Dragon tail to wear

US terms



Finished size

About 23 in (58.5 cm) long with the arrow tip, without the belt loops, and 3 in (7.6 cm) thick

Skill

Intermediate

14 pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn

Bulky (5), 3 colors

Hook

5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge

13 stitches and 14.3 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet, in a spiral.

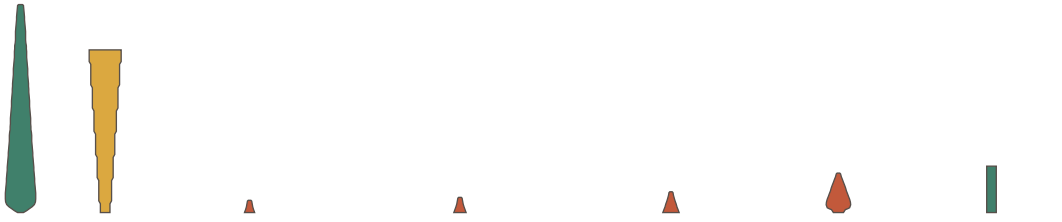
You will need

Yarn A: teal green, tail, belt loop and the details	**about 155 yd (142 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: gold, belly	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: rust, several of the pieces	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins 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.

The pieces



Tail **Belly** **Small spike x 3** to the tail **Medium spike x 3** **Large spike x 3** **Arrow tip** **Belt loop x 2**

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Abbreviations

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

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together, through the front loops only: how is under “Before you start” (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 stitches together)
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
BLO	back loop only
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

13 stitches and 14.3 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

To check it, work a flat circle: 6 sc in a magic ring, then 6 more sc in each round (12, 18, 24, 30, 36). After round 6 it should measure about 3½ in (8.9 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

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.

Before you start

- Every piece that has rounds is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up. Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- Stuff the tail as you work it, because it is too long and narrow to fill from its end: when round 8 is done, and again after every 6 rounds (rounds 14, 20 and so on, the last time when round 68 is done), stuff what you have worked since, firmly, pushing it down with the blunt end of the hook. Slip the loop on your hook onto the stitch marker while you stuff, and leave the last 2 rounds before the hook empty each time. The rest, from round 67 on, is stuffed at the note after round 71; keep the end nearly flat.
- The front of the tail is the side the belly is sewn to, seen with the flat end at the top; the spikes are on its back.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.
- Center line: places on a piece are given by round and by stitches from a center line. It is half way round from where the rounds begin. Mark it with a pin or a scrap of yarn as listed here, run it straight from round 1 to the last round by eye, and count out from it along the round, in stitches and half stitches.
- Tail: the center line runs between stitches 15 and 16 of round 65 (30 sts). It faces the front.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the tail. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- In every step of putting it together: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- To work sc2tog, put the hook under the front loop only of each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through both loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops. In a BLO round or row, use the back loops instead.
- No plastic eyes are used.

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- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. The lengths of the yarn tails left for sewing are for Standard, the size written here: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Small: medium (4, worsted) yarn, 3.5 mm (E-4) hook, 20 sc and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): 15 in (38 cm) long with the arrow tip, without the belt loops, and 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) thick; multiply lengths by 0.65; about 0.65 times the yarn.
- Large: super bulky (6) yarn, 8 mm (L-11) hook, 9 sc and 9.9 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): 33¼ in (84.5 cm) long with the arrow tip, without the belt loops, and 4¼ in (11 cm) thick; multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 times the yarn.

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 round is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet.

Tail

Yarn A, teal green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 3**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 3: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3

☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 8**	Sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 8: tick them off as you go.

☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 14**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 14: tick them off as you go.

☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14

☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 16 to 20**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 16 to 20: tick them off as you go.

☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20

☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 22 to 26**	Sc in each st around	**(14 sc)**

A box for each round, 22 to 26: tick them off as you go.

☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26

☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 28 to 32**	Sc in each st around	**(16 sc)**

A box for each round, 28 to 32: tick them off as you go.

☐ 28 ☐ 29 ☐ 30 ☐ 31 ☐ 32

☐ **Rnd 33**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 34 to 38**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 34 to 38: tick them off as you go.

34 35 36 37 38

☐ **Rnd 39**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 40 to 44**	Sc in each st around	**(20 sc)**

A box for each round, 40 to 44: tick them off as you go.

40 41 42 43 44

☐ **Rnd 45**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 46 to 49**	Sc in each st around	**(22 sc)**

A box for each round, 46 to 49: tick them off as you go.

46 47 48 49

☐ **Rnd 50**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 51 to 54**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 51 to 54: tick them off as you go.

51 52 53 54

☐ **Rnd 55**	**[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 56 to 59**	Sc in each st around	**(26 sc)**

A box for each round, 56 to 59: tick them off as you go.

