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Welcome to the world of amigurumi

A few words before you start

Hello, I am Emma Whitfield. This book is for anyone who has never picked up a crochet hook, and for those who know a little but want toys that really look lovely. Every pattern is explained step by step, round by round, with colour diagrams.

Amigurumi is the Japanese name for small crocheted toys, nearly always worked in a spiral and filled with stuffing. They make wonderful gifts: for a grandchild, a friend, a birthday or a christening. And they use very little yarn and very few supplies.

There is no hurry. Read this chapter slowly, practise the stitches with a light-coloured yarn and only then move on to the first project. If you make a mistake, pull it out and start again: it is part of the process. By your third toy, your hands will know the way.

What you will need

- **Cotton yarn** (or soft acrylic) in a medium weight. Cotton shows the stitches well and does not shed fluff. Start with light colours: you can see more easily where the hook goes in.

- **A crochet hook from 2.5 to 3.5 mm.** In each project we tell you the right size.
- **A yarn needle** (a thick, blunt-tipped needle) for sewing the pieces together and weaving in the ends.
- **Small, sharp scissors.**
- **Stitch marker**: marks the start of each round. A paper clip or a scrap of yarn in another colour works too.
- **Polyester toy stuffing**: light, washable and it does not clump.
- **Safety eyes, 6 to 10 mm** (only for toys for children over 3; read the safety section).

How to choose your yarn and hook

For amigurumi you use a hook that is **smaller** than the one on the yarn label. This keeps the stitches tight, so the stuffing does not show through the fabric.

Yarn (ball band)	Hook for amigurumi	Size of the toy
Fine cotton (3 mm hook on the label)	2.5 mm	Small and delicate
Medium cotton (3.5–4 mm hook on the label)	3 mm	Medium (the size used most in this book)
Soft medium acrylic (4 mm hook on the label)	3.5 mm	A little bigger and softer

> **Tip:** if you can see the stuffing between the stitches, change to a hook 0.5 mm smaller. If the stitches are so tight that it is hard to push the hook in, change to one 0.5 mm bigger.

Abbreviations

We always use the same abbreviations in every project in the book.

Abbreviation	Means
MR	magic ring
ch	chain
ss	slip stitch
dc	double crochet
htr	half treble
tr	treble
inc	increase: 2 dc in the same stitch
dec	decrease: 2 dc together, counts as 1 stitch
V1, V2…	Rnd 1, Rnd 2…
(…) ×6	repeat what is in the brackets 6 times

The basic stitches, step by step

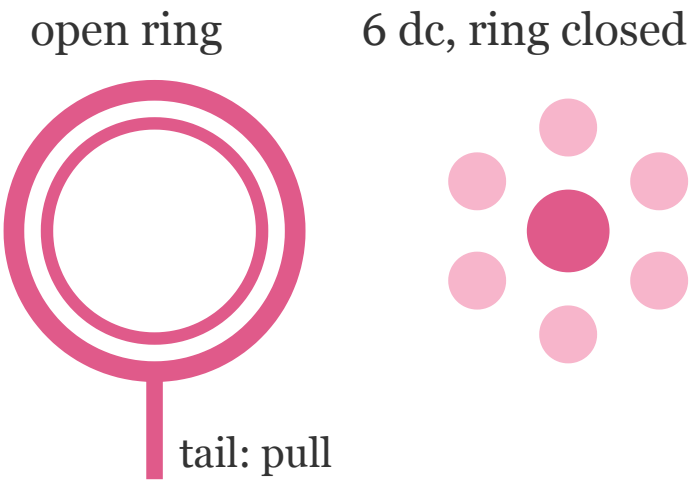
Hold the hook like a pencil, in the hand you write with. The yarn runs through the fingers of your other hand, so it is

always slightly taut. «Yarn round hook» means passing the yarn over the hook, from back to front.

Magic ring (MR)

This is the start of almost every toy. It makes a circle that closes completely, with no hole in the middle.

1. Wrap the yarn twice around two fingers to make a ring.
2. Put the hook through the ring, catch the yarn and pull a loop through.
3. Make 1 ch to hold it (this does not count as a stitch).
4. Work the stitches called for (for example, 6 dc) into the ring, covering both strands of yarn.
5. Pull the loose tail firmly: the ring closes.



Magic ring: on the left, the open ring; on the right, closed with 6 dc.

Chain (ch)

1. Make a slip knot and put it on the hook.
2. Yarn round hook.
3. Pull the yarn through the loop on the hook. You have made 1 ch.
4. Repeat until you have the number called for. The loop on the hook never counts.



4 ch (blue)

loop on the hook
(orange, does not count)

Chain: each blue link is 1 ch; the orange loop on the hook does not count.

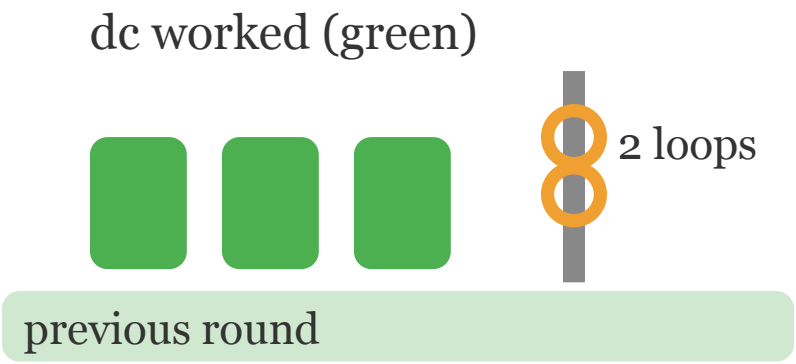
Slip stitch (ss)

This is the lowest stitch. It is used for joining and for closing a round. Put the hook into the stitch, yarn round hook and pull it through both the stitch and the loop on the hook in one go.

Double crochet (dc)

This is the stitch used most in amigurumi. Almost every toy in this book is made with dc alone.

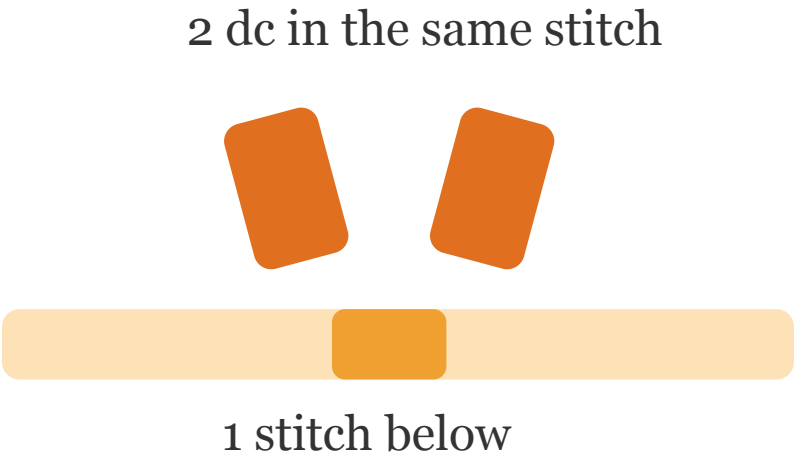
1. Put the hook into the next stitch, under both top loops.
2. Yarn round hook and pull through. You now have 2 loops on the hook.
3. Yarn round hook again and pull through both loops. You have made 1 dc.



Double crochet: low and firm; before finishing, there are 2 loops on the hook.

Increase (inc)

Work **2 dc in the same stitch**. The piece gains 1 stitch. This is how the circle grows.



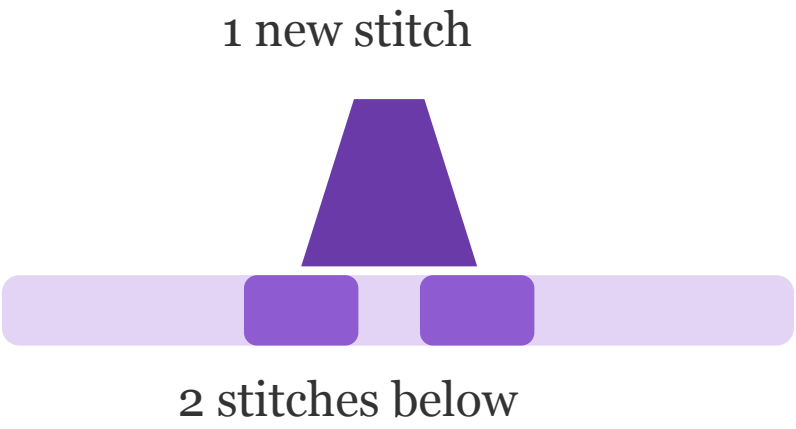
Increase: two new stitches (dark orange) come out of the same stitch of the previous round.

Decrease (dec)

This joins 2 stitches into one. The piece loses 1 stitch. This is how the head and body are closed.

1. Put the hook into the next stitch, yarn round hook and pull through (2 loops on the hook).
2. Put the hook into the following stitch, yarn round hook and pull through (3 loops on the hook).
3. Yarn round hook and pull through all 3 loops at once.

> **Tip:** the «invisible decrease» looks neater: put the hook only into the front loop of each of the two stitches and finish as above.



Decrease: two stitches of the previous round (lilac) close into one (purple).

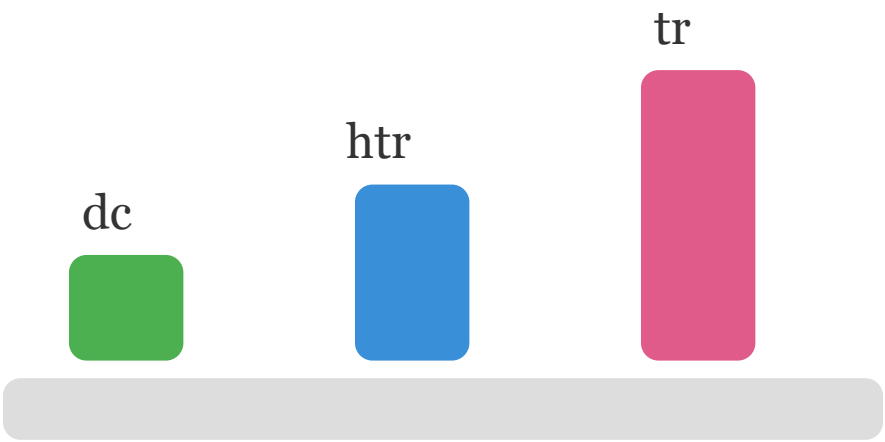
Half treble (htr)

1. Yarn round hook before putting the hook in.
2. Put the hook into the stitch, yarn round hook and pull through (3 loops on the hook).
3. Yarn round hook and pull through all 3 loops at once.

Treble (tr)

1. Yarn round hook before putting the hook in.

2. Put the hook into the stitch, yarn round hook and pull through (3 loops on the hook).
3. Yarn round hook and pull through 2 loops (2 are left).
4. Yarn round hook again and pull through the last 2 loops.



Stitch height: dc (green) is the lowest, htr (blue) is medium and tr (pink) is the tallest.

How to read the colour diagrams

The toys are worked **in a spiral**: at the end of a round you do not close with a ss; you carry straight on into the next round. Put the marker in the 1st stitch of each round and move it up as you go.

Each piece has a table with 3 columns:

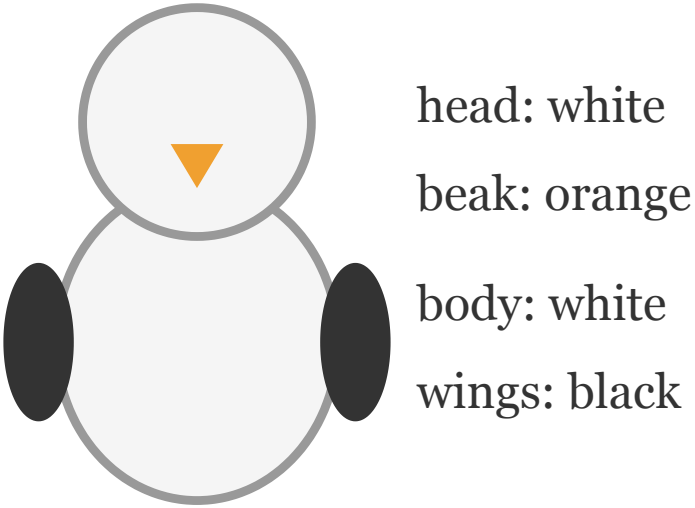
- **Round:** Rnd 1, Rnd 2… «Rnds 4-6» means: work the same round three times (Rnd 4, Rnd 5 and Rnd 6).
- **What to do:** for example, «(dc, inc) ×6» means: 1 dc, 1 inc, and repeat this 6 times.
- **Stitches:** the total number of stitches at the end of the round. Always count. If the number does not add up, undo that round.

Example of a small ball:

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4-6	18 dc	18
Rnd 7	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 8	6 dec	6

The colour map

Each project has a **colour map**: a simple drawing of the toy in which each piece has its own colour. The colour of the line in the table is the same as the colour of the piece on the map. That way you know straight away which yarn to use for each part.



Colour map: each colour is one piece and one ball of yarn.

To change colour in the middle of a round: on the last stitch in the old colour, make the last yarn round hook with the new yarn. Leave 10 cm of each yarn and tie them off on the inside.

Stuffing, assembling and adding eyes

Stuffing

- Stuff little by little, in small amounts, before the opening gets narrow.
- Push the stuffing in with your finger or the tip of a pencil until the piece is firm, but without stretching the stitches.
- Arms and small ears need little stuffing or none at all.

Closing and assembling

1. At the end of the last round, cut the yarn leaving 25 cm.
2. Thread the yarn onto the yarn needle, pass it through the front loops of the last stitches and pull: the opening closes.
3. To join two pieces, pin them together first. Check that they are straight before sewing.
4. Sew with small stitches all the way round the piece, going through one stitch of each piece.
5. Hide the end: push the needle through the middle of the toy, pull, and cut close to the surface.

Eyes

- **Safety eyes:** fit them **before** stuffing and closing the head. Push the post between two stitches and fix the washer on the inside, pressing until it clicks.
- **Embroidered eyes:** with black yarn and a yarn needle, make several short stitches in the same place until you have a round eye. This is the option for babies.

Safety

> **Warning:** safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn.

- Eyes, buttons, beads and other small parts can come loose and cause choking. Fix them firmly and test them by pulling hard before you give the toy away.
- Sew all the pieces on well and close the openings well, so the stuffing cannot come out.
- Do not leave long loose strands. Never put toys with long strands or ribbons in cots or baby nests.
- Check the toy from time to time: if any stitches have come loose, sew them back at once.

Choose by the time you have

Each project gives the approximate time on the «Time» line. Use this table to choose what to make today.

The time you have	What kind of pattern	Good for
About 1 hour	Small pieces in one or two colours: little balls, fruit, mini creatures, key rings	Practising the stitches and making quick keepsakes
About 2 hours	Toys of 10–12 cm with 3 or 4 pieces: body, head, ears and arms	A birthday present or a gift for a visitor
A weekend	Bigger toys, with several colours and details (clothes, bows, tails)	A special gift: a christening, Christmas, a grandchild

> **Tip:** start with a 1-hour pattern. When you can get the round counts right without unpicking, move on to the 2-hour ones.

Your first amigurumi

Start with the simplest

In this chapter you will find the eight easiest patterns in the book. The first, the practice ball, teaches the magic ring and working in a spiral, which you will use in all the others. Each pattern adds just one or two new ideas. Make them in this order and, by the end, you will know how to do almost everything an amigurumi asks of you.

Project 1 · Practice ball

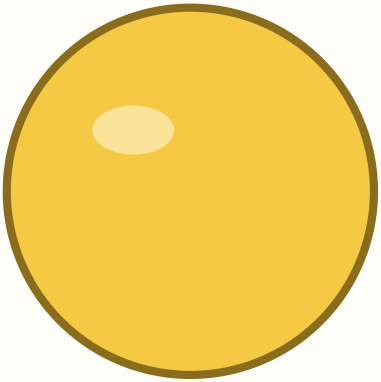
Level: very easy · Time: 45 min · Size: 5 cm across · Yarn: medium cotton, 2.5 mm hook

A small, soft ball, made with double crochet only. It is for practising the magic ring, increases and decreases. Afterwards you can use it as a play ball for the cat or as an ornament.

MATERIALS

- yellow yarn (≈ 8 g)
- 2.5 mm crochet hook
- stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (a small handful)
- yarn needle and scissors

COLOUR MAP



Ball
yellow yarn

Colour map: one single piece, in yellow yarn.

HOW TO MAKE THE MAGIC RING

1. Wrap the yarn twice around two fingers, with the loose tail in front.
2. Put the hook in under the wraps, catch the yarn from the ball and pull it to the front.
3. Make 1 ch to hold it. This chain does not count as a stitch.
4. Work 6 dc into the ring, always over both wraps of yarn and the loose tail.
5. Pull the loose tail firmly: the ring closes and leaves a circle with no hole.

6. Put the marker in the 1st stitch. The rounds go on in a spiral, with no ss at the end of each round. Move the marker to the 1st stitch of each new round.

BALL (YELLOW YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5-8	24 dc	24
Rnd 9	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 10	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 11	6 dec	6

Stuff the ball after Rnd 10, before closing. At the end of Rnd 11 you have 6 stitches. Cut the yarn at 15 cm, thread it onto the yarn needle, pass it through the front loops of the 6 stitches and pull to close.

ASSEMBLY

1. After closing, push the yarn needle into the centre of the ball and come out on the other side.
2. Pull the yarn a little, cut close to the surface and let the end disappear inside.
3. Roll the ball between your hands so the stuffing is even all over.

Tip: count the stitches at the end of every round. If you have 23 or 25 instead of 24, undo only that round and repeat it. It is the best practice for all the patterns that follow.

Warning: if the ball is for a pet or a young child, close the end very securely and check that the stuffing cannot come out. Do not leave long loose strands.

Project 2 · Scarf penguin

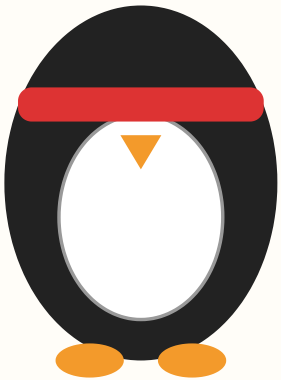
Level: easy · Time: 3 h · Size: 10 cm tall · Yarn: medium cotton, 2.5 mm hook

A penguin with an egg-shaped body, a white tummy and a red striped scarf. It is a good winter gift and stands up on its own.

MATERIALS

- black yarn (≈ 20 g)
- white yarn (≈ 5 g)
- orange yarn (≈ 3 g)
- red yarn (≈ 5 g)
- 2.5 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 15 g)
- 2 safety eyes, 8 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)

COLOUR MAP



Body and wings: black

Tummy: white

Beak and feet: orange

Scarf: red

Colour map: each colour is one piece.

BODY (BLACK YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6-12	30 dc	30
Rnd 13	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 14-15	24 dc	24
Rnd 16	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 17	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 18	6 dec	6

Rnd 1 is the bottom of the penguin and Rnd 18 is the top of the head. Fit the eyes between Rnd 14 and Rnd 15, with 5 stitches between them. Stuff firmly from Rnd 16, especially at the bottom, so he stands up. Close the final 6 stitches as for the little ball.

TUMMY (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24

Work 1 ss and cut the yarn at 30 cm for sewing. You have a flat circle of 24 stitches, about 5 cm across.

BEAK (ORANGE YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 3	6 dc	6

Do not stuff. Cut the yarn at 20 cm.

FEET (ORANGE YARN, MAKE 2)

Rnd 1	5 dc in MR	5
Rnd 2	5 inc	10
Rnd 3	10 dc	10

Flatten the piece and close the opening with 5 dc, catching both sides at the same time. Cut the yarn at 20 cm.

WINGS (BLACK YARN, MAKE 2)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8
Rnd 3-6	8 dc	8
Rnd 7	(2 dc, dec) ×2	6

Do not stuff. Flatten the wing and cut the yarn at 20 cm.

SCARF (RED YARN, FLAT PIECE)

L1	40 ch and, starting in the 2nd chain from the hook, 39 dc	39
L2-3	1 ch, turn, 39 dc	39

You get a strip about 18 cm × 1.5 cm. For the stripes, work Row 2 in white yarn and go back to red on Row 3.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the tummy to the front of the body, with the top just below the eyes.
2. Sew the beak between the eyes, a little below them.
3. Sew the wings to the sides, level with Rnd 12, with the tips pointing down.
4. Sew the feet underneath, at the front, with half of each foot sticking out.

5. Wrap the scarf once round the neck (Rnd 14) and fix the crossing with 2 stitches of red yarn.

Tip: to make the penguin stand up straight, put more stuffing in the bottom and press it down with your thumb before closing the head.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. The beak and feet are small pieces: sew them on firmly and pull them to check they do not come off.

Project 3 · Little bear

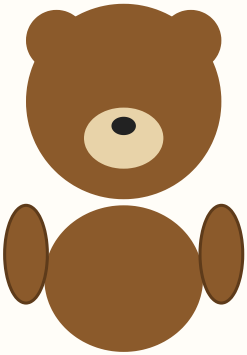
Level: easy · Time: 4 h · Size: 13 cm sitting · Yarn: medium cotton, 2.5 mm hook

The classic sitting teddy, with a big head, a pale muzzle and loose arms. It is the most popular gift for a new baby or a birthday.

MATERIALS

- brown yarn (≈ 35 g)
- beige yarn (≈ 5 g)
- a little black yarn for the nose
- 2.5 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 25 g)
- 2 safety eyes, 8 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)

COLOUR MAP



Head, body, arms, legs and ears: brown

Muzzle: beige

Nose: black (embroidered)

Colour map: each colour is one piece.

HEAD (BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6-11	30 dc	30
Rnd 12	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 13	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 14	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 15	6 dec	6

Fit the eyes between Rnd 9 and Rnd 10, with 6 stitches between them, before Rnd 12. Stuff firmly and close the final 6 stitches. You get a ball about 7 cm across.

MUZZLE (BEIGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(3 dc, inc) ×3	15
Rnd 4	15 dc	15

Work 1 ss and cut the yarn at 30 cm. Embroider the nose in black yarn in the centre, with 5 or 6 stitches side by side.

EARS (BROWN YARN, MAKE 2)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3-4	9 dc	9

Do not stuff. Flatten and cut the yarn at 20 cm.

BODY (BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5-9	24 dc	24
Rnd 10	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 11	18 dc	18
Rnd 12	(dc, dec) ×6	12

Work 1 ss and leave 40 cm of yarn for sewing to the head. Stuff firmly; the opening of 12 stitches stays at the top.

ARMS (BROWN YARN, MAKE 2)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3-8	9 dc	9

Stuff only the lower part (the first 3 rounds). Flatten the rest and cut the yarn at 20 cm.

LEGS (BROWN YARN, MAKE 2)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3-6	12 dc	12

Stuff and cut the yarn at 25 cm.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the muzzle to the front of the head, between Rnd 9 and Rnd 13, with a little stuffing inside.
2. Sew the ears to the top of the head, between Rnd 4 and Rnd 6, one on each side.
3. Sew the opening of the body under the head, stitch by stitch, all the way round.
4. Sew the arms to the sides of the body, just below the neck (Rnd 11).
5. Sew the legs at the front, on the lower part of the body (Rnd 3 to Rnd 5), so the bear sits up.

Tip: before sewing, pin each piece in place and look at the bear from a distance. Moving an ear up or down by 1 stitch changes the expression a lot.

