# PREMIER® YARNS



# Big Dill Pickle

FREE CROCHET PATTERN

## Big Dill Pickle



**TYPE:** Crochet

**DESIGNER:** Erin Fisher for Premier Yarns

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS:

Length: 14"

Circumference: 111/4"

## **GAUGE:**

11 sc x 12 rnds = 4" unstuffed with larger hook and MC

16 sc x 16 rnds = 4" with smaller hook

and

A, B, C, and D

Save time, check your gauge.

## **HOOKS & NOTIONS:**

- US Size J-10 (6 mm) and US-7 (4.5mm) or size needed to obtain • D: 44-71 Pastel Multi – 1 ball gauge
- Tapestry needle
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- · Removable stitch marker
- Polyester stuffing
- Optional (2) 61/2" length pieces of floral wire (for hat brims)

## **MATERIALS:**

Premier Yarns® Parfait® Chunky (100% Polyester; 3.5oz/100g, 131yds/120m)

MC: Shown in colors 2144-06 Seaweed Salad / 2108-02 Electric Lime / 1150-49 Key Lime - 1 ball per Pickle

Premier Yarns® Home Cotton® Solids & Multis (85% Recycled Cotton, 15% Polyester; Solids: 2.65oz/75g, 131yds/120m; Multis: 1.94oz/55g, 96yds/88m)

- A: 38-01 White 1 ball
- B: 38-16 Black 1 ball
- C: 44-72 Yellow Speckle 1 ball

## SKILLS/TECHNIQUES USED IN THIS PATTERN:

- Chain, slip stitch, single crochet, half double crochet, and double crochet stitches.
- · Magic Ring.
- Seaming and stuffing.
- Working in continuous and turned rounds.
- Increasing and decreasing.

## STITCH GUIDE

Magic Ring: Wrap yarn around your left middle finger twice, leaving a 6" tail. Insert hook under both strands and pull up a loop. Ch 1 and beg working directly into center of ring. This ring can be tightened later by pulling on the yarn tail.

**Invisible single crochet decrease (inv-dec):** Insert hook in front loop only of each of next 2 sts, yo and draw through both sts, yo and draw through 2 loops on hook (1 st dec'd)

**Puff:** [Yo, insert hook and pull up loop] three times, yo and pull through all 7 loops on hook.

## PATTERN NOTES

Worked from the bottom up in continuous rounds, sporadic yet "dill"-iberate **puff** stitches add texture to these kosher cuties. The "bread and butter" of the design is subtle shaping around the middle, while "sweet" accessories made separately adorn this group of gherkins.

Pickle, Bucket Hat, and Baseball Cap pieces are worked in continuous rounds. Do not join at the end of rounds. Use a removable stitch marker to mark the first stitch of the round, and move the marker up with each subsequent round.

## **PICKLE**

With MC and larger hook, make a Magic Ring.

**Rnd 1:** Ch 1 (does not count as a st), work 6 sc in ring - 6 sc. Do not join, work in continuous rnds.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc - 12 sc.

Rnd 3: [2 sc in next st, sc in next 1 sc] around – 18 sc.

**Rnd 4:** [2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sc] around – 24 sc.

**Rnd 5:** Sc in next 16 sc, **Puff** in next sc, sc in last 7 sc - 24 sts.

Rnd 6: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 7: Sc in next 4 sc, Puff in next sc, sc in last 19 sc.

**Rnd 8:** Sc in next 2 sc, **Puff** in next sc, sc in next 8 sts, **Puff** in next sc, sc in last 12 sc.

Rnd 9: Sc in next 23 sc, Puff in last sc.

Rnd 10: Sc in next 18 sc, Puff in next st, sc in last 5 sts.

Rnd 11: Sc in next 8 sc, Puff in next sc, sc in last 14 sts.

Rnds 12-13: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 14: Sc in next 15 sc, Puff in next sc, sc in next 6 sc, Puff in next sc, sc in last sc.

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## **PICKLE CONTINUED**

Rnds 15-16: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 17: Sc in next 6 sc, Puff in next sc, sc in last 17 sc.

Rnd 18: Sc in next 2 sc, Puff in next sc, sc in last 21 sts.

Rnd 19: Sc in each st around.

**Rnd 20:** Sc in next 12 sc, **Puff** in next sc, sc in next 11 sc. Begin stuffing Pickle using polyester filling and continue as you go.

## **BEGIN PICKLE SHAPING**

Rnd 21: Inv-dec, sc in next 11 st, 2 sc in next st, sc in last 10 st.

Rnd 22: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 23: Rep Rnd 21.

Rnd 24: Sc in next 23 sc, Puff in last sc.

Rnd 25: Rep Rnd 21.

Rnd 26: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 27: Rep Rnd 21.

Pickle Shaping ends.

**Rnd 28:** Sc in next 9 sc, **Puff** in next sc, sc in next 7 sc, **Puff** in next sc, sc in last 6 sc.

Rnd 29: Sc in next 6 sc, Puff in next sc, sc in last 17 sts.

Rnd 30: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 31: Sc in next 13 sc, Puff in next sc, sc in last 10 sc.

Rnd 32: Sc in next 2 sc, Puff in next sc, sc in next 17 sts, Puff in next sc, sc in last 3 sc.

Rnd 33: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 34: Sc in next 10 sc, Puff in next sc, sc in last 13 sc.

