Garden snail

US terms



Finished size
About 4¼ in (11 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Four pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

You will need

Yarn A: butter, the body and the stalks	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: terracotta, the shell	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, the pale rings of the shell and the tops of the eye stalks	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: dark brown, the mouth	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: rose, the cheeks	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4). Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors and two black plastic eyes with washers, 6 mm.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches 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.

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 stitches together)
MR	magic ring
RS	right side

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

20 sc and 22 rounds = 4 in (10 cm), worked 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 2¼ in (5.5 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

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Before you start

- 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.
- 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 C," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in C. 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.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 15 and 16 of round 5 (30 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- 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.
- Eyes: for a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead of plastic ones: satin stitch dots of the same size in D (dark brown).
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, ovals, details) are for Standard: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Small: fine (2, sport) yarn, 2.25 mm (B-1) hook, 27 sc and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 3 1/8 in (7.9 cm) tall; eyes 4 mm; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.
- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 6 in (15 cm) tall; eyes 9 mm; multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 times the yarn.
- Jumbo: super bulky (6, plush or velvet) yarn, 6.5 mm (K-10½) hook, 11 sc and 12.1 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 7¾ in (19.5 cm) tall; eyes 11 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.
- Every size is approximate and follows from your gauge and how firmly you stuff.

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 and sc2tog is double crochet 2 stitches together.

Body

Yarn A, butter.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 11: tick them off as you go.

6 7 8 9 10 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 15 to 18**	Sc in each st around	**(21 sc)**

A box for each round, 15 to 18: tick them off as you go.

15 16 17 18

Stuff now: rounds 1 to 5 firmly, rounds 6 to 12 lightly, so that the neck bends, and the rest firmly. Keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 20 to 22**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 20 to 22: tick them off as you go.

20 21 22

☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	Sc in each st around	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 3 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. Raise the head: the center line is the back of the neck. Bend the neck back at about round 9, so that the rounds before it look up at a slant, and push the fabric in there to make a crease. With a new length of A, work running stitches along the center line from round 4 to round 14, draw them up as far as they will go and fasten off.	

Shell

Yarns in order of use: B, terracotta; C, cream.

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☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	With C, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 5**	With B, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With C, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	With B, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 9 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 9 to 11: tick them off as you go.

9 10 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	With C, **[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	With B, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	With C, **[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

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

☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	With B, **[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**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.	

Eye stalk: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, cream; A, butter.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**

Fix the eye now (see Finishing).

☐ **Rnd 4**	With A, **[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 7**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 7: tick them off as you go.

5 6 7

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Assembly

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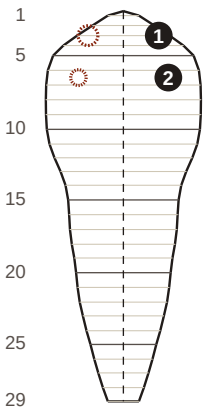

Body: 1 eye stalks, 2 cheeks

Each line is a round, counted as the rounds are worked. The upright broken line is the center line. A place with a broken edge is on the far side.

1. In every step: 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. Set the shell upright along the middle of the body, its round 1 to one side and its closed hole to the other, the line where its rounds begin at the bottom, and its lower edge on rounds 13 to 21 of the body, over the center line. Sew the shell to the body where they touch, in a line down each side, so that it stands firm.

2. Pin the two eye stalks to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 3, one to each side, 6½ stitches from the center line (5 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (6 sts) covers about rounds 2 to 4 of the body. They point up and out to the side. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

Finishing

- Put in the plastic eyes when the words of a piece say so. Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on; begin and end each strand inside the toy. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled.
- Eyes: one 6 mm black plastic eye on each eye stalk, on round 2, on the side that faces forward. Forward is the way the head looks, away from the shell.
- Mouth: with D (dark brown), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about 3/8 in (10 mm) wide that dips 3/16 in (5 mm) below its ends, the point above the curve, half way between its ends, on the body on round 7, on the line opposite the center line.
- Cheeks: with E (rose), in satin stitch, an oval about ¼ in (6 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the body between rounds 6 and 7, one to each side, 12 stitches from the center line (6 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line).
- Weave every tail through the toy and trim it. For a toy that will be played with, go round each seam a second time with a new length of yarn. Check the seams and small parts from time to time.

In all: 4 pieces; 1,200 stitches (576 in the body, 528 in the shell, 48 in each eye stalk); 8 ends to weave in.

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