



CUTE WEATHER TOYS

Sarah Shrimpton's fun designs will brighten up nurseries everywhere

Whether you're a new mum or dad, a proud grandparent, or wanting to make something special for a friend's new arrival, you can't go wrong with a handmade toy. These cheery designs all follow a fun weather theme and their friendly expressions make the perfect addition to any playroom. Choose from an oversized raindrop, a chirpy sun, and a hanging mobile that you can mix up as you please. The smaller raindrops are fantastic for using up oddments from your stash – let your imagination run wild and start today!





USE YOUR Sunshine yarn kit



PLUS
eight 6mm
safety eyes,
stuffing, black
yarn, twig

SIZE
Big raindrop:
14cm height
Small raindrop:
6cm height
Sunshine: 13cm
diameter
Cloud: 9cm
height x 14cm
width

raindrop mobile

SMALL RAINDROP

Make five
Using Ocean Blue (Ocean Blue, Ocean Blue, Ocean Blue, Shell White) make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts
Note: stuff as you work
Rnds 1-2: 2dc in each st to end. 20 sts
Rnds 3-5: 1dc in each st to end



Great Advice

THE INVISIBLE DECREASE

With amigurumi-style crochet, some people prefer the invisible decrease method for working the double crochet two together (dc2tog) stitch, to give a more flawless finish. To do this, insert your hook into the front loop of the first stitch, then the front loop of the second stitch, yoh, pull through the first two loops on your hook, yoh, pull through the remaining two loops

Rnd 6: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 15 sts

Rnd 7: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 8: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. Ten sts

Rnd 9: rep Rnd 7

Rnd 10: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. Eight sts

Rnd 11: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Rnd 12: (dc2tog) to end. Three sts
Fasten off, leaving a 30cm tail

CLOUD

Make two

Using 4.5mm hook and Sky Blue make 5ch
Row 1: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Five sts
Rows 2-4: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in next st, turn. 11 sts
Rows 5-6: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
Row 7: 1ch, 9dc,

dc2tog, 2ch, turn. Ten sts

Row 8: 1ch, 1dc in each ch sp and st to end, turn. 12 sts

Row 9: 1ch, 10dc, (2dc in next st) twice, turn. 14 sts

Row 10: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 11dc, dc2tog, turn

Rows 11-12: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in next st, turn. 16 sts

Row 13: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 1dc in each st to end, turn. 17 sts

Rows 14-15: rep Rows 5-6

Row 16: 1ch, dc2tog, 1dc in each st to last two sts, dc2tog, turn. 15 sts

Row 17: 1ch, dc2tog, 11dc, turn, leaving two sts unworked. 12 sts

Row 18: rep Row 1
Row 19: rep Row 13. 13 sts

Row 20: 1ch, dc2tog, 10dc, 2dc in next st, turn

TURN THE PAGE



“Use a stitch marker to mark the first stitch of every round. That way, you’ll never lose your place”

Jennifer Ward, Deputy Editor



Row 21: 1ch, 10dc, turn, leaving three sts unworked.

Ten sts

Row 22: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in next st, turn. 12 sts

Rows 23-24: rep Rows 5-6

Row 25: rep Row 16. Ten sts

Row 26: rep Row 17. Eight sts

Row 28: 1ch, 6dc, dc2tog, turn.

Seven sts

Row 29: rep Row 16. Five sts

Fasten off when making first Cloud,

do not fasten off when making second Cloud

TO MAKE UP

Insert safety eyes in one Cloud piece. Embroider mouth. Place Clouds tog. Using 4.5mm hook and working yarn, work a border of dc around edges of both pieces to secure tog, stuffing as you work. Fasten off. Attach a length of yarn to either side of Cloud. Attach yarn to twig. Place Small Raindrops

evenly across bottom of cloud at varying lengths. Sew in place using long yarn tails

BIG RAINDROP

Using 4.5mm hook and Deckchair Blue make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnds 1-2: 2dc in each st to end. 24 sts

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

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

Rnd 5: 1dc in each

st to end

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

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

Rnds 8-12: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 13: (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 42 sts

Rnd 14: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts

Rnd 15: rep Rnd 5

Rnd 16: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rnds 17-18: 1dc in each st to end

Stuff. **Note:**

Insert safety eyes between Rnds 18-19

Rnd 19: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 20: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Rnds 21-23: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 24: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Rnd 25: rep Rnd 5

Rnd 26: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. Eight sts

Rnd 27: 1dc in each st to end

Stuff **Rnd 28:** (dc2tog) to end. Four sts

Rnd 29: rep Rnd 5
Fasten off, sew in ends

TO MAKE UP

Embroider mouth in black yarn

extra elements

SUNSHINE

Make two

Using 4.5mm hook and Sandy Yellow make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnds 1-4: rep Rnds 1-4 of Big Raindrop. 36 sts

Rnds 5-6: rep Rnds 6-7 of Big Raindrop. 48 sts

Rnd 7: (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 54 sts

Rnd 8: (8dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 60 sts

Rnd 9: (9dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 66 sts
Fasten off

TO MAKE UP

Insert safety eyes. Embroider mouth in black yarn

EDGING

Using 4.5mm hook and Shell White, place two Sunshine pieces WS tog

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st around edge to end, stuffing as you work. 66 sts

Rnd 2: * 1dc, miss two sts, (3tr, 2ch, 3tr) in next st, miss two sts *, rep from * to end, join with a sl st to first st
Fasten off, sew in ends