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## Welcome to the world of Japanese Crochet!

Crochet has undergone something of a renaissance of recent years in Japan, especially in the making of *komono* (small items) and *zakka* (household goods).

In this collection, you'll find a variety of patterns for *tawashi* (eco pot scrubbers) and *amigurumi* (crochet stuffed toys), all with the cute style which is a signature of Japanese *komono* design. They can also be tweaked and modified to make your own unique designs.

To make these patterns, you'll need to know how to chain stitch, single crochet, increase and decrease, make a magic ring cast on, and for some patterns half-double crochet, double and treble crochet. For more on these techniques, including video tutorials, visit <http://abigailscraftshowto.com>

Happy crocheting!

### Abbreviations:

ch = chain stitch

sc = single crochet

sc2tog = single crochet decrease

sc2 in next st = single crochet increase

hdc = half-double crochet

dc = double crochet

tc = treble crochet

puff stitch – (yo, insert through stitch, yo, yarn through st) 3 times, yarn over and draw through all 7 loops.

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## Part 1

### Tawashi

Tawashi means 'to scrub', and 'eco tawashi' are knit or crocheted dish scrubbies, made from acrylic yarn. Acrylic yarn is amazingly good at cleaning dishes – I have acrylic tawashi that will shift baked-on grease when steel wool won't!

With acrylic tawashi, you need less soap, so they are good for the environment as well as looking really cute in your kitchen. And the cheaper and scratchier the yarn, the better they work, so they're economical too!

Great for using up yarn scraps, tawashi can be made in a wide variety of shapes, and as they are small, they are quick easy projects for beginners and experienced crocheters alike.

### Materials

All you need is acrylic yarn, and a crochet hook in an appropriate size for your yarn. Most tawashi use less than half a skein of yarn.

# Tawashi



## Striped square

chain 16, sc 15 across chain.  
*change colours, sc 2 rows*

Continue in sc, changing colour every 2 rows, for a total of 17 rows, carrying the unused colour up the side of the square, and finishing with the colour you started with.

In the second colour, pick up and single-crochet round the edge, working 3 sc into the 4 corner stitches.

Join with a slipstitch and work a loop (ch8, join with slipstitch)

## Mitred square

Chain 32

sc 14, work the 1st and 3rd stitches from the hook together, sc 15

*Change colour*

ch1, sc13, work the 1st and 3rd stitches from the hook together, sc14

Continue in this way, working one stitch less each half-row and working the first and third stitch in the middle of the row together, changing colour every two rows and carrying the unused colour up the side of the work, until you reach the corner.

Single crochet round the edge, working 3sc into each of the corner stitches, and join the round with a slipstitch.

Work a loop of 8-10 chain stitches and join with a slipstitch.

## Diagonals

ch3, turn, sc2 into next st.

turn, ch1, sc into each of next 2 ch stitches

*Change colour.* Turn, ch1, sc2 into next st, sc2, sc2 into last st

Continue working in sc, increasing at the start and end of every row, and changing colour every 2 rows, until you have 22 stitches.

Now begin to decrease - work in single crochet, working the first and last two stitches of each row together, until one stitch remains.

Single crochet round, working 3 sc into each of the 4 corner stitches, join with a slipstitch, and work a loop of 8-10 chain stitches, joining with a slipstitch.



## Rose

*In colour A*, make magic ring

ch1, sc12 into ring and join round with a slipstitch

ch2, dc1. (ch3, skipping 1 sc, and dc2 into next stitch) 5 times, ch3

*Change to colour B*

ch1 (sc1 in next st. In loop, sc3, dc3, sc2) 6 times

*Change to colour C*

ch 1, sc1, (chain 5 and sc1 into stitch between petals) 5 times, ch 5, join round with slipstitch

ch1 (sc1 in next st. In loop, sc2,dc5, sc2) 6 times

ch 1, sc1, (chain 7 and sc1 into stitch between petals) 5 times, ch 5, join round with slipstitch

ch1 (sc1 in next st. In loop, sc2, dc7, sc2) 6 times, join round

Chain 8 and join loop.

## Sunflower

In brown, make magic ring

In ring, ch2, dc1, (ch2, dc2) 7 times, ch2, join round

In each space, (work puff stitch, ch2) twice. Join round  
sc1. In each space, work puff stitch, and ch3. Join round

Change to yellow

(ch3, tc3, ch3, in loop, sc into next stitch) 14 times, join round  
ch10, join loop with slipstitch.

## Sakura star

In magic ring, ch2, dc1, ch2, (dc2, ch2)  
5 times, join round.

