

PLAYMAKERS

Crochet King Alf

Join our Knitted King Alf Project and help us fill Winchester with King Alfs!

Whether you're an enthusiast or a beginner, local or overseas, we want your imaginations to run wild, creating King Alfs for us to hide around Hat Fair – the UK's longest running festival of Outdoor Arts, which this year runs from Friday 2 - Sunday 4 July 2021*.

We want festival goers to go exploring, to find the Alfs, share them on social media, then take them when they leave so that the Alfs can explore other parts of the UK, if not the world!

Think how far your Alf could go - and get knitting!

Check out **#KnittedAlf**

Submission deadline: **Saturday 12 June 2021**

*This exciting project was due to culminate at Hat Fair 2020 but, due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the festival was cancelled, so we've extended the project to 2021!

All information on the Knitted King Alf project can be found at playmakers.org.uk



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Crochet King Alf Pattern

Pattern designed by Kat Henderson

What will you need?

Crochet hook size: 3mm, small amounts yarn in brown, white, flesh colour, yellow/gold, blue and red, black thread for the eyes, polyfill stuffing and needle.

Key: ch - chain, st - stitch, sc - single crochet (US) double crochet (UK), dc - double crochet (US) treble crochet (UK), BLO - Back of the loop only, Bob - Bobble stitch, sl st - slip stitch, Sc2tog - decrease by working to stitches together, ** - repeat between, FO - Fasten off

Head, Tunic, Belt, Legs and Feet

Made in one piece crocheted in the round, fill with Polyfil stuffing as you go.

Starting with flesh coloured yarn ch 2

Round 1 work 6sc into 2nd ch from the hook (6st)
Round 2 *2sc in next sc * x 6 (12st)
Round 3 *2sc in next st, sc in next st* x 6 (18st)
Round 4 *2sc in next st, sc in next 2 st* x 6 (24st)
Round 5-10 sc in each st around (24st)
Round 11 *sc2tog, sc in next 2 st* x 6 (18st)
Round 12 *sc2tog, sc in next st* x 6 (12st)

Change to tunic coloured yarn

Round 13 *2sc in next st, sc in next st* x 6 (18st)
Round 14 *2sc in next st, sc in next 2st* x 6 (24st)
Round 15-21 sc in each st around (24st)

Change to brown yarn for the belt

Round 22 sc in each st around (24st)

Change to tunic coloured yarn

Round 23 *2sc in next st, sc in next 7st * x 3 (27st)
Round 24-27 sc in each st around (27st)

Change to brown yarn for the legs

Round 28 BLO *sc2tog, sc in the next 7 st* x 3 (24st)
Round 29-34 sc in each st around (24st)

Shape the feet

Round 35 sc in next 7st, *3dc Bob* x 4, sc in next 2 st, *3dc Bob x4* sc in next 7st (24st)
Round 36 *sc2tog, sc in next st* x 8 (16st)
Round 37 sc2tog x 8 (8st)

FO, sew up the bottom. Define the legs by sewing from front to back of the doll. Start at the centre of the feet to Round 28.

Arms x 2

Start with flesh coloured yarn ch 2

Round 1 work 6sc into 2nd ch from the hook (6st)
Round 2 2sc in next st, sc in next 2st x 2 (8st)
Round 3 sc in each sc around (8st)

Change to white

Round 4-13 sc in each sc around (8st)

FO stuff lightly and attach to the body.

Hair

With hair coloured yarn ch 21

Row 1 Starting in the 2nd ch from the hook, sc in next 20st, ch 1, turn (20st)
Row 2-10 sc in next 20st, ch 1, turn (20st)
Row 11 sc2tog x 10 (10st)

FO, leave a length of yarn to sew together, fold piece in half along Row 11 and stitch both halves together to make the top of the hair.

Send in your creations, and a note to say where it's from to:

Knitted King Alf Project, Play to the Crowd, Theatre Royal Winchester, 21-23 Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8SB

For more information about the project please contact:
kat@playtothecrowd.co.uk or visit playmakers.org.uk

Crown

With yellow/gold coloured yarn ch 31

Row 1 starting in the 2nd ch from the hook, sc in next 30st, ch 3, turn (30st not including the ch)
Row 2 *sl st in the 3rd ch from hook, sc in next 2st, ch 3* x 14, sl st into 3rd ch from hook, sc in to the next 2sc (30st)

FO, join the ends together and attach to the top of the hair.

Cape

Using red yarn ch 25

Row 1 starting in the 2nd ch from the hook, sc in the next 24 ch, ch 1, turn (24st)
Row 2-17 sc into next 24st, ch 1, turn (24st)
Row 18 sc in to next 6 st, sctog x 2, sc 4, sctog x 2, sc in next 6st, ch 1, turn (20st)
Row 19 sctog x 10, ch 1, turn (10st)
Row 20 sctog, sc in next 6st, sctog (8st)

FO, attach the cape around the neck of the doll.

Shield x 2

Using blue yarn ch 9

Row 1 sc into the 2nd chain from the hook, sc in next 8 ch, ch 1, turn (8st)
Row 2-7 sc in to the next 8st, ch 1, turn (8 st)
Row 8 sctog, sc in the next 4st, sctog, ch 1, turn (6st)
Row 9 sctog, sc in the next 2st, sctog, ch 1, turn (4st)
Row 10 sctog x 2, ch 1, turn (2st)
Row 11 sctog (1 st)

FO, sew the 2 pieces together and embroider a cross on the front.

Beard

Using beard coloured yarn ch 3

Row 1 starting in the 2nd ch from the hook, sc 1, ch1, turn (2st)
Row 2 *2sc in next st* x 2, ch 1, turn (4st)
Row 3 2sc in next st, sc into next 2 st, 2sc in next st, ch 1, turn (6st)
Row 4 2sc in next st, sc into next 4st, 2sc in next st, ch 1, turn (8st)
Row 5 2sc in next st, sc into next 6 st, 2sc in next st, ch 1, turn (10st)
Row 6 2sc in next st, sc into next 8st, 2sc in next st, ch 1, turn (12st)
Row 7 2sc in next st, sc into next 10 st, 2sc in next st, ch 1, turn (14st)
Row 8 sctog x 2, sl st to next 6 st, sctog x 2 (8 st)

FO, attach beard to the face and embroider some eyes.