

YARNSMITHS

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Merino DK

Crochet

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With a background in graphic design, I have always felt the need to craft - whether it's with fabric, paper, yarn, clay or wood. I was lovingly taught to crochet by my grandmother when I was 9 - we began with clothes for my Barbie! I have continued to crochet throughout my life, but only relatively recently thought about writing my own patterns up for others to use. My designs have featured in Inside Crochet and Simply Crochet and I have also designed for several yarn companies and other businesses focused solely on crochet. I enjoy teaching crochet to small groups or 1 to 1's in my cosy home studio and in other venues. My husband and daughter are learning to embrace my crochet passion, although they are yet to be found playing with yarn (unlike the cat!). You can find me: @aheartshapedcherry (IG and FB) and at www.aheartshapedcherry.com



Primrose Cushion

MATERIALS AND MEASUREMENTS

Yarnsmiths Merino DK		
Yarn A	1	Ball
Yarn B	2	Balls
Yarn C	1	Ball
Yarn D	1	Ball
Yarn E	1	Ball
Yarnsmiths Merino DK Tweeds		
Yarn F	3	Balls
3.75mm Crochet Hook 8 Stitch Markers Yarn Needle Scissors		
Photographed using shades: Yarnsmiths Merino DK Yarn A: Canary Yellow (3166) Yarn B: Off White (3045) Yarn C: Fondant Pink (3390) Yarn D: Fuchsia Pink (3370) Yarn E : Apple Green (3188) Yarnsmiths Merino DK Tweeds Yarn F: Robin Egg Tweed (T3900)		
Approximate size when blocked: 52.5 x 35.5cm including trim. Suitable for a 50cm x 35cm cushion insert.		

Please note that the limitations of the printing process mean the actual colour will not always precisely match the colours in the photograph.

IMPORTANT

Use only the Yarnsmiths yarn specified. We cannot accept responsibility for an imperfect project if any other brand is used.

The quantities of yarn stated are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate.

GAUGE

The tension is not critical for this project however it may affect the yarn quantities required.

ABBREVIATIONS (UK)

Beg - Beginning
BLO - Back loop only
Ch - Chain
Ch-sp - Chain Space
Cont - Continue
Dc - Double Crochet
Dc2tog - Double Crochet two together
Dtr - Double Treble
FLO - Front loop only
FPTR - Front Post Treble
FPDC - Front Post Double Crochet
Htr - Half Treble Crochet
Ltr - Linked Treble
MC - Magic Circle
Rem - Remaining
Rep - Repeat
RS - Right Side
Rnd - Round
Sk - Skip
St(s) - Stitch(es)
STDC - Standing Double Crochet
Sl st - Slip Stitch
SM - Stitch marker
Sps - Spaces
Tr2tog - Treble two Together
Tr - Treble Crochet
WS - Wrong side
YO - Yarn over hook

SPECIAL STITCHES

3TrCl - 3 Treble cluster stitch - *(YO, into St, pull up a loop, YO, pull through 2 Sts on hook), rep * 2 more times, YO, pull Rem 4 Sts on hook

Spike Stitch - Insert hook straight down into a St 1 row below. YO, pull through St, lifting the loop up to the height of your current row. Complete as a Dc.

NOTES

The Primrose cushion is made up of a front and a back - for the front, the primrose and raindrop squares are joined and a border is added, the back gingham section overlaps a narrow placket section onto which crochet buttons are stitched. The front and 2 backs are joined and a border trim is added around the edge.

There are reference photos and a guide on the last few pages to help along with the pattern.

Joining new yarn on a Dc round or row: Unless otherwise stated, join with a Sl st, Ch, start Dc round or row in same St.

FRONT

Primrose Squares (Make 8)

Add stitch markers in Sts marked (SM).

In Yarn A and using a 3.75mm crochet hook make a MC.

