

Boys & Bunting

TOADSTOOLS & MUSHROOMS



These folksy toadstools and mushrooms look like something straight out of a fairytale. Once finished they make for fun novelty keepsakes, or look fabulous when threaded and turned into rustic hanging ornaments.

MATERIALS

Yarn (see Yarn & Hook section)
Crochet Hook
Scissors
Stitch Marker
Darning Needle
Toy Stuffing

ABBREVIATIONS

sl st: Slip Stitch
ch: Chain
sc: Single Crochet (UK Double Crochet)
sc dec: Single Crochet Decrease
hdc: Half Double Crochet
dc: Double Crochet
From now on, all crochet stitch abbreviations are written in US terminology.

YARN & HOOK

For the Toadstools you need small amounts of Red and White (or Cream) coloured yarn.
The Mushrooms are made using a Light Beige and Dark Brown yarn.
Make sure to use a smaller hooksize than you normally would use for the type of yarn that you choose. The stitches need to be tight enough to prevent the stuffing from showing through. We went with a worsted weight yarn and used a 2.5mm crochet hook, which is a lot smaller than suggested for that weight of yarn.

TIPS & TRICKS

In both patterns you'll find "sc dec" (single crochet decrease) stitches. To make these decreases as neat and invisible as possible, we'd suggest you use the "Invisible Decrease". To learn how to make this stitch, you can visit our website <http://www.boysandbunting.com> and click on our Crochet Library. You'll find the video tutorial under the "Intermediate Stitches" category.

Below we'll give you a written version of the Invisible Decrease as well.

Invisible Decrease

Enter your hook underneath the front loop only of the next stitch. Do not pull your working yarn through.
Enter your hook underneath the front loop of the next stitch as well. You now have 3 loops on your hook.
Grab the working yarn with your hook and pull it through the first 2 loops on your hook. You now have 2 loops on your hook. Grab the working yarn again and pull it through both loops on your hook. That's it!

THE PATTERN - TOADSTOOL

Toadstool Stem

Worked in continuous rounds. Use a stitch marker to mark the beginning of each round.

With cream / white yarn.

Round 1: Make 6 sc into a Magic Loop (6 sts)

Round 2: 2 sc into each stitch around (12 sts)

Round 3: *2 sc into next st, 1 sc into next stitch*.

Repeat between * and * 5 more times. (18 sts)

Round 4-5: sc into each stitch around. (18 sts)

Round 6: *sc dec, sc into next 4 sts.

Repeat between * and * 2 more times. (15 sts)

Round 7: sc into each stitch around. (15 sts)

Round 8: *sc dec, sc into next 3 sts.

Repeat between * and * 2 more times. (12 sts)

Round 9-10: sc into each stitch around. (12 sts)

(Picture A)

Round 11: sl st into next st, ch 2 (Picture B)

hdc into same stitch (Picture C)

2 hdc into next stitch.

Repeat between * and * 10 more times. sl st into 2nd ch of initial ch 2 to close the round.

Stuff your toadstool stem firmly and sew in all ends (Picture D).

Toadstool Cap

Worked in continuous rounds. Use a stitch marker to mark the beginning of each round.

With red yarn

Round 1: Make 6 sc into a Magic Loop (6 sts)

Round 2: 2 sc into each stitch around (12 sts)

Round 3: *2 sc into next st, 1 sc into next stitch*.

Repeat between * and * 5 more times. (18 sts)

Round 4: sc into each stitch around. (18 sts)

Round 5: *2 sc into next st, 1 sc into next 2 stitches*.

Repeat between * and * 5 more times. (24 sts)

Round 7: sc into each stitch around. (24 sts)

Before continuing with our final rounds, we are now going to add the embroidery and the optional hanging loop. Pull the loop on your hook really big (so that you won't unravel your stitches whilst working on the embroidery) and remove your hook.

A



B



C



D



Adding an optional Hanging Loop.

Cut a length of 30 cm of Natural Twine (or yarn). Make a loop and tie multiple knots to secure it. Make sure the knots are on top of one another, this is to make sure your loop won't pull through your stitches. (Picture E in the background).

Using your crochet hook, enter through the center of your toadstool cap (the center hole of the magic loop) (Picture E) and pull your twine loop through. (Picture F)

Embroidery

Using white / cream coloured yarn. Thread a darning needle with about 40 cm of yarn. Embroider little cross stitches on your Toadstool Cap, making sure to space them out evenly. (Picture G). Secure your yarn by weaving in the ends on the wrong side of your work.

Don't worry about the mess you're creating on the inside of the Toadstool Cap. This will all be hidden once you're done!

Joining the Stem with the Cap

Insert your hook back into the loop of the last stitch we made in Round 7 of the cap piece. Pull the loop tight around your hook by pulling on the working yarn.

We are now going to be joining the two pieces together. Before finishing the next round, add additional stuffing if necessary.

