Cupcake magnets

US terms



Finished size
Each cupcake is about 2½ in (6 cm) wide and about 3 in (8 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 18 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Fine (2), 5 colors

Hook
3.25 mm (US D-3)

Gauge
21 stitches and 22 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: frosting pink, the long frostings, the middle frostings and the short frostings	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: mint, the wrappers and the backings	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: chocolate, some of the pieces	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: butter yellow, some of the pieces	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: cherry red, the cherrys	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.25 mm (US D-3), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, three flat disc magnets, each ¾ in (2 cm) across, strong craft glue that holds metal, cloth 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. The estimate is from the stitches and chains 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)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
back loop only	under the one loop of the stitch that is farther from you

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Gauge

21 stitches and 22 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.

Before you start

- 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.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.
- Front loop: the strand of the top of a stitch nearest you; back loop: the strand farther from you. Working into one leaves the other free for a later round.
- 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.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- The wrapper is worked sideways, so that its ridges stand upright. Its edge of hdc is the top and its edge of sc is the foot. It looks much alike on both sides: take either side as the right side.
- In a frosting the last 3 hdc of Rnd 1 are worked in the chain that holds the first 3 hdc, so that each end of the chain holds 6 hdc.
- The pink cupcake has a mint wrapper (B), the mint cupcake a yellow one (D) and the chocolate cupcake a pink one (A). Make each backing in the color of its wrapper.
- The middle of a frosting is the middle of its foundation chain. Left and right are as you look at the cupcake.
- A magnet this small must not be swallowed: keep the magnets out of reach of small children and pets.
- 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.
- Straight stitch (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back at one end of the stitch and put it down at the other end.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: lace yarn (0) and a 1.75 mm hook, about 1¾ in (4.5 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3½ in (9 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 4½ in (11 cm).

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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 row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and hdc is half treble.

Wrapper: make 3

Make 1 in each of B, D and A. The lines say B; in the others use that color throughout.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs, hdc in next 3 chs	**(3 sc, 3 hdc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, working in back loops only, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 3 sts	**(3 hdc, 3 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, working in back loops only, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 3 sts	**(3 sc, 3 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 9**	Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.	

A box for each row, 4 to 9: tick them off as you go.

☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Long frosting: make 3

Make 1 in each of A, B and C. The lines say A; in the others use that color throughout.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 12.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	3 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 9 chs, 6 hdc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next 9 chs, 3 hdc in next ch, sl st in first hdc to join	**(30 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 15 in (38 cm) tail for sewing.	

Middle frosting: make 3

Make 1 in each of A, B and C. The lines say A; in the others use that color throughout.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 8.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	3 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 5 chs, 6 hdc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next 5 chs, 3 hdc in next ch, sl st in first hdc to join	**(22 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 15 in (38 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Short frosting: make 3

Make 1 in each of A, B and C. The lines say A; in the others use that color throughout.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 4.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	3 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, 6 hdc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next ch, 3 hdc in next ch, sl st in first hdc to join	**(14 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 15 in (38 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cherry: make 3

Yarn E, cherry red.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, sl st in first hdc to join	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Backing: make 3

Make 1 in each of B, D and A. The lines say B; in the others use that color throughout.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 15 in (38 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Make each cupcake in this way. Hold the wrapper upright, right side up, its wide top edge level. The middle line runs straight up from the middle of that edge. Every frosting lies with its middle on this line and is tilted, its right end higher than its left one.
- Long frosting: lay it on the wrapper, right side up, its middle 1/8 in (0.3 cm) above the top edge of the wrapper, its right end ¼ in (0.6 cm) higher than its left end. It hides the top ¼ in (0.6 cm) of the wrapper at the middle line and stands out past the wrapper on both sides. From the front, sew its lower edge to the wrapper with its tail, and from the back sew the top edge of the wrapper to the frosting with the tail of the wrapper.
- Middle frosting: lay it on the long one, right side up, its middle ½ in (1.3 cm) above the middle of the long one, its right end ¼ in (0.6 cm) higher than its left end. Sew down its lower edge where it lies on the long frosting with its tail.
- Short frosting: lay it on the middle one in the same way, its middle ½ in (1.3 cm) above the middle of the middle one, its right end 1/8 in (0.3 cm) higher than its left end. Sew down its lower edge with its tail.
- Cherry: gather in the yarn end from its magic ring and leave it under the cherry, so that the cherry stands up in its middle. Lay it on the short frosting, right side up, its magic ring on the middle line and 3/8 in (1 cm) above the middle of the short frosting, so that its upper half stands up past the frosting. Sew it down with its tail where it lies on the frosting, and from the back sew the top edge of the frosting to it.
- Sprinkles: work eleven straight stitches, each ¼ in (0.6 cm) long and each in a direction of its own, on the parts of the frosting that show. Five are spread along the long frosting below the middle one, and four along the middle frosting below the short one. Two are on the short frosting, below the cherry and clear of it, one on each side of the middle line with its middle ¼ in (0.6 cm) from that line. No sprinkle crosses an edge, and they are ¼ in (0.6 cm) or more from one another, from middle to middle. Use two colors by turns: D and E on the pink cupcake, A and E on the mint one, D and B on the chocolate one.
- Backing: glue a magnet to the back of the cupcake, its middle on the middle line and level with the top edge of the wrapper, and let the glue dry. Lay the backing over it, wrong side down, its magic ring over the middle of the magnet, and sew its edge down all round with its tail, through the back of the stitches only, so that nothing shows on the front.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 18 pieces; 492 stitches (54 in each wrapper, 30 in each long frosting, 22 in each middle frosting, 14 in each short frosting, 8 in each cherry, 36 in each backing).

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