



CARA'S CREATIONS  
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# Dion the Penguin

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*Dion the Penguin is a cute, quick design made using 25g balls of La Mia Cottony yarn by Hobium Yarns. Bright, cuddy and cute. What's not to love?*

### Important info:

**Difficulty:** Intermediate, US terminology

### Materials:

- ♥ 2.75mm hook/C-2 (US)
- ♥ 8ply yarns/DK or Light Worsted > less than 25g of YELLOW, CREAM, LEMON and GREY
- ♥ BLACK 4ply yarn or embroidery thread
- ♥ A pair of 8mm safety eyes
- ♥ Scissors
- ♥ Tapestry needle
- ♥ Polyester toy stuffing
- ♥ Stitch marker (optional)

### Abbreviations:

- ♥ ch = chain
- ♥ MR = magic ring
- ♥ sc = single crochet
- ♥ inc = single crochet increase (2 sc in one stitch)
- ♥ dec = decrease (sc 2 together)
- ♥ BLO = back loops only
- ♥ sl st = slip stitch
- ♥ (..) = repeat the space in brackets the given number of times
- ♥ [...] = total number of stitches

### Notes:

- ♥ Amigurumi is usually stitched in the round and a yarn with no stretch is best, I prefer cotton or cotton blend.
- ♥ When changing colour, yarn over the new colour and pull through on the stitch prior. For the rounds that use more than one colour, I recommend dropping the yarn on the inside rather than "carrying the yarn" underneath the stitches as it can be bulky for amigurumi.
- ♥ I've used four colours from the La Mia Cottony 20 skeins yarn by Hobium Yarns (25g balls).
- ♥ Generally, the hook you use for amigurumi will be a smaller than for other crochet as you want the stitches tight.
- ♥ Your tension, the yarn thickness and hook size used will affect the size of the finished item. My Dion the Penguin is approximately 10cm tall (4 inches).
- ♥ I have used safety eyes for this pattern but you may choose to embroider. Please ensure that there are no loose fittings.

# Pattern

## Head (YELLOW):

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|----|-------------------|------|
| 1) | 8 sc in MR        | [8]  |
| 2) | inc x 8           | [16] |
| 3) | (sc, inc) x 8     | [24] |
| 4) | (sc x 2, inc) x 8 | [32] |
| 5) | (sc x 7, inc) x 4 | [36] |
| 6) | sc x 36           | [36] |

You will use Yellow (Y), Cream (C) and Grey (G) for the following rounds.

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|-----|--|------|
| 7)  | Y: sc x 12, C: sc x 3, Y: sc x 4, C: sc x 3,<br>Y: sc x 14   | [36] |
| 8)  | Y: sc x 12, C: sc x 4, Y: sc x 2, C: sc x 4,<br>Y: sc x 14   | [36] |
| 9)  | Y: (sc x 4, inc) x 2, sc x 2, C: sc x 4,<br>Y: sc x 2, C: sc x 4, Y: sc x 3, inc,<br>(sc x 4, inc) x 2 | [41] |
| 10) | Y: sc x 14, C: sc x 4, G: sc x 2, C: sc x 4,<br>Y: sc x 17   | [41] |
| 11) | Y: sc x 13, C: sc x 5, G: dec, C: sc x 5,<br>Y: sc x 16  | [40] |
| 12) | Y: sc x 8, inc, sc x 4, C: sc x 11, Y: sc x 4,<br>inc, sc x 11   | [42] |
| 13) | Y: sc x 42   | [42] |

Insert safety eyes between rounds 9-10 in the centre of each cream eye patch.  
Change to LEMON.

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|--------|----------------------------|------|
| 14)    | in BLO: (sc x 13, inc) x 3 | [45] |
| 15-16) | sc x 45                    | [45] |

Change to CREAM.

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|--------|--------------------|------|
| 17)    | (sc x 14, inc) x 3 | [48] |
| 18-19) | sc x 48            | [48] |

Change to LEMON.

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|--------|--------------------|------|
| 20)    | (sc x 15, inc) x 3 | [51] |
| 21-22) | sc x 51            | [51] |

Change to CREAM.

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| 23) | (sc x 15, dec) x 3                      | [48] |
| 24) | sc x 7, (dec, sc x 14) x 2, dec, sc x 7 | [45] |
| 25) | (sc x 13, dec) x 3                      | [42] |

Change to LEMON.

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|-----|---------------------------|------|
| 26) | (sc x 5, dec) x 6         | [36] |
| 27) | in BLO: (sc x 4, dec) x 6 | [30] |



Stuff and continue stuffing until you fasten off.

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|-----|-------------------|------|
| 28) | (sc x 3, dec) x 6 | [24] |
| 29) | (sc x 2, dec) x 6 | [18] |
| 30) | (sc, dec) x 6     | [12] |
| 31) | dec x 6           | [6]  |

Fasten off, weave tapestry needle through stitches on final round, pull to close and weave end.

**Wings (YELLOW, make 2):**

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|------|-------------------|------|
| 1)   | 6 sc in MR        | [6]  |
| 2)   | (sc, inc) x 3     | [9]  |
| 3)   | (sc x 2, inc) x 3 | [12] |
| 4-6) | sc x 12           | [12] |
| 7)   | (sc x 2, dec) x 3 | [9]  |

Do not stuff, flatten and sc across top.  
Leave a tail for sewing.

**Feet (GREY, make 2):**

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|----|--|------|
| 1) | ch7, sc in 2 <sup>nd</sup> ch from hook, sc x 4, inc in final ch and working on the other side:<br>sc x 4, inc | [13] |
| 2) | inc, sc x 12   | [14] |
| 3) | sc x 14  | [14] |
| 4) | (sc x 5, dec) x 2  | [12] |

Do not stuff, sc then sc across final row and fasten off.  
Leave a tail for sewing.

**Assembly:**

- 1) EYELASHES – using BLACK, embroider 2 eyelashes over 1 stitch each on the outer side of each safety eye.
- 2) WINGS – sew to either side of the head over rounds 13-14, approx. 3 stitches from the cream stitches.
- 3) FEET – sew to rounds 25-26 of the head, approx. 2 stitches apart.





*That's it, enjoy your Dion*

