

PRETTY LITTLE THINGS



Story Time

KNIT, SEW AND CROCHET

Tucked in tight

Personalise the bear cushion by embroidering a name along the pocket

STORY TIME

Once upon a time, there was a furry bear, a flock of sheep and a rainbow fish. Despite their differences, they shared a love of going on crafty adventures! This issue's projects will encourage children to read, and were inspired by people coming together from all over the world to read, craft and create during book days and weeks. The cosy cushion is a practical accessory for a child's room (or your own), where a book can be stored after story time; sheepy bookmarks can save pages in notebooks as well; and at 'The End', books of all kinds can be placed between friendly fish bookends for safekeeping. Happy reading!

Scheepjes Creative Director

Simy
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KNITTED BEAR BOOK CUSHION



By Cher Marcus

Gauge/Tension

8 sts and 10 rows to measure 10 x 10cm over st st using 9mm needles and Scheepjes Furry Tales yarn

Measurements

40 x 40cm

Abbreviations

[] number of sts on a given row

beg begin/beginning

k knit

k2tog knit 2 sts together to decrease by 1 st: insert needle knitwise into first 2 sts and knit them together

kfb knit front and back to increase by 1 st: insert needle knitwise into next st; knit as normal but don't slip st from needle, instead bring needle

around to back and knit through back loop of same st

p purl

RS right side

st(s) stitch(es)

st st stocking stitch: RS knit, WS purl

WS wrong side(s)

(.....) x times/to end work instructions between brackets the *total* number of times stated

Pattern Notes

Cushion is worked flat in st st (purl side is right side of all sections) and has a Pocket to hold a book. All sections are worked with a single strand of yarn except Nose: work Nose with yarn held double.

Paws, eyes and mouth are embroidered. For embroidery st instructions, visit Simy's Studio blog: bit.ly/simys-embroidery-tutorial.

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KNITTED BEAR BOOK CUSHION

Polar Bear

Scheepjes Furry Tales

(100% Polyester; 100g/57m)

Yarn A 971 Snow Queen x 3 balls

Scheepjes Chunky Monkey

(100% Premium Acrylic
(Anti Pilling); 100g/116m)

Yarn B 1064 Beige x 1 ball

Yarn C 1054 Tawny x 1 ball

Brown Bear

Scheepjes Furry Tales

(100% Polyester; 100g/57m)

Yarn A 972 Wood Cutter x 3 balls

Scheepjes Chunky Monkey

(100% Premium Acrylic
(Anti Pilling); 100g/116m)

Yarn B 1054 Tawny x 1 ball

Yarn C 1002 Black x 1 ball

9mm knitting needles

40 x 40cm cushion insert

Polyester stuffing
(item no. 240130-10)



COLOURFUL CUSHIONS

Scheepjes Furry Tales yarn is available in **22 colours**, so why not make a collection of these quick, cosy cushions? Try a vibrant white-tipped option or bright colourway to bring a **fantasy creature** to life, or customise the embroidery to **change the animal**. It's easy to adapt the bear to be a dog, koala or even a seal! Use chain stitches to work lines for paws, eyes and features, such as whiskers.

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Instructions

MAIN CUSHION (MAKE 2: 1 EACH FOR FRONT AND BACK)

Using Yarn A, cast on 32 sts.
Work 42 rows in st st, beg with a k row.
Cast off.

POCKET

Using Yarn A, cast on 32 sts.
Work 20 rows in st st, beg with a k row.
Cast off.

EAR (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, cast on 10 sts.
Work 4 rows in st st, beg with a k row.
Row 5 K2tog, k6, k2tog. [8 sts]
Row 6 Purl.
Row 7 K2tog, k4, k2tog. [6 sts]
Row 8 Purl.

Cast off.

INNER EAR (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn B, repeat as for Ear.

NOSE

Using Yarn C held double, cast on 5 sts.
Work 2 rows in st st, beg with a k row.
Row 3 (Kfb) to end. [10 sts]
Continue in st st for 3 rows.
Row 7 (K2tog) to end. [5 sts]
Row 8 Purl.
Cast off.

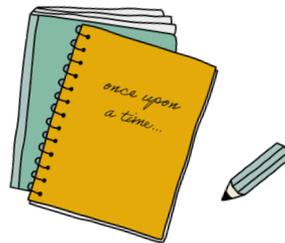
ASSEMBLY

Use photo as a guide.

