

## #lockdownamichallenge - No 32 - Lobster



### Yarn

Aldi So Crafty Knit & Purl Amigurumi Yarn - described on the box as "Light" - Equivalent to DK.

40g approx of Red (MC) for Body, Claws, Eye lids, Legs and Tail..

Small amount of Cream (CC1) for Eyes.

Small amount of Black (CC2) for Pupils.

Small amount of Orange (CC3) for embroidered details.

100% Cotton 25g = 57.5m

A cotton yarn works well for Ami as it gives good stitch definition and creates a firm structure so body parts hold their shape well. Any cotton/cotton mix DK should give similar results.

### Hook

3 mm

### Other Supplies

Yarn needle, toy stuffing, stitch marker/waste yarn.

### Tension

Tension is not critical for this project but stitches should be tight enough to avoid stuffing showing through.

## Size

Approx 18cm (7in) from nose to tail.

## Pattern Notes

Unless otherwise specified this pattern is worked in the amigurumi style, in a continuous spiral without slip stitching or turning chains.

Use a stitch marker or waste yarn to keep track of the first stitch of each round.

If you do not want to make a Magic Ring you can start each piece by making a chain of 2 and then work the first round into the second chain from the hook.

If you would like to start with a Magic Ring but don't know how, you can find a Photo Tutorial at: <https://www.mycrochetchums.com/magic-ring-photo-tutorial.html>

The Lobster is made of multiple separate pieces sewn together. Unless otherwise stated, finish each piece by pulling the yarn through the last loop and leave a long tail for sewing. Any loose tails at the end can be easily woven in.

## Increasing and decreasing

The “invisible” techniques below are recommended to give your amigurumi a neat finish:

**Invisible Increase:** Work 1 dc in FLO of next st and 1 dc in both loops of same st.

**Invisible decrease:** Insert hook in FLO of the two stitches to be decreased, yrh, pull through both front loops, yrh, draw through two loops on hook.

## UK Crochet Terms - Abbreviations

This pattern is written using UK Crochet Terms - they are NOT the same as US ones - please familiarise yourself with the UK terms to avoid your character's shape distorting!

**The “dc” abbreviation used in this pattern refers to UK double crochet. The equivalent stitch in US terms is single crochet - if you are used to US patterns you need to work single crochet everywhere this pattern says “dc”. If you work US dc (equivalent to UK Treble) the finished item will be elongated and the stuffing will show through.**

If you are used to working in US Crochet Terms you can find a conversion chart at: <https://www.mycrochetchums.com/ukus-crochet-terms.html>

If you are unfamiliar with any of the terms used in this pattern, you can find a chart of the UK Crochet terms used at: <https://www.mycrochetchums.com/uk-abbreviations.html>



## Body

Worked from nose to tail. Stuff as you go.

**Rnd 1:** With MC and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

**Rnd 2:** 2 dc in each st around. 12 sts

**Rnd 3:** {1 dc, 2 dc in next st} 6 times. 18 sts

**Rnd 4:** Dc around.

**Rnd 5:** 6 dc, {2 dc in next st} 6 times, 6 dc. 24 sts

**Rnd 6:** Dc around.

**Rnd 7:** 7 dc, {2 dc in next st, 1 dc} 6 times, 5 dc. 30 sts

**Rnd 8:** Dc around.

**Rnd 9:** 7 dc, {2 dc in next st, 2 dc} 6 times, 5 dc. 36 sts

**Rnds 10-11:** Dc around.

**Rnd 12:** 10 dc, [1 dc2tog, 2 dc] 6 times, 2 dc. 30 sts

**Rnds 13-16:** Dc around.

**Rnd 17:** [3 dc, 1 dc 2 tog] 6 times. 24 sts

**Rnds 18-21:** Dc around.

**Rnd 22:** [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 18 sts

**Rnds 23-28:** Dc around.

**Rnd 29:** [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. 12 sts

**Rnds 30-32:** Dc around.

**Rnd 33:** [1 dc, 2 dc in next st] 6 times. 18 sts

**Rnd 34:** Dc around.

**Rnd 35:** 5 dc. 5 sts

Fasten off. Use the yarn tail to sew the end of the body closed.

