THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT

COLOUR GUIDE











TOOL KIT

HAPPY COTTON YARN

2.75MM (UKI2 - USA C/2) CROCHET HOOK

I PAIR OF 8MM SAFETY EYES - SAFETY EYES ARE SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN AGED THREE YEARS AND OLDER. FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN, SIMPLY EMBROIDER A FRENCH NOT IN COLOUR F.

TAPESTRY NEEDLE

TOY STUFFING - OR WHY NOT STUFF YOUR CREATION WITH SOME LEFT-OVER YARN?

STITCH MARKER

Co	COLOUR / COULEURS		
		COLOUR COULEUR	N° SKEINS* N° D'ÉCHEVETTES*
1	A	772	x 2
1	В	754	x 1
	С	794	x 1
1	D	775	x 1

CROCHET TECHNIQUES MAGIC RING Insert the crochet hook from the outside to the inside. Take the yarn with the crochet hook and pass it through the loop. Repeat the previous step to get two loops on the crochet hook. Take the yarn and pass it through both loops Repeat until you have the number if stitches needed look through he first stitch and make a slip stitch to close the rig.



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TECHNIQUES

CHAIN STITCH





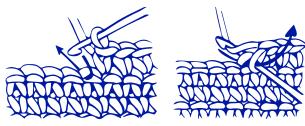




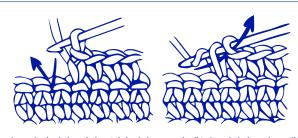
With the sliding knot on your crochet hook, cast on the yarn by passing it through the loop.

SLIP STITCH

DOUBLE CROCHET (UK) / SINGLE CROCHET (US)







Insert the crochet hook through the stitch, hook the yarn and pull it through the loop; there will be 2 loops on the hook. Hook the yarn again and take it through both loops.

HALF TREBLE CROCHET (UK) / HALF DOUBLE CROCHET (US)



Hook the yarn before inserting the hook from front to back in the centre of the third chain. Hook the yarn and draw through 3 loops on hook. To repeat hook the yarn, insert hook in the centre of next chain, hook the yarn, draw yarn through stitch, hook the yarn draw yarn through 3 loops on hook.

TREBLE CROCHET









Hook the yarn before inserting the crochet hook into the stitch and take it through the loop. Hook the yarn again and take it through the first two loops. Hook the yarn once more and pull it through the two remaining

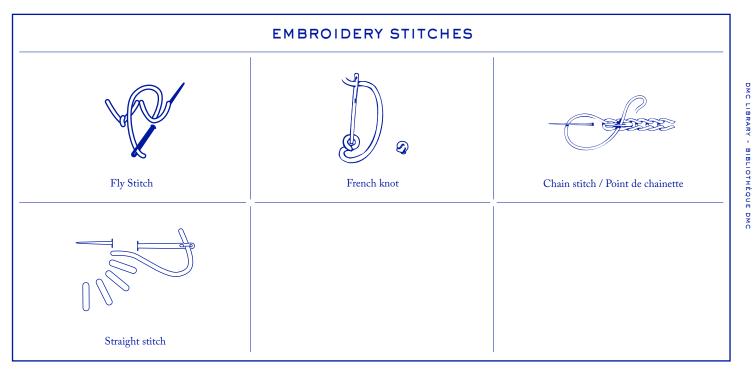


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INCREASE DECREASE Increasing is achieved by working two or more stitches in the pattern where there would normally be one stitch worked. DECREASE Insert the hook into thee next stitch, wind the yarn round the hook and draw a loop through. Repeat this action into the following stitch (three loops now on the hook). Wind the yarn round the hook and draw it through all three loops.





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CROCHET THIS CUTE RABBIT TO CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR AND TO BRING YEAR-ROUND GOOD LUCK.

HEIGHT: approx. 21 cm, (81/4")

TENSION

Exact tension not essential, but keep stitches close together amigurumi style so no stuffing shows through gaps.

ABBREVIATIONS

These instructions use UK crochet terms throughout – US terms are given in brackets below where applicable.