> **Warning:** safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. Sew the head to the body with a double round of yarn and check that the stuffing is held in securely.

Project 4 · Little rabbit

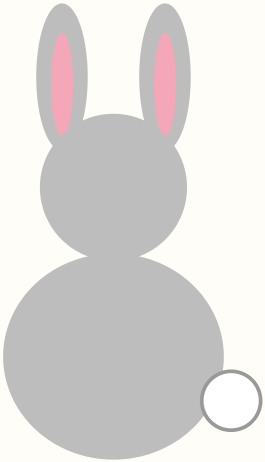
Level: easy · Time: 3 h 30 min · Size: 14 cm with ears · Yarn: medium cotton, 2.5 mm hook

A rabbit with the body and head in one piece, with no seam at the neck. The long ears and the round tail give it charm. It looks lovely at Easter or in a child's bedroom.

MATERIALS

- light grey yarn (≈ 30 g)
- white yarn (≈ 3 g)
- a little pink yarn for the nose and the inside of the ears
- 2.5 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 20 g)
- 2 safety eyes, 6 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)

COLOUR MAP



Body and ears: light grey

Tail: white

Nose: pink

Colour map: each colour is one piece.

BODY AND HEAD (LIGHT GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7-12	36 dc	36
Rnd 13	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 14	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 15-16	24 dc	24

Rnd 17	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 18-22	30 dc	30
Rnd 23	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 24	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 25	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 26	6 dec	6

Rnds 1 to 14 are the body, Rnds 15 and 16 the neck and Rnds 17 to 26 the head. Stuff the body after Rnd 14. Fit the eyes between Rnd 19 and Rnd 20, with 5 stitches between them, and keep stuffing as you close. Close the final 6 stitches.

EARS (LIGHT GREY YARN, MAKE 2)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8
Rnd 3	(3 dc, inc) ×2	10
Rnd 4-10	10 dc	10
Rnd 11	(3 dc, dec) ×2	8
Rnd 12	8 dc	8

Do not stuff. Flatten the ear and cut the yarn at 25 cm. Embroider a line of pink yarn along the centre, on one side only.

TAIL (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6

Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3-4	12 dc	12
Rnd 5	6 dec	6

Stuff a little before Rnd 5 and close. Cut the yarn at 20 cm.

ASSEMBLY

1. Tighten the neck: pass grey yarn round Rnd 16, pull a little and tie a hidden knot.
2. Sew the ears to the top of the head (Rnd 24), with the pink side facing front.
3. Embroider the nose in pink yarn between the eyes, a little below them, in a Y shape.
4. Sew the tail on at the back, on the lower part of the body (Rnd 6).

Tip: if you want upright ears, put a little stuffing only in the bottom end before sewing them on. If you want them floppy, sew them on without stuffing.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. Check that the tail is sewn on well and that there are no loose strands.

Project 5 · Little chick

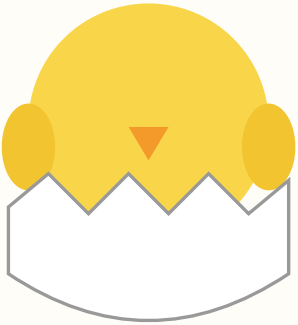
Level: easy · Time: 2 h 30 min · Size: 8 cm tall · Yarn: medium cotton, 2.5 mm hook

A round little chick coming out of half an eggshell. It uses only 4 colours and looks lovely in an Easter basket or on a kitchen shelf.

MATERIALS

- yellow yarn (≈ 15 g)
- white yarn (≈ 10 g)
- orange yarn (≈ 2 g)
- 2.5 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 10 g)
- 2 safety eyes, 6 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)

COLOUR MAP



Body and wings: yellow

Shell: white

Beak: orange

Colour map: each colour is one piece.

BODY (YELLOW YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6-13	30 dc	30
Rnd 14	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 15	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 16	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 17	6 dec	6

Rnd 1 is the top of the head. Fit the eyes between Rnd 7 and Rnd 8, with 5 stitches between them. Stuff firmly and close the final 6 stitches. You get a ball about 7 cm across.

SHELL (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7-9	36 dc	36

Rnd 10, broken-shell edge (not in the table): repeat this group of 3 stitches 12 times: in the 1st stitch 1 ss; in the 2nd stitch 1 htr, 1 tr and 1 htr (all in the same stitch); in the 3rd stitch 1 ss. You get 12 points all round, over the 36 stitches of Rnd 9. Finish with 1 ss and weave in the yarn.

BEAK (ORANGE YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6

Do not stuff. Cut the yarn at 20 cm.

WINGS (YELLOW YARN, MAKE 2)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8
Rnd 3-4	8 dc	8

Do not stuff. Flatten and cut the yarn at 20 cm.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the beak between the eyes, a little below them.
2. Sew the wings to the sides, level with Rnd 11, with the tips pointing down.
3. For the tuft on the head, cut 3 yellow strands of 6 cm, fold them in half and fix them to the top (Rnd 1) with a knot.
4. Put the chick inside the shell and sew the shell to the body at Rnd 12, leaving the points free.

Tip: fray the ends of the tuft with the yarn needle so they are fluffy like down.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. Do not give the chick with a tuft to babies: the short strands can come loose.

Project 6 · Little sheep

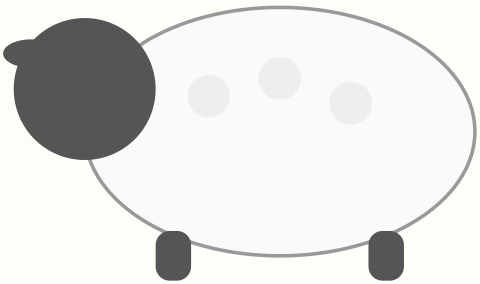
Level: easy · Time: 4 h · Size: 11 cm long · Yarn: medium cotton, 3 mm hook

A lying-down sheep with a long body and textured wool, a dark head and short legs. It is soft to the touch and looks great on a bed.

MATERIALS

- white yarn (≈ 30 g)
- dark grey yarn (≈ 12 g)
- 3 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 25 g)
- 2 safety eyes, 8 mm (or white yarn for embroidering)

COLOUR MAP



Body: white

Head, ears and legs: grey

Colour map: each colour is one piece.

BODY (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7	36 dc	36
Rnd 8	36 htr	36
Rnd 9	36 dc	36
Rnd 10	36 htr	36
Rnd 11	36 dc	36
Rnd 12	36 htr	36
Rnd 13-14	36 dc	36
Rnd 15	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 16	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 17	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 18	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 19	6 dec	6

On the htr rounds, work only into the back loop of the stitch: the front loop stays on show and makes the woolly texture. Stuff firmly from Rnd 16 and close the final 6 stitches.

HEAD (DARK GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5-9	24 dc	24
Rnd 10	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 11	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 12	6 dec	6

Rnd 1 is the tip of the nose. Fit the eyes between Rnd 5 and Rnd 6, well apart (8 stitches between them). Stuff and close the final 6 stitches.

EARS (DARK GREY YARN, MAKE 2)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8
Rnd 3-4	8 dc	8
Rnd 5	(2 dc, dec) ×2	6

Do not stuff. Flatten and cut the yarn at 20 cm.

LEGS (DARK GREY YARN, MAKE 4)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9

Rnd 3-5	9 dc	9

Stuff lightly and cut the yarn at 20 cm.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the head to one end of the body, a little above the centre, slightly to one side.
2. Sew the ears to the sides of the head (Rnd 8), pointing outwards.
3. Sew the 4 legs under the body, two at the front and two at the back, so the sheep lies down.
4. For a tuft on the forehead, make 3 loops of white yarn on the top of the head and fix them.

Tip: use a slightly thicker white yarn or soft acrylic for the body only: the wool is even fluffier and the size hardly changes.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. Sew the head and legs on firmly and check that nothing comes loose.

Project 7 · Ladybird

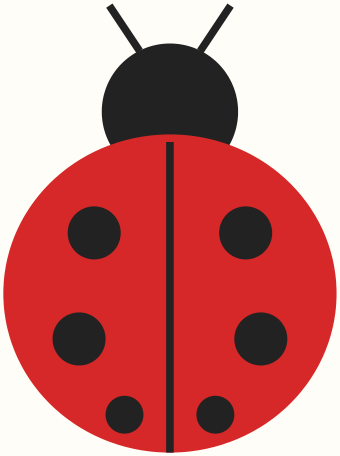
Level: easy · Time: 2 h 30 min · Size: 9 cm long · Yarn: medium cotton, 2.5 mm hook

A ladybird with a rounded back and a flat bottom, so it sits firmly on the table. It works as a soft paperweight or a pocket toy.

MATERIALS

- red yarn (≈ 12 g)
- black yarn (≈ 12 g)
- 2.5 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 10 g)
- 2 safety eyes, 6 mm (or white yarn for embroidering)

COLOUR MAP



Back: red

Base, head and spots: black

Colour map: each colour is one piece.

BACK (RED YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7-11	36 dc	36

Work 1 ss and cut the yarn at 50 cm for sewing. You get a half ball of 36 stitches.

BASE (BLACK YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36

Work 1 ss and cut the yarn. You get a flat circle of 36 stitches, the same size as the opening of the back.

HEAD (BLACK YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4-6	18 dc	18
Rnd 7	(dc, dec) ×6	12

Fit the eyes between Rnd 3 and Rnd 4, with 4 stitches between them. Stuff and leave the opening of 12 stitches for sewing. Cut the yarn at 30 cm.

SPOTS (BLACK YARN, MAKE 6)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6

Close with 1 ss and cut the yarn at 15 cm. For bigger spots, work one more round of 6 inc (12 stitches).

ASSEMBLY

1. Join the base to the back, with the right side of each piece facing out.
2. Sew the two together all round, stitch by stitch, with the red yarn. Before closing, stuff the back.
3. Sew the head to one end, at the join of the two pieces.
4. Embroider a black line down the centre of the back, from the head to the back end.
5. Sew 3 spots on each side of the line.
6. Antennae: fix a black strand of 8 cm to the top of the head, make 6 ch, tie a knot at the end and cut. Repeat for the other one.

Tip: if you use the ladybird as a paperweight, put a tightly closed little cloth bag of rice in the bottom, under the stuffing.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. The spots are small pieces: sew them on all the way round and check that they do not lift. Do not use the rice bag in toys for children.

Project 8 · Little bee

Level: easy · Time: 2 h 30 min · Size: 9 cm long · Yarn: medium cotton, 2.5 mm hook

A striped bee, made in one piece with colour changes. Here you learn to change yarn without cutting it every round. It looks great on a mobile or as a bag charm.

MATERIALS

- yellow yarn (≈ 12 g)
- black yarn (≈ 8 g)
- white yarn (≈ 4 g)
- 2.5 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 10 g)
- 2 safety eyes, 6 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)

COLOUR MAP



Body: yellow and black

Wings: white

Colour map: each colour is one piece.

BODY (YELLOW YARN AND BLACK YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6-7	30 dc	30
Rnd 8-9	30 dc	30
Rnd 10-11	30 dc	30
Rnd 12-13	30 dc	30
Rnd 14	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24

Rnd 15	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 16	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 17	6 dec	6

Rnd 1 is the head and Rnd 17 is the sting. To change colour, on the last dc of the previous round pull the new yarn through on the last step. Do not cut the yarn you are not using: carry it up inside, close to the work. Fit the eyes between Rnd 4 and Rnd 5, with 5 stitches between them. Stuff from Rnd 15 and close the final 6 stitches.

WINGS (WHITE YARN, MAKE 2)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12
Rnd 4-5	12 dc	12
Rnd 6	(2 dc, dec) ×3	9

Do not stuff. Flatten the wing and cut the yarn at 20 cm.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the two wings on top of the back, between Rnd 8 and Rnd 9, side by side, in a V shape.
2. Antennae: fix a black strand of 8 cm to the top of the head (Rnd 2), make 5 ch, tie a knot at the end and cut. Repeat alongside.

3. Embroider a small smile in black yarn, 2 rounds below the eyes.
4. For a bag charm, sew a loop of 6 ch to the top of the back and fix a ring to it.

Tip: in spiral rounds, each colour change leaves a small step. Always change colour at the marker stitch, so all the steps sit on the same line, and turn that line to the underside when you sew on the wings.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. A little bee bag charm is not a toy for young children: the ring and the small parts can come loose.

Farm animals (9)

A whole farm in your hands

In this chapter you will make nine farm animals: the cow, the piglet, the horse, the donkey, the hen, the duckling, the kitten, the puppy and the little goat. They all use only double crochet, increases and decreases. Start with the piglet, which is almost a ball, and move on at your own pace. Together, they make a perfect farm nativity scene to play with or to decorate a shelf.

Project 9 · Cow

Level: easy · Time: 5 h · Size: 14 cm (sitting) · Yarn: medium cotton, 3 mm hook

A sitting cow, white with black patches and a pink muzzle. It is a lovely gift for anyone who loves the countryside.

MATERIALS

- white yarn (≈ 30 g)
- black yarn (≈ 10 g)
- pink yarn (≈ 6 g)
- beige yarn (≈ 2 g)
- 3 mm crochet hook
- 2 safety eyes, 8 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 25 g)
- yarn needle, scissors and stitch marker

COLOUR MAP



Head, body: white

Muzzle: pink

Patches, hooves: black

Horns: beige

Colour map: each colour is one piece.

HEAD (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7-12	36 dc	36
Rnd 13	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 14	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 15	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 16	(dc, dec) ×6	12

Rnd 17	6 dec	6

Fit the eyes between Rnd 9 and Rnd 10, with 8 stitches between them, before closing. Stuff firmly from Rnd 15. At Rnd 17 you have 6 stitches: cut the yarn, pass it through the 6 stitches and pull to close.

MUZZLE (PINK YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5-7	24 dc	24

Finish with 1 ss and leave 30 cm of yarn for sewing. You have 24 open stitches. Embroider two nostrils with black yarn.

BODY (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7	(5 dc, inc) ×6	42
Rnd 8-13	42 dc	42

Rnd 14	(5 dc, dec) ×6	36
Rnd 15-17	36 dc	36
Rnd 18	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 19-20	30 dc	30
Rnd 21	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 22	24 dc	24

Finish with 1 ss and leave 40 cm of yarn. You have 24 open stitches. Stuff firmly, especially the base, so the cow sits up.

LEGS, 4 PIECES (BLACK YARN AND WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3-4	12 dc	12
Rnd 5-9	12 dc	12

Change to white yarn at the end of Rnd 4. For the 2 back legs, stop at Rnd 7. Stuff only the lower part and leave yarn for sewing. You have 12 stitches.

EARS, 2 PIECES (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	5 dc in MR	5
Rnd 2	5 inc	10
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×5	15
Rnd 4-5	15 dc	15

Rnd 6	(dc, dec) ×5	10
Rnd 7	10 dc	10

Do not stuff. Flatten the ear and fold the base in half before sewing. You have 10 stitches.

HORNS, 2 PIECES (BEIGE YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 3-4	6 dc	6

Stuff with a little stuffing. You have 6 stitches.

PATCHES (BLACK YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18

Make 2 large patches (up to Rnd 3, 18 stitches) and 3 small patches (only up to Rnd 2, 12 stitches). Finish with 1 ss and leave yarn for sewing. They are flat.

Tail (white yarn): make 15 ch. Work back with 14 ss, starting in the 2nd chain from the hook (14 stitches). At the end, tie on 3 black strands of 5 cm with a knot and trim.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the muzzle to the lower half of the head, between Rnd 8 and Rnd 15. Stuff it a little before closing the seam.
2. Sew the ears to the sides of the head, at Rnd 5, and the horns above them, at Rnd 3.
3. Sew the head into the opening of the body, with small firm stitches all the way round.
4. Sew the front legs to the chest and the back legs to the sides of the base, pointing forwards.
5. Sew the black patches to the body and one small patch near an ear.
6. Sew the tail on at the back, at the bottom of the body. Hide all the yarn ends inside the toy.

Tip: pin the patches in place before sewing. That way you can move them around until you like the result.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. Fix the horns and ears firmly and check that nothing comes loose. Small parts can cause choking.

Project 10 · Piglet

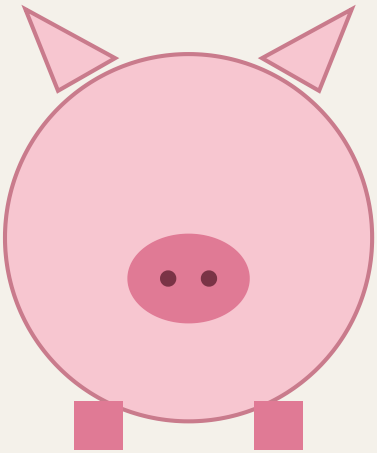
Level: very easy · Time: 3 h · Size: 9 cm · Yarn: medium cotton, 3 mm hook

A round little piglet, with the head and body in one piece. It is the ideal first animal for anyone just starting out.

MATERIALS

- light pink yarn (≈ 25 g)
- dark pink yarn (≈ 6 g)
- 3 mm crochet hook
- 2 safety eyes, 6 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 20 g)
- yarn needle, scissors and stitch marker

COLOUR MAP



Body, ears:
light pink

Snout, trotters:
dark pink

Colour map: each colour is one piece.

BODY AND HEAD (LIGHT PINK YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7	(5 dc, inc) ×6	42
Rnd 8	(6 dc, inc) ×6	48
Rnd 9-17	48 dc	48
Rnd 18	(6 dc, dec) ×6	42
Rnd 19	(5 dc, dec) ×6	36
Rnd 20	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 21	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 22	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 23	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 24	6 dec	6

Fit the eyes at Rnd 12, with 9 stitches between them. Stuff firmly from Rnd 20. At Rnd 24 you have 6 stitches: pass the yarn through them and close.

SNOUT (DARK PINK YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6

Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4-5	18 dc	18

Work Rnd 4 in the back loop only, so the snout has a neat edge. You have 18 stitches. Embroider 2 nostrils with light pink yarn.

EARS, 2 PIECES (LIGHT PINK YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8
Rnd 4	(3 dc, inc) ×2	10
Rnd 5	(4 dc, inc) ×2	12
Rnd 6	12 dc	12

Do not stuff. Flatten and sew on by the base. You have 12 stitches.

TROTTERS, 4 PIECES (DARK PINK YARN AND LIGHT PINK YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	9 dc	9
Rnd 4-5	9 dc	9

Change to light pink at the end of Rnd 3. Stuff a little. You have 9 stitches.

Tail (light pink yarn): make 12 ch. Starting in the 2nd chain from the hook, work 2 dc in each ch (22 stitches). The tail curls up into a spiral by itself.

ASSEMBLY

1. Stuff the snout and sew it on between the eyes and Rnd 16, in the middle of the front.
2. Sew the ears to the top of the head, turned slightly forwards.
3. Sew the 4 trotters underneath, two at the front and two at the back, so the piglet stands up.
4. Sew the tail on at the back and hide the yarn ends.

Tip: embroider two cheeks with 3 stitches of dark pink yarn. The piglet looks even sweeter.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. Check that the trotters and tail are sewn on well. Small parts can cause choking.

Project 11 · Horse

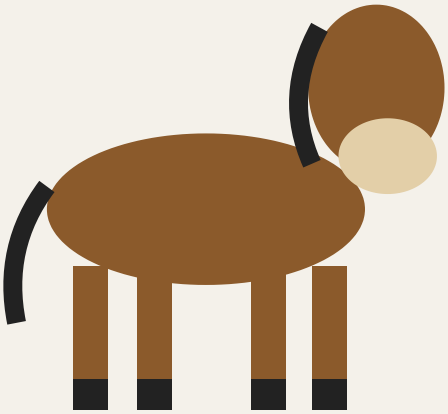
Level: medium · Time: 6 h · Size: 16 cm (standing) · Yarn: medium cotton, 3 mm hook

A standing brown horse, with a mane and a tail of black fringe. It looks lovely on a bookshelf or in a child's bedroom.

MATERIALS

- brown yarn (≈ 40 g)
- beige yarn (≈ 6 g)
- black yarn (≈ 12 g)
- 3 mm crochet hook
- 2 safety eyes, 8 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 30 g)
- yarn needle, scissors and stitch marker

COLOUR MAP



Colour map: each colour is one piece.

HEAD WITH MUZZLE (BEIGE YARN AND BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5-7	24 dc	24
Rnd 8	24 dc	24
Rnd 9	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 10	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 11-15	36 dc	36
Rnd 16	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30

Rnd 17	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 18	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 19	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 20	6 dec	6

Change to brown yarn at the end of Rnd 7. Fit the eyes between Rnd 11 and Rnd 12, with 10 stitches between them. Stuff firmly, especially the muzzle. Close the 6 stitches of Rnd 20.

BODY (BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6-16	30 dc	30
Rnd 17	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 18	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 19	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 20	6 dec	6

The body is a cylinder lying on its side, about 9 cm long. Stuff firmly and close the 6 stitches of Rnd 20.

LEGS, 4 PIECES (BLACK YARN AND BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3-4	12 dc	12
Rnd 5	(4 dc, dec) ×2	10
Rnd 6-12	10 dc	10

Work Rnd 3 in the back loop only: the hoof gets a flat base. Change to brown at the end of Rnd 4. Stuff firmly, so the legs can hold the horse up. You have 10 stitches.

EARS, 2 PIECES (BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8
Rnd 4-5	8 dc	8

Do not stuff. You have 8 stitches.

Mane and tail (black yarn): cut 20 strands of 8 cm for the mane and 12 strands of 14 cm for the tail. For the mane, fold each strand in half and fix it with a fringe knot, in a line from the middle of the forehead to the nape. For the tail, gather the 12 strands into a bunch and fix them to the bottom of the body.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the 4 legs under the body, 2 cm from the ends. Stand the horse on a table and adjust if needed.
2. Sew the head to the front of the body, tilted slightly upwards. Go round the seam twice, so it is firm.
3. Sew the ears to the top of the head, at Rnd 15.
4. Make the mane and tail. Trim the ends with the scissors.
5. Embroider 2 nostrils on the muzzle with brown yarn.

Tip: if the horse topples over, stuff the legs more and sew them further apart. Four equal legs are the secret to standing up.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. Fix the strands of the mane and tail well; for young children, make them shorter. Never leave long loose strands in cots.

Project 12 · Little donkey

Level: easy · Time: 5 h · Size: 13 cm (sitting, with ears) · Yarn: medium cotton, 3 mm hook

A sitting grey donkey with long ears and a white muzzle. He is a calm friend for the farm nativity scene.

MATERIALS

- grey yarn (≈ 30 g)
- white yarn (≈ 8 g)
- dark grey yarn (≈ 6 g)
- 3 mm crochet hook
- 2 safety eyes, 8 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 25 g)
- yarn needle, scissors and stitch marker

COLOUR MAP



Head, body, ears: grey

Muzzle: white

Mane, hooves: dark grey

Colour map: each colour is one piece.

HEAD (GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6-11	30 dc	30
Rnd 12	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 13	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 14	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 15	6 dec	6

Fit the eyes between Rnd 7 and Rnd 8, with 7 stitches between them. Stuff firmly and close the 6 stitches of Rnd 15.

MUZZLE (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5-8	24 dc	24

A donkey's muzzle is long: it is 4 rounds without increases. Leave 30 cm of yarn. You have 24 open stitches. Embroider 2 nostrils with dark grey.

