

Crochet Eggs for Easter

Planet Penny COLOURS mercerised cotton yarn is perfect for making these jolly little eggs for Easter.

The basic eggs look stunning as a colourful pile in a bowl or glass jar. However, you can let your imagination go wild, adding buttons, beads or little crochet flowers and festooning your Easter Tree!

Varying the yarn thickness and hook size makes different sizes, these are about 5cm/2" long.

Materials: Pack of Planet Penny Cotton COLOURS (12 50g balls 125m mercerised cotton) available from

<https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/PlanetPennyUK>

Or yarn of your choice and appropriately sized hook.

Sewing needle with large eye.

Abbreviations: (British terms**)

ss Slip stitch
ch Chain
dc Double crochet
tr Treble crochet
ch sp Chain space

** US crochet terms
dc = single crochet
tr = double crochet



Note. The eggs are worked in a spiral, so don't finish each round with a slip stitch but mark the end of the round with a piece of spare yarn in a contrasting colour so you know where you are.

Decrease by putting the hook through the next stitch and pulling yarn through, (2 loops on hook) hook through next st (3 loops on hook) yarn round hook and pull through all 3 loops.

Round 1: Start with a 'Magic Circle' (see <http://planetpenny.co.uk/the-magic-circle/> for a detailed explanation) and work 6 dc into the circle. Place the contrasting yarn between the last st work and the first before continuing the next round

Round 2: Work 2 dc into each st to end (12sts) bring the marker yarn over to the other side each time so it weaves in as you work

Round 3: *work 1 dc into next st, 2 dc into following st rep from * to marker (18st)

Round 4: * dc into next 2 sts, 2dc into following st rep from * to marker (24sts)

Round 5: * dc into next 3 sts, 2dc into following st rep from * to marker (30sts)

Round 6: work 3 rows of 30 sts straight (don't forget to weave in the marker)

Round 7: * dc into next 3 sts, 1dc into following 2st (dec) rep from * to marker (24sts)

Round 8: dc

Round 9: * dc into next 2 sts, 1dc into following 2st (dec) rep from * to marker (18sts)

Round 10: dc

Round 11: * dc into next st, 1dc into following 2st (dec) rep from * to marker (12sts)

At this point, stuff the egg firmly with toy stuffing, then to finish continue to work 1dc 1dec round and round until the hole at the top of the egg is closed, finish with a ss and cut off yarn.

Roll the egg in your hands to even out the stuffing and create the shape then use the tail at the top to tidy up any gap, taking the yarn back down into the egg to lose any 'pointyness'

Teeny Tiny Flowers

To start make a Magic Circle as before. Then work 2ch, ss into circle, *3ch ss into circle, rep from * 3 more times so you have 5 loops. Cut off yarn. Make sure the tail and the ends of the yarn are on the side facing you then pull up the tail tightly to close the hole in the middle. Tie the 2 ends in a neat reef knot and cut off. (Turn the flower over to use)

Using a length of yarn, attach to the eggs using a french knot or bead.



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