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Simple body and hat pieces can be adorned with surface stitches and embroidery!

ROYALTY

The lives of princes and princesses have always captured my imagination. As a little girl, I often played with handmade paper crowns covered in glitter and a brightly coloured carriage toy. As I got older, my fascination spilled over into real life; a trip to London left an impression I'll never forget, seeing the grandeur of Buckingham Palace and the famous Grenadier Guards marching in their red uniforms and big furry hats. While you sip a cup of tea and craft the afternoon away, I hope the fairytale castle, bejewelled tea cosy and cute amigurumi guard projects in this issue bring back happy memories, or whisk you away to the land of make believe.

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WOBBLE BALL AMIGURUMI GUARD

By Nienke Jongstra

Gauge/Tension
21 sts and 26 rows to measure 10 x 10cm over dc using 2.5mm hook; keep sts tight to ensure stuffing does not show through sts

Measurements
14 x 20cm

Abbreviations (UK Terms)
[ ] number of sts on given row/round
blo back loop(s) only: insert hook under back loop(s) only
ch(s) chain(s) or chain stitch(es)
dc double crochet
flo front loop(s) only: insert hook under front loop(s) only
htr half treble crochet
RS right side
ss slip stitch(es)
st(s) stitch(es)
WS wrong side
(......) x times work instructions between brackets the *total* number of times stated

Pattern Notes
Guard is worked using amigurumi method: work sts continuously in a spiral without closing round with a ss. Row-based sections are worked for Jacket Flaps: turn after each row. Body is worked top down, and Hat is worked as a separate piece. From Round 3 of Hat and for Chin Strap, work double stranded. Thread elastic through spaces of Inner Edge to secure Guard over wobble ball once complete.
Change colour in last yarn over hook of st before change as follows: insert hook in st, yoh, pull up loop in previous colour, yarn over hook in new colour and draw new colour through all loops.

Instructions

BODY

Head

Using 2.5mm hook and Yarn A, make magic ring.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc into ring. [6 dc]
Round 2 (RS) 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 (1dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 dc]
Round 6 (2dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc) 6 times. [36 dc]
Round 7 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 dc]
Round 8 (3dc, 2dc in next st, 3dc) 6 times. [48 dc]
Round 9 1dc in each st around.
Round 10 (7dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [54 dc]
Round 11 (4dc, 2dc in next st, 4dc) 6 times. [60 dc]
Round 12 (9dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [66 dc]
Round 13 (5dc, 2dc in next st, 5dc) 6 times. [72 dc]
Round 14 1dc in each st around.
Round 15 (11dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [78 dc]
Rounds 16-25 1dc in each st around.

Upper Jacket Edge

Change to Yarn B.
Round 26 (RS) 1dc in each st around, **turn**.
Row 27 (WS) Ch1 (does not count as st), 39htr blo, (ch1, 1ss blo, ch1), 38htr blo, change to Yarn C, **turn**. [77 htr blo, 1 ss blo, 2 chs]

Jacket

Round 28 (RS) Using Yarn C and working through blo from Round 26, 78dc blo.
Rounds 29-34 (RS) 1dc in each st around.
Round 35 78dc flo.
Round 36 1dc in each st around.
Align ss in next round to sit directly below ss from Round 27; if necessary, add a few more dc to line them up.
Round 37 39dc, 1ss, 38dc, **turn**. [77 dc, 1 ss]

First Jacket Flap

Row 38 (WS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 38dc, turn. [38 dc]
Row 39 (RS) Ch1, skip 1 st, 37dc, turn. [37 dc]
Row 40 Ch1, 37dc.
Row 41 Ch1, skip 1 st, 36dc, fasten off. [36 dc]

Second Jacket Flap

Row 38 (RS) Join Yarn C with ss to next unworked st of Round 37 (back of piece), ch1, 39dc, turn. [39 dc]
Row 39 (WS) Ch1, skip 1 st, 38dc, turn. [38 dc]
Row 40 Ch1, 38dc.
Row 41 Ch1, skip 1 st, 37dc. [37 dc]

Jacket Edge

Ch1, 1ss in each st around total circumference of piece, fasten off, weave in ends.

