

# PRETTY LITTLE THINGS



## Board Games

CROCHET, QUILT AND KNIT

*Adapt the versatile  
designs to make other  
kinds of chess pieces*



**Get ready  
for game  
night!**

## BOARD GAMES

No matter your age, there's something timeless about board games. I have fond memories of winter evenings playing games with the whole family; they really do bring the generations together. The projects in this issue are designed so you can hone your craft skills, and like crafting, games are a good way to relax, whether you're the competitive type or not! These projects make great gifts for dads and little ones alike, as well as providing the best excuse for staying cosy inside during the colder months. A warm fire, tasty snacks, hot chocolate in a favourite mug... now let the games begin!

Scheepjes Creative Director

*Sunny*

### CROCHETED CHESS KING & QUEEN

By Sarah-Jane Hicks



#### Measurements

Queen 14.5cm high

King 16.5cm high

#### 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

#### Abbreviations (UK Terms)

[ ] number of sts on a given round

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

**ch(s)** chain(s) or chain st(s)

**dc** double crochet

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

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

**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 \*.....; **rep from \* x times/to end** work instructions after \* and then repeat that section as stated

#### Pattern Notes

This pattern makes one Queen and one King Chess Piece. Chess Pieces are worked using amigurumi method: work sts continuously in a spiral without closing each round with ss. Mark first st of each round with st marker, moving it up as you go. Stuff Chess Pieces as you go. Skipped chs do not count as st(s) throughout.

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#### SHOPPING LIST

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### CROCHETED CHESS KING & QUEEN

#### Scheepjes Cotton 8

(100% Cotton; 50g/170m)

**Yarn A** 502 (white) x 1 ball

**Yarn B** 515 (black) x 1 ball

2.5mm crochet hook

Stitch marker

1mm-thick card for base of pieces

Small amount of polyester stuffing  
(item no. 240130-10)



*Make up to 10 pieces  
in total out of 2 balls  
of Scheepjes Cotton 8*

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## NOTES

Use this space to write your pattern notes!

## SIZE UP AND DOWN

Try creating **different sized** chess pieces by replacing Scheepjes Cotton 8 with different weights of yarn. For **mini versions** of the King and Queen, try Scheepjes Legacy No. 12 (in white and ecru only) and a 2mm hook. Alternatively make **jumbo-size** pieces using Scheepjes Truly Scrumptious double stranded and a 6mm hook.

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## Instructions

### QUEEN

#### Main Piece

Using Yarn A, ch2.

**Round 1 (RS)** 8dc in second ch from hook. [8 dc]

**Round 2 (RS)** 2dc in each st around. [16 dc]

**Round 3** (1dc, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [24 dc]

**Round 4** (2dc, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [32 dc]

**Round 5** (3dc, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [40 dc]

**Round 6** (4dc, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [48 dc]

**Round 7** 48dc blo.

**Round 8** (4dc blo, dc2tog blo) 8 times. [40 dc]

**Round 9** (3dc, dc2tog) 8 times. [32 dc]

Rounds 1-6 form base of piece.

Measure diameter of base and cut two circles from card with same diameter. Insert both cardboard circles into crocheted piece, add some stuffing on top. Continue to stuff rest of piece as you go.

**Round 10** (2dc, dc2tog) 8 times. [24 dc]

**Round 11** (3dc flo, 2dc flo in next st) 6 times. [30 dc]

**Round 12** (4dc flo, 2dc flo in next st) 6 times. [36 dc]

**Round 13** (5dc flo, 2dc flo in next st) 6 times. [42 dc]

**Round 14** 42dc.

**Round 15** (5dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 dc]

**Round 16** (4dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 dc]

**Round 17** (3dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 dc]

**Round 18** 24dc flo.

**Round 19** 24dc.

**Round 20** (6dc blo, dc2tog blo) 3 times. [21 dc]

**Rounds 21-23** 21dc.

**Round 24** (5dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [18 dc]

**Rounds 25-27** 18dc.

**Round 28** (4dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [15 dc]

**Rounds 29-31** 15dc.

**Round 32** (4dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [18 dc]

**Round 33** 18dc.

**Round 34** 2htr flo in each st around. [36 htr]

**Round 35** 36dc blo.

**Round 36** (1dc blo, dc2tog blo) 12 times. [24 dc]

**Round 37** (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 dc]

**Round 38** 18dc flo.

**Round 39** (5dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [21 dc]

**Round 40** 21dc.

**Round 41** \*1dc flo, skip 1 st, (2htr flo, ch1, 2htr flo) in next st, skip 1 st; rep from \* 4 more times, skip 1 st, ss to first dc to join. Fasten off.