BODY (GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7-10	36 dc	36
Rnd 11	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 12-14	30 dc	30
Rnd 15	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24

Rnd 16-17	24 dc	24
Rnd 18	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 19	18 dc	18

The body is pear-shaped: wide at the bottom, narrow at the top. Stuff firmly and leave 30 cm of yarn. You have 18 open stitches.

EARS, 2 PIECES (GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8
Rnd 3	(3 dc, inc) ×2	10
Rnd 4-9	10 dc	10
Rnd 10	(3 dc, dec) ×2	8
Rnd 11	8 dc	8

Do not stuff. The ears are about 5 cm long. You have 8 stitches.

LEGS, 4 PIECES (DARK GREY YARN AND GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	9 dc	9
Rnd 4-7	9 dc	9

Change to grey at the end of Rnd 3. Stuff only the hooves. You have 9 stitches.

Mane and tail (dark grey yarn): for the mane, fix 12 strands of 4 cm with fringe knots, from the top of the head to the nape, and trim to 1.5 cm. For the tail, make 10 ch, fix 4 strands of 4 cm to the end and sew the other end to the back of the body.

ASSEMBLY

1. Stuff the muzzle and sew it to the lower half of the head.
2. Fold the base of each ear in half and sew the ears to the top of the head, standing straight.
3. Sew the head into the opening of the body, with firm stitches.
4. Sew the front legs to the chest, together. Sew the back ones to the sides of the base, pointing forwards, as if he were sitting.
5. Make the mane and tail and hide the ends.

Tip: to make the ears stand up, sew them in two places: at the front and at the back of the base. If they flop, push a little stuffing into each one.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. Check the mane and tail: pull the strands to make sure they do not come loose.

Project 13 · Hen

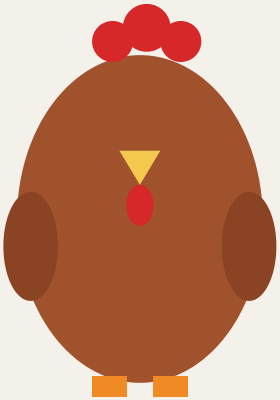
Level: easy · Time: 4 h · Size: 11 cm · Yarn: medium cotton, 3 mm hook

An egg-shaped hen, with a red comb and wings at the sides. She looks great in an egg basket in the kitchen.

MATERIALS

- reddish-brown yarn (≈ 30 g)
- red yarn (≈ 4 g)
- yellow yarn (≈ 2 g)
- orange yarn (≈ 3 g)
- 3 mm crochet hook
- 2 safety eyes, 6 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 20 g)
- yarn needle, scissors and stitch marker

COLOUR MAP



Body, wings: reddish-brown

Comb, wattle: red

Beak: yellow

Feet: orange

Colour map: each colour is one piece.

BODY AND HEAD (REDDISH-BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7	(5 dc, inc) ×6	42
Rnd 8-14	42 dc	42
Rnd 15	(5 dc, dec) ×6	36
Rnd 16-17	36 dc	36
Rnd 18	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30

Rnd 19-20	30 dc	30
Rnd 21	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 22	24 dc	24
Rnd 23	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 24	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 25	6 dec	6

Start from the base, which is wide. Fit the eyes at Rnd 19, with 6 stitches between them. Stuff firmly from Rnd 21 and close the 6 stitches of Rnd 25.

WINGS, 2 PIECES (REDDISH-BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12
Rnd 4	(3 dc, inc) ×3	15
Rnd 5-7	15 dc	15
Rnd 8	(3 dc, dec) ×3	12
Rnd 9	(2 dc, dec) ×3	9

Do not stuff. Flatten the wing and close the opening with 4 dc, catching both sides. You have 9 stitches before closing.

TAIL (REDDISH-BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6

Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12
Rnd 4-5	12 dc	12

Do not stuff. Flatten and sew on upright, at the back. You have 12 stitches.

COMB, 3 PIECES (RED YARN)

Rnd 1	5 dc in MR	5
Rnd 2-3	5 dc	5

Make 2 pieces with Rnds 1-3 and 1 bigger piece with Rnds 1-4 (plus 1 round of 5 dc). You have 5 stitches in each.

WATTLE (RED YARN)

Rnd 1	5 dc in MR	5
Rnd 2	5 inc	10
Rnd 3	10 dc	10

Flatten and sew on under the beak. You have 10 stitches.

BEAK (YELLOW YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8

Stuff with a little stuffing. You have 8 stitches.

Feet (orange yarn), 2 pieces: make 5 ch. Work back with 4 ss (4 stitches) and repeat 2 more times from the same starting point, to make 3 toes. Sew the feet flat under the body, pointing forwards.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the beak between the eyes, a little below them.
2. Sew the wattle just under the beak.
3. Sew the 3 pieces of the comb in a row on top of the head, with the biggest in the middle.
4. Sew the wings to the sides, at Rnd 14, and the tail at the back, at Rnd 12.
5. Sew the feet to the base and hide the yarn ends.

Tip: stuff the base well so the hen sits firmly on the table. If you like, put a small fabric bag of rice inside the stuffing, at the bottom.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. The comb and beak are small pieces: sew them on firmly and check that they do not come off. If you use rice, close the bag well; in that case it is not a toy for babies.

Project 14 · Duckling

Level: easy · Time: 4 h · Size: 10 cm · Yarn: medium cotton, 2.5 mm hook

A yellow duckling with an orange beak and a blue neckerchief. Small and cheerful, it is a great gift for a new baby.

MATERIALS

- yellow yarn (≈ 22 g)
- orange yarn (≈ 5 g)
- blue yarn (≈ 4 g)
- 2.5 mm crochet hook
- 2 safety eyes, 6 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 15 g)
- yarn needle, scissors and stitch marker

COLOUR MAP



Colour map: each colour is one piece.

HEAD (YELLOW YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5-9	24 dc	24
Rnd 10	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 11	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 12	6 dec	6

Fit the eyes at Rnd 7, with 6 stitches between them. Stuff firmly and close the 6 stitches of Rnd 12.

BODY (YELLOW YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7-11	36 dc	36
Rnd 12	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 13	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 14	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 15	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 16	6 dec	6

Stuff firmly and close the 6 stitches of Rnd 16. The body is like a slightly flattened ball.

TAIL (YELLOW YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8
Rnd 4	(3 dc, inc) ×2	10

Stuff a little. You have 10 stitches. It makes a little point that sticks up.

WINGS, 2 PIECES (YELLOW YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8
Rnd 3	(3 dc, inc) ×2	10
Rnd 4	10 dc	10
Rnd 5	(3 dc, dec) ×2	8

Do not stuff. Flatten and close. You have 8 stitches before closing.

BEAK (ORANGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8
Rnd 3	(3 dc, inc) ×2	10
Rnd 4-5	10 dc	10

Do not stuff: flatten the beak so it is wide, like a duck's. You have 10 stitches.

FEET, 2 PIECES (ORANGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12

Rnd 4	12 dc	12

Do not stuff. Flatten and close. With orange yarn, make 2 tight stitches at the tip to mark 3 toes. You have 12 stitches before closing.

NECKERCHIEF (BLUE YARN)

L1	41 ch; 40 dc starting in the 2nd chain from the hook	40
L2	1 ch, turn; 40 dc	40

The neckerchief is about 20 cm × 1 cm.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the beak to the front of the head, just below the eyes.
2. Sew the head to the top of the body, a little towards the front.
3. Sew the tail on at the back, pointing up, and the wings at the sides.
4. Sew the feet flat underneath, at the front, so the duckling sits.
5. Tie the neckerchief round the neck and add 2 sewing stitches at the knot.

Tip: with the 2.5 mm hook the fabric is nice and tight and the stuffing does not show. If your yarn is thicker, use 3 mm and the duckling comes out a little bigger.

> **Warning:** safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. For a baby, sew the whole neckerchief to the body, with no loose ends. Never leave long loose strands in cots.

Project 15 · Kitten

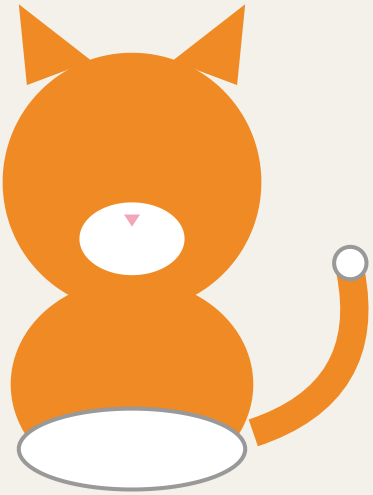
Level: easy · Time: 5 h · Size: 13 cm (sitting) · Yarn: medium cotton, 3 mm hook

A sitting orange cat, with a white muzzle, tummy and tail tip. The big head gives it a very tender look.

MATERIALS

- orange yarn (≈ 30 g)
- white yarn (≈ 12 g)
- pink yarn (≈ 1 g, for the nose)
- 3 mm crochet hook
- 2 safety eyes, 8 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 25 g)
- yarn needle, scissors and stitch marker

COLOUR MAP



Head, body, tail: orange

Muzzle, base, tips: white

Nose: pink

Colour map: each colour is one piece.

HEAD (ORANGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7	(5 dc, inc) ×6	42
Rnd 8-13	42 dc	42
Rnd 14	(5 dc, dec) ×6	36
Rnd 15	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30

Rnd 16	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 17	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 18	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 19	6 dec	6

Fit the eyes between Rnd 10 and Rnd 11, with 9 stitches between them. Stuff firmly from Rnd 16 and close the 6 stitches of Rnd 19.

MUZZLE (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	18 dc	18

Leave 25 cm of yarn. You have 18 stitches. Embroider the nose with pink yarn, in a triangle, at the top of the muzzle.

EARS, 2 PIECES (ORANGE YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12
Rnd 5	12 dc	12

Do not stuff. Flatten into a triangle. You have 12 stitches.

BODY (WHITE YARN AND ORANGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7-8	36 dc	36
Rnd 9-11	36 dc	36
Rnd 12	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 13-14	30 dc	30
Rnd 15	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 16-17	24 dc	24
Rnd 18	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 19	18 dc	18

Change to orange at the end of Rnd 8: the base is white. Stuff firmly and leave 30 cm of yarn. You have 18 open stitches.

FRONT LEGS, 2 PIECES (WHITE YARN AND ORANGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3-4	9 dc	9

Rnd 5-10	9 dc	9

Change to orange at the end of Rnd 4. Stuff only the white tip. You have 9 stitches.

TAIL (WHITE YARN AND ORANGE YARN)

Rnd 1	5 dc in MR	5
Rnd 2	4 dc, inc	6
Rnd 3	6 dc	6
Rnd 4-20	6 dc	6

Change to orange at the end of Rnd 3. Do not stuff. The tail is about 9 cm long. You have 6 stitches.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the muzzle to the lower half of the face, between the eyes and Rnd 15.
2. Sew the ears to the top of the head, between Rnd 4 and Rnd 7, well apart.
3. Sew the head into the opening of the body.
4. Sew the front legs to the chest, with the white tips touching the table.
5. Sew the tail on at the back, at the base, and curl it to one side. Add 2 stitches to fix it to the body.
6. Embroider 3 whiskers on each side with white or pink yarn.

Tip: want a grey or black cat? Change only the orange yarn. The rounds are the same.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. For babies, do not embroider long whiskers: make short, firmly fixed stitches.

Project 16 · Puppy

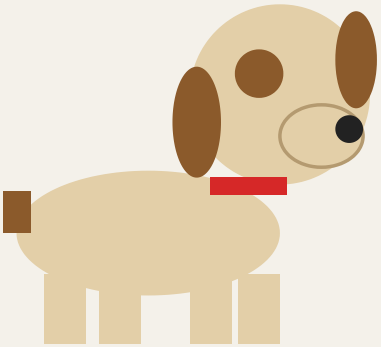
Level: medium · Time: 5 h · Size: 12 cm (standing) · Yarn: medium cotton, 3 mm hook

A standing beige puppy, with floppy brown ears, a patch over one eye and a red collar. Anyone with a dog at home will love it.

MATERIALS

- beige yarn (≈ 30 g)
- brown yarn (≈ 8 g)
- black yarn (≈ 2 g)
- red yarn (≈ 2 g)
- 3 mm crochet hook
- 2 safety eyes, 8 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 25 g)
- yarn needle, scissors and stitch marker

COLOUR MAP



Body: beige
Ears: brown
Nose: black
Collar: red

Colour map: each colour is one piece.

HEAD (BEIGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7-12	36 dc	36
Rnd 13	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 14	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 15	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 16	(dc, dec) ×6	12

Rnd 17	6 dec	6

Before fitting the eyes, sew the brown patch round the place of one eye. Fit the eyes at Rnd 9, with 8 stitches between them. Stuff and close the 6 stitches of Rnd 17.

MUZZLE (BEIGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4-6	18 dc	18

Leave 25 cm of yarn. You have 18 open stitches.

NOSE (BLACK YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	9 dc	9

Stuff with a little stuffing. You have 9 stitches.

EYE PATCH (BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12

It is flat. Finish with 1 ss. You have 12 stitches.

EARS, 2 PIECES (BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12
Rnd 4-8	12 dc	12
Rnd 9	(2 dc, dec) ×3	9
Rnd 10-11	9 dc	9

Do not stuff. Flatten. You have 9 stitches.

BODY (BEIGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6-13	30 dc	30
Rnd 14	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 15	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 16	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 17	6 dec	6

Stuff firmly and close the 6 stitches of Rnd 17. The body lies on its side, about 8 cm long.

LEGS, 4 PIECES (BEIGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12
Rnd 4-8	12 dc	12

Work Rnd 4 in the back loop only, so the paw has a flat base. Stuff firmly. You have 12 stitches. The legs are short and thick.

TAIL (BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 3-6	6 dc	6

Stuff a little. You have 6 stitches.

COLLAR (RED YARN)

L1	31 ch; 30 dc starting in the 2nd chain from the hook	30

It is about 14 cm long. Try it round the neck before sewing the ends.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the nose to the tip of the muzzle. Stuff the muzzle and sew it to the front of the head, between Rnd 9 and Rnd 15.

2. Sew the ears to the sides of the head, at Rnd 5, hanging down.
3. Sew the 4 legs under the body and check that the dog stands up.
4. Sew the head to the front of the body, on top, and the tail at the back, pointing up.
5. Put the collar between the head and the body and sew the ends to each other.

Tip: embroider a small mouth with black yarn, in a «Y» shape, just under the nose. The puppy looks as if it is smiling straight away.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. The nose is a small piece: sew it on all the way round and check that it does not come off.

Project 17 · Little goat

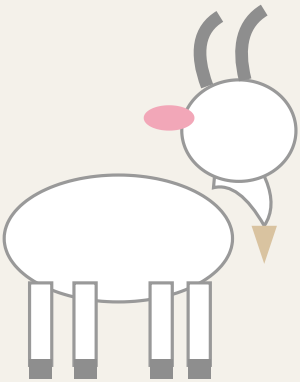
Level: medium · Time: 5 h · Size: 13 cm (standing) · Yarn: medium cotton, 3 mm hook

A standing white goat, with grey horns, ears at the sides and a little beard. She has slim legs and a head with a narrow muzzle.

MATERIALS

- white yarn (≈ 30 g)
- grey yarn (≈ 6 g)
- pink yarn (≈ 1 g)
- beige yarn (≈ 2 g)
- 3 mm crochet hook
- 2 safety eyes, 6 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 25 g)
- yarn needle, scissors and stitch marker

COLOUR MAP



Body: white
Horns, hooves: grey
Ear tips: pink
Beard: beige

Colour map: each colour is one piece.

HEAD (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12
Rnd 4	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 5	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 6	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 7-11	30 dc	30
Rnd 12	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 13	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 14	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 15	6 dec	6

The head starts at the tip of the muzzle, which is narrow. Fit the eyes at Rnd 8, with 8 stitches between them. Stuff firmly and close the 6 stitches of Rnd 15.

BODY (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7-14	36 dc	36
Rnd 15	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 16	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 17	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 18	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 19	6 dec	6

Stuff firmly and close the 6 stitches of Rnd 19. The body lies on its side, about 9 cm long.

LEGS, 4 PIECES (GREY YARN AND WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	9 dc	9

Rnd 4-9	9 dc	9

Change to white at the end of Rnd 3. Stuff firmly, with a little stuffing at a time. You have 9 stitches. The legs are slim.

HORNS, 2 PIECES (GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	4 dc	4
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 4-5	6 dc	6

Stuff a little and bend the tip backwards with 1 sewing stitch. You have 6 stitches.

EARS, 2 PIECES (PINK YARN AND WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8
Rnd 4-5	8 dc	8
Rnd 6	(2 dc, dec) ×2	6

Change to white at the end of Rnd 2: the tip is pink. Do not stuff. You have 6 stitches.

TAIL (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4

Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 3	6 dc	6

Do not stuff. It is a short tail, pointing up. You have 6 stitches.

Beard (beige yarn): cut 4 strands of 5 cm. Fold them in half and fix them together with a fringe knot under the tip of the muzzle. Trim to 2 cm.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the 4 legs under the body, 1.5 cm from the ends.
2. Sew the head to the front of the body, on top, with the muzzle facing forwards and slightly down.
3. Sew the ears to the sides of the head, at Rnd 10, horizontally.
4. Sew the horns to the top of the head, between the ears, curving backwards.
5. Sew the tail on at the back and make the beard. Hide all the yarn ends.

Tip: slim legs topple over easily. Stuff them well with the tip of a pencil, a little at a time, and sew them well apart.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. The horns and beard are small pieces: fix them firmly and check before giving the toy away.

Woodland animals

Nine friends from the forest

In this chapter you will find nine woodland animals, each with its own shape. There are round pieces, cone-shaped pieces and one-piece bodies. Start with the fox or the field mouse, which are the simplest. Always work the rounds in a spiral and use the stitch marker at the start of each round.

Project 18 · Fox

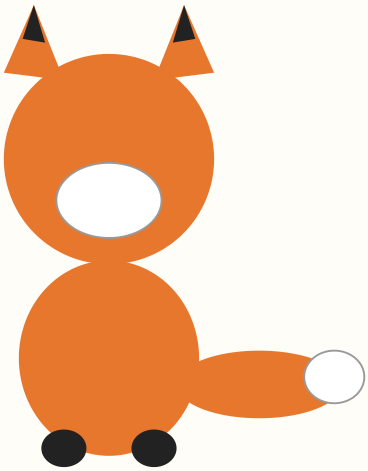
Level: easy · Time: 4 h · Size: 13 cm (sitting) · Yarn: medium cotton, 2.5 mm hook

A sitting fox with a big head and a bushy tail with a white tip. It is a very popular gift for children's bedrooms and for anyone who loves the countryside.

MATERIALS

- orange yarn (≈ 30 g)
- white yarn (≈ 10 g)
- black yarn (≈ 3 g)
- 2.5 mm crochet hook and yarn needle
- 2 safety eyes, 8 mm
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 20 g)
- stitch marker and scissors

COLOUR MAP



Head: orange

Muzzle: white

Paws: black

Tail: orange

Colour map: each colour is one piece.

HEAD (ORANGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7	(5 dc, inc) ×6	42
Rnd 8-14	42 dc	42
Rnd 15	(5 dc, dec) ×6	36
Rnd 16	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30

Rnd 17	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 18	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 19	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 20	6 dec	6

Fit the eyes between Rnd 10 and Rnd 11, 7 stitches apart; fix them when you reach Rnd 17, before the opening gets small. Stuff firmly before Rnd 19. At the end you have 6 stitches: cut the yarn, pass it through the 6 stitches and pull to close.

MUZZLE (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12
Rnd 4	(3 dc, inc) ×3	15
Rnd 5	(4 dc, inc) ×3	18
Rnd 6	18 dc	18

You have 18 stitches. Leave a 25 cm strand for sewing. Embroider the nose at the tip with black yarn.

EARS (2 PIECES; TIP IN BLACK YARN, THE REST IN ORANGE YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8

Rnd 4	(3 dc, inc) ×2	10
Rnd 5	(4 dc, inc) ×2	12
Rnd 6-7	12 dc	12

Change to orange yarn on the last stitch of Rnd 2. Do not stuff. Flatten and close with 6 dc through both layers.

BODY (ORANGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7-10	36 dc	36
Rnd 11	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 12-14	30 dc	30
Rnd 15	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 16-17	24 dc	24
Rnd 18	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18

You have 18 open stitches. Stuff firmly, especially the base, so the fox sits up. Leave 30 cm of yarn.

PAWS (4 PIECES; TIP IN BLACK YARN, THE REST IN ORANGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3-4	9 dc	9
Rnd 5-8	9 dc	9

Stuff only the black tip. Flatten the opening and close with 4 dc.

TAIL (TIP IN WHITE YARN, THE REST IN ORANGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12
Rnd 4-5	12 dc	12
Rnd 6	(3 dc, inc) ×3	15
Rnd 7-10	15 dc	15
Rnd 11	(3 dc, dec) ×3	12
Rnd 12-14	12 dc	12
Rnd 15	(2 dc, dec) ×3	9

You have 9 stitches. Stuff lightly so the tail can bend.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the muzzle to the lower part of the head, between Rnd 11 and Rnd 17, and stuff it a little before closing.

2. Sew the ears to the top of the head, between Rnd 4 and Rnd 7, facing forwards.
3. Sew the opening of the body to the base of the head, all the way round, with small stitches.
4. Sew the front paws near the chest and the back ones to the sides of the base, lying forwards.
5. Sew the tail on at the back, at the base, and bend it to one side.

Tip: embroider two fine lines of black yarn above each eye. The fox looks livelier straight away.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. Pull all the pieces hard to check that they are firmly attached.

Project 19 · Squirrel

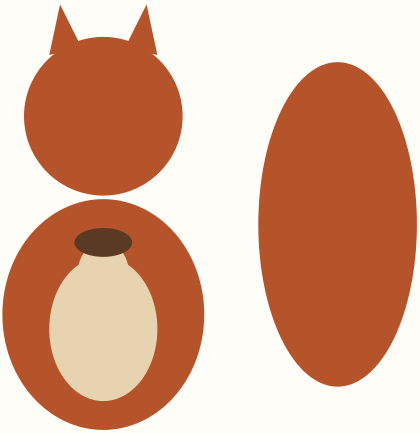
Level: easy · Time: 4 h 30 min · Size: 14 cm (with the tail) · Yarn: medium cotton, 2.5 mm hook

A squirrel with the head and body in one piece, a big tail and an acorn in its hands. It looks good on a bookshelf or as an autumn gift.

MATERIALS

- reddish-brown yarn (≈ 35 g)
- beige yarn (≈ 8 g)
- dark brown yarn (≈ 4 g)
- 2.5 mm crochet hook and yarn needle
- 2 safety eyes, 8 mm
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 25 g)
- stitch marker and scissors

COLOUR MAP



Colour map: each colour is one piece.

HEAD AND BODY (REDDISH-BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6-10	30 dc	30
Rnd 11	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 12	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 13	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 14	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 15	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36

Rnd 16-21	36 dc	36
Rnd 22	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 23	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 24	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 25	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 26	6 dec	6

Rnd 12 is the neck. Fit the eyes between Rnd 7 and Rnd 8, 6 stitches apart. Stuff the head before Rnd 13 and the body before Rnd 25. Close the last 6 stitches.

TUMMY (BEIGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24

It is a flat disc of 24 stitches, about 5 cm across. Finish with 1 ss and leave 30 cm of yarn.

