year old

These mittens measure approximately 8" from ribbing edge, to fingertip. They measure about 7.25" around the hand (circumference was measured just above where thumb splits off).

Women's Size

These mittens fit most women's hands. They measure approximately 10" from ribbing edge, to fingertip. They measure about 9" around the hand (circumference was measured just above where thumb splits off).

Men's Size:

These mittens fit most men's hands. They measure approximately 12" from ribbing edge to fingertip. They measure about 11" around the hand (circumference was measured just above where thumb splits off

Gauge:

17 sts and 18 rows worked in sc = 4" x 4"

Abbreviations and terms used in this pattern:

Ch = chain

Dc = double crochet

sc = single crochet

sc2tog = single crochet 2 stitches together. This is a decrease stitch. (Insert hook into next stitch, yarn over, pull loop through to the front of work, insert hook into next stitch, yarn over, pull loop through to the front, yarn over and pull through all three loops on the hook.)

Sl st = slip stitch

st(s) = stitch (stitches)

bpdc= back post double crochet

fpdc= front post double crochet

Tbl = through back loop. When you sc tbl (single crochet through back loop) you will insert your hook under only the back loop of the next stitch, not under both loops like a normal single crochet stitch.

The back bump:

This is also known as the back, backside, or butt of a chain stitch. This is the part of the chain stitch that is opposite of the two loops (the ones that form the "v") that you would normally insert your hook under. In other words, if you turn the chain upside down, so that you are looking at the bottom of it, you will see a line of dashes. It is under each dash, that you would insert your hook if you were instructed to crochet into the back bump of each chain stitch.

Magic Ring: If you how to make a Magic Ring please check online or youtube there are lot's of good things out there on how to make it. If you prefer not to use the magic ring method, you can chain 2 stitches, and then work into the second chain from the hook as directed. For example, if the pattern reads: "make a magic ring, sc 6 times into ring..." you could instead: "ch 2, sc 6 times into the second ch from the hook".

Size for ages 1-4 years old:

Make the ribbing:

With Blue yarn(boy minion), Pink yarn (for girl minion) or color of your choice

Ch 21 with blue yarn, join with a sl st to form a circle. Be careful not to twist the ch.

Round 1: dc tbl, in each ch around 21dc

Round 2- 4: ch 2, *fpdc, bpdc* around 21 dc

Make the body of each mitten make 2:

Do not join each round, use a stitch marker.

Round 1: Continue using blue. 1 sc in each of the next 11 sts, 2 sc in the next sc in each of the next 10 sts, 2 sc in the next, around top edge of ribbing. 23 sc

Round 2: 1 sc in each of the next 10 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 9 sts. 25 sc

Round 3: 1 sc in each st around. 25 sc

Round 4: 1 sc in each of the next 11 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 10 sts. 27 sc

Round 5: 1 sc in each st around. 27 sc

Round 6: 1 sc in each of the next 12 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 11 sts. 29 sc

Round 7: 1 sc in each st around. 29 sc, **Change to Yellow**

Round 8: 1 sc into each of the next 13 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 12 sts. 31 sc

Round 9: 1 sc into each st around. 31 sc

Round 10: 1 sc into each of the next 14 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 13 sts. 33 sc

Round 11: 1 sc into each of the next 12 sts, skip the next 10 sts (this will form the thumb), 1 sc into each of the next 11 sts. 23 sc around hand, not including thumb.

Round 12: 1 sc into each st around. 23 sc

Round 13: 1 sc into each st around. 23 sc

Round 14: 1 sc into each st around. 23 sc

Round 15: 1 sc into each st around. 23 sc

Round 16: 1 sc into each st around. 23 sc, **Change to Black**

Round 17: 1 sc into each st around. 23 sc

Round 18: 1 sc into each st around. 23 sc, **Change to Yellow**

Round 19: 1 sc into each st around. 23 sc

Round 20: 1 sc into each st around. 23 sc

Round 21: 1 sc into each st around. 23 sc

Round 22: *1 sc into each of the next 6 sts, sc2tog 2 times*

Round 23: *1 sc into each of the next 3 sts, sc2tog* 4 times (16 sts).

