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# THREE PEAS IN A POD

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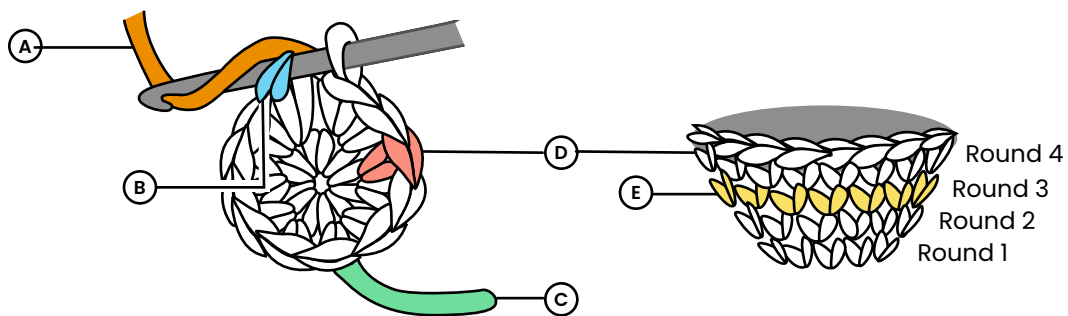
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# Setup

## Materials

| | |
|---|---|
| ① | 4mm crochet hook |
| ② | Stitch marker |
| ③ | 8mm safety eyes |
| ④ | 6mm safety eyes |
| ⑤ | Tapestry needle |
| ⑥ | Poly-fil stuffing |
| ⑦ | Pink aran-weight yarn, 2.5 yds |
| ⑧ | Green aran-weight yarn, 35 yds |
| ⑨ | Scissors (not included) |

## Terminology

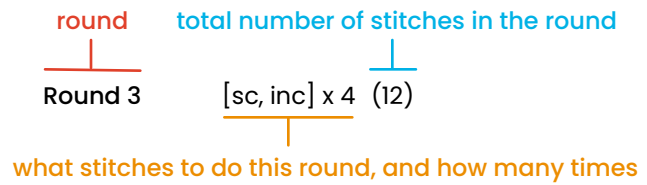| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Ⓐ | **Working yarn** | Yarn connected to the ball of yarn |
| Ⓑ | **Top loops of a stitch** | Where you usually insert the hook, to start the next stitch |
| Ⓒ | **Yarn tail** | End of yarn not connected to the ball of yarn |
| Ⓓ | **Single crochet stitch** | The main stitch used in amigurumi |
| Ⓔ | **Round** | A series of crochet stitches in a circle. This illustrated crochet piece is made of 4 rounds. |

# Abbreviations

Find tutorials for anything underlined at **thewoobles.com/tutorials**

This pattern is written in US terminology, and crocheted in the round.

| | |
|---|---|
| **ch** | chain |
| **sc** | single crochet |
| **inc** | 2 sc in the same stitch of the previous round |
| **dec** | (invisible) decrease |

# How to read the pattern

round      total number of stitches in the round

**Round 3**    [sc, inc] x 4   (12)

**what stitches to do this round, and how many times**

For round 3, repeat the pattern in the brackets 4 times. The pattern is: single crochet in 1 stitch, then increase stitch in the next stitch. Because an increase is actually 2 single crochet stitches in the same stitch of the previous round, the total number of stitches in this round is 12.

If this is your first time crocheting, check out the step-by-step guide at **thewoobles.com/happea-fam**

# Pattern

## Pea

Green yarn. Make 2.

☐ **Round 1**      6 sc in magic loop      (6)

💡 To keep track of where you are, use a stitch marker to mark the beginning of each rnd. Each time you start a new rnd, move the stitch marker to the first stitch of that rnd.

If you're starting with the premade ➡ magic loop, start here

☐ **Round 2**      inc x 6      (12)

☐ **Round 3**      [sc, inc] x 6      (18)

☐ **Round 4-6**      18 sc      (18)

💡 Your work might start curling at this point. For a neater final look, push the middle of your circle until it curves the other way. This makes the "right side" face out. Then keep on crocheting in the same direction as you were.