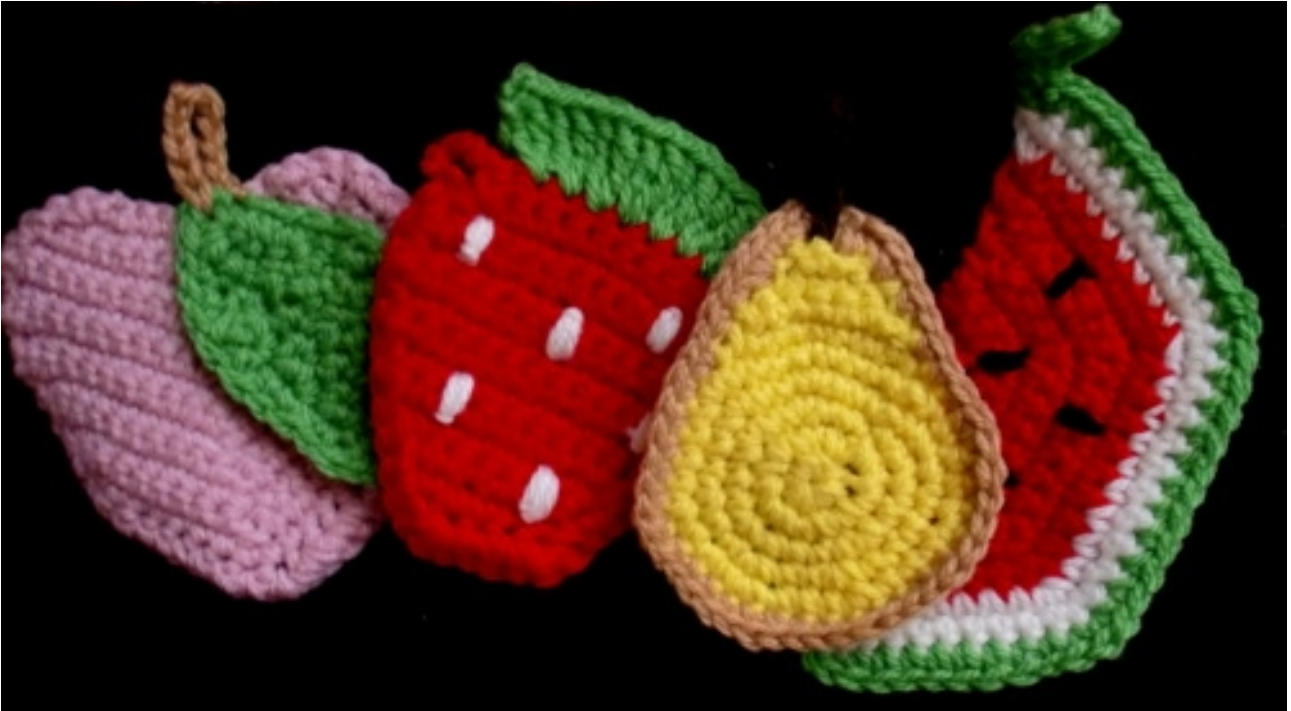
For this round, all stitches are worked  
into the ch2 spaces. ch2, (dc1, ch2,  
dc2, ch1 in same space). (dc2, ch2,  
dc2, ch1) in each space  
*change colour.*

For this round, all stitches are worked  
into the stitches of the previous round.  
ch2, dc2, ch2. (dc3, ch1 skipping one  
stitch, dc3, ch2) 5 times, dc3, ch1, join  
round  
*Change colour*

Working into stitches of previous round, ch2, dc3, (ch2, dc4, dc3 into  
space in round 2, dc4) 5 times, ch2 dc4, dc3 into round 2, join round.

Slipstitch across to corner of hexagon. c10, join loop.





### Strawberry:

*In red*, ch5, turn

sc into 2nd ch from hook, sc3 across, sc2 into last stitch

ch1, sc4 across, sc2 into last st

work in this way, increasing 1 at the end of each row, for 10 rows

sc plain for 2 rows

decrease 1 stitch at start and end of next 2 rows

Single crochet all round, making an 8ch loop at one corner.

*change to green* - along top edge, ch3 and treble crochet into same stitch, tc 2 into one stitch 6 more times.

Weave in ends and embroider seeds in white yarn.

## Watermelon

*In red (or pink), c4, turn*  
sc2 into 1 ch, 3 times  
ch1, (sc1, sc2 into next st) 3 times  
ch1, (sc2, sc2 into next st) 3 times  
ch1, (sc3, sc2 into next st) 3 times  
ch1, (sc4, sc2 into next st) 3 times  
ch1, (sc5, sc2 into next st) 3 times  
ch1, (sc6, sc2 into next st) 3 times  
ch1, (sc7, sc2 into next st) 3 times



