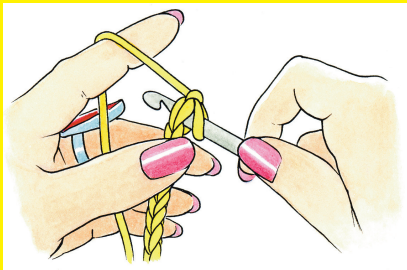


Get crafting with the kids and use simple double crochet to make an owl bag

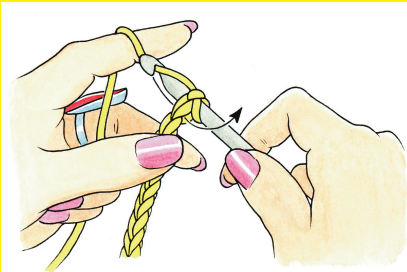
A simple project is a great way to get children involved in crafting, share the work by letting them trim the felt and make the features whilst you get on with making the bag. A purse is the perfect place for a little princess to keep all her treasures.

DOUBLE CROCHET (dc)

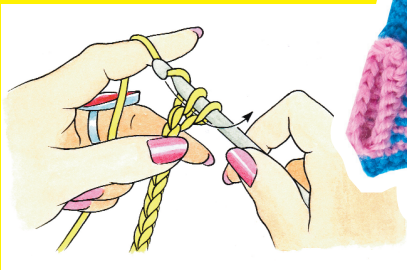
This is one of the main stitches in crochet. Once you've mastered it, the world really is your (crochet) oyster!



1 Insert hook through both strands of the next stitch.



2 Yarn over the hook and draw back through the work, there will be two loops of yarn on the hook.



3 Yarn over the hook again and draw through both loops.

Stitches used:

Chain (ch)

Double crochet (dc)

owl bag body

With blue yarn and a 3.5mm hook, 50 ch. Leave a 30cm tail for sewing up later. Join into a loop

Row 1: 1 dc into each st around.

Change to pink.

Row 2: 1 dc into each st.

Rep Rounds 1-2, eight times.

With blue, 1 dc into ea st around, fourteen times. Fasten off.

Tie in all ends, leaving the 30cm tail to whip stitch the bottom edge shut, sew ends in.

Round 1: 6 dc in second ch from hook. (6 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in ea st around. (12 sts).

Round 3: [1 dc in next st, 2 dc in following st] around. (18 sts).

Round 4: [1 dc in ea of next 2 dc, 2 dc in following dc] around. (24 sts).

Change to pink.

Round 5: [1 dc in ea of next 3 sts, 2 dc in following dc] around. (30 sts).

Fasten off. Leaving a 25cm tail for sewing on. Attach safety eyes to the centre of the eye shape. Using the tails, sew the eyes to the top blue area of the bag.

wings

make 2

With pink yarn and a 3.5mm hook, 9 ch.

1 dc in the second ch from the hook, dc into each st. 1 dc into the end of the shape you are making, and continue to dc into the bottom edge of the foundation chain.

1 dc into each st around for one further round. Fasten off.

Sew the wings to the striped section of the body, starting at the edge of the eyes, and angling out to the edge of the bag.

handle

With pink yarn and 3.5mm hook, 60 ch. In the second ch from the hook, 1dc, and dc along.

Ch 1, turn, and dc along. Fasten off.

Using the tails, attach the strap to the outside edge of the bag.

Cut a triangle of felt for a beak, and two feet shapes. Sew or glue the beak between the eyes and the feet along the bottom edge of the bag.





LGC says...

"A bag is a really quick project to make in a day when trying to keep the kids busy over the holidays"

Abbie Southern,
Editorial Assistant



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"Perfect for a little one to take to school, this owl bag is made using simple double crochet stitches. You could try making all the elements out of felt for a whole new look to the project"

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