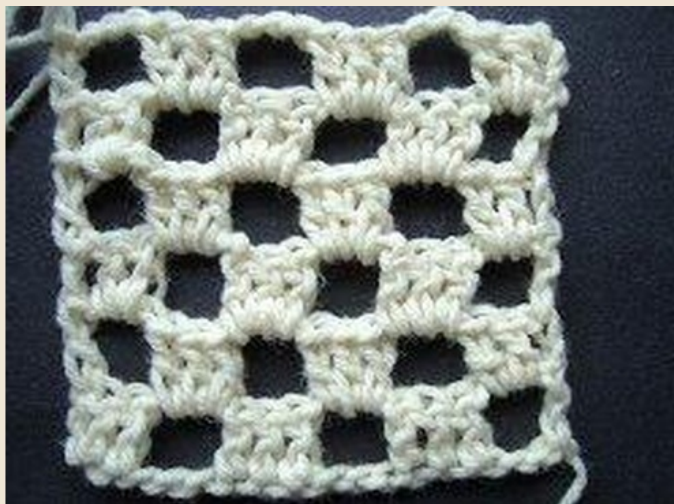




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Before you begin

Keep this guide beside your yarn and hook. Learn 13 crochet stitches with written steps and photographs, then put them to work in 10 patterns for blankets, shawls, a poncho and bag, and small crochet toys.

Each project includes its materials, gauge and instructions. Read the whole pattern before you begin and check your gauge when a project calls for it.

How to use this guide

Choose a stitch. Turn to the contents on page 4. Follow the numbered steps and their adjacent photographs. On pages with two text columns, read down the left column, then the right. Continue on the next page when needed.

Follow the photos. Keep each photograph with its adjacent step. Some photographs contain their own step numbers or diagram labels.

Choose a project. The 10 patterns begin on page 32. Use the materials and measurements stated in your chosen pattern.

Abbreviations (US terms)

ch	chain	dtr	double treble crochet
sl st	slip stitch	st(s)	stitch(es)
sc	single crochet	rnd	round
hdc	half double crochet	rep	repeat
dc	double crochet	RS / WS	right side / wrong side
tr	treble crochet	yo / yoh	yarn over / yarn over hook

Special stitches and pattern-specific abbreviations are explained within the individual patterns.



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Picot stitch

The Picot Stitch is usually used as an edging, added onto a finished garment. Follow this tutorial and learn how to make three different picot stitches.

SMALL PICOT STITCH:

1. Work along the edge of a finished item. (To make a length of picot edge to add to a ready-to wear purchased item, begin with a chain, or a strip of single crochet or double crochet.)



2. Single crochet in the first stitch.



3. Chain 3, single crochet in the next stitch.



4. Single crochet in the next 3 stitches. Chain 3, single crochet in the next stitch. (Picot formed).



5. Repeat step 4 across the row.



MEDIUM PICOT STITCH:



Picot stitch

1. Repeat the instructions for small picot stitch, but chain 5, instead of chain 3.
2. To make a slightly flared picot edge, as shown in the photo to the right, do the sequence of single crochet, chain 5, single crochet in the same stitch.
3. This will flare out slightly, and could be useful for the bottoms of tank tops, or skirts, on the edges of sleeves, or hats.



2. Slip stitch in the 6th stitch from the hook.



3. Slip stitch in the last stitch of the chain. Single crochet in the next 3 stitches.



BAUBLE ENDED PICOT STITCH:

1. Follow the instructions for the small picot stitch, except chain 7 instead of chain 3.



4. Repeat steps 1, 2, and 3 across the row.





Seed stitch

This seven step tutorial teaches you how to crochet the seed stitch. The seed stitch is an alternating single and double crochet stitch. It gives a closed stitch, which resembles a knitted seed stitch.

1. Start with a chain. Turn, single crochet in the 2nd stitch from the hook.



2. Double crochet in the next stitch.



3. Single crochet in the next stitch.



4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 across the row.



5. One row of seed stitch completed.



6. At the end of the row, turn. If you ended in a double crochet, then single crochet in the first stitch. If you ended in a single crochet, slip



Seed stitch



STEP 6 · CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

stitch in the first stitch, chain 2, (takes the place of the first double crochet), single crochet in the next stitch.

7. Continue across the row, alternating by making a single crochet in the double crochet of the previous row, and vice versa. Photo shows 3 rows of seed stitch completed.





Crochet in the round

This is a great step by step tutorial that teaches you how to crochet in the round. Follow these simple steps and you'll be able to crochet a lovely pattern.

Steps:

1. Chain a ring on which to build your crochet in the round: chain 5, slip stitch to join.



2. Chain 2 to begin to double crochet.



3. Make the required number of double crochet stitches for the round. In this case 10 double crochet, plus the chain 2.



- 4, 5, and 6. Slip stitch to join. Slip stitch into the top of the chain 2 at the beginning of the row. (See below, step 15 and 16 for the correct stitch to slip stitch into).



7. Chain 2 to begin the next round of stitches.



8. Turn the work to go in the other direction. (You may also crochet in the round in spiral fashion, in which case you do not turn.)



Crochet in the round



9. and 10. Complete the required number of stitches for the round. (In almost all cases, you will be increasing stitches in this round.)



11, 12, and 13. Slip stitch to join the round.



14. Close-up of the stitch to slip stitch into in order to have an invisible seam.



15. The arrow points to the correct stitch in which to make the slip stitch to join. The most common error in crochet in the round is slip stitching in the wrong stitch. The arrow in photo 15 points to the correct stitch in which to make the slip stitch to join.



16. NOTE: In photo 16, see that the hook actually passes under two strands of yarn. It may seem that you have gone over one stitch too far, however, the stitch before this one does not have two strands to pass the hook under.



Crochet in the round



17. Photo 17 shows a 3 row round, with no obvious area of the slip stitch and turn.





Basketweave stitch

The basketweave stitch is a dense stitch with an interesting texture which looks like a basket. This stitch is also called the waffle stitch. Follow this great tutorial to create your very own basketweave stitch. In order to make the Basket-weave stitch, you will need to know the chain stitch, and the double crochet stitch. This stitch is achieved by manipulating a double crochet stitch, first in the front of the stitch of the previous row, and then in the back of the stitch. These stitches are referred to as front post stitch, and back post stitch.

1. First make a foundation piece on which to make your stitches: Chain 22.



2. Double crochet in the 3rd stitch from the hook, and in each stitch of the chain.



3. How to do the front post stitch:
Chain 2 and turn.

Yarn over, insert the hook under the post of the next double crochet of the previous row.



*Then yarn over, and complete a double crochet stitch.





Basketweave stitch

Repeat from * in the next 2 stitches.
This gives you a total of 4 front post stitches. (The first chain 2 takes the place of the 1st double crochet.)



4. How to do the back post stitch:
*Insert the hook behind the next double crochet of the previous row, and complete a double crochet.

Repeat from * for 3 more times.



(4 back post stitches completed.)



(Photo above shows the foundation row of double crochet, and one row of alternating front post and back post stitches.)

When you arrive at the end of the row, chain 2 and turn. Repeat steps 3 and 4 throughout the construction of your project.

(You will always begin with only 3 double crochet stitches, as the chain 1 takes the place of the first double crochet. Then continuing across the row, you will alternate 4 front post stitches, and 4 back post stitches.)



Basketweave stitch

YOU WILL ALWAYS BEGIN WITH THE SAME STITCH AS THE LAST 4 STITCHES OF THE PREVIOUS ROW. That means if you finished with 4 front post stitches, you will begin the next row with 4 front post stitches.



(The photo above shows two rows of alternating front post and back post stitches, plus the foundation row of double crochet stitches.)



(Above photo shows 6 rows completed of basket-weave stitch, plus the foundation row of double crochet stitches.)

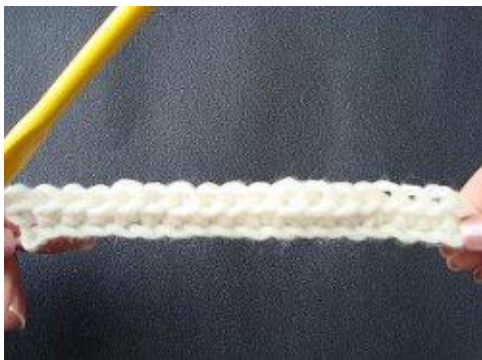
These examples were shown using a larger than usual hook to show the stitches clearly. When completed with a smaller hook, you will achieve a more dense, textured stitch.



Cable stitch

This is a great crochet tutorial for you to follow. Learn how to make a cable stitch in only eight steps. Four stitches are needed for the cable stitch.

1. In order to make a crocheted cable you will need 4 stitches. Therefore chain in multiples of 4, plus add 3. For example, 4 cables would be 16 stitches, plus 3, equals 19, therefore chain 19 stitches. Single crochet in the 2nd stitch from the hook, and in each stitch of the chain.



2. Chain 3 and turn.



3. Skip the next stitch, double crochet in each of the next 3 stitches.



4. Insert the hook, from front to back, into the first stitch skipped.



5. Draw up a loop, loosely, bring it to the top of the last double crochet



Cable stitch



STEP 5 • CONTINUED FROM PAGE 15

worked, and finish the double crochet with yarn over, and through the loops.

6. Repeat steps 3, 4, and 5 across the row. End the row with a double crochet in the last stitch. 7. Chain 1 and turn, single crochet in each stitch across the row.