To make the instructions easier to read, we will use some simple abbreviations:

- A colour A
- B colour B
- C colour C
- D colour D

BLO - back loop only

- ch chain
- cm centimetres
- dc double crochet (US single crochet)

dc2tog - double crochet decrease (insert hook into next st, yoh and draw through) twice, yoh and draw through 3 loops.

htr - half treble (US half double crochet)

- mm millimetres
- rnd(s) round(s)
- st(s) stitch(es)
- tog together
- yoh yarn over hook

HEAD

- I. Using A, make a magic ring.
- 2. 1st Rnd. 6dc into magic ring.
- 3. 2nd Rnd. 2dc in each dc. 12dc.
- 4. 3rd Rnd. (2dc in next dc, 1dc) 6 times. 18dc.
- **5**. 4th Rnd. (2dc in next dc, 2dc) 6 times. 24dc.
- 5. 5th Rnd. (2dc in next dc, 3dc) 6 times. 30dc.
- 7. 6th Rnd. (2dc in next dc, 4dc) 6 times. 36dc.
- 8. 7th Rnd. (2dc in next dc, 5dc) 6 times. 42dc.
- 9. 8th Rnd. 42dc.
- 10. 9th Rnd. (2dc in next dc, 6dc) 6 times. 48dc.
- 11. 10th to 17th Rnd. 48dc.

- I 2. Add safety eyes between 14th and 15th rnds, approximately 10dc apart.
- 13. 18th Rnd. (Dc2tog, 6dc) 6 times. 42dc.
- 14. 19th Rnd. (Dc2tog, 5dc) 6 times. 36dc.
- 15. 20th Rnd. (Dc2tog, 4dc) 6 times. 30dc.
- 16. 21st Rnd. (Dc2tog, 3dc) 6 times. 24dc.
- 17. 22nd Rnd. (Dc2tog, 2dc) 6 times. 18dc.
- 18. Fasten off and weave in the yarn end.
- 19. Add stuffing firmly.
- 20. Using D and fly stitch, embroider the mouth in centre of face over 16th to 18th rnds as shown in photograph.

EARS (MAKE 2)

- I. Using A, make a magic ring.
- 2. 1st Rnd. 6dc into magic ring.
- 3. 2nd Rnd. (1dc, 2dc in next dc) 3 times. 9dc.
- 4. 3rd Rnd. (2dc, 2dc in next dc) 3 times. 12dc.
- 5. 4th Rnd. 12dc.
- 6. 5th Rnd. (3dc, 2dc in next dc) 3 times. 15dc.
- 7. 6th to 15th Rnd. 15dc.
- 8. Do not stuff.
- 9. Fasten off and leave a tail for sewing.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

FIRST LEG

- 1. * Using A, make a magic ring.
- 2. 1st Rnd. 6dc into magic ring.
- 3. 2nd Rnd. 2dc in each dc. 12dc.
- 4. 3rd Rnd. 12dcBLO.
- **5**. 4th Rnd. 3dc, (dc2tog) 3 times, 3dc. 9dc.
- 6. Change to C.
- 7. 5th Rnd. (2dc, 2dc in next dc) 3 times. 12dc.



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- 8. Change to B.
- 9. 6th to 10th Rnd. 12dc. *
- 10. Fasten off and weave in the yarn end.

SECOND LEG

- 1. Work from * to * as given for First Leg, do not fasten off.
- 2. Add stuffing to both legs.