Using Yarn B, embroider paws onto Pocket using chain sts. Place WS (knit side) of both Main Cushion pieces together, then position Pocket with RS facing out over one Main Cushion piece, aligning edges. Join side and bottom seams of Pocket to Main Cushion pieces, stitching through all 3 layers, and continue to join all around, leaving top edge open for inserting cushion. Once cushion insert is inside, close remaining edge. Join Inner Ears to centre of Ears, aligning bottom sides and leaving cast-on edge open, then stuff lightly and join to top corners of Cushion, stitching through all layers. Join Nose to centre of Cushion, leave small opening, then stuff lightly and close opening. Using Yarn C and straight sts, embroider eyes, and using chain sts, embroider mouth.

TO FINISH

Weave in all ends.



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your page!*

*Slide a sheep
bookmark over the
page corner to
keep your spot*



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SHEEP PAGE CORNER BOOKMARKS

Materials given make all three bookmarks

Queen's Quality felt

(100% Polyester; 2mm thick)

001 (white) x 2 sheets (item no. 10100-001)

012 (golden brown) x 1 sheet
(item no. 10100-012)

047 (light pink) x 1 sheet (item no. 10100-047)

003 (orange) x 1 sheet (item no. 10100-003)

052 (blue) x 1 sheet (item no. 10100-052)

019 (green) x 1 sheet (item no. 10100-019)

DMC Stranded Cotton embroidery thread

(100% Cotton; 8m per skein)

BLANC (white) x 1 skein
(item no. 117MC-BLANC)

0310 (black) x 1 skein
(item no. 117MC-0310)

3828 (golden brown) x 1 skein
(item no. 117MC-3828)

0950 (light pink) x 1 skein
(item no. 117MC-0950)

0699 (green) x 1 skein
(item no. 117MC-0699)

0947 (orange) x 1 skein
(item no. 117MC-0947)

3854 (light orange) x 1 skein
(item no. 117MC-3854) >>

SHEEP PAGE CORNER BOOKMARKS

By Liz Barraclough

Measurements

Each Bookmark measures 9 x 9cm

Abbreviation

st(s) stitch(es)

Pattern Notes

This pattern makes all 3 sheep. Each Sheep Bookmark features a body made up of 4 pieces of white felt plus accessories, joined together using 1 strand of thread and whip st. Other features are embroidered using 1-3 strands of thread, noted in instructions below. For embroidery st instructions, visit: bit.ly/simys-embroidery-tutorial.

Felt pieces are backed with interlining to strengthen and stabilise fabric.

Instructions

PREPARE FELT SHAPES

Step 1 Trace the following shapes (see schematic) onto smooth side of interlining, at least 1cm apart.

Cut out roughly, fuse to felt colours given below, then cut out precisely.

12 x Body pieces in white (4 per sheep)

3 x Topknot pieces in white

6 x Inner Ear pieces in light pink

2 x Tie pieces in green

1 x each Head piece in golden brown

1 x Scarf piece in blue

1 x Tulip piece in orange

ASSEMBLY

Use photo as a guide.

Step 2 Place 6 Body pieces in pairs (interlined sides together) and whip st together using 1 strand of white thread, set aside until Step 10.

Step 3 Using 3 strands of black thread, embroider eyes using straight sts and mouth using fly st onto Heads, then using red pencil, gently shade cheeks. Using 1 strand of light pink thread, whip st Inner Ears onto each Head.

OFFICE SHEEP

Step 4 Trace Glasses shape (see schematic) onto tissue paper, pin onto Head and using 3 strands of black thread, backstitch in place, tease away tissue paper.

Step 5 Using 2 strands of bright orange thread, make 7 French knots on 1 Tie piece, place both Tie pieces together with knots facing out, and using 1 strand of black thread, backstitch a horizontal line at base of Tie's knot. Using 1 strand of green thread, whip st around 4 hanging edges of Tie. Position Tie on a Body piece and whip st around Tie knot, stitching through all 3 layers to secure.

Step 6 Place Head just above Tie and using golden brown thread, whip st to Body. Place Topknot between ears and using 2 strands of white thread, cover with French knots.

MUNCHING SHEEP

Step 7 Using 2 strands of green thread, backstitch 1 curved stem and 2 leaves beneath position of Head onto a Body piece. Whip st

Tulip to Body at end of stem, then position Head slightly overlapping stem and leaves. Using golden brown thread, whip st Head to Body. Place Topknot between ears and using 2 strands of white thread, cover with French knots.