*Change to white*

ch1, (sc8, sc2 into next st) 3 times  
ch1, (sc9, sc2 into next st) 3 times

*Change to green*

ch1, (sc10, sc2 into next st) 3 times

Chain 8 and secure loop with a  
slipstitch

Weave in ends and embroider seeds in  
black

## Peach

ch17, turn, sc 7, work next and 3rd stitches from hook together, sc7, sc7  
into last stitch

ch1, sc2 into next st, sc 15, sc2 into last st

ch1, sc2 into next st, sc6, work next and 3rd stitch from hook together,  
sc6, sc2 into last st

ch1, sc2 into next st, sc 15, sc2 into last st

ch1, sc2 into next st, sc7, work next and 3rd stitch from hook together,  
sc7, sc2 into last st

ch1, sc2 into next st, sc 17, sc2 into last st

ch1, sc2 into next st, sc8, work next and 3rd stitch from hook together,  
sc8, sc2 into last st

ch1, sc straight across

ch1, sc2 into next st, sc8, work next and 3rd stitch from hook together, sc8, sc2 into last st

ch1, sc straight across

ch1, sc9, work next and 3rd stitch from hook together, sc9

ch1, sc across

ch1, sc9, work next and 3rd stitch from hook together, sc9

ch1, work next 2 sts together, sc11, work last 2 sts together

ch1, work next 2 sts together, sc3, work next and 3rd sts from hook together, sc3, work last 2 sts together

Sc all round, and join.



### **Leaf**

ch9

sc2 into 1st st, sc1, work next and 3rd stitch from hook together, sc1, sc2 into last st

ch1, sc2 into 1st st, sc1, work next and 3rd stitch from hook together, sc1, sc2 into last st

repeat this row 6 more times

ch1, sc2, work next

and 3rd stitch from hook together, sc2

ch1, sc1, work next and 3rd stitch from hook together, sc1

ch1, work next and 3rd stitch from hook together

sc a border all round.

Working through both peach and leaf, work a loop in brown yarn

## Pear

Make magic loop, c1, sc7 into loop, join  
ch1, sc1 into same st, sc2 into each st  
ch1, sc1 into same st, sc1 (sc2 into same st, sc1) 7 times  
ch1, sc1 into same st, sc2 (sc2 into same st, sc2) 7 times  
ch1, sc1 into same st, sc3 (sc2 into same st, sc3) 7 times  
ch1, sc1 into same st, sc4 (sc2 into same st, sc4) 7 times

ch1, sc7, turn  
ch1, work 2 sts tog, sc4, work last 2 sts tog, turn  
ch1, work 2 sts tog, sc2, work last 2 sts tog, turn  
ch1, work 2 sts tog, work last 2 sts tog

In light brown, work sc round - sc3 into same st at top of pear, and repeat sc5, sc2 into same st round the bottom.  
In dark brown, pick up and sc 3 or 3 sts at the top of the pear, then work a loop - ch8-10 and join with a slipstitch



## Rainbow

*in purple, ch5*  
turn, sc2 into each st  
ch1, (sc2 into next st, sc1) 4  
times

*change to blue*  
ch1, (sc2 into next st, sc2) 4  
times  
ch1, (sc2 into next st, sc3) 4  
times

*Change to green*  
ch1, (sc2 into next st, sc4) 4  
times  
ch1, (sc2 into next st, sc5) 4  
times

*Change to yellow*  
ch1, (sc2 into next st, sc6) 4  
times  
ch1, (sc2 into next st, sc7) 4  
times

*Change to red*  
ch1, (sc2 into next st, sc8) 4 times  
ch1, sc2 into next st, sc9, ch10 then sc into same st, (sc2 into next st,  
sc9) 3 times



## Octopus

Make magic ring, ch1, sc7, slipstitch

ch1, sc1 into same st, (sc2 into same st) x 7, slipstitch

ch1, sc1 into same st, sc1 (sc2 into same st, sc1) x7, slipstitch

ch1, sc1 into same st, sc2 (sc2 into same st, sc2) x7, slipstitch

(ch7, turn, sc9) x4, (sc2 into same st, sc3) x5, slipstitch

ch1, (sc5, sc3 into same st, sc9) 4 times, (sc2 into same st, sc4) x5, slipstitch

ch1, (sc6, sc3 into same st, sc10) 4 times, (sc2 into same st, sc5) x5, slipstitch

embroider eyes, pick up and sc 8 sts in a circle, work in sc for 3 rounds

### Mitt

c4, turn

sc2 into 1 ch, 3 times

ch1, (sc1, sc2 into next st) 3 times

ch1, (sc2, sc2 into next st) 3 times

ch1, (sc3, sc2 into next st) 3 times

ch1, (sc4, sc2 into next st) 3 times

ch1, (sc5, sc2 into next st) 3 times

ch1, (sc6, sc2 into next st) 3 times

ch1, (sc7, sc2 into next st) 3 times

ch20, join at other side with slipstitch, pick up and sc 20 sts along flat edge of semicircle

