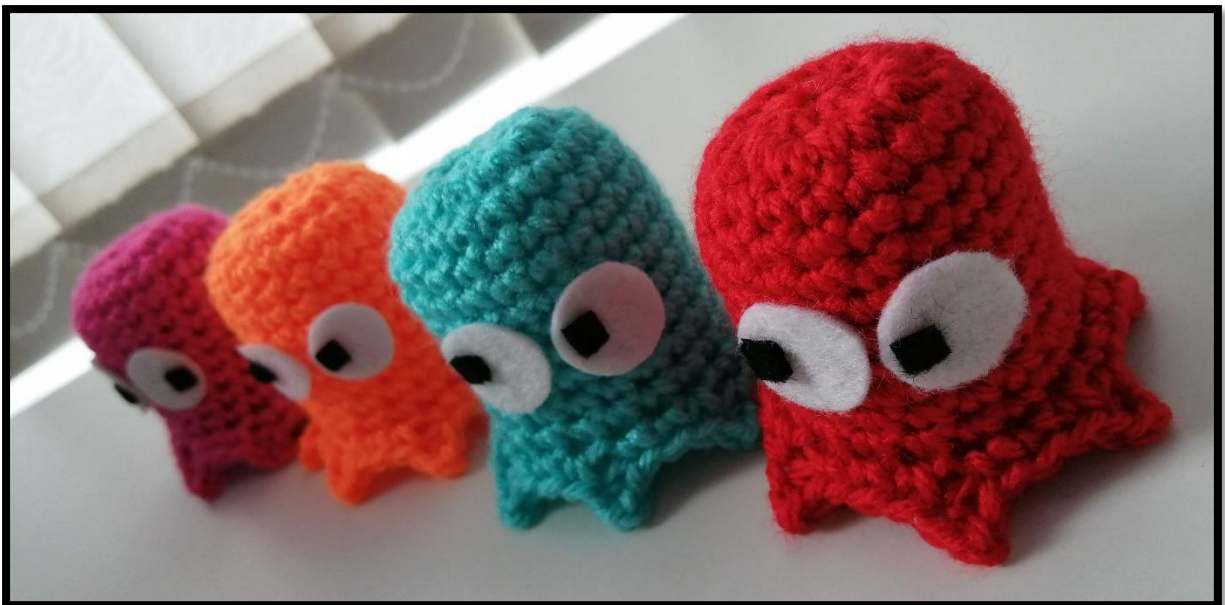


Pac Man Ghosts...and...Pacman



Pinky (pink), Clyde (orange), Inky, (blue) and Blinky (red).



GHOSTS

You will need:

- Orange, Red, Pink, Blue yarn (DK preferred)
- 4.00 & 3.50 size hook
- Stitch Marker
- Felt/Safety eyes
- Stuffing
- Needle

Stitches Used:

- Magic Ring
- Chain (ch)
- Double Crochet (dc)
- Two Double Crochet Together (2dctog)
- Picot (picot – description at end)



Pattern – Use 4.00mm hook

This pattern is worked in a continuous round so there is no joining at the end of each round – hence the need for a stitch marker.

Make a magic ring and chain 1

1. Work 10 dc into ring, pull tight but do not join (10dc)
2. 2dc into each stitch around (remember to place a stitch marker into the 1st stitch of this round (20dc)
3. 1dc into each stitch around (20dc)
4. 11 repeat round 3, remembering to reposition the stitch marker as you start each round.
12. Work 1dc into the back loops only – this creates a little ridge which is handy later on.
13. 1dc all around. **(Now is the time to attach eyes if you are using safety eyes)**
14. Decreasing round – 2dctog x 10 – repeat around (10dc) **(stuff here before final round)**
15. Decreasing round – 2dctog x 5. This should have closed the gap, fasten off and pull your yarn through to the top of the ghost, which should help flatten the bottom, and sew in the end.

Skirt – Use 3.50mm hook- This is the frill/skirt of the ghost.

