

# Partridge and Pears Set

Little  
Conkers



## About these ornaments

With this pattern you can make a partridge ornament and matching pear ornament(s) which make ideal Christmas decorations.

The partridge represented is the grey partridge (*Perdix perdix*), a native of the British Isles, now sadly on the RSPB's Red List of endangered species. Grey partridges are really ground-living birds, and rarely to be found in trees, especially pear trees!

## Materials

For a partridge around 11cm long, you will need Double Knitting (DK) weight yarn in approximately the following quantities:

Grey (main colour) .....	22m
Orange-red (face) .....	3.6m
Maroon (tummy patch and stripes) .....	3.5m
Brown (back patterning) .....	2m
Black (eyes) .....	1m*

\*You only need a very small amount of black to form the eyes and the weight isn't critical, so you can use a scrap from another project that is not the same weight/type as the rest of the yarn you are using, or some embroidery cotton, etc. Small beads, buttons or toy safety eyes are also an option.

For a pear around 7cm tall, you will need Double Knitting (DK) weight yarn in approximately the following quantities:

Pear green (main colour) .....	14.6m
Brown (stalk) .....	0.6m
Leaf green .....	1m

The same brown yarn can be used for the partridge and the pear stalk.

See 'Yarn Choice' for more detail about choosing your yarn.

You will also need a small amount of stuffing material for each ornament. See 'Stuffing Choice' for more details.

## Equipment

To complete the ornaments, you will need a 3.5mm crochet hook, or the size you prefer to create a nice, dense crochet fabric with your chosen yarn.

You will also need a blunt yarn or tapestry needle, a few scraps of yarn for marking your rounds and some sharp scissors.



## Size and Tension

The key to a successful project is working a dense, even crochet fabric, so that the stitches don't 'gape' and show the stuffing. This might mean using a hook a size or two smaller than you usually would for a given yarn. Working with Double Knitting (DK) yarn and a 3.5mm hook, your finished partridge will be around 11cm long.

Working with Aran yarn and a 4mm hook, your finished partridge will be around 13cm long.

I don't ask you to work a tension sample, but if after a few rounds you think your work looks looser and more gappy than the examples in the pictures, start your piece again with a smaller hook.

## 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.

This pattern remains the copyright of Clare Trowbridge and Little Conkers. Please do not reproduce all or any part of this pattern. Please do not sell items made from this pattern, without express prior permission (which is usually granted) and credit.

[www.littleconkers.co.uk](http://www.littleconkers.co.uk)

Last revised: April 2018