Round 24: 1 sc into each st around (16 sts).

Round 25: sc2tog 8 times (8 sts).

Fasten off leave a long tail for weaving the top closed. Using yarn needle, thread yarn tail through the front loop of the remaining 8 sts and pull tight. Weave in ends.

Thumb:

Join **Yellow yarn** to any thumb stitch and make 10 sc stitches around.

Round 1-5: 1 sc into each st around

Round 6: sc2tog.

Fasten off leave a long tail for weaving the top closed.. Using yarn needle, thread yarn tail through the front loop of the remaining 5 (6, 7) sts and pull tight. Weave in ends.

Size 5-13 years old:

Make the ribbing:

With Blue yarn(boy minion), Pink Yarn (girl minion) or color of your choice

Ch 27 with blue yarn, join with a sl st to form a circle. Be careful not to twist the ch.

Round 1: dc tbl, in each ch around 27 dc

Round 2- 4: ch 2, *fpdc, bpdc* around 27 dc

Make the body of each mitten make 2:

Do not join each round, use a stitch marker.

Round 1: Continue using blue. 1 sc in each of the next 15sts, 2 sc in the next sc, sc in each of the next 14 sts, 2 sc in the next, around top edge of ribbing. 33sts

Round 2: 1 sc in each of the next 12 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 12 sts. 35 sts

Round 3: 1 sc in each st around. 35 sts

Round 4: 1 sc in each of the next 13 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 13 sts. 37 sts

Round 5: 1 sc in each st around. 37 sts.

Round 6: 1 sc in each of the next 14 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 14 sts. 39 sts

Round 7: 1 sc in each st around. 39 sts.

Round 8: 1 sc into each of the next 15 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 15 sts. 41 sts.

Round 9: 1 sc into each st around. 41 sts.

Round 10: 1 sc into each of the next 16, sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 16 sts. 43 sts. Change to Yellow

Round 11: 1 sc into each st around. 43 sts.

Round 12: 1 sc into each of the next 17 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 17 sts. 45 sts.

Round 13: 1 sc into each st around. 45 sts

Round 14: 1 sc into each of the next 14 sts, skip the next 12 sts (for thumb), 1 sc into each of the next 14 sts. 28 sts around hand, not including thumb.

Round 15: 1 sc into each st around. 33, sts.

Round 16: 1 sc into each st around. 33, sts.

Round 17: 1 sc into each st around. 33, sts.

Round 18: 1 sc into each st around. 33, sts.

Round 19: 1 sc into each st around. 33, sts.

Round 20: 1 sc into each st around. 33, sts. Change to Black

Round 21: 1 sc into each st around. 33, sts.

Round 22: 1 sc into each st around. 33, sts. Change to Yellow

Round 23: 1 sc into each st around. 33, sts.

Round 24: 1 sc into each st around. 33, sts.

Round 25: 1 sc into each st around. 33, sts.

Round 26: 1 sc into each st around. 33, sts.

Round 27: 1 sc into each st around. 33, sts.

Round 28: *1 sc into each of the next 6 sts, sc2tog*

Round 29: 1 sc into each st around 24 sts

Round 30: *sc2tog* 12 times 12 sts.

Round 31: 1 sc into each st around 12 sts.

Round 32: *1 sc into the next st, sc2tog* 4 times 8 sts.

Fasten off with a 10" tail. Using yarn needle, thread yarn tail through the front loop of the remaining 8 sts and pull tight. Weave in ends.

Thumb

Join **Yellow yarn** to any thumb stitch and make 10 sc stitches around.

Round 1-7: 1 sc into each st around

Round 8: sc2tog 5 times. 5 sc

Fasten off leave a long tail for weaving the top closed.. Using yarn needle, thread yarn tail through the front loop of the remaining 5 (6, 7) sts and pull tight. Weave in ends.

