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# INTRODUCTION

I'm passionate about crochet and hope to inspire others to feel the same. I learnt to crochet at a young age taught by my mum and nan, and I love the thought of a skill being passed down the generations. No matter how you learn, I think it is important to have a hobby, something creative you enjoy and makes you happy – like Wallace and his inventing!

I had a 'smashing' time writing this book of *Wallace & Gromit* crochet characters – it was a great excuse to rewatch all of the films, and not just once! There are 17 'cracking' projects in this book, including characters and inventions from the films *A Grand Day Out, The Wrong Trousers*, *A Close Shave* and *A Matter of Loaf and Death*. The projects use mostly basic crochet stitches and techniques, making them suitable for all crochet abilities.

As well as Wallace and Gromit, you will find the handmade rocket, which took them on their quest to find cheese in the very first short film, *A Grand Day Out*, together with the Cooker, the strange mechanical being that has found its way onto the Moon! You will also find the lodger-cum-criminal mastermind Feathers McGraw, from *The Wrong Trousers*, as well as those very useful Techno-Trousers. Wallace's original love interest, Wendolene, from *A Close Shave* and fiancée, Piella, from *A Matter of Loaf and Death*, also make an appearance along with their respective pet pooches, Preston and Fluffles. And of course I had to include the mischievous Shaun the Sheep in his very own woolly jumper, together with a fellow member of his flock.

Maybe you'll have a favourite character that you must crochet or you'll simply want to crochet them all – whatever you decide to make, have fun!

Sarah-Jane Hicks



# THREE-TREBLE CLUSTER (3TR CL)

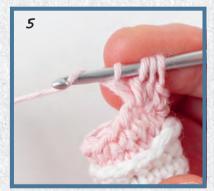
- 1. Yarn round hook, insert hook through next stitch, yarn round hook.
- 2. Pull yarn through.
- 3. Yarn round hook.
- 4. Pull yarn through first two loops, leaving two loops on hook.
- 5. Repeat steps 1 to 4 twice more working in the same stitch, leaving four loops on hook. Yarn round hook.
- 6. Pull through all four loops. One three-treble cluster made.



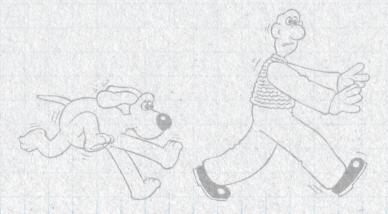












# TENSION (GAUGE)

Tension is not critical for the projects but should be tight enough not to leave holes showing stuffing. Different measurements may result in different yarn amounts needed. You can make the figures bigger or smaller by substituting different weights of yarn or by changing hook size.

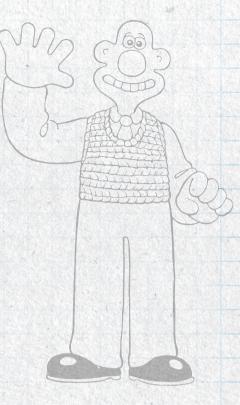
# WORKING IN THE ROUND

I prefer to start working in the round by crocheting into the very first chain stitch, for example, make 2 chain, then work the first round of double crochet stitches into the second chain from hook. That single chain stitch acts as a small secure loop. This method is my personal preference for amigurumi. The projects in this book are mostly worked in continuous rounds unless stated otherwise.

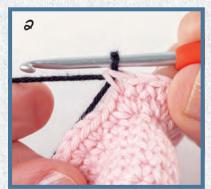
# CHANGING COLOUR

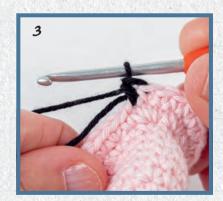
For a neater finish when changing colour use the new yarn for the last yarn round hook of the previous stitch.

- 1. For the previous stitch, first insert hook, yarn round hook, pull yarn through, two loops on hook. Using new colour, yarn round hook.
- 2. Pull yarn through both loops, leaving one loop on hook in new colour.
- 3. Continue to crochet in the new colour. Completed colour change.





