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The Traveling Tu Family

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SUPPLIES

- Crochet hooks C/2.75mm, D/3.25mm, E/3.5mm or G/4.0mm, J/6.0mm
- 6mm safety eyes
- Fiberfill stuffing
- White or pink embroidery thread
- Yarn needle
- Stitch marker
- #4 worsted weight cotton yarn

YARN USED

- Lily Sugar'n Cream
- Soft Ecrú (color A)
- Lavender (color B)
- Mod Blue (color C)
- Hot Orange (color D)
- Mod Green (color E)
- Warm Brown (color F)
- Faded Denim (color G)
- Rose Petal (H)

NOTES

- Please read through the entire pattern before you start.
- Size information is on page 8.
- Depending on the yarn you use, you may want to choose a hook small enough so your stitches are tight and to prevent stuffing from showing through.
- Use a stitch marker to mark the beginning / end of rounds.
- Gauge is not essential as long as you keep your tension consistent.
- Please use felt or thread for the eyes if giving to babies, young children or pets as safety eyes can be a choking hazard.
- Alternative to magic ring: Ch 2, work 6 sc (or # of sts noted in Round 1) in 2nd ch from hook. Then, continue on in rounds as noted in the pattern. Search YouTube for video tutorials.





PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS - The Tu's

Use G/4.0mm hook for PapaTu (color C/blue) and MamaTu (color B/purple).
Use E/3.5mm hook for TuTu (color A/white) and C/2.75mm hook for Toto (color H/pink).

Ears (make 2)

- Worked from top to bottom.
- Work in continuous rounds, do not join or turn unless noted in pattern.

With color & hook of choice, work magic ring, ch 1 to secure ring.

- Round 1:** Work 6 sc in magic ring (6)
Round 2: *1 sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st*, rep * around (8)
Round 3: *1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st*, rep * around (12)
Rounds 4-6: 1 sc in each st around (12)
Round 7: sc2tog, 1 sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog (10)
Round 8: 1 sc in each st around (10)
Round 9: sc2tog, 1 sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog (8)
Round 10: 1 sc in each st around (8)

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing.

Optional: Using embroidery thread, make several vertical lines in the middle of each ear prior to sewing to the head. See photos for reference.

Before sewing to the head, fold the bottom of each ear in half and secure the fold with the tail, going back and forth a few times. Then, sew the ears on top of head. Weave in any loose ends.

TIP
 Start working on ears, arms & tail first so you don't have to cut the yarn in the middle of working on the main body.

Arms (make 2)

- Worked from bottom to top.
- Work in continuous rounds, do not join or turn unless noted in pattern.

With color & hook of choice, work magic ring, ch 1 to secure ring.

- Round 1:** Work 4 sc in magic ring (4)
Rounds 2-4: 1 sc in each st around (4)
 Fasten off and set aside for later. There is no need to stuff the arms.

Tail

- Work in continuous rounds, do not join or turn unless noted in pattern.

With color & hook of choice, work magic ring, ch 1 to secure ring.

- Round 1:** Work 6 sc in magic ring (6)
Round 2: 1 sc in each st around (6)
Round 3: sc2tog around to close.

Fasten off and leave a tail for sewing. Stuff lightly, if necessary. Attach tail on body, right above the legs.





PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS - The Tu's

Legs → Body → Attach Arms → Head

- Worked from bottom to top.
- Work in continuous rounds, do not join or turn unless noted in pattern.

Starting with the left leg...

With color & hook of choice, work magic ring, ch 1 to secure ring.

Round 1: Work 6 sc in magic ring (6)
Rounds 2-3: 1 sc in each st around (6)

Fasten off here for left leg. Set aside for joining with right leg later.
Work on right leg now, starting from Round 1. We will connect the two legs at Round 4.

Round 4: You will be going from the inside toward the outside of the right leg, then from the outside to the inside of the left leg.

Pick up both legs and position them so that they are facing the same direction. Insert hook in next st of right leg as well as the next st of left leg, work 1 sc to connect them together. This 1 sc you just made will NOT count toward your stitch count. Next, work 1 sc in same st - this is your starting point so place your stitch marker here. Your next sc will be on the left leg (leg on your left side).

