Goldfish bowl

US terms



Finished size
About 6¼ in (16 cm) across and about as tall with the rim and the foot

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 8 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 7 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: pale sand, the sand	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: aqua, rounds 1 to 7 of the bowl	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: deep teal, round 8 of the bowl, the rim and the foot	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: goldfish orange, some of the fishs	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: sunny yellow, some of the fishs	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: cream, the sewn details	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: leaf green, the weeds	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 30 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, a spray bottle and a small ring, only if you want to hang the bowl up.

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.

ch chain, **hdc** half double crochet (UK htr), **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **tr** treble crochet (UK dtr), **st** stitch.

2 hdc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Hdc in next 2 sts: one in each.

Do not turn: the outside faces you all the time. The ch 1 is not a stitch. The first hdc goes **where the slip stitch went**.

Working in the round

[ ] 7 times: 7 times in all. ( ) in one place: all of it there. (24 hdc): the round now has 24; a check, not a step. Not 24? **Pull it back**.

Also: RS right side.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Bowl

☐ **Start**	With B, make a magic ring. *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.*	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, pull the tail to close it, sl st in first hdc to join	(8 hdc)
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(16 hdc)
☐ **Round 3**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(24 hdc)
☐ **Round 4**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(32 hdc)
☐ **Round 5**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(40 hdc)
☐ **Round 6**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(48 hdc)
☐ **Round 7**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(56 hdc)
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Round 8**	Join C with sl st in any st, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(56 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Sand

Yarn A, pale sand.

☐ **Start**	With A, ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 8 chs	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 3 sc in next st	(13 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st	(15 sc)

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☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st	(17 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 25 in (64 cm) tail for sewing.	

Rim

Yarn C, deep teal.

☐ **Start**	With C, ch 13.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 11 chs	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st	(14 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

Foot

Yarn C, deep teal.

☐ **Start**	With C, ch 11.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 9 chs	(10 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st	(12 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing.	

Fish: make 2

Make 1 in D and 1 in E. The lines say D; for the yellow fish, read E in its place.

☐ **Start**	With D, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, pull the tail to close it, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**, (sl st, ch 3, 2 tr, ch 3, sl st) in each of next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(15 sc, 4 tr)
☐	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing.	

Weed: make 2

Yarn G, leaf green.

☐ **Start**	With G, ch 10.	
☐ **Round 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 7 chs, sc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next 7 chs, sc in next ch	(3 sc, 14 hdc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Lay the bowl down, right side up, the join of Round 8 at the bottom. The middle line runs straight up from there through the magic ring. All places are measured from the magic ring of the bowl, up or down along the middle line and level to the left or right of it as you look at it. Sew each part down all round its edge with its own tail.
- Weeds: lay a weed on each side, right side up, its base 2 in (5 cm) below the magic ring, 1 5/8 in (4 cm) from the middle line on the left and 1 7/8 in (5 cm) from it on the right, its tip 2 3/8 in (6 cm) straight above its base. A third of the way up the weed bends ¼ in (0.5 cm) to the left, and two thirds of the way up ¼ in (0.5 cm) to the right.
- Sand: lay it over the lower part of the bowl and over the feet of the weeds, right side up, row 4 at the top and level, its upper edge 1 5/8 in (4 cm) below the magic ring. It is as wide on the left of the middle line as on the right, and the ends of its rows lie on the middle of Round 8, so that they follow the curve of the bowl and about half of Round 8 shows outside them.
- Rim: lay it across the top of the bowl, right side up, row 2 at the top, its middle on the middle line, its lower edge (the foundation chain) level and 2 5/8 in (6.5 cm) above the magic ring, so that nothing of the bowl shows above it. Sew its lower edge to the front of the bowl, and from the back sew the edge of the bowl to it.
- Foot: lay it across the bottom of the bowl in the same way, but with row 2 at the bottom, its upper edge (the foundation chain) level and 2 5/8 in (6.5 cm) below the magic ring, where it covers the lower edge of the sand. Sew its upper edge down, and from the back sew the edge of the bowl to it.
- Fish: both lie level, right sides up. The magic ring of the orange fish is 1 1/8 in (3 cm) above the magic ring of the bowl and ½ in (1.5 cm) to the left, its tail to the left. The magic ring of the yellow fish is 5/8 in (1.5 cm) below the magic ring of the bowl and ½ in (1.5 cm) to the right, its tail to the right, so that the tail lies over a part of the right weed.
- Face of each fish: the eye lies ½ in (1.5 cm) in front of its magic ring and ¼ in (0.5 cm) above it. With F, work one large French knot there, and with C one small French knot over the middle of it. With C, work the mouth in backstitch, a short curve from ¾ in (2 cm) in front of the magic ring and ¼ in (0.5 cm) below it, through 5/8 in (1.5 cm) in front and 3/8 in (1 cm) below, to 3/8 in (1 cm) in front and 3/8 in (1 cm) below. Fin: with F, work three straight stitches that all begin 1/8 in (0.5 cm) behind the magic ring of the fish and 1/8 in (0.5 cm) below it. They end 3/8 in (1 cm) behind it, one 1/8 in (0.5 cm) above its level, one 1/8 in (0.5 cm) below and one ¼ in (0.5 cm) below.
- Bubbles: with F, work three French knots on the right side of the bowl: a large one 1½ in (4 cm) above the magic ring and 1½ in (4 cm) to the right, a large one 1 in (2.5 cm) above and 1¾ in (4.5 cm) to the right, and a small one ½ in (1.5 cm) above and 1 5/8 in (4 cm) to the right.
- To sew the bowl on, pin it where it is to go and sew round the edge with a length of C, under the outermost strands of the stitches. To hang it up, sew a small ring to the back of the rim, at its middle.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 8 pieces; 490 stitches (280 in the bowl, 54 in the sand, 26 in the rim, 22 in the foot, 37 in each fish, 17 in each weed).

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. Yarns A, B, C, D, E and G: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn F: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- 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 round or a row does not count as a stitch.

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- 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.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in; after a new color is joined, it is the stitch the color was joined in.
- 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; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- Sand, rim and foot are worked in rows and look much alike on both sides: take either side as the right side.
- In a fish the two groups of 2 tr with a ch 3 on each side are the two halves of its tail. Its middle line runs from between them through the magic ring to the front of the fish.
- In a weed the line begins and ends at the tip; fasten off without joining. The other end, where the last chain holds a single sc, is the base.
- 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.
- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.5 cm, and half that round a small curve, unless the line names another) along the line. Put it down at the start of the line and bring it up again one stitch length ahead of where it last came up; keep going down at the end of the stitch before and up one length ahead.
- French knot (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back, wrap the yarn twice round the needle close to the surface, hold the wraps and put the needle down beside the place where it came up. For a large knot use the yarn double and wrap it three times.
- Straight stitch (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back at one end of the stitch and put it down at the other end.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 4¼ in (11 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 5 in (13 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 8 in (20 cm).

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