



Celtic Triquetra Bunting

Colourful and reminiscent of summer, this Celtic knot bunting is ideal for party decorations. The pretty pennants can be made from any oddments of yarn that you happen to have and can be made to any length.

Difficulty: advanced beginner

Measurements

Each triangle is 15cm (6in) wide at the base and 15cm (6in) from base to tip of the triangle. Overall the bunting is approximately 2.5 m (100in) long, if made with 15 triangles.

Materials

Yarn: oddments of DK yarn; approximately 160g (480m) in total. I used the following yarn:

Stylecraft Special DK in royal, bottle, boysenberry, empire, emperor, lobelia, teal, violet, plum, petrol, lapis, lavender, sage, grape, storm blue, turquoise, sherbet, aster, cypress, midnight, denim, aspen

Paintbox DK in rich mauve, slate green.

Sirdar Snuggly DK in little gem and violet.

Hook: 4mm

Other: darning needle for sewing ends, lockable stitch markers for holding live stitches.

Tension: each triangle measures 15cm (6in) after blocking.









Crochet Terms:

UK terms are used throughout the pattern. The American equivalent is given in the abbreviation section.

Abbreviations

cm centimetres, **in** inches, **ch** chain, **dc** double crochet (single crochet), **trb** trb (double crochet), **dc3tog** decrease by working three dc together, **mm** millimetres, **sl st** slip stitch, **picot** ch3 and sl st into 3rd chain from hook, **RS** right side of work, **st(s)** stitch(es).

Chart symbols

	Starting point		Slip stitch
	Double (single) crochet		Picot: ch3 and sl st into 3 rd chain from hook
	Chain		Work 2dc(sc) into same stitch
	Decrease by working three dc (sc) together		Work 4 trebles (double crochet) into same ch space

Pattern Starts

Bunting triangle (make 15)

Celtic knot

Main knot:

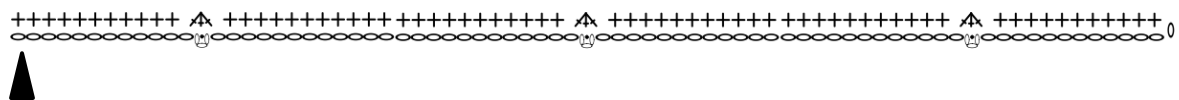
Using chart A, or refer to the instructions:

1st row: ch12, picot, *ch24, picot. Repeat from * once more. ch12.

2nd row: ch1, 1dc into next 11 sts, dc3tog, *1dc into next 22 sts, dc3tog. Repeat from * once more. 1dc into next 11 sts.

Before joining and weaving in the ends, you will need to twist the knot into shape. Use the photos below to help.

Chart A:



Step 1

Place the first point to the top, having the end with the yarn tails on the right.

Step 2

Take the strand on the left down and across to the right. Pin the point, then continue back under the end with the yarn tails and over the strand you have just placed.

Step 3

Pin the third point on the left, then continue under the first strand and over the second to join to the edge with yarn tails (this may already be placed over the relevant strand). Sew edges together and weave in ends.

Circle

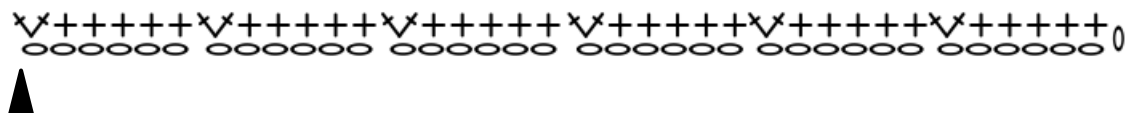
Using chart B, or refer to the instructions:

1st row: ch36

2nd row: ch1, *1dc into next 5 sts, 2dc into next st. Repeat from * to end.

Thread through knot, respecting the alternating over and under passes. You can use the diagram in the centre of Chart C to guide you. Join and weave in ends.

Chart B:



Outer triangle

Using chart C, or refer to the instructions:

Start at one of the tips of the knot. Work up the side:

