



chunky stars

UK (and US) terminology crochet pattern v1.1



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WELCOME

Hello! It's Lynda here from Homelea Lass and I'm glad that you're joining me in crocheting stars. Grab a cuppa and sparkle while crocheting stars with soft merino wool. It's a lovely way to nourish your soul and make something beautiful for your home.

These gorgeous stars can be used for lots of things:

- ★ a trivet for your teapot or coffee mug,
- ★ decorations for your home or Christmas tree,
- ★ love bombs in your neighbourhood, or
- ★ a thoughtful gift for a friend.

Don't worry if you've never crocheted before - I've included simple step-by-step instructions to help you out.

I hope you love making lots and lots of stars!

With love, Lynda.

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GET READY

what we're making

We're crocheting stars with super chunky yarn. These gorgeous stars are made by first crocheting around a centre loop, and then the points are added by repeating the same couple of stitches 5 times. At the end we'll steam block your stars so they look amazing!

skill level - easy

The chunky stars use simple stitches.

size

Each star is 16cm / 6.3in by 15cm / 5.9in, and 1.5cm / 0.6in thick. If your stars are a different size to this, it means you will use a different amount of yarn than the design.

what you'll need

To make your chunky stars you will need:

- ☐ 100g mini skein of Homelea Bliss merino wool (this will make 2 stars), or 20m (22yds) of a yarn that is 1cm (0.4in) thick.
- ☐ 15.75mm (Q) crochet hook
- ☐ scissors
- ☐ tape measure or ruler
- ☐ the desire to make gorgeous stars





about the yarn

Homelea Bliss is a super chunky / super bulky merino wool yarn that is soft and squishy. This special yarn is fully grown and processed in Australia with no overseas processing (it's uncommon for an Australian wool yarn to not have some overseas processing). Homelea Bliss is about 1cm / 0.4in thick.

The twist in Homelea Bliss means that what you make will be an heirloom that you will use for many, many years. It will keep its good looks for a long time, it won't cover your home, or you, in fluff and will only pill slightly after repeated use.

how to read this crochet pattern

crochet terminology

Before you pick up your chunky crochet hook, I'd love to share with you the basics of reading crochet patterns, and what you'll come across in this pattern. I've written this crochet pattern so it is easy for you to follow. You'll find a lot of the elements here (like the terminology and abbreviations) in every good crochet pattern you come across.

Reading crochet patterns is just like eating an elephant - when you take it one bite (or step) at a time, it's easy to do. The basic elements of crochet patterns are the stitches, and the easiest way to work through a crochet pattern is to go one stitch at a time.

Each type of stitch has a name, and crochet patterns are written in one of two stitch terminologies - UK or US.

This pattern is written in UK and US crochet terminology. If the stitch names are different, they are shown as UK terminology (US terminology).

The stitch abbreviations that are used in this pattern are summarised in the table below:

stitch name abbreviation	UK terminology	US terminology
ch	chain	chain
dc (sc)	double crochet	single crochet
htr (hdc)	half treble	half double crochet
slst	slip stitch	slip stitch
st/s	stitch/es	stitch/es

turning chain

The turning chain is worked at the start of the round in this pattern, and it does not count as a stitch.

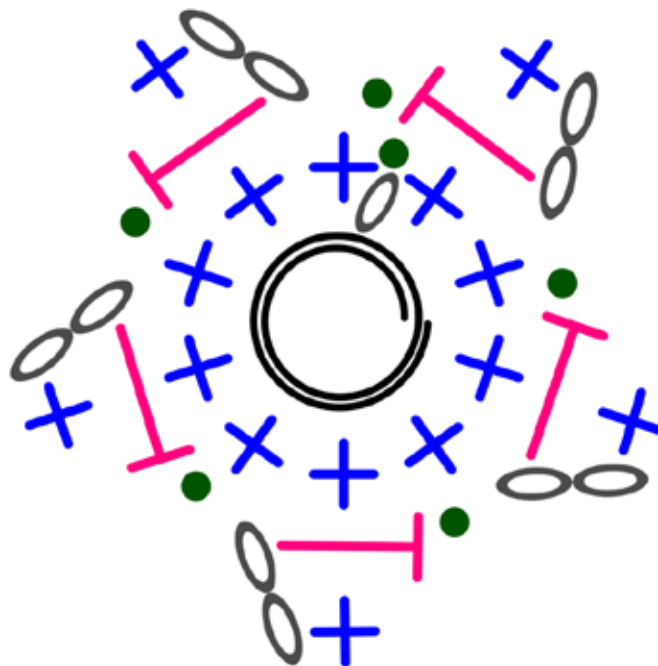
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CROCHET CHART

Do you love crocheting from a chart? If so, this page is for you!



