Donut pincushion for the wrist

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 2½ × 1¼ in (6 × 3 cm)
About 2½ in (6.5 cm) across the donut, the band about 6¼ in (16 cm) round when it is buttoned and not stretched, for a wrist 6¼ in (16 cm) to 7 in (18 cm) round. To fit a wrist of 6¼ in (16 cm)

Skill
Easy
It is single crochet in rounds and rows, with a few parts sewn together.

Yarn
Light (3), 5 colors

Hook
3.25 mm (US D-3)

Gauge
22 stitches and 24 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: golden tan, the donut	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: strawberry pink, the icing	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: teal, the base, the band and sprinkles	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: butter yellow, sprinkles	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: white, sprinkles	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton or acrylic

Hook: 3.25 mm (US D-3), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a handful of toy stuffing, a ring of stiff plastic 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) across with a hole 1 in (2.5 cm) across in its middle, cut with small scissors from the lid of a food tub; two layers if it bends easily, a button about 5/8 in (1.5 cm) across, pins with round heads, no longer than 1¼ in (3 cm), to stick into it, 2 stitch markers, a yarn needle and scissors.

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 of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Wrist	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small	5½ in (14 cm)	2½ × 1¼ in (6 × 3 cm)	about 70 yd (64 m)
Medium (this file)	**6¼ in (16 cm)**	**2½ × 1¼ in (6 × 3 cm)**	**about 75 yd (69 m)**
Large	7 in (18 cm)	2½ × 1¼ in (6 × 3 cm)	about 75 yd (69 m)

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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)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together: [insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop] 2 times, yo, pull through all 3 loops (UK dc2tog)
BLO	back loop only
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

22 stitches and 24 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

In the band count every row, each a ridge or the furrow beside it, with the band smoothed out flat.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The gauge is checked on the piece itself: after round 6 the base should measure about 2 in (5 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

Before you start

- The base begins with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring, draw up a loop and chain 1 to hold it, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- The rounds of the base, the donut and the icing are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only. The piece is turned at every row, so the front loops left free make ridges on both sides of it.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- Measure your wrist where the pincushion will sit. The band, buttoned, is as long round as the smallest wrist of its size, and stretches for the others.
- Colors. Donut: A. Icing: B. Base and band: C. Sprinkles: C, D and E.

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Instructions

Chosen: Medium. 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 round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble, sc2tog is dc2tog and sk is miss.

Base

Yarn C, teal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 sts	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 6.** The base should measure about 2 in (5 cm) across.

☐ **End** Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 30 in (76 cm).

Donut

Yarn A, golden tan.

Leave a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain. The foundation ring is the hole of the donut. Do not twist the chain when you join it.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 18, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in each ch around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 sts	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 3 sts	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 7**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 7: tick them off as you go.

☐ 6 ☐ 7

☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 sts	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next st, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 5 times**, sc in next st	**(18 sc)**

☐ **End** Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm).

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Icing

Yarn B, strawberry pink.

Leave a tail of 18 in (46 cm) before the first chain. Work it like the first 5 rounds of the donut; round 6 makes seven waves, the edge of the icing.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 18, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in each ch around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 sts	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 3 sts	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st**] 7 times**	**(14 sc, 14 hdc, 28 dc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 36 in (91 cm).	

Band

Yarn C, teal.

The rows run across the band, 7 stitches wide. In the row after the buttonhole work the 3 single crochet into the ch-3 sp, round the chain.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 8.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 41**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	**(7 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 41: 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 ☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐ 28 ☐ 29 ☐ 30
☐ 31 ☐ 32 ☐ 33 ☐ 34 ☐ 35 ☐ 36 ☐ 37 ☐ 38 ☐ 39 ☐ 40 ☐ 41

