Christmas mouse in a stocking C2C graph

US terms



Finished size
About 27¾ × 37½ in (70 × 95 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
7 yarns; up to 16 color changes in one row; 23 lone blocks. 77 balls to wind, 154 ends to weave in.

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Also
Yarn needle, bobbins or small balls, one for each stretch of color: 77 in all, scissors and tape measure

What you need

Medium (4) yarn, 7 colors: about 615 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

A: tan, background, worked from 4 lengths: about 350 yd (321 m), 250 yd (229 m), 40 yd (37 m) and 1 yd (1 m), those over 150 yd straight from the skein	**about 600 yd (549 m), an estimate**
B: red, cross on the graph, wind 2 small balls: about 125 yd (115 m) and 25 yd (23 m)	**about 140 yd (128 m), an estimate**
C: white, dot on the graph, wind 7 small balls: most about 40 yd (37 m) or less, the longest 50 yd (46 m)	**about 140 yd (128 m), an estimate**
D: brown, slash on the graph, wind 45 small balls: most about 6 yd (6 m) or less, the longest 20 yd (19 m)	**about 155 yd (142 m), an estimate**
E: gray, ring on the graph, wind 11 small balls: most about 12 yd (11 m) or less, the longest 50 yd (46 m)	**about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**
F: pink, triangle on the graph, wind 5 small balls: about 25 yd (23 m) or less each	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
G: light gray, bar on the graph, wind 3 small balls: about 8 yd (8 m), 8 yd (8 m) and 2 yd (2 m)	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Before you start

- Row 1 is one block: dc in the 4th ch from the hook and in each of the next 2 chs. The 3 chains skipped stand at the side of the block and make its ch-3 sp.
- An increase row has one block more than the row before. It begins with a new block: ch 6, turn, dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in next 2 chs. It ends with a block in the last ch-3 sp.

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- A decrease row has one block fewer than the row before. It begins with no new block: turn, sl st in each of the 3 dc of the last block made. It ends with a sl st in the last ch-3 sp.
- An even row has as many blocks as the row before: one edge of the graph is finished and the other still grows. Its label says how it begins. An even row that begins with a new block begins as an increase row does and ends with a sl st in the last ch-3 sp. An even row that begins with slip stitches begins as a decrease row does and ends with a block in the last ch-3 sp.
- Where a row begins with slip stitches, as every decrease row does, its first block is (sl st, ch 3, 3 dc) in the ch-3 sp of the block just slipped across.
- Every other block of a row is (sl st, ch 3, 3 dc) in the ch-3 sp of the next block of the row before.

Gauge

About 5.3 blocks to 4 in (10 cm) each way in corner-to-corner blocks of ch 3 and 3 double crochet.

Use the hook that gives you this.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 6.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Work the first 8 rows of the pattern in one yarn: a triangle with 8 blocks along each straight edge, about 6 in (15 cm). Count the blocks in 4 in (10 cm) along the middle of a straight edge.

Swatch foundation	With A, ch 6.	
Swatch row 1 (RS, increase)	1 A	(1 block)
Swatch row 2 (WS, increase)	2 A	(2 blocks)
Swatch row 3 (RS, increase)	3 A	(3 blocks)
Swatch row 4 (WS, increase)	4 A	(4 blocks)
Swatch row 5 (RS, increase)	5 A	(5 blocks)
Swatch row 6 (WS, increase)	6 A	(6 blocks)
Swatch row 7 (RS, increase)	7 A	(7 blocks)
Swatch row 8 (WS, increase)	8 A	(8 blocks)

The same graph in other yarn weights

Light (3): 6.2 blocks to 4 in (10 cm), hook 4.5 to 5.5 mm, about 24 × 32½ in (61 × 83 cm).

Bulky (5): 4.1 blocks to 4 in (10 cm), hook 6.5 to 9 mm, about 36 × 48½ in (91 × 123 cm).

No yarn amount has been worked out for these weights.

