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A Year of Free Crafts

24 Handmade Ideas from 2010



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Letter from the Editors

Happy New Year, Readers!

We're looking forward to what the year ahead has in store for us—more free craft giveaways, more craft ideas, tips, tricks, and techniques, and more craft projects than we can possibly finish! But it's also nice to look back at the year and remember some of our favorite things. In this eBook, you can enjoy a collection of your favorite craft projects and patterns from 2010. You'll see a handful of projects from the FaveCrafts *Quick and Crafty* newsletter, the AllFreeSewing *Sewing It Up* newsletter, the AllFreeKnitting *Knit Picky Patterns* newsletter, and the AllFreeCrochet *Hooked on Crochet* newsletter, organized for your crafting convenience.

If you were an avid newsletter subscriber in 2010, you'll probably rediscover some old favorites in the following projects. And if you're new to our crafting family, I hope this collection inspires you to create something new.

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We hope you enjoy reading and creating!

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Your Favorite Crafts

Four-Step Fabric Flowers

By: Jennifer Juniper of Hope Studios

Here is a great little project to liven up your wardrobe: Lovely Fabric Flowers. Embellish a shirt, dress up a pair of heels, or wear it as a pin. These four-step fabric flowers are versatile for everyday dress and a night out.



Materials:

- Synthetic satin/chiffon fabric that will melt
- Candle
- Sharp scissors
- Needle and thread
- Seed beads

Instructions:

1. Begin by cutting several circles from your fabric; these will be your petals. It doesn't have to be perfect, just a general circular shape. The more layers, the fuller your flower! Make each circle a bit smaller than the last - and if you are planning on needing a pair, cut out two of each size at once by folding the fabric in half. This way, your flowers will match.



2. Hold each circle of fabric over the flame until it begins to melt the very edges. Keep it moving, do it quick! It takes a light touch but once you get the hang of it, it's like riding a bike.



Note: See how the melted edges cause the petal to cup? It's cool. It's nestable now! Do you have some stubborn edges that are hard to reach? Try using a hand held lighter like this to catch those trouble spots.



3. Now, nest your petals together. You can stick with one color and texture or mix it up! I got wild and crazy by mixing satin in brown and blue and some chiffon in black.



4. Now, with your needle and thread, sew up through the layers. String three seed beads onto the thread, then stitch back through the layers. You've just attached all your petals and gussied it up a bit. You can hit any odd edges with the hand held lighter after you've finished.



Okay, now you have some lovely fabric flowers...So what? Well, come on, girl! Use your imagination!

Candy Corn Bracelet

By: DecoArt.com

Wear your candy on your sleeve this Halloween with a candy-corn adorned bracelet. This is a quick and easy craft you can pull out of your jewelry box every Halloween.



Materials:

- Americana Gloss Enamels
 - DAG01 - White
 - DAG34 - Lavender
 - DAG67 - Black
 - DAG227 - Bright Yellow
 - DAG228 - Bright Orange
- Americana Brushes
 - DBR2003-B - Round 3
 - DBF3008-B - Shader 8
 - DBF3010-B - Shader 10
- Supplies
 - Foam plate
 - 1 1/4" wide rounded unfinished wood bangle

Instructions:

1. Preparation: Remove all stickers or labels from surface.
2. Use 10 shader brush and Lavender to paint bracelet; let dry.
3. Use liner brush and White to paint elongated triangle with rounded corners for each piece of candy corn; let dry.
4. Use 8 shader brush and Bright Orange to paint stripe across middle of each candy corn; let dry.
5. Use 8 shader brush and Bright Yellow to paint stripe across wide end of each candy corn; let dry.
6. Use end of paintbrush dipped in Black to dot randomly around shapes; let dry.

Canning Jar Lid Turned Snowman

By: DecoArt

Turn a metal canning jar lid into an adorable snowman decoration. Paints and a ribbon make this little frosty a great one for any room. Display him proudly or give him as a gift. It's easy to make.



Materials:

- DecoArt Products Required
- No-Prep Metal Paint
 - DMP01 - Bright White
 - DMP06 - Bright Orange
 - DMP09 - Strawberry Shake
 - DMP20 - Bright Blue
 - DMP32 - Coal Black
- Regular-mouth metal canning jar lid
- Foam plate
- Lo-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- 1/2" flat brush
- Liner brush
- 12" piece of 3/8" wide ribbon
- 10-mm round foam pouncer brush

Instructions:

Note: Let dry after steps 1 through 6.