EARS (2 PIECES, REDDISH-BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8
Rnd 4-5	8 dc	8

Do not stuff. Flatten and leave yarn for sewing.

ARMS (2 PIECES, REDDISH-BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2-7	6 dc	6

No stuffing needed. Flatten the opening.

TAIL (REDDISH-BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12
Rnd 4	(3 dc, inc) ×3	15
Rnd 5	(4 dc, inc) ×3	18
Rnd 6	(5 dc, inc) ×3	21
Rnd 7	(6 dc, inc) ×3	24
Rnd 8-16	24 dc	24
Rnd 17	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 18-20	18 dc	18

Stuff lightly, just to give it volume. The tail should curl upwards, resting against the back.

ACORN (BEIGE YARN AND DARK BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6

Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3-5	9 dc	9
Rnd 6	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12
Rnd 7	12 dc	12
Rnd 8	6 dec	6

Stuff before Rnd 8 and close the 6 stitches. Make 3 ch at the top for the acorn's stalk.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the tummy to the front of the body, between Rnd 15 and Rnd 24.
2. Sew the ears to the top of the head, between Rnd 3 and Rnd 5.
3. Sew the arms just below the neck, facing forwards.
4. Sew the acorn between the tips of the two arms.
5. Sew the tail to the back, at the base, and add 2 stitches in the middle to keep it resting against the body.
6. Embroider the nose with dark brown yarn between the eyes, one round below.

Tip: for a fluffier tail, brush it lightly with an old toothbrush. The strands open up and it looks like fur.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the

eyes with yarn. The acorn is a small piece: sew it on with several firm stitches and check that it does not come off.

Project 20 · Hedgehog

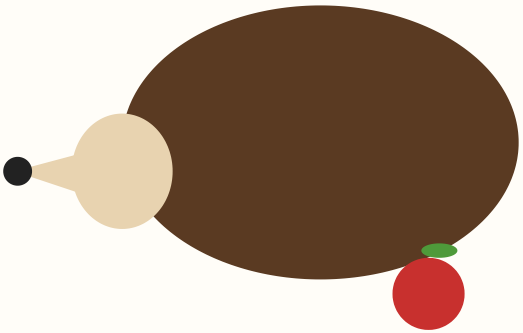
Level: easy · Time: 3 h 30 min · Size: 10 cm long · Yarn: medium cotton, 3 mm hook

A teardrop-shaped hedgehog, with a pointed snout and fringe spines. He carries a red apple and looks nice on a bedside table.

MATERIALS

- beige yarn (≈ 10 g)
- dark brown yarn (≈ 30 g, includes the fringe)
- black yarn (≈ 2 g)
- red yarn (≈ 5 g)
- green yarn (≈ 1 g)
- 3 mm crochet hook and yarn needle
- 2 safety eyes, 6 mm
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 15 g)
- stitch marker and scissors

COLOUR MAP



Muzzle: beige

Back: dark brown

Nose: black

Apple: red

Leaf: green

Colour map: each colour is one piece.

BODY (STARTS IN BEIGE YARN, CHANGES TO DARK BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12
Rnd 5	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 6	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 7	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 8-14	30 dc	30
Rnd 15	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 16	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18

Rnd 17	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 18	6 dec	6

Change to dark brown yarn on the last stitch of Rnd 6. Fit the eyes between Rnd 5 and Rnd 6, 5 stitches apart. Stuff before Rnd 17 and close the 6 stitches.

EARS (2 PIECES, BEIGE YARN)

Rnd 1	5 dc in MR	5
Rnd 2	5 dc	5

Do not pull the ring completely tight: the ear stays cupped. Leave yarn for sewing.

PAWS (4 PIECES, BEIGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2-3	6 dc	6

No stuffing. Flatten and sew on under the body.

APPLE (RED YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4-6	18 dc	18
Rnd 7	(dc, dec) ×6	12

Rnd 8	6 dec	6

Stuff before Rnd 8. As you close, pull the yarn into the apple and come out at the starting point: this sinks the top. Leaf in green yarn: 5 ch, and along the chain work 1 ss, 1 dc, 1 htr, 1 dc (4 stitches).

FRINGE SPINES (DARK BROWN YARN)

Cut about 60 strands of 7 cm. Fold each strand in half. With the hook, pass the fold under a stitch of the back, between Rnd 8 and Rnd 16, pull the ends through the fold and tighten well (fringe knot). Make one row on each round, with 1 stitch between. At the end, trim all the strands to 1.5 cm.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the ears at the border between the beige and the brown, above the eyes.
2. Embroider the nose at the tip of the snout with black yarn, with 5 or 6 wraps of yarn.
3. Sew the 4 paws underneath: 2 on Rnd 8 and 2 on Rnd 14.
4. Make the fringe spines and trim them evenly.
5. Sew the apple between the front paws, or on the back, among the spines.

Tip: if you separate the strands of each fringe with the tip of the yarn needle, the spines look fuller and softer.

> **Warning:** safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. The fringe can come loose with strong tugs: for young children, embroider the spines in backstitch instead of using fringe.

Project 21 · Owl

Level: easy · Time: 3 h · Size: 11 cm · Yarn: medium cotton, 2.5 mm hook

A one-piece owl, with the top sewn straight across, which makes the two ears by itself. It looks very pretty as a paperweight or on a bookshelf.

MATERIALS

- grey yarn (≈ 25 g)
- cream yarn (≈ 8 g)
- mustard yarn (≈ 4 g)
- orange yarn (≈ 1 g)
- dark brown yarn (≈ 6 g)
- 2.5 mm crochet hook and yarn needle
- 2 safety eyes, 10 mm
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 20 g)
- stitch marker and scissors

COLOUR MAP



Body: grey

Eyes and tummy: cream

Ring: yellow

Beak: orange

Wings: brown

Colour map: each colour is one piece.

BODY (GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7	(5 dc, inc) ×6	42
Rnd 8-20	42 dc	42

Start from the base. Work Rnd 8 in the back loop only, so the base is flat. You have 42 open stitches at the top. Do not close yet.

EYES (2 PIECES; CENTRE IN CREAM YARN, RING IN MUSTARD YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24

A flat disc of about 4 cm. Pass the safety eye through the centre of the disc and then through the body, between Rnd 15 and Rnd 16, before closing. The two discs touch each other.

TUMMY (CREAM YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30

A flat disc of about 5.5 cm. Embroider 3 rows of small «V» shapes in grey yarn, to look like feathers.

BEAK (ORANGE YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8

A small cone with no stuffing. Leave yarn for sewing.

WINGS (2 PIECES, DARK BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12
Rnd 4-8	12 dc	12
Rnd 9	(2 dc, dec) ×3	9
Rnd 10	9 dc	9

No stuffing. Flatten and close with 4 dc through both layers.

ASSEMBLY

1. Fit the eyes with the discs, as explained above.
2. Sew the beak between the eyes, a little below.
3. Sew the tummy to the front, between Rnd 6 and Rnd 13.
4. Stuff the body firmly. Flatten the top: you have 21 stitches at the front and 21 at the back.
5. Close the top with 21 dc through both layers. The corners become ears.
6. Sew the wings to the sides, fixed only along the top.

Tip: put a small cloth bag of rice at the bottom, before the stuffing. The owl stands up without toppling and works as

a paperweight.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. If you use rice, close the cloth bag well and do not give the owl to young children.

Project 22 · Doe

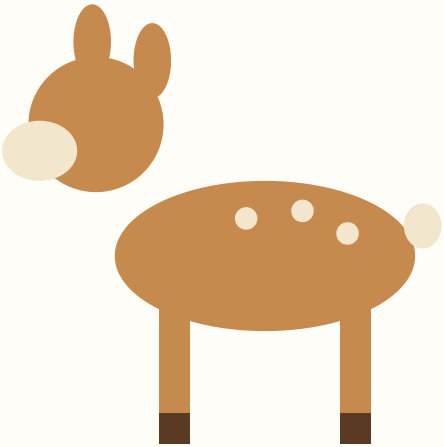
Level: medium · Time: 5 h · Size: 14 cm (standing) · Yarn: medium cotton, 2.5 mm hook

A standing doe, with slim legs and white spots on her back. It is a delicate pattern for anyone who has already made two or three toys.

MATERIALS

- caramel yarn (≈ 35 g)
- cream yarn (≈ 8 g)
- dark brown yarn (≈ 4 g)
- 2.5 mm crochet hook and yarn needle
- 2 safety eyes, 8 mm
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 25 g)
- stitch marker and scissors

COLOUR MAP



Body: caramel

Muzzle, spots and tail: cream

Hooves: dark brown

Colour map: each colour is one piece.

HEAD (MUZZLE IN CREAM YARN, THE REST IN CARAMEL YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12
Rnd 4	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 5	18 dc	18
Rnd 6	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 7	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 8	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 9-14	36 dc	36
Rnd 15	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30

Rnd 16	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 17	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 18	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 19	6 dec	6

Change to caramel on the last stitch of Rnd 5. Fit the eyes between Rnd 9 and Rnd 10, at the sides, 9 stitches apart. Stuff before Rnd 18 and close the 6 stitches.

EARS (2 PIECES, CARAMEL YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8
Rnd 4	(3 dc, inc) ×2	10
Rnd 5-7	10 dc	10
Rnd 8	(3 dc, dec) ×2	8

Do not stuff. Fold the base in half before sewing, so the ear is cupped.

BODY (CARAMEL YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30

Rnd 6-16	30 dc	30
Rnd 17	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 18	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 19	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 20	6 dec	6

It is a capsule-shaped body, about 9 cm long. Stuff firmly before Rnd 19 and close the 6 stitches.

LEGS (4 PIECES; HOOF IN DARK BROWN YARN, THE REST IN CARAMEL YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	9 dc	9
Rnd 4-12	9 dc	9

Work Rnd 3 in the back loop only, so the hoof has a flat base. Stuff the legs very firmly, stitch by stitch, so the doe can stand.

TAIL (CREAM YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 3-4	6 dc	6

No stuffing. Flatten and leave yarn for sewing.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the 4 legs under the body: 2 between Rnd 5 and Rnd 6, and 2 between Rnd 15 and Rnd 16, with 6 stitches between the legs of each pair.
2. Check that the doe stands on a table. If she topples, adjust the position before tightening.
3. Sew the head to the front part of the body, a little above, slightly turned to one side.
4. Sew the ears to the sides of the top of the head, between Rnd 12 and Rnd 13.
5. Sew the tail on at the back, at the top of the body.
6. Embroider 6 to 8 spots on the back with cream yarn (3 backstitches each) and the nose with dark brown yarn.

Tip: stuff the legs with small amounts of stuffing, pushed in with the tip of a pencil. Firm legs are the secret of a toy that stands up.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. Check that the head and legs are well sewn on and that the stuffing does not come out through the seams.

Project 23 · Badger

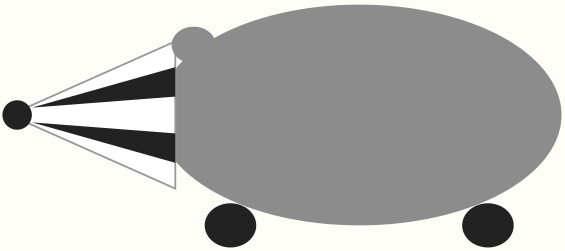
Level: easy · Time: 4 h · Size: 14 cm long · Yarn: medium cotton, 3 mm hook

A lying-down badger, with a long body and a cone-shaped head with black stripes. It is lovely to hold and looks good on a sofa.

MATERIALS

- grey yarn (≈ 40 g)
- white yarn (≈ 12 g)
- black yarn (≈ 10 g)
- 3 mm crochet hook and yarn needle
- 2 safety eyes, 8 mm
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 30 g)
- stitch marker and scissors

COLOUR MAP



Body: grey

Head: white

Stripes and paws: black

Colour map: each colour is one piece.

HEAD (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12
Rnd 5	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 6	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 7	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 8-12	30 dc	30
Rnd 13	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 14	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18

Rnd 15	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 16	6 dec	6

Fit the eyes between Rnd 7 and Rnd 8, 6 stitches apart, over the stripes (see below). Stuff before Rnd 15 and close the 6 stitches.

STRIPES (2 PIECES, BLACK YARN)

L0	13 ch	13
L1	12 dc, starting in the 2nd chain from the hook; 1 ch and turn	12
L2	12 dc	12

Each stripe measures about 5 cm by 1 cm. Leave 30 cm of yarn for sewing.

BODY (GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7	(5 dc, inc) ×6	42
Rnd 8-17	42 dc	42
Rnd 18	(5 dc, dec) ×6	36
Rnd 19	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30

Rnd 20	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 21	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 22	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 23	6 dec	6

Stuff firmly before Rnd 22 and close the 6 stitches. Then flatten the body a little with your hands, so it lies down.

PAWS (4 PIECES, BLACK YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3-5	9 dc	9

Stuff lightly. Leave yarn for sewing.

EARS (2 PIECES, GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9

A small disc. Fold in half and sew along the fold. Work 1 round of ss in white yarn around it, if you want the ear with a pale edge.

TAIL (GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 3-4	6 dc	6

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the black stripes to the head, one on each side, from the tip to the back, passing over the eyes.
2. Embroider the nose at the tip with black yarn.
3. Sew the head to one end of the body, slightly upwards.
4. Sew the ears behind the stripes, on top of the head.
5. Sew the paws underneath, near the ends of the body.
6. Sew the tail to the other end.

Tip: fit the eyes before sewing on the stripes, and pass the posts of the eyes through the stripe and the head. The stripes stay in the right place and the eyes end up black on black, like the real animal.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. Fix the paws well: they are small and sit underneath, where children pull.

Project 24 · Little wolf

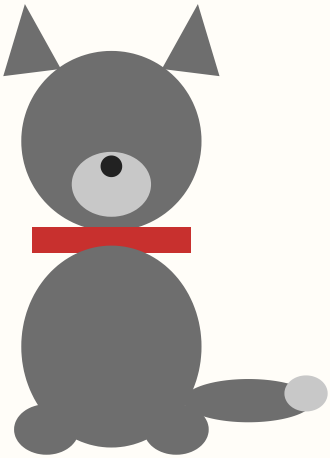
Level: medium · Time: 5 h · Size: 15 cm (sitting) · Yarn: medium cotton, 2.5 mm hook

A sitting little wolf, with a long muzzle, big ears and a red scarf. A charming gift for older children and for anyone who loves stories.

MATERIALS

- grey yarn (≈ 40 g)
- light grey yarn (≈ 12 g)
- black yarn (≈ 2 g)
- red yarn (≈ 6 g)
- 2.5 mm crochet hook and yarn needle
- 2 safety eyes, 8 mm
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 30 g)
- stitch marker and scissors

COLOUR MAP



Body: grey

Muzzle and tips: light grey

Nose: black

Scarf: red

Colour map: each colour is one piece.

HEAD (GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7-13	36 dc	36
Rnd 14	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 15	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 16	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 17	(dc, dec) ×6	12

Rnd 18	6 dec	6

Fit the eyes between Rnd 9 and Rnd 10, 8 stitches apart. Stuff before Rnd 17 and close the 6 stitches.

MUZZLE (LIGHT GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12
Rnd 4	12 dc	12
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×3	15
Rnd 6-7	15 dc	15

A long muzzle, about 3 cm. You have 15 stitches. Stuff before sewing on.

NOSE (BLACK YARN)

Rnd 1	5 dc in MR	5
Rnd 2	5 dc	5

A small ball. Sew it to the tip of the muzzle with firm stitches.

EARS (2 PIECES, GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8

Rnd 4	(3 dc, inc) ×2	10
Rnd 5	(4 dc, inc) ×2	12
Rnd 6	(5 dc, inc) ×2	14
Rnd 7-8	14 dc	14

Do not stuff. Flatten and close with 7 dc through both layers.

BODY (GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7-9	36 dc	36
Rnd 10	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 11-12	30 dc	30
Rnd 13	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 14-15	24 dc	24
Rnd 16	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 17-18	18 dc	18

A pear-shaped body. You have 18 open stitches. Stuff firmly and leave 30 cm of yarn.

ARMS (2 PIECES; HAND IN LIGHT GREY YARN, THE REST IN GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3-9	9 dc	9

Stuff only the hand. Flatten the opening.

BACK LEGS (2 PIECES, GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4-6	18 dc	18
Rnd 7	(dc, dec) ×6	12

Stuff lightly and flatten: you get an oval paw. Embroider 3 toes with light grey yarn.

TAIL (TIP IN LIGHT GREY YARN, THE REST IN GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12
Rnd 4-5	12 dc	12
Rnd 6-11	12 dc	12
Rnd 12	(2 dc, dec) ×3	9

Rnd 13-14	9 dc	9

SCARF (RED YARN)

L0	41 ch	41
L1	40 dc, starting in the 2nd chain from the hook; 1 ch and turn	40
L2-3	40 dc; 1 ch and turn	40

It is about 20 cm by 1.5 cm. At each end, fix 3 short fringes of 4 cm.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the muzzle between Rnd 10 and Rnd 15 of the head and the nose to the tip of the muzzle.
2. Sew the ears to the top of the head, between Rnd 4 and Rnd 8, standing up well.
3. Sew the head to the opening of the body, with small stitches all the way round.
4. Sew the arms to the sides, just below the neck.
5. Sew the back legs to the base, pointing forwards, and the tail at the back.
6. Wrap the scarf once round the neck and fix it with 2 stitches.

Tip: the muzzle should point slightly downwards. Pin it first with 4 pins and look at the little wolf from the front before sewing.

> **Warning:** safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. Sew the scarf to the body: if loose, it could wrap round a child's neck. The nose is a small piece: check that it is firmly attached.

Project 25 · Beaver

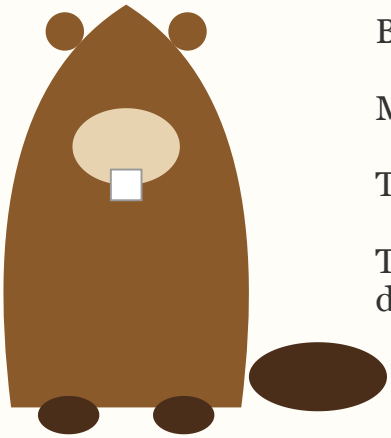
Level: easy · Time: 4 h 30 min · Size: 14 cm · Yarn: medium cotton, 3 mm hook

A chubby, bell-shaped beaver, with big teeth and a broad, smooth tail. A friendly, sturdy toy, good for holding.

MATERIALS

- brown yarn (≈ 45 g)
- beige yarn (≈ 6 g)
- white yarn (≈ 1 g)
- dark brown yarn (≈ 12 g)
- 3 mm crochet hook and yarn needle
- 2 safety eyes, 8 mm
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 35 g)
- stitch marker and scissors

COLOUR MAP



Body: brown

Muzzle: beige

Teeth: white

Tail and feet: dark brown

Colour map: each colour is one piece.

BODY AND HEAD (BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7	(5 dc, inc) ×6	42
Rnd 8	(6 dc, inc) ×6	48
Rnd 9-16	48 dc	48
Rnd 17	(6 dc, dec) ×6	42

Rnd 18-20	42 dc	42
Rnd 21	(5 dc, dec) ×6	36
Rnd 22-24	36 dc	36
Rnd 25	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 26-27	30 dc	30
Rnd 28	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 29	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 30	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 31	6 dec	6

Start from the base. Work Rnd 9 in the back loop only, so the base is flat. Fit the eyes between Rnd 23 and Rnd 24, 7 stitches apart. Stuff little by little from Rnd 20 and close the last 6 stitches.

MUZZLE (BEIGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5-6	24 dc	24

You have 24 stitches. Embroider the nose with dark brown yarn in the centre, in a triangle.

TEETH (WHITE YARN)

L0	4 ch	4
L1	3 dc, starting in the 2nd chain from the hook; 1 ch and turn	3
L2-3	3 dc; 1 ch and turn	3

A square of about 1.5 cm. With white yarn, make a line down the middle to separate the two teeth.

EARS (2 PIECES, BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12

A flat disc. Fold in half and sew along the fold.

ARMS (2 PIECES, BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3-6	9 dc	9

FEET (2 PIECES, DARK BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	12 dc	12
Rnd 4	(2 dc, dec) ×3	9

Stuff lightly and flatten.

TAIL (DARK BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12
Rnd 4	(3 dc, inc) ×3	15
Rnd 5	(4 dc, inc) ×3	18
Rnd 6	(5 dc, inc) ×3	21
Rnd 7-12	21 dc	21
Rnd 13	(5 dc, dec) ×3	18
Rnd 14	(4 dc, dec) ×3	15
Rnd 15	(3 dc, dec) ×3	12

Do not stuff: the tail stays flat and broad. Flatten and close with 6 dc through both layers. With brown yarn, embroider a few crossed lines, like scales.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the teeth under the muzzle, sticking out.
2. Sew the muzzle between the eyes and a little below, between Rnd 18 and Rnd 23, and stuff it a little before closing.
3. Sew the ears on top, between Rnd 27 and Rnd 28, one on each side.

4. Sew the arms to the sides, level with Rnd 17, with the tips together at the front.
5. Sew the feet to the front, at the base, and the tail at the back, lying on the floor.

Tip: the tail lying down helps the beaver to sit firmly. Sew it on with the smooth side down and slightly tilted.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. The teeth are a small piece: sew them on all the way round and check with a tug.

Project 26 · Field mouse

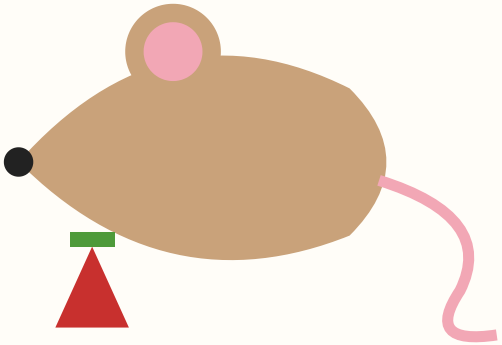
Level: easy · Time: 2 h 30 min · Size: 8 cm (without the tail) · Yarn: medium cotton, 2.5 mm hook

A little teardrop-shaped mouse, with round ears and a strawberry. It is quick to make and great as a keepsake or a key ring for adults.

MATERIALS

- light brown yarn (≈ 12 g)
- pink yarn (≈ 4 g)
- red yarn (≈ 3 g)
- green yarn (≈ 1 g)
- black yarn (≈ 1 g)
- 2.5 mm crochet hook and yarn needle
- 2 safety eyes, 6 mm
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 8 g)
- stitch marker and scissors

COLOUR MAP



Body: reddish light

Ears, tail and feet: pink

Strawberry: red

Leaves: green

Colour map: each colour is one piece.

BODY (LIGHT BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8
Rnd 4	(dc, inc) ×4	12
Rnd 5	(2 dc, inc) ×4	16
Rnd 6	(3 dc, inc) ×4	20
Rnd 7	(4 dc, inc) ×4	24
Rnd 8	(5 dc, inc) ×4	28
Rnd 9	(6 dc, inc) ×4	32
Rnd 10-16	32 dc	32

Rnd 17	(6 dc, dec) ×4	28
Rnd 18	(5 dc, dec) ×4	24
Rnd 19	(4 dc, dec) ×4	20
Rnd 20	(3 dc, dec) ×4	16
Rnd 21	(2 dc, dec) ×4	12
Rnd 22	(dc, dec) ×4	8
Rnd 23	4 dec	4

It starts at the nose, so it grows slowly (4 increases per round). Fit the eyes between Rnd 6 and Rnd 7, 5 stitches apart. Stuff before Rnd 21 and close the 4 stitches.