### Top

Using Yarn A, ch2.

**Round 1 (RS)** 6dc in second ch from hook. [6 dc]

**Rounds 2-3 (RS)** 6dc.

**Round 4** 2dc flo in each st around. [12 dc]

**Round 5** (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]

**Round 6** (5dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [21 dc]

Fasten off, leaving 20cm tail for assembling Main Piece and Top.

### KING

#### Main Piece

Using Yarn B, ch2.

**Rounds 1-40 (RS)** Rep Rounds 1-40 of Queen.

**Round 41** (6dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [24 dc]

**Rounds 42-43** 24dc.

Fasten off.

## Top

Using Yarn B, ch2.

**Round 1 (RS)** 8dc in second ch from hook. [8 dc]

**Round 2 (RS)** 8dc blo. [8 dc]

**Round 3** 2dc flo in each st around. [16 dc]

**Round 4** (1dc, 2dc in next st) 8 times. [24 dc]

Fasten off, leaving 20cm tail for assembling Main Piece and Top.

## Cross

Using Yarn B, ch4.

**Round 1 (RS)** 1dc in third ch from hook, 1ss in fourth ch from hook, \*ch3, 1dc in third ch from hook, 1ss in same ch as previous ss: rep from \* twice more.

Fasten off, leaving 20cm tail for joining Cross to Top of King piece.

## ASSEMBLY

Finish stuffing chess pieces. Join pieces of Queen together, stitching through **back** loops of Main Piece and **front** loops of Top only. Add extra stuffing to Tops before closing gap. Join pieces of King together, stitching through **back** loops only. Stitch Cross to centre of Top.

## TO FINISH

Weave in all ends.



## PLAN THE PERFECT GAME NIGHT

There's nothing like a fun (and competitive!) game with family and friends to while away an evening. Use your PLT makes from this issue!



### 1. CHESS

For those who like to follow the rules, chess is the perfect game for two players. Your aim is to make it impossible for your opponent's king to escape.

Checkmate!



### 2. NOUGHTS & CROSSES

Also known as tic-tac-toe or Xs and Os, take it in turns to mark a space with a nought or cross on our cushion (page 9). The first to get three symbols in a row wins!



### 3. DRAUGHTS

Use the chequerboard on page 6 for this skilful game of strategy (called 'checkers' in the US). Move across the board and capture your opponent's pieces by jumping over them!



### 4. YAHTZEE

A game of skill or luck? Use the tray option (page 6) and try rolling a perfect combination of five dice, and you'll find out for yourself!



**Double  
the fun!**

*This travel-friendly  
item is fun for all  
the family*

## REVERSIBLE QUILTED GAME BOARD

By Liz Barraclough

### Measurements

Flat: 45 x 45cm

Folded: 29 x 29cm (base) x 8cm high

### Abbreviations

**inc** increase

**RS** right side

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

**tog** together

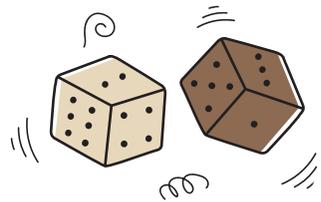
**WS** wrong side

### Pattern Notes

This Game Board is quilted, double-sided and multifunctional. The front features a Chequerboard and the back can be folded and fastened to create a Dice Tray.

Printed fabrics are chain pieced to make Chequerboard. Border is added, then Chequerboard is quilted before adding Dice Tray backing. Reinforcement is slotted into base and sides before finishing with binding and press fasteners.

A patchwork foot is helpful for piecing and a walking foot is recommended for quilting. Use size 70 needle for piecing and size 90 quilting needle for Step 8 onwards.



## Instructions

### PREPARE FABRIC

**Step 1** Iron fabrics and plan layout before cutting. From black, cut 2 strips measuring 115 x 6cm for Binding and 4 strips measuring 50 x 5cm for Chequerboard. From white cut 4 strips 50 x 5cm for Chequerboard. From green, cut 1 piece measuring 50 x 50cm for Backing, and for Border, 2 pieces measuring 53 x 12cm and 2 pieces measuring 34 x 12cm. Cut wadding into 2 squares measuring 50 x 50cm.

### PIECE CHEQUERBOARD

Press seams open at every stage of piecing. Use size 70 needle, ¼in seam allowance, grey thread and st length 2.