Continuing around, working 1 sc in each st from left to right leg, making sure to omit the connecting st mentioned earlier. (12)

Stuff with fiberfill as work progresses.

Rounds 5-8: 1 sc in each st around (12)

Have the arms ready as we will be attaching them in the next round!

Round 9: 1 sc in next 2 sts. Attach arms in next 2 sts by flattening top of arm so that 2 sts of arm aligns with next 2 sts of body. Work 1 sc in these 2 sts, stitching through both layers to secure the arm. Then, work 1 sc in next 4 sts. Next, attach the other arm the same way in the next 2 sts. Lastly, work 1 sc in last 2 sts. (12)

Be sure to stuff the body. We will work on the head now.

Round 10: *1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st*, rep * around (18)
Round 11: *1 sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st*, rep * around (24)
Round 12: *1 sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st*, rep * around (30)
Round 13: *1 sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st*, rep * around (36)
Rounds 14-15: 1 sc in each st around (36)
Round 16: *1 sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog *, rep * around (30)
Round 17: *1 sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog *, rep * around (24)
Round 18: *1 sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog *, rep * around (18)
Round 19: *1 sc in next st, sc2tog *, rep * around (12)
Round 20: sc2tog around (6)

Fasten off and leave a long tail. Weave tail through remaining sts to close.



Place safety eyes between Rounds 14 & 15, approx. 6 sts apart. Embroider nose and/or mouth. Attach the tail if you haven't already!



PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS - Carrot House

- Worked using **TWO** strands of #4 worsted weight cotton yarn, held together.
- Work in continuous rounds, do not join or turn unless noted in pattern.
- Gauge: Using 2 strands of #4 yarn with J hook, 5 sts = 2 inches.
- Work stitches tightly to ensure firmness; use smaller hook if necessary.
- Worked from bottom to top (inside piece), top to bottom (outside piece).

Carrot House - Inside Piece

With color D/orange & J/6.0mm hook, work magic ring, ch 1 to secure ring.

Round 1: Work 6 sc in magic ring (6)

Round 2: 2 sc in each st around (12)

Round 3: *1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st*, rep * around (18)

Round 4: *1 sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st*, rep * around (24)

Round 5: *1 sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st*, rep * around (30)

Round 6: *1 sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st*, rep * around (36)

Round 7: *1 sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st*, rep * around, sl st in first sc to join (42)

Round 8: Ch 1. Working in BLO, 1 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join (42)

Round 9: Ch 1. Working in continuous rounds, 1 sc in each st around (42)

Rounds 10-18: 1 sc in each st around (42)

Round 19: *1 sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog*, rep * around (36)

Round 20: 1 sc in each st around (36)

Round 21: Sl st in each st around (36)

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Carrot House - Outside Piece

With color D/orange & J/6.0mm hook, work magic ring, ch 1 to secure ring.

Rounds 1-6: Follow pattern instructions for Carrot House - **Inside Piece**.

Round 7: *1 sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st*, rep * around (42)

Round 8: *1 sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st*, rep * around (48)

Round 9: *1 sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st*, rep * around (54)

Round 10: *1 sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st*, rep * around (60)



See the yarn tail there?
That is what's left of the
2 large skeins of the
Lily Sugar'n Cream in
Hot Orange!

Each skein is 4oz / 113g /
approx. 200yds.



- Rounds 11-14:** 1 sc in each st around (60)
Round 15: *1 sc in next 28 sts, sc2tog*, rep * around (58)
Round 16: 1 sc in each st around (58)
Round 17: *1 sc in next 27 sts, sc2tog*, rep * around (56)
Round 18: 1 sc in each st around (56)
Round 19: *1 sc in next 26 sts, sc2tog*, rep * around (54)
Round 20: 1 sc in each st around (54)
Round 21: *1 sc in next 25 sts, sc2tog*, rep * around (52)
Round 22: 1 sc in each st around (52)
Round 23: *1 sc in next 24 sts, sc2tog*, rep * around (50)
Round 24: 1 sc in each st around (50)
Round 25: *1 sc in next 23 sts, sc2tog*, rep * around (48)
Round 26: *1 sc in next 22 sts, sc2tog*, rep * around (46)
Round 27: *1 sc in next 21 sts, sc2tog*, rep * around (44)
Rounds 28-31: 1 sc in each st around (44)
Round 32: Sl st in each st around (44)

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Carrot House - Greens

With color E/green & J/6.0mm hook, ch 8.