EARS (2 PIECES; CENTRE IN PINK YARN, EDGE IN LIGHT BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18

A flat disc of about 3 cm. Fold the base a little before sewing, so the ear is cupped.

FEET (2 PIECES, PINK YARN)

Rnd 1	5 dc in MR	5
Rnd 2	5 dc	5

TAIL (PINK YARN)

Make 20 ch. Work back with 19 ss, starting in the 2nd chain from the hook. You have 19 stitches and a tail of about 7 cm.

STRAWBERRY (RED YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12
Rnd 5	12 dc	12
Rnd 6	(2 dc, dec) ×3	9
Rnd 7	(dc, dec) ×3	6

Stuff before Rnd 7 and close the 6 stitches. Embroider small seeds with white or yellow yarn. Leaves in green yarn: 1 MR with 5 times (3 ch, 1 ss in the MR); you get 5 leaves.

ASSEMBLY

1. Embroider the nose at the tip with black yarn, or with pink yarn for a softer look.
2. Sew the ears on top, between Rnd 9 and Rnd 10, 6 stitches apart.
3. Sew the feet underneath, at the front.
4. Sew the tail to the back end, in the centre of the last 4 stitches.

5. Sew the leaves to the top of the strawberry and the strawberry between the feet.
6. With black yarn, embroider 3 short whiskers on each side of the nose.

Tip: make several mice in different colours (grey, white, brown). A family of mice makes a very cheerful decoration.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. This toy is small and has small parts (strawberry, feet): do not give it to children under 3. As a key ring, fix the ring with several firm stitches.

Sea creatures

Water creatures in cheerful colours

In this chapter you will find eight friends of the sea and the river: turtle, octopus, whale, clownfish, dolphin, starfish, crab and seahorse. They are small pieces in bright colours that look good in a child's bedroom, on a shelf or in a beach basket. Start with the starfish or the turtle, which are the simplest.

Project 27 · Turtle

Level: easy · Time: 3 h · Size: 11 cm long · Yarn: cotton, 3 mm hook

A low little turtle, with a domed shell and a smooth tummy. It sits up on its own and is a good first gift for anyone who loves the sea.

MATERIALS

- dark green yarn (≈ 20 g) for the shell
- light yellow yarn (≈ 10 g) for the tummy
- light green yarn (≈ 15 g) for the head, legs and tail
- 3 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 15 g)
- 2 safety eyes, 6 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)

COLOUR MAP



Colour map: each colour is one piece.

SHELL (DARK GREEN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7-10	36 dc	36

Finish with 1 ss, cut the yarn at 40 cm and keep it for assembly. You have 36 stitches on the edge.

TUMMY (LIGHT YELLOW YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36

Finish with 1 ss and cut the yarn short. It is a flat disc of 36 stitches, the same size as the edge of the shell.

HEAD (LIGHT GREEN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6

Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4-7	18 dc	18
Rnd 8	(dc, dec) ×6	12

Fit the eyes between Rnd 4 and Rnd 5, with 5 stitches between them. Stuff firmly. Do not close: the 12 open stitches are the neck. Leave 30 cm of yarn.

LEGS, 4 PIECES (LIGHT GREEN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3-5	9 dc	9

Stuff only the tip, flatten the opening and leave 20 cm of yarn on each leg.

TAIL (LIGHT GREEN YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 3	6 dc	6

Do not stuff. Flatten and leave 15 cm of yarn.

ASSEMBLY

1. Put the tummy under the shell, with the right sides facing out.

2. With the dark green yarn of the shell, work 1 dc in each stitch, catching both pieces at the same time (36 dc).
3. Before closing the last 8 stitches, stuff the shell without overdoing it: it should be domed, not a ball.
4. Sew the head to the front, under the edge, through the 12 stitches of the neck.
5. Sew two legs on each side, angled outwards, and the tail at the back.
6. With light green yarn and the yarn needle, embroider lines of ss on the shell to form 5 or 6 «plates».

Tip: use the stitch marker on the 1st stitch of every round. On the shell, if Rnds 7-10 come out loose, work them with a 2.5 mm hook: the dome is firmer.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. Sew the legs and head on firmly and check that nothing comes loose when you pull.

Project 28 · Octopus

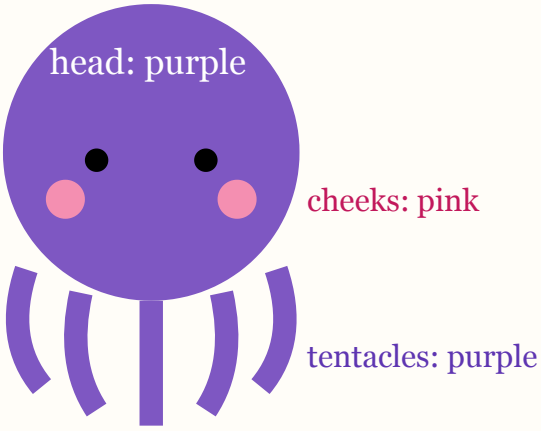
Level: easy · Time: 3 h 30 min · Size: 13 cm tall with the tentacles · Yarn: cotton, 3 mm hook

An octopus with a round head and eight curly tentacles. A cheerful toy to put on a shelf or give to anyone who loves the sea.

MATERIALS

- purple yarn (≈ 35 g)
- pink yarn (≈ 2 g) for the cheeks
- 3 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 20 g)
- 2 safety eyes, 8 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)

COLOUR MAP



Colour map: each colour is one piece.

HEAD (PURPLE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7	(5 dc, inc) ×6	42
Rnd 8-14	42 dc	42
Rnd 15	(5 dc, dec) ×6	36
Rnd 16	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 17	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 18	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 19	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 20	6 dec	6

Fit the eyes between Rnd 11 and Rnd 12, with 7 stitches between them, before Rnd 15. Stuff firmly from Rnd 17. At the end, pass the yarn through the 6 stitches, pull and hide the end.

TENTACLES, 8 PIECES (PURPLE YARN)

L1	16 ch	16
L2	starting in the 2nd ch from the hook, 2 tr in each ch	30

The 30 tr make the tentacle curl into a spiral by itself. Leave 20 cm of yarn on each.

CHEEKS, 2 PIECES (PINK YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6

Close with 1 ss and leave 15 cm of yarn. You get a small circle of 6 stitches.

ASSEMBLY

1. Turn the head upside down and find Rnd 17 (24 stitches).
2. Sew the 8 tentacles round Rnd 17, leaving 3 stitches between each one.
3. Sew a cheek below each eye, a little towards the outside.
4. If you like, embroider a small smile with black yarn between the cheeks.

Tip: for tighter curls, make the tr a little firmer. For longer tentacles, start with 21 ch and work 40 tr.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. Pull each tentacle after sewing it to check that it is firmly attached.

Project 29 · Whale

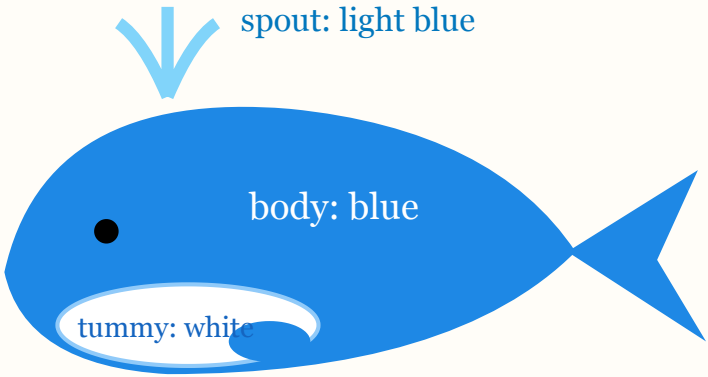
Level: easy · Time: 3 h · Size: 15 cm long · Yarn: cotton, 3 mm hook

A chubby whale that tapers to the tail, with a white tummy and a little water spout. It looks lovely in a baby's room, away from the cot.

MATERIALS

- blue yarn (≈ 30 g)
- white yarn (≈ 8 g) for the tummy
- light blue yarn (≈ 2 g) for the water spout
- 3 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 20 g)
- 2 safety eyes, 6 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)

COLOUR MAP



Colour map: each colour is one piece.

BODY (BLUE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7-12	36 dc	36
Rnd 13	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 14	30 dc	30
Rnd 15	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24

Rnd 16	24 dc	24
Rnd 17	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 18	18 dc	18
Rnd 19	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 20-22	12 dc	12
Rnd 23	6 dec	6

Rnd 1 is the front of the head. Fit the eyes between Rnd 8 and Rnd 9, well to the sides, with 12 stitches between them. Stuff from Rnd 15, with little stuffing in Rnds 20-22 (the tip of the tail). Close the 6 stitches and hide the yarn.

TAIL FIN, 2 PIECES (BLUE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12
Rnd 4-5	12 dc	12

Do not stuff. Flatten and close with 6 dc, catching both layers. Leave 20 cm of yarn.

SIDE FINS, 2 PIECES (BLUE YARN)

Rnd 1	5 dc in MR	5
Rnd 2	5 inc	10
Rnd 3-4	10 dc	10

Rnd 5	5 dec	5

Do not stuff. Flatten and leave 15 cm of yarn.

TUMMY (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24

Finish with 1 ss and leave 30 cm of yarn. It is a flat disc of 24 stitches.

WATER SPOUT (LIGHT BLUE YARN)

Join the yarn at the top of the head, at Rnd 3. Make 8 ch, 1 ss in the same stitch; repeat 2 more times, to get 3 loops of 8 ch. Cut and hide the yarn inside.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the tummy under the head, stretching it a little so it is oval.
2. Sew the two tail fins to the closed end, one on each side, in a V shape.
3. Sew a fin on each side, just behind the tummy, pointing backwards.
4. Make the water spout on top of the head.

Tip: stuff the head more than the tail. That way the whale gets a teardrop shape and does not roll.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. Do not leave the whale in the cot: the loops of the spout are not for sleeping babies.

Project 30 · Clownfish

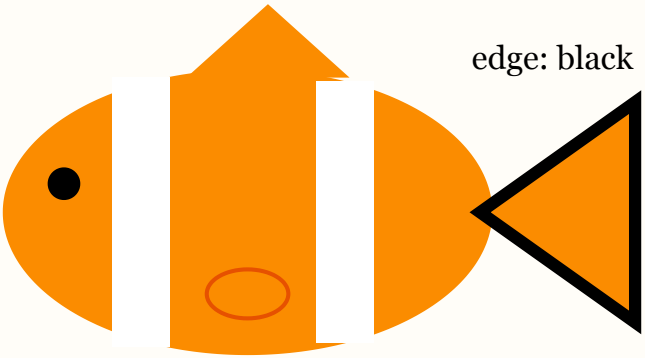
Level: medium · Time: 2 h 30 min · Size: 9 cm long · Yarn: cotton, 2.5 mm hook

An orange fish with white stripes worked into the body itself. It is a good project for learning to change colour and looks good on a key ring or a mobile.

MATERIALS

- orange yarn (≈ 15 g)
- white yarn (≈ 6 g)
- black yarn (≈ 3 g)
- 2.5 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 8 g)
- 2 safety eyes, 6 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)

COLOUR MAP



body and fins: orange

stripes: white

Colour map: each colour is one piece or one stripe.

BODY (ORANGE YARN AND WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5-6	24 dc	24
Rnd 7	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 8-9	30 dc	30
Rnd 10-11	30 dc	30
Rnd 12	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 13	24 dc	24

Rnd 14	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 15	18 dc	18
Rnd 16	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 17	6 dec	6

To change colour: on the last stitch of the previous round, make the last yarn round hook with the new colour. Do not cut the orange yarn; carry it up inside until you need it again. Fit the eyes between Rnd 3 and Rnd 4, well to the sides. Stuff from Rnd 12 and close the 6 stitches.

TAIL (ORANGE YARN AND BLACK YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12
Rnd 4	(3 dc, inc) ×3	15
Rnd 5	15 dc	15

Rnd 5 is the black edge. Do not stuff. Flatten the tail and leave 20 cm of black yarn for sewing.

SIDE FINS, 2 PIECES (ORANGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8
Rnd 3	8 dc	8

Do not stuff. Flatten and leave 15 cm of yarn.

TOP FIN (ORANGE YARN)

L1	9 ch	9
L2	starting in the 2nd ch: ss, dc, htr, tr, tr, htr, dc, ss	8

You get a half-moon of 8 stitches. Leave 20 cm of yarn.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the tail to the closed end of the body, upright.
2. Sew the top fin along the back, between the two white stripes.
3. Sew a fin on each side, just behind the 1st white stripe, with the tip pointing back.
4. With black yarn, embroider 1 line of ss around each white stripe, on both sides.

Tip: at the colour changes, the start of the round shifts a little. Always put the marker on the 1st stitch and make the changes on the underside of the fish, where they show least.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. If you use it as a key ring, keep it away from young children.

Project 31 · Dolphin

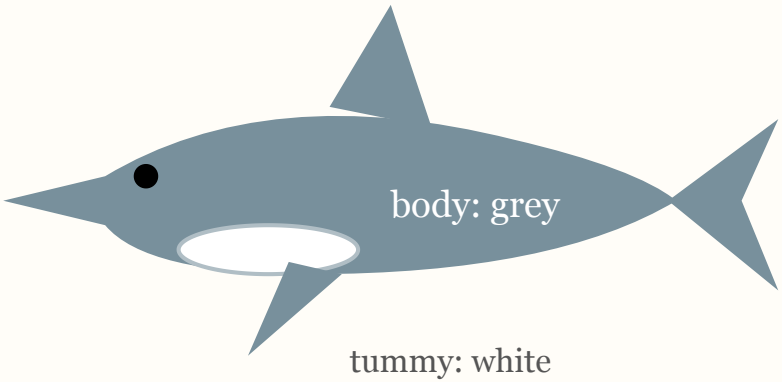
Level: medium · Time: 3 h 30 min · Size: 16 cm long · Yarn: cotton, 3 mm hook

A long dolphin, with a snout, a fin on its back and a V-shaped tail. Made in one piece from snout to tail, it is a friendly gift for anyone who loves swimming.

MATERIALS

- blue-grey yarn (≈ 25 g)
- white yarn (≈ 5 g) for the tummy
- 3 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 15 g)
- 2 safety eyes, 6 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)

COLOUR MAP



Colour map: each colour is one piece.

BODY (BLUE-GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	9 dc	9
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12
Rnd 5	12 dc	12
Rnd 6	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 7	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 8	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 9-14	30 dc	30
Rnd 15	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24

Rnd 16-17	24 dc	24
Rnd 18	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 19-20	18 dc	18
Rnd 21	(4 dc, dec) ×3	15
Rnd 22	15 dc	15
Rnd 23	(3 dc, dec) ×3	12
Rnd 24-25	12 dc	12
Rnd 26	6 dec	6

Rnds 1-5 form the snout. Fit the eyes between Rnd 8 and Rnd 9, with 9 stitches between them. Stuff the snout straight after Rnd 8 and the rest little by little, every 3 rounds. Close the 6 stitches and hide the yarn.

BACK FIN (BLUE-GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	3 dc in MR	3
Rnd 2	3 inc	6
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 4	9 dc	9

Stuff only the tip, just a little. Leave 20 cm of yarn.

TAIL, 2 PIECES (BLUE-GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6

Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8
Rnd 4	8 dc	8

Do not stuff. Flatten each piece and leave 15 cm of yarn.

SIDE FINS, 2 PIECES (BLUE-GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 dc	6
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 4	9 dc	9

Do not stuff. Flatten and leave 15 cm of yarn.

TUMMY (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(3 dc, inc) ×3	15

Finish with 1 ss and leave 25 cm of yarn. It is a small disc.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the tummy underneath, between Rnd 9 and Rnd 14, stretching it so it is oval.
2. Sew the back fin on top, at Rnd 13, tilted backwards.
3. Join the two pieces of the tail at the base, in a V, and sew them to the closed end.

4. Sew a fin on each side, just in front of the tummy.
5. If you like, embroider a short smile with black yarn on the snout.

Tip: to make the dolphin curve, as if it were leaping, take 2 or 3 stitches inside between Rnd 18 and Rnd 24 and pull a little before fastening off.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. Check that the fins are sewn on well.

Project 32 · Starfish

Level: easy · Time: 2 h 30 min · Size: 12 cm from tip to tip · Yarn: cotton, 3 mm hook

A soft starfish, with five plump arms and embroidered spots. It looks good on a cushion, on a child's bed or as beach-house decoration.

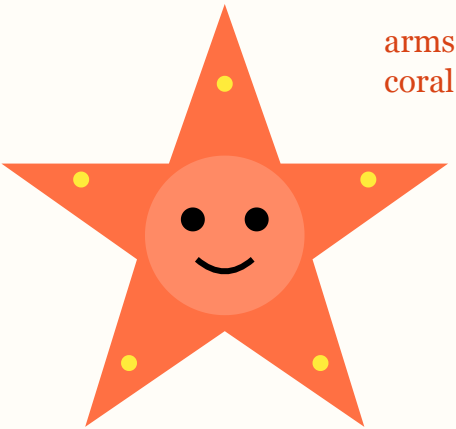
MATERIALS

- coral yarn (≈ 20 g)
- yellow yarn (≈ 2 g) for the spots
- black yarn (≈ 1 g) for the smile
- 3 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 10 g)
- 2 safety eyes, 8 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)

COLOUR MAP

spots: yellow

arms and centre: coral



smile: black

Colour map: each colour is one piece or one embroidery.

ARMS, 5 PIECES (CORAL YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 3	6 dc	6
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8
Rnd 5	8 dc	8
Rnd 6	(3 dc, inc) ×2	10
Rnd 7-8	10 dc	10

Stuff each arm without packing it tight. Do not close: flatten the opening (5 stitches on each side) and leave 25 cm of yarn.

CENTRE, 2 PIECES (CORAL YARN)

Rnd 1	5 dc in MR	5
Rnd 2	5 inc	10
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×5	15
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×5	20
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×5	25

Two flat discs of 25 stitches: one is the front, the other is the back. On the front, fit the eyes between Rnd 3 and Rnd 4, with 4 stitches between them.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the 5 arms to the edge of the front disc: each arm takes up 5 stitches of Rnd 5.
2. Put the back disc behind and sew all the way round, through the base of the arms.
3. Before closing, put a little stuffing in the centre.
4. With yellow yarn, embroider 3 or 4 small knots on each arm.
5. With black yarn, embroider a smile below the eyes.

Tip: for a flatter starfish, which can serve as a decorative pot holder, do not stuff the arms and do not use eyes: embroider them.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. Fasten off the embroidery ends well and cut the strands close.

Project 33 · Crab

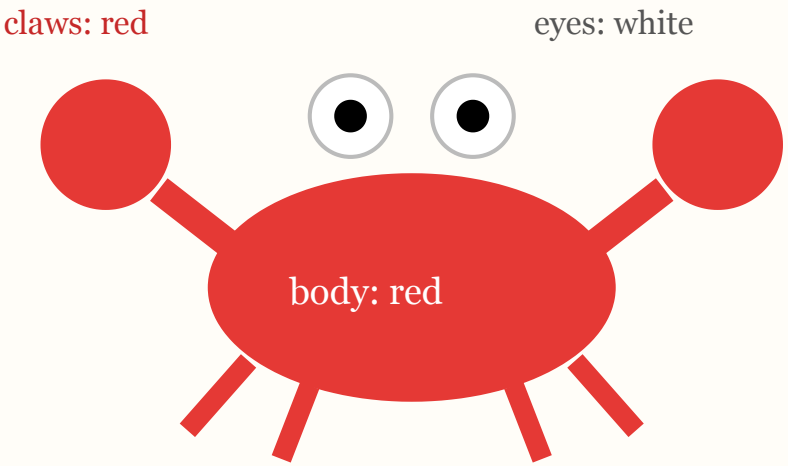
Level: medium · Time: 4 h · Size: 14 cm from claw to claw · Yarn: cotton, 3 mm hook

A red crab with a flat body, big claws and eyes on top. It is fun for playing in pretend sand or decorating a beach house.

MATERIALS

- red yarn (≈ 30 g)
- white yarn (≈ 3 g) for the eyes
- black yarn (≈ 1 g) for the pupils and the smile
- 3 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 15 g)
- 2 safety eyes, 6 mm (optional, or embroider with black yarn)

COLOUR MAP



Colour map: each colour is one piece.

BODY (RED YARN)

Rnd 1	8 dc in MR	8
Rnd 2	8 inc	16
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×8	24
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×8	32
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×8	40
Rnd 6-9	40 dc	40
Rnd 10	(3 dc, dec) ×8	32
Rnd 11	(2 dc, dec) ×8	24
Rnd 12	(dc, dec) ×8	16
Rnd 13	8 dec	8

Starting with 8 stitches gives a wider, flatter body. Stuff lightly from Rnd 11, just to give volume. Close the 8 stitches and hide the yarn.

CLAWS, 2 PIECES (RED YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12
Rnd 4-5	12 dc	12
Rnd 6	(2 dc, dec) ×3	9
Rnd 7	(dc, dec) ×3	6
Rnd 8-10	6 dc	6

Stuff the ball of the claw (Rnds 1-7); the arm (Rnds 8-10) stays almost empty. Leave 20 cm of yarn. With red yarn, make one tight stitch across the middle of the ball, from one side to the other, to mark the «opening» of the claw.

LEGS, 6 PIECES (RED YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2-4	4 dc	4

Do not stuff. Leave 15 cm of yarn on each leg.

EYES, 2 PIECES (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12

Rnd 3	12 dc	12
Rnd 4	6 dec	6
Rnd 5-6	6 dc	6

Fit the safety eye in the centre of Rnd 2 before Rnd 4, or embroider a pupil with black yarn. Stuff the ball and leave the stalk (Rnds 5-6) open, with 20 cm of yarn.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the two eyes on top of the body, at Rnd 5, with 6 stitches between them.
2. Sew a claw on each side, at the front, at Rnd 7.
3. Sew 3 legs on each side, under the claws, pointing backwards.
4. With black yarn, embroider a small smile between the eyes and the front edge.

Tip: Rnds 6-9 with 40 dc make the «wall» of the body. If you want an even lower crab, work only Rnds 6-7.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. The legs are thin: sew each one on with 3 or 4 stitches and pull to test.

Project 34 · Seahorse

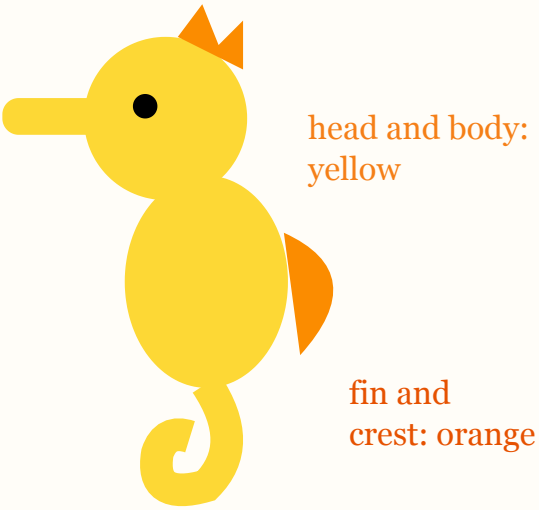
Level: medium · Time: 3 h 30 min · Size: 14 cm tall · Yarn: cotton, 2.5 mm hook

A yellow seahorse, with a tube-shaped snout and a curled tail, and an orange fan-shaped fin. It looks lovely hanging in a window or sitting on a shelf.