☐ **Round 7**      [sc, dec] x 6      (12)

Insert the 8mm safety eyes between rounds 4 & 5, with 4 stitches between them. If this toy is for a baby or pet, embroider the eyes instead. Stuff your piece tightly, but not so tight that the stuffing shows between the stitches.

☐ **Round 8**      dec x 6      (6)

Fasten off with a long tail. To close the remaining gap, follow the **Finish a closed piece** instruction in **Techniques**.

## Baby pea

Green yarn.

☐ **Round 1**      5 sc in magic loop      (5)

☐ **Round 2**      inc x 5      (10)

☐ **Round 3**      [sc, inc] x 5      (15)

☐ **Round 4**      15 sc      (15)

Insert the 6mm safety eyes between rnds 3 & 4, with 3 stitches between them. Remember that if this toy is for a baby or pet, embroider the eyes instead. Stuff your piece.
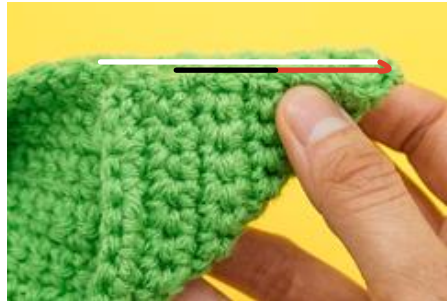
☐ **Round 5**      [sc, dec] x 5      (10)

☐ **Round 6**      dec x 5      (5)

Fasten off, & close the remaining gap.

# Blush

Pink yarn









① Thread a needle with an arm's length piece of yarn. Insert it a little left of the left eye, and out the other side of the sc. Leave a 4 inch tail.

② Insert the needle in the same spot as before (where the tail comes out), and out a little to the right of the right eye.

③ Insert the needle to the left of the sc, and out where the yarn tail comes out.

④ Tie a knot, and weave in both yarn tails.

# Pod

Green yarn

| ☐ Row 1 | ch 33 | (33) |
|---|---|---|
| ☐ Row 2-15 | sc in the 2nd stitch from the hook, and continue to sc until the end of the row. ch 1 and turn. | (32) |

Fasten off and weave in tail ends. See next page for instructions for how to make the peapod ends. Repeat it on both sides.
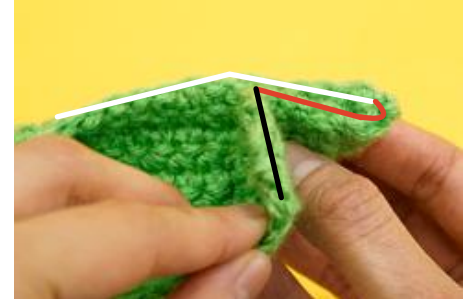
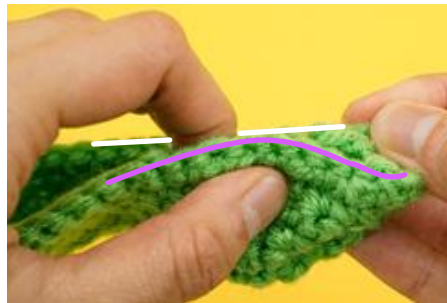1. Lay the piece out so that the rows are horizontal. It should be wider than it is tall.

2. Bring the right edge to the top edge. This creates a triangle with the fold.

3. Bring the upper left corner of the triangle, to the upper right corner of the triangle.

4. If you look at the folds you just made from the top down, it should look a Z.

5. Lastly, bring the bottom edge of the piece to top.

6. Thread a needle with an arm's length piece of green yarn. Insert it through all 4 layers, as far left as possible. Leave a 4 inch tail.

7. Insert the needle in a gap next to where it came out the peapod, and push it through all 4 layers again.

8. Repeat steps #6-7 until the peapod feels secure. Tie a knot with the 2 yarn tails, and weave the tails into the inside of the peapod ends.

# Techniques

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## Single crochet

1. Insert the hook under both loops of the next stitch.

2. Yarn over, and pull through the stitch

3. There should now be 2 loops on your hook.

4. Yarn over.

5. Pull through the remaining loops on the hook...

6. ...And you're done! You should have one loop left on your hook.

