Alien in a flying saucer

US terms



Finished size

The saucer about 6¾ in (17 cm) across with its lights, and about 6¾ in (17 cm) tall with the alien in it, to the top of the middle eye

Skill

Intermediate

13 pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn

Medium (4), 6 colors

Hook

3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet, in a spiral.

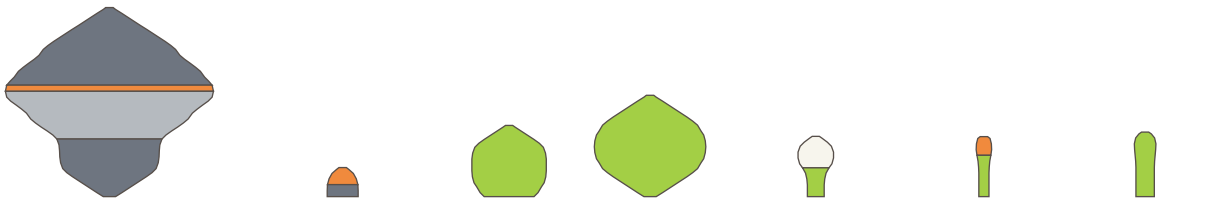
What you need

Yarn A: lime	**about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: silver gray, saucer	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: steel gray, saucer and landing foot	**about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: orange, saucer, landing foot, antenna and the details	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: white, eye stalk and the details	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: charcoal, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 180 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors and two black plastic eyes with washers, 10 mm.

The pieces



Saucer | **Landing foot x 3** | **Body** | **Head** to the body | **Eye stalk x 3** to the head | **Antenna x 2** to the head | **Arm x 2** to the body

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Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

To check it, work a flat circle: 6 sc in a magic ring, then 6 more sc in each round (12, 18, 24, 30, 36). After round 6 it should measure about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Instructions

US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **sc2tog** 2 sc made into one, **BLO** only the loop away from you, **st** stitch.
2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 2 sts: one in each.
Rounds run in a **spiral**: mark the first stitch and move the marker up each round. **Working in the round**
[ ] 6 times: 6 times in all. (18 sc): the round now has 18; a check, not a step. **How to read a pattern**
Also: yo yarn over.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Special stitches

bobble: [yarn over, insert hook in the stitch, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops] 4 times in the same stitch, yarn over, pull through all 5 loops (United Kingdom: a bobble of 4 trebles). Push it out to the right side.

Saucer

Begin with yarn C, steel gray.

One piece: round 1 is the middle of the underside, the bobbles of round 20 are the lights round the rim, rounds 22 to 31 are the top, and from round 32 the work goes down inside as a seat for the alien.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring. *Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.*	
☐ **Round 1**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Round 9**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(54 sc)
☐ **Round 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**	(60 sc)
☐ **Round 11**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(66 sc)
☐ **Round 12**	Sc in each st around	(66 sc)

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☐ **Round 13**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(72 sc)
☐ **Round 14**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 6 times**	(78 sc)
☐ **Round 15**	**[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(84 sc)
☐ **Round 16**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	(90 sc)
☐ **Round 17**	Sc in each st around	(90 sc)
☐ **Round 18**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts**] 6 times**	(96 sc)
☐ **Round 19**	**[**sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(102 sc)
☐ **Round 20**	With D, **[**sc in next 2 sts, bobble in next st**] 34 times**	(102 sts)
☐ **Round 21**	With B, sc in each st around	(102 sc)
☐ **Round 22**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**	(96 sc)
☐ **Round 23**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 14 sts**] 6 times**	(90 sc)
☐ **Round 24**	**[**sc in next 13 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(84 sc)
☐ **Round 25**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**	(78 sc)
☐ **Round 26**	Sc in each st around	(78 sc)
☐ **Round 27**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts**] 6 times**	(72 sc)
☐ **Round 28**	**[**sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(66 sc)
☐ **Round 29**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(60 sc)
☐ **Round 30**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**	(54 sc)
☐ **Round 31**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Round 32**	With C, sc in BLO of each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rounds 33 to 36**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)

33 34 35 36

☐ **Round 37**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Round 38**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 39**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 40**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

Push rounds 32 to 40 down into the saucer, so that round 31 is a sharp rim and rounds 32 to 36 stand inside it as the wall of the seat. Stuff now through the opening: firmly all round the rim, so that the saucer keeps its shape, and with a thin layer only between the underside and the seat. Keep the seat five rounds deep.

