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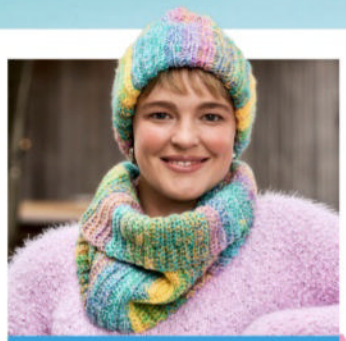

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Hello

We've reached that most wonderful time of the year again – when you can start hooking festive patterns! And this year's ***YOUR CROCHET CHRISTMAS*** is a real cracker of an issue.

We start on page 6 with lots of idea for updating your **WINTER WARDROBE**. There's everything you need to keep you warm and cosy – shawls, hats, cowls, socks and more, plus the most fabulous Christmas jumper that melds hexies and Fair Isle.

If you're planning your present list, you'll find lots of ideas for **GIFTS** starting on page 48. From quick-make bookmarks and headbands to cute amigurumi toys, there's plenty that will get your hook twitching. Then it's time to start decking the halls with our **DECORATIONS** patterns (p94) – I know you'll love the oversized character baubles, while the gingerbread house looks good enough to eat.

Have yourself a merry crochet Christmas!

SARA HUNTINGTON
EDITOR

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BAG IT UP

This mini bag is ideal for holding everything you need for Christmas parties. The icy colour palette of blues, purples and pinks is also perfect for a wintry look.

Festive fractals

Take your winter style into a new dimension with clothing and accessories that will have you in a twirl

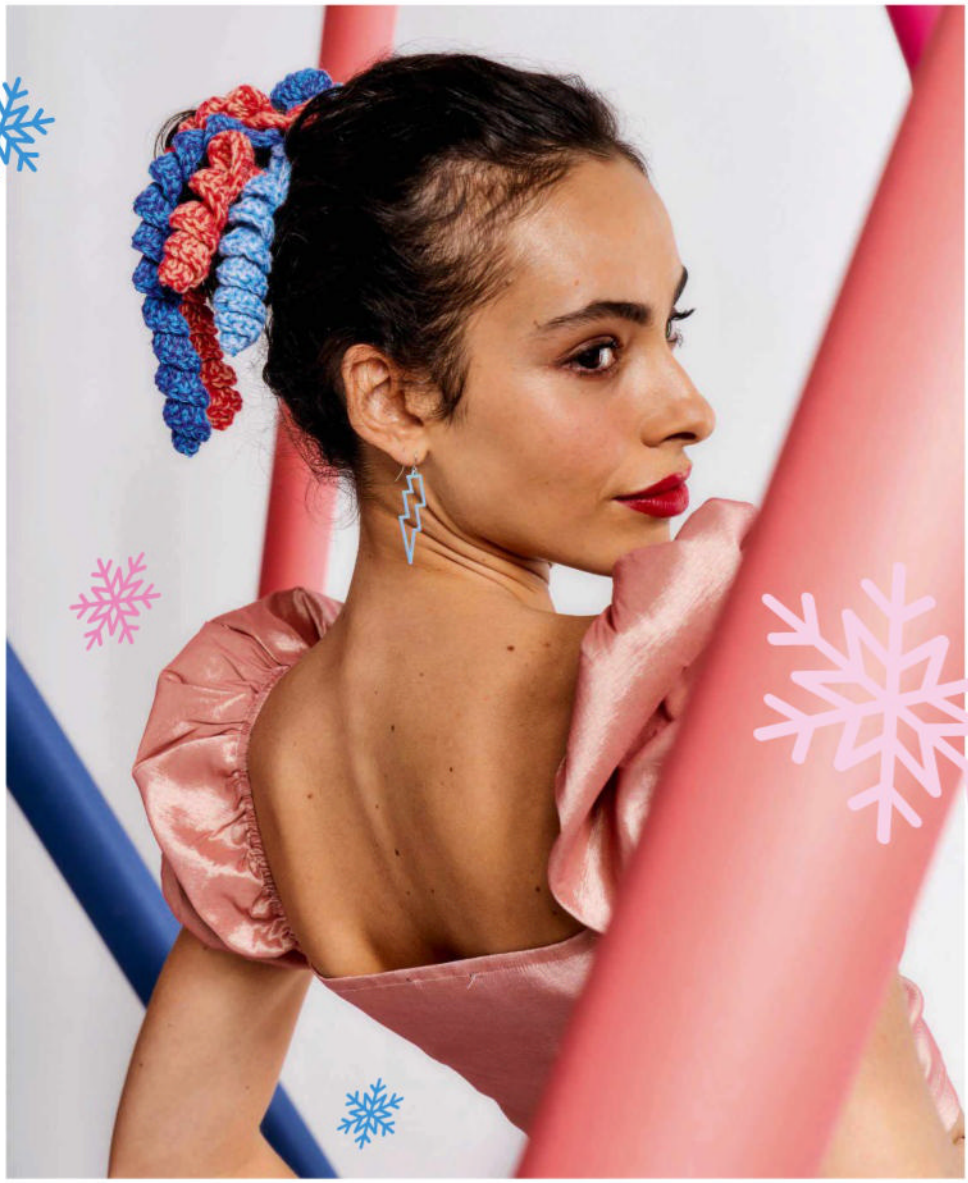
FRACTAL FASHION COLLECTION

HEELING ENERGY

These are no normal socks – every time you lift your foot, a fantastic spiral appears on your heel! We love a piece with a fun secret detail like this. And, best of all, they make for a practical yet unique festive gift!

ROUND WE GO

The pinwheel shape on this jumper seems to almost move and twirl with you. With a dynamic design, timeless colours and a relaxed shape, this sweater is a real stand-out piece for your winter wardrobe.



WINTER WAVES

Ever-increasing rows of crochet erupt into ripples in this delightfully wavy scarf. The triangular motifs come together perfectly for a chaotic yet natural finish.

TWIRL GIRL

Zany spirals drip from a hair tie in this fashionable finish. The mottled shades used here give it depth, but you can also swap them out for festive sparkles!

CLUTCH BAG

Nature, meet fashion. This ammonite-esque mini bag by Alice Tarry will bring you out of your shell at any festive social event

- Scheepjes Metropolis (75% wool, 25% nylon, 50g/200m), 1 ball of each: Dubai (047), Sydney (048), Ulsan (015) , Lahore (014), Glasgow (002)
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- A 4mm (US G/6) hook
- A stitch marker

TENSION

Centre Circle measures 7cm (2¾in) in diameter using a 4mm hook

MEASUREMENTS

Bag measures 22cm (8¾in) wide

NOTES

This pattern works with 2 strands of yarn held together as one throughout.
The Bag is made from 2 Centre Circles. Circles are joined together when working the Shell.
The Handle is worked off the Bag at the end.
Parts of this pattern are worked using the amigurumi method. Work stitches in a continuous spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.

CLUTCH BAG

CENTRE CIRCLE (MAKE 2)

Using a 4mm hook and with Dubai and Sydney held together, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 8htr in loop. [8 sts]
Round 2 2htr in each st around. [16 sts]
Round 3 (Htr in next st, 2htr in next st) 8 times. [24 sts]
Round 4 (2htr in next st, htr in next 2 sts) 7 times, 2htr in next st, htr in next st, dc in next st, ss to first htr to join. [32 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.
Using a 3.5mm hook and Glasgow, with RS facing, join to the centre of the magic loop. Surface ss in each st around to make a spiral.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

SHELL

Using a 4mm hook and with Glasgow and Lahore held together, with WS facing, join with a ss to the seventh from last st of Round 4 of first Centre Circle, ch27, with WS facing ss in last st of Round 4 of second Centre Circle.
Row 1 (RS) Ch1, ss in next ch, dc in next 3 ch, htr in next 4 ch, tr in next 5 ch, dtr in next ch, tr in next 5 ch, htr in next 4 ch, dc in next 3 ch, ss in next ch, ss next unworked st of Round 4 of first Centre Circle, turn. [27 sts]
Row 2 Ch1, (working in bl only) ss in next st, dc in next 25 sts, ss in next st, ss in next unworked st of Round 4 of second Centre Circle, turn.
Change to Lahore and Ulsan.
Row 3 Ch1, (working in bl only) ss in next st, dc in next 3 sts, htr in next 4 sts, tr in next 5 sts, dtr in next st, tr in next 5 sts, htr in next 4 sts, dc in next 3 sts, ss in next st, ss next unworked st of Round 4 of first Centre Circle, turn.
Row 4 Ch1, (working in bl only) ss in next st, dc in next 25 sts, ss in next st, ss in next unworked st of Round 4 of second Centre Circle, turn.
Change to Ulsan and Sydney.
Rows 5-6 As Rows 3-4.
Change to Sydney and Dubai.
Rows 7-8 As Rows 3-4.
Change to Sydney and Ulsan.
Rows 9-10 As Rows 3-4.
Change to Ulsan and Lahore.
Rows 11-12 As Rows 3-4.
Change to Lahore and Glasgow.
Rows 13-14 As Rows 3-4.
Change to Lahore and Ulsan.
Rows 15-50 As Rows 3-14 three times more.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

HANDLE

Pm in 14th foundation ch and the 14th st of Row 50 of Shell.
Using Lahore and Glasgow held together, with RS facing, join with ss in st 2 sts to right of marker in foundation ch of Shell, ch27, ss in st left of marker in Row 50 of Shell.
Row 2 Dc in next 27 ch, ss in st next to marker in foundation ch of Shell, ss in next st, turn. [27 sts]
Row 3 Dc in next 27 sts, ss in marked st of Row 50 of Shell, ss next st, turn.
Row 4 Dc in next 27 sts, ss in next 2 unworked sts of foundation ch of Shell, turn.
Row 5 Dc in next 27 sts, ss in next unworked st of Row 50 of Shell.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

HEADBAND

Feel like your head is spinning? It might just be the beautiful spirals on this motif headband designed by Alice Tarry

- Scheepjes Metropolis (75% wool, 25% nylon, 50g/200m), 1 ball of each: Dubai (047), Sydney (048), Ulsan (015) , Lahore (014), Glasgow (002)
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- A stitch marker

TENSION

A single Square measures 8cm (3in) using a 3.5mm hook, or size needed to obtain correct tension.

MEASUREMENTS

Headband measures 10cm (4in) wide and 55cm (21¾in) circumference

ABBREVIATIONS

reverse dc Insert hook in next st to right (or left if left-handed), yrh and pull up a loop, yrh and pull through 2 loops on hook

For a full list, see page 130

NOTES

You will be working with 3 colours at the same time, carry the unused colours through the stitches.

The 6 Squares will be joined into a strip, which will be joined at the ends. The Edging is then worked around each edge.

HEADBAND

SQUARE (MAKE 6)

Make 3 in each colourway.

Using Dubai (Ulsan), make a magic loop.

Round 1 Ch2 (does not count as a st), (tr, change to Lahore, tr, change to Glasgow, tr, change to Dubai (Ulsan)) 4 times in loop, ss to first tr to join. [12 sts]

Round 2 Ch3 (counts as tr throughout), *(tr, change to Lahore, tr) in next st, (tr, change to Glasgow, tr) in next st, (tr, change to Dubai (Ulsan), tr) in next st; rep from * twice more, (tr, change to Lahore, tr) in next st, (tr, change to Glasgow, tr) in next st, tr in next st, ss to top of beg-ch-3 to join. [24 sts]

Round 3 Ch3, tr in same st, (change to Dubai (Ulsan), tr in next st, 2 tr in next st, change to Lahore, tr in next st, 2 tr in next st, change to Glasgow, tr in next st, 2 tr in next st) 3 times, change to Dubai (Ulsan), tr in next st, 2 tr in next st, change to Lahore, tr in next st, 2 tr in next st, change to Glasgow, tr in next st, ss to top of beg-ch-3 to join. [36 sts]

Round 4 Ss in next st, ch3, tr in next st, 2tr in next st, (change to Dubai (Ulsan), tr in next 2 sts, 2tr in next st, change to Lahore, tr in next 2 sts, 2tr in next st, change to Glasgow, tr in next 2 sts, 2tr in next st) 3 times, change to Dubai (Ulsan), tr in next 2 sts, 2tr in next st, change to Lahore, tr in next 2 sts, 2tr in next st, ss to top of beg-ch-3 to join. [48 sts]

Fasten off.

Round 5 Join Sydney, ch1 (does not count as st throughout), *dc in next 4 sts, htr in next 2 sts, tr in next st, (tr, dtr) in next st, ch 3, (dtr, tr) in next st, tr in next st, htr in next 2 sts; rep from * 3 times more, ss to first dc to join. [56 sts]

Round 6 Ch1, *dc in next 9, (dc, htr, dc) in ch-3 sp, dc in next 5; rep from * 3 times more, ss to first dc to join. [68 sts]

Fasten off and weave in ends.

TO MAKE UP

Lay one Square of each colourway RS facing and work a row of dc through both layers from corner htr to corner htr. Continue joining Squares alternating the colours, until you have a strip of 6. Fold the strip RS facing and join the first square to the last square with a row of dc sts. Now turn so RS is facing.

EDGING (MAKE 2)

Using Sydney, join to any st along edge.

Round 1 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to first dc to join. [96 sts]

Round 2 Ch1, reverse dc in each st to end, ss to first dc to join. [96 sts]

Fasten off and weave in ends.

SOCKS

Step into something stunning with these swirl-heeled socks by Nicki Byrnes – they're subtle enough to wear in the workplace but cool enough to act as a fashion statement

- Scheepjes Metropolis (75% wool, 25% nylon, 50g/200m), 2 balls of each: Dubai (047), Sydney (048), Ulsan (015), Lahore (014)
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- Stitch markers

TENSION

16 sts and 10 rounds measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over treble crochet using a 3.5mm hook, or size needed to obtain correct tension

MEASUREMENTS

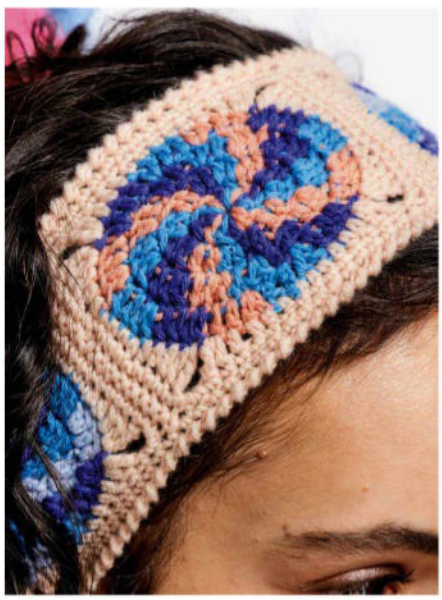
To fit UK size 4-6 (US size 6-8)

Foot circumference measures 20cm (8in)

ABBREVIATIONS

ltr (linked treble) Insert hook in horizontal bar at centre of previous st, yrh and pull up a loop, insert hook in next st, yrh and pull up a loop, (yrh and pull through 2 loops) twice.

fdc (foundation double crochet) Ch2 (does not count as st), insert hook in last ch from hook,



yrh and pull up a loop, pull through one loop on hook (loop will sit at base of fdc), pull through 2 loops on hook *insert hook in loop at base of prev fdc, yrh and pull up a loop, pull through one loop on hook (loop will sit at base of fdc), pull through 2 loops on hook

For a full list, see page 130

NOTES

Socks are worked beginning with the Heel. Heel is worked in a combination of rows and rounds. The Leg and Foot are worked in continuous rounds off the Heel. Work stitches in a spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.

Socks are worked with 2 strands of yarn held together as one throughout.

To achieve the spiral effect on the Heel and Toe, you will switch between 2 colours. The unused colour is placed on a marker until directed to use again.

SOCKS

HEEL

Using Ulsan, make a magic loop.

Row 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), (dc, htr, tr) in loop, place live loop on marker. [3 sts]

Work continues in rounds.

Join Sydney into magic loop.

Round 2 (Dc, htr, tr) in loop, working into sts from Row 1, 3ltr in next dc, ltr in next st, 3ltr in next st, place live loop on marker and pick up loop of Ulsan. [10 sts]

Round 3 3ltr in next dc, ltr in next st, 3ltr in next st, (ltr in next 2 sts, 3ltr in next st) twice, ltr in next st, place live loop on marker and pick up loop of Sydney. [18 sts]

Round 4 (Ltr in next 2 sts, 3ltr in next st) twice, (ltr in next 4 sts, 3ltr in next st) twice, ltr in next 2 sts, place live loop on marker and pick up loop of Ulsan. [26 sts]

Round 5 (3ltr in next st, pm in second ltr, ltr in next 12 sts) twice, place live loop on marker and pick up loop of Sydney. [30 sts]

Round 6 (Ltr in each st to marker, 3ltr in marked st, move marker up to second ltr) rep around, place live loop on marker and pick up loop of Ulsan. [34 sts]

Round 7 (Ltr in each st to marker, 3ltr in marked st, move marker up to second ltr) rep around, place live loop on marker and pick up loop of Sydney. [38 sts]

Round 8 (Ltr in each st to marker, 3ltr in marked st, move marker up to second ltr) rep around, place live loop on marker and pick up loop of Ulsan. [42 sts]

Heel is completed in rows. The beginning of the rows are worked to get to the position of the increases; the row will then work over half of the sts.

Row 9 Ltr to marker, 3ltr in marker, ltr in next 20 sts, place live loop on marker and pick up loop of Sydney.

Row 10 Ltr to marker, 3ltr in marker, ltr in next 20 sts, place live loop on marker and pick up loop of Ulsan.

LEG

Change to Dubai.

Round 1 (RS) 23fdc working from base of last st in Ulsan, 23ltr in each Ulsan st from Row 9 of Heel. [46 sts]

Round 2 (RS) Tr in each st around.

Round 3 *(Tr2tog), pm in last st, tr in next 21 sts; rep from * once more. [44 sts]

Round 4 *(Tr2tog), pm in last st, tr in next 20 sts; rep from * once more. [42 sts]

Round 5 *(Tr2tog), pm in last st, tr in next 19 sts; rep from * once more. [40 sts]

Round 6 *(Tr2tog), pm in last st, tr in next 18 sts; rep from * once more. [38 sts]

Round 7 *(Tr2tog), pm in last st, tr in next 17 sts; rep from * once more. [36 sts]

Rounds 8-11 Tr in each st around.

Round 12 Tr in first 26 sts, htr in next 5 sts, dc in next 5 sts, ss to beg tr.

Fasten off.

FOOT

Pick up live loop of Sydney from end of Heel on hook, change to Lahore.

Round 1 (RS) (Tr3tog, pm in dec, tr in next 20 sts) twice. [42 sts]

Round 2 Tr3tog, tr in each st to next marker, tr3tog, tr in each st to end. [38 sts]

Round 3 Tr2tog, tr in each st to next marker,

tr2tog, tr in each st to end. [36 sts]
Rounds 4-11 Tr in each st around.
You can work fewer or additional rounds here, to adapt the length of the foot.
Round 12 Tr in next 26 sts, htr in next 5 sts, dc in next 5 sts, ss in beg tr.
Fasten off.

CUFF

Join Sydney in any st from Round 12 of Leg. Tip: line the join up with the increases on final round of Heel to position seam at side.
Row 1 (RS) Ch6, dc in second ch from hook and next 4 ch, ss in next st from Round 12, change to Ulsan, ss in next st from Round 12, turn. [5 sts, 2 ss]
Row 2 (WS) Skip 2 ss, dc in bl of next 5 sts, turn. [5 sts]
Row 3 Ch1, dc in bl of next 5 sts, ss in next st from Round 12, change to Sydney, ss in next st from Round 12, turn. [5 sts, 2ss]
Rep Rows 2-3, alternating between Ulsan and Sydney every 2 rows, until all sts from Round 12 have been worked into.
With RS facing, ss the final row to base of Row 1.
Fasten off.

TOE

Pm in line with sides of the sock, with 17 sts between each marker. Move markers up as you work.
Join Ulsan in either marked st.
Round 1 (RS) *Ch2 (counts as ltr), tr2tog, ltr to 2 sts before next marker, tr2tog**, place live loop on marker, join Sydney in next st; rep from * to **. [32 sts]
Round 2 With Sydney, *ltr in marked st, tr2tog next 2 sts, ltr to 2 sts before next marker, tr2tog**, place live loop on marker and pick up loop of Ulsan; rep from * to ** once more. [28 sts]
Round 3 With Ulsan, ltr in marked st, tr2tog, ltr to 2 sts before next marker, tr2tog**, place live loop on marker and pick up loop of Sydney; rep from * to **. [24 sts]
Round 4 As Round 2. [20 sts]
Continue with Ulsan.
Row 5 Ltr in next 10 sts, turn so WS is facing and ss the opening closed.
Fasten off.

TO FINISH

Weave in all ends. For best results, block Socks.

SCARF

Like lichen on a rock by the seaside, the rippling motifs in this scarf by Joanne Fowler seem to grow ever outward

- Scheepjes Metropolis (75% wool, 25% nylon, 50g/200m), 1 ball of each: Dubai (047), Sydney (048), Ulsan (015), Lahore (014) Glasgow (002), Manila (012)
- A 3.75mm (US F/5) hook

TENSION

Tension is not critical, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Scarf measures approx 152cm (60in) long

ABBREVIATIONS

fdc (foundation double crochet) Insert hook in first ch from hook, yrh and pull up a loop, yrh and pull through 1 loop (loop will sit at base of foundation st), yrh and pull through 2 loops on hook, *insert hook at base of prev foundation st, yrh and pull up a loop, yrh and pull through 1 loop, yrh and pull through 2 loops; rep from * as required
fhtr (foundation half treble) Yrh, insert hook in second ch from hook, yrh and pull up a loop, yrh and pull through 1 loop (loop will sit at base of foundation st), yrh and pull through 3 loops, *yrh, insert hook at base of prev foundation st, yrh and pull up a loop, yrh and pull through 1 loop, yrh and pull through 3 loops; rep from * as required
ftr (foundation treble) *Yrh, insert hook in loop at base of prev foundation st, yrh and pull up a loop, yrh and pull through 1 loop (loop will sit at base of foundation st), (yrh and pull through two loops) twice; rep from * as required
fdtr (foundation double treble) *Yrh twice, insert hook in loop at base of prev foundation st, yrh and pull up a loop, yrh and pull through 1 loop (loop will sit at base of foundation st), (yrh and pull through two loops) 3 times; rep from * as required
v-st (Tr, ch1, tr) in st/sp indicated
For a full list, see page 130

NOTES

Scarf is made up of 17 Motifs. Motifs are worked in rounds with RS facing throughout.
You can use any colour in any order for Rounds 1-5, changing colour as directed. Use Glasgow for the final row and all joining on each Motif.
The Motifs are designer to curl at the edge.
Block the Motifs at the end of Round 5, before working the JAYG round.
You can adapt the length by working more Motifs. This may affect yarn quantity required.

SCARF

MOTIF (MAKE 17)

Using any colour, ch6.
Round 1 (RS) 5fdc, 5fhtr, 5ftr, ch1, 1fdtr, (ch1, dtr in base of fdtr) 4 times, rotating to work in opposite side of foundation sts, ch1, tr in base of next 5 tr, htr in base of next 5 htr, dc in bade of next 5 dc, ss in bl of next 5 ch. [40 sts, 6 ch-1 sps]
Change colour.
Round 2 (RS) (Work in bl throughout), ss in next 5 ch, dc in next 5 sts, htr in next 5 sts, tr in next 5 sts, dtr in next ch-sp, tr in bl of next st (ch1, dtr in ch-sp, ch1, tr in bl of next st) 4 times, dtr in ch-sp, tr in next 5 sts, htr in next 5 sts, dc in next 5 sts, ss in next 5 sts, ch2, ss to beg ss. [51 st, 8 ch-1 sp, 1 ch-2 sp]
Fasten off.
Join next colour in second ch of ch-2 sp.
Round 3 (Work in bl throughout), ss in second ch of ch-2 sp, ss in next 5 sts, dc in next 5 sts, htr in next 5 sts, tr in next 7 sts, dtr in ch-sp, tr in next st, (ch1, dtr in ch-sp, ch1, tr in next st) 6 times, dtr in ch-sp, tr in next 7 sts, htr in next 5 sts, dc in next 5 sts, ss in next 5 sts, ss in next ch, ch2, ss to beg ss. [61 st, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 ch-2 sp]
Fasten off.
Join next colour in second ch of ch-2 sp.
Round 4 (Work in bl throughout), ss in second ch of ch-2 sp, ss in next 6 sts, dc in next 5 sts, htr in next 5 sts, tr in next 9 sts, dtr in ch-sp, tr in next st, (ch1, dtr in ch-sp, ch1, tr in next st) 10 times, dtr in ch-sp, tr in next 9 sts, htr in next 5 sts, dc in next 5 sts, ss in next 6 sts, ss in next ch, ch2, ss to beg ss. [75 st, 20 ch-1 sps, 1 ch-2 sp]
Fasten off.
Join next colour in second ch of ch-2 sp.
Round 5 (Work in bl throughout), ss in second ch of ch-2 sp, ss in next 7 sts, dc in next 5 sts, htr in next 5 sts, tr in next 11 sts, dtr in ch-sp, tr in next st, (ch1, dtr in ch-sp, ch1, tr in next st) 18 times, dtr in ch-sp, tr in next 11 sts, htr in next 5 sts, dc in next 5 sts, ss in next 7 sts, ss in next ch, ch2, ss to beg ss. [97 st, 36 ch-1 sps, 1 ch-2 sp]
Join next colour in second ch of ch-2 sp.
Fasten off.
Block Motifs if desired (this is recommended).
Join Glasgow in second ch-1 sp.
Row 6 Ch3, (v-st in next st, ch1, skip ch-sp) 32 times, v-st in next st, ch3, ss in next ch-sp. [33 v-sts]
Fasten off.

TO JOIN

Join Motifs, turning each so the widest edge lines up with the narrowest edge on next Motif.
Join Glasgow in first unworked st after Row 6 on one Motif and through third ss from Round 5 on adjacent Motif. Ss together working through bl to beg of Row 6 on adjacent Motif.
Fasten off.
Repeat ss join so that all Motifs have been joined together.
Using Glasgow, ss in bl of sts across short edges of Scarf.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

HAIR TIE

These simple-to-make ringlets of yarn create a stunning waterfall effect in this hair tie designed by Emma Leith

- Scheepjes Metropolis (75% wool, 25% nylon, 50g/200m), 1 ball of each: **Yarn A** Glasgow (002), **Yarn B** Manila (012), **Yarn C** Lahore (014), **Yarn D** Ulsan (015), **Yarn E** Dubai (047), **Yarn F** Bordeaux (058)
- A 4mm (US G/6) hook
- An elasticated hairband

TENSION

Tension is not critical, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

To fit any sized hairband

NOTES

Hair Tie is made up of 7 Swirls. Each Swirl is worked in rows throughout and attached to the hairband at the end.
Work with 2 strands of yarn held together as one throughout.

HAIR TIE

EXTRA-LONG SWIRL (MAKE 1)

Using Yarn E and F held together, ch53 leaving a 20cm tail.
Row 1 2tr in fourth ch from hook, 3tr in each ch to end.
Fasten off.

LONG SWIRL (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A and B held together, ch43 leaving a 20cm tail.
Row 1 2tr in fourth ch from hook, 3tr in each ch to end.
Fasten off.

MEDIUM SWIRL (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn C and D held together, ch33 leaving a 20cm tail.
Row 1 2tr in fourth ch from hook, 3tr in each ch to end.
Fasten off.

SHORT SWIRL (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn E and F held together, ch23 leaving a 20cm tail.
Row 1 2tr in fourth ch from hook, 3tr in each ch to end.
Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Using Yarn A and B held together, work 13dc around hairband.
Fasten off.
Join the Extra-Long Swirl to the centre st on the hairband. Join the Short Swirls to the first and last stitch on the hairband.
Leaving a 1 st gap between each Swirl, join the Long Swirls either side of the Extra-Long Swirl and the Medium Swirls between the Short and Long Swirls.
Weave in all ends.

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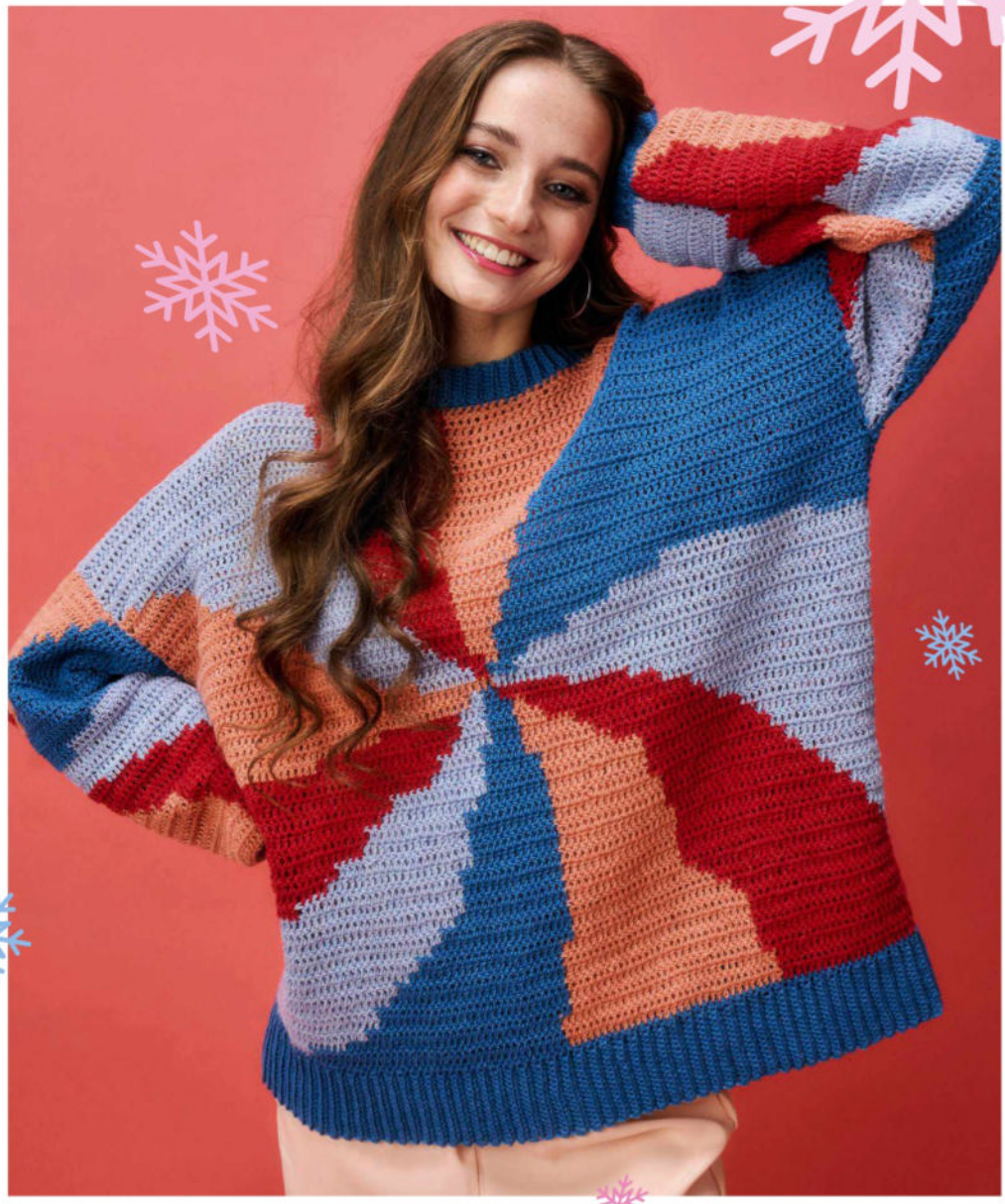


Spin city

Heads will whirl this Christmas when you're spotted in Cassie Ward's pinwheel jumper

SWIRL JUMPER

A BIT TRICKY ★★☆

4PLY WEIGHT

3.5MM HOOK

This spiral really looks like it's moving! Give creative colourwork a spin and add this oversized jumper to your wardrobe rotation.

YOU WILL NEED

- Scheepjes Metropolis (75% wool, 25% nylon, 50g/200m)
  Yarn A Manilla (012)
  Yarn B Bordeaux (058)
  Yarn C Dubai (047)
  Yarn D Ulsan (015)
  See table for measurements and yarn quantities
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook

For yarn stockists contact Scheepjes
www.scheepjes.com/en

TENSION

19 sts and 10 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) using a 3.5mm hook, or size needed to obtain correct tension

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

SCAN ME

Scan this code to learn all about how to read a crochet chart

NOTES

Jumper is made in separate pieces for Front, Back and Sleeves. Each piece is worked in rows. There are 3 Charts starting on page 122 that you will need to refer to when working each piece. Each small square represents 2tr. Read all RS rows from right to left and WS rows from left to right. Each size is shown on the Chart with an outlined box. The first 2 rows of each Chart have been written out for all sizes.
Change colour on the final yrh of st before colour change is indicated. Leave the unused strand on the WS of your work ready to use again on the next row. Where there are 2 separate sections of the same colour on the same row, you will need to use 2 balls of yarn.
The model is pictured wearing a size L Jumper. Make a larger size than your measurements for an oversized fit.

The pattern is made in the intarsia technique, which will require separate balls of yarn

JUMPER

BACK

HEM

Using Yarn A, ch17.
Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook and in each ch to end, turn. [16 sts]
Row 2 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc in bl of each st across, turn.
Rep Row 2 until 100 (108: 116: 124: 132: 140: 148) rows have been worked in total.
Turn to work across row-end edge.
Next row (WS) Ch1, dc in each row-end across, turn. [100 (108: 116: 124: 132: 140: 148) sts]

COLOURWORK SECTION

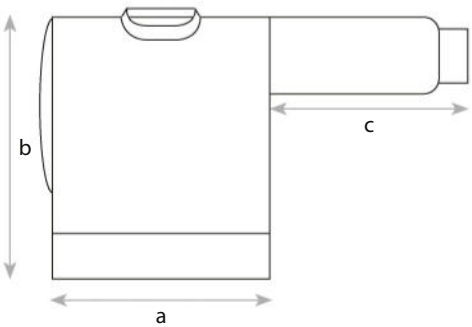
Refer to Back Chart.

SIZES S, M, L, AND XL ONLY

Change to Yarn D.
Row 1 (RS) Ch3, tr in next 7 (11: 15: 17: -: -: -) sts, change to Yarn A, tr in next 40 (40: 40: 42: -: -: -) sts, change to Yarn C, 34 (34: 34: 34: -: -: -) sts, change to Yarn B, tr in final 18 (22: 26: 30: -: -: -) sts, turn. [100 (108: 116: 124: -: -: -) sts]
Row 2 (WS) Ch3, tr in next 17 (21: 25: 29: -: -: -) sts, change to Yarn C, tr in next 32 (32: 32: 34: -: -: -) sts, change to Yarn A, 40 (40: 40: 40: -: -: -) sts, change to Yarn D, tr in final 10 (14: 18: 28: -: -) sts, turn.

SIZES 2X, 3X AND 4X ONLY

Change to Yarn D.
Row 1 (RS) Ch3, tr in next - (-: -: -: 21: 23: 27) sts, change to Yarn A, tr in next - (-: -: -: 42: 44: 44) sts, change to Yarn C, tr in next - (-: -: -: 34: 32: 32) sts, change to Yarn B, tr in next - (-: -: -: 32: 36: 36) sts, change to Yarn D, tr in final - (-: -: -: 2: 4: 8) sts,



Width a: 52 (56: 60.5: 65: 69: 73: 77.5)cm, 20½ (22: 24: 25½: 27: 28¾: 30¼)in
Length b: 61 (61: 61: 63: 63: 64.5: 64.5)cm, 21¾ (21¾: 21¾: 22¼: 22¼: 23: 23)in
Sleeve length c: 44 (44: 44: 46.5: 46.5: 46.5: 46.5)cm, 15 (15: 15: 16: 16: 16: 16)in

SIZE		S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	4X
TO FIT BUST	cm	81-86	91-96	101-107	111-117	122-127	132-137	142-147
	in	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50	52-54	56-58
ACTUAL BUST (APPROX)	cm	104.5	112.5	121	129.5	138	146	154.5
	in	41	44¼	47¾	51	54½	57½	60¾
LENGTH	cm	61	61	61	63	63	64.5	64.5
	in	21¾	21¾	21¾	22¼	22¼	23	23
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	44	44	44	46.5	46.5	46.5	46.5
	in	15	15	15	16	16	16	16
YARN A	50g	3	3	4	4	5	5	6
YARNS B-D	50g	3	3	3	4	4	5	5

To make this pattern easier to follow, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions – simply follow the relevant column.

turn. [- (-: -: -: 132: 140: 148) sts]
Row 2 (WS) Ch3, , tr in next - (-: -: -: 1: 5: 9) sts, change to Yarn B, tr in next - (-: -: -: 32: 32: 32) sts, change to Yarn C, tr in next - (-: -: -: 34: 34: 34) sts, change to Yarn A, tr in next - (-: -: -: 40: 42: 42) sts, change to Yarn D, tr in final - (-: -: -: 24: 26: 30) sts, turn.

ALL SIZES
Cont to follow Back Chart until 58 (58: 58: 60: 60: 62: 62) rows have been worked.
Fasten off.

FRONT
HEM
Work as Back Hem.

COLOURWORK SECTION
Refer to Front Chart.

SIZES S, M, L, AND XL ONLY
Change to Yarn B.
Row 1 (RS) Ch3, tr in next 17 (21: 25: 29: -: -: -) sts, change to Yarn C, tr in next 34 (34: 34: 34: -: -: -) sts, change to Yarn A, 40 (40: 40: 42: -: -: -) sts, change to Yarn D, tr in final 8 (12: 16: 18: -: -: -) sts, turn. [100 (108: 116: 124: -: -: -) sts]
Row 2 (WS) Ch3, tr in next 9 (13: 17: 19: -: -: -) sts, change to Yarn A, tr in next 40 (40: 40: 40: -: -: -) sts, change to Yarn C, 32 (32: 32: 34: -: -: -) sts, change to Yarn B, tr in final 18 (22: 26: 30: -: -: -) sts, turn.

SIZES 2X, 3X AND 4X ONLY
Change to Yarn D.
Row 1 (RS) Ch3, tr in next - (-: -: -: 1: 3: 7) sts, change to Yarn B, tr in next - (-: -: -: 32: 36: 36) sts, change to Yarn C, tr in next - (-: -: -: 34: 32: 32) sts, change to Yarn A, tr in next - (-: -: -: 42: 44: 44) sts, change to Yarn D, tr in final - (-: -: -: 22: 24: 28) sts, turn. [- (-: -: -: 132: 140: 148) sts]
Row 2 (WS) Ch3, tr in next - (-: -: -: 23: 25: 29) sts, change to Yarn A, tr in next - (-: -: -: 40: 42: 42) sts, change to Yarn C, tr in next - (-: -: -: 34: 34: 34) sts, change to Yarn B, tr in next - (-: -: -: 32: 32: 32) sts, change to Yarn D, tr in final - (-: -: -: 2: 6: 10) sts, turn.

ALL SIZES
Cont to follow Front Chart until 54 (54: 54: 56: 56: 58: 58) rows have been worked.

LEFT NECK SHAPING
Cont to follow Chart for colour changes.
Cont with Yarn A.
Next row Ch3, tr in next 37 (39: 43: 47: 51: 55: 57) sts, turn leaving rem sts unworked. [38 (40: 44: 48: 52: 56: 58) sts]
Next row Ch3, tr in each st across, turn.
Rep last row twice more.
Fasten off.

RIGHT NECK SHAPING
Skip 24 (28: 28: 28: 28: 28: 32) sts from last full row of Front, join Yarn B in next st.
Rep 4 rows of Left Neck Shaping.
Fasten off.