8. Repeat the steps, starting at step 2. 9. Photo shows 3 rows of cable stitch completed.



Checkerboard stitch

The checkerboard stitch is a really neat stitch. You can use just one for a dishcloth or crochet the squares together for a really neat-looking afghan. This tutorial is a great step by step guide.

1. Start with a chain. Double crochet in the 3rd stitch from the hook, and in the next stitch.



2. Chain 3.



3. Skip the next 3 stitches. Double crochet in each of the next 3 stitches.



4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 across the row. Always end with a double crochet in the last stitch.



5. Chain 3 and turn.





Checkerboard stitch

6. Make 2 double crochet in the chain 3 space of the previous row. (The chain 3 takes the place of the first double crochet.)



7. Chain 3, make 3 double crochet in the chain 3 space of the previous row.



8. Repeat step 6 across the row.



9. Photo shows 3 rows of checkerboard stitch completed.



10. One checkerboard square is shown on the right.





Crazy shell stitch

Follow this step by step tutorial to learn how to make a crazy shell stitch. You first begin in a chain with multiples of three, but you'll read that in the tutorial. This is a beautiful stitch you will want to learn.

1. Begin with a chain, in multiples of three, plus one extra. For example, 15 plus 1, or 18 plus 1, or 21 plus 1. Make 3 double crochet in the 4th stitch from the hook. in the 4th stitch from the hook.



Skip the next 3 stitches, single crochet in the next stitch.



*Chain 3



Make 3 double crochet in the same stitch, skip the next 3 stitches, single crochet in the next stitch.



Repeat from * across the row. End with a single crochet.



Crazy shell stitch



2nd ROW:
Chain 3 and turn. Make 3 double crochet in the single crochet of the previous row. (The same stitch as the chain 3 just made.)



Single crochet in the next chain 3 space.
(You will find it on the opposite side of the next double crochet cluster of the previous row.)



*Chain 3, make 3 double crochet in the same chain 3 space. Single crochet in the next chain 3 space.



Repeat from * across the row.
3. Repeat the 2nd Row until you achieve the required size of your project.





Popcorn stitch

Making a popcorn stitch is quite easy if you have the proper directions on how to do so. All you do is make a cluster of double crochet stitches in the same stitch. This great tutorial will show you how.



1. Chain a foundation chain which can be divided by 3. Single crochet in the 2nd stitch from the hook and in each stitch of the chain.



2. Chain 1 and turn, single crochet in the next 2 stitches. * In the next stitch, make 5 double crochet, keeping the last loop of each stitch on the hook.



3. Slip stitch into all the 6 loops on the hook.





Popcorn stitch



4. Single crochet in the next 3 stitches.



5. Repeat step 2, 3, and 4 across the row, beginning at * in step 2.
6. Chain 1 and turn, single crochet in each stitch across the row. (In the popcorn stitch, single crochet in the center stitch.)



(Single crochet in the center stitch of the back side of the popcorn stitch.)

7. Repeat the sequence of steps 2, 3, 4, 5, for the number of rows required to complete your project.



(2 rows of popcorn stitch completed) (3 rows of popcorn stitch completed.)



Shell stitch

Follow this seven step tutorial to learn how to crochet a shell stitch. You can then use this stitch in any pattern you wish.

1. Start with a chain.



2. Double crochet in the 3rd stitch from the hook.



3. Make 4 more double crochet stitches in the same stitch.



4. Skip the next 3 stitches, make 5 double crochet in the next stitch.



5. Repeat step 4 across the row.



6. At the end of the row, turn, slip stitch in the first 3 stitches, chain 2, make 4 double crochet in the same stitch. Then repeat step 4 across the row.
7. Repeat step 6 for each subsequent row of the shell stitch.

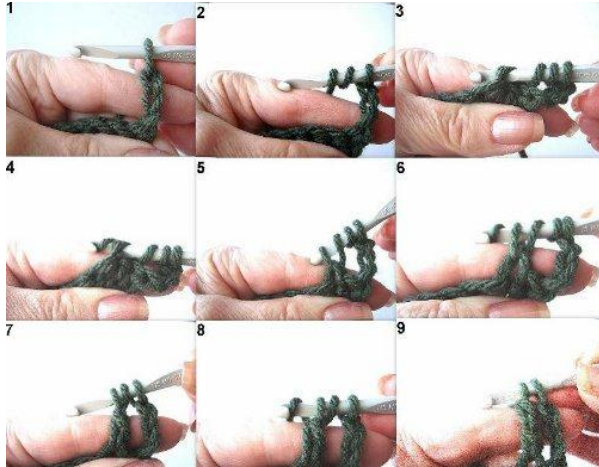




Treble stitch

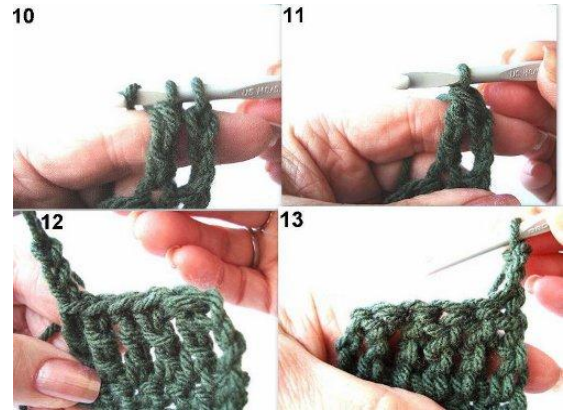
This tutorial shows many images that will help you crochet a treble stitch. Use this tutorial and then show others how to do this stitch.

Steps:



1. To start to make a row of treble crochet, first chain 3.
2. Yarn over the hook 2 times. (3 loops on the hook.)
3. Insert the hook into the next stitch.
4. Hook onto the yarn.
5. Pull through the stitch. (4 loops on the hook.)
6. Hook onto the yarn.
7. Pull through 2 loops. (3 loops remaining on the hook.)
8. Hook onto the yarn.

9. Pull through 2 loops. (2 loops remaining on the hook.)



10. Hook onto the yarn.
11. Pull through the last 2 loops on the hook (1 loop remaining on the hook.) Repeat steps from 2 to 11 for each treble crochet.
12. At the end of the row of treble crochet, chain 3.
13. Turn the work to begin working on the next row.

NOTE: Always insert the hook into the second stitch of the row, as the chain 3 is equivalent to the first treble crochet of the row. Photo 14.





Magic circle

There are several ways to start a round. One of those ways is the magic circle. The magic circle allows you to pull the hole closed. Follow this tutorial to learn this stitch.

When crocheting in the round, there are several ways to start.

You may chain 4, slip stitch to join and form a ring.

You may chain 3, and make double crochet stitches in the 3rd stitch from the hook

Or

You may begin with the magic circle.

The first two methods will leave a hole in the center of your work.

The 'Magic Circle' will allow you to pull the hole closed.

To make the magic circle, first begin in the same manner as usual in crochet.

Make a loop.



Pick up the yarn.



Pull through the first loop.



Pick up the yarn again, to make a chain stitch.



Pull through the loop. (Chain stitch completed.)





Magic circle

Pick up the yarn again to begin a single crochet stitch.



Pull through the loop.



Pick up the yarn again, and finish the single crochet stitch.



Continue to make single crochet stitches in the main loop.



At the end of the round of single crochet stitches, pull on the yarn end to gather the hole closed, and continue with your pattern.



Photo below shows the magic circle finished, with the hole gathered closed.





Reverse single crochet

The reverse single crochet stitch is a versatile stitch for producing a Bouillon edge to finished projects. You can learn this stitch for the edges of afghans, place-mats, or other square items that need a more substantial edge. This is a simple tutorial.

1. After completing a row of single crochet stitches, do not turn.



(Completed row of single crochet stitches.)

2. Do not turn the work. Insert the hook back into the 2nd last stitch completed.



3. Yarn over, and pull through the stitch, just as you would for a single crochet.



4. Yarn over again, and pull through the two loops on the hook.



5. Insert the hook into the next stitch.



Reverse single crochet



6. Yarn over, and pull through.



7. Yarn over, and pull through the two loops on the hook.



8. Continue making the reverse single crochet across the row, and the end result is a lovely, coiled style edge to your finished projects.



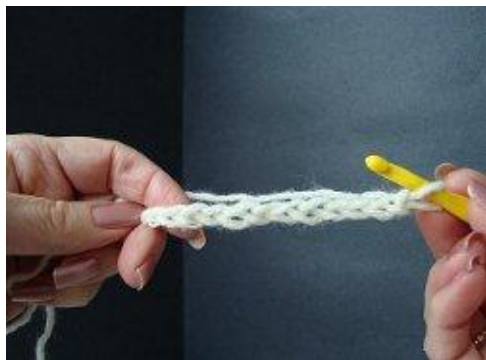


Tunisian crochet

The Tunisian crochet stitch is known by several names: The Afghan stitch, Railroad Knitting, Hook, knitting, tricot crochet, shepherd's knitting. Follow this step by step tutorial to learn the famous Tunisian crochet stitch.

Unless you have a traditional Tunisian crochet hook, which is a very long handled crochet hook, then Tunisian crochet is really only practical for making smaller items, such as wallets, headbands, belts, and other small items which don't require more than a dozen stitches across the row. That's because all the stitches stay on the hook, and any more than that, they will fall off the back end of the hook!

So, to begin Tunisian crochet, first chain as many stitches as your project requires.



