Chick hatching from an egg

US terms



Finished size
The closed egg about 4¾ in (12 cm) tall and 3 1/8 in (7.9 cm) across, the chick about 4 in (10 cm) tall without the tuft

Skill
Easy
Five 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.

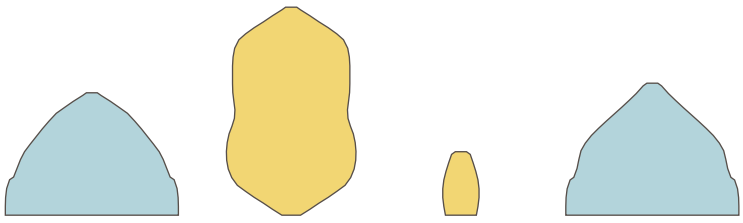
You will need

Yarn A: pale blue, lower shell and upper shell	**about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the details	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: butter, chick, wing and the details	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: apricot, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: dark brown, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: rose, the details	**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, scissors and two black plastic eyes with washers, 10 mm.

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.

The pieces



Lower shell **Chick** **Wing x 2** to the chick **Upper shell**

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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 crochet 2 stitches together)
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

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.
- Slip stitch: put the hook in the stitch, yarn over, and pull it through the stitch and through the loop on the hook (United Kingdom: slip stitch too).
- Zigzag: the last four rounds of each shell are all alike. In each repeat the two increases stand at the two ends and the two decreases in the middle, so that four stitches worked into two stitches side by side make a point where two repeats meet, and the decreases make a valley. Point comes over point and valley over valley. Pat the points flat with your fingers when the shell is done.
- 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.
- Center line: places on a piece 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 along the round, in stitches and half stitches.
- Chick: the center line runs between stitches 21 and 22 of round 17 (42 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. 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.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in E (dark brown).
- 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.

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- Small: fine (2, sport) yarn, 2.25 mm (B-1) hook, 27 sc and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): the closed egg about 3½ in (8.9 cm) tall and 2 3/8 in (6 cm) across, the chick about 3 in (7.6 cm) tall without the tuft; eyes 7 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): the closed egg about 6¾ in (17 cm) tall and 4½ in (11.5 cm) across, the chick about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) tall without the tuft; eyes 14 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): the closed egg about 8½ in (21.5 cm) tall and 5¾ in (14.5 cm) across, the chick about 7¼ in (18.5 cm) tall without the tuft; eyes 18 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 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.

Lower shell

Yarn A, pale blue.

☐ **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 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 4 times**	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 4 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 4 times**	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 4 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 11 to 12**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 12: tick them off as you go.

☐ 11 ☐ 12

☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 8 times**	**(56 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc2tog 2 times, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 7 times**	**(56 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 15 to 17**	Repeat rnd 14. (56 sc)	

A box for each round, 15 to 17: tick them off as you go.

☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17

☐ **End** Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off and weave in the end. Do not stuff.

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Chick

Yarn C, butter.

☐ **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 17 sts**] 2 times**	**(38 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 13**	Sc in each st around	**(38 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 13: tick them off as you go.

☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13

☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 17 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	**(38 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(42 sc)**

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 21 and 22 of round 17. It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.

☐ **Rnds 18 to 21**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**

A box for each round, 18 to 21: tick them off as you go.

☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21

☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts**] 4 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Fix the eyes now: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the chick on round 20, one to each side, 4½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart). Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**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.	

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Wing: make 2

Yarn C, butter.

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☐ **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 next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 7**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

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

☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7

☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 5 stitches.	

Upper shell

Yarn A, pale blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 5 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 5 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 5 times**	**(35 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 4 times**	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 4 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 11 to 13**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 13: tick them off as you go.

☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13

☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 8 times**	**(56 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc2tog 2 times, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 7 times**	**(56 sc)**

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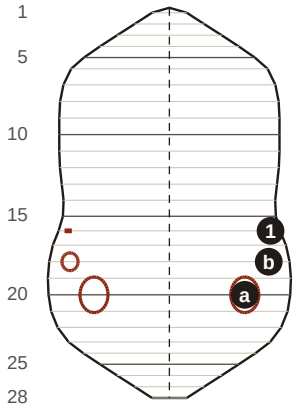
☐ **Rnds 16 to 18** Repeat rnd 15. (56 sc)

A box for each round, 16 to 18: tick them off as you go.

16 17 18

☐ **End** Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off and weave in the end. Do not stuff.

Assembly



Chick: 1 wings, a eyes, b cheeks

A number is the step below that puts it on; a letter is put on under Finishing. 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. Pin the two wings to the chick: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 16, one to each side, 9 stitches from the center line (18 stitches apart). The flat edge runs along the round, half of it on each side of that place. They point out to the side and forward, then curve until the tip of each points down. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a stitch or two on its inner side. Sew through both layers of the 5-stitch edge with the tail.

2. The shells are not sewn to anything. Set the chick in the lower shell so that it sits on the bottom, its center line to the front and the tips of its wings over the edge, outside the shell. Lay the upper shell on its side beside it. To close the egg, tuck the wings down inside the lower shell, set the upper shell on top and bring its points into the valleys of the lower shell; pull the two edges a little into one another so that they hold.

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Finishing

- Put in the plastic eyes when the words of a piece say so, or embroider eyes in the same places with the other details. Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on; begin and end each strand inside the toy. Knot in the lengths of yarn at the same time. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled. Backstitch is a line of short stitches end to end: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and repeat.
- Beak: with D (apricot), in satin stitch, a diamond about 9/16 in (14 mm) wide and 7/16 in (11 mm) tall, its four points at the left, the right, the top and the bottom, its middle on the chick on round 18, on the center line. Work the stitches from side to side, close together, and work them twice, the second layer over the first.
- Beak line: with E (dark brown), in backstitch, across the diamond from its left point to its right point, about 1/16 in (2 mm) lower in the middle than at the two points.
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the chick on round 20, one to each side, 4½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with F (rose), in satin stitch, an oval about 5/16 in (8 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the chick on round 18, one to each side, 6½ stitches from the center line (13 stitches apart).
- Tuft: cut 18 lengths of C (butter), each 3¾ in (9.5 cm) long. At each place, use the needle to draw three lengths under the stitch, from side to side, until 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) of each hangs out on one side. Tie the two sides together in a firm knot close to the fabric, pull the ends of the other side inside the toy and trim the ends left outside to ½ in (1.3 cm). They point up. Where a piece covers a place, use the nearest free stitch. The places on the chick, counting stitches from the center line (stitch 1 is the one beside it): round 28: stitches 1, 2 and 3 right and stitches 1, 2 and 3 left.
- Dots: with B (cream), in satin stitch, round dots about 3/16 in (5 mm) across on the outside of the two shells, 18 on the lower shell and 27 on the upper shell, the middle of each on a stitch given here. Count the stitches of a round from its first stitch. On the lower shell: round 4 (24 sts), on stitches 3, 9, 15 and 21; round 7 (36 sts), on stitches 6, 12, 18, 24, 30 and 36; round 10 (48 sts), on stitches 3, 9, 15, 21, 27, 33, 39 and 45. On the upper shell: round 4 (20 sts), on stitches 3, 8, 13 and 18; round 7 (35 sts), on stitches 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35; round 10 (48 sts), on stitches 3, 9, 15, 21, 27, 33, 39 and 45; round 13 (48 sts), on stitches 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 42 and 48. Weave the ends in flat on the inside.
- 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: 5 pieces; 2,401 stitches (664 in the lower shell, 876 in the chick, 82 in each wing, 697 in the upper shell).

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