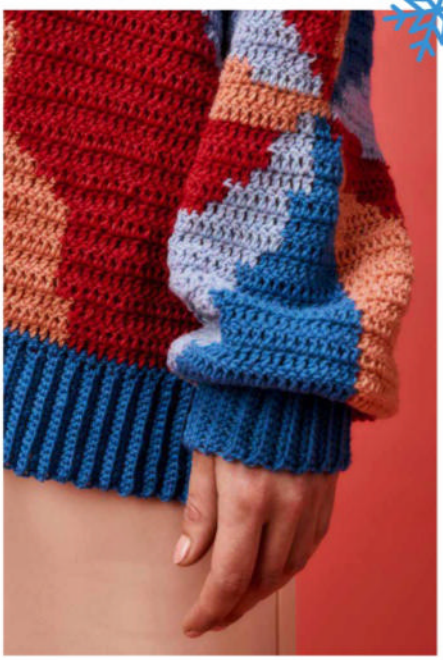
SLEEVES (MAKE 2)
CUFF
Using Yarn A, ch15.
Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook and in each ch to end, turn. [16 sts]
Row 2 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc in bl of each st across, turn.
Rep Row 2 until 32 (36: 36: 42: 42: 50: 50) rows have been worked in total.
Turn to work across row-end edge.
Next row (RS) Ch1, dc in each row-end across, turn. [32 (36: 36: 42: 42: 50: 50) sts]
Next row (WS) Ch1, 2dc in each st across, turn. [64 (72: 72: 84: 84: 100: 100) sts]

COLOURWORK SECTION
Refer to Sleeve Chart. For sizes S, M, L, XL and 2X following the section in the highlighted box. For sizes 3X and 4X, work all of the Chart.
Change to Yarn B.
Row 1 (RS) Ch3, tr in next 3 (7: 7: 13: 13: 21: 21) sts, change to Yarn C, tr in next 26 (26: 26: 26: 26: 26: 26) sts, change to Yarn A, 22 (22: 22: 24: 24: 24: 24) sts, change to Yarn D, tr in final 12 (16: 16: 20: 20: 28: 28) sts, turn.
[64 (72: 72: 84: 84: 100: 100) sts]
Row 2 (WS) Ch3, tr in next 13 (17: 17: 21: 21: 29: 29) sts, change to Yarn A, tr in next 22 (22: 22: 22: 22: 22: 22) sts, change to Yarn C, 22 (22: 22: 26: 26: 26: 26) sts, change to Yarn B, tr in final 6 (10: 10: 14: 14: 22: 22) sts, turn.
Cont to follow Sleeve Chart to end.
Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP
With WS facing, sew Front and Back together at shoulders.
Pin the top-centre of each Sleeve to shoulder seam, then pin the top edge of the Sleeve to the Front and Back. Once happy with the position, sew the tops of the Sleeves in place.
Sew the Sleeve and side seams together.
Weave in all ends.

NECK EDGING
With RS facing, join Yarn A in any st around neck opening.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, dc in each st and 2dc in each row-end around, ss to beg dc.
Work on in rows.
Row 2 Ch7, dc in second ch from hook and next 5 ch, ss in next 2 sts from Round 1 , turn.
Row 3 Dc in bl of each st across, turn.
Row 4 Ch1, dc in bl of each st across, ss in next 2 sts from Round 1, turn.
Rep Rows 3-4 until all sts from Round 1 have been worked into.
Ss the final row to the base of Row 1.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

Work the neckline after sewing the front, back and sleeve pieces together



Work the hem and cuffs in short rows, then turn to work the main fabric off the row-ends

WINTER SUN

Cheer up dull days with a fab hat and cowl set from Maria Jęczmyk

GORGEOUS GIFTS!

HAT AND COWL SET

YOU WILL NEED

- Yarnsmiths Freespirit Aran (100% acrylic, 100g/185m) 3 balls of Luna (1D001)
- A 5mm (US H/8) hook
- 2 stitch markers

For yarn stockists contact Wool Warehouse 01926 882818 www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

TENSION

15 sts and 15 rows measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over double crochet worked in the back loops using a 5mm hook, or size needed to obtain correct tension

MEASUREMENTS

Cowl measures approx 29x30cm (11½x12in) after seaming
Hat measures approx 50cm (19¾in) in circumference

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Bright variegated yarn and cables make a pretty pair. No two balls of yarn are the same, so you'll end up with a truly unique design!

NOTES

Hat and Cowl are worked in rows and seamed together at the end.
Cabling is created by working rows over shorter sections, before working into the skipped sts a few rows later.
Hat requires 1 ball of yarn; Cowl requires 2 balls.

HAT

Ch56.
Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next 19 next ch, pm in last st, ss in next 30 ch, ss in next ch, pm in last st, ss in 4 ch, turn. [55 sts]
Work in bl throughout Hat.
Row 2 Ch1 (does not count as st), ss to second marker, dc to end, turn.
Row 3 Ch1, dc to and including marked st, ss to end, turn.
Row 4 Ch1, ss to and including marked st, htr to next marker, dc to end, turn.
Row 5 Ch1, dc to and including marked st, 10ss, turn leaving rem sts unworked. [30 sts]
Rows 6-7 Ch1, 10ss, turn. [10 sts]
Row 8 Ch1, 10htr, dc in marked st and each st to end, turn. [30 sts]
Row 9 Ch1, dc to and including marked st, 20ss, turn. [40 sts]
Row 10 Ch1, 20ss, dc to end, turn. [55 sts]
Row 11 Ch1, dc to and including marked st, 20ss, turn.
Row 12 Ch1, 10htr, 1ss, turn. [11 sts]
Row 13 Ch1, ss to end, turn. [26 sts]
Row 14 Ch1, ss to and including marked st, 22ss, turn. [27 sts]
Row 15 Ch1, ss to end, turn.
Row 16 Ch1, ss to and including marked st, 10htr, 1ss, turn. [16 sts]
Row 17 Ch1, 11ss, turn. [11 sts]
Row 18 Ch1, 12ss, turn. [12 sts]
Row 19 Ch1, ss to end, turn. [17 sts]
Row 20 Ch1, ss to and including marked st, 12htr, 1tr, 9htr, 1tr, 7htr, dc to end, turn. [55 sts]
Row 21 Ch1, dc to and including marked st, ss to end, turn.
Row 22 Ch1, ss to second marker, dc to end, turn.
Row 23 Ch1, dc to and including marked st, ss to end, turn.
Rep Rows 4-23 another 4 times, then rep Rows 4-20 once more.
Fasten off.
Sew last row to foundation ch using whip stitch. Sew top of Hat closed and fold up brim.

COWL

Ch51.
Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook and 4 next sts, pm in st just made, ss in 40 sts, pm in next st, dc in 5 final sts, turn. [50 sts]

Clever cables are created by working stitches of varying heights along each row

Move the markers up as you work.
Work in bl throughout Hat.
Rows 2-3 Ch1 (does not count as st), dc to and including marked st, ss to next marker, dc from marked st to end, turn.
Row 4 Ch1, dc to and including marked st, htr to next marker, dc from marked st to end, turn. [50 sts]
Row 5 Ch1, dc to and including marked st, 10ss, turn. [15 sts]
Rows 6-7 Ch1, 10ss, turn. [10 sts]
Row 8 Ch1, 10htr, dc in marked st and each st to end, turn. [15 sts]
Row 9 Ch1, dc to and including marked st, 20ss, turn. [25 sts]
Row 10 Ch1, 20ss, dc to end, turn.
Row 11 Ch1, dc to and including marked st, 20ss, turn.
Row 12 Ch1, 10htr, 1ss, turn. [11 sts]
Row 13 Ch1, 21ss, turn. [21 sts]
Rows 14-15 Ch1, 22ss, turn. [22 sts]
Row 16 As Row 12.
Row 17 Ch1, 21ss, dc to end, turn. [26 sts]
Row 18 Ch1, dc to and including marked st, 22ss, turn. [27 sts]
Row 19 Ch1, 22ss, dc to end, turn.
Row 20 Ch1, dc to and including marked st, 10htr, 1ss, turn. [16 sts]
Row 21 Ch1, 11 ss, turn. [11 sts]
Row 22 Ch1, 12ss, turn. [12 sts]
Row 23 Ch1, 12ss, dc to end, turn. [17 sts]
Row 24 Ch1, dc to and including marked st, 12htr, 1tr, 9htr, 1tr, 9htr, 1tr, 7htr, dc to end, turn. [50 sts]
Rows 25-27 As Row 2.
Rep Rows 4-27 another 7 times, then rep Rows 4-24 once more.
Fasten off.
Sew last row to foundation ch using whip stitch. Weave in all ends.

LITTLE HELPERS

These adorable elf hats are a fun Christmas accessory for kids.
By DROPS Design

FROM 2-14 YEARS OLD

ELF HATS

YOU WILL NEED

- DROPS Baby Merino (100% wool, 50g/175m)
  Red (16)
  Off White (02)

See table for measurements and yarn quantities

- DROPS Snow (100% wool, 50g/50m)
  1 ball of Off White (01)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Stitch markers
- Pompom maker, 65mm

For yarn stockists contact DROPS Design www.garnstudio.com

TENSION

24 sts and 13 rows measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over treble crochet using a 3mm hook, or size needed to obtain correct tension

ABBREVIATIONS

reverse dc Insert hook in next st to right (or left if left-handed), yrh and pull up a loop, yrh and pull through 2 loops on hook

For a full list, see page 130

It's time to take an elfie! With their candy striped colours and gorgeously soft yarn, kids of all ages will love sporting an elf hat this festive season.

NOTES

Hat is worked in rounds from the rib up.
The Main section of the Hat is worked in a two round colour sequence throughout. Change colour on the ss join at the end of the round and carry the unused colour up the WS of your work. The DROPS Snow is used for the pompom only.

HAT

RIB

Using Red, ch106 (110: 116: 120: 124) and ss in first ch to form a loop (being careful not to twist the ch).
Round 1 (RS) Ch3 (counts as tr throughout), tr in each ch around, ss to top of beg ch-3. [106 (110: 116: 120: 124) sts]
Round 2 (RS) Ch3, FPtr around next st, (tr in next st, FPtr around next st) rep around to end, ss to top of beg ch-3.
Rep Round 2 until rib measures 4cm.

STRIPED SECTION

Change to Off White.
Round 1 (RS) Ch3, tr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3.
Round 2 Ch3, tr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3.
Change to Red.
Rep Round 2, changing colour every 2 rounds in sequence set until Hat measure 16 (18: 20: 21:23)cm long. Continue to follow stripes colour sequence to end of Hat.

SIZE 2Y ONLY

Next round Ch3, tr2tog, tr in next 51 sts, tr2tog, tr in final 50 sts, ss to top of beg ch-3.
[104 (-: -: -: -) sts]

SIZE 3-5Y ONLY

Next round Ch3, (tr2tog, tr in next 16) 5 times, tr2tog, tr in final 17 sts, ss to top of beg ch-3.
[- (104: -: -: -) sts]

SIZES 6-9Y AND 13-14Y ONLY

Next round Ch3, *tr2tog, tr in next - (-: 27: -: 29) sts; rep from * twice more, tr2tog, tr in final - (-: 26: -: 28) sts, ss to top of beg ch-3. [- (-: 112: -: 120) sts]

A delightfully chunky pompom finishes off these cute hats in style

ALL SIZES

Next round Ch3, tr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3. [104 (104: 112: 120: 120) sts]
Rep last round until hat measures 18 (20: 22: 23: 25)cm.
Next round Ch3, *tr2tog (pm in dec), tr in next 11 (11: 12: 13: 13) sts; rep from * 7 times more omitting final tr on last rep, ss to top of beg ch-3. [96 (96: 104: 112: 112) sts]
Move markers up as you work.

DECREASING PATTERN

Next round Ch3, tr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3.
Rep last round another 4 times more.
Next round Ch3, (tr2tog marked st and next st, move marker to dec, tr in each st to next ☛

SIZE		2Y	3-5Y	6-9Y	10-12Y	13-14Y
TO FIT HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE	cm	48-50	50-52	52-54	54-56	56-57
	in	19-19¾	19¾-20½	20½-21¼	21¼-22	22-22½
LENGTH	cm	60	65	70	75	80
	in	23½	25½	27½	29½	31½
RED	50g	2	2	2	2	3
OFF WHITE	50g	2	2	2	2	2

To make this pattern easier to follow, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions – simply follow the relevant column.

marker) rep around to end, ss to top of beg ch-3. [88 (88: 96: 104: 104) sts]
Rep last 6 rounds another (5 (7: 7: 7: 9) times. [48 (32: 40: 48: 32)sts.
Next round Ch3, tr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3.
Rep last round twice more.
Next round Ch3, (tr2tog marked st and next st, move marker to dec, tr in each st to next marker) rep around to end, ss to top of beg ch-3. [40 (24: 32: 40: 24) sts]
Rep last 4 rounds until 8 sts rem.
Fasten off.
Thread tail through fl of final 8 sts and pull tight to close.

LOWER EDGE

SIZES 2Y AND 3-5Y ONLY
Join red in edge of Rib.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, reverse dc in each st around, ss to beg dc.
Fasten off.

SIZES 6-9Y, 10-12Y AND 13-14Y ONLY
Join red in edge of Rib.
Round 1 (RS) Ch3, tr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3.
Round 2 (RS) Ch1, reverse dc in each st around, ss to beg dc.
Fasten off.

TO FINISH
Using DROPS Snow, make a pompom and sew to the top of the Hat.
Weave in all ends.

Red and white is classic Christmas, but you could also opt for red and green stripes

SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO DECREASE IN TREBLE CROCHET (TR2TOG)

1 Begin working a treble as usual: yrh, insert hook under top 2 loops of next stitch on prev row, yrh, pull loop through (3 loops on hook), yrh and pull through first 2 loops (2 loops on hook).

2 Without finishing the first tr, begin the next tr, working yrh, insert hook in next stitch on prev row. Again, work yrh and pull loop through, yrh and pull through first 2 loops (3 loops on hook).

3 Now complete both the treble stitches together by working yrh and pull this loop through all 3 loops on hook.

4 This is how the completed tr2tog should look. You will have neatly decreased 1 tr stitch. On subsequent rows, you can simply work a stitch into the top of the tr2tog stitch as usual.

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SHOWSTOPPER

Joanne Smith's abstract shawl will brighten up a dark outfit and keep you cosy

TAPESTRY & INTARSIA

MULTICOLOURED SHAWL

YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft Life DK (75% acrylic, 25% wool, 100g/298m)
  1 ball of each:
  Rose (2301)
  Cranberry (2319)
  Teal (2416)
  Mustard (2496)
  Charcoal (2323)
  Pebble Nepp (2327)
  Olive (2302)
  Copper (2312)
- A 4mm (US G/6) hook
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook

For yarn stockists contact Stylecraft 01484 848435 www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk

TENSION

Tension is not critical, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Shawl measures approx 85x150cm (33½x59in)

ABBREVIATIONS

ch3 picot Ch3, ss in base of ch
ch5 picot Ch5, ss in base of ch
For a full list, see page 130

Hooking up elght colours of yarn makes one striking shawl! Using both tapestry and intarsia colourwork keeps things interesting.

NOTES

Shawl is worked from the point up.
Use a mixture of tapestry and intarsia colourwork. For intarsia, wind off smaller balls of each colour use; this when the colour is used on one section only in that row. For tapestry, carry the unused colour across the top of your sts, enclosing the strand as you work. You can find full details on all colourwork techniques here: www.gathered.how/knitting-and-crochet/crochet/how-to-do-crochet-colourwork.
There is a Chart starting on page 124, which you will need to refer to when working the Shawl. Each square represents 1tr. Read all RS rows from right to left and WS rows from left to right. The first few rows of the Chart have been written out to guide you.

The shawl is worked all in treble stitches, and finished with a double crochet and picot edging

SHAWL

Using a 4mm hook and Charcoal, ch4.
Row 1 (RS) 2tr in fourth ch from hook, turn. [3 sts]
Row 2 (WS) Ch3, (counts as tr throughout), 2tr in next st, 1tr, turn. [4 sts]
Row 3 Ch3, 1tr, 2tr in the next st, 1tr, turn. [5 sts]
Row 4 Ch3, 2tr in next st, tr in each st to end, turn. [6 sts]
Row 5 Ch3, tr in each st to final 2 sts, 2tr in next st, tr in fi al st, turn. [7 sts]
Pattern is set by Rows 4-5.
Row 6 As Row 4. [8 sts]
Change to Mustard.
Row 7 Ch3, tr in next 4 sts, change to Teal, tr in each st to final 2 sts, 2tr in next st, tr in final st, turn. [9 sts]
Row 8 Ch3, 2tr in next st, tr to final 5 sts, change to Mustard, tr in final 5 sts, turn. [10 sts]
Rows 9-150 Cont in patt set, using the Chart for all colour changes. [152 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

EDGING

Using a 3mm hook, join Charcoal in first st across top.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), (dc, ch1, dc) in first st, dc in each st to final st, (dc, ch1, dc) in final st, 2dc in each row-end to base, (dc, ch1, dc) in corner, 2dc in each row end across next side, ss to beg dc.
Round 2 (RS) Ch1, dc in first st *ch-5 picot in corner ch-1 sp, (dc in next 3 sts, ch-3 picot) rep across to next ch-1 corner sp; rep from * around, ss to beg dc.
Fasten off and weave in all ends.

SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO WORK TAPESTRY COLOURWORK

1 Work to the point where you want to change colour and on the last stitch in the first colour, work the final yrh using the second colour.

2 Work a stitch using the second colour, but hold the working end of the first colour on top of the stitches below and make sure you work the new stitch over the top of it, effectively encasing the first colour.

3 Continue working in this way, encasing the working end of the first colour. When you want to change colour again, use the same method as before: on the last stitch in the second colour, work the final yrh using the first colour.

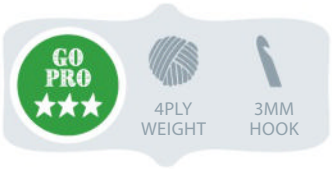
4 It's important not to pull too tightly on the previous colour of yarn or it will pucker the fabric. Continue to work stitches using the first colour, over the top of the working end of the second colour.

TECHNIQUE TWIST!

Up to snow good

Cassie Ward's contemporary design displays a quirky mix of Fair Isle and colourful hexies

CHRISTMAS JUMPER



YOU WILL NEED

- West Yorkshire Spinners Signature 4ply (75% wool, 25% nylon, 100g/400m)
  Yarn A Marshmallow (11)
  Yarn B Cherry Drop (529)
  See table for measurements and yarn quantities for Yarns A and B
  1 ball of each:
  Yarn C Sunflower (1001)
  Yarn D Honeysuckle (234)
  Yarn E Chocolate Lime (395)
  Yarn F Cobalt (1005)
  Yarn G Pacific (1007)
  Yarn H Cornflower (325)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook

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TENSION

Hexagon measures 10cm (4in) in diameter across widest points
22 tr and 9.5 rows measures 10x10cm (4x4in) over treble crochet using a 3mm hook, or size needed to obtain correct tension

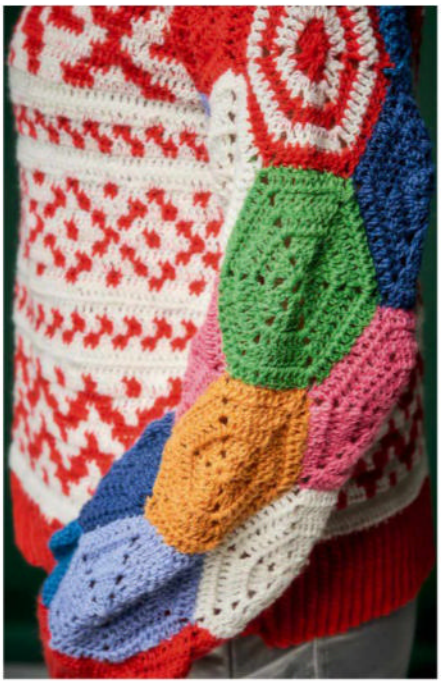
ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

You'll feel like all your Christmasses have come at once with this fabulous design. Just look at that cute striped hexi hiding in there!

NOTES

Front and Back are worked in rows throughout. There is a Chart on page 125, which you will need to refer to when working the colourwork section. Each square represents tr, apart from the first st of each row which should be worked as ch3. Read all RS rows from right to left and WS rows from left to right. The first few rows of the Chart have been written out to guide you. Change colour on the final yrh of st before colour change is indicated. Carry the unused colour across the top of your sts, enclosing the strand as you work.
The Sleeves are made up of Hexagon motifs.



The body is worked in rows, and the sleeves are made of hexagonal motifs sewn together

JUMPER

FRONT

WELT

Using Yarn B, ch15.
Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook, dc in each ch to end, turn. [14 dc]
Row 2 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc in bl of each st across, turn.
Rep Row 2 another 106 (118: 130: 142: 154: 166) times.
Fasten off.
Turn to work across straight edge and join Yarn A in corner.
Next row (WS) Ch1, 108 (120: 132: 144: 156: 168) dc evenly across. turn.

BODY

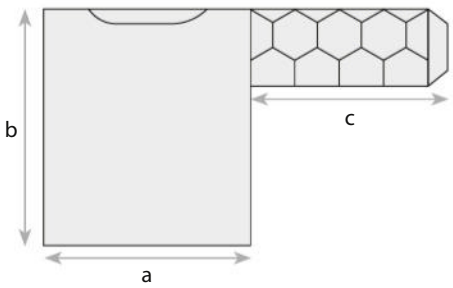
Refer to the Chart for colour changes. Note beginning stitch position on Chart for your size.
Rows 1-2 Ch3 (counts as tr throughout), tr in each st across, turn.
Change to Yarn B.

SIZES S, L AND 2X ONLY

Row 3 (RS) Ch3, tr in next st, change to Yarn A, tr in next 4 sts, *change to Yarn B, tr in next 2 sts, change to Yarn A, tr in next 4 sts; rep from * across to end, turn.
Row 4 Ch3, tr in next st, *change to Yarn B, tr in next 6 sts, change to Yarn A, tr in next 6 sts; rep from * across to end, turn.
Rows 5-48 Cont in pattern set, using the Chart as you work.

SIZE M ONLY

Row 3 (RS) Ch3, tr in next st, change to Yarn A, tr in next 4 sts, *change to Yarn B, tr in next 2 sts, change to Yarn A, tr in next 4 sts; rep from * across to end, turn.
Row 4 Ch3, tr in next st, *change to Yarn A, tr in next 6, change to Yarn B, tr in next 6; rep from * across to end, turn.
Rows 5-48 Cont in pattern set, using the Chart as you work.



Width a: 49 (54: 59: 64: 69: 74)cm, 19¼ (21¼: 23¼: 25¼: 27: 29¼)in
Length b: 56cm, 22in
Sleeve length c: 49cm, 19¼in

SIZE		S	M	L	XL	2X	3X
TO FIT BUST	cm	81-86	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127	137-147
	in	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50	52-54
ACTUAL BUST (APPROX)	cm	98	108	118	128	138	148
	in	38½	42½	46½	50½	54¼	58¼
LENGTH	cm	56	56	56	56	56	56
	in	22	22	22	22	22	22
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	49	49	49	49	49	49
	in	19¼	19¼	19¼	19¼	19¼	19¼
YARN A	100g	2	2	3	3	3	4
YARN B	100g	2	2	3	3	3	4

To make this pattern easier to follow, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions – simply follow the relevant column.

SIZE XL ONLY
Row 3 (RS) Ch3, change to Yarn A, tr in next 4 sts, *change to Yarn B, tr in next 2 sts, change to Yarn A, tr in next 4 sts; rep from * across to end, turn.
Row 4 Ch3, tr in next 2 sts, *change to Yarn A, tr in next 6, change to Yarn B, tr in next 6; rep from * across to end, turn.
Rows 5-48 Cont in pattern set, using the Chart as you work.

ALL SIZES
Cont in Yarn A.
Rows 49-50 Ch3, tr in each st across, turn.**

NECK SHAPING
Row 1 (RS) Ch3, 29 (33: 39: 43: 47: 51)tr, tr2tog, 1tr, turn leaving rem sts unworked.
[32 (36: 42: 46: 50: 54) sts]
Row 2 Ch3, tr2tog, tr in each st to end, turn.
[31 (35: 41: 45: 49: 53) sts]
Rows 3-5 Ch3, tr in each st to end, turn.
Fasten off.
With RS facing, skip 42 (46: 46: 50: 54: 58) sts from Row 51 and join yarn in next st.
Row 1 (RS) Ch3, tr2tog, tr in each st to end, turn. [32 (36: 42: 46: 50: 54) sts]
Row 2 Ch3, tr to last 3 sts, tr2tog, tr in last st, turn. [31 (35: 41: 45: 49: 53) sts]
Rows 3-5 Ch3, tr in each st to end, turn.
Fasten off.

BACK
Work as for Front to **.
Rows 51-55 Ch3, tr in each st to end, turn.
Fasten off.

SLEEVES
FULL HEXAGON
Make 24 (24: 24: 18: 18: 18) using any colour.
Make 4 (4: 4: 2: 2: 2) using Yarn B on Rounds 1, 3 and 5 and Yarn A on Rounds 2 and 4.
Ch6, ss in last ch from hook to form a ring.
Round 1 (RS) Ch3, tr in ring, ch2, (2tr in ring, ch2) 5 times, ss to third ch of beg ch-3, turn.
[12 sts, 5 ch-2 sps]
Round 2 (WS) Ch3, *(tr, ch2, tr) in ch-2 sp, tr in each tr to next ch-2 sp; rep from * around to end, ss to top of beg ch-3, turn.
[24 sts, 5 ch-2 sps]
Rounds 3-5 Ch3, *tr in each st to ch-2 sp, (tr, ch1, tr) in ch-sp; rep from * around to end, ss to top of beg ch-3. [60 sts, 5 ch-2 sps]
Fasten off.

HALF VERTICAL HEXAGON
Make 2 in each of Yarns B and G.
Ch6, ss in last ch to form ring.
Row 1 (RS) Ch4 (counts as tr, ch1 throughout), (2tr in loop, ch2) twice, 2tr in loop, ch1, tr in loop, turn. [8 sts, 2 ch-2 sps, 2 ch-1 sps]
Rows 2-5 Ch4, tr in ch-1 sp, *tr in each tr to ch-2 sp, (tr, ch2, tr); rep from * to final ch-1 sp, (tr, ch1, tr) in ch-sp, turn. [32 sts at end of Row 5]
Fasten off.

HALF HORIZONTAL HEXAGON
Make 0 (0: 0: 4: 4: 4) using Yarn B on Rounds 1, 3 and 5 and Yarn A on Rounds 2 and 4.
Make 0 (0: 0: 12: 12: 12) using any colour.
Ch6, ss in last ch to form ring.
Row 1 (RS) Ch3, tr in ring, ch2, (2tr in ring, ch2) twice, 2tr in ring, turn. [8 sts, 3 ch-2 sps]
Rows 2-5 Ch3, *tr in each tr to ch-2 sp, (tr, ch2, tr) in ch-2 sp; rep from * twice more tr in each tr to end, turn. [32 sts at end of Row 5]
Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP SLEEVES
SIZES S, M AND L ONLY
Sew 4 Hexagons into a strip. Make a second strip in the same way.
Sew 3 Hexagons into a strip, then sew a Half Vertical Hexagon onto each end. Make a second strip in the same way.
Sew the 4 complete strips together (the Half Vertical Hexagon edges make up the upper arm and Cuff edges)s.

SIZES XL, 2X AND 3X ONLY
Sew 4 Hexagons into a strip.
Sew 3 Hexagons into a strip, then sew a Half Vertical Hexagon onto each end. Make a second strip in the same way. Sew these 2 strips either side of the 4 Hexagon strip.
Sew 4 Half Horizontal Hexagons across each zigzag edge of joined motifs, matching colours on opposite edge.
With RS facing, join Yarn A to work across Half Horizontal Hexagon edge.
Row 1 (RS) Ch3, tr in each st/ch-sp and 2tr in each row-end across, turn.
Row 2 (WS) Ch3, tr in each st to end.
Fasten off.
Rep Rows 1-2 on opposite Half Horizontal Hexagon edge.

CUFFS
Using Yarn B, ch16.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in each ch to end, turn. [15 dc]
Row 2 Ch1, dc in bl of each st across, turn.
Rep Row 2 another 30 (30: 30: 38: 38: 38) times.
Work next row across long edge of Cuff.
Next row Ch1, dc in each row-end across, turn.
[32 (32: 32: 40: 40: 40) sts]
Next row Ch3, tr in st at base of ch-3, 2tr in each st across, turn. [64 (64: 64: 80: 80: 80) sts]
Next row Ch3, tr in each st across, turn.
Rep last row once more.
Fasten off leaving a long tail.

TO MAKE UP
Sew Front and Back together at shoulders.
Sew the top of the Sleeve to the Body, then sew the Sleeve and side seams closed.

On two-colour rows, carry yarns across the top of the stitches, enclosing them as you work

Sew edges of Cuff together, then sew the final tr row of Cuff to the base of the Sleeve.

NECKBAND
With RS facing, join Yarn B at shoulder seam.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, dc in each st and 2dc in each row-end around neck, ss to beg dc.
Neckband continues in rows.
Row 1 Ch7, dc in second ch from hook, dc in each ch to end, ss in next 2 sts from Round 1, turn.
Row 2 Dc in bl of next 6 dc from last row, turn.
Row 3 Ch1, dc in bl of next 6 dc, ss in next 2 sts of Round 1, turn.
Rep Rows 2-3 until all sts of Round 1 have been worked into.
Fasten off.

TO FINISH
Sew the final row of Neckband to the base of Row 1.
Weave in all ends.

SAVE OR SPLURGE

For a more budget-friendly make, try DROPS Fable: 4 (4: 5: 6: 6: 7) balls of Yarn A Off White (100), 4 (4: 5: 6: 6: 7) balls of Yarn B Red (106), 1 ball of each: Yarn C Mustard (111), Yarn D Pink (102), Yarn E Parrot Green (118), Yarn F Blue (107), Yarn F Turquoise (105), Yarn G Light Blue (117)
Check hook size, tension and ball length if you use a different yarn
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YOU WILL NEED

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  Yarn A Recharge (1017)
  Yarn B Breathe (1156)
  Yarn C Energise (1155)
  Yarn D Harmony (2097)
  See table for measurements and yarn quantities
- A 6mm (US J/10) hook
- A 6.5mm (US K/10½) hook
- 3 buttons, 30mm

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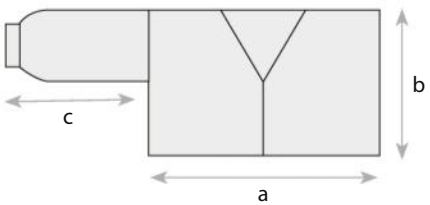
TENSION

12 sts and 7 rows measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over pattern using a 6.5mm hook, or size needed to obtain correct tension

ABBREVIATIONS

patt2tog Work either a tr2tog, or dtr2tog depending on pattern rep

For a full list, see page 130



Width a: 60 (66.5: 73: 80: 86.5) cm, 23¾ (26¼: 29: 31½: 34)in
Length b: 43 (46: 49: 52: 54.5) cm, 17 (18: 19¼: 20¼: 21½)in
Sleeve length c: 40cm, 15¾in

This smart chunky cardigan fits the bill of a gorgeous make to wear at Christmas, or even a fab present for a very lucky friend.

NOTES

Cardigan Body is made in one piece to armholes. Work separately for Fronts and Back. Sleeves are made separately and sewn into space left for armholes.

CARDIGAN

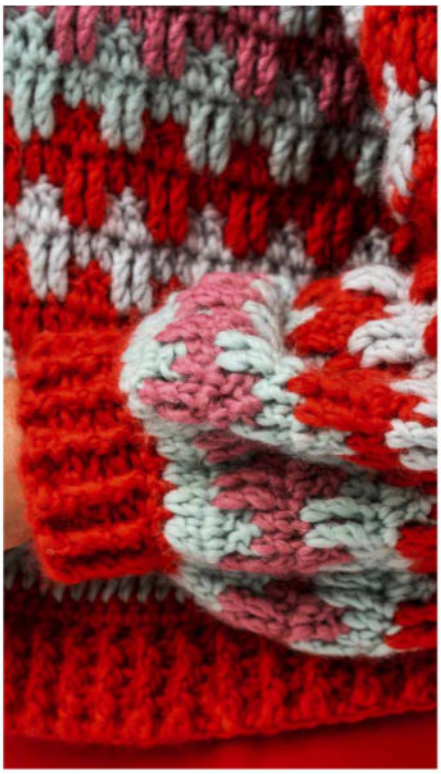
BODY

RIB

Using a 6mm hook and Yarn A, ch142 (158: 164: 180: 196).
Row 1 Tr in third ch from hook, tr in each ch to end, turn. [141 (157: 163 179: 195) sts]
Row 2 Ch2 (counts as htr throughout), BPtr around next st, (FPtr around next st, BPtr around next st) rep to last st, htr in last st, turn.
Row 3 Ch2, (FPtr around next st, BPtr around next st) rep to last st, htr in last st, turn.
Row 4 As Row 2.
Row 5 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in each st to end, turn. [140 (156: 162: 178: 194) sts]

CHECK PATTERN

Change to a 6.5mm hook and Yarn B.
Row 1 (RS) Ch3 (counts as tr throughout), tr in each st to end, turn.
Row 2 (WS) Ch3, (2tr, ch2, skip 2 sts) rep to last 3 sts, 3tr, turn.
Change to Yarn C.
Row 3 Ch3, (2tr, 2dtr into 2 sts skipped 2 rows below) to last 3 sts, 3tr, turn.
Row 4 Ch3, (ch2, skip next 2 sts, 2tr) to last 3 sts, ch2, skip next 2 sts, 1tr, turn.
Change to Yarn B.
Row 5 Ch3, (2dtr into 2 sts skipped 2 rows below, 2tr) to last 3 sts, 2dtr, 1tr, turn.
Rows 6-13 Rep Rows 2-5 in following colour sequence: 1 row Yarn B, 2 rows Yarn A, 2 rows Yarn D, 2 rows Yarn A, 1 row Yarn B.
Pattern and colour sequence is set by Rows 2-13. Work in this pattern throughout.



For sleeves, work cuffs first, then continue in the check pattern for the rest of the sleeves

LEFT FRONT

Cont in colour sequence set.
Row 14 (WS) Ch3, patt2tog, patt over next 29 (33: 37: 41: 45) sts, turn leaving rem sts unworked. [31 (35: 39: 43 47) sts]
Row 15 (RS) Patt to last 3 sts, patt2tog, tr in final st turn. [30 (34: 38: 42 46) sts]
Row 16 Ch3, patt2tog, patt to end, turn.

SIZE		S	M	L	XL	2XL
TO FIT BUST	cm	81-86	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127
	in	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50
ACTUAL BUST (APPROX)	cm	120	133	146.5	160	173.5
	in	23½	26¼	28¾	31½	34
LENGTH	cm	43	46	49	52	54.5
	in	17	18	19¼	20¼	21½
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	40	40	40	40	40
	in	15¾	15¾	15¾ 5	15¾	15¾
YARN A	100g	4	4	5	5	6
YARN B	100g	2	3	3	3	4
YARN C	100g	1	2	2	2	2
YARN D	100g	1	2	2	2	2

To make this pattern easier to follow, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions – simply follow the relevant column.

[29 (33: 37: 41: 45) sts]
Rep last 2 rows another 3 (4: 5: 6: 7) times, then rep Row 15 once more. [22 (24: 26: 28: 30) sts]
Next row Work in patt without decreasing.
Rep last row twice more.
Next row Ch3, tr in each st to end.
Fasten off.

BACK

With WS facing, skip next 4 sts from last full row of Body.
Using a 6.5mm hook join Yarn B in next st.
Row 14 Ch3, patt over next 67 (75: 83: 91: 99) sts, turn leaving rem sts unworked.
[68 (76: 84: 92: 100) sts]
Work 12 (14: 16: 18: 20) row in patt.
Next row Ch3, tr in each st to end.
Fasten off.
Place a marker 22 (24: 26: 28: 30) sts in from either side.

RIGHT FRONT

With WS facing, skip next 4 sts from last full row of Body.
Using a 6.5mm hook join Yarn B in next st.
Row 14 Ch3, patt to last 3 sts, patt2tog, tr in final st, turn. [31 (35: 39: 43 47) sts]
Row 15 Ch3, patt2tog, patt to end, turn.
[30 (34: 38: 42 46) sts]
Row 16 Ch3, patt to last 3 sts, patt2tog, tr in final st, turn. [29 (33: 37: 41 45) sts]
Rep last 2 rows another 3 (4: 5: 6: 7) times, then rep Row 15 once more. [22 (24: 26: 28: 30) sts]
Next row Work in patt without decreasing.
Rep last row twice more.
Next row Ch3, tr in each st to end.
Fasten off.

SLEEVES (MAKE 2)

RIB

Using a 6mm hook and Yarn A, ch30 (34: 38: 42: 46).
Row 1 (WS) Tr in third ch from hook, tr in each ch to end, turn. [29 (33: 37: 41: 45) sts]
Row 2 (RS) Ch2, BPtr around next st, (FPtr around next st, BPtr around next st) rep to last st, htr in last st, turn.
Row 3 Ch2, FPtr around next st, (BPtr around next st, FPtr around next st) to last st, htr in last st, turn.
Row 4 As Row 2.
Row 5 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.

CHECK PATTERN

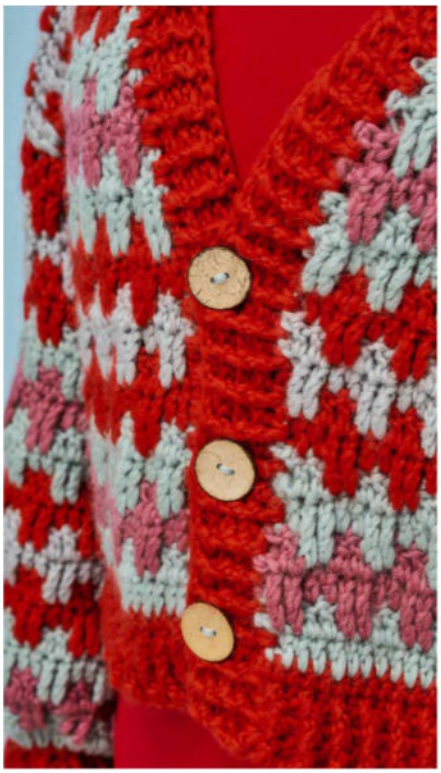
Change to a 6.5mm hook and Yarn B.
Row 6 Ch3, 2tr in each st to last st, tr in last st, turn. [56 (64: 72: 80: 88) sts]
Rows 7-29 Work in patt and colour sequence as Rows 2-12 of Body.
Using Yarn A.
Row 30 Ch3, tr in each st to end.
Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Work all joining with a whipstitch seam and WS facing.
Fold Sleeves in half and match centre of final row to shoulder seam. Sew Sleeves into armhole.
Sew sleeve seams.

FRONT EDGING

With RS facing and using a 6mm hook, join Yarn A in bottom row of Right Front to work around opening.
Row 1 (RS) Ch3, 4tr across Rib, 2tr in each row-end up to shoulder seam, tr in shoulder seam, tr in each st from Back, tr in shoulder seam, 2tr in each row-end of Left Front, 5tr in Rib end, turn.
Row 2 (WS) Ch2, (BPtr around next st, FPtr around next st) rep to last st, htr in last st, turn.
Place 3 markers on Left Front where you want the buttonholes to be positioned. The first button should be in line with Row 1 of Check Pattern, the second with Row 6 and the third with Row 11.
Row 3 Ch2, *(BPtr around next BP st, FPtr around next FP st) rep to next marker, ch2, skip marked st and next st; rep from * to end, turn.
Row 4 Ch2, *(BPtr around next BP st, FPtr around next FP st) rep to ch-2 sp, 2tr in ch-sp; rep from * to end.
Fasten off.

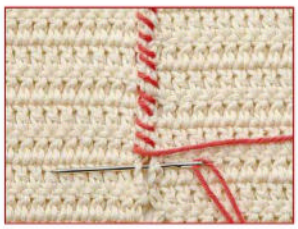


Create the ribbing of the front edging by working front and back post treble stitches

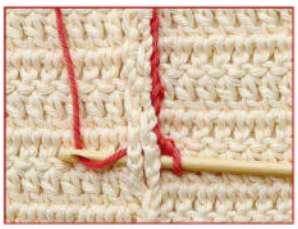
TO FINISH

Sew the buttons to the front right, in line with the buttonholes on the front left.
Weave in all ends and block to measurements.

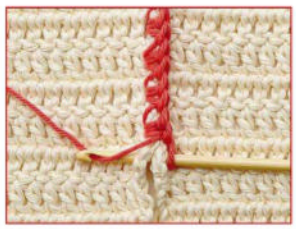
SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO SEW SEAMS



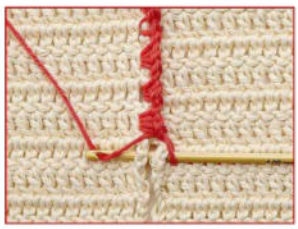
1 Sewing with a tapestry needle is the regular and neat way to join seams. Place pieces of crochet WS together and oversew them as above, using a tapestry needle.



