



Materials

Acrylic DK and a 3.00mm hook or DMC Petra/Perle size 5 and a 1.50mm hook, toy stuffing or plastic canvas, tapestry needle for sewing in ends.

My "!" is 20cm/8ins tall when using yarn and 11cm/4¼ins when using thread.

Stuffing

Stuffing is optional. The double thickness makes the "!" sturdy enough but stuffing gives them a 3D effect. If you prefer them flat but want it firmer, plastic canvas can be used.

General Notes

Turning 1ch: the 1ch at beginning of dc rows is for turning only and not counted as a stitch unless other wise stated.

Joining slip stitch: the ss used to join rounds is not counted as a stitch and is not worked into when you turn.

Starting chain: Always work into the back loop of the starting chain unless otherwise stated. This gives a neater finish, making both the bottom and top of the work look the same. When working into **unused loops**, pick up both loops as you would when working into the tops of other stitches.

hl: hanging loop: ch 8, ss to 1st ch.

Top - make 2

Row 1: 9ch, ss in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next 6ch, 3dc in next ch, working along other side of ch in unused loops, 2dc in next ch, dc in next 6ch, ss in next ch, turn.

Row 2: 5ch, ss in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next 3ch, dc in next ss, dc in next 7dc, 2dc in each of next 3dc, dc in next 7dc, dc in next ss, working along other side of ch in unused loops, dc in next 3ch, ss in next ch, turn.

Rnd 3: 5ch, ss in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next 3ch, dc in next ss, dc in next 11dc, (2dc in next dc, dc in next dc) twice, 2dc in next dc, dc in next 12dc, dc in next ss, working along other side of ch in unused loops, dc in next 3ch, ss in next ch, turn.

Rnd 4: 5ch, ss in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next 3ch, dc in next ss, dc in next 16dc, (2dc in next dc, dc in next 2dc) twice, 2dc in next dc, dc in next 16dc, dc in next ss, working along other side of ch in unused loops, dc in next 3ch, ss in next ch, turn.



Rnd 5: 1ch, 3dc in next ss, dc in next 20dc, (2dc in next dc, dc in next 3dc) twice, 2dc in next dc, dc in next 21dc, 2dc in next ss, ss to 1st ch, turn.

Rnd 6: 1ch, 2dc in next dc, dc in next 20dc, (2dc in next dc, dc in next 3dc) 3 times, 2dc in next dc, dc in next 21dc, 2dc in next dc, dc in next dc, ss to 1st ch, fasten off.

Spot - Make 2

Rnd 1: 2ch, 6dc in 1st ch, ss to 2nd ch, mark as right side, turn. (6sts)

Rnd 2: 1ch, 2dc in each dc, ss to 1st ch, turn. (12sts)

Rnd 3: 1ch, (2dc in next dc, dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to 1st ch, turn. (18sts)

Rnd 4: 1ch, (2dc in next dc, dc in next 2dc) 6 times, ss to 1st ch, fasten off after 1st side but not 2nd. (24sts)

Place both spots together and both tops together and work the joining round through both pieces.

Join: 1ch, dc in next dc, (2dc in next dc, dc in next 3dc) 3 times, dc in 1st dc on top, dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc, dc in next 25dc, 2dc in next dc, dc in next 3dc, (dc, 8ch, ss to 1st ch, dc) in next dc, dc in next 3dc, 2dc in next dc, dc in next 25dc, 2dc in next dc, dc in next dc, dc in same dc as 1st dc, dc in same dc as last dc on spot, dc in next 3dc, (2dc in next dc, dc in next 3dc) twice, ss to 1st ch, fasten off and sew in ends.

