

Big Fun Craft Supporter Guide

Who we are

North London Hospice receives referrals for over 3,500 patients with a life-limiting illness every year. We provide support for our patients, their families, friends and carers.

A registered charity, founded in 1984, we are the UK's first multi-faith hospice and welcome people from all faiths, including no faith, from diverse communities within the boroughs of Barnet, Enfield and Haringey. We also offer some of our services to people within Camden and Islington.

We provide physical, emotional and spiritual care to patients and families, friends and carers. We are committed to empowering our patients through our vision which is to provide the best of life, at the end of life, for everyone.

Our services are provided free of charge, but it now costs over £16 million a year to run our charity. Whilst around a third of the amount comes from the NHS, we rely on the generosity of our community through donations and our charity shops to make up the shortfall in funding.

By taking part in Big Fun Craft and raising funds, you're helping us continue this vital work. Your generosity ensures that no one has to face their journey alone and that we can be there for those who need us most.

Thank you for getting crafty and helping to make a real difference.



About Big Fun Craft

We're so excited that March is almost here, which means... Big Fun Craft 2026 is on its way! **We're inviting you to get crafty for a cause by spending one hour a day crafting throughout the month of March.**

So, how does it work?

1. Join Our Facebook Group

Meet your fellow crafters! Our Facebook group is there to support you every step of the way, with tips, ideas, and plenty of encouragement. Click [HERE](#) to join.

2. Set up your fundraiser

Click [HERE](#) to set up your **Just Giving** page and get sponsored for your crafting (we suggest a fundraising target of **£150**). Every stitch really does make a difference. For example, £24.50 - the cost of a high-quality knitting kit or crafting materials - could help fund an Associate Community Nurse to deliver one hour of care to a patient in their own home.

3. Get crafty every day in March

If you'd like to donate what you make, here are a few ideas that would be especially welcome:

- Blankets

Our Inpatient Unit has asked for blankets that patients can use during their stay, with the option for families to take them home as a keepsake - a meaningful connection and memory.

- Patchwork blankets or knitted squares

These will be used to decorate large letters that spell 'NLH' in our retail spaces.

- Decorations

We're also collecting handmade decorations. This year, volunteer Mary Warren will be hosting a workshop to create beautiful Danish star ornaments made from fabric - no sewing required!

4. When March comes to an end...

You're welcome to sell your knits and donate the money raised to North London Hospice, or donate your handmade items directly to us.



100% of the money raised through this challenge goes directly to North London Hospice, helping us make a huge difference to the patients and families we support.

You can post your finished crafts to:

**Fundraising Office, North London Hospice, 47 Woodside Avenue,
London, N12 8TT**

Alternatively, we're always incredibly grateful to the many supporters who go above and beyond by selling their handmade crafts. Whether it's to friends, family, colleagues, or at local events and venues in their community, this generosity and creativity makes a huge difference and helps us reach even more people.

This year's theme is... Compassion in Bloom

With the days getting lighter, the first flowers beginning to bloom and spring starting to feel just around the corner, this year's theme - Compassion in Bloom - is inspired by that sense of renewal and hope. We're inviting crafters to create floral or nature-inspired pieces that feel uplifting and have been made with care. Knits can be as colourful as you please: the more uplifting, the better!

We have knitting or crochet tutorials and patterns you can follow. All tutorials are available at the end of this pack. If you have any knitting ideas, please let us know! We would love to hear them.

Why we have chosen the theme Compassion in Bloom:

- Nature reminds us that life has seasons. Hospice care supports people and families through one of life's most natural transitions, offering compassion, dignity and understanding at every step.
- Flowers and nature are closely linked with calm and emotional wellbeing. At North London Hospice, light and garden spaces help create a peaceful environment where patients and families can feel comforted and at ease.
- Just as plants need gentle care to flourish, hospice care is rooted in tender, attentive support - responding to each person's individual needs with kindness, patience, and respect.
- Florals symbolise love and colour even in difficult times. This reflects what our teams see every day: moments of warmth, connection and meaning, even alongside sadness.