2 To slip stitch a seam, place the crochet pieces RS together. *Insert hook through both edge stitches, yrh, pull through to complete 1 slip stitch; rep from *, keeping the work fairly loose.



3 For a dc seam, place the crochet pieces RS together, or WS together for a visible seam. Work as for slip stitch seam, using double crochet instead of slip stitch.



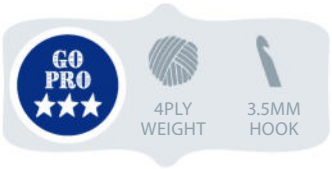
4 A useful variation on the dc seam, the dc and chain seam is used when you need less bulk and/or greater flexibility in the seam. Work as for the dc seam, but work 1 dc and 1 chain alternately.

ROYAL BLUE

Feel truly regal when you layer up with Joanne Fowler's cowl

FUN POPCORN DETAIL

FRILLY COWL



YOU WILL NEED

- Cascade Heritage (75% superwash Merino, 25% nylon, 100g/400m)
  1 ball of each:
  Royal (5615)
  Violet Indigo (5719)
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook

For yarn stockists contact Wool Warehouse 01926 882818 www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

TENSION

19 sts and 22 rows measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over half treble rib stitch using a 3.5mm hook, or size needed to obtain correct tension

ABBREVIATIONS

hanging popcorn Ch4, 4tr in third ch from hook, remove live loop from hook, insert hook in first st, place live loop on hook and pull through st, ch3, ss in base of beg ch-4, ss in next st of round

For a full list, see page 130

Packed with delicate detail, this two-tone accessory will add instant impact and a high-contrast colour pop to your outfits.

NOTES

Cowl is worked in 2 pieces. Neck is worked in rounds with RS facing; Yoke is worked in rows.

COWL

NECK

Using Royal, ch76 (82: 86: 92) and ss in last ch to form a loop, being careful not to twist the ch.
Round 1 (RS) Ch3 (counts as tr throughout), tr in each ch around, ss to top of beg ch-3.
[76 (82: 86: 92) sts]
Round 2 (RS) Ch2 (counts as FPtr), (BPtr around next st, FPtr around next st) rep around to end, ss to top of beg ch-2.
Rounds 3-11 Rep Round 2.
Round 12 (Working in fl throughout), hanging popcorn in each st around.
Fasten off.
With RS facing, join Violet Indigo in bl of any st from Round 11.
Round 13 (Working in bl of Round 11) Ch3, tr in st at base of ch-3, 2tr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3. [152 (164: 172: 184) sts]
Round 14 Ch3, 2tr in next st , (1tr, 2tr in next st) rep to end, ss to top of beg ch-3.
[228 (246: 258: 276) sts]
Round 14 Ch3, tr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3.
Fasten off.

YOKE

Using Royal, ch25.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, htr in next ch, tr in next ch, dtr in next 2 ch, tr in next ch, htr in next ch, dc in next ch, htr in next ch, tr in next ch, dtr in next ch, ttr in next 2 ch, dtr in next ch, tr in next ch, htr in next ch, tr in next ch, dtr in next ch, ttr in next ch, qtr in next 2 ch, ttr in next ch, dtr in next ch, tr in next ch, turn. [24 sts]
Row 2 (WS) (Working in fl only) Ch6 (counts as qtr), ttr in next st, dtr in next st, tr in next 2 sts, dtr in next st, ttr in next st, qtr in next st, ttr in next st, dtr in next st, tr in next st, htr in next 2 sts, tr in next st, dtr in next st, ttr in next st, dtr in next st, tr in next st, htr in next st, dc in next 2 sts, htr in next st, tr in next st, dtr in next st, turn. Change to Violet Indigo.
Row 3 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), dc in each st across, do not turn.

Work neck and yoke sections separately, then seam them together at the base of the neck

Fasten off.
Join Royal in first st from Row 3.
Row 4 (RS) Ch1, FPdc around first st, FPhtr around next st, FPtr around next st, FPdtr around next 2 sts, FPtr around next st, FPhtr around next st, FPdc around next st, FPhtr around next st, FPtr around next st, FPdtr around next st, FPttr around next 2 sts, FPdtr around next st, FPtr around next st, FPhtr around next st, FPtr around next st, FPdtr around next st, FPttr around next st, FPqtr around next 2 sts, FPttr around next st, FPdtr around next st, FPtr around next st, turn.
Rep Rows 2-4 until 72 (78: 81: 87) rows have been worked in total.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Sew base of Row 1 to final row to form a tube.

LOWER EDGING

Join Royal in tr at end of Row 1 of Yoke to work around lower edge.
Round 1 (WS) Ch2, htr in st at base of ch-2, ch1, *6htr in qtr row-end, skip dc row-end, 2htr in tr row-end, ch1; rep from * around to end, ss to top of beg ch-2.
[192 (208: 216: 232) sts, 24 (26: 27: 29) ch-1 sps]
Round 2 Ss to first ch-1 sp, ch9 (counts as htr, ch7), *skip 4 sts, htr in sp between 4th and 5th htr, ch7, skip 4 sts, htr in ch-1 sp, ch7; rep from * around to end, ss to second ch of beg ch-9.
Fasten off.
Join Violet Indigo in fourth ch of any ch-7 sp.
Round 3 5tr in next htr, *ss in fourth ch of next ch-7 sp, 5tr in next htr; rep from * to ends in beg ss.
Fasten off.
Sew the Yoke to lower edge of the Neck.

SIZE		XS-M	L-XL	2-3XL	4-5XL
NECK CIRCUMFERENCE	cm	40	43	45.5	48
	in	16	17	18	19
LENGTH	cm	20	20	20	20
	in	8	8	8	8

To make this pattern easier to follow, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions – simply follow the relevant column.

Check you out!

Layer up for chilly days with a tantalising tank top from Chloé Elizabeth Birch

TURTLE NECK TOP

YOU WILL NEED

- Debbie Bliss Cashmerino Aran (55% wool, 33% acrylic, 12% cashmere, 50g/90m)
  Yarn A Ruby (610)
  Yarn B Baby Pink (603)
  See table for measurements and yarn quantities
- A 4.5mm (US 7) hook

For yarn stockists contact LoveCrafts 01409 404010 www.lovecrafts.com

TENSION

14.5 sts and 18 rows measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over pattern using a 4.5mm hook or size needed to obtain correct tension

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

For a more budget-friendly make, try Caron Simply Soft: 3 (3: 3: 4: 4: 5: 5) balls of Yarn A Burgundy (9762), 2 (2: 2: 3: 3: 4: 4) balls of Yarn B Soft Pink (9791). *Check hook size, tension and ball length if you use a different yarn.*

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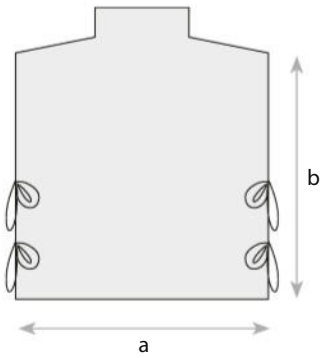


Width a: 53 (59: 63: 70: 74: 80: 84)cm 20 ¾ (23¼: 24¾: 27½: 29: 31½: 33)in
Length b: 43 (45: 47: 49: 51: 53: 55)cm 17 (17¾: 18½: 19¼: 20: 21: 21¾)in

Tank top or a little poncho? However you wear it, this mini-marvel is a cute make featuring on-trend texture and hot shades.

NOTES

Tank Top is made up of 2 identical Panels.
Panels are worked in rows from the bottom up and then seamed at the shoulders.
The Collar is worked in rounds at the end.

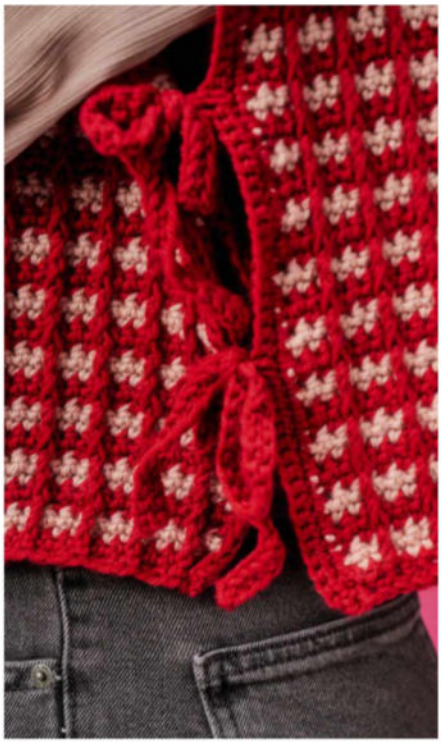
TANK TOP

PANEL (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, ch75 (84: 90: 99: 105: 114: 120).
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in each ch to end, turn.
[74 (83: 89: 98: 104: 113: 119) sts]
Row 2 (WS) Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.
Change to Yarn B.
Rows 3-4 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.
Change to Yarn A.
Row 5 Ch1, 2dc, (FPdtr around next st 4 rows below, skip 1 st, 2dc) rep to end, turn.
Row 6 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.
Change to Yarn B.
Rows 7-8 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.
Change to Yarn A.
Row 9 Ch1, 2dc, (FPdtr around FPdtr 4 rows below, skip 1 st, 2dc) to end, turn.
Row 10 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.
Change to Yarn B.
Rep Rows 7-10 until Panel measures approx 43 (45: 47: 49: 51: 53: 55)cm, ending on a Row 8 rep.
Fasten off.
Place Panels together with WS facing out. Seam shoulders together over 22 (25: 27: 30: 32: 35: 37) sts on either side, leaving centre open for neck.

COLLAR

Join Yarn A to neck opening at either shoulder seam.
Round 1 (RS) Ch3 (counts as tr), tr in each st around neck opening, ss to top of beg ch-3.
[60 (66: 70: 76: 80: 86: 90) sts]
Round 2 Ch2, (counts as htr), FPtr around next st, (BPtr around next st, FPtr around next st) rep to end, ss into top of beg ch-2.



There are no side seams – the top is secured with statement ties worked into the edging

Rounds 3-10 As Round 2.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

SIDE EDGING AND TIES

Join Yarn A in bottom-right corner on either Panel.
Row 1 (RS) Ch1, dc in each row-end up the side of both Panels, turn.
Pm in the 37th (37th: 37th: 39th: 39th: 41st: 43rd) st.
Row 2 Ch1, *dc in first 18 (18: 18: 19: 19: 20: 21) sts, ch35, dc in second ch from hook, dc in each ch to end; rep from * once more, dc up to and including marked st, **ch35, dc in second ch from hook, dc in each ch to end, dc in next 18 (18: 18: 19: 19: 20: 21) sts; rep from ** once more.
Fasten off.
Rep on opposite side edge of Panels.

SIZE		XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
TO FIT BUST	cm	71-76	81-86	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127	132-137
	in	28-30	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50	52-54
ACTUAL BUST (APPROX)	cm	106	118	126	140	148	160	168
	in	41¾	46½	49½	55	58 ¼	63	66¼
LENGTH	cm	43	45	47	49	51	53	55
	in	17	17¾	18½	19¼	20	21	21¾
YARN A	50g	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
YARN B	50g	5	5	6	6	7	7	8

To make this pattern easier to follow, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions – simply follow the relevant column.

Ear candy

Make a pair of ear muffs extra warm and extra stylish with easy-to-make covers by Emma Friedlander-Collins

EAR MUFFS

Keep your ears warm all throughout the winter by adding these covers to your favourite pair of ear muffs. Hook them in bright colours, as we did, or opt for neutral tones for a more understated look.

YOU WILL NEED

- King Cole Bamboo Cotton (50% bamboo, 50% cotton, 100g/230m)
  1 ball of each:
  Yarn A Jaffa (3049)
  Yarn B Cream (538)
  Yarn C Fuchsia (536)
  Yarn D Mauve (628)
- A 4mm (US G/6) hook
- A yarn needle
- Ear muffs

For yarn stockists contact King Cole 01756 703670 www.kingcole.com

TENSION

Rounds 1-3 measure 6cm (2¼in) in diameter

MEASUREMENTS

To fit any sized ear muffs

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

NOTES

Ear Muff embellishment is made up of 2 Ear Covers and a Headband Cover. The Ear Covers are made up of a Front and Back, which are sewn together around the ear muffs to join. These are designed for ear muffs measuring 18cm in diameter. For alternate sizes, you may need to work additional or fewer rounds on the Ear Covers.

EAR MUFFS

EAR COVERS (MAKE 2)

FRONT

Using Yarn A, ch3 and ss in last ch from hook to make a loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (counts as dc), 5dc in loop, ss in top beg ch-1. [6 sts]
Round 2 (RS) Ch3 (counts as tr throughout), 2tr in st at base of ch-3, 3tr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3. [18 sts]
Round 3 Ch3, tr in st at base of ch-3, 2tr in each st to end, ss to top of beg ch-3. [36 sts]
Round 4 Ch2, tr in next st (counts as tr2tog), (ch2, tr2tog next 2 sts) 17 times, ch2, ss to top of beg tr2tog. [18 sts, 18 ch-2 sps]
Fasten off.
Join Yarn B in any ch-2 sp.
Round 5 Ch3, 2tr in same ch-sp, ch1, (3tr, ch1) in each ch-2 sp around, ss to top of beg ch-3. [54 sts, 18 ch-1 sps]
Fasten off.
Join Yarn C in any ch-1 sp.
Round 5 Ch3, 2tr in same sp, *skip 1 st, tr in next st, skip 1 st, 3tr in ch-1 sp; rep from * 16 times more, skip 1 st, tr in next st, skip 1 st, ss to top of beg ch-3. [72 sts]
Fasten off.
Join Yarn D in any st.
Rounds 6-7 Ch3, tr in each st around, ss to top of beg ch-3.
Round 8 Ch1 (counts as dc), (dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts) 11 times, dc2tog, dc in final 3 sts, ss to beg ch-1. [60 sts]
Fasten off and weave in all ends.

BACK

Rounds 1-3 As Rounds 1-3 of Front.
Round 4 Ch3, tr in st at base of ch-3, (tr in next 2 sts, 2tr in next st) 11 times, tr in next 2 sts, ss to top of beg ch-3. [48 sts]
Round 5 Ch3, tr in st at base of ch-3, (tr in next 3 sts, 2tr in next st) 11 times, tr in next 3 sts, ss to top of beg ch-3. [60 sts]
Fasten off and weave in all ends.

HEADBAND COVER

Using Yarn A, make a ch to the length of the headband on the ear muffs.
Row 1 Ch3, tr in fourth ch from hook and each ch across, turn.
Row 2 Ch3, tr in each st across, turn.
Rep Row 2 until Cover fits around headband.
Fasten off.

Make two circles for each ear, place them around the ear muffs, then sew them in place

The number of rows to work on the headband cover depends on this size of your ear muffs

TO FINISH

Use the images as a guide when joining pieces together.
Place a Front and Back around the ear muffs with RS facing out.
Using Yarn A, whipstitch in place, leaving the area around the headband connections unjoined. Repeat to make the second cover.
Wrap the Headband Cover around the headband and whipstitch the long edges together to secure in place.
Sew the ends of the Headband Cover to the Ear Muff Covers.
Weave in all ends.

So dandy

Gordana Adamceska-Halson's shawl takes inspiration from seed clocks

TRIANGLE SHAWL

YOU WILL NEED

- King Cole Bramble (100% acrylic, 100g/290m) 2 balls of **Yarn A** Loganberry (4486)
- King Cole Pricewise DK (100% acrylic, 100g/290m) 2 balls of **Yarn B** Natural (046)
- A 4mm (US G/6) hook
- A tassel maker

For yarn stockists contact King Cole 01756 703670 www.kingcole.com

TENSION

Tension is not critical, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Shawl measures approx 175x90cm (69x35½in) across widest points

ABBREVIATIONS

picot Ch3, ss in st at base of ch-3

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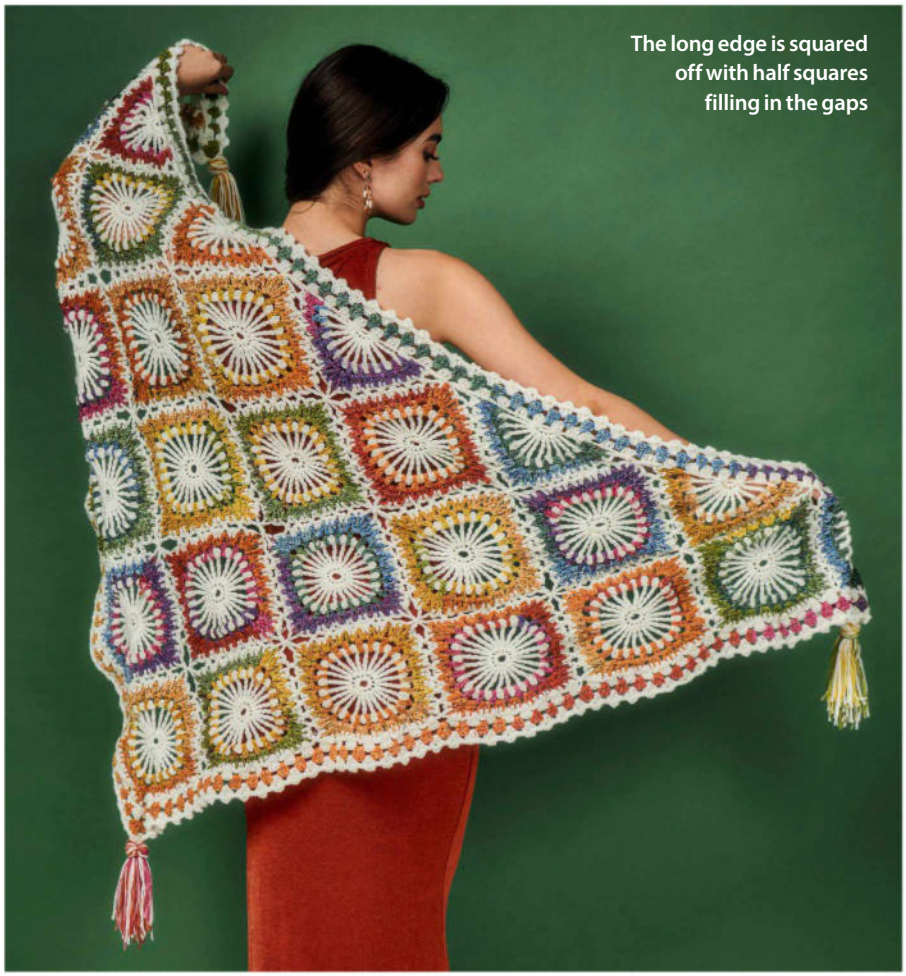


The long edge is squared off with half squares filling in the gaps

We love the graphic look of this shawl, with its seed head squares making the most of the autumnal colours in the variegated yarn.

NOTES

Shawl is made up of 21 Squares and 7 Half Squares. Squares are worked in rounds and Half Squares are worked in rows.
Motifs are joined together as you go (JAYG) on the final row/round.
There is a layout Diagram on the left, which you can refer to when joining motifs together.

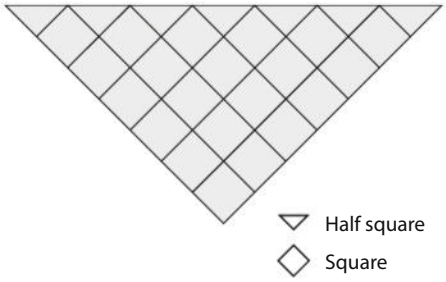
SHAWL

FIRST SQUARE

Using Yarn B, ch5 and ss in last ch from hook to form a loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, (does not count as a st throughout), 12dc in loop, ss to beg dc, turn. [12 sts]
Round 2 (WS) Ch7, (counts as qtr, ch1), qtr in same st, ch1, (qtr, ch1, qtr, ch1) in each st around, ss to sixth ch of beg ch-7, turn. [24 sts, 24 ch-1 sps]
Round 3 Ch1, (dc, picot, dc) in each qtr around, ss to beg dc. [48 sts]
Fasten off.
Join Yarn A in in any ch-sp of Round 2.
Round 4 Ch2, tr in the same ch-sp (counts as 2-tr cl), ch3, skip picot, *2-tr cl in the next ch-sp, ch3, skip picot; rep from * 22 times more, ss to beg ch2, turn. [24 sts, 24 ch-3 sps]
Round 5 Ch4 (counts as dtr), (2dtr, ch3, 3dtr) in the same ch-sp, *(ch1, skip cl, 3tr in next ch-sp) 5 times, ch1, (3dtr, ch3, 3dtr) in the next ch-sp; rep from * around to end, ss to top of beg ch-4. [84 sts, 4 ch-3 sps, 24 ch-1 sps]
Fasten off.
Work Round 6 on the first Square only. Work the JAYG round on all rem Squares.
Join Yarn B in sp between first and second dtr.
Round 6 Ch1, *dc in same sp, ch3, dc in next sp between sts, ch4, skip ch-3 sp, dc in sp between next 2 sts, ch3, dc in sp between next 2 sts, (ch3, dc between next 2 tr) rep across to next dtr, ch3; rep from * 3 times more, ss to beg dc.
Fasten off.

JAYG SQUARES (MAKE 20)

Work Rounds 1-5 of First Square.
Use the Diagram as a guide when joining Squares.
Join Yarn B in sp between first and second dtr.
JAYG round Ch1, dc in same sp, ch3, dc in next sp between sts, ch2, ss in ch-4 corner sp on adjacent Square, ch2, *dc in sp between next 2



For a more spendy make, try West Yorkshire Spinners ColourLab DK. You'll need 3 balls of each: **Yarn A** Tutti Frutti (914), **Yarn B** Natural Cream (010).
Check hook size, tension and ball length if using a different yarn.
For yarn stockists contact www.wyspinners.com

sts on current Square, ch1, ss in next ch-3 sp on adjacent Square, ch1; rep from * across to next corner, ch2, ss in ch-4 corner sp on adjacent Square; rep from * if joining across sencond side, ch2, **dc in sp between next 2 dtr, ch3, dc in sp between next 2 sts, (ch3, dc between next 2 tr) rep across to next corner, ch4, skip ch-3 sp; rep from ** around to end, ss to beg dc.
Fasten off.

FIRST HALF MOTIF
Using Yarn B, ch4 and ss in last ch from hook to form a loop.
Row 1 (RS) Ch1, 7dc in the loop, turn. [7 sts]
Row 2 Ch7 (counts as qtr, ch1), qtr in the same st, ch1, (qtr, ch1, qtr, ch1) in next 5 sts, (qtr, ch1, qtr) in final st, turn. [14 sts, 13 ch-1 sps]
Row 3 Ch1, *picot in qtr, dc in the ch-sp; rep from * 12 times more, picot in final st, turn. [27 sts]
Join Yarn A in qtr from Round 2.
Row 4 Ch2, tr in same st (counts as 2-tr cl), *ch3, skip picot, 2-tr cl in the next ch-space; rep from * to final st, turn. [14 cl, 13 ch-3 sps]
Row 5 Ch3 (counts as tr), *3tr in the first ch-sp, ch1; rep from * 5 times more, (3dtr, ch3, 3dtr) in the next ch-sp, ch1, **3tr in the next ch-sp, ch1*; rep from ** 5 times more, tr in the last st, turn. [58 sts]
Change to Yarn B.
JAYG row Ch3, *dc between the first and second tr, ch3, dc between the second and third tr, ch3; rep from * to next dtr, dc between the first and second dtr, ch3, dc between second and third dtr, ch2, ss in ch-4 sp on adjacent Square, ch2, (dc in sp between next 2 sts on Half Motif, ch1, ss in ch-3 sp on adjacent Square, ch1) rep across to final st, ch1, ss in corner on adjacent Square, ch1, ss in final st.
Fasten off.

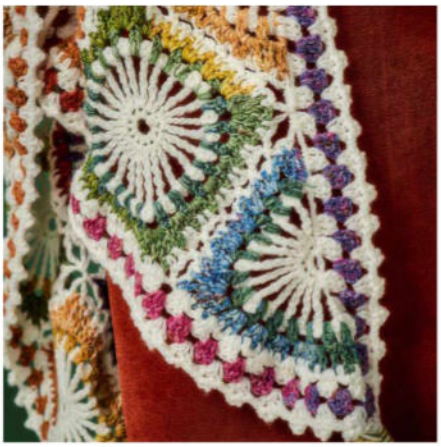
CENTRAL HALF MOTIFS (MAKE 5)
Work Rows 1-5 of First Half Motif.
Change to Yarn B.
JAYG row Ch1, ss in corner on adjacent Square, ch1, *(dc in sp between next 2 sts, ch1, ss in next ch-3 sp on adjacent Square, ch1)** rep across to ch-3 sp, ch2, ss in corner on adjacent Square, ch2, rep from * to ** to final st, ch1, ss in corner on adjacent Square, ch1, ss in final st.
Fasten off.

FINAL HALF MOTIF
Work Rows 1-5 of First Half Motif.
Change to Yarn B.
JAYG row Ch1, ss in corner on adjacent Square, ch1, (dc in sp between next 2 sts, ch1, ss in next ch-3 sp on adjacent Square, ch1) rep across to ch-3 sp, ch2, ss in corner on adjacent Square, ch2, (dc in sp between next 2 sts, ch3) rep across to final st, ss in final st.
Fasten off.

BORDER
Join Yarn B in any ch-3.
Round 1 (RS) Ch3, 2tr in same sp, ch1, *(3tr, ch1) in each ch-sp to corner, (3tr, ch3, 3tr, ch1) in corner; rep from * around to end, ss to beg tr, turn.
Fasten off.
Join Yarn A in any ch-1 sp.
Round 2 (WS) Ch3, 2tr in same sp, ch1, *(3tr, ch1) in each ch-sp to corner, (3tr, ch3, 3tr, ch1) in corner; rep from * around to end, ss to beg tr, turn.
Round 3 Using Yarn B, rep Round 2.
Round 4 Ch1, *(dc in each tr to ch-1 sp, picot, skip ch-sp) rep across to corner, (dc, picot, dc) in corner; rep from * around to end, ss to beg dc.
Fasten off.

TO FINISH
Weave in all ends.
Make 3 tassels using both colours and sew to each corner.

Work one complete square, then join as you go while working the remainder of squares



The border is worked in rounds of treble and chain stitches and finished with picot edging

SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO WORK A CLUSTER STITCH (3-TR CLUSTER)

1 Start a treble in the usual way: yrh, insert hook, yrh, pull loop through (3 loops on hook), yrh, pull through first 2 loops (2 loops on hook). Stop here, without finishing.

2 Start treble in the same st/sp: yrh, insert hook in the same st/sp again, yrh, pull loop through (4 loops on hook), yrh and pull through first 2 loops (3 loops on hook). Stop here.

3 Repeat step 2 until you've worked the number of trebles shown in pattern; in this example we're working 3-tr cl. Next finish all trebles together: yrh, pull loop through all loops on hook.

4 This is how the completed cluster should look. On the next row, just work a stitch into the top of the cluster as usual. The stitch count should remain the same.

BLISS BLANKET
Take a break from the preparations (or the festivities!) and snuggle up under a graphic throw with golden tassels. Mosaic crochet is having a moment right now.

Cool yule

Ring the changes this Christmas with home projects in striking black, white and gold

MERRY MONOCHROME

GRAPHIC GARLAND

Glow up a dull corner with a touch of glitz and glamour. We've given bunting a Yuletide twist with metallic stars and tassels. Can you stop at just one string?

STARRY SNOWFLAKE

Catching snowflakes is a pastime to cherish. Our cushion will add class to your sofa, with a surface crochet snowflake and a gorgeous gold star as its crowning glory.

WREATHED IN SMILES

Now here's a holly hanging to make any minimalist's heart sing. Make as many or as few classy embroidered holly leaves as you like – we're not here to judge.

GOLDEN GIFTS
Some lucky person could find this classy sack full of presents sitting at the end of their bed on Christmas morning. It would be quite a sight to behold.

BLISS BLANKET

What's better than a crochet blanket? A belter of a graphic blanket from mosaic crochet supremo Esme Crick, that's what

- Yarn And Colors Must-Have (100% cotton; 50g/125m), 10 balls of **Yarn A** Black (100), 8 balls of **Yarn B** White (001)
- Yarn And Colors Glamour (100% polyester; 20g/158m), 5 balls of **Yarn C** Gold (089)
- A 4mm (US G/6) hook
- Cardboard, 12cm long

TENSION

Tension is not critical, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Blanket measures approx 90x117cm (35½x46in) excluding tassels

ABBREVIATIONS

mtr Tr in skipped st 3 rows below, working in front of the ch-sps of the previous 2 rows.
For a full list, see page 130

NOTES

Parts of this pattern are worked using the mosaic method. Instead of changing colour mid-row, you will skip sts and work a ch-sp where a different colour is required. Then on the next row that uses that colour you will work mosaic sts into the skipped sts, working in front of the ch-sps of the previous rows. You can find tutorials on this technique here: www.gathered.how/knitting-and-crochet/crochet/how-to-mosaic-crochet
There is a Chart on page 122, which you will need to refer to when working the mosaic sections. Read each row twice, once from right to left for the RS row and once from left to right for the WS row. Change colour at the end of WS row. If a second colour appears on the row, you will need to skip the number of sts shown in that colour and work a ch for each skipped st plus 1. For example, if you skip 2 sts you will make a ch3. On the next row using that colour you will work an mtr into each skipped st. The first few rows of the Chart have been written out to guide you.
On the mosaic sections, rather than fastening off, carry the unused strands up the side of your work ready to use again when directed. You can work over the carried strands when making the Border.

MOSAIC BLANKET

Using Yarn A, ch171.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in bl of second ch from hook, dc in bl of each ch to end, turn. [170 sts]
Rows 2-4 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc in each st to end, turn.
Change to Yarn B.
When working from the Chart, work sts 1-72, then work the rep section twice before working the final 2 sts.
Row 5 (RS) Ch1, 1dc, ch2, skip 1 st, 4dc, *ch3, skip 2 sts, 4dc; rep from * to last 2 sts, ch2, skip 1 st, 1dc, turn.
Row 6 Ch1, 1dc, ch2, skip ch-2 sp, 4dc, *ch3, skip ch-3 sp, 4dc; rep from * to last ch-2 sp, ch2, skip ch-2 sp, 1dc, turn.
Change to Yarn A.
Row 7 Ch1, 1dc, 1mtr, (2dc, ch3, skip 2 sts, 2mtr) twice, ch3, skip 2 sts, 2dc, 2mtr, ch3, skip 2 sts, 2dc, *(2mtr, 2dc, ch3, skip 2 sts) twice, (2mtr, ch3, skip 2 sts, 2dc) twice; rep from * to last 2 sts, 1mtr, 1dc, turn.
Row 8 Ch1, (dc in each dc and mtr to ch-sp, ch3, skip ch-sp) rep across to end, turn.
Change to Yarn B.
Row 9 Ch1, 1dc, ch4, skip 3 sts, 2mtr, 2dc, ch3, skip 2 sts, 2mtr, 2dc, 2mtr, ch3, skip 2 sts, 2dc, 2mtr, *ch3, skip 2 sts, 2dc, (ch3, skip 2 sts, 2mtr, 2dc) twice, 2mtr, ch3, skip 2 sts, 2dc, 2mtr; rep from * to last 4 sts, ch4, skip 3 sts, 1dc, turn.
Rows 10-36 Cont in patt set, using the Chart as you work.
Cont with Yarn A.
Rows 37-38 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Change to Yarn B.
Rows 39-238 As Row 37, changing colour every 4 rows between Yarn A and Yarn B.
Rows 239-272 Rep Rows 5-38.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

BORDER

Work with 2 strands of Yarn C held together as one throughout.
With RS facing, join Yarn C in first st in the top right-hand corner.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 1dc in each st to last st on top, (1dc, ch2, 1dc) in last st (corner made), rotate work 90 degrees, (1dc in next 3 row-ends, skip next row-end) rep to end of long side, (1dc, ch2, 1dc) in first st on bottom edge, 1dc in each st to last st on bottom edge, (1dc, ch2, 1dc) in last st, rotate work 90 degrees, (1dc in next 3 row ends, skip next row end) rep to end of long side, (1dc, ch2) in same st as first dc, ss to first dc, turn.
Round 2 (WS) Ch1, *(1dc, ch2, 1dc) in ch-2 sp, 1dc in each st to next ch-2 sp; rep from * around to end, ss to first dc.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

TASSELS (MAKE 16)

Using Yarn C, wrap yarn 100 times around a piece of card approx 12cm in length.
Insert a 30cm length of Yarn C under all loops at top, knot securely in middle to fasten. Cut through all loops along bottom edge to remove from cardboard. Wrap a 30cm piece of yarn around top of tassel, approx 3cm from top. Attach 8 Tassels evenly across each short edge. Trim Tassel to desired length.

IMPALA WALL ART HEAD

No luxe cottage setting is complete without some decorative wall art. Hook up Vanessa Mooncie's impala, her latest masterpiece

- Yarn and Colors Must-Have 4ply (100% cotton, 50g/125m), 2 balls of **Yarn A** Black (100), 1 ball of **Yarn B** White (001)
- Yarn and Colors Glamour (100% polyester, 20g/158m), 1 ball of **Yarn C** Gold (089)
- A 2mm (US B/1) hook
- A 2.5mm (US C/2) hook
- Toy stuffing
- Circle mountboard, circle measuring 8.5cm (3¼in) in diameter for the base
- 2 mountboard pieces, each measuring 2.5x8cm for the ears, with one short end cut to form a pointed arch shape
- 2 lengths of craft wire, 2mm (12-gauge) and 33cm long (available at www.the-beadshop.co.uk)
- A brass curtain or roman blind ring, 2cm
- Long-nose pliers

TENSION

23 sts and 26 rows measure 10 x10cm (4x4in) over checked pattern using a 2.5mm hook, or size needed to obtain correct tension

MEASUREMENTS

Impala measures approx 20cm (7¾in) tall (excluding horns) and 19cm (7½in) snout to back of head

NOTES

Parts of this pattern are worked using the amigurumi method. Work stitches

continuously in a spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.
Change colour on the final yrh of st before colour change is indicated. Carry the unused colour across the WS of your work.

IMPALA

SNOUT

Using a 2.5mm hook and Yarn A, ch5.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next 3 ch, turn. [4 sts]
Row 2 (WS) Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.
Rows 3-4 As Row 2.
Row 5 Ch1, dc in next st, join Yarn B in last st, dc in same dc as last st, dc in next 2 sts with Yarn B, (dc with Yarn B, dc with Yarn A, dc with Yarn B) in next st, rotate piece and dc in edge of next 2 rows with Yarn B; working into opposite side of each ch, (dc with Yarn B, dc with Yarn A, dc with Yarn B) in next st, dc in next 2 sts with Yarn B, (dc with Yarn B, dc with Yarn A, dc with Yarn B) in next st, rotate piece and work 1 dc in edge of next 2 rows with Yarn B, dc in same st as first dc, ss to first dc, turn. [20 sts]
Row 6 (Dc in next 4 sts with Yarn B, 2 dc in next st with Yarn A) 4 times, turn. [24 sts]
Row 7 Ch1, (dc in next st, 2dc in next st with Yarn A, dc in next 4 sts with Yarn B) 4 times, ss to first dc, turn. [28 sts]
Row 8 (Dc in next 4 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 3 sts with Yarn A) 4 times, turn.
Row 9 Ch1, (dc in next 3 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 4 sts with Yarn A) 4 times, ss to first dc, turn.
Row 10 (Dc in next 4 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 3 sts with Yarn B) 4 times, turn.
Rows 11-12 As Rows 9-10.
Row 13 Ch1, (dc in next st, 2dc in next st, dc in next st with Yarn A, dc in next 4 sts with Yarn B) 4 times, ss to first dc, turn. [32 sts]
Row 14 (Dc in next 4 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 4 sts with Yarn A) 4 times, turn.
Row 15 Ch1, (dc in next 4 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 4 sts with Yarn B) 4 times, ss to first dc, turn.
Row 16 As Row 14.
Row 17 Ch1, (2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 4 sts with Yarn A) 4 times, ss to first dc, turn. [36 sts]
Row 18 (Dc in next 4 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 5 sts with Yarn B) 4 times, turn.
Row 19 Ch1, (dc in next 5 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 3 sts with Yarn A, 2dc in next st) 4 times, ss to first dc, turn. [40 sts]
Row 20 (Dc in next 5 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 5 sts with Yarn B) 4 times, turn.
Row 21 Ch1, (dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 5 sts with Yarn B) 4 times, ss to first dc, turn. [44 sts]
Row 22 (Dc in next 5 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A) 4 times, turn.
Row 23 Ch1, (dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 2 sts with Yarn B, 2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) 4 times, ss to first dc, turn. [48 sts]
Row 24 (Dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A) 4 times, turn.
Row 25 Ch1, (2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B) 4 times, ss to first dc, turn. [52 sts]
Row 26 (Dc in next 7 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A) 4 times, turn.
Row 27 Ch1, (dc in next 7 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 5 sts with Yarn A, 2dc in next st) 4 times, ss to first dc, turn. [56 sts]
Row 28 (Dc in next 7 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 7 sts with Yarn B) 4 times, turn.
Row 29 Ch1, (dc in next 7 sts with Yarn B, in next 7 sts with Yarn A) 4 times, ss to first dc, turn.
Rows 30-31 As Rows 28-29.
Row 32 As Row 28.

SHAPE SIDES OF HEAD

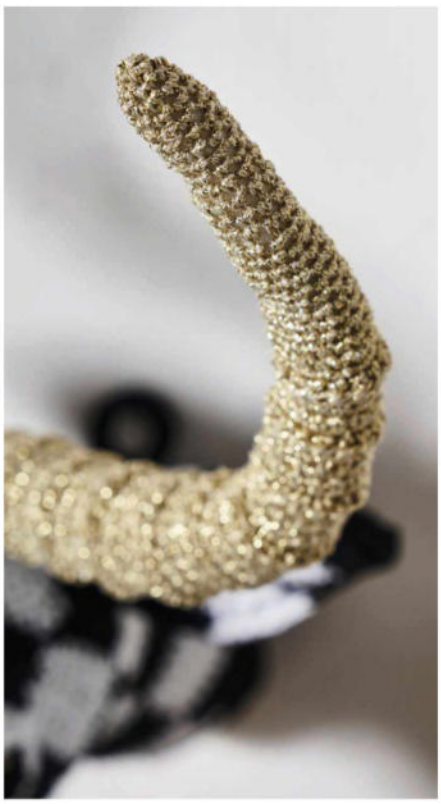
Row 33 *Ch1, (dc in next 7 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 7 sts with Yarn B) 3 times, dc in next 7 sts with Yarn A, turn*, leaving the last 7 sts unworked.
Continue on the 49 sts just worked.
Rows 34-38 Rep from * to * of Row 33.
Row 39 Ch1, (dc in next 7 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 5 sts with Yarn A, dc2tog) 3 times, dc in next 7 sts with Yarn B, turn. [46 sts]
Row 40 Ch1, (dc in next 7 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A) 3 times, dc in next 7 sts with Yarn B, turn.
Row 41 Ch1, (dc2tog, dc in next 5 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A) 3 times, dc2tog with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts, turn. [42 sts]
Rows 42-44 Ch1, (dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A) 3 times, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, turn.

SHAPE BACK OF HEAD

Row 45 Ch1, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, *dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog* with Yarn A; rep from * to * with Yarn B; rep from * to * with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A, turn. [36 sts]
Row 46 Ch1, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 4 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 4 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 4 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A, turn.
Row 47 Ch1, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 2 sts with Yarn A, dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts with Yarn B, dc2tog with Yarn A, dc in next 2 sts, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A, turn. [34 sts]
Row 48 Ch1, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 3 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 4 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 3 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A, turn.
Row 49 Ch1, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next st with Yarn A, dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts with Yarn B, dc2tog with Yarn A, dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A, turn. [32 sts]
Row 50 Ch1, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc2tog with Yarn A, dc in next 4 sts with Yarn B, dc2tog with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A, turn. [30 sts]
Row 51 Ch1, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A, skip next st, ss in next st, turn, leaving the last 17 sts unworked.
Row 52 Dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, turn.
Row 53 Ch1, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A, skip next unworked st, ss ☛

in next st, turn.
Rows 54-55 As Rows 52-53.
Row 56 As Row 52.
Do not fasten off.