Rnds 35-36: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 37: Sc in next 4 sc, Puff in next sc, sc in last 19 sc.

Rnd 38: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 39: Sc in next 13 sc, Puff in next sc, sc in last 10 sc.

Rnd 40: [Inv-dec, sc in next 2 sts] around – 18 sc rem.

Rnd 41: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 42: [Inv-dec, sc in next sc] around - 12 sc rem.

Rnd 43: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 44: Inv-dec six times – 6 sc rem.

Fasten off leaving a 6" tail; weave tail through remaining 6 sc and cinch to close.

Weave in ends.

## EYES (MAKE 2)

With B and smaller hook, make a Magic Ring.

Rnd 1: Work 6 sc in ring, fasten off leaving a 6" tail.

Using the long tails and photo as a guide, sew Eyes onto Pickle.

## **VISOR (OPTIONAL)**

## STRAP

With C and smaller hook, ch 37.

**Rnd 1 (RS):** Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in the back bump of each ch across. Being careful not to twist, join with sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn -36 sc.

Rnd 2 (WS): Sc in ea sc around, join with sl st to first sc, ch1, turn.

Rnd 3: Sc in ea sc around, join with sl st to first sc.

Fasten off. Use beginning tail to close small gap at the join.

#### BRIM

**Row 1 (WS):** With C and smaller hook, ch 4 (first 3 chs count as dc here and throughout), 7 dc in 4th ch from hook, turn - 8 dc.

Row 2: Ch 3, dc in same st, 2 dc in next 7 dc, turn - 16 dc.

**Row 3:** Ch 3, dc in same st, [dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc] to last st, dc in last st, turn -24 dc.

Note: If opting for Floral wire, work Row 4 around the wire so it is enclosed between the rows.

**Row 4:** Ch 1 (does not count as sc here and throughout), sc in first and each st across.

Fasten off leaving a 10" tail.

Using tail and with right sides facing each other, whipstitch brim to strap.

## **BUCKET HAT (OPTIONAL)**

## **TOP CIRCLE**

With A and smaller hook, make a Magic Ring.

**Rnd 1:** Work 6 sc into ring – 6 sc.

Rnd 2: [2 sc in next sc] around – 12 sc.

Rnd 3: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] around – 18 sc.

Rnd 4: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc] around – 24 sc.

**Rnd 5:** [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc] around – 30 sc.

**Rnd 6:** [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc] around – 36 sc.

Rnd 7: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc] around - 42 sc.

**Rnd 8:** [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 6 sc] around – 48 sc.

Fasten off.

#### **GRANNY SQUARES (MAKE 6)**

With A and smaller hook, make a Magic Ring.

**Rnd 1:** Ch 1, [3 hdc, ch 2] four times into the ring, join to first hdc with sl st, do not turn - 12 hdc, 4 ch-2 spaces.

**Rnd 2:** SI st to ch-2 sp, [ch 2 (counts as hdc), 2 hdc, ch 2, 3 hdc] in first ch-2 sp, [3 hdc, ch 2, 3 hdc] in next 3 ch-2 sps, join with sI st to top of first hdc, fasten off – 24 hdc, 4 ch-2 corner sps; 8 sts along each edge.

Using mattress st, seam Granny Squares together to form a ring. Seam top edge of Granny Squares to the final Rnd 8 of top circle with sl st.

## **BRIM**

With A and smaller hook, attach yarn with sl st to any st along unseamed edge of Granny Square ring.

**Rnd 1:** Sc in first sc and pm, sc in each st and ch around, do not join -48 sc.

**Rnd 2:** [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 7 sc] around – 54 sc.

**Rnd 3:** [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 8 sc] around – 60 sc.

**Rnd 4:** [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 9 sc] around – 66 sc.

**Rnd 5:** SI st in each sc around.

Fasten off.

## **BASEBALL CAP (OPTIONAL)**

## CAP

With D and smaller hook, make a Magic Ring.

**Rnd 1:** Work 6 sc into ring – 6 sc.

Rnd 2: [2 sc in next sc] around – 12 sc.

Rnd 3: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] around – 18 sc.

Rnd 4: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc] around – 24 sc.

**Rnd 5:** [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc] around – 30 sc.

**Rnd 6:** [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc] around – 36 sc.

Rnd 7: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc] around - 42 sc.

**Rnd 8:** Sc in the blo of each sc around, join with a sl st to first sc.

Rnd 9: Ch 3, dc in next sc and each sc around, join with sl st to first

dc.

**Rnd 10:** Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next dc and each dc around, join with sl st to first sc.

**Rnds 11-12:** Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next sc and each sc around, join with sl st to first sc.

Rnds 13-16: Rep rnds 9-12. Fasten off.

## **BRIM**

With D and smaller hook, work as for Visor Brim. If opting for Floral wire, work Row 4 around the wire so it is enclosed between the rows. Using the tail and with right sides facing each other, whipstitch the brim to the cap.

## **FINISHING**

Add Eye accents using A. Using B, and photo as a guide, embroider mouth. Weave in all ends.

## MEET THE DESIGNER



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ABBREVIATIONS	
beg	begin(ing)
ch	chain
dc	double crochet
meas	measures
МС	main color
patt	pattern
pm	place marker
rem	remain(ing)
rep	repeat(ing)
rnd(s)	round(s)
RS	right side
sc	single crochet
sk	skip
sl st	slip stitch
sp(s)	space(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	wrong side
yo	yarn over