BODY

- 1st Rnd. Using B, 1dc into each of 1st 4dc of second leg, make 3ch, 12dc around the first leg, 1dc into each of 3ch, 12dc around the second leg, 1dc into opposite side of each of 3ch. 30dc.
- 2. 2nd Rnd. (9dc, 2dc in next dc) 3 times. 33dc.
- **3**. 3rd Rnd. (10dc, 2dc in next dc) 3 times. 36dc.
- 4. 4th Rnd. 36dc.
- 5. Change to C.
- 6. 5th Rnd. 36dc.
- 7. Add stuffing, top up as you go.
- 8. Change to B.
- 9. 6th Rnd. 36dc.
- IO. 7th Rnd. (10dc, dc2tog) 3 times. 33dc.
- $\label{eq:conditional} \mbox{11.} \quad \mbox{8th Rnd.} \mbox{ (9dc, dc2tog) 3 times.} \mbox{ 30dc.}$
- 12. 9th Rnd. 30dc.
- 13. 10th Rnd. (8dc, dc2tog) 3 times. 27dc.
- 14. 11th Rnd. (7dc, dc2tog) 3 times. 24dc.
- 15. 12th Rnd. 24dc.
- 16. 13th Rnd. (6dc, dc2tog) 3 times. 21dc.
- 17. 14th Rnd. (5dc, dc2tog) 3 times. 18dc.
- 18. 15th Rnd. 18dc.
- 19. Fasten off and leave a tail for sewing.

Find the dc at front middle centre of the figure in the 15th rnd of body, miss this dc and next dc, join C into next dc and proceed as follows:-

- 20. 1st Rnd. 2ch (2ch counts as 1htr), 1htr in dc on which 2ch stands, (1htr, 1dc) in next dc, 10dc, (1dc, 1htr) in next dc, 2htr in next dc.
- 21. Fasten off and weave in the yarn end.
- 22. Using C, embroider a line of chain sts down the centre front of the body starting just below top of 15th rnd and finishing between 5th and 6th rnds.
- 23. Using C, embroider 4 pairs of straight sts on either side of the line of chain sts, spaced 2 rnds apart, as shown in photograph.
- 24. Fasten off and weave in the yarn ends.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

- I. Using A, make a magic ring.
- 2. 1st Rnd. 6dc into magic ring.
- 3. 2nd Rnd. (1dc, 2dc in next dc) 3 times. 9dc.
- 4. 3rd Rnd. 9dc.
- 5. Change to C.
- 6. 4th Rnd. 9dc.
- 7. Change to B.
- **8.** 5th to 12th Rnd. 9dc.
- **9.** Add stuffing, top up as you go.
- IO. Fasten off and leave a tail for sewing.

LANTERRN

- 1. Using B, make a magic ring.
- 2. 1st Rnd. 6dc into magic ring.
- 3. 2nd Rnd. 2dc in each dc. 12dc.
- 4. 3rd Rnd. (2dc in next dc, 1dc) 6 times. 18dc.
- 5. 4th to 6th Rnd. 18dc.
- 6. 7th Rnd. (Dc2tog, 1dc) 6 times. 12dc.
- 7. Add stuffing, top up as you go.
- 8. 8th Rnd. (Dc2tog) 6 times. 6dc.
- $\mbox{\bf 9.} \quad \mbox{Fasten off and weave in the yarn end.}$



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Gold Pieces (Make 2)

- 1. Using C, make a magic ring.
- 2. 1st Rnd. 6dc into magic ring.2nd Rnd. (1dc, 2dc in next dc) 3 times. 9dc.
- 3. 3rd Rnd. 9dcBLO.
- 4. Fasten off and leave a tail for sewing.

ASSEMBLY AND FINISHING

Flatten the ears and fold the lower edge of each ear in half to the centre front then sew the ears to the head between 2nd and 5th rnds, approximately 4dc apart. Fasten off and weave in yarn end.

Ensuring that the body is centred with the head facing towards the front, sew the head onto the body. Fasten off and weave in yarn end.

Sew arms symmetrically on the sides of the body between 15th and 14th rnds (underneath the collar). Weave in yarn ends.

Sew the gold pieces of the lantern to the red sphere as shown in photograph.

Using C, embroider 8 straight stitches evenly all around the sphere as shown in photograph.

Using B, make a mini tassel approximately 3cm, (1¼in) in length and sew it to the lower edge of the lantern at same time threading 2 strands of B up through centre and out of the top of the lantern. Knot these 2 strands together where they come out at top of lantern and again approximately 4cm, (1½in) above the 1st knot to make a loop so that lantern can hang

Trim the ends above top knot.



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