Work in sc for 10 rows, end with slipstitch

Whipstitch octopus and mitt together



## Ray

(Make 2 - one blue, one white)

ch31  
sc13, sc3tog, sc14  
ch1, sc2 tog, sc11, sc3tog, sc12, sc2 tog  
ch1, sc2 tog, sc9, sc3tog, sc10, sc2 tog  
ch1, sc2 tog, sc7, sc3tog, sc8, sc2 tog  
ch1, sc2 tog, sc5, sc3tog, sc6, sc2 tog  
ch1, sc4, sc3tog, sc5  
ch1, sc3, sc3tog, sc4  
ch1, sc2, sc3tog, sc3  
ch1, sc1, sc3tog, sc2  
ch1, sc3tog, sc1  
sc3tog



Whipstitch white and blue body pieces together  
Pick up and sc 8 sts along back of blue side, ch9  
sc8 along underside of chain, join with slipstitch

## Coral

Make magic ring, ch1 and sc9 into ring, join with slipstitch

Rounds 2-5: Ch1, sc1 into same st. sc 2 into every st, join round with slipstitch

*Change to pink or red*

ch1, sc1 into same st. sc 2 into every st, join round with slipstitch

## Seahorse

c4, turn  
sc2 into 1 ch, 3 times  
ch1, (sc1, sc2 into next st) 3 times  
ch1, (sc2, sc2 into next st) 3 times  
ch1, (sc3, sc2 into next st) 3 times  
ch1, (sc4, sc2 into next st) 3 times  
ch1, (sc5, sc2 into next st) 3 times  
ch1, (sc6, sc2 into next st) 3 times  
ch1, (sc7, sc2 into next st) 3 times

ch1, sc5 in red; sc5, sc2 into next st  
in white. From here, turn at the end of  
each row.

ch1, sc7 in white, sc5 in red.

continuing in red, turn, ch1, sc11, sc2  
into last st  
ch2, dc2, sc11  
ch1, sc8  
ch1, sc next 2 tog, sc6  
ch1, sc5, sc last 2 tog,  
ch1, sc next 2 tog, sc3

do not turn. pick up and sc2, dc2, tc2 into 1 st x2, dc3 into same st, sc1,  
slipstitch

### **Tail:**

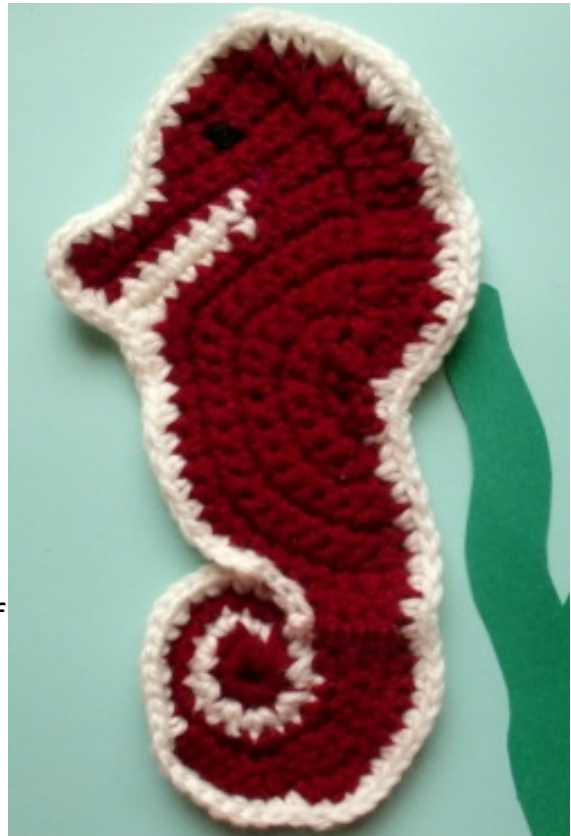
in red, make magic ring and sc10 into ring.

in white, ch1 into 1st st of round one, sc2 into each st of round one (10  
times). Do not cut yarn.

in red, (sc1, sc2 into next st) 10 times.  
Turn, ch1, (sc2, sc2 into next st) 5 times, slipstitch  
turn, sc2 together, (sc3, sc2 into next st) 3 times, sc2  
turn, ch1, (sc4, sc2 into next st) twice, slipstitch.

Sew tail to body and work border as follows

Beginning at end of white round in tail and carrying on in same direction;  
(sc1, sc2 in next st) x5, (sc5, sc2 in next st) x3, sc14, (sc2, sc2 in next  
st) x6, sc6, sc2 in next st, sc7, (sc2 in next st) x2, sc3, sc2 in next st,  
sc8, sc2 in next st, sc2,  
slipstitch edge of tail and body together.