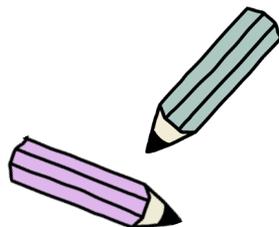
CHILLY SHEEP

Step 8 Using 1 strand of black thread, backstitch folds onto Scarf, then using 3 strands of black thread and straight sts, embroider fringe to end of Scarf. Using 1 strand of blue thread, whip st Scarf onto a Body piece. Place Head slightly overlapping Scarf, then whip st to Body. Place Topknot between ears and using 2 strands of white thread, cover with French knots.

TO FINISH

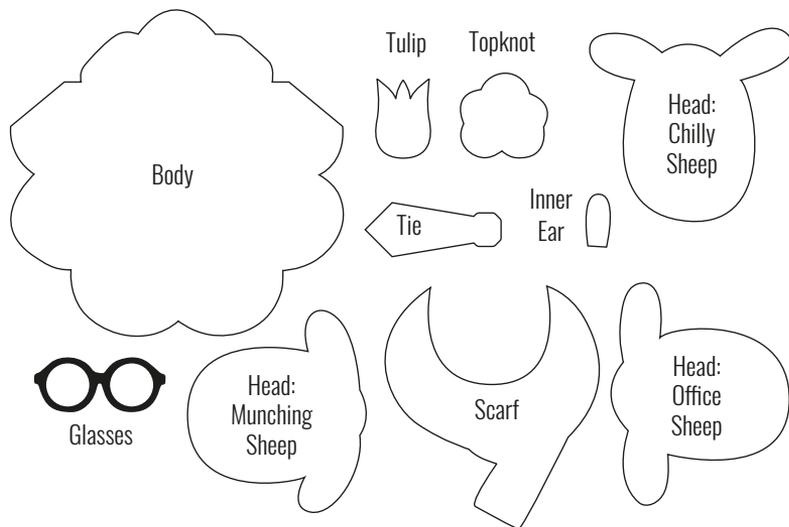
Step 9 Back each embroidered Body piece with a remaining Body piece, whip st them together.

Step 10 Place set aside Body pieces at back of each Bookmark and using 1 strand of white thread, whip st in place along the 4 straight edges only. Sew in any thread ends.



Schematic: Felt Shapes Cutting Template

Photocopy at 200%



>> 0518 (blue) x 1 skein
(item no. 117MC-0518)

90 x 40cm Vlieseline F220 fusible
interlining (item no. 229010)

Red pencil

5 x 5cm piece tissue paper
Basic sewing kit



Dive into a good book!

Add an amigurumi fish to update old bookends, or make some yourself!



AMIGURUMI FISH BOOKENDS



By Matt Farci

Gauge/Tension

Tension is not critical for this project, but different measurements may result in different yarn amounts needed; keep sts tight to prevent stuffing from showing through fabric

Measurements (each Bookend)

Height: 21cm

Length: 14cm

Width: 9cm

Abbreviations (UK Terms)

[] number of stitches on a given round

blo back loop(s) only: insert hook under back loop(s) only

ch(s) chain(s) or chain stitch(es)

dc2tog double crochet 2 sts together to decrease by 1 st: (insert hook in next st, yoh, pull up loop) twice, yoh, draw through both loops

dc3tog double crochet 3 sts together to decrease by 2 st: (insert hook in next st, yoh, pull up loop) 3 times, yoh, draw through both loops
dc double crochet

flo front loop(s) only: insert hook under front loop(s) only

folll following

htr half treble crochet

rep repeat

RS right side

ss slip stitch(es)

st(s) stitch(es)

yoh yarn over hook

(.....) x times work instructions between brackets the *total* number of times stated

Pattern Notes

Bookends are made using the amigurumi method throughout (work in a spiral without closing each round with ss). To change colour, work final st in previous colour to last 2 loops on hook, yoh with new colour and draw through previous colour to finish st.

Instructions

BASE (MAKE 2: 1 IN YARN A, 1 IN YARN B)

Using Yarn A, ch18.

