Bunch of fall corn

US terms



Finished size

About 12½ in (32 cm) tall from the tip of the middle husk leaf to the tip of the middle ear, without the loop, and 10¼ in (26 cm) wide over the tips of the leaves

Skill

Intermediate

Worked in rows and rounds, with 17 pieces, color changes and 3 special stitches.

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: maroon, the ear fronts and the ear backs	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: rust, the bow, the bow band and the bow tails	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: gold, some of the pieces	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cream, some of the pieces	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: blue gray, some of the pieces	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: straw, some of the husk leaves	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: pale straw, some of the husk leaves	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 140 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, toy stuffing, pins and spray starch.

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, E, F and G: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn D: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Gauge

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

The front of an ear, 11 rows, is about 3 in (7.5 cm) wide and 7¾ in (20 cm) long before it is filled.

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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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.
- 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.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- The ears are worked sideways, in rows that run from one end to the other, so that every row of bobbles is one long line of kernels. Hold a front or a back with Row 1 facing you and its foundation chain at the bottom: the right-hand end is the base of the ear, which is hidden under the bow, and the left-hand end is its tip. Every row uses every stitch of the row before. The first stitch of a row is worked in the first st, the one the last row ended with, and the last stitch in the last st.
- The right side of a front and of a back is the side that faces you in Row 1 and in every odd row. Bobbles are worked in the even rows, with the wrong side toward you: push each one through with a finger so that it stands out on the right side.
- In Rows 2 and 4 of a front, (sc, bobble, sc) means a sc, a bobble and a sc, all three in the same st; in Row 6, (sc, bobble) means a sc and a bobble in the same st.
- Two colors in a row: where a line says With B, change to B: pull B, not A, through the last loops of the stitch before. With A is the change back. Nothing is fastened off at these changes. Hold the yarn that is not in use along the top of the row below and work over it, so that it is carried inside the stitches. Begin the second color of a row a few stitches before its first bobble, and cut it after its last bobble, with ends of 4 in (10 cm); A goes on into the next row.
- The end of a husk leaf where its round begins and is joined is the base; the point with the ch-2 sp is the tip. The last sc goes in the same chain as the first. The right side is the side that faces you.
- Either side of the bow, the bow band and the bow tails may be the right side. A bow tail has its foundation chain at its upper end and its slanting end below.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **rem** remaining, **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
3 sc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 17 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 5 times: work what is inside 5 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(17 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

bobble: [yarn over, insert the hook in the place named, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] 5 times, all in the same place (6 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 6 loops.

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.

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.

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Ear front: make 3

Yarns in order of use: A, maroon; B, rust; C, gold; D, cream.

The lines give the maroon ear: work one as they say. For the gold ear work C where a line says A, D where it says B, A where it says C, and B where it says D. For the blue gray ear work E where a line says A, D where it says B, A where it says C, and B where it says D.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 18.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(17 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, (sc, bobble, sc) in next st, [[bobble in next st, sc in next st] twice, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next st] twice, [bobble in next st, sc in next st] twice	(10 sc, 9 bobbles)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts, 3 sc in next st	(23 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, (sc, bobble, sc) in next st, **[**bobble in next st, sc in next st, With C, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next st**] 5 times**, bobble in next st, sc in next st	(13 sc, 12 bobbles)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 24 sts, 2 sc in next st	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, (sc, bobble) in next st, **[**[sc in next st, bobble in next st] twice, sc in next st, With D, bobble in next st, With A**] 4 times**, sc in next st	(14 sc, 13 bobbles)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 25 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(25 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, **[**bobble in next st, sc in next st, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(1 sc2tog, 12 bobbles, 12 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 22 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts	(22 sc, 1 sc3tog)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc3tog in next 3 sts, [[bobble in next st, sc in next st] twice, With C, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next st] twice, [bobble in next st, sc in next st] twice, bobble in next st, sc3tog in next 3 sts	(2 sc3tog, 9 bobbles, 8 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 16 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts	(16 sc, 1 sc3tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Ear back: make 3

Make 1 in each of A, C and E. The lines say A; use the other colors the same way.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 18.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(17 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts	(19 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts, 3 sc in next st	(23 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 22 sts	(25 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 24 sts, 2 sc in next st	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 25 sts	(27 sc)

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☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 25 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(25 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 24 sts	(1 sc2tog, 24 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 22 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts	(22 sc, 1 sc3tog)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next 17 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts	(2 sc3tog, 17 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 16 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts	(16 sc, 1 sc3tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 64 in (163 cm) tail for sewing.	

Husk leaf: make 7

Make 3 in F and 4 in G. The lines say F; use G the same way.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, ch 18.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, tr in next 6 chs, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next 2 chs, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 2 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 2 chs, tr in next 6 chs, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	(8 sc, 6 hdc, 8 dc, 12 tr, 1 ch-2 sp)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing.	