Round 1 - (RS) Ch2 (counts as Htr), 14Htr in MC, Sl st to top Ch at beginning of round to join, fasten off. (15sts)

Round 2 - Join Yarn B with STDC in FLO of any St in round 1, Ch2, *(Dc in FLO of next St, Ch2), Rep * 13 times more, Sl st to STDC to join, fasten off. (15Sts, 15Ch-2sps)

Round 3 - Join Yarn C with STDC in BLO of any St in Rnd 1, *(1Htr and 1Tr in same St, 1Tr and 1Htr in next

St, 1 Dc), Rep * 3 more times, 1Htr and 1Tr, 1Tr and 1Htr, Sl st to STDC to join, fasten off. 25 Sts

Round 4 - Join Yarn D with STDC in BLO of any Dc of Rnd 3, (RS and working behind Rnd 3) *(Ch4, 1Dc in BLO into next Dc of Rnd 3), Rep * 3 more times, Ch4, Sl st to STDC to join, do NOT fasten off.
(5Sts / 5Ch-4sps)

Round 5 - Into first Ch-4sp of round 4 *(Sl st, Ch1, 1Tr, 1Dtr, 2Htr, 1Dtr, 1Tr, Ch1, Sl st), Rep * into remaining 4 Ch-4sps, Sl st to first Sl st of Rnd to join, fasten off.
(5 petals)

Round 6 - Join Yarn E with STDC to any Dc of round 4, (RS and working behind petals) Ch5, *(1Dc in next Dc of Rnd 4, Ch5), Rep * 3 more times, (SM) Sl st to STDC to join, do NOT fasten off.

(5Sts / 5Ch-5sp / 1St marked)

Round 7 - *(Leaf Round 1) Ch7, 1Htr into 3rd Ch from hook, continue along Rem 4 Ch with 1Tr, 1Dtr, 2Tr (1 leaf)

Into first Ch-5sp: (SM) Sl st, 4Dc, (SM) Sl st, Rep * (2nd leaf)

Into 2nd Ch-5sp: (SM) Sl st, 2Dc

Into 3rd Ch-5sp: 2Dc, (SM) Sl st, Rep * (3rd leaf)

Into 4th Ch-5sp: (SM) Sl st, 4

Dc, (SM) Sl st, Rep * (4th leaf)

Into 5th Ch-5sp: (SM) Sl st, 4Dc.

(4 leaves / 7 Sts marked)

Continue directly with Rnd 8, working around Sts of leaves round 1 ONLY (NOT Ch-5sps).

Round 8 - Sk first stitch marker, *(Leaf round 2) 4FPTR, 1FPDC, Ch1, 1FPDC, rotate leaf to work 4FPTR around opposite ends of same Sts, Sl st into next marked St, fasten off).

**Rejoin Yarn E in next marked St (beginning of next leaf) Rep *, Rep ** for Remaining 2 leaves.
Remove stitch markers.

Round 9 - One petal will now be placed centrally between two of the leaves - note that this is the top of the primrose square. Start Rnd 9 behind this petal and RS into round 7 Sts. Join Yarn F into first of 4Dc, Ch2 (counts as Htr), 3Htr, *(Ch5 behind leaf, Sk leaf, 1Htr in next 4 Dc), Rep * two more times, Ch5, Sl st to top of Ch-2 at beginning of round to join.
(16 Sts / 4Ch-5sps)

Round 10 - Ch2 (counts as Htr), 3Htr.

***Corner** - In next Ch-sp of round 9, 2Tr, 2Dtr, Ch1, Sl st into one loop of Ch at leaf point, 2Dtr, 2Tr), **4Htr, Rep * and **, Rep * one further time, Sl st to top of Ch-2 at beg of round, fasten off.

(48 Sts, 4 x corner Ch-1sp, Sl sts into leaf points are not counted)

Weave in all ends.

RAINDROP SQUARES

Make 7 in total, 4 where Yarn 1 = Apple Green, Yarn 2 = Off White, and 3 where Yarn 1 = Off White, Yarn 2 = Apple Green)

With Yarn F and 3.75mm hook, make a MC.

Round 1 - Ch3 (counts as Tr), 15Tr, Sl st to top of Ch-3 to join, fasten off. 16Sts

Round 2 - Join Yarn 1 in any BLO St of Rnd 1, *(1Dc in BLO, Ch2), Rep * 15 more times, join with Sl st to beginning of round, fasten off.
(16Sts, 16 Ch-2sps)

Round 3 - Join Yarn F in FLO of any St of Rnd 1, *(1Dc in FLO, Ch3, Sk1), Rep * 7 more times, join with Sl st to beginning of round. (8 Sts, 8 Ch-3-sps)

Round 4 - Sl st to first Ch-3sp, Ch2 (counts as Htr), 4Htr, Sk Dc, *(5Htr in next Ch-3sp, Sk Dc), Rep * 6 more times, join with Sl st to

top of Ch-2, fasten off. 40 Sts

Round 5 - Join Yarn 2 above any Sk Dc and in gap between groups of 5Htr from Round 4, *(1Dc, Ch1, 1Dc in gap, Ch3), Rep * 7 more times, join with Sl st to beg of round, fasten off.

