Cloud applique

US terms



Finished size
About 4½ in (11 cm) wide and about 2¾ in (7 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

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

You will need

Yarn A: cloud white, the whole cloud **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: black, the face stitched on **about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**
Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). 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. Yarn A: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn B: 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.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
sk	skip
st	stitch
rnd	round

Gauge

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

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

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Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- 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.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- 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.
- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.6 cm, and half that round a small curve, unless the line names another) along the line. Put it down at the start of the line and bring it up again one stitch length ahead of where it last came up; keep going down at the end of the stitch before and up one length ahead.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3 in (8 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3½ in (9 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 5¾ in (15 cm).

Instructions

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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

Yarn A, cloud white.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 10.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 7 chs, 4 hdc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next 7 chs, 3 hdc in next ch, sl st in first hdc to join	**(22 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 4 sts, hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 3 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(30 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sl st in same st, sk next st, 7 dc in next st, sk next st, sl st in next st, sk next st, 9 tr in next st, sk next st, sl st in next st, sk next st, 7 dc in next st, sk next st, sl st in next st, sk next st, 6 dc in next st, sk next st, sl st in next st, sc in next 9 sts, sl st in next st, sk next st, 6 dc in next st, sk next st, sl st in first sl st to join	**(26 dc, 9 tr, 9 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 35 in (89 cm) tail, for sewing the whole applique to your project.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the cloud to shape on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.
- Hold the cloud with the 9 sc, its flat edge, at the bottom. The middle of the cloud is half way between that edge and the top of the tallest puff (9 tr), straight below the middle of that puff.
- With B, work two closed eyes in backstitch, side by side, their ends level with the middle of the cloud: each a curve ½ in (1.3 cm) wide that dips ¼ in (0.6 cm) in its middle, like a U, the inner ends of the two ¾ in (1.9 cm) apart.
- With B, work the mouth in the same way, midway between the eyes: a curve 3/8 in (1 cm) wide that dips 1/8 in (0.3 cm), its ends 3/8 in (1 cm) below the middle of the cloud.
- To sew the applique to your project, pin it where it is to go and sew round its edge with the long tail, under the outermost strands of the stitches.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 3 rounds; 96 stitches; 4 ends to weave in.

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