Mimic treasure chest dice bag

Two sets · US terms



Finished size
About 4¼ in (11 cm) wide, 2¾ in (7 cm) deep at the rim and 3¾ in (9.5 cm) tall with the lid shut, for two sets of seven dice

Skill
Intermediate
The parts are simple rows and rounds of single crochet, with a good deal of sewing.

Yarn
Medium (4), 6 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
17 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: chestnut brown, the planks	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: dark brown, the lines between the planks, the pupil and the keyhole	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: gold, the bands, the edges, the lock and the loop	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: white, the teeth	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: red, the tongue	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: yellow, the eye	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 95 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a gold button ½ in (12 mm) across, with sewing thread and a sewing needle, 4 stitch markers, pins, a yarn needle and scissors.

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 of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Two sets (this file)	**4¼ in (11 cm) wide, 2¾ in (7 cm) deep**	**about 185 yd (169 m)**
Six sets	5¾ in (14.5 cm) wide, 4¼ in (11 cm) deep	about 305 yd (279 m)

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Gauge

17 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 12.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Lay it flat and count the stitches and rows over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 17 stitches and 19 rows. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.
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Swatch foundation	Ch 27.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(26 sc)
Swatch rows 2 to 28	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(26 sc)

Notes

- The base, the lid and its ends, the bands, the teeth, the tongue and the lock are worked in rows. The chain of 1 at the start of a row or round does not count as a stitch.
- Round 1 of the walls goes all round the base: along the last row, down the row ends, along the foundation chain, and back up the other row ends. The walls turn up in round 2. They are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- The ends of the lid and the eye begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring, draw up a loop and chain 1 to hold it, which does not count as a stitch. Work the first row or round into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed. The eye is worked in a spiral.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays on the outside as a ridge round the foot of the walls.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- sc2tog: draw up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on the hook.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- To sew a piece down flat: bring the needle up through the piece under the top of a stitch at its edge and down through the fabric beneath just outside the edge, one stitch for each stitch or row of the edge.
- Straight stitch: bring the needle up at one end of the stitch and put it down at the other.
- The button, the dice and the small parts are not for a child under three.
- Colors. Base: A. Walls. Rounds 1 to 4: A. Round 5: B. Rounds 6 to 8: A. Round 9: B. Rounds 10 to 11: A. Round 12: C. Lid. Rows 1 to 2: A. Row 3: B. Rows 4 to 6: A. Row 7: B. Rows 8 to 11: A. Row 12: B. Rows 13 to 15: A. Row 16: B. Rows 17 to 18: A. Ends of the lid: A. Edge of the lid, bands and lock: C. Teeth: D. Tongue: E. Eye. Rounds 1 to 2: F. Round 3: B.

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Instructions

Two sets. 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), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **sp** space, **rnd** round.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one. **BLO**: only the loop away from you. **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 18 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(18 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Base

Yarn A, chestnut brown.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 19.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(18 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(18 sc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 **12**

> **Stop and measure now, after row 12.** The base should measure about 4¼ in (11 cm) wide and 2½ in (6.5 cm) long.

☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

Walls

Yarns in order of use: A, chestnut brown; B, dark brown; C, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	The base just worked, 18 stitches and 12 rows; turn it so that the other side of the last row faces you.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in next 18 sts, sc in end of each of next 12 rows, sc in next 18 chs, sc in end of each of next 12 rows	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 4**	Sc in each st around	(60 sc)

3 4

☐ **Rnd 5**	With B, sc in each st around	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	With A, sc in each st around	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnds 7 to 8**	Sc in each st around	(60 sc)

7 8

☐ **Rnd 9**	With B, sc in each st around	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	With A, sc in each st around	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	(60 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 12**	With C, sc in each st around	(60 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Lid

Yarns in order of use: A, chestnut brown; B, dark brown.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 19.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(18 sc)
☐ **Rows 5 to 6** 5 6	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(18 sc)
☐ **Rows 9 to 11** 9 10 11	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(18 sc)
☐ **Rows 14 to 15** 14 15	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 16**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 17**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(18 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

End of the lid: make 2

Yarn A, chestnut brown.

A half circle: its straight edge is made by the ends of the rows.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	3 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(15 sc)

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☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Edge of the lid

Yarn C, gold.

Work it in step 3 of Assembly. The first stitch goes into the first of the 18 chains at your right, with the right side facing you and the lid upside down; then come the 12 row ends of one end, the 18 stitches of the last row and the 12 row ends of the other end. Where a lid band ends, put the hook through the band and the lid together, its 3 chains on 3 chains of the lid, its 3 stitches on 3 stitches of the last row.

☐ **Foundation**	The lower edge of the lid, its ends sewn on, RS facing; 60 places.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 59 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Lid band: make 2

Yarn C, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(3 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	(3 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 32 in (81.5 cm) for sewing.	