**Step 2** Pin the 8 strips with RS tog in pairs of 1 black, 1 white and chain piece, sewing along 1 long edge of each pair. Repeat, sewing pairs of blocks tog until you have a single block with 8 stripes of alternating colour.

**Step 3** Place block on cutting mat with stripes horizontal. Cut vertically into 8 strips 5cm-wide. Sew strips tog as in Step 2, ensuring black and white blocks alternate, until you have 64-piece Chequerboard.

### PIECE BORDER

**Step 4** Pin and sew shorter Border pieces to top and bottom of Chequerboard with RS tog, long raw edges aligned and green fabric overhanging approx. 1cm either side. Open out and trim overhang in line with Chequerboard.

**Step 5** Stitch longer Border pieces to opposite sides of block as in Step 4.

**Step 6** Square up, trimming block with 10cm Border around Chequerboard. It should measure approx. 50 x 50cm.

### QUILT AND REINFORCE

Change to size 90 quilting needle and inc to st length 3.

**Step 7** Place Chequerboard block RS down, smooth and lay 1 piece of wadding on top. Fold half of wadding back, spray exposed fabric with temporary adhesive and fold wadding back down. Repeat to spray baste remaining half. If needed, reposition fabric and smooth out any wrinkles.

**Step 8** Using erasable pen and ruler, draw diagonal lines in both directions across white squares of Chequerboard. St along the guidelines. Use hand sewing needle to take thread ends to reverse, knot tog and trim.

**Step 9** Spray baste a layer of wadding to WS of Backing. Place Backing and Chequerboard WS (wadding) tog and clip tog around edges.

**Step 10** Draw guidelines extending outline of Chequerboard to edge of Border. Using green thread, sew 2 vertical lines and 1 horizontal line from edge of block to opposite edge. Slot square reinforcement between layers of wadding and smooth. It may need trimming but should lay flat and snug. Sew edge to edge along remaining horizontal line to enclose.

**Step 11** Square up and trim, leaving 8cm Border around Chequerboard (measuring approx. 46 x 46cm). Slot remaining reinforcement pieces

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### REVERSIBLE QUILTED GAME BOARD

*Fabric*

**Tissu de Marie Cotton Dots Fabric**  
(100% Cotton; 1.15m)

115 x 50cm piece of black fabric  
(item no. 96612)

115 x 15cm piece of white fabric  
(item no. 95083)

**Tissu de Marie Cotton Clouded Fabric**  
(100% Cotton; 1.1m)

110 x 60cm piece of green fabric  
(item no. 65700-20)

*Other Materials*

100 x 50cm piece Vlieseline 249  
low loft sew-in wadding

Madeira Temporary Spray Adhesive  
(item no. M4340)

1 spool grey Gütermann rPet Sew-All  
thread (item no. 6723860-008)

1 spool green Gütermann rPet Sew-All  
thread (item no. 6723860-396)

4 pairs black Prym press fasteners,  
12.4mm (item no. 393.105)

Prym Vario Pliers with press fastener tool  
set (item no. 390.902)

Erasable Aqua Marker (item no. 611807)  
20 x 17.5mm red buttons  
(item no. 4348-28-722) >>

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>> 20 x 17.5mm grey buttons  
(item no. 4348-28-001)

Size 70 universal sewing machine  
needle (item no. 130-705-05-070)

Size 90 quilting sewing machine  
needle (item no. 130-705Q-90)

1 piece greyboard for base,  
28.5 x 28.5cm

4 pieces greyboard for sides,  
28.5 x 7cm

Sewing machine + supplies

### UPCYCLE YOUR SCRAPS

Use the leftover fabrics from this make to **create a pouch** to store dice and game accessories! The designer used the black dots fabric (see photo on page 6). Fold a **rectangular piece** in half right sides together, sew up two sides, fold over the opening, sew around to make a casing, then use a long strip or ribbon for a **drawstring**.

between wadding and backing. Inc st length to 5 and sew around 4 sides close to Border to baste in place.

### DOUBLE FOLD BINDING

See Simy's Studio blog for a step-by-step tutorial corresponding to this section:  
[bit.ly/double-binding-tutorial](http://bit.ly/double-binding-tutorial).

Return to st length 2.

**Step 12** Sew short ends of strips tog to make 1 long length. Fold strip WS tog along length, press.

**Step 13** Inc st length to 3 and use  $\frac{3}{8}$ in seam allowance. Apply Binding all around quilt, beginning halfway down 1 side, aligning unfolded edge with raw edge of Border and folding at corners to mitre. Stitching will pass through reinforcement as well as fabric.

