

LIA, THE LADYBUG



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In your hands you have the pattern to create a cute Ladybug, one of the characters that came right out of my imagination and who holds a special place in my heart.

Lía is a very friendly and affectionate little Ladybug, a dreamer who loves making friends and enjoys flying so much through wild meadows. This little Ladybug is the perfect pet for everyone that loves animals, since she loves to be pampered all day long.

This pattern includes a step by step explanation and pictures that will help you in the process.

♥ Jud ♥



Abbreviations:

MR – Magic Ring

CH – Chain

ST – Stitch

SC – Single crochet

HDC – Half double crochet

DC – Double crochet

SL ST – Slip stitch

INC – Increase

DEC – Decrease

PS – Picot Stitch

() X - the instructions in brackets have to be repeated as many times as the number after X indicates

Materials:

- Yarn of 3 or 4 mm (preferably cotton)
- A hook suitable for the yarn chosen
- Scissors
- Yarn needle/pin
- Stitch marker
- Soft stuffing (e.g. fiber fill)

Colors of yarn:

- Main color (**MC**) - **Black** for the base of the doll (100 gr / 220 m)
- 1° Second color (**C1**) - **Red** for wings and details (approx. 50 gr)
- 2° Second color (**C2**) - **Ivory** for face and hands (approx. 50 gr)

Difficulty: Easy

Size of doll: 28-30 cm approx.



Before you start:

These patterns are created so they are easy to make and with as little sewing as possible, so that the doll will look consistent and perfect.

Now, a few tips:

- always work in the round and with a tight tension, so that the stuffing cannot be seen through the holes between stitches (if your tension is too loose use a smaller hook, if it is too tight choose a bigger one, for example I have worked with a 3-4 mm yarn and a 2,5 mm hook)
- stuff the doll as you work on it (it is important to stuff the neck area tight enough so that it doesn't bend)
- If your toy is for a baby or child under 3 years, it's better to embroider the eyes and do not add small decorations such as a button, etc...

At the end of this pattern, in the “**Crochet School**” section, you will find in-detail explanations of basic stitches and techniques, like changing color or closing the head. Please, check this section before starting.

I hope you have fun!

LEG 1:

* Start with color MC-Black

Rnd.1- start 6 SC in a magic ring (6 ST)

Rnd.2- INC 6 times (12 ST)

Rnd.3- (INC, SC in next ST) x 6 (18 ST)

Rnd.4 to Rnd.14- SC in all 18 ST (18 ST)

Break the yarn.

LEG 2 + BODY + HEAD:

* Start with color MC-Black

Rnd.1- start 6 SC in a magic ring (6 ST)

Rnd.2- INC 6 times (12 ST)

Rnd.3- (INC, SC in next ST) x 6 (18 ST)

Rnd.4 to Rnd.14- SC in all 18 ST (18 ST)

➤➤ **Now you start with the body**

Rnd.15- Do 4 CH and join the leg 1 with the leg 2. 18 SC in the leg 1, 4 SC in one of the sides of the CH, 18 SC in the leg 2 and 4 SC on the other side of the CH (44 ST)



Rnd.16- INC, 3 SC, INC, 17 SC, INC, 3 SC, INC, 17 SC (48 ST)

Rnd.17- (INC, SC in next 7 ST) x 6 (54 ST)

Rnd.18 to Rnd.19 - SC in all 54 ST (54 ST)

Rnd.20- (INC, SC in next 8 ST) X 6 - (60 ST)

Rnd.21 to Rnd.30- SC in all 60 ST (60 ST)

Rnd.31- 4 SC, (DEC, SC in next 8 ST) X 5, DEC, 4 SC (54 ST)

Rnd.32 to Rnd.33- SC in all 54 ST (54 ST)

Rnd.34- (DEC, SC in next 7 ST) X 6 (48 ST)

Rnd.35- SC in all 48 ST (48 ST)

Rnd.36- 3 SC, (DEC, SC in the next 6 ST) X 5, DEC, 3 SC (42 ST)

Rnd.37- SC in all 42 ST (42 ST)

Rnd.38- (DEC, SC in next 5 ST) X 6 (36 ST)

Rnd.39- SC in all 36 ST (36 ST)

Rnd.40- 2 SC, (DEC, SC in next 4 ST) X 5, DEC, 2 SC (30 ST)

