



Week 1 - Reindeer

You Will Need:

Knitcraft Everyday DK in:

Hot Pink

Barbie Pink

Teal

Pistachio

Peach

Black

Crochet hook, 3.5mm

Small amount of polyester toy stuffing

Stitch marker

Tapestry needle

1 pair of 6mm safety eyes (optional)

Card (optional for base)

Toy beads or pellets (optional for weight)

Tension

Is not critical for this project

Size

Approximately 15cm 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

- Reindeer 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 Hot Pink, 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 Reindeer. 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 and 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)

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 them 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 Barbie Pink and a tapestry needle to make small horizontal stitches 1 stitch wide 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 (see image for guidance).

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 Hot Pink.

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

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Ears (make 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and Hot Pink, make a magic ring.

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

Rnd 2: (2dc in next st, 2dc) 2 times. (8 sts)

Rnd 3: (2dc in next st, 3dc) 2 times. (10 sts)

Rnd 4: (2dc in next st, 4dc) 2 times. (12 sts)

Rnds 5-12: Dc in each st. (12 sts)

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Antlers (make 2)

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

Rnd 1: Ch1, 6dc into ring. Pull ring tight. (6 sts)

Rnds 2-3: Dc in each st. (6 sts)

Sl st in next st. Fasten off.

Repeat Rounds 1-3 above but do not sl st or fasten off.

Rnd 4: With the second branch still attached to your hook, insert your hook into the first branch and make 1dc in any st then continue with 5dc around the rest of the first branch, insert hook back into second branch and dc around. (12 sts)

Rnd 5: (Dc2tog) 3 times, 6dc. (9 sts)

Rnd 6: (Dc2tog) 3 times, 3dc. (6 sts)

Rnds 7-8: Dc in each. (6 sts)

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Muzzle

Using 3.5mm hook and Peach, 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)

Sl st into the first dc.

Fasten off leaving a tail for sewing.

Nose

Using 3.5mm hook and Black, make a magic ring. Use a much tighter tension to make the nose; it wants to be as small as possible.

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

Sl st into the first dc.

Fasten off leaving a tail for sewing.

Scarf

Using 3.5mm hook and Barbie Pink, ch3.

Row 1: Dc in 2nd ch from hook, 1dc, turn. (2 sts)

Row 2: Ch1, 2dc, turn. (2 sts)

Change to Teal.

Rows 3-40: Ch1, 2dc, turn. (2 sts)

Change to Barbie Pink.

Rows 41-43: Ch1, 2dc, turn. (2 sts)

Fasten off and weave in ends.

To make up

Sew the nose to the muzzle, then sew the muzzle onto the face. 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. Make a small stitch to join the hands together.

Pinch the ears at the base and sew to secure, then sew the ears in place on the head.

Sew the antlers onto the top of the head.

Tie the scarf around the neck.

To create a hanging loop, ch40 in Hot Pink and attach to the top of the head.