**Step 14** Fold binding to reverse and hand stitch in place.

### APPLY PRESS STUDS

**Step 15** With Chequerboard facing down (see photo), fold Border up so sides are vertical, and corners pushed out. Clip in place. From each bottom corner, mark point 5cm up stitching line and 1.5cm out. Push a thick sharp needle through all layers to make small hole for positioning pairs of studs to each corner. Apply studs following manufacturer's instructions.

### TO FINISH

**Step 16** Add 2 different colours of buttons to play draughts and roll on game night!



# Super sized challenge!



*Jumbo pieces make  
this intarsia knit  
cushion a fun game  
for little ones*



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### SHOPPING LIST

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## NOUGHTS & CROSSES CUSHION

### Scheepjes Colour Crafter

(100% Premium Acrylic  
(Anti Pilling); 100g/300m)

**Yarn A** 1002 Ede x 1 ball

**Yarn B** 1005 Barneveld x 1 ball

**Yarn C** 1010 Amsterdam x 1 ball

**Yarn D** 1826 Franeker x 1 ball

3mm and 4mm knitting needles

45 x 45cm cushion insert

10 x press fasteners

Stiff cardboard for shaping  
Noughts and Crosses

Small amount of polyester stuffing  
(item no. 240130-10)

Small amounts of white, green and  
red sewing thread

Sewing needle

### Alternative yarn option

### Scheepjes Scrumptious

(50% Recycled Polyester,  
50% Acrylic; 100g/300m)

**Yarn A** 301 Charcoal Ice Cream x 1 ball

**Yarn B** 302 Buttercream Icing x 1 ball

**Yarn C** 365 Summer Pudding x 1 ball

**Yarn D** 319 Matcha Chocolate Brownie  
x 1 ball

## NOUGHTS & CROSSES CUSHION



By Cher Marcus

### Gauge/Tension

For Cushion: 20 sts and 24 rows to measure

10 x 10cm over st st using 4mm needles

Tension of Noughts and Crosses is not critical, but different measurements may result in different yarn amounts needed

### Measurements

Finished Cushion measures 45 x 45cm

Nought approx. 9cm diameter, 2.5cm height

Cross approx. 9 x 9cm, 2.5cm height

### Abbreviations

[ ] number of sts on a given row

**beg** beginning

**cc** change colour

**k** knit

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

**kfb** knit front and back to increase by 1 st: insert  
needle kwise 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

**kwise** knitwise

**p** purl

**rep** repeat

**RS** right side

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

**st st** stocking stitch: RS knit, WS purl

**WS** wrong side

### Pattern Notes

Cushion pieces are worked flat. Criss cross lines on Front are worked using intarsia method: split Yarns A and B into separate balls (2 for Yarn A and 3 for Yarn B) and work each colour section using a different ball, without breaking yarn. At colour changes, twist yarns together before continuing to prevent holes forming in fabric.

Noughts and Crosses are attached to Cushion using press fasteners and matching sewing thread.

### Instructions

#### CUSHION FRONT

Using 4mm needles and Yarn B, cast on 84 sts.

**Row 1 (RS)** K24, cc to Yarn A, k6, cc to Yarn B, k24, cc to Yarn A, k6, cc to Yarn B, k24. [84 sts]

**Row 2 (WS)** P24, cc to Yarn A, p6, cc to Yarn B, p24, cc to Yarn A, p6, cc to Yarn B, p24.

Rep Rows 1-2 a further 15 times. [32 rows total]

Using Yarn A, work 8 rows in st st, cc to Yarn B.

Rep Rows 1-2 a further 16 times. [32 rows added]

Using Yarn A, work 8 rows in st st, cc to Yarn B.

Rep Rows 1-2 a further 16 times. [32 rows added]

Break Yarn A, cast off using Yarn B.

#### CUSHION BACK

Using 4mm needles and Yarn A, cast on 84 sts.

Beg with a k row, work 112 rows in st st.

Cast off.

#### NOUGHT (MAKE 5)

Using 3mm needles and Yarn C, cast on 5 sts.

**Row 1 (RS)** Kfb in each st. [10 sts]

**Row 2 (WS)** Purl.

**Row 3** Kfb in each st. [20 sts]

Beg with a p row, work 3 rows in st st.

**Row 7** Kfb in each st. [40 sts]

Beg with a p row, work 5 rows in st st.

**Row 13** Kfb in each st. [80 sts]

Beg with a p row, work 3 rows in st st.