Rnd.41- SC in all 30 ST (30 ST)

Rnd.42- (DEC, SC in next 3 ST) X 6 (24 ST)

Rnd.43- SC in all 24 ST (24 ST)

Rnd.44- 1 SC, (DEC, SC in next 2 ST) X 5, DEC, 1 ST (18 ST)

➤➤ **Now you start with the head**

Change color to CS2 - Ivory

Rnd.45- SC in all 18 ST (18 ST)

Rnd.46- (INC, SC in next 2 ST) X 6 (24 ST)

Rnd.47- (INC, SC in next 3 ST) X 6 (30 ST)

Rnd.48- 2 SC, (INC, SC in next 4 ST) X 5, INC, 2 SC (36 ST)

Rnd.49- (INC, SC in next 5 SC) X 6 (42 ST)

Rnd.50- 3 SC, (INC, SC in next 6 ST) X 5, INC, 3 SC (48 ST)

Rnd.51- (INC, SC in next 7 ST) X 6 (54 ST)

Rnd.52- 4 SC, (INC, 8 SC) X 5, INC, 4 SC (60 ST)

Rnd.53- (INC, SC in next 9 ST) X 6 (66 ST)

Rnd.54 to Rnd.65- 1 SC in all 66 ST (66 ST)

Rnd.66- 4 SC, (DEC, SC in next 9 ST) X 5, DEC, 5 SC (60 ST)

Rnd.67- (DEC, SC in next 8 ST) X 6 (54 ST)

Rnd.68- 3 SC, (DEC, SC in next 7 ST) X 5, DEC, 4 SC (48 ST)

Rnd.69- (DEC, SC in next 6 ST) X 6 (42 ST)

Rnd.70- 2 SC, (DEC, SC in next 5 ST) X 5, DEC, 3 ST (36 ST)

Rnd.71- (DEC, SC in next 4 ST) X 6 (30 ST)

Rnd.72- 1 SC, (DEC, SC in next 3 ST) X 5, DEC, 2 SC (24 ST)

Rnd.73- (DEC, SC in next 2 ST) X 6 (18 ST)

Rnd.74- (DEC, SC in next ST) X 6 (12 ST)

Rnd.75- DEC X 6 (6 ST)

Close the head.

Important! You can embroider the eyes with black color, between rows 60-63 and with a separation between them of about 5 ST.

If you want to embroider a ♥ on the belly look for the center between the two legs and embroider it to the height that you like.

Remember stuff the doll as you work on it and put much stuffing to make the neck stiff enough.

EMBROIDER THE HEART IN THE BELLY AND EYES:

* HEART IN THE BELLY



*** EYES:**



*** NOSE AND MAKEUP**

To embroider the nose we will use the same color of the face, **CS2-Ivory**, and we will place it centered between the eyes. Embroider it doing several stitching with 3 ST of width.

For the cheeks you can use some makeup that you have at home.



HAT

* Use MC-Black

Rnd.1- start 6 SC in a magic ring (6 ST)

Rnd.2- INC 6 times (12 ST)

Rnd.3- (INC, SC in next ST) x 6 (18 ST)

Rnd.4- (INC, SC in next 2 ST) X 6 (24 ST)

Rnd.5- (INC, SC in next 3 ST) X 6 (30 ST)

Rnd.6- 2 SC, (INC, SC in next 4 ST) X 5, INC, 2 SC (36 ST)

Rnd.7- (INC, SC in next 5 SC) X 6 (42 ST)

Rnd.8- 3 SC, (INC, SC in next 6 ST) X 5, INC, 3 SC (48 ST)

Rnd.9- (INC, SC in next 7 ST) X 6 (54 ST)

Rnd.10- 4 SC, (INC, 8 SC) X 5, INC, 4 SC (60 ST)

Rnd.11- (INC, SC in next 9 ST) X 6 (66 ST)

Rnd.12 to Rnd.21- SC in all 66 ST (66 ST)

Rnd.22 - 26 SC, 6 HDC, (INC of DC) X 2, 6 HDC, 26 SC (68 ST)

Rnd.23 - 23 SL ST, 2 SC, 8 HDC, 1 DC, 8 HDC, 2 SC, 23 SL ST

Fasten off leaving a long tail to sew it to the head.

