



# USE YOUR FREE GIFT!

Get creative with small amounts of yarn for this collection of fun patterns inspired by this issue's free kit

## Jolly Giraffe

Designed by **Hugh Metcalf**



★ Beginner friendly

### Yarn used

DK kit yarn  
yellow (MC), pink (CC1), white (CC2)

### Tension

Tension is not critical, but should be tight to stop stuffing showing through stitches

### Hook used

3mm

### Other supplies

removable stitch marker  
tapestry needle

### Sizing

14cm tall

## Start crocheting

### Head & body

**Rnd 1:** With MC, working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

**Rnd 2:** 2 dc in each st around. 12 sts

**Rnd 3:** [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] around. 18 sts

**Rnd 4:** [2 dc in next st, 2 dc] around. 24 sts

**Rnd 5:** [2 dc in next st, 3 dc] around. 30 sts

**Rnd 6:** [2 dc in next st, 4 dc] around. 36 sts

**Rnds 7-11:** Dc around.

**Rnd 12:** [dc2tog, 4 dc] around. 30 sts

**Rnd 13:** [dc2tog, 3 dc] around. 24 sts

**Rnd 14:** [dc2tog, 1 dc] around to last 3 sts, dc2tog, miss 1 st. 15 sts

Insert toy eyes using image as guide and stuff head firmly.

**Rnds 15-16:** Dc around.

Fasten off MC, change to CC2 in last st.

**Rnds 17-19:** Dc around.

Fasten off CC2, change to MC in last st.

**Rnds 20-22:** Dc around.

Fasten off MC, change to CC2 in last st.

**Rnds 23-25:** Dc around.

Fasten off CC2, change to CC1 in last st.

## Amigurumi style

This project is worked in spirals, without joining each rnd with a sl st and without a turning chain.

Use a stitch marker to mark the beginning of each rnd and slip it as you work



**Rnds 26-27:** Dc around.

**Rnd 28:** [2 dc in next st, 4 dc] around. 18 sts

**Rnd 29:** [2 dc in next st, 2 dc] around. 24 sts

Fasten off CC1, change to CC2 in last st.

**Rnd 30:** [2 dc in next st, 3 dc] around. 30 sts

**Rnd 31:** [2 dc in next st, 4 dc] around. 36 sts

**Rnd 32:** Dc around.

Fasten off MC, change to CC2 in last st.

**Rnd 33:** [2 dc in next st, 5 dc] around. 42 sts

**Rnds 34-35:** Dc around.

Fasten off CC2, change to MC in last st.

**Rnds 36-38:** Dc around.

Fasten off MC, change to CC2 in last st.

**Rnd 39:** [dc2tog, 5 dc] around. 36 sts

**Rnd 40:** [dc2tog, 4 dc] around. 30 sts

**Rnd 41:** [dc2tog, 3 dc] around. 24 sts

Stuff body and neck firmly.

**Rnd 42:** [dc2tog, 2 dc] around. 18 sts

**Rnd 43:** [dc2tog, 1 dc] around. 12 sts

**Rnd 44:** [dc2tog] around. 6 sts

Fasten off, thread tail on tapestry needle, weave through remaining sts and pull tight.

### Nose

**Rnd 1:** With MC, working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

**Rnd 2:** 2 dc in each st around. 12 sts

**Rnd 3:** [2 dc in next st, 1 dc] around. 18 sts

**Rnd 4:** [2 dc in next st, 2 dc] around. 24 sts

**Rnd 5:** Working in BLO, dc around.

**Rnd 6:** Dc around.

Fasten off.

### Ears (make 2)

With MC, chain 2.

**Rnd 1:** 4 dc in 2nd ch from hook, join with sl st in first dc to work in the rnd. 4 sts

**Rnd 2:** 2 dc in each st around. 8 sts

**Rnds 3-5:** Dc around.

**Rnd 6:** [Miss 1 st, 1 dc] around. 4 sts

**Rnd 7:** Dc around, sl st in first dc of rnd. Fasten off.

### Tufts (make 2)

Work 2cm of crochet i-cord using instructions overleaf.

Fasten off.

### Arms and legs (make 4)

**Rnd 1:** With CC1, 6 dc into a magic ring. 6 sts

**Rnds 2-4:** Dc around.

Fasten off CC1, change to CC2 in last st.

