

You will need:

3.5 hook (or 2.5 if you crochet loosely)
Darning needle
Sewing needle
Double knit wool (any colour)
Scraps of black felt for eyes
Orange felt for beak
Black thread
Scissors
Toy stuffing
A Creme Egg (to check the size!)



You'll need to know

(stitches in UK terminology)

Magic ring
Slip stitch (ss)
Chain stitch (ch)
Half treble (htr)
You'll also need to know how to increase/decrease by doing two stitches into the same space, or crocheting two stitches together. (If in doubt, search YouTube!)

Head and body are made separately and sewn together

HEAD (6 rows in total)

BODY

Row 1: Magic ring. Into this, ch2, then 11 htr; ss to join into a circle.

Row 1: Cast on, leaving long tail for sewing up. CH27 (last two form first stitch of row 2).

Row 2: ch2, into first htr of row 1, do 2htr; into 2nd htr of row 1 do 1htr, and keep alternating 2htr, 1htr until row is completed (18 stitches in total), ss to join.

Row 2: Htr into base of first stitch, then 1htr into each ch, until the last ch: into that do 2htr.

Row 3: ch2, 17htr, ss to join. Row 4: as row 3.

Row 3: ch2, into base of ch2, do 1htr. Then 1htr into each stitch of row until last stitch of row. Into that, do 2 htr.

Row 5: ch2, do 2htr together to decrease, then 1htr, then 2htr together to decrease, then 1htr, then 2htr together, then 1htr, and so on until ring meets, ss to join (18 in total, down to 12). Fill head with stuffing now.

Row 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9: as before, so increasing by 2htr each row. At end of row 9, fasten off, weave in end.

Row 6: ch2. This is the first part of htr2 together to continue decreasing, of which you do 6 in total to complete head, ss to join. Leaving a long tail (to sew head to body), cut wool.

Holding horizontally, fold vertically down the centre. Sew up body, leaving room to get the egg in and out (but held firmly – you should be able to hold the chick by its head without the egg dropping out), and gather where the head will go so it's rounded. Sew head to body, weaving in ends. Sew on beak and eyes.

Please send your finished chicks to the below address by **March 5th 2018**, marking your parcel 'Easter Chicks'.
Fundraising Office, Francis House Children's Hospice, 390 Parrswood Rd, Didsbury, Manchester, M20 5NA

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Address: _____

Number of chicks enclosed: _____

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