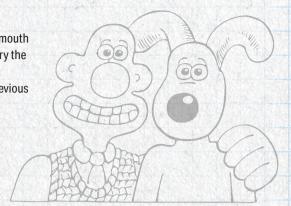




# COLOURWORK

When working a section of colour changes or colourwork, for example Wallace's mouth or the neck of his vest, do not fasten off the yarn between colour changes but carry the colour not being used back and forth along the inside/wrong side of the piece.

When changing colour, use the new colour for the last yarn over hook of the previous stitch as on page 15.









# MAKING AND SEWING ON EYES

The whites of the eyes are made using white cotton DK (8-ply/light worsted) yarn and a 2.5mm (UK 12, US 1/2) hook. The position of where to attach the eyes has been given with each pattern - for example, 'attach the eyes to the head over rounds 4 and 5 and close together'.

- 1. Make 4 chain stitches. Join with a slip stitch to form a ring. Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail to sew in place.
- 2. With the piece stuffed, find the position at which to attach the first eye. Sew the first eye in place over the rounds indicated in the pattern. Bring the needle out at the back of the head with the final stitch. Cut the yarn as close to the surface as possible. Repeat for the second eye.
- 3. Using black cotton DK (8-ply/light worsted) yarn, insert a threaded needle through from the back of the head and out through the centre of the first eye. Embroider a French knot in the centre of the eye, wrapping the yarn twice around the needle. Bring the needle out at the back of the head. Cut the yarn as close to the surface as possible. Repeat for the second eye.









# FRENCH KNOTS

Bring up the needle close to the desired position and wind the yarn around the tip as instructed. Holding the working yarn taut, re-insert the needle in the desired position and pull through gently to secure the French knot; ensure you insert the needle through a yarn strand so that the French knot doesn't pull right the way through.



# EMBROIDERING FEATURES (EYELASHES AND TEETH)

Take a length of yarn (if you prefer use embroidery thread) and an embroidery needle. If stated in the pattern, split the yarn into single strands to embroider the features. Do not pull the threads too tight as this may distort the features. As long as you do not secure the ends, you can try different positions for each feature until you find the most preferred position. Hide the threads inside as on page 17.

- 1. Insert a threaded needle through from the side of the head and out through the mouth between the two rounds of white stitches. Back stitch along between the two rounds of white stitches.
- 2. Stitch up and down between the white stitches on both rounds. Bring the needle back out through the side of the head with the final stitch. Cut the threads as close to the surface as possible.







Embroider Piella's eyelashes in the same way as her teeth.

# SEWING ON LEGS

First, ensure the piece is stuffed sufficiently. Position the legs before sewing, securing in place with pins.

- 1. Insert the threaded needle through the stitch on the body and through both loops of the first stitch of the leg.
- **2.** Pull the needle through. Insert the needle through the next stitch on the body and both loops of the next stitch of the leg.
- **3.** Pull the needle through and repeat around. Bring the needle out at the back of the body with the final stitch. Cut the thread as close to the surface as possible. Sew on the second leg in the same manner (and the third and fourth in the case of Gromit!).







# SEWING THROUGH BACK LOOP ONLY (BLO)

The pattern will indicate whether to sew through back loop only.

- 1. Position the pieces to sew together. Insert the threaded needle through the stitches indicated in the pattern, for example 'sewing through both loops of head and blo of body'.
- 2. Pull the needle through and repeat around. Bring the needle out at the back with the final stitch. Cut the thread as close to the surface as possible.







# **Body**

Place legs together ensuring both feet are facing forward, using yarn C, join legs together with a sl st in the centre.

Round 1: starting at the centre back in same st as joining sl st, 1 dc in each st around first leg, 1 dc in each st around second leg (30 sts).

Rounds 2-5: 1 dc in each st around.

Rounds 6-9: join yarn D, 1 dc in each st around.

Round 10: (3 dc, dc2tog) six times (24 sts).

Rounds 11 and 12: 1 dc in each st around.

Round 13: 14 dc in yarn D, 1 dc in yarn E, 9 dc in yarn D.

Round 14: ([2 dc, dc2tog] three times, 1 dc) in yarn D,

(1 dc, dc2tog) in yarn E, (2 dc, dc2tog) twice in yarn D (18 sts).