MATERIALS

- yellow yarn (≈ 20 g)
- orange yarn (≈ 5 g) for the fin and the crest
- 2.5 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 12 g)
- 2 safety eyes, 6 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)

COLOUR MAP



Colour map: each colour is one piece.

HEAD (YELLOW YARN)

Rnd 1	5 dc in MR	5
Rnd 2-3	5 dc	5
Rnd 4	5 inc	10
Rnd 5	(dc, inc) ×5	15
Rnd 6	(2 dc, inc) ×5	20
Rnd 7	(3 dc, inc) ×5	25
Rnd 8-11	25 dc	25
Rnd 12	(3 dc, dec) ×5	20
Rnd 13	(2 dc, dec) ×5	15
Rnd 14	15 dc	15

Rnd 15	(dc, dec) ×5	10
Rnd 16	5 dec	5

Rnds 1-3 are the tube-shaped snout. Fit the eyes between Rnd 8 and Rnd 9, well to the sides, with 8 stitches between them. Stuff from Rnd 13 and close the 5 stitches, leaving 25 cm of yarn.

BODY AND TAIL (YELLOW YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5-8	24 dc	24
Rnd 9	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 10-11	18 dc	18
Rnd 12	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 13-15	12 dc	12
Rnd 16	(2 dc, dec) ×3	9
Rnd 17-20	9 dc	9
Rnd 21	(dc, dec) ×3	6
Rnd 22-26	6 dc	6

Rnd 1 is the top of the body (where the head is sewn on). Stuff well up to Rnd 15 and only a little in the tail. Close the 6 stitches with the yarn needle.

FIN (ORANGE YARN)

L1	7 ch	7
L2	starting in the 3rd ch from the hook, 2 tr in each ch	10

You get a wavy fan of 10 tr. Leave 20 cm of yarn.

CREST (ORANGE YARN)

Join the yarn at the top of the head, at Rnd 9, in the centre. Work (3 ch, 1 ss in the next stitch) 3 times, in a line backwards. You get 3 small points. Cut and hide the yarn.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the head to the top of the body, tilted forwards, with the snout horizontal.
2. Sew the fin to the back, upright, between Rnd 5 and Rnd 10 of the body.
3. Curl the tail forwards and fix the tip with 2 stitches of yellow yarn.
4. Make the crest on top of the head.

Tip: to hang it, fix a strand of 20 cm to the top of the head and make a loop. To help it stand up, stuff the belly (Rnds 4-8) more than the back.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the

eyes with yarn. If you hang it up, do so out of reach of young children and never near a cot.

Jungle and savannah (9)

A trip to warm lands

In this chapter you will find nine jungle and savannah animals, each with its own shape and character. There are round, soft pieces, like the panda and the hippo, and long ones, like the giraffe and the crocodile. Start with the elephant or the little monkey, which are the simplest. They are all made with double crochet in rounds, stuffing and assembly with a yarn needle.

Project 35 · Elephant

Level: easy · Time: 4 h · Size: 14 cm (sitting) · Yarn: medium cotton, 3 mm hook

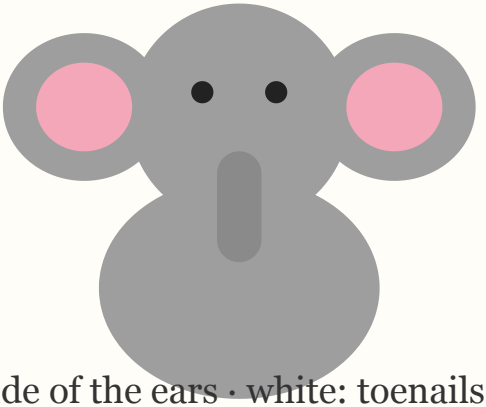
A sitting elephant, with big ears and a curved trunk. It is a sweet gift for a child's bedroom or for anyone who loves elephants.

MATERIALS

- grey yarn (≈ 50 g)
- pink yarn (≈ 5 g)
- white yarn (≈ 2 g), for the toenails
- 3 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 30 g)
- 2 safety eyes, 8 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)

COLOUR MAP

grey: head, body, trunk, legs



pink: inside of the ears · white: toenails

Colour map: each colour is one piece.

HEAD (GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7-12	36 dc	36
Rnd 13	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 14	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 15	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18

Rnd 16	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 17	6 dec	6

Fit the eyes between Rnd 9 and Rnd 10, with 6 stitches between them, before Rnd 13. Stuff firmly from Rnd 14. Close the last 6 stitches with the yarn needle and hide the end of the yarn.

TRUNK (GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 dc	6
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 4-9	9 dc	9
Rnd 10	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12
Rnd 11	12 dc	12

Finish with 1 ss and leave 30 cm of yarn for sewing. Stuff lightly, just so the trunk is firm. You have 12 stitches at the opening.

BODY (GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36

Rnd 7	(5 dc, inc) ×6	42
Rnd 8-14	42 dc	42
Rnd 15	(5 dc, dec) ×6	36
Rnd 16	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 17	30 dc	30
Rnd 18	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 19	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18

Stuff the body firmly, especially the base, so the elephant sits up. Leave the opening of 18 stitches and 40 cm of yarn for sewing on the head.

EARS, 2 PIECES (GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30

A flat piece, no stuffing. Finish with 1 ss and leave yarn for sewing. Each ear is about 6 cm across.

INSIDE OF THE EARS, 2 PIECES (PINK YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12

Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18

LEGS, 4 PIECES (GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3-7	12 dc	12
Rnd 8	(dc, dec) ×4	8

Work Rnd 3 in the back loop only, to mark the sole of the foot. Stuff firmly and leave yarn for sewing. You have 8 stitches.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the pink inner piece to the centre of each ear, with small stitches all round.
2. Sew the head into the opening of the body, adding stuffing before closing.
3. Sew the trunk between the eyes, 1 round below them, with the curve pointing down.
4. Sew the ears to the sides of the head, between Rnd 5 and Rnd 11, folded slightly forwards.
5. Sew the two front legs to the chest and the two back ones to the base, pointing forwards.
6. Embroider 3 toenails with white yarn on each leg. For the tail, make 10 ch with grey yarn, sew it on at the back and leave a small fringe at the end.

Tip: if you sew the trunk on slightly to one side, the elephant looks curious and playful.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. Fix all the pieces well and check that the stuffing does not come out. Do not leave long loose strands.

Project 36 · Giraffe

Level: medium · Time: 5 h · Size: 20 cm (standing) · Yarn: medium cotton, 2.5 mm hook

A tall giraffe, with a long neck and hand-sewn spots. It looks lovely on a shelf and is a gift that gets noticed.

MATERIALS

- yellow yarn (≈ 45 g)
- brown yarn (≈ 10 g), for the spots
- beige yarn (≈ 5 g), for the muzzle
- dark brown yarn (≈ 5 g), for the hooves and the horns
- 2.5 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 35 g)
- 2 safety eyes, 6 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)

COLOUR MAP

yellow: body, neck, head
brown: spots
beige: muzzle
dark brown: hooves



Colour map: each colour is one piece.

HEAD (YELLOW YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5-8	24 dc	24
Rnd 9	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 10-11	18 dc	18
Rnd 12	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 13	6 dec	6

The head is oval. Fit the eyes between Rnd 7 and Rnd 8, with 7 stitches between them. Stuff before Rnd 12 and close the final 6 stitches.

MUZZLE (BEIGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4-5	18 dc	18

Finish with 1 ss and leave yarn for sewing. Stuff lightly. Embroider 2 nostrils with dark brown yarn.

BODY AND NECK (YELLOW YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7-12	36 dc	36
Rnd 13	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 14	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 15	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 16-27	18 dc	18

Rounds 16 to 27 form the neck, about 6 cm long. Stuff the body and neck little by little, firmly, so the neck stays straight. Leave 18 stitches open and yarn for sewing.

LEGS, 4 PIECES (DARK BROWN AND YELLOW)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	9 dc	9
Rnd 4-14	9 dc	9

Change to yellow yarn at Rnd 4. Stuff firmly, especially at the bottom, so the giraffe can stand. Leave 9 stitches open and yarn for sewing.

HORNS, 2 PIECES (DARK BROWN AND YELLOW)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 dc	6
Rnd 3	(dc, dec) ×2	4
Rnd 4-5	4 dc	4

EARS, 2 PIECES (YELLOW YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8
Rnd 4	8 dc	8
Rnd 5	(2 dc, dec) ×2	6

Do not stuff the ears. Flatten them and fold the base in half before sewing.

SPOTS, 6 PIECES (BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	5 dc in MR	5
Rnd 2	5 inc	10

Make 4 spots with 2 rounds and 2 spots with Rnd 1 only, for the neck. Finish each one with 1 ss.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the muzzle to the front of the head, on the lower half, and add a little stuffing before closing.
2. Sew the head to the top of the neck, tilted slightly forwards.
3. Sew the horns to the top of the head, with 3 stitches between them, and the ears just behind and to the side.
4. Sew the 4 legs under the body, two at the front and two at the back. Check that the giraffe stands straight.
5. Sew the big spots to the body and the small ones to the neck, all in different places.
6. For the tail, make 12 ch with yellow yarn, sew it on at the back and fix 3 short brown strands at the end.

Tip: if the giraffe topples, add a thin layer of extra stuffing at the base of each leg and sew the legs further apart.

> **Warning:** safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. The horns and spots are small pieces: sew them on firmly and check them before giving the toy away.

Project 37 · Lion

Level: medium · Time: 5 h · Size: 15 cm (sitting) · Yarn: medium cotton, 3 mm hook

A sitting lion, with a mane of loops that can be tousled. He is the king of any bedroom and a great birthday gift.

MATERIALS

- mustard yarn (≈ 45 g)
- orange yarn (≈ 25 g), for the mane
- beige yarn (≈ 5 g), for the muzzle
- brown yarn (≈ 2 g), for the nose and the mouth
- 3 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 35 g)
- 2 safety eyes, 8 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)

COLOUR MAP

mustard: head, body, paws
orange: mane



beige: muzzle
brown: nose

Colour map: each colour is one piece.

HEAD (MUSTARD YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7	(5 dc, inc) ×6	42
Rnd 8-14	42 dc	42
Rnd 15	(5 dc, dec) ×6	36
Rnd 16	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30

Rnd 17	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 18	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 19	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 20	6 dec	6

Fit the eyes between Rnd 10 and Rnd 11, with 7 stitches between them. Stuff firmly from Rnd 17 and close the final 6 stitches.

MANE (ORANGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7	(5 dc, inc) ×6	42
Rnd 8	(6 dc, inc) ×6	48
Rnd 9	(7 dc, inc) ×6	54

It is a flat disc of about 11 cm. Round of loops (does not count as a round in the table): in each of the 54 stitches work 1 ss and 8 ch. You get 54 loops. Finish with 1 ss and leave 50 cm of yarn for sewing.

MUZZLE (BEIGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6

Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4-5	18 dc	18

Embroider the nose in a triangle with brown yarn, on the upper half, and a «Y»-shaped mouth below. Leave yarn for sewing.

BODY (MUSTARD YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7-11	36 dc	36
Rnd 12	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 13-14	30 dc	30
Rnd 15	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 16	24 dc	24
Rnd 17	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18

The body is pear-shaped. Stuff firmly and leave 18 stitches open.

PAWS, 4 PIECES (MUSTARD YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6

Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3-8	12 dc	12
Rnd 9	(2 dc, dec) ×3	9

EARS, 2 PIECES (MUSTARD YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	9 dc	9

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the muzzle to the head, between the eyes and 1 round below, with a little stuffing.
2. Place the mane behind the head, with the loops facing out, and sew it round Rnd 12 of the head.
3. Sew the ears over the mane, resting against the head, at Rnd 6.
4. Sew the head to the body, catching the mane at the back too.
5. Sew the paws: two at the front, on the chest, and two at the base, pointing forwards.
6. For the tail, make 20 ch with mustard yarn, sew it on at the back and fix a 3 cm tassel of orange yarn at the end.

Tip: for a fuller mane, make 10 ch in each loop instead of 8; it uses 5 g more orange yarn.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. The loops of the mane can catch small fingers: for babies, make only 4 ch in each loop.

Project 38 · Little monkey

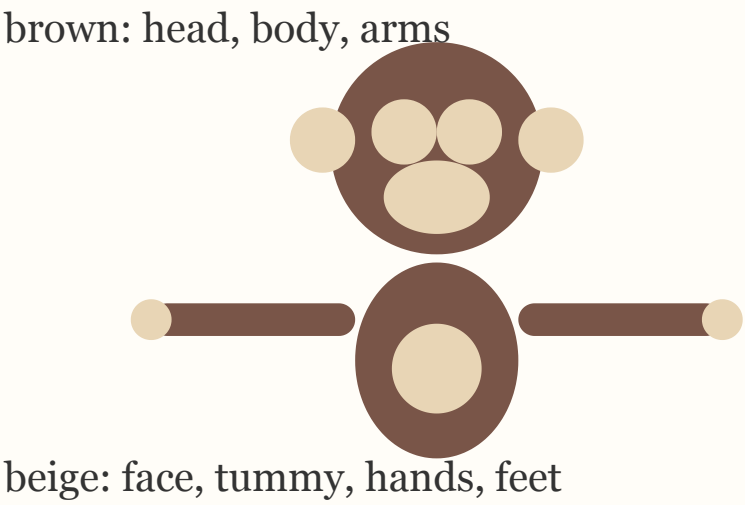
Level: easy · Time: 4 h · Size: 18 cm (with arms stretched out) · Yarn: medium cotton, 2.5 mm hook

A little monkey with long arms and legs, which can hang round your neck or on a branch. The hands are joined with a stitch so it looks like a hug.

MATERIALS

- brown yarn (≈ 35 g)
- beige yarn (≈ 10 g), for the face, tummy, hands and feet
- black yarn (≈ 1 g), for the mouth
- 2.5 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 20 g)
- 2 safety eyes, 6 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)

COLOUR MAP



Colour map: each colour is one piece.

HEAD (BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6-11	30 dc	30
Rnd 12	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 13	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 14	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 15	6 dec	6

Before closing, sew on the mask and fit the eyes (see assembly). Stuff and close the final 6 stitches.

MASK, 2 PIECES (BEIGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12

Two flat discs that sit around the eyes, touching each other, in a heart shape.

MUZZLE (BEIGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5-6	24 dc	24

Embroider a smile with black yarn. Leave yarn for sewing.

EARS, 2 PIECES (BEIGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9

BODY (BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12

Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5-10	24 dc	24
Rnd 11	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 12-13	18 dc	18

TUMMY (BEIGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18

ARMS, 2 PIECES (BEIGE AND BROWN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	9 dc	9
Rnd 4-18	9 dc	9

Change to brown yarn at Rnd 4. Stuff only the hand; the rest of the arm stays soft, so it can bend. You have 9 stitches.

LEGS, 2 PIECES (BEIGE AND BROWN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	9 dc	9

Rnd 4-14	9 dc	9

TAIL (BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2-20	6 dc	6

Do not stuff the tail. Curl the tip into a spiral and add 2 sewing stitches to keep it curled.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the 2 mask discs to the front of the head, between Rnd 6 and Rnd 10, touching in the middle.
2. Fit an eye in the centre of each disc, through the disc and the head. Stuff and close the head.
3. Sew the muzzle under the mask, with a little stuffing.
4. Sew the ears to the sides, level with the eyes.
5. Sew the tummy to the front of the body. Stuff the body and sew the head into the opening.
6. Sew the arms to the shoulders and the legs to the base. Sew the tail on at the back, at the bottom.
7. Join the two hands with 2 sewing stitches, so the little monkey looks as if it is hugging.

Tip: with the hands joined, the little monkey hangs from a pushchair handle or round the neck of whoever receives it.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. Do not hang the little monkey in cots or leave it with loose arms near a sleeping baby.

Project 39 · Zebra

Level: medium · Time: 6 h · Size: 15 cm long · Yarn: medium cotton, 2.5 mm hook

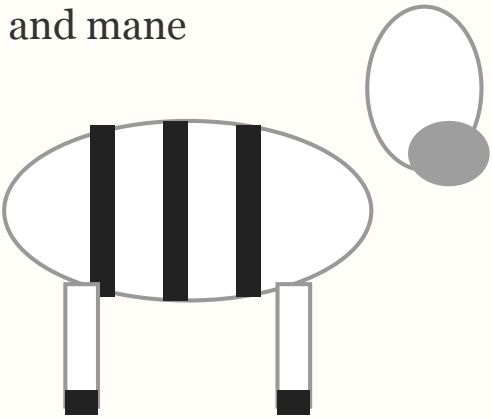
A standing zebra, with stripes crocheted by changing the colour of the yarn. It is great for practising colour changes.

MATERIALS

- white yarn (≈ 30 g)
- black yarn (≈ 25 g)
- grey yarn (≈ 5 g), for the muzzle
- 2.5 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 30 g)
- 2 safety eyes, 6 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)

COLOUR MAP

white and black: stripes, body, head
black: hooves and mane
grey: muzzle



Colour map: each colour is one piece.

To change colour: on the last stitch of the previous round, make the last yarn round hook with the new colour. Do not cut the yarn if the same colour comes back 2 or 3 rounds later: carry it up inside the piece.

HEAD (GREY, WHITE AND BLACK)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4-5	18 dc	18
Rnd 6	18 dc	18
Rnd 7	18 dc	18

Rnd 8	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 9	24 dc	24
Rnd 10	24 dc	24
Rnd 11	24 dc	24
Rnd 12	24 dc	24
Rnd 13	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 14	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 15	6 dec	6

You start with the grey muzzle. Fit the eyes at Rnd 10, at the sides, with 8 stitches between them. Embroider 2 nostrils with black yarn. Stuff and close.

BODY (WHITE AND BLACK)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6-7	30 dc	30
Rnd 8	30 dc	30
Rnd 9-10	30 dc	30
Rnd 11	30 dc	30
Rnd 12-13	30 dc	30

Rnd 14	30 dc	30
Rnd 15-16	30 dc	30
Rnd 17	30 dc	30
Rnd 18	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 19	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 20	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 21	6 dec	6

The body lies on its side, like a long egg, with 4 black stripes. Stuff firmly before Rnd 19 and close.

LEGS, 4 PIECES (BLACK AND WHITE)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	9 dc	9
Rnd 4	9 dc	9
Rnd 5	9 dc	9
Rnd 6-7	9 dc	9
Rnd 8	9 dc	9
Rnd 9-10	9 dc	9

Work Rnd 3 in the back loop only, to mark the hoof. Stuff firmly and leave white yarn for sewing.

EARS, 2 PIECES (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	5 dc in MR	5
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2, dc	7
Rnd 3	7 dc	7

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the head to one end of the body, on top, with the muzzle pointing down and forwards.
2. Sew the ears to the top of the head, at Rnd 12, with 4 stitches between them.
3. Sew the legs under the body, two at the front and two at the back. Check that the zebra stands up.
4. Mane: with black yarn, from between the ears to the end of the neck, fix fringes of 3 cm (1 folded strand in each stitch, with a knot). Trim them to 1.5 cm.
5. Tail: cut 3 black strands of 15 cm, fix them at the back, make a 4 cm plait, tie a knot and trim the end.

Tip: at the colour changes, pull the yarn gently so the stripe does not come out crooked. If the «jump» at the start of the round shows, turn it towards the belly.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the

eyes with yarn. Fix the fringes of the mane with firm knots and check that they do not come loose when pulled.

Project 40 · Hippo

Level: easy · Time: 4 h · Size: 12 cm (sitting) · Yarn: medium cotton, 3 mm hook

A chubby hippo, with a wide snout and pink feet. He is soft, light and fits in one hand.

MATERIALS

- lilac yarn (≈ 45 g)
- pink yarn (≈ 8 g)
- black yarn (≈ 1 g), for the nostrils
- 3 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 30 g)
- 2 safety eyes, 8 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)

COLOUR MAP

lilac: head, body, legs
pink: ears and soles of the feet



Colour map: each colour is one piece.

HEAD (LILAC YARN)

Rnd 1	8 dc in MR	8
Rnd 2	8 inc	16
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×8	24
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×8	32
Rnd 5-8	32 dc	32
Rnd 9	(2 dc, dec) ×8	24
Rnd 10-11	24 dc	24
Rnd 12	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 13-15	30 dc	30
Rnd 16	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24

Rnd 17	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 18	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 19	6 dec	6

You start with the tip of the snout (Rnds 1 to 8). Rnd 9 makes the «neck» of the snout and Rnds 12 to 15 form the forehead. Fit the eyes between Rnd 13 and Rnd 14, with 8 stitches between them. Embroider 2 nostrils with black yarn at Rnd 3. Stuff firmly, especially the snout, and close.

BODY (LILAC YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7	(5 dc, inc) ×6	42
Rnd 8-13	42 dc	42
Rnd 14	(5 dc, dec) ×6	36
Rnd 15	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 16	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24

Stuff firmly and leave 24 stitches open and yarn for sewing on the head.

LEGS, 4 PIECES (PINK AND LILAC)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	18 dc	18
Rnd 5-6	18 dc	18
Rnd 7	(dc, dec) ×6	12

Change to lilac yarn at Rnd 4 and work that round in the back loop only. The legs are short and wide. Stuff firmly and leave yarn for sewing.

EARS, 2 PIECES (PINK AND LILAC)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	4 inc	8
Rnd 3	8 dc	8

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the head into the opening of the body, with the snout pointing forwards and slightly up.
2. Sew the ears to the top of the head, at Rnd 15, with 10 stitches between them, with the pink facing forwards.
3. Sew the front legs to the sides of the chest and the back ones to the base, with the pink sole facing forwards.

4. For the tail, make 6 ch with lilac yarn, sew it on at the back and tie a knot at the end.

Tip: embroider two cheeks with 3 stitches of pink yarn on each side of the snout for an even sweeter look.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. Check that the head is well sewn on: pull hard before giving the toy away.

Project 41 · Crocodile

Level: medium · Time: 5 h · Size: 25 cm long · Yarn: medium cotton, 2.5 mm hook

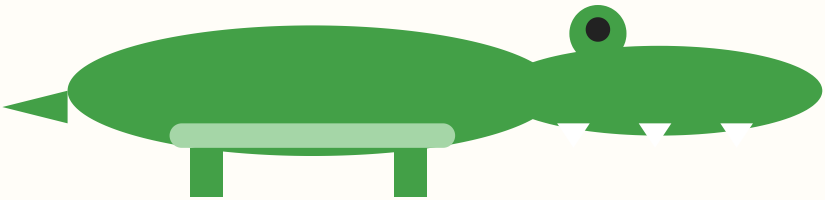
A long, friendly crocodile, with scales on its back and a smile of white teeth. It also works as a door stop or a book weight.

MATERIALS

- green yarn (≈ 45 g)
- light green yarn (≈ 10 g), for the tummy
- white yarn (≈ 2 g), for the teeth
- 2.5 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 30 g)
- 2 safety eyes, 8 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)

COLOUR MAP

green: body, head, legs
light green: tummy



white: embroidered teeth

Colour map: each colour is one piece.

HEAD (GREEN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12
Rnd 4-9	12 dc	12
Rnd 10	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 11	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 12-14	24 dc	24

You start at the tip of the snout; Rnds 4 to 9 make the long snout. Stuff and leave 24 stitches open to join to the body.

