**Rainbow Mice**

A harvest of multicoloured crochet mice, to decorate a clock, a nursery or a craft room, or to use individually as a toy.

*Notes:*

*Don’t join with a slip stitch at the end of each round. By continuing straight on the next round the piece will be a spiral rather than a series of circles. It helps to use piece of spare yarn to mark the beginning of each round so you can keep track of where you are.*

*I use a* ***3mm hook*** *and*  ***DK mercerised cotton*** *when making items which require stuffing as it makes for a denser fabric. For help choosing alternative yarn and hooks see the blog post* [*http://planetpenny.co.uk/2012/07/11/size-matters/*](http://planetpenny.co.uk/2012/07/11/size-matters/)

**N.B. Crochet terms differ between countries.  This pattern is written using British crochet abbreviations;**

 ch = chain, ss = slipstitch, dc = double crochet (UKdc2tog = double crochet 2 stitches together (decrease stitch)

**American crochet conversion*can be found here*** [UK to US Crochet Terms for Patterns - EasyCrochet.com](https://easycrochet.com/uk-to-us-crochet-terms/)

Start with the tail, leaving enough spare yarn at the end to thread on a needle so you can fix the tail safely with a couple of stitches.

 Make 22 ch. Turn and ss in each st to end. Make 2 ch. (as you work, make sure the tail is on the outside!)

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| **Body** |  |
| **Round 1** | In 2nd st from hook,  make 6 dc |
| **Round 2** | starting with 1st dc to make a circle, work 2 dc into each st  (12 st) |
| **Round 3** | \*1dc in next st, 2dc in next st; rep from \* to end (18 st) |
| **Round 4** | \*1dc in next 2st,2 dc in next st; rep from \* to end (24 st) |
| **Round 5** | \*1dc in next 3 st, 2 dc in next st; rep from \* to end (30 st) |
| **Round 6** | \*1dc in next 4 st, 2 dc in next st; rep from \* to end (36 st) |
| **Rounds 7 – 13** | 1dc in each st |
| **Round 14** | \*1dc in next 4 st, dc2tog; rep from \* to end (30 st) |
| **Round 15** | \* 1dc in next 3 st, dc2tog; rep from \* to end (24 st) |
| **Round 16** | 1dc in each st |
| **Round 17** | \*1dc in next 2 st, dc2tog; rep from \* to end (18 st) |
| **Round 18** | 1dc in each st |
| **Round 19** | \*1dc in next st, dc2tog; rep from \* to end (12 st) |
| **Stuff body** |  |
| **Rows 20-21** | 1dc in each st |
| **Last round**  | \*Miss 1st st, 1dc in next st, rep from\* until opening is closed. Fasten off and stitch in end. |
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| ***Ears***  | **Make2** |
| **Round 1** | Make 2ch, working into 2nd ch from hook make 6dc. |
| **Rounds 2-3** | as Body pattern (18 st) |
| **Round 4** | 1 dc in each st, fasten off leaving a tail for stitching. |
| **Sew on ears** | http://planetpenny.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/The-tail-end-300x300.jpgSew on ears |
| **Eyes & Nose** | Using black thread sew on black beads for the nose and eyesand embroider the whiskers.***N.B. If making for a baby, small child or pet, omit the beads and embroider the features*** |

Now make one in every colour!



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