Round 15: 10 dc in yarn D, 3 dc in yarn E, 5 dc in yarn D.

Start to stuff body.

Round 16: (1 dc, dc2tog) three times in yarn D, (1 dc, dc2tog)

twice in yarn E, (1 dc, dc2tog) in yarn D (12 sts).

Round 17: working in blo of yarn D sts and through both loops of yarn E, (2 dc, dc2tog) three times in yarn E (9 sts).

Fasten off.

# Collar

With top of neck facing away from you and front of body facing upwards, join yarn E with sI st flo to st left of centre st on round 17 of body, 2 dc flo in each st around, leaving centre st unworked (16 sts).

Fasten off and weave in ends.







#### Back overall bib

With legs facing away from you, join yarn C with sl st flo to unworked loop of first marked st on back of round 6.

**Row 1:** 1 ch (does not count as st throughout), 8 dc flo, turn (8 sts).

Row 2: 1 ch, 6 dc, dc2tog, turn (7 sts).

Row 3: 1 ch, 5 dc, dc2tog, turn (6 sts).

Row 4: 1 ch, 4 dc, dc2tog, turn (5 sts).

Row 5: 1 ch, 3 dc, dc2tog, turn (4 sts).

**Row 6:** 1 ch, 2 dc, dc2tog, 10 ch and pass strap over on the shoulder to join with sl st to corner of front overall bib.

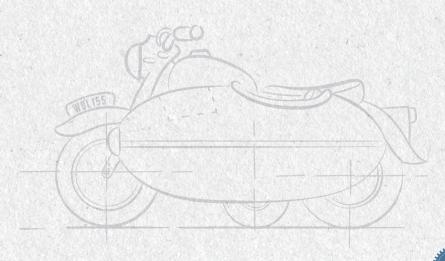
Fasten off and weave in ends.

# Making up

Finish stuffing the head. Make and attach eyes as instructed in the 'Useful stitches and techniques' section, attaching the eyes to the head over rounds 4 and 5 and close together. If you haven't already done so, embroider chain stitches around the mouth to form the lips, using yarn A. Stuff the nose and sew to the head. Sew the ears to the head in line with the nose. Using a single strand of black yarn, embroider lines around stitches inside the mouth to form teeth (see page 20). Finish stuffing the body.

Sew the head to the body through both loops of the head and back loops only of the body, adding a little extra stuffing to the neck if required before finishing. Sew the front strap to the remaining corner on the back overall bib. Sew the arms to the body two rounds down from the top of the body under the straps. Sew the tie to the neck of the shirt; the single double crochet forms the tie knot. Embroider chain stitches around the soles of the shoes, using yarn B.







# Hat (use the invisible decrease method – see page 14)

Using yarn A, work 2 ch.

Round 1: 8 dc in second ch from hook (8 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st around (16 sts).

Round 3: (1 dc, 2 dc in next st) eight times (24 sts).

Round 4: (2 dc, 2 dc in next st) eight times (32 sts).

Round 5: 1 dc in each st around.

Round 6: dc2tog sixteen times (16 sts).

Rounds 7-13: 1 dc in each st around.

Round 14: 1 dc blo in each st around.

Round 15: 1 sl st in each st around.

Fasten off and weave in ends.



### **Bread**

Using yarn B, work 2 ch.

Round 1: 6 dc in second ch from hook (6 sts).

Round 2: (1 dc, 2 dc in next st) three times (9 sts).

Round 3: (2 dc, 2 dc in next st) three times (12 sts).

Round 4: 1 dc in each st around.

Round 5: 4 dc, 4 dc blo, 4 dc.

Rounds 6-13: rep rounds 4 and 5 four times.

Round 14: 1 dc in each st around.

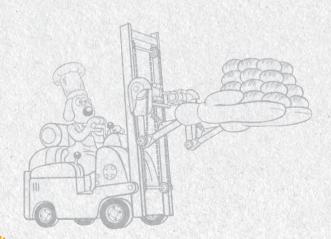
Round 15: (2 dc, dc2tog) three times (9 sts).

Round 16: (1 dc, dc2tog) three times (6 sts).

Fasten off, stuff bread, close gap and weave in ends.