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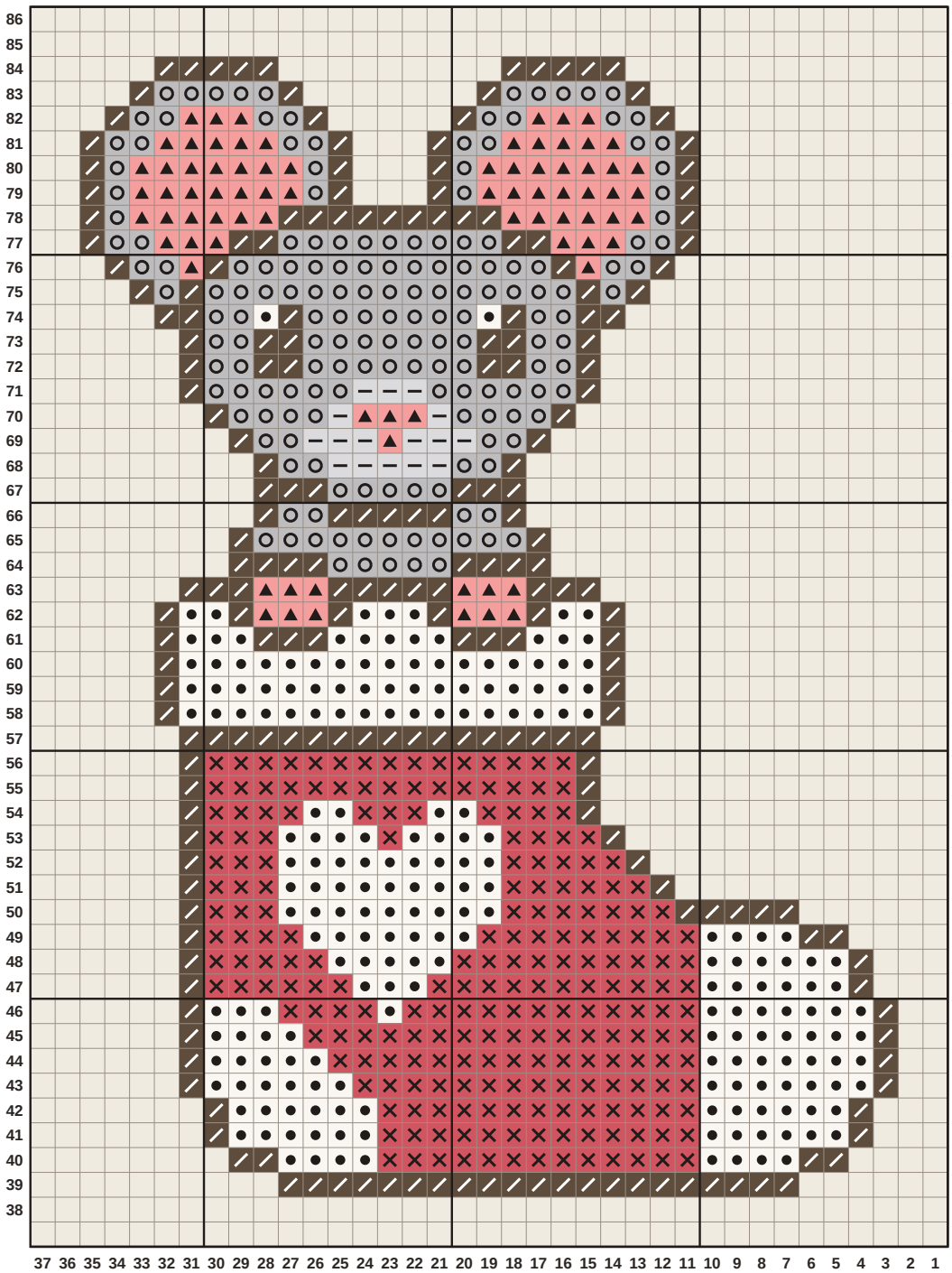
Graph

37 squares wide and 50 tall. One square is 1 block of ch 3 and 3 double crochet, worked on the diagonal. Row 1 is the square in the bottom right corner, and each row after it is the next diagonal of the graph, as far as the top left corner. A row's number stands at its lower end: along the bottom edge, then up the left edge. Right-side rows are read down the diagonal to that end, wrong-side rows back up from it.