Inner Jacket Edge

Join Yarn C with ss to back loop of any st from Round 34 of Body.
Round 35 (RS) 78dc blo.
Round 36 (RS) (3dc, ch1, skip 1 dc, 1dc, ch1, skip 1 dc) 13 times, ss to first dc to join. Fasten off, weave in ends.

HAT

Using 4mm hook and Yarn B, make magic ring.
Rounds 1-2 (RS) Repeat Rounds 1-2 of Body. [12 dc]
Join Yarn F and continue to work with Yarns B and F held together.
Rounds 3-11 Repeat Rounds 3-11 of Body. [66 dc]
Rounds 12-28 1dc in each st around.
Fasten off, weave in ends and lightly stuff Hat.

Chin Strap

Using 4mm hook and Yarn D double stranded, ch25, fasten off and weave in ends.

ASSEMBLY

Use photo as a guide. Using Yarn D, embroider border over Upper Jacket Edge using stem st. Using Yarn E, work surface dc Belt between Rounds 34-35: begin with slip knot on hook, insert hook around post of any dc, work dc, repeat in all sts around. Fold last two rounds of Hat to inside. Using Yarn B, stitch in place, then join Hat between Rounds 16-17 of Body and embroider eyes between Rounds 19-20 of Body, 12 sts apart. Using Yarn D, embroider buttons to front of Jacket, detail to centre front of Belt, then stitch Chin Strap to Head, concealing ends beneath Hat. Weave elastic through spaces of Round 36 of Inner Jacket Edge. Place Guard over wobble ball and knot elastic.

TO FINISH

Weave in all ends.

Royal treatment!

KNITTED CROWN TEA COSY

By Cher Marcus

Gauge/Tension

Tension is not critical for this project but different measurements may result in different yarn amounts needed

Measurements

Approx. 23cm high and 22cm wide

Abbreviations

[ ] number of sts on a given row
beg beginning
dec decrease
inc increase
k knit
k2tog knit 2 sts together to decrease by 1 st: insert needle kwise into first two sts and knit them together
kfb knit front and back to increase by 1 st: insert needle into next st, kwise; knit as normal but don't slip st from needle, instead bring needle around to back and knit through back loop of same st
kwise knitwise
p purl
pwise purlwise
rep repeat
RS right side
st(s) stitch(es)
st st stocking st: RS knit, WS purl
tog together
WS wrong side
(.......) times work instructions between brackets the *total* number of times stated

Instructions

MAIN PIECE (MAKE 2)

Using 9mm needles and Yarn A, cast on 20 sts.
Beg with a k row, work 10 rows in st st.
Change to 4.5mm needles and Yarn B.
Next row (RS) (K1, kfb) to end. [30 sts]
Next row (WS) Purl.
Next row (K2, kfb) to end. [40 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 7 rows in st st.
Change to Yarn C.
Beg with a k row, work 2 rows in st st.
Next row (Kfb) to end. [80 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 21 rows in st st.
Dec row (K2, k2tog) to end. [60 sts]
Next row Purl.
Dec row (K1, k2tog) to end. [40 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 3 rows in st st.
Dec row (K2tog) to end. [20 sts]
Next row Purl.
Dec row (K2tog) to end. [10 sts]
Next row Purl.
Dec row (K2tog) to end. [5 sts]
Break yarn and thread through remaining sts, pull tightly to fasten off.

STRAP (MAKE 6)

Using 4.5mm needles and Yarn B, cast on 7 sts.
Row 1 (RS) Slip first st kwise and k to end.
Row 2 (WS) Slip first st pwise and p to end.

Rep Rows 1-2 a further 24 times. [50 rows total]
Cast off.

BOBBLE

Using 4.5mm needles and Yarn B, cast on 15 sts.
Beg with a k row, work 2 rows in st st.
Next row (RS) (Kfb) to end. [30 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 5 rows in st st.
Next row (K1, k2tog) to end. [20 sts]
Next row Purl.
Next row (K2tog) to end. [10 sts]
Next row Purl.
Next row (K2tog) to end. [5 sts]
Break yarn and thread through rem sts, pull tightly
to fasten off.

