



## Week 2 – Toy Soldier

### **You Will Need:**

Knitcraft Everyday DK in:

Fern green

Peach

Pistachio

Golden Yellow

Black

Red

Crochet hook, 3.5mm

Small amount of polyester toy stuffing

1 pair of 6mm toy safety eyes (optional)

Stitch marker

Tapestry needle

Card (optional for base)

Toy beads or pellets (optional for weight)

### **Tension**

Is not critical for this project

### **Size**

Approx 13cm in height

### **Abbreviations (UK terms)**

**Ch** Chain/chain stitches

**BLO** Back loop only

**Dc** Double crochet

**Dc2tog** Double crochet 2 sts together: (insert hook into next st, yarn over and pull a loop through) twice, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on hook.

**Rnd** Round

**Sl st** Slip stitch

**St(s)** Stitch/stitches

**(...)** Indicates a repeat sequence to be repeated as many times as stated

**(... sts)** Shows stitch count at end of row/rnd

### **Notes**

- Soldier is made by working in the round, in a continuous spiral *without* joining each round with a slip stitch.
- It may help to use a stitch marker to mark the first stitch of the round, and move it up as you work.
- Instead of starting with a magic ring, you could ch2 and work Rnd 1 into the second ch from hook.

### **Body & Head**

Using 3.5mm hook and Fern Green, make a magic ring.

**Rnd 1:** Ch1 (does not count as a st), 6dc into ring. (6 sts)

**Rnd 2:** 2dc in each st. (12 sts)

**Rnd 3:** (2dc in next st, 1dc) 6 times. (18 sts)

**Rnd 4:** (2dc in next st, 2dc) 6 times. (24 sts)

**Rnd 5:** In BLO 1dc in each st. (24 sts)

**Rnds 6-12:** Dc in each st. (24 sts)

If you want your decoration to be standing rather than hanging, then at this point take a piece of cardboard and draw around the base of your soldier. Cut out the circle (slightly

smaller than the line drawn), and insert the card into the base. You could also insert a small amount of weighted toy pellets sewn into a fabric pouch to help it stand.

Stuff as you go.

**Rnd: 13:** (Dc2tog, 10dc) 2 times. (22 sts)

**Rnd: 14:** (Dc2tog, 9dc) 2 times. (20 sts)

**Rnd: 15:** (Dc2tog, 8dc) 2 times. (18 sts)

**Rnd: 16:** (Dc2tog, 7dc) 2 times. (16 sts)

**Rnd: 17:** (Dc2tog, 6dc) 2 times. (14 sts)

**Rnd: 18:** (Dc2tog, 5dc) 2 times. (12 sts)

Change to Peach.

**Rnd 19:** 2dc in each st. (24 sts)

**Rnds 20-26:** Dc in each st. (24 sts)

Making sure the decreases are at the sides of the body, if using safety eyes insert between rnds 23-24 and about 5 sts apart.

**Rnd 27:** (Dc2tog, 2dc) 6 times. (18 sts)

**Rnd 28:** (Dc2tog, 1dc) 6 times. (12 sts)

**Rnd 29:** (Dc2tog) 6 times. (6 sts)

Fasten off. Using the tail end and a tapestry needle sew around the last round and pull tight to close the hole.

Use a length of Pistachio and a tapestry needle to make small horizontal stitches all over the body by weaving in and out of the spaces between the stitches, starting at the base and finishing at the neck. Pull the stitches gently so as not to distort the shape of the body.

## **Arms (make 2)**

Using 3.5mm hook and Peach, make a magic ring.

**Rnd 1:** Ch1 (does not count as a st), 4dc into ring. (4 sts)

**Rnd 2:** 2dc in each st. (8 sts)

**Rnd 3:** Dc in each st. (8 sts)

Change to Fern Green.

**Rnds 4-12:** Dc in each st. (8 sts)

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

## **Hat**

Using 3.5mm hook and Black, make a magic ring.

**Rnd 1:** Ch1 (does not count as a st), 6dc into ring. (6 sts)

**Rnd 2:** 2dc in each st. (12 sts)

**Rnd 3:** (2dc in next st, 1dc) 6 times. (18 sts)

**Rnd 4:** (2dc in next st, 2dc) 6 times. (24 sts)

**Rnd 5:** In BLO 1dc in each st. (24 sts)

**Rnds 6-12:** Dc in each st. (24 sts)

**Rnd 7:** 8dc, leave rem sts unworked, turn. (8 sts)

**Rnd 8:** Ch1, dc2tog, 4dc, dc2tog, turn. (6 sts)

**Rnd 9:** Ch1, dc2tog, 2dc, dc2tog, turn. (4 sts)

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing on.

### **Hat decoration**

Using 3.5mm hook and Red, make a magic ring.

**Rnd 1:** Ch1 (does not count as a st), 6dc into ring. (6 sts)

Sl st into 1st dc and fasten off. Sew in place on centre front of hat below the top edge.

Use Golden Yellow to make 2 large sts at the bottom of the hat (make two long straight stitches in same place using photo as a guide).

### **Trumpet**

Using 3.5mm hook and Golden Yellow, make a magic ring.

**Rnd 1:** Ch1 (does not count as a st), 4dc into ring. (4 sts)

**Rnd 2:** Dc in each st. (4 sts)

**Rnd 3:** 2dc in next st, 3dc. (5 sts)

**Rnd 4:** 2dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc. (6 sts)

**Rnd 5:** 2dc in next st, 5dc. (7 sts)

**Rnd 6:** 3dc, 2dc in next st, 3dc. (8 sts)

**Rnd 7:** 2dc in next st, 7dc. (9 sts)

**Rnd 8:** 4dc, 2dc in next st, 4dc. (10 sts)

**Rnd 9:** 2dc in next st, 9dc. (11 sts)

**Rnd 10:** 5dc, 2dc in next st, 5dc. (12 sts)

Sl st in the next st, fasten off and weave in the end.

### **To make up**

Stuff the hat, then sew in place on top of the head.

Embroider eyes using image as a guide for placement. (See our video on embroidered eyes on the Knitcraft Instagram page for guidance).

Sew the arms onto the side of the body at an angle so they meet in the middle.

Sew the top of the trumpet onto the face where the mouth would be.

Sew the bottom of the trumpet to each hand.

To create a hanging loop, ch40 in Black and attach to the top of the hat.