1. Use flat brush and Bright White to paint top of lid.

2. Refer to photo for placement and use pouncer brush dipped in Strawberry Shake to dot on cheeks.
3. Use end of brush handle dipped in Bright Blue to paint oval dots for eyes.
4. Use liner brush and Bright Orange to paint carrot nose.
5. Use end of liner brush handle dipped in Coal Black to paint row of dots for mouth.
6. Use end of liner brush handle dipped in Bright White to dot highlights on eyes.
7. Fold ribbon with ends uneven. Tie ribbon 2.5" from fold. Refer to photo and place bottom of lid between ribbon loop and glue ribbon scarf in place.
8. Finish item as desired to create ornament, gift tag, pin, or magnet:
9. For pin, attach self-adhesive pin back to upper center at back of completed lid.
10. For magnet, attach 1" piece of self-adhesive magnetic strip to back center of completed lid.
11. For ornament or gift tag, formloop from 10" length of 3/8" wide ribbon and glue between ribbon ends, aligning edges; glue ends to upper center back of lid.

Helpful Tip

We used a new lid with silver finish and minimal lettering. Using lids with printing or colors may require basecoat of Bright White.

Canning Jar Reindeer

By: DecoArt

This cute little reindeer makes for a great ornament to decorate your tree. It's easy to make and you can use household items for it. The base is a canning jar lid. Then you take some paints, add a face and you're done.



Materials:

- DecoArt Products Required
- No-Prep Metal Paint
 - DMP01 - Bright White
 - DMP11 - Real Red
 - DMP29 - Burnt Sienna
 - DMP32 - Coal Black
- Foam plate
- 1" wood split ball, Lara's Crafts U10722
- E6000 industrial strength craft glue
- Lo-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- Craft foam in beige, brown
- Small sharp scissors
- 1/2" flat brush
- Liner brush
- Regular-mouth metal canning jar lid
- [Pattern](#)

Instructions:

Note: Let dry after each step.

1. Use flat brush and Burnt Sienna to paint top of lid.
2. Mix one part Bright White with one part Burnt Sienna. Use mixture to paint split ball.
3. Refer to photo for placement of muzzle and glue flat side of ball to jar lid.
4. Use end of brush handle dipped in Bright White to paint ovals for eyes.
5. Use end of brush handle dipped in Real Red to dot nose on muzzle.
6. Use liner brush and Coal Black to paint line for mouth and dots for pupils of eyes.
7. Trace and cut two ear patterns from brown foam; cut two antler patterns from beige foam.
8. Refer to photo for placement and use glue gun to attach ears to back edge of lid; glue antlers behind ears on back of lid.
9. Finish item as desired to create ornament, gift tag, pin, or magnet:

Pin: attach self-adhesive pin back to upper center at back of completed lid;

Magnet: attach 1" piece of self-adhesive magnetic strip to back center of completed lid;

Ornament or gift tag: form loop from 10" length of 3/8" wide ribbon and glue between ribbon ends, aligning edges; glue ends to upper center back of lid.

Helpful Tip

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Snowman Bead Earrings

By: Karen Mitchell and Ann Mitchell, AnKara Designs for Amaco

These cute, homemade snowmen bring a little fun to the coldest time of year.



Materials:

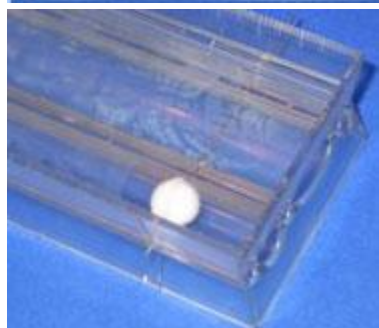
- FIMO® Soft polymer clay: Metallic White, Metallic Red, Metallic Green, Black, a pinch of Mandarin Orange
- Liquid FIMO® Decorating Gel
- AMACO® Fun Wire - 24 gauge black
- Two silver tone 2" eye pins
- Two silver tone lever back earring hooks
- AMACO® polymer clay and craft oven
- AMACO® pasta machine
- AMACO® PolyBlade
- AMACO® PolyRoller
- AMACO® Bead Baking Rack with bead piercing pins
- AMACO® Tube Bead Roller - Set 1
- AMACO® Tube Bead Roller - Set 2
- AMACO® Professional Bead Roller - Set 2
- AMACO® Professional Bead Roller - Set 8
- Work Surface (granite, marble or glazed ceramic tile recommended)
- Round nose pliers
- Needle nose pliers
- Wire clippers

Instructions:

1. Noses: Condition a small amount of Mandarin clay. Roll it into a 1/8" thick snake. Taper one end of the snake into a point. Cut off a 1/4" piece from the pointed end, this forms the carrot nose. Repeat this step to make a second tiny carrot (see photo #1). Place the noses on a tray and bake for 30 minutes at 230-265 F.

