



## Soldier Decoration Crochet Pattern

### Materials

- Rowan Handknit Cotton DK yarn, 50g, 100% cotton
  - 1 x shade 252, Black
  - 1 x shade 215, Rosso
- 1 x Wendy Supreme 100% luxury Cotton, 4ply, 100g, shade 1820 (white)
- 1 x Bergere de France Metalika, Thread, 25g, shade Etoile 23864 (gold)
- 3.5mm hook
- 2mm hook
- 1.5mm hook
- Toy stuffing

Approximate finished size: 20cm x 6cm

Tension is not critical in this pattern.

### Abbreviations – this pattern is written using UK terminology

- Ss – slip stitch
- Ch – chain
- Dc – double crochet
- St – stitch
- Dc2tog – double crochet 2 together
- Htr2tog – half treble 2 together
- Htr – half treble
- BLO – back loop only
- MR – magic ring

### Soldier Body (make 2 pieces)

1. Using a 3.5mm hook and Rosso yarn, ch4, skip 1ch and make 2dc in the second ch from hook, 1dc, 2dc in last st (5sts)
2. Ch1 (does not count as first st), 2dc in first st, 1dc in next 3 sts, 2dc in last st (7sts)
3. Ch1 (does not count as first st), 2dc in first st, 1dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in last st (9sts)
4. Ch1 (does not count as first st), 1dc in every st to end (9sts)
5. Ch1 (does not count as first st), 1dc in next 4 sts, 2dc in next st, 1dc in every st to end (10sts)
6. Ch1 (does not count as first st), 1dc in next 5 sts, 2dc in next st, 1dc in every st to end (11sts)
7. Ch1 (does not count as first st), 1dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog over next 2 sts, 1dc in every st to end (10sts)
8. Ch1 (does not count as first st), 1dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog over next 2 sts, 1dc in every st to end (9sts)
9. Ch1 (does not count as first st), 1dc in every st to end (9sts)
10. Repeat Step 9, twice. Fasten off and weave in ends

11. Rejoin the Rosso yarn in second st in along bottom edge of soldier's body. Ch1 (counts as first dc), 1dc next 6 sts (7sts)
12. Ch2 (counts as first htr), 1htr in every st to end. Fasten off and weave in ends (7sts)
13. Join Black yarn in BLO along the base of the soldier's jacket. Ch1 (counts as first dc), 1dc in BLO of every st to end (7sts)
14. Ch1 (does not count as first st), 1dc in every st to end (7sts)
15. Repeat Step 14
16. Ch1 (counts as first st), 1dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog over next 2 sts, 1dc in every st to end (6sts)
17. Ch1 (does not count as first st), 1dc in every st to end (6sts)
18. Ch1 (counts as first st), 1dc in next 2sts, dc2tog over next 2 sts, 1dc in every st to end (5sts)
19. Ch1 (does not count as first st), make 1 dc in every st to end (5sts)
20. Ch1 (counts as first st) 1dc in next st, dc2tog over next 2 sts, 1dc (4 sts)
21. Ch1 (counts as first st), 1 dc in every st to end (4sts)
22. Ch1 (does not count as first st), dc2tog over next 2 sts, 1dc (3sts)
23. Ch1 (does not count as first st), 1dc in every st to end. Fasten off and weave in ends (3sts)

### **Soldier head**

1. Using 3.5mm hook and Black, make a MR. Ch2, 7htr into MR. Join with a ss in top of ch2. Pull MR closed (8sts)
2. Ch2 (counts as first htr), 1htr in next 2 sts, \*2htr in next st, 1htr in next st; rep from \* until end. Join with a ss in top of ch2 (12sts)
3. Ch2 (counts as first htr), 1htr in each of next 3 sts, \*2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 2 sts; rep from \* until end. Join with a ss in top of ch2 (16sts)
4. Ch2 (counts as first htr), 1htr in each st to end. Join with a ss in top of ch2 (16sts)
5. Rep Step 4 three times. Stuff to this point. Fasten off and weave in ends.
6. Join Linen to st after fasten off point. Ch1 (does not count as first st), 1htr in each of next 3 sts, \*htr2tog over next 2 sts, 1htr in each of next 3 sts; rep from \* twice, htr2tog over last 2sts. Join with a ss in top of first htr (12sts)
7. Ch1 (does not count as first st), 1htr in each of next 3 sts, \*htr2tog over next 2sts, 1htr in each of next 2sts; rep from \* twice. Join with a ss in top of first htr (8sts)
8. Fasten off leaving a long tail
9. Stuff the remainder of the hat. Using a sewing needle and the long tail from your 'fasten off' point, make a running stitch through each stitch at the base of the Linen edge and pull tight. Fasten off and weave in ends

### **Chinstrap**

1. Using a 2mm hook and metallic yarn, ch14. Leave a 15 cm tail at either end. Fasten off.
2. Holding the head the right way up, attach one end of chinstrap to the top of a Linen htr in round 7 of the head. Count 5sts across the black hat edge and sew the other part on top of the fifth Linen htr around hat.

### **Belt piece (make 2)**

1. Using a 1.5mm hook and the Wendy Supreme 4ply, ch12. Skip 1ch, 1dc in every st to end (11sts)
2. Ch1 (counts as first dc), 1dc in every st to end. Fasten off and weave in ends.
3. Sew the belt piece to the centre of the guardsman's red coat in line with the 2 ends of the jacket's 'arms'

### **Decorate the Soldier's front**

1. Take one body piece (this will become the front of the jacket) and, using a sewing needle and the metallic yarn, embroider a square using chain stitch around the centre of the belt piece to form the 'belt buckle'. Fasten off.
2. Using a sewing needle and the metallic yarn, starting in the base of the soldier's jacket, working upwards, embroider a line of chain stitches. NB: When you reach the belt, thread the metallic yarn behind it. Fasten off.

3. Working either side of the centre chain stitch line, and above the belt only, use a sewing needle and metallic yarn to make 6 French knots. Make sure they are evenly spaced on both sides of the central stitch line.

#### **Assemble soldier**

1. Place both body pieces back to back (right sides facing outwards); keep the 'front' of the jacket facing towards you when sewing the 2 pieces together. You will be working through both body pieces throughout.
2. Turn the soldier up-side-down. Using 3.5mm hook, join Black yarn to the top of the trouser leg, underneath the jacket's bottom edge.
3. Ch1 (counts as first dc), 9dc evenly along side-edge of the trousers to the base edge. Ch3, join with ss to the first ch (this creates a 'foot'). 3dc evenly along the base of the legs. Ch3, join with ss to the first ch (this creates the second foot).
4. 10dc evenly along side-edge of trousers. Fasten off and weave in the ends. Stuff the legs lightly.
5. With the soldier right-side facing you, start on the right-hand base edge of the jacket. Using 3.5mm hook rejoin Rosso, ch1 (counts as first dc), 1dc in next st, 1ss into the corner of the 'sleeve' and the jacket base piece, 2dc in base of sleeve, ch1. 10dc evenly along sleeve edge to the top. 3dc along top edge of coat. 5dc to the halfway along second sleeve.
6. Lightly stuff body. 5dc to end of sleeve. Ch1, 2dc in base of sleeve edge, 1ss into corner where the sleeve meets the jacket. 2dc along final part of jacket's edge. Fasten off and weave in the ends.
7. Sew the headpiece onto the body securely.

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