

Left wing

- Row 1:** using yarn B, 16 ch, starting in second chain from hook work 15 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (15 sts). Work into the back loops from this row onwards.
- Row 2:** 13 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 1 ch, turn (14 sts).
- Row 3:** 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 12 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (13 sts).
- Row 4:** 11 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 1 ch, turn (12 sts).
- Row 5:** 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 10 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (11 sts).
- Row 6:** 9 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 1 ch, turn (10 sts).
- Row 7:** 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 8 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (9 sts).
- Row 8:** 7 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 1 ch, turn (8 sts).
- Row 9:** 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 6 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (7 sts).
- Row 10:** 5 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 1 ch, turn (6 sts).
- Row 11:** 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 4 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (5 sts).
- Row 12:** 3 sc (UK dc), 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 1 ch, turn (4 sts).
- Row 13:** 1 sc2tog (UK dc2tog), 2 sc (UK dc) (3 sts). Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn.

Right wing

- Row 1:** using yarn B, 4 ch, in second chain from hook work 3 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (3 sts). Work into the back loops from this row onwards.
- Row 2:** 2 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 1 ch, turn (4 sts).
- Row 3:** 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 3 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (5 sts).
- Row 4:** 4 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 1 ch, turn (6 sts).
- Row 5:** 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 5 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (7 sts).
- Row 6:** 6 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 1 ch, turn (8 sts).
- Row 7:** 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 7 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (9 sts).
- Row 8:** 8 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 1 ch, turn (10 sts).
- Row 9:** 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 9 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (11 sts).
- Row 10:** 10 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 1 ch, turn (12 sts).
- Row 11:** 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 11 sc (UK dc), 1 ch, turn (13 sts).
- Row 12:** 12 sc (UK dc), 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 1 ch, turn (14 sts).
- Row 13:** 2 sc (UK dc) in next st, 13 sc (UK dc) (15 sts). Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn.

Heart

Round 1: using yarn C, make a heart as described on pages 34–35.

Making up

See the section on bringing the toys to life on pages 28–29 and 31.

Sew the nostrils at rounds 3 to 5 of the snout, approximately three stitches apart. Using yarn D, embroider three vertical stitches for the eyes spanning rows 14 and 15, approximately seven stitches apart. Sew a running stitch through the base of each ear, pull to gather and knot to secure. Use the tail of yarn for sewing the ears to the side of the head. Sew the ears four rounds back from the eyes, with the top edge two stitches lower than the eyes.

Sew the head to the top opening of the body, ensuring you top up the body stuffing to support the head. Sew the arms onto each side of the body approximately two rounds down from the neck. Sew the legs onto the base of the body, horizontally, at each side of the starting magic ring. Sew the tail to the bottom rear of the dragon. Sew the spines from the tip of the tail to the top of the head. **Counting from the top of the head down, sew the wings in place between spines 7 and 8.** Sew the heart on the back of the body, at the bottom.



Plaiting the elephant's tail

Using yarn A, cut two strands of wool approximately 120cm (47¼in) long. Hold the two lengths of yarn together and fold in half.



1 Pull the fold through a stitch in the centre of the elephant's bottom.



2 Pull the four ends through the loop to create a lark's head knot.



3 Take the outside right strand across the two centre strands. Treat the two centre strands as one strand.



4 Take the outside left strand over the centre strand.



5 Repeat until the tail measures approximately 35cm (13¾in) and you have left 12cm (4¾in) at the end.



6 Tie a knot at the bottom of the plait to secure.



OLIVER OCTOPUS & BABY

My star sign is Pisces and I love the rivers, seas and oceans. When you see octopuses in the sea they are so calm and graceful, gently moving around. Their whole energy just speaks to me. While I love all of my animals, Oliver Octopus is my favourite!

Oliver was made with our Cheeky Chunky yarn, which is a super bulky (super chunky) merino yarn. Mini Oliver was made with our Beau Baby yarn, which is a light worsted (DK) merino yarn.

DIFFICULTY LEVEL: 🐰 🐰

Size: Approx. 33cm (13in) tall, tentacles approx. 67cm (26½in) long; baby is approx. 15cm (6in) tall, tentacles approx. 36cm (14in) long

TOOLS & MATERIALS

OLIVER OCTOPUS

- ▶ Three balls of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in natural grey (A); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ Three balls of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in natural cream (B); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 20g (¾oz) of Cheeky Chunky merino yarn in baby pink (C), oddment in black (D); 200g/142yd/130m
- ▶ 8mm (US 11, UK 0) crochet hook
- ▶ 160g (5½oz) toy stuffing

MINI OLIVER

- ▶ Three balls of Beau Baby merino/acrylic yarn in natural grey (A); 50g/98yd/90m
- ▶ Two balls of Beau Baby merino/acrylic yarn in natural cream (B); 50g/98yd/90m
- ▶ Oddment of Beau Baby merino/acrylic yarn in black (D); 50g/98yd/90m
- ▶ 3.5mm (US 4, UK 9/10) crochet hook
- ▶ 80g (2¾oz) toy stuffing

BOTH

- ▶ Tapestry needle

SPECIAL STITCHES

Puff stitch as described on page 24, but repeat twice, so that you have seven loops on your hook.

Sl st together the tentacle (sl st tent) working on row 2, insert hook through stitch 126 and stitch 1, sl st through both stitches, continue down the tentacle.

Tip

Use the same pattern for both toys, but do not make a heart for Mini Oliver.