Wall band: make 4

Yarn C, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(3 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	(3 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 26 in (66 cm) for sewing.	

Teeth: make 2

Yarn D, white.

Each group of (hdc, dc, ch 2, dc, hdc) is a tooth, with the ch-2 sp at its point.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 43.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(42 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, (hdc, dc, ch 2, dc, hdc) in next st, sc in next st**] 14 times**	(28 sc, 28 hdc, 28 dc, 14 ch-2 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 38 in (96.5 cm) for sewing.	

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Tongue

Yarn E, red.

The tongue begins at its root; row 17, the last, makes its rounded tip.

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

Eye

Yarns in order of use: F, yellow; B, dark brown.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	With B, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 22 in (56 cm) for sewing.	

Lock

Yarn C, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (61 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails on the wrong sides but the long tails, which are for sewing. The right side of every piece is out.

2. The bands. Pin every band in place and sew it down flat with its own tail. The two lid bands lie on the right side of the lid, from the foundation chain to the last row, row on row, each 2 stitches in from a side edge. Sew them along their two long edges only: their ends lie level with the edges of the lid and are caught in step 3. The walls: the side worked along the last row of the base is the back, the opposite one the front, and the other two are the sides. Put a marker in the rim above each corner of the base, so that 18 stitches of the rim lie along the back and the front and 12 along each side. On the front and on the back two wall bands stand upright, their foundation chains on the ridge at the foot of the wall and their last rows just below the gold round, 2 stitches in from the corners; sew them along both long edges and both ends. Fasten off each band on the inside.

3. The lid. With its tail whip stitch the curved edge of each end, 18 stitches, to a side edge of the lid, 18 row ends, one to one. With the right sides out each end has its tail at a lower corner; begin there, so that one end is sewn from the

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foundation edge to the last row, and the other from the last row to the foundation edge. Fasten off and draw the tails inside. The straight edges of the ends and the two long edges of the lid are now one level edge: work the edge of the lid round it.

4. The eye. With 16 in (40.5 cm) of B work the pupil on the right side of the eye: five straight stitches close together, upright, through the middle, the middle one ¾ in (2 cm) long and the others shorter toward the sides, so that it is pointed at both ends; with one length of D of 10 in (25.5 cm) two short upright stitches side by side, 1/8 in (3 mm) long, at the upper right of the pupil. The front of the lid is its foundation edge. Sew the eye to the lid with its tail, flat, its middle between the two bands, 9 stitches from each side edge, on row 4, the pupil upright. Fasten off on the inside.

5. The teeth. The strip for the chest stands inside the rim along one side, the front and the other side, right side out, its points up and the foundation chain level with the bottom of the gold round: 12 stitches at the side, 18 at the front and 12 at the other side. With its tail, taken down the side edge to the foundation chain, begin at that end and sew the strip down, one stitch for each chain, with small stitches that go only through the inner half of the wall. The strip for the lid is sewn inside the edge of the lid in the same way, along one side, the front and the other side, its points down and its foundation chain level with the line where the gold edge meets the lid.

6. The hinge. Set the lid on the chest, its front over the front. Cut 34 in (86.5 cm) of C and whip stitch the 18 stitches of the edge of the lid along its back to the 18 stitches of the rim along the back of the chest, right sides out, from corner to corner, and back again. Fasten off on the inside.

7. The tongue. Its root is the foundation chain. Lay the root against the inside of the front wall, on the second round below the gold round, so that the tongue goes up behind the teeth, over them and the rim, and hangs down the outside of the front with its right side out. Its side edge nearer the middle is 3 stitches from the middle of the front, at your right as you look at the front from outside. Cut 14 in (35.5 cm) of E and whip stitch the 5 chains to the wall, going over them twice. Fasten off on the inside.

8. The lock. Lay it on the outside of the front, right side out, row 1 at the bottom, its middle in the middle of the front, row 6 just below the gold round, and sew it down flat with its tail. The keyhole: with B, 12 in (30.5 cm) long, work three straight stitches that all begin in one place, in the middle of row 3, and end on the line between rows 1 and 2, spread so that they are 1/8 in (3 mm) apart there. Work one short level stitch across the place where they begin. Sew the button to the lock with thread, in the middle of row 6.

9. The loop. Of the 18 stitches of the edge of the lid along the front the middle two are the 9th and the 10th. With the right side of the lid facing you join C with a slip stitch in the one, chain 7, and slip stitch in the other. Fasten off and weave in the ends on the inside. The loop hangs about ¾ in (2 cm) below the edge of the lid: with the lid shut it reaches down over the gold round and round the button. Take the markers out.

10. Weave in all the tails that are left on the inside.

Finishing

- Push the corners of the chest out with a finger, pinch the ridge at its foot, and pull every tooth to a point.

In all: 15 pieces; 2,075 stitches.

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