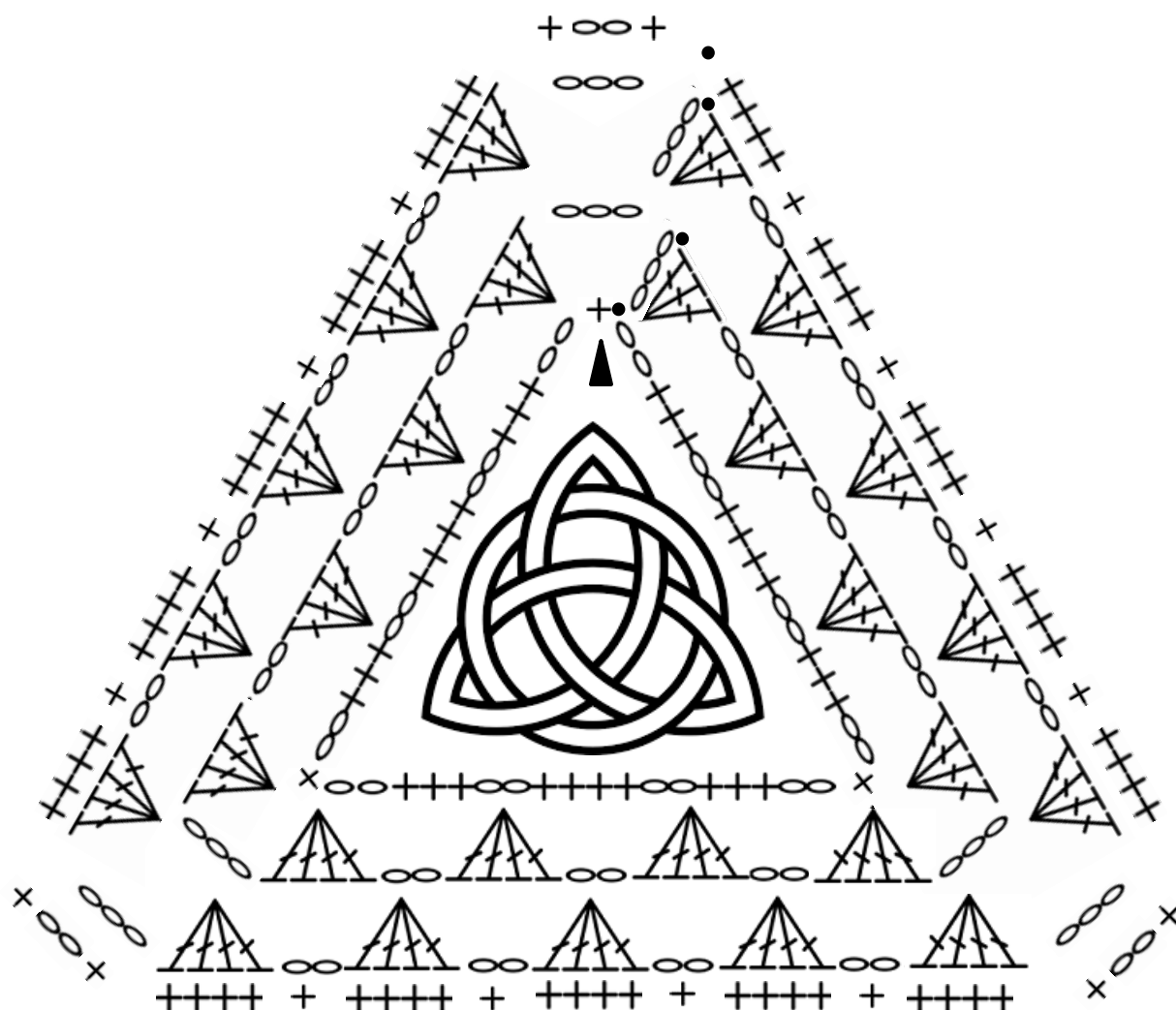
1st round: 1dc into picot, ch2, miss 2 sts on the knot, 1dc into next 3 sts, ch2, miss increase st on circle, 1dc into next 4sts on circle, ch2, 1dc into next 3 sts on knot starting on 5th st from picot at the point, ch2. Repeat for the other two sides. Sl st to join.

2nd round: ch3 (counts as trb) ch3, *(4trb into next ch space, ch2) three times, 4trb into first corner ch space, ch3. Repeat from * twice more to complete the next two sides. On the final side, work the last trb group as: 3trb and sl st into starting chain.

3rd round: sl st into corner chain space. ch3 (counts as trb) ch3, *(4trb into next ch space, ch2) four times, 4trb into first corner ch space, ch3. Repeat from * twice more to complete the next two sides. On final side, work the last trb group as: 3trb and sl st into starting chain.

4th round: sl st into corner chain space. Work *(1dc, ch2, 1dc) into corner ch space. (1dc into next four trb, 1 dc into ch space) four times, 1dc into next four trb. Repeat from * twice more to complete the next two sides. Sl st to join. Weave in ends.

Chart C:



The triangles will benefit from blocking to make them extra pointy. If you are using yarn with natural fibres (wool, cotton) you can do this by wet blocking. Thoroughly wet the triangle and then pin it out on a blocking board until dry. If you are using acrylic yarn wet blocking will not work. You can steam block this type of yarn if you are careful. Pin the triangle out on an ironing board. Hold the iron close but not touching (2cm/ 1inch) away and apply steam. The triangle will be blocked immediately – no need to wait. Do not let the iron get too close – too much heat will “kill” the yarn and this cannot be remedied.