**Row 17 (RS)** Purl (to mark fold line).

Beg with a p row, work 3 rows in st st.

**Row 21 (RS)** Purl (to mark fold line).

Beg with a p row, work 3 rows in st st.

**Row 25** K2tog to end. [40 sts]

Beg with a p row, work 5 rows in st st.

**Row 31** K2tog to end. [20 sts]

**Row 32** Purl.

**Row 33** K2tog to end. [10 sts]

**Row 34** Purl.

**Row 35** K2tog to end. [5 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts on needle, pull tight to close.

## CROSS

**Front/Back (make 10: 5 for each side)**

Using 3mm needles and Yarn D, cast on 6 sts.

Beg with a k row, work 10 rows in st st.

**Row 11 (RS)** Using two-needle cast-on method, cast on 8 sts, k to end. [14 sts]

**Row 12 (WS)** Using two-needle cast-on method, cast on 8 sts, p to end. [22 sts]

Beg with a k row, work 4 rows in st st.

**Row 17** Cast off 8 sts, k to end. [14 sts]

**Row 18** Cast off 8 sts, p to end. [6 sts]

Beg with a k row, work 10 rows in st st. Cast off.

## Centre Strip (make 5)

Using 3mm needles and Yarn D, cast on 88 sts.

Beg with a k row, work 3 rows in st st. Cast off.

## ASSEMBLY

Block Cushion Front and Back. Using white thread, stitch flat half of 9 press fasteners to centre of each white square. Using mattress st, join row ends and cast-on edge of Cushion Front and Back, insert cushion, close opening.

**For each Nought** cut 2 x 8cm diameter circles from stiff cardboard. Using mattress st, join row ends of cast-on edge to second purl fold line. Insert both circles and ease to fit inside within purl fold lines. Push a small amount of stuffing between the two circles, keep circle shape flat. Join remaining row ends. Stitch other half of fasteners to centre backs.

**For each Cross** cut 2 cardboard inserts in same shape with rounded edges. Oversew cast-on edge of Centre Strip around row ends and cast-on/cast-off edges of Front, then join ends of Centre Strip. Oversew cast-off edge of Centre Strip halfway around Back piece. Insert both cardboard shapes and ease them to oversewn edges. Insert a small amount of stuffing between the shapes, being careful to keep cross shape flat. Oversew remaining open edges. Using green thread, stitch second half of fasteners to centre back of each Cross.

## TO FINISH

Weave in ends, then enjoy a fun game of noughts and crosses!

## HOW TO DO A TWO-NEEDLE CAST-ON

Also known as the knitted, knit-on or English cast-on method

This is a useful cast-on for adding stitches mid-row, and when used at the beginning of a project, it will create a firm edge. It's a good cast-on for beginners to start with, as it follows a similar process to making a knit stitch.

1

Insert right needle through front of first stitch (or slip knot) on left needle.

2

Wrap yarn anti-clockwise (right to left) around tip of right needle.

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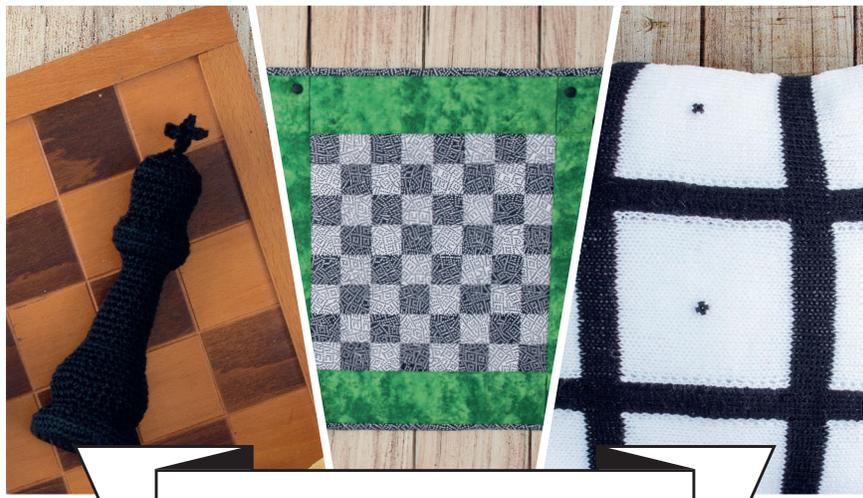
Draw loop of yarn down through the stitch with the right needle.

4

Bring right needle up, twist stitch slightly and slip new stitch onto left needle. Tighten st. Repeat until desired number of stitches are on the needle.



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