- A tan, no symbol, 930 squares
- B red, cross, 221 squares
- C white, dot, 220 squares
- D brown, slash, 214 squares
- E gray, ring, 169 squares
- F pink, triangle, 80 squares
- G light gray, bar, 16 squares



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Instructions

US terms.

Each square is a **block**: ch 3 and 3 dc (UK tr). It is worked on the diagonal.
2 A: two blocks in yarn A. *: from a new ball. #: cut it after.
Odd rows go down the diagonal, even rows up.
New color: in the **last pull before it**.
(3 blocks): the row now has 3. **How to read a graph**
Also: ch chain stitch, dc double crochet, sl st slip stitch, sp space.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

☐ **Start**	With A, ch 6. Row 1 is one block, worked into these chains.	

Increase rows

☐ **Row 1**	1 A*	(1 block)
☐ **Row 2**	2 A	(2 blocks)
☐ **Row 3**	3 A	(3 blocks)
☐ **Row 4**	4 A	(4 blocks)
☐ **Row 5**	5 A	(5 blocks)
☐ **Row 6**	6 A	(6 blocks)

> **Stop and measure now, after row 6.** One straight edge of the triangle, from the first block to the end of the row: about 4½ in (11 cm). If it is longer, the whole picture will be larger: start again with a smaller hook, or keep going and expect a larger piece. If it is shorter, a larger hook.

☐ **Row 7**	7 A	(7 blocks)
☐ **Row 8**	3 A, 2 D*, 3 A*	(8 blocks)
☐ **Row 9**	2 A, 2 D, 1 C*, 2 D*, 2 A	(9 blocks)
☐ **Row 10**	2 A, 1 D, 4 C, 1 D, 2 A	(10 blocks)
☐ **Row 11**	2 A, 1 D, 5 C, 1 D, 2 A	(11 blocks)
☐ **Row 12**	2 A, 1 D, 6 C, 1 D#, 2 A	(12 blocks)
☐ **Row 13**	3 A, 7 C, 1 D, 2 A	(13 blocks)
☐ **Row 14**	2 A, 1 D, 1 B*, 6 C, 1 D*, 3 A	(14 blocks)
☐ **Row 15**	3 A, 1 D#, 6 C, 2 B, 1 D, 2 A	(15 blocks)
☐ **Row 16**	2 A, 1 D, 3 B, 6 C, 4 A	(16 blocks)
☐ **Row 17**	4 A, 1 D*, 5 C, 4 B, 1 D, 2 A	(17 blocks)
☐ **Row 18**	2 A, 1 D, 5 B, 4 C, 1 D#, 5 A	(18 blocks)
☐ **Row 19**	6 A, 4 C, 6 B, 1 D, 2 A	(19 blocks)
☐ **Row 20**	2 A, 1 D, 7 B, 3 C, 1 D*, 6 A	(20 blocks)
☐ **Row 21**	7 A, 1 D, 2 C, 8 B, 1 D, 2 A	(21 blocks)
☐ **Row 22**	2 A, 1 D, 9 B, 1 C#, 1 D, 8 A	(22 blocks)