**Rnds 5-7:** Dc around.

Fasten off CC2, change to MC in last st.

**Rnds 8-11:** Dc around.

Fasten off. Stuff with a small amount of stuffing.

### Making up

Sew arms and legs to body on yellow stripes using image as a guide. Place stuffing in nose and sew to face in between eyes. Sew ears to top of head.

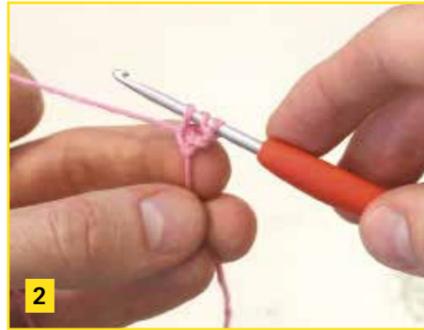
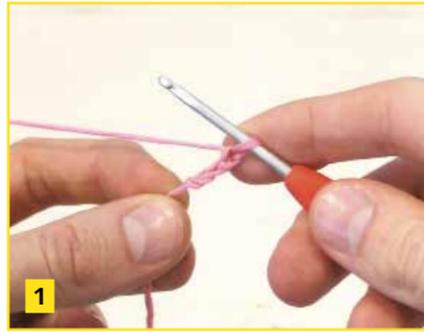
Sew tufts in between ears – sew the bottom tail into the head first, then with a tapestry needle, thread the top tail onto the needle and push through length of i-cord and into the head. Pull tight to give the tufts some shape on the head.

## How to crochet i-cord

I-cord is a knitting technique that can be used to make lengths of tubed fabric, which is useful for all kinds of things. However, it's easy to crochet too!

- 1 Chain 3.
- 2 Insert hook through next ch from hook, yarn round hook, pull up a loop, then insert hook through next ch again, yarn round hook and pull up another loop. There are now 3 loops on the hook.
- 3 Take the last loops off of the hook. These are now unsupported, so you have to find a way to stop them from coming undone. Holding them should be sufficient, and if you're using a nice sticky wool yarn, this will be a breeze – but with slippery cottons it can be a bit fiddly! There's now only one loop on the hook.
- 4 Yarn round hook and pull through one loop, then put the first of the two loops you're holding back on the hook. There are now 2 loops on the hook.
- 5 Yarn round hook and pull through one loop, then put the last loop back on the hook, yarn round hook and pull through one loop again. There are now 3 loops on the hook.

Continue like this for as long as you need the i-cord to be – it might look flat at first, but as you move further up the chain, you'll start to see that it's actually a tube.



## Cockatoo

Designed by **Tracy Coldwell**



★ Beginner friendly

### Yarn used

DK kit yarn  
white (MC), yellow (CC1), pink (CC2)

### Tension

Tension is not critical, but should be tight to stop stuffing showing through stitches

### Hook used

3mm

### Other supplies

removable stitch marker  
tapestry needle  
2 x 6mm black safety eyes  
toy stuffing

### Sizing

10cm tall

### Start crocheting

#### Head/Body

- Rnd 1:** Working into a magic ring with MC, 6 dc.
- Rnd 2:** 2 dc in next st, 6 times. 12 sts
- Rnd 3:** [1 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 18 sts
- Rnd 4:** Dc around.
- Rnd 5:** [2 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 24 sts
- Rnds 6-9:** Dc around.
- Rnds 10-11:** 2 dc in next st, 9 dc, [dc2tog] 2 times, 9 dc, 2 dc in next st. 24 sts
- Rnd 12:** [3 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 30 sts
- Rnd 13:** [4 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 36 sts
- Rnds 14-15:** Dc around.
- Rnd 16:** [2 dc in next st] 2 times, 12 dc, [dc2tog] 4 times, 12 dc, [2 dc into next st] 2 times. 36 sts
- Rnd 17:** Dc around. Insert safety eyes using photo as a guide.
- Rnd 18:** 14 dc, [dc2tog] 4 times, 14 dc. 32 sts

“Before sewing pieces onto the body of the bird, pin them in place to ensure they are even and placed how you'd like”