Then work back down the chain, as though making the first half of a single crochet, but keeping that loop on the hook as you progress down the row. At the end of the row, you will have as many loops on your hook as your chain (minus 1 to accommodate the turn.)



So if you had a chain of 13 stitches, you will have 12 loops on the hook.

Now, do not turn the work,* yarn over, and pull through 2 loops. Repeat from * all across the row, until you have only one loop remaining on the hook.





Tunisian crochet



Now, you proceed back down the row again, picking up a loop at each stitch. (Pass the hook through the stitch that looks like a knitting stitch, and pass right through to the other side. (2nd photo below.)). Count the number of loops on the hook to maintain the correct number of stitches in each row. (It's easy to miss the last stitch if you are not counting!)



Yarn over, and pull through to the front, keeping the loop on the hook.



Continue down the row.



4 rows of Tunisian stitch completed.



Tunisian crochet



Tunisian stitch, viewed from the back side.





Beginner Granny Afghan

Use this free crochet afghan pattern to make a beautiful versatile granny afghan. The colorful flowers make a really nice design. Follow the diagram to get a granny just as good as this one.



Materials:

- Worsted acrylic yarn: 3 skeins 313 Aran
- A, 1 skein each 320 Cornmeal B, 661 Frosty Green C,
- 528 Medium Purple D, 774 Light Raspberry E, and 382
- Country Blue F.
- Crochet Hook: 5.5mm [US I-9].
- Yarn needle.

GAUGE: Square measures 5½" x 5½". **CHECK YOUR**

GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

NOTE: After the first square, all others are joined while working Rnd 5.

FIRST SQUARE 1

Rnd 1: With B ch 4; 2 dc in 4th ch from hook, ch 3, [3 dc in same st, ch 3] 3 times more; join with a slip st to top of ch-3. Fasten off.

Rnd 2: Join C in any ch-3 space; (ch 3, 2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) all in same space, ch 1, * (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) all in next ch-3 space, ch 1; repeat from * around; join in top of ch-3. Fasten off.

Rnd 3: Join D in any ch-1 space; (ch 4, 2 tr, ch 3, 3 tr) all in same space for corner, ch 3, skip ch-3 space, * (3 tr, ch 3, 3 tr) all in next ch-1 space for corner, ch 3, skip ch-3 space; repeat from * around; join. Fasten off.

Rnd 4: Join A in any corner ch-3 space; (ch 3, 2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) all in same space, ch 3, * working over the ch-3 of

Rnd 3, 3 dc into ch-3 space of Rnd 2, ch 3 **, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) all in next ch-3 space, ch 3; repeat from * around, end at **; join.

First Square Only-Rnd 5: Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, sc in next 2 dc, * 3 sc in corner ch-3 space, sc in next 3 dc, ch 1; working over the ch-3 space of Rnd 4, sc in 2nd tr of 3-tr group of Rnd 3 - long sc made; ch 1, sc in next 3 dc, ch 1, long sc, ch 1, sc in next 3 dc; repeat from * around; join. Fasten off.

All Remaining Squares-Joining Rnd 5: Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, sc in next 2 dc, sc in corner ch-3 space, slip st in center sc of corner of completed square, sc in corner space of square in progress, [sc in next 3 dc, slip st in corresponding ch-1 space of completed square, long sc, slip st in next ch-1 space of completed square] twice, sc in next 3 dc, sc in next ch-3 corner space, slip st in center sc of next corner of completed square, sc in corner space of square in progress - one side joined; * [sc in next 3 dc, ch 1, long sc, ch 1] twice **, sc in next 3 dc, 3 sc in corner ch-3 space; repeat from * around, end at **; join. Fasten



Beginner Granny Afghan

off. Note: Join on 2 sides in similar manner when necessary.

SQUARES 1 (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10)

Work Rnds 1-4 same as First Square 1 and Joining Rnd 5 as above in the following color sequences following the diagram:

Square 1 (Make 7 More): B, C, D, A, A.

Square 2 (Make 5): C, D, E, A, A.

Square 3 (Make 5): C, E, C, A, A.

Square 4 (Make 7): F, C, B, A, A.

Square 5 (Make 5): E, F, D, A, A.

Square 6 (Make 6): D, B, E, A, A.

Square 7 (Make 5): E, B, C, A, A.

Square 8 (Make 7): D, F, B, A, A.

Square 9 (Make 4): F, E, C, A, A.

Square 10 (Make 4): B, F, E, A, A.

1	4	8	1	8	6	4
10	1	3	4	9	2	5
8	7	6	1	8	7	6
5	4	3	2	1	10	9
8	7	6	5	4	3	2
1	10	9	8	7	6	5
4	3	2	1	10	9	8
7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Border

Rnd 1: With right side facing, join D in any st; ch 1, sc evenly around entire afghan, taking care to keep work flat and working 3 sc in each corner; join with a slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Rnd 2: With right side facing, join E in any st; ch 1, sc in each sc around and work 3 sc in center sc of corner 3-sc group; join. Fasten off. Rnds 3-6: Repeat Rnd 2 with B, D, F, A. Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS: A, B, etc. = color A, B, etc.; ch = chain; dc = double crochet; mm = millimeters; rnd = round; sc = single crochet; st(s) = stitch(es); tr = treble crochet; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.



Blush Rose Afghan

Feel the love and warmth in this blush rose afghan. This intermediate crochet pattern makes a great gift and looks lovely in the springtime.



Afghan measures 50" x 63".

Materials:

- Worsted acrylic yarn: 5 skeins 774 Light Raspberry.
- Crochet Hooks: 6.5mm [US K-10.5].
- Yarn needle.

GAUGES: 4 DCL = 5" across; 4 rows = 4" in pattern. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

Special Abbreviations

SCL (single cluster) = [yo and draw up a

loop, yo and draw through 2 loops] twice all in st indicated, yo and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

DCL (double cluster) = For Row 1 Only: [yo and draw up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops] twice all in same ch as last cluster, skip next 3 ch, [yo and draw up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops] twice all in next ch, yo and draw through all 5 loops on hook. For All Other Rows: [yo and draw up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops] twice all in same st as last cluster, skip next petal, [yo and draw up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops] twice all in top of next cluster, yo and draw through all 5 loops on hook.

Petal = ch 3, dc in 3rd ch from hook.

2-tr-cl (3-tr-cl) [2 treble cluster (3 treble cluster)] = * [yo] twice, draw up a loop in space indicated, [yo and draw through 2 loops] twice; repeat from * once (twice) more, yo and draw through 2 (3) loops, yo and draw through last 2 loops on hook.

AFGHAN

Ch 127.

Row 1 (Wrong Side): Dc in 3rd ch from hook (counts as beginning SCL), skip next 3 ch, SCL in next ch, * work petal, work DCL; repeat from * across; work petal, SCL in same ch as last leg of last DCL; turn.

Row 2 (Right Side): Ch 3, dc in 3rd ch from hook (counts as beginning SCL), skip first petal, SCL in top of next cluster, * work petal, work DCL; repeat from * across working last leg of last DCL in top of last SCL, work petal, SCL in same st as last leg of last DCL; turn.



Blush Rose Afghan

Rows 3-58: Repeat Row 2 for pattern.

Row 59: Ch 3, 2 dc in first cluster, ch 1, slip st in ch-3 space of first petal, * ch 3, slip st in next petal; repeat from * to last cluster; ch 3, 2 dc in last cluster, ch 2, slip st in top of ch-2. Fasten off.

Edging

Rnd 1: With right side facing, attach yarn at lower right corner of afghan; ch 1, [3 sc in corner, 199 sc across long side to next corner, 3 sc in corner, 119 sc across short side] twice; join with a slip st in first sc.

Rnd 2: Slip st in next (corner) sc, [3 sc in corner sc, sc in each sc across to next corner] 4 times; join - 201 sc between corner sc on each long edge and 121 sc between corner sc on each short edge. Fasten off.

Border

Upper Edge

With right side facing, attach yarn in center corner sc at upper right corner.

Row 1: Ch 1, sc in same sc, * ch 5, skip 3 sc **, sc in next 7 sc; repeat from * to next corner sc; sc in corner sc; TURN.

Row 2: Ch 4, (2-tr-cl, ch 3, 3-tr-cl, ch 5, 3-tr-cl, ch 3, 3-tr-cl) all in first ch-5 space, (3-tr-cl, ch 3, 3-tr-cl, ch 5, 3-tr-cl, ch 3, 3-tr-cl) all in each ch-5 space across; turn.

Row 3: Ch 4, (3-tr-cl, ch 3, 3-tr-cl, ch 5, 3-tr-cl, ch 3, 3-tr-cl) all in each ch-5 space across, ch 4, slip st in top of last cluster. Fasten off.

Row 4: With right side facing, attach yarn in the first ch-3 space at beginning of Row 3;

ch 1, * (sc, ch 3, sc) all in ch-3 space, ch 1, ([sc, ch 3] 3 times, sc) all in ch-5 space, ch 1, (sc, ch 3, sc) all in ch-3 space, ch 1 **, slip st in top of next 2 clusters, ch 1; repeat from * across, end at **; slip st in top of last cluster. Fasten off.

Lower Edge: Repeat Rows 1-4 on lower edge.

Long Sides

Repeat Rows 1-4 on each long side using the SAME center corner sc as upper and lower borders to start and end Row 1.

Corners: ** With wrong side facing, tack together the center edges of the first 3 tr cl on Row 2 of border on each side where they meet at corner.

