

## Earthworm Crochet Pattern

### MATERIALS

- DK-weight (#3) pink yarn
- 3.5 mm (E) crochet hook
- Tapestry needle (optional)
- Scissors

### GLOSSARY OF TERMS, STITCHES, AND TECHNIQUES

**chain stitch (ch):** To make, draw yarn through the active loop on the hook.

**fasten off:** Cut the yarn 3 to 4 inches from the last stitch and draw the end through the active loop. Pull tightly to secure.

**half-double crochet stitch (hdc):** To make, yarn over, insert hook into indicated stitch, draw up a loop, (there should be three loops on the hook) yarn over and draw through all three loops.

**half-double crochet increase (2 hdc):** To make, place two hdc in same stitch.

**single crochet stitch (sc):** To make, insert your hook into the indicated stitch, draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops.

**single crochet decrease (sc2tog):** To make, insert hook in the first stitch and draw up a loop. Insert hook in the next stitch and draw up a loop. There will be three loops on the hook. Yarn over and draw through all three loops. The decrease forms a curve like the bottom of a hill.

**single crochet 3-together decrease (sc3tog):** To make, insert hook in the first stitch and draw up a loop. Insert hook in the next stitch and draw up a loop. Insert hook in the next stitch again and draw up a loop. There will be four loops on the hook. Yarn over and draw through all four loops.

**single crochet increase (2 sc):** To make, place two sc in same stitch. The increase forms a curve like the top of a hill.

**slip stitch (sl st):** To make, insert your hook into the indicated stitch, draw up a loop, draw the top loop on the hook through the bottom loop.

## PATTERN

### Pattern Notes

This pattern creates a worm shape which can be altered by adding chains at the beginning, single crochet stitches, increases or decreases to make the worm “squiggle” in whichever way you like. For example, if you have three increases in a row (over three chain stitches), the worm will curl more than only two increases in a row (over two chain stitches).

You will be working on the front side of the worm the entire time, even after turning.

The “adding bulk” section at the end of the pattern is optional and provides more of a general idea of how slip stitches can fill in the dimensionality of the earthworm. This part can also be carried out according to the pattern or according to one’s own intuition.

### Pattern

Using pink yarn,  
Ch 30 (foundation chain).

#### Body:

(For all st in this row, crochet in back ridge of each ch) Sl st in the 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 2 ch, 2 sc in each of next 2 ch, sc in each of next 3 ch, (sc2tog over next 2 ch) twice, sc in next 3 ch, 2 sc in each of next 2 ch, sc in each of next 3 ch, (sc2tog over next 2 ch) twice.

#### Clitellum (thickened part):

hdc in each of the next 3 ch, 2 hdc in each of next 2 ch.

#### Extension of worm:

Ch 8. Then working in back ridge (still on the front side of the worm), sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 3 ch, sc3tog sc over the next 3 ch, sl st to the last hdc made in the clitellum.

#### Adding some bulk to the worm (optional):

Sl st in each hdc once until you get to the end of the clitellum (thickened part) of the worm. Remove hook and insert it in the opposite direction through the active loop. Sl st in each hdc once and then continue with sl st through each of the sc. Do not stitch into the sl st at the end of the worm. Remove hook, insert into the opposite side of the loop and sl st all the way to the other end of the worm stopping just before the last st (which is a sl st). Remove the hook, turn, insert the hook on the opposite side of the loop. Sl st in each st until the end of the thick section. Turn and sl st one last time through the length of the thick section. Fasten off.