Mandala earrings

US terms



Finished size
About 1½ in (4 cm) across each, without the ear wire

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with 2 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Lace (0), 3 colors

Hook
1.75 mm

Gauge
34 stitches and 36 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: gold, round 1	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: turquoise, round 2	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: raspberry, round 3	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton crochet thread, size 10

Hook: 1.75 mm. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, fabric stiffener, 2 ear wires with loops, 2 small jump rings and small pliers.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. 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)
sk	skip
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

picot (Picot): Ch 3, sl st in the top of the stitch just made. It leaves 1 picot for the next row.

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Gauge

34 stitches and 36 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 2 the mandala measures about ¾ in (2 cm) across. 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 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 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.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and its picots; slip stitches are not counted.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 2½ in (6 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3 in (8 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 3¾ in (10 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 round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Mandala: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, gold; B, turquoise; C, raspberry.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(12 dc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in any st, ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(24 sc)**
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join C with sl st in any st, ch 1, sc in same st, sk next st, (2 dc, picot, 2 dc) in next st, sk next st, **[**sc in next st, sk next st, (2 dc, picot, 2 dc) in next st, sk next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc, 24 dc, 6 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends with the yarn needle; nothing is sewn. Pin the mandalas flat on a covered board, brush them with fabric stiffener as its label says and let them dry.
- With the pliers, twist open a jump ring. Put it through one picot, hang the loop of an ear wire on it and close it. Do the same for the other earring.

In all: 2 pieces; 132 stitches; 12 ends to weave in.

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