BULGING EYES, 2 PIECES (GREEN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3-4	9 dc	9

Fit a safety eye in the centre of each piece, stuff lightly and leave yarn for sewing.

BODY AND TAIL (GREEN YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	4 dc	4
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 4	6 dc	6
Rnd 5	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8
Rnd 6	8 dc	8
Rnd 7	(dc, inc) ×4	12
Rnd 8	12 dc	12
Rnd 9	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 10-11	18 dc	18
Rnd 12	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 13-26	24 dc	24

You start at the tip of the tail. Stuff little by little as you go. You have 24 open stitches, the same as the head.

TUMMY (LIGHT GREEN YARN)

L1	7 ch; starting in the 2nd ch from the hook, 6 dc	6
L2-24	1 ch, turn the work, 6 dc	6

You get a strip of about 3 × 9 cm. Fasten off and leave yarn for sewing.

LEGS, 4 PIECES (GREEN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3-5	9 dc	9

ASSEMBLY

1. Join the head to the body, stitch by stitch (24 stitches), with the yarn needle. Add stuffing before closing.
2. Sew the bulging eyes to the top of the head, at Rnd 12, with 4 stitches between them.
3. Sew the tummy under the body, between the legs.
4. Sew the 4 legs to the sides of the tummy, two at the front and two at the back, pointing outwards.
5. Scales: with green yarn, down the middle of the back, make a row of picots (1 ss in a stitch, 3 ch, 1 ss in the next stitch) from the head to the tail.
6. With white yarn, embroider 5 teeth in a «V» on each side of the snout, at Rnd 7.

Tip: if you want to use the crocodile as a door stop, fill the belly with a closed little bag of rice sewn in, never loose.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. The version with rice is not a toy: do not give it to children.

Project 42 · Panda

Level: easy · Time: 5 h · Size: 15 cm (sitting) · Yarn: medium cotton, 3 mm hook

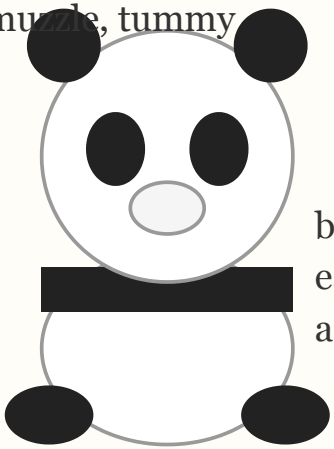
A round panda, with a big head and black patches around the eyes. He sits up on his own and is one of the favourite animals of the little ones.

MATERIALS

- white yarn (≈ 40 g)
- black yarn (≈ 25 g)
- green yarn (≈ 2 g, optional), for the bamboo in the tip
- 3 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 40 g)
- 2 safety eyes, 8 mm (or white and black yarn for embroidering)

COLOUR MAP

white: head, muzzle, tummy



black: patches, ears, shoulders, arms and legs

Colour map: each colour is one piece.

HEAD (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7	(5 dc, inc) ×6	42
Rnd 8	(6 dc, inc) ×6	48
Rnd 9-15	48 dc	48
Rnd 16	(6 dc, dec) ×6	42

Rnd 17	(5 dc, dec) ×6	36
Rnd 18	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 19	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 20	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 21	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 22	6 dec	6

The head is big (about 9 cm). Before Rnd 16, sew on the patches and fit the eyes (see assembly). Stuff firmly and close.

EYE PATCHES, 2 PIECES (BLACK YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(3 dc, inc) ×3	15

Pull the patch with your fingers so it is oval, like a tilted teardrop.

MUZZLE (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	18 dc	18

Embroider a triangle-shaped nose with black yarn and leave yarn for sewing.

EARS, 2 PIECES (BLACK YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3-4	12 dc	12
Rnd 5	(2 dc, dec) ×3	9

BODY (WHITE AND BLACK)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7-10	36 dc	36
Rnd 11	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 12-13	30 dc	30
Rnd 14	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 15	24 dc	24

Change to black yarn at Rnd 12: it is the band of the shoulders. Stuff firmly and leave 24 stitches open.

ARMS, 2 PIECES (BLACK YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6

Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3-10	9 dc	9

LEGS, 2 PIECES (BLACK YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(3 dc, inc) ×3	15
Rnd 4-7	15 dc	15
Rnd 8	(3 dc, dec) ×3	12

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the black patches to the head, between Rnd 10 and Rnd 14, angled outwards, with 5 stitches between them.
2. Fit an eye in the centre of each patch, through the patch and the head. Stuff and close the head.
3. Sew the muzzle under the patches, with a little stuffing.
4. Sew the ears on top, at Rnd 6, well apart.
5. Sew the head into the opening of the body, with the black band at shoulder height.
6. Sew the arms to the black band, pointing forwards, and the legs to the base, pointing forwards.

Tip: for a panda eating, make a green tube of 6 dc and 12 rounds, with no stuffing, and sew it between the two hands like a bamboo stick.

> **Warning:** safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with white yarn over the black patches. Check that the head, which is heavy, is firmly attached to the body.

Project 43 · Tiger

Level: medium · Time: 5 h · Size: 14 cm (sitting) · Yarn: medium cotton, 3 mm hook

A baby tiger, with broad cheeks, embroidered stripes and a striped tail. A colourful gift for anyone who loves wild animals.

MATERIALS

- orange yarn (≈ 45 g)
- white yarn (≈ 10 g), for the muzzle, tummy and paws
- black yarn (≈ 6 g), for the stripes
- pink yarn (≈ 1 g), for the nose
- 3 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 30 g)
- 2 safety eyes, 8 mm (or black yarn for embroidering)

COLOUR MAP

orange: head, body, tail



white: muzzle, tummy

black: stripes

Colour map: each colour is one piece.

HEAD (ORANGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7-9	36 dc	36
Rnd 10	(5 dc, inc) ×6	42
Rnd 11-13	42 dc	42
Rnd 14	(5 dc, dec) ×6	36

Rnd 15	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 16	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 17	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 18	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 19	6 dec	6

The increase on Rnd 10 makes the broad cheeks, lower than the forehead. Fit the eyes between Rnd 9 and Rnd 10, with 7 stitches between them. Stuff and close.

MUZZLE (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	18 dc	18

Embroider the nose in a triangle with pink yarn and a «W»-shaped mouth with black yarn.

BODY (WHITE AND ORANGE)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30

Rnd 6-11	30 dc	30
Rnd 12	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 13-14	24 dc	24
Rnd 15	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18

The white base sits underneath, like the tummy. Stuff firmly and leave 18 stitches open.

PAWS, 4 PIECES (WHITE AND ORANGE)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	12 dc	12
Rnd 4-8	12 dc	12

EARS, 2 PIECES (ORANGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	9 dc	9

TAIL (BLACK AND ORANGE)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 dc	6
Rnd 3-5	6 dc	6
Rnd 6	6 dc	6

Rnd 7-9	6 dc	6
Rnd 10	6 dc	6
Rnd 11-13	6 dc	6
Rnd 14	6 dc	6
Rnd 15-17	6 dc	6

The tip of the tail is black. Do not stuff. Leave orange yarn for sewing.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the muzzle to the head, below the eyes, with a little stuffing.
2. Sew the ears on top, at Rnd 5, flattened, with 12 stitches between them.
3. Stripes: with black yarn, embroider 3 short stripes on the forehead (3 to 4 rounds long) and 2 stripes on each side of the cheeks.
4. Sew the head into the opening of the body. Embroider 3 stripes on each side of the body and 2 stripes on each paw.
5. Sew the paws: two on the chest and two on the base, pointing forwards.
6. Sew the tail on at the back, at the bottom, and curve it to one side.

Tip: embroider the stripes before sewing on the paws, with the piece in your hand: it is easier to hide the yarn ends inside.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. Hide the ends of the embroidered stripes well and do not leave loose strands.

Characters and fantasy

Toys with a story

In this chapter you will find nine characters to set your imagination free: a rag doll, a fairy, a mermaid, a unicorn, a little dragon, a friendly ghost, a robot, an astronaut and a gnome. They all use the stitches you already know. Many are made of several small pieces, so work calmly and count the stitches at the end of every round. They are perfect gifts for children, godchildren and friends who love stories.

Project 44 · Rag doll

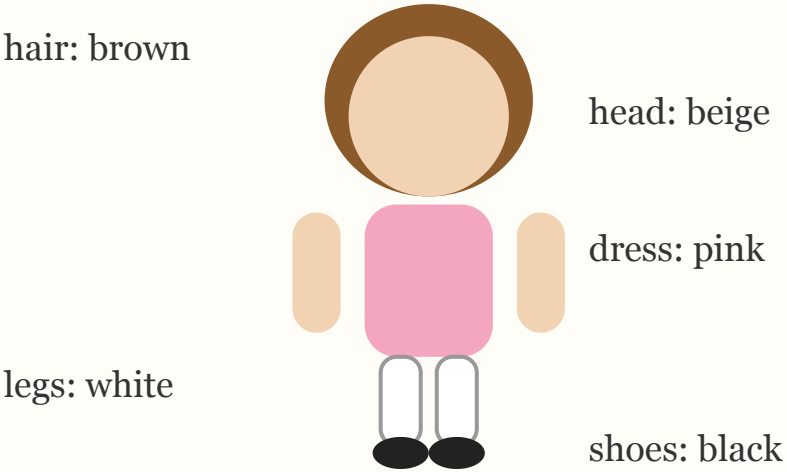
Level: medium · Time: 6 h · Size: 22 cm · Yarn: cotton, 2.5 mm hook

A classic doll, with a pink dress and brown plaits. She is the first toy of many children and a gift that is kept for years.

MATERIALS

- beige yarn, skin tone (≈ 20 g)
- pink yarn (≈ 20 g)
- brown yarn (≈ 15 g)
- white yarn (≈ 8 g)
- black yarn (≈ 5 g, also for embroidering the eyes)
- 2.5 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 30 g)

COLOUR MAP



Colour map: each colour is one piece.

HEAD (BEIGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7-13	36 dc	36
Rnd 14	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 15	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 16	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18

Rnd 17	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 18	6 dec	6

Before Rnd 17, embroider the eyes between Rnd 10 and Rnd 11, 5 stitches apart, and stuff firmly. You end with 6 stitches: close with the yarn needle and weave in the end.

BODY AND DRESS (PINK YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6-14	30 dc	30
Rnd 15	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 16	24 dc	24
Rnd 17	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 18	18 dc	18
Rnd 19	(dc, dec) ×6	12

Stuff firmly and leave the 12-stitch opening for sewing on the head. Skirt: rejoin the pink yarn in the front loop of Rnd 6 and work a round of (2 tr in the same stitch) in every stitch, 60 stitches. Work 2 more rounds of 60 tr and finish with 1 round of ss.

ARMS, 2 PIECES (BEIGE YARN AND PINK YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3-4	9 dc	9
Rnd 5-14	9 dc	9

Stuff the hand only (the first 4 rounds). Close the opening with 4 dc, working through both sides together.

LEGS, 2 PIECES (BLACK YARN AND WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3-4	12 dc	12
Rnd 5-12	12 dc	12

Stuff firmly and close with 6 dc, working through both sides together. You have 12 stitches in the last round before closing.

HAIR (BROWN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36

Rnd 7-11	36 dc	36

Plaits: cut 18 brown strands of 30 cm. Attach 9 on each side of the hair cap, folded in half, and make a plait with 3 groups of 6 strands. Tie the end with pink yarn.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the head to the body, with the body opening well centred.
2. Sew the legs underneath, side by side, inside the skirt.
3. Sew the arms on either side, just below the neck.
4. Place the hair cap on the head and sew it all around with small stitches.
5. Embroider the mouth with pink yarn and two cheeks with 3 stitches each.

Tip: make the dress in another colour (blue, yellow) and you have a new doll from the same pattern.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. Attach the plaits firmly and weave in all the yarn ends.

Project 45 · Fairy

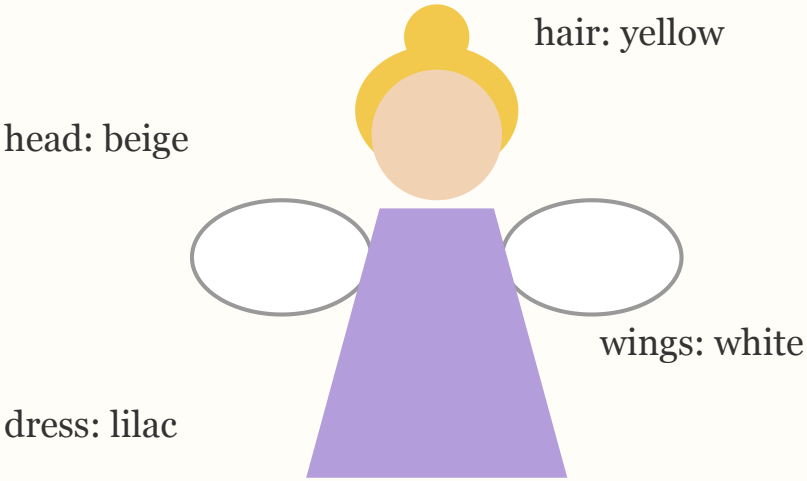
Level: medium · Time: 5 h · Size: 16 cm · Yarn: cotton, 2.5 mm hook

A fairy in a lilac bell-shaped dress, with white wings and a yellow bun. She stands up on her own and makes a lovely decoration for a child's bedroom.

MATERIALS

- lilac yarn (≈ 25 g)
- beige, skin-tone yarn (≈ 12 g)
- yellow yarn (≈ 10 g)
- white yarn (≈ 8 g)
- black yarn for embroidering the eyes
- 2.5 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 25 g)
- a cardboard circle 6 cm in diameter, for the base

COLOUR MAP



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DRESS AND BODY (LILAC YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7	(5 dc, inc) ×6	42
Rnd 8-10	42 dc	42
Rnd 11	(5 dc, dec) ×6	36
Rnd 12-13	36 dc	36

Rnd 14	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 15-16	30 dc	30
Rnd 17	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 18-19	24 dc	24
Rnd 20	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 21	18 dc	18
Rnd 22	(dc, dec) ×6	12

After Rnd 8, put the cardboard circle in the bottom: the fairy will stand up. Stuff as you close. 12 stitches stay open for sewing on the head.

HEAD (BEIGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6-11	30 dc	30
Rnd 12	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 13	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 14	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 15	6 dec	6

Embroider the closed eyes (two small arcs) between Rnd 8 and Rnd 9 before stuffing. You have 6 stitches left: close and weave in the end.

HAIR AND BUN (YELLOW YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6-9	30 dc	30

This is the hair cap. The bun is made separately, also in yellow:

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3-4	12 dc	12
Rnd 5	6 dec	6

WINGS (WHITE YARN)

Make 2 large wings (Rnd 1 to Rnd 4) and 2 small wings (only Rnd 1 to Rnd 3). Do not stuff: the wings stay flat.

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24

ARMS, 2 PIECES (BEIGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2-8	6 dc	6

No need to stuff. Close with 3 dc, working through both sides together.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the head to the body, at the 12-stitch opening.
2. Place the cap on the head and sew it all around. Sew the bun firmly at the very top.
3. Sew the arms to the sides of the body, just below the head.
4. Sew each small wing underneath a large wing. Sew both pairs on the back, with 1 cm between them.
5. Wand: with yellow yarn, make 12 ch and 1 ss in each chain back along. Sew it to one of the hands.

Tip: for firmer wings, press them with an iron over a damp cloth, without letting the iron touch the yarn.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. The wand and the bun are small parts: sew them on firmly and check them before giving the toy as a gift.

Project 46 · Mermaid

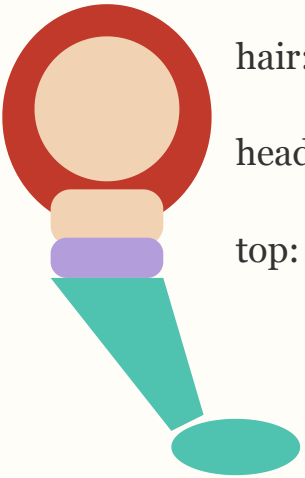
Level: medium · Time: 5 h · Size: 20 cm · Yarn: cotton, 2.5 mm hook

A mermaid with a sea-green tail and long red hair. The tail is worked in one piece, widening from the tip up to the waist.

MATERIALS

- sea-green yarn (≈ 20 g)
- beige, skin-tone yarn (≈ 15 g)
- red yarn (≈ 15 g)
- lilac yarn (≈ 5 g)
- black yarn for embroidering the eyes
- 2.5 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 25 g)

COLOUR MAP



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TAIL AND TORSO (SEA-GREEN, LILAC AND BEIGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8
Rnd 3	8 dc	8
Rnd 4	(3 dc, inc) ×2	10
Rnd 5	10 dc	10
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×2	12
Rnd 7	12 dc	12
Rnd 8	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 9-10	18 dc	18
Rnd 11	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24

Rnd 12-14	24 dc	24
Rnd 15	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 16-18	30 dc	30
Rnd 19-20	30 dc	30
Rnd 21	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 22	24 dc	24
Rnd 23	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18

Stuff the tail lightly at the tip and more firmly around the waist. 18 stitches stay open for sewing on the head. The top is worked in Rnd 19 and Rnd 20 (lilac).

HEAD (BEIGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7-12	36 dc	36
Rnd 13	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 14	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 15	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 16	(dc, dec) ×6	12

Rnd 17	6 dec	6

Embroider the eyes between Rnd 9 and Rnd 10 before stuffing. You have 6 stitches left: close and weave in the end.

TAIL FIN, 2 PIECES (SEA-GREEN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12
Rnd 4-5	12 dc	12
Rnd 6	6 dec	6

Do not stuff. Flatten each piece and close the 6-stitch opening. Sew the two pieces side by side, in a V shape, to the tip of the tail.

ARMS, 2 PIECES (BEIGE YARN)

Rnd 1	5 dc in MR	5
Rnd 2-9	5 dc	5

HAIR (RED YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30

Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7-10	36 dc	36

Strands: in the last round of the cap, at the back, work 12 times (30 ch, turn and work 1 dc in each chain back along, ss in the next stitch of the cap). This gives 12 wavy strands.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the head to the opening of the torso.
2. Put on the hair cap, with the strands towards the back, and sew it all around.
3. Sew the arms to the sides, next to the lilac line of the top.
4. Sew the fin to the tip of the tail and bend the tail slightly so that the mermaid sits.

Tip: with a darker green yarn, embroider a few U-shaped scales on the tail. It looks great for very little work.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. The strands are long cords: do not leave this toy in a cot.

Project 47 · Unicorn

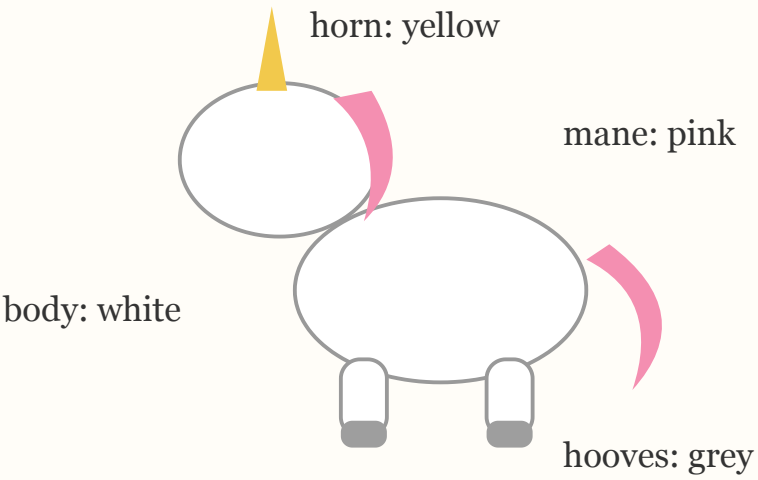
Level: medium · Time: 5 h · Size: 15 cm · Yarn: cotton, 3 mm hook

A white four-legged unicorn with a yellow horn and a pink mane. The mane is made with loops of yarn, without crochet, and comes out soft and full.

MATERIALS

- white yarn (≈ 35 g)
- pink yarn (≈ 10 g)
- yellow yarn (≈ 3 g)
- grey yarn (≈ 5 g)
- 2 safety eyes, 8 mm, or black yarn for embroidering
- 3 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 30 g)

COLOUR MAP



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HEAD (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7-14	36 dc	36
Rnd 15	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 16	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 17	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18

Rnd 18	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 19	6 dec	6

The head is long, lying on its side like an egg. Place the eyes between Rnd 10 and Rnd 11, one on each side, with 10 stitches between them. Stuff firmly and close the 6 stitches.

BODY (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6-12	30 dc	30
Rnd 13	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 14-15	24 dc	24
Rnd 16	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 17	18 dc	18
Rnd 18	(dc, dec) ×6	12

Stuff firmly. 12 stitches stay open: this is where the head is sewn on.

LEGS, 4 PIECES (GREY YARN AND WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12

Rnd 3	12 dc	12
Rnd 4-9	12 dc	12
Rnd 10	(2 dc, dec) ×3	9

Work Rnd 3 in the back loop only: the hoof gets a little ridge. Stuff firmly and leave a yarn end for sewing.

HORN (YELLOW YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	4 dc	4
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 4	6 dc	6
Rnd 5	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8
Rnd 6	8 dc	8
Rnd 7	(3 dc, inc) ×2	10
Rnd 8	10 dc	10

Fill with a little stuffing, pushed in with the tip of a pencil.

EARS, 2 PIECES (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8
Rnd 4-5	8 dc	8

Do not stuff. Flatten and sew with the opening folded.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the head to the body, tilted slightly forward.
2. Sew the 4 legs underneath the body, two at the front and two at the back, so that the unicorn stands up.
3. Sew the horn on top of the head, between the eyes, and the ears behind it.
4. Mane: cut 30 pink strands of 10 cm. Fold each in half, pull the loop through a stitch of the head with the crochet hook and pull the ends through the loop. Make a line from the horn down to the neck.
5. Tail: do the same with 10 strands at the bottom of the back.

Tip: separate the mane strands with your fingers and trim them all to the same length. They come out fluffier and straighter.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. Pull each strand of the mane to check that it is firmly attached.

Project 48 · Little Dragon

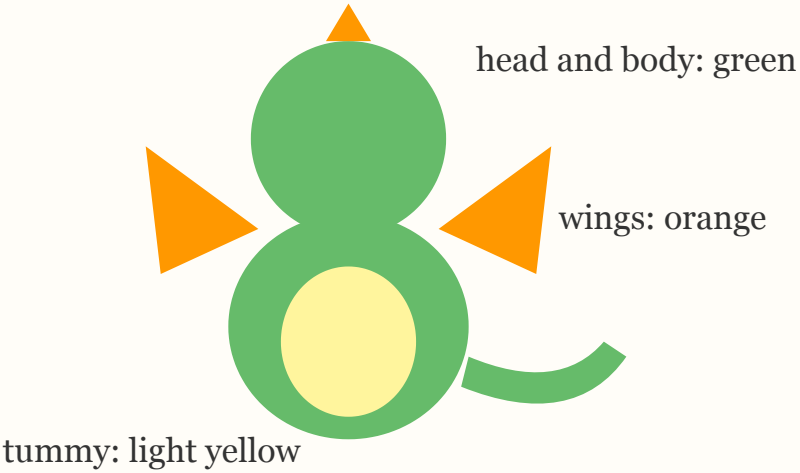
Level: medium · Time: 5 h · Size: 14 cm · Yarn: cotton, 2.5 mm hook

A round green baby dragon with a yellow tummy and orange wings and spikes. The head and body are made in one piece, with no seam at the neck.

