

# Turnip

## About this Turnip

I designed this turnip to complement my other fruit and vegetables. It has since proved to be one of my most popular designs!

Most other turnip patterns I found didn't seem to be particularly realistic, so I designed mine to capture the essential turnip-ness of the turnip, with all of its natural irregularity of leaves and shading. Each leaf is different, just as it would be in nature.

The shading on the root is achieved through stitch patterning, rather than you needing to find appropriate colours of matching yarns, as I know how hard it can be to do this.

There is no back or front to the finished turnip, and no visible seam - it looks great from all angles!



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## Materials and Tools

For a turnip approximately 24cm long (including leaves) in realistic colours, you will need double-knitting (DK, light worsted weight, Category 3) yarn in approximately the following quantities:

White or cream	13.5m
Purple or pink	13m
Pale green	5.5m
Dark green	24m

If you can't find a suitable pale green, the design works very well if you work this in white instead.

See 'Yarn Choice' for more detail.

You will need a **3.5mm crochet hook** or the size you need to form a nice, fairly dense fabric with your chosen yarn.

You will need some **stuffing material** for your turnip. See 'Stuffing Choice' for more details.

You will also need a **blunt-ended yarn or tapestry needle** and some **good sharp scissors**.

## Size and Tension

The pictures in this document show a turnip made with double knitting (DK, light worsted weight, Category 3) yarn and a 3.5mm crochet hook. It is approximately 24cm long including the leaves and 19cm in circumference around the widest point of the root.

For a successful project using a particular tension to achieve a particular size is not, in fact, critical; after all real turnips vary too! It is more important to work to whatever tension produces a nice, dense fabric with your chosen yarn, so your stitches hold the stuffing firmly and do not 'gape'. Choose your yarn and then experiment to find the best hook for you - don't forget to make a note of what you use for future reference!

Make mini or mammoth turnips by choosing lighter or heavier yarn and a hook to match.

## About this Pattern

This pattern uses British crochet conventions and metric measurements and prints on A4; a version with US crochet conventions and imperial measurements which prints on US Letter paper is available.

If you have any difficulties with this pattern, please contact me so I can help you and improve the pattern for others.

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