ANTENNAS (make 2)

* Use CS1-Red

Rnd.1- start 6 SC in a magic ring (6 ST)

Rnd.2- INC 6 times (12 ST)

Rnd.3 to Rnd.4- SC in all 12 ST - 12 ST

Rnd.5- DEC x 6 - 6 ST

Rnd.6- DEC, 4 ST - 5 ST

Rnd.7 to Rnd.8- SC in all 5 ST - 5 ST

Fasten off leaving a long tail to sew it to the hat.

 **Attention!** For antennas we will put some stuffing in the tip.



ARMS (make 2)

* Start with color C2-Ivory

Rnd.1- start 6 SC in a magic ring (6 ST)

Rnd.2- INC 6 times (12 ST)

Rnd.3- (INC, SC in next ST) x 6 (18 ST)

Rnd.4 to Rnd.10- SC in all 18 ST (18 ST)

* Change color to MC-Black

Rnd.11 to Rnd.12- SC in all 18 ST (18 ST)

Rnd.13- (DEC, SC in next 4 ST) X 3 (15 ST)

Rnd.14 to Rnd.28- SC in all 15 ST (15 ST)

Rnd.29- (DEC, SC in next 3 ST) X 3 (12 ST)

Rnd.30- DEC X 6 (6 ST)

Fasten off leaving a long tail to sew the arms to the body.

 **Attention!** For arms we will only put stuffing in the tip, more or less fill them about 5 cm.



NECKLACE

Using **C1-Red** do 28 CH and turn on

Rnd.1- 1 SC in 2nd CH, 25 SC, INC 3 in the last CH, 1 SC, (1 PS, 1 SC) x 12, 1 SC, 1 SL ST.

Fasten off leaving a long tail to sew the necklace to the neck.

ARMS DECORATION (make 2)

Using **C1-Red** do 24 CH and turn on

Rnd.1- 1 SC in 2nd CH, 21 SC, INC 3 in the last CH, 1 SC, (1 PS, 1 SC) x 10, 1 SC, 1 SL ST.

Fasten off leaving a long tail to sew it to the arms.

 **Attention!** Explanation of Picot Stitch (PS) in page 13



WINGS (make 2)

* Start with color C1-Red

Rnd.1- start 6 SC in a magic ring (6 ST)

Rnd.2- INC 6 times (12 ST)

Rnd.3- (INC, SC in next ST) X 6 (18 ST)

Rnd.4- 1 SC, (INC, SC in next 2 ST) X 5, INC, 1 SC (24 ST)

Rnd.5- (INC, SC in next 3 ST) X 6 (30 ST)

Rnd.6- 2 SC, (INC, SC in next 4 ST) X 5, INC, 2 SC (36 ST)

Rnd.7- (INC, SC in next 5 SC) X 6 (42 ST)

Rnd.8- 3 SC, (INC, SC in next 6 ST) X 5, INC, 3 SC (48 ST)

Rnd.9- (INC, SC in next 7 ST) X 6 (54 ST)

Rnd.10- 4 SC, (INC, 8 SC) X 5, INC, 4 SC (60 ST)

Rnd.11- (INC, SC in next 9 ST) X 6 (66 ST)

Rnd.12- 5 SC, (INC, SC in next 10 ST) X 5, INC, 5 SC (72 ST)

Fasten off leaving a long to sew the wings to the body.

POLKA DOTS (make 6)

* Use MC-Black

Rnd.1- start 6 SC in a magic ring (6 ST)

Rnd.2- (INC , 2 ST) x 2 (8 ST)

Fasten off leaving a long to sew it to the wings.



1- Do 2 wings, now you will have 2 large circles.

2- Do 6 polka dots to decorate the wings.

3- Fold the wings to make a half circle and put a pin to hold it. Now sew 3 polka dots in one of the side of the each wing.

4- When the polka dots are sewed, crochet the 2 sides of each half circle together with SL ST, to end the wings. Now you have 2 wings ended.

 **Attention!** Before sewing the polka dots, present the wings on the doll to see the correct side of the wing you will use.

ASSEMBLY AND SEWING OF PARTS

Use a yarn needle to sew the different pieces to the body, when you finish sewing you can hide the tails of yarn remains inside the doll. It's important to sew all parts well, so that they are not dismantled with use. For better finishing, it's important to make small stitches.