## Starfish

make magic ring,  
ch3, (puff st,  
ch3) 5 times in  
ring, join with  
slipstitch

ch1, (sc1, dc1,  
ch2, dc1, sc1 in  
ring, sc1 in next  
st) x5, slipstitch

ch1, (sc into each  
of next 2 sts, dc2  
ch2 dc2 in loop,  
sc into next 3 sts) x5, slipstitch

ch1, (sc into each of next 4 sts, dc2 ch3 dc2 into loop, sc into next 5 sts) x5, slipstitch.



## Angel fish

ch35  
sc16, sc3tog, sc16  
ch1, sc next 2 sts tog, sc14, sc3tog, sc14, sc last 2 sts tog  
ch1, sc next 2 sts tog, sc12, sc3tog, sc12, sc last 2 sts tog  
*change colour*

ch1, sc next 2 sts tog, sc10, sc3tog, sc10, sc last 2 sts tog  
ch1, sc next 2 sts tog, sc8, sc3tog, sc8, sc last 2 sts tog  
*change colour*

ch1, sc next 2 sts tog, sc6, sc3tog, sc6, sc last 2 sts tog  
ch1, sc next 2 sts tog, sc4, sc3tog, sc4, sc last 2 sts tog  
ch1, sc next 2 sts tog, sc2, sc3tog, sc2, sc last 2 sts tog  
*change colour*

ch2, dc into same st, dc2 into next st, sc3, dc2 into each of next 2 sts  
ch7, turn, sc12, ch7  
sc6, sc3tog, sc5, sc last 2 sts tog  
ch1, sc3, sc3tog, sc4, sc last 2 sts tog  
ch1, sc1, sc3tog, sc2, sc last 2 sts tog  
ch1, sc3tog, sc last 2 sts tog

## Part 2

### Amigurumi

Originating in Japan, and hugely popular worldwide, amigurumi are crocheted or knitted stuffed toys, usually worked in the round. Amigurumi is a compound word made up of the Japanese words 'ami' (knit, crochet or braid) and 'nuigurumi' (literally 'sew and wrap' - refers to many kinds of sewn stuffed toys).

Amigurumi are most often dolls or animals, but can also be made in the form of inanimate objects of all kinds, often with cute faces and features added.

The history of amigurumi is quite vague. The technique may have been brought from China, where crocheted dolls were made since ancient times, but there is not much evidence of them being popular up until ten or twenty years ago. The 1970s saw the explosion of 'kawaii' (cute) culture in Japan, when characters such as Hello Kitty were overnight hits and the Japanese obsession with all things cute really began. In the late 80s, Japanese national broadcaster NHK ran a show titled 'Ami', and the amigurumi craze was born. In 2002, the Japanese Amigurumi Association was founded, to share information and promote amigurumi design.

Nowadays a search for 'amigurumi' on Amazon Japan returns almost 200 pattern books and nearly 300 pattern kits, in Japanese only. This doesn't include the hundreds on hundreds of patterns available in all languages online, mostly by indie designers.

#### Amigurumi materials

Amigurumi are crocheted - or sometimes knit - from yarn. Some favour cotton due to its firm structure, others prefer acrylic due to its cheapness and bright colours, along with being easier on the hands than cotton. They can also be made from wool, which is sometimes felted after crocheting for an even firmer fabric, or novelty yarns to get a particular effect. For example, furry animals can be crocheted from eyelash or fun-fur yarns.

Really, any kind of yarn can be used, provided it isn't too stretchy. The real key is to use a hook or needles 2-3 sizes smaller than would normally be used for that yarn. A tight gauge is important, giving a firm fabric that won't leak stuffing.

Amigurumi are generally stuffed with polyfil or other synthetic fibres, though some people use fabric scraps, wool, or other improvised stuffing. Sometimes polyester beads are added inside the base of the toy to give it weight and stability.

Other materials used can include felt, buttons and beads, for adding features,

and pipecleaners (chenille stems) to make thin pieces such as skinny arms and legs more rigid and poseable.

## Tips for great amigurumi

Amigurumi patterns are pretty forgiving of miscounted stitches, and the occasional mistake design innovation. The real key to great looking amigurumi are:

**Gauge.** You need your fabric to be firm and tight-knit so that your stuffing doesn't show between the stitches, or worse, leak out. Use a hook 2-3 times smaller than normal, and if you are usually a loose crocheter, you can go down in size even more.

**Stuffing.** Take care that your stuffing is even and not lumpy. Stuff as you go if necessary, and stuff limbs and appendages well. A plastic darning needle, with the end of the eye snipped off so it looks like a tiny fork, makes a good tool for stuffing small details.

**Eyes.** It's amazing how eyes can make or break an amigurumi. Whether you choose buttons, beads, safety-eyes, sew-on googly eyes or use embroidery or felt, make sure the eyes are attached securely and professionally, and pay attention to eye placement. Widely spaced eyes about halfway up the head generally look cutest, but spend some time working out where they look best.