With right side facing, attach yarn at right edge of any corner opening in the beginning ch-4 space of Row 3; ch 1, (sc, ch 3, sc, ch 5, sc) all in same space, ch 15, slip st in first sc of Row 4 of border. Fasten off.

With right side facing, attach yarn at left edge of same corner in the last sc of Row 4; ch 11, slip st in 4th ch of corresponding ch-15 on opposite edge, ch 4, sc in the ending ch-4 space on Row 3 on same side, ch 2, slip st in corresponding ch-5 space on opposite edge, ch 2, sc in same ch-4 space, ch 1, slip st in corresponding ch-3 space on opposite edge, ch 1, sc in same ch-4 space. Fasten off.

With right side facing, attach yarn in ch-11 loop; ch 1, * ([sc, ch 3] 6 times, sc) all in same loop; repeat from * in next loop. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Repeat from ** for each corner.



Soft Bobble Afghan

Free crochet patterns like this one make it all worth your time. This afghan uses a bobble design with a soft boucle patterns. It's a simple-to-make crochet afghan pattern that you can keep for yourself or give as a gift. The tassels make for a great finish.



Materials:

- Soft bouclé yarn (140 g / 5 oz)
- Main Color (#06908 Sea Breeze) 4 balls
- Contrast A (#06703 Natural) 2 balls
- Size 6.5 mm (U.S. K or 10½) crochet hook or size needed to obtain tension.

TENSION

11 dc and 6 rows = 4 ins [10 cm].

INSTRUCTIONS

With MC, ch 180.

1st row: (WS). 1 dc in 4th ch from hook. *(Ch 1. Miss next ch. 1 dc in next ch) 3 times. Ch 1. Miss next ch. (1 dc. Ch 3. 1 dc) all in next ch. (Ch 1. Miss next ch. 1 dc in next ch) 3 times. Ch 1. Miss next ch. Yoh

and draw up a loop in next ch. Yoh and draw through 2 loops on hook. Miss next 3 ch. Yoh and draw up a loop in next ch. Yoh and draw through 2 loops on hook. Yoh and draw through all 3 loops on hook - dec2tog made. Rep from * to last 16 ch. (Ch 1. Miss next ch. 1 dc in next ch) 3 times. Ch 1. Miss next ch. (1 dc. Ch 3. 1 dc) all in next ch. (Ch 1. Miss next ch. 1 dc in next ch) 4 times. Join A. Ch 3. Turn.

2nd row: Miss first dc. (1 dc in next ch 1 sp. 1 dc in next dc) 4 times. *(2 dc. Ch 3. 2 dc) all in next ch 3 sp. (1 dc in next dc. 1 dc in next ch 1 sp) 3 times. Yoh and draw up a loop in next dc. Yoh and draw through 2 loops on hook. Miss next dec2tog. Yoh and draw up a loop in next dc. Yoh and draw through 2 loops on hook. Yoh and draw through all 3 loops on hook - dc2tog made. (1 dc in next ch 1 sp. 1 dc in next dc) 3 times. Rep from * 7 times more. (2 dc. Ch 3. 2 dc) all in next ch 3 sp. (1 dc in next dc. 1 dc in next ch 1 sp) 4 times. Miss next dc. 1 dc in top of ch 3. Join MC. Ch 3. Turn.

3rd row: Miss first 3 dc. (1 dc in next dc. Ch 1. Miss next dc) 4 times. *(1 dc. Ch 3. 1 dc) all in next ch 3 sp. (Ch 1. Miss next dc. 1 dc in next dc) 3 times. Ch 1. Miss next dc. Dc2tog over next 3 sts. (Ch 1. Miss next dc. 1 dc in next dc) 3 times. Ch 1. Miss next dc. Rep from * 7 times more. (1 dc. Ch 3. 1 dc) all in next ch 3 sp. (Ch 1. Miss next dc. 1 dc in next dc) 4 times. Ch 1. Miss next 2 dc. 1 dc in top of ch 3. Ch 3. Turn.

4th row: Miss first dc, ch 1 sp and next dc. (1 dc in next ch 1 sp. 1 dc in next dc) 4 times. *(2 dc. Ch 3. 2 dc) all in next ch 3 sp. (1 dc in next dc. 1 dc in next ch 1 sp) 3 times. Dc2tog over next 5 sts. (1 dc in next ch 1 sp. 1 dc in next dc) 3 times. Rep from * 7 times more. (2 dc. Ch 3. 2 dc) all in next ch 3 sp. (1 dc in next dc. 1 dc in next ch 1 sp) 4 times. Miss next dc. 1 dc in top of ch 3. Ch



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3. Turn.

5th row: Miss first 2 dc. 1 dc in each of next 9 dc. *(1 dc. Ch 3. 1 dc) all in next ch 3 sp. 1 dc in each of next 7 dc. Dc2tog over next 3 sts. 1 dc in each of next 7 dc. Rep from * 7 times more. (1 dc. Ch 3. 1 dc) all in next ch 3 sp. 1 dc in each of next 9 dc. Miss next dc. 1 dc in top of ch 3. Join A. Ch 3. Turn.

6th row: Miss first 2 dc. 1 dc in each of next 4 dc. Yoh and draw up a loop in next dc. Yoh and draw through 2 loops on hook. Yoh and draw through one loop on hook. (Yoh and draw up a loop in same dc. Yoh and draw through 2 loops on hook. Yoh and draw through one loop on hook) 4 times. Yoh and draw through all 6 loops on hook - Bobble made. 1 dc in each of next 2 dc. Bobble in next dc. 1 dc in next dc. *(1 dc. Ch 3. 1 dc) all in next ch 3 sp. 1 dc in next dc. (Bobble in next dc. 1 dc in each of next 2 dc) twice.** Dc2tog over next 3 sts. (1 dc in each of next 2 dc. Bobble in next dc) twice. 1 dc in next dc. Rep from * 7 times more, then from * to ** once. 1 dc in each of next 2 dc. Miss next dc. 1 dc in top of ch 3. Join MC. Ch 3. Turn.

7th row: Miss first 2 dc. 1 dc in each of next 9 sts. *(1 dc. Ch 3. 1 dc) all in next ch 3 sp. 1 dc in each of next 7 sts. Dc2tog over next 3 sts. 1 dc in each of next 7 sts. Rep from * 7 times more. (1 dc. Ch 3. 1 dc) all in next ch 3 sp. 1 dc in each of next 9 sts. Miss next dc. 1 dc in top of ch 3. Ch 3. Turn.

8th row: As 5th row, do not join A at end of row.

9th row: As 3rd row. Join A. Ch 3. Turn.

10th row: With A, as 4th row ending with join MC. Ch 3. Turn.

Rep 3rd to 10th rows until work from beg measures approx 65 ins [139.5 cm], ending on a 3rd row and omitting turning ch at end of last row. Fasten off.

Tassels: Cut a piece of cardboard 4½ ins [11 cm] wide. Wind A around cardboard 25 times. Break yarn leaving a long end and thread end through a needle. Slip needle through all loops and tie tightly. Remove cardboard and wind yarn tightly around loops ¾ inch [2 cm] below fold. Fasten securely. Cut through rem loops and trim ends evenly. Attach one tassel at each point of Afghan as illustrated.



Squares Throw

Using bright yarn you can crochet this brightly colored squares throw. It's an easy crochet pattern you can whip together in no time. This is a great throw to have when you're camping.



Materials:

- Bright acrylic yarn
- (100% acrylic; 6 oz/170 g, approx 315 yds/288 m):
 - #9607 Limelight (A), 2 skeins.
 - #9605 Mango (B), 2 skeins,
 - #9610 Grape (C), 3 skeins
- Acrylic yarn (100% acrylic; 6 oz/170 g, approx 315 yds/288 m):
 - #9727 Black (D), 3 skeins
- Crochet hook: One size US I/9 (5.5 mm), or size to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle (tn)

GAUGE

In Stitch pattern, 16 sts and 8 rows = 4"/10 cm Gauge is not critical for this project.

STITCHES USED

Chain (ch), Double crochet (dc), Single crochet (sc)

Stitch Pattern (multiple of 4 sts)

Row 1: Beginning in fourth ch from hook, dc in fourth ch (beg ch and dc count as first 2 dc), sc in next 2 ch, * dc in next 2 ch, sc in next 2 ch; repeat from * across, turn.

Row 2: Slip st in first sc, ch 3, dc in next sc (counts as first 2 dc), sc in next 2 dc, * dc in next 2 sc, sc in next 2 dc; repeat from * across, end dc in last 2 sc, sc in dc and in beg ch, turn.

Repeat Row 2 for St patt.

NOTES

1. Throw is worked in separate pieces, (4 small sections, 2 large sections).
2. Edging is worked around each section in joined rows, then sections are joined with a row of sc.
3. Border is worked after pieces are assembled.

SMALL SECTIONS (Make 4; 2 using A and 2 using B)

Using appropriate color, chain 35. Work in St patt until piece measures 21" from beginning. Fasten off.

LARGE SECTIONS (Make 2)

Using C, chain 75. Work in St patt until piece measures 21" from beginning. Fasten off.

EDGING (All sections)

Row 1: Using D, beginning in a corner ready to work across the first of last row of section, * work 3 dc in corner st; working in St pattern (dc over sc and sc over dc) work across to corner; work 3 dc in corner; continuing in St patt, work 2 sts in each row along side edge to next corner; repeat from * once, end join with a slip st in first dc, turn.