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☐ **Row 23**	9 A, 1 D, 10 B, 1 D, 2 A	(23 blocks)
☐ **Row 24**	2 A, 1 D, 10 B, 1 D#, 10 A	(24 blocks)
☐ **Row 25**	11 A, 11 B, 1 D, 2 A	(25 blocks)
☐ **Row 26**	2 A, 1 D, 11 B, 1 D*#, 11 A	(26 blocks)
☐ **Row 27**	12 A, 11 B, 1 C*, 1 D, 2 A	(27 blocks)
☐ **Row 28**	2 A, 1 D, 2 C, 10 B, 1 D*#, 12 A	(28 blocks)
☐ **Row 29**	13 A, 10 B, 3 C, 1 D#, 2 A	(29 blocks)
☐ **Row 30**	3 A, 3 C, 10 B, 1 D*#, 13 A	(30 blocks)
☐ **Row 31**	14 A, 10 B, 3 C, 1 D*, 3 A	(31 blocks)
☐ **Row 32**	3 A, 1 D#, 3 C, 2 B, 5 C*, 3 B*, 1 D*, 14 A	(32 blocks)
☐ **Row 33**	14 A, 1 D, 3 B, 5 C, 2 B, 4 C, 4 A	(33 blocks)
☐ **Row 34**	4 A, 1 D*, 3 C, 2 B, 6 C, 3 B, 1 D, 14 A	(34 blocks)
☐ **Row 35**	13 A, 2 D, 3 B, 6 C, 2 B, 3 C, 1 D#, 5 A	(35 blocks)
☐ **Row 36**	6 A, 3 C, 2 B, 6 C, 3 B, 1 D, 1 C*, 1 D*, 13 A	(36 blocks)
☐ **Row 37**	13 A, 1 D, 2 C, 1 D, 2 B, 6 C, 2 B, 3 C, 1 D*, 6 A	(37 blocks)

Even rows

☐ **Row 38**	*Slip stitches.* 6 A, 1 D, 2 C, 2 B, 6 C#, 2 B, 1 D, 3 C, 1 D, 13 A	(37 blocks)
☐ **Row 39**	*New block.* 13 A, 1 D#, 4 C, 1 D, 4 B, 3 C*, 3 B, 1 C#, 1 D, 6 A	(37 blocks)
☐ **Row 40**	*Slip stitches.* 6 A, 1 D, 3 B, 4 C, 3 B, 1 D, 5 C, 14 A	(37 blocks)
☐ **Row 41**	*New block.* 14 A, 1 D*, 5 C, 1 D, 3 B, 3 C, 3 B, 1 D, 6 A	(37 blocks)
☐ **Row 42**	*Slip stitches.* 6 A, 1 D, 3 B, 3 C, 2 B, 1 D, 3 C, 3 D, 15 A	(37 blocks)
☐ **Row 43**	*New block.* 16 A, 1 D, 1 F*, 1 D*, 3 C, 1 D, 2 B#, 2 C#, 3 B, 1 D, 6 A	(37 blocks)
☐ **Row 44**	*Slip stitches.* 6 A, 1 D, 6 B, 1 D, 3 C, 1 D#, 2 F, 1 D, 16 A	(37 blocks)
☐ **Row 45**	*New block.* 16 A, 2 D, 2 F, 4 C, 1 D, 5 B, 1 D, 6 A	(37 blocks)
☐ **Row 46**	*Slip stitches.* 6 A, 1 D, 4 B, 1 D, 4 C, 1 D*, 1 F#, 1 D#, 1 E*, 17 A	(37 blocks)
☐ **Row 47**	*New block.* 17 A, 1 D*, 1 E, 2 D, 5 C, 1 D, 3 B, 1 D, 6 A	(37 blocks)
☐ **Row 48**	*Slip stitches.* 6 A, 1 D, 2 B, 1 D, 5 C, 1 D, 3 E, 1 D#, 17 A	(37 blocks)
☐ **Row 49**	*New block.* 14 A, 5 D*, 3 E, 1 D, 5 C, 1 D#, 1 B#, 1 D, 6 A	(37 blocks)
☐ **Row 50**	*Slip stitches.* 6 A, 2 D, 3 C, 3 D, 2 E, 2 D, 4 E*, 1 D*#, 14 A	(37 blocks)

