

You
NEED
Grace
yarn kit
stuffing, six
safety eyes

Treat your pals this spring to some **cute & cuddly characters**

We're as prone to overindulging on chocolate eggs as the next person but if you want to give something different this Easter, Irene Strange's amigurumi creatures will steal the show. Simply work one basic shape to start forming Tweetie the chick, Gruff the bear and Fluff the bunny, then add the appropriate limbs and facial expressions to complete your character. Hug them yourself or if you're feeling generous, give them to a new owner to treasure.

Gruff



Fluff



Tweetie



stitches used

Chain (ch)

Slip stitch (sl st)

Double crochet (dc)

Double crochet two together (dc2tog)

Treble (tr)

SIZE

Height: approx
12cm–13cm

cuddly characters

body

Make three

Using 3mm hook and Petunia Pink (Crocus Blue, Bunny Brown) 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 and every odd-numbered rnd: 1dc in

each st to end

Rnd 4: (2dc in next st, 2dc) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 6: (2dc in next st, 3dc) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 8: (2dc in next st, 4dc) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 10: (2dc in next st, 5dc) to end. 42 sts

Rnd 12: (2dc in next st, 6dc) to end. 48 sts

Rnds 13–30: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 31: (dc2tog, 6dc) to end. 42 sts

Rnd 32: (dc2tog, 5dc) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 33: (dc2tog, 4dc) to

end. 30 sts

Rnd 34: (dc2tog, 3dc) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 35: (dc2tog, 2dc) to end. 18 sts

Stuff

Rnd 36: (dc2tog, 1dc) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 37: (dc2tog) to end.

Six sts

Fasten off

face

Make three

Using 3mm hook and Lamb White (Dewdrop Green, Bunny Brown)

make 7ch

Rnd 1: starting third ch from hook 4dc, 3dc in next st, work down opposite side of ch as follows: 4dc, 3dc in next st, join with a sl st to first st. 14 sts

Rnd 2: 1ch, * 4dc, (2dc in next st) three times, rep from * to end, join with a sl st to next st. 20 sts

Cont in Lamb White (Dewdrop Green, Soft Fawn)

Rnd 3: 1ch, * 4dc (2dc in next st, 1dc) three times, rep from * to end,

join with a sl st to next st. 26 sts

Rnd 4: 1ch, * 4dc, (2dc in next st, 2dc) three times, rep from * to end, join with a sl st to next st. 32 sts

Rnd 5: 1ch, * 4dc, (2dc in next st, 3dc) three times, rep from * to end, join with a sl st to next st. 38 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

bunny and bear only

foot

Make four (two in each colour)

Using 3mm hook and Dewdrop Green (Soft Fawn) 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

arm

Make four (two in each colour)

Using 3mm hook and Dewdrop Green (Soft Fawn) make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: (2dc in next st, 2dc) to end. Eight sts

Rnd 2: (2dc in next st, 3dc) to end. Ten sts

Rnds 3–12: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 13: (dc2tog, 3dc) to end. Eight sts

Fasten off

bear only

ear

Make two

Using 3mm hook and Bunny Brown make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. Ten sts

Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

tail

Using 3mm hook and Soft Fawn 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



Rnd 4: (dc2tog) to end.
Six sts
Fasten off

bunny only

ear

Make two

Using 3mm hook and Crocus Blue make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnds 3-11: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

chick only

wing

Make two

Using 3mm hook and

Petunia Pink 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) twice, 1dc in each st to end. 20 sts

Rnd 4: 1dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 1dc in each st to end. 22 sts

Rnd 5: 2dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 1dc in each st to end. 24 sts

Rnd 6: 3dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 1dc in each st to end. 26 sts

Rnd 7: 4dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 1dc in each st to end. 28 sts

Rnd 8: 5dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 1dc in each st to end. 30 sts

Rnds 9-11: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

leg

Make two

Using 3mm hook and Lamb White make a magic ring, work 8dc into ring. Eight sts

Rnds 1-6: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

toe

Make six

Using 3mm hook and Lamb White make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnds 1-2: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

first frill

Using 3mm hook and Lamb White make 18ch

Row 1: 7tr in third ch from hook, (miss two ch, one sl st in next ch, miss two ch, 7tr in next ch) twice, miss two ch, one sl st in next ch. Three shells made

Fasten off

second frill

Using 3mm hook and Lamb White make 12ch

Row 1: 7tr in third ch from hook, miss two ch,

one sl st in next ch, miss two ch, 7tr in next st, miss two ch, one sl st in next ch. Two shells made

Fasten off

to make up

Insert two safety eyes 3cm apart in each Face.

Sew each Face flush to Body. **Gruff bear:** stuff Feet and Arms. Sew Feet to base of Body,

3cm apart. Sew Arms to front of Body, 6cm apart and facing inwards. Sew Ears to top of Body. Add stuffing to Tail and sew to back of Body at bottom. Embroider smile using Bunny Brown.

Fluff bunny: stuff Feet and Arms. Sew Feet to base of Body, 2cm apart. Sew Arms to sides of Body, 9cm apart. Sew Ears to top of Body. Make a large pom-pom in Dewdrop Green and sew to back of Body. Embroider a cross nose in Petunia Pink on Face. Using 3mm hook and Crocus Blue make three 9.5cm chs. Sew these to front of Body, two rnds apart.

Tweetie bird: sew Wings to sides of Body. Stuff Legs and sew to base of Body. Sew three Toes to end of each Leg. Sew Frills to front of Body, as pictured. Embroider beak on Chick using Crocus Blue (see Crochet Clever)



Meet Our Designer

"If you want Tweetie chick to look extra springlike, make the decorative frills up in different colours"

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crochet clever

To make Tweetie's beak, first work four short stitches into the face then four stitches around these. Change direction and work four stitches around the previous four, then complete with a couple more around the last layer to create a pointy tip. Repeat the process for the lower half to create an open chirpy beak