

crochet

# Family favourites

Crochet popular characters from two hit CBeebies shows!



If you have little ones at home then these two need no introduction, but in case you've not met them before, here are Numberblock One and Alphablock A, the stars of two hugely popular CBeebies shows.

These crochet versions were created by [SACHIYO ISHII](#), and are perfect to have on hand to jazz up phonics or sums.

## YOU WILL NEED



### YARN

**Alphablock A**  
Stylecraft Special DK, (A) 1821 Grass Green, 10g, (B) 1316 Spring Green, 7g, (C) 1019 Cloud Blue, 10g, (D) 1826 Kelly Green, (E) 1001 White, (F) 1002 Black, (G) 1836 Vintage Peach, small amounts of each  
**Numberblock One**  
Stylecraft Special DK, (H) 1010 Matador, 20g, (J) 1123 Claret, 10g, (E) 1001 White, (F) 1002 Black, small amounts of each

Other brands of yarn in similar colours are available

### PLUS

3mm hook, stitch marker, tapestry needle, sturdy card or lightweight cardboard, masking tape, safety toy stuffing

### SIZE

Alphablock A  
Height: 15cm

Numberblock One  
Height: 12cm

### ABBREVIATIONS:

**beg:** beginning  
**BLO:** back loops only  
**ch:** chain  
**Cont:** continue  
**dc:** double crochet  
**fol:** follows  
**htr:** half treble  
**Rnd:** round  
**sl st:** slip stitch  
**st(s):** stitch(es)  
**tog:** together  
**yoh:** yarn over hook

## SAFETY NOTES

As these items are likely to be given to very young children, choose safety toy stuffing that is certified to be fire safe and free from toxins and harmful substances. Ensure your oversewing, appliqué and embroidery are all secure for this character to withstand play time.



Take the next step

## ALPHA-BLOCK A body

Using 3mm hook and yarn B, make 32ch

**Row 1 (RS):** beg in second ch from hook, 11dc, join in yarn A, 4dc, join in another end of yarn B, 4dc, join in another end yarn A, 1dc in each st to end, turn

Keeping colours correct work as follows:

**Rows 2-12:** 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 1dc in each st to end, turn

Fasten off yarns A and B, change to yarn C

**Rows 13-24:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

**Row 25:** 1ch, 6dc, dc2tog, 15dc, dc2tog, 6dc, turn. 29 sts

**Row 26:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn  
Fasten off

**Row 27:** working in BLO, rejoin yarn C to eighth st, 1ch, 15dc, turn. 15 sts

**Rows 28-34:** 1ch,

1dc in each st to end, turn

**Row 35:** working in BLO, 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

**Row 36:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to last two sts, 2dc in next st, 1dc, turn. 16 sts

**Rows 37-48:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

Change to yarn B

**Row 49:** 1ch, 4dc, join in yarn A, 4dc, join another end of yarn B, 3dc, join in another end of yarn A, 1dc in each st to end, turn

Keeping colours correct work as follows:

**Rows 50-60:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

**Row 61:** working in BLO, 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

**Rows 62-68:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn  
Fasten off

### arm

#### Make two

Using 3mm hook and yarn A make a magic ring, work 7dc into ring, join. Seven sts

**Rnd 1:** 2dc in each st to end. 14 sts

**Rnd 2:** 1dc in each st to end

**Rnd 3:** 5dc, (dc2tog) twice, 5dc. 12 sts

**Rnd 4:** 1dc in each st to end

**Rnd 5:** 4dc, (dc2tog) twice, 4dc. Ten sts

**Rnds 6-10:** 1dc in each st to end  
Fasten off

### leg

#### Make two

Using 3mm hook and yarn A make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join. Six sts

**Rnd 1:** 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

**Rnd 2:** (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 16 sts

**Rnd 3:** 1dc in each st to end

**Rnd 4:** 6dc, (dc2tog) twice, 6dc. 14 sts

**Rnd 5:** 3dc, (dc2tog) four times, 3dc. Ten sts

**Rnds 6-10:** 1dc in

each st to end  
Fasten off

### eye

#### Make two

Using 3mm hook and yarn E, make 6ch  
Beg in second ch from hook, sl st in next st, 1dc, 1htr, 1dc, sl st in next st, 1ch, working on the other side of chain, sl st in next st, 1dc, 1htr, 1dc, sl st in next st  
Fasten off

### pupil

Using 3mm hook and yarn F make a magic ring, work 2dc into ring, join with a sl st to



## SKILL UP!

**dc2tog** insert hook in next stitch, yoh, pull through loop, insert hook in next st, yoh, pull through loop, yoh and pull through all three loops on hook





first st  
Fasten off

## mouth

Using 3mm hook and yarn F, make 5ch

**Row 1:** beg in second ch from hook, sl st, 2dc, sl st, turn. Four sts  
**Row 2:** 2ch (does not count as st), 4htr, turn

