

## Bonnie the Cow & Friends

**20 loveable animals & birds to crochet using chunky yarn**

**Claire Gelder**

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### Key Selling Points

- Another fabulous collection of big, cuddly animals to crochet from best-selling author Claire Gelder
- Clear instructions are included to make the full-size versions of Bonnie the Cow and friends, including three babies from lighter weight yarn
- Crafters need just basic crochet skills to make these loveable toys out of chunky yarn
- Comprehensive and easy-to-follow crochet techniques section
- Author Claire Gelder is well-known for her appearance on BBC's *Dragons' Den*. She is the author of *Mabel Bunny & Co.* (2019) and *Robyn Octopus & Friends* (2020). Together they have sold over 25,000 copies.

### Description

**This third book from Claire Gelder presents you Bonnie the Highland Cow and Isla her calf, as well as other adorable crocheted companions.**

With soft, chunky yarn and long, floppy limbs, you'll have no choice but to pick them up, or snuggle on the sofa with them. Oversized, and full of life, these toys are about 70cm tall and the babies measure about 35cm.

The projects are aimed at beginners to improvers, and are suitable for someone who has mastered the basics of crochet.

Open up the book to be introduced to 20 loveable animals such as garden birds, deer and doe, badger and fox, cat and dog, mouse and hedgehog, owls and lovebirds, as well as a frog and baby and a goat and his kid. Which one will steal your heart first?

### About the Author

Claire Gelder loves all things hand-made, hand-woven and hand-crafted. She has been crafting for relaxation and fun for over 20 years. In 2015, Claire left her career as an NHS Director to launch her new business, Wool Couture, which specializes in knitting, crocheting, weaving and macramé. She quickly got her DIY craft kits on the shelves of retail giant John Lewis and, in 2017, secured two *Dragons' Den* investors to help her pass on her passion of crafting to the next generation. Adding a modern twist to age-old pastimes knitting and crochet, Claire uses giant, chunky yarn and oversized knitting needles made in her own factory.


As well as a successful entrepreneur, Claire is also a firm believer in the therapeutic side of craft, particularly its benefits to mental health and well-being.

Claire lives in Wakefield, UK and is proud to be continuing Yorkshire's textile tradition. Her website is [www.woolcouturecompany.com](http://www.woolcouturecompany.com)

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**Notes**

- Using yarn C, make 4 sts.
- Round 1:** Starting in the second chain from hook, 3 dc.
- Round 2:** 1 dc in each of the 3 sts, 3 dc on either side of st, 1 dc in 2 dc in next st, 1 dc.
- Finish off, closing the hole.
- Leave a tail of yarn to join to the feet.

**Making up**

Join the sides to the front of the paws. Sew the eyes into the middle of each grey eye on the face, using brown cotton thread, contrasting colour 1, and 23. Sew the ears to the inside of the head and insert the tip of the eyes. The ears should approximately line up with the tip of each eye and be curved to the side.

Sew the head in the top opening of the body, ensuring you tie up the back stuffing pin, to support the head.

Sew the arms onto each side of the body.

**Using yarn B**, sew claws from the back.

**Using yarn B**, sew claws to each hind with one stitch in each, spacing rounds 1 and 2.

Sew the legs into the base of the body, horizontally, at each end of the starting magic ring. Using yarn 1, sew the claws to each hind foot stitch in each, spacing rounds 1 and 2.

Sew the tail to the bottom row approximately 10 rounds up from the starting magic ring.

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