NECK
With RS facing, skip next 12 sts of last row, skip next 11 unworked sts, ss in next dc with Yarn B to join the corners.
Row 1 (RS) Ch1, rotate Head and, starting in same st as ss, *dc in edge of next 6 Rows with Yarn B, dc in edge of next 6 Rows with Yarn A*, dc in edge of next 6 Rows with Yarn B, dc in next 5 unworked sts of Row 32 of Head with Yarn A, dc2tog; rotate Head and rep from * to * twice, ss to first dc, turn. [48 sts]
Row 2 (WS) (Dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B) 4 times, turn.
Row 3 Ch1, (dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A) 4 times, ss in next st, turn.
Rows 4-5 As Rows 2-3.
Row 6 As Row 2.
Row 7 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts with Yarn A, (dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A) twice, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 4 sts with Yarn A, dc2tog, turn, leaving the last 6 sts unworked. [40 sts]
Cont on 40 sts.
Row 8 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts with Yarn A, (dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A) twice, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 3 sts with Yarn A, dc2tog, turn. [38 sts]
Row 9 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts with Yarn A, (dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A) twice, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 2 sts with Yarn A, dc2tog, turn. [36 sts]
Row 10 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next st with Yarn A, (dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A) twice, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next st with Yarn A, dc2tog, turn. [34 sts]
Row 11 Ch1, dc2tog with Yarn A, (dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A) twice, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc2tog with Yarn A, turn. [32 sts]
Row 12 Ch1, dc2tog with Yarn B, dc in next 5 sts, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 5 sts with Yarn B, dc2tog, turn. [30 sts]
Row 13 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 4 sts with Yarn A, dc2tog, turn. [28 sts]
Row 14 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 3 sts with Yarn A, dc2tog, turn. [26 sts]
Row 15 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 2 sts with Yarn A, dc2tog, turn. [24 sts]
Row 16 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next st with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next st with Yarn A, dc2tog, turn. [22 sts]
Row 17 Ch1, dc2tog with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc2tog with Yarn A, turn. [20 sts]
Row 18 Ch1, dc2tog with Yarn B, dc in next 5 sts, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc2tog, turn. [18 sts]
Row 19 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 4 sts with Yarn A, dc2tog, turn. [16 sts]
Row 20 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 3 sts with Yarn A, dc2tog, turn. [14 sts]
Row 21 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 2 sts with Yarn A, dc2tog, turn. [12 sts]
Row 22 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next st with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next st with Yarn A, dc2tog, turn. [10 sts]
Row 23 Ch1, dc2tog with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc2tog with Yarn A, turn. [8 sts]
Row 24 Ch1, dc2tog with Yarn B, dc in next 4 sts with Yarn A, dc2tog with Yarn B, turn. [6 sts]
Do not fasten off.



NECK EDGING
Row 1 (RS) Change Yarn A, ch1, *dc in next 6 sts, dc in edge of next 18 Rows, dc in next 6 sts*; rep from * to *. [48 sts]
Fasten off.
Sew together the opening at the back of the Head. Stuff the Head and Neck firmly.

BASE (MAKE 2)
Using 2.5mm hook and Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, 1dc) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (1dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Rounds 5-8 Cont increasing by 6 sts on each round as set. [48 sts]
Rounds 9-11 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off first piece only.

JOIN BASE PIECES
Place the 2 Base pieces with WS together.
Dc in next 30 dc of both pieces to join, insert circle mount board between the pieces, dc rem 18 dc to close.
Do not fasten off.

JOIN BASE TO NECK
With the Base facing, dc into each of the 48 sts of the Base and the Neck Edging at the same time to join, inserting more stuffing into the Neck before closing.
Ss to next st and fasten off.

EARS (MAKE 2)
INNER EAR
Using a 2.5mm hook and Yarn A, ch16.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, change to Yarn B, dc in next 5 ch, dc in next 5 ch with Yarn A, turn. [15 sts]
Row 2 (WS) Ch1, dc in next 5 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 5 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 5 sts with Yarn A, turn.
Rows 3-6 As Row 2.
Rows 7-10 Ch1, dc in next 5 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 5 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 5 sts with Yarn B, turn.
Row 11 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 5 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 3 sts with Yarn B, dc2tog, turn. [13 sts]
Row 12 Ch1, dc in next 4 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 5 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 4 sts with Yarn B, turn.
Row 13 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 5 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 2 sts with Yarn A, dc2tog, turn. [11 sts]
Row 14 Ch1, dc in next 3 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 5 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 3 sts with Yarn A, turn.
Row 15 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next st with Yarn A, dc in next 5 sts with Yarn B, dc in next st with Yarn A, dc2tog, turn. [9 sts]
Row 16 Ch1, dc in next 2 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 5 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 2 sts with Yarn A, turn.
Row 17 Ch1, dc2tog with Yarn A, dc in next 5 sts with Yarn B, dc2tog with Yarn A, turn. [7 sts]
Row 18 Ch1, dc in next st with Yarn A, dc in next

5 sts with Yarn B, dc in next st with Yarn A, turn. Continue with Yarn A.
Row 19 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in each st to last 2 sts, dc2tog, turn. [5 sts]
Row 20 Ch1, dc in each st to end.
Row 21 As Row 19. [3 sts]
Row 22 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next st. [2 sts]
Fasten off.

EAR EDGING

With RS of Ear facing, join Yarn A with a ss to the edge of the first row.
Row 1 Ch1, dc in next 6 rows with Yarn A, dc in next 6 Rows with Yarn B, (dc in next 9 Rows, 2dc in next 2 sts of Row 21, dc in next 9 Rows) with Yarn A, dc in next 6 Rows with Yarn B, dc in next 6 Rows with Yarn A. [46 sts]
Fasten off.

OUTER EAR

Work as for Inner Ear.
Do not fasten off after completing the Ear Edging.

JOIN EAR PIECES

Place WS of an Inner and an Outer Ear together.
Row 1 Ch1, working into each stitch of both pieces at the same time to join, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, (dc in next 10 sts, 2dc in next 2 sts, dc in next 10 sts) with Yarn A, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn B, dc in next 6 sts with Yarn A, ss to first dc to join the corners. [48 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail of Yarn A at the end.

EYES (MAKE 2)

EYEBALL

Using a 2.5mm hook and Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 5dc into loop. [5 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [10 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, 1dc) 5 times. [15 sts]
Change to Yarn B.

EYE SOCKET

Round 4 (Working in bl only) (2dc in next st, 2dc) 5 times. [20 sts]
Round 5 (Working in bl only) (2dc in next st, 2dc) 3 times, 2dc in next st, ss in next 10 dc. [24 sts]
Do not fasten off.

EYELID

The following is worked in Rows.
Row 1 Ch1, working in the unworked fl of the next 10 dc of Round 4, dc in next st, htr in next 8 sts, dc in next st (these 10 sts form the upper lid), ch1, ss in the first ss of the previous round, turn.
Row 2 Ch1, ss in each of the 10 sts of the eyelid, ch1, ss in the first dc of Round 5, behind the Eyelid.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail of Yarn B.

HORNS (MAKE 2)

Using a 2mm hook and Yarn C, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each st around.
Round 3 (2dc in next st, 1dc) 3 times. [9 sts]
Rounds 4-10 Dc in each st around.
Round 11 (2dc in next st, 2dc) 3 times. [12 sts]
Rounds 12-20 Dc in each st around.
Round 21 (2dc in next st, 3dc) 3 times. [15 sts]
Rounds 22-26 Dc in each st around. Turn at the end of Row 26.
Cont in rows.
Row 1 (WS) Ch2, htr in bl only of each st to end, turn.
Row 2 (RS) Ch1, dc in unworked loop of each st to end, turn.
Rows 3-6 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.
Rows 7-12 As Rows 1-6.
Rows 13-17 As Rows 1-5.
Row 18 Ch1, (2dc in next st, 4dc) 3 times, turn. [18 sts]
Rows 19-24 As Rows 1-6.
Rows 25-29 As Rows 1-5.
Row 30 Ch1, (2dc in next st, 5dc) 3 times, turn. [21 sts]
Rows 31-90 Rep Rows 1-6 another 10 times.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail of yarn.

HANGING LOOP

Using a 2.5mm hook and Yarn A, work 25 dc around brass ring, ss to the first dc.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Sew the lower edge of the ring securely to the top of the Base.

TO MAKE UP

Sew all around the outer edges of the Eyes, inserting a small amount of stuffing into the Eyeball before closing the opening. Using Yarn C, embroider a highlight in each Eye.
Insert the pointed end of each strip of board into the tip of the Ears. Sew together the open edges. Sew together the corners to shape the Ears. Sew the Ears to the Head.
Use the pliers to bend and pinch together 1cm at one sharp end on each length of wire to prevent them poking through the Horns. Push a small amount of stuffing into the tip of the Horn. Thread the folded end of the wire through the opening at the base of the Horn, into the stuffed tip. Add stuffing around the wire at the top of the Horn. Working in stages, starting at the lower end of the Horn, wrap a section of the wire with stuffing and use the tail of yarn to sew together the open edges to encase the wrapped wire. Poke the sharp ends of the excess wire into the Head, where the Horns are to be attached.
With the seam facing the back of the Head, sew the Horns in place, stitching all around the edges. Bend the Horns to shape.
Weave in all rem ends.

CHRISTMAS GARLAND

Make a modern Christmas garland and decorate your home with a string of this sparkling bunting from Catherine Venner

- Yarn and Colors Must-Have (100% cotton, 50g/125m), 1 ball of each: White (001), Black (100)
- Yarn and Colors Glamour (100% polyester, 20g/158m), 1 ball of Gold (089)
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- 10 findings, 25mm
- 10 jute tassels, (available from https://amzn.to/4doWfwQ)

TENSION

Tension is not critical, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Each Flag measures approx 11cm (4¼in) wide

ABBREVIATIONS

picot Ch3, ss in last ch from hook
For a full list, see page 130

NOTES

Flags are worked in rounds with RS facing throughout.
Parts of this pattern are worked using the amigurumi method. Work stitches continuously in a spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.

MERRY MONOCHROME

BUNTING

FLAGS (MAKE 10)

Use Gold for Rounds 1-4 on all Flags. Then make 5 each in Black and White for Rounds 5-12.

Using a 2.5mm hook and Gold, make a magic loop.

Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc in loop. [6 sts]

Round 2 (RS) 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]

Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]

Round 4 *(1dc, 1htr) in next st, (1tr, 1dtr, picot, 1tr) in next st, (1htr, 1dc) in next st; rep from * 5 times more, ss to beg dc.

Fasten off.

Join next colour in last dc from Round 4.

Round 5 Ch1, (dc in next 2 dc, ch3, skip 5 sts) 6 times. [12 dc and 6 ch-3-sps]

Position ch-sps behind sts from Round 4.

Round 6 (2dc, 4dc in ch-3 sp) 6 times. [36 sts]

Round 7 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 sts]

Round 8 (7dc, 1dc in picot from Round 4) 6 times. [48 sts]

Round 9 (4dc, 2htr, 2tr, ch2, 2tr, 2tr, 4dc) 3 times. [48 sts, 3 ch-2-sp]

Round 10 *4dc, 2htr, 2tr, (1tr, ch2, 1tr) in ch-2 sp, 2tr, 2htr, 4dc; rep from * twice more. [54 and 3 ch-2-sp sts]

Round 11 *4dc, 2htr, 3tr, (1tr, ch2, 1tr) in ch-2 sp, 3tr, 2htr, 4dc; rep from * twice more. [60 and 3 ch-2-sp sts]

Round 12 *6htr, 4tr, (1tr, ch3, 1tr) in ch-2 sp, 4tr, 6hr; rep from * twice more. [66 and 3 ch-3-sp sts]

Fasten off.

Next row works across two sides of the Flag. Using a 3mm hook, join Gold in any ch-3 sp.

Row 13 Ch1, 2dc in ch-sp, dc in next 22 sts, (2dc, ch2, 2dc) in ch-sp, dc in next 22 sts, 2dc in corner.

Fasten off.

Block the Flags.

TO MAKE UP

Flags are joined together across the unworked edges. Work with RS facing.

Use a 3mm hook and Gold.

Row 1 (RS) Ch40, *2dc in first ch-sp across top edge, dc in next 22 sts, 2dc in next ch-sp, ch28; rep from * for each Flag, ch41, turn.

Row 2 Ss in second ch from hook, ss in each ch/st across.

Fasten off and weave in all ends.

Attach a finding to the bottom corner of each Flag. Attach a tassel to each finding and trim if desired.

SNOWFLAKE CUSHION

Cuddle up on the sofa with this stylish crochet cushion from Emma Leith. We'd love to see how a whole set would look

- Yarn and Colors Epic (100% cotton, 50g/75m), 3 balls of each: **Yarn A** Black (100), **Yarn B** White (001)
- Yarn and Colors Glamour (100% polyester, 20g/158m), 1 ball of **Yarn C** Gold (089)
- A 4mm (US G/6) hook
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- A 2mm (US B/1) hook
- A cushion pad, 30x3cm
- A chalk pen (optional)

TENSION

15 sts and 19 rows measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over double crochet using a 4mm hook, or size needed to obtain correct tension

MEASUREMENTS

Cushion measures approx 30x30cm (11¾x11¾in)

ABBREVIATIONS

reverse dc Insert hook in next st to right (or left if left-handed), yrh and pull up a loop, yrh and pull through 2 loops on hook

surface crochet Position yarn on WS, insert hook from RS to WS, yrh and pull up a loop, pull through loop on hook, *insert hook back through to WS in direction you want the surface crochet to travel, yrh and pull up a loop, pull through loop on hook; rep from * as required

ch4 picot Ch4, ss to 4th ch

ch6 picot Ch6, ss to 6th ch

ch7 picot Ch7, ss to 7th ch

For a full list, see page 130

NOTES

Cushion is made up of 2 identical Panels. Each Panel is worked in rows and edged with Gold. One Panel is embellished with surface crochet and a Star motif.

CUSHION

PANEL (MAKE 2)

Using a 4mm hook and Yarn A, ch45.

Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook, dc in each ch to end, turn. [44 sts]

Rows 2-28 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc in each st across, turn.

Change to Yarn B.

Rows 29-56 As Row 2.

EDGING

Join Yarn C (holding 2 strands together as one throughout) in first st across top.

Round 1 Ch1, *dc in each st and row-end to corner, (dc, ch2, dc) in corner; rep from * 3 times more, ss to beg dc.

Fasten off.

SURFACE CROCHET

Use Yarn A for surface crochet over Yarn B half of Panel and use Yarn B for surface crochet over Yarn A half.

Hold work so Yarn A Rows 1-28 are showing as the bottom half and the RS is facing.

Using the image as a guide and a 2.5mm hook, surface crochet the 6 stems. You could use a chalk pen to mark out the positions.

STAR

Using a 2mm hook and Yarn C, make magic loop.

Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 12htr in loop, ss to top of beg htr. [12 sts]

Round 2 Ch2 (counts as first leg of tr2tog), tr in next st, ch4, (tr2tog, ch4) 5 times, ss to top of beg tr2tog. [6 sts, 6 ch-4 sps]

Round 3 Ch1, *FPdc around tr2tog, (htr, tr, ch4, tr, htr) in ch-4 sp; rep from * around, ss to top of beg FPdc. [30 sts, 6 ch-4 sps]

Round 4 Ch1, dc in FPdc, dc in next 2 sts, *(dc, ch4 picot, 2dtr, ch1, ch6 picot, ch7 picot, ch6 picot, ss to ch1, 2dtr, ch4 picot, dc) in ch-4 sp, dc in next 5 sts; rep form * around, ss to top of beg dc.

Fasten off.

Sew to the centre of the front.

TO MAKE UP

Place Panels together with RS facing out.

Using a 4mm hook and 2 strands of Yarn C held together as one, join yarn in any corner of both Panels.

Round 1 Ch1, reverse dc around joining 3 sides, reverse dc across front only on final side, turn, reverse dc across unworked sts of back, ss to last joining st.

Fasten off and weave in all ends.

HOLLY WREATH

Use a gold hoop to set off the embroidered holly motifs in this gorgeous contemporary

MERRY MONOCHROME

wreath design from Karen Hubbard

- Yarn and Colors Must-Have (100% cotton, 50g/125m), 1 ball of each: White (001), Black (100)
- Yarn and Colors Glamour (100% polyester, 20g/158m), 1 ball of Gold (089)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- 30cm metal wreath ring
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- 50cm hanging ribbon

TENSION

Tension is not critical, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Single Leaf measures approx 7.5cm (3in) long

ABBREVIATIONS

picot Ch2, ss in second ch from hook
invdec Insert hook in front loop of next st, insert hook in front loop of next st across, yrh and pull through both sts, yrh and pull through 2 loops on hook
For a full list, see page 130

NOTES

Leaves are worked in rounds. Crochet over the starting tail to reduce the number of ends you need to weave in.
Use the starting tail from the Berries to lightly stuff them.

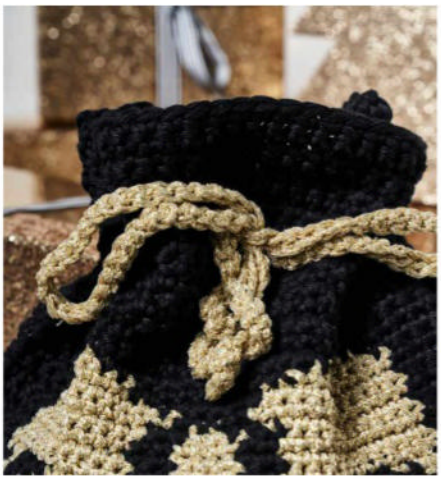
WREATH

HOLLY LEAVES (MAKE 12)

Make 6 each in White and Black.
Ch11.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, 2htr, 1tr, 2tr in next 2 ch, 1tr, 1htr, 1dc, 3dc in last ch, turn to work down opposite side of foundation ch, 1dc, 1htr, 1tr, 2tr in next 2 ch, 1tr, 2htr, 1dc, ss to beg dc. [25 sts]
Round 2 *Ss into next st, (1dc, ch-2 picot, 1dc) in next st; rep from * 10 times more, ss in next 3 sts, ch4, ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 2 ch (stalk made), ss to st at base of ch.
Fasten off.
Join Gold in bl of any st.
Round 3 *Ss in bl of each st to picot, (ch1, ss, ch1) in picot; rep from * around to end, ss in first ss.
Fasten off and weave in ends.
Using Gold, sew the veins over the Holly.

HOLLY BERRIES (MAKE 7)

Using Gold, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc in loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Invdec) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off.
Use starting tail to lightly stuff each Berry and use finishing tail to gather the Round 3 sts and close the top.



TO MAKE UP

Arrange Leaves on ring and glue in place. Glue berries on top of Leaves.
Use ribbon to make a bow and glue in place.

GIFT SACK

Spoil a loved one with a bag for little gifts this Christmas from Jane Howarth. It's equally good for taking goodies to parties

- Yarn and Colors Epic (100% cotton, 50g/75m), 4 balls of Black (100), 2 balls of White (001)
- Yarn and Colors Glamour (100% polyester, 20g/158m), 3 balls of Gold (089)
- A 5mm (US H/8) hook

TENSION

Tension is not critical, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Gift Sack measures 27x36cm (10½x14¼in)

NOTES

Gift Sack is made up of 2 identical Panels. Each Panel is worked in rows.
There is a Chart on page 79, which you will need to refer to. Each small square represents 1dc. Read all RS rows from right to left and WS rows from left to right. The first few rows of the Chart have been written out to guide you. Change colour on the final yrh of st before colour change is indicated. Carry the unused colour across the top of your sts, enclosing the strand as you work.
When working with Gold, use 3 strands held together as one throughout.

GIFT SACK

PANEL (MAKE 2)

Using Black, ch39.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in each ch across, turn. [38 sts]
Row 2 (WS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc in each st across, turn.
Rows 3-5 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 6 Ch1, dc in first 16 sts, change to White, dc in next 2 sts, change to Black, dc in next 2 sts, change to White, dc in next 2 sts, change to Black, dc in next 16 sts, turn.
Row 7 Ch1, dc in first 14 sts, change to White, dc in next 4 sts, change to Black, dc in next 2 sts, change to White, dc in next 4 sts, change to Black, dc in next 14 sts, turn.
Row 8 Ch1, dc in first 12 sts, change to White, dc in next 6 sts, change to Black, dc in next 2 sts, change to White, dc in next 6 sts, change to Black, dc in next 12 sts, turn.
Rows 9-46 Cont in patt set, using the Chart for all colour changes.
Cont with Black.
Rows 47-52 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 53 Ch1, dc in first 3 sts, (skip 1 st, ch1, dc in next 5 sts) twice, skip 1 st, ch1, dc in next 6 sts, (skip 1 st, ch1, dc in next 5 sts) twice, skip 1 st, ch1, dc in final 3 sts, turn. [32 sts, 6 ch-1 sps]
Row 54 Ch1, dc in each st and ch-sp across, turn. [38 sts]
Rows 55-61 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

RIBBON

Using Gold, ch115.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in each ch across. [114 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

TO MAKE UP

Place Panels together with WS facing out.
Using Black, sew the sides and base together.
Turn so RS is facing ut and weave the ribbon through the eyelets and secure with a bow.

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Icebreaker

Welcome Marcy Gardner's cute waddler into your life. Tots will love him for bedtime snuggles

AMIGURUMI PENGUIN

YOU WILL NEED

- Bernat Blanket (100% polyester, 300g/201m)
  1 ball of each:
  Vapor Gray (10960)
  Burnt Mustard (10874)
- Bernat Baby Blanket (100% polyester, 300g/201m)
  1 ball of White (04005)
- Bernat Velvet (100% polyester, 300g/288m)
  1 ball of Velveteal (32005)
- A 6.5mm (US K/10.5) hook
- A stitch marker
- Toy stuffing
- 2 safety eyes, 20mm diameter
- A scrap of white acrylic yarn

For yarn stockists contact
Wool Warehouse 01926 882818
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

TENSION

Tension is not critical, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Penguin measures approximately 38cm (15in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Your polar pal will hook up quickly in this chenille-style super chunky yarn. Take your time with the stuffing to get the shape right.

NOTES

This pattern is worked using the amigurumi method. Work stitches continuously in a spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work. If you are making this toy for a child under 36 months, do not use safety eyes; instead, embroider eyes with stranded cotton.

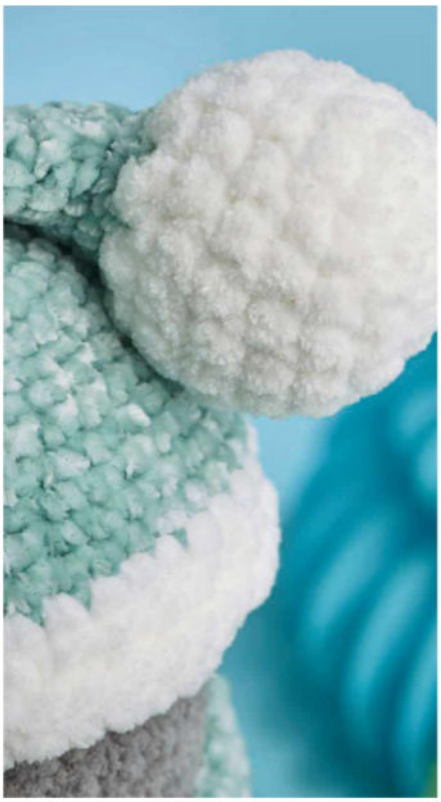
PENGUIN

HEAD AND BODY

Using Vapor Gray, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 8dc in loop. [8 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [16 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in next st) 8 times. [24 sts]
Round 4 (2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) 8 times. [32 sts]
Rounds 5-16 Dc in each st around.
Round 17 (2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) 8 times. [40 sts]
Rounds 18-19 Dc in each st around.
Round 20 (2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts) 8 times. [48 sts]
Rounds 21-39 Dc in each st around.
Insert safety eyes between Rounds 12 and 13, 2 stitches apart.
Round 40 (Dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts) 8 times. [40 sts]
Round 41 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts) 8 times. [32 sts]
Round 42 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) 8 times. [24 sts]
Stuff Head and Body.
Round 43 (Dc2tog, dc in next st) 8 times. [16 sts]
Round 44 (Dc2tog) 8 times. [8]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Thread tail through the fl of each st and pull tight to close. Weave in ends.
Using a scrap of white acrylic yarn, embroider highlight around each eye.

WINGS (MAKE 2)

Using Vapor Gray, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc in loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each st around.
Round 3 (2dc, dc in next st) 3 times. [9 sts]
Round 4 Dc in each st around.
Round 5 (2dc, dc in next 2 sts) 3 times. [12 sts]
Round 6 Dc in each st around.
Round 7 (2dc, dc in next 3 sts) 3 times. [15 sts]
Round 8 Dc in each st around.
Round 9 (2dc, dc in next 4 sts) 3 times. [18 sts]
Round 10 Dc in each st around.
Round 11 (2dc, dc in next 2 sts) 6 times. [24 sts]
Rounds 12-13 Dc in each st around.



Start the hat by making the bobble as a ball shape in white and stuff it before continuing

Round 14 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) 6 times. [18 sts]
Rounds 15-16 Dc in each st around.
Round 17 (Dc2tog, dc in next st) 6 times. [12 sts]
Rounds 18-19 Dc in each st around.
Round 20 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Round 21 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Sew Wings on either side on the Body between Rounds 20-21.

BEAK

Using Burnt Mustard, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc in loop [6 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each st around.
Round 3 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Change to Vapor Gray.
Round 4 Ss in each st around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Sew Beak onto Head between Rounds 15-16.

HAT

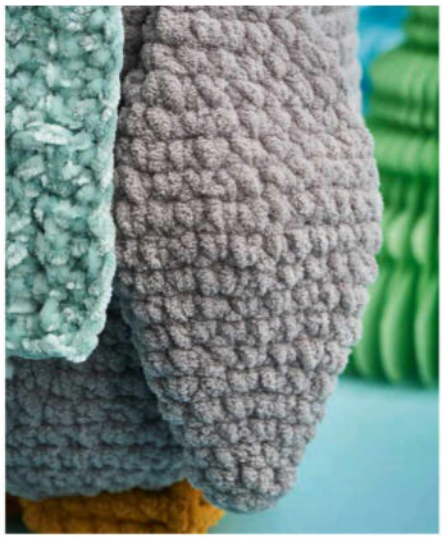
Using White, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 8dc in loop. [8 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [16 sts]
Rounds 3-6 Dc in each st around.
Round 7 (Dc2tog) 8 times. [8 sts]
Stuff bobble.
Change to Velveteal.
Round 8 Dc in each st around.
Round 9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 (2dc, dc in next st) 4 times. [12 sts]

Rounds 11-12 Dc in each st around.
Round 13 (2dc, dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Rounds 14-15 Dc in each st around.
Round 16 (2dc, dc in next 2 sts) 6 times. [24 sts]
Rounds 17-18 Dc in each st around.
Round 19 (2dc, dc in next 3 sts) 6 times. [30 sts]
Rounds 20-21 Dc in each st around.
Round 22 (2dc, dc in next 4 sts) 6 times. [36 sts]
Rounds 23-24 Dc in each st around.
Round 25 (2dc, dc in next 5 sts) 6 times. [42 sts]
Rounds 26-27 Dc in each st around.
Round 28 (2dc, dc in next 6 sts) 6 times. [48 sts]
Rounds 29-30 Dc in each st around.
Change to White.
Round 31 Dc in each st around.
Round 32 Dc in each st around.
Round 33 Ss in each st around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Sew Hat onto Head slightly tilted to the left.

WHITE BELLY
Using White, ch5.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next 2 ch, 3dc in next ch, turn to work across opposite side of foundation ch, dc in next 2 ch, 2dc in next ch, ss to first dc to join. [10 sts]
Round 2 Ch1, 2dc in next 2 sts, htr in next st, 2htr in next 4 sts, htr in next st, 2dc in next 2 sts, ss to first dc to join. [18 sts]
Round 3 Ch1, 2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, htr in next st, (2htr in next st, htr in next st) 4 times, dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next st, ss to first dc to join. [24 sts]
Round 4 Ch1, 2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts, htr in next st, (2htr in next st, htr in next 2 sts) 3 times, htr in next st, dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next 2 sts, ss to first dc to join. [30 sts]
Round 5 Ch1, 2dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts, htr in next st, (2htr in next st, htr in next 3 sts) 3 times, htr in next st, dc in next 7 sts, 2dc in next st, ss to first dc to join. [35 sts]
Round 6 Ch1, 2dc in next st, dc in next 9 sts, htr in next st, (2htr in next st, htr in next 2 sts) 5 times, htr in next st, dc in next 7 sts, 2dc in next st, ss to first dc to join. [42 sts]
Change to Vapor Gray.
Round 7 Ch1, ss in each st around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Sew Belly onto Body. Sew top of Belly on between Rounds 19 and 20 and the bottom of the Belly between Rounds 38 and 39.

FEET (MAKE 2)
Using Burnt Mustard Yarn, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 8dc in loop. [8 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each st around.
Round 3 (2dc, dc in next st) 4 times. [12 sts]
Rounds 4-5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 (2dc, dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 7 (Dc2tog, dc in next st) 6 times. [12 sts]
Flatten final round and work 6ss across to close.
Fasten off, leaving long tail.
Sew onto the bottom of the Body, angled slightly outward. The top inside corners of each Foot should be sewn on Round 42 of the Body. After both Feet are sewn on, use one of the remaining tails to sew the 2 Feet together on Rounds 1-4 of the Foot.

SCARF
Using Velveteal, ch75.
Row 1 (RS) Tr in third ch from hook and each ch across, turn. [73 sts].
Row 2 Ch3 (counts as tr), tr in each st across.
Fasten off and weave in ends.



Wings are worked in the round with a gentle curve on the sides, and are left unstuffed

Work the feet in rounds, then flatten and stitch the last round together to close the opening

SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO USE STITCH MARKERS IN SPIRALS

In this pattern, you'll work the stitches in spiral rounds. If you've never done this before, don't worry, it's easy! At the end of a round, don't join the first and last stitches with a slip stitch. Instead, just work the first stitch of a new round into the top of the first stitch on the previous round. Using stitch markers will help you to keep track of spiral rounds. Our step-by-step guide (right) will show you how to do this.

1 Work the first stitch of a round and place a stitch marker in this first stitch.

2 Work a spiral round of double crochet stitches until you've worked the last stitch of the round. The next stitch you'll want to work into will have the stitch marker in it.

3 You'll need to remove the marker, work the first stitch of the new round and then replace the stitch marker in this first stitch, to mark the start of the round again.

WINTER SNOWFALL

Paint a picture of bright blue skies and snowy hills with a gorgeous blanket by Fiona Kirk

SCANDI THROW

In the mosaic technique, you'll work with just one colour of yarn in each round

GO PRO ★★★ | DK WEIGHT | 3MM HOOK

YOU WILL NEED

- Paintbox Simply DK (100% acrylic, 100g/276m)
  3 balls of Vanilla Cream (107)
  2 balls of each:
  Jewel (072)
  Cerulean Blue (074)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Stitch markers

For yarn stockists contact LoveCrafts 01409 404010 www.lovecrafts.com

TENSION

Tension is not critical, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Blanket measures approx 148x148cm (58¼x58¼in)

ABBREVIATIONS

tr2d Tr in unworked fl 2 rounds below, skip next st on current row
C (corner) (Dc, ch1, dc) in bl of ch-1 corner sp
CX (treble corner) (2tr, ch1, 2tr) in fl of ch-1 sp 2 rounds below
For a full list, see page 130

Frost, snowflake and heart motifs appear in this glorious blanket. Find a comfy chair, make a pot of tea and get out your favourite hook to revel in a perfect winter project.

NOTES

Blanket is made up of 4 Squares. Squares are worked in rounds in the Overlay Mosaic technique. You can find more information on this technique here: www.gathered.how/knitting-and-crochet/crochet/how-to-mosaic-crochet
Work with RS facing throughout, changing colour at the end of each round. Work over yarn tails where possible to reduce the number of ends you need to weave in.
There is a Chart on page 122, which you will need to refer to when working the Squares. The Chart shows one side of the Motif only and needs to be repeated 4 times on each round. Each plain small square represents 1dc worked in the bl. Each x represents a tr2d (see Abbreviations).
The first few rounds of the Chart have been written out to guide you.

BLANKET

SQUARES (MAKE 4)

Use Vanilla Cream for Yarn A on all Squares.
Use Cerulean Blue as Yarn B on 2 Squares and Jewel as Yarn B on the rem 2 Squares.
Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Foundation round (RS) Ch3 (counts as tr throughout), 15tr in loop, ss to top of beg ch-3. [16 sts]
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), (C in next st, dc in bl of next 3 sts) 4 times, ss to beg dc. [20 sts, 4 ch-1 sps]
Fasten off.
Join Yarn A in bl of any ch-1 sp.
Round 2 Ch1, (C in ch-1 sp, dc in bl of next 5 sts) 4 times, ss to beg dc. [28 sts, 4 ch-1 sps]
Fasten off.
Join Yarn B in bl of any ch-1 sp.
Round 3 Ch1, (CX in ch-sp 2 rounds below, tr2d, dc in bl of next 3 sts, tr2d) 4 times, ss to top of beg tr. [36 sts, 4 ch-1 sps]
Fasten off.
Join Yarn A in bl of any ch-1 sp.
Round 4 Ch1, (C in corner ch-1 sp, dc in bl of next 3 sts, tr2d, dc in bl of next st, tr2d, dc in bl of next 3 sts) 4 times, ss to beg dc. [44 sts, 4 ch-1 sps]
Rounds 5-39 Cont in patt set, using the Chart as you work.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

TO MAKE UP

Using the image as a guide, whipstitch the Squares together in a 2x2 formation.

BORDER

Join Vanilla Cream in any corner ch-1 sp.
Round 1 (RS) Ch3 (counts as tr), (tr, ch2, 2tr) in ch-sp, *tr in each st to next corner, (2tr, ch1, 2tr); rep from * to end, ss to beg ch-3.
Fasten off.
Join Jewel in any ch-1 sp.
Round 2 Ch1, *(dc, ch1, dc) in corner, (5-tr cl in next st, dc in next 3 sts) rep across to next corner; rep from * 3 times more, ss to beg dc.
Round 3 Ss in ch-2 sp, ch1, *(dc, ch1, dc) in corner, (dc in next 2 sts, 5-tr cl in next st, dc in next st) rep across to next corner; rep from * 3 times more, ss to beg dc.
Fasten off and weave in all ends.

TWINKLE TOES

Put your feet up and create multicoloured sparkly socks from West Yorkshire Spinners

CLASSIC GIFT IDEA

CHRISTMAS SOCKS

A BIT TRICKY

4PLY WEIGHT

3MM HOOK

YOU WILL NEED

- West Yorkshire Spinners Signature Sparkle 4ply (75% wool, 23% nylon, 2% polyester, 100g/400m) 1 ball of Yuletide (1208)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook.
- 2 stitch markers

For yarn stockists contact WY Spinners 01535 664500 www.wyspinners.com

TENSION

12 sts and 11 rounds measure 5x5cm (2x2in) over double crochet using 3mm hook, or size needed to achieve correct tension

ABBREVIATIONS

fdc (foundation double crochet) *Insert hook in base of last st, yrh and pull up a loop, pull through one loop on hook (loop will sit at base of fdc), yrh and pull through 2 loops on hook; rep from * as required

For a full list, see page 130

It's just not Christmas without a pair of socks under the tree! Don't forget to block them when you're done so they look their best.

NOTES

Socks are worked from the top down. Cuff is worked in short rows and seamed together.
The Leg is worked around the row-end edge of the Cuff. Leg, Foot and Toes are worked in rounds leaving a space for the Heel. The Heel is worked onto the sock at the end.
Parts of this pattern are worked using the amigurumi method. Work stitches continuously in a spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.
Small size is shown outside the brackets, medium and large sizes are shown within brackets.
Please note that the measurements are before blocking, and the crochet fabric will stretch length-wise and width-wise once blocked.

SOCKS (MAKE 2)

CUFF

Ch11.
Row 1 (WS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in each ch to end, turn. [10 sts]
Row 2 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as a st throughout), dc in bl of each st to end, turn.
Rep Row 2 another 38 (42: 46) times.

SIZE		S	M	L
TO FIT SHOE SIZE	UK	3-4	5-6	7-8
	US	5-6	7-8	9-10
FOOT CIRCUMFERENCE	cm	17.5	19	20.5
	in	7	7½	8
FOOT LENGTH	cm	23	24	27
	in	9	9½	10½
LEG LENGTH	cm	13.5	13.5	13.5
	in	5½	5½	5½

To make this pattern easier to follow, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions – simply follow the relevant column.

[40 (44: 48) rows in total]
With WS facing, ss through bl of final row and base of Row 1 to join Cuff into round.
Do not fasten off.

LEG

Work in row-ends of Cuff.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 42 (46: 50) dc evenly around.
Round 2 (RS) Dc in bl of each st around.
Round 2 sets dc back loop pattern.
Work in bl unless otherwise instructed.
Rounds 3-5 As Round 2.
Round 6 (2dc in next st, 20 (22: 24) dc) twice. [44 (48: 52) sts]
Rounds 7-12 As Round 2.
Round 13 (2dc in next st, 21 (23: 25) dc) twice. [46 (50: 54) sts]
Rounds 14-21 As Round 2.
Space is made for the Heel over the next round.
Round 22 Work 23 (25: 27) fdc, skip next 23 (25: 27) sts, dc in final 23 (25: 27) sts.

FOOT

Round 23 Dc in bl of each st around.
Rounds 24-26 As Round 23.
Round 27 (Dc2tog, 21 (23: 25) dc) twice. [44 (48: 52) sts]
Rounds 28-32 As Round 23.
Round 33 (Dc2tog, 20 (22: 24) dc) twice. [42 (46: 50) sts]
Rep Round 23 until the Foot measures 13 (13: 15)cm from Heel space.

TOES

Lay Sock flat with the Heel opening at the back, making sure that it's centred. Place markers at either end of last round so that there are 20 (22: 24) sts between the markers. Dc in bl to first marker to move start of round.
Do not work in bl only for Toe section.
Round 1 (RS) Dc2tog, dc to 2 sts before next marker, dc2tog, dc in marked st, dc2tog, dc to 2 sts before next marker, dc2tog, dc in final marked st. [38 (42: 46) sts]
Move the markers up as you work.
Round 2 Dc in each st around.
Round 3 Dc2tog, dc in each st to 2 sts before marker, dc2tog, dc in marked st, dc2tog, dc in each st to 2 sts before next marker, dc2tog, dc in final marked st. [34 (38: 42) sts]
Rep Rounds 2-3 another 3 (4: 5) times. [22 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
With WS facing, flatten final round and sew closed.

HEEL

With RS facing join yarn at the bottom right corner of the heel opening to work across the back of the fdc.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 25 (27: 29) dc across foot side of Heel, pm in last st, 25 (27: 29) dc across skipped sts of Leg, pm in last st. [50 (54: 58) sts]
Round 2 Dc2tog, dc in each st to 2 sts before marker, dc2tog, dc in marked st, dc2tog, dc in each st to 2 sts before next marker, dc2tog, dc in st marked st. [46 (50: 54) sts]
Move markers up as you work.
Round 3 Dc in each st around.
Round 4 Dc2tog, dc in each st to 2 sts before marker, dc2tog, dc in marked st, dc2tog, dc in each st to 2 sts before next marker, dc2tog, dc in st marked st. [42 (46: 50) sts]
Rep Rounds 3-4 another 5 times. [22 (26: 30) sts]
Fasten off leaving a long tail.
With WS facing, flatten final round and sew closed.

TO FINISH

Weave in ends.
To wet block: soak socks in lukewarm water, squeeze out excess moisture and pin out to size, or place them on sock blockers. Allow to dry naturally.

Work in the back loops for a textured fabric – stripes are created naturally by the yarn

Leave a gap while working the leg and foot, then return to it to create the heel

SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO WASH YOUR CROCHET PIECES

1 Keep the yarn's ball band safe and check it for care information. The band will tell you what temperature to wash the yarn at and whether it can go in the machine or if it needs to be handwashed.

2 To handwash, soak for around 30 minutes in a bowl of lukewarm water with a mild detergent. Don't rub or you may felt the piece. Then rinse, unless you've used a non-rinsing detergent, such as Soak or Eucalan.

3 Lay the crochet item on top of a towel and roll up the towel to squeeze out excess moisture, making sure you do not wring.

4 Gently reshape the crochet item. Leave it to dry on a towel somewhere flat, such as on a board or a folded blanket. Pin out if needed. Never hang up an item to dry because its weight may stretch the yarn.