(16 Sts / 8 Ch-1-sps, 8 Ch-3sps)

Round 6 - Join Yarn F in any Ch-1-sp, *(2Dc in Ch-1-sp, 2Htr and 2Tr in next Ch-3sp, work corner as, 1Dtr, Ch1, 1Dtr in next Ch-1sp, 2Tr and 2Htr in next Ch-3sp), Rep * 3 more times, join with Sl st to beg of round, fasten off.

(48 Sts, 4 corners: Ch-1sp)

Weave in all ends and block squares.

JOIN SQUARES

Using the Granny Square layout diagram on the last page, lay the squares as shown. Ensure all the tops of the primrose squares are pointing to the top.

Join squares with RS together and a slipstitch seam in the back loops. Finish by threading the yarn needle with a length of Yarn F and stitching a cross in the corners where the squares meet - a total of 8 crosses.

FRONT BORDER

Round 1 - Join Yarn F in corner Ch-1sp beginning on a long side, *(before leaf 1Dc, Ch2, 1Dc in same Ch-1sp but after leaf), ** (12Dc

in BLO across square, Dc2tog into Ch-1sp corners of adjoining squares), Rep ** 4 more times, Rep *, Rep ** 3 more times ***, Rep from * to ***, join with Sl st to Dc at Beg of Rnd. (212 Sts, /4Ch-2sps)

Round 2 - Ch2 (counts as Htr), work corner as *(1Htr, Ch2, 1Htr in same Ch-2sp), 68 Htr in BLO, Rep *, 42 Htr in BLO**,

Rep from * to **, join with Sl st to top of Ch-2. (220 Sts / 4 Ch-2sps)

Round 3 - Ch2 (counts as Htr in BLO), work corner as *(1Htr, Ch2, 1Htr in same Ch-2sp), 70 Htr in BLO, Rep *, 44 Htr in BLO**,

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Rep from * to **, join with Sl st to top of Ch-2, fasten off. (228 Sts / 4 Ch-2sps)

Round 4 - Join Yarn B in first St on a long side, *(2Dc in BLO, 1Dc in Htr 2 rows down = Spike St), Rep * 22 more times, 1Dc in BLO, work corner as**(1Dc, Ch2, 1Dc), Rep * 14 more times, 2Dc in BLO, Rep ** ***, Rep * 23 more times, Rep from ** to *** one more time, join with

Sl st to Dc at beginning of Rnd, fasten off. (236 Sts / 4 Ch-2sps)

Round 5 - Join Yarn F in first St on a short side, 3Dc in BLO, *(1Dc in between legs of Spike St, 2Dc in BLO), Rep * 13 more times, 3Dc in BLO, work corner as *(1Dc, Ch2, 1Dc), 3Dc in BLO, Rep * 22 more times, 2Dc in BLO, Rep **, 3Dc in BLO, Rep * 14 more times, Rep **, Rep * 22 more times, 2Dc in BLO, Sl st to Dc at beginning of Rnd, do NOT fasten off. (244 Sts / 4 Ch-2sps)

Round 6 - Ch3 (counts as Tr), corner work as *(3TrCl, Ch2, 3TrCl in Ch-2sp), 48Ltr, Rep *, 74Ltr, Rep *, 48Ltr, Rep *, 73Ltr, Sl st to top of Ch-3 at beginning of round, fasten off. (244 Sts / 4 Ch-2sps)

BACK

Gingham

The gingham uses Yarn B, C and D- when changing yarn colours, carry previous yarn tapestry style. Change colour on last pull through of Tr, taking care to keep tension.

In Yarn C and 3.75mm hook Ch48. 48 Sts

Row 1 - WS 1Tr in 4th Ch from hook, *(2Tr, change to Yarn B, 2Tr, change to Yarn C), Rep * 9 more times, 2Tr in Yarn C, change to Yarn B, 3Tr, turn, change to Yarn C, fasten off Yarn B. 46 Sts

Row 2 - 3Tr, change to Yarn D, *(2Tr, change to Yarn C, 2Tr, change to Yarn D), Rep * 9 more times, 3Tr**, turn, change to Yarn C, fasten off Yarn D.