Buttonhole

☐ **Row 42**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of next 2 sts, ch 3, sk next 3 sts, sc in BLO of next 2 sts	**(4 sc, 1 ch-3 sp)**
☐ **Row 43**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of next 2 sts, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in BLO of next 2 sts	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 44**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	**(7 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. The band on the base. Weave in the two tails of the band and the starting tail of the base. Put a marker in the fourth stitch of row 14 of the band: it is the middle of the row. Lay the base on the table with its right side up. Lay the band across it with the right side of row 1 down, the marked stitch on the middle of round 1 of the base. The band is narrower than the base, and only its rows 11 to 17 are sewn: together they are about 1¼ in (3 cm) long, so they lie well inside the edge of the base. With the long tail of the base, taken along the wrong side of the base to the first corner, sew a rectangle through the band and the base together. Backstitch: bring the needle up one stitch length ahead, and put it down where the stitch before ended. Work along one side edge of the band, half a stitch in from the edge, from row 11 to row 17, 7 stitches, one on each row; then across the band along row 17, 7 stitches, one on each stitch; then back along the other

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side edge, 7 stitches; then across along row 11, 7 stitches. Fasten off on the wrong side of the base. Beyond the rectangle the band is free at both ends. The side of the band that lies against the base is its outside.

2. The sprinkles, with C, D and E: one straight stitch each, sewn through the icing alone, its right side up, with one length of each color about 32 in (81 cm) long. Straight stitch: bring the needle up at one point and down at another, so that one line of yarn lies on the fabric. Each is about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long, and its middle lies on the middle of a stitch of the icing. On round 3, which has 30 stitches, sew 10, one on every third stitch; on round 5, which has 42 stitches, sew 14, one on every third stitch. Take the colors in turn, C, D, E, and so on, and turn each one another way: the first along the round, the second across it, the third slanting to the right, the fourth slanting to the left, and then again from the first. Carry the yarn from one to the next on the wrong side. Fasten all the ends of these lengths of yarn on the wrong side of the icing.

3. The donut. Weave in its starting tail. Its right side is outside. Rounds 1 to 5 are its upper side, rounds 6 and 7 its outer edge. Turn rounds 8 to 11 under, so that the edge of the last round comes up into the hole and meets the foundation ring, 18 stitches to 18 chains. With the long tail whip stitch them together for 9 stitches, fill the ring firmly with stuffing through the gap on all sides, sew on for 5 stitches, push in as much stuffing as goes in, and sew the last 4. Fasten off and draw the end inside. The side on which round 8 lies is the underside.

4. The icing. Lay it on the upper side of the donut, right side up, its foundation ring on that of the donut, so that the waves lie over the outer edge. With its long tail sew the edge of round 6 down: bring the needle up through the icing one stitch in from its edge and down into the donut beside the edge, one stitch for each of the 56 stitches. Fasten off and draw the end inside. With its starting tail whip stitch its foundation chain to the seam in the hole, 18 chains to 18 stitches. Fasten off and draw the end inside.

5. The donut on the base. Lay the base down with its wrong side up and put the plastic ring on it, in the middle. Set the donut on it, its underside down, so that you see the base through the two holes. Cut a length of C 28 in (71 cm) long and whip stitch the edge of the base to the donut all round: the 36 stitches of round 6 of the base to the 36 stitches of round 8 of the donut, each stitch through both loops of the base and under the top of a stitch of the donut. Keep the two ends of the band out of the way: they are not sewn. Fasten off and draw both ends inside.

6. The button. With a length of C 12 in (30 cm) long sew it to the outside of the band, in the middle of row 4, counted from the foundation chain, four times through its holes. Fasten off on the inside of the band. To wear it, lay the donut on the back of the wrist, take the other end of the band round under the wrist and over the first end, and put the button through its buttonhole.

Finishing

- Every tail is woven in or drawn inside by now. Use pins no longer than 1¼ in (3 cm). Stick each one straight down into the top of the donut, halfway between the hole and the outer edge, until its point stops on the plastic ring. About ¾ in (2 cm) of the pin is then in the donut, and the rest stands out with its head. Do not put pins into the sides of the donut.

In all: 4 pieces; 979 stitches (126 in the base, 342 in the donut, 206 in the icing, 305 in the band).

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