Let's get crafting!

We can't wait to have you as part of Big Fun Craft and we're so grateful for your creativity and support. With every stitch, square, and handmade piece, you'll be helping to bring comfort, colour and smiles to the patients and families our service supports.

If you'd like to share your plans, tell us how you're getting involved in our knitting festivities, or if you have any questions at all, we'd love to hear from you. Just get in touch with us at:

bigfuncraft@northlondonhospice.co.uk

020 8446 2288

Don't forget to share on social media!

We would love to see all of your knitted creations and fundraising activities online. You can join our Big Fun Craft Facebook group [HERE](#).

Make sure to tag us in your posts and use the hashtag: #BigFunCraft2026.



Knitted Daffodil Pattern



You will need

Needles 3.5/4mm, DK yarn in a yellow and orange, yarn needle. Wooden skewers or wire, green yarn, glue.

Petals

Cast on 12 sts

Row 1(WS): p to end.

Row 2: (kfb) to end (24 sts).

Row 3: p to end.

Row 4: (kfb) to end (48 sts)
Row 5: p to end.
Row 6: (k7, kfb) three times, (kfb, k7) three times (54 sts).
Row 7: p to end.

First Petal

Row 8: k1, (p1, k1) four times, turn. Work on this set of 9 sts only for first petal. Leave remaining sts on the LH needle.
Row 9: p1, (k1, p1) four times.
Row 10: k1, k2tog, p1, k1, p1, k2tog, k1 (7 sts).
Row 11: p2, k1, p1, k1, p2.
Row 12: k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1 (5 sts).
Row 13: p to end.
Row 14: k2tog, k1, k2tog (3 sts).
Row 15: p1, p2tog (2 sts).
Row 16: k2tog and fasten off.

Join yarn to the next set of 9 sts and repeat rows 8-16 five more times to create six petals in total.

Trumpet

Cast on 10 sts.
Row 1(WS): p to end.
Row 2: (kfb) to end (20 sts).
Rows 3 and 4: starting with a p row, work 2 rows in st st.
Row 5: (folding edge row): k to end.
Rows 6 and 7: starting with a k row, work 2 rows in st st.
Row 8: (k2tog) to end (10 sts).
Row 9: p to end.
Row 10: (k2tog) to end (5 sts).
Break yarn, thread through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

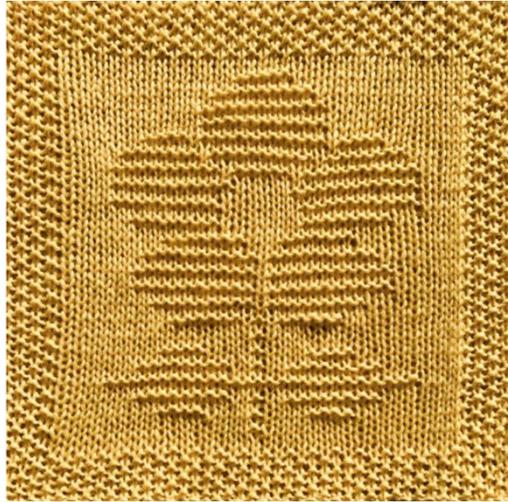
Assembly

Weave in the fastened-off yarn end of each petal. Stitch the petals together at the centre, positioning three at the front and three at the back in an alternating pattern. Work a loose gathered stitch in the centre of the petals to shape the flower. Sew up the side edges of the trumpet piece and work a gathered stitch through the folding edge (row 5). Sew the trumpet to the centre of the flower.

