

This Crochet pattern for the Fairtrade mark is designed for yarnbombing postboxes.

The pattern uses UK crochet terms

dc – double crochet

htc – half treble crochet

tc – treble crochet

qc – quadruple (or double treble) crochet

ss – slip stitch

You will need:

An 8mm hook

Yarn of your choice in black, lime green and sky blue. Crochet with two strands of DK yarn.

The first section is crocheted in rounds.

1. Using black yarn, make a magic ring, chain 1, 6 DC (6)
  2. Increase in each stitch (12)
  3. (1dc, inc) x 6 (18)
  4. (2dc, inc) x 6 (24)
  5. Switch to sky blue yarn (3dc, inc) x 6 (30)
  6. (4dc, inc) until you have worked five rounds. (50)
- Your work should now measure approx. 7" (18cm) across.

You will now work in rows to shape the pointed sections in sky blue.

Continue in sky blue

7. Chain 1 (4dc, inc) for 36 stitches. Turn. (36)
8. Chain 1 (4dc, inc) for 36 stitches. Turn. (36)
9. Chain 1 (5dc, inc) for 36 stitches. Turn. (36)
10. Chain 2, 2htc, 2tc, 2htc, 2dc. Turn. (13)
11. ss, 1dc, 2htc, 2tc, 2htc, 2dc. Turn (9)
12. ss, 1dc, 3htc, 1dc. Turn (5)
13. ss, (htc 3 tog)
14. Work a row of dc along the edge of the pattern. You will now shape the other pointed section.
15. ss, 1dc, 2htc, 2tc, 2htc, 2dc. Turn (9)

16. ss, 1dc, 3htc, 1dc. Turn (5)  
17. ss, (htc 3 tog)  
Finish off sky blue

Switch to black yarn. You will now be working on the central black section of the mark.

18. Working along the inner edge of the blue, 42dc. You will have to pick up some of the stitches from the ends of the previous rows. Turn. (42)  
19. Chain 1, 18dc, 8htc, 8tc, 8qc. Turn. (42)  
20. Chain 3, 8qc, 8tc, 8htc, 18dc. Turn. (42)  
21. Chain 1, 18dc, 8htc, 8tc, 8qc. Turn. (42)  
22. Chain 3, 8qc, 8tc, 8htc, Turn. (24)  
23. ss, 6hdc, (hdc 2 tog), 6tc, (tc 2 tog) 6qc. Turn (20)  
24. 4qc (qc 2 tog), 4tc (tc 2 tog) 4 htc. Turn.  
25. ss, ss (dc2 tog), 2dc (dc 2 tog), 2dc (dc 2 tog) (7)  
26. (dc 2 tog) x 3  
Secure but do not finish off black yarn.

Switch to lime green yarn.

Work along the edge of the black yarn.

16. Chain 1, 2dc, 3hdc, 4tc, 5qc, 4tc, 3hdc, 2dc. Turn. (23)  
17. ss, 2dc, 3hdc, 4tc, 4qc, 4tc, 3hdc, 2dc. Turn. (21)  
18. ss, 2dc, 3hdc, 4tc, 4qc, 4tc, 3hdc, 2dc. Turn. (20)  
19. ss, 2dc, 3hdc, 4tc, 4qc, 4tc, 3hdc, 2dc. Turn. (19)

You have now made the Fairtrade mark.

Return to the black yarn you left secured.

19. TC in every stitch all around the circle.

Repeat row 19 until your work measures approx. 23" (60cm)

Finish off and weave in ends.

To secure to a post box you will need to run a ribbon, elastic or strong yarn around the last row.

Take a photo of your yarnbombed post box and upload it to social media making sure to tag Fairtrade Yorkshire.

Happy Fairtrade Fortnight!