1. Turn your ghost upside down and look for round 12 – easily identifiable from the ridge you created by working into the back loops. Find any point in this round and attach your yarn to a loop.
2. Work 1dc, **1dc picot**, 1dc, 1dc, **1dc picot**, 1dc, 1dc, **1dc picot**, 1dc, 1dc – repeat around to the end (basically you have 2 double crochet in between each dc picot stitch, apart from at the end of the round, you only have 1dc in between). If you are unfamiliar with what a picot stitch is there are plenty of instructional videos online, but I will give you a brief description here.

A **Picot** stitch is worked above a dc, so - you've already worked your 1dc, but before you move onto your next stitch you are going to work a picot stitch above dc. After you finished your dc, chain 3, then work 1dc into the 1st ch – and that's it, it can look a bit odd at first, but as soon as you work your next dc into the next stitch, it settles down and you have a nice little peak.

You should start to see a pointy pattern forming, and this is what creates the frilly skirt for your ghost. Once you get back to the beginning, fasten off and sew in your ends.

Now you can finish of your eyes, if you haven't already attached them.

PACMAN



Use a 3.50mm hook and don't forget a stitch marker

1. Make a magic ring, chain 1 and work 10dc into the ring
2. 2dc into each stitch around (20dc) (don't forget to start using your stitch marker)
3. 1dc, 2dc repeat around (30dc)
4. 1dc all around
5. 5,6,7,8 – repeat round 4
9. This is where it gets a bit tricky. To ensure Pacman is made from one piece (instead of 2 halves) we now have to create the gap for his mouth. So, Ch17. Then join the chain at stitch 16 with a dc (and mark this stitch with your maker and this is where your rounds now start and end) and work 1 dc into each stitch around the back you reach the base of your chain.



10. Work 1dc into each chain, it can be very fiddly but try and keep your stitches even (and I have chained 17 rather than 15 because it helps the top of the mouth to stay the right size – I tried it with 15 chains and he looked like he had a terrible underbite!) Then work 1dc into each stitch around the back, remembering to replace your stitch marker.



11. 1dc into each stitch around
12. Decreasing round - we will do a slow decrease over the next few rounds. Work 1 dc into next 6 stitches, then 2dctog, then 1dc into next 2 stitches, then 2dctog, then 1dc into next 8 stitches, then 2dctog, then 1dc into next 2 stitches, then 2dctog, then 1dc into next 6 stitches. (so it's 1dc x 6, 2dctog, 1dc x 2, 2dctog, 1dc x 8, 2dctog, 1dc x 2, 2dctog, 1dc x 6)
Now you should be back at your stitch marker.
13. 1dc, 1dc, 2dctog – repeat all round.
14. 1dc, 2dctog – repeat all round.
15. 2dctog – repeat all around.
16. You should have 6 stitches left here, and instead of doing 2dctog 3 times, it can get too fiddly, I just used a needle and run your thread through the loops and pull it tight.



Mouth

Make Pacman's mouth – get some black yarn and make a circle.

1. Make a magic ring, chain 1 and 10dc into ring (don't forget stitch marker)
2. 2dc into each stitch around (20dc)
3. 1dc, 2dc repeat around (30dc)
4. I want my final circle to have 34 dc (an extra 2dc to account for the 17 chain we did for Pacman's mouth, and another 2dc for the mouth corner creases) So work 1dc, 2dc, 1dc, 2dc, 1dc, 2dc, 1dc, 2dc, then 1dc into all the other stitches – this should give you 34dc.
5. Work 1dc all around, fasten off and leave long tail for sewing to Pacman.

Stuff your Pacman, but not too much otherwise your mouth will bulge. Then position your black circle inside the mouth and using a needle, sew it into position.



Hints and Tips

The type of yarn you use for these can really make a difference – the stiffer the yarn, the better shape you will get, especially from the skirt.

Having said that, the ones in the photos are made from standard DK yarn (from Aldi!) However, this type of yarn can go fluffy, especially if the ghosts are handled a lot, and it will lose its newness, whereas cotton will stay neat for longer.

I experimented with Drops Muskat (which is very reasonably priced – around £1.60 for 50g) and this worked really well and gave the ghosts a nice sheen. I also tried a softer cotton - King Cole Cottonsoft, and it was lovely to work with, but the skirt has started to curl and doesn't look as spiky.

So really it's all about trial and error and what kind of finish you want on your Pacman and Ghosts.