☐ **Round 41**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 42**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)

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☐ **Round 43**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches and pull it tight to close the hole. Take the needle straight down through the stuffing to the middle of round 1 and back up, a stitch apart, two times, and fasten the tail when the floor of the seat lies flat, about 1 in (25 mm) above the middle of the underside.	

Landing foot: make 3

Begin with yarn D, orange.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	Sc in each st around	(15 sc)
☐ **Rounds 5 to 6** 5 6	With C, sc in each st around	(15 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Body

Yarn A, lime.

Round 1 is the middle of the base.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
	Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 18 and 19 of round 6. It faces the front.	
☐ **Rounds 7 to 12** 7 8 9 10 11 12	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 13**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 14**	Sc in each st around	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 15**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 22 in (56 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

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Head

Yarn A, lime.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Round 9**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Round 10**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(54 sc)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 27 and 28 of round 10. It faces the front, round 1 at the top.

☐ **Rounds 11 to 14**	Sc in each st around	(54 sc)

11 12 13 14

☐ **Round 15**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Round 16**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Round 17**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Round 18**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 19**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 20**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Round 21**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 22**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 23**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside.	

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Eye stalk: make 3

Begin with yarn E, white.

Stuff the white eyeball firmly, through the opening, when round 7 is worked.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rounds 4 to 6**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)

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Fix the eye now: one 10 mm black plastic eye on each eye stalk, on round 4, on the side that faces forward. Put it at any stitch of that round; when you sew the stalk on, turn it so that the eye looks straight forward. For a child under three, or a pet, leave it out and embroider it later.

☐ **Round 7**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	With A, **[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 4 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rounds 9 to 12**	Sc in each st around	(8 sc)

9 10 11 12

☐	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff the lime part lightly.	

Antenna: make 2

Begin with yarn D, orange.

Stuff the orange ball lightly when round 3 is worked.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(9 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	Sc in each st around	(9 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 3 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	With A, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts	(5 sc)
☐ **Rounds 6 to 11**	Sc in each st around	(5 sc)

6 7 8 9 10 11

☐	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Leave the thin lime part empty.	

Arm: make 2

Yarn A, lime.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)

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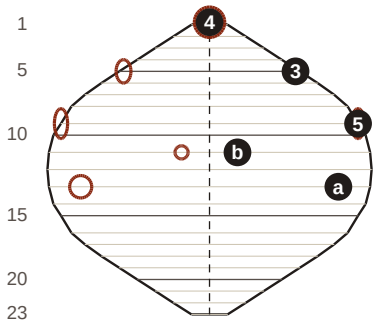
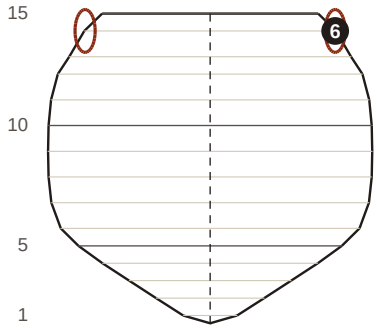
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts	(9 sc)
☐ **Rounds 6 to 12**	Sc in each st around	(9 sc)
	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Assembly



Head: 3 eye stalks, 4 eye stalk, 5 antennae, a cheeks, b nostrils



Body: 6 arms

A number is the step below that puts it on; a letter is put on under Finishing. Each line is a round, counted as the rounds are worked. The upright broken line is the center line. A place with a broken edge is on the far side.

1. Underside: take the three landing feet. The middle of each open edge lies on round 12 (66 sts), the feet 22 stitches apart. The edge (15 sts) covers about rounds 10 to 14. They point down and a little outward. Pin them there and sew each all the way round with its tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches. Set the saucer on them: it must not tip.

2. Set the head on the open edge of the body (24 sts), center lines in line: the edge lies on round 20 of the head (24 sts). With the tail of the body, sew every stitch of the edge to the head, and top up the stuffing in the neck before the last stitches so that the head does not wobble.

