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What you will need:

AUNT LYDIA'S® Classic Crochet Thread, Size 10: 1 ball 458 Purple and 1 ball 012 Black

Susan Bates® Steel Crochet Hook: 1.5mm [US 7]

Stitch markers, tapestry needle, decoupage sealer or white glue, rustproof pins, one dozen 12" (30.5 cm) pipe cleaners or chenille stems, headband

GAUGE: 12 hdc = 1" [2.5 cm]; 5 rows hdc = 1" [2.5 cm]. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

AUNT LYDIA'S® Classic Crochet Thread, Size 10, Art. 154 available in white & ecru 400 yd; solid color 250 yd; shaded color 300 yd balls

SHOP KIT



Floating Bats Headband

Perfect for wearing to an upcoming party, or anywhere you might be this Halloween. Create bats with a bit of crochet thread, stiffen them and then attach to a headband with chenille stems. Bewitching!

Bat measures 2" [5 cm] wide.

Special Stitches

picot = Ch 3, slip st in first ch.

Special Technique

Adjustable Loop

With long side of thread in the palm of your hand, wrap thread around finger. Insert hook under the wrap, grab thread and pull through; ch 1, release circle around finger gently, work the specified number of stitches; pull tail gently to tighten the ring.

Note

Work all stitches in the back loop only unless otherwise indicated.

BAT (Make 3 Purple and 2 Black)

Make an Adjustable Loop and ch 3 (counts as dc).

Round 1 (Right side): Work 6 dc in ring, picot (first ear), 2 dc in ring, picot (second ear), 10 dc in ring, slip st in top of beginning ch-3 to join—19 dc. Leave a small opening in the center of the ring so there is room to insert a pipe cleaner or chenille stem later. Do not fasten off; continue to make First Wing.

First Wing

Row 1: Ch 2 (counts as hdc here and throughout), hdc in same beginning st, 2 hdc in each of next 3 dc; turn—8 hdc.

Row 2: Ch 2, hdc in same beginning st, hdc in each of next 6 hdc, 2 hdc in top of ch-2; turn—10 hdc.

Row 3: Ch 2, hdc in same beginning st, 2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in each of next 6 hdc, 2 hdc in each of next hdc and top of ch-2; turn—14 hdc.

Row 4: Ch 2, hdc in same beginning st, picot, * hdc in next 4 hdc, picot; repeat from * twice, hdc in top of ch-2—15 hdc, 4 picots. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Second Wing

With Right side facing, attach thread in the back loop of the third dc from the second ear.
Rows 1-4: Work same as for First Wing. Fasten off and weave in ends.

FINISHING

Stiffen Bats using decoupage sealer or a mixture of half white glue and half water. Soak each piece in the stiffener, blot the excess, then pin to a blocking board or padded surface, being sure the picots and wing tips are sharp and stand out.

After pieces are dry, wrap the headband with 4-5 pipe cleaners or chenille stems to cover it. Insert one of the wires through the center of a Bat, bending the wire tip back to hold the Bat in place. Referring to photo for placement, leave a length of 3 to 5 inches of wire before wrapping the rest of the wire around the headband to secure it. Repeat with the rest of the Bats, alternating colors.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **cm** = centimeters; **hdc** = half double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; ***** or ****** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.