MATERIALS

- green yarn (≈ 35 g)
- light yellow yarn (≈ 6 g)
- orange yarn (≈ 8 g)
- 2 safety eyes, 10 mm, or black yarn for embroidering
- 2.5 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 35 g)

COLOUR MAP



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BODY AND HEAD IN ONE PIECE (GREEN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7	(5 dc, inc) ×6	42
Rnd 8-12	42 dc	42
Rnd 13	(5 dc, dec) ×6	36
Rnd 14-15	36 dc	36

Rnd 16	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 17-18	30 dc	30
Rnd 19	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 20	24 dc	24
Rnd 21	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 22	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 23-28	36 dc	36
Rnd 29	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 30	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 31	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 32	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 33	6 dec	6

Rnd 20 is the neck. Stuff the body firmly before Rnd 21. Place the eyes between Rnd 25 and Rnd 26, with 8 stitches between them, and stuff the head before Rnd 31. You have 6 stitches left: close and weave in the end.

TUMMY (LIGHT YELLOW YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24

It is a flat disc of 24 stitches. Finish with 1 ss and leave a long end for sewing.

TAIL (GREEN YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 3	6 dc	6
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8
Rnd 5	8 dc	8
Rnd 6	(3 dc, inc) ×2	10
Rnd 7	10 dc	10
Rnd 8	(4 dc, inc) ×2	12
Rnd 9	12 dc	12
Rnd 10	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 11-12	18 dc	18

Stuff lightly, so that the tail stays soft and curls.

WINGS, 2 PIECES (ORANGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	(2 dc, inc) ×3	12
Rnd 4	(3 dc, inc) ×3	15
Rnd 5-6	15 dc	15

Do not stuff. Flatten and close the opening with 7 dc, working through both sides together.

LEGS, 4 PIECES (GREEN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3-5	9 dc	9

Spikes: with orange yarn, attach the yarn at the top of the head and go down the middle of the back to the tail. Work (1 ss, 3 ch, 1 ss in the next stitch) on every round of the body. You get about 14 spikes.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the tummy to the front of the body, below the neck.
2. Sew on the legs: two front legs beside the tummy and two back legs underneath.
3. Sew the tail on at the back, at the bottom, and curve it to one side.
4. Sew the wings to the back, one on each side of the spikes.
5. Embroider two nostrils with dark green or black yarn.

Tip: for a brighter dragon, use yellow yarn for the wings and spikes and a blue body. The pattern is the same.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the

> eyes with yarn. The spikes are small: check that every one is firmly attached.

Project 49 · Friendly Ghost

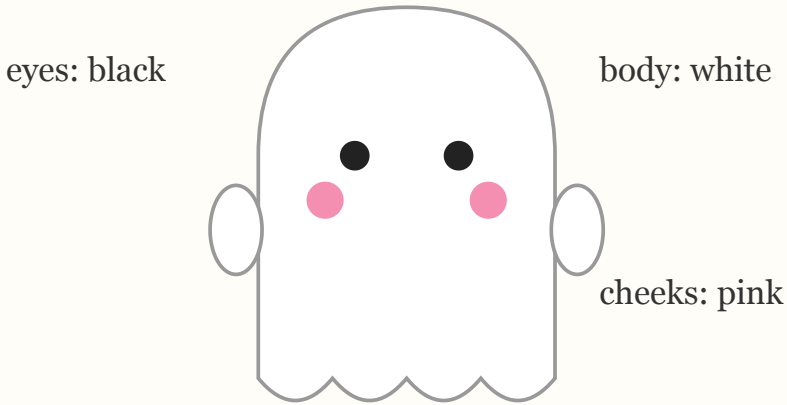
Level: easy · Time: 1 h 30 min · Size: 10 cm · Yarn: cotton, 3 mm hook

A little white ghost with pink cheeks and a wavy frill at the base. It is quick to make and looks good at any time of year, not only at Halloween.

MATERIALS

- white yarn (≈ 20 g)
- pink yarn (≈ 2 g)
- black yarn for embroidering the eyes and mouth
- 3 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 15 g)

COLOUR MAP



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BODY (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7-18	36 dc	36

The body is a tube with a rounded top. Embroider the eyes between Rnd 8 and Rnd 9 and a small mouth 2 rounds below. 36 stitches stay open.

Wavy frill: in the last round, work (1 ss, skip 1 stitch, 5 tr in the next stitch, skip 1 stitch) ×9. This gives 9 waves. Finish with 1 ss.

BASE (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36

It is a flat disc of 36 stitches, the same number as the last round of the body. Leave a long end for sewing.

ARMS, 2 PIECES (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2-4	6 dc	6

CHEEKS, 2 PIECES (PINK YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6

ASSEMBLY

1. Stuff the body without overdoing it, so that it stays soft.
2. Sew the base inside the frill, stitch by stitch, to the 36 stitches of Rnd 18. The waves stay on the outside.
3. Sew the arms to the sides, halfway up the body, pointing forwards.
4. Sew the cheeks below the eyes.

Tip: make several ghosts and hang them on a dry branch with fishing line. They make a light, fun decoration.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn, as on this model. If you hang it up, keep it out of reach of babies.

Project 50 · Robot

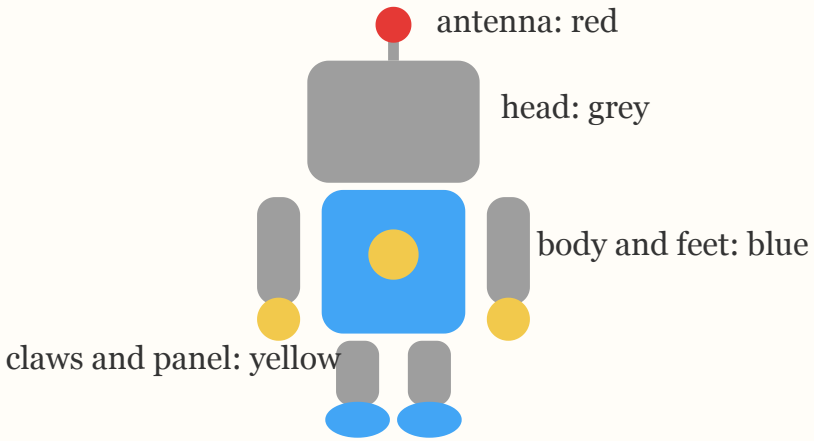
Level: medium · Time: 4 h · Size: 15 cm · Yarn: cotton, 2.5 mm hook

A robot with a grey head and a blue body, a red antenna and yellow claws. The straight edges are made with stitches worked in the back loop only.

MATERIALS

- grey yarn (≈ 25 g)
- blue yarn (≈ 15 g)
- yellow yarn (≈ 6 g)
- red yarn (≈ 3 g)
- 2 safety eyes, 10 mm, or black yarn for embroidering
- 2.5 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 30 g)

COLOUR MAP



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HEAD (GREY YARN)

Work Rnd 7 in the back loop only: this forms an edge and the head gets a straight top.

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7-15	36 dc	36
Rnd 16	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 17	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24

Rnd 18	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 19	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 20	6 dec	6

Work Rnd 16 in the back loop only, so that the base is straight too. Place the eyes between Rnd 10 and Rnd 11, with 7 stitches between them. Stuff firmly and close the 6 stitches.

BODY (BLUE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6-16	30 dc	30
Rnd 17	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 18	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 19	(dc, dec) ×6	12

Work Rnd 6 and Rnd 17 in the back loop only. Stuff firmly; 12 stitches stay open for sewing on the head.

ARMS, 2 PIECES (YELLOW YARN AND GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9

Rnd 3-4	9 dc	9
Rnd 5-13	9 dc	9

Claw: with the yarn needle, take 2 deep stitches through the middle of the yellow ball, from one side to the other, and pull tight. The ball divides into two.

LEGS, 2 PIECES (BLUE YARN AND GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4-5	18 dc	18
Rnd 6	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 7-12	12 dc	12

ANTENNA (RED YARN AND GREY YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	12 dc	12
Rnd 4	6 dec	6
Rnd 5-8	6 dc	6

Stuff the little red ball before Rnd 4. Chest panel: with yellow yarn, work 6 dc in MR, then 6 inc (12 stitches) and finish with 1 ss.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the head to the body, with the edges well aligned.
2. Sew the legs underneath, with the blue feet pointing forwards.
3. Sew the arms to the sides, just below the head.
4. Sew the antenna on top of the head and the yellow panel on the chest.
5. With black yarn, embroider 3 small lines on the panel, like buttons.

Tip: push a little more stuffing into the corners of the head with the tip of a pencil. The robot comes out squarer.

Warning: safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. The antenna and the panel are small parts: sew them on with plenty of stitches and check them.

Project 51 · Astronaut

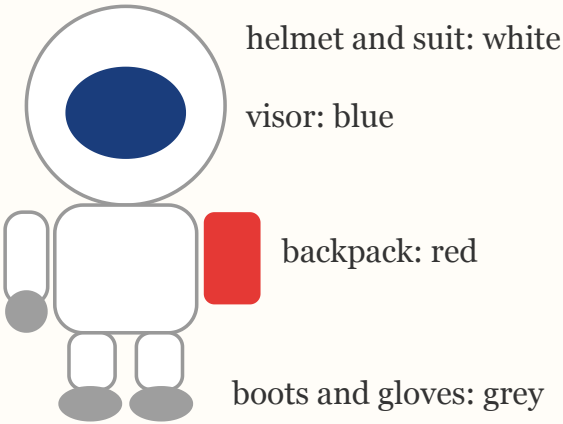
Level: medium · Time: 5 h · Size: 17 cm · Yarn: cotton, 2.5 mm hook

An astronaut in a white suit, with a helmet with a blue visor and a red backpack. Any child who dreams of the stars will love it.

MATERIALS

- white yarn (≈ 40 g)
- grey yarn (≈ 10 g)
- dark blue yarn (≈ 6 g)
- red yarn (≈ 6 g)
- yellow yarn for embroidering a star
- 2.5 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 35 g)

COLOUR MAP



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HELMET (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7	(5 dc, inc) ×6	42
Rnd 8-15	42 dc	42
Rnd 16	(5 dc, dec) ×6	36
Rnd 17	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 18	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24

Rnd 19	24 dc	24

The helmet is the head: bigger and rounder than on the other toys. Stuff firmly and leave the 24 stitches open for sewing to the body.

VISOR (DARK BLUE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30

A flat disc of 30 stitches. With white yarn, embroider 2 short lines in one corner: it looks like the shine on glass.

BODY (WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7-15	36 dc	36
Rnd 16	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 17	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24

Rnd 18	24 dc	24

Stuff firmly. The 24-stitch opening is the same size as the helmet's.

ARMS, 2 PIECES (GREY YARN AND WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3	9 dc	9
Rnd 4-11	9 dc	9

LEGS, 2 PIECES (GREY YARN AND WHITE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3-4	12 dc	12
Rnd 5-11	12 dc	12

Stuff the boots firmly, so that the astronaut sits with the legs stretched out.

BACKPACK (RED YARN, IN ROWS)

L0	9 ch	9
L1	1 dc in each chain from the 2nd, 1 ch, turn	8
L2-10	8 dc, 1 ch, turn	8

You get a rectangle of about 4 × 5 cm. Make 2 identical rectangles, join them with dc all around and stuff lightly before closing.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the visor to the front of the helmet, between Rnd 7 and Rnd 15.
2. Sew the helmet to the body, opening to opening (24 stitches to 24 stitches).
3. Sew the arms to the sides and the legs underneath, pointing forwards.
4. Sew the backpack to the back.
5. Embroider a yellow star on the chest: 4 long crossed stitches.

Tip: if you make the visor in silver or light grey yarn, the astronaut looks like something from an old film. Give it a go.

Warning: this model has no eyes, so it is suitable for all ages as long as the parts are sewn on firmly. If you add eyes, use safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn.

Project 52 · Gnome

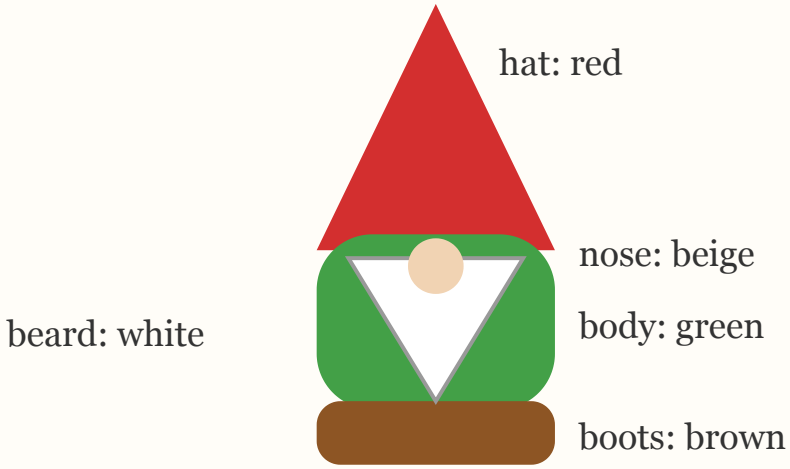
Level: easy · Time: 3 h · Size: 16 cm · Yarn: soft acrylic, 3.5 mm hook

A gnome with a long red hat, a white beard and a round nose. He has no eyes: the hat falls over his face. He looks good on a shelf, in the kitchen or as a winter gift.

MATERIALS

- green yarn (≈ 15 g)
- red yarn (≈ 15 g)
- brown yarn (≈ 8 g)
- white yarn (≈ 10 g)
- beige, skin-tone yarn (≈ 3 g)
- 3.5 mm crochet hook, yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker
- polyester toy stuffing (≈ 25 g)
- a handful of dried beans in a well-sewn little cloth bag, for weight (optional)

COLOUR MAP



Colour map: each colour is one piece.

BODY (BROWN YARN AND GREEN YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	6 inc	12
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×6	18
Rnd 4	(2 dc, inc) ×6	24
Rnd 5	(3 dc, inc) ×6	30
Rnd 6	(4 dc, inc) ×6	36
Rnd 7-8	36 dc	36
Rnd 9-16	36 dc	36
Rnd 17	(4 dc, dec) ×6	30
Rnd 18	30 dc	30

Rnd 19	(3 dc, dec) ×6	24
Rnd 20	(2 dc, dec) ×6	18
Rnd 21	(dc, dec) ×6	12
Rnd 22	6 dec	6

Work Rnd 7 in the back loop only: the bottom becomes flat and the gnome stands up. Put the little bag of beans in the bottom, if you like, and stuff the rest. You have 6 stitches left: close and weave in the end.

HAT (RED YARN)

Rnd 1	4 dc in MR	4
Rnd 2	4 dc	4
Rnd 3	(dc, inc) ×2	6
Rnd 4	6 dc	6
Rnd 5	(2 dc, inc) ×2	8
Rnd 6	8 dc	8
Rnd 7	(3 dc, inc) ×2	10
Rnd 8	10 dc	10
Rnd 9	(dc, inc) ×5	15
Rnd 10	15 dc	15
Rnd 11	(2 dc, inc) ×5	20
Rnd 12	20 dc	20
Rnd 13	(3 dc, inc) ×5	25

Rnd 14	25 dc	25
Rnd 15	(4 dc, inc) ×5	30
Rnd 16	30 dc	30
Rnd 17	(5 dc, inc) ×5	35
Rnd 18-21	35 dc	35

Stuff only the bottom part of the hat, so that the tip stays soft and flops to one side. 35 stitches stay open.

NOSE (BEIGE YARN)

Rnd 1	6 dc in MR	6
Rnd 2	(dc, inc) ×3	9
Rnd 3-4	9 dc	9
Rnd 5	(dc, dec) ×3	6

Stuff firmly before Rnd 5, so that the nose is a firm little ball.

BEARD (WHITE YARN, IN ROWS)

L0	13 ch	13
L1	1 dc in each chain from the 2nd, 1 ch, turn	12
L2	dec, 8 dc, dec, 1 ch, turn	10
L3	dec, 6 dc, dec, 1 ch, turn	8
L4	dec, 4 dc, dec, 1 ch, turn	6
L5	dec, 2 dc, dec, 1 ch, turn	4
L6	2 dec	2

You get a triangle about 7 cm wide and 5 cm high. For a fluffy beard, attach 6 cm loops of white yarn all over the front, as on the unicorn's mane.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the beard to the front of the body, with the wide side about 2 cm from the top.
2. Sew the nose above the beard, in the centre.
3. Place the hat over the top of the body, covering half the nose, and sew it all around.
4. Fold the tip of the hat to one side and fasten it with 1 stitch.

Tip: change the colour of the hat and the clothes to make a family of gnomes: green and brown for autumn, red and white for Christmas.

Warning: the little bag of beans must be well sewn and inside the stuffing; do not use it in toys for babies. Safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn.

At the end: problems, care and next steps

Before you close the book

You have reached the end of the patterns, but not the end of the road. In this chapter we have gathered the answers to the problems that come up most often, a way to change the size of the toys, and the care that keeps them going for many years. At the end, there is a simple 4-week plan for anyone who is just starting out.

Solving the most common problems

Almost every mistake has a fix. Look in the table for what you can see on your toy, then read the cause and the remedy.

What you see	Likely cause	What to do
The stuffing shows between the stitches	Hook too thick or tension too loose	Use a hook 0.5 mm thinner and pull the yarn a little tighter.
The piece is wavy, like a skirt	Too many increases	Count the stitches at the end of each round. Unpick back to the correct round.
The piece closes up and curls like a bowl	Too few increases or forgotten stitches	Check the round total against the pattern. Use the marker on every round.

You lose the start of the round	Marker forgotten or moved	Put the marker in the 1st stitch of each round and move it every time you pass it.
There is a hole in the centre of the magic ring	The ring was not pulled tight enough	Pull the loose end firmly before closing the 1st round. Tie a knot with the yarn needle at the end.
The decreases leave holes	Decrease worked through both loops	Work the decrease through the front loops of the 2 stitches only: it is almost invisible.
The toy comes out crooked or the face is turned to one side	The spiral shifts slightly with each round	This is normal. Choose the position of the face after stuffing and pin the eyes in place before fixing them.
The pieces are not symmetrical	Arms or ears with different numbers of rounds	Make both pieces one after the other and compare them side by side before sewing.
The head flops forward	Weak neck or too little stuffing	Stuff the neck firmly and sew the head all the way round, with small, close stitches.
Stripes of another colour show at the colour change	The new colour came in late	Change colour in the last step of the previous stitch: pull the new colour through to finish the stitch.

Tip: unpicking is not wasted time. Undo only back to the last correct round, pick the stitches up again with the hook and carry on. Cotton yarn copes well with being used twice.

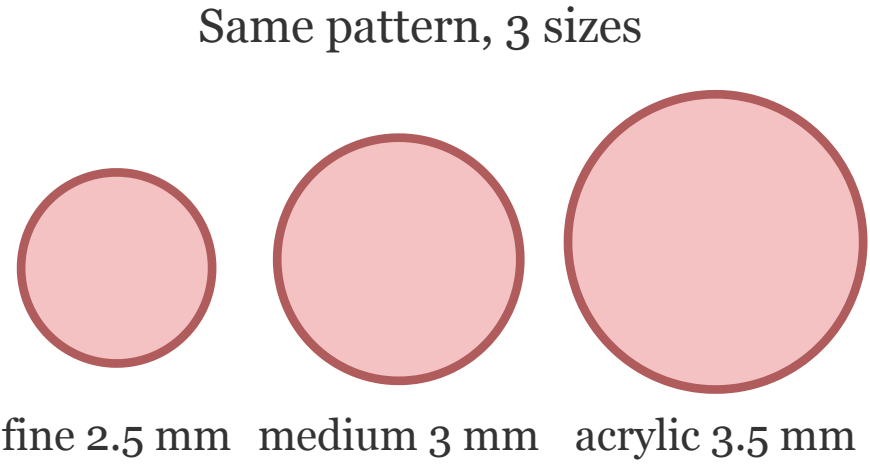
Changing the size of a toy

You can make any pattern in this book bigger or smaller **without changing the pattern**. Just change the thickness of the yarn and the hook. The rounds and stitches stay the same; only the size of each stitch changes.

Yarn	Hook	Result
Fine cotton	2.5 mm	About 20% smaller than stated
Medium cotton (the one used in the book)	2.5–3 mm	The size stated in each project
Medium soft acrylic	3.5 mm	About 15% bigger and softer
Two medium yarns held together	3.5 mm (at most)	Almost double; thick, firm stitches

These values are approximate: everyone has their own tension. Always make a small circle of 4 rounds to compare before you start.

- **Yarn:** with a thicker yarn, you will need more grams. Buy a little more than stated.
- **Safety eyes:** on a bigger toy, move up to 10 mm eyes; on a smaller one, use 6 mm or embroider the eyes.
- **Hook:** do not go up too far in hook size for the yarn you have. The stitches open up and the stuffing shows.



The same pattern, with different yarns and hooks, gives toys of different sizes.

Washing and storing your pieces

How to wash

1. For dust and light marks, wipe with a damp cloth and a little mild soap. This is often enough.
2. For a deep clean, use cold or lukewarm water and mild soap. Wash by hand, without scrubbing hard.
3. Do not wring the toy. Press it gently inside a towel to remove the water.
4. Dry it lying flat, in the shade, on a dry towel. Turn it from time to time. With stuffing, it can take 1 to 2 days.

5. If you need to use the machine, put the toy in a mesh bag, on a delicate cycle, cold, with a low spin.

> **Warning:** do not use a tumble dryer, a heater or a hot iron. Acrylic can warp and glued parts can come loose. After each wash, check that the eyes, buttons and small parts are still firmly attached, especially on children's toys.

How to store

- Store in a cloth bag or a cardboard box, somewhere dry. Sealed plastic bags trap moisture.
- Keep away from direct sunlight, which fades the colours.
- A little bag of lavender or a piece of cedar wood helps keep moths away.
- Also keep a label with the yarn and hook used. It helps if you ever need to make a repair.

> **Warning:** safety eyes only on toys for children over 3 years old; for babies and young children, embroider the eyes with yarn. Eyes, buttons and beads can cause choking: attach them firmly and always check them. The stuffing must stay well enclosed inside the piece. Never leave long loose strands in cots or cribs.

4-week plan to get started

If you have never picked up a crochet hook, follow this plan. Just 20 to 30 minutes a day is enough. Do not skip weeks: each one prepares you for the next.

Week	What to learn	What to do
Week 1	Holding the hook and yarn, chain, double crochet, magic ring	Make chains until they come out even. Practise 10 magic rings with 6 dc. Use a light-coloured yarn.
Week 2	Increases, spiral, counting stitches, marker	Make 3 flat circles of 6 rounds and a small ball. Count the stitches at the end of each round.
Week 3	Decreases, stuffing, closing the piece	Make 2 easy projects from the chapter “Your first amigurumi”. Do not worry if they do not come out perfect.
Week 4	Changing colour, sewing pieces together, embroidering the face	Choose an animal you like and make it from start to finish. It could be your first gift.

> **Tip:** write in a journal the date, the pattern and what you learned with each toy. After a month you will see how much your hands already know.

Thank you

Thank you for coming this far with me. I hope each toy has brought you a moment of calm and that each gift has brought a

smile.

Remember: an amigurumi does not have to be perfect to be beautiful. What matters most is the love that goes into every stitch.

With love, until the next ball of yarn,

Emma Whitfield