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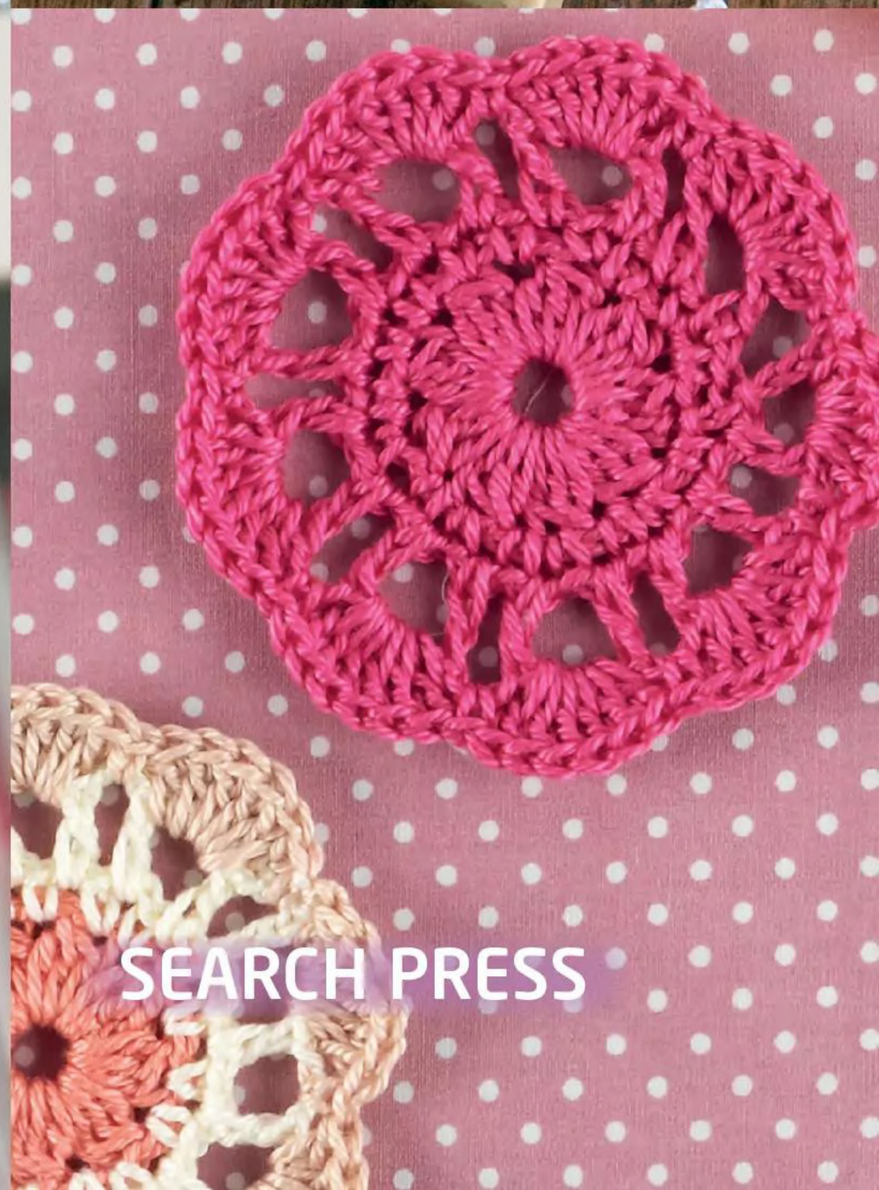












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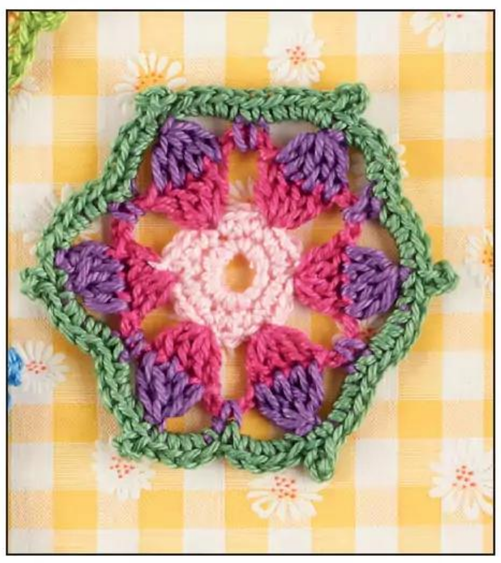
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INTRODUCTION

If you love crochet, *50 Quick and Easy Crochet* is perfect for you. With 50 quick and easy patterns to choose from, there are lots of projects that will appeal to competent beginners and more advanced crocheters alike. Designed by four talented and experienced authors, these fabulous projects are the work of Val Pierce, Jan Ollis, Anna Nikipirowicz and May Corfield.

The range of projects includes granny squares, flowers, purses, hearts and granny square flowers, so there is something here for everyone to choose from. There are handy sections on Crochet Know-How and Useful Stitches at the beginning, which explain what you need to make these charming projects. Every single one of these beautiful crocheted items will make a lovely, personalized gift for your family or friends.

The techniques used are suitable for crocheters of all skill levels and projects are made in a variety of yarns from lace (2-ply) to super bulky (super chunky) using a wide range of interesting crochet stitches.

Whatever the occasion, there is a wealth of inspiration here with projects that will make the perfect gift for birthdays, christenings, anniversaries, weddings, Valentine's Day and Christmas.

Happy crochet!













TOOLS & MATERIALS

Yarn

Most yarns on the market today come ready wound in balls, but some come in hanks which need to be wound into balls beforehand to stop them from knotting. All yarns come in different weights and thicknesses.

A variety of yarns have been used for these projects. They can be substituted, but it is important to check the weight and length of yarn you choose against the ones used here to ensure you have enough yarn to finish your projects. Synthetic yarns might be easier to wash, but natural fibres keep their shape a lot better for many years and can be nicer to work with.

Lace yarn (1–3-ply) is a very fine yarn, used mostly for delicate openwork. Some of the projects we feature use the yarn doubled to add thickness (this is noted in the pattern).

Fingering (4-ply) yarn is a superfine yarn, used for most work producing lightweight fabric; fingering (4-ply) mercerized cotton is fantastic for crocheting as it does not split, defines each stitch beautifully and produces a durable fabric with amazing drape.

Light worsted (DK/8-ply) yarn is a medium-weight yarn, and is the most commonly used. It can be used for most types of crocheting, from plain, lace and textured, producing medium-weight garments.

Worsted/aran yarns (10-ply) are both slightly thicker than DK yarn. Worsted yarn is slightly lighter than aran, but both weights of yarn can be used on projects that call for medium weight yarn.

Bulky (chunky) and super bulky (super chunky) yarns are much thicker and work up quickly and easily for such things as hats, scarves, pillows and blankets.

Gauge (tension)

Many of the projects have been given an approximate completed size, but not a specific gauge (tension). It is not essential to achieve any particular gauge on items that are accessories, so if they turn out a bit bigger or smaller it will not make much difference. However, the finished guide should provide a basic idea of what size your completed project should be if you use yarn of a similar weight.

Crochet hooks

It is essential to work with a hook that is easy on your hands. Crochet hooks are made from aluminium, steel, plastic, bamboo and wood. It is best to experiment with different types to find one that suits you and offers comfort and control.

Other tools and materials

You will need various items such as purse clasps, scraps of fabric for linings, a good pair of scissors for cutting fabric and yarn ends, a tapestry needle for weaving in loose ends and sewing on motifs, and a standard sewing needle and thread.

For some projects it may also be useful to have some iron-on medium-weight interfacing, although this is optional. You will also needs beads, faux pearls, ear wires, jump rings and chain for some of the projects; these items are all listed with the patterns.

CROCHET KNOW-HOW





US and UK crochet terminology

The names for basic crochet stitches differ in the UK and the US. In all patterns, US terms are given first (see Crochet Abbreviations below), followed by the UK terms in brackets – for example, US single crochet is written as sc (*UKdc*), and US double crochet as dc (*UKtr*).

Crochet abbreviations

The abbreviations listed below are the most frequently used terms in the projects. Any special abbreviations in a crochet pattern are explained on the relevant project page.

US	UK
sl st (slip stitch)	sl st (slip stitch)
ch st (chain stitch)	ch st (chain stitch)
ch sp (chain space)	ch sp (chain space)
sc (single crochet)	dc (double crochet)
hdc (half double crochet)	htr (half treble crochet)
dc (double crochet)	tr (treble crochet)
tr (treble crochet)	dtr (double treble crochet)
dtr (double treble crochet)	trtr (triple treble crochet)
skip	miss
yrh (yarn round hook)	yrh (yarn round hook)
beg (beginning)	beg (beginning)
rep (repeat)	rep (repeat)
sp/s (space(s))	sp/s (space(s))

Mattress stitch

Mattress stitch is very useful, as it makes a practically invisible and nicely flexible seam for joining pieces of crocheted fabric together.

1 With RS of work facing, insert a tapestry needle through a stitch in the bottom right corner, then across to the bottom left corner, then through both pieces again to secure firmly.

2 Take your needle back to the right edge and insert it a little further up, then across to catch a stitch on the left side.

3 Repeat step 2 to continue.

4 After every few stitches, gently pull the long end of the yarn to draw the stitches together so that the seam yarn disappears and is not visible on the right side of the crochet.

5 Fasten off yarn securely at the other end.

Blocking

The purpose of blocking is to finish off a piece of crochet, make it look regular and professional, and 'set' the stitches. Flat pieces of crochet often benefit from blocking, especially if they are liable to curl at the edges. All you need is a large piece of foam about 1in (2.5cm) thick, a clean towel, a can of spray fabric stiffener (starch), or a spray bottle filled with warm water, and some pins.

1 Lay the towel over the piece of foam.

2 Place your piece of crochet in the middle of the towel and spray it with the fabric stiffener or warm water so it is saturated.

3 Now pin out your crochet carefully to the shape you want. You may need to use a ruler if you want a shape of exact dimensions.

4 Leave it to dry, making sure it remains undisturbed.

5 Once it is completely dry, unpin your crochet and it will be a nice, flat regular shape.



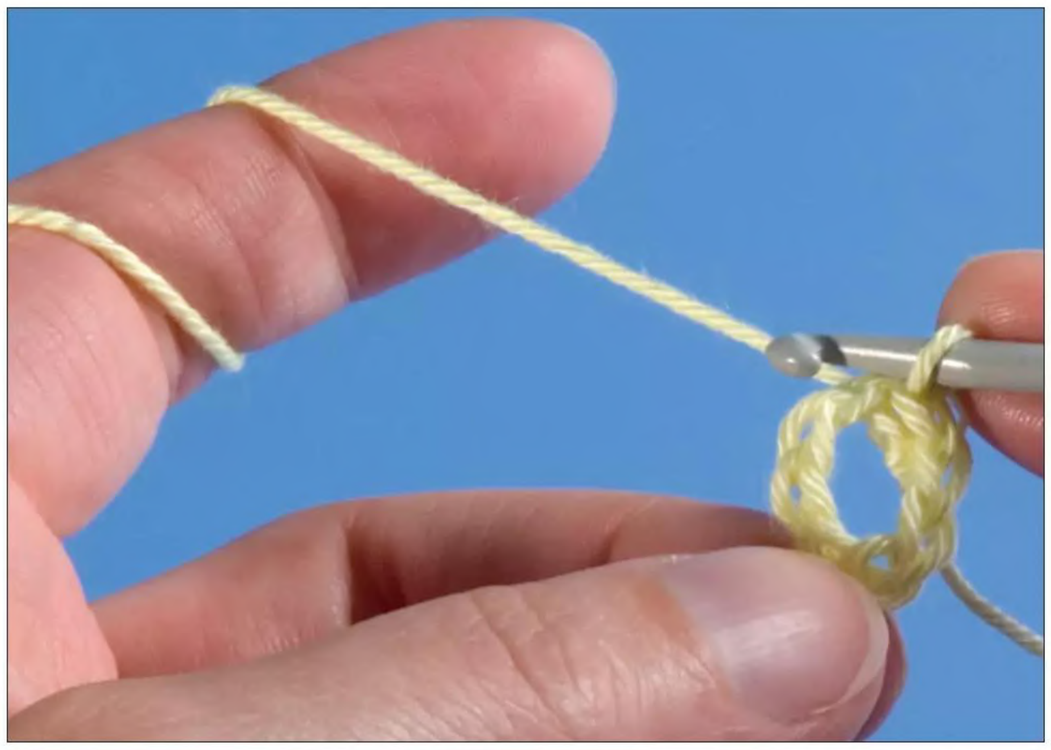


USEFUL STITCHES

Making a chain foundation ring

Foundation rings are useful when you do not need to worry about having a hole in the center of your work, for example, when making granny squares.

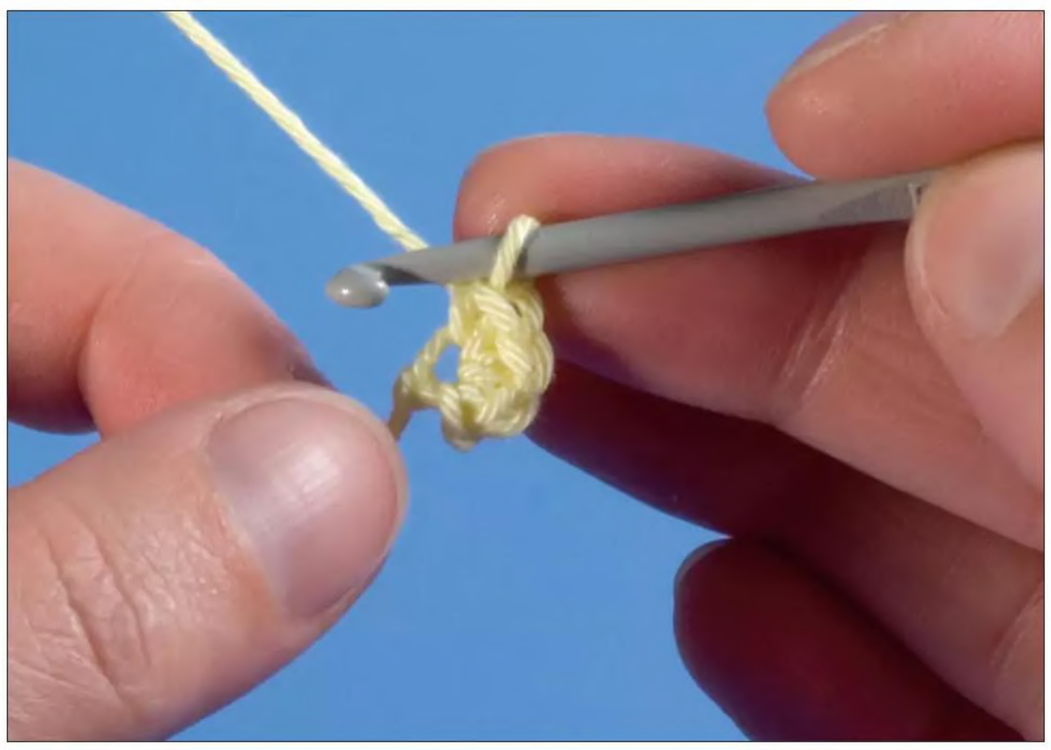
Simply work the number of chains required in the pattern (the stitch on the hook is never counted). Now insert the hook into the first chain you made, wrap the yarn round the hook (yrh) and draw it through both loops to close the ring (that is, make a slip stitch). You can now follow your pattern by crocheting into the ring.

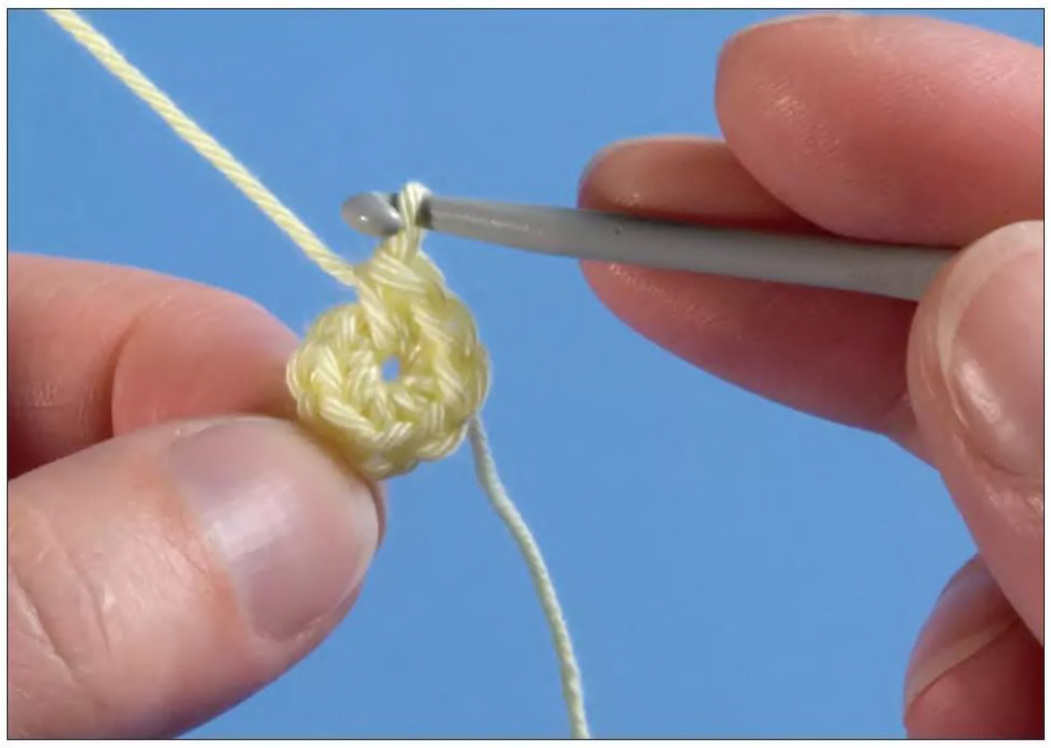


Beginning with two chain stitches

1 First, chain 2. The first round is worked into the second chain from the hook in single crochet (*UK double crochet*). Work the number of stitches required by the pattern (up to 10).

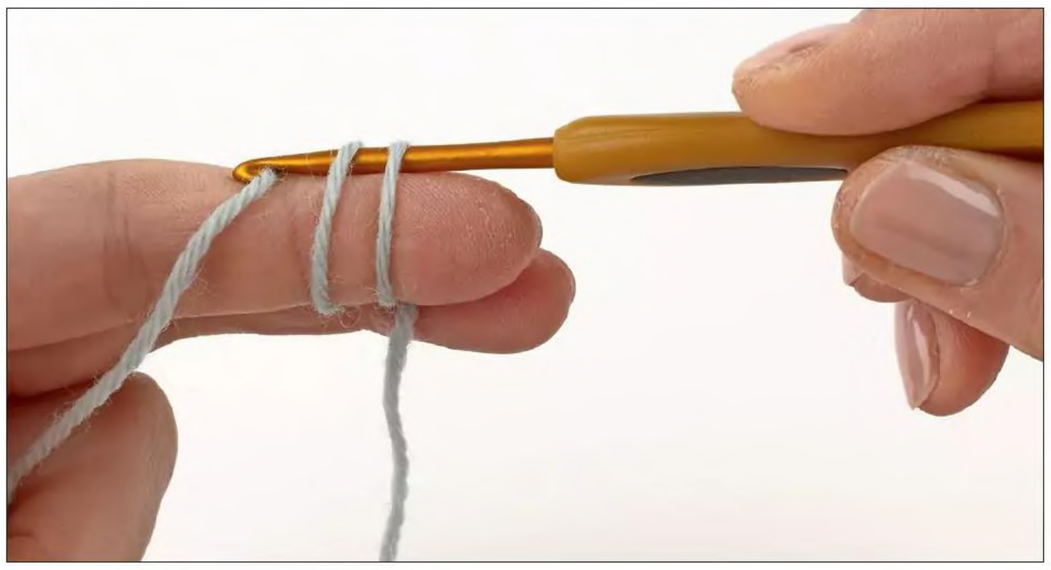
2 There will be a small hole in the center of the first round. If desired, pull on the starting tail of the yarn to close it up when finishing off. You will need to weave in the loose end securely to prevent the hole from opening up again.