Stem

For the stem, wrap a wooden skewer or wire with green yarn or florist tape and glue to the bottom of your tulip with hot glue gun. Display in a vase or clean coffee jar. Odd numbers of flowers look best when displayed together

Knitted Daisy Square Pattern



You will need

Size depends on yarn and needle size used – with DK/Light Worsted Weight yarn and 4 mm (US 6, UK 8) knitting needles, finished squares are approximately 22 cm x 22 cm (8.5 inches x 8.5 inches)

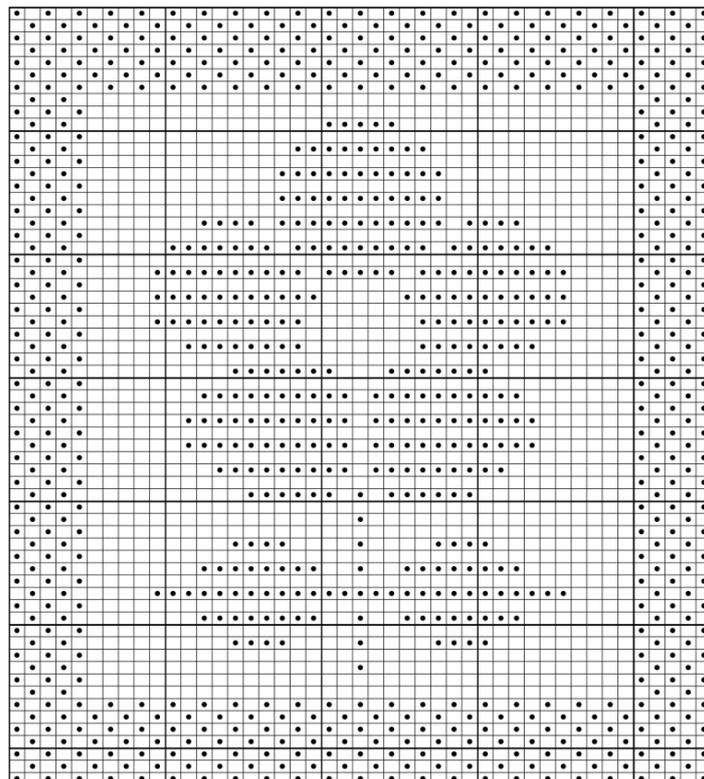
Any sized needle and yarn can be used (please refer to yarn label for recommended needle size), however different needle and yarn sizes will produce different sized squares, so if you plan to make an afghan or a set of these it is best to use the same needle size and yarn for each square.

Chart Instructions

On Right Side: Knit white squares and purl black dots

On Wrong Side: Purl white squares and knit black dots

Cast on 45 stitches and start at bottom left hand corner of chart with a wrong side row



Pattern:

Cast on 45

Work 7 rows of (K1,P1) to last stitch, K1

Row 8: K1, P1, K1, P1, K37, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 9 and all odd numbered rows: K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, P35, K1, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 10: K1, P1, K1, P1, K18, P1, K18, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 12: K1, P1, K1, P1, K10, P4, K4, P1, K4, P4, K10, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 14: K1, P1, K1, P1, K8, P8, K2, P1, K2, P8, K8, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 16: K1, P1, K1, P1, K5, P27, K5, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 18: K1, P1, K1, P1, K8, P8, K2, P1, K2, P8, K8, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 20: K1, P1, K1, P1, K10, P4, K4, P1, K4, P4, K10, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 22: K1, P1, K1, P1, K18, P1, K18, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 24: K1, P1, K1, P1, K11, P6, K1, P1, K1, P6, K11, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 26: K1, P1, K1, P1, K9, P9, K1, P9, K9, P1, K1, P1, K1

Even rows 28-30: K1, P1, K1, P1, K7, P11, K1, P11, K7, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 32: K1, P1, K1, P1, K8, P10, K1, P10, K8, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 34: K1, P1, K1, P1, K10, P7, K3, P7, K10, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 36: K1, P1, K1, P1, K7, P8, K7, P8, K7, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 38: K1, P1, K1, P1, K5, P10, K7, P10, K5, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 40: K1, P1, K1, P1, K5, P11, K5, P11, K5, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 42: K1, P1, K1, P1, K5, P10, K1, P5, K1, P10, K5, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 44: K1, P1, K1, P1, K6, P7, K1, P9, K1, P7, K6, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 46: K1, P1, K1, P1, K8, P4, K1, P11, K1, P4, K8, P1, K1, P1, K1