TRY MOSAIC CROCHET

Candy stripes

This cushion by Yarnspirations is a lovely way to add some Christmas cheer to your home this season

MOSAIC CUSHION

YOU WILL NEED

- Red Heart Super Saver (100% acrylic, 198g/333m)
  2 balls of each:
  Yarn A Cherry Red (00319)
  Yarn B Soft White (00316)
- A 5.5mm (US I/9) hook
- Cushion pad, 40x65cm
- Stitch marker
- Pins

To buy yarn, visit www.hellocrafts.co.uk or www.readicut.co.uk

TENSION

12 sts and 15 rows measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over double crochet using a 5.5mm hook, or size needed to obtain correct tension

MEASUREMENTS

Cushion measures 41x66cm (16x26in)

ABBREVIATIONS

mtr Work a treble into the unworked st 3 rows below, working in front of the ch-sps on the previous 2 rows

For a full list, see page 130

Looking to add some festive touches to your décor this season? Then this cheery cushion is just the ticket! The cushion's wonderful texture comes from mosaic crochet, a decorative technique where you work a pattern of double and treble crochet stitches. While our version gives candy cane vibes, you can easily change up the yarn shades to match your festive colour palette.

NOTES

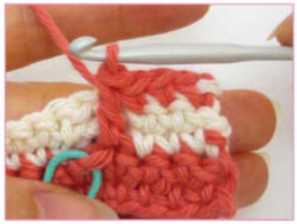
Cushion is made up of three panels. Each panel is worked in rows throughout.
Change colour on the final yrh of row and carry the unused colour up the edge of your work.
The Front is worked in the mosaic technique. You will change colour every two rows, working in a pattern of dc and mtr sts (see abbreviations).

Whether it's in the hall, living room or bedroom, this cushion brings cheer!

SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO WORK THE MOSAIC TECHNIQUE

1 We've marked the skipped stitch 2 rows below to make them easier to see. On Rows 3-4 a ch-3 sp has been worked over the skipped sts.

2 Ch1, dc in each dc of row below to first ch-sp.



3 Work a treble into the first skipped stitch 3 rows below. Working in front of the ch-3 sps. Work a treble in each skipped st and a dc in each dc.

4 When you reach a point in the row that is showing a different colour, skip those sts and work a ch for each skipped st +1. We've worked a ch-3 in this example.

MOSAIC CUSHION

There is a Chart on page 126 which you will need to refer to when working the mosaic design for the Front. The first few rows of the Chart have been written out to guide you. Panels are joined together with a double crochet seam

The mosaic crochet stitches creates a snowflake-style pattern

The rib creates an envelope fastening for your cushion, as well as even more texture

CUSHION

FRONT

Using Yarn A, ch78.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in each ch to end, turn. [77 sts]
Row 2 (WS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc in each st across, turn.
Change to Yarn B.
Row 3 Ch1, dc in first 22 sts, (ch2, skip 1 st, dc in next st) twice, dc in next 26 sts, (ch2, skip 1 st, dc in next st) twice, dc in final 21 sts, turn.
Row 4 Ch1, *dc in each st to ch-2 sp, ch2, skip ch-sp; rep from * to end, turn.
Change to Yarn A.
Row 5 Ch1, dc in first 22 sts, 1mtr, ch2, skip 1 dc, 1mtr, dc in next 27 sts, 1mtr, ch2, skip 1 dc, 1mtr, dc in last 22 dc, turn.
Row 6 Ch1, *dc in each st to ch-2 sp, ch2, skip ch-sp; rep from * to end, turn.
Change to Yarn B.
Row 7 Ch1, dc in first 20 sts, ch2, skip 1 st, dc in next 2 sts, 1mtr, dc in next 2 sts, ch2, skip 1 st, dc in next 23 sts, ch2, skip 1 st, dc in next 2 sts, 1mtr, dc in next 2 sts, ch2, skip 1 st, dc in final 20 sts, turn.
Row 8 Ch1, *dc in each st to ch-2 sp, ch2, skip ch-sp; rep from * to end, turn.
Change to Yarn A.
Rows 9-62 Cont in pattern set, referring to the Chart as you work.
Fasten off.

BACK (MAKE 2)

RIB

Using Yarn A, ch9.
Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook, dc in each ch across, turn. [8 sts]
Row 2 Ch1, dc in bl of each st across, turn.
Rep Row 2 until Rib measures approx 40cm long.
Do not fasten off.

MAIN SECTION

Turn to work into row-end of Rib.
Row 1 (RS) Ch1, dc in each row-end across, turn.
Row 2 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Change to Yarn B.
Rep Row 2, changing colour every 2 rows, until Back measures 37cm long.
Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Place Front down with WS facing up.
Place the Back Panels on the Front so the Rib overlaps near the centre and the RS of the Backs are facing you.
Pin the Panels together to secure them and turn so the RS of the Front is facing you.
Join Yarn A in any corner and work next round through all layers to join (make sure the carried yarns are hidden on the inside of the cushion cover).
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, (3dc in corner, dc in each st or row-end to next corner) 4 times, ss to beg dc.
Fasten off and weave in all ends.

IT'S SANTA!

Need to dress up as the real thing? Maria Jęczmyk is here to help with her tie-on beard design

QUICK TO MAKE

SANTA BEARD

YOU WILL NEED

- Hobbii Cosy (60% cotton, 40% acrylic, 50g/100m)
  1 ball of White (17461)
- A 4mm (US G/6) hook
- Stitch marker

For yarn stockists contact www.hobbii.co.uk

TENSION

Tension is not critical, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Beard measures approx 13cm (5in) long

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

While we can't guarantee you the full set of elves and reindeer, you'll make a very good Santa substitute in this great crochet beard.

NOTES

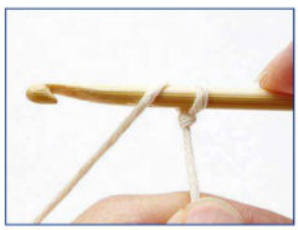
Beard is worked in rows throughout.
Beard is secured with ties around the head.

SANTA BEARD

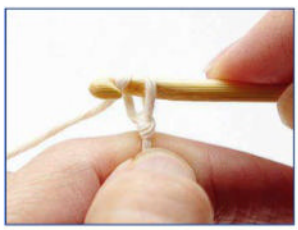
Ch161.
Row 1 (WS) Ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 71 ch, dc in next 16 ch, pm in last dc, ss in final 72 sts. [16 dc, 144 ss]
Fasten off.
With RS facing, join yarn in fl of marked st.
Row 2 (RS) (Ch4, ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 2 ch, ss in fl at base of ch-4, ss in next fl of Row 1) 16 times, turn. [16 strands]
Row 3 Ch1, dc in unworked loop of each dc from Row 1, turn. [16 sts]
Row 4 (Ch5, ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 3 ch, ss in st at base of ch-5, ss in next st from last row) 16 times, turn.
Row 5 Ch20, ss in st at base of beg ch-5 from last row, turn.
Strands are worked from the fl of each ch of ch-20 of last row.
Row 6 Ss in first 2 ch, ch17, ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 15 ch, ss in next unworked ch from ch-20, (ch18, ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 16 ch, ss in next ch from ch-20) twice, (ch19, ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 17 ch, ss in next ch from ch-20) twice, (ch20, ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 18 ch, ss in next ch from ch-20) twice, (ch21, ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 19 ch, ss in next ch from ch-20) twice, (ch20, ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 18 ch, ss in next ch from ch-20) twice, (ch19, ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 17 ch, ss in next ch from ch-20) twice, (ch18, ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 17 ch, ss in next ch from ch-20) twice, ch17, ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 15 ch, ss in next ch from ch-20, turn leaving last ch unworked.
Row 7 Ch1, dc in next 16 unworked loops of next 16 ch from ch-20, turn leaving last 2 ch unworked.
Row 8 Ch21, ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 19 ch, ss in next unworked st of Row 7, (ch22, ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 20 ch, ss in next unworked st of Row 7) twice, (ch23, ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 21 ch, ss in next unworked st of Row 7) twice, (ch24, ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 22 ch, ss in next unworked st of Row 7) twice, (ch25, ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 23 ch, ss in next unworked st of Row 7) twice, (ch24, ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 22 ch, ss in next unworked st of Row 7) twice, (ch23, ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 21 ch, ss in next unworked st of Row 7) twice, (ch22, ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 20 ch, ss in next unworked st of Row 7) twice, ch21, ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 19 ch, ss in next unworked st of Row 7.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

Make strands by working slip stitches into lengths of chains to form the beard

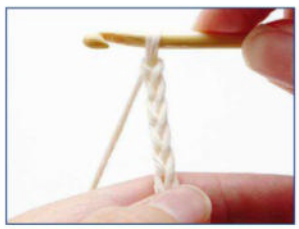
SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO WORK CHAINS



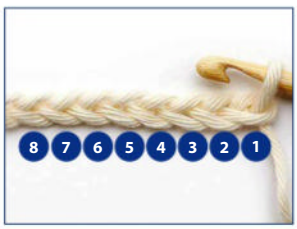
1 Hold the hook and yarn end in your right hand, and the working yarn in your left hand. Move the hook under and over the yarn to wrap it around anti-clockwise.



2 Pull the hook towards the slip knot, catching the yarn in the hook, and pulling it through the slip knot loop. This forms the first chain (ch) stitch. Repeat Steps 1 and 2 to form a chain.



3 This is what the row of chains will look like. Hold the chain with your right hand near the hook, to keep the tension. Keep going until you have the number of chains stated on the pattern.



4 Each chain or loop counts as 1 stitch. Do not count the slip knot or the loop on the hook (called the working loop). For accuracy, make sure the chain is not twisted and that the front is facing you.

PAGE TURNERS

DROPS Design's fun bookmarks are quick to hook – perfect for last-minute stocking fillers

BOOKMARKS

YOU WILL NEED

- DROPS Safran (100% cotton, 50g/160m)
  1 ball of each:
  Light Brown (22)
  Coffee (68)
  Light beige (64)
- A small amount of each:
  Red (19)
  Black (16)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Toy stuffing
- Stitch marker

For yarn stockists contact Garn Studio www.garnstudio.com

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantiles requires

MEASUREMENTS

Bookmarks measures 25cm (10in) long

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Bookworms will love finding one of these cute bookmarks under the tree on Christmas Day! Made using the amigurumi technique, you can choose from a reindeer or a teddy bear, both of which can easily be made in an evening. One ball of yarn will yield several bookmarks, making this project very cost-effective, too.

NOTES

Bookmarks are made in separate parts which are crocheted together.
Parts of this pattern are worked using the amigurumi method. Work stitches continuously in a spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.

REINDEER BOOKMARK

NOSE

Using Red, ch4.
Row 1 (RS) 4tr in last ch from hook, remove live loop from hook, insert hook in top of beg ch, place live loop on hook and pull through.
Fasten off.

HEAD (MAKE 2)

Using Light Brown, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 6dc in loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (RS) 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Fasten off.
Sew the Nose to the centre of one piece to make front of Head.
Using Black, embroider the eyes over Round 3.

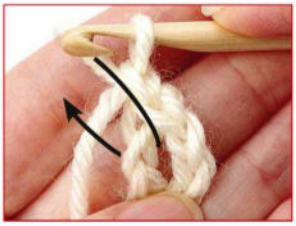
It's isn't a proper Christmas reindeer without a red nose!

The teddy bear's ears are attached to the head using dc stitches

TO MAKE UP

Antlers are worked as you join the Heads together. Place markers where the antlers will be placed, centred around the eyes and approx 5 sts apart.
Place heads together with RS facing out and work next round through both pieces to join. Join Coffee in st base of Head so there are 11 sts to the first marker.
Round 1 Ch1, dc in each st to first marker, *dc in marked st, ch10, ss in second ch from hook, ss in ☛

SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO WORK DOUBLE CROCHET INTO A RING



1 Make a foundation ring, then work the t-ch (1ch for dc). Work stitches as you would on a row, but insert the hook into the centre of the ring rather than each chain loop.

2 For a double crochet stitch, yrh and pull yarn through the centre of the loop (2 loops on hook). Finish the stitch in the usual way with yrh and pull yarn through both loops.

3 Work more dc in the round like this, as instructed in the pattern, pushing the stitches closer if you need to.

4 Use a slip stitch to join the last stitch to the top of the first dc stitch (not the t-ch when working in dc).

The bookmark string is made by chaining using two strands of yarn

next 3 ch, ch5, ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 3 ch, ss in next 3 ch from ch-10, ch4, ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 2 ch, ss in final 2 ch from ch-10**, dc in next 5 sts; rep from * to ** once more, dc in each st to end stuffing as you join, ss to beg dc.
Fasten off.

STRING AND TAIL

Wind off a second small ball of Coffee.
Using 2 strands, make a ch that's 25cm long.
Fasten off one strand only.
Ch5, ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 3 ch, ch6, ss in second ch from hook, ss in next 4 ch, ss in ch at base of String.
Fasten off and weave in all ends.

TEDDY BEAR BOOKMARK

NOSE

Using Coffee, work as Nose for Reindeer.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Using Light Beige, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc in loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (RS) 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Fasten off.

HEAD (MAKE 2)

Work as Reindeer Head, making one using Light Brown throughout and the second using Light Beige for Rounds 1-2 and Light Brown for Rounds 3-5.
Fasten off.
Sew the Nose to the centre of Head with Light Beige centre.
Using Black, embroider the eyes over Round 4.

TO MAKE UP

Ears are joined as you join to the Heads pieces together. Place markers where the Ears will be placed, centred around the eyes and approx 7 sts apart.
Place heads together with RS facing out and work next round through both pieces to join.
Join Light Brown in st base of Head so there are 10 sts to the first marker.
Round 1 Ch1, dc in each st to first marker, *fold Ear in Half with RS facing in, dc in next st on head and 2 sts at fold of Ear, dc in next 16 sts on Ear**, dc in next 7 sts on Head; rep from * to ** once more, dc in each st to end stuffing as you join, ss to beg dc.
Fasten off.

STRING AND TAIL

Wind off a second small ball of Light Brown.
Using 2 strands, make a ch that's 25cm long.
Fasten off one strand only.
Ch2, 12dc in second ch from hook, ss in ch at base of String.
Fasten off and weave in all ends.

Beary Christmas

Forget elf on the shelf this season – hook up an adorable teddy version instead! By RICO Design.

BEAR

YOU WILL NEED

- Rico Creative Chenillove (100% polyester, 100g/110m)
  1 ball of each:
  Olive (024)
  Brown (012)
  Ecru (002)
  A small amount of Wine Red (022)
- Rico Creative Chenillove Sparkle (100% polyester, 100g/110m)
  1 ball of Cream (001)
  A small amount of Black (006)
- Rico Ricorumi Nilli Nilli (100% polyester, 25g/25m)
  1 ball of each:
  Nougat (023)
  Salmon (007)
  Cream (002)
- A 5mm (US H/8) hook
- 2 safety eyes, 12mm
- Stitch markers
- Toy stuffing

For yarn stockists visit www.rico-design.de/en

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Bear measures 25cm (9¾in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

What's cuter than an amigurumi teddy? One who's dressed as an elf! Hooked using delightfully chunky chenille yarn, and with a host of fun finishing touches, this adorable bear is sure to be a hit with people of all ages this Christmas.

NOTES

Parts of this pattern are worked using the amigurumi method. Work stitches continuously in a spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.
Refer to the images when joining parts together and embroidering the details.

BEAR

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using Brown, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 6dc in loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Rounds 3-4 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.
Join Olive in bl of any st.
Round 5 Dc in bl of each st around.
Rounds 6-7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 (4dc, dc2tog) twice. [10 sts]
Rounds 9-10 Dc in each st around.
Round 11 (3dc, dc2tog) twice. [8 sts]
Rounds 12-13 Dc in each st around.
Stuff up to Round 6 only.
Flatten final round and work 4dc across to close.
Fasten off.

CUFF

Join Cream in any unused fl from Round 3.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, dc in each fl around, ss to beg dc. [12 sts]

EARS (MAKE 2)

Using Brown, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-4 As Rounds 1-4 of Arms. [12 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

HAT

Using Olive, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 3dc in loop. [3 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [6 sts]
Round 3 (Dc, 2dc into next st) 3 times. [9 sts]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc into next st) 3 times. [12 sts]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc into next st) 3 times. [15 sts]
Round 6 (4dc, 2dc into next st) 3 times. [18 sts]
Round 7 (5dc, 2dc into next st) 3 times. [21 sts]
Round 8 (6dc, 2dc into next st) 3 times. [24 sts]
Round 9 (7dc, 2dc into next st) 3 times. [27 sts]
Change to Wine Red.
Round 10 Dc in each st around.
Round 11 (Working in fl only) (Ss in next st, ch3, tr in the third ch from hook, skip 2 sts) 9 times, ss to first ss.

Small details such as the cheeks and eyebrows really give your bear personality

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

POMPOM

Using Cream, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc in loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Thread tail through fl of final 6 sts and pull tight to close.
Sew to the top of the Hat.

SNOUT

Using Ecru, ch4.
Round 1 Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next ch, 3dc in final ch, turn to work down opposite side of foundation ch, dc in next ch, 2dc in final ch. [8 sts]
Dc into first st of the previous round to move start of round.
Round 2 (1dc, 2dc in next 3 sts) twice. [14 sts]
Round 3 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.
Using Nougat, embroider the nose.

HEAD AND BODY

Using Brown, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 8dc in loop. [8 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [16 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [24 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [32 sts]
Rounds 5-6 Dc in each st around.
Round 7 (3dc, 2dc into next st) 8 times. [40 sts]
Round 8 (4dc, 2dc into next st) 8 times. [48 sts]
Rounds 9-14 Dc in each st around.

Insert safety eyes between Rounds 11-12, approx 8 sts apart.
Using Nilli Nilli Cream, embroider eyebrows over Round 9.
Using Salmon, embroider cheeks over Rounds 12-13.
Stuff as you go.
Round 15 (6dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 16 (5dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 17 (4dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 18 (3dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 19 Ss in each st around.
Change to Cream.
Round 20 (3dc, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Change to Olive, leave strand of Cream on RS to use later to make the Collar.
Round 21 Dc in bl of each st around.
Rounds 22-24 Dc in each st around.
Round 25 (4dc, 2dc into next st) 6 times. [36 sts]
Rounds 26-28 Dc in each st around.
Change to Black.
Round 29 Ss in fl of each st around.
Round 30 Dc in bl of each st from Round 28.
Change to Olive.
Round 31 Dc in bl of each st around.
Change to Cream.
Round 32 Dc in bl of each st around.
Rounds 33-34 Dc in each st around.
Mark out central 2 sts at front and back of the Body. This will form the gusset between the legs and will be sewn closed later. There should be 16 sts for each leg either side of the marked sts.
Dc so live st is at the back of the Body, but not in either of the central 2 sts.
Change to Wine Red and place live loop on marker.

COLLAR
Join Cream in any unused fl from Round 20 with a ss.
Round 1 (Skip 1 st, 4htr in next st, skip 1 st, ss in next 2 sts) 6 times.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

LEGS (MAKE 2)
Place live loop on marker from Body.
Round 1 (RS) 16dc around one Leg space. [16 sts]
Change to Cream.
Round 2 Dc in each st around.
Change to Wine Red.
Round 3 As Round 2.
Stuff Leg as you work.
Change to Cream.
Round 4 As Round 2.
Change to Black.
Round 5 As Round 2.
Round 6 (Working in bl only) (Dc2tog) 8 times. [8 sts]
Fasten off.
Thread tail through fl of final 8 sts and pull tight to close. Weave in end.
Rep to make second Leg.
Using Cream, sew the gap between the legs closed.

SHIRT EXTENSION
Position the bear upside down, with back facing.
Join Olive in unused fl of Round 30.
Round 1 Dc in each fl around.
Round 2 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP
Lightly stuff the Snout and sew over Rounds 12-15 of Head.
Sew the Ears over Rounds 5-8 of Head.
Sew the Arms over Rounds 21-22 of Body.
Using Wine Red, embroider the buttons.
Lightly stuff the Hat and sew to the top of the Head.
Weave in all ends.

This bear is even more huggable due to being made with chenille yarn

SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO CHANGE COLOUR IN A SPIRAL

1 If you need to work stripes in a spiral, the pattern will ask you to change colour. Always do this on the last yrh of the last stitch of the round in the previous colour.

2 Work the first stitch of the new round in the new colour and place a stitch marker in this first stitch.

3 Work a round of double crochet stitches until you've worked the last stitch of the round. The next stitch you'll want to work into will have the stitch marker in it.

4 You'll need to remove the marker, work the first stitch of the new round and then replace the stitch marker in this first stitch, to mark the start of the round again.

BAG IT UP

Little granny square motifs combine to form a jewel-toned shoulder bag full of personality. By Jess Bennett

MADE WITH JAYG SQUARES

GRANNY SQUARE BAG

YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft Naturals Bamboo and Cotton DK (60% bamboo, 40% cotton, 100g/255m)
  1 ball of each:
  Yarn A Mulberry (7250)
  Yarn B Citronelle (7125)
  Yarn C Silver (7149)
  Yarn D Thyme (7156)
  Yarn E Rose (7165)
  Yarn F Coral (7134)
  Yarn G Dusk (7159)
- A 4mm (US G/6) hook
- A tapestry needle
- A button, 35mm
- Heavy sew-in interlining, 1m
- Lining fabric, 1.5m

For yarn stockists contact Stylecraft 01484 848435 www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk

TENSION

Square measures 5x5cm (2x2in) using a 4mm hook, or size needed to obtain this tension

MEASUREMENTS

Bag measures approx 20x30cm (7¾x11¾in) excluding strap

ABBREVIATIONS

live loop join Remove live loop from hook, insert hook in top of st on adjacent Square, place live loop on hook and pull through
tr join Work tr in st/sp indicated, live loop join to adjacent st on Square being joined to
For a full list, see page 130

Heads will turn when you're carrying this fab bag. Remember to block the panels to make sewing them up easier and get a crisp result.

NOTES

Bag is made up of separate panels. Each panel is made up of Granny Squares, which are joined together as you work (JAYG).
After panels are joined together, the Bag is lined with interfacing and lining.

GRANNY SQUARE BAG

FRONT

Front is made up of 24 Squares, joined in 6x4.

FIRST GRANNY SQUARE

Using any colour except Yarn A, ch3 and ss in last ch from hook to form a loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch3 (counts as tr throughout), 2tr in loop, (ch2, 3tr in loop) 3 times, ch2 ss to top of beg ch-3. [12 sts]
Fasten off.
Join Yarn A in any ch-2 sp.
Round 2 (RS) Ch3, (2tr, ch2, 3tr, ch1) in same sp, (3tr, ch2, 3tr, ch1) in each ch-2 sp around, ss to top of beg ch-3.
Fasten off.

JAYG SQUARES

Work Round 1 as First Square.
Join Yarn A in any ch-2 sp.
JAYG round Ch3, 2tr in same sp, ch1, live loop join in ch-2 sp on adjacent Square, ch1, *3 tr joins in same ch-sp as last tr on current Square, ch1, 3 tr joins in next ch-2 sp, ch1, live loop join in ch-2 sp on adjacent Square, ch1; rep from * once more if joining 2 sides, complete as Round 2 on First Square.
Fasten off.

BACK AND FRONT FLAP

Back and Front Flap is made up of 42 Squares, joined as 6x7.
Work Squares as for Front.

SIDES (MAKE 2)

Each Side is made up of 4 Squares, joined in a single strip.
Work Squares as for Front.

BASE

Base is made up of 6 Squares, joined in a single strip.
Work Squares as for Front.

STRAP

Strap is made up of 20 Squares, joined in a single strip.
Work Squares as for Front.

TO MAKE UP

Block panels to measurements listed.
Cut 5 pieces of interfacing as follows:

Lining the bag gives it stability and helps to hold its boxy shape over the long-term

1 to measurements of Base, 2 to measurements of Sides, 2 to measurements of Front.
Panels are joined together with a dc seam, worked with RS facing.
Join the Sides to either end of the Base.
Join the Front to the Base and Sides.
Join the Back to the Base and Sides, the Flap should extend 3 motifs above the ends of the Sides.
Do not join the Strap.

EDGING

Join Yarn A in any st around Flap, work a round of dc around edge of Flap and top of Front.
Join Strap to top of Sides.

BUTTON LOOP

Join Yarn A in centre of Flap, ch8, ss in base of ch-8, turn.
Row 1 Ch1, 8dc in loop, turn.
Row 2 Ss in each dc.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

TO FINISH

Cut 2 pieces of lining fabric to measurements of each interfacing, plus 1cm for joining.
Sandwich interfacing between facing and sew around to enclose.
Sew the lining together to form the Bag shape, insert into Bag and secure around the top edge.
Sew the button to the Front, in line with the Button Loop.

HO HO HO!

Yarnspirations' bright beauty of a blanket will add a glorious pop of colour to your living room

SANTA CLAUS BLANKET

YOU WILL NEED

- Red Heart Super Saver (100% acrylic, 198g/333m)
  4 balls of **Yarn E** Hot Red (0390)
  3 balls of **Yarn D** Soft White (0316)
  2 balls of each:
  Yarn A Turqua (0512)
  Yarn B Pretty N Pink (0722)
  Yarn C Spring Green (0672)
  1 ball of each:
  Yarn F Cornmeal (0320)
  Yarn G Black (0312)
- A 5.5mm (US I/9) hook
- Stitch marker

To buy yarn visit www.hellocrafts.co.uk or www.readicut.co.uk

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantiles requires

MEASUREMENTS

Blanket measures 165x156 (65x61½in) excluding fringe

ABBREVIATIONS

bobble (Yrh, insert hook in st indicated, yrh and pull up a loop) 3 times, yrh and pull through all loops on hook
lark's head knot Fold yarn strands in half, insert hook in st/sp where you wish to attach the strands, place folded end on hook and pull through slightly, thread tails through the folded end and pull tight to secure
For a full list, see page 130

This is a blanket that we guarantee everyone will want to snuggle under while watching a Christmas film! It's made up of 78 plain and Santa Claus triangles that are sewn together at the end, then finished with a white border and gloriously textured fringe. Start today to guarantee a finish in time for the festivities!

NOTES

Blanket is made up of Triangle motifs.
Triangles are worked in rows and sewn together. Refer to the image below for placement when sewing the Triangles together.
There is a Chart on page 122 that you will need to refer to when working the Santa Triangles. Each small square represents 1dc. Read all RS rows from right to left and WS rows from left to right. The first few rows of the Chart have been written out to guide you.
Change colour on the final yrh of st before colour change is indicated. Carry the unused colour across the top of your sts, enclosing the strand as you work.

SANTA CLAUS BLANKET

PLAIN TRIANGLES (MAKE 39)

Make 13 each in Yarns A, B and C.
Ch2.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, turn. [2 sts]
Row 2 (WS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 2dc in dc, turn. [2 sts]
Rows 3-4 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 5 Ch1, 2dc in each st across, turn. [4 sts]
Rows 6-7 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 8 Ch1, 2dc in first st, dc in each st to final st, 2dc in final st, turn. [6 sts]
Rows 9-10 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Rows 11-40 Row Rows 8-10. [26 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

SANTA TRIANGLES (MAKE 39)

Using Yarn D, ch2.
Row 1 (RS) Bobble in second ch from hook, turn. [1 st]
Change to Yarn E.
Row 2 Ch1, 2dc in bobble, turn. [2 sts]
Rows 3-40 As Plain Triangle, using the Chart for ☛

The top of each Santa's hat is created by hooking a bobble stitch

all colour changes. [26 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Using the image as a guide, sew the Triangles together using the long tails.

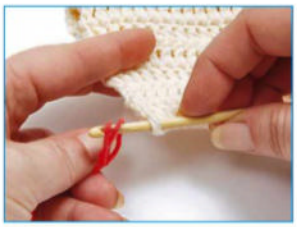
BORDER
Join Yarn D in top-right corner of Blanket.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, *3dc in corner, 161dc to next corner, 3dc in corner, (39dc across side of Triangle, 3dc in join, 39dc across side of Triangle, dc3tog across valley of join) rep across to bottom-left corner; rep from * once more, ss to beg dc.
Round 2 Ch1, dc in each st around, working 2dc in centre of every 3-dc group and dc3tog across every 'valley' at side, ss to beg dc.
Fasten off.

TO FINISH
Cut 4 lengths of Yarn D, approx 40cm long.
Attach along either straight edge with a lark's head knot. Add fringe evenly across both straight edges in same way.
Trim fringe to desired length.
Weave in any rem ends.

Finish off the blanket in style with a fringe of lark's head knots

SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO ADD FRINGING

1 Follow the instructions in the pattern, or try this method. Cut 2 pieces of yarn, twice as long as you want the fringe to be. Fold in half.



2 Insert hook through the edge of the fabric, where you want the first piece of fringing to be placed. Loop the yarn lengths over the hook and pull back through the fabric.

3 Pull the yarn lengths to make a small loop next to the fabric. Pass the ends of the yarn lengths through this loop and pull tight to secure.

4 Repeat from step 1 along the edge of the fabric, as close together or far apart as you wish. Use a matching or contrasting yarn colour. Trim any uneven lengths of yarn to create a neat finish.

Frosty fun

Hook up Natalie Beard's friendly snowman to decorate accessories. Use your stash to match a favourite outfit!

SNOWMAN HEADBAND

YOU WILL NEED

- Any cotton DK yarn in:
  white
  green
  purple
  black
  orange
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- A headband
- Glue

TENSION

Tension is not critical, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Appliqué measures approx 10cm (4in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Stashbuster and stocking filler all in one project? Yes please! Not a headband fan? Attach the motif to a hat or scarf instead.

NOTES

Appliqué is made in separate parts, which are sewn together.
Parts of this pattern are worked using the amigurumi method. Work stitches continuously in a spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.

SNOWMAN APPLIQUÉ

HEAD

Using white, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 (2dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 5-9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 11 (1dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 dc]
Fasten off.
Sew final round closed.

NOSE

Using orange, ch4.
Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next 2 ch. [3 dc]
Fasten off.
Sew Nose to Head.
Using black, embroider eyes and mouth.

HAT

Using black, ch7.
Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next 5 ch, turn. [6 dc]
Rows 2-4 Ch1, 6dc, turn. [6 dc]
Row 5 Ch2, dc in second ch from hook, 6dc, ch2, dc in second ch from hook, ss into end of Row 4.
Fasten off.

Make the snowman's head as a sphere and flatten it, then sew the other pieces onto it

HAT RIBBON

Using purple, ch6.
Fasten off.
Sew over Rows 3-4 of Hat.
Sew the Hat to the Head.

SCARF

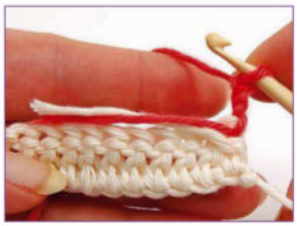
Using purple, ch4.
Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next 2 ch, turn. [3 dc]
Row 2 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Change to green.
Rows 3-18 As Row 2, changing colour every 2 rows between purple and green.
Fasten off.
Tie the Scarf as shown in the image and sew to the Head.

TO FINISH

Weave in all ends.
Glue to the side of the headband.

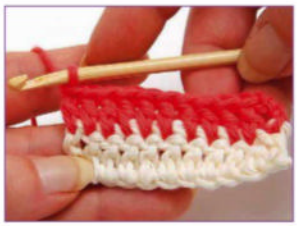
SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO WORK STRIPES AND WEAVE IN YARN ENDS

1 Stop working the last stitch of the previous row before the final yrh. Work the final yrh in the new colour. Cut off the old yarn, leaving a 7cm-long tail.



2 Continue with the new colour, working the t-ch as usual, and then lay both tails of yarn along the top of the last complete row of stitches.

3 Work the next stitch over the top of both yarn tails so that they'll be worked into the stitch, and simultaneously be woven in.



4 Continue across the row until the tails are completely hidden and complete the rest of the row as usual.

Me, my elf & I!

Marcy Gardner's little gent isn't shelf-ish – he'll only report the good things back to Santa, we promise

AMIGURUMI ELF

YOU WILL NEED

- King Cole Yummy Yarn (100% polyester, 100g/120m) 1 ball of each:
  Yarn A Shamrock (4758)
  Yarn B Cream (2223)
  Yarn C Chocolate (4759)
  Yarn D Red (4749)
  Yarn E Black (4742)
- King Cole Big Value DK (100% acrylic, 50g/145m) 1 ball of each:
  Yarn F White (4020)
  Yarn G Black (4053)
- A 6.5mm (US K/10½) hook
- Toy stuffing
- 2 safety eyes, 20mm

For yarn stockists contact King Cole 01756 703670 www.kingcole.com

TENSION

Tension is not critical, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Elf measures approx 48cm (19in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Chenille yarn makes this chap super soft to cuddle, and we love his roguish expression. Your little ones won't want to put him down!

NOTES

Elf is made up of different pieces, which are joined together at the end. Leave long tails when fastening off to use when joining.
The pattern is worked using the amigurumi method. Work stitches continuously in a spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.
If you are making this as a toy for a child under 36 months, do not use safety eyes; instead, embroider eyes using Yarn G.
This has been designed as a toy, but if you would prefer a comforter style, leave the Body unstuffed.

ELF

HEAD

Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 8dc in a loop. [8 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [16 sts]
Round 3 (2dc in next st, dc in next st) 8 times. [24 sts]
Round 4 (2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) 8 times. [32 sts]
Rounds 5-7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 (2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) 8 times. [40 sts]
Rounds 9-18 Dc in each st around.
Place safety eyes between Rounds 11-12, approx 3 sts apart.
Stuff as you go.
Round 19 (Dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts) 8 times. [32 sts]
Round 20 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) 8 times. [24 sts]
Round 21 (Dc2tog, dc in next st) 8 times. [16 sts]
Round 22 (Dc2tog) 8 times. [8 sts]
Fasten off.
Thread tail through fl of final 8 sts and pull tight to close.

HAIR

Using Yarn C around post of any st from Round 3 of Head.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, FPdc around st, ch14, (FPdc around next st, ch14) 23 times, ss to beg dc.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

FACIAL DETAILS

Use the images as a guide when working facial details.
Using Yarn B, embroider a nose.
Using Yarn F, embroider whites around lower section of each eye.
Using Yard G, embroider eyelids, eyebrows and mouth.

Embroider a bobbly nose and curvy lines to give your elf unique facial characteristics

EARS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 4dc in loop. [4 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each st around.
Round 3 (2dc in next st, 1dc) twice. [6 sts]
Round 4 Dc in each st around.
Round 5 (2dc in next st, 1dc) 3 times. [9 sts]
Round 6 Dc in each st around.
Round 7 (2dc in next st, 2dc) 3 times. [12 sts]
Round 8 Dc in each st around.
Rounds 9-11 Dc in 3 sts, tr in next 4 sts, dc in next 5 sts. [12 sts]
Round 12 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off.
Thread tail through fl of final 6 sts and pull tight to close.

HAT

Using Yarn D, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 8dc in a loop. [8 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [16 sts]
Rounds 3-5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 (Dc2tog) 8 times. [8 sts]
Round 7 Dc in each st around.
Change to Yarn A.
Round 8 Dc in each st around.
Round 9 (2dc in next st, 3dc) twice. [10 sts]
Round 10 Dc in each st around.
Round 11 (2dc in next st, 4dc) twice. [12 sts]
Round 12 Dc in each st around.
Round 13 (2dc, 1dc) 6 times. [18 sts]

Rounds 14-15 Dc in each st around.
Round 16 (2dc in next st, 2dc) 6 times. [24 sts]
Rounds 17-19 Dc in each st around.
Round 20 (2dc in next st, 3dc) 6 times. [30 sts]
Rounds 21-23 Dc in each st around.
Round 24 (2dc in next st, 4dc) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 25 Dc in each st around.
Round 26 (2dc in next st, 5dc) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 27 Dc in each st around.
Round 28 Ss in every st around.
Fasten off.

BODY
Turn the head upside down with the nose facing away from you.
Join Yarn D around post of any st from Round 22 of Head.
Round 1 (RS) Ch2 (does not count as st throughout), FPtr around each st around, ss to beg tr. [8 sts]
Round 2 Ch2, (2tr in next st, tr in next st) 4 times, ss to beg tr. [12 sts]
Round 3 Ch2 (2tr in next st, tr in next st) 6 times, ss to beg tr. [18 sts]
Round 4 Ch2, tr in each st around, ss to beg tr.
Round 5 Ch2, (2tr in next st, tr in next 2 sts) 6 times, ss to beg tr. [24 sts]
Round 6 Ch2, tr in each st around, ss to beg tr.
Round 7 Ch2, (2tr in next st, tr in next 3 sts) 6 times, ss to beg tr. [30 sts]
Round 8 Ch2, tr in each st around, ss to beg tr. Change to Yarn E.
Round 9 Ch2, tr in each st around, ss to beg tr. Change Yarn D.
Round 10 Ch2, tr in each st around, ss to beg tr. Stuff as you work.
Round 11 Ch2, (tr2tog, tr in next 3 sts) 6 times, ss to beg tr. [24 sts]
Round 12 Ch2, (tr2tog, tr in next 2 sts) 6 times, ss to beg tr. [18 sts]
Flatten final round and work 9dc evenly across to close.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

ARMS (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn B, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 8dc in a loop. [8 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [16 sts]
Rounds 3-4 Dc in each st around.
Change to Yarn D.
Round 5 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) 4 times. [12 sts]
Round 6 Dc in each st around.
Round 7 (Dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) 3 times. [9 sts]
Round 8 Dc in each st around.
Stuff to Round 8.
Round 9 (Dc2tog, dc in next st) 3 times. [6 sts]
Rounds 10-14 Dc in each st around. [9 sts]
Fasten off.

SCARF
Using Yarn A, ch40.
Row 1 Tr in third ch from the hook, tr in each ch across. [38 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

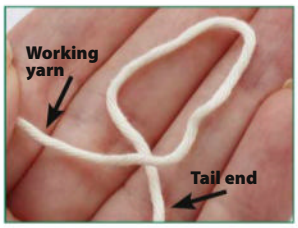
FEET (MAKE 2)
Using Yarn D, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc in a loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 Dc in each st around.
Round 3 (Dc2tog, 1dc) twice. [4 sts]
Change to Yarn A.
Rounds 4-5 Dc in each st around. [4 sts]
Round 6 2dc in each st around. [8 sts]
Rounds 7-8 Ss in next 4 sts, tr in next 4 sts. [8 sts]
Round 9 2dc in next 4 sts, tr in next 2 sts, 2tr in next 2 sts. [14 sts]
Rounds 10-11 Dc in each st around.
Lightly stuff.
Round 12 (Dc2tog, dc in next 5 sts) twice. [12 sts]
Round 13 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off.
Thread tail through fl of final 6 sts and pull tight to close.

Stuff the elf's feet before working the legs, but leave the legs unstuffed for flexibility

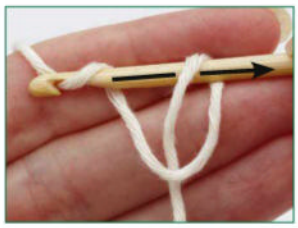
LEGS (MAKE 2)
With Foot facing you, join Yarn D around post of stitch from Round 10 of Foot.
Row 1 Ch1, FPdc around next 3 sts, turn. [3 sts]
Rows 2-8 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP
Sew the tops of the Legs to the base of Body.
Sew the Hat to the Head.
Sew the Arms either side of the Body.
Sew the Ears to the Head.
Weave in all ends.

SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO WORK A MAGIC LOOP

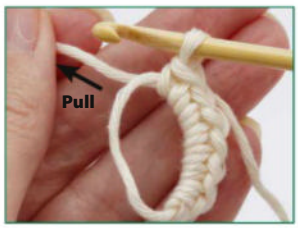


1 To start a magic loop, don't make a slipknot. Instead, make a loop with the yarn, leaving a tail around 10cm long. Make sure the tail end is under the working yarn.



2 Insert your hook into the loop, from front to back. Wrap the working yarn round the hook anticlockwise and pull the yarn through the loop.

3 Make a t-ch for the sts you want to work (above, we made 1 t-ch for dc). Now work the sts into the magic loop, making sure you work over both the loop and the tail end (so, 2 yarn strands).



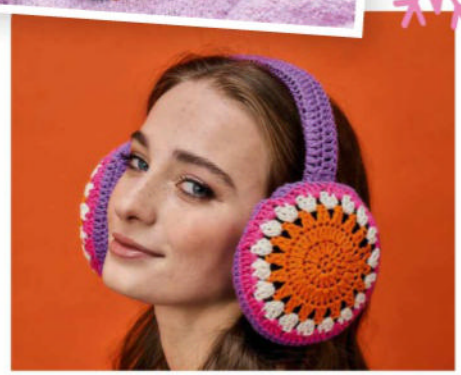
4 Once you've worked all the stitches you need, pull the tail end of the yarn to close the ring. Work a slip stitch to join the first and last stitches to finish the first round.