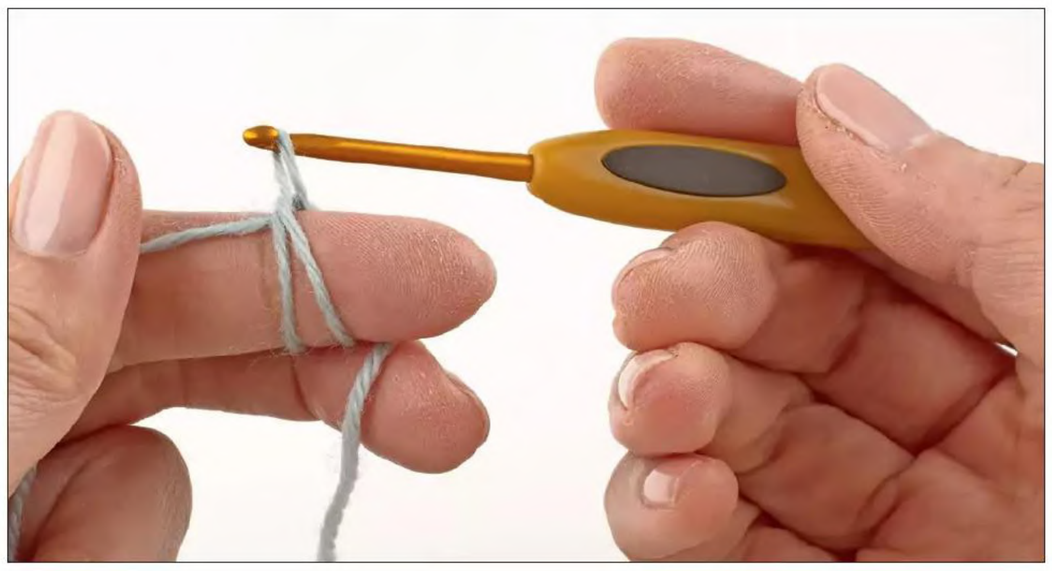


Making an adjustable ring

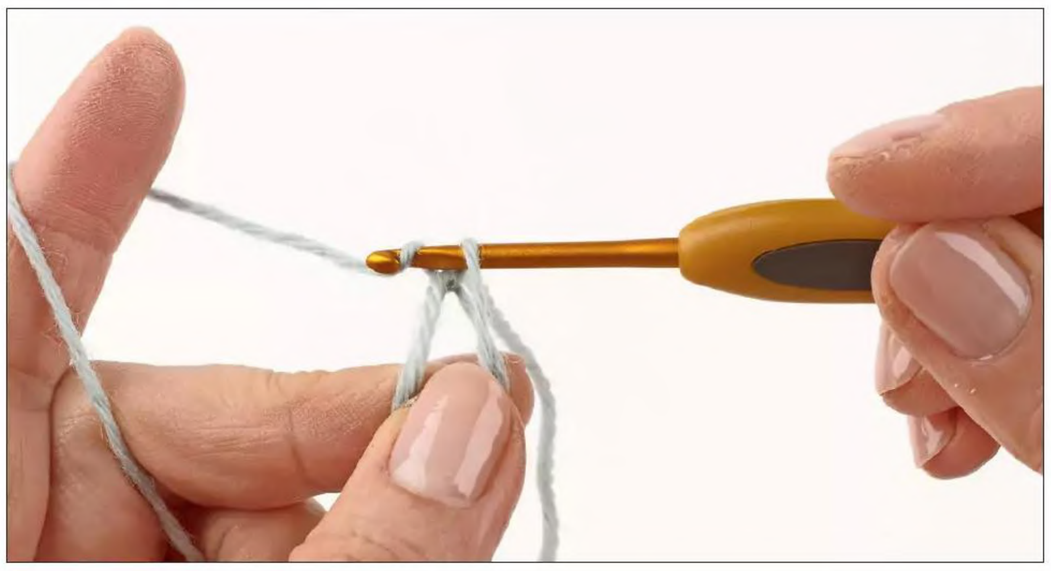
Instead of beginning with two chain stitches, you can start with an adjustable ring. The advantage of this is that, once the tail end of the yarn is tightened, there is no hole in the center of your work. This is particularly useful for when you are crocheting toys and other amigurumi projects.



1 Wrap a length of yarn twice around your index finger and slide the hook through the loops.



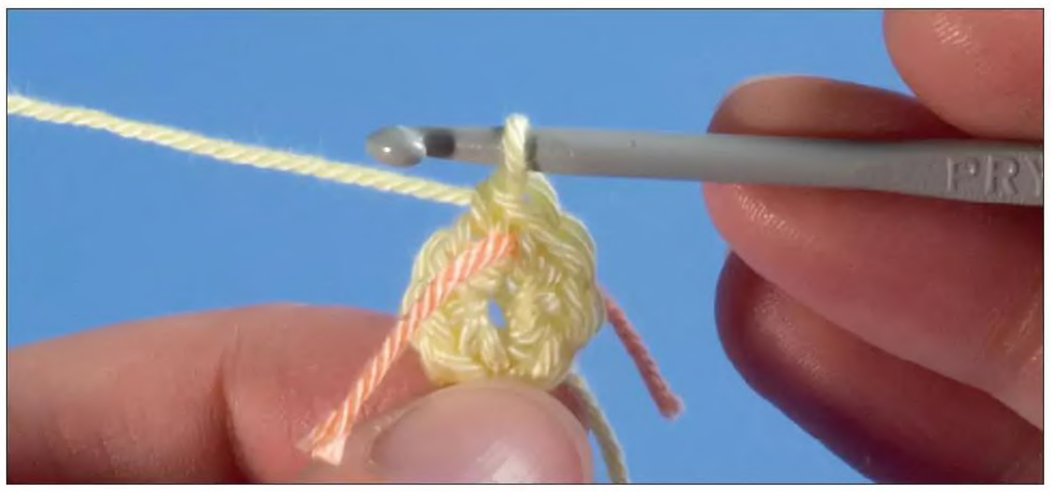
2 Use the hook to pull the end of yarn that is connected to the ball of yarn through the loops.



3 Release the ring from your finger, make 1 chain (this does not count as a stitch) and you are ready to follow your pattern, working your stitches into the ring. When you have worked the first round, pull the tail end of the yarn to close the center hole.

Working in spiral rounds

Working in spiral rounds has the advantage of showing no visible join between rounds and produces an even stitch. It is generally only done when working in single crochet (*UK double crochet*). To work in this way, do not complete each round with a slip stitch into the first stitch of the round but instead continue straight on to the next round. Mark the start of each round by placing a contrasting yarn between the last stitch of the first round and the first stitch of the second round, or by using a stitch holder. Repeat at regular intervals; this will make it easier to count the rounds.





Single crochet two together (sc2tog/*UKdc2tog*)

This process works two stitches together as one to reduce the stitch count by one. Draw a loop through each of the next two stitches of the previous row/round (three loops on hook), yarn round hook then draw the yarn through all three loops.



Double crochet two together (dc2tog/*UKtr2tog*)

1 Work a double (UK tr) into the next stitch of the previous row/round up to the point where there are two loops on the hook.



2 Now work into the next stitch of the previous row/round up to the same point so that there are now three loops on the hook. Pass the yarn round the hook and pull through all three loops together.



Changing color for stripes

1 To change the color of the yarn for stripes, at the last stitch of the previous row, draw through the yarn in the first color with a yarn over, so that there are two loops on the hook. Now draw the yarn through these two loops in the new color. The last single crochet (*UK double crochet*) stitch is therefore worked completely in the old color and the loop on the hook is now in the new color.

2 Now crochet one additional turning chain as usual, turn the piece of crochet and continue working double crochet stitches.



Reverse single crochet (rev sc/*UKrev dc*)

This simply means working single crochet (*UK double crochet*) in the opposite way from normal, i.e. from left to right. It produces a very attractive and decorative cord-like border. Reverse single crochet (*UK reverse double crochet*) is also known as crab stitch.

1 Insert the hook into the last stitch of the previous row/round (the stitch to the right) from front to back. The loop on the hook lies flat on the crochet piece.

2 Draw through the yarn and pull both loops together upwards, so that the stitches are not too tight. Both loops are lying close to one another on the hook. Pull the yarn through both loops.















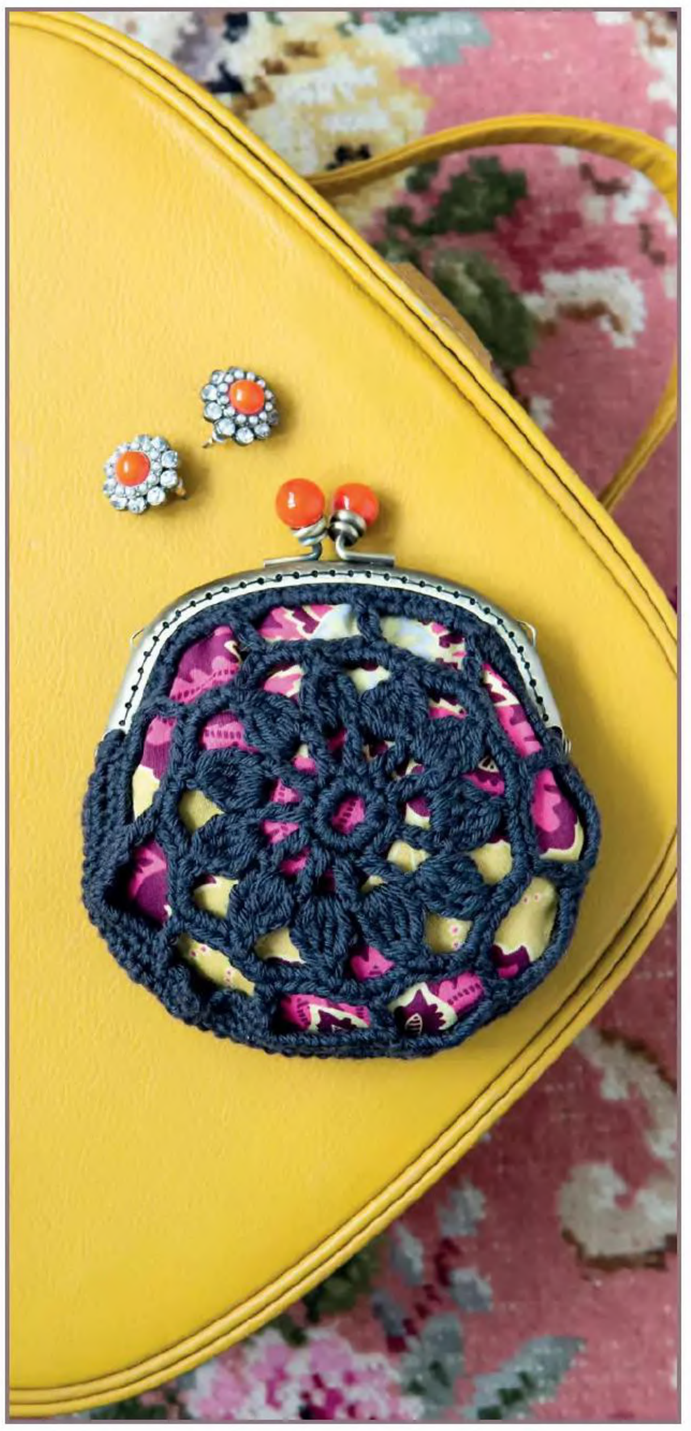


THE PROJECTS















OLIVIA PURSE

Instructions:

Work beads into each sc (*UKdc*) on second row of color A; beads are worked on WS of work.

With yarn A and 3.5mm (US E/4, UK 9) crochet hook, make 45 ch.

Row 1 (RS): 2 sc (*UKdc*) in second ch from hook, [1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 4 ch, skip 2 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 4 ch, 3 sc (*UKdc*) in next ch] three times, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 4 ch, skip 2 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 4 ch, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in last ch.

Row 2: 1 ch, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in base of ch, [1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 4 sts, skip 2 sts, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 4 sts, 3 sc (*UKdc*) in next st] three times, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 4 sts, skip 2 sts, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 4 sts, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in last st.

Row 2 forms the pattern.

Work in pattern following the stripe sequence as follows:

Rows 3 and 4: yarn B.

Rows 5 and 6: yarn C.

Rows 7 and 8: yarn D.

Rows 9 and 10 (beaded): yarn A.

Repeat stripe sequence four more times, ending with row 2 of yarn A repeat (beaded).

Making up

Fold work in three parts and secure sides by working a row of sc (*UKdc*) in yarn B, then continue with sc (*UKdc*) along top of inner edge of purse.

Materials:

1 ball each of fingering (4-ply) mercerized cotton yarn in light gray (A), heather (B), rose (C) and garnet (D); 50g/125yd/115m

Hook:

3.5mm (US E/4, UK 9) crochet hook

Notions:

Approx. 144 x small beads

Size:

Approx. 6in (15cm) wide and 3½in (9cm) high











TRADITIONAL GRANNY SQUARE

Materials:

Small amounts of No. 3 crochet cotton in green (A), yellow (B), blue (C) and pink (D); 100g/306yd/280m

Hook:

3mm (US D, UK 10) crochet hook

Size:

3in (7.5cm) diameter

Instructions:

Using A, make 6 ch, join into a circle with a sl st.

Round 1: using A, 3 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*) into ring, 2 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*) into ring, 2 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*) into ring, 2 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*) into ring, 2 ch, join with a sl st to top of 3 ch at beg of round. Fasten off. You will now have 4 corner sp. Fasten off yarn A.

Round 2: using B, join to any corner with a sl st, 3 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*) into same corner sp, ∗2 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*) into next corner sp∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ all round ending 2 ch, sl st to top of 3 ch at beg of round. Fasten off. You will now have 4 corner sp and one 2 ch sp between each corner. Fasten off yarn B.

Round 3: using C, join to any corner sp with a sl st, 3 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*) into same corner sp, ∗2 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*) into next 2 ch sp, 2 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*) into next corner sp∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ all round ending last rep with 2 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*) into next 2 ch sp, 2 ch, sl st to top of 3 ch at beg of round. Fasten off. You will now have 4 corner sp, with two 2 ch sp between each corner. Fasten off yarn C.

Round 4: using D, work as for round 3, adding an extra 2-ch sp between the corners and working 3 dc (*UKtr*) into the sp made. Fasten off and work in all the ends.





RUDOLF THE REINDEER

Materials:

1 ball each of No. 5 crochet cotton in mid-brown and dark brown; 100g/437yd/400m

Oddment of red metallic yarn

Black embroidery floss or oddment of black crochet cotton

Tiny gold bow and bell embellishment

Small amount of stuffing

Sewing threads to match the yarn

Tools:

Size 2mm (US B/1, UK 14)

Sewing needle

Size:

Approx. 4in (10cm) high to the top of the head

Instructions:

Body

Using mid-brown crochet cotton, make 2 sc (UKdc).

Round 1: work 6 sc (*UKdc*) into 2nd ch from hook then join with a sl st to form a tight circle.

Round 2: work 2 sc (*UKdc*) into each st around (12 sts).

Round 3: ∗1 sc (UKdc) into next sc (*UKdc*), 2 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*),∗ repeat from ∗ to ∗ all around (18 sts).

Round 4: ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) into each of next 2 sc (*UKdc*), 2 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*),∗ repeat from ∗ to ∗ all around (24 sts).

Round 5: ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) into each of next 3 sc (*UKdc*), 2 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*),∗ repeat from ∗ to ∗ all around (30 sts).

Rounds 6–16: work in sc (*UKdc*) all around.

You will now begin decreasing. Stuff the body as you work.

Round 17: ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) into each of next 3 sc (*UKdc*), sc (*UKdc*) 2 tog,∗ repeat from ∗ to ∗ all around.

Round 18: ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) into each of next 2 sc (*UKdc*), sc (*UKdc*) 2 tog,∗ repeat from ∗ to ∗ all around.

Round 19: work in sc (*UKdc*) all around.

Round 20: sc (*UKdc*) 2 tog all around. Break yarn. Finish stuffing the body and then run the yarn through the last row of sts, draw up and fasten off.

Head

Using mid-brown crochet cotton, make 2 sc (*UKdc*).

Round 1: work 6 sc (*UKdc*) into 2nd ch from hook then join with a sl st to form a tight circle.

Round 2: work 2 sc (*UKdc*) into each st around (12 sts).

Round 3: ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*), 2 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*),∗ repeat from ∗ to ∗ all around (18 sts).

Rounds 4–7: work in sc (*UKdc*) all around.

Round 8: ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) into each of next 2 sc (*UKdc*), 2 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*),∗ repeat from ∗ to ∗ all around then join with a sl st.

Round 9: work in sc (*UKdc*) all around then join with a sl st.

Round 10: ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*), 2 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*),∗ repeat from ∗ to ∗ all around then join with a sl st as before.

Rounds 11–15: work 1 sc (*UKdc*) into each sc (*UKdc*) all around then join with a sl st as before.

You will now begin decreasing. Stuff the head as you work.

Round 16: ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) in each of next 2 sc (*UKdc*), sc (*UKdc*) 2 tog,∗ repeat from ∗ to ∗ all around then join with a sl st as before.

Round 17: work in sc (*UKdc*) all around then join with a sl st.

Round 18: ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*), sc (*UKdc*) 2 tog,∗ repeat from ∗ to ∗ all around then join with a sl st.



Round 19: work in sc (*UKdc*) all around then join with a sl st.

Round 20: sc (*UKdc*) 2 tog all around then join with a sl st. Fasten off.

Finish stuffing the head, if needed, then run the yarn through the last row of sts and draw up tight. Fasten off yarn.

Front legs (make 2)

Using mid-brown crochet cotton, make 6 ch.

Row 1: 1 sc (*UKdc*) into 2nd ch from hook, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into each ch to end, turn.

Rows 2–3: work in sc (*UKdc*), increasing 1 sc (*UKdc*) at each end of row.

Work 4 rows in sc (*UKdc*).

Break mid-brown and join in dark brown.

Work 2 rows in sc (*UKdc*).

Next row: work in sc (*UKdc*), increasing 1 sc (*UKdc*) at each end of row.

Next row: work in sc (*UKdc*). Fasten off.

Back legs (make 2)

Using mid-brown crochet cotton, make 10 ch.

Row 1: 1 sc (*UKdc*) into 2nd ch from hook, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into each ch to end, turn.

Row 2: 1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) into each sc (*UKdc*) to end, turn.

Rows 3–4: work in sc (*UKdc*), increasing 1 sc (*UKdc*) at each end of row.

Work 8 rows in sc (*UKdc*).

Change to dark brown and work 4 rows in sc (*UKdc*).

Next row: work in sc (*UKdc*), decreasing 1 sc (*UKdc*) at each end of row.

Next row: repeat previous row. Fasten off.

Large antlers (make 2)

Using dark brown crochet cotton, make 12 ch.

Row 1: 1 sc (*UKdc*) into 2nd ch from hook, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into each ch to end, turn.

Rows 2–4: 1 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into each sc (*UKdc*) to end, turn.

Fasten off.

Small antlers (make 2)

Using dark brown crochet cotton, make 6 ch.

Row 1: 1 sc (*UKdc*) into 2nd ch from hook, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into each ch to end, turn.

Rows 2–4: 1 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into each sc (*UKdc*) to end, turn.

Fasten off.

Ears (make 2)

Using mid-brown crochet cotton, make 2 ch.

Row 1: work 1 sc (*UKdc*) into 2nd ch from hook.

Row 2: 1 ch, 3 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*), turn.

Rows 3–4: 1 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into each sc (*UKdc*) to end, turn.

Row 5: 1 ch, sc (*UKdc*) 2 tog, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in last sc (*UKdc*), turn.

Row 6: sc (*UKdc*) 2 tog. Fasten off.

Nose

Using red metallic yarn, make 2 ch. Work 14 dc (*UKtr*) into 2nd ch from hook then join with a sl st to first dc (*UKtr*) worked. Fasten off.

Making up

Work in all the ends. Attach the red nose to the head. With black cotton embroider the eyes with French knots and use straight stitches for the mouth. Sew the ears on to each side of the head, using the photograph as a guide. Fold each antler in half lengthways and stitch along the side seam. Sew a short antler on to each long antler at a slight angle, using the photograph as a guide. Now sew the antlers to the head just above the ears. Sew the head on to the body.

Fold the front legs in half lengthways and sew the side seams. Stuff lightly, adding extra at the hoof (dark brown) end to pad them out a little. Oversew a length of cotton through the center of the hoof end to create the cloven effect. Make up the back legs in the same way. Attach the legs to the body, remembering that Rudolf is sitting down.







POPPIES & DAISIES

Materials:

Small amounts of No. 3 crochet cotton in yellow (A), white (B), green (C) and dark green (D); 100g/306yd/280m

Hook:

Size 3mm (US D, UK 10)

Size:

3½in (9cm) diameter

Instructions:

Using A, 6 ch, join into a circle with a sl st.

Round 1: 5 ch [counts as first dc (*UKtr*) and ch sp], ∗1 dc (*UKtr*) into circle, 2 ch∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ six more times, join with sl st to 3rd of 5 ch at beg of round (8 x 2 ch sp). Break A.

Round 2: using B, sl st into first 2 ch sp, 3 ch, work 4 dc (*UKtr*) into sp but keeping last loop of each dc (*UKtr*) on hook, yrh, draw through all loops on hook [5 dc (*UKtr*) cluster made], 4 ch, ∗5 dc (*UKtr*) cluster in next sp, 4 ch∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ all round, join with a sl st to top of first cluster at beg of round. Break B.

Round 3: using C, 1 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into top of cluster, ∗3 ch, 1 long dc (*UKtr*) into top of dc (*UKtr*) on 2nd round, 3 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into top of next 5 dc (*UKtr*) cluster∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ all round, ending 3 ch, sl st to top of 5 dc (*UKtr*) cluster at beg of round. Break C.

Round 4: using D, sl st into first 3 ch sp, 3 ch, [3 dc (*UKtr*), 3 ch, 4 dc (*UKtr*)] into same sp, ∗3 dc (*UKtr*) into each of next three 3 ch sp, [(4 dc (*UKtr*), 3 ch, 4 dc (*UKtr*)] into next 3 ch sp∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ twice more, 3 dc (*UKtr*) into each of next three 3 ch sp, sl st into top of 3 ch at beg of round. Fasten off.

