# Classic hair bow

Standard · US terms



Finished size
**About 8 in (20 cm) wide and 4 in (10 cm) tall before it is gathered**

Skill
**Beginner**
One stitch to each piece: half double crochet and single crochet

Yarn
**Medium (4)**

Hook
**5 mm (US H-8)**

Gauge
**14 stitches and 12 rows to 4 in (10 cm)**
In half double crochet.

## You will need

Yarn: red, medium (4) **about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure and a hair clip, a hair elastic or a brooch pin, or a ribbon to tie it on with.

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 15 percent added.

## Sizes

| Size | Finished size, about | Yarn, an estimate |
|---|---|---|
| **Standard (this file)** | **8 in (20 cm) wide, 4 in (10 cm) tall** | **about 35 yd (32 m)** |
| **Small** | 6 in (15 cm) wide, 8 in (7.3 cm) tall | about 20 yd (18 m) |

## Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

**ch** chain stitch
**sc** single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
**hdc** half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
**RS** right side
**st** stitch


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## Gauge

**14 stitches and 12 rows to 4 in (10 cm)** in half double crochet.

**Check your gauge on the piece.** Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. Check it on the bow itself, laid flat and not stretched, when 12 rows are done: the 14 stitches of a row are about 4 in (10 cm) wide, and the 12 rows are about 4 in (10 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

## Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under both loops of a stitch on one edge and under both loops of the stitch that lies against it on the other edge, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On a foundation chain edge, pass the needle under the lower strands of each chain that holds a stitch of row 1.

## Instructions

Chosen: Standard. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet and hdc is half treble.

### Bow

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Ch 15. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | **(14 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rows 2 to 24** | Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across | **(14 hdc)** |

A box for each row, 2 to 24: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24

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| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm). | |

### Middle

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|---|---|---|
| ☐ **Foundation** | Ch 5. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | **(4 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rows 2 to 12** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(4 sc)** |

A box for each row, 2 to 12: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12

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| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 22 in (56 cm) to sew with. | |

### Assembly

**1.** Weave in both ends of the bow now, and the beginning tail of the middle.

**2.** Cut a length of yarn about 26 in (66 cm). With the yarn needle, take it across the bow from one long edge to the other, along the line between rows 12 and 13, over one stitch and under the next. Pull both its ends until the line is gathered as small as it will go, wind each end tightly round the gathers 2 times, and knot the two ends at the back.


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**3.** Lay the middle round the gathers with the long way of it going round, so that its two short ends meet at the back. With the long tail of the middle, whip stitch its last row to its foundation chain: 4 stitches. Then pass the needle through the back of the gathers 3 or 4 times, so that the middle cannot turn.

**4.** With what is left of the same tail, sew the clip, elastic, pin or ribbon to the back of the middle: 6 to 8 stitches. Fasten off and weave in the end, and the ends of the knot.

## Finishing

- All the ends are woven in as you put it together.

In all: 2 pieces; 384 stitches (336 in the bow, 48 in the middle); 4 ends to weave in.

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