Connecting the triangles

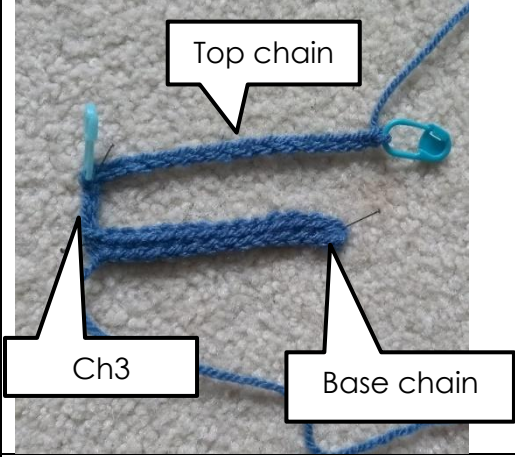

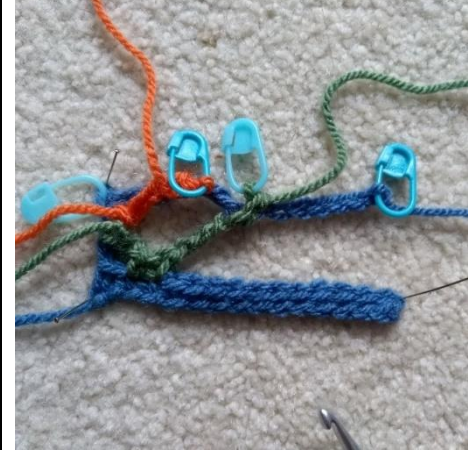
Base chain

1st row: *ch1, 1 dc into corner chain of triangle, 1 dc into each dc along the side of triangle, 1 dc into ch space, ch1 (30sts). Repeat from * for each remaining triangle.

2nd row: ch1, 1 dc into each st to end of row.

Twisted string

You do need good yarn management for this otherwise you soon get into a tangled knot. If all this sounds too much faff for you an alternative way to join the triangles is given below.

<p>Step 1</p> 	<p>ch3, *ch30 and place a lockable stitch marker in st to hold it. This will now be referred to as the top chain. Remove hook.</p>
<p>Step 2</p> 	<p>Join colour A (orange in the example) to central st of ch3 (blue chain in example). ch3, miss 1 st on top chain, 1 dc into next 2 sts. Place a lockable stitch marker into live st and remove hook.</p>
<p>Step 3</p> 	<p>Join colour B (green in the example) to central st of ch3 (blue chain the example). ch 3, miss 1 st on the base chain, 1dc into next 2 sts, ch3, miss 2 sts on top chain, 1 dc into next 2 sts. Place lockable stitch marker into live st and remove hook.</p>

Step 4



Re-join hook to colour A (orange). ch3, making sure the chain sits over the top of colour B (green), miss 2 st on the base chain, 1dc into next 2 sts, ch3, miss 2 sts on top chain, 1 dc into next 2 sts. Place lockable stitch marker into live st and remove hook.

Step 5



Re-join hook to colour B (green). ch3, making sure the chain sits over the top of colour A (orange), miss 2 sts on the base chain, 1dc into next 2 sts, ch3, miss 2 sts on top chain, 1 dc into next 2 sts. Place lockable stitch marker into live st and remove hook.

Repeat steps 4 and 5, making sure that the colour travelling from the top to the bottom passes in front of the previous chain of the other colour travelling from the bottom to the top.

When you run out of sts for the top chain, pick up this colour and crochet another 30 sts or so. The actual number does not matter, but it is easier to keep things in order if it does not get too long.

Finishing

When you have reached the end of the last triangle, re-join hook to top chain; ch3 and sl st into base chain. Place lockable stitch marker into live st and remove hook. Taking colours A and B in turn, work to the end of the top/base chain. Ch3 and sl st into the centre chain of 3ch just made as an extension of the top chain.

Re-join hook to the remaining live st.

1st row: 1dc into each st of the ch3 (takes you back to the top chain). At this point you can make an optional hanging loop: ch14, sl st into 7th ch from hook. If you do not want a loop, omit the ch14 and continue working 1dc into each st along the top chain (you can place 2dc into each ch space along to make this go quicker). Add another optional hanging loop by working ch14, sl st into 7th ch from hook or continue by working 1dc into each st of ch3 along edge. Sl st into base chain to join and finish ends.

Alternative

Work the base chain as given above.

3rd row: Work 1 trb into each dc across the row.

4th row: Work an optional hanging loop by ch14 and sl st into 7th chain from hook. If you do not want a loop continue by working 1 dc into each trb st along row. Optionally finish with another hanging loop by ch14 and sl st into 7th chain from hook. Finish and weave in ends.