Weave in all loose ends.

Special abbreviations

5 dc (*UKtr*) cluster: work 5 dc (*UKtr*) into next sp keeping last loop of each dc (*UKtr*) on hook, yrh, draw through all loops on hook.

Long dc (*UKtr*): work dc (*UKtr*) as normal but pull up a longer loop of yarn as you do so.



These lovely little flowers work in all sorts of color combinations. Use them to decorate pillows, lampshades and throws around the home.

PINK COSMOS

Materials:

Small amounts of No. 3 crochet cotton in lime green, pale green and bright pink; 100g/306yd/280m

Hook:

Size 3mm (US D, UK 10) crochet hook

Instructions:

With lime green crochet cotton, make an adjustable ring (see page 17).

Round 1: 2 ch, sc (*UKdc*) into ring eight times. Fasten off the lime green yarn.

Change to pale green yarn and sl st together.

Round 2: 2 ch, hdc (*UKhtr*) into each sc (*UKdc*) eight times, 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) into base ch of 2 ch, join in bright pink and sl st into 2 ch.

Make the petal cluster:

∗2 ch, 1 dc (*UKtr*), 1 tr (*UKdtr*), 1 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, sl st, all into first ch of 2-ch, hdc (*UKhtr*), sc (*UKdc*) into next hdc (*UKhtr*)∗, repeat from ∗ to ∗ eight more times (making 9 petals in total).

Fasten off and weave in all loose ends.





WATERMELON PURSE

Materials:

1 ball each of worsted weight (light aran) yarn in deep rose (A), white (B) and green (C); 100g/220yd/200m

Hook:

4.5mm (US 7, UK 7) crochet hook

Notions:

Approx. 111 x small black beads

6¾in (17cm) zipper

Size:

Approx. 3½in (9cm) end to end and 7½in (19cm) at the widest point

Instructions:

Thread all the beads onto yarn A and with 4.5mm (US 7, UK 7) crochet hook make 6 hdc (*UKhtr*) in adjustable ring (see page 17). Join with a sl st to first st.

Work a bead into every other hdc (*UKhtr*) on rounds: 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 only.

Round 1: 2 ch (count *as* 1 hdc (*UKhtr*)), 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) into base of 2 ch, ∗2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, rep from ∗ to end, sl st into second ch at beg of round (12 sts).

Round 2: 2 ch (count as 1 hdc (*UKhtr*)), 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) into base of 2 ch, ∗1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, 2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, rep from ∗ to last st, 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) into last st, sl st into second ch at beg of round (18 sts).

Round 3: 2 ch (count as 1 hdc (*UKhtr*)), 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, 2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, ∗1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next 2 sts, 2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, rep from ∗ to end, sl st into second ch at beg of round (24 sts).

Round 4: 2 ch (count as 1 hdc (*UKhtr*)), 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next 2 sts, 2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, ∗1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next 3 sts, 2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, rep from ∗ to end, sl st into second ch at beg of round (30 sts).

Round 5: 2 ch (count as 1 hdc (*UKhtr*)), 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next 2 sts, 2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, ∗1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next 3 sts, 2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, rep from ∗ to last 2 sts, 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next 2 sts, sl st into second ch at beg of round (37 sts).

Round 6: 2 ch (count as 1 hdc (*UKhtr*)), 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next 2 sts, 2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, ∗1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next 3 sts, 2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, rep from ∗ to last st, 1 hdc (*UKhtr*), sl st into second ch at beg of round (46 sts).

Round 7: 2 ch (count as 1 hdc (*UKhtr*)), 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next 2 sts, 2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, ∗1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next 3 sts, 2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, rep from ∗ to last 2 sts, 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next 2 sts, sl st into second ch at beg of round (57 sts).

Round 8: 2 ch (count as 1 hdc (*UKhtr*)), 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next 2 sts, 2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, ∗1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next 3 sts, 2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, rep from ∗ to last st, 1 hdc (*UKhtr*), sl st into second ch at beg of round (71 sts).

Round 9: 2 ch (count as 1 hdc (*UKhtr*)), 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next 2 sts, 2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, ∗1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next 3 sts, 2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, rep from ∗ to last 3 sts, 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next 3 sts, sl st into second ch at beg of round (88 sts).

Round 10: 2 ch (count as 1 hdc (*UKhtr*)), 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in every st to end, sl st into second ch at beg of round. Change to yarn B.

Round 11: 2 ch (count as 1 hdc (*UKhtr*)), 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in every st to end, sl st into second ch at beg of round. Change to yarn C.

Round 12: 2 ch (count as 1 hdc (*UKhtr*)), 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in every st to end, sl st into second ch at beg of round.

Fasten off yarn.

Making up

Weave in ends. Fold purse in half and stitch for 2in (5cm) up each side. Insert the zipper.



HEART BROOCH

Materials:

Small amount of light worsted (DK/8-ply) 100% wool yarn in mushroom (A); 50g/142yd/130m

Small amount of lace weight (2-ply) mohair yarn in heather (B); 25g/219yd/200m

Small piece of thin pink felt

Pale pink sewing thread

Tools:

4mm (US G/6, UK 8) and 3mm (US D, UK 10) crochet hooks

Sewing needle

Notions:

Approx. 50 pale pink seed beads

3 large pale pink pearl beads

Brooch back

Size:

From bottom point to center top between lobes 2¾in (7cm)

Instructions:

Using yarn A and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) hook, make an adjustable ring (see page 17), ch 3 and work 7 dc (*UKtr*) in ring, ss into top of 3-ch and pull yarn tail to close the hole (8 sts).

Round 1: 2 ch, hdc (*UKhtr*) in same st, 2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in each st around sl st to top of 2 ch (16 sts).

Round 2: 2 ch, 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in each st around, sl st to top of 2-ch (16 sts).

Round 3: 1 ch, [1 sc (*UKdc*), 1 hdc (*UKhtr*), 1 dc (*UKtr*), 1 tr (*UKdtr*)] in next st, 4 tr (*UKdtr*) in next st, 3 tr (*UKdtr*) in next st, 3 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, [1 dc (*UKtr*), 1 hdc (*UKhtr*)] in next st, 2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, [1 hdc (*UKhtr*), 1 dc (*UKtr*)] in next st; [1 dc (*UKtr*), 1 tr (*UKdtr*), 1 dc (*UKtr*)] in center bottom st.

This completes the left half of the heart; now continue round 3 by reversing these sts for the right side:

[1 dc (*UKtr*), 1 hdc (*UKhtr*)] in next st, 2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, [1 hdc (*UKhtr*), 1 dc (*UKtr*)] in next st, 3 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, 3tr (*UKdtr*) in next st, 4 tr (*UKdtr*) in next st, [1 tr (*UKdtr*) in next st, 1 dc (*UKtr*), 1 hdc (*UKhtr*), 1 sc (*UKdc*)], in next st, 1 ch, sl st to initial ch.

Flower

Using yarn B and 3mm (US D, UK 10) hook, ch 26.

Row 1: sc (*UKdc*) in second ch from hook, sc (*UKdc*) to end (25 sts).

Row 2: 1 ch, ∗skip 1 st, 5 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, sl st in next st, rep from ∗ to last st, sl st into last st.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail of yarn, curve the length of crochet round into a flower shape (see photograph for guidance) and secure it with a few stitches. Attach it to the center of the heart with the yarn tail and fasten off. Using the sewing needle and pale pink sewing thread, attach the pale pink seed beads to the edges of the petals. Then attach the three large beads to the center of the flower.

Making up

Using the sewing needle and thread, attach a rectangular piece of doubled thin felt to the back of the brooch using blanket stitch, then sew the brooch back to the felt.



HEART STRING

Materials

Small amounts of light worsted (DK/8-ply) yarn in maroon, pink and mushroom; 50g/142yd/130m

Sewing thread

Toy stuffing

Tools:

Size 4mm (US 6, UK 8) crochet hook

Sewing needle

Notions:

8 small bell beads

3 hanging decorations in toning colors

Size:

23¼in (59cm) from top of loop to bottom of hanging decoration

Instructions

Make 2 for each heart

Round 1: With yarn color of your choice, make an adjustable ring (see page 17), ch 3, and work into the ring 6 sc *(UKdc)*, 1 dc *(UKtr)*, 6 sc *(UKdc)*, 3ch, sl st. Gently pull the tail end of the yarn to close the ring (but leave a small gap, as your final sl st will be made into the center) and the heart shape will appear.

Round 2: 3 ch, skip the 3-ch from previous round, 3 sc (*UKdc*) into the first st, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in each of the next 2 sts, 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in each of the next 3 sts, [1 dc (*UKtr*), 1 tr (*UKdtr*), 1 dc (*UKtr*)] into the next st (this is the bottom point of the heart), 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in each of the next 3 sts, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in each of the next 2 sts, 3 sc (*UKdc*) in the last st, ch 3 and sl st in the center of the heart.

Edging

First, tug the yarn tail again to make sure the center hole is closed properly, as you will now be stuffing the heart. This will prevent any toy stuffing poking through.

Holding two hearts tog with WS facing, join yarn to the right of the bottom point, ch 1 and sc *(UKdc)* in each st through both layers. You may need to work 2 sc *(UKdc)* into one or two sts on the curves of the heart lobes so that the stitches do not pull. At the bottom point of the heart, work 1 sc *(UKdc)*, 1 dc *(UKtr)*, 1 sc *(UKdc)* into the middle st, then sl st into initial ch. Fasten off and weave in all loose ends.

Making up

Choose a color for the hanging chain and connect the six hearts tog by joining yarn to the middle of the heart lobes, make 6 ch and join to bottom point of next heart. Repeat to join all hearts tog. To make the hanging loop, join yarn to the middle of the heart lobes on the top heart, make 16 ch and rejoin to the middle. Fasten off.

Sew a bell bead to the bottom of the top five hearts, and three to the bottom of the last heart. Attach some hanging decorations with gold and maroon beads to the bottom heart with some yarn.


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ARIA PURSE

Materials:

1 ball of mohair and silk lace weight (2-ply) yarn in white (A); 25g/229yd/210m

1 ball of alpaca and merino lace weight (2-ply) yarn in white (B); 50g/437yd/400m

1 round piece of lining fabric 5½in (14cm) in diameter and 1 rectangular piece 6 x 12¼in (15 x 31cm)

Hook:

4mm (US 6, UK 8) crochet hook

Notions:

2 x large beads

Size:

Approx. 5¼in (13cm) in diameter and 7½in (19cm) high

Pattern note

Use one strand of A and one of B held together throughout.

Instructions:

With yarn A and B held together, make 6 ch, join with sl st to first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: 1 ch, work 12 sc (*UKdc*) into ring, sl st to first st (12 sts).

Round 2: 1 ch, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in every st to end, sl st to first st (24 sts).

Round 3: 1 ch, ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) in next st, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in next st, rep from ∗ to end, sl st to first st (36 sts).

Rounds 4 and 5: 1 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in every st to end, sl st to first st.

Round 6: 1 ch, ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 2 sts, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in next st, rep from ∗ to end, sl st to first st (48 sts).

Round 7: 1 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in every st to end, sl st to first st.

Round 8: 1 ch, ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 3 sts, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in next st, rep from ∗ to end, sl st to first st (60 sts).

Round 9: As round 7.

Round 10: 1 ch,∗1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 4 sts, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in next st, rep from ∗ to end, sl st to first st (72 sts).

Round 11: As round 7.

Round 12: 1 ch, ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 5 sts, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in next st, rep from ∗ to end, sl st to first st (84 sts).

Round 13: As round 7.

Start of lace pattern

Round 1: 3 ch, (counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*)), 2 dc (*UKtr*) in st at the base of 3 ch, skip 2 sts, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next st, 5 ch, skip 5 sts, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next st, ∗skip 2 sts, 5 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, skip 2 sts, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next st, 5 ch, skip 5 sts, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next st, rep from ∗ to last 2 sts, skip 2 sts, 2 dc (*UKtr*) in st at base of beg 3 ch, sl st to third ch at beg of round.

Round 2: 1 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in first dc (*UKtr*), ∗5 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next ch sp, 5 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in third of next 5 dc (*UKtr*), rep from ∗ five times more, 5 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next ch sp, 5 ch, sl st to first sc (*UKdc*).

Round 3: ∗5 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next ch sp, 5 dc (*UKtr*) in next dc, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next ch sp, rep from ∗ six times more, 3 ch, sl st to third ch at beg of round.

Round 4: 1 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in base of 1 ch, ∗5 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in third of next 5 dc (*UKtr*), 5 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next ch sp, rep from ∗ five times more, 5 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in third of next 5 dc (*UKtr*), 5 ch, sl st to first sc (*UKdc*).

Round 5: 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*)), 2 dc (*UKtr*) in sc (*UKdc*) at base of ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next ch sp, ch 5, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next ch sp, ∗5 dc (*UKtr*) in next sc (*UKdc*), 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next ch sp, 5 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next ch sp, rep from ∗ five times more, 2 dc (*UKtr*) in st at base of 3 ch, sl st to third ch at beg of round.

Rep rounds 2–5 three more times, then rounds 2 and 3 once. Fasten off yarn.

Ties (make 2)

With yarn A and B held together and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 60 ch.

Fasten off yarn.

Making up

Weave in all loose ends and sew the lining in place, leaving a ½in (1cm) seam allowance. Thread ties (from opposite directions) into round 6 of the pattern from the top, bring each pair of ends out (again at opposite sides), thread the beads on and tie a knot in each end.



FESTIVE WREATH

Materials:

1 ball each of No. 5 crochet cotton in dark green and light green; 100g/437yd/400m

3 small holly berry embellishments

20in (0.5m) of narrow green satin ribbon

Gold ribbon bow or a short length of gold ribbon to tie in a bow

Gold bell

Craft glue

Green sewing thread (optional)

Tools:

Size 2mm (US B/1, UK 14) crochet hook

Sewing needle

Size:

Approx. 2¾in (7cm) in diameter

Instructions:

Using light green crochet cotton, make 50 ch.

Row 1: Work 2 dc (*UKtr*) into 3rd ch from hook, 3 dc (*UKtr*) into each ch to end. As you work, the crochet will twirl into a tight corkscrew shape.

Use dark green cotton to make another twist in the same way.

Making up

Secure both the light green and dark green crochet twists together at one end, then twine the strips around each other, folding the coils inside one another as you do so, until you get a neat double coil. Join the two ends together firmly.

Glue the holly berry embellishments on the coil at random, tucking them inside the twists. Glue the ribbon bow and bell at the top of the wreath to cover the join where the ends of the twists meet.

Thread the ribbon through the top of the wreath to make a hanging loop. Decide how long you want the ribbon loop to be and trim the ribbon as necessary. Either tie the ends of the ribbon together in a knot or stitch them to form a loop.





GLIMMERING SNOWFLAKE

Materials:

1 ball of No. 5 crochet cotton in white (this is sufficient for several snowflakes); 100g/437yd/400m

8 pearl beads

1 large pearlised snowflake button

20in (0.5m) of narrow white ribbon

White sewing thread

Hook:

Size 2mm (US B/1, UK 14) crochet hook

Sewing needle

Size:

Approx. 3½in (9cm) in diameter

Instructions:

Make 2 motifs

Using white crochet cotton, make 8 ch then join with sl st into a ring.

Round 1: 7 ch to count as 1 dtr (*UKtrtr*) and 2 ch, ∗1 dtr (*UKtrtr*) 2 ch into the ring,∗ repeat from ∗ to ∗ fourteen times more, 2 ch, then join with a sl st into 5th ch of starting ch (16 x 2-ch sps).

Round 2: 2 ch, 2 sc (*UKdc*) into first 2ch sp, ∗3 sc (*UKdc*) into next 2ch sp,∗ repeat all around and join with a sl st to beg (48 sts).

Round 3: 8 ch, for first sc (*UKdc*) and 7 ch loop, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into 3rd sc (*UKdc*), ∗5 ch, skip 2 sc (*UKdc*), 1 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*), 7 ch, skip 2 sc (*UKdc*), 1 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*),∗ repeat from ∗ to ∗ all around, ending last repeat 5 ch, join with sl st to beg. There should be eight 7-ch loops and eight 5-ch loops.

Round 4: sl st into first 7 ch loop, into loop work 3 ch, 4 dc (*UKtr*), 4 ch, sl st into 3rd ch from hook (1 picot made), 1 ch, 5 dc (*UKtr*) into loop, ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) into next 5-ch loop, [5 dc (*UKtr*), 4 ch, sl st into 3rd ch from hook (1 picot made), 5 dc (*UKtr*)] all into next 7 ch loop,∗ repeat from ∗ to ∗ all around, ending last rep 1 sc (*UKdc*) into last 5-ch sp, join with a sl st to beg of round.
Fasten off.

Making up

Place the two snowflakes back to back and sew them together neatly, matching the points as you do so. Sew the large snowflake button to the center of the snowflake and then sew a small pearl to the center of each point, using the photograph as a guide.

Thread the ribbon through the top of one point to make a hanging loop. Decide how long you want the ribbon loop to be and trim the ribbon as necessary. Either tie the ends of the ribbon together in a knot or stitch them to form a loop.

Tip

To give the snowflake a firmer texture, spray fabric stiffener on to it before attaching the button and beads.

EARRINGS AND PENDANT

Materials:

Small amount of No. 3 crochet cotton in pink; 100g/306yd/280m

Tools:

Size 2.5mm (US B/1, UK 13) crochet hook

2 x jewelry pliers

Notions:

3 x heart-shaped silver hoops

2 x ear wires

3 x jump rings

Chain with clasp

Instructions (make 3):

Attach yarn to heart-shaped hoop, ch 1 and sc (*UKdc*) all around, keeping sts as neat as possible. Make sure you have worked enough sts to conceal the silver heart and sl st into initial ch. Fasten off and weave in loose ends.

Making up

For all three hearts, attach one jump ring to the center stitch between the heart lobes. Attach an ear wire to two of the jump rings to complete the earrings. For the remaining heart, thread the chain through the jump ring to complete the pendant.





PRIMROSE

Materials:

Small amounts of No. 3 crochet cotton in pale green, (A), yellow (B), pale yellow (C), purple (D) and lilac (E); 100g/306yd/280m

Hook:

Size 2.5mm (US B/1, UK 13) crochet hook

Size:

Approx. 4in (10cm) from corner to the opposite side

Note

The primrose has five petals, each of which is made up of two half-petals joined into a heart shape.

Instructions:

Using yarn A, ch 4 and join with sl st to first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: 1 ch, 10 sc (*UKdc*) in ring, sl st to first ch (10 sts). Fasten off.

Round 2: Attach yarn B to any st, 1 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in same st, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in each st around, sl st to initial ch. Fasten off (20 sts).

Round 3: Attach yarn C to any st, 4 ch, [1 tr (*UKdtr*), 1 hdc (*UKhtr*)] in same st, sl st to next st∗, [sl st to next st, 4 ch, 1 tr (*UKdtr*), 1 hdc (*UKhtr*)] in same st, sl st to next st, rep from ∗ eight times to end. Fasten off (10 half-petals).

Round 4: Working behind the petals, attach D to base of middle st of any half-petal, 4 ch, ∗skip one half-petal, attach to base of middle st in next half-petal, 4 ch, rep from ∗ three times, sl st to where you joined yarn.

Round 5: 4 ch, 1 dc (*UKtr*) and 1 ch), in next loop work ∗[3 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch], rep from ∗ three times, in last loop work [3 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*)], sl st to third ch of initial 4-ch.

Round 6: sl st into next 1-ch sp, and work [3 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch] in same sp, in corner sp work [3 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch], in 1-ch sps work [3 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch]; continue to last corner, then sl st into third ch of initial 3-ch. Fasten off.

Round 7: Attach E into any 1-ch sp, [3 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch] in same sp, in corner sp work [3 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch], in 1-ch sps work [3 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch], sl st to third ch of initial 3-ch.

Making up

Fasten off and weave in all loose ends. Block to achieve correct pentagonal shape and pin petals out to dry flat.

The motifs for this lavender bag (shown hanging, opposite) were worked using small amounts of apple (A), clementine (B), primrose (C) and hyacinth (D) Stylecraft Lullaby DK acrylic yarn (50g ball/147yd/135m).

Make two motifs. Block if desired. Use one as a template and cut out two pieces of cotton fabric that are slightly larger than the motif to allow for the seam. Pin them together with RS facing and sew up the seam, leaving one side open. Clip slightly into the corners so you can push them out properly, turn through, then fill with lavender in the center and toy stuffing round the edges. Sew up the remaining side with white thread, making the stitches as invisible as you can. Holding the two motifs with the WS together and using yarn D, work sc (*UKdc*) through both motifs round four sides, making 3 sts in each corner. Insert the fabric pad, then crochet the fifth side closed, but when you reach the last hexagon point work 20 ch, sl st in second ch from hook, then sl st in each st to end. Fasten off, attach the end to the other side of the point and weave in loose ends.