Row 1: Work 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next st, 1 sc in next 4 sts, sl st in last st (9)

Do not fasten off or turn, just continue making chains until you achieve the desired look.

Row 2: Ch 7, work 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next st, 1 sc in next 3 sts, sl st in last st. Next, sl st into the first st in the initial chain in Row 1 (8)

Row 3: Ch 9, work 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next st, 1 sc in next 2 sts, sl st in last st. Next, sl st into the first st in the initial chain in Row 1 (7)

Repeat the above steps 8 or more times. I made 3 of the little green bunches on the photo below (approx. 25 of the curly sections) and sewed them together on top of the carrot house.

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing and weave in ends.





Carrot House - Door

- Worked using **ONE** strand of #4 worsted weight cotton yarn.
- Worked from bottom to top.

With color F/brown & G/4.0mm hook, ch 12.

Row 1: 1 hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in next 9 sts (10)

Rows 2-5: Ch 2, turn, 1 hdc in each st across (10)

Row 6: Ch 1, turn, hdc2tog, 1 hdc in next 6 sts, hdc2tog (8)

Row 7: Ch 1, turn, hdc2tog, 1 hdc in next 4 sts, hdc2tog (6)

Row 8: Ch 1, turn, hdc2tog, 1 dc in next 2 sts, hdc2tog (4)

Row 9: Ch 1, work 1 sc evenly all around, with 2 sc in corners, sl st to first sc to join.

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing to carrot house.

For the 'door knob', thread a yarn needle with color A (white) and stitch several vertical lines as shown in photo below. Weave in ends.



Carrot House - Windows (make 2)

- Worked using **ONE** strand of #4 worsted weight cotton yarn.
- Work in continuous rounds; do not join or turn unless noted in pattern.

With color G/mixed blue & G/4.0mm hook, work magic ring, ch 1.

Round 1: Work 6 sc in magic ring (6)

Round 2: 2 sc in each st around (12)

Round 3: *1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st*, rep * around (18)

Change to color F/brown.

Round 4: *1 sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st*, rep * around (24)

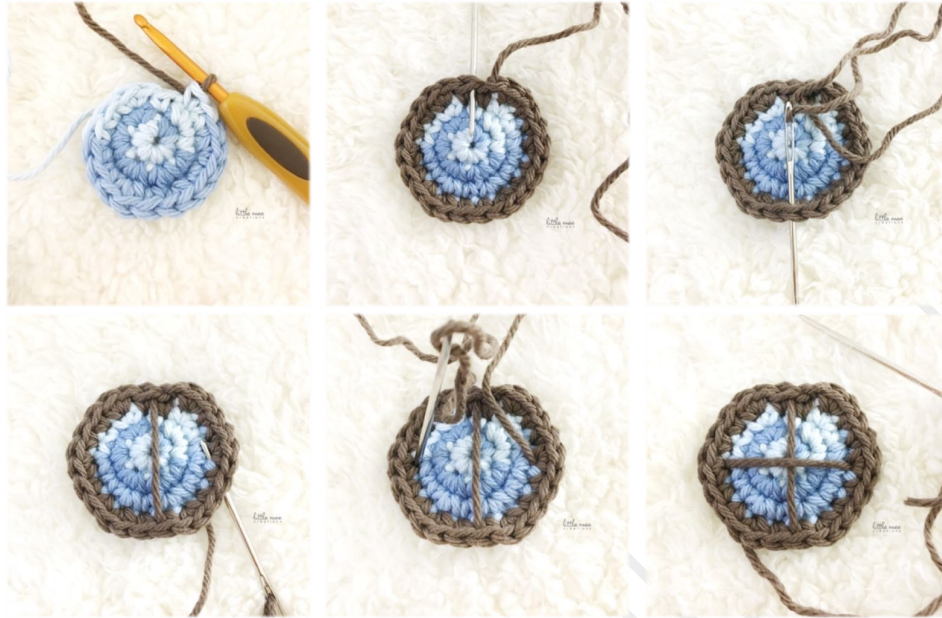
Sl st in first sc to join and fasten off. Leave a long tail. Thread the tail with yarn needle and make a cross (see photos on next page for reference).

