



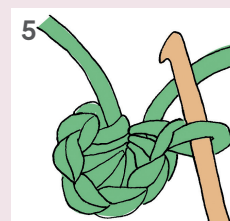
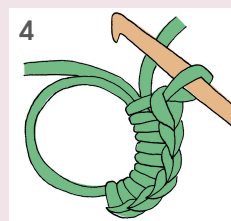
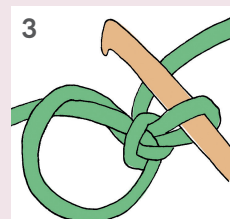
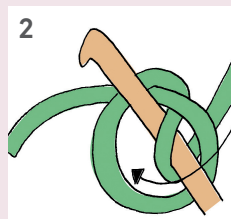
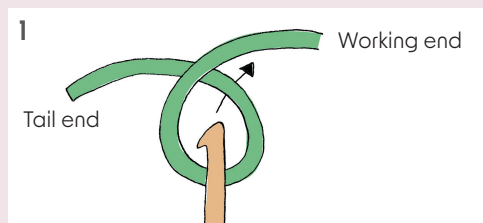
Crochet techniques

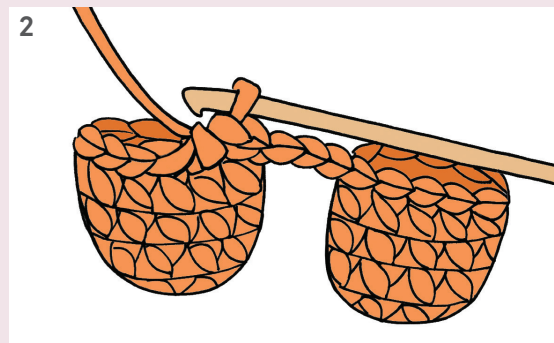
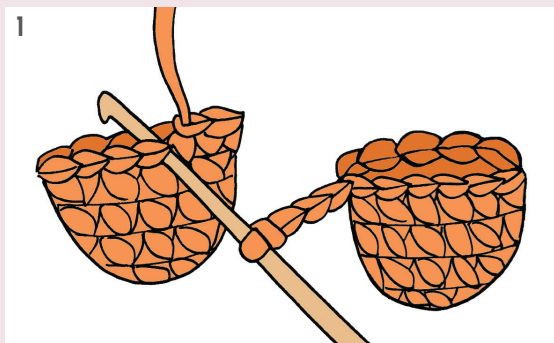


Adjustable ring

Also known as a magic ring:

- 1 Create a loop by crossing the working end of the yarn (the yarn nearest the ball), then go through the loop with your hook and 'catch' the yarn.
- 2 Pull the yarn through the loop.
- 3 You'll now have a loop on your hook, and the ring which you'll work into. To secure the ring, wrap the working end around your hook and pull this through the loop to make a slip stitch.
- 4 Start to make dc stitches into the ring. To do this, insert your hook into the ring and pull the working yarn through it; you now have two loops on your hook. Yarn over hook, and pull through both loops on your hook. You'll now have 1 dc worked into the ring! Most patterns in this book start with 6 dc worked into the ring.
- 5 Pull the tail end of the yarn to close the ring and make a small circle without a hole. You now have an adjustable ring.

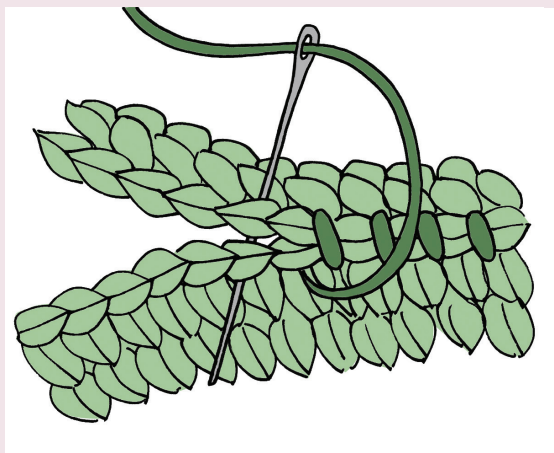




Joining paws together

For many of the toys, you will need to join the paws together.