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Row 2: Ch 2, work in St patt (sc over dc and dc over sc) around, working 3 sc in center dc of each corner, join with a slip st in first st, turn.

Rows 3 and 4: Repeat Rows 1 and 2. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Assembly: Using D and working in sc, join pieces as follows:

Three Section Strips (Make 2): Join 1 A and 1 B section together at sides; join 1 C section to B section at sides.

Throw: Join Strips together, alternating colors sections as shown (see photo).

Border: Using D, join yarn with a slip st in any corner.

Row 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc), work 2 dc in same space as joining (3 dc for corner), work in dc evenly around, working 3 dc at each corner, join with a slip st in first st, turn.

Rows 2 - 4: Slip st to center st of corner; repeat Row 1, working 3 dc in center st of each corner.

Fasten off.

Weave in all ends.



Broomstick Lace Shawl

Done in broomstick lace, this shawl crochet pattern creates a truly elegant wrap for night or day. This triangle crochet shawl pattern includes a floral motif border. Follow the diagram for easy assembly of this intermediate crochet pattern.



MATERIALS:

- Yarn:
(100% acrylic; 6 oz/170 g, 315 yds/288 m skein): #9722 Plum Wine, 3 skeins
- Hook: One crochet hook size US H-8 (5 mm), or size to obtain gauge
- Size 35 (19 mm) knitting needle
- Yarn needle

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Shawl measures approximately 61"/155 cm wide (at top edge, widest point) x 27"/68.5 cm long;

Shawl Base (without motif strip) measures approximately 53"/134.5 cm (at top edge, widest point) x 20"/51 cm long

GAUGE

In single crochet (worked in front loops only), using US H-8 (5 mm) hook, 11 sts and **8 rows** = 3"/7.5 cm;

Each completed motif measures 4"/10 cm.

STITCHES USED

Chain (ch)

Double crochet (dc)

Single crochet (sc)

Treble crochet (tr)

SPECIAL TERM

sc2tog: Single crochet 2 together - Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, (two loops on hook), insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through all three loops on hook.



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NOTE

The shawl includes rows of Broomstick (Jiffy) lace. There are two steps in working Broomstick lace. First, loops of stitches are extended and placed on a large knitting needle (the broomstick). Next the loops are worked off the needle with single crochet.

HELPFUL

In Broomstick lace, there are many different ways to hold the large knitting needle. Experiment with different grips and placement of the large knitting needle to find a position that works for you.

SHAWL

Base

Ch 4.

Row 1: Sc in second ch from hook and in each remaining ch across, turn-3 sc.

Row 2 (RS): Ch 1, working in front loops only, sc in each st to last st, 2 sc in last st, turn-4 sc.

Row 3: Ch 2, turn, sc in second ch from hook; working in front loops only, sc in each sc across, turn-5 sc.

Rows 4 and 5: Work Rows 2 and 3-7 sc.

Row 6 (opening loops): Hold knitting needle close to work. Extend loop on hook

slightly and place on knitting needle.

*Working in front loops only, insert hook in next sc, yarn over and draw up a loop, extending the loop slightly place loop on the knitting needle; repeat from * to last sc; insert hook in front loop of last sc, yarn over and draw up a loop, place loop on the knitting needle, insert hook in back loop of last sc, yarn over and draw up a loop, place loop on the knitting needle, turn-8 loops on needle.

Row 7 (closing loops): Working loosely, insert hook in first loop on knitting needle, yarn over and draw up a loop; ch 1, 2 sc in same loop; remove loop from knitting needle, *sc in next loop on knitting needle, remove loop from knitting needle; repeat from * until all loops are removed from knitting needle, turn-9 sts.

Row 8 (RS): Ch 1, working in front loops only, sc in each st to last st, 2 sc in last st, turn-10 sc.

Row 9: Ch 2, turn, sc in second ch from hook; working in front loops only, sc in each sc across, turn-11 sc.

Rows 10-69: Repeat 4-9 ten times-71 sc.

Row 70: Ch 1, working in front loops only, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog, turn-70 sts.

Row 71: Ch 1, working in front loops only, sc2tog, sc in each remaining st across, turn-69 sts.

Row 72: Hold knitting needle close to work. Extend loop on hook slightly and place on knitting needle. *Working in front loops only, insert hook in next sc, yarn over and draw up a loop, extending the loop slightly



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place loop on the knitting needle; repeat from * to last sc; leave last sc unworked, turn-68 loops on needle.

Row 73 (closing loops): Working loosely, insert hook into first 2 loops on knitting needle at the same time, yarn over and draw up a loop; ch 1, inserting hook into first 2 loops at the same time, work 1 sc; remove loops from knitting needle, *sc in next loop on knitting needle, remove loop from knitting needle; repeat from * until all loops are removed from knitting needle, turn-67 sts.

Row 74: Ch 1, working in front loops only, sc in each st across to last 2 sc, sc2tog, turn-66 sts.

Row 75: Ch 1, working in front loops only, sc2tog, sc in each remaining st across, turn-65 sts.

Rows 76 and 77: Repeat Rows 74 and 75-63 sts.

Rows 78-137: Repeat Rows 72-77 ten times-3 sts.

Row 138: Ch 1, working in front loops only, sc in first st, sc2tog-1 st. Fasten off.

Edging

With WS facing and point facing upwards, join yarn with slip st in lower side corner.

Row 1: Ch 1, working along lower edge of shawl base, work 133 sc evenly spaced to point of shawl, 2 sc in point, work 133 sc evenly spaced to opposite corner of shawl base-268 sc. Fasten off.

MOTIF (make 19)

Ch 4; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: Ch 1, work 7 sc in ring; join with slip st in first sc.

Round 2: Ch 8, slip st in same st as join, *(slip st, ch 8, slip st) in next sc; repeat from * 6 more times; (sl st, ch 4, tr) in first sc (at base of beginning ch-8).

Round 3: Ch 1, sc in space formed by last st of previous round, ch 2, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-8 space, ch 2, *sc in next ch-8 sp, ch 2, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-8 sp, ch 2; repeat from * 2 more times; join with slip st in first sc.

Round 4: Ch 1, sc in same st as join, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 dc, (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 dc, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, *sc in next sc, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 dc, (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 dc, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp; repeat from * 2 more times; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Assemble Motif Strip

Arrange motifs according to assembly diagram. Using yarn needle, whipstitch motifs together.

FINISHING

Join Base and Motif Strip

With WS facing, join yarn with slip st in inner corner of first motif of strip.



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Row 1: Hold piece to work along inner v-edge of motif strip; ch 1, working along inner edge of motif strip, work 268 sc evenly spaced across inner edge to opposite corner of motif strip, turn.

Row 2 (opening loops): Hold knitting needle close to work. Extend loop on hook slightly and place on knitting needle.
*Working in front loops only, insert hook in next sc, yarn over and draw up a loop, extending the loop slightly place loop on the knitting needle; repeat from * across, turn-268 loops on needle.

Row 3 (closing loops): Working loosely, insert hook in first loop on knitting needle, yarn over and draw up a loop; ch 1, sc in same loop; remove loop from knitting needle, *sc in next loop on knitting needle, remove loop from knitting needle; repeat from * until all loops are removed from knitting needle, turn-268 sts.

Fasten off. Align sts of Row 3 with sts of shawl edging. Using yarn needle, whipstitch shawl base and motif strip together, sewing through corresponding sts.

Border

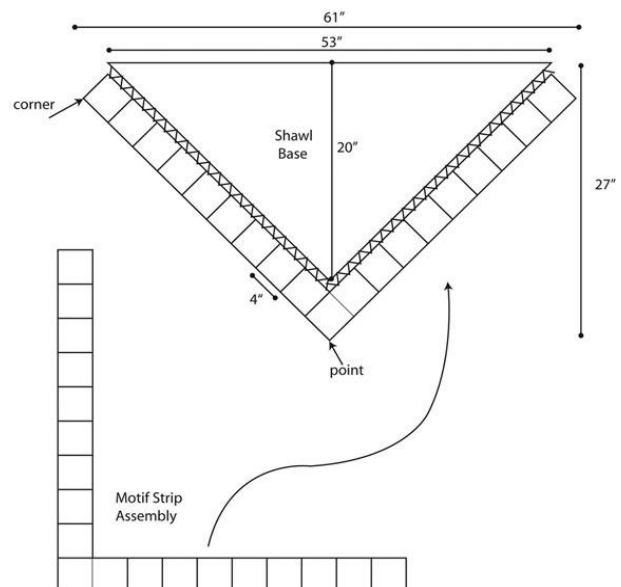
Note: The shawl has two side corners and one point. The corners are located at each side and correspond to the outer corners of the first and last motifs of the motif strip. The point is located at the lowest point of the shawl and corresponds with the lowest point of the center motif of the motif strip.

With RS facing, join yarn with slip st in any st along edge of shawl.

Round 1: Ch 1, work sc evenly spaced around entire shawl, working 3 sc in each corner and point of shawl; join with slip st in first st.

Round 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc around, working 3 sc in each corner and point of shawl; join with slip st in first st. Fasten off.

Using yarn needle, weave in ends.





Daisy Bag and Poncho

This easy crochet pattern is perfect for the spring season. This poncho and bag would make a great Easter outfit for anyone. Bright floral motifs really make it pop.



