

Crochet Digger



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Abbreviations

Ch	Chain stitch
Sc	Single crochet. Put hook into target stitch and pull up a loop. Yarn over and pull yarn through both loops on hook.
Sl st	Slip stitch
MC	Main Colour
Ch-1 sp	The space in the previous row created by chaining one stitch between two single crochet stitches. All single crochet stitches in this pattern, unless stated otherwise, are worked into this space.
Hdc	Half-double crochet
Hdc2tog	Half-double crochet 2 together (Half-double crochet decrease)
Rep	Repeat *the instructions between stars*
(number)	Total number of stitches

Dc	Double Crochet
Dc2tog	Double Crochet 2 together (Double Crochet Decrease)

Materials

- 4mm Crochet hook
- 5mm Crochet hook
- 50g Double knit wool in **yellow** for the body of your digger and the insides of the wheel
- Double knit **white** wool (just enough for the 6 windows)
- Double knit **black** wool (for wheels, so not very much)
- Double knit **orange** wool (for light, so about 40 cm, hehe)

Tip: If you use 100% wool, your digger will naturally felt. If you use acrylic yarn, you won't get any felting and the digger would require less maintenance as you could just chuck it in the normal wash.

Optional:

- Embroidery needle for embroidering the number plate and finishing touches
- Embroidery yarn

Note: gauge is not included as it does not really have any impact on the end product.

Instructions

Small Wheel

Make 1

With yellow:

Round 1: Chain 4 and join with a sl st.

Round 2: Ch 2. 7 Hdc in ring. Join with a sl st to first st of round. (8)

With black:

Round 3: Ch 2 and hdc in same st. 2 Hdc in each remaining st. Join with a sl st. (16)

Round 4: Ch 2 and hdc in same st. *hdc in next st, 2hdc in next st* rep until end. Join with a sl st. (24)

Round 5: Ch 2 and hdc in same st. *hdc in next 2 st's, 2hdc in next st* rep until end. Join with a sl st. (32)

Round 6: Ch2. Hdc in blo of every st around. Join with a sl st. (32)

Round 7: Same as round 6, but through both loops. (32)

Round 8: Ch 2. **In back loops only:** Hdc in next st. Hdc2tog over next 2 st's. *hdc in next 2 st's, hdc2tog* rep until end. Join with a sl st. (24)

Round 9: Ch 2. Hdc2tog. *hdc, hdc2tog* rep until end. Join with a sl st. Sl st in next 3 st's. Ch 1 and bind off. (16)

Big Wheel

Make 2

With Yellow:

Round 1: Ch 4. Join with a sl st.

Round 2: Ch 3. 11 Dc into ring. Join with a sl st to first st of round

With Black:

Round 3: Ch 3 and dc in same st. 2 Dc in each remaining st. Join with a sl st. (24)

Round 4: Ch 3 and dc in same st. *dc in next st, 2 dc in next st* rep until end. Join with a sl st. (36)

Round 5: Ch 3 and dc in same st. *dc in next 2 st's, 2 dc in next st* rep until end. Join with a sl st. (48)

Round 6: Ch 3. **In back loops only:** dc in every st around. Join with a sl st. (48)

Round 7: Ch 3. **In back loops only:** dc in next st, dc2tog in next st. *dc in next 2 st's, dc2tog* rep until end. Join with a sl st. (36)

Round 8: Ch 3. Dc2tog. *dc in next st, dc2tog* rep until end. Join with a sl st. (24)

Round 9: Ch 3. Dc2tog. *Dc2tog* rep until end. Dc in last st. Join with a sl st and sl st in next 3 st's. Ch 1 and bind off. (12)

Side

Make 2

Note: All sc's (apart from those worked into the foundation chain) will be worked into the ch-1 spaces in the previous row.

R1: Ch 30 in Main Colour.

R2: SC in one loop only of 4th ch from hook. * ch, sc* into one loop only of every second ch until end. Ch 2. (These two chain stitches at the end of the row will count as the first sc cluster in the next row) Turn.

R3: Sc into first ch-1 space. *ch, sc* into each ch-1 space in previous row. Ch 2 and turn

R4-9: Repeat R3

R10: Repeat R3. When you get to the end of the row, ch 1 and turn.

R11: Skip one stitch and sl st in 1 loop only of each of the next 13 st. Ch 2, *sc, ch* x7. Ch 2 and turn.

R12: Colour: sc in first ch-1 space.

White: *ch,sc* x 4.



Yarn: to the back of the work in top row and crocheted over in other rows

Colour: *ch, sc* x2. Ch 2 and turn.

R13-18: Repeat R12.

R19: In MC: *sc, ch* x 7. Finish off.

