Bird's nest with three eggs

Five inch · US terms



Finished size
About 5 × 2¼ in (13 × 6 cm)
About 5 in (12.5 cm) across and 2¼ in (5.5 cm) tall, the loops not counted; each egg about 1¼ in (3 cm) thick and 1¾ in (4.5 cm) long

Skill
Intermediate
The nest is a small bowl with chain loops; the eggs are stuffed and speckled with small knots.

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
12 stitches and 13 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: brown tweed, the nest and the specks	**about 160 yd (146 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: straw, loops of the nest	**about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: moss green, the lining	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: robin blue, the eggs	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: leaf green, the leaves	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 190 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: wool or acrylic

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: a 3.5 mm (E-4) hook, for the eggs and the leaves, a handful of toy stuffing, 2 stitch markers, pins, a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Five inch (this file)	**5 × 2¼ in (13 × 6 cm)**	**about 370 yd (338 m)**
Seven inch	7 × 2¾ in (18 × 7 cm)	about 625 yd (572 m)

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Gauge

12 stitches and 13 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The gauge is checked on the piece itself: after round 8 the base should measure about 5 in (12.5 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched. A range that is near enough is printed after that round. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

A round of loops is counted at the same height as a round of single crochet. The eggs, in one strand on the 3.5 mm hook, have about 5 stitches and 5½ rounds to 1 in (2.5 cm).

Instructions

Five inch. US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **hdc** half double crochet (UK htr), **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **sl st** slip stitch, **sc2tog** 2 sc made into one, **st** stitch.

2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 3 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: RS right side.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Special stitches

lp (Short loop): Sc in the st named, then ch 6 and sl st in the top of the sc just worked. The chain loop hangs on the outside. Next round: work in that sc.

llp (Long loop): As the short loop, but with ch 10.

Nest

Begin with yarn A, brown tweed.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring. *Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring, draw up a loop and chain 1 to hold it, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.*	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	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**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 sts	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 3 sts	(42 sc)

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☐ **Round 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 8.** The base should measure about 5 in (12.5 cm) across. A quarter of an inch (0.5 cm) more or less is near enough. Larger? Begin again with a smaller hook. Smaller? A larger hook.

Sides

☐ **Round 9**	**[**Lp in next st, llp in next st**] 24 times**	(24 lp, 24 llp)
☐ **Round 10**	With B, **[**llp in next st, lp in next st**] 24 times**	(24 llp, 24 lp)
☐ **Round 11**	With A, **[**lp in next st, llp in next st**] 24 times**	(24 lp, 24 llp)
☐ **Round 12**	With B, **[**llp in next st, lp in next st**] 24 times**	(24 llp, 24 lp)
☐ **Round 13**	With A, **[**lp in next st, llp in next st**] 24 times**	(24 lp, 24 llp)
☐ **Round 14**	With B, **[**llp in next st, lp in next st**] 24 times**	(24 llp, 24 lp)
☐ **Round 15**	With A, **[**lp in next st, sc in next st**] 24 times**	(24 lp, 24 sc)
☐	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Moss lining

Yarn C, moss green.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	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**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 sts	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 3 sts	(42 sc)
☐ **Rounds 8 to 11** 8 9 10 11	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)
☐	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 58 in (147.5 cm) for sewing.	

Egg: make 3

Yarn D, robin blue.

Use one strand and the 3.5 mm hook. Begin at the wide end. Stuff the egg firmly before round 11 and push in a little more before the last round.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	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 next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(21 sc)
☐ **Rounds 5 to 9**	Sc in each st around 5 6 7 8 9	(21 sc)
☐ **Round 10**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 11**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Round 12**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 13**	**[**Sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm). Draw it through the front loops of the 6 stitches, pull it tight, make one small stitch to hold it and draw the end inside.	

Leaf: make 2

Yarn E, leaf green.

Use one strand and the 3.5 mm hook. The leaf is one round along both sides of its chain; the 3 sc in one chain are its tip and the join is its foot.

☐ **Start**	Ch 8.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 3 chs, hdc in next ch, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 3 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	(5 sc, 4 hdc, 6 dc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 16 in (40.5 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails of the nest on the inside. The starting tail of the lining goes in on its wrong side, the side that will lie on the nest. The starting tail of each leaf goes in on its wrong side. The starting tails of the eggs stay inside them.

2. The specks. When an egg is closed, make 14 French knots on it with one strand of A, about 40 in (101.5 cm) long: 4 on round 3, about 4 stitches apart, 5 on round 5, also about 4 apart, 3 on round 8, about 7 apart, and 2 on round 11, about 7 apart, none straight above another. Put the needle in anywhere and bring it out where the first knot goes, leaving an end of 2 in (5 cm). French knot: bring the needle up, wind the yarn once round it close to the fabric, and put it down again beside the place where it came up, holding the yarn taut. Go from one knot to the next inside the egg. After the last knot make a small stitch under it, take the needle through the egg and out, pull a little and cut both ends close, so that they slip inside.

3. The lining. Turn it so that its right side is the inside of the bowl. Lay a thin layer of stuffing in the nest and set the lining on it, its wrong side on the nest, the two middles together. Its edge of 42 stitches goes on the inside of the nest along round 5 of the sides (round 1 of the sides is the first with loops), of 48 stitches: 7 stitches of the lining go to 8 of the nest. Pin it at six places: every 7th stitch of the lining to every 8th of the nest. With its long tail sew it down all round: take the needle through the top of a stitch of the lining and through a stitch of the nest, without catching the loops outside, once for each stitch of the lining. Fasten off under the edge.

4. The leaves. Their feet go next to each other on the last round of the nest, straight across from its last stitch, right sides up. Think of the face of a clock lying on the rim, with 12 away from the nest: one leaf points to 10 and the other to 2. With its own tail sew the foot of each leaf to the rim with 4 small stitches, each through the join of the leaf and

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the top of a stitch of the nest, and sew the next ¾ in (2 cm) along the middle of the leaf to the loops beneath with 3 running stitches. Running stitch: in and out along a line. Fasten off inside the nest; the tips stay free.

5. Put the three eggs in the nest.

Finishing

- Pull the loops out with your fingers so that they point every way. Weave in all the tails that are left.

In all: 7 pieces.

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

- The rounds of the nest, the lining and the eggs are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round. The leaves are one round, joined with a slip stitch.
- Two strands of one color are held together for the nest and the lining, on the 5.5 mm hook; the eggs, their specks and the leaves have one strand, on the 3.5 mm hook. The yarn amounts count both strands. The right side faces you all the time; it is the outside of the nest and of the eggs and the inside of the lining, where the eggs lie.
- Loops: a short loop and a long loop each use one stitch and leave one. When the next round is worked, push the loops of the round before forward and work behind them.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Where only one or two rounds are worked before the old yarn is used again, do not cut it: carry it loosely up the inside.
- sc2tog: draw up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on the hook.
- Colors. Nest. Rounds 1 to 9: A. Round 10: B. Round 11: A. Round 12: B. Round 13: A. Round 14: B. Round 15: A. The lining is C, the eggs D and the leaves E.

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