GOOD READ

Find these adorable character baubles on page 94

Wrap up Christmas!

We've put together a step-by-step guide to help you plan your time and your crochet projects in the run up to 25 December



Left: little ones will love our elf (p87); Above: Small projects such as these ear muff covers (p43) are easily portable

As you're reading this magazine, there's a very good chance you'd like to hook up some gorgeous crocheted goodies for Christmas gifts. But you may also be wondering how you're going to fit in all the projects you want to do. So we're here to help. Crocheting in the lead-up to Christmas is a wonderful way to spend your time. Think of it as a way to fit in a bit of relaxation – and you'll be making gifts at the same time. It's a win-win!

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Whether you can dedicate a lot of time to making or just a little, spending some time planning at the start of the process is well worth it. Ask yourself if you really want to make gifts, or is this the year you would prefer to crochet some decorations for your home? If that's what you would like, don't feel guilty about it – other people will love to see them.

If you're doubting whether you will really have the time to crochet anything much, think about making an addition to an item, rather than making a large project. Making crochet chains or even simply using leftover sparkly yarn are fun ways to tie up presents rather than using ribbons and bows. Pompoms are another easy idea for zhuzhing up wrapping, and it's a way to get the kids involved, too. A couple of tiny gift tag snowflakes won't take long, and they'll add a super handmade touch to carefully wrapped presents.

Another option is to add motifs to cards for an extra-special gift package. Traditional motifs such as Christmas tree, holly and snowman shapes work well, or raid half-done projects for graphic motifs that will look contemporary.

GET ORGANISED

Deciding on what you want to make, and who deserves the fruits of your crochet labours at the start of the process is a good way to get organised. There's no point in slaving over a beautiful, intricate project for weeks to give to someone who just won't appreciate it. Save your efforts for those who do!

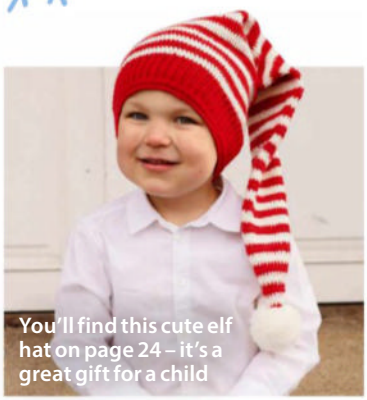
Creating gifts for Christmas works best when you know exactly what you want to do. Make a list of what you want to make and who for, estimate how much time each project will take and put them in some kind of order. We'd recommend you intersperse larger projects with smaller ones to give your hands a break, give your brain a change of scene and keep up the motivation.

Don't forget to allow for social events ramping up this time of year; school plays and concerts, shopping, Christmas markets, work parties and so on can eat up evenings and weekends, so you may only have two or three out of every seven evenings to play with. Be realistic and make your list to suit.

Even for those who appreciate your time and trouble, not everyone needs gifts that take weeks to crochet. Stick to one or two larger projects, be realistic about what you can take on, and plan to include plenty of small WIPs in between bigger projects. Decorations or jewellery that you can finish in under an hour or so are perfect. If you know someone is getting a new coat, you could make them a brooch to go with it. Other quick and easy projects include potholders, phone cosies, coasters and face scrubbies. Make up some folders or small bags for each item containing the yarn, pattern and hook so you can grab one on your way out of the door. Train journeys, picking up the kids and sitting in waiting rooms all provide small pockets of otherwise wasted time; you'll be surprised at how much you can achieve.

SORT YOUR SUPPLIES

Remember to buy your yarn requirements well in advance, as if something is out of stock, there will still be time to reassess. If a particular colour is unavailable, can you find another in the same range that will work as well? If not, and especially if the yarn is an unusual weight or composition, don't be afraid to change the pattern you wanted to make entirely, rather



You'll find this cute elf hat on page 24 – it's a great gift for a child

Make this cowl for stylish friends – it's on page 38

Left: bunting on p116; Below: bookmarks, p74; Santa Claus blanket on page 82

Your mini Christmas countdown

EIGHT WEEKS TO GO

- Decide on your patterns, gather your yarn and make your list. There's lots of inspiration in this issue, and you'll find tons more in back issues and at www.gathered.how
- Think about ways to save time. Do you have a favourite scarf or hat pattern? Go ahead and hook one for everyone in different shades.

FOUR WEEKS TO GO

- Fingerless mitts in chunky yarn work up fast for extra gifts.
- Time for some amigurumi. Try our Christmas tree (page 108) or adorable penguin (p61).

ONE WEEK TO GO

- Hook up quick adornments such as motifs, pompoms or chains.
- Finish off any projects that still need their ends weaving in, blocking or pressing to show them at their best.

CHRISTMAS EVE

- Sort out any last-minute wrapping, write any IOUs, then organise them all ready for the morning.
- Put your feet up, you deserve it!

than try to substitute a yarn which may not work as well.

For smaller items, don't forget about your stash. Sort through it to see if there are weights and colours you'd like to use, and be creative – Christmas decorations come in all kinds of colours these days, and you don't have to stick to red, white and green. Even small amounts of metallics can be used as trims. If you don't have enough to crochet around your tree decs, consider embroidery. A simple running stitch made around an edge is effective, or a length of yarn (or thread) can be caught with a stitch at regular intervals to form a scalloped edge. You'll both be making space (for yarny gifts?) and saving money.

Whether you're buying new supplies in your local shop or online, try to make just one order and stick to what you need. It will save you time and money travelling into town, or potentially lots of postage costs.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

It's important to find ways to make it fun – this is supposed to be a time to enjoy yourself! Watching Christmas films while working your way through your list can make things magical, especially if you can snuggle up on the sofa with a hot chocolate (or a mulled wine!), perhaps with your significant other and the children.

Lastly, don't put too much pressure on yourself! It's not the end of the world if you don't get something finished in time. Work out where you are with all the gifts you'd like to make every couple of weeks so that you have time to buy something instead, if it looks like you're not going to finish. There are lots of craft fairs on this time of the year, too – you can always get into the Christmas spirit and give someone else's craft making a boost. In the event you find yourself with extra moments you can always make more; you might even fit in crafting something for yourself!

Remember too, that most of the time the recipient doesn't even know they were going to get something special. It's your decision what to give them. Even if they do know, taking the option of giving them a small gift to open with an IOU for their crochet gift, is a good way to alleviate the stress.

If you do make it through and get your gifts made and wrapped in time, it's worth all the effort when you see the look on someone's face when they open their special handmade gift. And it's all down to you.

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WONDER AND WHIMSY

Treat family and friends to practical gifts and colourful flights of fancy at Christmas

DO THE TWIST

Make this wreath as big or as small, and as plain or bright as you like. The pattern can be cleverly adapted to fit different wreath bases.

JUST TREE-MENDOUS

Guests will love relaxing on these cushions, complete with vintage-style decorations. Comfy for Christmas dinner and perfect for snuggling up on the sofa afterwards.

WE THREE KINGS

Gold, frankincense and myrrh? Maybe not, but party gifts in stylish hats and scarves are a delightful way to package up a festive bottle or two.

HAND IN HAND

Use your stash or leftover yarns and threads to make this darling Christmas jumper bunting. It doesn't always have to be about the holly.

PILE 'EM HIGH

The granny squares look just like little gifts stacked up under a mini tree. This folksy tree skirt does double duty as it will protect side tables from any festive drinks rings, too.

SHOCKING STOCKING

Crochet a not-quite-traditional, generously sized stocking for every member of the family. The sewn-on gingerbread man is bound to give them a giggle. Poor thing, he's in bits.

JOLLY GIANT BAUBLES

Our trio of quirky characters from designer Victoria Kairis will be a talking point on the tree, or box them up for a wow-factor gift

- West Yorkshire Spinners Signature 4ply (75% wool, 25% nylon, 100g/400m), 1 ball of each: Marshmallow (0011), Tumeric (0358), Blueberry Bonbon (0365), Chocolate Lime (0395), Candy Floss (0547), Poppy Seed (0600), Rouge (1000), Sunflower (1001)
- A 2.5mm (B/1 or C/2) hook
- A stitch marker
- Toy stuffing
- 3 polystyrene balls, 15cm diameter
- 6 black safety eyes, 9mm diameter
- Black stranded cotton
- Ribbon

TENSION

Tension is not critical, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Baubles measure 17cm (6¾in)

ABBREVIATIONS

invdec Insert hook in fl of first st to be decreased, insert hook into fl of second st to be decreased, yrh, pull through 2 loops, yrh and pull through 2 loops on hook
fldtr4d Dtr in the fl 4 rounds below, skip next on current round
4tr-popcorn 4tr in st indicated, remove live loop from hook, insert hook in top of first tr, put live loop back on hook, pull loop through st
picot Ch2, ss in fl of st at base of ch-2
For a full list, see page 130

NOTES

Pattern is worked in the amigurumi style. Work stitches continuously in a spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. You may find it helpful to mark the first st of the round with a stitch marker, moving it up as you work.

SANTA BAUBLE

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using Tumeric, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 6dc in loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts) twice. [20 sts]
Round 5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 Dc in next 4 sts, 4tr-popcorn in next st, dc in next 15 sts.
Round 7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 (Dc in next 4 sts, invdec, dc in next 4 sts) twice. [18 sts]
Round 9 (Dc in next 2 sts, invdec, dc in next st, invdec, dc in next 2 sts) twice. [14 sts]
Round 10 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.
Join Rouge to fourth st of Round 10.
Rounds 11-14 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.

HAT BOBBLE

Using Marshmallow, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-3 (RS) As Rounds 1-3 of Arms. [18 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st, dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Rounds 5-9 Dc in each st around.
Round 10 (Dc in next st, invdec, dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 11 (Dc in next st, invdec) 6 times. [12 sts]
Stuff Hat Bobble.
Round 12 (Working in bl) (Dc2tog) 6 times.
Fasten off.

HAT

Using Rouge, join to first unworked fl of Round 11 of Hat Bobble.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [15 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) 3 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 Dc in each st around.
Round 5 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st, dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Rounds 6-8 Dc in each st around.
Round 9 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Rounds 10-11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) 6 times. [36 sts]
Rounds 13-14 Dc in each st around.
Round 15 (Dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 16 Dc in each st around.
Round 17 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 18 Dc in each st around.
Round 19 (Dc in next 7 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [54 sts]
Round 20 Dc in each st around.
Round 21 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts) 6 times. [60 sts]
Round 22 Dc in each st around.
Round 23 (Dc in next 9 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [66 sts]
Round 24 Dc in each st around.
Round 25 (Dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts) 6 times. [72 sts]
Round 26 Dc in each st around.
Round 27 (Dc in next 11 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [78 sts]
Round 28 Dc in each st around.
Round 29 (Dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts) 6 times. [84 sts]
Round 30 Dc in each st around.
Round 31 (Dc in next 13 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [90 sts]
Round 32 Dc in each st around.
Round 33 (Dc in next 7 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts) 6 times. [96 sts]
Round 34 Dc in each st around.
Change to Marshmallow.
Round 35 Dc in fl of each st around.
Round 36 (Dc in next 15 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times, ss to front loop of first st to join, turn. [102 sts]
Round 37 Ch1, dc in bl of each st around.
Rounds 38-39 Dc in each st around.
Round 40 (Dc in next 15 sts, invdec) 6 times. [96 sts]
Round 41 Dc in each st around.
Round 42 (Dc in next 6 sts, invdec) 12 times. [84 sts]
Round 43 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

BODY

Using Candyfloss, join to first unworked bl of Round 34 of Hat.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in each st around. [96 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in next 15 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [102 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next 8 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 8 sts) 6 times. [108 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next 17 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [114 sts]
Rounds 5-17 Dc in each st around.
Change to Rouge.
Round 18 Ss in each st around. [114 sts]
Round 19 Dc in bl of each st around.
Arms are joined to the Body over the next 2 rounds. Make sure thumb is facing forwards. On the first round you will join the inside of the Arm, meaning you will insert your hook from WS to RS on the Arm sts.

Round 20 Dc in next 32 sts, place Arm next to Body, (dc through any st of Arm and next st of Body) 7 times, dc in next 36 sts of Body, (dc through any st of second Arm and next st of Body) 7 times, dc in next 32 sts of Body.
Round 21 Dc in next 32 sts, dc in next 7 sts unworked sts of Arm, skip joining sts from prev round, dc in next 36 sts of Body, dc in next 7 sts unworked sts of Arm, dc in next 32 sts of Body.
Round 22 Dc in each st around.
Round 23 Dc in next 53 sts, change to Sunflower, dc in next 8 sts, change to Rouge, dc in next 53 sts.
Change to Poppy Seed.
Round 24 Dc in next 53 sts, dc in bl of next 8 sts, dc in next 53 sts.
Rounds 25-26 Dc in each st around.
Change to Rouge.
Round 27 Dc in next 53 sts, change to Sunflower, fldtr4d in next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts, fldtr4d in next 2 sts, change to Rouge, dc in next 53 sts.
Round 28 Dc in next 53 sts, dc in bl of next 8 sts, dc in next 53 sts.
Round 29 Dc in each st around.
Round 30 (Dc in next 17 sts, invdec) 6 times. [108 sts]
Round 31 (Dc in next 8 sts, invdec, dc in next 8 sts) 6 times. [102 sts]
Round 32 (Dc in next 15 sts, invdec) 6 times. [96 sts]
Secure safety eyes between Rounds 9-10, approx 18 sts apart. Stuff Arms and lightly stuff Hat. Insert the polystyrene ball and press the backs of the safety eyes into the ball.
Round 33 (Dc in next 7 sts, invdec, dc in next 7 sts) 6 times. [90 sts]
Round 34 (Dc in next 13 sts, invdec) 6 times. [84 sts]
Round 35 (Dc in next 6 sts, invdec, dc in next 6 sts) 6 times. [78 sts]
Round 36 (Dc in next 11 sts, invdec) 6 times. [72 sts]
Round 37 (Dc in next 5 sts, invdec, dc in next 5 sts) 6 times. [66 sts]
Round 38 (Dc in next 9 sts, invdec) 6 times. [60 sts]
Round 39 (Dc in next 4 sts, invdec, dc in next 4 sts) 6 times. [54 sts]
Round 40 (Dc in next 7 sts, invdec) 6 times. [48 sts]
Round 41 (Dc in next 3 sts, invdec, dc in next 3 sts) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 42 (Dc in next 5 sts, invdec) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 43 (Dc in next 2 sts, invdec, dc in next 2 sts) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 44 (Dc in next 3 sts, invdec) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 45 (Dc in next st, invdec, dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 46 (Dc in next st, invdec) 6 times. [12 sts]
Round 47 (Invdec) 6 times. [6 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Thread tail through the fl of each st and pull tight to close. Weave in ends. Fold down top of Hat to the side and sew in place.

NOSE

Using Candy Floss, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc in loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts) twice. [16 sts]
Round 4 Dc in each st around.
Round 5 *Dc in next 2 sts, (invdec) twice, dc in next 2 sts; rep from * once more. [12 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Sew Nose between the eyes.

BEARD

Using Marshmallow, ch12, ss in first st to join.
Row 1 (RS) Ch1, 18dc in ring. [18 sts]
Row 2 2dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts, 2dc in next st, turn leaving rem sts unworked. [11 sts]
Row 3 Ch1, dc in next 11 sts, turn.
Row 4 Ch1, 2dc in first st, (dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) twice, turn. [14 sts]
Row 5 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next 10 sts, dc2tog, turn. [12 sts]
Row 6 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next 8 sts, dc2tog, turn. [10 sts]
Row 7 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next 6 sts, dc2tog, turn. [8 sts]
Row 8 Ch1, skip next st, 5tr in next st, skip next st, ss in next st) twice, turn to work in row-ends, skip next row, 3tr in next 2 sts, skip next row, ss in next st, turn to work in Row 1, dc in next st, 2htr in next st, htr in next 2 sts, ss in next st, htr in next 2 sts, 2htr in next st, dc in next st, turn to work in row-ends, skip next row, 3tr in next 2 sts, skip next row, ss in next st. [34 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Sew Beard to Body underneath Nose. Using Marshmallow, embroider eyebrows.

ELF BAUBLE

Follow the Santa Bauble pattern using the following colours:
Rounds 1-10 of Arm in Candy Floss.
Rounds 11-14 of Arm in Rouge.
Hat Bobble in Sunflower.
Rounds 1-34 of Hat in Chocolate Lime.
Rounds 35-43 of Hat in Blueberry Bonbon.
Nose in Candy Floss.

HAIR

Using Tumeric, join to first unworked bl of Round 34 of Hat.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in each st around. [96 sts]
Round 2 (Working in fl only) (Dc in next 15 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [102 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next 8 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 8 sts) 3 times, turn leaving rem sts unworked. [54 sts]
Round 4 Ch1, (dc in next 17 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times, (dc in next 8 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 8 sts) 3 times, turn. [111 sts]
Round 5 Ch1, (dc in next 17 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times, dc in next 53 sts, (dc2tog) twice, turn. [112 sts]
Round 6 Ch1, (dc2tog) twice, dc in next 104 sts, (dc2tog) twice, turn. [108 sts]
Round 7 Ch1, (dc2tog) twice, dc in next 100 sts, (dc2tog) twice, turn. [104 sts]
Round 8 Ch1, (dc2tog) twice, dc in next 48 sts, leave rem sts unworked. [50 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

BODY

Using Candy Floss, join to first unworked bl of Round 1 of Hair.
Round 1 (RS) (Dc in next 15 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [102 sts]
Rounds 2-16 As Santa Body Rounds 3-17. [114 sts]
Change to Chocolate Lime.
Round 17 Ss in each st around.
Round 18 Dc in bl of each st around.
Change to Rouge.
Rounds 19-20 As Rounds 20-21 of Santa Body.
Rounds 21-22 Dc in each st around.
Change to Chocolate Lime.
Rounds 23-27 Dc in each st around.
Change to Rouge.
Rounds 28-32 As Rounds 29-33 of Santa Body. [90 sts]
Secure safety eyes between Rounds 9-10, approx 18 sts apart. Stuff Arms and lightly stuff Hat. Insert the polystyrene ball and press the backs of the safety eyes into the ball.
Change to Chocolate Lime.
Rounds 33-38 As Rounds 34-39 of Santa Body.
Change to Rouge.
Rounds 39-46 As Rounds 40-47 of Santa Body.
Fasten off.
Thread tail through the fl of each st and pull tight to close. Weave in ends. Fold down top of Hat to the side and sew in place.

EARS
Using Candy Floss, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc in loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Rounds 3-6 Dc in each st around.
Round 7 (Dc in next 2 sts, invdec) 3 times. [9 sts]
Round 8 (Dc in next st, invdec) 3 times. [6 sts]
Round 9 (Invdec) 3 times. [3 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Thread tail through the fl of each st and pull tight to close. Sew Ears to the Body.

COLLAR
Using Chocolate Lime, join to first unworked fl of Round 17 of Body.
Round 1 (RS) *Ss, dc in next st, tr in next st, (tr, picot, tr) in next st, tr in next st, dc in next st; rep from * 18 times more. [126 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

REINDEER BAUBLE

LEGS
Using Chocolate Lime, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc in loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 sts]
Round 4 Dc in bl of each st around.
Round 5 Dc in each st around.
Change to Tumeric.
Rounds 6-12 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.

ANTLERS (MAKE 2)
BRANCHES (MAKE 3)
Using Blueberry Bonbon, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc in loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 sts]
Rounds 3-6 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off first and second Branches only. Cont on from third Branch.
Round 7 2dc in next 2 sts, dc in next 10 sts. [14 sts]
Round 8 Place first Branch next to the Antler with RS together, (dc through any st of first Branch and next st of Antler) 4 times, dc in next 10 sts of Antler.
Round 9 Dc in next 8 unworked sts of first Branch, skip joining sts of prev round, dc in next 4 sts of Antler, 2dc in next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts. [20 sts]
Round 10 Dc in next st, (dc in next st, invdec) twice, dc in next 5 sts, place second Branch next to Antler with right sides together, (dc through any st of second Branch and next st of Antler) 4 times, dc in next 4 sts of Antler. [18 sts]
Round 11 Dc in next 10 sts, dc in next 8 unworked sts of second Branch, skip joining sts of prev round, dc in next 4 sts of Antler. [22 sts]
Round 12 Dc in next st, (invdec) twice, dc in next 6 sts, (dc in next st, invdec) twice, dc in next 5 sts. [18 sts]
Round 13 Dc in each st around.
Round 14 Dc in next 9 sts, (invdec) twice, dc in next 5 sts. [16 sts]
Rounds 15-16 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.

BODY
Using Tumeric, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-3 As Rounds 1-3 of Legs. [18 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st, dc in next st) 6 times. [24 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 sts]
Round 6 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) 6 times. [36 sts]
Round 7 (Dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 sts]
Round 8 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) 6 times. [48 sts]
Antlers are joined over the next 2 rounds. Make sure Antler is facing forwards.
Round 9 Dc in next 7 sts, 2dc in next st, place Antler next to Body with RS together (dc through any st of Antler and next st of Body) 8 times, 2dc in Body, dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts, 2dc in next st, (dc through any st of Antler and next st of Body) 8 times, 2dc in Body, dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in next st. [54 sts]
Round 10 Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts, (working in unworked sts of Antler) (dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts), skip joining sts of previous round, dc in Body, (dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts) twice, (working in unworked sts of Antler) (dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts), dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts. [60 sts]
Round 11 (Dc in next 9 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [66 sts]
Round 12 (Dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts) 6 times. [72 sts]
Round 13 (Dc in next 11 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [78 sts]
Round 14 (Dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts) 6 times. [84 sts]
Round 15 (Dc in next 13 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [90 sts]
Round 16 (Dc in next 7 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts) 6 times. [96 sts]
Round 17 (Dc in next 15 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [102 sts]
Round 18 (Dc in next 8, 2dc in next st, dc in next 8) 6 times. [108 sts]
Round 19 (Dc in next 17 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [114 sts]
Rounds 20-48 Dc in each st around.
Rounds 49-51 As Rounds 30-32 of Santa Body Legs are joined to the Body over the next 3 rounds.
Round 52 *Dc in next 9 sts, place Leg next to Body with RS together, (dc through any st of Leg and next st of Body) 9 times, dc in next 6 sts of Body; rep from * 3 times more. [96 sts]
Change to Candy Floss.
Round 53 Ss in each st around.
Round 54 ((Working in bl) dc in next 9 sts, (working in both loops) dc in next 9 unworked sts of Leg, skip joining sts of prev round, (working in bl) dc in next 6 sts of Body) 4 times.
Secure safety eyes between Rounds 32 and 33, with 16 sts between eyes. Stuff the Legs and Antlers. Insert the polystyrene ball and press the backs of the safety eyes into the ball.
Rounds 55-69 As Rounds 33-47 of Santa Body.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Thread tail through the fl of each st and pull tight to close. Weave in ends.

NOSE
Using Rouge, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-5 As Santa Nose.
Sew Nose between the eyes.

EARS (MAKE 2)
Using Tumeric, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc in loop. [6 sts]
Round 2 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [9 sts]
Round 3 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [12 sts]
Round 4 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [16 sts]
Round 5 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 4 times. [20 sts]
Rounds 6-11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 (Dc in next 3 sts, invdec) 4 times. [16 sts]
Round 13 (Dc in next 2 sts, invdec) 4 times. [12 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Sew Ears to top of Body.

TO FINISH
Cut a length of ribbon and tie to the top of each Bauble.

PASTEL SPIRAL WREATH

Emma Leith has delved into memories of humbugs and gobstoppers to make a wreath with candy-striped spirals

- West Yorkshire Spinners Signature 4ply (75% wool, 25% nylon, 100g/400m), 1 ball of each: **Yarn A** Marshmallow (0011), **Yarn B** Candyfloss (0547), **Yarn C** Rouge (1000), **Yarn D** Sunflower (1001), **Yarn E** Chocolate Lime (0395), **Yarn F** Tumeric (0358), **Yarn G** Blueberry Bonbon (0365), **Yarn H** Poppy Seed (600)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Polystyrene wreath, 17cm diameter

TENSION

Tension is not critical

MEASUREMENTS

Wreath measures approx 21cm (8¼in) in diameter

ABBREVIATIONS

fhtr (foundation double crochet) Ch3 (counts as first st), insert hook in last ch from hook, yrh and pull up a loop, pull through one loop on hook (loop will sit at base of fhtr), yrh and pull through 3 loops on hook, *insert hook in loop at base of prev fhtr, yrh and pull up a loop, pull through one loop on hook (loop will sit at base of fhtr), yrh and pull through 3 loops on hook; rep from * as required

For a full list, see page 130

NOTES

Wreath is made up of a Cover and Spirals. Cover is worked in rows and seamed together around the polystyrene wreath. Instructions are included for using a different-sized wreath. Spirals are made separately and sewn to the Wreath.

SPIRAL WREATH

COVER

Using Yarn A, work a row of fhtr to fit around wreath; we worked 17 sts for our wreath.
Row 1 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout) htr in each st across, turn.
Change to Yarn B.
Rows 2-3 Ch1, htr in each st across, turn.
Change to Yarn A.
Rep Row 2, changing colour every 2 rows between Yarn A and B, until piece measures circumference of wreath. We worked 32 rows.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Wrap around the polystyrene wreath and whipstitch row-end edges together. Sew the final row to the base of Row 1.

SPIRALS (MAKE 110)

Work spirals with 2 strands of yarn held together as 1 throughout.
Make 60 using 2 strands of Yarn A.
Make rem Spirals using 1 strand of Yarn A and 1 strand of any other colour.
Ch11.
Row 1 2dc in second ch from hook, 2dc in each ch to end.
Fasten off.

TO FINISH

Pin the Spirals to the front of the Wreath. Once happy with the position, sew in place.
Weave in all ends.

CHRISTMAS TREE CUSHION

Guests will feel extra-special seated at the Christmas table when they see their tree cushion, designed by Kelly Wilson Moore

- West Yorkshire Spinners Signature 4ply (75% wool, 25% nylon, 100g/400m),
  2 balls of Chocolate Lime (0395)
  1 ball of each: Tumeric (358), Sunflower (1001), Blueberry Bonbon (365), Marshmallow (011), Rouge (1000), Candy Floss (547), Poppy Seed (0600)
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- Toy stuffing

TENSION

25 sts and 12 rows measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over treble crochet using a 3.5mm hook, or size needed to obtain correct tension

MEASUREMENTS

Cushion measures approx 46x46cm (18x18in) at widest point

ABBREVIATIONS

surface crochet Position yarn on WS, insert hook from RS to WS, yrh and pull up a loop, pull through loop on hook, *insert hook back through to WS in direction you want the surface crochet to travel, yrh and pull up a loop, pull through loop on hook; rep from * as required

For a full list, see page 130

NOTES

Cushion is made in 1 piece, which is folded and joined at the sides. Baubles are made separately and attached using surface crochet. Star is made separately and sewn on.

TREE CUSHION

Using Chocolate Lime, make a magic loop.
Row 1 (RS) Ch2 (does not count as st throughout), 2tr in loop, turn. [2 sts]
Row 2 (WS) Ch2, 2tr in each st, turn. [4 sts]
Row 3 Ch2, 2tr in first st, tr in each st to last st, 2tr in last st, turn. [6 sts]
Rows 4-60 Repeat Row 2. [120 sts]
Row 61 Ch2, tr in bl of each st to end, turn.
Row 62 Ch2, tr2tog first 2 sts, tr in each st until last 2 sts, tr2tog, turn. [118 sts]
Rows 63-119 Repeat Row 62. [4 sts]
Row 120 Ch2, (tr2tog) twice. [2 sts]
Fasten off.

BAUBLES (MAKE 19)

Use any colours except Chocolate Lime and Sunflower.
Make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch2, 14tr into loop, ss to first tr. [14 sts]
Round 2 Ch2, 2tr in each st around, ss to first tr. [28 sts]
Round 3 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc in each st around, ss to first dc. [28 sts]
Fasten off.
Join Sunflower to any st.
Row 4 (RS) Ch1, 5dc, turn leaving rem sts unworked. [5 sts]
Row 5 (WS) Ch1, dc2tog, dc, dc2tog, turn. [3 sts]
Row 6 Ch6, ss in last st.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

STAR (MAKE 2)
Using Sunflower, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch2, 15tr into loop, ss to first tr. [15 sts]
Round 2 (Ch6, ss in second ch from hook, dc in next ch, htr in next ch, tr in next ch, dtr in next ch, skip 2 sts from Round 1, ss in next st) 5 times.
Fasten off first Star only.
Place Stars together with RS facing out, work next round through both pieces to join.
Round 3 Ss in each st around, lightly stuff as you join, ss in beg ss.
Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP
Refer to the images as a guide.
Using Sunflower, surface crochet between Rows 10-11, joining Bauble through the ch-6 sp at centre st.
Surface crochet between Rows 20-21, joining 3 Baubles evenly across.
Surface crochet between Rows 30-31, joining 4 Baubles evenly across.
Surface crochet between Rows 40-41, joining 5 Baubles evenly across.
Surface crochet between Rows 50-51, joining 6 Baubles evenly across.
Fold Cushion in half across Row 61, dc evenly around side edges to join, stuffing as you go.
Sew the Star to the top of the Cushion.
Weave in all rem ends.

BOTTLE HATS AND SCARVES

Beyond adorable mini hats and scarves will bring extra smiles to the faces of lucky party hosts! Designed by Paula Green

- West Yorkshire Spinners Signature 4ply (75% wool, 25% nylon, 100g/400m), 1 ball of each: Tumeric (358), Sunflower (1001), Blueberry Bonbon (365), Chocolate Lime (395), Marshmallow (011), Rouge (1000), Candy Floss (547)
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2 hook)
- Stitch markers
- Felt pompoms, 15mm

TENSION
Tension is not critical, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS
Hats measure approx 9cm (3¾in) tall
Scarves measure approx 65cm (25½in) long

NOTES
Hats are worked in rounds from the brim up.
Parts of this pattern are worked using the amigurumi method. Work stitches continuously in a spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.

BOTTLE HATS AND SCARVES
STAR HAT
BRIM
Using Marshmallow, ch30 and ss in last ch from hook (being careful not to twist the ch).
Round 1 (RS) Ch3 (counts as tr throughout), tr in each ch around, ss to top of beg ch-3. [30 sts]
Rounds 2-4 (RS) Ch2 (counts as BPtr), (FPtr around next st, BPtr around next st) rep around to end, ss to top of beg ch-2.
Fasten off.

MAIN SECTION
Join Blueberry Bonbon in any st.
Round 5 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc in each st around. [30 sts]
Rounds 6-10 (RS) Dc in each st around.
Round 11 (Dc2tog, pm in dec, dc in next 13 sts) twice. [28 sts]
Move markers up as you work.

Round 12 Dc in each st around.
Round 13 Dc2tog, dc in each st to marker, dc2tog, dc in each st to end. [26 sts]
Rounds 14-33 Rep Rounds 12-13. [6 sts]
Fasten off.
Thread tail through fl of final 6 sts and pull tight to close. Sew pompom to top of Hat.
Using Sunflower and the image as a guide, embroider details to the front of the Hat.

RED STRIPED HAT
Work Brim as Star Hat.
Work Main Section as Star Hat, working in colour sequence: 4 rows in Rouge, 4 rows in Marshmallow.

TREE HAT
Work Brim as Star Hat.
Work Main Section as Star Hat, using Chocolate Lime and working in bl only throughout.

TREE DECORATIONS
Use the images as a guide for all decorations.
With top of Tree Hat facing you, join Chocolate Lime in any unused fl from Round 5.
Round 1 (RS) Ch3 (counts as dc, ch2), (dc, ch2) in each fl around Round 5, ss to first ch of beg ch-3.
Fasten off.
Rep Round 1 on unused fl on Round 15 and Round 25.
Using Tumeric, embroider chain stitch around and up the Hat.
Using Candy Floss, embroider straight vertical sts.

BLUE GRANNY SCARF
MOTIF (MAKE 11)
Using Sunflower, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch3 (counts as tr throughout), 2tr in loop, ch2, (3tr in loop, ch2) 3 times, ss to top of beg ch-3. [12 sts]
Fasten off.
Join Blueberry Bonbon in any ch-2 sp.
Round 2 Ch3, (2tr, ch2, 3tr) in same sp, (3tr, ch2, 3tr) in each ch-sp around, ss to top of beg ch-3. [24 sts]
Fasten off.
Sew Motifs together into a long strip.
Using Blueberry Bonbon, work a round of dc around edge of Scarf.
Gather the short edges of the Scarf and sew a pompom in place at each end.

RED SCARF
Using Marshmallow, ch11.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in each ch across, turn.
Rows 2-13 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Change to Rouge.
Row 14 Ch1, (dc in next st, tr in next st) 5 times, turn.
Row 15 Ch1, (dc in tr, tr in dc) 5 times, turn.

Rep Row 15 until Scarf measures 60cm.
Change to Marshmallow.
Next row Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Rep last row another 12 times.
Fasten off.
Gather the short edges of the Scarf and sew a pompom in place at each end.

STRIPED SCARF
Using Chocolate Lime, ch11.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in each ch across, turn.
Row 2 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Change to Marshmallow.
Rep Row 2 until Scarf measures approx 65cm, working in the following colour sequence: 2 rows in Marshmallow, 2 rows in Candy Floss, 2 rows in Marshmallow, 2 row in Tumeric, 2 rows in Marshmallow, 2 rows in Chocolate Lime; rep from * ending on a Chocolate Lime rep.
Fasten off.
Gather the short edges of the Scarf and sew a pompom in place at each end.

MINI JUMPER BUNTING

These tiny togs are so cute, everyone will want them. Kelly Wilson Moore's pattern is adaptable to whatever length you need

- West Yorkshire Spinners Signature 4ply (75% wool, 25% nylon, 100g/400m), 1 ball of each: Chocolate Lime (0395), Tumeric (358), Sunflower (1001), Blueberry Bonbon (365), Marshmallow (011), Rouge (1000), Candy Floss (547), Poppy Seed (0600)
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- A stitch marker

TENSION

Tension is not critical

MEASUREMENTS

Jumpers measures approx 8x5cm (3¼x2in)

NOTES

Parts of this pattern are worked using the amigurumi method. Work stitches continuously in a spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.
You can use any colours for any rounds of the Jumpers.

JUMPER BUNTING

STRIPED JUMPER (MAKE 5)

Striped Jumpers use 3 colours, referred to as Yarns A-C in pattern.
Using Yarn A, ch16 and ss in last ch from hook.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc in each ch to end. [16 sts]
Round 2 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [24 sts]
Change to Yarn B.
Round 3 (2dc in next st, 2dc) 8 times. [32 sts]
Round 4 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [40 sts]
Change to Yarn C and cont changing between Yarns B and C every 2 rounds until otherwise stated.
Round 5 (2dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc) 8 times. [48 sts]
Round 6 6dc, skip 12 sts, 12dc, skip 12 sts, 6dc. [24 sts]
Rounds 7-12 Dc in each st around. [24 sts]
Change to Yarn A.
Rounds 13-14 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.

SLEEVES (MAKE 2)

Join Yarn C in any skipped st from Round 6.
Round 1 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to beg dc. [12 sts]
Change to Yarn B.
Round 2 Ch1, dc in each st around.
Round 3 Dc in each st around.
Change to Yarn C.
Rounds 4-5 As Round 3.
Change to Yarn A.
Rounds 6-7 As Round 3.
Fasten off.

EMBROIDERED JUMPER

Embroidered Jumpers use 2 colours, referred to as Yarns A and B in pattern.
Work as Striped Jumper, using Yarn B for all Yarn B and C rounds in Striped pattern.
Fasten off.
Using any colour, embroider a snowflake on the Jumper.

TO MAKE UP

Alternate Striped Jumpers and Embroidered Jumpers, sew together at ends of sleeve with a small st.

GRANNY TREE SKIRT

Put your favourite motif into use on a practical table-top tree skirt pattern from designer Kelly Wilson Moore

- West Yorkshire Spinners Signature 4ply (75% wool, 25% nylon, 100g/400m), 2 balls of Chocolate Lime (0395), 1 ball of each: Tumeric (358), Sunflower (1001), Blueberry Bonbon (365), Marshmallow (011), Rouge (1000), Candy Floss (547), Poppy Seed (0600)
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook

TENSION

25 sts and 12 rows measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over treble crochet using a 3.5mm hook, or size needed to obtain correct tension

MEASUREMENTS

Tree Skirt measures 68cm (27in) deep

NOTES

Tree Skirt is made up of 8 Panels, which are joined together, leaving one side open to attach around the tree.
There is a construction Diagram on page 79, which you will need to refer to when making up the Panels.

TREE SKIRT

PANEL (MAKE 8)

GRANNY SQUARES (MAKE 6 PER PANEL)

Use any colour for any round.
Make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch3 (counts as tr throughout), 2tr in loop, (ch2, 3tr in loop) 3 times, ch2, ss to top of ch-3. [12 sts]
Fasten off.
Join next chosen colour to any ch-2 corner sp.
Round 2 Ch3, (2tr, ch2, 3tr) in same sp, (3tr, ch2, 3tr) in each ch-2 sp around, ss to top of ch-3. [24 sts]
Fasten off.
Join next chosen colour to any ch-2 corner sp.
Round 3 Ch3, (2tr, ch2, 3tr) in same sp, *3tr in sp between 3-tr groups, (3tr, ch2, 3tr) in next ch-2 corner sp; rep from * twice more, 3tr in sp between 3-tr groups, ss to top of ch-3. [36 sts]
Fasten off.
Join next chosen colour to any ch-2 corner sp.
Round 4 Ch3, (2tr, ch2, 3tr) in same sp, *(3tr in sp between 3-tr groups) twice, (3tr, ch2, 3tr) in next ch-2 corner sp; rep from * twice more, *(3tr in next sp between 3-tr groups) twice, ss to top of ch-3. [48 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.
Using Chocolate Lime and the Diagram, dc the Squares together.

EDGING
Join Chocolate Lime in first st across top.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, *dc in each st to corner, (dc, ch2, dc) in corner, dc in each st to inverse corner, htr2tog corner ch-sps; rep from * working increase in corner and decrease in each inverse corner around to end, ss to beg dc. [166 sts]
Fasten off.

PANEL SHAPING
With RS facing, join Chocolate Lime to fourth st down on the left-hand side of top Square (Square A).
Row 1 (RS) Ch1, 4dc, 4htr, 3tr, ss to third st and next 2 sts of Square B, turn. [11 sts]
Row 2 (WS) 4tr, 4htr, 3dc, 1dc into the unworked st before the 1st st of Row 1, ss in next 2 sts, ss in ch-2 corner sp, turn. [12 sts]
Row 3 Ch1, skip 1 st, dc in next st (where ss was worked), 4dc, 4htr, 2tr, 2tr in last st, ss in ch-2 corner sp of Square B. [13 sts]
Fasten off.
Repeat for Squares B and D with RS facing.
Then rep for left-hand side edge with Squares A, C and F – working with WS facing.
Fasten off.

BORDER
Join Chocolate Lime to top right-hand ch-2 corner sp.
Round 1 (RS) Ch3, (tr, ch2, 2tr) in ch-2 corner sp, 14tr, *(2tr, ch2, 2tr) in ch-2 corner sp, 45tr**, (2tr, ch2, 2tr) in ch-2 corner sp, 56tr; rep from * to **, ss to top of beg ch-3. [176 sts]
Round 2 Ch3, *tr in each st around to ch-2 sp, (2tr, ch2, 2tr) in ch-2 corner sp, skip next st;, rep from * around, ss to top of ch-3. [188 sts]
Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP
Sew the Panels together into a long strip, so the Square As are all lined up along the top edge.

LOWER EDGING
Join Chocolate Lime to first ch-2 corner sp to work across lower edge.
Row 1 (RS) Ch3, *tr in each st to end of 1 panel, tr2tog next 2 ch-2 sps; rep from * to end of row, tr in final ch-2 corner sp, turn. [513 sts]
Change to Marshmallow.
Row 2 (WS) Ch2 (does not count as st), tr in first st, skip 1 st, 3tr in next st, (skip 2 sts, 3tr in next st) rep to final st, 2tr in final st, turn.
[513 sts, 170 groups of 3tr]
Change to Rouge.
Row 3 Ch2, tr in first st, 3tr in sp between each 3-tr group, tr in last st, turn. [514 sts]
Change to Chocolate Lime.
Row 4 Ch2, 1tr in first st, 3tr in sp before each 3-tr group, tr in last sp after 3-tr group, tr in last st, turn. [513 sts]
Row 5 Ch1, dc2tog first 2 sts, dc in each st to last 2 sts, dc2tog.
Fasten off.
With RS facing, join Sunflower in first st.
Row 6 (RS) *Ss, skip 2 sts, 8tr in next st, skip 2 sts; rep from * to end, ss in final st.
Fasten off.