Decrease rows

☐ **Row 51**	9 A, 5 D*, 6 E, 1 D, 2 E, 1 D#, 1 F*, 1 D*, 3 C, 1 D#, 6 A	(36 blocks)
☐ **Row 52**	6 A, 3 C, 1 D#, 2 F, 2 E, 1 D, 1 E, 2 G*, 4 E*, 1 D, 3 E*, 1 D*, 8 A	(35 blocks)
☐ **Row 53**	7 A, 1 D, 3 E#, 1 D#, 2 E, 1 D*, 2 E*, 2 G, 1 E, 1 D, 1 E, 1 D*, 2 F, 3 C, 1 D*, 5 A	(34 blocks)

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☐ **Row 54**	5 A, 1 D, 2 C, 1 D*, 1 F#, 1 D#, 1 E, 1 D#, 1 E#, 3 G#, 1 E, 2 D, 2 E, 3 F*, 1 E*, 1 D, 6 A	(33 blocks)
☐ **Row 55**	5 A, 1 D#, 1 E, 3 F, 1 D*#, 1 E, 2 D#, 2 E, 2 F*, 1 G*, 3 E, 2 D, 2 C, 1 D, 5 A	(32 blocks)
☐ **Row 56**	5 A, 1 D, 1 C#, 2 D#, 2 E#, 1 D*, 2 G, 1 F, 1 G*, 2 E#, 1 C*#, 2 E, 4 F, 1 E, 5 A	(31 blocks)
☐ **Row 57**	4 A, 1 D*#, 1 E, 3 F, 1 D*, 5 E, 1 G#, 1 F#, 1 G, 1 E*, 3 D, 1 A*#, 2 D#, 5 A	(30 blocks)
☐ **Row 58**	9 A, 1 D, 1 E#, 3 G#, 5 E, 1 D#, 4 F, 1 E, 4 A	(29 blocks)
☐ **Row 59**	3 A, 1 D*#, 1 E, 4 F, 9 E, 1 D#, 9 A	(28 blocks)
☐ **Row 60**	9 A, 9 E, 1 D*, 4 F, 1 E, 3 A	(27 blocks)
☐ **Row 61**	2 A, 1 D*, 1 E, 4 F, 1 D, 8 E, 1 D*#, 8 A	(26 blocks)
☐ **Row 62**	8 A, 2 E, 1 D*, 5 E*, 1 D, 1 E*#, 3 F#, 1 E, 1 D, 2 A	(25 blocks)
☐ **Row 63**	2 A, 1 D, 4 E, 2 D, 4 E, 2 D, 1 E, 1 D*#, 7 A	(24 blocks)
☐ **Row 64**	7 A, 2 E, 2 D#, 3 E, 1 D, 1 A*, 1 D*#, 3 E#, 1 D, 2 A	(23 blocks)
☐ **Row 65**	2 A#, 4 D#, 2 A, 1 D, 3 E#, 1 C*#, 2 E, 1 D*, 6 A	(22 blocks)
☐ **Row 66**	6 A, 1 D, 5 E, 1 D, 8 A	(21 blocks)
☐ **Row 67**	7 A, 2 D, 4 E, 1 D, 6 A	(20 blocks)
☐ **Row 68**	6 A, 1 D, 2 E#, 2 D#, 1 E*, 1 D*, 6 A	(19 blocks)
☐ **Row 69**	5 A, 1 D#, 1 E, 2 F*, 4 D#, 5 A	(18 blocks)
☐ **Row 70**	5 A, 1 E*, 5 F, 1 E, 5 A	(17 blocks)
☐ **Row 71**	4 A, 1 D*#, 1 E, 4 F, 1 E, 1 D*#, 4 A	(16 blocks)
☐ **Row 72**	4 A, 1 E, 5 F, 1 E, 4 A	(15 blocks)
☐ **Row 73**	3 A, 1 D*#, 1 E, 4 F, 1 E, 1 D*#, 3 A	(14 blocks)
☐ **Row 74**	3 A, 1 E, 5 F, 1 E, 3 A	(13 blocks)
☐ **Row 75**	2 A, 1 D*, 1 E, 4 F, 1 E, 1 D*, 2 A	(12 blocks)
☐ **Row 76**	2 A, 1 D, 1 E#, 3 F#, 1 E, 1 D, 2 A	(11 blocks)
☐ **Row 77**	2 A, 1 D, 4 E, 1 D, 2 A	(10 blocks)
☐ **Row 78**	2 A, 1 D#, 3 E#, 1 D, 2 A	(9 blocks)
☐ **Row 79**	2 A#, 4 D#, 2 A	(8 blocks)
☐ **Row 80**	7 A	(7 blocks)
☐ **Row 81**	6 A	(6 blocks)
☐ **Row 82**	5 A	(5 blocks)
☐ **Row 83**	4 A	(4 blocks)
☐ **Row 84**	3 A	(3 blocks)
☐ **Row 85**	2 A	(2 blocks)

