

Make a snake

The beaded eyes mean that this is not a toy but it is great fun to make.



Finished size

Length: approximately 28cm

You will need:

- 15g of DK-weight cotton yarn
- 2.5mm and 4mm crochet hooks
- A pair of 8mm safety eyes or a selection of sequins and beads
- Scrap of 4 ply pink or red yarn for the tongue

Body and Head

Body

Make a slip knot in the DK-weight yarn – about 10cm from the end.

Using the 4mm hook, make a **foundation or base chain** 6 chain stitches long.

Work a **slip stitch** into the first chain made, to form a ring.

ROUND 1: work 6 **double crochet (dc)** stitches into the centre of the ring.

This project is worked in a spiral – without joining the last stitch of each round to the first stitch of the round.

Working into the back loop only, [work 1 **treble (tr)** in each of the next 3 stitches, work 1dc in each of the following 3 stitches] 3 times.

Snake sample

The Head and Body have been worked in different shades of yarn. On the Body, the exposed front loops have been embroidered using dark brown yarn and whipped running stitch.

Working into the back loop only, [work 2tr into the next stitch, 1tr in each of the next 2 stitches, work 2dc into the next stitch, 1dc in each of the following 2 stitches].

Working into the back loop only, [work 1tr in each of the next 4 stitches, work 1dc in each of the next 4 stitches] 28 times.

Working into the back loop only, work 1dc in each of the following 16 stitches.

Head

Continue to work in a spiral but work through both top loops to the end of the Head pattern.

Work 1dc in each of the next 8 stitches.

[2dc in the next stitch, 1dc in the next stitch] 4 times.

1dc in each of the next 36 stitches.

[dc2tog across the next 2 stitches, 1dc into the next stitch] 4 times.

If you are using safety eyes, insert the eyes through the fabric at the base of the last round and secure them with the metal discs.

1dc in each of the next 16 stitches.

[dc2tog across the next 2 stitches] 3 times

Fasten off.

Tongue

Make a slip knot in the 4 ply yarn – about 10cm from the end.

Using the 2.5mm hook, work 11 chain stitches. Fasten off.

Rejoin yarn into the fourth chain from the end.

Chain 3 stitches. Fasten off.

Weave in ends.

Using the photograph as reference, attach bead eyes and tongue.

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