Bow

Yarn B, rust.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(7 sc)
☐ **Rows 3 to 4** 3 4	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 5 sts	(1 sc2tog, 5 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts	(1 sc2tog, 4 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts	(1 sc2tog, 3 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts	(1 sc2tog, 2 sc)
☐ **Rows 9 to 10** 9 10	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(7 sc)
☐ **Rows 15 to 16** 15 16	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(2 sc2tog, 3 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Bow band

Yarn B, rust.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(3 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	(3 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

Bow tail: make 2

Yarn B, rust.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(3 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next st	(1 sc2tog, 1 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(1 sc2tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends of the fronts, and all ends of the backs but the long tails, on the wrong side: they cannot be reached later. Block: pin the seven husk leaves right side up, straight, 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm) wide at the widest and 5 3/8 in (13.7 cm) long, spray them with starch and let them dry. Do not wet or press the ears.
- Ears: lay an ear front on the ear back of its color, wrong sides together, tip on tip and base on base, so that the edges match all round: the foundation chain of the front lies over the last row of the back. Sew them together with the long tail of the back in whip stitch: bring the needle up from below through both edges, carry the yarn over the edge and go on to the next stitch or row end. The tail hangs at one corner of the tip. Sew across the tip first, along the long side beyond it and along the base. Fill the ear lightly with toy stuffing, until it is about 1 in (2.5 cm) thick in the middle, then sew up the last long side to where you began. Fasten off and hide the end inside.
- Lay the maroon ear down, the front up, its tip pointing straight down: the middle ear. Its middle line runs along its middle line of kernels. All heights are measured from its base edge, which is now its upper edge, and all distances to the side from its middle line.
- Slide the gold ear under its left side and the blue gray ear under its right side, fronts up. The middle of the base edge of each is ½ in (1.3 cm) to the side and ¼ in (0.6 cm) below the base edge of the middle ear; its tip is 3 7/8 in (9.8 cm) to the side and 7 1/8 in (18.1 cm) below. Close to their bases the two side ears cross each other: there lay the blue gray ear on top of the gold ear, and the middle ear on top of both, and press them flat with your hand. Pin all three. With 30 in (76 cm) of A, sew the middle ear to the two others with small stitches along both its long edges, from its base edge to a point 3 3/8 in (8.6 cm) below it. Turn the bunch face down: here at the back the gold ear lies on the blue gray ear. With 14 in (36 cm) of C, sew the inner long edge of the gold ear (its right-hand long edge when the bunch is face up) to the back of the blue gray ear wherever it lies on it, from the base of the gold ear to the point where that edge leaves the blue gray ear. Go through the back of the ears only, so that no stitch shows at the front.

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- Husk leaves: leave the bunch face down and lay the leaves on it wrong side up, their tips away from the ears, one after another. The middle of the base of every leaf is 5/8 in (1.6 cm) below the base edge of the middle ear, so that it lies on the back of the ears. First a leaf in F on the middle line, its tip straight up, 4¾ in (12.1 cm) above the base edge. Over it, one to each side, two in G (of the two leaves of a pair either may lie over the other where their bases meet), their tips 2¼ in (5.7 cm) to the side and 4 3/8 in (11.1 cm) above the base edge. Over those, two in F, their tips 4 in (10.2 cm) to the side and 3 1/8 in (7.9 cm) above it. Last two in G, their tips 5 1/8 in (13 cm) to the side and 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) above it. The middle of each base moves outward with its tip: 1/8 in (0.3 cm), ¼ in (0.6 cm) and 3/8 in (1 cm) to the side. Bend the six side leaves gently as you pin them, so that their tips curve outward and down. Pin all seven, then sew with the tail of each leaf. Middle leaf: sew its base to the back of the ears. Each side leaf: sew its base to the back of the ears and the leaves below it; then sew its inner edge, the long edge that is nearer to the middle leaf, to the leaf it lies on (the next leaf toward the middle), from the base to the point where that edge leaves the other leaf, about 3½ in (9 cm) measured along the edge. The rest of the leaf, with its tip, stays free.
- Loop: with B, ch 15 (about 3½ in, 9 cm), leaving 8 in (20 cm) tails, and fasten off. With the tails, sew both ends of the chain, side by side, to the back of the middle husk leaf, on its middle line, 3/8 in (1 cm) below its tip. Turn the bunch face up again.
- Bow tails: lay them on the middle ear and the ears beside it, the foundation chain of each at the top. The middle of the upper end is 1/8 in (0.3 cm) to the side and 1/8 in (0.3 cm) below the base edge; from there one tail runs out to the left and the other to the right, so that the middle of its lower end is 1¾ in (4.4 cm) to the side and 2½ in (6.4 cm) below the base edge. The longer edge of each lies away from the middle line: turn one of them over. The sewing tail of each hangs at its lower end, the slanting one: with it sew the lower end down with a few stitches, then run the tail along the back up to the foundation chain, sew the upper end down with it and fasten off.
- Bow: lay the bow flat, its two wide ends to the left and to the right. Lay the bow band upright across the middle of it, the same length showing above and below, fold its two ends to the back and sew them to each other and to the back of the bow with the tail of the bow band. Lay the bow level on the bunch, its middle on the middle line and 1/8 in (0.3 cm) above the base edge, so that it covers the bases of the ears and the upper ends of the bow tails. Run the tail of the bow along its back to the middle and sew the bow down behind the band and behind the middle of each wing, through the ears and the leaves below.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 17 pieces.

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