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☐ **Row 86**	1 A#	(1 block)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Weave in every end along blocks of its own color.
- This pattern has no border: the size, the yarn amounts and the ends counted are for the blocks alone.

In all: 86 rows; 1,850 blocks; 470 color changes, at most 16 in a row; 77 small balls; 154 ends to weave in.

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. To measure your own: work the swatch and measure it, mark the yarn where the swatch begins and ends, pull the swatch out and measure the yarn it took; divide by the area of the swatch and multiply by the area of the piece.

Notes

- Row 1 is the block in the bottom right corner of the graph. Rows run on the diagonal to the top left corner. Odd rows are read from the right edge, later the top edge, down to the bottom edge, later the left edge; even rows are read back up. Each row's label names its two edges.
- The picture reads the right way round on one face of the piece. If yours is mirrored, turn it over.
- Find that face after row 2. Lay the three blocks down with the first block at the bottom right and the other two to its left and above it; turn the piece over and lay it the same way to see the other face. On the face you want, the block you worked first in row 2, the one begun with ch 6, is the one to the left of the first block. That face is your right side for the whole piece.
- Right-handed: expect it to be the face toward you in row 1 and in every odd row, as the row labels say.
- Each square of the graph is one block: ch 3 and 3 double crochet. Rows are counted in blocks. The colors of every row are written in the order you work them: "3 A" is 3 blocks in yarn A.
- Turn after every row. A row's label says how it is worked: increase, decrease or even.
- To change color, work the last yarn-over of the last dc of the block before in the new color, and make the next slip stitch with the new color.
- Nothing is carried from row to row. Each stretch of color has a small ball or bobbin of its own: 77 in all. Drop a yarn on the wrong side where its color ends and pick it up again on the next row.
- A star (*) after a run: begin that run with a new ball, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm). A run with no star goes on with the ball of its color left hanging from the row below; where that ball hangs a block or two away, lay the yarn along the row and work over it. If more than one ball of that color hangs within reach, take the nearest.
- A hash (#) after a run: its ball is not used again. When the run is worked, cut the yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm). A run with both marks (*#) is worked from a new ball that is cut when the run is done.
- At most 17 balls hang from the work at one time: the row with the most color changes has 16.
- This picture has 23 lone blocks: a block with no block of its own color to its left, to its right, above it or below it. 14 of them are alone in their diagonal row as well, and each of those is worked from a small ball of its own; the other 9 lie next to a block of their own color in their diagonal row and are worked from the ball of that run.
- Close shades: E and G are both gray; C and G, A and G, A and C, A and E are close in shade. Choose yarns you can tell apart in your own light.
- Left-handed. Work the same rows exactly as they are written. Expect your right side to be the face toward you in row 2 and in every even row: read RS as WS and WS as RS throughout, and drop yarns and weave in ends on the face toward you in the odd rows.

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