Poncho: To fit bust measurement

Extra-Small/Extra-Large

28 - 42 ins [71 - 106.5 cm]

2 Extra-Large/5 Extra-Large

44 - 62 " [112 - 157.5"]

Bag: Approx 11½ ins [29 cm] wide and 12 ins [30.5 cm] high (excluding handles).

GAUGE

14 dc and 7 rows = 4 ins [10 cm].

One Motif = approx 4 ins [10 cm].

MATERIALS

- Smooth acrylic yarn (100 g/3.5 oz)
- Sizes XS/XL (2XL/5XL)
- Poncho
- Main Color (MC) (Orange) 2-2 balls
- Contrast A (Yellow) 1-1 ball
- Contrast B (Aqua) 1-1 ball
- Bag

- Main Color (MC) (Orange) 1 ball
- Contrast A (Yellow) 1 ball
- Contrast B (Aqua) 1 ball
- Size 5 mm (U.S. H or 8) crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge.
- Pair of Handles 6 ins [15 cm] wide and ½ yd [0.5 m] of lining fabric for Bag.

ABBREVIATIONS

Approx = Approximately.

Beg = Beginning.

Ch = Chain.

Cont = Continue(ity).

Dc = Double crochet.

Hdc = Half double crochet.

Rep = Repeat.

Rnd(s) = Round(s).

RS = Right side.

Sc = Single crochet.

Sl st = Slip stitch.

Sp = Space.

St(s) = Stitch(es).

Tog = Together.

WS = Wrong side.

Yoh = Yarn over hook.

INSTRUCTIONS

Motif I

With MC, ch 5. Join with sl st to form a ring.

1st rnd: Ch 1. 12 sc in ring. Join with sl st to first sc. Break MC.

2nd rnd: Join A with sl st to any sc. *Ch 7. 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 hdc in next ch. 1 dc in each of next 2 ch. 1 hdc in each of last 2 ch. ** Sl st in each of next 2 sc. Rep from * 4 times more, then from * to ** once. Sl st in last sc. Fasten off.

Motif II

Work as for Motif I substituting B for A.

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The instructions are written for smaller size.



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If changes are necessary for larger size the instructions will be written thus ().

First Strip (Daisies)

Make Motif I.

Make Motif II, joining to Motif I as follows:

2nd rnd: Join B with sl st to any sc. *Ch 7. 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 hdc in next ch. 1 dc in each of next 2 ch. 1 hdc in each of last 2 ch. ** Sl st in each of next 2 sc.* Rep from * to * twice more. (Ch 7. Sl st in point of adjoining petal of Motif I. 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 hdc in next ch. 1 dc in each of next 2 ch. 1 hdc in each of last 2 ch. Sl st in each of next 2 sc) twice. Rep from * to ** once. Sl st in last sc. Fasten off.

Cont working Motifs I and II, joining as above until there are 14 (16) Motifs in total. Join last Motif II to first Motif I in same manner to form a ring.

Second Strip

1st rnd: With RS facing, join MC with sl st in point of top petal of First Motif A in First Strip. *Ch 12. Sl st in point of top petal of next Motif. Rep from * around, ending with ch 12. Join with sl st to first sl st.

2nd rnd: Ch 3 (counts as dc). *1 dc in each of next 12 ch. 1 dc in next sl st.

Rep from * around, ending with sl st in top of ch 3. 182 (208) dc.

3rd rnd: Ch 3 (counts as dc). *(Yoh and draw up a loop in next dc. Yoh and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice. Yoh and draw through all loops on hook - dc2tog made. 1 dc in each of next 5 (6) dc. Rep from * to last 6 (7) dc. Dc2tog. 1 dc in each of last 4 (5) dc. Join with sl st to top of ch 3. Fasten off. 156 (182) dc.

Third Strip (Daisies)

Make Motif I, joining tip of petal with sl st to joining sp at end of 3rd rnd of Second

Strip.

Make Motif II, joining 2 side petals to Motif I as before, then miss next 12 dc of Second Strip and join tip of bottom petal with sl st to next dc.

Rep from * to * alternating Motifs I and II until there are 12 (14) Motifs in total.

Join last Motif II to first Motif I in same manner to form a ring.

Fourth Strip (Top Edge)

1st rnd: With RS facing, join MC with sl st in point of top petal of First Motif I in Third Strip. *Ch 10. Sl st in point of top petal of next Motif. Rep from * around, ending with ch 10. Join with sl st to first sl st.

2nd rnd: Ch 3 (counts as dc). *1 dc in each of next 10 ch. 1 dc in next sl st. Rep from * around, ending with sl st in top of ch 3. 132 (154) dc.

3rd rnd: Ch 3 (counts as dc). *Dc2tog. 1 dc in each of next 2 (1) dc. Rep from * to last 3 (0) dc. (Dc2tog) 1 (0) time. 1 dc in each of last 1 (0) dc. Join with sl st to top of ch 3. 99 (103) dc. Fasten off.

Bottom Edging

1st rnd: With RS facing, join MC with sl st in point of bottom petal of First Motif I in First Strip. *Ch 12. Sl st in point of bottom petal of next Motif. Rep from * around, ending with ch 12. Join with sl st to first sl st.

2nd rnd: Ch 3 (counts as dc). *1 dc in each of next 12 ch. 1 dc in next sl st. Rep from * around, ending with sl st in top of ch 3. 182 (208) dc.

3rd rnd: Ch 3 (counts as dc). 1 dc in each dc around. Join with sl st to top of ch 3. Fasten off.

Bag

First Strip (Daisies)

Make Motif I.



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Make Motif II, joining to Motif I as follows:

2nd rnd: Join B with sl st to any sc. *Ch 7. 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 hdc in next ch. 1 dc in each of next 2 ch. 1 hdc in each of last 2 ch.** Sl st in each of next 2 sc.* Rep from * to * twice more. (Ch 7. Sl st in point of adjoining petal of Motif I. 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 hdc in next ch. 1 dc in each of next 2 ch. 1 hdc in each of last 2 ch. Sl st in each of next 2 sc) twice. Rep from * to ** once. Sl st in last sc. Fasten off.

Cont working Motifs I and II, joining as above until there are 6 Motifs in total. Join last Motif II to first Motif I in same manner to form a ring.

Second Strip (Daisies)

Work as for First Strip, beg with Motif B and joining tips of bottom petals to tips of top petals of First Strip.

Bottom Edging

1st rnd: With RS facing, join MC with sl st in point of bottom petal of First Motif I in First Strip. *Ch 14. Sl st in point of bottom petal of next Motif. Rep from * around, ending with ch 14. Join with sl st to first sl st.

2nd rnd: Ch 3 (counts as dc). *1 dc in each of next 14 ch. 1 dc in next sl st. Rep from * around, ending with sl st in top of ch 3. 90 dc.

3rd and 4th rnds: Ch 3 (counts as dc). 1 dc in each dc around. Join with sl st to top of ch 3. Fasten off. Place RS tog along bottom edge and work 1 row of sc through both thicknesses of last rnd to join bottom seam.

Top Edging

1st rnd: With RS facing, join MC with sl st in point of top petal of First Motif II in First Strip. *Ch 12. Sl st in point of bottom petal of next Motif.

Rep from * around, ending with ch 12. Join

with sl st to first sl st.

2nd rnd: Ch 3 (counts as dc). *1 dc in each of next 12 ch. 1 dc in next sl st. Rep from * around, ending with sl st in top of ch 3. 78 dc.

3rd rnd: Ch 3 (counts as dc). *Dc2tog. 1 dc in each of next 11 dc. Rep from * to end of row. Join with sl st to top of ch 3. 72 dc. Fasten off.

Divide for Handles: Next row: With RS facing, join MC with sl st to 5th st before joining sl st of last rnd. Ch 3 (counts as dc). 1 dc in each of next 35 sts. Turn.

Next row: Ch 3 (counts as dc). 1 dc in each dc across.

Rep last row once more. Fasten off.

With RS facing, join MC with sl st to next st and work 3 rows as for first side.

FINISHING: Cut lining fabric 13 x 24 ins [33 x 61 cm]. With WS tog sew side seams using French seam, so that finished seams are on WS of lining. Press top hem to WS and sew in position.

Place lining inside Bag so RS of fabric shows behind Motifs.

Sew top edge of lining to Bag below handle extensions, pleating lining to fit. Tack bottom fold of lining to WS of bottom seam of Bag.