WOMEN SIZE:

Make the ribbing:

With Blue yarn(boy minion), Pink Yarn (girl minion) or color of your choice

Ch 31, join with a sl st to form a circle. Be careful not to twist the ch.

Round 1: *dc tbl, in each ch around 31 dc*

Round 2- 4: *ch 2, *fpdc, bpdc* around, 31 dc*

Make the body of each mitten make 2:

Do not join each round, use a stitch marker.

Round 1: *Continue using blue. 1 sc in each of the next 15sts, 2 sc in the next sc in each of the next 14 sts, 2 sc in the next, around top edge of ribbing. 33 sts*

Round 2: *1 sc in each of the next 15 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 14 sts. 35 sts*

Round 3: *1 sc in each st around. 35 sts*

Round 4: *1 sc in each of the next 16 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 15 sts. 37\ sts*

Round 5: *1 sc in each st around. 37 sts.*

Round 6: *1 sc in each of the next 17 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 16 sts. 39 sts*

Round 7: *1 sc in each st around. 39 sts.*

Round 8: *1 sc into each of the next 18 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 17 sts. 41 sts.*

Round 9: *1 sc into each st around. 41 sts.*

Round 10: *1 sc into each of the next 19 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 18 sts. 43 sts. **Change to Yellow***

Round 11: *1 sc into each st around. 43 sts.*

Round 12: *1 sc into each of the next 20 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 19 sts. 45 sts.*

Round 13: *1 sc into each st around. 45 sts*

Round 14: 1 sc into each of the next 21 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 20 sts. **47 sts**

Round 15: 1 sc into each st around **47 sts**

Round 16: 1 sc into each of the next 17 sts, skip the next 14 sts (for thumb), 1 sc into each of the next, 16 sts. 33 sts around hand, not including thumb.

Round 17: 1 sc into each st around. 33 sts.

Round 18: 1 sc into each st around. 33 sts.

Round 19: 1 sc into each st around. 33 sts.

Round 20: 1 sc into each st around. 33 sts.

Round 21: 1 sc into each st around. 33 sts. **Change to Black**

Round 22: 1 sc into each st around. 33 sts.

Round 23: 1 sc into each st around. 33 sts. **Change to Yellow**

Round 24: 1 sc into each st around. 33 sts.

Round 25: 1 sc into each st around. 33 sts.

Round 26: 1 sc into each st around. 33 sts.

Round 27: 1 sc into each st around. 33 sts.

Round 28: 1 sc into each st around. 33 sts.

Round 29: 1 sc into each st around. 33 sts.

Round 30: 1 sc into each st around. 33 sts.

Round 31: 1 sc into each st around. 33 sts.

Round 32: 1 sc into each st around. 33 sts.

Round 33: *1 sc into each of the next 9 sts, sc2tog* 3 times 30sts.

Round 34: 1 sc in each st around. 30 sts.

Round 35: *1 sc into each of the next 3 sts, sc2tog* 6 times. 24 sts.

Round 36: 1 sc into each st around. 24 sts.

Round 37: sc2tog 12 times. 12 sts.

Round 38: 1 sc into each st. 12 sts.

Round 39: *1 sc into the next st, sc2tog* 4 times. 8 sts

Fasten off with a 10" tail. Using yarn needle, thread yarn tail through the front loop of the remaining 8 sts and pull tight. Weave in ends

Thumb:

Join yarn to any thumb stitch and make 14 sc stitches around.

Round 1-9: sc into each st around

Round 10: sc2tog .

Fasten off with a 10" tail. Using yarn needle, thread yarn tail through the front loop of the remaining 5 (6, 7) sts and pull tight. Weave in ends.

Men Size:

Make the ribbing:

With Blue yarn(boy minion), Pink Yarn (girl minion) or color of your choice

Ch 36 , join with a sl st to form a circle. Be careful not to twist the ch.