FREYA PURSE

Materials:

1 ball of light worsted (DK/8-ply) yarn in purple (A); 50g/142yd/130m

1 ball of lace weight (2-ply) yarn in light purple (B); 25g/229yd/210m

Hook:

Size 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook

Notions:

1 large button

7in (18cm) zipper

Size:

Approx. 5½in (14cm) in diameter

Instructions (make 2):

With yarn A and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make an adjustable ring (see page 17) and work 10 dc (*UKtr*) into ring, join with sl st to first st (10 sts).

Round 1: 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*)), ∗2 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, rep from ∗ to end, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in base of beg ch, sl st to third of 3-ch at beg of round (20 sts).

Round 2: As round 1 (40 sts).

Round 3: 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*)), [2 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st] eight times, [1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, 2 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st] four times, [2 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st] five times, 2 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, sl st to third of ch-3 at beg of round (58 sts).

Round 4: 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*)), ∗1 dc (*UKtr*) in next 2 sts, 2 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, rep from ∗ to last st, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in last st, sl st to third of 3-ch at beg of round (77 sts).

Round 5: 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*)), 1 dc (*UKtr*) in each st to end, sl st to third of ch-3 at beg of round.

Flower

With yarn B and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 162 ch.

Row 1: Skip 7 ch (counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*) and 4 ch), 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next ch, ∗ch 4, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next ch, rep from ∗ to end.

Row 2: ∗[1 dc, 4 dc (*UKtr*)] into next 4-ch sp, rep from ∗ until all spaces have been worked.

Fasten off yarn.

Making up

Press front and back pieces lightly with an iron. Wind the flower in a spiral, securing it to the front of the purse as you wind. Attach the button to the center of the flower. Join the front and back pieces together leaving a 7in (18cm) gap. Weave in all loose ends and then sew the zipper into the gap.







DAFFODIL SQUARE

Materials:

Small amounts of No. 3 crochet cotton in blue (A), white (B), claret (C) and teal (D); 100g/306yd/280m

Hook:

Size 3mm (US D, UK 10) crochet hook

Size:

3in (7.5cm) diameter

Instructions:

Using A, 8 ch, join with a sl st into a circle.

Round 1: 1 ch, work 16 sc (*UKdc*) into ring, join as before. Fasten off yarn A.

Round 2: using B, 3 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*) into same st, leaving last loop of each dc (*UKtr*) on hook, yrh and draw yarn through all loops on hook, ∗2 ch, skip 1 sc (*UKdc*), 3 dc (*UKtr*) into next sc (*UKdc*) leaving last loop of each st on hook, yrh, draw yarn through all loops∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ all round, ending last rep with 2 ch, skip 1 sc (*UKdc*), sl st to top of 3 ch at beg of round. Fasten off yarn B.

Round 3: using C, sl st into first 2 ch sp, 3 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*) into same sp, ∗3 ch, 4 dc (*UKtr*) into next 2 ch sp∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ all round, ending last rep with 3 ch, join with a sl st to top of 3 ch at beg of round. Fasten off yarn C.

Round 4: sl st to first 3 ch sp. Using D, [3 ch, 4 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, 5 dc (*UKtr*)] into same sp, ∗4 dc (*UKtr*) into next sp, [5 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, 5 dc (*UKtr*)] into next sp∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ all round, sl st to top of 3 ch at beg of round. Fasten off and work in all the ends.





MINI STOCKING

Materials:

1 ball of No. 3 crochet cotton in red and a small amount in white; 100g/306yd/280m

4 snowflake buttons (8 if you wish to embellish both sides)

Silver ribbon bow

20in (0.5m) of narrow silver ribbon

Sewing thread to match the buttons and ribbon

Tools:

Size 2mm (US B/1, UK 14) crochet hook

Sewing needle

Size:

Approx. 4in (10cm) high

Instructions:

Using white crochet cotton, make 29 ch.

Row 1: 1 sc (*UKdc*) into 2nd ch from hook, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into each ch to end; turn (28 sts).

Rows 2–3: work 1 sc (*UKdc*) into each sc (*UKdc*) to end.

Row 4: join in red. *Insert hook into first sc (*UKdc*) and pull yarn through, then insert hook into corresponding sc (*UKdc*) 2 rows below, draw up loop and work as normal sc (*UKdc*),* repeat to end.

Row 5: using red, work 1 row in sc (*UKdc*).

Row 6: using white, work 1 row in sc (*UKdc*).

Row 7: using white, repeat row 4.

Row 8: using white, work 1 row in sc (*UKdc*).

Rows 9–20: using red, work each st in sc (*UKdc*).

Now create the top of the foot:

Row 1: work in sc (*UKdc*) across 18 sts, turn.

Row 2: work in sc (*UKdc*) across 8 sts, turn.

Rows 3–10: work in sc (*UKdc*) on these 8 sts.

Fasten off yarn.

Foot

With same side of work facing, rejoin yarn to the left hand inner edge of the piece, work across those 10 sc (UKdc), turn.

1 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in each of next 10 sc (UKdc), work 10 sc (UKdc) up the right-hand side of the instep, 8 sc (UKdc) across the toe, 10 sc (UKdc) along the left-hand side of the instep, and finally 10 sc (UKdc) across the last 10 sc (UKdc) [48 sts].

Rows 1–6: work in sc (*UKdc*) across all sts.

Row 7: sc (*UKdc*) 2 tog, sc (*UKdc*) 20, sc (*UKdc*) 2 tog twice, sc (*UKdc*) 20, sc (*UKdc*) 2 tog.

Row 8: sc (*UKdc*) 2 tog, sc (*UKdc*) 18, sc (*UKdc*) 2 tog twice, sc (*UKdc*) 18, sc (*UKdc*) 2 tog.

Row 9: sc (*UKdc*) 2 tog, sc (*UKdc*) 16, sc (*UKdc*) 2 tog twice, sc (*UKdc*) 16, sc (*UKdc*) 2 tog.

Row 10: sc (*UKdc*) 2 tog, sc (*UKdc*) 14, sc (*UKdc*) 2 tog twice, sc (*UKdc*) 14, sc (*UKdc*) 2 tog.

Row 11: sc (*UKdc*) 2 tog, work in sc (*UKdc*) to last 2 sts, sc (*UKdc*) 2 tog; fasten off.

Making up

Weave in the loose yarn ends and sew the foot and back seam of the stocking. Attach the snowflake buttons and the ribbon bow, using the photograph as a guide. Fold the silver ribbon in half to make a hanging loop, trimming it to the required length, and attach it to the stocking.



ROSE SQUARE

Materials:

Small amounts of No. 3 crochet cotton in red (A) and dark green (B): 100g/306yd/280m

Hook:

Size 2.5mm (US B/1, UK 13) crochet hook

Size:

Approx. 4¼in (11cm) from corner to opposite corner



Instructions:

Rose

Using yarn A, ch 70, sc (*UKdc*) in second ch from hook and in each st to end (69 sts).

Row 1: 1 ch, [sl st in next st, 5 tr (*UKdtr*) in next st, sl st in next st] six times, [sl st in next st, 5 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, sl st in next st] six times, [sl st in next st, 5 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, sl st in next st] eleven times. Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail. Thread the long yarn tail onto a tapestry needle and begin to wind the small petals round in a circle. With the bottom straight edge of the crochet uppermost, make small stitches to secure the petals in place as you curl them round. Check that the rose is forming to your satisfaction as you go. Keep winding the petals round, securing them with small stitches on the reverse.

This pretty motif would make a lovely pillow or blanket if made up using a range of complementary colors for the flowers.

Edging

Round 1: Using yarn B, join to center back of the rose about ½in (1cm) away from the middle. Identify three more points that will form a square, equidistant from the center of the rose back, 3 ch, sl st to second point, 3 ch, sl st to third point, 3 ch, sl st to fourth point, 3 ch, sl st back to first point (four 3-ch loops forming a square).

Round 2: sl st to first loop, work [3 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch] in same loop, ∗in next loop work [3 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch] rep from ∗ twice, sl st to third ch of initial 3-ch.

Round 3: sl st to next 1-ch sp, work [3 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch] in same sp; ∗in corner sp work [3 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch], in next space work [3 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch], rep from ∗ twice, in next sp work [3 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch], sl st to third ch of initial 3-ch.

Round 4: sl st to next 1-ch sp, work [3 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch], in same sp; in each corner sp work [3 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch]; in each 1-ch sp along straight edges work [3 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch], sl st to third ch of initial 3-ch.

Making up

Fasten off and weave in all loose ends. Block the edging to achieve a good square shape, but not the rose.



CHUNKY HEART PILLOW

Materials:

2 balls of super bulky (super chunky) acrylic yarn in bluebell; 100g/52yd/48m

Toy stuffing

Tools:

Size 12mm (US P) crochet hook

Stitch marker

Large-eyed tapestry needle

Size:

From bottom point to center top between lobes: 85/8in (22cm)

Instructions:

This heart is worked from the bottom point upwards.

Ch 2 and work 4 sc (*UKdc*) in second ch from hook.

Now work in a spiral, making ∗1 sc (*UKdc*), 2 sc (*UKdc*) in next st∗, and rep until you have 24 sts; place stitch marker in the last st.

Next round: work 1 sc (*UKdc*) in each st around. Replace marker in the last st.

Next round: ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 2 sts, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in next st∗, rep until you have 32 sts. Place marker.

Next 3 rounds: work 1 sc (*UKdc*) in each st around, moving marker up as you make each round.

Next round: ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 2 sts, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in next st∗ until you have 40 sts. Move marker.

Next 3 rounds: work 1 sc (*UKdc*) in each st around, moving marker up as you make each round.

First lobe

Keep using the stitch marker to mark the beginning of a new round.

Next round: sc (*UKdc*) in next 10 sts, skip 20 sts, sc (*UKdc*) in last 10 sts (20 sts).

Next round: work 1 sc (*UKdc*) in each st around (20 sts).

∗∗Next round: sc (*UKdc*) in next 7 sts, [sc (*UKdc*)2tog x 3], sc (*UKdc*) in next 7 sts (17 sts).

Next round: sc (*UKdc*) in next 5 sts, [sc (*UKdc*)2tog x 3], sc (UKdc) in next 6 sts (14 sts).

Next round: sc (*UKdc*) in next 4 sts, [sc (*UKdc*)2tog x 3], sc (*UKdc*) in next 4 sts (11 sts).

Next round: sc (*UKdc*) in next 2 sts, [sc (*UKdc*)2tog x 3], sc (*UKdc*) in next 3 sts (8 sts).

Cut a long tail and thread onto a large-eyed tapestry needle. Catch the front loop of each rem st, going from inside outwards. Then pull the yarn taut to close the hole at the top of the lobe and push the yarn through the closed hole to the inside of the heart and leave it there.∗∗∗

Second lobe

Rejoin the yarn to the outer stitch at the edge of the heart, ch 1 and work 1 sc (*UKdc*) into each st (20 sts).

There will be a small gap in the sts in the center of the heart where the two lobes meet. Now is the time to close this up by inserting a few sts using a spare length of yarn and the large-eyed tapestry needle.

Next round: sc (*UKdc*) in each st around (20 sts).

Now stuff the heart, making sure to get the stuffing into the bottom point using your crochet hook or a pencil and filling the completed lobe. For the remaining part of the second lobe, keep adding more stuffing as you go, making sure to pack enough in just before you close the second lobe.

Now follow pattern for first lobe from ∗∗ to ∗∗∗.



LAVENDER HEART

Materials:

1 ball of light worsted (DK/8-ply) cotton in lavender (A) and a small amount of green (B); 50g/170yd/155m

Sewing thread

Toy stuffing

Dried lavender

Tools:

Size 3.5mm (US E/4, UK 9) crochet hook

Sewing needle

Notions:

Pearl bead

Size:

From bottom point to center top between lobes: 2¾in (7cm)

Instructions:

Make 2 hearts

Using yarn A, ch 3 and make 1 turning ch.

Row 1: 1 sc (*UKdc*) in second ch from hook, 2 sc (*UKdc*) (3 sts).

Row 2: 1 ch, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in first st, sc (*UKdc*) in second st, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in last st (5 sts).

Row 3: 1 ch, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in first st, sc (*UKdc*) to last st, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in last st (7 sts).

Row 4: 1 ch, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in first st, sc (*UKdc*) to last st, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in last st (9 sts).

Row 5: 1 ch, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in first st, sc (*UKdc*) to last st, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in last st (11 sts).

Row 6: 1 ch, sc (*UKdc*) across (11 sts).

Rows 7–9: 1 ch, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in first and last sts and sc (*UKdc*) in between (17 sts).

Row 10: 1 ch, sc (*UKdc*) across (17 sts).

Row 11: 1 ch, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in first st, sc (*UKdc*) to last st, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in last st (19 sts).

Row 12: 1 ch, sc (*UKdc*) across (19 sts).

Row 13: 1 ch, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in first st, sc (*UKdc*) to last st, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in last st (21 sts).

Rows 14 and 15: 1 ch, sc (*UKdc*) across (21 sts).

Right lobe

Row 16: 1 ch, 10 sc (*UKdc*), turn.

Row 17: 1 ch, sc (*UKdc*)2tog, sc (*UKdc*) to end (9 sts).

Rows 18-20: 1 ch, sc (*UKdc*)2tog, sc (*UKdc*) to last 2 sts, sc (*UKdc*)2tog (3 sts).

Fasten off.

Left lobe

Row 21: Rejoin yarn to the st next to middle st (middle st will remain unworked) and work 10 sc (*UKdc*).

Row 22: 1 ch, sc (*UKdc*) to last 2 sts, sc (*UKdc*)2tog (9sts).

Rows 23–25: as rows 18–20.Fasten off.



Making up

With both hearts together, join yarn A to the middle of the heart lobes, work 1 ch and sc (*UKdc*) around the edge, working 2 sts every so often in the same place at the curve of the lobes, and 3 sc (*UKdc*) in the bottom point of the heart to accentuate the shape. Start stuffing the heart when you are halfway round the edge, placing a small amount of dried lavender in the very center, then continue stuffing as you work. Join the last st to first ch with a sl st and fasten off. Weave in all loose ends.

Flower

Using yarn A, ch 26, sc (*UKdc*) in second ch from hook and sc (*UKdc*) to end (25 sts).

Row 1: 1 ch, *skip 1 st, 5 hdc (UKhtr) into next st, sl st into next st*, rep to end of row ending with a sl st.

Fasten off with a long tail of yarn, curve the length of crochet round into a flower shape and secure it with a few stitches. Attach it to the center of the heart with the yarn tail and fasten off. Sew the pearl bead to the center with the sewing needle and thread.

Leaves (make 2)

With yarn B, ch 8.

Row 1: 1 sc (*UKdc*) in second chain from hook, 1 hdc (*UKhtr*), 1 dc (*UKtr*), 2 dc (*UKtr*) in next ch, 1 dc (*UKtr*), 1 hdc (*UKhtr*), 1 sc (*UKdc*), 2 ch, sl st in second ch from hook to make picot point.

Now work a 'mirror image' of row 1 along the bottom of the foundation chain into the single loops.

Row 2: 1 sc (*UKdc*), 1 hdc (*UKhtr*), 1 dc (*UKtr*), 2 dc (*UKtr*) in next ch, 1 dc (*UKtr*), 1 hdc (*UKhtr*), 1 sc (*UKdc*), sl st into the last ch.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Pin the leaves into position just under the bottom of the flower and, using the long yarn tail, attach them securely to the heart with a few stitches underneath so that they do not show.

Hanging loop

Attach yarn A to the middle of the heart lobes with a sl st, ch 16 and join with a sl st to the middle again. Fasten off and weave in all loose ends.



LOTTIE PURSE

Instructions:

Make 2 purse motifs

With 3.5mm (US E/4, UK 9) crochet hook make 5 ch, join with sl st to first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*)), 1 dc (*UKtr*) into ring, ∗1 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*) into ring, rep from ∗ five more times, 1 ch, sl st in top of 3 ch.

Round 2: sl st to first dc (*UKtr*) and ch sp, 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*)), [1 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*)] into same sp, 1 ch, ∗[2dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*)] into next ch sp, 1 ch, rep from ∗ four more times, sl st in top of 3 ch.

Round 3: sl st to first dc (*UKtr*) and ch sp, 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*)), 2 dc (*UKtr*) into same ch sp, 1 ch, ∗3 dc (*UKtr*) into next ch sp, 1 ch, rep from ∗ to end, sl st in top of 3 ch.

Round 4: sl st to next 2 dc (*UKtr*) and ch sp, 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*)), 2 dc (*UKtr*) into same ch sp, 1 ch, ∗3 dc (*UKtr*) into next ch sp, 1 ch, rep from ∗ to end, sl st in top of 3 ch.

Round 5: sl st to next 2 dc (*UKtr*) and ch sp, 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*)), 1 dc (*UKtr*) into same ch sp, 1 ch, ∗[2dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*)] into next ch sp, 1 ch, rep from ∗ five more times, 2 dc (*UKtr*) into next ch sp.

Fasten off yarn.

Shell edge

With RS facing, attach yarn to top of 3 ch at beg of last round, 1 ch, ∗6 dc (*UKtr*) into next ch sp, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into next ch sp, rep from ∗ five more times, 6 dc (*UKtr*) into next ch sp, 1 sc (*UKdc*) to top of last dc (*UKtr*) from previous round.

Making up

Weave in all loose ends. Attach the narrower parts of the circle to the purse clasp and sew together around the shell edging. Sew the lining to the inside of the purse, leaving a ½in (1cm) seam allowance.

Materials:

1 ball of fingering (4-ply) yarn in red; 50g/197yd/180m

2 x pieces of fabric for lining, approx. 4in (10cm) in diameter (optional)

Hook:

Size 3.5mm (US E/4, UK 9) crochet hook

Notions:

1 x rounded purse clasp approx. $3\frac{3}{8}$in (8.5cm) wide

Size:

Approx. $4\frac{3}{4}$in (12cm) at the widest point and 4in (10cm) in height





SCALLOPED CIRCLE

Materials:

Small amounts of No. 3 crochet cotton in three colors: peach (A), cream (B) and beige (C); 100g/306yd/280m

Hook:

Size 3mm (US D, UK 10) crochet hook

Size:

3½in (9cm) diameter

Instructions:

Using A, make 8 ch, join into a circle with a sl st.

Round 1: 3 ch [counts as first dc (*UKtr*)], work 2 dc (*UKtr*) into ring, leaving the last loop of each dc (*UKtr*) on the hook, now draw the yarn through all loops on the hook, ∗2 ch, work 3 dc (*UKtr*) into ring, leaving last loop of each dc (*UKtr*) on the hook, yrh, draw the yarn through all 3 loops∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ seven more times, 2 ch, join with a sl st to beg of round (9 clusters in total). Fasten off yarn A.

Round 2: using B, ∗2 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into next sp, 2 ch, 1sc (*UKdc*) into top of cluster∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ all round, 2 ch, join with a sl st to beg of round (18 x 2 ch sp).

Round 3: 6 ch [counts as first dc (*UKtr*) and 3 ch], 1 dc (*UKtr*) into next 2 ch sp, ∗3 ch, 1 dc (*UKtr*) into next 2 ch sp∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ all round, 3 ch, join with a sl st to 3rd ch at beg of round. Fasten off yarn B.

Round 4: using C, ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) into next sp, 6 dc (*UKtr*) into next sp∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ all round, join with a sl st to beg of round. Fasten off and work in all the ends.





VALENTINE

Materials:

Small amounts of light worsted (DK/8-ply) handknit cotton in red (A) and white (B); 50g/93yd/85m

Tools:

Size 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook

Notions:

1 heart-shaped red button

Size:

Approx. 4in (10cm) from bottom point to center top between lobes

Instructions:

Using yarn A, ch 10, sc (*UKdc*) in second ch from hook to end (9 sts).

Rows 1–9: 1 ch, sc (*UKdc*) to end. This makes a square.

Right lobe

Row 10: 1 ch, 9 tr (*UKdtr*) into center st of one side of square, sl st to corner.

Left lobe (working along the next straight edge)

Row 11: 1 ch, 9 tr (*UKdtr*) into center st of next side of square, sl st to corner.

Row 12: sc (*UKdc*) down one edge of the square and up the other side, stopping at the start of the tr (*UKdtr*) sts, sl st to join.

Fasten off.

Row 13: Join yarn B to the middle of the two lobes and sc (*UKdc*) around. Work two sc (*UKdc*) into one st at the center of each lobe, and into the st at the bottom point, work 1 sc (*UKdc*), 1 hdc (*UKhtr*), 1 sc (*UKdc*); sl st into middle of lobes to finish.

Fasten off and weave in all loose ends.

Flower

Using yarn B, ch 4, sl st to first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: 1 ch, sc (*UKdc*) in ring ten times, sl st to ch-1 to join.

Round 2: [2 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*), 1 hdc (*UKhtr*)] in first st, sl st to next st, ∗1 hdc (*UKhtr*), 2 dc (UKtr), 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, sl st in next st, rep from ∗ three times, sl st to first st to join.

Fasten off.

Making up

Position the button centrally over the flower and attach them to the center of the heart through the button, using yarn A. Fasten off and weave in all loose ends.