EYES AND NOSE: Embroider the eyes between rows 60 - 63 and with a separation between them of 5-6 ST, then you can embroider the nose between the eyes. You will find the embroider explanation on page 7.

HEART IN THE BELLY: To embroider the heart in the belly look for the center between legs and embroider it at the height that you like. You will find the explanation of embroidery on page 6.

HAT AND ANTENNAS: First sew the antennas to the hat, once you have the hat finished put it on the head and hold it with some pins to make sure it's in place. Do small stitches to sew the hat to the head and mark well the tip of the front of the hat forwards to give it some shape.

ARMS: Before sewing the arms to the body sew the ornaments just above the color change. Now place one arm on each side, you can hold them with pins to make sure they are aligned before sewing them to the body.

WINGS: Look for the center of the back to sew the wings. Sew them together at the top but with a separation of about 10 ST below. Before sewing the wings to the body, present them with pins to make sure they are in place.

DECORATION NECK: The decoration of the neck will be the last step, just after sewing the wings. Before sewing it to the neck, present it with pins to make sure it's in place. If you want a perfect finish, cover the seams of the arms and wings with this piece ;)



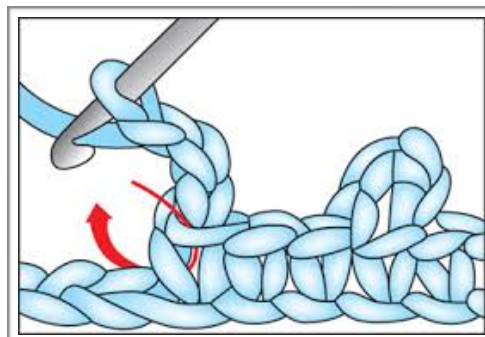
CROCHET SCHOOL

Basic Stitches:

- **Single crochet - SC** : Insert the hook in the stitch, wrap the yarn over the hook and pull the new loop through this stitch only. Wrap the yarn over the hook and then pull a loop through both loops on the hook.
- **Slip Stitch - SL ST**: Insert the hook in the stitch, wrap the yarn over the hook and pull a new loop through both the work and the loop on the hook.
- **Half double crochet - HDC**: Wrap the yarn over the hook and then insert the hook in the stitch. Pull a loop through this stitch. You now have 3 loops on the hook. Wrap the yarn over the hook again and pull it through all 3 loops on the hook.
- **Double crochet - DC**: Wrap the yarn over the hook and then insert the hook in the stitch. Pull a loop through this stitch to make 3 loops on the hook. Wrap the yarn over the hook again. Pull the new loop through the first two loops on the hook. Two loops remain in the hook. Wrap the yarn over the hook again. Pull the new loop through both loops on the hook.

Special stitches:

- **Picot Stitch- PS**: Do 3 CH and insert the hook in the SC that you start the 3 CH and do a SL ST.



Techniques:

Magic ring: The magic ring is used to begin a work in round, therefore we can say that it is the basis to create our dolls. Here is the step by step to do a magic ring, but I recommend you to look for a video on youtube where they show this technique to understand it better.



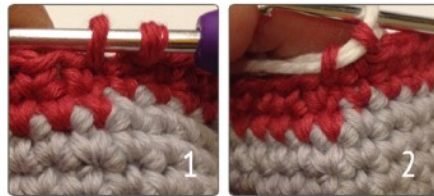
Decrease: Insert the hook into the front loop of the first stitch (2 loops on hook), Insert the hook into the front loop of the next stitch. To do this, you'll need to swing the hook down first so you can insert the hook under the front loop. (3 loops on hook), Swing hook down then up through the front loop of the next stitch. Yarn over and draw through the first two loops on the hook. (2 loops on hook). Yarn over and draw through both loops on the hook. Invisible decrease completed.



Increase: Make 2 stitches in the same stitch.



Color change: For example, if you do a SC, with old color (red) wrap the yarn over the hook and pull the new loop through this stitch only. With new color (white) wrap the yarn over the hook and then pull a loop through both loops on the hook.



Close the hole of head: To close the hole of head you can do this:

- some decreases until the end
- or you can sew with the yarn needle. Insert the needle in the stitch but under the back loop only and stretch the yarn to close the hole.