- Rnd 19:** 14 dc, [dc2tog] 2 times, 14 dc. 30 sts
- Rnd 20:** [3 dc, dc2tog] 6 times. 24 sts
- Rnd 21:** Dc around.
- Rnd 22:** [2 dc, dc2tog] 6 times. 18 sts  
Fill with stuffing.
- Rnd 23:** [1 dc, dc2tog] 6 times. 12 sts
- Rnd 24:** [dc2tog] 6 times. 6 sts  
Fasten off and break yarn.
- #### Tail Feathers
- Row 1:** With MC, chain 17
- Row 2:** Starting in 3rd ch from hook, 15 tr.
- Row 3:** 3 ch, 14 tr.  
Fasten off and break yarn. Sew tail feathers onto bird.
- #### Beak
- Rnd 1:** Working into a magic ring with C2, 6 dc.
- Rnd 2:** [1 dc, 2 dc in next st] 3 times, ch 2, sl st in first ch, sl st in next st.

- Fasten off and break yarn. Sew onto body.
- #### Wings (make 2)
- Rnd 1:** Working into a magic ring with MC, 3 ch, 15 tr, sl st in 3rd of beg ch 3.  
Following is worked in rows.
- Row 2:** 3 ch, 1 tr in same st, 2 tr in next 4 sts. Turn.
- Row 3:** 3 ch, 1 tr in same st, 2 tr in next 8 sts. Turn.
- Row 4:** 4 sl st, 3 ch, 1 tr in same st, 2 tr in next 7 sts.  
Fasten off and break yarn. Sew onto either side of the body of the bird.

- #### Crested Feathers (make 3)
- Row 1:** With CC1, chain 10.
- Row 2:** Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 9 dc. Turn.
- Row 3:** [6 ch, 5 sl st down ch, 1 dc in next dc] 9 times.  
Fasten off and break yarn.

Sew in rows onto head of bird.

#### Legs (make 2)

- Row 1:** With CC2, chain 17.
- Row 2:** Starting in 2nd ch, 16 sl st.  
Fasten off and break yarn

#### Feet (make 2)

- Row 1:** With CC2, chain 7.
- Row 2:** Starting in 2nd ch, 6 sl st.  
Fasten off and break yarn  
Sew feet to the bottom of the legs, and legs to the bottom of the bird. 🧶

Use a st marker to keep track of the first st of the round

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“The heel is worked flat then seamed – clever!”

## Patch Baby Socks

DK 3mm

★★ Adventurous

### Yarn used

DK kit yarn  
white (MC), pink (CC1), yellow (CC2)

### Tension

6 sts x 5 rows = 2.5cm measured over dc

### Hook used

3mm hook

### Other supplies

removable stitch marker  
tapestry needle

### Size

To fit 0-6 months/9cm foot length

### Start crocheting

#### Rib

With CC1, chain 15.

**Row 1 (RS):** Starting in 2nd ch from hook, dc across. Turn. 14 sts

**Rows 2-26:** 1 ch, dc in BLO across. Turn. With RS facing, fold piece in half taking first row up behind the top row and aligning the stitches of both edges. Work 1 ch, then seam by working dc in BLO across through each set of corresponding sts. Fasten off CC1.

#### Ankle

Attach MC in any recess rib st from Rib section.

**Rnd 1:** 2 ch (counts as 1 htr here and throughout), 1 htr in same st, miss 1 st, [2 htr in next st, miss 1 st] 12 times, join with sl st in beg 2 ch. 13 htr groups

**Rnd 2:** Sl st in next gap between htr groups, 2 ch, 1 htr in same gap between htr groups, [2 htr in next gap between htr groups] 12 times, join with sl st in beg 2 ch. Fasten off MC.

#### Heel

Attach CC2 in top of beg 2 ch of Rnd 2.

**Row 1:** 1 ch, 6 dc. Turn leaving rem sts unworked. 6 sts

**Row 2:** 1 ch, 6 dc, continuing into unworked ankle sts, 7 dc. Turn. 13 sts

**Rows 3-5:** 1 ch, 13 dc. Turn.

**Row 6:** 1 ch, 4 dc, dc2tog, 1 dc, dc2tog, 4 dc. Turn. 11 sts

**Row 7:** 1 ch, 11 dc. Turn.

**Row 8:** 1 ch, 3 dc, dc2tog, 1 dc, dc2tog, 3 dc. Turn. 9 sts

1 ch, fold row in half, taking the left corner behind the right corner and aligning the stitches. Seam with a sl st, working through both sets of sts. Note that the last stitch is on the fold and is left unworked. Break yarn and fasten off.