Round 1 (RS) 2dc in second ch from hook, 15dc, 3dc in last ch; continue to work along opposite side of ch, 15dc, 1dc in last ch (already contains first 2 dc). [36 dc]

Round 2 (RS) (2dc in next st) twice, 15dc, (2dc in next st) 3 times, 15dc, 2dc in next st. [42 dc]

Round 3 (2dc in next st, 1dc) twice, 15dc, (2dc in next st, 1dc) 3 times, 15dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc. [48 dc]

Round 4 (2dc in next st, 2dc) twice, 15dc, (2dc in next st, 2dc) 3 times, 15dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc. [54 dc]

Round 5 (2dc in next st, 3dc) twice, 15dc, (2dc in next st, 3dc) 3 times, 15dc, 2dc in next st, 3dc. [60 dc]

Round 6 (2dc in next st, 4dc) twice, 15dc, (2dc in next st, 4dc) 3 times, 15dc, 2dc in next st, 4dc. [66 dc]

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AMIGURUMI FISH BOOKENDS

Scheepjes Catona

(100% Mercerised Cotton: 50g/125m)

Yarn A 403 Lemonade x 1 ball

Scheepjes Catona

(100% Mercerised Cotton: 25g/62.5m)

Yarn B 173 Bluebell x 1 ball

Yarn D 246 Icy Pink x 1 ball

Yarn E 385 Crystalline x 1 ball

Scheepjes Catona

(100% Mercerised Cotton: 10g/25m)

Yarn C 520 Lavender x 1 ball

2.5mm crochet hook

2 x 10mm black safety eyes
(item no. 5633-10-000)

Polyester stuffing
(item no. 240130-10)

Cardboard

Wooden plank (approx. 70 x 14 x 1cm)

Wooden trim (approx. 28 x 1 x 1cm)

Wood glue

Hot glue gun

White paint + brush (optional)



NOTES

Use this space to write your pattern notes!

Round 7 (2dc in next st, 5dc) twice, 15dc, (2dc in next st, 5dc) 3 times, 15dc, 2dc in next st, 5dc. [72 dc]

Round 8 (2dc in next st, 6dc) twice, 15dc, (2dc in next st, 6dc) 3 times, 15dc, 2dc in next st, 6dc, ss to first st to join. [78 dc]

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Cut out a cardboard piece equal in size and shape to Base.

HEAD

Using Yarn A, make magic ring.

Round 1 (RS) 6dc into ring. [6 dc]

Round 2 (RS) 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]

Round 3 (and all alternate rounds) 1dc in each st around.

Round 4 (2dc in next st, 1dc) 6 times. [18 dc]

Round 6 (2dc in next st, 2dc) 6 times. [24 dc]

Round 8 (2dc in next st, 3dc) 6 times. [30 dc]

Round 10 (2dc in next st, 4dc) 6 times. [36 dc]

Round 12 (2dc in next st, 5dc) 6 times. [42 dc]

Round 14 (2dc in next st, 6dc) 6 times. [48 dc]

Round 16 (2dc in next st, 7dc) 6 times. [54 dc]

Round 18 (2dc in next st, 8dc) 6 times. [60 dc]

Insert safety eyes between Rounds 16-17, 15 sts apart, and begin stuffing firmly as you go.

Round 20 (2dc in next st, 9dc) 6 times. [66 dc]

Round 22 (2dc in next st, 10dc) 6 times. [72 dc]

Round 24 (2dc in next st, 11dc) 6 times. [78 dc]

Round 26 1dc in each st around.

Round 27 (1ss flo, skip next st, 3htr flo in next st, 3htr flo in next st, skip next st, 1ss flo) around. [13 scallops of 2 ss, 6 htr]

Fasten off.

Join Yarn E with ss to any back loop from Round 26.

Round 28 78dc blo. [78 dc blo]

Rounds 29-38 1dc in each st around.

Round 39 Rep Round 27.

Fasten off.

Join Yarn B with ss to any back loop from Round 38.

Round 40 78dc blo. [78 dc blo]

Rounds 41-50 1dc in each st around.

Round 51 Working through sts of previous round and last round of Yarn B Base **at the same time**, 1dc in each st around, insert cardboard piece as you go to keep Base flat, firmly stuff before closing, ss to first dc to join. [78 dc]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

TAIL PIECE (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn C, make magic ring.

Round 1 (RS) 6dc into ring. [6 dc]

Round 2 (RS) (2dc in next st, 1dc) 3 times. [9 dc]

Round 3 (2dc in next st, 2dc) 3 times. [12 dc]

Rounds 4-5 (and all foll unlisted rounds) 1dc in each st around.

Round 6 (2dc in next st, 1dc) 6 times. [18 dc]

Round 9 (2dc in next st, 2dc) 6 times. [24 dc]

Round 10 1dc in each st around.

Change to Yarn D.

Round 11 1dc in each st around.