Even Numbered Rows 48-50: K1, P1, K1, P1, K13, P11, K13, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 52: K1, P1, K1, P1, K14, P9, K14, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 54: K1, P1, K1, P1, K16, P5, K16, P1, K1, P1, K1

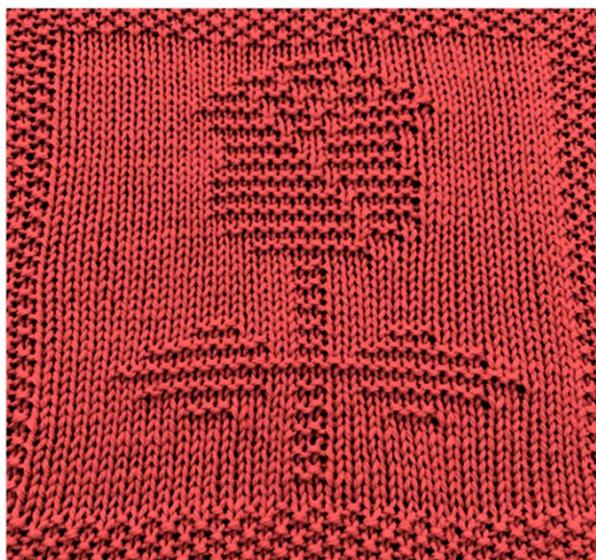
Row 56: K1, P1, K1, P1, K37, P1, K1, P1, K1

Work 7 rows of (K1, P1) to last stitch, K1

Cast off, weave in ends and block.

Pattern & Photos by Daisy And Storm

Knitted Rose Square Pattern



You will need:

With DK/Light Worsted Weight yarn and 4 mm (US 6, UK 8) knitting needles, finished squares are approximately 22 cm x 22 cm (8.5 inches x 8.5 inches).

With Worsted Weight yarn and 4.5 mm knitting needles (US size 7, UK size 7) finished square is approximately 26 cm x 26 cm (10 inches x 10 inches).

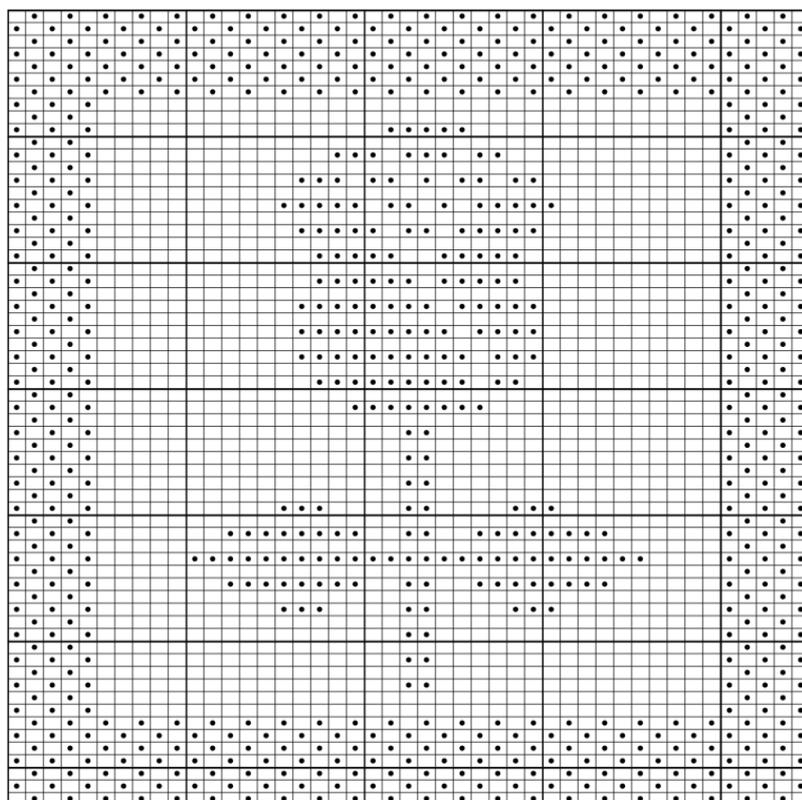
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Work 7 rows of (K1,P1) to last stitch, K1

