

**NEW TO
CROCHET?**

You can make this pig using just chains, slip stitch and double crochet shaping.



PABLO THE PIG

Put your shaping skills to good use and make this super-cute little chap by Cara Medus.

Adorable amigurumi



YOU WILL NEED

- Rico Creative Cotton Aran (100% cotton, 50g/85m) 1 ball of Rose (00)
 - A 4mm (US G/6) hook
 - Old tights
 - Polypropylene granules for toy stuffing (from www.fredaldous.co.uk)
 - 2 x 6mm brown buttons (from www.gregory-knopp.co.uk)
 - Small piece of white felt
 - Brown stranded cotton
- For yarn stockists, contact Rico www.rico-design.co.uk

MEASUREMENTS

8.5x9.5cm (3¼x3¾in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see www.simplycrochetmag.co.uk/abbreviations

This cute yet cheeky little piggie is a brilliant way to practise your new shaping skills. He's worked in double crochet in the round, with simple increasing and decreasing stitches to create the ball shape. He makes a great gift for pig fans of all ages.

BODY

With a 4mm hook, ch2, leaving a long tail.

Round 1 6dc in first ch, ss to first dc to join. [6 sts]

Round 2 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 2dc in each st, ss to first dc. [12 sts]

Round 3 Ch1, (2dc in next st, 1dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [18 sts]

Round 4 Ch1, (2dc in next st, 2dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [24 sts]

Round 5 Ch1, (2dc in next st, 3dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [30 sts]

Round 6 Ch1, (2dc in next st, 4dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [36 sts]

Round 7 Ch1, (2dc in next st, 8dc) 4 times, ss to first dc. [40 sts]

Rounds 8-16 Ch1, dc in each st around, ss to first dc.

Round 17 Ch1, (dc2tog, 8dc) 4 times, ss to first dc. [36 sts]

Round 18 Ch1, (dc2tog, 4dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [30 sts]

Round 19 Ch1, (dc2tog, 3dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [24 sts]

Round 20 Ch1, (dc2tog, 2dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [18 sts]

Stuff the body by putting the toe of one leg of the tights into the body and filling with polypropylene granules. Tie

off the tights firmly and cut off.

Round 21 Ch1, (dc2tog, 1dc) 6 times, ss to first dc. [12 sts]

Round 22 Ch1, (dc2tog) 6 times, ss to first dc. [6 sts]

Fasten off and use the tail to sew up the remaining hole.

Use the starting tail to sew over any hole at the beginning, weave in ends.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Ch6, leaving a long tail.

Row 1 5dc beg in second ch from hook, turn. [5 sts]

Row 2 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc2tog, 3dc, turn. [4 sts]

Row 3 Ch1, dc2tog, 2dc, turn. [3 sts]

Row 4 Ch1, dc2tog, 1dc, turn. [2 sts]

Row 5 Ch1, dc2tog.

Fasten off.

Use the long tail to sew each ear in place according to the photograph, weave in ends.

TAIL

Ch7, leaving a long tail.

Row 1 2dc in each st beg with second ch from hook.

Fasten off.

Use the long beg tail to sew the tail to the pig at centre back, weave in ends.

SNOUT

Ch4, leaving a long tail.

Round 1 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in next ch, 4dc in next ch. Turn work 90 degrees to work in remaining loops on the other side of the foundation ch, 1dc in next ch, 3dc in next ch, ss to first dc. [10 sts]

Round 2 Ch1, (1dc in each of next 3 sts, 2dc in each of next 2 sts) twice, ss to first dc.

Fasten off.

Use the long tail to sew the snout to the centre front, weave in ends.

EYES

Cut two small circles of white felt and sew a button in the centre of each, securing to the body with a strand of embroidery cotton.

TO FINISH

With 3 strands of brown embroidery cotton, sew two long straight stitches on the snout, and a mouth, using the photographs as a guide.