# Making up

Place the apron over the head and tie at the back. Add a little stuffing to the top of the hat. Put on the hat and tuck the loaf of bread under one arm. Sew the pieces in place if preferred.



# Right arm

Using yarn A, work 8 ch, join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1: 1 dc in each ch around (8 sts).

Rounds 2-11: 1 dc in each st around.

Round 12: 7 dc, MB.

**Round 13:** 1 dc in each st around, join with sl st to top of first st. Flatten wrist and working through sts on both sides, 1 ch, 2tr cl in first st, 1 ch, sl st in next st, \*1 ch, 2tr cl in same st, 1 ch, sl st in next st, rep from \* once more.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

#### Left arm

Using yarn A, work 8 ch, join with sl st to form a ring. Rep rounds 1–13 above.

Fasten off, flatten wrist and join yarn with sl st to opposite end of hand, working through sts on both sides, 1 ch, 2tr cl in first st, 1 ch, sl st in next st, \*1 ch, 2tr cl in same st, 1 ch, sl st in next st, rep from \* once more.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

#### Tail

Using yarn B, work 2 ch.

Round 1: 3 dc in second ch from hook (3 sts).

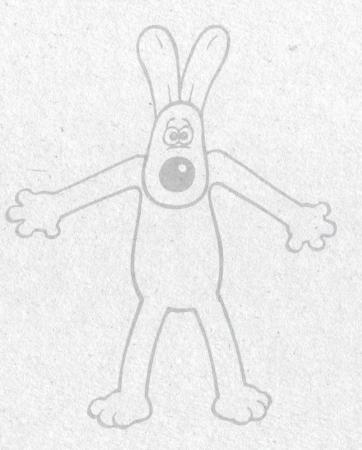
Round 2: 2 dc in next st, 1 dc, 2 dc in next st (5 sts).

Rounds 3-7: 1 dc in each st around.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail to sew to body.

#### Making up

Finish stuffing the head. Make and attach the eyes as instructed in the 'Useful stitches and techniques' section (see page 19), attaching the eyes to the head over rounds 4 and 5 and close together. Stuff the nose and sew to the head over rounds 9 and 10. Sew the ears to the head one round apart at the top centre of the head. Finish stuffing the body and sew the head to the body. Stuff the arms lightly and sew to the body one round down from the top of the body, flattening the top of the arm as you sew. Sew the tail to round 4 of the body.





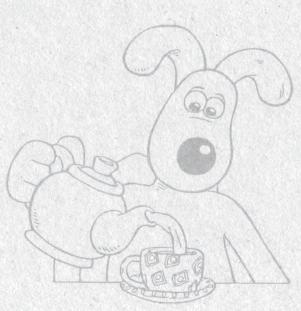
# Making up

Finish stuffing the head, close the gap and weave in the ends. Make and attach the eyes as instructed in the 'Useful stitches and techniques' section (see page 19); attach the eyes to the head over rounds 4 and 5, and close together. Stuff the nose and sew to the head over rounds 9 and 10. Sew the ears to the head one round apart at the top centre of the head.

Finish stuffing the body and sew to the back of the head over rounds 9 and 10 of the head. Stuff the legs and sew to the body, positioning the back legs over rounds 6 and 7 of the body and the front legs over rounds 14 and 15, two stitches apart. Check you are happy with the position before sewing in place.

Sew the tail to round 4 of the body.







#### Beak

Using yarn B and 2.5mm hook, work 2 ch.

Round 1: 4 dc in second ch from hook (4 sts).

Round 2: (1 dc, 2 dc in next st) twice (6 sts).

Round 3: (2 dc, 2 dc in next st) twice (8 sts).

Round 4: 1 dc in each st around.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail to sew to head.



# **Tummy patch**

Using yarn C and 3mm hook, work 2 ch.

**Round 1:** (3 dc, 2 htr, 3 dc) in second ch from hook, join with sl st to top of first st (8 sts).

**Round 2:** 1 ch (does not count as st throughout), (2 dc in next st) three times, (1 htr, 1 tr) in next st, (1 tr, 1 htr) in next st, (2 dc in next st) three times, join with sl st to top of first st (16 sts).

