



THE THEATRE CHIPPING NORTON

Crochet Gangster Rats Pattern Dick Whittington Pantomime

Dear Crocheter,

Thank you so much for helping to make a Gangster Rat to decorate the town in the run up to our Panto Dick Whittington! We are very grateful for your help and hope you have fun in the process too.

Please drop off all completed rats to the Box Office **BEFORE the 24th of October 2022.**





GANGSTER RATS

Pattern with permission from Uljana Semikrasa's
Christmas Mice, Santa's Sleigh

Materials and notes:

- Acrylic wool in 'ratty' colours (e.g. brown, grey, black). Please do not use natural fibres as they won't last outdoors as well.
- Crochet hook. Any sizes up to size 5. A nice variety of sized rats would be wonderful but if they are too big we won't have anywhere to put them. If most could be between size 3 and 4, that would be ideal.
- Acrylic toy filling
- Needle
- Scissors
- Have fun - Make accessories if you'd like to give your rat some personality!

Abbreviations:

Ch=chain

St(s)=stitch(es)

Sc=single crochet

Sl st=slip stitch

Inc=increase (2 single crochet in the same st)

3sc=3 single crochet in the same st

Dec=invisible decrease (insert hook in the front loops of the next 2 st(s), yarn over, pull through first 2 loops, yarn over, pull through both loops)

sc3tog=single crochet 3 stitches together (insert hook in the front loops of the next 3 st(s), yarn over, pull through the first 3 loops, yarn over, pull through both loops)

example: sc, inc, sc (4) = single crochet in the first stitch, 2 single crochet in the next stitch and single crochet in the last stitch (4 stitches in this round round)

Head: *work in continuous spiral, use a st marker in the beginning of each round, start with magic ring*

1. (light pink or red for deer-mouse) 6sc into the magic ring (6)
2. (change colour – grey) sc in each st (6)
3. 2sc in each st (12)
4. sc in each st (12) **repeat step 4 again to make a longer nose**
5. *sc, inc* repeat around (18)
6. sc in each st (18) **repeat step 6 again to make a longer nose**
7. *sc, inc, sc* repeat around (24)
8. sc in each st (24)
9. sc in each st (24)
10. *inc, sc in each of next 3 st(s)* repeat around (30)
11. sc in each st (30)
12. sc in each st (30)
13. *dec, sc in each of next 3 st(s)* repeat around (24)
14. *dec, sc in each of next 2 st(s)* repeat around (18)

Start stuffing the head

15. *dec, sc* repeat around (12)
16. dec around (6)

Stuff the head

Fasten off. Using a needle, weave the tail through the front loops of the last 6 st(s), pull tightly and close the opening. Weave in loose end

Body: *(in grey) work in continuous spiral, start with magic ring*

1. 6sc into the magic ring (6)
2. 2sc in each st (12)
3. *sc, inc* repeat around (18)
4. *sc, inc, sc* repeat around (24)
5. *inc, sc in each of next 3 st(s)* repeat around (30)
6. sc in each st (30)
7. sc in each st (30)
8. *dec, sc in each of next 3 st(s)* repeat around (24)
9. sc in each st (24)
10. sc in each st (24)
11. *dec, sc in each of next 2 st(s)* repeat around (18)
12. sc in each st (18)

Start stuffing the body

13. *dec, sc* repeat around (12)
14. sc in each st (12)

Stuff the rest of the body

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing



Ear (make 2): *work in continuous spiral, start with magic ring*

1. 6sc into the magic ring (6)
2. 2sc in each st (12)

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing

NOTE: Make a slightly larger circle than shown here so that the ears look more ratty

Arm (make 2): *first few rounds start with a ch and end with a sl st, followed by continuous spiral rounds, start with magic ring*

1. *(in light pink)* 6st into the magic ring, sl st (6)
2. ch1, sc in each st, sl st (6)
3. ch1, *dec, sc* repeat around, sl st (4)

Change colour (grey)

4. ch1, sc in each st (4)
5. sc in each st (4)
- 6.-10. repeat round 5 (4)
11. sc in the next 2, sl st (2)

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing

Foot (make 2): *work in continuous spiral in the back loop only, start with magic ring*

1. 6sc into the magic ring (6)
2. *(back loop only)* sc in each st (6)
- 3.-5. *(back loop only)* sc in each st (6)

Fasten off, using a needle, weave the tail through the front loops of the last 6 st(s), pull tightly and close the opening, leave a tail for sewing

Tail:

Ch 24 and sl st back in each ch across

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing

Assembly:

- Sew head onto body, pointing the nose upwards a bit
- Sew ears to head
- Sew arms to both sides of the body right under the head
- Sew feet
- Sew tail
- Embroider eyes

