

CROCHET PATTERNS FOR KNITTED KNOCKERS WITH AND WITHOUT NIPPLES

(adapted from the crochet pattern available at www.knittedknockers.org)

We get requests for both pairs and single knitted knockers, some with nipples and some without so please feel free to make whichever you like and in any colour that you think is pretty, nothing with sparkle though as this might cause irritation.

Materials recommended

Any 100% soft acrylic double knit or any other washable, non-wool, double knit or baby weight of your choice

4.5mm hook

3 stitch markers

Special Instructions

This pattern is written using UK terminology.

Work in a continuous spiral throughout, don't slip stitch at the end of rounds.

N.B. move your markers as you work, they should always be placed in the last stitch of each repeat.

Abbreviations

DC = Double Crochet

Inc = increase by working 2 double crochets into one stitch

DC 2 tog = work 1 double crochet over the next two stitches (insert hook in the next stitch, yarn over hook, pull through so there are two loops on the hook, insert the hook through the next stitch, yarn over hook and pull through so there are now three loops on the hook, yarn over hook and pull through all 3 loops)

A note re gauge and tension

Gauge isn't very important as the filling in each knitted knocker will be adjusted by the wearer but keeping an even tension is important to ensure that when making a pair they will be the same size.

Instructions to make cup sizes A (B, C, D, DD) without a nipple

The Front (increasing)

Round 1. In a magic ring work 6 dc and then close the ring by pulling the tail

Round 2. Increase in each dc (12 dc)

Round 3. (work 2 dc, inc in next two stitches, place marker) x 3 times, on last repeat use a different colour marker so you know it's the end of the round (18 dc)

Round 4. (work 4 dc, inc in next two stitches) x 3 times (24 dc)

Round 5. (work 7 dc, inc in next stitch) x 3 times (27 dc)

Round 6. (work to 1 stitch before marker, increase in next two stitches) x 3 times

Round 7. (work to marker, increase in marked stitch) x 3 times

Repeat Rounds 6 & 7 until you have 54 (63, 72, 81, 90) stitches= 18(21, 24, 27, 30) per side

NEXT: Crochet 2 even rounds of dc's, working in the back loops only.

Now is a good time to secure your starting tail, using a darning needle weave it through several stitches going in different directions to secure it well.

The Back (decreasing)

Round 1. (dc 2 tog, dc to 1 stitch before the marker, dc 2 tog) x 3 times

Repeat this round until 12(15, 12, 15, 12) stitches left = 4 or 5 per side, finish off leaving a long tail.

Using a darning needle, weave the tail through the front loop only of each stitch so it can be used as a draw string later when the knocker has been filled, for now please leave it open.

Instructions to make cup sizes A (B, C, D, DD) with a nippie

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The Front (increasing)

Round 1. In a magic ring work 6 dc and then close the ring by pulling the tail

Round 2. Work 1 dc in each dc of previous round (6 dc)

Round 3. Using your finger gently push the work through from back to front to form the nipple.

Working in front loop only for this round, work 2 dc in each dc from the last round (12 dc)

Round 4: (work 2 dc, inc in next two stitches, place marker) x 3 times, on the last repeat use a different colour marker so you know it's the end of the round (18 dc)

Round 5. (work 4 dc, inc in next two stitches) x 3 times (24 dc)

Round 6. (work 7 dc, inc in next stitch) x 3 times (27 dc)

Round 7. (work to 1 stitch before the marker, increase in next two stitches) x 3 times

Round 8. (work to marker, increase in marked stitch) x 3 times

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Repeat Rounds 7 & 8 until you have 54 (63, 72, 81, 90) dc = 18(21, 24, 27, 30) per side

NEXT: Crochet 2 even rounds of dc's, working in the back loops only.

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The Back (decreasing) Round 1. (dc 2 tog, dc to 1 stitch before the marker, dc 2 tog) x 3 times Repeat this round until 12(15, 12, 15, 12) stitches left = 4(5, 4, 5, 4) per side, finish off leaving a long

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