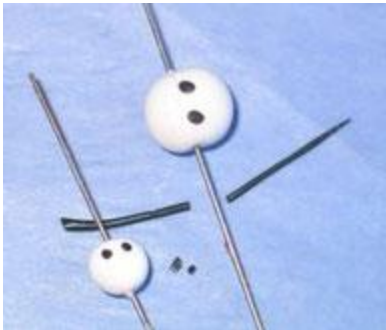


2. Snowman body: Condition the metallic white clay. Roll it into a 1/2" thick snake (see photo #2). Cut off a 2" section and press it into the groove on the set #2 bead roller to make a 12 mm round bead. Trim off excess clay off the top, and remove the trimmed clay from the groove. Cut off two 3/4" sections of clay, and form into two balls. Place one ball back into the bead roller groove, place the other half of the bead roller on top, and roll your 12 mm bead. Align the bead with the bead piercing marks and insert bead-piercing pin (see photo #3). Repeat this step with the second ball of clay to form a second 12 mm pierced bead.

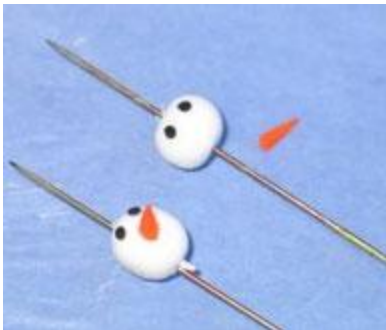


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3. Snowman head: Repeat step 1 to form the 2 snowman heads, this time using the small round bead roller set. Follow the package directions to make two pierced 8 mm beads out of the metallic white clay.
4. Eyes and buttons: Condition the Black clay. Roll a small amount into a 1/16" thick snake. Cut of eight very thin slices. Place two slices on each snowman body for buttons. Place two slices on each snowman head for eyes (see photo #4).

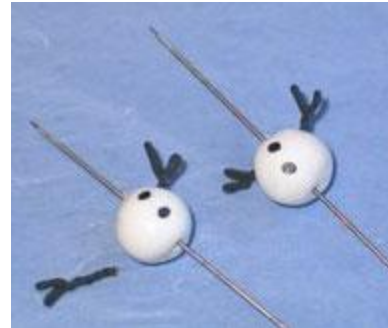


5. Add noses: Dab a bit of the Liquid FIMO® decorating gel on the snowman heads just below the eyes. Press the carrot nose in place, sinking at least 1/3 of the flat end of the cone into the bead (see photo #5).



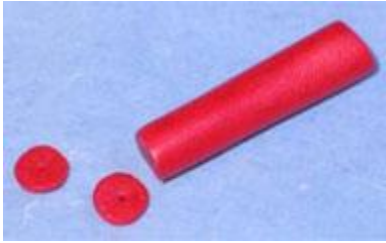
6. Arms: Cut off four 2" pieces of Black Fun Wire™. Form a very small wishbone shaped fork in the wire with your pliers, and then twist the cut ends together. Trim the twisted ends down to 3/8". Make three more pieces like the first. Dip the trimmed end of one wire fork in liquid FIMO® and insert into one side of one of the snowman bodies, sinking it in at least 1/8". Dip the trimmed end of a second wire fork in liquid clay, and insert in the opposite side of the snowman body.

Repeat this step for the second snowman (see photo #6). Place body and head beads on the bead baking rack. Bake for 30 minutes at 230-265 F and then allow to cool.



7. Form the hat parts: Roll a small ball of Black clay. Roll a 9 mm tube bead with Black clay using set #1 tube bead roller. Place the tube of clay on your work surface. Trim off one of the uneven ends. Cut two 1/16" slices (or slightly thinner) Pierce each disk in the center with a bead piercing pin (see photo #7). TIP: to prevent distorting the tube, roll the tube toward you on your work surface and keep your clay blade perfectly perpendicular to the clay tube as you cut. Use set #2 tube bead roller to roll a 6 mm tube of black clay. Cut two 3/16" slices using the same method as just described (see photo #8). Also roll a second 6 mm tube out of conditioned metallic red clay. Cut two very thin slices from this tube (less than 1/16" thick) (see photo #9). Pierce the red and black beads with bead piercing pins. Place all of these pieces on the bead baking rack.





8. Assemble Snowmen: Slide one snowman body onto a 2" headpin. Dab a little Liquid FIMO® onto the top of this bead. Roll a 1/8" ball of unbaked Metallic White clay, and slide it onto the headpin. Dab some more liquid clay on top of this ball. Slide one snowman head in place, flattening the ball in between. Repeat for the second snowman (see photo #10).