CAPPUCCINO LACE SQUARE

Materials:

Small amounts of No. 3 crochet cotton in pink (A), cream (B) and green (C); 100g/306yd/280m

For the pillow:

Size 3.75mm (US F/5, UK 9) crochet hook

1 ball each of No. 3 crochet cotton in three colors: A, B and C

Pillow pad, 10 x 17in (25.5 x 43cm)

Gauge (tension) for pattern on back: 17 dc (*UKtr*) x 9 rows = 4in (10cm)

Hooks:

Size 3mm (US D, UK 10) and 3.75mm (US F/5, UK 9) crochet hooks

Size:

3in (7.5cm) diameter

Instructions:

Using A, make 10 ch, join into a circle with a sl st.

Round 1: 3 ch, work 31 dc (*UKtr*) into circle, join with a sl st to top of 3 ch at beg of round (32 sts).

Round 2: 1 sc (*UKdc*) into same sp as join, ∗7 ch, skip 3 sc (*UKdc*), 1sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*)∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ all round, work last sc (*UKdc*) into same sp as join of previous round. Fasten off yarn A.

Round 3: using B, sl st to 4th ch of first 7 ch sp, 3 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*) into same sp but leave last loop of each st on hook, yrh, draw loop through, 3 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*) into same st, leaving last loop of each st on hook, yrh and draw through all loops (cluster made), ∗3 ch into 4th ch of next 7 ch loops, cluster, 3 ch, cluster∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ all round, ending last rep with 3 ch, sl st to top of 3 ch at beg of round. Fasten off yarn B.

Round 4: using C, 3 dc (*UKtr*), 3 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*) into first 3 ch sp, ∗2 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into next sp, 2 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into next sp, 2 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into next sp∗∗, 3 dc (*UKtr*), 3 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*) into next sp∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ all round ending last rep at ∗∗, sl st to top of 3 ch at beg of round. Fasten off and work in all the ends.

To make the pillow

Make eight squares, four as described in the pattern and four swapping yarns A and B. Work in the ends and join the squares together in 2 rows of 4 squares, alternating the colors as shown.

Join yarn C to any corner and proceed to work around the entire perimeter of the pillow as follows:

Round 1: 3 ch,1 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*) into same corner sp, now work along the top of each square, working 1 dc (*UKtr*) into each dc (*UKtr*) and sc (*UKdc*) and 2 sc (*UKdc*) into each sp, to first corner, work 2 dc (*UKtr*), 3 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*) into corner sp, continue in the same way all around the pillow front, joining with a sl st to the top of 3 ch at beg of round.

Round 2: 3 ch, 1 dc (*UKtr*) into next dc (*UKtr*), 3 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*) into corner sp, continue to work 1 dc (*UKtr*) into each dc (*UKtr*) all round the piece, working 2 dc (*UKtr*), 3 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*) into each corner sp, join as before. Fasten off.

Back

Using a 3.75mm (US F/5, UK 9) hook and C, make 44 ch, 1 dc (*UKtr*) into 3rd ch from hook, 1 dc (*UKtr*) into each ch to end, turn (42 sts).

Row 1: ∗3 ch, 1 dc (*UKtr*) into next dc (*UKtr*), skip 1 dc (*UKtr*), 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next dc (*UKtr*), 1 dc (*UKtr*) into skipped st∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ all across row, ending 1 dc (*UKtr*) into each of last 2 dc (*UKtr*), turn.

Row 2: 3 ch, 1 dc (*UKtr*) into each dc (*UKtr*) across row, turn.

These 2 rows form the pattern and are repeated. Continue in pattern until work is the same length as the front. Fasten off.

Work in all loose ends. Join the back of the pillow cover to the front, leaving a gap for the pillow pad. Insert the pad and close up.



BOBBLES PURSE

Materials:

1 ball of worsted yarn (UK light aran) in gold; 100g/219yd/200m

Hook:

4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook

Notions:

1 x rounded purse clasp approx. 3¼in (8½cm) wide

Size:

Approx. 5in (13cm) wide and 6in (15cm) high

Special abbreviations:

Tr5tog (*UKdtr5tog*) cluster: [yrh twice and insert into st, yrh and draw a loop through, yrh and draw through first 2 loops on hook, yrh and draw through next 2 loops on hook] rep four times all in the same st, yrh and draw a loop through all 6 loops on hook.

Tr6tog (*UKdtr6tog*) cluster: [yrh twice and insert into st, yrh and draw a loop through, yrh and draw through first 2 loops on hook, yrh and draw through next 2 loops on hook] rep five times all in the same st, yrh and draw a loop through all 7 loops on hook.

Instructions:

Make 2 purse motifs

With 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook make 20 ch.

Row 1: Tr5tog (*UKdtr5tog*) in fourth ch from hook, ∗2 ch, skip 1 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next ch, ∗2 ch, skip 1 ch, tr6tog (*UKdtr6tog*) in next ch, rep from ∗ to end.

Row 2: 2 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in base of ch, 2 ch, tr5tog (*UKdtr5tog*) in next sc (*UKdc*), 2 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in top of next cluster, ∗2 ch, tr6tog (*UKdtr6tog*) in next sc (*UKdc*), 2 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) in top of next cluster, rep from ∗ to end.

Row 3: 3 ch, tr6tog (*UKdtr6tog*) in base of 3-ch, ∗2 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in top of next cluster, 2 ch, tr6tog (*UKdtr6tog*) in next sc (*UKdc*), rep from ∗ to end.

Repeat rows 2 and 3 twice more, then row 2 once.

Start of top shaping

Row 1: 1 ch, ∗2 sc (*UKdc*) in 2-ch sp, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in top of next cluster, skip 2 ch and 1 sc (*UKdc*), rep from ∗ to end (12 sts).

Row 2: 1 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in each st to end.

Rep row 2 twice more.

Row 5: 1 ch, sc2tog (*UKdc2tog*), 1 sc (*UKdc*) in each st to last 2 sts, sc2tog (*UKdc2tog*) (10 sts).

Rep row 2 once more.

Rep row 5 (8 sts).

Rep row 2.

Fasten off yarn.

Making up

Using mattress stitch and with WS together, sew the front and back pieces together along the two sides and the bottom of the purse. Turn it through, then attach the clasp to the top. Attach a lining to the inside of the purse if desired.



CATHERINE WHEEL

Materials:

Small amounts of No. 3 crochet cotton in pale green (A), purple (B) and lilac (C); 100g/306yd/280m

Hook:

Size 3mm (US D, UK 10) crochet hook

Size:

4in (10cm) in diameter

Instructions:

Using A, make 6 ch, join into a circle with a sl st.

Round 1: using A, 1 ch, work 12 sc (*UKdc*) into circle, join with a sl st.

Round 2: using B, 3 ch, 1 dc (*UKtr*) into same sp, leave last loop on hook, draw through both loops, 2 ch, ∗2 dc (*UKtr*) into next dc, leaving last loop on hook, yrh, draw through both loops, 2 ch∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ all round, joining to top of first dc (*UKtr*) at beg of round. Fasten off yarn B.

Round 3: using C, sl st into first 2 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into sp, 3 ch,1 sc (*UKdc*) into next sp, ∗3 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into next sp∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ all round, 3 ch, sl st to beg of round.

Round 4: using C, sl st into first 3 ch sp, 3 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*) into same sp, leaving last loop on hook, yrh, draw through all loops on hook, ∗4 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*) into next sp, leaving last loop on hook, yrh, draw through all loops∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ all round, join with a sl st to top of 3 ch at beg of round. Fasten off yarn C.

Round 5: using A, sl st into next 4 ch sp, 3 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*) into same sp, 3 ch, 4 dc (*UKtr*) into same sp, ∗1 ch, 4 dc (*UKtr*) into next sp, 1 ch, 4 dc (*UKtr*) into next sp, 1 ch, [4 dc (*UKtr*), 3 ch, 4 dc (*UKtr*)] into next sp∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ twice more, 1 ch, 4 dc (*UKtr*) into next sp, 1 ch, 4 dc (*UKtr*) into next sp, 1 ch, join with a sl st to dc (*UKtr*) at beg of round. Fasten off yarn A.

Round 6: using B, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into each dc (*UKtr*) all round and 4 sc (*UKdc*) into each corner sp, join with a sl st to beg of round. Fasten off and weave in all loose ends.





TATE PURSE

Materials:

1 ball each of light worsted (DK/8-ply) yarn in ginger (A), avocado (B), yellow (C) and light brown (D); 50g/191yd/175m

Hook:

3.75mm (US F/5, UK 9) crochet hook

Notions:

1 x magnetic flex frame kiss clasp, approx. 4¾in (12cm)

Size:

Approx. 3½ x 5¼in (9 x 13.5cm)

Instructions:

With yarn A and 3.75mm (US F/5) crochet hook, make 64 ch.

Row 1: Skip 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*)), 2 dc (*UKtr*) in next ch, ∗skip 3 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next ch, 3 ch, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next 3 ch, rep from ∗ to last 4 ch, skip 3 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in last ch. Change to yarn B.

Row 2: 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*)), 2 dc (*UKtr*) in first sc (*UKdc*), ∗skip 3 dc (*UKtr*), 1 sc (*UKdc*) in first of 3-ch, 3 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*) in next 2-ch sp, rep from ∗ to last 2 dc (*UKtr*), skip 2 dc (*UKtr*), 1 sc (*UKdc*) in top chain of previous round.

Rep row 2 eleven more times, changing color on every row to yarn C and D then A, B, C and D again, ending last row with color A.

Fasten off yarn.

Making up

With WS facing, fold the work in half and turn it around, so that the sides are now at the top. Stitch the magnetic flex frame into place by turning a hem over it at the purse opening, and then sew up the sides. You may wish to line the inside of the purse with a piece of felt.





FLORAL RING

Materials:

Small amounts of No. 3 crochet cotton in yellow (A), purple (B), cerise (C) and pink (D); 100g/306yd/280m

Small piece of matching cotton fabric

Small amount of toy stuffing

Sewing thread to match yarn

Tools:

Size 3mm (US D, UK 10) crochet hook

Sewing needle

Size:

4¼in (11cm) diameter

Instructions:

Using A, make 12 ch, join into a ring with a sl st.

Round 1: work 3 ch, 31 dc (*UKtr*) into ring, join with a sl st to beg of round [32 dc (*UKtr*)]. Break A.

Round 2: using B, work 4 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*) into 3rd ch from hook, *skip 1 dc (*UKtr*), 1 tr (*UKdtr*) into next ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*) into center of tr (*UKdtr*)*, rep from * to * fourteen more times, join to top of 4 ch. Break B.

Round 3: using C, work 3 ch, 1 dc (*UKtr*) into each of the next 2 dc (*UKtr*), keeping the last loop of each dc (*UKtr*) on the hook (3 loops on hook), yrh, draw yarn through all 3 loops, *work 4 ch, 1 dc (*UKtr*) into each of next 3 dc (*UKtr*), keeping the last loop of each dc (UKtr) on the hook, yrh, draw yarn through all loops on hook*, rep from * to * all round, ending with 4 ch, join to top of first dc (*UKtr*) in round. Break C.

Round 4: using D, work 1 ch, 4 sc (*UKdc*) into next sp, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into top of cluster, 3 ch, sl st into 3rd ch from hook, *4 sc (*UKdc*) into next sp, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into top of next cluster, 3 ch, sl st into 3rd ch from hook*, rep from * to * all round, join with a sl st to beg of round.
Fasten off and work in all loose ends.

To make the pincushion

Make two motifs. Using a motif as a template, cut two circles of fabric slightly bigger than the motif, thus leaving enough fabric to form the seam. With wrong sides of the fabric facing, sew a seam by hand or on a sewing machine all round the circle, leaving a small opening to turn and stuff the pincushion. Turn the fabric lining right side out and press lightly to form a neat circle. Stuff the cushion firmly and then close the opening with a few concealed stitches. Place the two motifs together and join them by sewing the tips of the picots together all round the motif. Leave a gap and slip the cushion into the crocheted cover. Arrange the cushion neatly then close up the gap.





WISHING STAR

Materials:

1 ball of No. 5 crochet cotton in white (this is sufficient to make several stars); 100g/437yd/400m

Small amount of metallic silver yarn

20in (0.5m) of narrow white ribbon

1 large sparkly button

White sewing thread

Tools:

Size 2mm (US B/1, UK 14) crochet hook

Sewing needle

Size:

Approx. 3¼in (8cm) in diameter



Instructions:

Using white crochet cotton, make 6 ch then join with a sl st into a ring.

Round 1: 1 ch, work 12 sc (*UKdc*) into the ring then join with sl st to first ch.

Round 2: 5 ch, skip 1 sc (*UKdc*), sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*), all around, join to 1st of 5 ch at beg of round [6 x 5-ch loops].

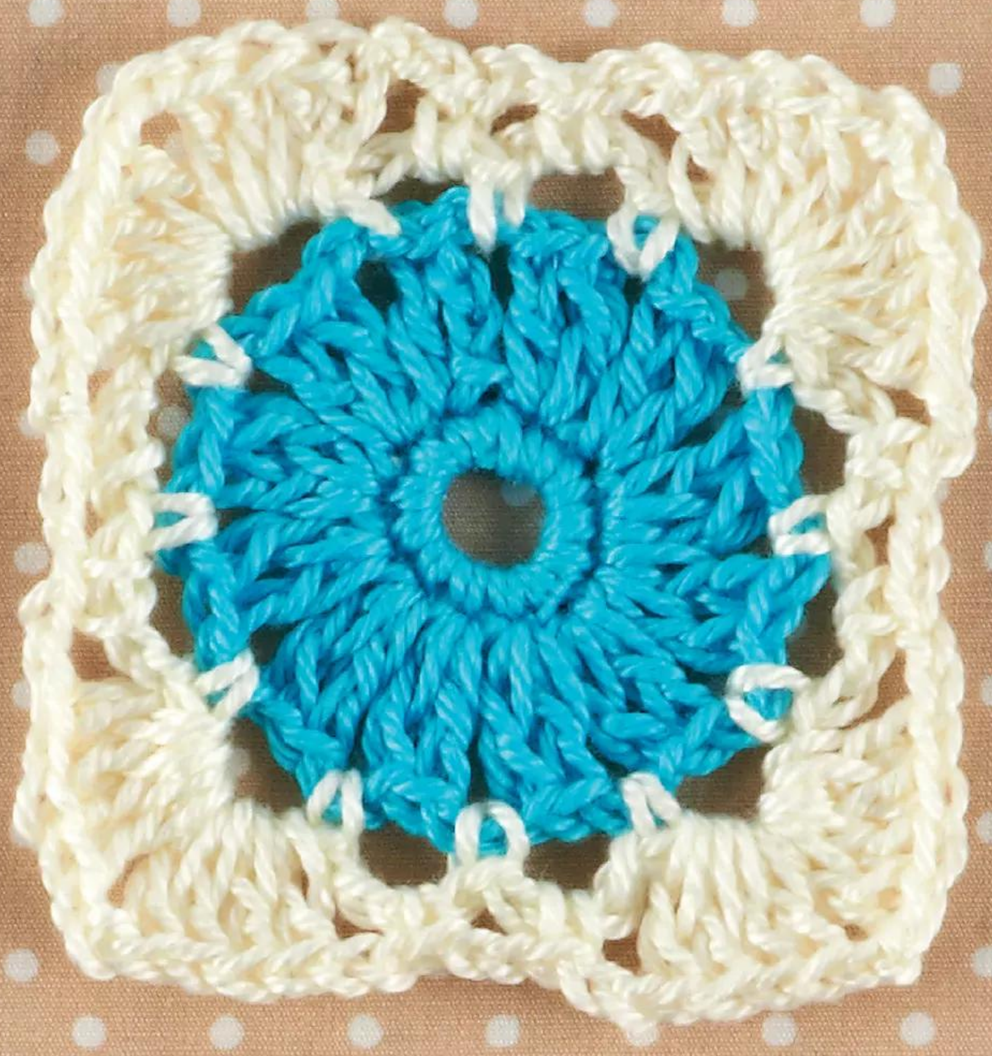
Round 3: sl st into first 5 ch loop, 2 ch, work 5 dc (*UKtr*) into same loop, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next sc (*UKdc*). ∗6 dc (*UKtr*) into 5 ch loop, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*), ∗ repeat from ∗ to ∗ four times more and then join with a sl st to beg of round.

Round 4: sl st to 2nd dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, 1 dc (*UKtr*) into same dc (*UKtr*), 2 dc (*UKtr*) into each of next 3 dc (*UKtr*), 1 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*), ∗skip next dc (*UKtr*), 2 dc (*UKtr*) into each of next 4 dc (*UKtr*), skip 1 dc (*UKtr*),
1 sc (*UKdc*) into sc (*UKdc*),∗ repeat from ∗ to ∗ four times more and then join with a sl st to beg of round. Break off white.

Round 5: join in metallic yarn to same place as sl st and proceed as follows. Work ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) into each of the next 4 dc (*UKtr*), ∗∗4 ch, sl st into 3rd ch from hook (1 picot formed), ∗∗ repeat from ∗∗ to ∗∗ twice more, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into each of the next 4 dc (*UKtr*),
1 sc (*UKdc*) into sc (*UKdc*) of row 4, thus pulling up a long loop,∗ repeat from ∗ to ∗ five times more and then join with a sl st to beg of round. Fasten off.

Making up

Using white thread, stitch the large sparkly button to the center front of the star. Thread the ribbon through the top of one point to make a hanging loop. Decide how long you want the ribbon loop to be and trim the ribbon as necessary. Either tie the ends of the ribbon together in a knot or stitch them to form a loop.







CIRCLE IN A SQUARE

Materials:

Small amounts of No. 3 crochet cotton in orange (A), white (B) and yellow (C); 100g/306yd/280m

Hook:

Size 3mm (US D, UK 10) crochet hook

Size:

2½in (6.5cm) across



Instructions:

Using A, make 6 ch, join into a circle with a sl st.

Round 1: work 12 sc (*UKdc*) into circle, join with a sl st to beg of round. Fasten off yarn A.

Round 2: using B, 3 ch, 1dc (*UKtr*) into the same sp, ∗2 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*) into next sc (*UKdc*)∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ all round, ending 2 ch, sl st to top of 3 ch at beg of round. Fasten off yarn B.

Round 3: using C, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into next 2 ch sp, ∗4 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into next 2 ch sp∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ all round, ending last rep with 4 ch, sl st to beg of round.

Round 4: sl st into next 4 ch sp, 3 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*), 3 ch, 4 dc (*UKtr*) into same sp, ∗2 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into next sp, 2 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into next sp, 2 ch, 4 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, 4 dc (*UKtr*) into next sp∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ twice more, ending last rep with 2 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into next sp, 2 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into next sp, 2 ch, sl st into dc (*UKtr*) at beg of round. Fasten off and weave in all loose ends.



CHRISTMAS CRACKER

Materials:

1 ball each of No. 5 crochet cotton in green and red; 100g/437yd/400m

40in (1m) of narrow red satin ribbon

20in (0.5m) of gold ric-rac braid

1 gold rose embellishment

Small piece of card

Small amount of stuffing

Sewing thread to match the yarn

Tools:

Size 2mm (US B/1, UK 14) crochet hook

Sewing needle

Size:

Approx. 5½in (14cm) long.

Instructions:

Using green crochet cotton, make 27 ch.

Row 1: work 1 dc (*UKtr*) into 3rd ch from hook, 1 dc (*UKtr*) into each ch to end, turn.

Row 2: 1 ch, work 1 sc (*UKdc*) into each dc (*UKtr*) to end, turn.

Row 3: 3 ch, skip first st, work 1 dc (*UKtr*) into each sc (*UKdc*) to end, turn.

Row 4: repeat row 2.

Change to red cotton.

Rows 5–14: repeat rows 3 and 4 five times.

Change to green cotton.

Rows 15–18: repeat rows 3 and 4 twice. Fasten off.

Making up

Work in the ends. Fold the crochet lengthways to form a tube and then sew the long edges together, matching the colors and rows. The seam will be on the underside of the piece.

Measure a piece of card slightly shorter than the inner red section of the cracker. Roll it into a tube then try the tube inside the crochet to get a good fit. When you are happy with the size, glue the edges of the card together and slip the tube inside the cracker.

Add some stuffing to the inside of the tube to give the cracker more body. Cut the red ribbon into two lengths and tie one tightly to each end of the cracker either side of the tube section, using the photograph as a guide. Trim the ribbon if necessary for a smart finish. Measure a piece of gold ric-rac braid long enough to fit around the central red section and glue it in place with the join on the underside. Glue the gold rose embellishment to the center as shown in the photograph.

Tip

Hide the join on the ric-rac braid under the rose embellishment for a super-neat finish.





CROCUS

Materials:

Small amounts of No. 3 crochet cotton in yellow (A), pale lilac (B) and purple (C); 100g/306yd/280m

Hook:

Size 2.5mm (US B/1, UK 13) crochet hook

Size:

Approx. 4in (10cm) from corner to opposite corner



Stitch note

The picot stitch is worked as follows: work 2 ch, sl st into second ch from hook.

Instructions:

Using yarn A, ch 4 and join with sl st to first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: 3 ch, 11 dc (*UKtr*) in ring, sl st to third ch of initial 3- ch. Fasten off (12 sts).

