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Crafters 2.6 Challenge Patterns for the SiMBA Small Memory Box



SiMBA has been supporting those affected by the loss of a baby for 15 years. We want to be here for the next 15 years and beyond but we need your help!



**We're asking you as a group to:
Knit or crochet 2600 butterflies,
blankets and pairs of small bears
between the 26th April and the
30th April 2020 and donate £2.60
to support SiMBA.**



We need you to craft and donate

Donate £2.60 today to support SiMBA

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/simbacrafterschallenge>

Did you know?

There are over 4,000 crafters on our on-line craft group. If everyone **donated £2.60 we would receive over £10,000 which the UK Government will double to £20,000!**



Please share pictures of your items as you make them on our 2.6 challenge page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SiMBA2.6ChallengeGroup/>



On Thursday 30th April post a final picture of your items and the quantity made and we'll confirm on Thursday night if we've made our targets!!

Here are just a few things to remember when doing this challenge:

- Each Small Memory Box contains – 2 bears, 1 blanket and 1 butterfly
- Items should be made up in neutral colours rather than pink or blue (as the sex of the baby is not always known)
- The Bears and blankets can be knitted but the butterflies need to be crocheted
- All patterns use DK yarn and size 4mm (UK8) needles unless stated otherwise (using smaller needles and 4ply wool will result in smaller blankets. Please check your tension as blankets that are too big will not fit into our smallest boxes and may not be able to be used)
- We know that you can't post them to us right now so please hold onto your items until it is safe to go to the post office to send your parcels
- Our craft group add buttons and labels will be added when they arrive in the office

YOU are AMAZING! Your support and beautiful handmade items make every memory box as unique as the baby that it is gifted to honour.

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Crochet Butterflies all sizes

Small, Medium, Large

Requirements: Small butterfly – 1.75mm hook, Medium butterfly – 3.5mm hook, Large butterfly – 5mm hook. Double knit wool

CH6 and create a circle.

Round 1: CH3 (counts as 1st tr), 1 TR into circle. *2 CH, 2 tr into circle (7 TIMES). Join with a sl.st. into the 1st loop (8 loops). Change colour here if needed.

Round 2: CH3. 4tr into 1st loop. sl. st. into same loop. sl.st. into the next loop. *CH3. 4tr. sl.st. into the same loop. sl.st. into next loop. Continue from * until 7 loops worked. In 8th loop, CH3, 4tr, sl.st. into same loop, then CH8. Leave enough yarn to finish.

On reverse of work pull yarn end, this will close the centre and sew in.

If colour was changed after round 1, tie in ends.

Fold butterfly in half and wrap 8ch piece around work. Join with a sl.st. Tie off.

Antenna: Take a piece of yarn about 2" and slip under chain. Knot them together.



Small Knitted Blanket

Requirements: 3.75mm (UK9) knitting needles. Any DK wool

Finished size: 12.5cm x 10cm approx 5" x 4"

Using smaller needles and 4ply wool will result in smaller blankets. Please check your tension as blankets that are too big will not fit in the memory boxes and unfortunately cannot be used.

Cast on 30 stitches Knit 4 rows

Next row (RS): Knit to end

Next row (WS): K4, P22, K4

Repeat above 2 rows until blanket measures 9cm ending on a WS row (approx. 28 rows)

Knit 4 rows Cast off





Small Butterfly Blanket

Requirements: 4mm (UK8) knitting needles, any DK wool

Finished size: 12.5cm x 10cm approx.

Using smaller needles and 4ply wool will result in smaller blankets. Please check your tension as blankets that are too big will not fit in the memory boxes and unfortunately cannot be used.

Cast on 30 stitches

Row 1: (K2, P2) 7 times, K2
 Row 2: (P2, K2) 7 times, P2
 Row 3: (P2, K2) 7 times, P2
 Row 4: (K2, P2) 7 times, K2
 Row 5: K2, P2, K22, P2, K2
 Row 6: P2, K2, P22, K2, P2
 Row 7: P2, K2, K22, K2, P2
 Row 8: K2, P2, P22, P2, K2
 Row 9: K2, P2, K22, P2, K2
 Row 10: P2, K2, P5, K3, P6, K3, P5, K2, P2
 Row 11: P2, K2, K22, K2, P2
 Row 12: K2, P2, P4, K6, P2, K6, P4, P2, K2
 Row 13: K2, P2, K22, P2, K2
 Row 14: P2, K2, P5, K5, P2, K5, P5, K2, P2
 Row 15: P2, K2, K22, K2, P2
 Row 16: K2, P2, P4, K14, P4, P2, K2
 Row 17: K2, P2, K22, P2, K2
 Row 18: P2, K2, P3, K16, P3, K2, P2
 Row 19: P2, K2, K22, K2, P2
 Row 20: K2, P2, P2, K18, P2, P2, K2
 Row 21: K2, P2, K22, P2, K2
 Row 22: P2, K2, P2, K7, P1, K2, P1, K7, P2, K2, P2
 Row 23: P2, K2, K22, K2, P2
 Row 24: K2, P2, P2, K6, P6, K6, P2, P2, K2
 Row 25: K2, P2, K22, P2, K2
 Row 26: P2, K2, P3, K3, P10, K3, P3, K2, P2
 Row 27: P2, K2, K22, K2, P2
 Row 28: K2, P2, P22, P2, K2
 Row 29: K2, P2, K22, P2, K2
 Row 30: P2, K2, P22, K2, P2
 Row 31: (P2, K2) 7 times, P2
 Row 32: (K2, P2) 7 times, K2
 Row 33: (K2, P2) 7 times, K2
 Row 34: (P2, K2) 7 times, P2
 Cast off