9. Add scarf: Condition Metallic Green clay. Roll it into a sheet on the fourth thickest setting on the pasta machine. Cut two strips that are 2" long and 1/8" wide. Cut a small "V" at each end of each strip (see photo #11). Take one strip and wrap it around the neck of the first snowman, overlapping the ends. Repeat for the second snowman, overlapping the ends in the opposite direction (see photo #12). Place the snowmen on the bead baking rack and bake the snowmen plus the hat parts for 30 minutes at 230-265 F.



10. Assemble hats: Once all the parts are cooled, place the thin 9 mm black disk slices on the heads, then the red band slice, and then the 6 mm black tube slice for the top of the hat (see photo #13). Form a 1/8" loop at the top of each snowman and trim off the excess wire. Hook each loop onto a lever back, and close the loops. Your snowmen are complete!

Your Favorite Sewing Patterns

Cleavage Be Gone

By: Carla Emerson

Cleavage be gone is a free, easy sewing pattern for those who don't wish to show what their mama gave them! Sew up a quick boob bib to cover up that cleavage!



Materials:

- Fabric that matches your shirt
- Two buttons
- Two hair ties
- Lace or other embellishments (optional)
- Sewing supplies

Instructions:

1. First make a pattern of the Cleavage Cover.





2. Pick out the material you would like it to be made out of, (preferably something that goes with most everything). Do the seams 1/4 inch.

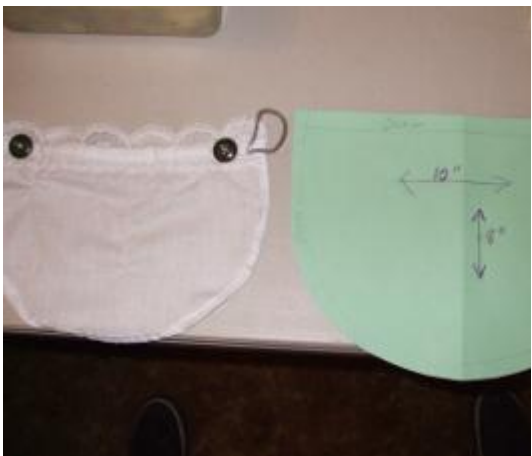


3. Zig Zag the hair tie on the edge as in the picture.

4. Sew buttons (preferably the same color as the material) on 1 1/4 inch in from the sides.



5. Pick out the lace you would like on top, leave some extra on the side to turn under, and sew it on.



6. Once you make sure the cover will reach from bra strap to bra strap, take the hair tie & go around the back side of your bra strap and fasten to the button on both sides. There should not be any pulling from either side. If there is pulling then the seams are too big or the pattern was not big enough. Each person has to measure themselves and add 1/2 inch for the seam and so the cover will not pull.

How to Make a Trendy Elastic Waistband Dress

By: Megan Nielsen for MeganNielsen.com

You can learn how to make a trendy elastic waistband dress with these instructions on how to sew a dress. You'll be fashion-forward in no time with this free easy sewing pattern.



Materials:

- Tank top that you're happy to cut up
- 1 yard of waistband elastic (I personally like to use the ruffled edge elastic because it's wide)
- 1 yard of 60-inch wide fabric (it doesn't matter if it has stretch or not)

Note:

- All seam allowances are 5/8 inch unless otherwise stated.

Instructions:

1. Get your materials ready:



2. Try on your tank top and mark it at the natural waist. Cut along this line. (I used a crop top so mine was already the right length) and then serge the edge to neaten it.
3. Figure out the length you want your skirt. Add on 5/8 inch for the waistband seam allowance, and add on hem allowance too. My skirt was 20 inches long with a 3-inch-wide hem. So my total length was 20 inches + 5/8 inch (waistband seam allowance) + 3 inch (hem) + 5/8 inch (to fold under when finishing the hem) = 24 1/4 inches. Once you've done this cut your fabric, and neaten up the raw edge (I like to use a serger for this).



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4. Now we need to cut your waistband elastic. You want it to be about the same as the edge of your tank top. I find the easiest way is to fold the elastic in half and lay it over the raw edge of the tank top, then cut 5/8 inch from the side edge for seam allowance.



It should look like this when it's turned the right way round. The nice thing about doing it this way is that you get perfect gathers, and a little poof!



5. Now it's time to attach your skirt to the waistband. I'm using ruffle edged elastic, so I'm playing the ruffle edge against the right side of my skirt fabric and sewing 5/8 inch from the edge, stretching the elastic as I go, so that the ruffle is flat against the fabric as I sew.



