

# Crochet Microbes: The Clap (Gonorrhoea)



This pattern is based on the famous Giant Microbes by Drew Oliver. For the original – and extremely cute – plush toy versions, please visit <http://www.giantmicrobes.com>.

Gauge is not essential to this project as long as your stitches are tight enough to hide the internal stuffing. As a general rule, use a slightly smaller hook than is recommended for your yarn. I used DK weight yarn and a 3.5mm hook which resulted in a toy approx. 4" (10cm) long. I have used US crochet terminology in this pattern.

## Terminology:

sc = Single Crochet

sl st = Slip Stitch

st/sts = stitch/stitches

sc2tog = SC two stitches together (decrease stitch)

At the end of each round I am stating the total amount of stitches you should have made in that round. Do not join rounds with a sl st when creating this microbe, simply keep stitching your way around.

**Round 1:** Make a Magic Circle, 6 sc in circle - 6sts  
*For those who have not yet learnt the Magic Circle technique, an alternative method is to ch 2 and then make 6 sc in the second chain from your hook, however this may leave a circular hole in one end of your work.*

**Round 2:** 2sc in every sc around - 12sts

**Round 3:** (1sc in first st, 2sc in next), repeat x6 - 18sts

**Round 4:** (1sc in first 2sts, 2sc in next) x6 - 24sts

**Rnd. 5-8:** sc in each st around - 24sts

**Round 9:** (1sc in first 2 sts, sc2tog in next)x6 - 18sts  
*If you are using safety eyes for this project, now is the time to place them in your desired locations.*

**Round 10:** (1sc in first st, sc2tog in next)x6 - 12sts

**Round 11:** sc in each st around - 12sts

**Round 12:** (1sc in first st, 2sc in next)x6 - 18sts

**Round 13:** (1sc in first 2 sts, 2sc in next)x6 - 24sts

**Rnd. 14-16:** sc in each st around - 24sts

**Round 17:** (1sc in first 2 sts, sc2tog in next)x6 - 18sts

**Round 18:** (1sc in first st, sc2tog in next)x6 - 12sts

*Stuff your toy firmly with the stuffing of your choice. I have used hobby fill (aka fibrefill/fiberfill) which is available at any good craft shop.*

**Round 19:** sc2tog x6 - 6sts

*Make a sl st in the next st to even off the round.*

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Use tail to weave through remaining open sts and pull them closed. Fasten off your yarn so that it cannot slip loose and weave in ends. Don't forget to embroider a face on your microbe – the longer half of the Gonorrhoea microbe is the head half (this is the side you created first).

**Don't forget to pass your microbes on to all of your friends, because nothing says "I Love You" better than a venereal disease! Have fun! ;)**