3. Pin two eye stalks to the head: the middle of each open edge lies on round 5, one to each side, 6 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart). The edge (8 sts) covers about rounds 4 to 6 of the head. They point up and out to the side. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

4. Pin one eye stalk to the head: the middle of the open edge lies over the middle of round 1 of the head. The edge (8 sts) lies all the way round on about round 1. It points up. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

5. Pin the two antennae to the head: the middle of each open edge lies on round 9, one to each side, 12 stitches from the center line (24 stitches apart). The edge has 5 sts. They point out to the side, then curve until the tip of each points up and out to the side. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a few running stitches along its inner side, drawn up a little. Sew all the way round with the tail. The lime tube stays empty: put no stuffing in it.

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6. Pin the two arms to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 14, one to each side, 7 stitches from the center line (14 stitches apart). The edge (9 sts) covers about rounds 13 to 15 of the body. They point out to the side and forward, then curve until the tip of each points up and forward. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a few running stitches along its inner side, drawn up a little. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

7. The alien is not sewn to the saucer. Set the base of the body in the seat, its center line to the front, one landing foot a little to the left of it. Lift it out to play.

Finishing

- Put in the plastic eyes when the words of a piece say so, or embroider eyes in the same places with the other details. Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on; begin and end each strand inside the toy. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled. Backstitch is a line of short stitches end to end: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and repeat.
- Eyes: one 10 mm black plastic eye on each eye stalk, on round 4, on the side that faces forward. Put it at any stitch of that round; when you sew the stalk on, turn it so that the eye looks straight forward.
- Mouth: with F (charcoal), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about 1 1/8 in (29 mm) wide that dips 3/8 in (10 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are on the head on round 13, one to each side of the center line and about 5½ stitches apart, level with the two cheeks and between them.
- Cheeks: with D (orange), in satin stitch, an oval about 3/8 in (10 mm) wide and ¼ in (6 mm) tall, its middle on the head on round 13, one to each side, 8 stitches from the center line (16 stitches apart).
- Nostrils: with F (charcoal), two straight stitches side by side, about 1/8 in (3 mm) tall, each pair on the head on round 11, one to each side, 1½ stitches from the center line (3 stitches apart).
- Tooth: with E (white), in satin stitch, a small block about 3/16 in (5 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, hanging from the lower side of the smile, its middle 1½ stitches to the right of the center line.
- Weave every tail through the toy and trim it. For a toy that will be played with, go round each seam a second time with a new length of yarn. Check the seams and small parts from time to time.

In all: 13 pieces; 4,650 stitches (2,412 in the saucer, 78 in each landing foot, 426 in the body, 798 in the head, 142 in each eye stalk, 65 in each antenna, 112 in each arm).

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Notes

- Every piece is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up.
- Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- Color change: where a line begins "With D," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in D. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- Center line: places on a piece are given by round and by stitches from a center line. It is half way round from where the rounds begin. Mark it with a pin or a scrap of yarn as listed here, run it straight from round 1 to the last round by eye, and count out from it along the round, in stitches and half stitches.
- Head: the center line runs between stitches 27 and 28 of round 10 (54 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 18 and 19 of round 6 (36 sts). It faces the front.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.

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- Running stitches go in and out along a line.
- In every step of putting it together: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- To work sc2tog, put the hook under the front loop only of each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through both loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops. In a BLO round, use the back loops instead.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in F (charcoal).
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, details) are for Standard, the size written here: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Small: fine (2, sport) yarn, 2.25 mm (B-1) hook, 27 sc and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): the saucer about 5 in (12.5 cm) across with its lights, and about 5 in (12.5 cm) tall with the alien in it, to the top of the middle eye; eyes 7 mm; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.
- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): the saucer about 9½ in (24 cm) across with its lights, and about 9½ in (24 cm) tall with the alien in it, to the top of the middle eye; eyes 14 mm; multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 times the yarn.
- Jumbo: super bulky (6, plush or velvet) yarn, 6.5 mm (K-10½) hook, 11 sc and 12.1 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): the saucer about 12 in (30.5 cm) across with its lights, and about 12¼ in (31 cm) tall with the alien in it, to the top of the middle eye; eyes 18 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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