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NEED**  
Flash  
yarn kit  
10.5mm safety  
eyes, pipe  
cleaners, stuffing

Make dad smile with a trio of

# desk dinos

These three adorable prehistoric creatures by **Irene Strange** follow classic amigurumi techniques and really are a doddle to make. Each separate piece is started with a magic ring and worked in simple double crochet, with easy increases and decreases to create the different shapes. Why not present your favourite as an extra-special Father's Day present on 21st June?

brontosaurus



stegosaurus



triceratops

**Safety first!**  
If making our brontosaurus for a baby or young child, omit the pipe cleaners in the neck

# crochet clever

A bracketed instruction such as '2dc in next st, 3dc' means work two double crochet stitches in the next stitch, then work one double crochet in each of the next three stitches



## stitches used

Double crochet (dc)  
Half treble (htr)  
Double crochet two together (dc2tog)  
Treble (tr)

## SIZE

Brontosaurus:  
10cm x 30cm  
Stegosaurus:  
12.5cm x 19cm  
Triceratops:  
10cm x 18cm

## brontosaurus

### body

\* Using 3.5mm hook and Electric Turquoise make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

**Rnd 1:** 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts  
**Rnd 2:** (2dc in next st, 1dc) to end. 18 sts  
**Rnd 3:** (2dc in next st, 2dc) to end. 24 sts \*  
**Rnd 4:** (2dc in next st, 3dc) to end. 30 sts  
**Rnd 5:** (2dc in next st, 4dc) to end. 36 sts  
**Rnds 6–7:** 1dc in each st to end  
Change to Bolt Blue  
**Rnd 8:** (2dc in next st, 5dc) to end. 42 sts  
**Rnds 9–12:** 1dc in each st to end  
Change to

Electric Turquoise  
**Rnd 13:** (2dc in next st, 6dc) to end. 48 sts  
**Rnds 14–17:** 1dc in each st to end  
Change to Bolt Blue  
**Rnds 18–19:** 1dc in each st to end  
**Rnd 20:** working in front loops only (dc2tog,

6dc) to end. 42 sts  
**Rnd 21:** (dc2tog, 5dc) to end. 36 sts  
**Rnd 22:** (dc2tog, 4dc) to end. 30 sts  
**Rnd 23:** (dc2tog, 3dc) to end. 24 sts  
**Rnd 24:** (dc2tog, 2dc) to end. 18 sts  
Stuff

**Rnd 25:** (dc2tog, 1dc) to end. 12 sts  
**Rnd 26:** (dc2tog) to end. Six sts  
Fasten off

### leg

**Make four**  
Using 3.5mm hook and Bolt Blue make a magic

ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts  
**Rnds 1–2:** rep Rnds 1–2 of Body. 18 sts  
**Rnd 3:** 1dc in each st to end  
Fasten off

### head and neck

Work as for Body from \* to \*. 24 sts  
**Rnds 4–9:** 1dc in each st to end  
**Rnds 10–11:** rep Rnds 24–25 of Body. 12 sts  
Change to Bolt Blue  
**Rnd 12:** 1dc in each st to end  
Stuff and insert safety eyes into Head  
**Rnds 13–16:** 1dc in each st to end  
Change to Electric Turquoise  
**Rnds 17–23:** 1dc in each st to end  
Insert several pipe cleaners and stuffing into neck  
Fasten off

### tail

Using 3.5mm hook and Electric Turquoise make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts  
**Rnd 1:** 1dc in each st to end  
**Rnds 2–7:** 2dc in next

## Elaine says...

*“Add pipe cleaners or modelling wire into the tails of these dinosaurs to make them poseable”*



Elaine Bennett, Editor





## Meet Our Designer

*“Mix and match the colours of the*

*kit to make your own unique colourful dinosaurs”*

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st, 1dc in each st to end.  
12 sts

**Rnds 8–13:** 1dc in each st to end

Change to Bolt Blue

**Rnds 14–18:** 1dc in each

st to end

Change to

Electric Turquoise

**Rnds 19–23:** 1dc in each

st to end

Fasten off

## stego-saurus

### body

Using 3.5mm hook and Neon Green make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