## Tail Piece - make 4

Stuff as you go.

**Rnd 1:** With MC and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

**Rnd 2:** [1 dc, 2 dc in next st] 3 times. 9 sts

**Rnd 3:** Dc around.

**Rnd 4:** [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 3 times. 6 sts

**Rnds 5-8:** Dc around.

Fasten off.

## Claw - make 2

The claws are made in two parts. The Large Pincer needs to be made first and fastened off. The Small Pincer is then made, the Large Pincer is then joined to it and the rest of the claw is then worked.

## Large Pincer - make 2

Stuff as you go

**Rnd 1:** With MC and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. *6 sts*

**Rnd 2:** 2 dc, [2 dc in next st] twice, 2 dc. *8 sts*

**Rnd 3:** Dc around.

**Rnd 4:** 3 dc, [2 dc in next st] twice, 3 dc. *10 sts*

**Rnd 5:** Dc around.

**Rnd 6:** 4 dc, [2 dc in next st] twice, 4 dc. *12 sts*

**Rnd 7:** Dc around.

Fasten off. When you join this pincer to the smaller one you will be working into the next unused stitch of this pincer (as if you were starting an 8th round).

## Small Pincer - make 2

Stuff as you go.

Work as Rnds 1 -5 of Large Pincer, do not fasten off, continue straight on to Rnd 6 below:

**Rnd 6:** Starting in next unused st of Large Pincer, 6 dc, 2 dc in next st, 5 dc, then starting in next unused st of Small Pincer, 4 dc, 2 dc in next st, 5 dc. *24 sts*

**Rnds 7-8:** Dc around.

**Rnd 9:** [2 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. *18 sts*

**Rnds 10-12:** Dc around.

**Rnd 13:** [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 6 times. *12 sts*

**Rnd 14:** Dc around.

**Rnd 15:** 6 dc2tog. *6 sts*

**Rnds 16-19:** Dc around.

Fasten off.

## Side Legs - make 6

No need to stuff.

**Rnd 1:** With MC and working into a magic ring, 5 dc. *5 sts*

**Rnds 2-6:** Dc around.

Fasten off.

## Eye Lid - make 2

**Rnd 1:** With MC and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

**Rnd 2:** [1 dc, 2 dc in next st] 3 times. 9 sts

**Rnd 3:** Dc around.

**Rnd 4:** 1 dc2tog, 7 dc. 8 sts

Fasten off.

## Eye Ball - make 2

Stuff as you go.

**Rnd 1:** With CC1 and working into a magic ring, 6 dc. 6 sts

**Rnd 2:** [1 dc, 2 dc in next st] 3 times. 9 sts

**Rnd 3:** Dc around.

**Rnd 4:** [1 dc, 1 dc2tog] 3 times. 6 sts

Fasten off. weave yarn tail through FLO of last 6 sts and pull up to close hole.

## Pupils - make 2

**Rnd 1:** With CC2 and working into a magic ring, 4 dc, join with sl st in beg dc. 4 sts

Fasten off.



## Making Up

Using the photographs as a guide, pin the pieces together first, checking from all angles to make sure you're happy with the positioning, then use the long yarn tails or a length of yarn with a tapestry needle to stitch the pieces together.

Sew the four Tail Pieces on to the end of the Body.

Sew the Claws to the sides of the Body roughly in line with Rnd 16, making sure the Small Pincer part of the Claw sits closest to the Body on each side.

Sew three Side Legs down each side of the Body behind the Claws.

Insert the Eye Balls into the cups of the Eye Lids and stitch into place. Sew the Eyes onto the top of the head end of the Body. Sew the Pupils onto the Eyeballs.



## Embroidered Details

Using the photos as a guide, use CC2 to embroider the Lobster's smile.

Use CC3 to embroider the star details on the Lobster's back and the three sets of double lines across his belly.

Use CC1 to add the single stitch highlight on the Pupils.

All done!



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I started mycrochetchums at the end of 2020 to give me something to focus on during lockdown and to make creative use of a box of Aldi Amigurumi Yarn that was an impulse purchase I was feeling guilty about!

I'm loving creating these cute characters and sharpening my tech skills in the process as I wrangle with managing a website and social media.

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