## Owl

Make a magic ring cast-on, and make 6 sc into loop  
ch1, sc into same st. 2sc into each sc of previous round (12 sts)  
ch1, sc into same st. sc1 (2sc into next st, sc1) 5 times (18 sts)  
ch1, sc into same st. sc2 (2sc into next st, sc2) 5 times (24 sts)  
ch1, sc into same st. sc3 (2sc into next st, sc3) 5 times (30 sts)  
sc plain for 3 rows  
ch1, (dec into next 2 sts, sc3) 5 times, dec into next 2 sts, sc 2  
ch1, (dec into next 2 sts, sc2) 5 times, dec into next 2 sts, sc1  
ch1, (dec into next 2 sts, sc1) 5 times, dec into next 2 sts

### Stuff

(dec into next 2 sts) 6 times  
thread yarn through all sts, pull tight and secure.

The wings and the feet are made by crocheting 4 small ovals, two brown and two red:

ch4

sc2 into next ch, sc2 across, sc3 into last ch, rotate work and sc3 across, join with slipstitch

sc2 into next ch, sc4 across, sc3 into end st of oval, rotate work and sc5 across, join with slipstitch

Sew the brown ovals to the sides, and the red ovals to the base of your crocheted ball. Embroider a beak in red yarn, and sew on the eyes. Take a length of yarn matching the owl body, and secure it with a few stitches close to one eye. Thread the yarn through inside the owl body, coming out close to the other eye. Pull tight so the eyes are set in and the 'bridge' of the beak is raised, and secure with a couple of stitches, hiding the loose end inside. Finish by adding 2 small ear tufts of brown yarn.

## Pufferfish



In blue, make a magic ring cast-on, and make 6 sc into loop  
ch1, sc into same st. 2sc into each sc of previous round (12 sts)  
ch1, sc into same st. sc1 (2sc into next st, sc1) 5 times (18 sts)  
ch1, sc into same st. sc2 (2sc into next st, sc2) 5 times (24 sts)  
ch1, sc into same st. sc3 (2sc into next st, sc3) 5 times (30 sts)

*Change to white*

sc plain for 3 rows

ch1, (dec into next 2 sts, sc3) 5 times, dec into next 2 sts, sc 2

ch1, (dec into next 2 sts, sc2) 5 times, dec into next 2 sts, sc1

ch1, (dec into next 2 sts, sc1) 5 times, dec into next 2 sts

Stuff

(dec into next 2 sts) 6 times

thread yarn through all sts, pull tight and secure.

With blue yarn, pick up and single-crochet 4 stitches where you want the tail. Turn, chain 1, then make an increase into each stitch. Turn again, chain 1, and increase into every stitch. Draw yarn through last stitch and weave in ends.

Still in blue, pick up and single-crochet 6-8 stitches in a circle for the mouth. Join the round with a slipstitch. Chain 1 and then single crochet plain for one round, join with a slipstitch, thread yarn through last stitch and weave in ends.

## Little Monster

### Body

sc 6 into magic ring, (6 sts)  
sc2 into each st (12 sts)  
(sc1, sc2 in next st) all round, (18 sts)

Work in sc for 14 rounds

sc 9, (sc2 in next st, sc2) 3 times.  
Sc next row plain.  
Sc9, (sc2 in next st, sc3) 3 times.  
sc next row plain  
sc9, (inc1, sc4) 3 times  
sc next row plain.  
sc9, (inc1, sc5) 3 times  
sc next row plain.

(sc4, sc2tog) 6 times  
(sc3, sc2tog) 6 times  
(sc2, sc2tog) 6 times

Stuff body  
(sc1, sc2tog) 6 times  
sc2tog 6 times



Draw yarn through remaining stitches and close

### Eyes

sc 6 into magic ring,  
sc2 into each st  
sc1 sc2 in next st all round,  
sc 1 row  
(sc1, sc2tog) 6 times sc2tog 6 times  
sew to body

### Arms

sc 6 into magic ring,  
sc2 into each st  
sc1 sc2 in next st all round,  
sc 12 rows

Do not close, stuff and sew upper edge to body

## Feet

sc 6 into magic ring,  
sc2 into each st  
sc1 sc2 in next st all round,  
sc 6 rows  
sc2sts tog 6 times  
pass yarn through remaining sts and close.

