



Crochet Curiosities
Pattern no.2



Celtic
Gold Torc



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❖About me❖

I am an archaeological Illustrator & Photographer living near Oxford in the United Kingdom. I have worked in commercial and research archaeology across England and Wales: drawing, photographing and X-raying (and occasionally digging) my way through practically every period of history. When I finally took up the crochet hook I began making replicas of some of the objects I was handling, and formed the notion of a crochet cabinet of curiosities.

❖Notes❖

This pattern is worked in the amigurumi style: working in a continuous spiral with a stitch marker to denote the end of a round. I use UK terminology here so for UK users, substitute dc for sc. The final size of the piece will depend on the yarn size, hook size and crocheting tightness. I used DK yarn with a 3.5mm hook and the final size of my original was around 30cm, when pulled straight. My single crochet tension gauge comes out at 25 stitches and 30 rows to a 10cm square.

❖Sharing❖

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions please contact me on the email address below. I particularly love to receive photographs of finished objects and - best of all - burgeoning crochet curiosity cabinets. If you are unhappy with me sharing any images with our little crochet curiosity community please let me know.



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❖Glossary❖

ch (chain): hook in stitch, yarn over, pull through two loops.

dc (double crochet): hook in stitch, yarn over, pull through, yarn over, pull through two loops.

inc (increase): two dc in same stitch.

dec (decrease): dc two stitches together.

ss (slip stitch): hook in stitch, yarn over, pull through two loops.

Magic ring: This is also known as a magic circle and can be explained best on YouTube videos. It is the technique I use for starting round projects but the same can be achieved in other ways, for example by creating a 2 chain and crocheting the first row of stitches into the first chain.

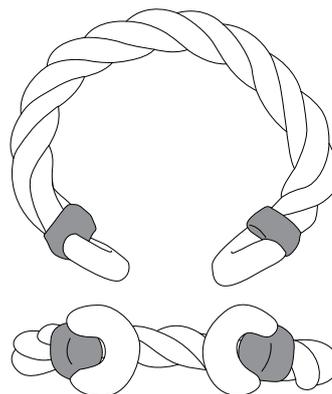
which can then be sewn around a pipe cleaner.

The thicker the wire in the pipe cleaner the better: thicker wire will hold the spirals more firmly. Two pipe cleaners twisted together works best.

Magic ring

1. 5dc
2. dc around
3. continue until 30cm long, decrease around then tie off.

❖Terminal plug (x2)❖



❖Long tube (x3)❖



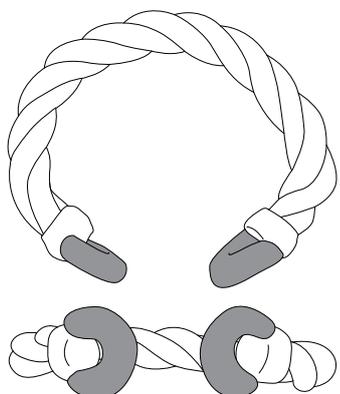
These tubes are worked around pipe cleaners and are quite fiddly to do. If it proves too fiddly, an alternative would be to work in rows producing a 5dc wide, 30cm long rectangle

Magic ring

1. 8dc
2. inc around (16)
3. dc around into back loops only - this will create a corner effect
4. dc around
5. (turn, so working in the opposite direction) dc around, ss into last stitch of previous round

Tie off

❖Terminal loop (x2)❖



ch13

1. Turn, dc in each stitch (12)
2. Turn, 1ch (does not count as a stitch), increase in each stitch (24)
3. Turn, 1ch (does not count as a stitch), dc in each stitch
4. Turn, 1ch (does not count as a stitch), dc in each stitch
5. Turn, 1ch (does not count as a stitch), decrease in each stitch (12)
6. Turn, 1ch (does not count as a stitch), dc in each stitch

Tie off and sew the inside of the curved loop together.

❖Making up❖

Bunch up the three long tubes together and fit one end of the bunch into the inside of one of the terminal plugs. Sew in place.

Twist the bunch of long tubes until a twist as pictured is achieved, then fit and sew the other terminal plug in place. The twist may not stay in at this point, but twisting it before

sewing should ensure that the terminal plug doesn't distort later.

Position the first terminal loop on one end, with the ends of the loop just slightly below the top edge of the terminal plug, and sew it to attach. Now twist the tubes again and position the second terminal loop to line up with the first. Sew in place. In order to keep the shape of the torc, it may be helpful to sew the two terminal loops together at the ends.

❖Variations❖

Detailed above is the basic shape of the object, but of course there is scope for a lot of variation.

To make a torc long enough to wear around the neck, increase the tube length to 40cm.

The terminal loops and plugs can be adorned with bobbles to give a really decorative appearance. The plugs can be lengthened or worked in a fancy stitch to give the appearance of fine surface decoration.

Have fun!

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