Note: When you swap colours, you can either keep the yarn you are not using to the back of your work, or you can crochet over the yarn and thus incorporate it into your stitches. If you are going to keep it to the back of your work, take care to keep them all to one side of the work, otherwise you will have loose lines of yarn running across your windows ☺

If you are going to crochet over the yarn, make sure that you put your hook in under the coloured yarn when you work into the ch-1 space. This will pull the colour up under the next row, making it less visible.



Insert hook under the coloured yarn in ch-1 sp



Colour pulled up under next row



Colour hardly visible

Front

Make 1

R1: Chain 20 in MC.

R2: Sc into one loop only of 4th ch from hook. *ch,sc* into one loop only of every second ch until end. Ch 2 and turn. (This should leave you with 10 sc clusters and 2 chain stitches at the end which will count as the first cluster in the next row.)

R3: *Sc, ch* into each ch-1 space on previous row, finishing with 2 ch at the end of the row. Turn

R4-23: Repeat R3

R24-30: Sc.

White: *ch, sc* x 6.

Colour: *ch, sc* x 2. Ch 2 and turn.

R31: *sc, ch* x10. Finish off.

Back

Make 1

R1: Chain 20 in MC.

R2: Sc into one loop only of 4th ch from hook. *ch,sc* into one loop only of every second ch until end. Ch 2 and turn. (This should leave you with 10 sc clusters and 2 chain stitches at the end which will count as the first cluster in the next row.)

R3: *Sc, ch* into each ch-1 space on previous row, finishing with 2 ch at the end of the row. Turn

R4-11: Repeat R3

R12-18: Sc.

White: *ch, sc* x 6.

Colour: *ch, sc* x 2. Ch 2 and turn.

R19: *sc, ch* x10. Finish off.

Base

Make 1

R1: Chain 20 in MC.

R2: Sc into one loop only of 4th ch from hook. *ch,sc* into one loop only of every second ch until end. Ch 2 and turn.

R3: *Sc, ch* into each ch-1 space on previous row, finishing with 2 ch at end of the row. Turn.

R4-24: Repeat R3

R25: *Sc, ch* into each ch-1 space on previous row, finishing with 1 ch at the end of the row. Finish off.

Roof

Make 1

R1: Chain 20 in MC.

R2: Sc into one loop only of 4th ch from hook. *ch,sc* into one loop only of every second ch until end. Ch 2 and turn.

R3: *Sc, ch* into each ch-1 space on previous row, finishing with 2 ch at end of the row. Turn.

R4-12: Repeat R3

R13: *Sc, ch* into each ch-1 space on previous row, finishing with 1 ch at the end of the row. Finish off.

Scoop/Bucket

Make 1

Use a 5mm hook and 2 strands of dk wool in yellow.

R1: Ch 12.

R2: Sc in one loop only of 2nd ch from hook. Sc in one loop only of the remaining 10 st's. When you get to the last st, work 2 sc in the remaining loops of the same st. Continuing around, work one sc in the remaining loops of each remaining st. Join to the first st with a sl st. Ch 1 and turn. Sl st in every st around. Ch 1 and turn. Although this looks like 2 rounds, it will actually count as one as you will work the next lot of sc's through both the sl st's and the sc's. (24)

R3: Sc in every st around. Join with a sl st. Ch 1 and turn. Sl st in every st around. Ch 1 and turn. (24)

R4: Sc in first 10 st's. Sc inc in the next st. Sc in the next 11 st's. Sc inc in the next st. Join with a sl st. Ch 1 and turn. Sl st all the way back. Ch 1 and turn. (26)

R5: Sc in 11 st's. Sc inc. Sc in 10 st's. Sc inc. Sc in next 2 st's. Join with a sl st. Ch 1 and turn. Sl st all the way back. Ch 1 and turn. (28)

R6: Sc in 12 st's. Sc inc. Sc in 9 st's. Sc inc. Sc in next 4 st's. Join with a sl st. Ch 1 and turn. Sl st all the way back. Ch 1 and turn. (30)

R7: Sc in 13 st's. Sc inc. Sc in 8 st's. Sc inc. Sc in next 6 st's. Join with a sl st. Ch 1 and turn. Sl st all the way back. Ch 1 and bind off. (32)

Note: for rows 5, 6 and 7, the first increase will fall in the st after the increase on the previous row and the second increase will fall in the st before the increase on the previous row.

Scoop/Bucket Arms

Make 2

Use a 5mm hook and 2 strands of dk wool in yellow.

R1: Ch 3

R2: Sc in one loop only of 2nd ch from hook. Sc in next st. Ch 1 and turn. Sl st in both st's. Ch 1 and turn.

