

NURTURING FIBRES

Dennis The Dragon



Colour used: Eco-Cotton in Ocean, Sunkissed Coral, Lime & Violet
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PATTERN DIFFICULTY

Advanced beginners

MEASUREMENTS

Pattern Size:

Dennis measures approx.
21cm in length

MATERIALS

Nurturing Fibres Eco-Cotton

125m/50g:

3 balls in main colour

3 balls in contrasting colours

Hook: 3.25mm

Tapestry Needle

Scissors

2x 15mm safety eyes

Pins

Fibrefill

ABBREVIATIONS

2dctog – work two dc's

together (decreasing)

dc – Double crochet

inc – Increase

rev dc – Reverse double
crochet

sl st – slip stitch - sl- sl st

st/es – stitch/es

tr – treble

yoh – yarn over hook

IMPORTANT!

PATTERN NOTES

- The pattern is written in UK terminology
- The pattern is worked in a spiral. Be sure to mark the first st of every round with a stitch marker
- The dragon is made with 15 separate parts and sewn together later. When assembling, use pins to secure the separate parts before sewing together as they could be quite fiddly.

SPECIAL STITCHES

The reverse double crochet stitch: (Same as for a regular double crochet, only in reverse: instead of inserting needle in left st, insert needle into right st, working backwards: (yoh, bring through the st on your right, yoh, bring through two loops on the hook.)

INSTRUCTIONS



HEAD

With main colour make a magic circle OR ch 2 and work all the stitches of the first round in the 2nd chain stitch: (Remember to read the pattern notes before proceeding!)

Round 1: 8dc, pull closed. (8dc)

Round 2: 2dc in each st. (16dc)

Round 3: (1dc in next st, 2dc in next st) x 8 (24dc)

Round 4: (1dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) x 8 (32dc)

Round 5: (1dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in next st) x 8 (40dc)

Round 6: (1dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st) x 8 (48dc)

Round 7: (1dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st) x 8 (56dc)

Round 8-13: 1dc in each st. (56dc)

Round 14: (1dc in next 5 sts, 2dctog over next 2 sts) x 8 (48dc)

Round 15: 1dc in each st. (48dc)

Round 16: (1dc in next 4 sts, 2dctog over next two sts) x 8 (40dc)

Round 17-28: 1dc in each st. (40dc)

Round 29: 2sts in the next 20 sts, 1st in the next 20 sts. (60dc)

Round 30-31: 1dc in each st. (60dc)

Round 32: (1dc in the next 8 sts, 2dctog over the next two sts) x 8 (54dc)

Round 33: 1dc in each st. (54dc)

Round 34: (1dc in the next 7 sts, 2dctog over the next two sts) x 8 (48dc)

Round 35: 1dc in each st. (48dc)

Round 36: (1dc in the next 6 sts, 2dctog over the next two sts) x 8 (42dc)

Place the eyes: Count 13 sts from marker, add safety eyes between round 31-32, leaving 11 sts between eyes.

Round 37: (1dc in the 5 sts, 2dctog over the next two sts) x 8 (36dc)

Round 38: 1dc in each st. (36dc)

Round 39: (1dc in the next 4 sts, 2dctog over the next two sts) x 8 (30dc)

Round 40: 1dc in each st. (30dc)

Round 41: (1dc in the next 3 sts, 2dctog over the next two sts) x 8 (24dc)

Round 42: 1dc in each st. (24dc)

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Round 43: (1dc in the next 2 sts, 2dctog over the next two sts) x 8 (18dc)

Round 44: 1dc in each st. (18dc)

Round 45: (1dc in next st, 2dctog over the next two sts x 8 (9dc)

Fasten off, stuff firmly and sew closed.

Sew a crisscross stitch over rounds 9-10, for nostrils.

BODY

With main colour, make a magic circle OR ch 2 and work all the stitches of the first round in the 1st chain stitch.

Round 1: 8dc, pull closed. (8dc)

Round 2: Work 2dc in each st. (16dc)

Round 3: (1dc in next st, 2dc in next st) x 8 (24dc)

Round 4: (1dc in the next two sts, 2dc in the next st) x 8 (32dc)

Round 5: (1dc in the next 3 sts, 2dc in the next st) x 8 (40dc)

Round 6: (1dc in the next 4 sts, 2dc in the next st) x 8 (48dc)

Round 7: (1dc in the next 5 sts, 2dc in the next st) x 8 (56dc)

Round 8: (1dc in the next 6 sts, two dc in the next st) x 8 (64dc)

Round 9: (1dc in the next 7 sts, 2dc in the next st) x 8 (72dc)

Round 10: (1dc in the next 8 sts, 2dc in the next st) x 8 (80dc)

Round 11: (1dc in the next 9 sts, 2dc in the next st) x 8 (88dc)

Round 12-18: 1dc in each st. (88dc)

Round 19: (1dc in the next 9 sts, 2dctog over the next two sts) x 8 (80dc)

Round 20-21: 1dc in each st. (80dc)

Round 22: (1dc in the next 8 sts, 2dctog over the next two sts) x 8 (72dc)

Round 23-24: 1dc in each st. (72dc)

Round 25: (1dc in the next 7 sts, 2dctog over the next two sts) x 8 (64dc)

Round 26: 1dc in each st. (64dc)

Round 27: (1dc in the next 6 sts, 2dctog over the next two sts) x 8 (56dc)

Round 28: 1dc in each st. (56dc)

Round 29: (1dc in the next 5 sts, 2dctog over the next two sts) x 8 (48dc)

Round 30: 1dc in each st. (48dc)

Round 31: (1dc in the next 4 sts, 2dctog over the next two sts) x 8 (40dc)

Round 32: 1dc in each st. (40dc)

Round 31: (1dc in the next 3 sts, 2dctog over the next two sts) x 8 (32dc)

Round 32: 1dc in each st. (32dc)

Round 31: (1dc in the next two sts, 2dctog over the next two sts) x 8 (24dc)

Round 31: (1dc in the next st, 2dctog over the next two sts) x 8 (16dc)

Fasten off and leave a 15cm tail.

