Birthday cake with candle

US terms



Finished size
About 4¼ in (11 cm) across and 6¼ in (16 cm) tall with the candle

Skill
Intermediate
Twelve 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.

You will need

Yarn A: vanilla, bottom tier	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pink, several of the pieces	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: mint, top tier	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: white, several of the pieces	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: strawberry red, strawberry	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: golden yellow, flame	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

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.

Abbreviations

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

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together, through the front loops only (the back loops in a BLO row or round): how is under “B
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
BLO	back loop only

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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. It leaves 1 st for the next round.

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.

Before you start

- 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.
- Candle: rounds 1 and 2 are both in D. From round 3 to round 11 the color changes in every round: change it as the note on color change says, but do not cut the yarn: carry the one that is not in use up the inside, loosely.
- 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 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.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the cake. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- 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.
- No plastic eyes are used: every detail is worked in yarn.
- 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): 3 1/8 in (7.9 cm) across and 4¾ in (12 cm) tall with the candle; 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): 6 in (15 cm) across and 9 in (23 cm) tall with the candle; 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): 7¾ in (19.5 cm) across and 11¼ in (28.5 cm) tall with the candle; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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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 sc is double crochet, sl st is slip stitch, dc is treble and hdc is half treble.

Bottom tier

Yarns in order of use: A, vanilla; D, white; B, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(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 next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	With D, **[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 30 times**	**(60 sts)**
☐ **Rnds 13 to 20**	With A, sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 20: tick them off as you go.

☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20

☐ **Rnd 21**	With B, sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Stuff firmly now, pressing the stuffing out to the corner of the base, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 30**	**[**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. Round 1 is the middle of the base, and the closed hole is the middle of the top. Press both flat. Fasten a new length of A with two small stitches at the middle of the base. Take the needle straight through to the middle of the top, put it back in there one stitch away and bring it straight back, out one stitch from where you fastened the yarn. Pull until both lie level, fasten off there with two small stitches and bury the end inside.	

Top tier

Yarns in order of use: C, mint; D, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(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 next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	With D, **[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 21 times**	**(42 sts)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 15**	With C, sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 15: tick them off as you go.

☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15

☐ **Rnd 16**	With D, sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Stuff firmly now, pressing the stuffing out to the corner of the base, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**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. Round 1 is the middle of the base, and the closed hole is the middle of the top. Press both flat. Fasten a new length of C with two small stitches at the middle of the base. Take the needle straight through to the middle of the top, put it back in there one stitch away and bring it straight back, out one stitch from where you fastened the yarn. Pull until both lie level, fasten off there with two small stitches and bury the end inside.	

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Pink icing

Yarn B, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 54; being careful not to twist the chain, sl st in the first ch to form a ring. Round 1 begins in that same ch.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in each ch around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next st**] 5 times**	**(60 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next st**] 5 times**	**(60 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next st**] 5 times**	**(60 sts)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 42 in (107 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. The tall stitches make the drips: each dc of rounds 4 and 5 goes into a dc below, each hdc into an hdc and each sc into an sc, so that the drips grow longer.	

White icing

Yarn D, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 36; being careful not to twist the chain, sl st in the first ch to form a ring. Round 1 begins in that same ch.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in each ch around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st**] 6 times**	**(42 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st**] 6 times**	**(42 sts)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 32 in (81 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Each dc of round 4 goes into a dc below, each hdc into an hdc and each sc into an sc.	

Candle cup

Yarn B, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end. Do not stuff. Round 3 turns up: rounds 1 and 2 are the floor of the cup and rounds 3 and 4 its wall.	

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Candle

Yarns in order of use: D, white; B, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 sc in MR	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	With B, sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	With D, sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 11**	Repeat rnds 3 and 4 in turn: every even-numbered rnd is worked as rnd 4, every odd-numbered rnd as rnd 3. (8 sc) A box for each round, 5 to 11: tick them off as you go. ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11	
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end. Stuff firmly up to the open edge. Round 1 is the flat foot of the candle.	

Flame

Yarn F, golden yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Strawberry: make 5

Yarn E, strawberry red.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

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Work the seeds now (see Finishing). Then stuff firmly; add the last of the stuffing after round 7.

☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches and pull it tight to close the hole; keep the rest of the tail for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Set the pink icing on the bottom tier like a collar, right side out. Its chain edge lies on the top of the tier, on round 22 (54 sts), its round 2 bends over the edge of the top, and its drips hang down the side. With a new length of B, sew the 54 chains to the 54 stitches of round 22, chain to stitch, all the way round. With the tail of the icing, catch the lowest stitches of each drip to the side of the tier.

2. Set the white icing on the top tier in the same way: its chain edge lies on round 17 (36 sts). With a new length of D, sew the 36 chains to the 36 stitches of round 17, chain to stitch. Catch the drips to the side with the tail.

3. Stand the top tier on the middle of the bottom tier: the edge of its base lies on round 24 of the bottom tier (42 sts). With a new length of D, sew the 42 front loops of round 7 of the top tier that its round 8 left free to the 42 stitches of round 24, all the way round.

4. Set the candle cup on the middle of the top tier, its round 1 on the closed hole and its open side up. With a new length of B, sew the 12 front loops of its round 2 that its round 3 left free to the top of the tier, all the way round.

5. Set the five strawberry pieces round the candle cup, closed hole down and point up, evenly spaced, each touching the cup; the middle of each lies over rounds 18 and 19 of the top tier. Sew each to the top with its tail, in a circle of about 8 stitches just outside the closed hole.

6. Set the open edge of the flame (8 sts) on the open edge of the candle (8 sts). With the tail of the flame, sew the two edges together all the way round, topping up the stuffing before the last stitches.

7. Stand the candle in the candle cup, its round 1 down. It is not sewn: it lifts out.

Finishing

- Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on, unless a line gives another time; begin and end each strand inside the toy.
- Seeds: work these when round 6 of a strawberry is done, before the strawberry is stuffed and before anything is sewn on. With D (white), eleven tiny upright straight stitches on each strawberry, each about 1/8 in (3 mm) long and evenly spaced round it: two on round 2, four on round 4 and five on round 5.
- Weave every tail through the cake and trim it. For a cake 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: 12 pieces; 2,854 stitches (1,260 in the bottom tier, 672 in the top tier, 294 in the pink icing, 162 in the white icing, 42 in the candle cup, 88 in the candle, 46 in the flame, 58 in each strawberry).

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