Dog bone toy

US terms



Finished size
About 9¾ in (25 cm) long, 4½ in (11.5 cm) across the ends and 2½ in (6.3 cm) thick

Skill
Easy
Six pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Bulky (5), 2 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

You will need

Yarn A: teal, teal bump, teal half and cream half	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, teal half, cream bump and cream half	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), 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: how is under “Before you start” (UK dc2tog, double cro
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

Gauge

14 stitches and 15.4 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 3¼ in (8.3 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.

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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.
- In place of one thicker strand, two strands of a thinner cotton may be held together, if they give the same gauge; count the yards for each strand.
- 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 round before it in B. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the bone. 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.
- 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: medium weight (4, aran) cotton yarn, 3.5 mm (E-4) hook, 20 sc and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): 6¾ in (17 cm) long, 3 1/8 in (7.9 cm) across the ends and 1¾ in (4.4 cm) thick; multiply lengths by 0.7; about 0.7 times the yarn.
- Large: super bulky (6, super chunky) cotton yarn, 8 mm (L-11) hook, 10 sc and 11 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): 13¾ in (35 cm) long, 6¼ in (16 cm) across the ends and 3½ in (8.9 cm) thick; multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 times the yarn.

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.

Teal bump: make 2

Yarn A, teal.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 6**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 6: tick them off as you go.

5 6

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 30 in (76 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff it yet.	

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Teal half

Yarns in order of use: A, teal; B, cream.

Hold the two teal bumps side by side. The yarn is still on the second teal bump: carry it straight across to the first one and begin round 1 there, in the stitch after its last stitch; when all 24 of its stitches are worked, go on round the second teal bump, beginning in the stitch after the one the yarn came from. When round 2 is done, close the small gap between the two from the inside with the tail of the first teal bump.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the two teal bumps side by side.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	With right sides facing out, sc in each of the 24 sts of one teal bump, then sc in each of the 24 sts of the other teal bump	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 3**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 3: tick them off as you go.

2 3

☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 13**	With B, sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 13: tick them off as you go.

10 11 12 13

☐ **Rnds 14 to 17**	With A, sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 14 to 17: tick them off as you go.

14 15 16 17

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge: first each bump, as hard as a ball, then the rest.

Cream bump: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 6**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 6: tick them off as you go.

5 6

☐ **End**	Fasten off the first bump, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Do not fasten off the second: go on from it with the next piece. Do not stuff it yet.

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Cream half

Yarns in order of use: B, cream; A, teal.

Hold the two cream bumps side by side. The yarn is still on the second cream bump: carry it straight across to the first one and begin round 1 there, in the stitch after its last stitch; when all 24 of its stitches are worked, go on round the second cream bump, beginning in the stitch after the one the yarn came from. When round 2 is done, close the small gap between the two from the inside with the tail of the first cream bump.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the two cream bumps side by side.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	With right sides facing out, sc in each of the 24 sts of one cream bump, then sc in each of the 24 sts of the other cream bump	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 3**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 3: tick them off as you go.

2 3

☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
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☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 13**	With A, sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 13: tick them off as you go.

10 11 12 13

☐ **Rnds 14 to 17**	With B, sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 14 to 17: tick them off as you go.

14 15 16 17

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Bury it inside when the edge is sewn on. Stuff firmly up to the open edge: first each bump, as hard as a ball, then the rest.

Assembly

1. Lay the two halves end to end on the table, open edge to open edge, so that the two teal bumps lie side by side at one end and the two cream bumps lie side by side at the other. Set the open edge of the cream half (18 sts) on the open edge of the teal half (18 sts), stitch to stitch. With the tail of the teal half, sew the two edges together all the way round, through both loops of every stitch, adding stuffing before the last stitches until the middle of the bar is as firm as the rest. Then go round the same seam once more.

Finishing

- Weave every tail through the bone and trim it. Look the toy over before every game: when a stitch is broken or the stuffing shows, mend it or put the toy away. It is for playing together, not for chewing alone.

In all: 6 pieces; 1,392 stitches (108 in each teal bump, 480 in the teal half, 108 in each cream bump, 480 in the cream half).

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