Use an innovative lattice
technique to create

Mister Snuffles

Are you an intermediate crocheter looking for a
new challenge? Give **Irene Strange's** gorgeous
rainbow hedgehog a whirl. The top section is made
in two stages; first crochet the white lattice base,
then make stripes of bobbles on the wrong side of
the work before pushing the spines through to the
right side. This takes a bit of patience but gets
easier the more rows you work.

crochet clever

To make a puff stitch
(ps) work as follows:
* yoh twice, insert
hook into st, yoh,
draw through two
loops on hook, yoh,
draw through two
loops on hook, rep
from * three times,
yoh, draw through all
loops on hook

stitches used

Chain (ch)

Double crochet (dc)

Half treble (htr)

Puff stitch (ps)

Half treble two together (htr2tog)

SIZE

Length: 22cm

Height: 12cm

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base panel

* Using 3.75mm hook and Cloud White make 2ch

Row 1: 2dc in second ch from hook, turn. Two sts *

Row 2: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

Row 3: 1ch, 2dc in each st to end, turn. Four sts

Row 4: rep Row 2

Row 5: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in next st, turn. Six sts

Rows 6–9: rep Rows 4–5 twice. Ten sts

Row 10: rep Row 2

Rows 11–17: rep Row 5 seven times. 24 sts

Rows 18–32: rep Row 2 15 times

Rows 33–41: 1ch, dc2tog, 1dc in each st to last two sts, dc2tog, turn. Six sts

Fasten off

top panel

Rep from * to * of Base Panel. Two sts

Row 2: 1ch, 1dc, 2dc in next st, turn. Three sts

Rows 3–17: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in next st, turn. 18 sts

Row 18: 2ch in first st (counts as 1htr), 1htr, (1ch, 1htr) to last st, 1htr, turn. 18 sts

Rows 19–21: 2ch in first st (counts as 1htr), 1htr, (1ch, miss 1ch sp, 1htr) to last st, 1htr, turn

Row 22: 2ch in first st (counts as 1htr), (1htr, 1ch, 1htr) in next st, (1ch, miss 1ch sp, 1htr) 14 times, 1ch, miss 1ch sp, (1htr, 1ch, 1htr) in next st, 1htr, turn. 20 sts

Rows 23–32: 2ch in first st (counts as 1htr), 1htr, (1ch, miss 1ch sp, 1htr) to last st, 1htr, turn

Row 33: 2ch in first st (counts as 1htr), htr2tog over 1ch sp, (1ch, miss 1ch sp, 1htr) 14 times, 1ch, htr2tog over 1ch sp, 1htr, turn. 18 sts

Row 34: 2ch in first st (counts as 1htr), htr2tog over 1ch sp, (1ch, miss 1ch sp, 1htr) 12 times, 1ch, htr2tog over 1ch sp, 1htr, turn. 16 sts

Row 35: 2ch in first st (counts as 1htr), htr2tog over 1ch sp, (1ch, miss 1ch sp, 1htr) ten times, 1ch, htr2tog over 1ch sp, 1htr, turn. 14 sts

Row 36: 2ch (counts as 1htr), (htr2tog over 1ch sp, 1ch) five times, htr2tog over 1ch sp, 1htr, turn. Eight sts

Row 37: 2ch (counts as 1htr), (htr2tog over 1ch sp) to last st, 1htr, turn. Five sts

Row 38: 1ch, dc5tog. One st

Fasten off

spine columns

Note: Spines are worked into WS of Top Panel, working vertically along ladder of 1ch sps Find central line by marking eighth ch sp from either left or right edge of Row 18 with spare yarn, follow ch sps up from row to row until end of 1ch sp ladder to denote central column of Spines. Work central Main Spine Column along this line as folls:

Using 3.75mm hook and Raspberry Red join yarn to central 1ch sp of Row 18, * 3ch, 1ps in same ch sp [see Crochet Clever panel], one sl st in back loop of 1ch sp in next row above, 2ch, one sl st in 1ch sp in next row above, rep from * to end of column. Ten spines made

Fasten off, use hook to gently push puffs to RS of Top Panel

Note: staggered effect of Spines is achieved by alternating order of ps every other column. Work first Alternate Spine Column as folls:

Using 3.75mm hook and Sunbeam Yellow join yarn to 1ch gap of a row either side of main Spine Column, * 2ch, one sl st in 1ch sp in next row above, 3ch, 1ps in same ch sp, one sl st in back loop of 1ch sp in next row above, rep from * to end of column. Eight spines made

Fasten off, use hook to gently push puffs to RS of Top Panel

Cont working alternating rows of Main and Alternate Spine Columns in this way to make 17 Columns in all, using photo as a colour guide

to make up

Hold RS of Base and Top Panels tog, starting at nose and using 3.75mm hook and Cloud White sl st sides tog, leaving a gap for stuffing. Turn out and insert safety eyes. Stuff and sew up rem gap. Embroider tip of nose with Sky Blue, building up layers to achieve raised effect

Meet Our Designer

"To get the best finish, fill Mister Snuffles with lots of stuffing then lift up the puff stitches out of the lattice using your crochet hook"

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