Small Lace Blanket

Requirements: 3.75mm (UK9) knitting needles. Any DK wool

Finished size: 12.5cm x 10cm approx 5" x 4"

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Cast on 30 stitches

Knit 4 rows

Lace Pattern:

Row 1: Knit to end

Row 2: K4, P22, K4

Row 3: K4, [P2tog twice, (YO, K1) 3 times, yrnd, P2tog twice] 2 times, K4

Row 4: K4, P22, K4 Repeat above 4 rows until blanket measures 9cm ending on a row 4 (approx. 28 rows)

Knit 4 rows Cast off

YO = yarn over needle YRND = yarn round needle to create a loop/ stitch P2tog = purl 2 stitches together



Small Crochet Blanket

Requirements: 3.5mm hook. DK wool

Cast on 22sts loosely.

Row 1: 1 tr into 3rd ch from hook (the missed sts are the 1st tr). 1 tr into each ch (21 sts).

CH3 turn (the 3CH are the 1st tr of the next row).

Row 2: 1 tr into each tr of previous row. CH3 (turn) (21sts).

Repeat row 2 until work measures 4".

When work is required size, do not do 3CH but tie off. Sew in ends.





Small Knitted Bear

Requirements : 2.75mm (UK12) knitting needles.
Any DK wool. Please remember to knit in matching pairs. Finished size: 6-8 cm tall approx 2" x 3" . Don't worry they are fine without any stuffing as they are so tiny!

Every row knit – Garter stitch

To knit teddy (whole teddy knitted in one piece)

Leg 1 Cast on 4st and work 8 rows - break yarn.

Leg 2 Cast on 4st and work 8 rows

Body Knit across all 8st

Knit 3 more rows

Arms Cast on 4st at beginning of next 2 rows (16 sts)

Work 4 rows

Cast off 4st at beginning of next 2 rows (8 sts)

Head Work 22 rows on 8st

Arms Cast on 4st at beginning of next 2 rows (16 sts)

Work 4 rows

Cast off 4st at beginning of next 2 rows (8 sts)

Body Knit across all 8st

Knit 3 more rows

Legs Work on first 4st only, work 8 rows. Cast off.

Return to remaining 4 stitches and work 8 rows. Cast off.

Making Up

To finish the bear, embroider the face. Sew front and back of bear together. Sew across corners of the head to form ears. Add a ribbon, small crochet chain or a piece of wool as a scarf. Place around the bears neck and tie in a bow. Please tie identical bears loosely together.





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Requirements: 2.75 mm hook. Any DK wool. Please knit in matching pairs Finished size: 6-8 cm tall approx 2" x 3" Don't worry they are fine without any stuffing as they are so tiny!

1. Start here at the bottom of the right arm, Chain 2 + 1 turning chain (3ch) turn.
2. Now do 4 rows of 2 single crochets for the arm. Don't forget the turning chains, to keep the teddy's straight line.
3. When you have finished the 4 rows for the arm, chain 6 + 1 turning chain to the left for the head. Turn, skip over the turning chain and crochet back 8 stitches.
4. For the left leg chain 7 + 1 turning chain to the right. The whole row consists out of 2 chains for the arm + 6 chains for the head + 7 chains for the leg = 15 chains altogether. Do now 3 rows of single crochets over these 15 chains. Don't forget the turning chain.
5. In this row just do 11 single crochet.
6. Then chain 4 + 1 turning chain for the right leg. Again do 3 rows of single crochets 15 stitches
7. In this row just do 8 single crochets + 1 turning chain. Turn your work.
8. Now do 4 rows of single crochets over the 2 arm chains.
9. Do one extra row of single crochets to fold your work over later on. (for sewing up)
10. The second part of the bear has to be done in the same way. Start at point 2
11. If you have reached point 8 for the second time then your next part is finished.
12. To finish the bear, fold your work in half and sew around. Leave the top of the head open, turn your work inside out, add features to face, close the seam of the head. Pull a piece of yarn through the neck and pull it tight to give it a nice shape. Form the ears, fix them with a few stitches. Add a ribbon, small crochet chain or a piece of wool as a scarf. Place around the bears neck and tie in a bow.
13. Now your teddy is finished.
14. Please tie identical pairs together loosely.



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