UPPER EDGING
Join Chocolate Lime to first ch-2 corner sp to work across upper edge.
Row 1 (WS) Ch1, dc in corner, *dc in each st to end of Panel, dc2tog next 2 ch-2 sps; rep from * to final corner, dc in ch-2 corner sp, turn. [177 sts]
Change to Sunflower.
Row 2 (RS) *Ss, skip 1 st, 4dc in next st, skip 1 st; rep from * to end, ss in final st.
[176 sts, 44 groups of 4-dc]
Fasten off and weave in all ends.

TIES
Join Chocolate Lime in top-right corner, ch30.
Fasten off.
Rep on 3 remaining corners.
Cut 5 lengths of Chocolate Lime, 10cm long.
Fold in half and join the the end of each tie with a lark's head knot. Trim to desired length.

GINGERBREAD STOCKING

Our little fellow looks understandably worried to have had a few bites taken out of him! Designed by Marianne Rawlins

- West Yorkshire Spinners Signature 4ply (75% wool, 25% nylon, 100g/400m), 2 balls of Rouge (1000), 1 ball of each: Tumeric (358), Blueberry Bonbon (365), Chocolate Lime (395), Marshmallow (011), Candy Floss (547)
- A 4.5mm (US 7) hook
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook

TENSION
Tension is not critical, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS
Stocking measures approx 45cm (17¾in) tall

NOTES
Main Stocking is made up of 2 pieces, which are sewn together.
All other parts are made separately and sewn to the front of the Stocking.

GINGERBREAD STOCKING
STOCKING PANEL (MAKE 2)
Using Marshmallow and a 4.5mm hook, ch41.
Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook, dc in each ch across, turn. [40 sts]
Row 2 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Rows 3-6 Rep Row 2.
Change to Rouge.
Rows 7-53 Rep Row 2.
Row 54 Ch1, dc to last st, 2dc in last st, turn. [41 sts]
Row 55 Ch1, 2dc in first st, dc to last st, turn. [42 sts]
Row 56 Rep Row 54. [43 sts]
Row 57 Ch1, 3dc in first st, dc to final st, turn. [45 sts]
Rows 58-65 Rep Row 54-55. [53 sts]
Row 66 Ch1, dc in every st across.
Row 67 Rep Row 55. [54 sts]
Row 68 Ch1, (dc2tog) twice, dc to final st, turn. [52 sts]
Rows 69-70 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 71 Ch1, dc in every st to final 2 sts, turn leaving final 2 sts unworked. [50 sts]
Row 72 Ch1, dc3tog, dc in every st across, turn. [48 sts]
Row 73 Ch1, dc to final 2 sts, turn leaving final 2 sts unworked. [46 sts]
Row 74 Rep Row 72. [44 sts]
Row 75 Ch1, dc to final 4 sts, leave final 4 sts unworked. [40 sts]
Row 76 Rep Row 72. [38 sts]
Row 77 Ch1, dc2tog, dc to final 2 sts, turn leaving final 2 sts unworked. [35 sts]
Row 78 Ch1, dc3tog, dc to final st, turn leaving final st unworked. [32 sts]
Row 79 Ch1, dc to final 2 sts, leave final 2 sts unworked. [30 sts]
Row 80 Ch1, dc3tog, dc to final st, turn leaving final st unworked. [27 sts]
Row 81 Ch1, dc2tog, dc to final 2 sts, turn leaving final 2 sts unworked. [24 sts]
Row 82 Ch1, dc3tog, dc to final st, turn leaving final st unworked. [21 sts]
Row 83 Ch1, dc2tog, dc to final st, turn leaving final st unworked. [19 sts]
Rows 84-86 Rep Row 83. [13 sts]
Work a round of dc evenly around outside edge, working dc in each st and row-end and 2dc in each corner. Use Marshmallow when

working around edge of Rows 1-6.
Fasten off.

GINGERBREAD MAN

BODY AND ARMS

Using Tumeric and a 4.5mm hook, ch9.
Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook, dc in every ch across, turn. [8 sts]
Row 2 Ch1, 3dc in first st, dc in each st to end, turn. [10 sts]
Row 3 Ch1, dc in each st to final st, 3dc in final st, turn. [12 sts]
Row 4 Ch1, 2dc in first st, dc in each st to end, turn. [13 sts]
Row 5 Ch1, 2dc in first st, dc in each st to final st, 2dc in final st, turn. [15 sts]
Row 6 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Rows 7-8 Ch1, dc in each st to final st, 2dc in final st, turn. [17 sts]
Row 9 Ch1, 2dc in first st, dc in each st across, turn. [18 sts]
Row 10 Ch1, dc in each st to final st, 3dc in final st, turn. [21 sts]
Rows 11-12 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 13 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in each st across, turn. [20 sts]
Rows 14-15 Rep Row 13. [18 sts]
Row 16 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in every st to final 2 sts, dc2tog, turn. [16 sts]
Row 17 Rep Row 16. [14 sts]
Row 18 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in every st to final st, 3dc in final st, turn. [16 sts]
Row 19 Ch1, 2dc in first st, dc in every st to final st, 4dc in final st, turn. [20 sts]
Row 20 Ch1, dc in first st, dc in each st to final st, 2dc in final st, turn. [21 sts]
Row 21 Ch1, 3dc in first st, dc in each st across, turn. [23 sts]
Row 22 Ch1, dc in each st across to final st, 2dc in final st, turn. [24 sts]
Row 23 Ch1, 2dc in first st, dc in each st across, turn. [25 sts]
Rows 24-29 Rep Rows 22-23. [31 sts]
Rows 30-32 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Rem section of arm is worked over next 5 rows.
Row 33 Ch1, dc in first 9 sts, turn leaving rem sts unworked. [9 sts]
Row 34 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in every st across, turn. [8 sts]
Row 35 Ch1, dc in every st to final st, turn leaving last st unworked. [7 sts]
Row 36 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in every st across to last st, turn leaving last st unworked. [5 sts]
Row 37 Ch1, dc in first 4 sts, leave final st unworked. [4 sts]
Fasten off.

BODY CONTINUED

Rejoin Tumeric in second unworked st from Row 32.
Rows 33-41 Ch1, dc in every st to end, turn. [21 sts]
Row 42 Ch1, dc in every st to final st, turn leaving final st unworked. [20 sts]
Rows 43-45 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.

LEFT LEG

Left leg is worked over next 12 rows.
Row 46 Ch1, dc in first 8 sts, turn leaving final 12 sts unworked. [8 sts]
Row 47 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in each st across, turn. [7 sts]
Row 48 Ch1, dc in each st to final st, turn leaving final st unworked. [6 sts]
Rows 49-50 Rep Rows 47-48. [4 sts]
Row 51 Ch1, dc in every st across, turn.
Row 52 Ch1, dc in each st to final st, turn leaving final st unworked. [3 sts]
Rows 53-54 Rep Rows 51-52. [2 sts]
Row 55 Ch1, dc2tog. [1 st]
Fasten off.

RIGHT LEG

Skip first unworked st from Row 45, join Tumeric in next st.
Row 1 Ch1, dc in next 11 sts, turn. [11 sts]
Row 2 Ch1, dc in every st across, turn.
Row 3 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in each st across, turn. [10 sts]
Rows 4-9 Rep Row 2.
Row 10 Ch1, dc in every st to final st, 2dc in final st, turn. [11 sts]
Row 11 Ch1, dc in every st to final st, turn leaving final st unworked. [10 sts]
Row 12 Ch1, dc in every st across, turn.
Row 13 Ch1, dc in every st to final 2 sts, turn leaving final 2 sts unworked. [8 sts]
Row 14 Ch1, dc in every st to final st, turn leaving final st unworked. [7 sts]
Row 15 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in every st to final 2 sts, turn leaving final 2 sts unworked. [4 sts]
Work a round of dc evenly around edge.
Fasten off.
Using Chocolate Lime and a 3mm hook, sew chain stitch around neck, wrist and ankle.

EYES (MAKE 2)

Using Marshmallow and a 4.5mm hook, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 6dc into loop, ss to first st [6 sts]
Round 2 Ch1, 2dc in every st around. [12 sts]
Fasten off.
Sew to the head of the Gingerbread Man.
Using Blueberry Bonbon, embroider the irises.

BUTTONS (MAKE 3)

Using Blueberry Bonbon and a 4.5mm hook, make a magic loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 9dc into loop, ss to first st [9 dc]
Fasten off.
Sew to the body.

MOUTH

Using Rouge and a 3mm hook, ch4.
Round 1 Ch1, dc in second ch from hook, dc in next ch, 3dc in next ch, turn to work across opposite side of foundation ch, dc in next ch, 2dc in final ch, ss to beg dc. [8 sts]
Round 2 Ch1, (dc in next 3 sts, 3dc in next st) twice, ss to beg dc. [12 sts]
Change to Marshmallow.
Round 3 Ch1, (dc in next 4 sts, 3dc in next st, dc in next st) twice, ss to beg dc. [16 sts]
Fasten off.
Sew to the head.

HANGING LOOP

Using Candy Floss and a 4.5mm hook , ch5.
Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook, dc in each st across, turn. [4 sts]
Rows 2-16 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.
Fasten off.

CRUMBS (MAKE 2)

Using Tumeric and a 4.5mm hook, ch7.
Row 1 Ch1, dc in every st across, turn. [6 sts]
Row 2 Ch1, dc2tog, 2dc, dc2tog, turn. [4 sts]
Row 3 Ch1, (dc2tog) twice, turn. [2 sts]
Row 4 Ch1, dc2tog. [1 st]
Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Use the images as a guide when making up.
With WS facing, sew the 2 Stocking Panels together.
Sew the Gingerbread Man to the Stocking.
Sew the Hanging Loop to the top-right corner, slightly inside the top.
Sew the Crumbs to the side of the Head.
Weave in all ends.

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TREE-MENDOUS

Lisa Sturmey's delightful doll brings the spirit of Christmas into your home

FUN FINISHING DETAILS

AMIGURUMI TREE

YOU WILL NEED

- King Cole Pricewise DK (100% acrylic, 100g/282m)
  1 ball of each:
  Lime (071)
  Neon Yellow (3964)
  Neon Pink (3965)
  Surf (143)
  Avocado (3493)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Toy stuffing
- 2 safety eyes, 12mm
- Black stranded cotton
- Stitch markers

For yarn stockists contact King Cole www.kingcole.com

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities requires

MEASUREMENTS

Tree measures 24cm (9½in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

Let's face it, what could be more festive than an amigurumi toy in the shape of a Christmas tree? This is no shrinking violet of a tree, either: with neon baubles and bow, it's definitely merry and bright!

NOTES

Parts of this pattern are worked using the amigurumi method. Work stitches continuously in spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work. If you are making this toy for a child under 36 months, do not use safety eyes; instead, embroider eyes with stranded cotton.

CHRISTMAS TREE

BODY

Using Lime, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 5 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 dc]
Round 6 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 dc]
Round 7 (Dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 dc]
Round 8 (Dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [48 dc]
Round 9 (Working in bl only) Dc in each st around.
Rounds 10-14 Dc in each st around.
Round 15 (Working in bl only) (Dc in next 6 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 dc]
Pm in first unworked fl from Round 14.
Rounds 16-19 Dc in each st around.
Round 20 (Dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 dc]
Round 21 (Working in bl only) Dc in each st around.
Pm in first unworked fl from Round 20.
Rounds 22-24 Dc in each st around.
Round 25 (Dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 dc]
Round 26 Dc in each st around.
Round 27 (Working in bl only) Dc in each st around.
Pm in first unworked fl from Round 26.
Rounds 28-30 Dc in each st around.
Round 31 (Dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 32 Dc in each st around.
Stuff Body firmly as you work.
Round 33 (Working in bl only) (Dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 dc]
Pm in first unworked fl from Round 32.
Round 34 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

The baubles have a tiny amount of stuffing in them to give the perfect round shape

TREE BOUGHS

Join Lime to marked fl on Round 14.
Round 1 (Dc in next 7 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [54 dc]
Round 2 Dc in each st around.
Round 3 (Dc in next 8 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [60 dc]
Round 4 *(Dc, htr) in next st, tr in next st, dtr in next st, tr in next st, (htr, dc) in next st, ss in next st; rep from * 9 times more. [10 patt reps]
Round 5 Dc in each st around. [80 dc]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

Join Lime to the marked fl on Round 20.
Round 6 (Dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 dc]
Round 7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 (Dc in next 6 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [48 dc]
Round 9 *(Dc, htr) in next st, tr in next st, dtr in next st, tr in next st, (htr, dc) in next st, ss in next st; rep from * 7 times more. [8 patt reps]
Round 10 Dc in each st around. [64 dc]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

Join Lime to the marked fl on Round 26.
Round 11 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 dc]
Round 12 Dc in each st around.
Round 13 (Dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 dc]
Round 14 *(Dc, htr) in next st, tr in next st, dtr in next st, tr in next st, (htr, dc) in next st, ss in next st; rep from * 6 times more. [7 patt reps]
Round 15 Dc in each st around. [56 dc]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

Join Lime to the marked fl on Round 32.
Round 16 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 dc]
Round 17 Dc in each st around.
Round 18 (Dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [36 dc]
Round 19 *(Dc, htr) in next st, tr in next st, dtr in next st, tr in next st, (htr, dc) in next st, ss in next st; rep from * 5 times more. [6 patt reps]
Round 20 Dc in each st around. [48 dc]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

AMIGURUMI TREE

HEAD
Using Avocado, make a magic loop.
Rounds 1-7 (RS) As Rounds 1-7 of Body. [42 dc]
Rounds 8-18 Dc in each st around.
Insert safety eyes between Rounds 13-14, approx 12 sts apart.
Stuff as you go.
Change to Lime.
Round 19 Dc in each st around.
Rounds 20-38 Rep Rounds 16-34 of Body.
Round 39 (Dc in next sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 dc]
Round 40 Dc in each st around.
Round 41 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 dc]
Fasten off.
Thread tail through fl of final 6 sts and pull tight to close.
Using black stranded cotton, embroider the eye details using the image as a guide.

HEAD BOUGHS
Work Rounds 6-20 of Tree Boughs on corresponding rounds of Head.
Sew the Head to the Body.

BAUBLES (MAKE 24)
Make 8 each in Neon Pink, Surf and Neon Yellow.
Make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Rounds 2-3 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Push a tiny bit of stuffing inside the Bauble.
Using a sewing needle, thread the tail through the fl of final 6 sts and pull tight to close.
Using the image as a guide, sew the Baubles to the Boughs.

STAR
Using Neon Yellow, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 10htr into loop, ss to first htr. [10 htr]
Round 2 Ch1, *(htr, tr, ch2, tr, htr) in next st, dc in next st) 5 times, ss to beg htr.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Sew to the top of the Head.

LEGS (MAKE 2)
Using Avocado, ch7.
Round 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in next 4 ch, 3dc in the last ch, turn to work down opposite side of foundation ch, dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in last ch. [14 dc]
Round 2 2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next 3 sts, dc in next 4, 2dc in next 2 sts. [20 dc]
Round 3 2dc in next 2 sts, dc in next 6 sts, (2dc in next st, dc in next st) twice, 2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next sts, 2dc in last st. [27 dc]
Round 4 Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts, (2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) 3 times, 2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts. [33 dc]
Rounds 5-6 Dc in each st around.
Round 7 Dc in next 10 sts, (dc2tog) 7 times, dc in next 9 sts. [26 dc]
Round 8 Dc in next 8 sts, (dc2tog) 5 times, dc in next 8 sts. [21 dc]
Round 9 Dc in next 6 sts, (dc2tog) 5 times, dc in next 5 sts. [16 dc]
Round 10 Dc in next 4 sts, (dc2tog) 4 times, dc in next 4 sts. [12 dc]
Stuff as you go.
Rounds 11-15 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.
Sew the Legs over Rounds 11-13 of the Body.

ARMS (MAKE 2)
Using Avocado, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Rounds 3-5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 Dc in next 4 sts, (dc2tog) twice, dc in next 4 sts. [10 dc]
Round 7 Dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 4 st. [9 dc]

Take your time to add the facial details, as these are what really brings the doll to life

Stuff as you go.
Rounds 8-14 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.
Sew the top of the Arm closed and sew to the Body.

BOW
Using Neon Pink, ch12
Round 1 Dc in second ch from hook, dc in each ch to end, turn. [11 dc]
Rounds 2-6 Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.
Fasten off.
Fold the bow lengthways. Take a length of Neon Pink and wind it around the centre. Secure with a couple of stitches, then unfold edges to form the Bow shape.

TIE
Using Neon Pink, ch24
Round 1 Htr in third ch from hook, htr in each ch to end. [22 htr]
Fasten off and weave in ends.
Fold the piece into a v-shape. Sew the pointed fold to the back of the Bow, then sew to the doll just beneath the Head.
Weave in all ends.

SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO MAKE A DOUBLE TREBLE

1 Yrh twice and insert the hook under the top 2 loops of the stitch indicated. Yrh and draw through the stitch only (4 loops on hook).

2 Yrh and pull the yarn through the first 2 loops only (3 loops on hook).

3 Yrh and pull the yarn through the first 2 loops only (2 loops on hook).

4 Yrh and pull the yarn through the remaining 2 loops. There's your double treble made and you'll have 1 loop left on your hook ready to do the next stitch.

Candy light

Make Zoë Potrac's gingerbread house with a difference. No fairytale witches here, just a delightful glow!

GINGERBREAD HOUSE

YOU WILL NEED

- Sirdar Happy Cotton (100% cotton, 20g/43m)
  3 balls of Dolly (761)
  2 balls of each:
  Puff (763)
  Pebble (759)
  1 ball of each:
  Cherryade (754)
  Fizz (779)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- 2 A4 corrugated cardboard sheets
- An LED tea light

For yarn stockists contact Sirdar 01924 231682 www.sirdar.com

TENSION

25 sts and 25 rows measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over pattern using a 3mm hook, or size needed to obtain correct tension

MEASUREMENTS

House measures approx 8.5x8.5x13cm (3¼x3¼x5in)

ABBREVIATIONS

Make tile Work 3htr around post of htr in previous row from top to bottom, then 3htr around post of adjacent htr from bottom to top

For a full list, see page 130

Gingerbread houses have become a big thing in the past few years, and this one will be much longer-lasting than most!

NOTES

House is made up of 6 Panels: a Base, 2 Sides, a Front and 2 Roof pieces. Each Panel is made up of an interior and exterior, which are sewn around cardboard for stability.
Cut the following shapes out of your cardboard: Base 8x8cm, 2 Sides 8x8cm with a 6x6cm hole cut in centre, 2 Roofs 6.5x8cm, Front Pentagon 8cm across bottom, 8cm up Sides, with the top 2 edges reaching the centre point at 13cm from base and a 6x6cm hole cut in centre of square as for Sides.

GINGERBREAD TEALIGHT HOUSE

BASE (MAKE 2)

Make 1 in Dolly for interior, and 1 in Puff for exterior.
Ch22.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, (ch1, skip 1 ch, dc in next ch) 10 times, turn. [21 sts]
Row 2 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc in first st, (dc in ch-sp, ch1, skip dc) 9 times, dc in ch-sp, dc in last st turn.
Row 3 Ch1, dc in first st, (ch1, skip dc, dc in ch-sp) 9 times, ch1, skip dc, dc in last st, turn.
Rows 4-21 Rep Rows 2-3. Do not turn at end of Row 21.
Round 22 Ss evenly around, working 21ss around each edge
Fasten off and weave in ends.

SIDES (MAKE 4)

Make 2 in Dolly for interiors, and 2 in Puff for exteriors.
Rows 1-5 As Rows 1-5 of Base.
Work is split into two sections to form a window frame.
Row 6 (WS) Ch1, dc in first st, dc in ch-sp, ch1, skip dc, dc in ch-sp, dc in next dc, turn leaving rem sts unworked. [5 sts]
Row 7 (RS) Ch1, dc in first st, ch1, skip dc, dc in ch-sp, ch1, skip dc, dc in final dc, turn.
Rows 8-16 Rep Rows 6-7, ending on a Row 6 rep.
Fasten off.
Rejoin yarn in fifth st from end of Row 5 and rep Rows 6-16.
With RS facing, rejoin yarn in first st Row 16 on second section.
Row 17 Ch1, dc in first st, ch1, skip dc, dc in ch-sp, ch1, skip dc, dc in last st, ch11, dc in first st on next section, ch1, skip dc, dc in ch-sp, ch1, skip dc, dc in last st, turn.
Row 18 Ch1, dc in first st, dc in ch-sp, ch1, skip dc, dc in ch-sp, ch1, skip dc, (dc in next ch, skip 1 ch, ch1) 5 times, dc in last ch, ch1, skip next dc, dc in next ch-sp, ch1, skip dc, dc in last ch-sp, dc in last st, turn.
Row 19 Ch1, dc in first st, (ch1, skip dc, dc in ch-sp) 9 times, ch1, skip dc, dc in last st, turn.

The wreath, made in double crochet, is trimmed with a red running stitch and bow

Row 20 Ch1, dc in first st, (dc in ch-sp, ch1, skip dc) 9 times, dc in ch-sp, dc in last st turn.
Row 21 As Row 19, do not turn.
Round 22 Ss evenly around, working 21ss around each edge
Fasten off and weave in ends.

FRONT (MAKE 2)

Make 1 in Dolly for interior, and 1 in Puff for exterior.
Rows 1-21 As Rows 1-21 of Sides.
Row 22 Ch1, dc2tog first dc and ch-sp, (ch1, skip next dc, dc in ch-sp) rep to final ch-sp, dc2tog ch-sp and last dc, turn. [19 sts]
Rows 23-29 As Row 22. [5 sts]
Row 30 Ch1, dc2tog first st and ch-sp, ch1, skip dc, dc2tog ch-sp and last st, turn. [3 sts]
Row 31 Ch1, dc3tog, do not turn.
Round 32 Ss evenly around, working 15ss across sloped edges and 21ss across each Side edge.
Fasten off.
Ss evenly around window frame.

ROOF INTERIOR (MAKE 2)

Using Dolly, ch22.
Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook, (ch1, skip 1 ch, dc in next ch) 10 times, turn. [21 sts]
Row 2 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc in first st, (dc in ch-sp, ch1, skip dc) 9 times, dc in ch-sp, dc in last st turn.
Row 3 Ch1, dc in first st, (ch1, skip dc, dc in ch-sp) 9 times, ch1, skip dc, dc in last st, turn.
Rep Rows 2-3 until piece measures 6.5cm.
Next round Ss evenly around, working 21ss across each long edge and 15ss across each short edge.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

ROOF EXTERIOR (MAKE 2)

Using Pebble, ch23.
Row 1 Htr in third ch from hook, ch2, skip 3 ch,

(2htr in next ch, ch2, skip 3 ch) 4 times, 2htr in last ch, turn. [6 2-htr groups]
Row 2 (Make tile around 2-htr, skip next 2-htr) twice, make tile around 2-htr, ss in between last 2-htr, turn. [3 tiles]
Row 3 Ch2, htr in same space, (ch2, 2htr in sp between 2-htr from 2 rows below) 5 times, turn. [6 pairs of htr]
Row 4 (Skip 2-htr, make tile around next 2-htr) 3 times. [3 tiles]
Row 5 Ch2, htr in same space, (ch2, 2htr in sp between 2-htr from 2 rows below) 5 times, turn. [6 pairs of htr]
Row 6 (Make tile around 2-htr, skip next 2-htr) twice, make tile around 2-htr, ss in between last 2-htr, turn. [3 tiles]
Rep Rows 3-6 until piece measures 6cm.
Work next row into sts 2 rows below.
Next row (RS) Ch1, *2dc in sp between 2-htr, 2dc in ch-2 sp: rep from * across to end, do not turn. [22 sts]
Next round Ss evenly around, working 22ss across each long edge and 15ss across each short edge.
Fasten off, weave in ends.

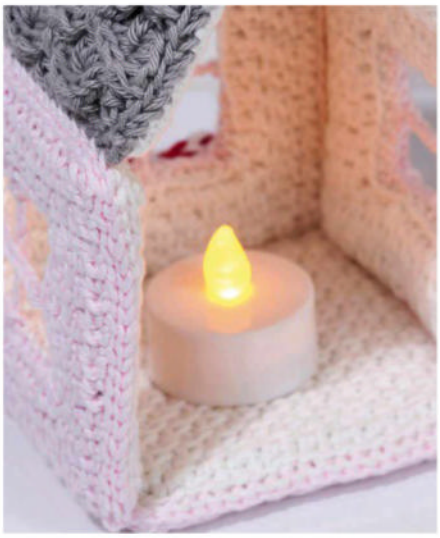
WREATH
Using Fizz, ch12 and ss to the first st to form a loop.
Round 1 Ch1, 2dc in each ch around, ss to beg dc. [24 sts]
Round 2 Ch1, (3dc in next st, ss in next st) 12 times, ss to beg dc. [36 sts]
Fasten off, weave in ends.
Using a length of Cherryade and a tapestry needle, sew a running stitch of red around the wreath and tie the 2 ends to create a bow.

CANDY CANES (MAKE 2)
Candy Cane is made up of 2 pieces. Make 1 each in Dolly and Cherryade.
Ch22.
Row 1 3dc in second ch from hook, 3dc in each ch to end. [63 sts]
Fasten off.
To create 1 candy cane, twist a Dolly and Cherryade curl together until they completely interlock.

WINDOWSILL
Using Cherryade, ch3.
Row 1 Insert hook in second ch from hook, yrh and pull up loop, leave loop on hook, insert hook in next ch, yrh and pull up loop, leave loop on hook (3 loops on hook).
Row 2 Remove last 2 loops from hook (you can place them on a marker to prevent them coming undone), change to Dolly, yrh and pull through loop on hook, place first loop from marker on hook, yrh and pull through loop (2 loops on hook), place final loop on hook, yrh and pull through loop (3 loops on hook).
Row 3 As Row 2 using Cherryade.
Rows 4-9 Rep Rows 2-3 another 3 times.
Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP
Use the images as a guide when making up.
For each of the 6 cardboard panels, sandwich between the interior and exterior piece (with RS facing out). Using the same colour as used for exterior, mattress stitch the pieces together, enclosing the cardboard.
For the Sides and Front, you will also need to sew around the window frames.
For the window panes on Sides and Front, using same colour as exterior, join yarn to centre of top, ch8, ss in centre of bottom. Rep on sides.
Sew the Sides of each piece together to form the 3D house shape, with an open back. Ensure that the tiles on the Roof pieces are the right way up on both Sides.
Sew the Wreath above the front window, the Windowsill below the Front window and the Candy Canes on the side of the Front.

Make sweet candy canes by working strands in red and white and twisting them together



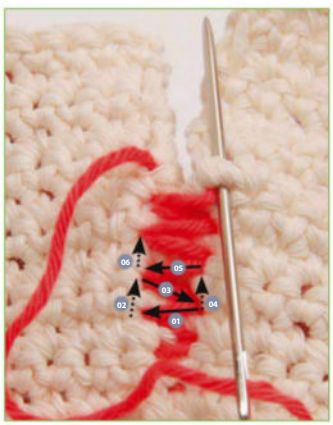
Use an LED tea light to illuminate your finished crochet house (remember: no naked flames!)

SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO WORK A MATTRESS STITCH SEAM

1 Lay the pieces out flat with RS facing up. Line up the edges you want to join, matching up each crochet stitch or row-end carefully. It's best to work the mattress stitch seam vertically from bottom to top, so start at the bottom. Thread the needle with yarn and insert it into the right-hand piece, from back to front, 1 stitch up from its bottom edge and 1 stitch in from its left edge.

2 Insert needle into the front of the left-hand piece in the same position, 1 stitch up from the bottom edge and 1 stitch in from the right edge. Continue working the seam 1 stitch in from the edges that you're joining, as follows: bring needle up from back to front on left-hand piece, 1 stitch up (2 stitches up from bottom edge). Insert needle into front of right-hand piece, into the hole you started from.

3 *Bring needle up from back to front on right-hand piece, 1 stitch up. Insert needle into front of left-hand piece in same position. Bring needle up from back to front on left-hand piece, 1 stitch up. Insert needle into front of right-hand piece, into the hole you started from at *. Repeat from *, pulling yarn tight every few stitches to pull the fabric pieces together. Fasten off securely.



INCREDI-BAUBLE!

Hooked in a delicate 4ply yarn, these stylish decorations are what your tree has been asking for. By DROPS Design

MIX & MATCH COLOURS

BAUBLES

You know those handmade decorations that come out each Christmas, and are treasured by everyone in the family? If making your heirloom set of decorations is on your list this year, this pattern is just what you need.

YOU WILL NEED

- DROPS Safran (100% cotton, 50g/160m)
  1 ball of each:
  Cherry (20)
  Moss Green (60)
  Sea Green (63)
  Marzipan (71)
  Coffee (68)
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Toy stuffing
- Stitch marker
- String

For yarn stockists contact DROPS Design www.garnstudio.com

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantiles requires

MEASUREMENTS

Bauble measures 8cm (3¼in) in diameter

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

NOTES

Baubles are made up of two Circles. Circles are worked in rounds with RS facing throughout. Each Bauble uses three colours, referred to as Yarns A-C. You can use any three colours, or refer to the image as a guide.

BAUBLE

CIRCLES

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch3 (counts as tr throughout), 11tr in loop, ss to top of beg ch-3. [12 sts]
Fasten off.
Join Yarn B in sp between any 2 sts.
Round 2 (RS) Ch2 (counts as first leg of cl), 3-tr cl in same sp, ch2, (4-tr cl in next sp, ch2) 11 times, ss to top of beg cl. [12 sts, 12 ch-2 sps]
Fasten off.
Join Yarn C in any ch-2 sp.
Round 3 Ch3, tr in same sp, tr2tog current ch-sp and next ch-sp, (2tr in same ch-sp as last leg of tr2tog, tr2tog same ch-sp and next ch-sp) 11 times, ss to top of beg ch-3. [36 sts]
Round 4 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), (htr in next 8 sts, 2htr in next st) 4 times, ss to beg htr. [40 sts]
Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Place Circles together with RS facing out. Work next round through both Circles to join.
Join Yarn A in any st.
Round 5 Ch1, dc in each st around (stuffing before closing), ss to beg dc. [40 sts]
Fasten off.
Join Yarn B in any st.
Round 6 (Ch3, tr in st at base of ch-3, skip 1 st, ss in next st) 20 times.
Fasten off.
Secure a length of string to the Bauble to make a hanging loop.

You can change up the shades you use to suit your own colour scheme

Finish each bauble with a length of string or twine – sparkly is always a great option, too!

SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO WORK A CLUSTER STITCH (3-TR CLUSTER)

1 Start a treble in the usual way: yrh, insert hook, yrh, pull loop through (3 loops on hook), yrh, pull through first 2 loops (2 loops on hook). Stop here, without finishing.

2 Start treble in the same st/sp: yrh, insert hook in the same st/sp again, yrh, pull loop through (4 loops on hook), yrh and pull through first 2 loops (3 loops on hook). Stop here.

3 Repeat step 2 until you've worked the number of trebles shown in pattern; in this example we're working 3-tr cl. Next finish all trebles together: yrh, pull loop through all loops on hook.

4 This is how the completed cluster should look. On the next row, just work a stitch into the top of the cluster as usual. The stitch count should remain the same.

PARTY TIME

QUICK TO HOOK

Welcome in the New Year with Kelly Wilson Moore's sweet hat bunting. We wish you a happy 2026!

NEW YEAR BUNTING

We love the tiny pompoms on these cute little hats! Kelly's design is a super quick make and you can easily adapt it for kids' winter birthdays and other festivities. It's also a great project for using up any DK yarn you have left over in your stash.

YOU WILL NEED

- Rico Ricorumi DK (100% cotton, 25g/57.5m)
  1 ball of each:
  Candy Pink (12)
  Lilac (17)
  Tangerine (26)
  Sky Blue (31)
  Pistachio (47)
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- A pompom maker, 25mm
- Glitter foam letter stickers, approx 2x2cm

For yarn stockists contact Rico Design www.rico-design.com/en/home

TENSION

Tension is not critical, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Each Party Hat measures 6.5x6.5cm (2.5x2.5in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

NOTES

Hats are made in a single piece. Join Hats in to 2 strands and finish with a pompom.

HAPPY NEW YEAR BUNTING

PARTY HATS (MAKE 15)

Using any colour, ch14.
Row 1 (RS) Dc in second ch from hook, dc in each ch across, turn. [13 sts]
Row 2 (WS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), (1dc, 4-tr cl) 6 times, 1dc, turn.
Row 3 Ch1, dc in each st to end.
Change to next colour.
Row 4 Ch1, dc in each st up to final 2 sts, dc2tog, turn. [12 sts]
Rows 5-14 As Row 4. [2 sts]
Row 15 Ch1, dc2tog.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

TO MAKE UP

Using a pompom maker and any colour, make 15 pompoms and trim to approx 2cm in diameter.
Join Hats together into 2 strands, one with 7 Hats and one with 8 Hats.
To join Hats: ch25, (dc in top of any Hat, ch14) rep until all Hats in Strand are joined, ch11.
Fasten off.
Sew a pompom to the top of each Hat.

TO FINISH

Using the image as a guide, secure the letters to the Hats, to spell Happy on the 7-Hat strand and New Year on the 8-Hat strand.

We've used letters with adhesive backs – an option is to sew or glue felt letters to the hats

Start the hats at the bottom by working the textured brims in four-treble clusters

SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO DECREASE IN DOUBLE CROCHET (DC2TOG)

1 Start by inserting the hook under the top 2 loops of the next stitch on the previous row. Begin to work a double crochet stitch in the usual way, working yrh and pull loop through (2 loops on hook).

2 Without finishing the first dc, begin the next dc by inserting the hook in the next stitch on the previous row. Again, work yrh and pull loop through (3 loops on hook).

3 Now complete both dc stitches together by working yrh and pull this loop through all 3 loops on the hook.

4 This is how the completed dc2tog should look. You will have neatly decreased by 1 stitch. On subsequent rows, you can simply work a stitch into the top of the dc2tog stitch as usual.

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Snow cute!

Hook up Lisa Paddock's sweet skating bunny to adorn your home this Christmas season

SKATING BUNNY

YOU WILL NEED

- Any DK weight yarn in:
  cream
  light blue
  white
  silver
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- Toy filling
- 2 safety eyes, 5mm
- Black stranded cotton
- Red or pink colouring pencil

TENSION

Tension is not critical, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Bunny measures approx 18cm (7in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 130

This little bunny can't wait to skate into your home this Christmas. Take your time with the facial features for the best results.

NOTES

Bunny is made up of separate parts, which are sewn together. Refer to the images when joining parts together.
Parts of this pattern are worked using the amigurumi method. Work stitches continuously in a spiral without closing off each round with a slip stitch. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.
If you are making this as a toy for a child under 36 months, do not use safety eyes; instead, embroider eyes using black stranded cotton.

SKATING BUNNY

BODY

Using cream, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 (RS) 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [24 dc]
Rounds 5-7 Dc in each st around.
Round 8 (Dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 dc]
Rounds 9-10 Dc in each st around.
Round 11 (Dc in next st, dc2tog) 6 times. [12 dc]
Round 12 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.
Stuff Body firmly.

HEAD

Using cream, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 5dc into loop. [5 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [10 dc]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [15 dc]
Round 4 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [20 dc]
Round 5 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) 5 times. [25 dc]
Rounds 6-8 Dc in each st around.
Change to light blue.
Round 9 (Working in bl only) dc in each st around.
Round 10 Dc in each st around.
Round 11 (Dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog) 5 times. [20 dc]
Insert safety eyes between Rounds 6-7, approx 6 sts apart.
Stuff Head firmly as you go.
Round 12 (Dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 5 times. [15 dc]
Round 13 (Dc in next st, dc2tog) 5 times. [10 dc]
Round 14 (Dc2tog) 5 times. [5 dc]
Fasten off.
Thread tail through fl of final 5 sts and pull tight to close.

Embroider a nose, mouth and eyebrows, then lightly colour in the cheeks using a red pencil

Join white to unused fl at back of Round 8.
Round 15 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to beg dc.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

SHAPE EYES

Thread a strand of cream onto a darning needle, pass needle through the back of the Head and pull through just above one eye. Work a small horizontal stitch, pass the needle through and out above the second eye and work another small horizontal stitch. Pass needle back below the first eye and work a small horizontal stitch, pass the needle below the second eye and work a final horizontal st. Pass the needle out from the back of the Head and pull until the eyes sink in slightly.
Weave in end.
Using 3 strands of black stranded cotton, embroider the eyebrows.

MUZZLE

Using white, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 (3dc in next st, 2dc in next st, dc in next st) twice. [12 dc]
Round 3 Dc in next st, 2dc in next 3 sts, dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next 3 sts, dc in last 2 sts. [18 dc]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Sew Muzzle to the Head, just below the eyes.
Using light blue, embroider a triangle for the nose.
Using 3 strands of black stranded cotton, embroider the mouth.
Using the side of a red colouring pencil, gently shade the cheeks just below the eyes.
Sew Head to Body.

HAT BOBBLE

Using white, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [9 dc]
Round 3 Dc in each st around.
Lightly stuff as you go.

SKATING BUNNY

Round 4 (Dc in next st, dc2tog) 3 times. [6 dc]
Fasten off.
Thread tail through fl of final 6 sts and pull tight to close.
Sew to the top of the Head.

EARS (MAKE 2)
Using cream, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [8 dc]
Rounds 3-4 Dc in each st around.
Round 5 (Dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [10 dc]
Rounds 6-11 Dc in each st around.
Round 12 (Dc2tog) 5 times. [5 dc]
Fasten off.
Flatten and pinch final round to form shape shown in image. Secure with a few small sts.
Pin Ears to Head between Rounds 10-11. Once you are happy with the position, sew in place.

LEGS (MAKE 2)
Using light blue, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 Dc in each st around.
Round 5 Dc in next 3 sts, (dc2tog) 6 times, dc in rem 3 sts. [12 dc]
Round 6 Dc in next 2 sts, (dc2tog) 4 times, dc in rem 2 sts. [8 dc]
Change to cream.
Round 7 (Working in bl only) dc in each st around.
Rounds 8-11 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.
Stuff Leg firmly.
Join white to any unused fl from Round 6.
Round 12 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to beg dc. [8 sts]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

ICE SKATE BLADES (MAKE 2)
Using silver grey, ch9.
Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook, dc in each ch to end, turn. [8 dc]
Row 2 Ch, dc in each st to end, turn.
Fold the piece in half so that the sts of Row 2 line up with the foundation ch. Work next row across both edges to join.
Row 3 Ch1, (dc in next 3 sts, ch3, ss in second ch from hook, ss in next ch) twice, dc in rem 2 sts.
Fasten off.
Sew the ch-3 lengths to the bottom of the Legs, making sure the blades are pointing forward.
Sew one Leg to the bottom of the Body, so that it is pointing downwards.
Sew the other Leg to the bottom of the bunny's back, between Rounds 3-5, so that it is pointing behind.

ARMS (MAKE 2)
Using cream, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc into loop. [6 dc]
Round 2 (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) twice. [8 dc]
Round 3 Dc in each st around.
Round 4 Dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 3 st. [7 dc]
Round 5 Dc in each st around.
Round 6 Dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog. [6 dc]
Rounds 7-9 Dc in each st around.
Fasten off.
Stuff Arms lightly.
Sew an Arm to the front side of the Body, so that it's pointing forwards. Sew the other Arm to the other side so that it is pointing behind.

SCARF
Using blue, ch31.
Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook, dc in each ch to end. [30 dc]
Fasten off and weave in ends.
Tie Scarf around the neck.

Ears are worked in the round as a tube, then flattened before they are sewn to the head

The blades of the ice skates are strengthened by working a double-layered fabric

SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO USE STITCH MARKERS IN SPIRALS

In this pattern, you'll work the stitches in spiral rounds. If you've never done this before, don't worry, it's easy! At the end of a round, don't join the first and last stitches with a slip stitch. Instead, just work the first stitch of a new round into the top of the first stitch on the previous round. Using stitch markers will help you to keep track of spiral rounds. Our step-by-step guide (right) will show you how to do this.

1 Work the first stitch of a round and place a stitch marker in this first stitch.

2 Work a spiral round of double crochet stitches until you've worked the last stitch of the round. The next stitch you'll want to work into will have the stitch marker in it.