MEDAL DECORATION (MAKE 4)

Using 4.5mm needles and Yarn B, cast on 5 sts.
Beg with a k row, work 4 rows in st st.
Next row Kfb, k3, kfb. [7 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 3 rows in st st.
Next row Kfb, k5, kfb. [9 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 4 rows in st st.
Next row Knit (for fold line).
Beg with a k row, work 4 rows in st st.
Next row K2tog, k5, k2tog. [7 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 3 rows in st st.
Next row K2tog, k3, k2tog. [5 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 3 rows in st st.
Cast off.

ASSEMBLY

Use mattress st throughout for joining row ends.
Join row ends of Yarn A and B sections together.
Join row ends of Yarn C section from the start of the
dec rows only. Fold Yarn A section in half upwards
and catch in place.
Sew cast on edge of Straps to beg of Yarn B section,
spacing them equally around Tea Cosy.
Join cast-off edges to top of Tea Cosy.
Join row ends of Bobble and stuff lightly. Sew cast on
edges to top of the cosy, covering the Strap joins.
Fold each separate piece of Medal Decoration along
fold line and join row ends, join cast-on and cast-off
edge of each piece. Join the pieces in pairs by sewing
cast-on and cast-off seams together. Lay one pair
over the other and catch in place. Sew a gold button
to the centre. Sew Medal Decoration to centre of
middle Strap.
Sew 5 black buttons to Yarn A section of each side
of Tea Cosy, spacing them equally.
Sew as many sequins as desired to Straps.

TO FINISH

Weave in ends.

*Whole cross stitches and clever blank areas create a striking design*

A castle not so far away
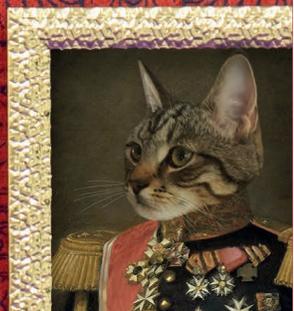
CROSS STITCH CASTLE

By Liz Barraclough

Measurements
14cm diameter design, 17cm diameter framed

Abbreviation
st(s) stitch(es)

Pattern Notes
Design is worked in whole cross sts using two strands, referring to chart for colour placement. It is framed in a hoop and finished with felt backing. Arrows on chart indicate horizontal and vertical centre and each symbol represents one st worked over one fabric block.

Cross st is worked by bringing needle up from bottom left corner of one Aida fabric block over to top right (/) of block, then from bottom right corner across to top left (\). When working vertically, complete first part of each st (/), working up from bottom, followed by second part of each st (\) when working back downwards. To work a row of multiple sts in one colour, make a series of half cross sts (/) as required, then return along the row (\).

Work all top diagonal sts in the same direction. Thread may be carried under sts or across a few blocks at the back of work to move to a nearby area of same colour, but avoid crossing dark thread behind light as it may show through.

Weave thread ends under four or five sts at back of work before trimming excess for neater, flat finish.

Instructions

PREPARE HOOP

Step 1 Fold Aida fabric in half, then half again to mark centre. Place inner hoop on flat surface and position Aida fabric on top with centre of fabric at centre of hoop. Press outer hoop down over fabric and tighten screw while pulling fabric edges to make it taut, taking care not to distort weave.

CROSS STITCH EMBROIDERY

Step 2 Stitch design from centre out using 2 strands of thread.

FRAME

Step 3 Remove fabric from hoop, lay outer hoop on felt, draw around inside edge and cut out circle.
Step 4 Wash and iron if desired, following thread manufacturer's instructions. Once dry, place rectangular felt sheet on top of inner hoop. Place stitching on top. Press outer hoop over both layers, ensuring screw positioned at top of design and an even border. Once satisfied with positioning, tighten screw to secure.
Step 5 Trim excess felt to approx. 2cm and Aida fabric to approx. 5cm. Stitch 1cm from cut edge of Aida fabric using strong sewing thread and running sts, pull to gather and knot to secure. For extra neatness and strength, use a second length of thread to lace across the back (see photo on p10).
Step 6 Use 2 strands of cream stranded cotton to attach the felt circle to fabric at back of hoop using blanket st or whip st.