6. It may end up that your skirt fabric is too wide and you have excess on the edge beyond the elastic. If this is the case trim off the excess and then serge/neaten the side seams of your skirt.



7. Now fold your skirt in half with right sides together, so that the side seams are matched up, and sew.



8. Open the seam and press flat.



Then, turn under 3 inches and press again before sewing, so that the hem is really neat.



I find that the elastic doesn't lie completely flat, so it may be necessary to top stitch over the elastic section.

10. Your skirt should look like this now.



9. Now hem the skirt. I like to turn under 5/8 inch then press.

11. Now place your tank top inside your skirt, so that 5/8 inch is on the inside.



And there you have it! How easy was that?



12. Attach the elastic to the tank top by topstitching with a wide zig zag stitch. Don't worry if it turns out that your elastic and tank top aren't exactly matched up now. Just stretch whichever is shorter a little to make them match up so that they're flat as you sew.



Hot Piping

By: No Big Dill

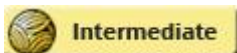
For a heater to-go, make hot piping, a sack filled with rice to be heated in the microwave. These little bags are great for keeping hands and feet warm in the winter as well as soothing cramps, ear aches, and miscellaneous maladies.



Project Type: Make a Project

Time to complete: In an evening

Sewn by: Machine



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Buttercup Bag

By: Made by Rae

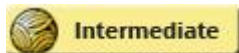
With this free purse pattern, sew your own buttercup bag. This purse is stylish and the perfect size for a day of shopping.



Project Type: Make a Project

Time to complete: Weekend project

Sewn by: Both Hand and Machine



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Gathered Clutch

By: Noodlehead

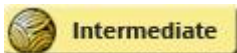
This free sewing pattern is a new take on the traditional clutch—it features gathered details and an interior pocket to keep credit cards and more.



Project Type: Make a Project

Time to complete: Weekend project

Sewn by: Machine



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5 Minute Bread Bag

By: Saltwater Kids

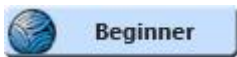
Make a simple bag to keep bread in or to use as a gift bag with this easy beginner sewing project. The 5 minute bread bag really does take only 5 minutes!



Project Type: Make a Project

Time to complete: Under an hour

Sewn by: Machine



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Your Favorite Knitting Patterns

Two Hour Potholders

By: Faith Ann Schmidt for Authentic Knitting Board

These are so much nicer and thicker than the potholders you can buy in the store, and now you can make them to match your kitchen décor. Plus, they are easy to knit and work up quickly. So, save yourself a trip to the store and knit a few today.



Finished size is approx. 7 ¼" x 7 ½"

Materials:

- Knitting Loom: Regular gauge (pegs ½" from center to center) double sided
- Knitting board with at least 16 pegs. The 28" Regular Gauge Authentic Knitting
- Board (standard (1/2") spacer setting) was used in the sample.
- Yarn: 75 yards each of two different colors of 100% cotton worsted weight yarn.
- Peaches & Crème yarn and the twisted stockinette stitch was used in the sample.

Notions: Tapestry Needle, Knitting tool, Size H crochet hook

Gauge: Not important

Abbreviations: Cast on—CO, Bind off—BO

Pattern Notes:

Two strands of yarn, held together, are used throughout the pattern. The double stitch (1 over 2) is used throughout the pattern. This potholder can be knit in either plain stockinette stitch or, what I call, twisted stockinette. To wrap in twisted stockinette,

wrap the board as usual for the stockinette stitch, but go to the far side of each needle and wrap around the needle. This is like the figure 8 wrap. Wrap the end needles, on the opposite end from where you start, in the normal manner, do not wrap around them as you did the others. The picture shows how the board will look when properly wrapped for the twisted stockinette stitch. Experiment with other stitch patterns to make one-of-a-kind potholders. Just make sure to use stitches that create a dense fabric. Make sure to only use yarns that are made of natural fibers. Acrylic and other synthetic yarns can melt if they come into contact with high temperatures.

Instructions:

1. CO 16 pegs with the stockinette cast on. When casting on, wrap the board once, lay the anchor yarn, and then wrap the board two more times. If you are using the twisted stockinette stitch, begin wrapping in that pattern on the third pass. There will now be 3 sets of loops on each peg. This will be the only time that the board is wrapped three times. Hook the bottom set of loops over the top two sets of loops. After hooking over, there should be two sets of loops on each peg.
2. Knit 36 rows or until the piece measures 7 ½", always hooking one set of loops over two sets of loops, except on row 36. On row 36, lift the bottom two sets of loops over the top set. There will only be one set of loops on all the pegs.
3. BO both ends. You will have more loops than usual because of using the double stitch. Treat each pair of loops as one loop and BO as usual. Weave in loose ends.

