

Perfect your magic ring technique with Pedro the amigurumi panda

Cute enough to win the coldest of hearts and small enough to fit in your pocket, this ultra adorable panda should definitely be top of the 'to make' list! If you've never tried amigurumi before, this is a great place to start as Pedro's small stature will mean he's completed in double quick time. Once you've mastered the technique, why not experiment with different colours or even stripes?

Stitches used:

Magic ring
Double crochet (dc)
Double crochet two together (dc2tog)

Pedro the panda head

Round 1: With purple yarn and a 3.5mm hook, make a magic ring for 6 sts. (6 sts).

Round 2: Work 2 dc into each st. (12 sts).

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

Round 4: [1 dc in first two sts, 2 dc in next st] six times. (24 sts).

Round 5: Change to white, [1 dc in first three sts, 2 dc in next st] six times. (30 sts).

Round 6: [1 dc in first four sts, 2 dc in next st] six times. (36 sts).

Round 7: 1 dc in ea st around.

Round 8: 1 dc in ea st around.

Round 9: 1 dc in ea st around.

Round 10: [1 dc in first four sts, dc2tog] six times. (30 sts).

Round 11: [1 dc in first three sts, dc2tog] six times. (24 sts).

Round 12: [1 dc in first two sts, dc2tog] six times. (18 sts).

Round 13: [1 dc in first st, dc2tog] six times. (12 sts).

Round 14: Change to purple, 1 dc in ea st around. Add stuffing.

Round 15: 1 dc in ea st around.

Round 16: Change to white, 2 dc in first st, 1 dc in ea rem st. (13 sts).

Round 17: 2 dc in first st, 1 dc in ea rem st. (14 sts).

Round 18: 2 dc in first st, 1 dc in ea rem st. (15 sts).

Round 19: Change to purple, 1 dc in ea st around.

Round 20: 1 dc in ea st around.

Round 21: dc2tog, 1 dc in ea rem st. (14 sts). Add more stuffing.

Round 22: dc2tog seven times. (7 sts). Fasten off and sew up the opening.

ears

make 2

Round 1: With purple yarn and a 3.5mm hook, make a magic ring for 6 sts. (6 sts).

Round 2: Work 2 dc into ea st. (12 sts). Fasten off.

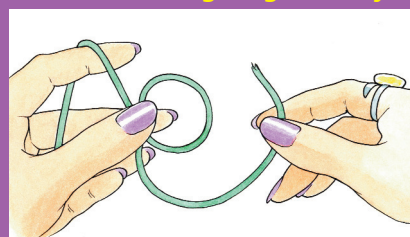
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make 2

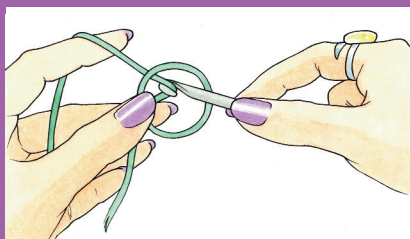
Round 1: With purple yarn and a 3.5mm hook, make a magic ring for 6 sts. (6 sts).

MAGIC RING

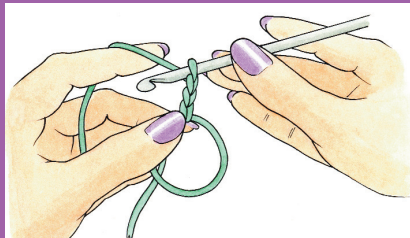
The magic ring is an easy way of beginning to work in the round, often used when making amigurumi toys



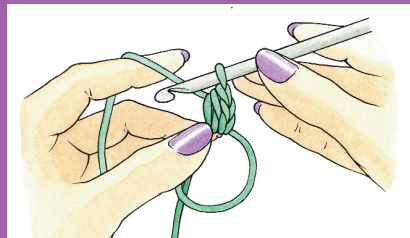
1 Make a large loop by putting the yarn tail behind the working yarn.



2 With your hook, draw the working yarn through the loop, so you have one loop on the hook.



3 3 ch (counts as first treble). Tr into the loop, crocheting over the tail.



4 Continue to work as many stitches as needed into the loop. Once finished, untwist the tail if necessary then pull to close the loop.

Round 2: Work 2 dc into ea st. (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 dc in first st, 2 dc in next st] six times. (18 sts). Fasten off.

arms

make 2

Round 1: With white yarn, make a magic ring for 6 sts. (6 sts).

Round 2: 1 dc in ea st around.

Round 3: 1 dc in ea





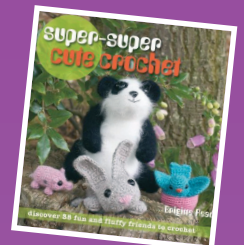
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“This mini amigurumi will soon have you addicted to the technique, just like me!”

Irene Strange is a graphic designer and crochet expert. She happened upon amigurumi quite accidentally and it is now her favourite technique, visit her website at www.irenestrange.co.uk

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book worm

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st around.

Round 4: 1 dc in ea st around.

Round 5: Change to purple, 1 dc in ea st around.

Round 6: 1 dc in ea st around.

Fasten off, use the leftover yarn as stuffing or leave unstuffed.

legs

make 2

Round 1: With purple yarn and a 3.5mm hook, make a magic ring for 6 sts. (6 sts).

Round 2: 1 dc in ea st around.

Round 3: 1 dc in ea st around.

Round 4: Change to white, 1 dc in ea st around.

Round 5: 1 dc in ea st around.

Fasten off, use the leftover yarn as stuffing or leave unstuffed.

tail

Round 1: With purple yarn and a 3.5mm hook, make a magic ring for 6 sts. (6 sts).

Round 2: 1 dc in ea st around.

Round 3: dc2tog, sl st into next st.

Fasten off.

Sew the parts together - first the eyes to the head, adding beads or safety eyes to the middle of each piece, then ears to the top of the head, then arms, legs and tail. Embroider the nose and mouth with leftover purple yarn or embroidery thread and tuck away any loose threads.