

# TOADSTOOL TIN CADDY

A BOY & BUNTING  
CROCHET PATTERN



THE ELF AND THE DORMOUSE UNDER A TOADSTOOL CROPT A WEE ELF, OUT OF THE RAIN TO SHELTER HIMSELF UNDER THE TOADSTOOL. SOUND ASLEEP, SAT A BIG DORMOUSE ALL IN A HEAP. TREMBLED THE WEE ELF, FRIGHTENED AND YET FEARING TO FLY AWAY LEST HE GET WET. TO THE NEXT SHELTER—MAYBE A MILE! SUDDEN THE WEE ELF SMILED A WEE SMILE, TUGGED TILL THE TOADSTOOL TOPPLED IN TWO, HOLDING IT OVER HIM. GAILY HE FLEW, SOON HE WAS SAFE HOME, DRY AS COULD BE. SOON WOKE THE DORMOUSE—“GOOD GRACIOUS ME!” “WHERE IS MY TOADSTOOL?” LOUD HE LAMENTED. —AND THAT’S HOW UMBRELLAS FIRST WERE INVENTED. OLIVER HERFORD



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## TOADSTOOL TIN CADDY PATTERN

This whimsical wonder is not only a fun make, but it's practical too! Hiding all of your crafting goods inside and doubling up as a pin cushion . Perfect for organised crafting!



### YARN & HOOK

YARN: 1 x 50g ball of Scheepjes Cahlista in the following colours: red (115), brown (157), green (389), white (106). 1 (possibly 2, dependent on the size of your tin) X 50g ball of beige (404)  
Plus extra scrap colours for flowers and the edging of the door. (I chose pink, yellow, blue and dark brown for the door)  
HOOK: I used a 3.5mm hook in order to keep my stitches tight, avoiding glimpses of the tin through my stitches.



### MATERIALS

TIN: You'll need a cylinder container/ tin with a lid. Mine was approximately 15cm tall and had a diameter of 8.5 cm. This projects works best if the lid sits flush to the main body of the cylinder (no overhang from the lid).  
POLYSTYRENE HEMISPHERE: I used a 15cm in diameter polystyrene half sphere as a base for my toadstool cap, these can be found easily online or at most craft stores.  
OTHER MATERIALS: Scissors, darning needle, stitch marker, craft knife, hot glue gun, ruler, compass, card board (approximately 2mm thick), a small amount of toy stuffing, craft glue.



### STITCH ABBREVIATIONS

|                    |                                 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sc: Single Crochet | Sc Inc: Single Crochet Increase |
| Dc: Double Crochet | Sc dec: Single Crochet Decrease |
| Ch: Chain          | Sl st: Slip Stitch              |
| sts: stitches      |                                 |

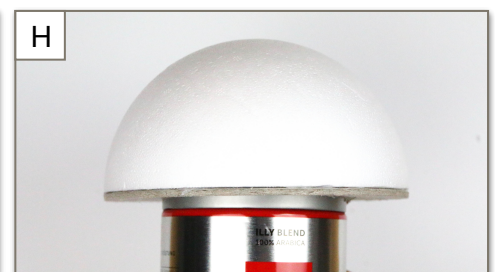


### PATTERN INFO & EXTRA HELP

The pattern is created in away that it can be easily altered to fit any size cylinder tin. It is based around a standard sc circle pattern ( "Basic Circle Pattern" page 4). The pattern is written in US terms and worked in continuous rounds (unless otherwise stated)

# PREPARING THE CAP OF THE TOADSTOOL

1. Using a craft knife, remove any ridges from the underneath side of your polystyrene hemisphere (Picture A) so that the underneath side is totally flat (Picture B)
2. Remove the lid from the tin. Using a ruler measure the diameter of your lid. Use your compass to draw a circle the same size as your lid onto the cardboard.
3. Measure the diameter of the polystyrene hemisphere and using the same centre point as used for the first circle you've drawn, draw a circle the same size as the hemisphere. (Picture C)
4. Cut out the large circle, and cut out the middle circle. You should have a hoop that fits around your lid (Picture D)
5. Place the lid through the centre of the hoop, leaving a 2mm ridge on the open side of the lid. (Picture E)
6. With a hot glue gun secure the lid to the cardboard hoop, only glueing around the closed side of the lid. (picture F)
7. With a hot glue gun, glue around the edge of the polystyrene hemisphere. (Picture G) and place on top of the cardboard lid section (picture H).



# TRUNK OF THE TOADSTOOL

In green (389)

Working in continuous rounds (make sure to use a stitch marker to note the beginning and end to each round)

1. Follow the instruction for the "Basic Circle Pattern", completing as many rounds as needed to have a circle that is approximately the same size as the base of your tin. (Picture I). \*REMEMBER HOW MANY ROUNDS YOU COMPLETED AS WE ARE GOING TO USE THIS AMOUNT OF STITCHES LATER \*
2. Sc in each stitch around until you have built a height of approximately 2.5cm (1 inch) (Picture J)
3. Switch yarn colour to beige (404) continue working 1 sc in each stitch around, until you reach the point of your tin where the lid starts. (Picture K)
4. Sl st into the next 4 sts, fasten off.





## UNDERSIDE OF CAP

In beige (404) Working in continuous rounds (make sure to use a stitch marker to note the beginning and end to each round)

1. Ch the same amount of stitches as the final round of your base circle (Trunk of Toadstool section 1\*\*)
2. Using the "Basic Circle Pattern" continue crocheting in rounds. Completing as many rounds as needed to create a circle that fits the underside of your "Toadstool cap."
3. Fasten off and sew in any ends.
4. Using your hot glue gun and working from the centre out, glue the crocheted piece to the underside of the mushroom cap. Take your time to make the inner circle edges nice and neat. Try not to glue the last round of stitches, as we are going to be working through these later.