#### Foot

The foot is work in rounds that are joined and turned.

**Rnd 1:** With RS facing, join MC at heel seam with sl st and continue to work into side of rows of dc worked in CC2, 2 ch, 1 htr in same st, miss 1 st, [2 htr in next st, miss 1 st] 3 times, 2 htr in next gap

between tr groups on Rnd 2 of ankle, [2 htr in next gap between tr groups] 7 times, continue to work into side of rows of dc worked in CC2, [2 htr in next st, miss 1 st] twice, 2 htr in next st, join with sl st in beg 2 ch. 16 tr groups

**Rnd 2:** Sl st in next gap between htr groups, 2 ch, 1 htr in same gap between htr groups, [2 htr in next gap between htr groups] 3 times, htr4tog across next 2 gaps between htr groups, [2 htr in next gap between htr groups] 5 times, htr4tog across next 2 gap between htr groups, [2 htr in next gap between htr groups] 3 times, join with sl st in beg 2 ch.

**Rnd 3:** Sl st in next gap between htr groups, 2 ch, 1 htr in same gap between htr groups, 2 htr in next gap between htr groups, htr4tog across next 2 gaps between htr groups, [2 htr in next gap between tr groups] 4 times, htr4tog across next 2 gap between htr groups, [2 htr in next gap between htr groups] 4 times, join with sl st in beg 2 ch.

**Rnd 4:** Sl st in next gap between htr groups, 2 ch, 1 htr in same gap between tr groups, [2 htr in next gap between htr groups] 3 times, 4 tr in next gap between htr groups, [2 htr in next gap between htr groups] 3 times, join with sl st in beg 2 ch.

Fasten off MC.

Join CC2 in same st, continue to work in an amigurumi style – in spirals without joining each rnd with a sl st and without a turning chain. Use the stitch marker to show end of rounds, moving up as you work.

**Rnds 5-7:** Pm, dc around. 24 dc

**Rnd 8:** [1 dc, dc2tog] around. 16 dc

**Rnd 9:** Dc around.

**Rnd 10:** [Dc2tog] around. 8 dc

**Rnd 11:** Dc around.

**Rnd 12:** [Dc2tog] around. 4 dc

Fasten off. Thread tail end onto tapestry needle, weave through final sts and pull tight to close.

### Finishing

Weave in ends.

## Flower Garland

DK 3mm

★ Beginner friendly

### Yarn used

DK kit yarn  
white (MC), pink (CC1) and yellow (CC2)

### Tension

Each motif measures 6cm petal to petal

### Hook used

3mm

### Other supplies

tapestry needle

### Size

Kit will make approximately 15 flowers

### Start crocheting

#### Flower motif

**Rnd 1:** With MC, working into a magic ring, 3 ch (counts as a 1 tr), 11 tr into ring, join with sl st in beg 3 ch.

**Rnd 2:** 1 ch, 1 dc in same st, 1 dc, 4 ch, [2 dc, 4 ch] around. 6 4ch-sps

Fasten off MC. Join CC1 or CC2 in any ch-sp.

**Rnd 3:** 1 ch, [1 dc, 1 htr, 1 tr, 2 dtr, 1 tr, 1 htr, 1 dc] in each ch-sp around, join with sl st in first st of rnd.

Fasten off.

#### Garland

With all MC, CC1 and CC2 held together, make crochet i-cord as described on page 16, or simply make a chain as long as need to fit all your flowers on. Sew flowers to garland with your tapestry needle and sew in tail ends from garland.

Try holding more than one strand of yarn together at a time for an interesting effect



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## Love Birds

Designed by **Liz Ward**

 DK  3.5mm

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### Yarn used

DK kit yarn  
white (MC), pink (CC1) and yellow (CC2)

### Tension

Tension is not critical, but should be tight to stop stuffing showing through stitches

### Hook used

3.5mm

### Other supplies

6mm black toy eyes  
tapestry needle  
toy stuffing

### Sizing

8x10cm

### Start crocheting

#### Heart Tail

(Make 1 in CC1 and 1 in CC2)

\*Rnd 1: 6 dc into magic ring. 6 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc into each st around. 12 sts

Rnd 3: Dc around.\*\*

Fasten off.

