# Dragonfly baby mobile

US terms



Finished size

**About 14½ in (37 cm) long, from the top of the hanging loop to the tip of the lowest leaf, and 10¾ in (27.5 cm) across; each dragonfly about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) long and 4 in (10 cm) across its wings**

Skill

**Intermediate**

35 pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn

**Fine (2), 7 colors**

Hook

**2.5 mm**

Gauge

**26 stitches and 28.6 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)**

In single crochet, in a spiral.

## What you need

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| Yarn A: teal, flier | **about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn B: lavender, upper wing | **about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn C: moss, lily base, leaf and the details | **about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn D: sky blue, lower wing | **about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn E: ivory, upper wing, lower wing, ivory petal and the details | **about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn F: shell pink, pink petal | **about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn G: charcoal, the details | **about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate** |

By weight: about 80 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).

Hook: 2.5 mm, or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors, a wooden ring or the inner ring of an embroidery hoop 8 in (20 cm) across on the outside and about 5/16 in (8 mm) thick and a ceiling hook.

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


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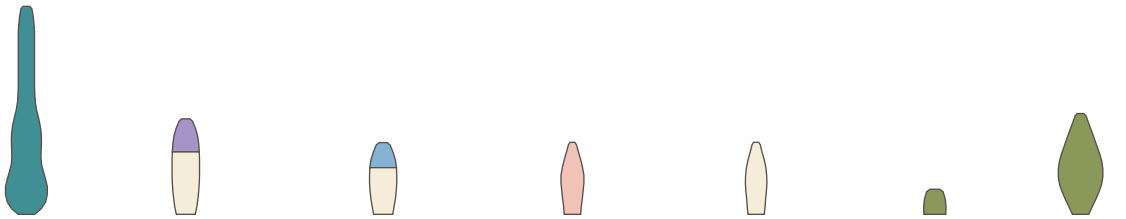

**Flier x 4** **Upper wing x 8** **Lower wing x 8** **Pink petal x 6** **Ivory petal x 4** **Lily base x 2** **Leaf x 3**

## Gauge

**26 stitches and 28.6 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 1¾ in (4.4 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.

## Notes

- Every piece 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.
- Cords: every cord is a plain chain, pulled firm. 26 ch measure about 4 in (10 cm). Leave an 8 in (20 cm) tail at each end of a cord for sewing it on; the chains counted are the ones that are seen.
- 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.
- Color change: where a line begins "With E," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in E. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- 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.
- Flier: the center line runs between stitches 8 and 9 of round 24 (16 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the mobile. 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.
- No plastic eyes are used: every detail is worked in yarn.
- One size, at the gauge above: 14½ in (37 cm) long, from the top of the hanging loop to the tip of the lowest leaf, and 10¾ in (27.5 cm) across; each dragonfly about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) long and 4 in (10 cm) across its wings. A thinner or a thicker yarn with a hook to suit makes it smaller or larger; every length then changes with it.


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# Instructions

US terms.

**ch** chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
**sc2tog** 2 sc made into one, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
**2 sc in next st**: both in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
**[ ] 3 times**: work what is inside 3 times in all.
**(4 sc)**: the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

## Flier: make 4

**Yarn A, teal.**

A flier is the body of one dragonfly, from the tip of its tail (round 1) to the top of its head. Work one in A, one in B (lavender), one in C (moss) and one in D (sky blue): for the last three read B, C or D for A.

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Make a magic ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | 4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring. | (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) |
| ☐ **Rnds 4 to 13** | Sc in each st around | (6 sc) |
| 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 | | |
| ☐ **Rnd 14** | 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts | (7 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 15** | Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st | (9 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 16** | Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts | (11 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnds 17 to 20** | Sc in each st around | (11 sc) |
| 17 18 19 20 | | |
| ☐ **Rnd 21** | Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts | (9 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 22** | **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times** | (12 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 23** | **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times** | (15 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 24** | 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts | (16 sc) |

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 8 and 9 of round 24. It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.