Round 12 (2dc in next st, 3dc) 6 times. [30 dc]

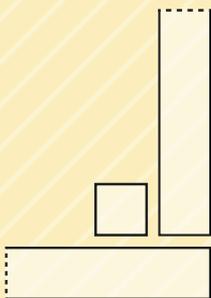
Round 15 (2dc in next st, 4dc) 6 times. [36 dc]

Round 18 (Dc2tog, 4dc) 6 times. [30 dc]

Round 20 (Dc2tog, 3dc) 6 times. [24 dc]

Round 22 (Dc2tog, 2dc) 6 times. [18 dc]

Schematic: Wooden Bookends



Fasten off first Tail Piece.

Make second Tail Piece, do not fasten off, change to Yarn B and continue to join pieces together in next section.

TAIL ASSEMBLY

Round 23 Using Yarn B, continue to work 1dc in each st around of second Tail Piece, pick up first Tail Piece, continue to work 1dc in each st around of first Tail Piece. [36 dc]

Instructions for next 5 rounds are given as a single round: dc3tog sts are worked over end and beginning sts of these rounds.

Rounds 24-28 16dc, dc3tog, 15dc, dc3tog, 14dc, dc3tog, 13dc, dc3tog, 12dc, dc3tog, 11dc, dc3tog, 10dc, dc3tog, 9dc, dc3tog, 8dc, dc3tog. [18 dc]

Rounds 29-30 1dc in each st around.

Round 31 (2dc in next st, 2dc) 6 times. [24 dc]

Round 32 (2dc in next st, 3dc) 6 times. [30 dc]

Round 33 (2dc in next st, 4dc) 6 times. [36 dc]

Change to Yarn E.

Round 34 (2dc blo in next st, 5dc blo) 6 times. [42 dc blo]

Round 35 (2dc in next st, 6dc) 6 times. [48 dc]

Round 36 (2dc in next st, 7dc) 6 times. [54 dc]

Round 37 (2dc in next st, 8dc) 6 times. [60 dc]

Round 38 (2dc in next st, 9dc) 6 times. [66 dc]

Round 39 (2dc in next st, 10dc) 6 times. [72 dc]

Round 40 (2dc in next st, 11dc) 6 times. [78 dc]

Rounds 41-43 1dc in each st around.

Change to Yarn A.

Round 44 1dc blo in each st around. [78 dc blo]

Rounds 45-53 1dc in each st around. [78 dc]

Round 54 Rep Round 51 of Head working into Yarn A Base. [78 dc]

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Tail scallops

Turn Tail upside down.

Join Yarn A with ss to any front loop from Round 43 of Tail (does not count as st), rep Round 27 of Head, fasten off. [13 scallops of 2 ss, 6 htr]

Join Yarn E with ss to any front loop from Round 33 of Tail (does not count as st), rep Round 27 of Head, fasten off. [6 scallops]

FIN (MAKE 3: 2 IN YARN D, 1 IN YARN C)

Rounds 1-2 Rep Rounds 1-2 of Head.

Round 3 (2dc in next st, 1dc) 6 times. [18 dc]

Rounds 4-6 1dc in each st around.

Fasten off.

ASSEMBLY

Use photo as a guide for placement of details.

Using Yarn C, embroider eyelashes with straight sts, then stitch Yarn C Fin to top of Head. Using Yarn D, stitch Yarn D Fins to each side of Head.

Refer to Schematic: Wooden Bookends. Cut wooden plank into four lengths: 2 x 20cm and 2 x 15cm, then cut wooden trim in 2 pieces to match width of plank pieces. Join pieces together using wood glue. Paint bookends if desired.

Using glue gun, glue Head and Tail pieces onto corresponding Wooden Bookends.

TO FINISH

Weave in any remaining ends.

3 CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS YOU'LL LOVE TOO!

These adorable stories are perfect tales to read to little ones after crafting the day away



1 *Where's My Monkey?*

By Dieter Schubert, Lemniscaat USA

This beautiful, wordless book tells the tale of a toy monkey who has fallen from his young owner's trolley, and his journey to return home.

2 *What Does My Teddy Bear Do All Day?*

By Bruno Hächler, Michael Neugebauer

A rhyming tale about a little girl and her determination to find out what her bear gets up to when she's not around.

3 *Bumbletum*

By Steve Smallman, Little Tiger Press

This wonderful story of self-discovery follows new toy in the bedroom, Bumbletum, as the other toys help him to find out what makes him special.

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