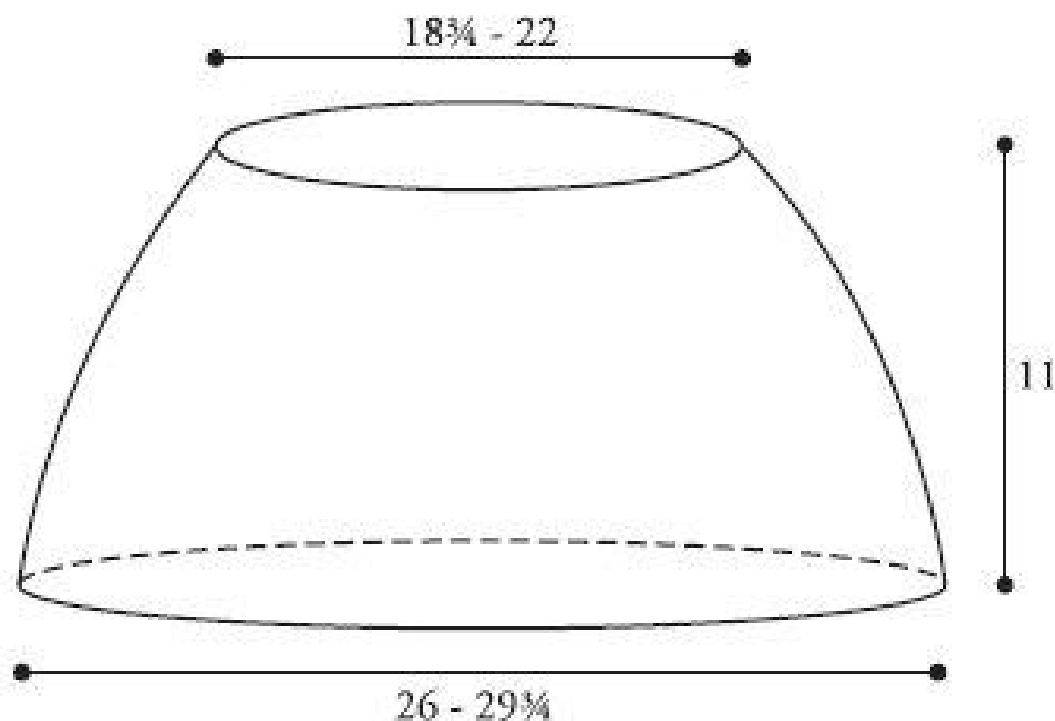
Fold handle extensions through handles. Sew in position.

French Seam

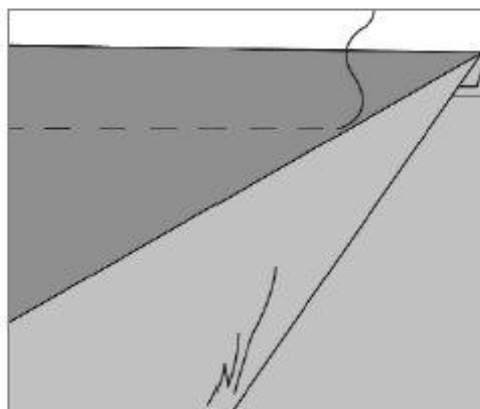
With WS tog stitch a seam $\frac{3}{8}$ inch [1 cm] wide. Trim this seam to $\frac{1}{8}$ inch [3 mm] and press to one side. Fold fabric with RS tog along seam line and press. Stitch a seam $\frac{1}{4}$ inch [6 mm] from fold.



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French Seam



With WS tog stitch a seam $\frac{3}{8}$ inch [1 cm] wide. Trim this seam to $\frac{1}{8}$ inch [3 mm] and press to one side. Fold fabric with RS tog along seam line and press. Stitch a seam $\frac{1}{4}$ inch [6 mm] from fold.



Elegant Sport Shawl



Use a free crochet shawl pattern like this one to make for yourself or a friend. It's an easy crochet pattern that will add a touch of elegance to any outfit.

Materials:

(Solids: 85 g/3 oz) 2 balls

OR

(Ombres: 70 g/2.4 oz) 3 balls

Size 4 mm (U.S. G or 6) crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge.

GAUGE: 4 shells and 6 rows = 4 ins [10 cm].

ABBREVIATIONS: See abbreviations on page 3.

INSTRUCTIONS

Ch 238 loosely.

Foundation row: (RS). 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Miss next 3 ch. [(1 dc. Ch 1) 3 times. 1 dc] in next ch - Shell made. *Miss next 5 ch. Shell in next sc. Rep from * to last 4 ch. Miss next 3 ch. 1 sc in last ch. Turn. 39 Shells.

1st row: Ch 5 (counts as dtr). 1 sc in center ch-1 sp of first Shell. *Ch 5. 1 sc in center ch-1 sp of next Shell. Rep from * to last sc. 1 dtr in last sc. Turn.

2nd row: Ch 1. 1 sc in first sc. *Shell in 3rd ch of ch 5. Rep from * to last sc. 1 sc in last sc.

Rep last 2 rows until 1 Shell rem. Fasten off.



Tiny Crochet Cat

Make a tiny crochet cat with this amigurumi crochet pattern. A group of four crochet kitties in coordinating soft yarns is just about the cutest thing you can imagine.



Materials:

- Size US-C/2.5mm Crochet Hook
- Light worsted yarn - White
- Light worsted yarn - Pink
- 6mm Safety Eyes
- Black Embroidery Floss (For Whiskers)
- Yellow Embroidery Floss (For Nose)
- Sewing Needle
- Sewing Thread
- Blunt Needle
- Polyester Fiberfill

- Satin Rosette (For Ear)

Notes:

- Worked in continuous rounds; do not join and do not turn unless specified.
- Use stitch marker to indicate beginning of rounds.
- The yarn is a light worsted weight yarn.
- Yarn listed is what I used - Size may vary with other yarns.

Abbreviations:

SC	=	Single Crochet
HDC	=	Half Double Crochet
Ch	=	Chain
Rnd(s)	=	Round(s)
Beg	=	Beginning
SL ST	=	Slip Stitch
Sts	=	Stitches
2tog (decrease)	=	Crochet 2 stitches together
*	=	Repeat stitches from * to end of *
2nd	=	Second
Approx	=	Approximately

Head:

Ch 2

Rnd 1: Work 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook = 5 sc

Rnd 2: Work 2 sc in each sc = 10 sc

Rnd 3: *Sc in first sc, 2 sc in 2nd sc*, repeat from * around = 15 sc

Rnd 4: *Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, repeat from * around = 20 sc

Rnd 5: *Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, repeat from * around = 25 sc



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Rnds 6-8: Sc in each sc around

Rnd 9: *Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, repeat from * around = 30 sc

Rnd 10: *Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, repeat from * around = 35 sc

Rnds 11-13: Sc in each sc around

Rnd 14: *Sc in next 5 sc, sc 2tog*, repeat from * around = 30 sc

Rnd 15: *Sc in next 4 sc, sc 2tog*, repeat from * around = 25 sc

Rnd 16: *Sc in next 3 sc, sc 2tog*, repeat from * around = 20 sc

Rnd 17: *Sc in next 2 sc, sc 2tog*, repeat from * around = 15 sc

Fasten off, leaving a tail long enough for sewing. Insert safety eyes. Stuff head. Do not sew opening closed.

Ears: (Make 2)

Ch 2

Rnd 1: Work 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook = 5 sc

Rnd 2: Work 2 sc in each sc around = 10 sc

Rnd 3-4: Sc in each sc around

Fasten off, leaving a tail long enough for sewing. Do not stuff ears. Sew ears on head.

Finishing the Head:

- Thread sewing needle with yellow embroidery floss and sew the nose.
- Now thread the sewing needle with black embroidery floss and sew the whiskers, three whiskers on each side.
- Thread needle with sewing thread and sew the rosette on one ear.

The head is done - now work on the body, arms and legs.

Body:

With Pastel Pink Yarn, Ch 2

Rnd 1: Work 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook = 5 sc

Rnd 2: Work 2 sc in each sc = 10 sc

Rnd 3: *Sc in first sc, 2 sc in 2nd sc*, repeat from * around = 15 sc

Rnd 4: *Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, repeat from * around = 20 sc

Rnd 5: *Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, repeat from * around = 25 sc

Rnd 6: *Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, repeat from * around = 30 sc

Rnds 7-11: Sc in each sc around

Rnd 12: *Sc in next 4 sc, sc 2tog*, repeat from * around = 25 sc

Rnd 13: *Sc in next 3 sc, sc 2tog*, repeat from * around = 20 sc

Rnd 14: *Sc in next 2 sc, sc 2tog*, repeat from * around = 15 sc

Rnd 15: *Sc in next sc, sc 2tog*, repeat from * around = 10 sc

Fasten off, leaving a tail long enough for sewing. Stuff body and sew opening closed. (This will be the bottom of the body). Flatten bottom and shape body into an oval.

Arms: (Make 2)

Ch 2

Rnd 1: Work 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook = 5 sc

Rnd 2: Work 2 sc in each sc around = 10 sc

Rnds 3-7: Sc in each sc around

Fasten off, leaving a tail long enough for sewing. Do not stuff arms. Flatten arms slightly and sew on body in front.

Legs (Make 4)

Ch 2



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Rnd 1: Work 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook = 5 sc

Rnd 2: Work 2 sc in each sc around = 10 sc

Rnds 3-5: Sc in each sc around

Fasten off, leaving a tail long enough for sewing. Do not stuff legs. Sew the legs on body. Flatten the bottom of the body so the Kitty can sit. After the legs are sewn, gently push the legs inward toward the body to shape.

Your Tiny Crochet Cat is done! Tiny cat measures 3" tall.

Tiny Crochet Cat Parade



All crocheted with Light worsted yarn -

Pastel Pink

Pastel Yellow

Bubble Gum

Lavender



Princess and Frog

With this crochet frog and crochet princess, kids can act out the classic fairytale "The Frog Prince." This crochet toy pair makes for fun make-believe during play-time.



Materials:

- Yarn: Worsted acrylic yarn- Princess: 1 Skein each 381 Light Blue A, 313 Aran B, 321 Gold C, 324 Bright Yellow D; Frog: 1 skein 368 Paddy Green A, 12" of 256 Carrot B.
- Crochet Hook: 3.75mm [US F-5].
- Split-lock stitch marker
- yarn needle
- stuffing
- Princess: 2 small blue buttons for eyes
- small amount red and black pearl cotton
- red crayon for cheeks
- Frog: two 12mm wiggle eyes.