Round 3: 1 ch, (1 dc, 2 dc in next st) three times, 2 dc in next st, (1 htr, 1 tr) in next st, (1 tr, 1 htr) in next st, 2 dc in next st, (1 dc, 2 dc in next st) three times, join with sl st to top of first st (26 sts). Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail to sew to body.

# Wing (make 2)

Using yarn A and 2.5mm hook, work 2 ch.

Round 1: 4 dc in second ch from hook (4 sts).

Round 2: (1 dc, 2 dc in next st) twice (6 sts).

Round 3: (2 dc, 2 dc in next st) twice (8 sts).

Rounds 4-9: 1 dc in each st around.

Round 10: (2 dc, dc2tog) twice (6 sts).

Rounds 11 and 12: 1 dc in each st around.

Flatten top of wing and working through sts on both sides,

3 dc (3 sts).

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail to sew to body.









# Foot (make 2)

Using yarn D and 2.5mm hook, work 2 ch.

Round 1: 6 dc in second ch from hook (6 sts).

Round 2: (1 dc, 2 dc in next st) three times (9 sts).

Round 3: 1 dc in each st around.

Round 4: (2 dc, 2 dc in next st) three times (12 sts).

Round 5: 1 dc in each st around.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail to sew closed.

# Leg (make 2)

Using yarn D and 2.5mm hook, work 5 ch, join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1: 1 dc in each ch around (5 sts).

Rounds 2-4: 1 dc in each st around.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail to sew to body.



# **Rubber glove**

Using yarn E and 3mm hook, work 10 ch, join with  $\rm sl\,st$  to form a ring.

Round 1: 1 dc in each ch around (10 sts).

Round 2: (4 dc, 2 dc in next st) twice (12 sts).

Round 3: 1 dc in each st around.

Round 4: 1 sl st in each st around.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Flatten round 1 of glove and working through base of foundation ch on both sides, join yarn E with sl st to first st, 1 ch, 2tr cl in first st, 1 ch, sl st in next st, \*1 ch, 2tr cl in same st, 1 ch, sl st in next st, rep from \* twice more.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

# Making up

Attach the beads for the eyes to the head between rounds 3 and 4 and one stitch apart. Flatten the beak and sew to the head one round down from the eyes. Sew the tummy onto the centre front of the body. Sew the wings to the body over rounds 14 and 15, positioning them at an angle so they cross together at the front of the body and sew in place. Flatten the feet and sew both sides of the opening together through the back loops only. Sew the legs to the back of the feet. Stuff the legs and sew to the body one round apart at the bottom centre of the body. Place the rubber glove on top of the head and sew in place.





# Body

Place legs together ensuring both feet are facing forward, using yarn D, join legs together with a sl st in the centre.

**Round 1:** starting at the centre back in same st as joining sl st, 1 dc in each st around first leg, 1 dc in each st around second leg (24 sts).

Rounds 2-4: 1 dc in each st around.

Round 5: (3 dc, 2 dc in next st) six times (30 sts).

Round 6: 1 dc blo in each st around.

Rounds 7-9: 1 dc in each st around.

Round 10: (3 dc, dc2tog) six times (24 sts).

Rounds 11 and 12: 1 dc in each st around.

Round 13: (2 dc, dc2tog) six times (18 sts).

Round 14: 1 dc in each st around.

Round 15: (1 dc, dc2tog) six times (12 sts).

Round 16: (2 dc, dc2tog) three times (9 sts).

Fasten off.

#### Skirt

With legs facing away from you and back of body facing upwards, join yarn D with sI st flo to first unworked loop between rounds 5 and 6 of body.

Round 1: 1 dc flo in each st around (30 sts).

Rounds 2-10: 1 dc in each st around.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

#### Collar

With top of neck facing towards you and front of body facing upwards, join yarn G with sl st flo to st two sts right of centre st, ([1 dc flo, 1 htr flo, 1 dc flo] in next st, sl st flo in next st) twice, leave rest of sts unworked.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

#### Cardigan

Using yarn E, work 13 ch.

