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### 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 sc rows is for turning only and not counted as a stitch unless other wise stated.

**Joining slip stitch:** the slst 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.

### **Top - make 2**

**Row 1:** 9ch, slst in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook, sc in next 6ch, 3sc in next ch, working along other side of ch in unused loops, 2sc in next ch, sc in next 6ch, slst in next ch, turn.

**Row 2:** 5ch, slst in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook, sc in next 3ch, sc in next slst, sc in next 7sc, 2sc in each of next 3sc, sc in next 7sc, sc in next slst, working along other side of ch in unused loops, sc in next 3ch, slst in next ch, turn.

**Rnd 3:** 5ch, slst in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook, sc in next 3ch, sc in next slst, sc in next 11sc, (2sc in next sc, sc in next sc) twice, 2sc in next sc, sc in next 12sc, sc in next slst, working along other side of ch in unused loops, sc in next 3ch, slst in next ch, turn.

**Rnd 4:** 5ch, slst in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook, sc in next 3ch, sc in next slst, sc in next 16sc, (2sc in next sc, sc in next 2sc) twice, 2sc in next sc, sc in next 16sc, sc in next slst, working along other side of ch in unused loops, sc in next 3ch, slst in next ch, turn.



**Rnd 5:** 1ch, 3sc in next slst, sc in next 20sc, (2sc in next sc, sc in next 3sc) twice, 2sc in next sc, sc in next 21sc, 2sc in next slst, slst to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn.

**Rnd 6:** 1ch, 2sc in next sc, sc in next 20sc, (2sc in next sc, sc in next 3sc) 3 times, 2sc in next sc, sc in next 21sc, 2sc in next sc, sc in next sc, slst to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, fasten off.

### **Spot - Make 2**

**Rnd 1:** 2ch, 6sc in 1<sup>st</sup> ch, slst to 2<sup>nd</sup> ch, mark as right side, turn. (6sts)

**Rnd 2:** 1ch, 2sc in each sc, slst to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn. (12sts)

**Rnd 3:** 1ch, (2sc in next sc, sc in next sc) 6 times, slst to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn. (18sts)

**Rnd 4:** 1ch, (2sc in next sc, sc in next 2sc) 6 times, slst to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, fasten off after 1<sup>st</sup> side but not 2<sup>nd</sup>. (24sts)

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

**Join:** 1ch, sc in next sc, (2sc in next sc, sc in next 3sc) 3 times, sc in 1<sup>st</sup> sc on top, sc in next sc, 2sc in next sc, sc in next 25sc, 2sc in next sc, sc in next 3sc, (sc, 8ch, slst to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, sc) in next sc, sc in next 3sc, 2sc in next sc, sc in next 25sc, 2sc in next sc, sc in next sc, sc in same sc as 1<sup>st</sup> sc, sc in same sc as last sc on spot, sc in next 3sc, (2sc in next sc, sc in next 3sc) twice, slst to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, fasten off and sew in ends.

