

Make our CHARITY MICE

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cat homes and charities, and
maybe we can get a Guinness
World Records title!

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Difficulty
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**OFFICIAL
ATTEMPT**

- * Please do not stitch anything on to the toys that could be pulled off and swallowed by a cat.
- * If possible, please stuff toys with polyester fibrefill, wool roving or something similar.
- * Please follow the patterns provided to ensure that the toys meet the Guinness World Records' guidelines given to *Woman's Weekly*.

MEASUREMENTS

Length Approx 10cm/4in.

Width Approx 5cm/2½in.

MATERIALS

Knitted mouse Approx 20g of DK yarn, oddment of contrast colour for eyes. Pair of 3.25mm (No. 10) knitting needles; toy stuffing.

Crocheted mouse Approx 20g of DK yarn, oddment of contrast colour for eyes. Size 3.5mm crochet hook; stitch marker; toy stuffing.

TENSION

Not critical for this project.

ABBREVIATIONS

Ch, chain; **dc**, double crochet; **dc2tog**, double crochet 2 sts

together (to decrease 1 st) thus: [insert hook into next st, yrh and pull loop through] twice, yrh and pull through all 3 loops; **inc 1**, increase by working twice into the same st; **k**, knit; **MB**, make bobble thus: (k into same st) 3 times, turn, p3, turn, [inc 1, k1, inc 1], turn, p5, turn, [k2tog, k1, k2tog], turn, p3, turn, slip 1, **p**, purl; **PS**, popcorn stitch thus: 6dc in next st, remove hook, insert hook into 1st of 6dc just made, then into working loop, yrh and pull through both to join ends of popcorn together; **slst**, slip st; **ss**, stocking stitch (k on right side and p on wrong

side); **st(s)**, stitch(es); **tog**, together (decrease by working as many sts together as stated); **yrh**, yarn round hook.

NOTES

The ears of the knitted mouse are made by working bobbles on the 27th row, and the ears of the crocheted mouse by working popcorn stitches on the 18th round. Each bobble and popcorn is worked by increasing into a single stitch and then decreasing back down again. Yarn amounts are based on average requirements and are approximate. Figures in square brackets are worked as stated after 2nd bracket.

5th round: [1dc in next st] to end.

6th round: [2dc, 2dc in next st] to end – 24 sts.

7th to 15th rounds: [1dc in next st] to end.

16th round: [2dc, dc2tog] to end - 18 sts.

Begin stuffing.

17th round: [1dc in next st] to end.

18th round: Make ears: 6dc, PS, 4dc, PS, 6dc.

19th round: [1dc in next st] to end.

20th round: [1dc, dc2tog] to end – 12 sts.

21st and 22nd rounds: [1dc in next st] to end.

23rd round: [Dc2tog] to end – 6 sts.

Stuff. Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through remaining sts, pull tight. Fasten off. Embroider eyes in a contrast colour. Make Tail as for Knitted mouse.

Knitted mouse

With 3.25mm needles and DK yarn, cast on 6 sts.

1st row: [Inc 1] to end – 12 sts.

2nd row: P to end.

3rd row: [K1, inc 1] to end – 18 sts.

4th row: P to end.

5th row: [K2, inc 1] to end – 24 sts.

6th row: P to end.

7th row: [K3, inc 1] to end – 30 sts.

8th to 24th rows: Starting with a p row, work in ss.

25th row: [K3, k2tog] to end – 24 sts.

26th row: P to end.

27th row: Make ears: K8, MB, k6, MB, k8.

28th row: [P2, p2tog] to end – 18 sts.

29th row: K to end.

30th row: P to end.

31st row: [K1, k2tog] to end – 12 sts.

Ss 3 rows.

Next row: [K2tog] to end – 6 sts.

Cut yarn leaving a very long tail, thread through remaining sts, pull tight and fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Use yarn tail to sew underside seam from front to back, leaving back end open. Stuff firmly. Thread yarn tail through cast-on sts and pull tight to close hole. Do not cut yarn. Embroider eyes in a contrast colour.

TAIL

Thread a length of yarn through back end of mouse alongside yarn tail, so there are three lengths next to each other. Plait together to create a long tail. Tie in a knot and trim ends.

Crocheted mouse

With 3.5mm hook and DK yarn, leaving a long tail, make 6ch. Join with a slst to first ch. Place st marker in last st of round and move it up at end of each round.

1st round: [1dc in next ch] to end – 6 sts.

2nd round: [2dc in next st] to end – 12 sts

3rd round: [1dc in next st] to end.

4th round: [1dc, 2dc in next st] to end – 18 sts.

*** If you have any questions about this pattern, please contact knitting and crochet editor Sarah at sarah.neal@futurenet.com**

Thank you for taking the time to make these mice for charity, and for taking part in our world record attempt.

* The closing date to send in mice is 15 September 2025. Those arriving after that date will not be entered into the world record attempt.

* For your mice to be entered into the Guinness World Records title for the largest donation of handmade pet toys, please fill in this form or send the following details on a piece of paper.

Please send your mice and coupon to: **Woman's Weekly Marketing Team, Future plc, 121-141 Westbourne Terrace, London W2 6JR.**

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