

The Knit-for-Nowt crochet Worry Caterpillar

Candy the Caterpillar, converted to crochet by Sally and Anne-Marie, from an original knitting pattern donated by Vanessa

For the US terminology version please scroll down the document

Worry Caterpillar UK terminology



Materials

- **Double strand DK, 5mm hook unless otherwise stated**
- **Approved toy stuffing, which should have a BS or CE mark on the packaging**

Body

You will be working from the top of the head downwards.

The colour pattern for the picture on the left is –

Head - 24 rows, 4 blocks of colour, each one 7 rows, 5th block of colour 8 rows.

The colour pattern for the picture on the right is –

Head - 24 rows, 4 blocks - 1 row cream followed by 6 rows colour, 5th block – 1 row cream, 7 rows colour

In red, or whichever colour you prefer

Make a magic circle, or ch3, sl st to join.

1. 6dc into MC (6)
2. 2 dc into each st (12)
3. (2dc into next, 1dc) to end (18)
4. (2dc into next, 2dc) to end (24)
5. (2dc into next, 3dc) to end (30)

6. (2dc into next, 4dc) to end (36)
 7. (2dc into next, 5dc) to end (42)
 8. (2dc into next, 6dc) to end (48)
 9. (2dc into next, 7dc) to end (54)
 10. (2dc into next, 8dc) to end (60)
 11. Dc all round
 12. Dc all round
 13. Dc all round
 14. Dc all round
 15. Dc all round
 16. Dc all round
 17. Dc all round
 18. Dc all round (60)
 19. Dc 20, cut yarn, miss 20sts, rejoin yarn, dc 20
 20. Dc 20, ch20, dc 20 (60)
 21. Dc 60, working into chain (60)
 22. Dc all round
 23. (Dc2tog, dc 8) to end (54)
 24. (Dc2tog, dc 7) to end (48) Change colour at end of this row
 - 25 – 31 Dc all round (48) Change colour at end of row 31
 - 32 – 38 Dc all round (48) Change colour at end of row 38
 - 39 – 45 Dc all round (48) Change colour at end of row 45
 - 46 – Dc all round
 - 47 – Dc all round (48)
 - 48 - (Dc2tog, dc 6) to end (42)
 - 49 - 52 Dc all round (42) Change colour at end of row 52
 - 53 - 57 Dc all round (42)
 - 58 (Dc2tog, dc 5) to end (36)
 - 59 (Dc2tog, dc 4) to end (30)
 - 60 (Dc2tog, dc 3) to end (24)
- Finish off. Leave a long end to either sew up or crochet up after stuffing.

Big lips version – using double DK, 5mm hook, bright colour

There should be 40sts round the mouth opening (20 top, 20 bottom). Join yarn at the end of the mouth, ch1 then dc all round. Work 5 more rounds (6 altogether). Cut yarn, leaving a long end for sewing. Fold lips over and sew each stitch to first row.

Pocket to use with big lips – Single strand DK, 3mm hook

Leave a long tail before starting chain – this will be used to sew pocket to lips.

Ch 37 and join with a slst. Working in a spiral (or joining at the end of each row with a slst, whichever you prefer) work approx. 45 rows in dc. Leave a long tail to join bottom edges with dc later. Turn the tube inside out so that the right side of the work is on the inside and will show when it's sewn into the mouth. Put the pocket inside the body and sew the starting edge to the lips, stretching it to fit. After it is sewn in place round the lips, crochet bottom edges together with a row of dc. **Nb.** This is done after you have sewn the pocket to the lips as you have turned the pocket inside out so the right side shows through the mouth opening.

Zipped mouth version

Work 1 row of dc all around the edge of the mouth, then sew a zipped fabric pocket into mouth opening.

Zipped pocket



Cut a piece of fabric approx. 19cm x 43cm. fold a 1.5cm hem in on each end of the fabric. Match the folded ends to either side of the wrong side of the zip. **Nb.** the pocket will look as if it's made up inside out, but this means that the raw edges will be inside the monster's body and when you put your hand into the pocket the right side will be inside the pocket. Sew the zip into place, then sew up the sides of the pocket making sure that the zip is about 2.5cm down from the top. Put the pocket inside the monster with the right side of the zip matching the mouth opening and sew into place.

Antennae – Using single DK, 3mm hook, make 2

Worked from the top down.

Make a magic circle or ch3, join with a slst

- 1 6dc into MC (6)
- 2 2dc into each st (12)
- 3 (2dc into next, 1dc) all round (18)
- 4 - 5 Dc all round
- 6 (Dc2tog, 1dc) all round (12)
- 7 (Dc2tog, 1dc) all round (8) Change colour at end of this row
- 8 – 20 Dc all round (8)

Stuff antennae

Legs – make 6, single strand DK, 3mm hook

Make a magic circle or ch3, join with a slst

- 1 8dc into MC (8)
- 2 2dc into each st (16)
- 3 (2dc into next st, 1 dc) all round (24)
- 4 Dc all round (24)
- 5 Dc all round
- 6 Dc2tog 8 times, dc in each of next 8 dc (16)
- 7 Dc all round (16)
- 8 Dc2tog 4 times, dc in each of next 8 dc (12)
- 9 - 12 Dc all round (12)

Stuff foot firmly, stuff leg more lightly.

Eyes – single strand DK, 3mm hook

1. In black, 6 dc into MR
2. Inc in each stitch (12) Change to a colour at end of this row

3. (inc, dc1) all round (18)
4. (inc, dc 2) all round (24) Change to white at end of this row
5. (inc, dc 3) all round (30)

Either sew on flat or add some stuffing underneath.

Making up the caterpillar

Stuff body of caterpillar and sew up or crochet up the bottom of the body. **The stuffing you use must have a CE or BS mark on the packaging and be described as suitable for toys. No other stuffing is permitted, owing to safety regulations.**

Sew on eyes and antennae.

Sew on feet, two each side just below the mouth and one each side near bottom of body. Take care not to stitch through the pocket, stitching pocket together – you may prefer to sew on the legs before you stuff the caterpillar, especially if you have made a crocheted pocket. A fabric pocket made of a smooth fabric such as polycotton doesn't get caught in the stitches so easily.

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