Bright butterfly

US terms



Finished size
About 6¼ in (16 cm) wide, 1¾ in (4.4 cm) from front to back and 5 in (12.5 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Seven pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 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: charcoal, the body and the antennae	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: lilac, the outer rings of the wings	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sunny yellow, the middles of the wings	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: coral, the rings between and the tips of the antennae	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: rose, the mouth	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4). Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors, about 1 yd (1 m) of white yarn and two black plastic eyes with washers, 8 mm.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. 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 (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 stitches together)
MR	magic ring
RS	right side

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

20 sc and 22 rounds = 4 in (10 cm), worked 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.

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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.
- 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 inside.
- Center line: on a piece that others are sewn to, places are given by round and by stitches from a center line. It is half way round from where the rounds begin. Mark it with a pin or a scrap of yarn as listed here, run it straight from round 1 to the last round by eye, and count out from it: a whole number of stitches ends between two stitches, a half ends in the middle of one.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 12 and 13 of round 4 (24 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. 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.
- Eyes: for a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead of plastic ones: satin stitch dots of the same size in A (charcoal).
- 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: 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): about 4¾ in (12 cm) wide, 1¼ in (3.2 cm) from front to back and 3¾ in (9.5 cm) tall; eyes 6 mm; 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): about 9 in (23 cm) wide, 2½ in (6.3 cm) from front to back and 7¼ in (18.5 cm) tall; eyes 11 mm; 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): about 11¼ in (28.5 cm) wide, 3 1/8 in (7.9 cm) from front to back and 9 in (23 cm) tall; eyes 15 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.
- Every size is approximate and follows from your gauge and how firmly you stuff.

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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 and sc2tog is double crochet 2 stitches together.

Body

Yarn A, charcoal.

☐ **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 7**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 7: tick them off as you go.

☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7

Fix the eyes now (see Finishing). Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 11 to 14**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 14: tick them off as you go.

☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14

☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 16 to 19**	Sc in each st around	**(15 sc)**

A box for each round, 16 to 19: tick them off as you go.

☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19

☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 3 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.	

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Upper wing: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, sunny yellow; D, coral; B, lilac.

☐ **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**	With D, **[**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**	With B, **[**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)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 36 in (91 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Lower wing: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, sunny yellow; D, coral; B, lilac.

☐ **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**	With D, **[**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**	With B, **[**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)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 28 in (71 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Antenna: make 2

Yarns in order of use: D, coral; A, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	With A, **[**sc2tog**] 4 times**	**(4 sc)**

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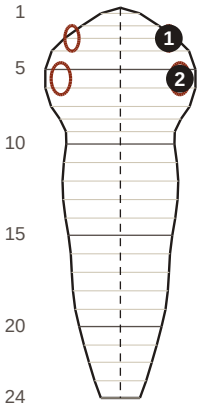
☐ **Rnds 5 to 9** Sc in each st around **(4 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 9: tick them off as you go.

5 6 7 8 9

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

Assembly



Body: 1 antennae, 2 eyes

Each line is a round, counted as the rounds are worked. The upright broken line is the center line. A place with a broken edge is on the far side.

1. In every step: 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 same yarn; where a seam has two, use the longer. Lay the two lower wings flat behind the body, right side to the front, one to each side: the middle of each is level with round 18 of the body and its inner edge lies about 2 stitches under the body. Sew them to the back of the body along the overlap.

2. Lay the two upper wings flat behind the body and behind the lower wings, right side to the front, one to each side: the middle of each is level with round 10 of the body and its inner edge lies about 2 stitches under the body. Sew them to the back of the body along the overlap, and catch each lower wing to the upper wing where its edge lies on it.

3. Pin the two antennae to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 3, one to each side, 3 stitches from the center line (6 stitches apart). The edge has 4 sts. They point up, then curve out to the side. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a stitch or two on its inner side. Sew all the way round with the tail.

Finishing

- Use one strand of yarn and the yarn needle for all the embroidery. Plastic eyes go in before a piece is closed or sewn on; embroider, and knot in any lengths, when the pieces round the place are sewn on.
- Eyes: two 8 mm black plastic eyes, on the body between rounds 5 and 6, one to each side, 3½ stitches from the center line (7 stitches apart). Round each eye, work a ring of small straight stitches in the white yarn.
- Mouth: with E (rose), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about ¼ in (6 mm) wide that dips 1/8 in (3 mm), the point midway between its ends on the body on round 7, on the center line.
- Weave every tail through the toy and trim it. For a toy 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: 7 pieces; 1,151 stitches (375 in the body, 216 in each upper wing, 126 in each lower wing, 46 in each antenna); 14 ends to weave in.

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