Round 2: Join B in any st, 3 ch, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in same st, work 2 dc (*UKtr*) in each st around, sl st in third ch of initial 3-ch (24 sts).

Round 3: ∗3 ch, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, 1 picot, 1 dc (UKtr) in next st, 3 ch, sl st to next st, sl st to next st rep from ∗ 5 times, sl st to last st (6 petals). Fasten off.

Round 4: Join C behind petals to st in between any two petals, ∗5 ch, sl st to st between next two petals, rep from ∗ to end, sl st to first st.

Round 5: 4 ch [1 dc (*UKtr*) and 1 ch-sp], in next loop work ∗3 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch∗ rep from ∗ to end, sl st in third ch of initial 3-ch.

Round 6: 3 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*) in sp, 1 ch, ∗work [3 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch] in corner sp, 3 dc (*UKtr*) in next sp, rep from ∗ to last sp, work [3 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*)] in last loop to end, sl st in third ch of 3-ch.

Making up

Fasten off and weave in all loose ends.

Block to achieve correct hexagonal shape and shape petals when wet so that they curve upwards slightly.

These little crocuses are also very attractive and decorative without the edging. This motif would make a lovely shoulder bag.



EVIE PURSE

Materials:

1 ball of worsted yarn (light aran) in walnut (A); 50g/115yd/105m

1 ball of lace weight (2-ply) mohair/silk blend yarn in white (B); 25g/229yd/210m

1 ball of lace weight (2-ply) alpaca/merino blend yarn in white (C), 50g/437yd/400m

Hook:

4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook

Notions:

5 x large assorted beads

1 x 6¾in (17cm) purse clasp

Size:

Approx. 4 x 6¾in (10 x 17cm)

Instructions:

Using yarn A, make 30 ch.

Row 1: 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in third ch from hook, 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in every ch to end (28 sts).

Row 2: 2 ch, 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in every st to end.

Repeat row 2 until work measures 8in (20cm).

Fasten off yarn.

Flowers (make 5)

With yarns B and C held together and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 5 ch, join with sl st to first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: 5 ch (counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*) and 2 ch), 1 dc (*UKtr*) into ring, [2 ch, 1 dc (*UKtr*) into ring] five times, 2 ch, sl st to third ch of 5-ch at beg of round.

Round 2: [1 hdc (*UKhtr*), 2 dc (*UKtr*), 1 hdc (*UKhtr*), sl st to next dc (*UKtr*)] into every 2-ch space.

Fasten off yarn.

Making up

Press the main piece of the purse gently with an iron, then fold it in half so the RS is facing you. Using the photograph as a guide, sew the flowers to the right side of the purse and sew the beads to the flower centers. Then attach the clasp to the purse. Using mattress stitch, join together the side openings below the clasp on both sides. Attach a lining to the inside if you like.



BORAGE

Materials:

Small amounts of crochet cotton in ecru (A), mid-blue (B), dark green (C) and pink (D); 100g/306yd/280m

Tools:

Size 2.5mm (US B/1, UK 13) crochet hook

Size:

Approx. 3½in (9cm) from corner to opposite side



Notes

The picot stitch is worked as follows: work 2 ch, sl st into second ch from hook.

Instructions:

Using yarn A, ch 4 and join with sl st to first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: 1 ch, 10 sc (*UKdc*) in ring, sl st to first ch (10 sts). Fasten off.

Round 2: Attach yarn B to any st, 3 ch, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in same st, 2 dc (*UKtr*) in each st around, sl st to third ch of 3-ch (20 sts).

Round 3: ∗4 ch, [1 tr (*UKdtr*), 1 picot, 1 tr (*UKdtr*), 1 dc (*UKtr*)] in next st, 3 ch, sl st in next 3 sts, rep from ∗ four times to end, sl st to last st. Fasten off.

Round 4: Attach yarn C to middle st between two petals, ∗6 ch, sl st in second ch from hook, 3 ch, sl st in same st between petals, 4 ch, sl st in middle st between next two petals, rep from ∗ four times. Fasten off.

Round 5: Attach yarn D to a 4-ch loop, [3 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch] in same loop, in next loop work ∗[3 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch], rep from ∗ three times, sl st to third ch of initial 3-ch.

Round 6: sl st to corner sp, [3 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch] in same sp, ∗in next ch sp work [3 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch], in corner sp work [3 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch], rep from ∗ three times, 3 dc (*UKtr*) in last ch sp, 1 ch, sl st to third ch of 3-ch.

Making up

Fasten off and weave in all loose ends. Block to achieve correct pentagon shape and pin petals out to dry flat.

The petals of this flower will kink slightly to the left because of the use of the picot stitch. This gives them a slightly lop-sided charm.



APPLE CHARM PURSE

Materials:

1 ball each of worsted yarn (UK light aran) in burgundy (A) and white (B); 100g/220yd/200m

Oddments of tapestry wool in green (C) and brown (D)

Hook:

4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook

Notions:

4 x small black beads

1 x snap hook

1 x snap fastener

Size:

Approx. 3 x 3½in (8¼ x 9cm)

Instructions:

Make 2 purse motifs

With yarn A and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 5 ch, join with sl st to first st to form a ring.

Round 1: 2 ch (counts as 1 hdc (*UKhtr*)), 9 hdc (UKhtr) into ring, sl st to top of 2 ch (10 sts).

Round 2: 2 ch (counts as 1 hdc (*UKhtr*)), 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in base of 2 ch, ∗2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, rep from ∗ to end, sl st to first st (20 sts).∗∗

Round 3: 2 ch (counts as 1 hdc (*UKhtr*)), 2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, ∗1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, 2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, rep from ∗ to end, sl st to first st (30 sts).

Round 4: sl st in next st, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next st, [2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st] eleven times, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next st, sl st in next 2 sts, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next st, [2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st] eleven times, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next st, sl st in next st.

Fasten off.

Apple center

With yarn B and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook work to ∗∗ of back.

Next round: sl st to first st, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next st, [2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st] seven times, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next st, sl st in next st, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next st, [2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st] seven times, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next st.

Fasten off yarn.

Leaf

With yarn C and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 8 ch.

Row 1: 1 sc (*UKdc*) into second ch from hook, 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, 1 tr (*UKdtr*) in next st, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next st.

Stalk and snap hook loop (make 1 of each)

With yarn A or D and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 7 ch.

Row 1: 1 sc (*UKdc*) in second ch from hook, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in every ch to end.

Fasten off yarn.

Making up

Sew the beads to the white center of the apple, then attach the apple center to the front. Sew the leaf and stalk to the top curve of the apple. Feed the snap hook through the loop and sew the loop onto the side of the purse. With RS together and using mattress stitch, sew the back and front pieces of the apple together leaving a 1½in (4cm) opening on the left side. Turn through and sew the snap fastener to the inside edges of the opening.



AVA PURSE

Materials:

1 ball of worsted yarn (UK light aran) in turquoise; 100g/219yd/200m

Fabric for lining (optional)

Stiff iron-on interfacing (optional)

Hook:

4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook

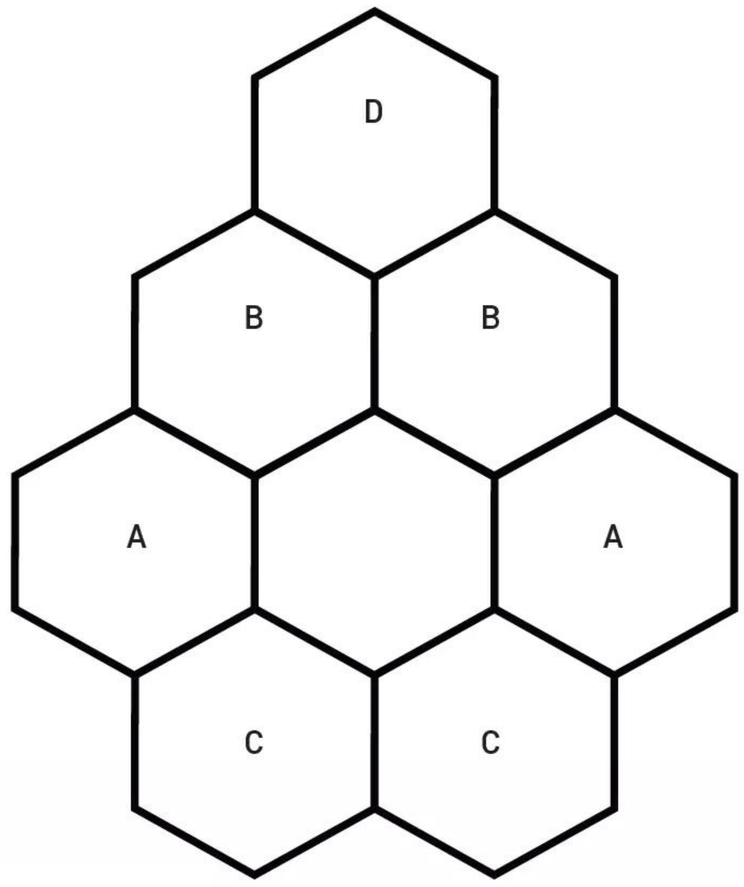
Notions:

1 x large snap fastener

Size:

Each hexagon is approx. 4in (10cm) wide





Instructions:

Hexagons (make 8)

With 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook make 5 ch, join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1: 4 ch (counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*) and 1 ch), [1 dc (*UKtr*) in ring, 1 ch] eleven times, join with sl st to third ch of 4-ch at beg of round.

Round 2: 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*)), 2 dc (*UKtr*) in next 1-ch sp, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, [1 dc (*UKtr*), in next dc (*UKtr*), 2 dc (*UKtr*) in next 1-ch sp, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next dc (*UKtr*), ch 2] five times, join with sl st to top of beg 3-ch.

Round 3: 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*)), 1 dc (*UKtr*) in base of 3-ch, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in each of next 2 dc (*UKtr*), 2 dc (*UKtr*) in next dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, [2 dc (*UKtr*) in next dc (*UKtr*), 1 dc (*UKtr*) in each of next 2 dc (*UKtr*), 2 dc (*UKtr*) in next dc (*UKtr*), ch 2] five times, join with sl st to top of beg 3-ch.

Fasten off yarn.

Making up

Press each hexagon gently with an iron and weave in all loose ends. Using the diagram (above) as a guide, join the hexagons together using sc (*UKdc*) on the right side of the work.

Hexagons A form the sides; join to one side of hexagons B and C. Join each A, B and C on one side to the center hexagon. Join D to each B on one side. Cut approximately 7½ x 13in (19 x 33cm) of fabric and interfacing, leaving ¼in (5mm) for the seam allowance, cut to shape and sew to the inside of the purse.

Sew a snap fastener to the underside of hexagon D and in the middle of the two C hexagons to finish.







PINWHEEL CIRCLE

Materials:

Small amounts of No. 3 crochet cotton in white (A), blue (B) and red (C); 100g/306yd/280m

Hook:

Size 3mm (US D, UK 10) crochet hook

Size:

4in (10cm) diameter



Instructions:

Using A, make 10 ch, join with a sl st to form a ring.

Round 1: using A, 3 ch, work 31 dc (*UKtr*) into ring, join with a sl st to 3 ch at beg of round. Fasten off yarn A.

Round 2: using B, ∗4 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into 4th dc (*UKtr*)∗, rep all round, joining last rep to base of 4 ch at beg of round.

Round 3: using B, sl st into first sp, 4 ch, 5 dc (*UKtr*) into first sp, ∗1 ch, 6 dc (*UKtr*) into next sp∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ all round, join last rep to top of 4 ch at beg of round. Fasten off yarn B.

Round 4: using C, ∗6 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into sp between groups∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ all round, join to top of 6 ch at beg of round.

Round 5: using C, sl st into first 6 ch sp, 3 ch, 5 dc (*UKtr*), 3 ch, 6 dc (*UKtr*) into next 6 ch sp, ∗1 ch, 6 dc (*UKtr*) into next 6 ch sp, 1 ch, [6 dc (*UKtr*), 3 ch, 6 dc (*UKtr*)] into next sp∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ twice more, 1 ch, 6 dc (*UKtr*) into next 6 ch sp, 1 ch, sl st to top of 3 ch at beg of round. Fasten off and weave in all loose ends.



RETRO DAISY



Materials:

Small amounts of No. 3 crochet cotton in orange, purple, white, turquoise, yellow and dark green; 100g/306yd/280m

Sewing thread

Tools:

Size 3mm (US D, UK 10) crochet hook

Sewing needle

Instructions:

Orange flower

With orange crochet cotton, 8 ch, sl st into ring.

Round 1: 1 ch, 12 sc (*UKdc*), join with sl st.

Round 2: 9 ch, sl st into base sc (*UKdc*), sl st into next ch, sl st into next ch, ∗10 ch, sl st into next ch, sl st into next ch∗, repeat from ∗ to ∗ three more times, 10 ch, sl st to next ch (makes 6 petals).

Round 3: ∗sl st into center of first 10 ch, 20 sc (*UKdc*) along length of ch, sl st into base sc (*UKdc*)∗, repeat from ∗ to ∗ five more times working into the center of each 10 ch sp.

Cut and tie off the end.

Orange flower center

Round 1: with purple crochet cotton, make an adjustable ring, 1 ch, 6 sc (*UKdc*).

Change to white crochet cotton, sl st into 1 ch.

Round 2: 1 ch, 2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in each sc (*UKdc*), sl st into 1 ch.

Cut and tie off the ends.

Add a splash of color to your summer picnic or barbeque with these fun flowers.

Stalk

With dark green crochet cotton, make 20 ch, skip 1 ch, sc (*UKdc*) down length of ch, 1 sl st across bottom of ch, 20 sc (*UKdc*) to top of ch.

Fasten off and sew in the ends.

Lay the flower center in the middle of the orange daisy petals, sew them together securely and fasten off.

Turn the flower over, place the stalk so that the top is in the center of the daisy petals and sew it in place securely with cotton thread.

Turquoise flower

This is made in the same way as the orange flower, but without the flower center and stalk.

Yellow flower

With yellow crochet cotton, 6 ch, sl st into ring.

Round 1: 1 ch, 10 sc (*UKdc*), join with sl st.

Round 2: 7 ch, sl st into base sc (*UKdc*), sl st into next ch, sl st into next ch, ∗8 ch, sl st into next ch, sl st into next ch∗, repeat from ∗ to ∗ twice more, 8 ch, sl st to next ch (makes 6 petals).

Round 3: ∗sl st into center of first 8 ch, 16 sc (*UKdc*) along length of ch, sl st into base sc (*UKdc*)∗, repeat from ∗ to ∗ five more times working into the center of each 8 ch sp.

Cut and tie off the end.



MYRTLE PURSE

Materials:

1 ball of light worsted (DK/8-ply) yarn in black; 50g/142yd/130m

2 x oval pieces of 6¼ x 6½in (15 x 16cm) lining fabric

Hook:

3.75mm (US F/5, UK 9) crochet hook

Notions:

1 x rounded purse clasp approx. 4¾in (12cm) wide

Size:

Approx. 6in (15cm) wide and 5½in (14cm) high

Special abbreviations:

dc3tog (*UKtr3tog*) – dc (*UKtr*) 3 together cluster: [yrh and insert into st, yrh and draw a loop through, yrh and draw through first 2 loops on hook], rep twice more all in the same st, yrh and draw a loop through all 4 loops on hook.

dc4tog (*UKtr4tog*) – dc (*UKtr*) 4 together cluster: [yrh and insert into st, yrh and draw a loop through, yrh and draw through first 2 loops on hook], rep three times more all in the same st, yrh and draw a loop through all 5 loops on hook.



Instructions:

Make 2 purse motifs

With 3.75mm (US F/5) crochet hook make 6 ch, sl st to first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: 1 ch, work 11 sc (*UKdc*) into ring, sl st to first st.

Round 2: 6 ch (counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*) and 3 ch), ∗1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, 3 ch, rep from ∗ to end, sl st to top of 3-ch at beg of round (11 dc (*UKtr*)).

Round 3: 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*)), dc3tog (*UKtr3tog*) in next 3-ch sp, 4 ch, ∗dc4tog (*UKtr4tog*) in next 3-ch sp, 4 ch, rep from ∗ until all spaces have been worked, sl st to first 3-dc (*UKtr*) cluster (11 clusters).

Round 4: 1 ch, ∗5 sc (*UKdc*) in next 4-ch sp, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in top of next cluster, rep from ∗ until all spaces have been worked, sl st to first st.

Round 5: 1 ch, sl st into next 2 sts, 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*)), ∗7 ch, skip next 5 sts, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, rep from ∗ ten times more, sl st to first st.

Round 6: 1 ch, ∗8 sc (*UKdc*) in next 7-ch sp, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in top of 1 dc (*UKtr*), rep from ∗ to end.

Round 7: 1 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in every st to end, sl st to first st, turn.

Row 8: 1 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 63 sts.

Fasten off yarn.

Making up

With RS facing and using mattress stitch, join the front and back together by sewing all along the raised part. Turn through. This leaves a gap of approximately 6¾in (17cm) to attach to the clasp. Sew in the lining, leaving a ¼in (1cm) seam allowance.









PICOT HEXAGON

Materials:

Small amounts of No. 3 crochet cotton in pink (A), cerise (B), purple (C) and green (D); 100g/306yd/280m

Hook:

Size 3mm (US D, UK 10) crochet hook

Size:

Approx. 3½in (9cm) across

Instructions:

Using A, make 6 ch, join into a ring with a sl st.

Round 1: work 1 ch, 12 sc (*UKdc*) into ring, join to 1st ch with a sl st.

Round 2: work 1 ch, 2 sc (*UKdc*) into each sc (*UKdc*) to end. Break A.

Round 3: using B, work 3 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*) into same ch as join, ∗4 ch, skip 3 sc (*UKdc*), 4 dc (*UKtr*) into next sc (*UKdc*)∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ all round, ending with 4 ch, join to top of 3 ch at beg of round [6 x 4 dc (*UKtr*) groups]. Break B.

Round 4: using C, work 3 ch, 1 dc (*UKtr*) into each of next 3 dc (*UKtr*), but leaving last loop of each st on hook, yrh, draw loop through all loops on hook, ∗5 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into 4 ch loop, 5 ch∗∗, 1 dc (*UKtr*) into each of next 4 dc (*UKtr*), leaving last loop of each dc (*UKtr*) on hook, yrh, draw loop through all loops on hook∗. Rep from ∗ to ∗ all round but ending last rep at ∗∗. Join with a sl st to top of 4 dc (*UKtr*) group at beg of round. Break C.

Round 5: using D, in same place as sl st make 3 ch, work a sl st into 4th ch from hook (picot made), ∗4 sc (*UKdc*) into next 5 ch loop, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*), 4 sc (*UKdc*) into next 5 ch loop∗∗, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into top of group, 3 ch, sl st into 3rd ch from hook (picot made)∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ all round, ending last rep at ∗∗, sl st to top of first group, fasten off. Weave in all loose ends.





LUCY PURSE

Materials:

1 ball each of lace weight (2-ply) yarn in light brown (A), brown (B), yellow (C) and green (D); 25g/229yd/210m

Hook:

4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook

Notions:

1 x purse clasp approx. 9in (23cm) wide

Size:

Approx. 11¾in (30cm) at the widest point and 6in (15cm) high

Special abbreviation

Front post sc (fpsc) – *UKfpdc*: insert hook from the front to the back around the post of the sc (*UKdc*) on the previous row. Complete as for regular sc (*UKdc*).

Instructions (make 2):

Work in pattern following the stripe sequence as follows: Rows 7 and 8: yarn A; Rows 9 and 10: yarn B; Rows 11 and 12: yarn C; Rows 13 and 14: yarn D.

With yarn A and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 45 ch.

Row 1: 1 sc (*UKdc*) into second ch from hook, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in every ch to end (44 sts).

Row 2: 1 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in every st to end.

Rep row 2 four more times.

Row 7: 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*)), 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next 4 sts, ∗[5 dc (*UKtr*) in next st] twice, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next 6 sts, rep from ∗ three times, [5 dc (*UKtr*) in next st] twice, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next 5 sts.

Row 8: 1 ch, 1 fpsc (*UKfpdc*) in each st to end.

Row 9: Change to color B, 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*)), working in tops of fpsc (*UKfpdc*) row, [1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, skip next st] four times, [5 dc (*UKtr*) in next st] twice, ∗skip 2 sts, [1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, skip 1 st] twice, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, [1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, skip 1 st] twice, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, skip 2 sts, [5 dc (*UKtr*) in next st] twice, rep from ∗ three more times, skip 1 st, [1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, skip 1 st] three times, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in each of last 2 sts.

Row 10: As row 8.

Rows 9 and 10 form the pattern, rep the pattern twice more, following the color sequence.

Row 15: Change to color A, 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*)), working in tops of fpsc (*UKfpdc*) row, 2 dc (*UKtr*) in st at base of ch, [1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, skip next st] four times, [5 dc (*UKtr*) in next st] twice, ∗skip 2 sts, [1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, skip 1 st] twice, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, [1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, skip 1 st] twice, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, skip 2 sts, [5 dc (*UKtr*) in next st] twice, rep from ∗ three more times, skip 1 st, [1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, skip 1 st] three times, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, 3 dc (*UKtr*) in last st (48 sts).