R3-9: Sc in both st's. Ch 1 and turn. Sl st in both st's. Ch 1 and turn. Bind off on the last st of R9.

Back Arm (Part 1)

Make 1

Use a 5mm hook and 2 strands of dk wool in yellow.

R1: Ch 6

R2: Sc in one loop only of 2nd ch from hook. Sc in one loop only of remaining 4 st's. Do not ch 1. TURN. Sl st in all 5 st's. Ch 1 and turn.

R3-13: Sc in every st across. TURN. Sl st in all 5 st's. Ch 1 and turn.

R14-15: Ch 4. Sc in last st. TURN. Sl st in 1st st. Sl st in one loop only of 4 ch st's. Sl st in last st. Ch 1 and turn.

R16: Sc x 4 into ch-4 "hole". Sc into last st. TURN. Sl st in all 5 st's. Ch 1 and turn.

R17-26: Repeat R3.

R27: Sc in every st across. TURN. Sl st in all 5 st's. Fold the arm in half. Join the two layers together by slip stitching through both layers up the one side. Sl st in all 4 st's across the top (below the ch-4 hole). Sl st down the other side. Ch 1 and sc in 4 st's across the bottom. Ch 1 and bind off.



Back Arm (Part 2)

Make 1

Use a 5mm hook and 2 strands of dk wool in yellow.

R1: Ch 32.

R2: Sc in one loop only of 2nd ch from hook. Sc in next 30 st's. TURN. Sl st in every st across. Ch 1 and turn.

R3: Sc in every st, working 4 sc's in last st. Continuing around, sc through foundation row and second row in every st. (In other words, you want to work over two rows and into the same stitches you just sc'd into from the opposite side.) Make 3 sc's in the last st. Join with a sl st and ch 1. Do not bind off yet.

Now feed this part of the arm through the ch-4 hole of the previous part, making sure that the front of the work is facing out. Fold part 2 in half and sl st through both layers in every st until you get to the top. Ch 1 and bind off.

Starting on the opposite side, next to the hinge, sl st down to the end and around to the 1st st. Bind off and leave a long tail to attach the bucket to the end of the arm.



Small Bucket

Make 1

Use a 5mm hook and 2 strands of dk wool in yellow.

R1: Make a magic ring. Ch 1 and sc x 7 into the magic ring. Join with a sl st.

R2: Ch 1. Sc in the same st. Sc inc in next 4 st's. Sc in next 3 st's. Join with a sl st. Ch 1 and turn. Sl st in all st's. Ch 1 and turn.

R3: Sc in 2 st's. Sc inc. Sc in next 5 st's. Sc inc. Sc in next 3 st's. Join with a sl st. Ch 1 and turn. Sl st in all st's. Ch 1 and turn.

R4: Sc in 2. Sc inc in next. Sc in next 6. Sc inc in next. Sc in next 4. Join with a sl st. Ch 1 and turn. Sl st in all st's. Ch 1 and turn.

R5: sc in 2. Sc inc in next st. Sc in next 7. Sc inc in next. Sc in next 5 st's. Join with a sl st. Ch 1 and turn. Sl st in all st's. Ch 1 and turn.

R6: Sc in 4. *Ch 3. Sl st in 2nd ch from hook. Sl st in next st. Sc in next 2 st's of round.* x 4. Sc in remaining 6 st's. Join with a sl st. DO NOT TURN!

R7: Sl st in first 3 st's. You should now be up against the first tine. *Sl st into the st below the tine. Sl st into the st between tines.* x 3. Sl st into st below the last tine. Sl st into last 8 st's. Ch 1 and bind off.



Assembly

- Sew all the panels together using a blanket stitch and stuff the body.
- Attach wheels to the side of the digger, lining up the edges of the holes at the back with the edges of the side panels. Make sure that you attach them thoroughly!!
- Attach the lights and grill to the front of the digger and embroider any optional
- Neaten up any loose ends by working them into the body of the digger.

Attaching front bucket

Sew bucket to the front of the loader with the seam to the back. Sew the two short arms to the sides of the bucket and the digger.

Attaching back bucket and arms

Locate the middle of the bucket (on the side opposite the tines). Using the long tail on part 2 of the arm, work a loop stitch through the edge of the bucket. Pull the needle through the next sl st to the left on part 2 and through the next st on the bucket (see photo). Pull the needle through the next sl st to the left on the arm and through the next st on the bucket. Work backwards and forwards a few times and work in the tail.



Sew the bottom end of part 1 of the arm to the back of the digger in any way you wish. I usually do this BEFORE I assemble the digger itself as it is much easier.



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