**Row 1:** RS, 1 dc in second ch from hook, 1 dc in each ch along, turn (12 sts).

**Row 2:** 1 ch (does not count as st throughout), (3 dc, 2 dc in next st) three times, turn (15 sts).

Row 3: 1 ch, (4 dc, 2 dc in next st) three times, turn (18 sts).

Row 4: 1 ch, (5 dc, 2 dc in next st) three times, turn (21 sts).

Row 5: 1 ch, (6 dc, 2 dc in next st) three times, turn (24 sts).

Row 6: 1 ch, (3 dc, 2 dc in next st) six times, turn (30 sts).

Rows 7-17: 1 ch, 1 dc in each st along, turn.

Fasten off and weave in ends.



# Arm (make 2)

Using yarn A, work 2 ch.

Round 1: 4 dc in second ch from hook (4 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st around (8 sts).

Round 3: (1 dc, 2 dc in next st) four times (12 sts).

Round 4: (2 dc, 2 dc in next st) four times (16 sts).

#### Upper arm

Round 5: 4 dc, miss 8 sts, 4 dc (8 sts).

Rounds 6-8: working in 8 sts just made, 1 dc in each st around. Flatten top of arm and working through sts on both sides, 4 dc (4 sts).

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail to sew to body.

#### Lower arm

Round 5: join yarn A to first unworked st on round 4 and working in remaining 8 sts, 1 dc in each st around (8 sts).

Rounds 6-8: working in 8 sts just made, 1 dc in each st around.

Round 9: 1 dc in each st around, 3 ch, sl st in second ch from hook, 1 dc in next ch.

Round 10: 8 dc, miss 'thumb', join with sl st to top of first dc (8 sts).

#### Stuff arm.

Flatten top of wrist and working through sts on both sides (working in 8 dc just made), 3 ch, sl st in second ch from hook, 1 dc in third ch from hook, miss first st on round 10, sl st in next st, \*3 ch, sl st in second ch from hook, 1 dc in third ch from hook, sl st in next st, rep from \* once more.

Fasten off, sew gap in elbow closed and weave in ends.





#### (use the invisible decrease method - see page 14)

Using yarn A, work 4 ch.

Round 1: 2 dc in second ch from hook, 1 dc, 4 dc in next st, rotate so working in underside of ch, 1 dc in next st, 1 dc in same st as first 2 dc (9 sts).

Round 2: (2 dc in next st) twice, 1 dc, (2 dc in next st) four times, 1 dc. 2 dc in next st (16 sts).

Round 3: 1 dc in each st around.

Round 4: 5 dc, dc2tog four times, 3 dc (12 sts). Round 5: 3 dc, dc2tog four times, 1 dc (8 sts).

Rounds 6-10: 1 dc in each st around.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail to sew to body.



# Top hair bun

Using yarn B, work 2 ch.

Round 1: 6 dc in second ch from hook (6 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st around (12 sts).

Rounds 3 and 4: 1 dc in each st around.

Round 5: dc2tog six times (6 sts).

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail to sew to bottom bun.

#### **Bottom hair bun**

Using yarn B, work 2 ch.

Round 1: 6 dc in second ch from hook (6 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st around (12 sts).

Round 3: (1 dc, 2 dc in next st) six times (18 sts).

Rounds 4 and 5: 1 dc in each st around.

Round 6: (1 dc, dc2tog) six times (12 sts).

Round 7: dc2tog six times (6 sts).

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail to sew to hair.

#### Hair

Using yarn B, work 2 ch.

Round 1: 6 dc in second ch from hook (6 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st around (12 sts).

Round 3: (1 dc, 2 dc in next st) six times (18 sts).

Round 4: (2 dc, 2 dc in next st) six times (24 sts).

Rounds 5-7: 1 dc in each st around.

Round 8: (2 dc, dc2tog) six times (18 sts).

Round 9: (4 dc, dc2tog) three times (15 sts).

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail to sew to head.

#### Mouth

Using yarn E, work 6 ch, join with sl st to form a ring.

**Round 1:** join yarn F, 1 dc in each ch around, join with sl st to top of first st (6 sts).

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail to sew to head.

# Leg (make 2)

Using yarn C, work 2 ch.

Round 1: 6 dc in second ch from hook (6 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st around (12 sts).

