

# knit a rainbow

## knitted bobble hat

by *Juliet Bernard*

This hat has got it all. Colours of the rainbow, that is. If you want to send any pots of gold you find to us directly, we're totally fine with that.

### abbreviations:

**st(s)** - stitch(es)

**st st** - stocking stitch

**k2tog** - knit two together

### how you knit it:

Cast on 31 sts in red.

Knit two rows (garter st).

Change to orange and beginning with a knit row continue in st as follows:

2 rows orange, 2 rows yellow,

2 rows green, 2 rows blue, 2 rows

purple, 2 rows pink.

Continue in pink.

**next row:** k2tog to last st, k1 (16sts).

**next row:** purl.

**next row:** k2tog to end (8sts).

4mm  
needles



wool colours



level



Cut the yarn and pull through remaining stitches.

**making up:**

Use a sewing needle to join side seams.

Make a pompom using all the colours and sew it securely to top of the hat.

You can now sing (and knit) a rainbow.

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# Sir Hopsalot

## knitted rabbit hat

by Juliet Bernard

If you like hats with a bit of extra bounce, this is the one for you.

### abbreviations:

**st(s)** - stitch(es)

**st st** - stocking stitch

**garter stitch** – knit all rows

**k** - knit

**k2tog** - knit two together

### how you knit it:

Cast on 31 sts.

Start with a knit row knit 14 rows in st.

**next row:** k2tog to last st, k1 (16sts).

**next row:** purl.

**next row:** k2tog to end (8sts).

Cut the yarn pulling it through the remaining stitches and fasten off.

### ears: (make 2)

Cast on 7 sts and work 6 rows in garter stitch.

4mm  
needles

  
wool colours

  
level



**next row:** k2, k3tog k2(5sts).

Knit another 7 rows in garter stitch.

**next row:** k1, k3tog k1(5sts).

Knit another 5 rows in garter stitch then knit all 3 sts together and pull yarn through the loop.

### making up:

Use a sewing needle to join side seams.

Sew end in at the tip of the ears and, pinching the bottom of the ears so they stand up, sew them to the hat.

Embroider eyes, nose and mouth in black, brown and pink yarn.

Give him a carrot and make sure Beatrix Potter doesn't get her hands on him.

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# fantastic fox hat

## crochet fox hat

by Sarah

You might have heard of the fox glove, but we bet you've never heard of its woollier, cosier cousin, the fox hat.

### abbreviations: (UK)

**ch** – chain

**st(s)** – stitch(es)

**dc** – double crochet

**inc** – increase

### how you crochet it:

Begin 6 dc in a magic ring. [6]

**round 1:** inc in all 6 st. [12]

**round 2:** (dc in next st, inc in next st) repeat 6 times. [18]

**round 3:** (dc in next 2 st, inc in next st) repeat 6 times. [24]

**round 4:** (dc in next 4 st, inc in next st) repeat 5 times. [30]

**round 5 - 16:** dc in all 30 st [30]

Fasten off and sew in end.

Fold up the rim (approx. last 4 rounds).

3.5mm  
crochet hook

wool colours

level



Add a few stitches on either side to keep in place.

### ears: (make 2)

**note:** I use the tapestry technique for the ears. If you are not confident using this technique, you can choose to crochet the ears in just orange wool, or crochet the cream part separate and embroider them on at the end.

(in orange) 4 dc in a magic ring. [4]

**round 1:** dc in all 4 sts. [4]

**round 2:** inc into next st, dc in all sts. [5]

**round 3:** inc into next st, dc into next st,

(in cream) 1 dc,

(in orange) 5 dc. [6]

**round 4:** inc into next st, dc into next st,

(in cream) 2 dc,

(in orange) 4 dc. [7]

**round 5:** dc into next st,

(in cream) 3 dc,

(in orange) 4 dc. [7]

**round 6:** dc into next st

(in cream) 4 dc,

(in orange) 3 dc. [7]

**round 6:** (in orange) dc into all sts. [7]

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing onto the head.

### making up:

Use a sewing needle, stitch both ears onto the top of the body.

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# really flashy bird

## crochet peacock hat

by Sarah

Frills, feathers, and plenty of hattitude. This one's a crowning glory.

### abbreviations: (UK)

**ch** – chain

**st(s)** – stitch(es)

**dc** – double crochet

**inc** – increase

**dec** – increase

### how you crochet it:

Start by making the body.

Work 6 dc in a magic ring. [6]

**round 1:** inc in all 6 st. [12]

**round 2:** (dc in next st, inc in next st) repeat 6 times. [18]

**round 3:** (dc in next 2 st, inc in next st) repeat 6 times. [24]

**round 4:** (dc in next 4 st, inc in next st) repeat 5 times. [30]

**round 5 - 12:** dc in all 30 st [30]

Fasten off and sew in end.

3.5 & 2.5mm  
crochet hooks

  
wool colours

  
level



### wings: (make 2)

Ch 6. Stitches are worked around both sides of the foundation chain.

**round 1:** start in second ch from hook, inc in this st, dc in next 3 st, inc in next st. Ch 1. Continue on other side of the foundation chain, dc in next 4 st, inc in next st. [12]

**round 2:** dc in all 12 st. [12]

Fasten off and sew one end of the wing onto the body between rows 6-9.

### legs: (make 2)

Start 6 dcs in a magic ring then ch 6 (to make the legs).

Sew onto second to last row of the body approx. 7 sts apart.

### head:

Start 6 dcs in a magic ring. [6]

**round 1:** inc in all 6 st. [12]

**round 2:** (dc in next st, inc in next st) repeat 6 times. [18]

**round 3-5:** dc in all 18 sts. [18]

**round 6:** (dc in next 3 st, dec) repeat 3 times. [12]

Start stuffing the head with fibrefill. (you will need to add more at round 8)

**round 7:** (dc in next 2 st, dec) repeat 2 times. [6]

**round 8:** dc in all 6 sts. [6]

Once nicely stuffed, fasten off, leaving a long tail, sew onto the top of the body.

### headpiece: (make 3)

Start 5 dcs in a magic ring then chain 5. Sew onto the centre of the head.

### beak:

Switch to a 2.5mm crochet hook.

Start 5 dcs in a magic ring. [5]

**round 1-5:** dc in all 5 sts. [5]

Sew onto the middle of the head approx. between rows 5-6.

### eyes: (make 2)

Using a 2.5mm hook, Start 5 dcs in a magic ring. [5]



Either insert a 4mm plastic safety eye into the centre or embroider one.  
Sew onto both sides of the head.

**plumage: (make 6)**

(in dark blue) Start 6 dcs in a magic ring. [6]

**round 1:** (in teal) inc in all 6 st. [12]

**round 2:** (in lime green) (dc in next st, inc in next st) repeat 6 times. [18]

Fasten off and stitch all 6 onto back of the body.

Sit back and watch him shake his tail feathers. Show off.

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