- 1 Finish the first paw and fasten off. Finish the second paw and join, but do not fasten off and join the legs with a chain. The dc stitches will be worked into the loop of the chains.
- 2 Insert the hook into the stitch after the last stitch (the last stitch). This new stitch is the first stitch of the next round.



Sewing open pieces together

For many of the toys, you will need to join open pieces together, using whip stitch.

- 1 Keep the two pieces against each other with the top of the stitches aligned. Insert the needle, going under both loops, from front to back.
- 2 Go through the next stitch of the first piece, inserting the needle under both loops, going back to front. Draw the stitch tight.



Arms (make 2)

Round 1: using yarn A and a 2mm (UK 14, US 0) hook, 4 dc in an adjustable ring (4 sts).

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

Rounds 3–17: 1 dc in each st (8 sts).

Rounds 18 and 19: change to yarn D, 1 dc in each st (8 sts).

Round 20: change to yarn B, 1 dc in each st (8 sts).

Round 21: change to yarn D, 1 dc in each st (8 sts).

Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing.

Lightly stuff the arms.

Sew the arms onto the body, on either side at round 47 (see picture for position).

Waistcoat

The waistcoat is crocheted in htr in rows. Using yarn C and a 2mm (UK 14, US 0) hook, ch 38.

Row 1: start in third ch from hook, 36 htr, 2 ch to turn (36 sts).

Row 2: 5 htr, ch 6, skip next 6 sts, 14 htr, ch 6, slip next 6 sts, 5 htr, 2 ch to turn (36 sts).

Row 3: *5 htr, 2 dc in next st*, six times, 2 ch to turn (42 sts).

Rows 4 and 5: 42 htr, 2 ch to turn (42 sts).

Row 6: 42 htr, 1 ch to turn (42 sts).

Row 7: 42 sl st (42 sts).

Fasten off and weave in the yarn end.

Attach the safety eyes between rounds 13 and 14 with 10 sts in between.

Stuff the body and head and keep stuffing as you go.

Round 16: *25 dc, 2 dc in next st*, twice (54 sts).

Rounds 17 and 18: 1 dc in each st (54 sts).

Round 19: *26 dc, 2 dc in next st*, twice (56 sts).

Rounds 20 and 21: 1 dc in each st (56 sts).

Round 22: *27 dc, 2 dc in next st*, twice (58 sts).

Rounds 23 and 24: 1 dc in each st (58 sts).

Round 25: *28 dc, 2 dc in next st*, twice (60 sts).

Round 26: 1 dc in each st (60 sts).

Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing. Stuff firmly.

Arms (make 2)

Round 1: using yarn A and a 2mm (UK 14, US 0) hook, 5 dc in an adjustable ring (5 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st (10 sts).

Rounds 3–19: 1 dc in each st (10 sts).

Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing the arm to the body.

Gently stuff the front of the arms. Sew the arms to the body on either side at round 36 of the body.



Ears (make 2)

Round 1: using yarn A and a 2mm (UK 14, US 0) hook, 6 dc in an adjustable ring (6 sts).

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

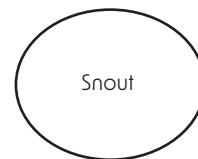
Round 3: *1 dc, 2 dc in next st*, six times (18 sts).

Fasten off, leaving a long end. Sew the ears onto the head on either side across rounds 7–9 on the top of the head with 12 sts in between the ears.

Snout

Using the grey felt and the template, cut out the snout. Embroider the snout onto the felt.

Glue the felt onto the head centred between the eyes across rounds 13–17.





Tail

Round 1: using yarn A and a 2mm (UK 14, US 0) hook, 6 dc in an adjustable ring (6 sts).

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

Round 3: 1 dc in each st (12 sts).

Round 4: *dc2tog*, six times (6 sts).

Fasten off, leaving a long end. Sew the tail onto the body centred in the back across rounds 17–19. Stuff the tail gently before closing the seam.



Mittens (make 2)

Round 1: using yarn B and a 2mm (UK 14, US 0) hook, 5 dc in an adjustable ring (5 sts).