Round 3: (2 dc, 2 dc in next st) four times (16 sts).

Round 4: 1 dc in each st around.

Round 5: 4 dc, dc2tog four times, 4 dc (12 sts).

Round 6: join yarn A, 1 dc blo in each st around.

Round 7: (dc2tog, 4 dc) twice (10 sts).

Round 8: (2 dc in next st, 4 dc) twice (12 sts).

Rounds 9-11: 1 dc in each st around.

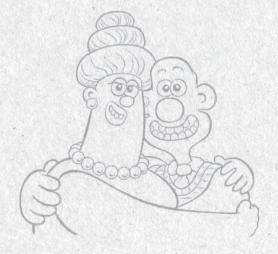
Round 12: (2 dc in next st, 5 dc) twice (14 sts).

Rounds 13-15: 1 dc in each st around.

Round 16: (2 dc in next st, 6 dc) twice (16 sts).

Rounds 17-19: 1 dc in each st around.

Fasten off and stuff legs.





#### Nose

Using yarn B, work 2 ch.

Round 1: 5 dc in second ch from hook (5 sts).

Round 2: 1 dc in each st around.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail to sew to head.

# Ear (make 2)

Using yarn A, work 4 ch.

**Round 1:** 2 dc in second ch from hook, 1 dc, 3 dc in next st, rotate so working in underside of ch, 1 dc in next st, 1 dc in same st as first 2 dc (8 sts).

**Round 2:** (2 dc in next st) twice, 1 dc, (2 dc in next st) three times, 1 dc, 2 dc in next st (14 sts).

Rounds 3–5: 1 dc in each st around.

Round 6: (dc2tog, 5 dc) twice (12 sts).

Rounds 7 and 8: 1 dc in each st around.

Round 9: dc2tog six times (6 sts).

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail to sew to head.

# Body (use the invisible decrease method – see page 14)

Using yarn A, work 2 ch.

Round 1: 6 dc in second ch from hook (6 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st around (12 sts).

Round 3: (1 dc, 2 dc in next st) six times (18 sts).

Round 4: (2 dc, 2 dc in next st) six times (24 sts).

Rounds 5–8: 1 dc in each st around.
Round 9: dc2tog twelve times (12 sts).

Rounds 10-12: 1 dc in each st around.

Start to stuff body.

Round 13: 2 dc in each st around (24 sts).

Rounds 14-17: 1 dc in each st around.

Round 18: (2 dc, dc2tog) six times (18 sts).

Round 19: (1 dc, dc2tog) six times (12 sts).

Round 20: dc2tog six times (6 sts).

Fasten off, finish stuffing body, close gap and weave in ends.

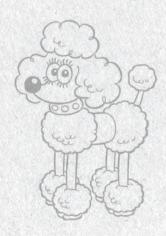
#### Collar

Using yarn C, work 12 ch, join with sl st to form a ring. **Round 1:** 1 dc in each ch around, join with sl st to top of

first st (12 sts).

Fasten off and weave in ends.





#### **Bottom section**

Using yarn A, work 2 ch.

Round 1: 8 dc in second ch from hook (8 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st around (16 sts).

Round 3: (1 dc, 2 dc in next st) eight times (24 sts).

Round 4: (2 dc, 2 dc in next st) eight times (32 sts).

Round 5: 1 dc blo in each st around.

Round 6: (7 dc, 2 dc in next st) four times (36 sts).

Round 7: (8 dc, 2 dc in next st) four times (40 sts).

Round 8: (9 dc, 2 dc in next st) four times (44 sts).

Round 9: (10 dc, 2 dc in next st) four times (48 sts).

Round 10: (11 dc, 2 dc in next st) four times (52 sts).

Round 11: (12 dc, 2 dc in next st) four times (56 sts).

Round 12: (13 dc, 2 dc in next st) four times (60 sts).

Rounds 13-20: 1 dc in each st around.

Fasten off.

# Fin (make 3)

Using yarn A, work 2 ch.

Round 1: 6 dc in second ch from hook (6 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st around (12 sts).

Round 3: (3 dc, 2 dc in next st) three times (15 sts).

Round 4: (4 dc, 2 dc in next st) three times (18 sts).

