



Age UK Warm house
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Easy - Projects using yarn with basic stitches, repetitive stitch patterns, simple colour changes, and simple shaping and finishing.

Tension is not important, however it is usual to use a smaller hook than you might normally, to prevent any spaces that the stuffing can come out from!
Approx 17st, 20 rows, to 10cm (4")
Using double knit yarn, the house will be approximately 18cm (7") high 23cm (9") wide and 13cm (5") deep – depending on how squishy it is!

You will need:

Any Double Knit Yarn,
I used Woolcraft New Fashion DK
100g/300m/328yds

- Yarn A (pink) 60g
- Yarn B (grey) 30g
- Yarn C (blue) scraps
- 3.5 mm hook
- Needle for sewing up
- toy stuffing

Stitches:

Turning chain is not counted as a stitch; the first dc in each row is worked into the first



stitch.

dc2tog - insert hook into stitch, yarn over and pull through, insert hook into next stitch, yarn over and pull through, yarn over and pull through all three loops.

Construction:

- Start with back wall, make the base then front wall in one strip, work in rows of Double Crochet (dc), the rows before and after the base are worked in the front loop to provide definition. Change yarn and make the Roof in a textured stitch on one side of the strip, then re-attach yarn to make other side of Roof
- Yarn is re-attached to the base, to make the side walls
- Door and windows are made separately then attached. They are also worked in rows, with dc around and sewn on before house is sewn together
- Sides are sewn up then the house is stuffed, the roof crocheted together and chimneys attached.

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Start of Pattern

Using Yarn A, Ch 35

Row 1: working in the bump of the foundation chain (or under 1 loop as you will be adding the roof later) 1dc in 2nd chain from hook, 1dc in each chain, Turn. (34st)

Row 2 - 20: 1ch, 1dc in first st and in each stitch along, Turn.

Row 21: 1ch, 1 dc in front loop of each stitch along, Turn.

Row 22 – 34: 1ch, 1dc in first st and in each stitch along, Turn.

Row 35: 1ch, 1 dc in front loop of each stitch along, Turn.

Row 36 – 53: 1ch, 1dc in first st and in each stitch along, Turn.

Row 54: 1ch, 1dc in first st and in each stitch to last stitch, change to Yarn B in last stitch, Turn.

Row 55: 1ch, (working the following st in back loops only) *1tr, 1dc, repeat from * to end, Turn.

Row 56 - 64: 1ch, *1tr in first st, 1dc in next st, repeat from * to end, (ensure tr is in dc below and dc in tr below) Turn.

Re-attach Yarn B on wrong side of work. Repeat Rows 55-64 for roof.

Re-attach Yarn A at arrow.

Row 1: 1ch, 1dc in each row end, Turn. (13st)

Row 2 - 20: 1ch, 1dc in each st along, Turn.

Row 21: 1ch, dc2tog, 1dc in next 9st, dc2tog, Turn (11st)

Row 22: 1ch, dc in each st along, Turn.

Row 23: 1ch, dc2tog, dc in next 7st, dc2tog, Turn, (9st)

Row 24: 1ch, dc in each st along, Turn.

Row 25: 1ch, dc2tog, dc in next 5st, dc2tog, Turn, (7st)

Row 26: 1ch, dc in each st along, Turn.

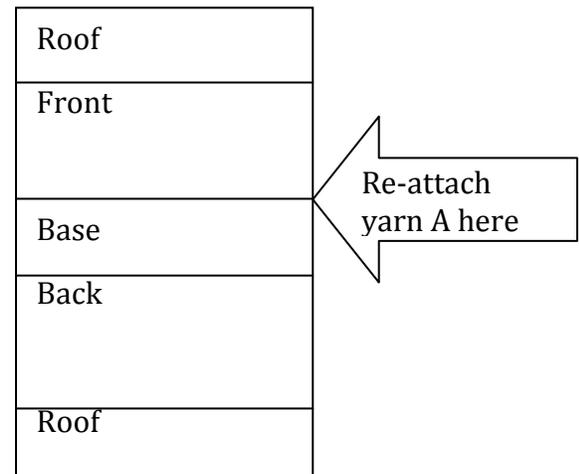
Row 27: 1ch, dc2tog, dc in next 3st, dc2tog, Turn, (5st)

Row 28: 1ch, dc in each st along, Turn.

Row 29: 1ch, dc2tog, dc in next 1st, dc2tog, Turn, (3st)

Row 30: 1ch, dc in each st along, Turn.

Row 31: 1ch, dc3tog, fasten off.



Door

Using Yarn C

Ch 16

Row 1: 1ch, dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end, Turn. (15dc)

Row 2-6: 1ch, dc in each st along, Turn.

Fasten off at end of Row 6

Attach Yarn B to a the bottom of one side. 1ch, dc in each stitch up one side, 3dc in corner, dc in each row end. 3dc in corner, 1dc in each stitch on 2nd side. Fasten off leaving a long end for sewing on (only 3 sides have border).

Window – make 2

Using Yarn C

Ch 7

Row 1: 1ch, dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end, Turn. (16dc)

Row 2-5: 1ch, dc in each st along, Turn.

Fasten off at end of Row 5

Working all around the window - attach Yarn B, make 1ch, then dc in each stitch and each row end, making 3dc in each corner. Slst to join, and fasten off leaving a long end for sewing.

Making up

- Sew door and windows on using either over sewing, or a running stitch within the border.
- Sew up all 4 sides starting from base each time, working from the wrong side. Try to line up the rows so that they match.
- Turn right side out and stuff lightly.
- Attach Yarn B to ridge of roof with the back of the house facing you. Working into both back and front st, dc along roof to join.



Chimneys

There are 2 ways to make the chimneys.

Method 1:

Using Yarn A, Ch14, slst to join and make a circle, being careful not to twist.

Work 3 rounds of 1dc in each stitch, slst to finish and fasten off leaving long end.

Sew onto roof at corner.

Method 2:

Attach yarn A to top of side of house.

Surface dc, 3st along side of roof, 4st from one side of roof to the other, 3st along, other side of roof, and 3st along wall, make 3 rows of dc around, slst to finish and sew in ends.



Add your own embellishments – roses round the door perhaps! Then enter the cold homes week competition – online at www.spreadthewarmth.org.uk before 31st Jan 2015. Happy Crocheting!