Easy one-piece butterfly

US terms



Finished size
About 3¾ in (10 cm) across

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with stitches worked into chain spaces, and color changes

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: golden yellow, round 1	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: deep teal, round 2	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pale aqua, round 3	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: navy, the sewn details	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, fabric glue, a sheet of plastic 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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 1 the butterfly measures about 1½ in (4 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- 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 that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- Rnd 2 begins in the first of the two spaces that are the upper wings; the two upper wings lie side by side and each has 5 tr. The two lower wings each have 5 dc.
- In Rnd 3 each sl st is worked in the sc that lies between two wings.
- 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 straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 2½ in (6 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3 in (8 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 4¾ in (12 cm).

Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. 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 and tr is double treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, golden yellow; B, deep teal; C, pale aqua.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in ring, ch 2, **[**3 dc in ring, ch 2**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(12 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
	Fasten off A.
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, (hdc, dc, 5 tr, dc, hdc) in same sp, sk next st, sc in next st, sk next st, (hdc, dc, 5 tr, dc, hdc) in next ch-2 sp, sk next st, sc in next st, sk next st, (hdc, 5 dc, hdc) in next ch-2 sp, sk next st, sc in next st, sk next st, (hdc, 5 dc, hdc) in next ch-2 sp, sk next st, sc in next st, sk next st, sl st in first hdc to join **(8 hdc, 14 dc, 10 tr, 4 sc)**

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Fasten off B.

☐ **Rnd 3**	Join C with sl st in first hdc, ch 1, hdc in same st, 2 dc in each of next 7 sts, hdc in next st, sl st in next sc, hdc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 7 sts, hdc in next st, sl st in next sc, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in each of next 5 sts, hdc in next st, sl st in next sc, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in each of next 5 sts, hdc in next st, sl st in next sc, sl st in first hdc to join	**(28 hdc, 28 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the butterfly to shape on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.
- Lay the butterfly down, right side up, with the two larger wings at the top, so that a valley, where an sl st of Rnd 3 lies, is at the middle of the top and another at the middle of the bottom. The middle line runs straight down from the one to the other through the magic ring.
- Body: with D, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail, ch 7 and fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail. Lay the chain on the middle line, the side that looks like a row of Vs toward you, with its last ch at the top, 1/8 in (0.3 cm) below the valley at the top. The first ch lies on the valley at the bottom or up to ¼ in (0.6 cm) below it, as your chain is long. Take the 12 in (30 cm) tail to the back and, with it, sew the chain down: a small stitch over the edge of each ch, up one side and down the other. Weave in both tails of the chain behind it.
- Head and feelers: with the yarn needle, draw a 14 in (36 cm) length of D under both strands of the last ch, at the top of the body, until the two ends are equal. Tie the ends in a double knot close against the ch: the knot is the head, and it lies on the valley. The two ends, which lie above the head, are the feelers, one to the left and one to the right. Tie a knot in each 1¼ in (3.2 cm) from the head and cut the yarn 1/8 in (0.3 cm) beyond the knot. Rub fabric glue along each feeler, lay the two upward and outward in a V on a sheet of plastic and let them dry.
- To use the butterfly as an applique, sew it down with a length of B behind the body, so that the wings stay free.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 3 rounds; 104 stitches.

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