Round 5: (5 dc, 2 dc in next st) three times (21 sts).

Round 6: (6 dc, 2 dc in next st) three times (24 sts).

Round 7: (7 dc, 2 dc in next st) three times (27 sts).

Round 8: (8 dc, 2 dc in next st) three times (30 sts).

Fasten off.

# Window

Using yarn B, work 2 ch.

Round 1: 6 dc in second ch from hook (6 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st around (12 sts).

**Round 3:** (1 dc, 2 dc in next st) six times, join with sl st to top of first st (18 sts).

Fasten off.

**Round 4:** join yarn A with sI st to first st on round 3, 1 ch (does not count as st), (2 dc, 2 dc in next st) six times, join with sI st to top of first st (24 sts).

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail to sew to rocket.





#### Door

Using yarn A, work 5 ch.

**Round 1:** 2 dc in second ch from hook, 2 dc, 3 dc in next st, rotate so working in underside of ch, 1 dc in next st, 1 dc, 1 dc in same st as first 2 dc (10 sts).

**Round 2:** (2 dc in next st) twice, 2 dc, (2 dc in next st) three times, 2 dc, 2 dc in next st (16 sts).

Round 3: (1 dc, 2 dc in next st) twice, 2 dc, (1 dc, 2 dc in next st) three times, 3 dc, 2 dc in next st, join with sl st to top of first st (22 sts).

**Round 4:** (2 dc blo, 2 dc blo in next st) twice, 2 dc blo, (2 dc blo, 2 dc blo in next st) three times, 4 dc blo, 2 dc blo in next st, join with sl st to top of first st (28 sts).

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail to sew to rocket.

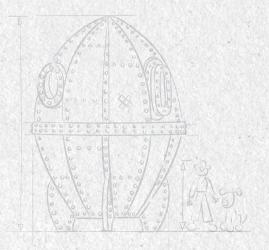
# Making up

Place the smaller circle of cardboard in the base of the bottom section of the rocket. Stuff the two rocket sections.

Using yarn A, join the two halves together with crochet slip stitches all around, placing the last round of the two sections wrong sides together so that the top loops of the last round of stitches face outwards and form a ridge around the centre of the rocket. Flatten the fins.

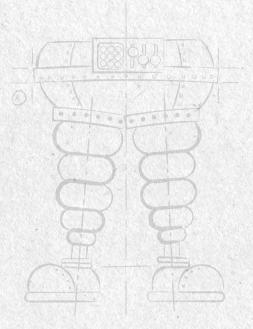
Cut the larger cardboard circle into three equal segments and insert one into each fin. Using yarn A, slip stitch in back loops only through both sides to close the opening of each fin. Sew the fins to the bottom section of the rocket, upright and equally spaced around the edge of the flat base.

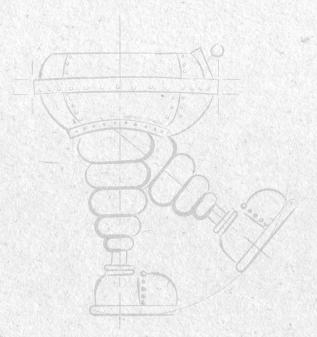
Sew the window to the top section of the rocket, ten rounds down from the top and so that it sits between two fins on the bottom section. Sew the door to the top section of the rocket, eight rounds down from the top and so that it sits between two fins on the bottom section.











# Making up

Using yarn B, surface crochet slip stitches or embroider chain stitches around the top of each leg around round 2 of the body and two vertical lines from the centre top of each leg to the top of the body at the front and the back. Stuff the body and sew the top of the body in place, keeping the top flat and sewing through both loops of the top and back loops only of the body.

Sew the panel to the front of the body above the unworked loops between rounds 8 and 9. Using yarn D, embroider nine  $(3 \times 3)$  French knots on one half of the front panel, wrapping the yarn twice round the needle.

Using yarn E, embroider three French knots in a triangle on the other half of the front panel, wrapping the yarn twice round the needle. Using yarn B, embroider chain stitches across the top of each foot, and, if you haven't already done so, embroider chain stitches around the soles of the shoes, using yarn A.

