

Yellow Pink and Sparkly

A Little Ray of Sunshine

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This is our Little Ray of Sunshine (Ray for short). He's very quick and easy to make and brings an instant summery smile to your face



If you feel you need cheering up why not make your own or give one to someone you know who needs a smile. Here's the pattern.

Little Ray of Sunshine

To make your own sunshine you will need:

Yellow double knitting yarn - the sunnier the better

3mm crochet hook or whatever feels right

Notions - row marker, toy stuffing, oddments of black yarn

PATTERN

(English terms used)

dc (English) = sc (American)

tr (English) = dc (American)

Finished size - approximately 14 cm (5 ½ inches) in diameter.

Back

With yellow and 3 mm hook make 2 chain.

1st round: 6 dc (US = sc) into 2nd chain from hook. Do not join at end of round, instead continue to work in a spiral - a row marker will be useful to keep track of the beginning of the round.

2nd round: [2 dc into next dc] 6 times. (12 dc)

3rd round: [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next dc] 6 times. (18 dc)

4th round: [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next 2 dc] 6 times. (24 dc)

5th round: [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next 3 dc] 6 times. (30 dc)

6th round: [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next 4 dc] 6 times. (36 dc)

7th round: [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next 5 dc] 6 times. (42 dc)

8th round: [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next 6 dc] 6 times. (48 dc)

9th round: [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next 7 dc] 6 times. (54 dc)

Slip stitch into next dc and fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing up later.



Front

Work as given for back but do not fasten off after ninth round.

10th round: [1 dc in next 3 dc, 1 ch, miss 1 dc, 1 dc in next 2 dc] 9 times.

11th round: [1 dc in next dc, miss 2 dc, (3 tr, 5 ch, sl st into 4th ch from hook, 1 ch, 3 tr) all in 1 ch space, miss next 2 dc] 9 times, sl st into 1st dc and fasten off.



Making up

Using black yarn, embroider a very smiley face on the front piece. Sew the back to the front leaving a small gap for stuffing. Stuff and then close the gap. Attach a hanging loop made by either a twisted cord or a crocheted chain.



Hang up your sunshine and see how it brightens your room.

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