Round 1: dc tbl, in each ch around 36 dc

Round 2- 4: ch 2, *fpdc, bpdc* around, 36 dc

Make the body of each mitten make 2:

Do not join each round, use a stitch marker.

Round 1: Continue using blue. : 1 sc in each of the next 17 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 17 sts 40 sts

Round 2: 1 sc in each of the next 18 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 18 sts 42 sts

Round 3: 1 sc in each st around. 42 sts

Round 4: 1 sc in each of the next 19 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next sts 19. 44 sts

Round 5: 1 sc in each st around. 44sts.

Round 6: 1 sc in each of the next 20 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 20 sts. 46 sts

Round 7: 1 sc in each st around. 46 sts.

Round 8: 1 sc into each of the next 21 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 21 sts. 50 sts.

Round 9: 1 sc into each st around. 50 sts.

Round 10: 1 sc into each of the next 22 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 22 sts. 52sts.

Round 11: 1 sc into each st around, 52 sts.

Round 12: 1 sc into each of the next 23 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 23 sts. 54sts

Round 13: 1 sc into each st around. **54 sts**

Round 14: 1 sc into each of the next 24 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 24 sts 56 sts

Round 15: 1 sc into each st around 56sts

Round 16: 1 sc into each of the next 25 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 25 sts .58 sts

Round 17: 1 sc into each st around. 58sts

Round 18: 1 sc into each of the next 20 sts, skip the next 18 sts (for thumb), 1 sc into each of the next 20 sts, 40 sts around hand, not including thumb.

Round 19: 1 sc into each st around. 40 sts.

Round 20: 1 sc into each st around. 40 sts.

Round 21: 1 sc into each st around. 40 sts.

Round 22: 1 sc into each st around. 40 sts.

Round 23: 1 sc into each st around. 40 sts.

Round 24: 1 sc into each st around. 40 sts.

Round 25: 1 sc into each st around. 40 sts.

Round 26: 1 sc into each st around. 40 sts.

Round 27: 1 sc into each st around. 40 sts.

Round 28: 1 sc into each st around. 40 sts.

Round 29: 1 sc into each st around. 40 sts.

Round 30: 1 sc into each st around. 40 sts.

Round 31: 1 sc into each st around. 40 sts.

Round 32: 1 sc into each st around. 40 sts.

Round 33: 1 sc into each st around. 40 sts.

Round 34: 1 sc into each st around. 40 sts.

Round 35: 1 sc into each st around. 40 sts.

Round 36: 1 sc into each st around. 40 sts.

Round 37: 1 sc into each st around. 40 sts.

Round 38: 1 sc into each st around. 40 sts.

Round 39: *1 sc into each of the next 9 sts, sc2tog*

Round 40: 1 sc in each st around

Round 41: *1 sc into each of the next 3 sts, sc2tog*

Round 42: 1 sc into each st around

Round 43: sc2tog 12 times

Round 44: 1 sc into each st

Round 45: *1 sc into the next st, sc2tog*

Fasten off with a 10" tail. Using yarn needle, thread yarn tail through the front loop of the remaining sts and pull tight. Weave in ends

Thumb:

Join yarn to any thumb stitch and make 18 sc stitches around.

Round 1-12: 1 sc into each st around

Round 13: sc2tog

Fasten off with a 10" tail. Using yarn needle, thread yarn tail through the front loop of the remaining 5 (6, 7) sts and pull tight. Weave in ends.

Minion Eyes:

You can make it with 1 or 2 eyes. It is up to you.

With black make a magic ring.

Round 1: Sc 6 in the magic ring. 6 sts change to white

Round 2: sc 2 in each st around. 12 sts. Change to grey.

Round 3:* sc 1, 2 sc in next* 18 sts.

Round 4: in front loops (this will make it easier to sew them on), reverse sc around. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing the eyes on.

Smile:

Sew in smile using black yarn. You can make a full smile, half smile or whatever you want.

