Please send your completed hats to:

Devizes

The Wool Shed
New Park St
Devizes
SN10 1DY

Salisbury

St Michaels Community Centre
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Salisbury
SP2 9LE

Swindon

Toothill Community Centre
Dunwich Drive
Swindon
SN5 8DH

**Deadline for hats is:
30th September, 2021**

If you would like a thank you, don't forget to include your name and email or postal address

Tel: 0808 196 2424

More knitting patterns are available on our website
www.ageukwiltshire.org.uk

Wiltshire Age UK

Crochet

The Big Knit

Age UK Wiltshire needs your help to knit or crochet 40,000 little hats!

If you can knit or crochet, Age UK Wiltshire needs your help!

The Big Knit is a joint campaign between Age UK and innocent drinks to help vulnerable older people. You knit the hats, innocent drinks wear them and 25p of every drink sold will go to Age UK

Age UK nationally has been tasked with knitting 800,000 hats which will adorn innocent smoothie bottles in February

Age UK Wiltshire has been set a target of 40,000 hats towards this total which we hope will raise £10,000 for our local services.

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.

The Crochet Tortoise
by Val Pierce

SIZE

To fit an innocent smoothie

YARN

Stylecraft Special DK

(100% Acrylic; 295m / 323yds per 100g ball)

A: Walnut (1054)

B: Parchment (1218)

C: Khaki (1027)

Scraps of black yarn

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.

How to crochet a little hat

You will need:

Double knitting yarn
4.5mm crochet hook
A small bobble
A pair of scissors

Instructions:

Make a circle with the yarn by holding the free end and looping round the other end to lie on top of it. Hold this circle with your left hand, make 2ch for height (does not count as a stitch) and work 11htr into the circle, working over the free end and the circle loop together. (There should be enough free end to pull up the circle tightly at the end of the round).

Slip stitch to the first htr to join into a circle. Pull up the free end gently but fairly tightly. This end may be sewn in now or later.

Round 1:

Make 2ch for height (does not count as a stitch) and work 2htr into each htr of previous round. Slip stitch to join as before. (22sts)

Round 2:

Make 2ch for height (does not count as a stitch) and work 1htr into each htr of previous round. Slip stitch to join as before.

Repeat round 2 four more times or until the hat is the desired length. End of the yarn and sew the loose end in.

Finishing:

Add a little bobble to the top

The Crochet Owl
by Val Pierce

SIZE

To fit an innocent smoothie

YARN

Stylecraft Special DK
(100% Acrylic; 295m / 323yds per 100g ball)

A: Silver (1203)

B: Grey (1009)

C: Cream (1005)

Scraps of yellow yarn for beak

YOU WILL ALSO NEED

• A 3.75mm (UK9 / USF) Pony crochet hook
• Small amount of toy stuffing
• 2 small buttons
• Yarn needle for finishing
• Scissors for finishing

TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project.

PATTERN NOTES

UK crochet terminology used throughout.

ABBREVIATIONS

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

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
Round 2: 1ch, [1dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc] to end, join with ss. 18 dc
Round 3: 1ch, [1dc in 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 5-11: As round 4.
Round 12: Work a round of dc from right to left in an anti-clockwise direction to create a corded edge. Join with ss and fasten off.

Wings (made in one piece)

Using B make 2ch.
Work 1dc in second ch from hook, turn.
Row 1: 3dc in next dc, turn. 4 dc
Row 2: 2dc in first dc, 1dc in next dc, 2dc in last dc, turn. 6 dc
Row 3: 2dc in first dc, 1dc in ea dc to last dc, 2dc in last dc. 2 dc increased
Rows 4-7: Rep row 3. 16 dc
Row 8: 3ch, 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in next dc, 1dc in ea dc to end, turn. 18 dc
Row 9: As row 8. 20 dc
Row 10: 2dc in first dc, 1dc in ea dc to last dc, 2dc in last dc. 22 dc
Row 11: As row 10. 24 dc
Row 12: Ss across 4 dc, 1dc in ea dc to last 4 dc, turn. 16 dc
Row 13: [Dc2tog] to end. 8 dc
Row 14: [Dc2tog] to end. 4 dc
Row 15: [Dc2tog] twice. Fasten off.

Eyes (make 2)

Using C 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
Fasten off.

MAKING UP

Attach the eye circles close together on the front of the body. Stitch the wings in place wrapping around the back, stretching slightly to fit and secure either side of the eyes using the picture as a guide. Leave the two wing ends loose. Sew two tiny buttons onto the cream circle eyes. Use a small length of yellow and embroider a beak.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends and trim.