Eight-point star

US terms



Finished size
About 7 in (18 cm) across, from one point to the opposite point

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with color changes and 2 special stitches.

Yarn
Medium (4), 6 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: navy, rounds 1 and 2	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: denim blue, round 3	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pale blue, round 4	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cream, round 5	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: honey, round 6	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: gold, round 7	**about 10 yd (9 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 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)
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Special stitches

sc2tog (UK dc2tog): [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. It leaves 1 st for the next round.

sc3tog (UK dc3tog): [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] 3 times (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops. It leaves 1 sc3tog for the next round.

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 4 the piece measures about 3¾ in (10 cm) across, from one point to the opposite point. 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 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.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in, or the new color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- From Rnd 4 on, every decrease lies at the bottom of a valley: the sc2tog takes in one stitch from each of two points, and the middle stitch of each sc3tog is the decrease of the round before. Rounds 3 and 4 may wave; the later rounds draw them flat.
- A point grows about twice as fast as a single crochet is tall, because the corner of each round stands on the ch-2 of the round before.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 4½ in (11 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 5¼ in (13 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 8¾ in (22 cm).

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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 sl st is slip stitch and sc is double crochet.

Yarns in order of use: A, navy; B, denim blue; C, pale blue; D, cream; E, honey; F, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(16 sc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in any st, ch 1, (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in same st, sk next st, **[**(2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in next st, sk next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(32 sc, 8 ch-2 sps)**
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join C with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in same sp, sc in next st, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next st, **[**(2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(48 sc, 8 ch-2 sps, 8 sc2tog)**
	Fasten off C.	
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join D with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in same sp, sc in next 2 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts, **[**(2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(64 sc, 8 ch-2 sps, 8 sc3tog)**
	Fasten off D.	
☐ **Rnd 6**	Join E with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in same sp, sc in next 3 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next 3 sts, **[**(2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 3 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(80 sc, 8 ch-2 sps, 8 sc3tog)**
	Fasten off E.	
☐ **Rnd 7**	Join F with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in same sp, sc in next 4 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next 4 sts, **[**(2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 4 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next 4 sts**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(96 sc, 8 ch-2 sps, 8 sc3tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the star out on a flat surface, right side up, with its eight points straight and equally far apart and its sides straight, spray it with water and let it dry.
- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle.

In all: 7 rounds; 12 ends to weave in.

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