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| ☐ **Rnds 25 to 26** | Sc in each st around | (16 sc) |
| 25 26 | | |

Stuff the head and the thick part (from round 15 on) firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round. The tail, rounds 1 to 14, stays without stuffing.

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| ☐ **Rnd 27** | **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 4 times** | (12 sc) |


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| ☐ **Rnd 28** | **[**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. | |

## Upper wing: make 8

**Yarns in order of use: B, lavender; E, ivory.**

Work two with tips in B as it is written, and two each with tips in A (teal), in C (moss) and in D (sky blue): for those begin with A, C or D in the place of B. The rest of every wing is E.

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Make a magic ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | 5 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring. | (5 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st | (8 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 3** | Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts | (9 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 4** | 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts | (10 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 5** | Sc in each st around | (10 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnds 6 to 10** | With E, sc in each st around | (10 sc) |
| 6 7 8 9 10 | | |
| ☐ **Rnd 11** | Sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog | (9 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 12** | Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts | (8 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 13** | Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts | (7 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 3½ stitches. The odd stitch lies at one fold. | |

## Lower wing: make 8

**Yarns in order of use: D, sky blue; E, ivory.**

Work two with tips in D as it is written, and two each with tips in A (teal), in B (lavender) and in C (moss): for those begin with A, B or C in the place of D. The rest of every wing is E.

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Make a magic ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | 5 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring. | (5 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st | (8 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 3** | **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times** | (10 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 4** | Sc in each st around | (10 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnds 5 to 7** | With E, sc in each st around | (10 sc) |
| 5 6 7 | | |
| ☐ **Rnd 8** | Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts | (9 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 9** | Sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog | (8 sc) |


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| ☐ **Rnd 10** | Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts | (7 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 3½ stitches. The odd stitch lies at one fold. | |

## Pink petal: make 6

**Yarn F, shell pink.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Make a magic ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | 3 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring. | (3 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st | (4 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 3** | **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times** | (6 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 4** | **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times** | (8 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 5** | Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st | (9 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 6** | Sc in each st around | (9 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 7** | Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts | (8 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 8** | Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts | (7 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 9** | Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog | (6 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 10** | Sc in each st around | (6 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 3 stitches. | |

## Ivory petal: make 4

**Yarn E, ivory.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Make a magic ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | 3 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring. | (3 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st | (4 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 3** | **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times** | (6 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 4** | **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times** | (8 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnds 5 to 7**<br>5 6 7 | Sc in each st around | (8 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 8** | Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog | (7 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 9** | Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts | (6 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 10** | Sc in each st around | (6 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 3 stitches. | |


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## Lily base: make 2

**Yarn C, moss.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Make a magic ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | 6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring. | (6 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times** | (8 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 3** | **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times** | (10 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 4** | **[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times** | (8 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 4 stitches. | |

## Leaf: make 3

**Yarn C, moss.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Make a magic ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | 4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring. | (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 15 sts, 2 sc in next st | (17 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 9** | Sc in each st around | (17 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 10** | Sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts | (16 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 11** | **[**sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times** | (14 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 12** | Sc in next 2 sts, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, sc2tog | (11 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 13** | **[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, sc2tog, sc in next st | (8 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 14** | **[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times** | (6 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 3 stitches, and sew this edge shut with the tail. | |

## Assembly

**1.** Lay the four fliers on the table, each with its center line up and the head at the top. Pin the eight upper wings to them, two to each, one to each side, the tips in the color of the flier: the middle of each flat edge (3½ stitches) lies on round 20 of the flier, 3 stitches from the center line. The edge runs straight up and down, over about rounds 18 to 22, round 1 of the wing is its tip. The wing lies flat, points out and a little up. Sew through both layers of the edge with the tail.


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**2.** Pin the eight lower wings to the fliers in the same way, two to each: the middle of each flat edge (3½ stitches) lies on round 16, 3 stitches from the center line, and the edge covers about rounds 14 to 18, close under the upper wing. The lower wing points out and a little down. Sew through both layers of the edge with the tail.

