Easy bow

US terms



Finished size
About 4¾ × 4½ in (12 × 11 cm)
The large bow is about 4¾ in (12 cm) wide and 4½ in (11.5 cm) tall with its tails (12 by 11 cm), the small bow is about 3¼ in (8.5 cm) wide and 3½ in (9 cm) tall with its tails (8 by 9 cm)

Skill
Beginner
Worked in rows, with 6 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 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: berry, the large loop, the large tails and the small band	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: blush pink, the large band, the small loop and the small tails	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 35 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, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 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.

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Instructions

US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **rem** remaining, **st** stitch.
The ch 1 is not a stitch. Work in the **very first stitch**.
(35 sc): the row now has 35; a check, not a step. Not 35? **Pull it back**.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Large loop

Yarn A, berry.

☐ **Start**	With A, make a slip knot and ch 36.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(35 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 9**	Ch 1, turn, working in back loops only, sc in each st across	(35 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 26 in (66 cm) tail for sewing.	

Large tails

Yarn A, berry.

☐ **Start**	With A, ch 25.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(24 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 4**	Ch 1, turn, working in back loops only, sc in each st across	(24 sc)
	2 3 4	
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Large band

Yarn B, blush pink.

☐ **Start**	With B, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3 chs	(4 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(4 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Small loop

Yarn B, blush pink.

☐ **Start**	With B, ch 24.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(23 sc)

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☐ **Rows 2 to 7** 2 3 4 5 6 7	Ch 1, turn, working in back loops only, sc in each st across	(23 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

Small tails

Yarn B, blush pink.

☐ **Start**	With B, ch 19.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(18 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn, working in back loops only, sc in each st across	(18 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Small band

Yarn A, berry.

☐ **Start**	With A, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3 chs	(4 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 9** 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(4 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the strips out flat, the ribs straight and the corners square, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Make up each bow from the three pieces of its size. What follows is said of the large bow; where the small bow has another figure it is given in square brackets.
- Fold the large loop so that its two short ends meet, and sew them together edge to edge with its tail, beginning at the corner the tail comes from, row for row (9 [7] row ends to 9 [7]). It is now a ring. Do not cut the tail: run it back through the seam to the middle and bring it out there.
- Flatten the ring with the seam at the middle of the back and the ribs running from side to side. Pinch its middle, front and back together, into folds, until it is 5/8 in (1.5 cm) high in either size. Wind the tail tightly round the middle five times and fasten it off at the back.
- Lay the large tails from side to side. Pinch the strip together at the middle of its length, its two long edges toward each other, into small folds, until it is ½ in (1.5 cm) [3/8 in (1 cm)] high there, and hold the folds between finger and thumb until the band is round them. Let its two halves hang down to the left and to the right like an upside-down V, the same face to the front in both, the two ends pointing down and 3 1/8 in (8 cm) [2½ in (6.5 cm)] apart from middle to middle. Lay the pinched place behind the pinched middle of the loop, so that it does not show above it.
- Wrap the large band round the middle, over the pinched places of the loop and of the tails, its long edges going round from top to bottom. One tail comes out at each lower corner of the band, and the band passes up to the back between the two tails. Bring its two short ends, the foundation edge and the last row, together at the back and sew them to each other with its tail. Then take a few stitches through the band, the tails and the back of the loop, so that nothing slips.

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- For the small bow do the same with the small loop, the small tails and the small band.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 6 pieces; 702 stitches (315 in the large loop, 96 in the large tails, 40 in the large band, 161 in the small loop, 54 in the small tails, 36 in the small band).

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.

Notes

- 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 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. The front loops are left free and make the ribs.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- The large bow is made of the large loop and the large tails in A and the large band in B; the small bow of the small loop and the small tails in B and the small band in A. For one bow only, work the three pieces of that size.
- After a ch 1 and a turn, work the first stitch in the last stitch of the row before: no stitch is skipped. The two faces of every piece look alike, so either may be the outside.
- The figures under GAUGE for another yarn are those of the large bow.
- 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.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3 in (8 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3½ in (9 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 6 in (15 cm).

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