

Butterfly ~ Honour



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In support of an initiative by the Manchester University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust I have designed a crochet butterfly pattern.

'Comfort Bags' are provided to relatives who are stopping in hospital with their loved ones who are at the end of their life. These bags contain many items such as donated toiletries, a book of poems and a handmade card that can offer comfort at this very difficult time. Butterflies are added to the bags as a keepsake as they have long been a symbol associated with the end of life. Sometimes relatives place the butterflies into the hand of the person that has died, to accompany them when they leave the ward. These are then returned by the funeral directors for the families to keep. Feedback for this initiative has been really positive with families reporting that this has provided them with added support and we hope that you will be able to help.

Should you wish to crochet a butterfly (or a few!) you can post them to the address below and I will forward on.

Cotton Pod

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BL0 9FG *Thank you, Sharon x*



Stitch & Pattern Notes:

The butterfly is made in the round.

Double treble – yarn over twice, insert hook, yarn over and pull loop through, you now have 4 loops on the hook, *yarn over and pull through 2 loops*, repeat ** until you have one loop left on the hook.

Back bump – the back bumps can be found at the back of the chain when you turn the chain over. They run in a ridge formation down the back of the chain. You need to slip stitch into these back bumps when you are making the points on the larger wings.



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Materials & Equipment

5g DROPS Paris* in a variety of shades

4mm crochet hook

Darning needle & small scissors

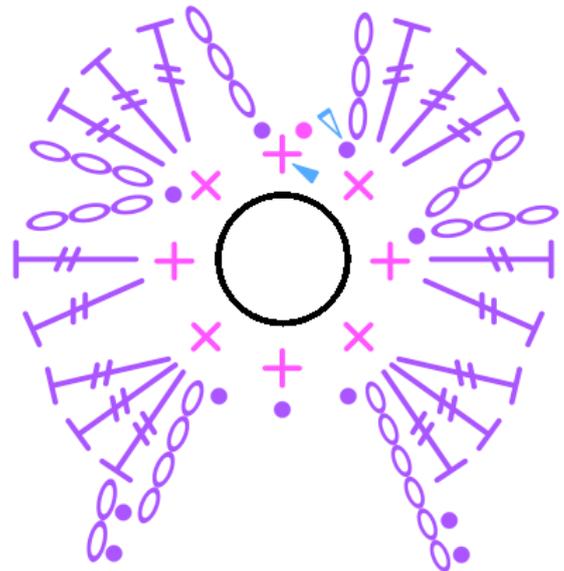
* or any dk or aran weight yarn

Abbreviations

ch chain

dc double crochet

tr double treble crochet



The Pattern

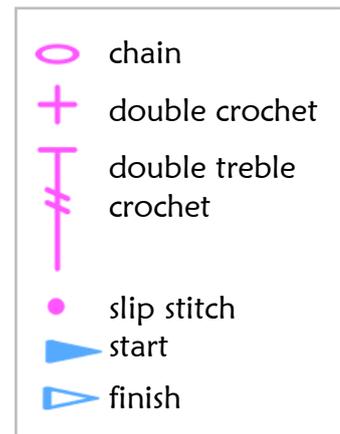
Round 1:

Ch2, 8dc into the first ch, ss into the top of the first dc. [8sts]

Round 2:

Crochet the following stitch combinations into each of the 8 dc stitches:

1. Ss into the first dc stitch,
 2. ch3, 3dtr, ch3, ss, ch3,
 3. 2dtr
 4. 3dtr, ch2, ss into the back bumps of the 2 chains, ch4, ss.
 5. Ss
 6. Ss, ch6, ss into the back bumps of the first 2 chains, 3dtr
 7. 2dtr, ch3, ss, ch3,
 8. 3dtr, ch3, ss
- Fasten off by pulling loop through to the back. Darn in ends.

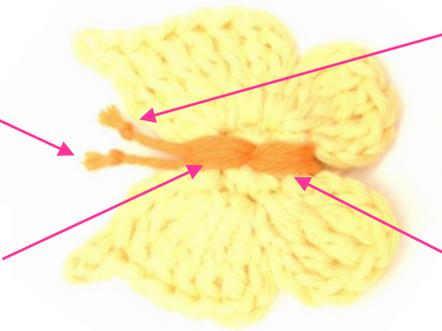


Finishing Touches

Use a different colour thread to sew on the details of the butterfly's body, using the two ends of the yarn to create the antennae. Knot the end of the antennae to prevent fraying.

1. Start here, tie on yarn, leaving end as the antennae.

2. Sew loops from the top and through the centre of the butterfly, 3-4 times



4. Finish by tying a knot at the back, then threading end of yarn up through the centre until it pops out of the top of the butterfly, forming the other antennae. Knot the ends of the antennae, trim.

3. Sew loops from the centre around the bottom of the butterfly, 3-4 times.