

# PADDED SUNSHINE



*Crochet*

## USEFUL HINTS FOR USING A DIFFERENT WEIGHT OF YARN:

When making a toy or accessory which needs to be stuffed, it is better to make the fabric tighter than you would for a garment or blanket. This way the stuffing will be less likely to show through your stitches.

Below is a chart suggesting the hook sizes for each weight of yarn when you need a tighter fabric:

YARN WEIGHT	HOOK SIZE(S)
4ply	2.5mm
DK	3mm or 3.5mm
Aran	4mm or 4.5mm
Chunky	5.5mm
Super Chunky	8mm

If you do not have access to the yarn pictured, then why not use up some of your stash?

Remember if you do use a different weight of yarn your Sunshine will be either bigger or smaller than the one in the pattern. This really doesn't matter, just allow a different amount of yarn and stuffing.

You can also use the stuffing from an old pillow or cushion. Pillows and cushions can be washed in your washing machine (DO NOT take the stuffing out of the old case before washing. Wash it in the old case, then dry it thoroughly before opening the old case and re-using it to stuff your Sunshine).

# CROCHET PADDED SUNSHINE

by Jenny Davey



## TENSION

10cm/4" square using Double Crochet

4mm hook - 16.5dc x 20 rows

If your tension is too loose, reduce your hook size, if your tension is too tight, increase your hook size.

This pattern uses UK terminology, the main part is worked in a spiral. A stitch marker is recommended

## ABBREVIATIONS

**CH** - Chain

**SS** - Slip stitch

**DC** - Double Crochet (US Single Crochet)

**Magic Ring** - Wrap yarn around fingers twice towards you, insert hook under first strand and over second, twist hook upwards and work 1 chain to secure. (Youtube is really helpful if you're having trouble, or you could Chain 2 and work the 6dcs into the second chain from the hook)

**INC** - Increase, work 2 double crochets into one stitch.

**DEC** - Decrease, insert hook into next st and draw up loop, insert hook into next st and draw up loop (3 on hook) yarn round and pull through all loops.

## MAIN BODY (MAKE 2)

Using a 4mm crochet hook and MC work 6dc into a magic ring. (6sts) Pull ring tight.

**Row 2:** [Inc] repeat to end. (12sts)

**Row 3:** [Inc, dc1] repeat to end. (18sts)

**Row 4:** [Inc, dc2] repeat to end. (24sts)

**Row 5:** [Inc, dc3] repeat to end. (30sts)

**Row 6:** [Inc, dc4] repeat to end. (36sts)

**Row 7:** [Inc, dc5] repeat to end. (42sts)

**Row 8:** [Inc, dc6] repeat to end. (48sts)

**Row 9:** [Inc, dc7] repeat to end. (54sts)

**Row 10:** Dc1 into each stitch to end.

**Row 11:** Dc1 into each stitch to end.

**Row 12:** Dc1 into each stitch to end, slip stitch into next stitch.

## Make Rays

**\*Row 1:** Chain 1, 1dc into stitch at base of ch, 1dc into next 5sts. Ch1 (does not count as a st), turn. (6sts)

**Row 2:** 1dc into next 6 sts. Ch1, turn.

**Row 3:** Miss first stitch, 1dc into next

3sts, dec. Ch1, turn. (4sts)

**Row 4:** 1dc into next 4sts. Ch1, turn.

**Row 5:** Miss first stitch, dc1, dec. Ch1, turn. (2sts)

**Row 6:** Dec. (1st) Fasten off.

With right side facing, rejoin yarn into next stitch after previous Ray.\*

Repeat from \* to \* 8 more times.

Holding the 2 pieces wrong sides together, rejoin yarn and working through both layers join pieces by work 1dc all around the edge, with 3dc into the point of each Ray, stuffing lightly before closing final gap.

## CHEEKS (MAKE 2)

Using CC work 6dc into a magic ring. (6sts)

**Row 2:** [Inc] repeat to end. (12sts)

Ss. Fasten off

Sew to front of Sun as pictured. Using black DK embroider on facial features.

## MATERIALS REQUIRED

**MC** - Main Colour: Pricewise DK in 55 Gold

**CC** - Contrast Colour: Pricewise DK in 77 Lipstick  
Oddments of DK in Black for facial features.

## ALSO REQUIRED

4mm crochet hook  
Small amount of stuffing.

## MEASUREMENTS

Approximately 20cm / 8in

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