Boho feathers

US terms



Finished size

The large feather 8¾ in (22 cm) long and 2¼ in (5.7 cm) wide, the middle feathers 6½ in (16.5 cm) long and 2 in (5.1 cm) wide, the small feathers 5 in (12.5 cm) long and 1¾ in (4.4 cm) wide, without the down; the cord 12½ in (32 cm) long without its end loops

Skill

Easy

15 pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn

Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook

3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge

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

In single crochet, worked flat in back loop rows.

You will need

Yarn A: ochre, large vane and middle vane	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: rust, large vane and small vane	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, large vane, middle vane, small vane and the details	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: dusty rose, middle vane and small vane	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: cocoa, large quill, middle quill, small quill and the details	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: 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.

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

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Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, worked flat in back loop rows.

Lying flat and not stretched; the quills are worked with the same hook.

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 that has rounds 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.
- Ends of yarn: one vane of every feather is turned over when the feather is put together, so that its wrong side is at the front. So on one of the two large vanes, two of the four middle vanes and two of the four small vanes knot and weave in every end on the right side of the vane, and on the others on the wrong side: the beginning end, the last end and the ends of the color changes. Then every end is at the back of its feather.
- 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 B," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the row before it in B. Cut the old yarn and knot its ends on the side of the vane given above under Ends of yarn: on a vane that will be turned over the right side, on the others the wrong side.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the garland. 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 row, use the back loops instead.
- No plastic eyes are used: every detail is worked in yarn.
- One size, at the gauge above. The counts of rows and rounds stay as they are. Thinner or thicker yarn with a hook to suit makes smaller or larger feathers: every length then changes with it.

Instructions

The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet.

Large vane: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, cream; B, rust; A, ochre.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 3 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, 3 sc in next st	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 3 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc2tog	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	With B, ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next st	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	**(7 sc)**

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☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, 3 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	With C, ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	With A, ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next st	**(2 sc)**
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog	**(1 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Hide the ends on half of these vanes on the wrong side, on the other half on the right side (see “Before you start”). The edge with the sc2tog in every row is the quill edge, the other is the outer edge. The foundation chain is the top of the feather and the last row is its tip.	

Middle vane: make 4

Yarns in order of use: C, cream; A, ochre; D, dusty rose.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 3 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, 3 sc in next st	**(4 sc)**

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☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 3 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc2tog	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	With A, ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next st	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	With C, ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	With D, ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next st	**(2 sc)**
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog	**(1 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Hide the ends on half of these vanes on the wrong side, on the other half on the right side (see “Before you start”). The edge with the sc2tog in every row is the quill edge, the other is the outer edge. The foundation chain is the top of the feather and the last row is its tip.	

Small vane: make 4

Yarns in order of use: C, cream; D, dusty rose; B, rust.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 3 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, 3 sc in next st	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	With D, ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 3 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc2tog	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next st	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(6 sc)**

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☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	With C, ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	With B, ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc in next st, sc2tog	**(2 sc)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog	**(1 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Hide the ends on half of these vanes on the wrong side, on the other half on the right side (see “Before you start”). The edge with the sc2tog in every row is the quill edge, the other is the outer edge. The foundation chain is the top of the feather and the last row is its tip.	

Large quill

Yarn E, cocoa.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 47**	Sc in each st around	**(4 sc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 47: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐ 28 ☐ 29 ☐ 30
☐ 31 ☐ 32 ☐ 33 ☐ 34 ☐ 35 ☐ 36 ☐ 37 ☐ 38 ☐ 39 ☐ 40 ☐ 41 ☐ 42 ☐ 43 ☐ 44 ☐ 45 ☐ 46 ☐ 47

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

Middle quill: make 2

Yarn E, cocoa.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 34**	Sc in each st around	**(4 sc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 34: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐ 28 ☐ 29 ☐ 30
☐ 31 ☐ 32 ☐ 33 ☐ 34

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

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Small quill: make 2

Yarn E, cocoa.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 26**	Sc in each st around	**(4 sc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 26: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.

Assembly

1. Each feather is two vanes of one size. Lay one that has its ends on the wrong side with the right side up. Turn one that has its ends on the right side over, and lay it beside the first, so that every end of yarn is at the back, the two quill edges meet in the middle, both foundation chains are at the top and both last rows at the bottom. The ridges run from the middle out and down. Sew the two quill edges together, row end to row end, with new lengths of the colors they cross. Sew the two large vanes into one feather, the four middle vanes into two feathers and the four small vanes into two feathers. Where the two last rows meet, sew them together into one point.

2. Lay each quill along the front of its feather, over the seam: round 1 about ¼ in (6 mm) above the tip, the last rounds standing free above the foundation chains. The large quill stands free for 5 rounds; the two middle quills and the two small quills stand free for 4 rounds. Sew each down along both its sides with a new length of E (cocoa).

3. Cord: with two strands of E (cocoa) held together, chain 8 and join with a slip stitch in the first of these chains: this is the loop at one end. Chain 62 (about 12½ in, 32 cm). Chain 8 more and join with a slip stitch in the first of these last 8 chains: this is the loop at the other end. Fasten off and weave in both ends. Lay the five feathers in a row under it, the quills up: the large one in the middle, a middle one on each side and a small one at each end. Lay the top of each quill on the front of the cord, its open edge level with the upper edge of the cord, and sew it there with its tail: the large feather at the middle of the cord, the middle ones 2½ in (6.4 cm) to each side of it, the small ones 2¼ in (5.7 cm) farther out. Hang the cord by its two loops, a little slack.

Finishing

- Knot in the lengths of yarn when the pieces round the place are sewn on.
- Down: for every feather cut 12 lengths of C (cream), each 6½ in (16.5 cm) long. There are six places on a quill, one on the left side and one on the right side of it on each of three rounds: rounds 42, 43 and 44 of the large quill, rounds 30, 31 and 32 of each middle quill, rounds 22, 23 and 24 of each small quill. At each place, fold two lengths together in half and put the hook under a stitch, from side to side. Draw the fold out a little, put all four ends through it and pull them tight. The ends stay outside: trim them to 1½ in (3.8 cm) on the large feather, 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) on the middle ones and 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) on the small ones. They fall down over the top of the vanes.
- Weave in every end at the back. Dampen the feathers, pin them flat with the tips straight, and let them dry.

In all: 15 pieces; 1,782 stitches (183 in each large vane, 113 in each middle vane, 74 in each small vane, 188 in the large quill, 136 in each middle quill, 104 in each small quill).

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