## Increase

1. Insert the hook under both loops of the next stitch, and single crochet.

2. Insert the hook into the same stitch, and single crochet again.

This is what a typical completed increase single crochet stitch looks like.

# Add safety eyes

Safety eyes aren't safe for children younger than 3 years old, or pets. If you don't want to use safety eyes, simply embroider them on instead.
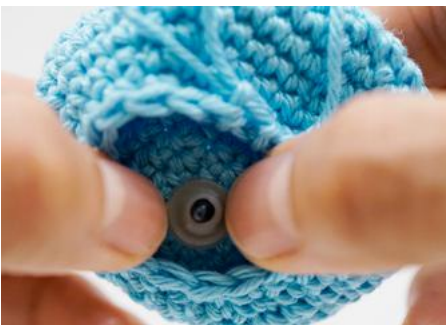


1. Before stuffing the amigurumi, put the bead between 2 stitches, with the right side of your work facing you.



2. Turn the piece over so you can see the end of the bead.



3. Place the washer, flat side toward your piece, onto the bead.



4. Put the safety eye on a table and push down on the washer with both thumbs, so that it cinches the fabric evenly.

# Stuff amigurumi

How you stuff your amigurumi greatly affects its shape – lumpy or smooth, saggy or plump. If you don't add enough, your amigurumi may look sunken in. If you add too much, the stuffing might be seen from the outside of your work. It takes time to learn how much stuffing to put in your work, but don't worry – you'll get a feel for it with some experience.



1. Pull apart a thin piece of polyfil, and shape it into roughly the same diameter as the bottom most point of your work.



2. Put this layer of polyfil in your work.



3. Push down on the polyfil from all angles, to make it consistently flat. Keep adding thin layers of polyfil, adjusting the diameter of it as the diameter of your work changes.

# Decrease



1. Insert the hook under the front loops of the next 2 stitches.



2. Yarn over, and pull through the 2 front loops. There should now be 2 loops on your hook.



3. Yarn over, and pull through the 2 loops on the hook.

# Fasten off with long tail

Finally, the (almost) end of your piece! Before you cut your yarn, measure out at least 6 inches of extra yarn beyond your last stitch. You'll use this yarn to either secure the yarn you've just used or to attach this piece to another.



1. Finish your last stitch, and yarn over.



2. Pull the yarn all the way through the loop on the hook.



3. You'll be left with a knot in the yarn

# Finish a closed piece

When you finish a round piece of amigurumi, there'll likely still be a hole in the middle. Here's how you get rid of it.



1. Cut the yarn to make a tail, and pull it completely through the remaining loops on your hook from the last stitch.



2. Thread a needle and insert it through the front loop of the next stitch, from the outside in. Pull the yarn tight.



3. Repeat step #2 in the stitch immediately to its left.

4. Repeat step #2 in a clockwise order, in as many stitches in the round as necessary to make the gap disappear.



5. Insert the needle in the center of where the gap used to be, and out on the other side of the piece.
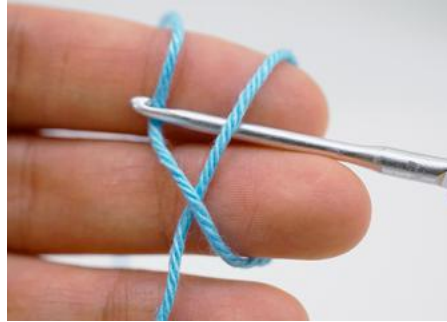


6. Pull the yarn tail tight to smooth the gap. Insert the needle back where it came from, and out on the other side of the piece. Trim the tail, and massage your amigurumi until the tail disappears.

## Magic loop

Magic loops are a common way to start amigurumi. Making it can be quite challenging, so to make your intro to crochet easier, your kit comes with a premade magic loop.