56 57 58 59

☐ **Rnd 60**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 61 to 64**	Sc in each st around	**(28 sc)**

A box for each round, 61 to 64: tick them off as you go.

61 62 63 64

☐ **Rnd 65**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts**] 2 times**	**(30 sc)**

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 15 and 16 of round 65. It faces the front.

☐ **Rnds 66 to 70**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**

A box for each round, 66 to 70: tick them off as you go.

66 67 68 69 70

☐ **Rnd 71**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 72**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 73**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 74**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside.	

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Belly

Yarn B, gold.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 10 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 11.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(10 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 4: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4

☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rows 6 to 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(9 sc)**

A box for each row, 6 to 12: tick them off as you go.

☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12

☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rows 14 to 20**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(8 sc)**

A box for each row, 14 to 20: tick them off as you go.

☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20

☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rows 22 to 28**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(7 sc)**

A box for each row, 22 to 28: tick them off as you go.

☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐ 28

☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rows 30 to 36**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(6 sc)**

A box for each row, 30 to 36: tick them off as you go.

☐ 30 ☐ 31 ☐ 32 ☐ 33 ☐ 34 ☐ 35 ☐ 36

☐ **Row 37**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rows 38 to 44**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(5 sc)**

A box for each row, 38 to 44: tick them off as you go.

☐ 38 ☐ 39 ☐ 40 ☐ 41 ☐ 42 ☐ 43 ☐ 44

☐ **Row 45**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rows 46 to 52**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(4 sc)**

A box for each row, 46 to 52: tick them off as you go.

☐ 46 ☐ 47 ☐ 48 ☐ 49 ☐ 50 ☐ 51 ☐ 52

☐ **Row 53**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Rows 54 to 56**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(3 sc)**

A box for each row, 54 to 56: tick them off as you go.

☐ 54 ☐ 55 ☐ 56

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 2½ yd (2.3 m) tail for sewing.

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Small spike: make 3

Yarn C, rust.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 5 stitches.	

Medium spike: make 3

Yarn C, rust.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 6 stitches.	

Large spike: make 3

Yarn C, rust.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 8 stitches.	

Arrow tip

Yarn C, rust.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times**	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, **[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc2tog, sc2tog, sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat; the last round stays open.	

Belt loop: make 2

Yarn A, teal green.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 3 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 16**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 16: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16

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

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Assembly

1. Lay the belly along the center line of the tail, right side out: the foundation chain along round 70, the last round before the flat end, and the last row on round 4, the middle of every row on the center line. The belly has 56 rows and lies over 67 rounds: stretch it evenly as you pin it. It draws the tail into a curve. Sew down its whole edge with its tail.

2. Sew the three small spikes to the tail along the line opposite the center line, each flat edge (5 stitches) lengthwise over 5 rounds: rounds 6 to 10, 11 to 15 and 16 to 20. They point straight out from the tail. Sew through both layers of each edge with its tail, along one side of the spike and back along the other.

3. Sew the three medium spikes on in the same way and in the same line, each flat edge (6 stitches) over 7 rounds: rounds 21 to 27, 28 to 34 and 35 to 41.

4. Sew the three large spikes on in the same way and in the same line, each flat edge (8 stitches) over 9 rounds: rounds 42 to 50, 51 to 59 and 60 to 68.

5. Slip the open edge (10 sts) of the arrow tip over the tip of the tail until it lies on round 5 of the tail (8 sts), so that it covers rounds 1 to 4 of the tail and the last row of the belly, and ease it to fit. Turn it so that one of its two wide corners points to the same side as the spikes and the other to the side of the belly. Sew all the way round with its tail, through the belly where it lies under the edge.

6. Sew the two belt loops over the flat end of the tail, right side out, side by side, one to the left of the center line and one to the right. Each runs from the side of the spikes, over the flat end, to the side of the belly. On the side of the spikes lay its last row (3 sts) on round 70 (30 sts), on the second, third and fourth stitch from the line of the spikes; on the side of the belly lay its foundation chain (3 sts) on round 70, over the first row of the belly, on the second, third and fourth stitch from the center line, on the same side of it. So 2 stitches of round 70 are free between the two belt loops at both ends. The belt loops are longer than the flat end is wide, so they stand a little away from it and a belt slides under both. Sew the end at the last row down with the tail and the other end with a new length of A, going over each three times.

Finishing

- Weave in every end. Go over both ends of each belt loop once more with a new length of A.

In all: 14 pieces; 2,501 stitches (1,338 in the tail, 364 in the belly, 33 in each small spike, 45 in each medium spike, 75 in each large spike, 244 in the arrow tip, 48 in each belt loop).

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