Corn on the cob

US terms



Finished size

About 10¼ in (26 cm) tall with its stalk and silk and 6 in (15 cm) wide over the tips of the leaves, the ear alone 7¾ in (20 cm) tall

Skill

Intermediate

Worked in rows and rounds, with 6 pieces, color changes and 3 special stitches.

Yarn

Medium (4), 5 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: golden yellow, rows 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 13 to 15 of the front and the back	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: butter yellow, rows 3, 4, 7, 8, 11 and 12 of the front	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, some of the pieces	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: leaf green, round 2 of the husk leaves, round 2 of the small husk leaf and the stalk	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: light green, round 1 of the husk leaves and round 1 of the small husk leaf	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 70 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, toy stuffing, pins 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. Yarns A, B, D and E: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn C: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Gauge

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

The front, 15 rows, is about 4 in (10 cm) wide and 7¾ in (20 cm) long before it is filled.

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.

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Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- 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.
- 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 ear is worked sideways, in rows that run from one end of it to the other, so that every row of bobbles is one upright line of kernels. Hold the front or the back with Row 1 facing you and its foundation chain at the bottom: the right-hand end is the base of the ear and the left-hand end is its tip. Every row uses every stitch of the row before. The first stitch of a row is worked in the first st, the one the last row ended with, and the last stitch in the last st.
- The right side of the front and of the back is the side that faces you in Row 1 and in every odd row. The odd rows run from the base to the tip, the even rows from the tip to the base. Bobbles are worked in the even rows, with the wrong side toward you: push each one through with a finger so that it stands out on the right side.
- In Row 2 of the front, (sc, bobble, sc) means a sc, a bobble and a sc, all three in the same st; in Rows 4 and 6, (sc, bobble) means a sc and a bobble in the same st.
- A husk leaf and a small husk leaf are worked round their chain. The end where the round begins and is joined is the base; the 3 sc in one chain are at the tip. The last sc of Rnd 1 goes in the same chain as its first sc. The right side is the side that faces you. Rnd 2 ends with a sc in the last sc of Rnd 1; the joining slip stitch is made in the first sc of Rnd 2.
- Either side of the stalk may be its right side.

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), **rem** remaining, **st** stitch, **rnd** round, **sp** space.

2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 19 sts**: one in each.

[ ] 9 times: work what is inside 9 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(19 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

bobble: [yarn over, insert the hook in the place named, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] 5 times, all in the same place (6 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 6 loops.

sc2tog (UK dc2tog): [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

sc3tog (UK dc3tog): [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] 3 times (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops.

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Front

Yarns in order of use: A, golden yellow; B, butter yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 20.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(19 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, (sc, bobble, sc) in next st, **[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 9 times** (11 sc, 10 bobbles) Fasten off A.	
☐ **Row 3**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st (24 sc)	
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, (sc, bobble) in next st, **[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 11 times**, sc in next st (13 sc, 12 bobbles) Fasten off B.	
☐ **Row 5**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 23 sts, 2 sc in next st	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, (sc, bobble) in next st, **[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 12 times**, sc in next st (14 sc, 13 bobbles) Fasten off A.	
☐ **Row 7**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 26 sts	(27 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, **[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 13 times** Fasten off B.	(14 sc, 13 bobbles)
☐ **Row 9**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 26 sts	(27 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, **[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 13 times** Fasten off A.	(14 sc, 13 bobbles)
☐ **Row 11**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 24 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts (25 sc, 1 sc2tog)	
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, **[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 12 times** (1 sc2tog, 12 bobbles, 12 sc) Fasten off B.	
☐ **Row 13**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 22 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts (23 sc, 1 sc2tog)	
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, **[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 9 times**, bobble in next st, sc3tog in next 3 sts	(1 sc2tog, 10 bobbles, 9 sc, 1 sc3tog)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 18 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts	(18 sc, 1 sc3tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

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Back

Yarn A, golden yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 20.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(19 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts	(21 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st	(24 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 23 sts	(25 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 24 sts, 2 sc in next st	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 25 sts	(27 sc)
☐ **Rows 7 to 10** 7 8 9 10	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(27 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 25 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(25 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 24 sts	(1 sc2tog, 24 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 23 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(23 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 19 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts	(1 sc2tog, 19 sc, 1 sc3tog)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 18 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts	(18 sc, 1 sc3tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 70 in (178 cm) tail for sewing.	