Row 16: As row 8.

Row 17: Change to color B, 3 ch (counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*)), working in tops of fpsc (*UKfpdc*) row, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in st at base of ch, [1 dc (UKtr) in next st, skip next st] five times, [5 dc (*UKtr*) in next st] twice, ∗skip 2 sts, [1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, skip 1 st] twice, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, [1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, skip 1 st] twice, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, skip 2 sts, [5 dc (*UKtr*) in next st] twice, rep from ∗ three more times, skip 1 st, [1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, skip 1 st] four times, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, 2 dc (*UKtr*) in last st.

Row 18: As row 8.

Rows 17 to 18 form the pattern; rep the pattern six more times, following the color sequence as set, ending last row on row 18 of pattern in color D.

Fasten off yarn.

Making up

Do not press. Weave in all loose ends. Using mattress stitch and with RS together, join the back and front pieces along the lower edge and 3¼in (8cm) up both sides. Turn through, line the purse if desired, then attach the clasp.







AUTUMN SQUARE

Materials:

Small amounts of No. 3 crochet cotton in peach (A), yellow (B) and brown (C); 100g/306yd/280m

Hook:

Size 3mm (US D, UK 10) crochet hook

Size:

3in (7.5cm) diameter

Instructions:

Using A, make 4 ch and join into a circle with a sl st.

Round 1: 5 ch [counts as 1 dc (UKtr) and 2 ch], *1 dc (UKtr), 2 ch into ring*, rep from * to * eleven times, join to 3 ch at beg of round. Fasten off yarn A.

Round 2: using B, 3 ch, 2 dc (UKtr), leaving last loop of each st on hook, yrh and draw through all loops [3 dc (UKtr) cluster made], *3 ch, 3 dc (UKtr) cluster into 2 ch sp*, rep from * to * all round, ending last rep with 2 ch, sl st to top of 3 ch at beg of round.
Fasten off yarn B.

Round 3: using C, sl st into first 2 ch sp, *1 sc (UKdc) into sp, 4 ch*, rep from * to * all round, sl st into sc (UKdc) at beg of round.

Round 4: *5 dc (UKtr), 3 ch, 5 dc (UKtr) into next 4 ch sp, 1 sc (UKdc) into next 4 ch sp, 3 ch, 1 sc (UKdc) into next 4 ch sp*, rep from * to * three more times, sl st to dc (UKtr) at beg of round. Fasten off and weave in all loose ends.





BABY PENGUIN

Materials:

1 ball each of No. 3 crochet cotton in white and black; 100g/306yd/280m

Small amounts of yellow, blue and silver metallic yarn

Sewing threads to match yarn

Small amount of toy stuffing

Tools:

Size 2mm (US B/1, UK 14) crochet hook

Sewing needle

Size:

Approx. 3in (8.5cm) tall, including hat

Instructions:

Using white crochet cotton, make 2 ch, work 6 sc (*UKdc*) into 2nd ch from hook then join with sl st into a ring.

Round 1: work 2 sc (*UKdc*) into each sc (*UKdc*) to end then join with a sl st.

Round 2: ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*), 2 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*),∗ repeat from ∗ to ∗ all around then join with a sl st as before.

Round 3: ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) into each of next 2 sc (*UKdc*), 2 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*),∗ repeat from ∗ to ∗ all around then join with a sl st as before.

Round 4: ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) into each of next 3 sc (*UKdc*), 2 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*),∗ repeat from ∗ to ∗ all around then join with a sl st as before.

Round 5: 1 sc (*UKdc*) into each of next 4 sc (*UKdc*), 2 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*),∗ repeat from ∗ to ∗ all around then join with a sl st as before.

Work 4 rounds in sc (*UKdc*) with no increase.

Change to black and work 4 rounds of sc (*UKdc*).

Now shape the top, stuffing the penguin as you go.

Next round: ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) into each of next 4 sc (*UKdc*), sc (*UKdc*) 2 tog,∗ repeat from ∗ to ∗ all around then join with a sl st as before.

Next round: ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) into each of next 3 sc (*UKdc*), sc (*UKdc*) 2 tog,∗ repeat from ∗ to ∗ all around then join with a sl st as before.

Next round: ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) into each of next 2 sc (*UKdc*), sc (*UKdc*) 2 tog,∗ repeat from ∗ to ∗ all around then join with a sl st as before.

Next round: ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*), sc (*UKdc*) 2 tog,∗ repeat from ∗ to ∗ all around then join with a sl st as before.

Next round: sc (*UKdc*) 2 tog all around. Fasten off and run thread through the last row of sts; draw up and fasten off.



Feet (make 2)
Using yellow, make 7 ch.

Row 1: 1 sc (UKdc) into 2nd ch from hook, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into each ch to end, turn (6 sts).

Row 2: 1 ch, work 1 sc (*UKdc*) into each sc (*UKdc*) to end, turn.

Rows 3–4: work in sc (*UKdc*), decreasing 1 sc (*UKdc*) at each end of row.

Rows 5–6: work in sc (*UKdc*) on these 2 sts.

Rows 7–8: work in sc (*UKdc*), increasing 1 sc (*UKdc*) at each end of row.

Work 2 rows in sc (*UKdc*) on these 6 sts then fasten off.

Beak
Using yellow, make 7 ch.

Row 1: 1 sc (*UKdc*) into 2nd ch from hook, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into each ch to end, turn (6 sts).

Rows 2–3: work in sc (*UKdc*), decreasing 1 sc (*UKdc*) at each end of row.

Rows 4–5: work in sc (*UKdc*) on these 2 sts.

Rows 6–7: work in sc (*UKdc*), increasing 1 sc (*UKdc*) at each end of row.

Work 1 row in sc (*UKdc*) on these 6 sts then fasten off.

Wings (make 2)
Using black, make 2 ch.

Row 1: 2 sc (*UKdc*) into 2nd ch from hook, turn.

Row 2: 2 sc (*UKdc*) into first sc (*UKdc*), 1 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*), turn.

Row 3: 2 sc (*UKdc*) into first sc (*UKdc*), 1 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*), 2 sc (*UKdc*) into last sc (*UKdc*).

Rows 4–7: work sc (*UKdc*) on these 5 sts.

Rows 8–9: work in sc (*UKdc*), decreasing 1 sc (*UKdc*) at each end of row. Fasten off.

Eyes (make 2)
Using white, make 2 ch, work 6 sc (*UKdc*) into 2nd ch from hook then join with a sl st into a ring.

Round 1: 1 ch, work 2 sc (*UKdc*) into each sc (*UKdc*) all around, join with a sl st.

Round 2: 1 ch, ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*), 2 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*),∗ repeat from ∗ to ∗ all around, join with a sl st to beg of round. Fasten off.

Pupils (make 2)
Using black, make 2 ch. Work 6 sc (*UKdc*) into 2nd ch from hook then join with sl st into a circle.

Hat
Using blue, make 21 ch loosely.

Row 1: work 1 dc (*UKtr*) into 3rd ch from hook, 1 dc (*UKtr*) into each ch to end, turn.

Row 2: 3 ch [counts as 1 dc (*UKtr*)], 1 dc (*UKtr*) into each dc (*UKtr*) to end, turn.

Rows 3–5: 3 ch [counts as 1st dc (*UKtr*)], dc (*UKtr*) 2 tog to last st, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in last st. Fasten off.

Join silver metallic yarn to start of hat and work 1 row of sc (*UKdc*) all along the starting ch edge, fasten off.

Hat bobble
Using silver metallic yarn, make 3 ch. Work 12 dc (*UKtr*) into 3rd ch from hook, join with a sl st. Fasten off. Run thread through row of dc (*UKtr*) and draw up tightly into a little ball. Fasten off.

Making up
Work in all ends. Fold each foot in half and sew up the sides – the wide end is the front of the foot. Sew the feet to the base of the body, angling them outwards slightly. Sew a pupil to each eye then work a French knot in white in the center of each eye. Place the eyes on the body, using the photograph as a guide, and sew in place. Fold the beak in half and sew the sides. Add a little stuffing to pad slightly. Sew the wide end of the beak to the head. Sew a wing to each side of the body. Sew the side seam of the hat and turn back a brim. Sew the bobble to the top. Pop a little stuffing in the hat then stitch it on to the penguin's head.



ISABEL PURSE

Materials:

1 ball of worsted (light aran) yarn in lilac (A); 100g/219yd/200m

1 ball of lace weight (2-ply) yarn in light pink (B); 25g/229yd/210m

Oddments of worsted yarn (light aran) in green (C)

Hook:

4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook

Notions:

1 x purse clasp approx. 3½in (9cm) wide

Approx. 102 x small beads

Size:

Approx. 3¾ x 4¼in (9.5 x 10.75cm)

Instructions:

Make 2 purse motifs

With yarn A and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 4 ch and join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1: 1 ch, 8 sc (*UKdc*) into ring, sl st to first sc (*UKdc*) (8 sts).

Round 2: 1 ch, work 2 sc (*UKdc*) into every sc (*UKdc*), sl st to first sc (*UKdc*) (16 sts).

Round 3: 1 ch, ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*), 2 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*), rep from ∗ to end, sl st to first sc (*UKdc*) (24 sts).

Round 4: 1 ch, ∗ 1 sc (*UKdc*) into each of next 2 sc (*UKdc*), 2 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*), rep from ∗ to end, sl st to first sc (*UKdc*) (32 sts).

Round 5: 1 ch, ∗ 1 sc (*UKdc*) into next 3 sc (*UKdc*), 2 sc (*UKdc*) into next sc (*UKdc*), rep from ∗ to end, sl st to first sc (*UKdc*) (40 sts).

Rounds 6 and 7: 1 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into every sc (*UKdc*) to end, sl st to first sc (*UKdc*), turn after round 7.

Row 8: 1 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into base of ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into next 22 sc (*UKdc*), turn.

Rows 9 and 10: 1 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into base of ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into next 22 sc (*UKdc*), 1 sc (*UKdc*) into ch made on previous round, turn.

Fasten off yarn.

Rose

Thread 102 beads onto yarn B.

With 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook and yarn B, make 57 ch.

Row 1: (dc (*UKtr*), ch 2, dc (*UKtr*)) in sixth ch from hook (5 skipped chs count as first dc (*UKtr*) plus 2 ch), ∗ch 2, skip next 2 chs, (dc (*UKtr*), ch 2, dc (*UKtr*)) in next ch; rep from ∗ across (36 sps).

Row 2: 3 ch (counts as first dc (*UKtr*)), working one bead into each dc (*UKtr*) continue as follows: 5 dc (*UKtr*) in next 2-ch sp, sc (*UKdc*) in next 2-ch sp, ∗6 dc (*UKtr*) in next 2-ch sp, sc (*UKdc*) in next 2-ch sp, rep from ∗ to end.

Fasten off leaving a long piece of yarn for sewing the rose together.

With RS facing and beg with last petal made, roll petals to form rose; sew to secure as you roll with the length of yarn left.

Leaf (make 2)

With 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook and yarn C, make 10 ch.

Round 1: 1 sc (*UKdc*) into second ch from hook, 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next ch, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next ch, 1 tr (*UKdtr*) in next 3 ch, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next ch, 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next ch.

Fasten off yarn.

Making up

With WS together, join the two larger sides of the purse together with a row of sc (*UKdc*). Attach the purse clasp and sew the rose and leaves to the front of the purse. Attach a lining if desired.



HEART BOOKMARK

Materials:

Small amount of No. 5 crochet cotton in kingfisher; 100g/437yd/400m

Tools:

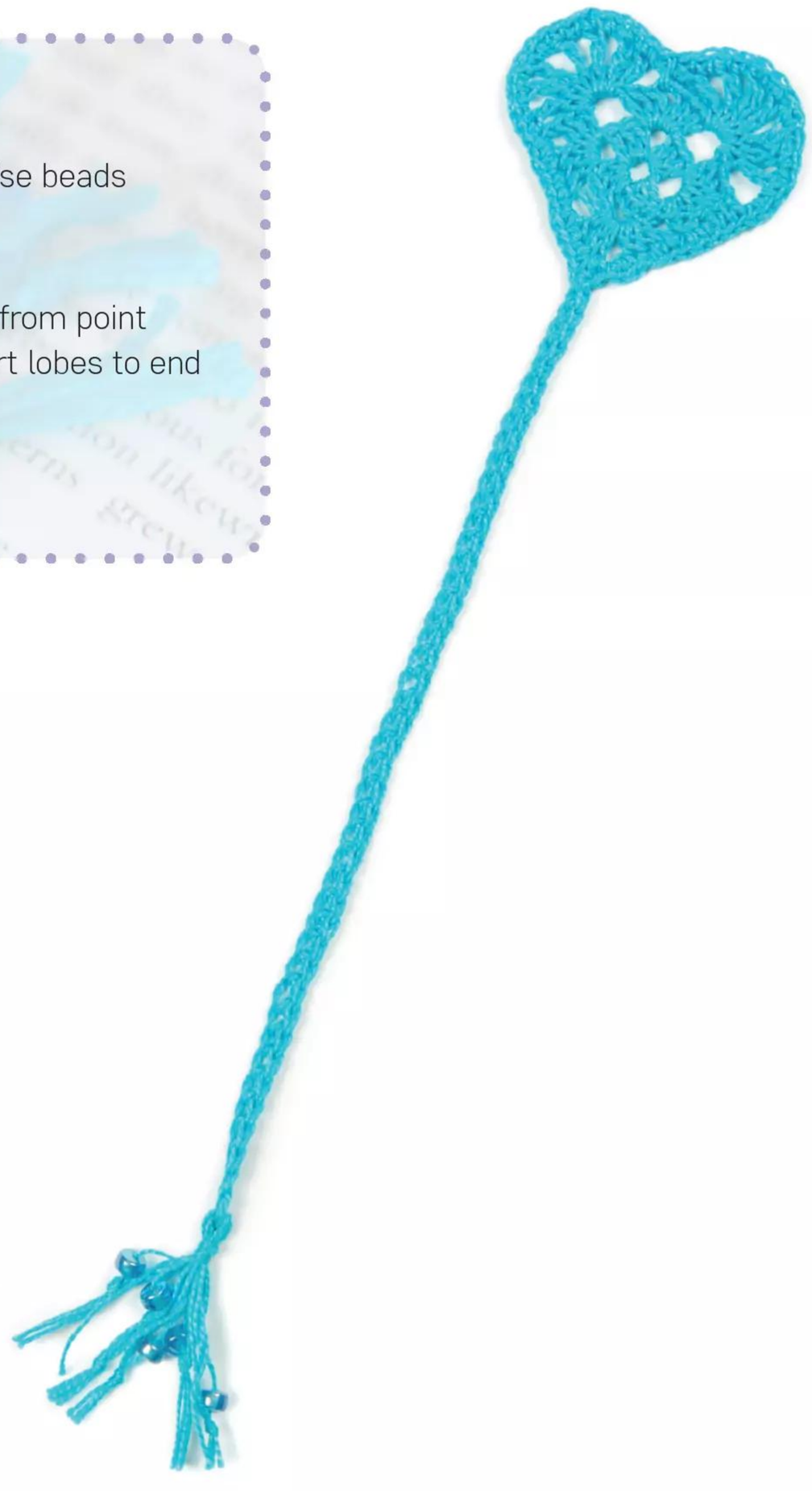
Size 2.5mm (US B/1, UK 13) crochet hook

Notions:

5 small turquoise beads

Size:

13¾in (35cm) from point between heart lobes to end of tassel



Instructions:

Ch 5 and join with a sl st to make a ring.

Round 1: Ch 3 (counts as first dc (*UKtr*)), 2 dc (*UKtr*) into ring, 2 ch, [3 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch] into ring three more times. Join with a sl st to top of beginning 3-ch (12 dc (*UKtr*), four 2-ch sps).

Round 2: Sl st in next 2 sts and into 2-ch sp, 3 ch (counts as first dc (*UKtr*)), [2 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*)] in 2-ch sp, 2 ch, ∗skip next 3 dc (*UKtr*) and work 3 dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*) in next 2-ch sp, 2 ch;∗ rep from ∗ to ∗ twice more; join with a sl st to initial 3-ch.

Round 3: Sl st in next 2 sts and into 2-ch sp; ∗1 ch, 1 dc (*UKtr*) into next 2-ch sp (center of the square), 1 ch, [1 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch] six more times in same 2-ch space, join with a sl st in next 2-ch sp∗. One lobe of the heart is now completed. Rep from ∗ to ∗ to make second lobe.

Fasten off.

Round 4: Rejoin yarn at the bottom of the heart, just to the right of the point, make 1 ch, and sc (*UKdc*) round into sts and ch-sps, working 2 sc (*UKdc*) into the 2-ch sp. At the dip between the two heart lobes, make a sl st in the middle, then continue in sc (*UKdc*). At the bottom point of the heart, work 1 sc (*UKdc*), 1 dc (*UKtr*), 1 sc (*UKdc*) into the point and finish with a sl st into the first ch at beg of round. Fasten off and weave in all loose ends.

Tail

Rejoin yarn at the bottom point of the heart and make 35 ch, sc (*UKdc*) into second st from hook and sc (*UKdc*) to end, sl st back to point and fasten off.

Tassel

Wind a length of yarn round your four fingers held together nine or ten times and cut the end. Now cut through the loops at one end and thread through a tapestry needle. Push the needle through the bottom of the tail and pull so that the yarn is even on both sides. Tie another length of yarn round the top, just below the end of the tail, to secure the top of the tassel. Now thread some small blue beads onto several threads so that they hang at different heights and tie a knot below the beads to secure them. Block the heart and tail if desired.



Materials:

1 ball each of worsted yarn (light aran) in smoke (A), cherry red (B) and green (C); 50g/153yd/140m

Hook:

Size 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook

Notions:

1 snap fastener

Small amount of toy stuffing

Size:

Approx. 4in (10cm) high and 6in (15cm) at the widest point

CHERRY PURSE

Instructions:

With yarn A and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 18 ch.

Round 1: 2 sc (*UKdc*) in second ch from hook, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 15 ch, 4 sc (*UKdc*) in next ch, working on the other side of ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 15 ch, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in last ch, sl st to first st (38 sts).

Round 2: 1 ch, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in next 2 sts, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 15 sts, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in next 4 sts, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 15 sts, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in next 2 sts, sl st to first st (46 sts).

Round 3: 1 ch, [1 sc (*UKdc*) in next st, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in next st] twice, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 15 sts, [2 sc (*UKdc*) in next st, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next st] four times, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 15 sts, [2 sc (*UKdc*) in next st, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next st] twice, sl st to first st (54 sts).

Round 4: 1 ch, [1 sc (*UKdc*) in next st, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in next st] three times, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 15 sts, [2 sc (*UKdc*) in next st, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next st] six times, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 15 sts, [2 sc (*UKdc*) in next st, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next st] three times, sl st to first st (66 sts).

Round 5: 1 ch, sc2tog (*UKdc2tog*), 1 sc (*UKdc*) in every st to end, sl st to first st (65 sts).

Rounds 6–8: 1 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in every st to end, sl st to first st.

Round 9: 1 ch, *1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 5 sts, sc2tog (*UKdc2tog*), rep from * to last 2 sts, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 2 sts, sl st to first st (56 sts).

Rounds 10–13: 1 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in every st to end, sl st to first st.

Round 14: 1 ch, *1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 4 sts, sc2tog (*UKdc2tog*), rep from * to last 2 sts, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 2 sts, sl st to first st (47 sts).

Rounds 15–18: 1 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in every st to end, sl st to first st.

Round 19: 1 ch, sc2tog (*UKdc2tog*), 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 3 sts, sc2tog (*UKdc2tog*), 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 11 sts, sc2tog (*UKdc2tog*), [1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 3 sts, sc2tog (*UKdc2tog*)] twice, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 11 sts, sc2tog (*UKdc2tog*), 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next 4 sts, sl st to first st (41 sts).

Rounds 20–29: 1 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in every st to end, sl st to first st.

Fasten off yarn.

Cherries (make 2)

With yarn B and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 4 ch, sl st to first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: 1 ch, 6 sc (*UKdc*) into ring, sl st to first st (6 sts).

Round 2: 1 ch, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in every st to end, sl st to first st (12 sts).

Rounds 3 and 4: 1 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in every st to end, sl st to first st.

Round 5: 1 ch, *sc2tog (*UKdc2tog*), rep from * to end, sl st to first st (6 sts).

Fill cherry with toy stuffing.

Round 6: 1 ch, *sc2tog (*UKdc2tog*), rep from * to end, sl st to first st (3 sts).

Fasten off yarn.

Leaf (make 2)

With yarn C and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 8 ch.

Row 1: 1 sc (*UKdc*) into second ch from hook, 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next ch, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next ch, 1 tr (*UKdtr*) in next ch, 1 dc (*UKtr*) in next ch, 1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next ch.

Fasten off.

Stem (make 2)

With yarn C held double and 4mm (US G/6, UK 8) crochet hook, make 5 ch, fasten off yarn.

Attach the stems to the cherries and leaves.

Making up

Weave in all loose ends. Fold the top of the purse over (around 1in (2.5cm)) to create a cuff.

Attach the leaves to the cuff, using the photograph as a guide. Sew the snap fastener to the inside of the purse at the center top.