Knit Mitten Ornaments

By: Red Heart Yarn

Make this free knitting pattern as a cute decoration for your tree or as gifts. The Knit Mitten Ornaments are soft and precious, adding a light touch to your Christmas tree, or hang them in other places in the home.



Directions are for one size. Yarn choice and needle size will determine finished mitten sizes.

Materials:

- **RED HEART® “Super Saver®”:** 1 skein each 661 Frosty Green A, 332 Ranch Red B, 316 Soft White C
- **RED HEART® “Fiesta®”:** 1 skein 6341 Millennium D
- **Knitting Needles:** 3.75 mm [US 5], 5 mm [US 8]
- **Crochet Hook:** 3.25 mm [US 3]
- Yarn needle stitch holder

GAUGE: Gauge is not critical for this pattern. **NOTE:** Refer to yarn labels for appropriate size needles, and use accordingly.

Special Abbreviation

Inc: Knit into the front and back of same stitch. 1 stitch increased.

STRIPE PATTERNS

2 Color Version: 2 rows A or B, 2 rows C.

MITTENS (Make 2)

Cuff Ribbing: With D (or desired color for solid mitten), cast on 22 sts.

Row 1 (RIGHT SIDE): * K1, p1; repeat from * across. Repeat Row 1, 5 times more.

Begin Pattern

Next Row (RIGHT SIDE): Working in St st, begin desired Stripe Pattern (or continue in solid color) for 2 rows.

Shape Thumb: Row 1 (RIGHT SIDE): K10, inc in next 2 sts, k10–24 sts.

Row 2 and all even rows: Purl.

Row 3: K10, inc, k2, inc, k10–26 sts.

Row 5: K10, inc, k4, inc, k10–28 sts.

Row 6: Purl.

Divide for Thumb: Next Row (RIGHT SIDE): K10, cast on 2 sts, place next 8 sts on stitch holder; k10–22 sts. Work even for 9 rows.

Shape Top: Next Row (RIGHT SIDE): * K2tog; repeat from * across–11 sts.

Next Row: * P2tog; repeat from * across to last st, p1. Cut yarn, leaving a long end. Weave through remaining 6 sts, pull tightly to secure.

Thumb: Place 8 sts from holder onto needle; with right side facing, attach yarn.

Next Row: Inc, k6, inc–10 sts.

Work even for 3 rows.

Next Row (RIGHT SIDE): *K2tog; repeat from * across. Cut yarn leaving a long end. Weave through remaining 5 sts, pull tightly and fasten.

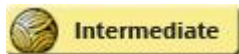
FINISHING

Sew top and thumb seams. Sew thumb base to hand. With crochet hook, attach yarn or thread at thumb side of mitten on beginning edge, ch 50, slip st to other mitten at corresponding thumb edge. Fasten off. Weave in all yarn ends.

Boxes Full O' Seeds Neck Warmer

By: Onix Terevinto

You asked for it on Facebook so here it is! Enjoy this free knitting pattern by Onix Terevinto for a beautiful neck warmer made with Handspun wool.



Knitting Needle Size: 10.5 or 6.5 mm

Yarn Weight: (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

[Click here for knitting pattern](#)

Leaf Pattern Afghan

By: Free Vintage Knitting

You can't go wrong with this free knitting pattern!
Warm up with this adorable design. Save it for yourself or give it as a gift.



Knitting Needle Size: 10.5 or 6.5 mm

Yarn Weight: (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

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Harmony Shawl

By: Craftbits

Let this free knitting pattern be your guide towards creating an elegant, vintage inspired harmony shawl. This shawl will become a staple in your winter wardrobe because of its cozy appeal and versatility.



Knitting Needle Size: 10 or 6 mm

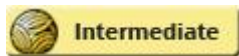
Yarn Weight: (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

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Knit Holiday Mice

By: Barbara Prime for knitting cuteness

Since everyone you know will be knitting stockings and ornaments for the holidays, why not use this free knitting pattern to make something a little different! These Knit Holiday Mice will make adorable decorations and gifts.



Knitting Needle Size: 6 or 4 mm, Double-Pointed Knitting Needles (DPNs)

Yarn Weight: (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

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Your Favorite Crochet Patterns

Colorful Windchime Afghan

By: Lion Brand Yarn

If you're looking for something to really brighten up your room then this is the perfect crochet pattern for you. Make a windchime afghan pattern. Stripes and lace combine to make this afghan perfect.



