Half circle

US terms



Finished size
Each half circle is about 7½ in (19 cm) wide and about 4 in (10 cm) tall with its edge

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows, with 3 pieces 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, rows 1 and 2	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: coral, rows 3 and 4	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: plum, rows 5 and 6	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cream, row 7	**about 20 yd (18 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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch

Gauge

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

The 6 rows of double crochet measure about 3¼ in (8.3 cm) from the ring to the top of Row 6.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

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Before you start

- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- The half circle is a part of a circle, worked back and forth in rows from a ring; do not join the ends of a row.
- 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 row 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; slip stitches are not counted.
- The right side is the side that faces you in the odd-numbered rows. Rows 2 to 7 begin in the last stitch of the row before, which is the first st after the turn. The ch 3 at the start of a row stands in the place of a dc in that st, so the next dc goes into the second st; the last stitch of a row goes into the top of the ch-3 that began the row before. Where a new color is joined, it is joined in that same first st.
- The rule of increase: the straight side has 1 stitch that never doubles, and the rest of the row is six equal parts. Each part ends with 2 dc in one st, so every row has 6 dc more than the row before: 7, 13, 19, 25, 31, 37. For a larger half circle go on in the same way: Row 7 would be ch 3 and [dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st] 6 times (43 dc). Each dc row makes it about ½ in (1.3 cm) taller and just over 1 in (2.7 cm) wider.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 5 in (13 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 5¾ in (15 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 9½ in (24 cm).

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 row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Half circle: make 3

Yarns in order of use: A, golden yellow; B, coral; C, plum; D, cream.

Make 1 as the lines say; for the second read B for A, C for B and A for C; for the third read C for A, A for B and B for C. D is D in all three.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 6 dc in ring	**(7 dc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), **[**2 dc in next st**] 6 times**	**(13 dc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Row 3**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), **[**dc in next st, 2 dc in next st**] 6 times**	**(19 dc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 6 times**	**(25 dc)**
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Row 5**	Turn, join C with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), **[**dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 6 times**	**(31 dc)**

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☐ **Row 6**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), **[**dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 6 times**	**(37 dc)**
	Fasten off C.	
☐ **Row 7**	Turn, join D with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(43 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Block: pin each half circle out flat, right side up, its rows in true half rings and the ends of the rows in one straight line, spray it with water and let it dry.
- Straight side, on each half circle: hold it with the right side facing you and the straight side at the top, the curve hanging down. Join D with a slip stitch in the end of Row 7 at the right-hand corner, ch 1, sc in the same place. Work 2 sc over the end of each of the six dc rows, 1 sc in the ring, 2 sc over the end of each of the six dc rows on the other half and 1 sc in the end of Row 7 at the left-hand corner (27 sc). Fasten off. Press the side straight with your fingers.
- For a pocket, use two half circles. Lay them with their wrong sides together, curves and straight sides level, and hold them with the straight sides at the bottom. Join D with a slip stitch through the sc of Row 7 of both at the right-hand end of the curve, ch 1, and work 1 sc through both layers in that same place and in each of the other 42 sc of Row 7, up over the curve and down to its left-hand end (43 sc). Fasten off. The straight sides stay open.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 3 pieces; 525 stitches.

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