Rep from \* to \*\* again, but do not fasten off. As you are now going to join the domes.

Rnd 1: dc in the 12 sts of 2nd piece, without breaking yarn dc in the 12 sts of first piece. 24 sts

Rnd 2: [dc2tog, 6 dc] around. 21 sts

Rnd 3: [dc2tog, 5 dc] around. 18 sts

Rnd 4: [dc2tog, 4 dc] around. 15 sts

Rnd 5: [dc2tog, 3 dc] around. 12 sts

Rnd 6: [dc2tog, 2 dc] around. 9 sts

Stuff firmly.

Rnd 7: [dc2tog, 1 dc] around. 6 sts

Rnd 8: [dc2tog] around. 3 sts

Fasten off. Use the same yarn to create a

loop on the top of the heart and anchor the yarn in place with a few stitches before fastening off.

#### Body (make 2)

Rnd 1: With MC, 6 dc into a magic ring. 6 sts

Rnd 2: 2 dc into each st around. 12 sts

Rnd 3: [1 dc, 2 dc in the next st] around. 18 sts

Rnd 4: Dc around.

Rnd 5: [2 dc, 2 dc in the next st] around. 24 sts

Rnd 6: Dc around.

Rnd 7: [3 dc, 2 dc in the next st] around. 30 sts

Rnds 8-13: Dc around. 30 sts

Place marker on Rnd 8

Rnd 14: [dc2tog, 3 dc] around. 24 sts

Insert toy eyes on markd Rnd 8 sts apart

Rnd 15: [dc2tog, 2 dc] around. 18 sts

Stuff firmly.

Rnd 16: [dc2tog, 1 dc] around. 12 sts

Rnd 17: [dc2tog] around. 6 sts

Fasten off and weave in ends.

#### Wing

(Make 2 each in CC1 and CC2)

Chain 5.

Rnd 1: Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc in next st, 1 htr in next, 3 htr in next st, continue to work along opposite side of foundation chain, 1 htr in next st, 1 dc in next st, sl st in last st

Fasten off and sew onto the body using the photo as a guide for positioning

#### Making up

Sew the Heart Tail to the Body using the photo as a guide for positioning.

Sew a few long stitches in a V shape between the eye on each bird to form the beak. Sew in and cut off any loose ends. 

“The little heart tails make great keepsakes in their own right!”



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## Chrysanthemum

 DK  4mm

★ Beginner friendly

### Yarn used

DK kit yarn  
white (A), pink (B) and yellow (C)

### Tension

Each petal measures 3x1.5mm with yarn held double

### Hook used

4mm

### Size

Approximately 12cm wide

### Start crocheting

Rnd 1: Working into a magic ring and with C held double, 8 dc, join with sl st in first st.

Rnd 2: 1 ch, 1 dc in same st, \*6 ch, working into second ch from hook, 1 dc, 1 htr, 2 tr, 1 htr, 1 ch, 1 dc into next st on ring; rep from \* around, join with sl st in first dc of rnd. 8 petals and 8 1ch-sps made

Rnd 3: \*3 ch, 1 dc in next 1ch-sp; rep from \* around. 8 3ch-loops

Rnd 4: \*Sl st into next 3ch-loop, 6 ch, working into second ch from hook, 1 dc, 1 htr, 2 tr, 1 htr, sl st into same 3ch-loop, 3 ch; rep from \* around.

Drop one strand of C and pick up one strand of A, so that you're holding one of each colour. Rep Rnd 4.

Drop second strand of C and pick up another strand of A, so that you're holding A held double.

Rnd 5: Sl st into next 3ch-loop, 7 ch, working into second ch from hook, 1 dc, 2 htr, 2 tr, 1 htr, sl st into same 3ch-loop, 3 ch; rep from \* around.

Drop one strand of A and pick up one strand of B, so that you're holding one of each colour. Rep Rnd 5.

Drop second strand of A and pick up another strand of B, so that you're holding B held double. Rep Rnd 5.

Fasten off and weave in ends. 