

The Crochet Tortoise

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SIZE

To fit an innocent smoothie

YARN

Any DK weight yarn

A: Brown

B: Beige

C: Dark Green

Scraps of black yarn

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YOU WILL ALSO NEED

- A 3.75mm (UK9/USF) Pony crochet hook
- Small amount of toy stuffing
- 2 black beads
- Yarn needle for finishing
- Scissors for finishing

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project

PATTERN NOTES

UK crochet terminology used throughout

ABBREVIATIONS

ch	Chain
dc	Double crochet
dc2tog	Double crochet 2 stitches together
ea	Each
rep	Repeat
ss	Slip stitch
st(s)	Stitch(es)
tr	Treble crochet

PATTERN

Hat

- Using A make 2ch
- Work 6dc in second ch from hook and join in a circle with ss
- **Round 1:** 1ch (counts as 1dc throughout), 2dc in ea dc to end, join with ss. 12 dc
- Break A and join in B
- **Round 2:** 1ch, [1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc] to end, join with ss. 18 dc
- **Round 3:** 1ch, [1dc in ea of next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc] to end, join with ss. 24 dc
- **Round 4:** 1ch, 1dc in ea dc to end, join with ss
- **Rounds 5-9:** As round 4. Break B and join in C
- **Round 10:** 2ch, 2tr in first dc, ss in next dc, [3tr in next dc, ss in next dc] to end, join with ss
- Fasten off

Head

- **Note:** Stuff the head as you go
- Using B make 2ch
- Work 6dc in second ch from hook and join in a circle with ss
- **Round 1:** 1ch, 2dc in ea dc to end, join with ss. 12 dc

- **Round 2:** 1ch, [1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc] to end, join with ss. 18 dc
- **Round 3:** 1ch, work 1dc in ea dc to end, join with ss
- **Round 4:** As round 3
- **Round 5:** 1ch, [1dc in next dc, dc2tog] to end, join with ss. 12 dc
- **Round 6:** 1ch, [dc2tog] to end. 6 dc Fasten off and break yarn leaving a 15cm / 6in tail for closing the top and attaching the head. Stuff firmly using the end of your crochet hook to help

Feet (make 4)

- Using B make 3ch
- Work 11tr into third ch from hook and join in a circle with ss
- Fasten off and break yarn leaving 15cm /6in tail for attaching to the body. Run the tail through the last round of sts with a tapestry needle, add a tiny bit of stuffing to pad lightly, draw up tightly to form a ball. Secure and fasten off

Shell Patches (make 4)

- Using A make 2 ch
- Work 6dc in second ch from hook and join in a circle with ss
- **Round 1:** 1ch, 2dc in ea dc to end, join with ss. 12 dc
Break A and join in B
- **Round 2:** 1ch, [1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc] to end, join with ss. 18 dc Fasten off

MAKING UP

- Attach the head to the front of the body then sew the patches neatly around the outside of the shell
- Sew one foot to each corner of the shell and a bead to each side of the head for eyes

FINISHING

Weave in all ends and trim

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