Overall Strap:

With blue sew on straps where you want them. You can look at the pictures to see where I sewed them if you need an idea where to put them at.

Hair:

I took the black yarn and wrapped it around 4 of my fingers. Wrap it as many times as you want for however many hairs you want. Fold the yarn in half and wrap around a sc. Play around with where you want the hair.







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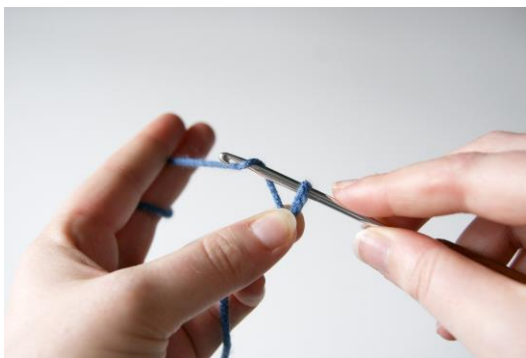
How to hold your hook:

There are two common ways to hold your hook a) pencil and b) knife style



Try both holds and see which one you prefer.
These are not the only two, but the most common.

How to chain: (ch)



Each pattern will start with a specific chain amount. Sometimes the chain amount will be 2 and sometimes it may be 250 (blanket or scarf are examples). It's really easy--but practice and make it consistent.

*Tip: work chains LOOSELY, and not too tight.

How to Slip Stitch: (sl st)

Slip stitch is a common stitch used within many patterns.

It's commonly used to join a ring (hats are a great example), or used as a stitch without height.



Push hook through stitch as directed in pattern. Here, instructions would read: 'Ch4, sl st in the first chain to form a ring.'

So, ch4 and then push your hook through the first chain that you created and pull the yarn back through. You will have 2 stitches on the hook. Take the 2nd stitch you just created and pull it through the first. Sl st complete.

How to single crochet: (sc)

The single crochet stitch is very basic and very common. It is important that you learn to make this stitch consistent: not too tight and not too loose. If you make it tight, your hands will hurt. If you make it too loose, it will look sloppy and it will be hard to match your gauge and look of a pattern.



Push your hook through the stitch and yarn over. Pull the yarn back through, you will have 2 loops on the hook now. Yarn over and pull through both loops. SC complete.

How to half double crochet: (hdc)



Yarn over, push you hook through the stitch, yarn over again. Pull the yarn through the stitch and you will have 3 loops on the hook. Yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. Hdc complete.

How to double crochet: (dc)

The double crochet stitch is one of the main stitches. It is a great way to add length to a project, and is a more 'open' stitch and not tight as compared to a single crochet stitch.



Yarn over, push your hook through the stitch. Yarn over and pull back through the stitch (3 loops on hook). Yarn over, pull yarn through the first TWO stitches only and you will have 2 loops on hook remaining. Now, yarn over and pull through the last two loops. DC complete.

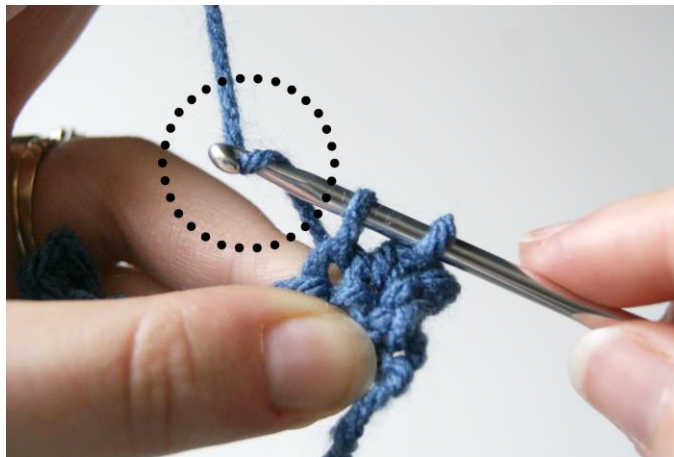
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