

we're delighted to introduce you to

toby bear

With his smart Union Jack jumper and sweet smile, Toby bear by Irene Strange is a must-make. You only need to know double crochet so even if you're a beginner, you'll have a completed friend in no time.

Stitches used:

double crochet (dc)
double crochet two together (dc2tog)

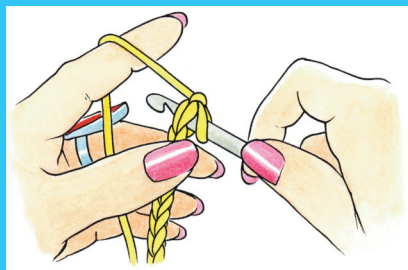


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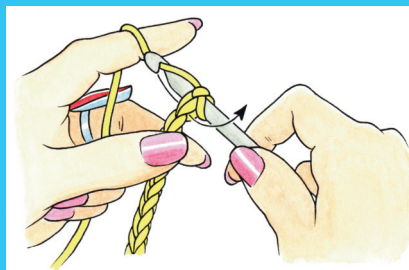
To work dc2tog, insert hook into next st, yoh, draw through, insert hook in foll st, yoh, draw through, yoh, draw through all three loops

DOUBLE CROCHET (dc)

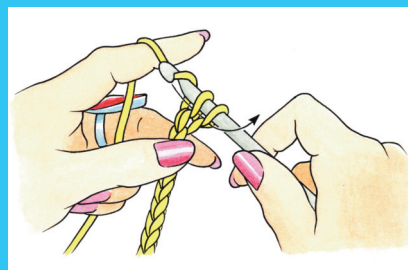
This is one of the main stitches in crochet. Once you've mastered it, the world really is your (crochet) oyster!



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.

toby bear head

Using 5mm hook and purple yarn make a magic ring and work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 2dc into each st. 12 sts

Rnd 2: (1dc in first st, 2dc in next st) six times. 18 sts

Rnd 3: (1dc in first two sts, 2dc in next st) six times. 24 sts

Rnd 4: (1dc in first three sts, 2dc in next st) six times. 30 sts

Rnd 5: (1dc in first four sts, 2dc in next st) six times. 36 sts

Rnds 6-8: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 9: (1dc in first four sts, dc2tog) six times. 30 sts

Rnd 10: (1dc in first three sts, dc2tog) six times. 24 sts

Rnd 11: (1dc in first two sts, dc2tog) six times. 18 sts

Rnd 12: (1dc in first st, dc2tog) six times. 12 sts

Stuff

Rnd 13: (dc2tog) six times. Six sts
Fasten off, sew up opening



ears

make two

Using 5mm hook and purple yarn, using magic ring method form a loop and work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnds 1-2: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, fold in half and sew to top of head

nose

Using 5mm hook and white yarn, using magic ring method form a loop and

work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, sew to middle of head

body

Using 5mm hook and purple yarn, using magic ring method form a loop and work 6dc into ring. Six sts

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

Rnd 2: (1dc in first st, 2dc in next st) six times. 18 sts

Rnds 3-6: 1dc in each st to end
Change to white yarn
Rnds 7-14: dc2tog, 1dc in each st to end. ten sts

Fasten off, stuff, sew to head

tail

Using 5mm hook and purple yarn, using magic ring method form a loop and work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnds 1-2: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, fold in half, sew to base of body

arms

Using 5mm hook and purple yarn, using magic ring method form a loop and work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Rnds 1-3: 1dc in each to end

Change to white yarn

Rnds 4-7: 1dc in each to end
Fasten off, stuff, sew to body

legs

Using 5mm hook and purple yarn, using magic ring method form a loop and work 6dc into ring. Six sts

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

Rnd 2: (dc2tog) twice, 1dc in each st to end. Ten sts

Rnds 3-4: dc2tog, 1dc in each st to end. Eight sts

Rnds 5-7: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, stuff, sew to body

to make up

Embroider nose and mouth as in photograph. Stitch Union Jack to front of t-shirt as shown in photo. Cover two beads in black embroidery thread and sew on for eyes



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“Making this bear as a gift? Why not embroider the front of the t-shirt with the recipient's initials!”

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

did you know?

This bear is worked in the amigurumi style. This word stems from the Japanese *ami*, meaning 'crocheted' and *nuigurumi* meaning 'stuffed toy'. The style typically incorporates a large spherical head and small limbs

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