Avocado applique

US terms



Finished size
About 3 in (8 cm) wide and about 3¾ in (10 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 2 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: avocado skin, rounds 3 and 4 of the avocado	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: avocado flesh, rounds 1 and 2 of the avocado	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: stone brown, the stone	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the face stitched on	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Yarns A, B and C: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn D: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in; after a new color is joined, it is the stitch the color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.6 cm, and half that round a small curve, unless the line names another) along the line. Put it down at the start of the line and bring it up again one stitch length ahead of where it last came up; keep going down at the end of the stitch before and up one length ahead.
- French knot (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back, wrap the yarn twice round the needle close to the surface, hold the wraps and put the needle down beside the place where it came up. For a large knot use the yarn double and wrap it three times.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 2½ in (6 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3 in (8 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 4¾ in (12 cm).

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Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Avocado

Yarns in order of use: B, avocado flesh; A, avocado skin.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 6.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 3 chs, 6 hdc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next 3 chs, 3 hdc in next ch, sl st in first hdc to join	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in each of next 6 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 3 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(14 hdc, 12 dc)**
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 4 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**, sc in next 3 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 4 sts, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**, sc in next 3 sts, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(38 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 30 in (76 cm) tail, for sewing the whole applique to your project.	

Stone

Yarn C, stone brown.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 7 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(14 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Hold the avocado with its wide end (12 dc) at the bottom. Sew the stone on, its middle 3/8 in (1 cm) below the middle of the avocado.
- With D, work two French knots for the eyes on the stone, ½ in (1.3 cm) apart and 1/8 in (0.3 cm) above its middle, and a smile in backstitch below them: a curve ¼ in (0.6 cm) wide that dips 1/8 in (0.3 cm), its ends 1/8 in (0.3 cm) below the middle of the stone.
- To sew the applique to your project, pin it where it is to go and sew round its edge with the long tail, under the outermost strands of the stitches.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 2 pieces; 133 stitches (112 in the avocado, 21 in the stone); 8 ends to weave in.

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