**Row 3:** 2ch, miss first st, 1htr in next st, sl st in same st as htr, 1htr, sl st in last st  
Fasten off

## plaster

Using 3mm hook and yarn G, make 6ch

**Row 1:** beg in second ch from hook, 1htr in each st to end. Five sts  
Fasten off

## LETTER A straight line

Using 3mm hook and yarn F, make 9ch

**Row 1:** beg in second ch from hook, 1htr in each st to end. Eight sts  
Fasten off

## half circle

Using 3mm hook and yarn F, make 13ch

**Row 1:** beg in second ch from hook, (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 16 sts  
Fasten off

## to make up

Construct card

template (see last page). Sew Body side seams, encasing card box. Sew Mouth to Body. With yarn E, embroider teeth. Sew Eyes to Body. Sew Pupil. With yarn E, make French knots in Pupils. Using yarn D, embroider around eyes and create eyebrows. Make French knots for freckles. Sew Plaster to Body. Stuff Legs. Using yarn A, pierce foot from sole and take needle out from top of foot and repeat. Pull thread to flatten sole and shape ankle. Stuff Arms and with yarn D, embroider a line in centre of each hand. Attach Arms and Legs to Body. Split two plies from yarn F and embroider nose. Weave in all ends

## NUMBER-BLOCK ONE

**Note:** if you do not wish to make ombré effect in Arms and Legs, change yarn at Rnd 7 and Rnd 10 respectively

## body

Using 3mm hook and yarn H, make 43ch

**Row 1 (RS):** beg in second ch from hook, 1dc in each

st to end, turn. 42 sts

**Rows 2-14:** 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 1dc in each st to end, turn  
Fasten off  
Join yarn H to back loop of 15th st

**Row 15:** working in BLO, 1ch, 14dc, turn. 14 sts  
Work on this set of 14 sts

**Rows 16-28:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

**Row 29:** working in BLO, 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

**Rows 30-42:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

**Row 43:** as Row 29  
**Rows 44-55:** 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn  
Fasten off

## arm

### Make two

Using 3mm hook and yarn J, make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join. Six sts

**Rnd 1:** 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

**Rnd 2:** (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 16 sts

**Rnd 3:** (6dc, dc2tog) twice. 14 sts

**Rnd 4:** 1dc in each st to end

**Rnd 5:** (5dc, dc2tog) twice. 12 sts

**Rnd 6:** (4dc, dc2tog) twice. Ten sts

Cut yarn, leaving

approx 30cm tail for ombré effect if working and separate into three plies, take a similar length of yarn H, separate into three plies and combine into one strand as follows:

**Rnd 7:** with one ply of yarn H and two plies of yarn J, (3dc, dc2tog) twice. Eight sts

**Rnd 8:** with two plies of yarn H and one ply of yarn J, 1dc in each st to end

**Rnds 9-10:** with yarn H only, 1dc in each st to end  
Fasten off

## leg

### Make two

Work as for Arms to Rnd 2. 16 sts

**Rnds 3-5:** 1dc in each st to end

**Rnds 6-9:** work as for Rnds 3-6 of Arms. Ten sts  
Cut yarn, leaving approx 30cm tail and work ombré effect as for Arm as follows:

**Rnd 10:** with one ply of yarn H and

two plies of yarn J, 1dc in each st to end

**Rnd 11:** with two plies of yarn H and one ply of yarn J, 1dc in each st to end  
Cont in yarn H only

**Rnd 12:** (3dc, dc2tog) twice. Eight sts

**Rnd 13:** 1dc in each st to end  
Fasten off

## eye pupil

Using 3mm hook and yarn F, make a magic ring, work 6htr into ring, join with a sl st to first st. Six sts

**Rnd 1:** 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts  
Fasten off

## eye white

Work as for Eye Pupil but do not fasten off. 12 sts

**Rnd 2:** (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Change to yarn J  
**Rnd 3:** (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

**Rnd 4:** (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts  
Fasten off

## mouth

Using 3mm hook and yarn F, make 5ch

**Row 1:** beg in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Four sts

**Rnd 2:** miss first st, 2dc, sl st in last st

Fasten off

Join yarn J to corner

**Rnd 3:** work 14dc evenly around edge, join with a sl st to first st  
Fasten off

## to make up

Construct a 6cm x 6cm x 6cm box with sturdy card or cardboard box. Sew Body

side edges tog, encasing card box. Sew Eye Pupil to Eye White. Using yarn E, embroider teeth to Mouth. Sew Eye and Mouth to Body. Stuff Arms and Legs, attach them to Body. Weave in all ends



*"The arms and legs are worked in joined rounds, so join with a slip stitch to the first double crochet after each round. Use a stitch marker to mark your end point."*

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## AlphaBlock A

**Print at 100%**

### CARD INSERT

Print or copy the template onto card using tracing paper. Cut out and lightly score any folding edges with a blunt point. Fold into shape, taping one side at a time. There is no allowance for top corners, simply connect the corners with masking tape. If you feel your box is not holding its shape well, you can fill with a little toy stuffing to help.

