

Stitches used:

Chain (ch) Slip stitch (sl st) Treble (tr) Double crochet (dc) Half treble (htr) Half treble two together (htr2tog)

Size:

Ball diameter: approx

Skittle height: approx 6.5cm

Lucinda Ganderton's fun bowling ball comprises 12 small pentagons which are then joined together with double crochet. The sphere is stuffed with a spare ball of yarn to give it enough weight to play with. Complete the set with sweet toadstool skittles and then see who gets the first strike! If you'd like to replicate Lucinda's colour scheme, all the details can be found in the right-hand column on the facing page.

bowling set

bowling ball

Make 12

Using 3.5mm hook and chosen yarn make 4ch, ioin with a sl st to make

Rnd 1: 3ch, 2tr into loop, 2ch, (3tr into loop, 2ch) four times slist in third of first 3ch

Fasten off first colour. join in second colour to any 2ch sp

Rnd 2: 3ch, (2tr, 2ch, 3tr) into sp, (3tr, 2ch, 3tr) four times, sl st in third of first 3ch Fasten off

to make up

Note: ball is made in two halves, each made up of six pentagons. Pick central motif. With WS facing join another motif to each side by working 1dc through top of trs of final rnd. Join two halves together around half of circumference, stuff with round ball of wool. complete join

skittles

Make three

Using 3.5mm hook and chosen yarn make 4ch, join with a sl st to form

Rnd 1: 3ch, 13tr into loop, sl st in third of first 3ch Rnd 2: 2ch (1htr in 1tr) 13 times, sl st in second of first 2ch

Rnds 3-7: 2ch, (1htr in 1htr) 13 times, sI st in second of first 2ch Fasten off first colour. ioin in second colour Rnd 8: 2ch, 1htr in same sp, 1htr in 1htr, (2htr in 1htr, 1htr in 1htr) six times, sl st in second of

Rnds 9-10: 2ch, (1htr in 1htr) 20 times, sl st in second of first 2ch

first 2ch

Crochet







Insert cardboard disc into base of skittle Rnd 11: 2ch, (htr2tog) ten times, sl st to second of first 2ch Fasten off, leaving a 20cm tail Stuff skittle. Thread tail through a tapestry needle, then sew a round of running sts in top of final rnd. Draw up tightly, fasten

off securely

Meet Our **Designer** The more skittles

you make, the more fun your

bowling games will be. Mix and match the yarns for a colourful effect"

Lucinda Ganderton is an experienced craft designer and is the author of several books including *Stitch Dictionary*

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crochet clever

If you want to follow Lucinda's colour choices, find them set out below:

Two pentagons: blue, yellow; pink, green; yellow, blue; green, pink

One pentagon: blue, pink; pink, blue; green, yellow; blue, white

Skittles

Pink and blue

White and green

White and pink

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