Leave 15cm (6in) for sewing the mitten onto the body.

Round 2: 2 dc in each st (10 sts).

Rounds 3 and 4: 1 dc in each st (10 sts).

Round 5: 4 dc, 1 bobble of stitches to form the thumb (see explanation below), 5 dc (10 sts).

Rounds 6–9: 1 dc in each st (10 sts).

Round 10: 1 sl st in each st (10 sts).

Making the bobble for the thumb

Step 1: yarn over (yo), insert hook into next st, yo, draw yarn through 2 loops (2 loops on hook).

Step 2: yo, insert hook into same st, yo, draw through 2 loops (3 loops on hook).

Step 3: yo, insert hook into same st, yo, draw through 2 loops (4 loops on hook).

Step 4: yo, insert hook into same st, yo, draw through 2 loops (5 loops on hook).

Step 5: yo, draw yarn through all 5 loops on hook. Push the bobble outwards.

Fasten off with an invisible finish and weave in the end.

Using the long end from the adjustable ring, sew the mittens to the armpits, leaving the end long enough for the mittens to dangle underneath the poncho.

Cheeks (make 2)

Round 1: using yarn C and a 2.5mm (UK 12/13, US 1/2) hook, 8 dc in an adjustable ring (8 sts).

Fasten off with an invisible finish.

Glue the cheeks diagonally below the eyes (see picture for position).

Ears (make 2)

Round 1: using yarn B and a 2.5mm (UK 12/13, US 1/2) hook, 6 dc in an adjustable ring (6 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st (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 and 6: 1 dc in each st (24 sts).

Round 7: *10 dc, dc2tog*, twice (22 sts).

Round 8: *9 dc, dc2tog*, twice (20 sts).

Round 9: *8 dc, dc2tog*, twice (18 sts).

Round 10: *7 dc, dc2tog*, twice (16 sts).

Round 11: 1 dc in each st (16 sts).

Round 12: *6 dc, dc2tog*, twice (14 sts).

Round 13: 1 dc in each st (14 sts).

Round 14: *5 dc, dc2tog*, twice (12 sts).

Round 15: 1 dc in each st (12 sts).

Round 16: *4 dc, dc2tog*, twice (10 sts).

Round 17: 1 dc in each st (10 sts).

Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing.

Do not stuff the ears.

Flatten the ears and sew onto the head across rounds 30–33, at the same height as the eyes, leaving three to four sts between the eyes and the ears.



Tail

Round 1: using yarn A and a 2.5mm (UK 12/13, US 1/2) hook, 6 dc in an adjustable ring (6 sts).

Rounds 2–11: 1 dc in each st (6 sts).

Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing.

Sew the tail onto the body (round 14).

Head

Round 1: using yarn A and a 2mm (UK 14, US 0) hook, 6 dc in an adjustable ring (6 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st (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).

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

Round 6: *4 dc, 2 dc in next st*, six times (36 sts).

Round 7: *5 dc, 2 dc in next st*, six times (42 sts).

Round 8: *6 dc, 2 dc in next st*, six times (48 sts).

Rounds 9–19: 1 dc in each st (48 sts).

Round 20: *6 dc, dc2tog*, six times (42 sts).

Round 21: 1 dc in each st (42 sts).

Round 22: *5 dc, dc2tog*, six times (36 sts).

Round 23: *4 dc, dc2tog*, six times (30 sts).

Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing.

Attach the safety eyes between rounds 14 and 15 with 8 sts in between.

Using yarn C, embroider the cheeks next to the eyes (see picture here and on page 47 for position).

Stuff the head firmly.

Tie a strap of tricot around the head as a bandana.



Snout

Round 1: using yarn A and a 2mm (UK 14, US 0) hook, 6 dc in an adjustable ring (6 sts).

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

Fasten off with an invisible finish, weave in the end.

Pull the snout a bit sideways to make it more oval.

Embroider the nostrils on the snout.

Glue the snout onto the face centred between the eyes across rounds 14–17.

Sew the head onto the body.

Tail

The tail is crocheted in rows.