Row 3 - 3Tr, change to Yarn B, *(2Tr, change to Yarn C, 2Tr, change to Yarn B), Rep * 9 more times, 3Tr, turn, change to Yarn C, fasten off Yarn B.

Rows 4 - 37 - Rep rows 2-3

Row 38 - RS Rep row 2, ending at **, fasten off.

GINGHAM BORDER

Round 1 - RS Join Yarn B at beginning of a long side, *(2Dc in each Tr bar across = 76 Sts), corner = **Ch2, 46Dc, Rep **, Rep from * to end one more time, Sl st to Dc at beginning of Rnd, fasten off. Weave in ends.

BUTTON PLACKET

In Yarn F and 3.75mm hook, Ch78.78 Ch.

Row 1 - RS 1Tr in 4th Ch from hook, 1Tr across, turn. (76 Sts)

Rows 2 - 4 - Ch3 (counts as Tr), 1Tr across, turn, fasten off at end of row 4. 76 Sts

JOINING

With the wrong sides together, making sure the front panel is on top and the button placket underneath use stitch markers to match foundation chain edge of placket to bottom edge of front. Place gingham back WS together underneath front, use stitch markers to match top edges of both.

Round 1 - With Yarn F and 3.75mm hook, 1Dc in first St through both front and placket, 75Dc, working into front only: work corner as *(1Dc, Ch2, 1Dc), 2 further Dc into front only, working into BOTH front and corner Ch-2sp of gingham back: 1Dc, 46Dc joining front and gingham back along side edges, Rep *, 76Dc joining front and gingham back along top edges, Rep *, 46Dc joining front and gingham back along side edges, working into BOTH front and corner Ch-2sp of gingham back: 1Dc, 2 further Dc into front only, working into front only Rep *, join with Sl st to beginning of Rnd, fasten off.

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Round 2 - Join Yarn B in first St of a long side, *(1Dc, Ch3, 1Dc, 1Htr & 1Tr in same St, 1Tr & 1Htr in next St), Rep * 18 more times, 1Dc, work corner as**(1Htr, 1Tr, Ch1, 1Tr, 1Htr all in corner Ch-2sp), Rep **, Rep * 12 more times, 1Dc, Ch3, 2Dc, Rep **, Rep from * to end 1 more time, Sl st to Dc at beg of Rnd, fasten off.

FINISHING

With a yarn needle and Yarn F, invisible stitch sides of placket to WS of front ensuring it sits underneath gingham back.

Weave in any remaining ends.

BUTTONS

Make 4. With Yarn B and a 2.75mm crochet hook, make a MR leaving a 20cm yarn tail.

Round 1 - 10Dc in the MR, Sl st to first Dc to join. 10 Sts

Round 2 - Continue Sl st across Rem 9Sts, join with Sl st to first Sl st (Rnd 1), fasten off, leaving a 20cm yarn tail.

Using yarn needle, position tails opposite each other and the MR on WS. Space evenly along indentation of row 2 of button placket and corresponding to gaps in Tr of Gingham, stitch to placket.

Add 35 x 50 cm cushion and fasten buttons.

You have now completed your Primrose Cushion!

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PRIMROSE

Round 1



Round 4 (from front)



Round 8 (beginning round)



Round 2



Round 5



Round 8 (front post stitches)



Round 3



Round 6 (from back)



Round 9



Round 4 (from back)



Round 7



Round 10



**Raindrops
Round 1**



Round 2



Round 3



Round 4



Round 5



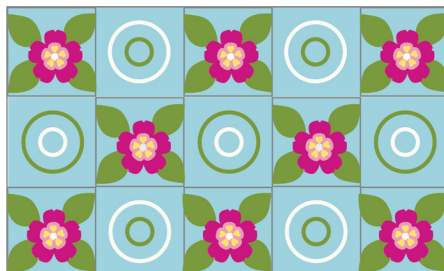
Round 6



Round 6 (alternate square)



Grunny square layout



**Crochet Buttons on Cushion
Back**



Cushion Front Detail

