Ball in five sizes

US terms



Finished size
The balls about 1½ in (3.8 cm), 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm), 2¼ in (5.7 cm), 3 1/8 in (7.9 cm) and 3¾ in (9.5 cm) across

Skill
Beginner
Five pieces worked in rounds, with nothing to sew.

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

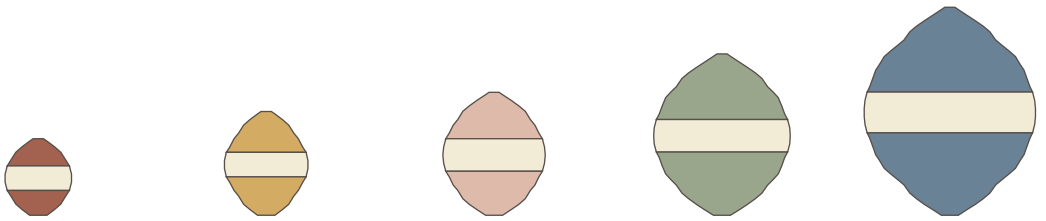
Yarn A: brick, ball of 24 stitches	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: honey, ball of 30 stitches	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: blush, ball of 36 stitches	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: sage, ball of 48 stitches	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: slate blue, ball of 60 stitches	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: cream, several of the pieces	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 110 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 and scissors.

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.

The pieces



Ball of 24 stitches **Ball of 30 stitches** **Ball of 36 stitches** **Ball of 48 stitches** **Ball of 60 stitches**

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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.

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.
- How many rounds stay even: 22 rounds measure as much as 20 stitches, and the way from pole to pole of a ball is half the way round it. So the number of rounds is the widest count times 0.55, less 1, to the nearest whole round (a half counts up). Going up by 6 stitches a round takes one round for every 6 stitches of the widest count, round 1 among them; coming down to 6 takes one round less; the rounds left over stay even. 24 stitches: 12 rounds, 4 up, 3 down, 5 even. 30 stitches: 16 rounds, 5 up, 4 down, 7 even. 36 stitches: 19 rounds, 6 up, 5 down, 8 even. 48 stitches: 25 rounds, 8 up, 7 down, 10 even. 60 stitches: 32 rounds, 10 up, 9 down, 13 even. Where the even rounds go: the longest run is at the widest count, and here it is cream (3 rounds for 24 and 30 stitches, 4 for 36 and 48, and 5 for 60). The others lie one or two at a time between increase rounds, and in the same places between decrease rounds, so that the side is a curve and not a cone.
- If your ball comes out longer than it is wide, work one cream round fewer; if it comes out flat, work one more. Stuff until the ball is firm and the same in every direction.
- 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.
- Color change: where a line begins "With F," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in F. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- 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.
- No plastic eyes are used.
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, ovals, 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 balls about 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm), 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm), 1¾ in (4.4 cm), 2¼ in (5.7 cm) and 2 7/8 in (7.3 cm) across; 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 balls about 2¼ in (5.7 cm), 2¾ in (7 cm), 3¼ in (8.3 cm), 4½ in (11.5 cm) and 5½ in (14 cm) across; 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 balls about 2¾ in (7 cm), 3½ in (8.9 cm), 4¼ in (11 cm), 5½ in (14 cm) and 7 in (18 cm) across; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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Instructions

US terms.

sc single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(6 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Ball of 24 stitches

Yarns in order of use: A, brick; F, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 8** 6 7 8	With F, sc in each st around	(24 sc)

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

☐ **Rnd 9**	With A, **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	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.	

Ball of 30 stitches

Yarns in order of use: B, honey; F, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnds 8 to 10** 8 9 10	With F, sc in each st around	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	With B, **[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around	(24 sc)

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

☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	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.	

Ball of 36 stitches

Yarns in order of use: C, blush; F, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnds 9 to 12** 9 10 11 12	With F, sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	With C, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	(24 sc)

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

☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	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.	

Ball of 48 stitches

Yarns in order of use: D, sage; F, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnds 9 to 10** 9 10	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnds 12 to 15** 12 13 14 15	With F, sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	With D, **[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnds 17 to 18** 17 18	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in each st around	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
	Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.	
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	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.	

Ball of 60 stitches

Yarns in order of use: E, slate blue; F, cream.

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

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☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnds 12 to 13** 12 13	Sc in each st around	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnds 15 to 19** 15 16 17 18 19	With F, sc in each st around	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	With E, **[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnds 21 to 22** 21 22	Sc in each st around	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 24**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 28**	Sc in each st around	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
	Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.	
☐ **Rnd 30**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 31**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 32**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	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.	

Assembly

1. There is nothing to sew. Roll the ball of 24 stitches, the ball of 30 stitches, the ball of 36 stitches, the ball of 48 stitches and the ball of 60 stitches one after another between your palms until each is round. If there is a lump, put the point of the needle between two stitches and move the stuffing.

Finishing

- Weave every tail through the balls and trim it.

In all: 5 pieces; 3,072 stitches (204 in the ball of 24 stitches, 324 in the ball of 30 stitches, 468 in the ball of 36 stitches, 804 in the ball of 48 stitches, 1,272 in the ball of 60 stitches).

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