EARS (MAKE TWO)

With main colour, make a magic circle OR ch 2 and work all the stitches of the first round in the 2nd chain stitch.

Round 1: 6 dc, pull closed. (6dc)

Round 2: (2dc in the next st, 1dc in the next st) x 6 (9dc)

Round 3: (2dc in the next st, 1dc in the next st) x 4. Work 2dc in the last st. (14dc)

Round 4-8: 1 dc in each st. (14dc)

Fasten off and leave a 15cm tail to sew.

TAIL

With main colour, make a magic circle OR ch 2 and work all the stitches of the first round in the 2nd chain stitch.

Round 1: 6dc, pull closed. (6dc)

Rnd 2-32: Work 2dc in every first st of every round, until you end up with 37 sts, firmly stuff with fiberfill.



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ARMS (MAKE TWO)

With any contrasting colour, make a magic circle OR ch 2 and work all the stitches of the first round in the 2nd chain stitch.

Round 1: 8dc, pull closed. (8dc)

Round 2: Work 2dc in each st. (16dc)

Round 3: (2dc in the next st, 1 dc in the next st) x 8 (24dc)

Round 4: (2dc in the next st, 1dc in the next 2 sts) x 6 (32dc)

And change to main colour on final st: insert hook into last st, yoh and bring through st, yoh with new colour yarn, pull through two loops on hook. Leave a 15cm tail of the contrasting colour and thread through round 6-7 when these rounds are completed. (This will be used later for paw claws.) Continue with main colour.

Round 5: (2dc in the next st, 1dc in the next 3 sts) x 8 (40dc)

Round 6-7: 1dc in each st. (40dc)

Round 8: (1dc in the next 3 sts, 2dctog over the next two sts) x 8 (32dc)

Round 9: (1dc in the next 2 sts, 2dctog over the next sts) x 8 (24dc)

Round 10: (1dc in the next st, 2dctog over the next two sts) x 8 (16dc)

Round 11-26: 1dc in each st. (16dc)

Stuff paw front firmly with fiberfill, stuff arms loosely,

sewing three stitches, over Round 6 & 7 for claws, fasten off and leave tail for sewing.

LEGS (MAKE TWO)

With the same contrasting colour as the arms, make a magic circle OR ch 2 and work all the stitches of the first round in the 2nd chain stitch.

Round 1: 8dc, pull closed. (8dc)

Round 2: 2dc in each st. (16dc)

Round 3: (2dc in next st, 1dc in next st) x 8. (24dc)

Round 4: (2dc in next st, 1dc in next 2 sts) x 8 (32dc)

Round 5: (2dc in next st, 1dc in next 3 sts) x 8 (40dc)

Change to main colour as per the arms, leaving a 15cm tail. Weave this yarn tail through rounds 7 – 8 once they've been completed. Continue with main colour

Round 6: (2dc in the next st, 1dc in the next 4 sts) x 8 (48dc)

Round 7-8: 1dc in each st. (48dc)

Round 9: (1dc in the next 4 sts, 2dctog over the next two sts) x 8 (40dc)

Round 10: (1dc in the next 3 sts, 2dctog over the next two sts) x 8 (32dc)

Round 11: (1dc in the next 2 sts, 2dctog over the next two sts) x 8 (24dc)

Round 12: (1dc in the next st, 2dctog over the next two sts) x 8 (16dc)

Round 13-34: 1dc in each st. (16dc)

Stuff firmly with fiberfill, sewing three stitches, over Round 7 & 8 for claws, fasten off and leave tail for sewing.

DRAGON SPIKES (Make 5:

Two in the same contrasting colour, 1 in a main colour, 1 each in the two remaining contrasting colours)

Make a magic circle OR ch 2 and work all the stitches of the first round in the 1st chain stitch.

Round 1: 6dc, pull closed. (6dc)

Round 2: (2dc in the next st, 1dc in the next st). x 3 (9dc)

Round 3: (2dc in the next st, 1dc in the next st) x 4, 2dc in the last st. (14dc)

Round 4-5: 1dc in each st. (14dc)

Round 6: (2dc in the next st, 1dc in the next two sts) x 4, 2dc in the last st. (19dc)

Rnd 7-8: 1dc in each st. (19dc)
Fasten off and leave 15cm tail to sew. Do not stuff.

WINGS (MAKE TWO)

With main colour, make a magic circle OR ch 2 and work all the stitches of the first round in the 2nd chain stitch.

Round 1: 12tr, pull closed. (12tr)

Round 2: 2tr in the next st, 1tr in the next st. (24tr)

Round 3: (1tr in the next st, 2tr in the next st) x 8 (36tr)

Round 4: 1tr in each st. (36tr)

Fasten off and join with the same contrasting colour as the arms and legs as follows: fold

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circle in half, and dc through both front and backstitches creating a semi-circle (16dc) Revdc back 16 sts, to create a lovely border. (16dc) Fasten off.

FINISH UP

Pin all the pieces in place and sew together.

ABOUT THE YARNS

Eco-Cotton is a softly spun yarn with 125 meters to a ball. It is 100% cotton and lovingly hand-dyed in South Africa.

Stockists of our yarn are listed on our webpage www.nurturingfibres.com

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