Loop start*

Buried start*

HOW TO START STITCHING

Use loop start to stitch small, isolated colour areas. Divide length of thread into strands. Fold one strand in half, align ends, thread ends through needle. Hold loop at back of work, bring needle to front, make diagonal st and pass needle through loop to secure thread.

Use buried start for large colour areas. Cut 50cm length, divide into strands, thread needle with two strands. Hold 4cm at back of work, stitching over thread tail for at least the first four or five sts.

Illustrations show back of fabric

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TO FINISH

Step 7 Make hanging loop. Cut 12 x 25cm lengths of cream thread (all 6 strands). Knot together at one end. Secure knot to a surface with tape or safety pin to help keep tension, divide into three equal lengths then make a 15cm 3-strand braid. Thread under screw, knot ends together and trim.

Key

∨	**DMC 807**	Peacock Blue
╱	**DMC 798**	Dark Delft Blue
✳	**DMC 973**	Bright Canary
✛	**DMC 3851**	Light Bright Green
✕	**DMC 701**	Light Green
◇	**DMC 741**	Medium Tangerine
○	**DMC 947**	Burnt Orange
★	**DMC 3731**	Very Dark Dusty Rose
◢	**DMC 349**	Dark Coral
▬	**DMC 326**	Very Dark Rose
•	**DMC 712**	Cream
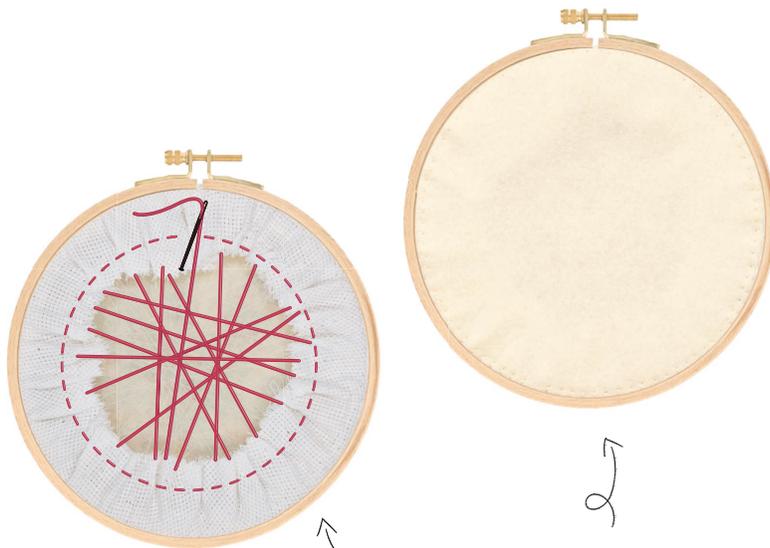
Use gathered running stitches and lacing to secure your stitching, then neaten with a felt circle

