

Picture Perfect

Customise your living space with **Lucinda Ganderton's** easy crocheted frames

Measurements & Sizes

Frame One: inner circle, 3.5cm radius (7cm diameter); outer circle, 4.5cm radius (9cm diameter)

Frame Two: inner circle, 5cm radius (10cm diameter); outer circle, 6cm radius (12cm diameter)

Frame Three: inner circle, 4.5cm radius (9cm diameter), outer circle, 5.5cm (11cm diameter)

Crochet Kit

Yarn: Rowan Handknit Cotton, shades (A) 219 Gooseberry, (B) 334 Delphinium, (C) 365 Blue John, (D) 368 Flamingo, one 50g ball of each

Hook: 4mm

Card: midweight

Double-sided tape

Postcards

For abbreviations see page 92

About the Yarn

Rowan Handknit Cotton is a soft, matte cotton yarn that is slightly heavier than a standard DK. This gives it a great structure and it can create sturdy fabrics with excellent stitch definition. It costs £4.20 per 50g (85m) ball from **01524 548930**, www.cosywool.com

Need an Alternative?

As these frames only use small amounts of yarn, why not see what's in your stash?

Let's Shop

Postcards, assorted, 70p each, www.paperchase.co.uk

crochetclever

To join the yarn on to the cardboard ring, make a slipknot and place it on the hook, then insert the hook through the centre of the cardboard ring. Catch the yarn from the ball and pull it back through the ring and through the slipknot on your hook. When working double crochet stitches over the ring, insert the hook through the ring and catch the yarn from the ball, pull the yarn back through the ring, wrap the yarn around the hook and pull it through both loops.

We crafty types love to show off our creativity and this trio is a simple yet stylish way to add a splash of colour to your walls. The frame is made from a ring of sturdy cardboard, which is covered by the first round of crochet. We've chosen to display some eye-catching postcards and fixed them in place with double-sided tape, but you could pick a few favourite photos instead.

Start crocheting here...

FRAME ONE

(green centre)

Using midweight cardboard and a pair of compasses, cut a ring to dimensions given (left)

□ Rnd 1: using yarn A, join yarn to ring with a sl st (see Crochet

Clever), 1ch, work 81dc around ring ensuring top of sts lie along outside edge of ring, sl st in first dc
Fasten off yarn A

□ Rnd 2: join yarn D in any dc with a sl st, 4ch (counts as 1tr, 1ch), 1tr in same dc, * miss two dc, (1tr, 1ch, 1tr) in next dc, rep from * 26 times, sl st in third of beg 4ch

Fasten off yarn D

□ Rnd 3: join yarn C in any 1-ch sp with a sl st, 4ch (counts as 1tr, 1ch), 1tr in same sp, * (1tr, 1ch, 1tr) in next 1-ch sp, rep from * 26 times, sl st in third of beg 4ch

Fasten off yarn C

□ Rnd 4: join yarn B in any 1-ch sp with a sl st, 3ch (counts as 1tr), (1tr, 1ch, 2tr) in same sp, * (2tr, 1ch, 2tr) in next 1-ch sp, rep from * 26 times, sl st in third of beg 3ch

□ Fasten off

FRAME TWO

(pink centre)

Using midweight cardboard and a

pair of compasses, cut a ring to dimensions given (left)

□ Rnd 1: using yarn D, join yarn to ring with a sl st (see Crochet Clever), 1ch, work 90dc around ring ensuring top of sts lie along outside edge of ring, sl st in first dc

Fasten off yarn D

□ Rnd 2: join yarn B in any dc with a sl st, 1ch, * miss two dc, (2tr, 1ch, 2tr) in next dc, miss two dc, sl st in next dc, rep from * 17 times working last sl st in same dc as beg 1ch

Fasten off yarn B

□ Rnd 3: join yarn A in any 1-ch sp with a sl st, 3ch (counts as 1tr), (1tr, 1ch, 2tr) in same sp, * (2tr, 1ch, 2tr) in next 1-ch sp, rep from * 17 times, sl st in third of beg 3ch

Fasten off yarn A

□ Rnd 4: join yarn C in any 1-ch sp with a sl st, 1ch * (2tr, 1ch, 2tr) in sp between tr groups, sl st in next 1-ch sp, rep from * 17 times working last sl st in same 1-ch sp as beg 1ch

□ Fasten off

FRAME THREE

(blue centre)

Using midweight cardboard and a pair of compasses, cut a ring to dimensions given (left)

□ Rnd 1: using yarn C, join yarn to ring with a sl st (see Crochet Clever), 1dc, work 104dc around ring ensuring top of sts lie along outside edge of ring, sl st in first dc
Fasten off yarn C

□ Rnd 2: join yarn A to any dc with a sl st, 1ch, * miss one dc, 1dc in next dc, rep from * 51 times, sl st in beg 1ch

Fasten off yarn A

□ Rnd 3: join yarn B to any sp between two dc with a sl st, * miss one dc, 5tr in next dc, rep from * 12 times, sl st in beg sp

Fasten off yarn B

□ Rnd 4: join yarn D to second tr of any 5-ch group with a sl st, * (2tr, 1ch, 2tr) in fifth tr of 5-tr group, sl st in second tr of next 5-tr group, rep from * 12 times working last sl st in beg st

□ Fasten off

TO MAKE UP

Weave in ends. Cut out picture to fit frame and hot glue in place **LK**

"Why not experiment with colour combos? These could look great crocheted in one colour, with a bold accent on the outermost round"

LK Deputy Editor **Adrienne Chandler**



FRAME TWO



FRAME ONE



FRAME THREE



meet our
DESIGNER

"The card on the back of a paper pad is the ideal thickness for these rings. It will help to use a pair of compasses to draw the circles."

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