STITCH ABBREVIATION - UK TERMINOLOGY (US TERMINOLOGY)

-  adjustable loop
-  ch - chain
-  slst - slip stitch
-  dc (sc) - double crochet (single crochet)
-  htr (hdc) - half treble (half double crochet)



CROCHET PATTERN

Let's dive into crocheting these gorgeous chunky stars. These are easy to make, and you'll find yourself making lots and lots of them!

wind your skein into a ball

- ☐ open your skein
- ☐ lie your skein flat and in a circle in front of you
- ☐ untie or cut the loops that are holding the yarn together
- ☐ find the ends
- ☐ carefully unwind some of the yarn from one end
- ☐ wrap the end around your fingers a couple of times
- ☐ slip the yarn off your fingers, fold it in two and then wind the yarn around this to start creating a ball
- ☐ keep carefully unwinding the skein and wrapping it around the ball until you're finished.





make the adjustable loop

We're going to start by making an adjustable loop. There are lots of different ways to do these, and each one works fine. An adjustable loop is a slip knot that hasn't been pulled closed, and it's an easy way of starting a project that's made in the round.

The important thing to remember is that the non-ball end of your adjustable loop needs to be 30cm / 12in long.

Put your crochet hook through the loop created at the end of the adjustable loop; this will become your first stitch.



crochet the centre

- ☐ make a chain - the abbreviation for this stitch is "ch":
 - wrap the yarn around the hook from back to front
 - pull the yarn through the loop on the hook
 - we will refer to a chain as "ch" and this is the turning chain and doesn't count as a stitch
- ☐ make a double crochet (single crochet) into the adjustable loop - the abbreviation for this stitch is "dc (sc)":
 - slide the hook into the adjustable loop by going from the front (the side facing you) to the back
 - wrap the yarn around your hook and pull the yarn back out of the adjustable loop
 - wrap the yarn around your hook and pull it through both loops on your hook



- we're now going to refer to double crochet (single crochet) stitches as "dc (sc)"
- ☐ do another 9 dc (sc) into the adjustable loop
- ☐ make a slip stitch into the top of the first dc (sc) to join the centre - the abbreviation for this stitch is "slst":
 - slide the hook into the top of the first dc (sc) by going from the front (the side facing you) to the back
 - wrap the yarn around the hook and pull it back out of the adjustable loop
 - pull the loop closest to the hook through the other loop on your hook
- ☐ pull the end of the adjustable loop to tighten it and form a circle that sits flat



helpful hint: how to hold your crochet hook and yarn

There are different ways to hold the crochet hook and yarn, and the best way to do it is to do what feels best for you - the important thing is that you can control the hook. Experiment and be curious until you find something that feels good to you.

If you're right-handed hold the hook in your right hand and the yarn in your left hand. If you're left-handed, hold the hook in your left hand and the yarn in your right hand.



crochet the points

- ☐ do 2 ch
- ☐ make a dc (sc) into the back of the ch closest to the hook
- ☐ do a half treble (half double crochet) into the back of the next ch - the abbreviation for this stitch is "htr (hdc)":
 - wrap the yarn around the hook from back to front once
 - slide the hook into the back of the next ch
 - wrap the yarn around your hook and pull the yarn back through the ch, pulling up a loop
 - wrap the yarn around your hook and pull it through all 3 of the loops on your hook
- ☐ skip the next dc (sc) made while crocheting the centre
- ☐ slst into the next dc (sc) made while crocheting the centre

Do these steps a total of 5 times to make the 5 points.





finish off your star

- ☐ cut off the yarn, leaving a 15cm / 6in end
- ☐ pull the end through the loop and tighten
- ☐ weave in both ends towards one point
- ☐ tie a knot in the ends for hanging your star



make your stars look even better using steam blocking

We're going to steam block your chunky stars to even out the stitches and improve how they look.

Blocking is magic for crocheting and knitting! It uses either water or steam to relax the wool fibres, which in turns evens and flattens the stitches. As the wool cools and dries, it holds the shape it was blocked too.

Grab your ironing board and iron and let's get started:

- ☐ turn your iron on and set it to the hottest setting with no steam
- ☐ put your iron in a safe place where it won't be knocked or touched and let it heat up
- ☐ hold your iron about 3cm / 1in above your star and evenly steam it so it feels warm all over, and then jiggle your star until you're happy with the shape
- ☐ turn over your star and then hold your iron about 3cm / 1in above your star and evenly steam it so it feels warm all over, and then jiggle your star until you're happy with the shape
- ☐ allow your star to lie flat until it's cool



congratulations

Congratulations on finishing your chunky stars! It's been an absolute pleasure to help you and I hope you've enjoyed it. Let me know how you went by:

- ☐ sharing a photo on Instagram and tagging it with #homeleaclass @homeleaclass.
- ☐ leaving feedback at homeleaclass.com/feedback

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With love, Lynda.

