

PRACTISE YOUR MAGIC RING WITH

THE THREE AMIGURIMOS

our fantastic trio of fun

If you're looking to embark on a project that you can start and finish within an afternoon, Irene Strange's terrific trio will tickle your crafty senses. Named by *Make it Today* reader Lesley Bambridge, meet Dandelion the bear, Sasparilla the pig and Burdock the frog, who are begging to be made up and will reward you with their happy and infectious smiles. The projects are a fantastic chance to master your magic ring technique and once you whip them up, you'll discover that amigurumi is very much a form of sorcery! With one basic pattern for the head, body, arms and legs, the possibilities are endless with just a simple colour swap, a few nifty modifications and some clever embroidery.

ESSENTIAL KIT

DANCER, DIZZY, MELLOW,
GALLOP, WURLITZER,

4MM HOOK

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CAROUSEL KIT

PLUS:
STUFFING
BLACK SAFETY EYES, 9MM
TAPESTRY NEEDLE
2 BUTTONS, 1CM DIAMETER

MEASUREMENTS:
APPROX 13CM HEIGHT

STITCHES:
CHAIN (CH)
DOUBLE CROCHET (DC)
DOUBLE CROCHET TWO
TOGETHER (DC2TOG)
SLIP STITCH (SL ST)

FOR ABBREVIATIONS

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THE THREE AMIGURIMOS

Head

Make three

Using 4mm hook and Wurlitzer Jade (Dizzy Pink, Dancer Beige) 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, 1dc) to end. 18 sts

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

Rnd 4: (2dc in next st, 3dc) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 5: (2dc in next st, 4dc) to end. 36 sts



Rnds 6-9: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 10: (dc2tog, 4dc) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 11: (dc2tog, 3dc) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 12: (dc2tog, 2dc) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 13: (dc2tog, 1dc) to end, join with a sl st to first st. 12 sts

Fasten off

Body

Make three

Using 4mm hook and Wurlitzer Jade (Dizzy Pink, Dancer Beige) make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

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

Rnd 2: (2dc in next st, 1dc) to end. 15 sts

Rnd 3: (2dc in next st, 2dc) to end. 20 sts

Rnd 4: (2dc in next st, 3dc) to end. 25 sts

Rnd 5: (2dc in next st, 4dc) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 6: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Mellow Yellow

Rnds 7-9: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 10: (dc2tog, 13dc) to end. 28 sts

Change to Gallop Blue

Rnd 11: (dc2tog, 12dc) to end. 26 sts

Rnd 12: (dc2tog, 11dc) to end. 24 sts

Change to Mellow Yellow

Rnd 13: (dc2tog, 10dc) to end. 22 sts

Rnd 14: (dc2tog, 9dc) to end. 20 sts

Change to Gallop Blue

Rnd 15: (dc2tog, 8dc) to end. 18 sts

"To give your toys an even bigger sense of character, you could try embroidering different styles of eyes or using buttons instead"



IRENE STRANGE, DESIGNER

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SAFETY FIRST!

IF MAKING THE THREE AMIGURIMOS FOR A BABY OR YOUNG CHILD, BE SURE TO USE SAFETY EYES.

POM-POM PERFECTION



1 Wrap yarn around the prongs of a fork approximately 60 times.



2 Cut a length of yarn and tie it tightly around the wrapped yarn, between the middle prongs.



3 Slip the yarn off the fork and snip through all the loops.



4 Fluff up the pom-pom and trim off any uneven strands.

Rnd 16: (dc2tog, 7dc) to end. 16 sts
Change to Mellow Yellow
Rnd 17: (dc2tog, 6dc) to end. 14 sts
Rnd 18: (dc2tog, 5dc) to end, join with a sl st to first st. 12 sts
Fasten off

Leg

Make six (two in each colour)
Using 4mm hook and Wurlitzer Jade (Jumper Red, Dancer Beige) make a magic ring, work 8dc into ring. Eight sts
Rnds 1-7: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