Materials:

- 860-124 Vanna's Choice Yarn: Toffee 2 balls
- 860-144 Vanna's Choice Yarn: Magenta 1 ball
- 860-108 Vanna's Choice Yarn: Dusty Blue 1 ball
- 860-148 Vanna's Choice Yarn: Burgundy 1 ball
- 860-133 Vanna's Choice Yarn: Brick 1 ball
- 860-123 Vanna's Choice Yarn: Beige 1 ball
- 860-170 Vanna's Choice Yarn: Pea Green 1 ball
- 860-135 Vanna's Choice Yarn: Rust 1 ball
- Lion Brand Crochet Hook - Size J-10
- Large-Eye Blunt Needles

GAUGE:

12 dc + 7 rows = 4 in. (10 cm). BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE. When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will

be sufficient. If it takes you fewer stitches and rows to make a 4 in. [10 cm] square, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

AFGHAN

FIRST STRIP

With A, ch 174.

Row 1 (WS): Dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as dc) and in each ch across – 172 dc at end of this row.

Rows 2 and 3: Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), turn, dc in each st across.

Row 4: Ch 3, turn, dc in next 3 sts, *ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts; rep from * across – 28 ch-2 sps at end of this row.

Rows 5-7: Rep Row 2. Fasten off.

SECOND STRIP

Notes: Second-Eighth Strips are worked as for First Strip through Row 7, and then joined to previous Strip with a Joining Row. The Joining Row is worked back and forth between the last row of the current strip and the foundation ch of the previous strip. With B, ch 174.

Rows 1-7: Work Rows 1-7 of First Strip. Do not fasten off. With RS facing, place previous Strip above current Strip.

Joining Row: Ch 1, turn, sc in first st of current Strip, ch 2, sc in first foundation ch of previous Strip, ch 3, sk next 2 sts of current Strip, *sc in next st of current Strip, ch 3, sk next 3 sts of previous Strip, sc in next st of previous Strip, ch 3, sk next 3 sts of current Strip; rep across continuing to work back and forth between the 2 Strips, ending with sc in last st of current Strip, ch 2, sk next 2 sts of previous Strip, sc in last st of previous Strip. Fasten off.

THIRD-EIGHTH STRIPS

With C, D, E, F, G, and H, work as for Second Strip.

FINISHING

Edging

With RS facing, join A with sl st in any corner.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, sc evenly around outside edge, working 3 sc in each corner; join with sl st in first sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc around, working 3 sc in each corner; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Sage One Skein Wrap

By: Marty Miller of Caron Yarn

Crochet this fabulous one skein wrap from Caron Yarn. The sage color is perfect for the summer months. A free crochet pattern like this one is great to have.



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS:

Wrap measures approximately 17"/43 cm wide x 60"/152.5 cm long

Materials:

- Caron International One Pound (100% acrylic; 16 oz/454 g, 812 yds/742 m skein): 1 skein Shown in: #580 Soft Sage
- One size US N-15 (10 mm) crochet hook, or size to obtain gauge.
- Yarn needle

GAUGE

In pattern stitch, 1 pattern repeat = 2 1/2"/6.5 cm and 6 rows = 4"/10 cm.

Gauge is not critical for this project.

STITCHES USED

Chain (ch), double crochet (dc), single crochet (sc), slip stitch (slip st)

SPECIAL TERM

Fsc: Foundation single crochet (This technique creates a foundation chain and a row of single crochet stitches in one) –

Step 1: Place a slip knot on hook, ch 2, insert hook in second ch from hook and draw up a loop; yarn over and draw through one loop on hook (the "chain"); yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (the "single crochet").

Step 2: The following stitch is worked under the forward 2 loops of the stem of the previous stitch (into the "chain"). Insert hook into the face of the "chain" and under the nub at the back of the "chain", draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through one loop on hook (the "chain"), yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (the "single crochet"). Repeat for the length of foundation.

HELPFUL

If a wider wrap is desired, add 7 chains or Fsc for each additional repeat desired. For a narrower wrap, subtract 7 chains or Fsc for each repeat to be reduced.

WRAP

Note: The wrap can begin with a familiar foundation chain (ch 46) or with a row of foundation single crochet (Fsc).

Beginning with foundation chain: Ch 49, (dc, ch 1, dc) in 4th ch from hook, then continue with Row 1.

Beginning with row of foundation single crochet: Fsc 46, ch 3, (dc, ch 1, dc) in first Fsc, then continue with Row 1.