**Rnds 1–5:** work as for Rnds 1–5 of Brontosaurus Body. 36 sts

**Rnd 6:** (2dc in next st, 5dc) to end. 42 sts

**Rnd 7:** (2dc in next st, 6dc) to end. 48 sts

**Rnds 8–15:** 1dc in each st to end

Change to Lightning White

**Rnds 16–22:** work as for Rnds 20–26 of Brontosaurus Body. Six sts

Fasten off

### head

Using 3.5mm hook and Neon Green make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

**Rnds 1–2:** work as for Rnds 1–2 of Brontosaurus Body. 18 sts

**Rnds 3–7:** 1dc in each st to end

Change to Lightning White

**Rnds 8–11:** 1dc in each

st to end  
Fasten off

### tail

Using 3.5mm hook and Neon Green make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

**Rnds 1–7:** work as for Rnds 1–7 of Brontosaurus Tail. 12 sts

**Rnds 8–13:** 2dc in next st, 1dc in each st to end. 18 sts

Fasten off

### spine plate

**Make five (two in Neon Green and three in Lightning White)**

Using 3.5mm hook and chosen yarn make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

**Row 1:** 1ch, 1htr, 2htr in next st, (2htr, 1tr) in next st, (1tr, 2htr) in next st, 2htr in next st, 1htr, turn. 12 sts

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

Fasten off

### tail spike

**Make four**

Using 3.5mm hook and Lightning White attach yarn through Tail tip, 4ch, starting second ch from hook one sl st in each of next three ch, one sl st in Tail tip

Fasten off

### leg

**Make four**

Using 3.5mm hook and Lightning White make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

**Rnd 1:** 2dc in each st to

end. 12 sts

**Rnds 2–3:** 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

## triceratops

### body

Using 3.5mm hook and Neon Orange make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Work as for Stegosaurus Body, changing to Neon Pink after Rnd 13

### head frill

Using 3.5mm hook and Neon Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

**Rnds 1–4:** work as for Rnds 1–4 of Brontosaurus Body. 30 sts

**Rnds 5–8:** 1dc in each st to end

**Rnd 9:** (dc2tog, 13dc) to end. 28 sts

**Rnd 10:** (dc2tog, 12dc) to end. 26 sts

**Rnd 11:** (dc2tog, 11dc) to end. 24 sts

**Rnd 12:** (dc2tog, 10dc) to end. 22 sts

**Rnd 13:** (dc2tog, 9dc) to end. 20 sts

**Rnd 14:** (dc2tog, 8dc) to end. 18 sts

Fasten off

### head

Using 3.5mm hook and Neon Orange make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

**Rnds 1–7:** work as for Rnds 1–7 of Stegosaurus Head.

18 sts  
Fasten off

### front horn

Using 3.5mm hook and Lightning White make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

**Rnds 1–2:** 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

### back horn

**Make two**

Using 3.5mm hook and Lightning White make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring. Four sts

**Rnds 1–3:** 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

### tail

Using 3.5mm hook and Neon Orange make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

**Rnds 1–9:** 2dc in next st, 1dc in each st to end. 15 sts

Fasten off

### leg

**Make four**

Using 3.5mm hook and Neon Pink work as for Stegosaurus Leg

### to make up

**Brontosaurus:** sew up end of Body. Stuff Legs and sew to base of Body. Sew Head and Neck to front of Body. Stuff and sew Tail to back of Body.

**Stegosaurus:** sew up end of Body. Insert safety eyes into Head and stuff. Sew Head

to front of Body. Stuff Tail and sew to back of Body. Sew Spine Plates along middle of Body, alternating colours. Stuff Legs and sew to base of Body.

**Triceratops:** sew Head Frill to front of Body along colour change rnd. Insert safety eyes

into Head and stuff then sew to front of Body, overlapping Head Frill. Sew Front Horn to tip of Head. Sew Back Horn to Head Frill behind Head. Stuff Tail and sew to back of Body. Stuff Legs and sew to base of Body

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*“I downloaded the Walter bear pattern from the LGC website and made him*

*using yarn from my stash – it’s only my second ever plush crochet project!”*

Brooke Colley, LGC reader