Schematic: Cross Stitch Chart
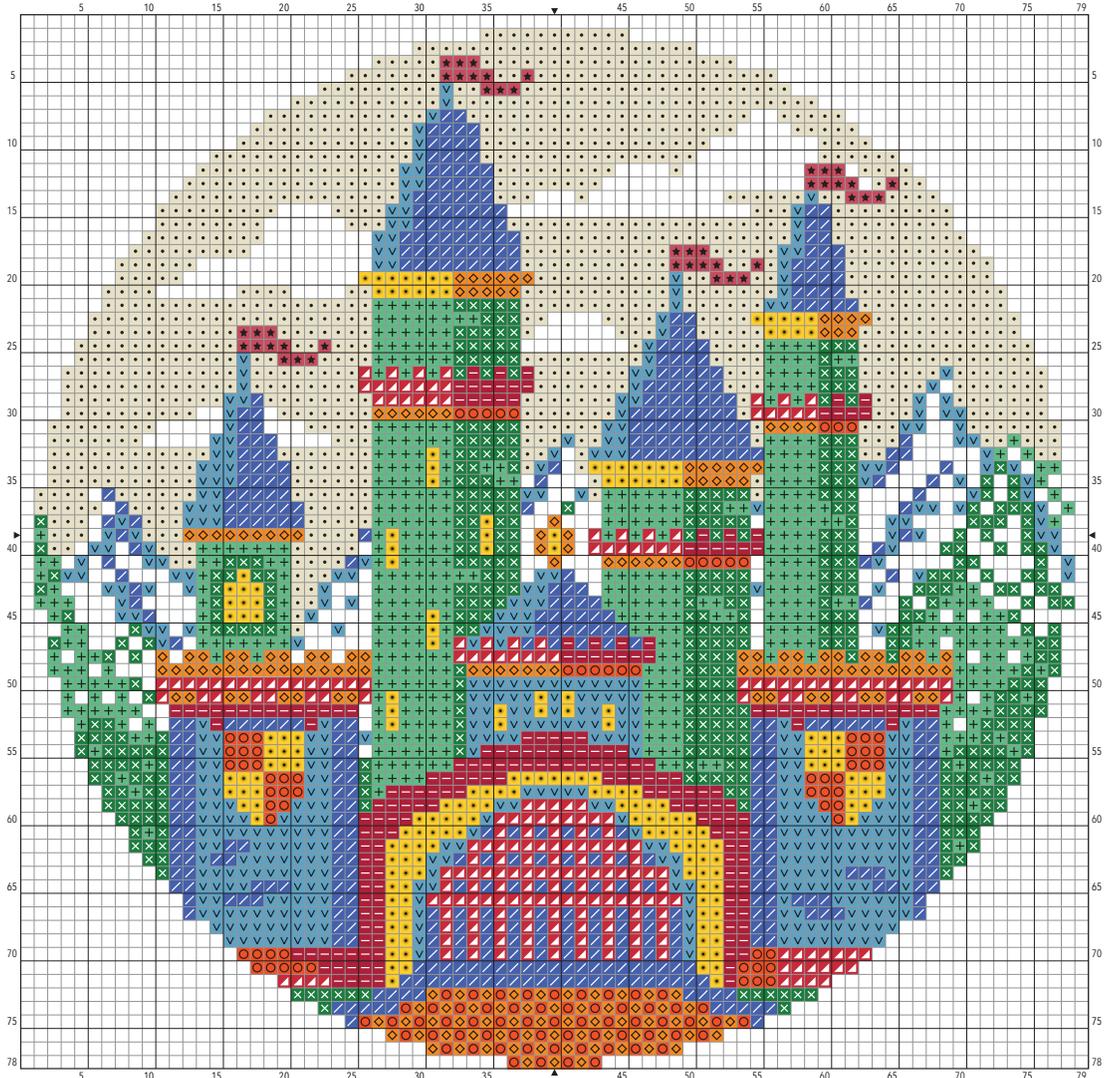
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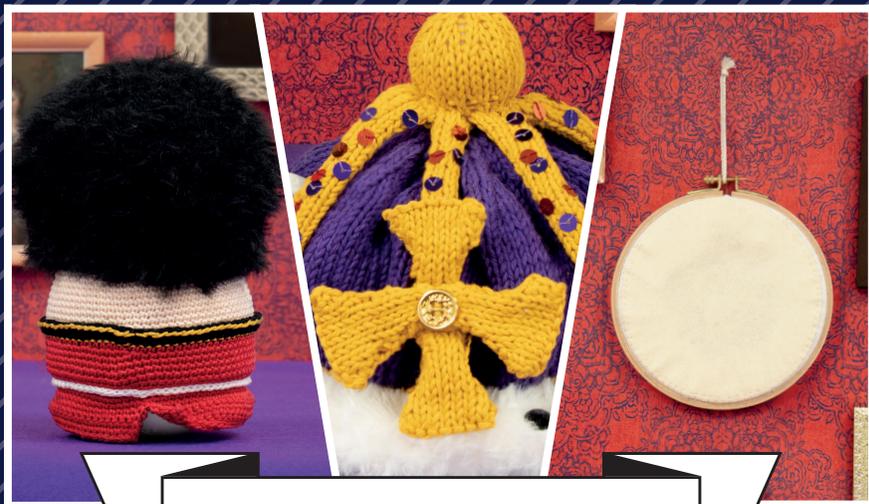
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