

Make a snake

The beaded eyes prevent it from becoming a toy— never-the-less, it is great fun to make.

Finished size

Length: approximately 28cm

You will need:

- 10g of DK-weight cotton yarn.
- 2.5mm and 4mm crochet hooks
- A pair or 7.5mm safety eyes or a selection of sequins and beads
- Scrap of pink yarn for the tongue

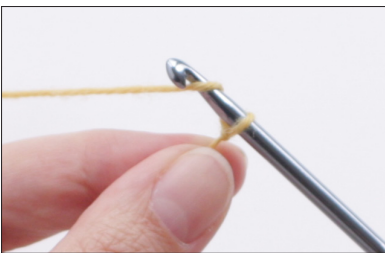
Work the body and head

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



TO MAKE A SLIP KNOT: wrap the yarn around your index finger, draw a strand of yarn through the loop to make a second loop. Insert the hook through the loop.

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

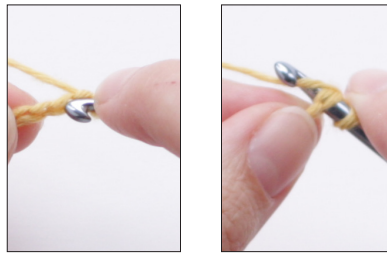


TO MAKE A CHAIN STITCH: wrap the yarn around the hook from back to front and draw the yarn through the loop already on the hook. This creates one chain stitch.

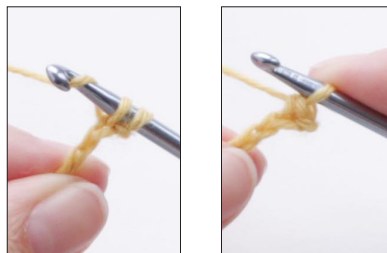
Work a **slip stitch** into the first chain made.

TO MAKE A SLIP STITCH insert the hook into the directed space or stitch, wrap the yarn around the hook from back to front and draw the yarn through both loops.

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



TO MAKE A DOUBLE CROCHET STITCH: insert the hook into the directed space or stitch, wrap the yarn around the hook from back to front and draw the yarn through the fabric; two loops on the hook.

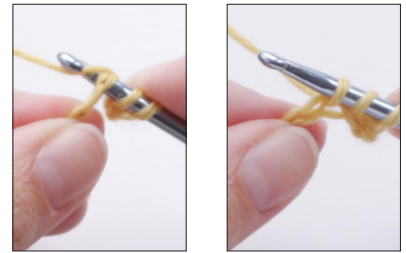


Wrap the yarn around the hook, draw the yarn through both loops on the hook. This creates one double crochet stitch.

Working in a spiral and into the first double crochet stitch, **continue by working through the back loop only to the end of the body pattern**, work 1 double crochet stitch in each of the next 36 stitches.

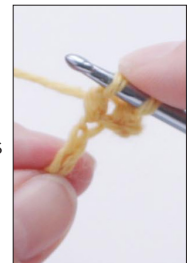
TO WORK THROUGH THE BACK LOOP: the top edge of the previous round of stitches should look like a series of chain stitches. To work through the back loop, insert the hook through the middle of the chain and under the back loop of the chain on the top edge of the directed stitch.

[Work 1 treble (tr) in each of the next 3 stitches, work 1 double crochet (dc) in each of the following 3 stitches] 3 times.



TO MAKE A TREBLE STITCH: wrap the yarn around the hook from back to front, insert the hook into the directed space or stitch, wrap the yarn around the hook from back to front and draw the yarn through the fabric; three loops on the hook. Wrap the yarn around the hook, draw the yarn through the first two loops on the hook.

Wrap the yarn around the hook, draw the yarn through both loops on the hook. This creates one treble crochet stitch.



[Work 2dc into the next stitch, 1dc in each of the next 2 stitches] twice.

TO WORK TWO DOUBLE CROCHET STITCHES IN THE NEXT STITCH:

work one double crochet stitch in the next stitch, then work the second double crochet stitch into the same stitch as the last double crochet stitch.

Work 1tr in each of the following 16 stitches.

*[Work 1dc in each of the next 4 stitches, work 1tr in each of the following 4 stitches] 3 times.

Work 1tr in each of the following 24 stitches.

[Work 1tr in each of the next 4 stitches, work 1dc in each of the following 4 stitches] 3 times.

Work 1tr in each of the following 24 stitches.*

Repeat from * to * once more.

TO ATTACH A NEW LENGTH OF YARN:

as the reverse is not seen, knot the new length of yarn to the old length of yarn as close as possible to the base of the hook and the last stitch, and continue working.

[Work 1dc in each of the next 4 stitches, work 1tr in each of the following 4 stitches] 3 times.

Work 1tr 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 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 st] 4 times.

TO WORK A DC2TOG: insert the hook into the first directed space or stitch, * wrap the yarn around the hook from back to front and draw the yarn through the fabric; two loops on the hook.* Insert the hook into the second directed space or stitch, and repeat from * to *.

Wrap the yarn around the hook, draw the yarn through all the loops on the hook. This creates one double-crochet-two-stitches-together decrease.

1dc in each of the next 16 stitches.

[dc2tog across the next 2 stitches] 4 times.

Fasten off by cutting the yarn 10cm from the last stitch and using the hook to draw the tail through the last loop, draw loop tight.

Work the tongue

Using the 2.5mm hook, make a slip knot in the yarn about 10cm from the end.

Make a **foundation or base chain** 11 chain stitches long. Fasten off.

Rejoin yarn into fourth chain from the end.

Chain 3 stitches. Fasten off.

Weave in ends.

Use the photograph above as reference and attach the safety or bead eyes and tongue.