1. Wrap the yarn around your index and middle fingers in an X, so that the working yarn is on top of the tail.
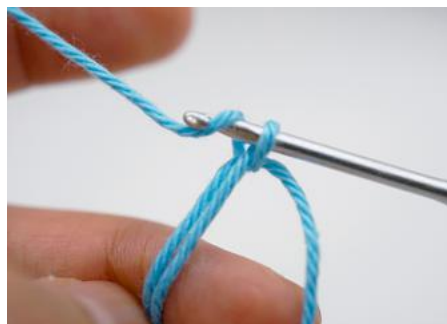


2. Put the hook under the top-right part of the X, and grab the other side of the X.



3. Pull it through the magic loop, and twist it to make a small loop around the hook.
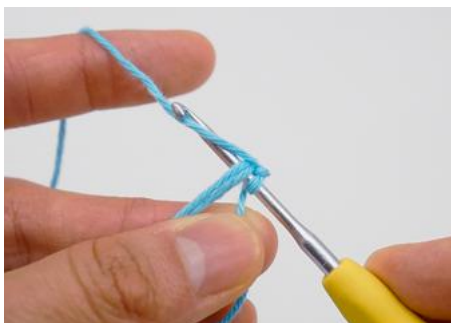


4. Take the magic loop off of your hand, taking care to hold it where the yarn overlaps.
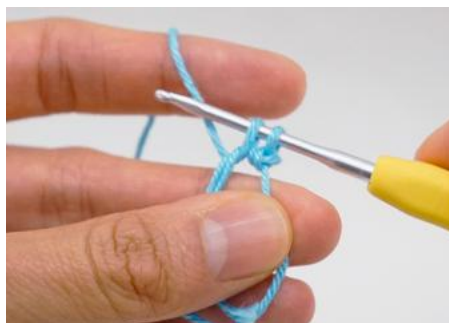


5. Now hold the hook and yarn as you normally would, keeping the tail against the magic loop, to the left of your stitches. Chain 1.



6. This chain doesn't count as one of the stitches in the magic loop.

7. Now you'll make your first single crochet stitch. Insert the hook through the magic loop from the front to the back, under both the magic loop and the tail, and yarn over.

8. Pull the yarn through the magic loop, under both the tail and the magic loop. The hook should have 2 loops, and be in front of the magic loop.

9. Yarn over, and pull through both loops on the hook. This completes your first single crochet in the magic loop!

10. Repeat steps #7-9 until you have as many stitches as the pattern calls for.

11. Tug on the tail to close the hole in the middle of the work. Just like magic 🔮

12. This is an example of a magic loop with 6 single crochets in it.

# Join pieces

Joining an open piece (in yellow) to a closed piece (in blue) with this method makes the seam invisible.

1. Hold the open piece on top of the closed piece. Insert the needle into the closed piece, at a point under the first stitch (the yarn tail). Bring it out under the next stitch. Draw the yarn tight

2. From the bottom up, insert the needle through the next stitch of the open piece.

3. Insert the needle through the following stitch, from the top to the bottom.

4. Insert the needle into the closed piece, at a point under the current stitch and out under the next stitch.



5. Continue steps #2-4 until you make it back to the very first stitch.



6. To secure the stitches, weave in the yarn tail. Insert the needle into the closed piece, at a point under the current stitch and out of the other side of the piece.



7. If you have extra yarn tail, insert the needle back into the point where it came out, and out of a different point on the other side of the piece. Tug on the yarn just enough so that it can't be seen from the outside. Repeat this entire step as many times as you like. I like to do it twice.



8. Cut the yarn tail as close to your piece as possible. If the yarn tail is still visible, just massage your piece until it disappears.

# Finish embroidery

1. When you're done with your embroidery, take the needle out of your piece through the same point as the yarn tail.

2. Take the needle off, and trim the yarn to the same length as the first yarn tail.

3. Tie a knot with the two ends.

4. Thread the needle with both yarn tails. Insert it in the same point that the yarn tails come out of the piece, and out of the other side of the piece. Tug as hard as needed to hide the knot inside the piece.

# Chain

1. Make a slip knot and place it on your hook, with the working yarn behind the hook. Hold the yarn tail tightly near the base of the knot, to make it easier to create the next stitch.

2. Yarn over, and pull through the slip knot.

3. This is a completed chain stitch!