## HOMER PIGEON



## HOWTO BASIC STITCHES

## MAGIC RING



Make a loop with the yarn


Repeat the previous step to get two loops on the crochet hook. Take the yarn and pass it through both loops

Repeat until you have the number if stitches needed

Insert the crochet hook through he first stitch and make a slip stitch to close the ring
Take the yarn with the crochet hook and pass it through the loop

## CHAIN STITCH

With the sliding knot on your crochet hook, cast on the yarn by passing it through the loop.


## DOUBLE CROCHET

Insert the crochet hook through the stitch, hook the yarn and pull it through the loop; there will be 2 loops on the hook. Hook the yarn again and take it through both loops.


## TREBLE CROCHET

Hook the yarn before inserting the crochet hook into the stitch and take it through the loop. Hook the yarn again and take it through the first two loops. Hook the yarn once more and pull it through the two remaining loops.


## HALF TREBLE CROCHET

Hook the yarn before inserting the hook from front to back in the centre of the third chain. Hook the yarn and draw through 3 loops on hook. To repeat hook the yarn, insert hook in the centre of next chain, hook the yarn, draw yarn through stitch, hook the yarn draw yarn through 3 loops on hook.


## TO INCREASE

Increasing is achieved by working two or more stitches in the pattern where there would normally be one stitch worked.


## TO DECREASE

Insert the hook into thee next stitch, wind the yarn round the hook and draw a loop through. Repeat this action into the following stitch (three loops now on the hook). Wind the yarn round the hook and draw it through all three loops.


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## SIZE



## MATERIALS

F234 Happy CottonColour A - 796
Colour B - 767
Colour C - 771
2 balls
I ball
I ball3.00 Hook

Toy stuffing
© 8 mm Safety eyes
Tapestry needle
Stitch marker

## TENSION

Exact tension not essential, keep stitches close together amigurumi style so no stuffing shows through gaps.

## ABBREVIATIONS

These instructions use UK crochet terms throughout - US terms are given in brackets below where applicable
ch - chain
cm - centimetres
dc - double crochet (US single crochet)
dc2tog - (insert hook into next stitch, yoh and
draw through) twice, yoh and draw through 3
loops.
in - inch(es)
mm - millimetres
rnd(s) - round(s)
ss - slip stitch
st(s) - stitch(es)
tog - together
yoh - yarn over hook
HEAD AND BODY
Using B make a magic ring.
Ist Rnd. 7dc into magic ring.
2nd Rnd. 2dc in each dc. 14dc.
3rd Rnd. (Idc, 2dc in next dc) 7 times. 21 dc .
4th Rnd. (2dc, 2dc in next dc) 7 times. 28dc.
5th to IIth Rnd. 28dc.

Change to A.
12th Rnd. (3dc, 2dc in next dc) 7 times. 35dc.
13th Rnd. 35dc.
14th Rnd. (4dc, 2dc in next dc) 7 times. 42dc.
15th Rnd. 42dc.
16th Rnd. (13dc, 2dc in next dc) 3 times. 45dc.
17th to 21 st Rnd. 45 dc .
Insert eyes between 7th and 8th rnds approximately 7 sts apart.
22nd Rnd. (7dc, dc2tog) 5 times. 40 dc .
23rd Rnd. (6dc, dc2tog) 5 times. 35dc.
24th Rnd. (5dc, dc2tog) 5 times. 30dc.
25th Rnd. (4dc, dc2tog) 5 times. 25dc.
26th Rnd. (3dc, dc2tog) 5 times. 20dc.
27th Rnd. (2dc, dc2tog) 5 times. 15dc.
Add plenty of stuffing.
28th Rnd. (Idc, dc2tog) 5 times. IOdc.
29th Rnd. (Dc2tog) 5 times. 5dc.
Fasten off, pick up all the front loops with a needle and pull tight to close.

## BEAK

Using C make a magic ring.
Ist Rnd. 5dc into magic ring.
2nd Rnd. 2dc in Ist dc, 4dc. 6dc.
Fasten off, leave a tail for sewing.

## WINGS (MAKE 2)

Using A make a magic ring.
Ist Rnd. 6dc into magic ring.
2nd Rnd. 2dc in each dc. I2dc.
3rd Rnd. (Idc, 2dc in next dc) 6 times. 18dc.

4th to 8th Rnd. I8dc.
9th Rnd. (Dc2tog) twice, I4dc. 16dc.
10th Rnd. (Dc2tog) twice, I2dc. 14dc.
I Ith Rnd. (Dc2tog) twice, I0dc. I2dc.
12th Rnd. (Dc2tog) twice, 8dc. IOdc.
13th Rnd. (Dc2tog) twice, 6dc. 8dc.
14th Rnd. (Dc2tog) twice, 4dc. 6dc.
Fasten off, do not stuff. Pick up all the front loops with a needle and pull tight to close. Flatten the wing with the decreases at one edge (the decreased edge will be the back edge of the wing).

## LEFT WING TRIM

Using B, attach yarn to front edge of wing with a ss in a space between 2 nd and 3 rd rnds of the wing and then work evenly along front edge of wing as follows:- * (3dc all into space in front edge, ss into space in front edge) 4 times, * finishing with last ss in the 14th rnd of wing.
Fasten off and hide loose ends inside the wing.

## RIGHT WING TRIM

Using B, attach yarn to front edge of wing in a space in the 14th rnd then work evenly along front edge of wing as given from * to * for Left Wing Trim, finishing with last ss between 2nd and 3 rd rnds of the wing.
Fasten off and hide loose ends inside the wing.

## TO COMPLETE

Sew the beak between the eyes.

Positioning the wings at an angle pointing down towards the lower back part of the body, sew the wings flat to the sides of the body with a few sts behind the top of the wing, leaving the lower parts of the wings unsewn.

Using $C$ and 3 sts for each toe embroider bird feet onto the front part of the base of the body (see diagram).


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