SIZE: Princess measures 6" tall. Frog measures 6½" high from top of eyes to bottom of body.

GAUGE: 16 sc = 4"; 20 rnds = 4" in sc.

CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS:

inc (increase) = 2 sc in next sc.

dec (decrease) = draw up a loop in each of next 2 sc, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

NOTE: Work in continuous rounds of sc without joining unless otherwise indicated. Place a marker in first stitch of round and move up each round.

PRINCESS

HEAD AND BODY: Begin at top of head with B, ch 2.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook.

Rnd 2: 2 Sc in each sc around - 12 sc.

Rnd 3: [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times - 18 sc.

Rnd 4: [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times - 24 sc.

Rnd 5: [Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6times - 30 sc.

Rnds 6-12: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 13: [Dec] 15 times - 15 sc.

Neck-Rnd 14: [Sc in next 3 sc, dec] 3 times - 12 sc.

Body-Rnd 15: [Inc] 12 times - 24 sc. Cut B. Stuff head.

Rnds 16-24: With A, sc in each sc around. Stuff body.

Rnd 25: [Dec] 12 times - 12 sc.

Rnd 26: [Dec] 6 times - 6 sc. Fasten off. Finish stuffing.

Weave yarn tail through remaining 6 sc, draw up firmly to gather; fasten securely.



Princess and Frog

ARM (Make 2): With B, ch 2.

Rnd 1: 6 Sc in 2nd ch from hook.

Rnd 2: [Sc in next 2 sc, inc] twice - 8 sc.

Rnds 3-6: Sc in each sc around. Fasten off.

Stuff lightly. Sew opening flat and sew in place.

HAIR: With D, ch 2.

Rnds 1-3: Repeat Rnds 1-3 of Head - 18 sc.

Rnd 4: Working in front lps only, slip st in first sc,* ch 10, 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across **, slip st in next sc; repeat from * around, end at **; join. Fasten off. Sew Rnds 1-3 to center top of head.

CROWN: With C, ch 13.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; turn - 12 sc.

Row 2: [Ch 3, sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, skip next sc, sc in next sc] 6 times; bring beginning of this row around and join with a slip st to first sc. Fasten off. Sew to top center of hair.

EARS: With B, ch 2.

Row 1: 3 Sc in 2nd ch from hook; turn.

Row 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in next sc, 2 sc in last sc. Fasten off. Sew ears in place.

Sew on button eyes with black pearl cotton.

Embroider smile with red pearl cotton.

Color cheeks with crayon.

SKIRT: With A, ch 25.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; turn - 24 sc.

Row 2: Ch 3, dc in first sc, 2 dc in each sc across; turn - 48 sts.

Row 3: Ch 3, skip first dc, dc in each dc across and in top of ch-3; turn.

Row 4: Ch 1, [sc in dc, skip next dc, 5 dc in next dc, skip next dc] 12 times. Fasten off. Sew to waist; sew back seam.

LEG (Make 2): With B, ch 2.

Rnds 1 and 2: Repeat Rnds 1 and 2 of Head - 12 sc.

Rnd 3: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 4: Sc in first sc, [dec] 3 times, sc in last 5 sc - 9 sc.

Rnds 5-7: Sc in each sc around. Fasten off. Stuff. Sew in place.

FROG

HEAD AND BODY-Rnds 1-26: Work same as Princess Rnds 1-26 all with A.

EYE (Make 2): With A, ch 2.

Rnd 1: 6 Sc in 2nd ch from hook. **Rnd 2:** [Sc in next sc, inc] 3 times - 9 sc.

Rnd 3: Sc in each sc around. Fasten off. Insert wiggle eye. Sew in place at top of head as pictured.

ARM (Make 2)

Rnds 1-3: Work same as Princess Rnds 1-3 with A.

Row 4: Hold work flat and work 4 sc across through both thicknesses; turn - 4 sc.

“Fingers”-Row 5: Ch 3, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch, skip first sc on Row 4, slip st in next sc, [ch 3, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch, slip st in next sc on Row 4] twice. Fasten off. Sew in place.

LEG (Make 2)

Rnds 1-3: Work same as Princess Rnds 1-3. Rnds 4 and 5: Sc in each sc around. Stuff.

Row 6: Hold work flat and work 6 sc across through both thicknesses; turn - 6 sc.

“Toes”-Row 7: Ch 3, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch, skip first sc on Row 6, slip st in next sc, [ch 3, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch, skip next sc, slip st in next sc] twice. Fasten off. Sew in place. With B, stitch mouth as pictured. Weave in ends.



Year of the Tiger

Celebrate the Year of the Tiger with this free crochet pattern for all skill levels. He's just too cute not to keep out or give as a gift to those animal lovers.



MATERIALS

- Cotton yarn(70.9 g/ 2.5 oz; 109 m/120 yds)
 - Contrast A (01004 Soft Ecru) 1 ball
 - Contrast B (01130 Warm Brown) 1 ball
 - Contrast C (01628 Hot Orange) 1 ball
- Crochet Hook: size 3.5 mm (U.S. E or 4) or size needed to obtain gauge.
- Stuffing.
- 2 small black beads for eyes.
- Small amount of black embroidery floss for nose, mouth and belly button.

MEASUREMENT

Approx 7 ins [18 cm] tall.

GAUGE

16 sc and 20 rows = 4 ins [10 cm].

Stripe Pattern

With B, work 1 rnd.

With C, work 2 rnds.

These 3 rnds form Stripe Pat.

INSTRUCTIONS

HEAD

****With A, ch 2.**

1st rnd: 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Join with sl st to first sc.

2nd rnd: Ch 1. 2 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc. 12 sc.

3rd rnd: Ch 1. *2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in next sc. Rep from * around. Join with sl st to first sc. 18 sc.

4th rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc around. Join B with sl st to first sc.

5th rnd: With B, ch 1. 2 sc in each sc around. Join C with sl st to first sc. 36 sc.

6th rnd: With C, ch 1. 1 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc.

First 2 rnds of Stripe Pat are complete.

Keeping cont of Stripe Pat, rep last rnd 7 times more.

Keeping cont of Stripe Pat, proceed as follows:

Next rnd: Ch 1. *Draw up a loop in each of next 2 sc. Yoh and draw through all loops on hook - sc2tog made. 1 sc in each of next 4 sc. Rep from * around. Join with sl st to first sc. 30 sts.

Next rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc.

Next rnd: Ch 1. *Sc2tog over next 2 sc. 1 sc in next sc. Rep from * around. Join with sl st to first sc. 20 sts.

Stuff Head.

Next rnd: Ch 1. *Sc2tog over next 2 sts. Rep from * around. Join with sl st to first st.

Fasten off. 10 sts.

Stuff rem of Head. Draw yarn through rem sts. Pull tightly and fasten securely.



Year of the Tiger

First Leg

With A, ch 2.

1st rnd: 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Join with sl st to first sc.

2nd rnd: Ch 1. 2 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc. 12 sc.

3rd rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc around. Join B with sl st to first sc.

4th rnd: With B, as 3rd rnd.

First rnd of Stripe Pat is complete.

Keeping cont of Stripe Pat, rep last rnd 3 times more. Fasten off at end of last rnd.

Second Leg

Work as for First Leg.

Do not fasten off.

Keeping cont of Stripe Pat, cont as follows for Body:

BODY

Next rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in each of next 6 sc of Second Leg. Sl st in first sc of First Leg. 1 sc in same sp as sl st. 1 sc in each of next 11 sc of First Leg. 1 sc in each of last 6 sc of Second Leg. Join with sl st to first sc. 24 sc.

Next rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in each st around. Join with sl st to first sc.

Keeping cont of Stripe Pat, rep last rnd 5 times more.

Next rnd: Ch 1. *Sc2tog over next 2 sc. 1 sc in each of next 4 sc. Rep from * around. Join with sl st to first sc. 20 sts.

Next rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc.

Rep last rnd once more.

Next rnd: Ch 1. *Sc2tog over next 2 sc. 1 sc in each of next 3 sc. Rep from * around. Join with sl st to first sc. 16 sts.

Next rnd: Ch 1. *Sc2tog over next 2 sts. 1 sc in each of next 2 sts. Rep from * around.

Join with sl st to first sc. 12 sts. Fasten off.

Stuff Body and Legs.

Tummy

With A, ch 2.

1st rnd: 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Join with sl st to first sc.

2nd rnd: Ch 1. 2 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc. 16 sc.

3rd rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc. Fasten off.

With black embroidery floss, embroider belly button.

Stuff Tummy lightly and sew to front of Body as shown in picture.

Arms (make 2)

With A, ch 2.

****1st rnd:** 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Join with sl st to first sc.

2nd rnd: Ch 1. *2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in next sc. Rep from * around. Join with sl st to first sc. 9 sc.

3rd rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc around. Join B with sl st to first sc.

4th rnd: With B, as 3rd rnd.**

First rnd of Stripe Pat is complete.

Keeping cont of Stripe Pat, rep last rnd 5 times more. Fasten off.

Stuff Arms lightly.

Ears (make 2)

With C, ch 2. Work as given from ** to ** for Arms, omitting references to color changes.

Fasten off at end of last rnd.

Tail

Work as given for Arms. Stuff Tail lightly.

FINISHING

Sew Head to Body. Attach Ears to top of Head. Attach Arms to sides of Body. Attach Tail to back of Body. Sew beads to front of Head for Eyes. With black embroidery floss, embroider nose and mouth.



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