Arm

Make six (two in each colour)
Using 4mm hook and Wurlitzer Jade (Jumper Red, Dancer Beige) make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: (2dc in next st, 2dc) to end. Eight sts
Rnds 2-3: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Mellow Yellow
Rnds 4-6: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Gallop Blue
Rnds 7-8: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Mellow Yellow
Rnds 9-10: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Gallop Blue
Rnds 11-12: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Mellow Yellow
Rnd 13: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 14: 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first st
Fasten off

Frog eye

Make two
Using 4mm hook and Wurlitzer Jade make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts
Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. Ten sts
Rnds 2-4: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

Pig nose

Using 4mm hook and Jumper Red 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, 1dc) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 3: working in back loops only (dc2tog, 1dc) to end. 12 sts
Fasten off



We asked you to help name our mascots and loved reading your suggestions! Join in on the fun over at facebook.com/makeittoday

"I chose the three amigurimos' names: Dandelion, Sasparilla and Burdock, because they are new, fresh and irresistible spring projects that are next on my make list!"

LESLEY BAMBRIDGE, MAKE IT TODAY READER





Pig tail

Using 4mm hook and Jumper Red make 20ch
Row 1: starting second ch from hook work one sl st in each st to end. 19 sts
 Fasten off

Pig ear

Make two
 Using 4mm hook and Jumper Red make 2ch
Row 1: starting second ch from hook 2dc, turn. Two sts
Row 2: 1ch, 2dc in each st to end, turn. Four sts
Row 3: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 2dc, 2dc in next st, turn. Six sts
Row 4: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 4dc, 2dc in next st, turn. Eight sts
Row 5: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 6dc, 2dc in next st, turn. Ten sts
Row 6: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
Row 7: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Row 8: working along other edge of ear work 14dc evenly across edge. 14 sts
 Fasten off

Teddy ear

Make two
 Using 4mm hook and Dancer Beige 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, 1dc) to end. 18 sts
Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end
Rnd 4: (dc2tog, 1dc) to end. 12 sts
 Fasten off

Teddy nose

Using 4mm hook and Dancer Beige make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnds 1-3: rep Rnds 1-3 of Teddy Ear. 18 sts
 Fasten off

Teddy tail

Using 4mm hook and Dancer Beige make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end
 Fasten off

Backpack

Using 4mm hook and Gallop Blue make 10ch

Backpack strap

Make two

Using 4mm hook and Mellow Yellow attach yarn to top of Backpack Top Flap, make 21ch
 Starting second ch from hook work 1dc in each st to end
 Fasten off

Frog scarf

Using 4mm hook and Mellow Yellow make 51ch
Row 1: starting third ch from hook 1dc in each ch to last ch, 3dc in next ch, work along opposite side of ch as follows: 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first st
 Fasten off

To make up

Insert safety eyes along middle of Pig and Teddy Heads. Stuff Head, Body, Legs and Arms. Sew each Head and Body piece tog, matching sts of last rnds tog. Sew Legs and Arms to Body. **Frog:** insert safety eye into Eye. Stuff. Sew Eyes to top of Head. Make a pom-pom in Jumper Red and Dizzy Pink (see Crochet Clever) and sew to either end of Scarf. **Pig:** stuff Nose and sew to front of Head between eyes. Sew Tail to back of Body, curling it to shape. Sew Ears to Head



Row 1: starting second ch from hook 1dc in each st to end, turn. Nine sts
Rows 2-4: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
Row 5: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Row 6: working along outer edge 2ch, 4tr evenly along short side, 9tr evenly along long side, 4tr evenly along other short side, 9tr in each st to end, join with a sl st to first st. 26 sts
Rows 7-9: 2ch, 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st to first st
 Fasten off

Backpack top flap

Using 4mm hook and Mellow Yellow attach yarn to top edge of Backpack
Row 1: 1ch, 6dc, turn. Six sts
Rows 2-4: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
Row 5: 1ch, dc2tog, 2dc, dc2tog. Four sts
 Fasten off

behind eyes. **Teddy:** sew Ears to top of Head. Stuff Nose and sew to front of Head. Using Gallop Blue embroider nose and mouth. Sew Tail to back of Body. Use spare yarn to gather top of Backpack tog. Fold Backpack Top Flap and secure with yarn or a button. Weave tip of strap through base of Backpack to secure. Sew Backpack Straps to Backpack

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