Round 8: sc into each stitch around making sure to insert your hook through both loops of the cap and the stem stitches. (Picture H) (24 sts)

Round 9: sc into each stitch around. (24 sts).

To finish off, skip one stitch and sl st into the next st. Fasten off (Picture I) and sew in your ends.



F



G



H



I



THE PATTERN - MUSHROOMS

Mushroom Stem

Worked in continuous rounds. Use a stitch marker to mark the beginning of each round.

Round 1: Make 6 sc into a Magic Loop (6 sts)

Round 2: 2 sc into each stitch around (12 sts)

Round 3: sc in the backloops of the stitches of the previous round (12 sts)

Round 4 - 6: sc into each stitch around. (12 sts)

Round 7: (everything in this round is worked only into the backloops of the sts of the previous round). sl st into backloop of next st. ch 3, dc into same stitch. 2 dc into each stitch around, sl st into top of ch3. Fasten off and attach Dark Brown yarn. (24 sts)

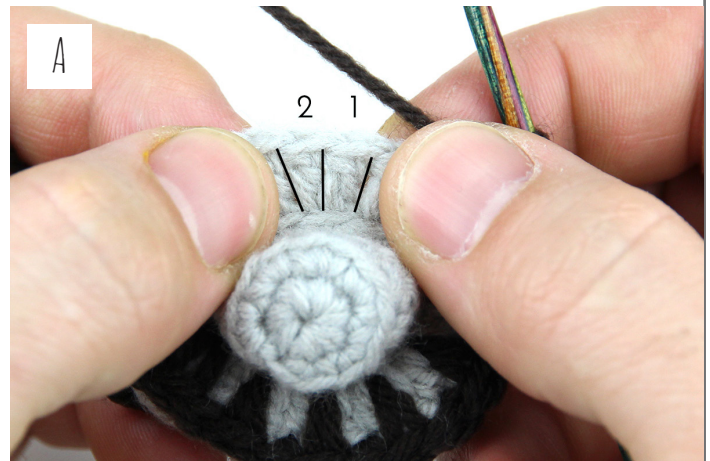
In the next round we're going to make some 'spike' stitches. This means we're going to single crochet into stitches that are a round lower than we would normally crochet into. In Round 7 we've made groups of 2 double crochets worked into the backloops of the round before that (Picture A). The spike stitches in the next round are going to be made in those same backloops where the 2 double crochets were worked into. Your hook should enter in the space at the base of the 2 double crochets (Picture B). Pull the working yarn through and pull it up to the level of the previous stitch so that your work doesn't start to pull. Finish your single crochet as usual. (Picture C).

To help you out a little: in the next round you will alternate normal single crochets with 'spike' single crochets. Round 7 consisted of groups of 2 double crochets. You can see these groups clearly because they form a V shape at the base.

The normal single crochet will always go into the first one of those 2 double crochets. The spike single crochet will cover the 2nd one of those double crochets. When making the next sc after that, ignore the double crochet that is covered by the spike sc.

Round 8: ch 1, sc into same st. Spike SC into base of dc of Round 7. * sc into the next st. Spike sc into next st. *

Repeat between * and * 10 more times. Sl st into first sc of this round. Fasten off. (24 sts) (Picture D)
Sew in ends and stuff the stem with stuffing.
You've now created the "gills" of your mushroom.



Mushroom Cap:

Worked in continuous rounds. Use a stitch marker to mark the beginning of each round.

Round 1: Make 6 sc into a Magic Loop (6 sts)

Round 2: 2 sc into each stitch around (12 sts)

Round 3: *2 sc into next st, 1 sc into next stitch*

Repeat between * and * 5 more times. (18 sts)

Round 4: *2 sc into next st, 1 sc into next 2 stitches*

Repeat between * and * 5 more times. (24 sts)

Round 5: *2 sc into next st, 1 sc into next 3 stitches*

Repeat between * and * 5 more times. (30 sts)

Round 6: *2 sc into next st, 1 sc into next 4 stitches*

Repeat between * and * 5 more times. (36 sts)

Round 7: *2 sc into next st, 1 sc into next 5 stitches*

Repeat between * and * 5 more times. (42 sts)

Round 8: sc into each stitch around. (42 sts)

Round 9: *sc dec, sc into next 5 sts.*

Repeat between * and * 5 more times. (36 sts)

Round 10: *sc dec, sc into next 4 sts*

Repeat between * and * 5 more times. (30 sc)

Round 11: *sc dec, sc into next 3 sts*

Repeat between * and * 5 more times. (24 sc).

(Picture E)

We are now going to join the Cap with the Stem. Before finishing the next round, make sure to stuff your Mushroom (Picture G). Don't overstuff since we need the "gills" part to lie flat.

Round 11: sc into each stitch around making sure to pass through both loops of both the Cap and the Stem stitches (Picture F). Skip one stitch and sl st into the next st and fasten off.

Sew in your ends and you're done!

Shape the mushroom with your hands by pushing in the "gills part" to make it sit inside the mushroom cap.