## FOR EXAMPLE.....

- I crocheted up until RND 10 of the "Basic Circle Pattern" for a circle that was the same size as the base of my tin. Resulting in a total of 60 sts at the end of RND 10..
- That means that for the underside of the cap I made a Ch of 60 Sts.
- I then moved onto round 11 of the "Basic Circle Pattern" and continued working as many rounds as required to fit the underside of the Toadstool Cap

## SPOTS

In white (106) Make 12.

- RND1: 6 sc into a magic loop. Join with sl into first stitch of rnd (6 sts)  
RND2: ch1 (does not count as a stitch) (sc inc) repeat 6 times . (12 sts)  
Join with sl st into first stitch of round,  
Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing later.

## CAP OF TOADSTOOL

In red (115). Working in continuous rounds (make sure to use a stitch marker to note the beginning and end of each round)

1. Starting from RND 1 of the "Basic Circle Pattern" work as many rounds as required until you have a final stitch count that matches the last round of stitches to your "underside of cap"
2. Continue to sc in each stitch, round and round until your toadstool cap covers the polystyrene hemisphere.
3. Once you are satisfied that it is large enough, remove your hook and take a moment to sew all 12 "spots" to the "Cap Of Toadstool"
4. Add a little toy stuffing and place "cap" on top of the polystyrene hemisphere. Reinsert your hook and continue to crochet one final round, crocheting through the stitches of the "cap of the toadstool" as well as the final round of stitches to the "underside of cap" joining the two pieces together. Fasten off sewing in ends.

## FOR EXAMPLE.....

- My "Underside Of Cap" started with ch 60, I then went on to complete RNDs 11-15 of the basic circle pattern, leaving me with a total of 90 sts in the last round.
- That meant for the "Cap Of Toadstool" I started from RND 1 and crocheted until I had completed RND 15, leaving me again with a total of 90 stitches to the final round.
- I then sc round and round (completing part 2), then joined the pieces together (completing part 3)

## FLOWERS (OPTIONAL)

Using scraps of yarn in contrasting colours, make as few or as many flowers as you like, so you can decorate like crazy!  
RND1: Into a magic loop. Slst (3dc, slst) repeat 5 times. Fasten off pulling magic loop nice and tight.





# DOOR

In brown (157). Working in rows. ch12

Row 1: sc into 2nd chain from hook, sc in all remaining chain sts.

Ch1 turn your work (11 sts)

Row 2-9: sc into all 11 sts, Ch1 turn your work (11 sts)

Row 10: sc dec, sc in next 7 sts, sc dec, Ch1 turn your work (9 sts)

Row 11: sc dec, sc in next 5 sts, sc dec, Ch1 turn your work (7 sts)

Row 12: sc dec, sc in next 3 sts, sc dec, Ch1 turn your work (5 sts)

Fasten off.

EDGING: Join darker shade of brown to the tail end of your initial ch 12.

Sc around the edge of the door. Fasten off and sew in ends.



## ASSEMBLING:

1. Sew "door" piece to the "Trunk" covering the change in colour (change from green to beige)
2. Attach a button to the front of the door as a cute little door-handle.
3. Sew the (optional) flowers onto the "trunk", get creative and make this toadstool look like a fairytale place to live.
4. Spread the outside of your tin with a thin layer of craft glue, let it dry a little, so it feels a little tacky to the touch. Insert the tin into the "Trunk Of Toadstool" and press firmly so that the glue joins to the fibres of the yarn. Securing the trunk in place around the tin.
5. Fill your Toadstool with all sorts of craft things...crochet hooks, scissors and tape measures and don't forget that it can also be used a handy pin cushion! Pop on display and admire your handiwork!



## BASIC CIRCLE PATTERN

Worked in specified yarn and in continuous rounds.

RND1: 6 sc into a magic loop (6 sts)

RND2: (sc inc) repeat 6 times (12 sts)

RND3: (sc inc, sc into next stitch) Repeat 6 times. (18 sts)

RND4 (sc inc, sc into next 2 sts) Repeat 6 times (24 sts)

RND5 (sc inc, sc into next 3 sts) Repeat 6 times (30 sts)

RND6 (sc inc, sc into next 4 sts) Repeat 6 times (36 sts)

RND7 (sc inc, sc into next 5 sts) Repeat 6 times (42 sts)

RND8 (sc inc, sc into next 6 sts) Repeat 6 times (48 sts)

RND9 (sc inc, sc into next 7 sts) Repeat 6 times (54 sts)

RND10 (sc inc, sc into next 8 sts) Repeat 6 times (60 sts)

RND11 (sc inc, sc into next 9 sts) Repeat 6 times (66 sts)

RND12 (sc inc, sc into next 10 sts) Repeat 6 times (72 sts)

RND13 (sc inc, sc into next 11 sts) Repeat 6 times (78 sts)

RND14 (sc inc, sc into next 12 sts) Repeat 6 times (84 sts)

RND15 (sc inc, sc into next 13 sts) Repeat 6 times (90 sts)

RND16 (sc inc, sc into next 14 sts) Repeat 6 times (96 sts)

RND17 (sc inc, sc into next 15 sts) Repeat 6 times (102 sts)

RND18 (sc inc, sc into next 16 sts) Repeat 6 times (108 sts)

RND19 (sc inc, sc into next 17 sts) Repeat 6 times (114 sts)

RND20 (sc inc, sc into next 18 sts) Repeat 6 times (120 sts)



## HELPFUL HINT

The pattern for the circle continues in the same manner for each round, always increasing the number of single crochets (sc) by 1 between the increase stitches (sc inc).