3 You'll need to remove the marker, work the first stitch of the new round and then replace the stitch marker in this first stitch, to mark the start of the round again.

Charts & diagrams

Follow these for the Scandi throw, Santa blanket, bliss blanket, tree skirt, swirl jumper, multicoloured shawl, Christmas jumper, gift sack & mosaic cushion

SCANDI THROW

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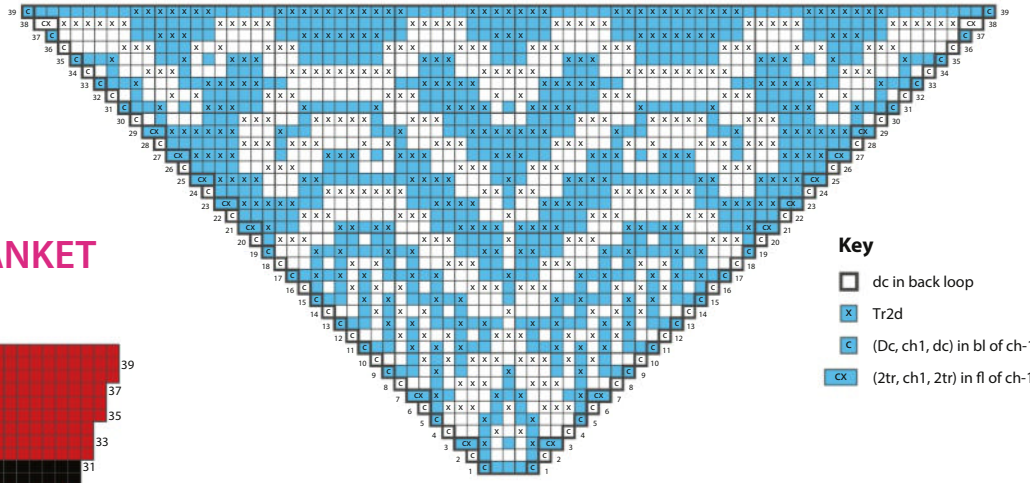

Key

- dc in back loop
- Tr2d
- (Dc, ch1, dc) in bl of ch-1 sp
- (2tr, ch1, 2tr) in fl of ch-1 sp 2 rounds below

SANTA BLANKET

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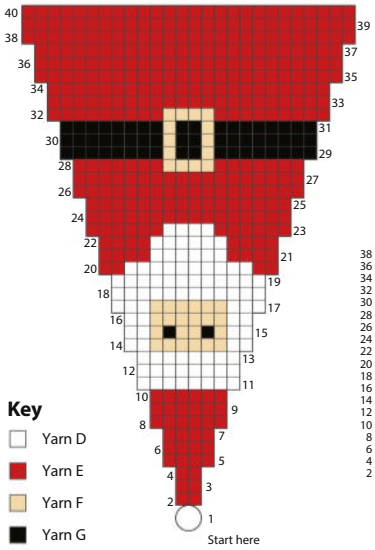

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BLISS BLANKET

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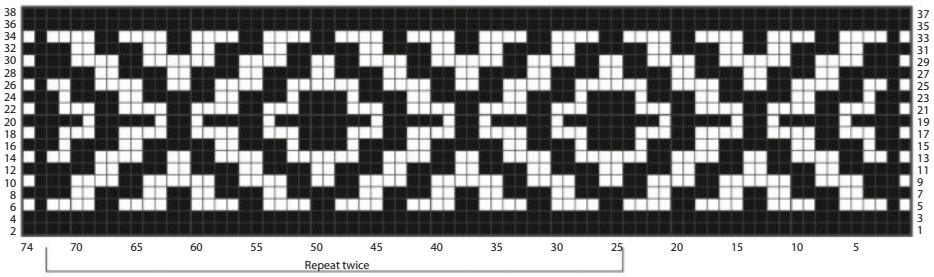

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- Yarn B
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SWIRL JUMPER

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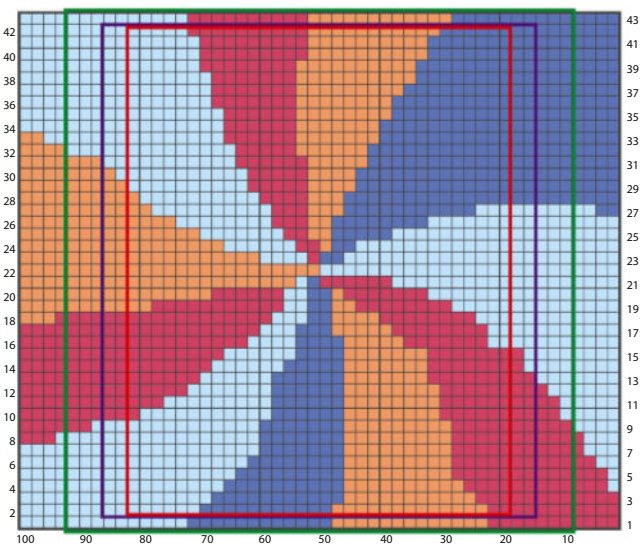
Jumper sleeves chart



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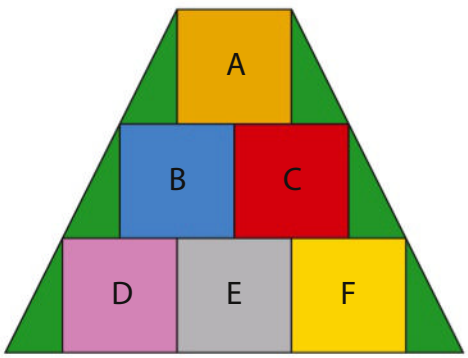
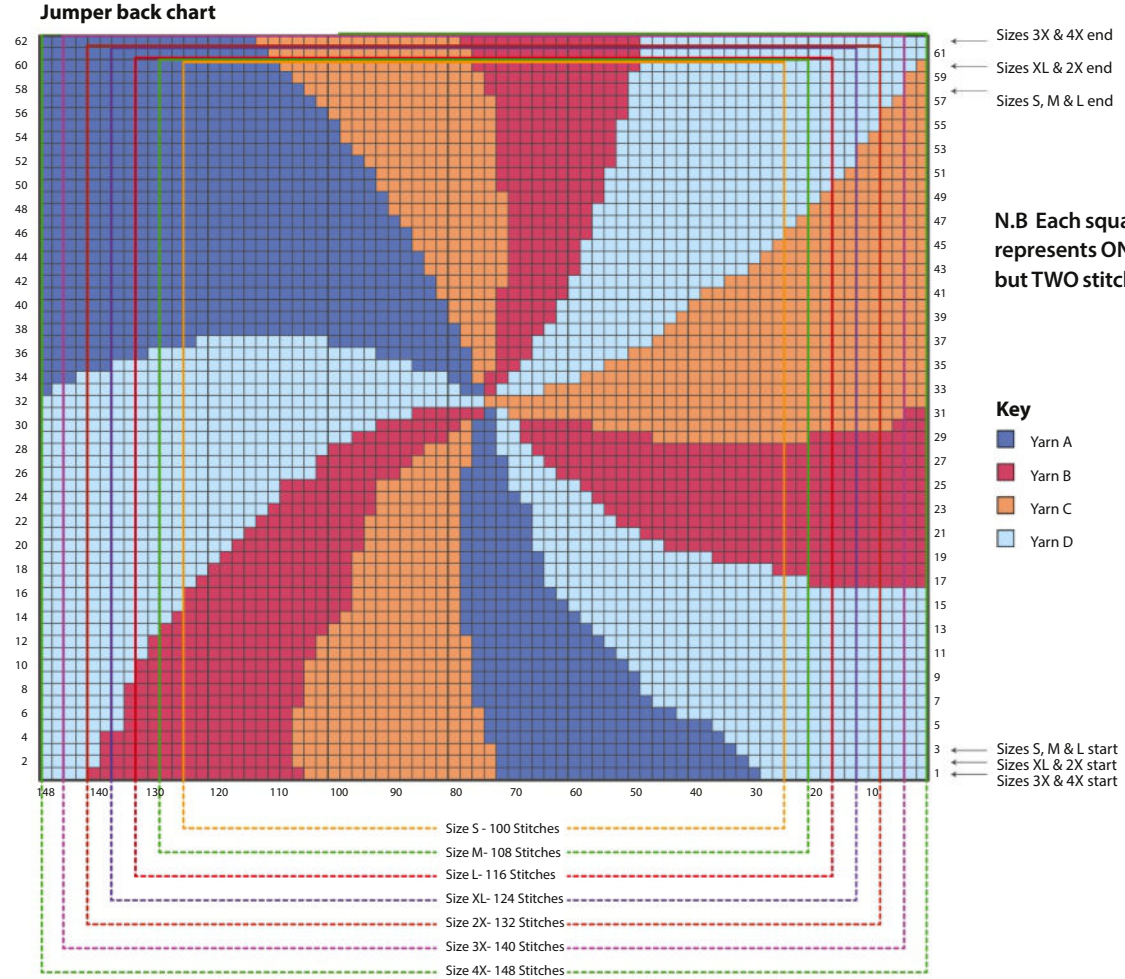


Key

- Yarn A
- Yarn B
- Yarn C
- Yarn D
- Size S only
- Sizes M and L only
- Sizes XL and 2X only

CHARTS

Jumper back chart

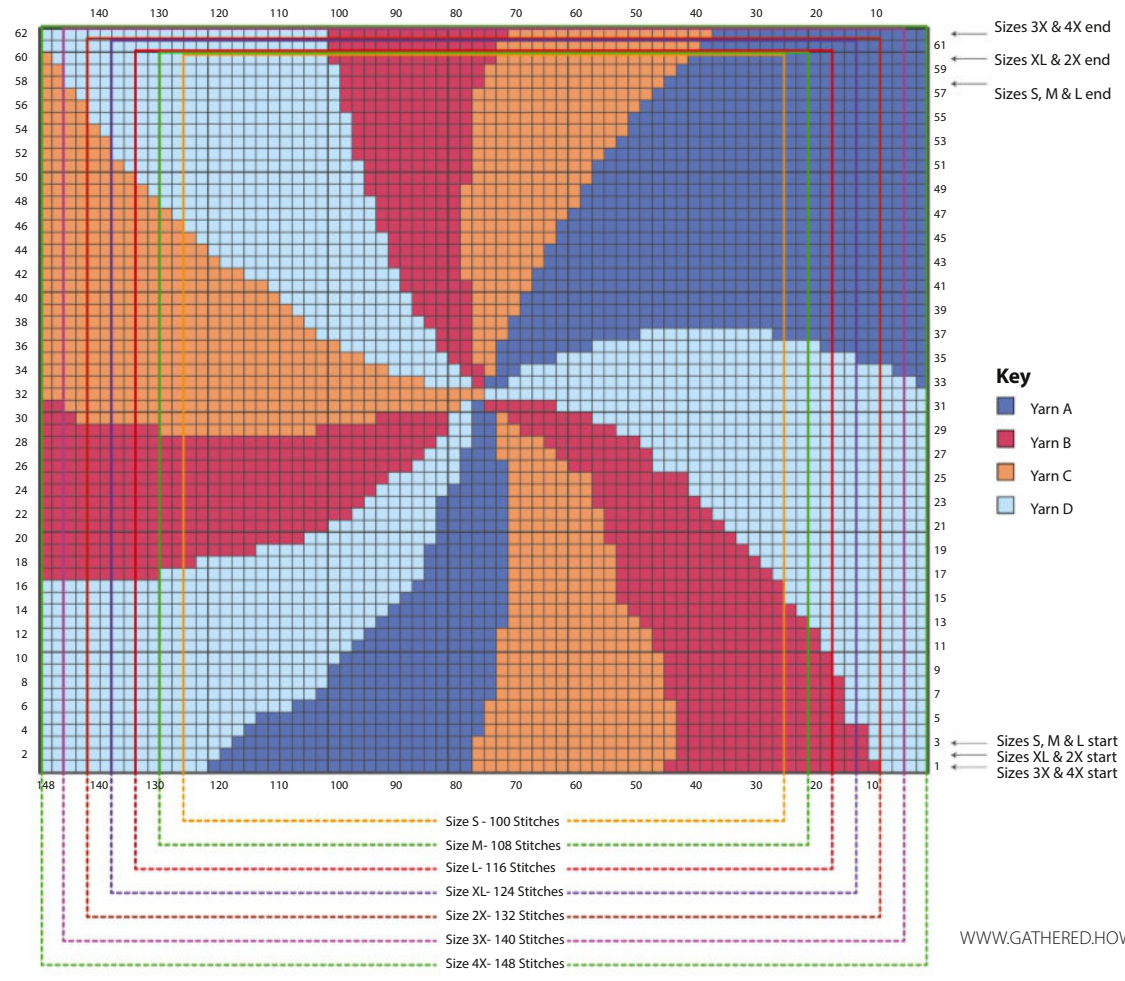


N.B Each square represents ONE row but TWO stitches

Key

- Yarn A
- Yarn B
- Yarn C
- Yarn D

Jumper front chart



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- Yarn C
- Yarn D

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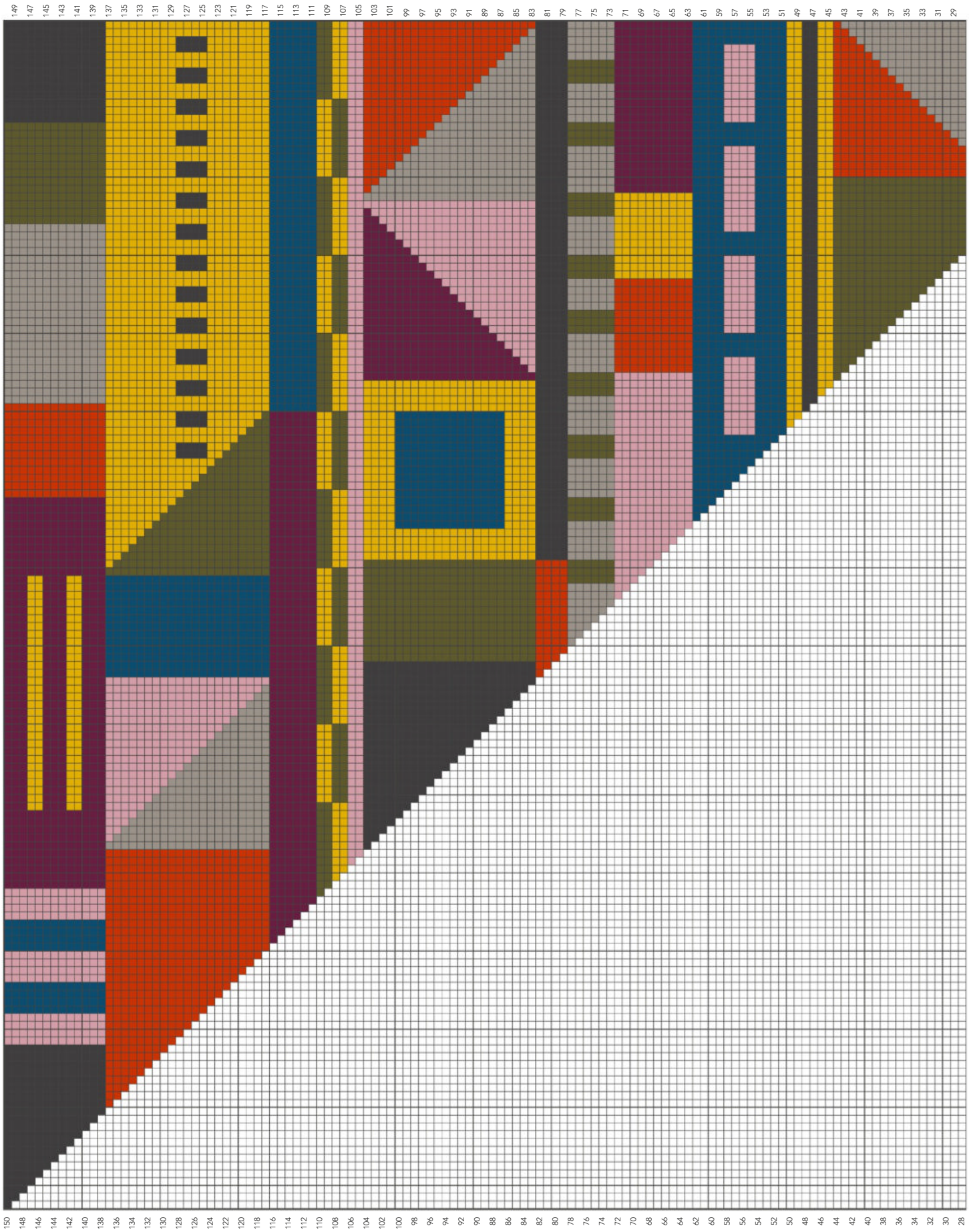

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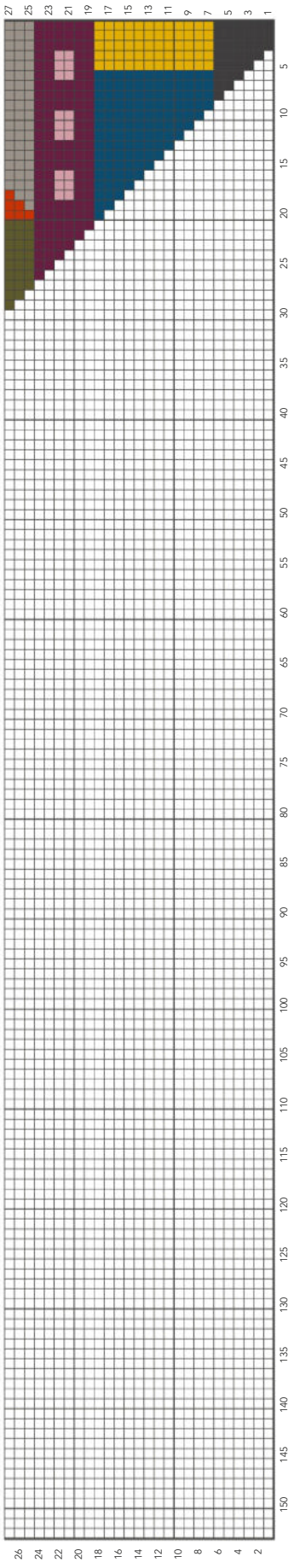

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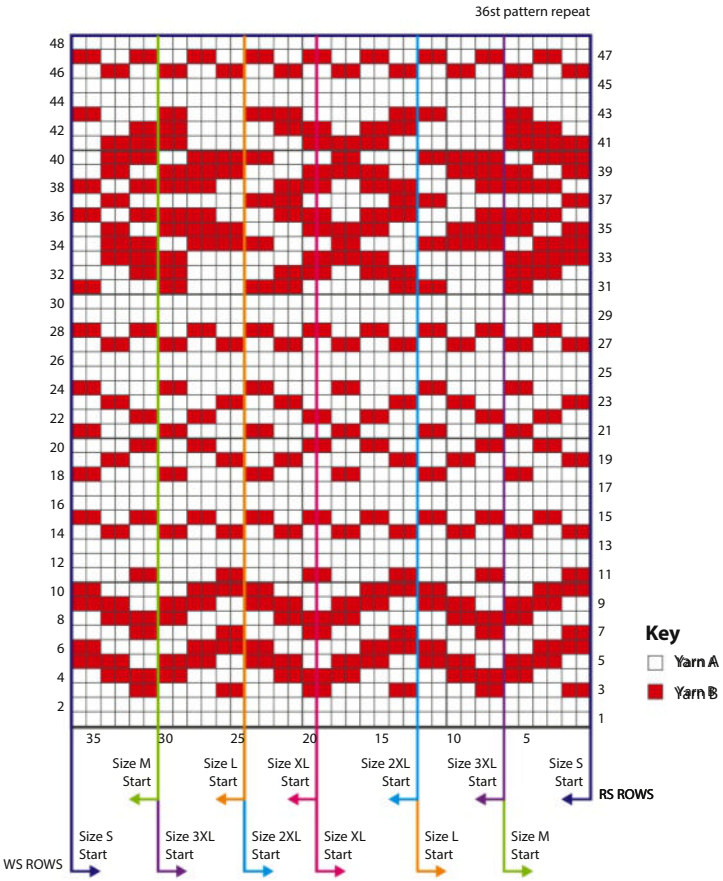

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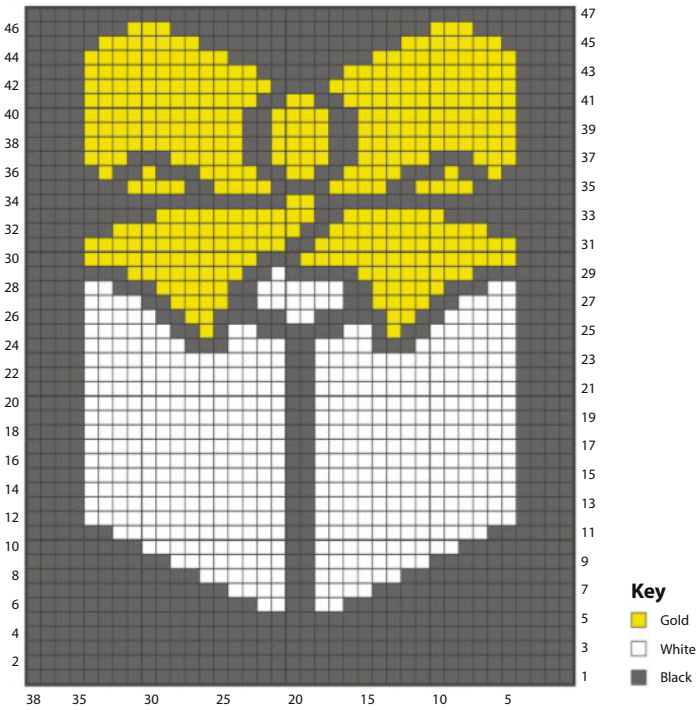

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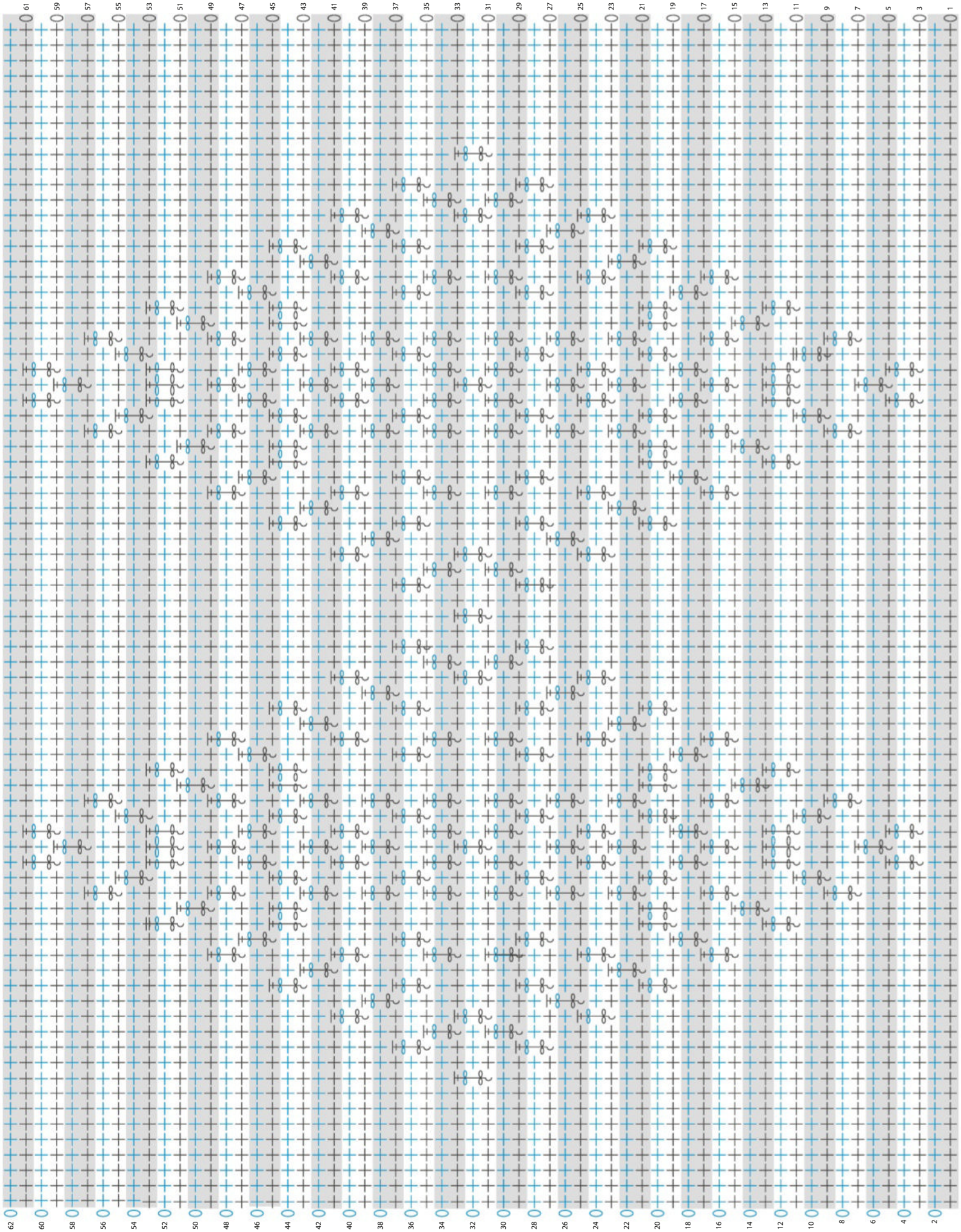

SCAN ME
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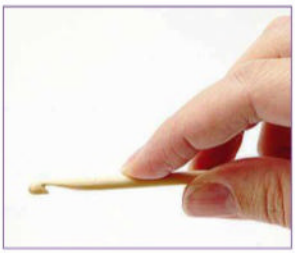
Crochet essentials

Over the next few pages, you'll find simple step-by-step guides to many useful stitches and techniques that you'll use every time you pick up a hook

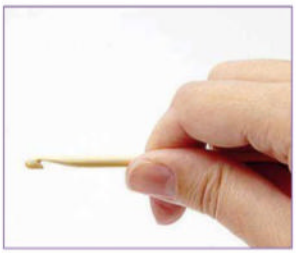
HOLDING THE HOOK

Try these methods and see which works best



PENCIL METHOD

Hold the hook like a pencil, in your right hand (if you're right-handed), about 3-5cm from the hooked end. If your hook has a flat area, you'll find it comfortable to hold it here.



KNIFE METHOD

Hold the hook between your thumb and forefinger, about 3-5cm from the hooked end, resting the end of the hook against your palm. This will give you lots of control.

HOLDING THE YARN

Even tension results in even stitches

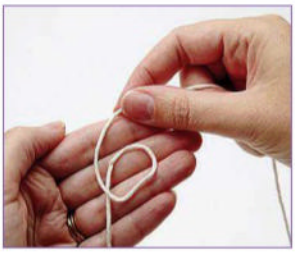
METHOD ONE

Pass the ball end of the yarn between the little finger and third fingers of your left hand (if you are right-handed), then behind the third and middle fingers, over your index finger.

METHOD TWO

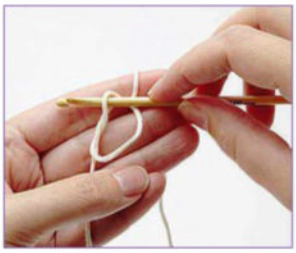
Loop the ball end of the yarn loosely around the little finger of your left hand, then take it over the third finger, behind the middle finger and over your index finger.

MAKING A SLIPKNOT The first loop on the hook



1 Hold the tail of the ball of yarn in your left hand and drape the yarn clockwise over the top of it to form a loose, circular loop.

2 Hold the loop between left thumb and forefinger, then insert the crochet hook through the centre of the loop from front to back.

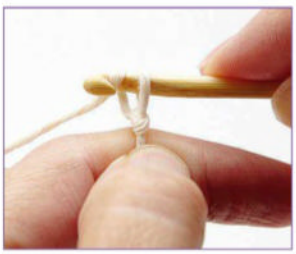


3 Catch the ball end of the yarn with the hook and pull it back through the centre of the loop, taking the yarn through with it.

4 Pull both ends of the yarn to tighten the knot, then pull just the ball end to tighten the loop so it's close to the hook, but not touching it.

CHAIN STITCH Use this stitch to make your foundation chain

1 Hold the hook in your right hand, and both the yarn end and the working yarn in your left hand. Move the hook under and over the yarn to wrap it around anticlockwise.



2 Pull the hook towards the slipknot, catching the yarn in the hook, and pulling it through the slipknot loop. This forms your first chain (ch) stitch. Repeat steps 1 and 2 to form a chain length.

3 This is what your row of chains will look like. Hold the chain with your left hand near the hook, to keep the tension. Keep going until you have the number of chains that's stated in your pattern.

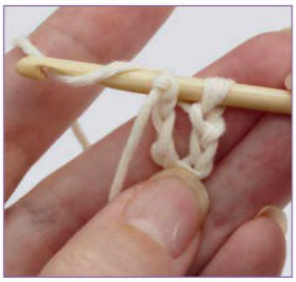
How to count chains

Each chain or loop counts as one stitch. Never count your first slipknot or the loop on the hook (called the working loop). So that you can be accurate, make sure the chain is not twisted and that the front is facing you.

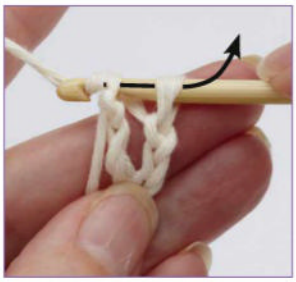
SLIP STITCH (ss)

This stitch has no height – often used to join rounds

1 You can make a slip stitch in any chain or stitch, to join it to the working loop on the hook. To make a slip stitch, simply insert the hook into the stitch indicated, from front to back.



2 Catch the ball end of the yarn with the hook, so the yarn wraps anticlockwise around it (yarn round hook, or yrh).



3 Gently pull the hook, and the yarn wrapped around it, back towards the 2 loops on the hook. Draw the yarn through both the loops on the hook.

4 This will finish the stitch and you'll see how the slip stitch has joined the working loop to the chain or stitch you inserted the hook into. You can also use slip stitch to form a neat edging.

DOUBLE CROCHET (dc) US term: single crochet

One of the key stitches in crochet, doubles are simple, compact stitches that form a dense fabric

1 To make a double crochet stitch, insert the hook under the top 2 loops of the next stitch on the previous

2 Wind the yarn around the hook (yrh).

3 Pull the yarn through the stitch, giving you 2 loops on your crochet hook.

4 Yarn round hook again, then pull the yarn through both loops. There's your double crochet made and you'll have one loop left on the hook, ready to do the next stitch.

HALF TREBLE CROCHET (htr) US term: half double crochet

A handy stitch that's between double and treble crochet in size, and it looks slightly looser than double crochet

1 To make a half treble crochet stitch, work to where you want the htr and then wind the yarn round the hook (yrh).

2 Insert the hook under the top 2 loops of the next stitch in the previous row. Wrap yarn around the hook again (yrh).

3 Pull the yarn through the stitch only (3 loops on hook).

4 Yarn round hook again, pull the yarn through all 3 loops. You've made a half treble crochet. Continue working htr into next and following sts to the end of the row.

TREBLE CROCHET (tr) US term: double crochet

One of the most popular stitches in crochet, this simple stitch is twice as high as a double crochet stitch

1 To work a treble crochet, start by winding yrh and then insert the hook under the top 2 loops of the stitch on the previous row.

2 Wrap the yarn around the hook (yrh) and pull the yarn through the stitch only.

3 You will now have 3 loops on the hook. Yrh again, and draw the yarn through just the first 2 loops on the hook.

4 You will now have 2 loops on the hook. Yrh again and draw the yarn through the remaining loops on the hook. Your treble crochet is complete.

WORKING IN ROWS

Follow these simple rules to construct crochet fabric

1 The first row is made by working across the foundation chain from right to left. At the end of the chain or row, turn the work so that the yarn is behind the hook.

2 For the next row, first make the turning chain for the stitch you're about to work (see opposite). Now work the next stitch into the top of the stitches on your first row, missing the first stitch.

WORKING STITCHES INTO A RING

To make circles, tubes and other shapes

1 Make a foundation ring and work the t-ch (3ch for treble sts). Work a treble st as usual, but insert hook into centre of ring. For treble sts, yrh, insert hook into ring.

2 Finish the treble, as usual (yrh, pull yarn through ring, yrh, pull yarn through first 2 loops, yrh, pull yarn through 2 loops). Work more sts into the ring as needed.

DOUBLE TREBLE CROCHET (dtr) US term: treble crochet

This is a stitch regularly used as an elongated version of the treble (described above). It's worked in a very similar way to the treble, as follows:

1 Make a foundation chain. Skip 4ch, *yrh twice, and insert the hook under the top loop of the next ch.

2 Yrh, pull the yarn through the ch loop only (4 loops on hook).

3 Yrh and pull the yarn through 2 loops only (3 loops on hook).

Yrh and pull the yarn through 2 loops only (2 loops on hook).

4 Yrh and pull the yarn through the remaining 2 loops. Repeat from * to make more dtr sts.

5 To make the next row of dtr, turn work and ch4. This turning chain counts as the first dtr in a new row. Skip first st at the base of the t-ch, work 1dtr under the top 2 loops of the second stitch in the previous row; continue to the end of the row.

TRIPLE TREBLE CROCHET (ttr) US term: double treble crochet

This is one of the longest standard crochet stitches and is mainly used in fancy stitch patterns. It's taller than a double treble crochet stitch (described left) and is worked in a very similar way, as follows:

1 Make a foundation ch. Skip 5 ch, *yrh 3 times, insert hook under top loop of next ch.

2 Yrh, pull yarn through ch loop only (5 loops on hook).

3 † Yrh, draw loop through 2 loops only. Repeat from † 3 times more and your triple treble will be finished. Repeat from * to make more ttr sts.

4 To make the next row, turn work and ch5. This turning chain counts as the first triple treble in a new row. Skip first st at base of the t-ch. Work 1 triple treble, inserting hook under the top 2 loops of the second st in the previous row; continue to the end of the row.

Abbreviations

across	to end of the row
approx	approximate(ly)
beg	beginning
bl	insert hook under back loop only
BP	Back Post: work st indicated, inserting hook around post of st from back to front to back and not in top of st
ch(s)	chain/chain stitch(es)
ch-	refers to ch made previously, eg. ch-3
ch-sp(s)	chain space(s)
cl(s)	clusters
cont	continue
dc	double crochet
dc2tog	(insert hook in next st, yrh & draw a loop through) twice, yrh & draw through all 3 loops on hook
dec	decrease
dtr	double treble crochet
dtr2tog	work 2dtr together
fdc	foundation dc
fl	insert hook under front loop only
foll/folls	following/follows
FP	Front Post: As BP, inserting hook around post from front to back to front
ftr	foundation tr
htr	half treble
htr2tog	work 2htr together
in next	sts to be worked into the same stitch
inc	increase
LH	left hand
lp(s)	loop(s)
meas	measures
patt(s)	pattern(s)
pm	place marker
prev	previous
qtr	quadruple treble
rem	remain(s)/remaining
rep	repeat
RH	right hand
rnd(s)	round(s)
RS	right side
sk	skip
sp(s)	space(s)
ss	slip stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)
t-ch(s)	turning chain(s)
tog	together
tr	treble crochet
tr cl	(yrh, insert hook in sp/st, yrh & pull up loop, yrh & draw through 2 loops) number of times indicated, yrh & draw through all loops on hook
tr2tog	(yrh, insert hook in next st, yrh & pull up loop, yrh a& draw through 2 loops) twice, yrh & draw through all loops on hook
ttr	triple treble crochet
WS	wrong side
yrh	yarn round hook
*	work instructions immediately foll *, then rep as many more times as directed
()	work all instructions in the brackets as many times as directed

Crochet hook conversions

UK	METRIC	US
14	2mm	–
13	2.25mm	B/1
12	2.5mm	–
–	2.75mm	C/2
11	3mm	–
10	3.25mm	D/3
9	3.5mm	E/4
–	3.75mm	F/5
8	4mm	G/6
7	4.5mm	7
6	5mm	H/8
5	5.5mm	I/9
4	6mm	J/10
3	6.5mm	K/10½
2	7mm	–
0	8mm	L/11
00	9mm	M/13
000	10mm	N/15

Which hook do I use?

Hook size	UK yarn weight
2.5-3.5mm hook	4ply yarn
3.5-4.5mm hook	double knitting yarn
5-6mm hook	aran yarn
7mm and bigger	chunky yarn

UK/US conversions

UK		US	
chain	ch	chain	ch
slip stitch	ss	slip stitch	ss
double crochet	dc	single crochet	sc
half treble	htr	half double	hdc
treble	tr	double	dc
double treble	dtr	treble	tr
triple treble	ttr	double treble	dtr

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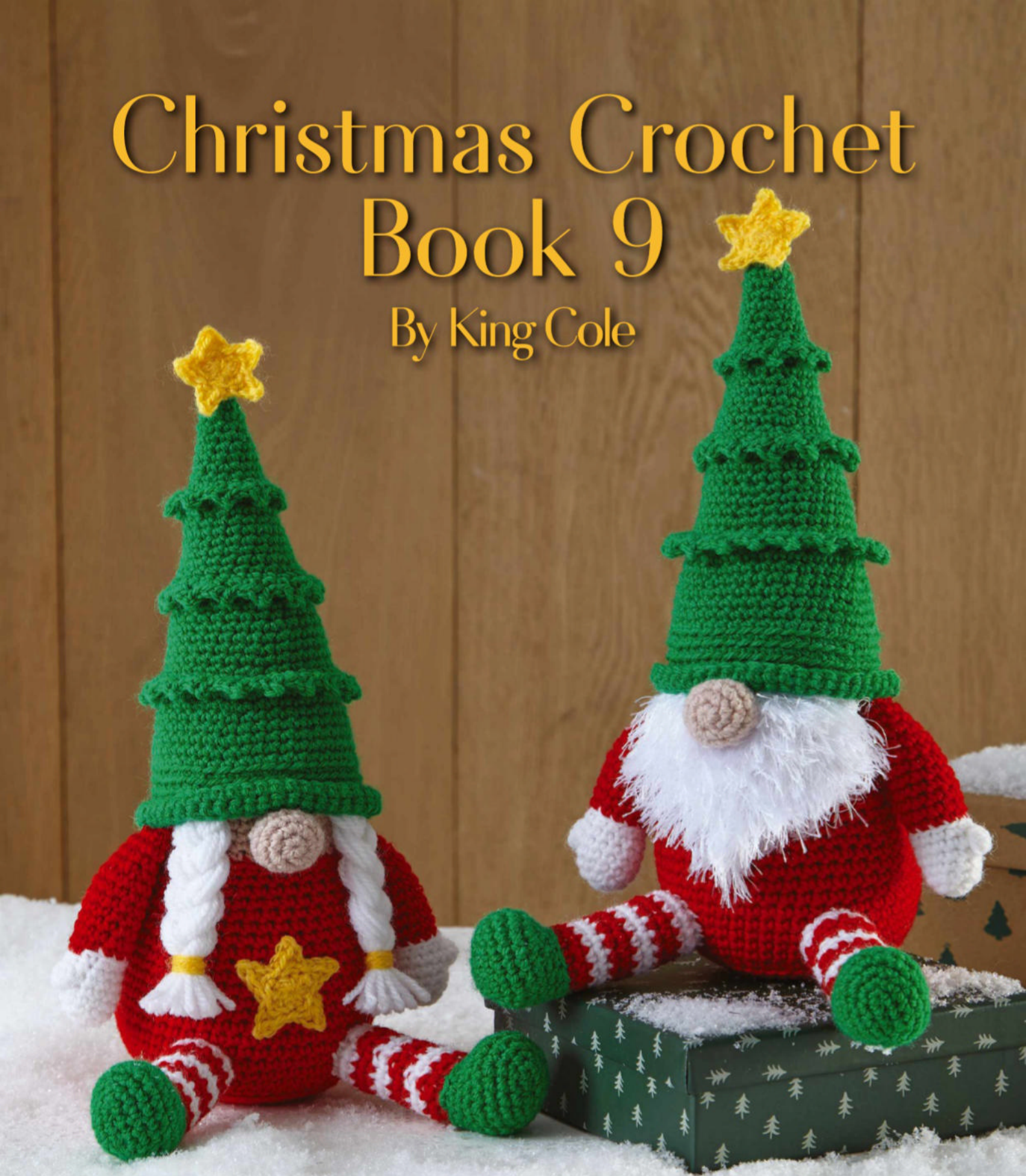

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