Row 1 (RS): Sk next 2 chs or sts, sc in next ch or st, *ch 3, sk next 3 chs or sts, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch or st (V-st made), sk next 2 chs or sts, sc in next ch or st; repeat from * across, turn—7 sc, 7 V-sts, and 7 ch-3 sps.

Rows 2–90: Ch 3, (dc, ch 1, dc) in first sc, *sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next sc; repeat from * across, sc in top of turning ch, turn.

Row 91: Ch 1, work 1 sc in each sc, dc, and ch across, do not turn—46 sc.

Border

Round 1: Working in ends of rows across side edge, *(sc, ch 1, sc) around turning ch of next row, ch 1, sk next sc row; repeat from * across side edge, sc in side of last row of side edge, ch 1; working along opposite side of first row (short edge), **sc in next ch or st, ch 1; repeat from ** across; work across opposite side edge in same manner as first side edge; work across sts of last row (Row 91) in same manner as opposite short edge; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Using yarn needle, weave in all ends.

Rose Twists Afghan

By: Lily Sugar 'n Cream

This lovely afghan crochet pattern features rose-and-white motifs with eyelet design. Wrap up with this homemade crochet afghan, especially with rose accents in your sitting room such as the [Rose Tissue Box Cover](#) or [Pink Rose Bouquet](#).



Materials:

- Yarn: Lily Sugar 'n Cream Twists (56.7 g/2 oz) 6 balls of #20420 (Rose Twists) as MC
Lily Sugar 'n Cream (70.9 g/ 2.5 oz) 6 balls of #01004 (Soft Ecru) as A
- Crochet Hook: Size 5 mm (U.S. H or 8) crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
[Diagram](#)

Size: Approx. 40½ ins [103 cm] wide x 48½ ins [123 cm] long.

Gauge: Motif = 8 ins [20.5 cm] square.

Instructions:

Motif A (make 15).

With MC, ch 5. Join with sl st to form a ring.

1st rnd: Ch 3 (counts as dc). 3 dc. (Ch 3. 4 dc) 3 times in ring. Ch 3. Join with sl st to top of ch 3.

2nd rnd: Ch 3 (counts as dc). 1 dc in each of next 3 dc. (2 dc. Ch 3. 2 dc) in next ch-3 sp. *1 dc in each of next 4 dc. (2 dc. Ch 3. 2 dc) in next ch-3 sp. Rep from * twice more. Join with sl st to top of ch 3.

3rd to 7th rnds: Ch 3 (counts as dc). *1 dc in each dc to next ch-3 sp. (2 dc. Ch 3. 2 dc) in next ch-3 sp. Rep from * 3 times more. 1 dc in each dc to end of rnd. Join with sl st to top of ch 3. Fasten off.

Motif B (make 15).

With A, work as given for Motif A.

Finishing

Crochet motifs tog as shown in Diagram.

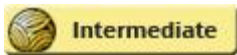
Edging: 1st rnd: Join MC with sl st to any corner of Blanket. Work 1 row of sc evenly around, having 3 sc in corner ch-3 sps. Join with sl st to first sc.

2nd rnd: Ch 1. Work 1 row of sc evenly around having 3 sc in corner sc. Join with sl st to first sc. Fasten off.

Bottoms Up

By: Vallieskids

You will love this free crochet pattern as it's perfect for the winter time. This hat has a cute side button closure that you can add or not. Use any color yarn you wish, keep it for yourself and give it as a gift.



Crochet Hook: I/9 or 5.5 mm hook

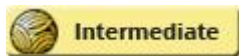
Yarn Weight: (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

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Starburst Hotpad

By: Loretta Schepp

Use a free crochet pattern like this one to make a starburst hotpad. The design is really neat and the colors are fresh. It almost looks like a tie-dye pattern.



Crochet Hook: G/6 or 4 mm hook

Yarn Weight: (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

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Turkey Dishcloth

By: Sugar n Cream

This cute crochet turkey pattern requires a size H crochet hook. You can make this little dishcloth for your Thanksgiving gathering. He makes for a great decoration. Gobble gobble.



Crochet Hook: H/8 or 5 mm hook

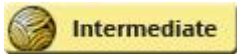
Yarn Weight: (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

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Beautiful Snowflake Pattern

By: Deborah Atkinson for Snowcatcher

I can't express how beautiful this snowflake pattern truly is. Crochet thread is used to make these snowflakes, but you can also use Bamboo thread. This is a free crochet pattern you won't want to pass up. Top off with glitter for a nice sparkle.



Crochet Hook: 10 or 1.3 mm hook (steel)

Yarn Weight: (0) Lace (33-40 stitches to 4 inches). Includes crochet thread.

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