Row 8: K1, P1, K1, P1, K37, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 9 and All Odd Numbered Rows: K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, P35, K1, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 10: K1, P1, K1, P1, K17, P2, K18, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 12: K1, P1, K1, P1, K17, P2, K18, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 14: K1, P1, K1, P1, K17, P2, K18, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 16: K1, P1, K1, P1, K10, P3, K4, P2, K4, P3, K11, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 18: K1, P1, K1, P1, K7, P8, K2, P2, K2, P8, K8, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 20: K1, P1, K1, P1, K5, P26, K6, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 22: K1, P1, K1, P1, K7, P8, K2, P2, K2, P8, K8, P1, K1, P1, K1

Row 24: K1, P1, K1, P1, K10, P3, K4, P2, K4, P3, K11, P1, K1, P1, K1
 Row 26: K1, P1, K1, P1, K17, P2, K18, P1, K1, P1, K1
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 Row 30: K1, P1, K1, P1, K17, P2, K18, P1, K1, P1, K1
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 Row 48: K1, P1, K1, P1, K10, P5, K1, P1, K1, P2, K1, P5, K11, P1, K1, P1, K1
 Row 50: K1, P1, K1, P1, K11, P2, K1, P2, K1, P1, K1, P2, K1, P3, K12, P1, K1, P1, K1
 Row 52: K1, P1, K1, P1, K13, P2, K1, P3, K1, P3, K14, P1, K1, P1, K1
 Row 54: K1, P1, K1, P1, K15, P5, K17, P1, K1, P1, K1
 Row 56: K1, P1, K1, P1, K37, P1, K1, P1, K1
 Rows 57-63: Work 7 rows of (K1, P1) to last stitch, K1
 Cast off, weave in ends and block.

Pattern & Photos by Daisy And Storm

Crochet Tulip – Pattern by HappyBerry Crochet



You will need

Crochet hook 3.5mm-4mm, DK yarn in a bright colour, yarn needle, toy stuffing, wooden skewers or wire, green yarn, glue.

Pattern

Round 1 – Using a 3.5mm crochet hook chain 4 and slip stitch into first chain to form a circle.

Round 2 – 10sc into the centre of the circle. (10)

Round 3 – 2sc in each stitch around (20)

Round 4 – *1sc in the next stitch, 2sc in the next stitch* repeat until end (30)

Rounds 5-16 – 1sc in each stitch around, fasten off and leave enough yarn to sew up your tulip. (30).

Assembly

1. Stuff your tulip with toy stuffing making it firm.
2. Take your yarn tail and sew directly opposite into the other side of the top of the tulip and pull tight (see picture below), repeat a couple of times back and forth to secure. Now do the same on the opposite side. Hide the tail end in the centre and cut.

Stem

For the stem, wrap a wooden skewer or wire with green yarn or florist tape and glue to the bottom of your tulip with hot glue gun. Display in a vase or clean coffee jar. Odd numbers of flowers look best when displayed together!



Sponsorship Form



Name of participant

Address

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Telephone

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Team name (if applicable)

For NLH only:

Total amount raised	
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Donor No.	
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Please return this form together with your donations to:
North London Hospice, 47 Woodside Avenue, London N12 8TT

Cheques must be made payable to 'North London Hospice' and cash can be sent in sealed envelope. Please send your sponsorship money to us before the date of the event or as soon as possible afterwards.

If you would like to be sent another sponsorship form, please contact the fundraising department on 020 8446 2288 or email us at fundraising@northlondonhospice.co.uk

Every year we are unable to claim thousands of pounds worth of Gift Aid declarations because not all of the information we need is given to us. If you are a UK taxpayer and wish us to claim Gift Aid on your donation, we require your first name and surname, your home address, your post code and for you to tick the Gift Aid box.

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