## Coiled Snake

Make a magic ring and sc 6 into ring  
sc2 into every stitch  
(sc2 into next st, sc1) 6 times  
(sc2 into next st, sc2) 6 times  
Single crochet plain for 5 rounds  
(sc2tog, sc2) 6 times  
(sc2tog, sc1) 6 times (12 stitches)

sc6, hdc6 – repeat this row every round until your snake is about 3 ins shorter than you want it.

sc2tog, sc2, sc2tog, hdc6  
(sc5, hdc5) for 10 rounds



sc2tog, sc1, sc2tog,  
hdc5  
(sc4, hdc4) for 6  
rounds

sc2tog twice, hdc4  
(sc3, hdc3) for 4  
rounds

sc2tog 3 times  
sc plain for 2 rounds

draw yarn through last  
3 stitches, draw closed  
and fasten off. Weave  
in ends, and stitch on  
eyes and tongue.

## Seahorse

### Head:

ch9, join, sc 1 round  
(sc2tog, sc1) 3 times  
sc plain 3 rounds  
sc2 in same st x4, sc2  
(sc2 in same st, sc1)  
x4, sc2  
(sc2 in same st, sc2)  
x4, sc2  
(sc2 in same st, sc3)  
x4, sc2  
(sc2 in same st, sc4)  
x4, sc2 (26 sts)

sc6, hdc14, sc8  
sc6, hdc14, sc8  
sc6, hdc14, sc8  
sc2tog 3 times, hdc14,  
sc2tog 4 times (19 sts)  
sc2tog twice, hdc9,  
sc2tog 3 times (14 sts)

### Neck:

sc2, hdc9, sc3  
sc3, hdc7, sc4  
sc2, hdc9, sc3  
sc3, hdc7, sc4

Stuff head before continuing

### Body:

sc2 in same st twice, hdc9, sc2 in same st 3 times  
sc4, hdc 9 times, sc6  
sc2 into same st 3 times, hdc14, sc2 into same st 4 times  
sc6, hdc14, sc8

(sc2 into same st, sc1) 3 times, sc14, (sc2 into same st, sc1) 4 times  
sc plain 8 rounds

(sc2tog, sc1) 3 times, sc14, (sc2tog, sc1) 4 times  
sc2tog 3 times, sc14, sc2tog 4 times  
sc2 tog 3 times, sc7, sc2tog 4 times  
sc plain 1 round

Stuff body before starting tail



**Tail:**

Add stuffing to tail as you go

(sc3, hdc7, sc4) 12 times

sc2tog, sc1, hdc7, sc2, sc2tog  
(sc2, hdc6, sc3) 8 times

sc2tog, hdc6, sc1, sc2tog  
(sc1, hdc5, sc2) 5 times

sc2tog, hdc4, sc2tog  
(sc1, hdc4, sc1) 3 times

sc2tog 3 times

draw yarn through remaining sts and fasten off.

**Fin:**

ch9, turn

tc into 3rd chain from hook. tc 2 into same st. tc3 into each remaining chain stitch, turn

ch1, sc plain across. Fasten off and sew to back of seahorse.

## Raggedy Bunny

The head and body of this bunny is a classic amigurumi shape which can be adapted to make all sorts of animals and figures



### **Head and body**

sc 6 in magic ring

sc2 in every st

(sc2 in next st, sc1) 6 times

(sc2 in next st, sc2) 6 times

(sc2 in next st, sc3) 6 times

(sc2 in next st, sc4) 6 times  
(sc2 in next st, sc5) 6 times

sc plain for 2 rounds

(sc2tog, sc5) 6 times  
(sc2tog, sc4) 6 times  
(sc2tog, sc3) 6 times

sc plain 12 rounds

Stuff head and body

(sc2tog, sc2) 6 times  
(sc2tog, sc1) 6 times  
sc2tog 6 times  
Draw yarn through remaining stitches and close

### **Arms**

sc 6 in magic ring  
sc2 in every st  
sc plain for 12 rounds  
Stuff well and sew to body just below head

### **Legs**

sc 8 in magic ring  
sc2 in every st  
sc plain for 2 rows

Shape feet - sc2tog 4 times, sc8  
sc plain for 8 rounds  
Stuff and sew to body

### **Ears**

sc 6 in magic ring  
sc2 in every st  
sc plain for 8 rounds  
Do not stuff, and fold longways before sewing on to top of head

## Robot



sc 8 in magic ring  
sc2 in every st  
(sc3 into same st, sc3) 4 times  
(sc3 into same st, sc5) 4 times  
(sc3 into same st, sc7) 4 times  
(sc3 into same st, sc9) 4 times  
(sc3 into same st, sc11) 4 times

sc plain for 10 rows  
(sc3tog, sc11) 4 times  
(sc3tog, sc9) 4 times  
(sc3tog, sc7) 4 times  
(sc3tog, sc5) 4 times  
(sc3tog, sc3) 4 times

