

Curling stone

Curling stone uses a bulky weight wool (about 1-3g of main colour and 1-3 g of colour for handle) and a 4 mm hook.

Uses UK crochet terms.

Base of curling stone:

Using main colour, start with magic loop.

First round - 3 chain (ch) then 12 trebles (tr), join together with slip stitch (sl).

Next 3 rounds - 3 ch then 1 tr in every previous tr, increasing 1 every 3rd st to make piece lie flat, join with sl.

Next round - 3 ch then 1 tr in every previous tr, join with sl.

Next 2 rounds - 3 ch then 1 tr in every previous tr, decreasing (tr2tog) every 3rd st to make piece curve in at top. Join with sl.

Fasten off, pull magic loop closed and tie off, you should have a flat bottomed bowl.



Top of curling stone:

Using second colour, start with magic loop.

First round - 12 tr, join with sl.

Next 2 rounds - 1 tr in every previous tr, increasing every 3rd st to make piece lie flatish. Join with sl.

Fasten off, pull magic loop closed and tie off.

Handle:

Using second colour, do 16 chain.

First row - 1 double (db) in 2nd chain from hook then 1 db in every chain.

Next 3 rows - db in every previous db.

Fasten off.

To make up:

Stitch the two long edges of the handle together to form a tube. Sew one end closed then sew the other end of it to one side of the lid (spreading it open slightly as you sew it on). About a third of the way along the handle put a gathering stitch in underneath it to pull it into shape.

Measure and cut out a piece of cardboard about 2-2.5cm by about 30cm (may vary depending on size of stone). Join the narrow ends together with tape and slip the circle inside the base (this slightly stretches and shapes the base).

Sew lid on about two-thirds of the way around and stuff with toy stuffing. Finish sewing the lid in place then shape the finished curling stone to the desired shape. Spray with starch if you want.