Row 1: using yarn A and a 2mm (UK 14, US 0) hook, ch 8 (8 sts).

Row 2: starting in the second ch from the hook, 2 dc in each st (14 sts).

Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing.

Sew the tail to the back of the body at round 13.

Waistcoat

The waistcoat is crocheted in rows.

Row 1: using yarn B and a 2mm (UK 14, US 0) hook, ch 36, plus 2 ch to turn (36 sts).

Row 2: starting in the third ch from the hook, 36 htr, 2 ch to turn (36 sts).

Row 3: 5 htr, 5 ch, skip next 5 sts, 16 htr, 5 ch, skip next 5 sts, 5 htr, 2 ch to turn (36 sts).

Row 4: *5 htr, 2 htr in next st*, six times, 2 ch to turn (42 sts).

Rows 5 and 6: 1 htr in each st, 2 ch to turn (42 sts).

Row 7: 1 htr in each st, 1 ch to turn (42 sts).

Row 8: starting in the second stitch from the hook, 1 sl st in each st (42 sts).

Fasten off, weave in the ends.

Sew or glue the waistcoat to the body.

Tatami mat

The mat is crocheted in rows.

Row 1: using yarn D and a 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) hook, ch 30, plus 1 ch to turn (30 sts).

Row 2: 1 sl st in each st, 1 ch to turn (30 sts).

Rows 3–29: 1 sl st in bl of each st, 1 ch to turn (30 sts).

Row 30: 1 sl st in bl of each st (30 sts).

Fasten off. Weave in the ends.



Head

Change colour by joining in the new colour during the final step of the last stitch in the old colour. See page 13 for technique.

Round 1: using yarn A and a 2.5mm (UK 12/13, US 1/2) hook, 6 dc in an adjustable ring (6 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st (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).

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

Round 6: *4 dc, 2 dc in next st*, six times (36 sts).

Round 7: *5 dc, 2 dc in next st*, six times (42 sts).

Round 8: *6 dc, 2 dc in next st*, six times (48 sts).

Round 9: 1 dc in each st (48 sts).

Round 10: *7 dc, 2 dc in the next st*, six times (54 sts).

Round 11: 20 dc; change to yarn B, 5 dc; change to yarn A, 29 dc (54 sts).

Round 12: 19 dc; change to yarn B, 7 dc; change to yarn A, 28 dc (54 sts).

Round 13: 18 dc; change to yarn B, 9 dc; change to yarn A, 27 dc (54 sts).

Round 14: 18 dc; change to yarn B, 10 dc; change to yarn A, 26 dc (54 sts).

Rounds 15 and 16: 18 dc; change to yarn B, 11 dc; change to yarn A, 25 dc (54 sts).

Round 17: 19 dc; change to yarn B, 10 dc; change to yarn A, 25 dc (54 sts).

Round 18: 20 dc; change to yarn B, 9 dc; change to yarn A, 25 dc (54 sts).

Round 19: *7 dc, dc2tog*, twice, 3 dc; change to yarn B, 4 dc, dc2tog, 1 dc; change to yarn A, 6 dc, dc2tog, *7 dc, dc2tog*, twice (48 sts).

Round 20: 20 dc; change to yarn B, 4 dc; change to yarn A, 24 dc (48 sts).

Apply the safety eyes between rounds 14 and 15 with 7 sts in between. Start stuffing the head.

Round 21: *6 dc, dc2tog*, six times (42 sts).



Round 22: *5 dc, dc2tog*, six times (36 sts).

Round 23: *4 dc, dc2tog*, six times (30 sts).

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

Round 25: *2 dc, dc2tog*, six times (18 sts).

Fasten off, leaving an end for sewing the head onto the body. Stuff the head firmly.

Using yarn C, embroider the cheeks next to the eyes (see picture). Using black embroidery thread, stitch the nose between the eyes around rounds 12–14. Sew the head to the body.

Stuff the neck and shoulder area of the head and body very firmly before closing the seam (use the back of a hook or a pair of tweezers) to prevent a wobbly head. If the head still wobbles, put a skeleton of twisted chenille sticks into the doll.