sc plain for 8 rows

stuff head and body

split body for legs - sc and join 8 stitches from body

work plain for 6 rows

sc2 in each of next 4 sts, sc4

(sc2 in next st, sc1) 4 times, sc4

sc plain for 2 rounds

sc2tog 8 times, stuff leg

gather and close

pick up 8 remaining stitches of body and work other leg in same way

### **Arms**

sc 8 in magic ring

sc 4 rows plain

sc4, hdc4 - repeat this row 3 times

sc 4 rows plain

stuff and sew to body

## Fifties-inspired Kitty



sc 8 in magic ring

(sc 2 in each of next 3 sts, sc1) twice

sc2, sc 2 in each of next 3 sts, sc4, sc 2 in each of next 3 sts, sc2

sc4, sc 2 in each of next 3 sts, sc7, sc 2 in each of next 3 sts, sc3

sc5, sc 2 in each of next 3 sts, sc10, sc 2 in each of next 3 sts, sc5

sc7, sc 2 in each of next 3 sts, sc13, sc 2 in each of next 3 sts, sc6

sc8, sc 2 in each of next 3 sts, sc16, sc 2 in each of next 3 sts, sc8

sc plain 3 rounds

sc8, sc2tog 3 times, sc16, sc2tog 3 times, sc8

sc7, sc2tog 3 times, sc13, sc2tog 3 times, sc8

sc5, sc2tog 3 times, sc10, sc2tog 3 times, sc8

sc4, sc2tog 3 times, sc7, sc2tog 3 times, sc8

sc2, sc2tog 3 times, sc4, sc2tog 3 times, sc8

(sc2tog 3 times, sc1) twice

sc plain for 4 rounds

Stuff head

(sc2 in next st, sc1) 4 times

sc plain for 2 rows

(sc2 in next st, sc2) 4 times

sc plain for 2 rows

Stuff body

sc2tog 8 times

sc2tog 4 times

draw yarn through remaining sts and close

### **Tail**

sc6 in magic ring

sc plain for 3 rounds

sc3, hdc3, for 3 rounds

sc plain for 3 rounds

hdc3, sc3 for 6 rounds

Stuff and sew to base of body

### **Ears**

sc6 in magic ring

(sc2 in next st, sc2) twice

(sc2 in next st, sc3) twice

(sc2 in next st, sc4) twice

(sc2 in next st, sc5) twice

Do not stuff, sew to top of head with a slight fold

### **Nose**

sc 6 in magic ring

(sc2 in next st, sc1) 3 times

(sc2 in next st, sc2) 3 times

(sc2 in next st, sc3) 3 times

(sc2 in next st, sc4) 3 times

Stuff and sew to front of head in an inverted triangle shape.

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## BONUS!

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### Large Matryoshka

make magic ring and sc8 in ring

(sc2 into each st) x8

(sc2 into 1 st, sc1) x8

(sc2 into 1 st, sc2) x8

(sc2 into 1 st, sc3) x8

(sc2 into 1 st, sc4) x8

(sc2 into 1 st, sc5) x8

(sc2 into 1 st, sc6) x8

(sc2 into 1 st, sc7) x8 (64 sts)

sc plain for 2 rounds

(sc4, sc2tog, sc4, sc2tog, sc5, sc2tog) 3 times, sc4, sc2tog (54 sts)

sc plain for 2 rounds

(sc2 into 1 st, sc8) x6

(sc2 into 1 st, sc9) x6

(sc2 into 1 st, sc10) x6

sc plain 1 round

(sc2 into 1 st, sc11) x6

sc plain for 5 rounds

(sc2tog, sc11) x6

sc plain for 4 rounds

(sc2tog, sc10) x6

sc plain 2 rounds

(sc2tog, sc9) x6

sc plain 1 round

(sc2tog, sc8) x6

(sc2tog, sc7) x6

(sc2tog, sc6) x6

sc plain for 2 rounds

change colour to cream

sc plain for 10 rounds

Fill with stuffing

(sc2tog, sc5) x6

(sc2tog, sc4) x6

(sc2tog, sc3) x6

(sc2tog, sc2) x6

(sc2tog, sc1) x6

(sc2tog) x6

Draw yarn through remaining stitches and close.

## Shawl

ch5, turn

sc2 into 2nd ch from hook, sc3 into next st, sc2 into last st, turn

ch1, sc1 into same st, sc2, sc3 into next st, sc2, sc2 into last st, turn.

ch1, sc1 into same st, sc4, sc3 into next st, sc4, sc2 into last st, turn.

ch1, sc1 into same st, sc6, sc3 into next st, sc6, sc2 into last st, turn.

ch1, sc1 into same st, sc8, sc3 into next st, sc8, sc2 into last st, turn.

ch1, sc1 into same st, sc10, sc3 into next st, sc10, sc2 into last st, turn.

ch1, sc1 into same st, sc12, sc3 into next st, sc12, sc2 into last st, turn.

ch1, sc1 into same st, sc14, sc3 into next st, sc14, sc2 into last st, turn.