**3.** Each of the two lilies takes three of the six pink petals and two ivory ones. Round 1 of a petal is its tip. They are laid like the hands of a clock, the middles of the five flat edges exactly one on top of the other. First, for each lily, lay a pink petal on another and sew the two together there, one that points to 10 and one that points to 2.

**4.** Give each lily two of the four ivory petals: lay them on its two pink petals, one that points to 11 and one that points to 1. Then lay the third pink petal in the middle in front, pointing straight up to 12. Sew the five flat edges together there, through all the layers. Then catch the petals to each other with a stitch about 3/8 in (10 mm) from that place: each ivory petal to the pink one under it, and the middle petal to the two ivory ones.

**5.** Put the two lily bases on, one in front of each lily, round 1 down: the flat edge (4 stitches) lies 3/16 in (5 mm) above the place where the petals meet, over the foot of the middle petal, and the rest hangs below that place and hides the ends. Sew the base down round its upper edge and its sides.

**6.** The ring: with C (moss), fasten the yarn with a knot and wind it closely round the ring, turn beside turn, all the way round until no wood shows. Fasten off and run the end under the windings.

**7.** The hanger: with E (ivory), work two chains of 74 ch, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail at each end, and fasten off. Lay them side by side, fold both in half together, and tie the four strands in one knot 5/8 in (1.6 cm) below the fold: the folds are the hanging loop, and four equal ends of about 27 ch (4 1/8 in, 10.5 cm) hang below the knot. Mark twelve places on the ring with pins, one twelfth of the way round from one to the next, and number them 1 to 12 like a clock face. Wind the tail of each end three times round the ring and knot it: midway between pins 1 and 2, between 4 and 5, between 7 and 8 and between 10 and 11.

**8.** The dragonflies: with E, work cords of 9 ch, 13 ch, 32 ch and 36 ch. Sew one end of each to the closed hole at the top of the head of a flier (its last round): the cord of 9 ch to the teal one, of 13 ch to the lavender one, of 32 ch to the moss one and of 36 ch to the sky blue one. Wind the other tails three times round the ring and knot them: teal at pin 8, lavender at pin 4, moss at pin 10 and sky blue at pin 2.

**9.** The middle string joins the two lilies and the three leaves. With E, work one cord of 16 ch and four of 3 ch. Sew the cord of 16 ch to the knot of the hanger and to a lily, so that it hangs through the middle of the ring. Then go on with the cords of 3 ch, each from the lower end of one thing to the top of the next: lily, leaf, lily, leaf, leaf. A lily hangs from the tip (round 1) of its middle petal, and its lower end is round 1 of its base; a leaf hangs from its flat edge, and its lower end is its round 1. Hang the mobile up, and slide the ends of the hanger a little along the ring until it hangs level.


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## Finishing

- Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on; begin and end each strand on the wrong side of a flat piece, inside a stuffed one. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled. Backstitch is a line of short stitches end to end: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and repeat.
- Eyes: with G (charcoal), in satin stitch, an oval about 3/16 in (5 mm) wide and ¼ in (6 mm) tall on each side of the head of each flier, its middle on round 24, 1½ stitches from the center line (3 stitches apart).
- Eye shine: with E (ivory), one small stitch, worked twice in the same holes, near the upper right edge of each eye, about 1/16 in (2 mm) long.
- Mouth: with G (charcoal), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about 3/16 in (5 mm) wide that dips 1/16 in (2 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are on round 23 of the flier, one to each side of the center line.
- Leaf ribs: with E (ivory), in backstitch, one line along the middle of one side of each leaf, from round 12 to round 3, through the upper layer only; begin and end between the two layers. That side is the front.
- Weave every tail into the piece it belongs to and trim it. Check the hook, the knots and the seams from time to time. Hang the mobile from a firm hook in the ceiling, well out of reach: no part of it may hang where a baby or a child can touch it, and it is never tied to a crib. It is a decoration, not a toy.

In all: 35 pieces; 3,809 stitches (248 in each flier, 116 in each upper wing, 87 in each lower wing, 66 in each pink petal, 64 in each ivory petal, 32 in each lily base, 159 in each leaf).

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