

Rainbow of Unity



The Rainbow of unity represents us all coming together at a time of need. Hang it in your window to help lift people's spirits and brighten everyone's day 😊

Fun and colourful, the rainbow is easy and quick to make by using 2 strands of DK (USA light worsted) yarn, held together, and worked as one strand. Cute colourful pom-poms add the finishing touch!

The perfect pattern for the crochet beginner and the more advanced crocheter alike.

The rainbow is made double thickness by folding a crocheted circle in half, making it strong and durable and having the advantage of looking great from both sides. A fabulous little rainbow 😊

My beautiful step by step tutorial will take you through each stage from start to finish!

Have fun! Kerry x

This pattern is written in USA terms for conversion to UK terms see chart below

Supplies

I have used 2 strands of DK weight yarn (USA light worsted), held together and worked as one. Most similar weight yarns may be used for this pattern.

Stylecraft Special DK - in colour order of use - 1. Fondant 2. Wisteria purple

3. Aster blue 4. Grass green 5. Citron yellow 6. Shrimp orange 7. Lipstick red.

Crochet Hooks: (6mm, 7mm) (USA K/10½, J/10). Darning needle, scissors.

Approx size - My rainbow circle measures 9½" diameter. If your tension is loose, use a hook one size smaller, or if your tension is tight, go up a hook size.

CROCHET TERMS	
British English	USA - American English
Treble (tr)	Double crochet (dc)
yarn over hook (yoh)	yarn over (yo)

Stitch Guide

Double crochet (Dc): Yarn over hook, insert hook in stitch, yarn over hook, pull up loop, yarn over hook, draw through two loops, yarn over hook, draw through remaining two loops on hook.

For more help on How to make a Dc stitch please visit my website

<https://www.kerryjaynedesigns.com/blogs/tutorial/how-to-make-a-double-crochet-stitch>

*Notes

Joining of a new color There are various ways to join a new color, in this pattern the new color has been tied to the previous color: Cut yarn, leaving a 4" tail, draw up hook pulling out yarn end from loop (pic 5), tie on new colour, close to work, insert hook into 1st st (pic 6), pull up new yarn to begin.

Working with two strands together Use one end from the outside of the yarn ball and one end from the inside of the yarn ball at the same time, hold them together and crochet as usual, remember to untwist the two yarns occasionally so as not to get in a twisted muddle! Alternatively separate the yarn ball into two separate balls and work with 2 balls at the same time ☺

Colour order Refer to color order above and the photos, or choose your own color order.

Attaching the pom-pom Lay the pom-poms along the bottom of the rainbow at equal distances apart, using the 2 long ends, threaded onto a darning needle, take yarn ends through a st along the bottom edge, take the yarn ends through the centre of the pom-pom, back and forth a couple of times until secure, cut ends level with pom-pom.

Read through pattern thoroughly to familiarise yourself with the instructions.

To make the Rainbow

Hook size 7mm (USA K/10½)

To start

With main color and using 2 strands of yarn together (see *notes above for working with two strands).

Chain (ch) 4, join into a ring with a sl st into the 1st ch. (Pic 1)

Round 1 Ch2 (counts as a st here and throughout), 11Dc into ring, sl st into 1st Dc.(Pics 2-4) 12 sts

Join new colour, refer to *notes above for joining new colour. (Pic 5)

Round 2 Ch2, Dc into same st, 2Dc into each st around, sl st into 1st Dc. (Pics 6-8) 24 sts

Join new colour

Round 3 Ch2, Dc into same st, Dc into next st, *2Dc into next st, Dc into next st; repeat from * around, sl st into 1st Dc. (Pics 9-11) 36 sts

Join new colour

Round 4 Ch2, Dc into same st, Dc into next 2 sts, *2Dc into next st, Dc into next 2 sts; repeat from * around, sl st into 1st Dc. (pic 12) 48 sts

Join new colour

Round 5 Ch2, Dc into same st, Dc into next 3 sts, *2Dc into next st, Dc into next 3 sts; repeat from * around, sl st into 1st Dc. (no pics shown for this round) 60 sts

Join new colour

Round 6 Ch2, Dc into same st, Dc into next 4 sts, *2Dc into next st, Dc into next 4 sts; repeat from * around, sl st into 1st Dc. (pic 13) 72 sts

Join new colour

Round 7 Ch2, Dc into same st, Dc into next 5 sts, *2Dc into next st, Dc into next 5 sts; repeat from * around, sl st into 1st Dc. (pic 14) 84 sts

For a professional finish, cut yarn leaving a 4" tail, draw up hook, pulling out yarn end from loop, take yarn end from back to front through next st, and from front to back through previous st, sew in ends. There is no need to sew the rest of your ends in as they have been tied and will be encased inside your rainbow. (pics 15,16)

Rainbow of Unity Tutorial





Pics above show finished circle.



Draw a circle on some thin card such as a cereal box, slightly smaller than your crocheted circle (I used a small plate to draw around). Fold the card circle in half to make a semicircle. Lay the straight edge of the card along the seam of your crocheted rounds, so that the seam will run along the bottom edge of your rainbow ☺



Fold your crochet circle in half, encasing your card. Using a darning needle and matching yarn to sew the rainbow together around the arch, making running sts along the top row of Dc sts.



Make the pom-poms using a small 1½” (4cm) pom-pom maker, leaving 6” tail ends for attaching the pom-poms to the rainbow. Refer to [*notes](#) above for attaching pom-poms.



To make cord - 6mm hook)

Start and finishing with 6" tail ends.

With 2 strands of yarn together, Ch70, cut yarn, pulling yarn tail through last ch to fasten off. Use the tail ends to tie to your rainbow, weave ends between the two layers, tie a single strand of yarn around the top of the cord to make a loop 😊

To make the pom-poms

I used a clover pom pom maker, available from online craft stores. Alternatively use the cardboard ring method.



Making Pom-poms with cardboard

Supplies needed: Cardboard and 2 circular items you can trace around, Yarn and Scissors.

Draw around two circular items onto the cardboard. The size of the circle you create determines the size of your bobble. I would suggest about 8cm, you can trim them to size once finished.

Cut a smaller circle measuring 2cm in diameter inside your larger cardboard circles so that you have two donuts. Cut your yarn into manageable lengths of around 2 meters.

Place one donut on top of the other then hold one end on the outside of the ring and feed the other end through the hole, round the back and through the front again. Essentially, you're wrapping the cardboard donut in yarn. Work your way around the ring until all of the cardboard is covered.

As you use additional lengths of yarn to cover the cardboard, you don't need to tie them together, just make sure that the ends are on the outside of the donut, rather than in the middle.

Once your donut is covered in yarn, carefully use the scissors to cut the yarn around the outside of the donut between the two layers of card so you expose the cardboard beneath.

Pass a length of yarn approximately 12" in length between the two pieces of cardboard, around all the strands of yarn and tie it firmly together. Remove the cardboard rings, trim into a nice shape and use the long ends to attach it 😊

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