TIP ON COLOR CHANGE

Pick up the new color and join by drawing through the last 2 loops of the previous color of the round.



In my sample & the photos below, I threaded a tail all the way across for the window to make the cross. Alternatively, you may do it halfway by going into the center stitch (where you made the magic ring), then repeat that for the other 3 'bars' - a very helpful tip from my tester, to make it a bit sturdier of a bar!



PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS - The Little Carrot

- Work in continuous rounds, do not join or turn unless noted in pattern.
- Stuff carrot lightly as work progresses.
- Worked from top to bottom.

Carrot Greens

With color E/green & D/3.25mm hook, ch 6.

Row 1: 1 hdc in 3rd ch from hook, sl st in next 3 sts (4)
Do not fasten off or turn.

Row 2: Ch 5. Work 1 hdc in 3rd ch from hook, sl st in next 2 sts.
Next, sl st into the first st in the initial chain in Row 1 (3)

Repeat Row 2 for however many greens you want on your carrot.
Fasten off, leave a tail and attach on to top of carrot.

Carrot

With color D/orange & D/3.25mm hook, work magic ring, ch 1.

Round 1: Work 6 sc in magic ring (6)

Round 2: *1 sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st*, rep * once (8)

Rounds 3-5: 1 sc in each st around (8)

You may want to attach the greens here so you have some wiggle room :)
Remember to stuff carrot lightly as you go.





Round 6: 1 sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog in next st (7)

Round 7: 1 sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog in next st (6)

Round 8: 1 sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog in next st (5)

Round 9: 1 sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog in next st (4)

Fasten off and leave a tail. Weave tail through last 4 sts to close. Weave in ends.

The 'inside piece' of the carrot house is designed to fit inside the house, which is the 'outside piece'. You should be able to fit all 4 bunnies inside the house plus a few of the little carrots. It makes for a perfect play set for kids (of all ages!).

SIZE INFORMATION

Did you know? 'Tu' means rabbit in Mandarin Chinese. Hence, the name! Thank you to my tester, Margie, for the awesome idea!

Below are approximate size measurements for your reference.

PapaTu & MamaTu: 6" tall from tip of ear to feet x 2.75" at the widest part (head).

Tutu: 5.5" tall x 2.25" at the widest part (head).

Toto: 4.75" tall x 2" at the widest part (head).

Carrot House (outside piece): 11.25" in height from top of greens to bottom x 9.75" at the widest part.

Carrot House (inside piece): 4.5" in height x 5.5" wide.

Little Carrot: 2.5" long x 0.6" at the widest part.

Adjust your hook size or use heavier/lighter weight yarn if you would like a larger/smaller Traveling Tu family. I do recommend using stiffer yarn for the carrot house so that it keeps its shape.

I hope you had fun making this play set as much as I did! Share your finished projects with me - tag me and use the hashtag [#doriyumi](#) on social media :) I would really love to see your projects!!



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| U.S. | | U.K. | |
|-----------|---|---------|-----------------------|
| ch | chain | ch | chain |
| sl st | slip stitch | ss | slip stitch |
| sc | single crochet | dc | double crochet |
| hdc | half double crochet | htr | half treble crochet |
| dc | double crochet | tr | treble crochet |
| tr | treble crochet | dtr | double treble crochet |
| dtr | double treble crochet | ttr | triple treble crochet |
| sc2tog | work 2 sc together | dc2tog | work 2 dc together |
| hdc2tog | work 2 hdc together | htr2tog | work 2 htr together |
| FLO | front loop only | | |
| BLO | back loop only | | |
| st(s) | stitch(es) | | |
| rep * - * | repeat instructions from * to * as directed | | |
| " | inch(es) | | |
| gauge | | tension | |
| skip | | miss | |