Butterfly applique

US terms



Finished size
About 5½ in (14 cm) wide and about 5 in (13 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 5 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: apricot, round 1 of the upper wings and round 1 of the lower wings	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: violet, round 2 of the upper wings and round 2 of the lower wings	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: lilac, round 3 of the upper wings and round 3 of the lower wings	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: charcoal, the body	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 20 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

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 and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

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.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 1 the upper wing measures about 1¼ in (3 cm) across.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.

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- A chain that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in, or the new color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- The point of an upper wing is its ch-1 space.
- The finished size takes in the antennae.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3¾ in (10 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 4¼ in (11 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 7 in (18 cm).

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **dc in each of next 2 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 2 times: work what is inside 2 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(12 dc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Upper wing: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, apricot; B, violet; C, lilac.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (12 dc)
	Fasten off A.
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in any st, ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, (2 tr, ch 1, 2 tr) in next st, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sl st in first hdc to join (4 hdc, 8 dc, 4 tr, 1 ch-1 sp, 8 sc)
	Fasten off B.
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, 3 sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, sc in next 8 sts, sl st in first sc to join (31 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.

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Lower wing: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, apricot; B, violet; C, lilac.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** Fasten off A.	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first hdc to join	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2** Fasten off B.	Join B with sl st in any st, ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(16 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join C with sl st in any st, ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Body

Yarn D, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 13.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 10 chs, 4 hdc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 11 chs	(22 sc, 4 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Lay the two lower wings side by side, right sides up, overlapping ¼ in (0.6 cm) where they meet. Lay the two upper wings above them, right sides up, their edges meeting above the place where the lower wings meet, the point of each up and out toward its corner and its lower edge over the lower wing by 5/8 in (1.6 cm). Sew the wings together where they meet or overlap.
- Lay the body over the line where the wings meet, its rounded end (4 hdc) at the top, ½ in (1.3 cm) below the tops of the upper wings, and sew it down all round with its tail.
- For the antennae, join D with sl st in one of the two middle hdc at the top of the body, ch 9 and fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail; make the second in the other middle hdc. Curl the end of each outward into a small loop and hold it with a stitch of its tail.
- To sew the butterfly to your project, pin it where it is to go and sew round the edges of the wings with a length of C and round the body with a length of D, under the outermost strands of the stitches.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 5 pieces; 256 stitches (67 in each upper wing, 48 in each lower wing, 26 in the body).

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