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Buddy  
yarn kit,  
stuffing, tapestry  
needle

Whip up a woodland wonder and crochet

# Cyril the squirrel

When regular LGC designer **Irene Strange** introduced us to her adorable creation Cyril we just loved him and knew he'd be an instant hit. As his eyes and nose are made from yarn, this uber cute, acorn-loving little critter can be made just with your kit and some stuffing and would make the perfect gift for a little one.

## crochet clever

To work a reverse dc (also known as 'crab stitch'), work a dc as you would normally, then work the next one into the next stitch to the right, rather than the left. Continue working this way, from left to right, to create a crab stitch border.



## stitches used

Chain (ch)  
Slip stitch (sl st)  
Double crochet (dc)  
Double crochet two together (dc2tog)

## SIZE

Height: 14cm

## Cyril Squirrel

### head

Using 3.75mm hook and Tulip Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

**Rnd 1:** 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

**Rnd 2:** (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

**Rnd 3:** (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

**Rnds 4–6:** 1dc in each st to end

**Rnd 7:** (dc2tog, 10dc) to end. 22 sts

**Rnd 8:** (dc2tog, 9dc) to end. 20 sts

**Rnd 9:** (dc2tog, 8dc) to end. 18 sts

**Rnd 10:** (dc2tog, 7dc) to end. 16 sts

**Rnd 11:** (dc2tog, 6dc) to end. 14 sts

**Rnd 12:** (dc2tog, 5dc) to end. 12 sts

Fasten off

### nose

Using 3.75mm hook and Eggshell Fawn make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

**Rnd 1:** 2dc in each st to

end. 12 sts

**Rnd 2:** (2dc in next st, 5dc) to end. 14 sts

**Rnd 3:** 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

### ear

**Make two**

Using 3.75mm hook and Tulip Pink make 2ch

**Rnd 1:** starting second ch from hook 2dc in next ch, turn. Two sts

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

**Rnd 3:** 1ch, 2dc in next st, 2dc, turn. Four sts

**Rnd 4:** 1ch, 2dc in next st, 3dc, turn. Five sts

**Rnd 5:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off Tulip Pink, join Eggshell Fawn to tip of Ear

**Rnd 6:** (4ch, one sl st in tip) three times

Fasten off

### eye

**Make two**

Using 3.75mm hook and Eggshell Fawn make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

Fasten off

### body

Using 3.75mm hook and Tulip Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

**Rnd 1:** 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

**Rnd 2:** (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

**Rnds 3–9:** 1dc in each st to end

**Rnd 10:** dc2tog, 1dc in each st to end. 17 sts



**Rnd 11:** 1dc in each st to end

**Rnds 12–25:** rep Rnds 10–11 seven times.

Ten sts

Fasten off

### tail

Using 3.75mm hook and Eggshell Fawn make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

**Note:** work in back loops only throughout

**Rnd 1:** 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

**Rnd 2:** (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

**Rnds 3–12:** 1dc in each st to end

**Rnd 13:** dc2tog, 1dc in each st to end. 17 sts

**Rnd 14:** 1dc in each st to end

**Rnds 15–28:** rep Rnds 13–14 seven times.

Ten sts

Fasten off

Attach Eggshell Fawn to first st of Rnd 1

Work reverse dc (see

Crochet Clever panel)

in all front loops of Rnds 1–28

Fasten off

### leg

**Make two**

Using 3.75mm hook and Tulip Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

**Rnd 1:** 1dc in each st to end

**Rnd 2:** 2dc in next st, 1dc in each st to end. Seven sts

**Rnds 3–8:** rep Rnds 1–2 three times. Ten sts

Fasten off

### arm

**Make two**

Using 3.75mm hook and Tulip Pink make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

**Rnds 1–10:** 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

### to make up

Stuff Head. Place Nose over end of Head piece and sew in place. Sew

Ears to top of Head. Sew Eyes to either side

of face. Embroider facial features using Puddle Blue. Stuff Body and

Legs. Sew Head, Arms and Legs to Body so toy can sit up. Sew Tail to

base of back. Add an extra stitch at upper back to aid balance.

Fluff tail by brushing it with a wire brush

to end. 12 sts

**Rnd 3:** (2dc in next st, 1dc) to end. 18 sts

**Rnd 4:** rep Rnd 1

Fasten off

### acorn

#### cup

Using 3.75mm hook and Spring Green make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

**Rnd 1:** 1dc in each st to end

**Rnd 2:** working in front loops only 2dc in each st

to end. 12 sts

**Rnd 3:** (2dc in next st, 1dc) to end. 18 sts

**Rnd 4:** rep Rnd 1

Fasten off

### nut

Using 3.75mm hook and Daffodil Yellow make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

**Rnd 1:** 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

**Rnd 2:** (2dc in next st, 3dc) to end. 15 sts

**Rnds 3–6:** 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

### to make up

Sew Cup to Nut, stuffing as you sew. Sew Acorn to squirrel's Arms



## Meet Our Designer

*“Go over the finished tail with a wire brush to create a lovely fluffy texture. Why not make your Cyril in a few different*

*colours? The more the merrier!”*

Irene Strange is a graphic designer and crochet expert. Her favourite technique is amigurumi, which she happened upon accidentally. Visit her website at [ireneStrange.co.uk](http://ireneStrange.co.uk)

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