SNOWFLAKES

Instructions:

Heart

Round 1: Using yarn A, ch 4, 5 dc (*UKtr*) in fourth ch from hook, 1 ch, 1 tr (*UKdtr*), 1 ch, 5 dc (*UKtr*), 3 ch, sl st in center (13 sts). Fasten off.

Snowflake points

Round 2: Join yarn B to bottom point of heart with sl st, 5 ch, skip 2 sts and sl st into third st, 5 ch, skip 2 sts and sl st into third st (at top right lobe of heart), 5 ch, sl st into top of 3 ch (at top left lobe of heart), 5 ch, skip 2 sts and sl st into third st, 5 ch and sl st into bottom point of heart.

Round 3 (working into the first 5-ch space): ∗1 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*), 2 hdc (*UKhtr*), 1 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch, sl st into top of dc (*UKtr*) just worked, 2 hdc (*UKhtr*), 1 sc (*UKdc*), sl st into next 5-ch∗; rep from ∗ to ∗ into each 5-ch sp, ending with a sl st into initial 1-ch.

Fasten off and weave in all loose ends.

Block as desired.

Materials:

Small amounts of No. 3 crochet cotton in various colors (A), and white (B); 100g/306yd/280m

Hook:

Size 3mm (US D, UK 10) crochet hook

Size:

$2\frac{3}{8}$in (6cm) at widest point



SQUARE DANCE

Materials:

Small amounts of No. 3 crochet cotton in cream (A), pale blue (B) and royal blue (C); 100g/306yd/280m

2 small matching buttons

Matching thread and sewing needle

Hook:

Size 3mm (US D, UK 10) crochet hook

Size:

2¼in (6cm) across

Instructions:

Using A, make 8 ch, join into a ring with a sl st.

Round 1: work 1 ch, 12 sc (*UKdc*) into a ring, join with a sl st.

Round 2: 3 ch, 1 dc (*UKtr*) into same sp as 3 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*) into each sc (*UKdc*) to end, join to 3 ch at beg of round, 24 dc (*UKtr*). Fasten off yarn A.

Round 3: using B, work 4 ch, skip 2 dc (*UKtr*), 1 dc (*UKtr*) into sp, 1 ch, skip 2 dc (*UKtr*), **7 dc (*UKtr*) into next sp, *1 ch, skip 2 dc (*UKtr*), 1 dc (*UKtr*) into sp between next 2 dc (*UKtr*)*, rep from * to * once more, 1 ch, skip 2 dc (*UKtr*)**, rep from ** to ** twice more, 6 dc (*UKtr*) into same sp as 4 ch at beg of round, join with a sl st to 3rd of 4 ch. Fasten off yarn B.

Round 4: using C, **[*1 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in next sp*, rep from * to * twice more, 1 ch, skip 3 dc (*UKtr*), 9 dc (*UKtr*) in next dc (*UKtr*), skip 3 dc (*UKtr*)]**, rep from ** to ** three more times, join with a sl st to beg of round. Fasten off and work in all the ends.

Vase cover

1 Make three motifs, either in the same or different colors. Sew them together in a strip.

2 Working along one short end, rejoin the yarn and work 15 sc (*UKdc*) all along the edge.

3 Turn and work a further two rows of sc (*UKdc*). Fasten off.

4 Work along the other short end in the same way, but on the second row work a buttonhole at either end as follows: work 2 sc (*UKdc*), 3 ch, skip 1 sc (*UKdc*), work in dc (*UKtr*) to last 3 sc (*UKdc*), 3 ch, skip 1 sc (*UKdc*), 1 sc (*UKdc*) in each of last 2 sc (*UKdc*). Fasten off.

5 Sew in the ends and attach buttons to correspond with the buttonholes.



Use this pretty vase cover to decorate candle holders, flower holders and drinking glasses.

You can either leave the petals to curl naturally, or pin them out for a straighter effect when you block this motif.

NARCISSUS

Materials:

Small amounts of No. 3 crochet cotton in yellow (A), orange (B), mid-green (C) pale green (D) and scarlet (E); 100g/280m/306yd

Tools:

Size 2.5mm (US B/1, UK 13) crochet hook

Size:

Approx. 4¼in (11cm) from corner to opposite corner

Stitch note

The picot stitch is worked as follows: work 2 ch, sl st into second ch from hook.

Instructions:

Using yarn A, ch 4, sl st to first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: 2 ch, work 17 sc (*UKdc*) into ring. Join with a sl st to top of initial ch-2 (18 sts).

Round 2: ∗sl st into next st, 8 ch, 1 picot, 2 sc (*UKdc*), 2 hdc (*UKhtr*), 3 dc (*UKtr*), skip 1 st, sl st into next st, sl st into next st, rep from ∗ five times (6 petals).

Fasten off.

Round 3: Using yarn B, work into the skipped sts from Round 2. Join yarn to any skipped st, 2 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in same st, ∗in next skipped st, work 2 sc (*UKdc*), rep from ∗ four times, then sl st to initial 2-ch (12 sts).

Round 4: Place st marker in first st, as you will now work in a spiral, 1 sc (*UKdc*) in each st around (12 sts).

Round 5: Move st marker up, work ∗[1 sc (*UKdc*), 1 picot], rep from ∗ to st marker (the picots will create six little points). Fasten off.

Round 6: Using yarn C, join yarn to st between petals, 3 ch, ∗sl st to next st between petals, 3 ch, rep from ∗ four times, sl st to first st (six 3-ch loops).

Round 7: sl st to first loop, in first loop work [3 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch], in next ch-3 sp work [4 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch] around to end, sl st to first st.

Round 8: sl st to first loop, work [3 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*)] in same loop, then in each 1-ch sp work [3 dc (*UKtr*), 1 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*)] to end. Fasten off.

Round 9: Using yarn D, attach yarn to any 1-ch sp, work [3 ch, 3 dc (*UKtr*)] in same sp, in next and each remaining ch-sp work 4 dc (*UKtr*).

Round 10: 1 ch, work 1 sc (*UKdc*) in each st and each ch-sp around, sl st to beg ch. Fasten off.

To give the impression of stamens, secure yellow, orange and scarlet yarns to the back of the work and make loops in the trumpet, securing again at back of work. Cut through loops and trim stamens to size.

Making up

Fasten off and weave in all loose ends.

Block carefully, shaping the narcissus trumpet with your fingers while the crochet is wet.

DOG ROSE TRIANGLE

Materials:

Small amounts of No. 3 crochet cotton in pale yellow (A), claret (B) and yellow (C); 100g/306yd/280m

For the mat:

Small amounts of No. 3 crochet cotton in a variety of colors, including light and dark green

Hook:

Size 3mm (US D, UK 10) crochet hook

Size:

3in (7.5cm) from point to point



Instructions:

Using A, make 4 ch, join into a circle with a sl st.

Round 1: 3 ch, work 11 dc (*UKtr*) into ring, join with a sl st to top of 3 ch at beg of round. Break A.

Round 2: using B, 5 ch [counts as dc (*UKtr*) and 2 ch], skip 1 dc (*UKtr*), ∗4 dc (*UKtr*) cluster in next dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch, 1 dc (UKtr) into next dc (*UKtr*), 2 ch∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ ending last rep with 2 ch, sl st to 3rd of 5 ch at beg of round. Fasten off yarn B.

Round 3: using C, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into next 2 ch sp, 1 ch, ∗[5 dc (*UKtr*), 6 ch, work 1 sl st into 3rd ch from hook (picot made), 3 ch, 5 dc (*UKtr*)] into the top of next cluster, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into next sp, 2 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into top of next cluster, 2 ch, 1 sc (*UKdc*) into next sp, 2 ch∗, rep from ∗ to ∗ twice more, sl st to beg of round. Fasten off and work in all the ends.

To make the mat

Make 6 triangles in whatever colors you choose. Sew them together as shown in the photograph opposite.

Edging

Join light green to any corner, work in sc (*UKdc*) evenly all round mat [approximately 24 sc (*UKdc*) across each motif]. Join with a sl st to beg of round. Work one more round in light green, working 3 sc (*UKdc*) into each of the 6 corner sts to keep the work flat. Join with a sl st as before. Break light green. Join in dark green and work a further round of sc (*UKdc*), working 3 sc (*UKdc*) into the corner sts as before. Fasten off and weave in all the loose ends.

The motifs for this pillow were worked in black (A), seville (B), sunflower (C) and azure (D) using Stylecraft Classique cotton DK yarn; 100g/201yd/184m. Make six motifs, using yarn C for rounds 2, 3 and 4. Block if desired. Join the edges of the motifs together with yarn D, using single crochet (*UKdc*). Pin the resulting rectangle to a pillow pad of the same size, and sew it to the pad with turquoise thread, making small, neat stitches just under the edge of the crochet, so that they do not show.

SUNFLOWER

Materials:

Small amounts of No. 3 crochet cotton in black (A), brown (B), orange (C), yellow (D) and mid-green (E); 100g/306yd/280m

Tools:

Size 2.5mm (US B/1, UK 13) crochet hook

Size:

One motif is approx. 6in (15cm) from corner to opposite corner



Special stitch

The 4-tr (*UKdtr*) cluster stitch is worked as follows:
5 ch (counts as 1 tr (*UKdtr*)) – yrh twice, insert hook into next st, yrh and pull through 2 loops, yrh and pull through 2 loops (2 loops left on hook), yrh twice, insert hook into next st, yrh and pull through 2 loops, yrh and pull through 2 loops, (3 loops left on hook), yrh twice, insert hook into next st, yrh and pull through 2 loops, yrh and pull through 2 loops (4 loops left on hook), yrh and pull through all 4 loops, make a sl st to complete the cluster.

Instructions:

Using yarn A, ch 4, 15 dc (*UKtr*) in fourth ch from hook, sl st to third ch of initial 4-ch. Fasten off (16 sts).

Round 1: Using yarn B, join to any st. 3 ch, 2 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, ∗1 dc (*UKtr*), in next st, 2 dc (*UKtr*) in next st, rep from ∗ to end. Fasten off (24 sts).

Round 2: Using yarn C, join to any st, 1 ch, ∗1 sc (*UKdc*) in each of next 2 sts, 2 sc (*UKdc*) in next st, rep from ∗ to end, sl st to initial ch (32 sts).

Round 3: 2 ch, 2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, ∗1 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, 2 hdc (*UKhtr*) in next st, rep from ∗ to end, sl st to initial 2-ch. Fasten off (48 sts).

Round 4: Using yarn D, join to any st, ∗[5 ch, work a 3-tr (*UKdtr*) cluster in next 3 sts], 5 ch, work a 4-tr (*UKdtr*) cluster to end, sl st to fifth st of initial 5-ch. Fasten off (12 petals).

Round 5: Using yarn E, attach yarn to any 5-ch sp, 6 ch, work [6 dc (*UKtr*) in next two 5-ch sps, 3 ch], work ∗[6 dc (*UKtr*) in next three 5-ch sps, 3 ch] three times; in last sp, 5 dc (*UKtr*) and sl st to third ch of initial 6-ch.

Round 6: 1 ch, work 3 sc (UKdc) in each 3-ch sp and 1 sc (*UKdc*) in each st around, sl st to initial 1-ch.

Making up

Fasten off and weave in all loose ends. Block to achieve an even square shape.

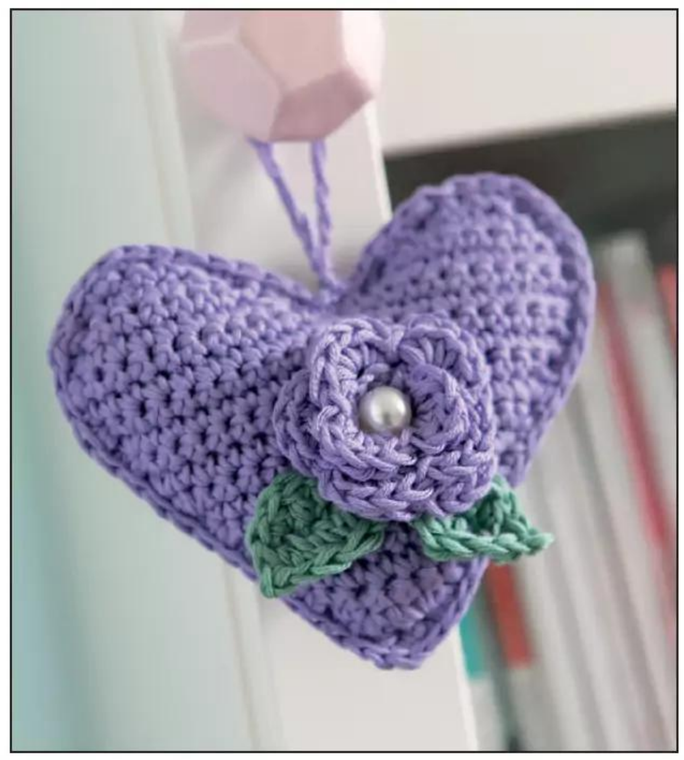
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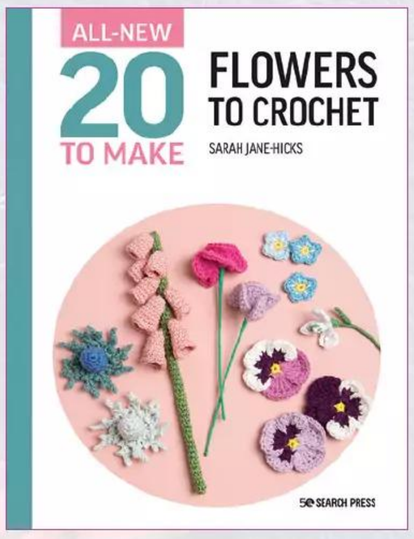
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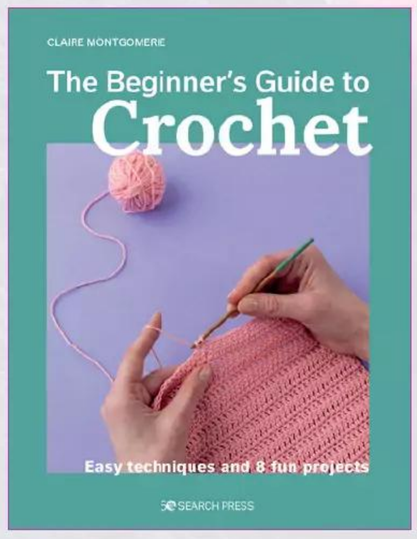


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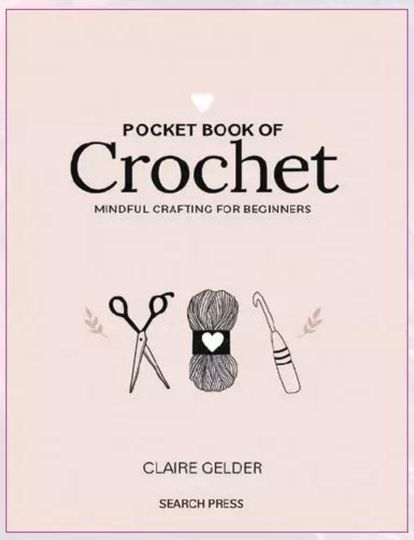
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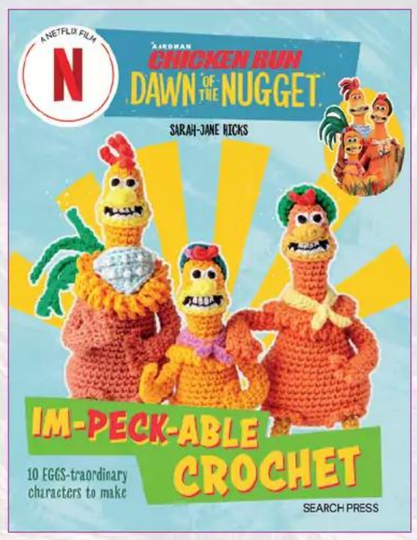
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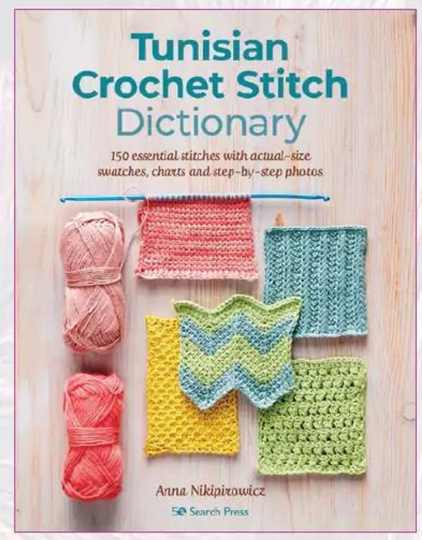


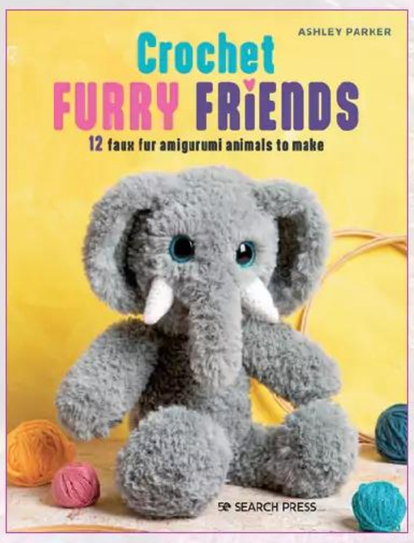


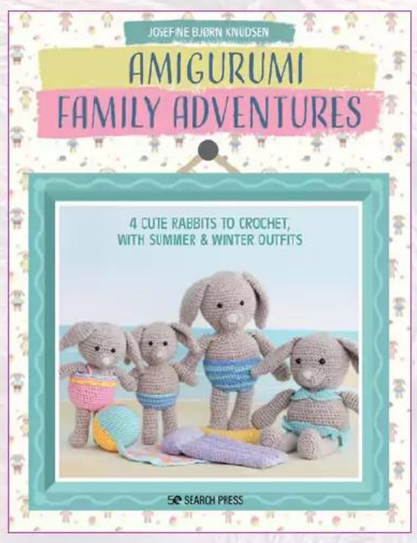


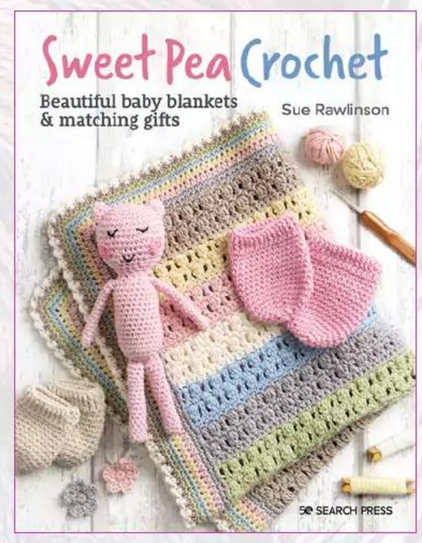


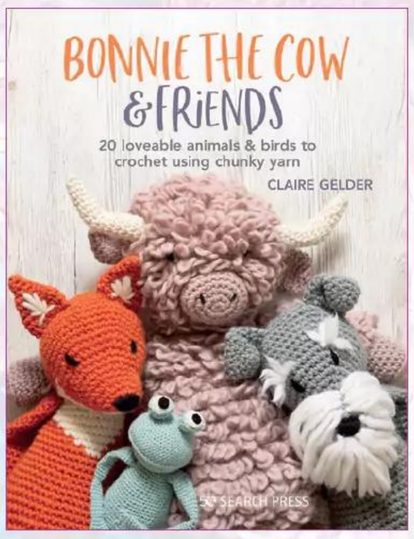


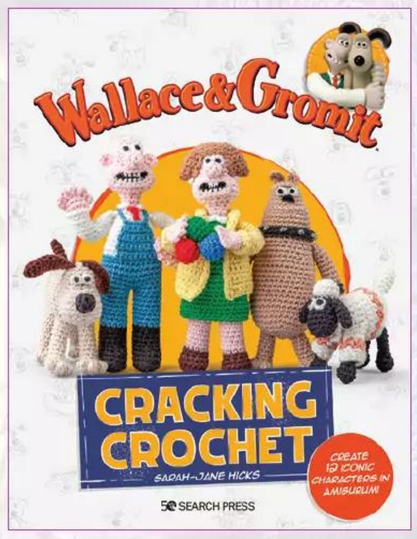


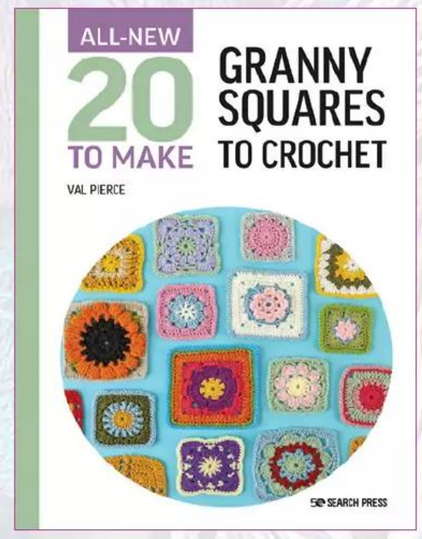












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