Husk leaf: make 2

Yarns in order of use: E, light green; D, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 18.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 10 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next 2 chs, 3 sc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 2 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 10 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join Fasten off E.	(9 sc, 6 hdc, 20 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join D with sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc in same st, hdc in next st, dc in next 10 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next st, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 10 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	(10 sc, 6 hdc, 20 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Small husk leaf

Yarns in order of use: E, light green; D, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 11.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 3 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next 2 chs, 3 sc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 2 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 3 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	(9 sc, 6 hdc, 6 dc)
	Fasten off E.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join D with sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc in same st, hdc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next st, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	(10 sc, 6 hdc, 6 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 26 in (66 cm) tail for sewing.	

Stalk

Yarn D, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(4 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(4 sc)
	2 3 4 5	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends of the front, and all ends of the back but the long tail, on the wrong side: they cannot be reached later. Block: pin the two husk leaves, right side up, 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) wide at the widest and 5¾ in (14.6 cm) long, and the small husk leaf 2 in (5.1 cm) wide and 3¾ in (9.5 cm) long, with their tips pointed. Spray them with water and let them dry. Do not wet or press the front and the back.
- Silk: cut 12 lengths of C, each 4 in (10 cm) long, and one of 8 in (20 cm). Lay the 12 lengths together, tie the long one tightly round their middle and fold them in half at the knot, so that 24 ends and the two ends of the tie hang together.
- Lay the back and the front together, wrong sides inside, tip on tip and base on base, the front facing you with its tip at the top. The foundation chain of the front is then on the left, over the last row of the back, and the edges match all round. Pin them.
- Sew them together with the long tail of the back, which hangs at the tip, in whip stitch: bring the needle up from the back through both edges, carry the yarn over the edge and go on to the next stitch or row end. The tail hangs at the upper end of the left side, where Row 15 of the back ends. From there go down the left side, along the base and up the right side as far as the upper end of Row 15 of the front. Only the tip is still open, the ends of the rows between the two long sides.

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- Fill the ear lightly with toy stuffing through this opening, until it is about 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) thick in the middle, the back staying flat. Push the fold of the silk 5/8 in (1.6 cm) deep into the tip, between the two layers, in the middle. Sew the tip closed, row end to row end, with each stitch in the middle of it going through the silk as well. Fasten off and hide the end inside. Trim the silk to 1¼ in (3.2 cm) from the tip and spread it like a fan.
- For the rest lay the ear down, the front up and the tip at the top. Its middle line runs from the silk to the middle of the base, along the middle line of kernels. Heights are measured from the base edge of the ear.
- Stalk: run its tail along one side to its foundation edge. Lay it behind the base of the ear, on the middle line, the foundation edge 1/8 in (0.3 cm) above the base edge, the rest hanging down. Sew the foundation edge and the parts of the sides that are hidden to the back of the ear with the tail.
- Husk leaves: lay one to the right of the middle line, right side up, its base ½ in (1.3 cm) below the base edge and the middle of its base 3/8 in (1 cm) to the right of the middle line, over the stalk. It leans outward: its middle line crosses the right side edge of the ear 2 in (5.1 cm) up, and its tip lies 3 in (7.6 cm) to the right of the middle line and 4 3/8 in (11.1 cm) up, beyond the ear. Lay the other to the left in the same way, as if in a mirror. Where a leaf lies over the ear, let it follow the swell of the kernels. With its tail, sew each base to the stalk, and then both edges of the leaf to the ear as far as they lie on it, through the front of the ear only. The part beyond the ear is free.
- Small husk leaf: lay it on the middle line, right side up, over the inner edges of the two husk leaves, its base level with theirs and its tip straight up. With its tail, sew its base down through the stalk and sew its two edges to what lies under them, up to ¾ in (1.9 cm) below the tip. The tip stands free.
- For a child under three, sew everything down firmly, the tips of the leaves too, and leave the silk off.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 6 pieces.

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