Monster tissue box cover

Cube box · US terms



Finished size
About 4½ × 4½ in (11 × 11 cm)
About 4½ in (11.5 cm) wide, 4½ in (11.5 cm) tall and 5½ in (14 cm) deep without the eyes. To fit a tissue box 4¼ in (11 cm) to 4½ in (11.5 cm) square and 4¾ in (12 cm) to 5¼ in (13.5 cm) tall, lying on its side

Skill
Intermediate
The fur is loop stitch, the mouth is an opening in the wall, and small parts are sewn on.

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 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: purple, the body	**about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: lime, the hair and the eye stalks	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: white, the teeth and the eyes	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the lips and the pupils	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: orange, the horns	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 110 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: acrylic

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a handful of toy stuffing, a stitch marker, 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	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Cube box (this file)	**a tissue box 4¼ in (11 cm) to 4½ in (11.5 cm) square and 4¾ in (12 cm) to 5¼ in (13.5 cm) tall, lying on its side**	**4½ × 4½ in (11 × 11 cm)**	**about 220 yd (201 m)**

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Tall box	a tissue box 4¼ in (11 cm) to 4½ in (11.5 cm) square and more than 5¼ in (13.5 cm) and up to 6¼ in (16 cm) tall, lying on its side	4½ × 4½ in (11 × 11 cm)	about 245 yd (224 m)

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

The rows and rounds of loop stitch are counted at the same height as those of single crochet.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 20.

> **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 14 stitches and 15 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 22.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(21 sc)
Swatch rows 2 to 22	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(21 sc)

Notes

- The loops of loop stitch come out at the back of the work. So the loop rows and all the rounds of the walls are worked with the wrong side, the plain side that will be inside, facing you.
- Rows: The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. Joined rounds: each round is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch. The chain at the start of a round does not count as a stitch; work the first stitch of the round into the stitch the round before was joined in.
- The eyes, the pupils and the horns are worked in a spiral: their rounds are not joined. Keep the marker in the first stitch of each round.
- 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 round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- To change color where a joined round begins, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the slip stitch that ends the round before. In a spiral, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn, 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. sc3tog: draw up a loop in each of the next 3 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 4 loops on the hook.
- Measure the box across its top and from top to bottom. The opening must be in its top, the square end.
- Colors. The top and rounds 1 and 2 of the upper walls are B, the rest of the walls is A. The lips and the pupils are D, the teeth C and the horns E. Each eye is C and its stalk B.
- The depth. The rows of the top lie closer together than the stitches of the walls: the top is about 5¼ in (13.5 cm) from front to back, and a wall of 20 stitches is about 5¾ in (14.5 cm). Worked together they settle between the two.

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Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **sp** space, **rnd** round.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **sc3tog** 3 sc made into one, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows, **WS** wrong side, the back.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 16 sts**: one in each. **ch-12 sp**: the gap under twelve chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(16 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

loop-st (Loop stitch): Insert hook in the place named. Lift a forefinger behind the work so that the yarn lies over it in a loop about ¾ in (2 cm) long, catch the yarn of that loop with the hook, the part in front of the finger and the part behind it, and draw both through the stitch, so that 3 loops are on the hook; then yo, pull through all 3 loops, and slip the long loop off the finger. It stands at the back of the work, which is the outside of the monster.

Top

Yarn B, lime.

Row 1 is the back edge and row 20 the front edge. The even rows are rows of loops; the wrong side faces you in them.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 17.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(16 sc)
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; loop-st in each st across	(16 loop-sts)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(16 sc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 20**	Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.	

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 **20**

Stop and measure now, after row 20. The top should be about 5¼ in (13.5 cm) long from row 1 to row 20.

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Upper walls

Yarns in order of use: B, lime; A, purple.

Join B with a slip stitch in the first stitch of row 20. Work along row 20, down the ends of the rows at that side, along the foundation chain and up the ends at the other side, one stitch in each place. Stitches 1 to 16 of every round are the front. The wrong side faces you in every round. Fold the walls down as they grow, so that the loops are outside.

☐ **Foundation**	The top, 16 stitches and 20 rows; turn it so that its wrong side, without the loops, faces you and row 20 is at the top.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (WS)**	Ch 1, sc in next 16 sts, sc in end of each of next 20 rows, sc in next 16 chs, sc in end of each of next 20 rows, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, loop-st in each st around, sl st in first loop-st to join	(72 loop-sts)
☐ **Rnd 3**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in next 16 sts, loop-st in next 56 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(16 sc, 56 loop-sts)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Beside the mouth

Yarn A, purple.

Stitches 3 to 14 of the front stay free: they are the upper edge of the mouth. With the wrong side facing join A with a slip stitch in stitch 15 of round 5 and chain 1, which does not count as a stitch; the first stitch goes where A is joined. Work to the end of the round, over the join and over stitches 1 and 2, then turn. The 2 stitches of the front at each side of the mouth are the two ends of the rows.

☐ **Foundation**	Stitches 15 to 72 of round 5 of the upper walls and then stitches 1 and 2, WS facing; 60 stitches.	
☐ **Row 1 (WS)**	Loop-st in each st across	(60 loop-sts)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; loop-st in each st across	(60 loop-sts)
☐ **Rows 4 to 8**	Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3. 4 5 6 7 8	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Lower walls

Yarn A, purple.

With the wrong side facing join A with a slip stitch in the last stitch of row 8, the one at your right, and work over the row; the first stitch goes where A is joined. The chain of 12 at the end of round 1 goes across below the mouth. The wrong side faces you in every round. In round 2 the last 12 sc are worked round the whole chain, the hook going under it, into the mouth.

☐ **Foundation**	Row 8 of the part beside the mouth, WS facing; 60 stitches.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (WS)**	Ch 1, loop-st in next 60 sts, ch 12, sl st in first loop-st to join	(60 loop-sts, 1 ch-12 sp)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in next 60 sts, 12 sc in next ch-12 sp, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, loop-st in each st around, sl st in first loop-st to join	(72 loop-sts)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Lips

Yarn D, black.

Turn the cover upside down, the open bottom up, the outside with the loops toward you, and hold the loops out of the way. The 12 free stitches of round 5 now lie along the lower edge of the opening, their tops upward. Join D with a slip stitch in the one at the right; the first stitch goes where D is joined. Work toward your left along the 12 of them, then up the side of the mouth, 9 stitches: one in the end of each of the 8 rows beside the mouth and one in the end of round 1 of the lower walls. Go on turning the cover. Along the chain of 12 work round the chain, the hook going in between the 12 single crochet (UK double crochet) that round 2 of the lower walls worked over it: one stitch in the space before the first of them that you come to, and one in each of the 11 spaces between them, 12 stitches. Then down the other side, 9 stitches: one in the end of round 1 of the lower walls and one in the end of each of the 8 rows.

☐ **Foundation**	The edge of the mouth, RS facing: the 12 free stitches of round 5, 9 ends at one side, 12 spaces along the chain and 9 ends at the other side; 42 places.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(42 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Tooth: make 6

Yarn C, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc3tog	(1 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30.5 cm) for sewing.	

Middle eye

Yarns in order of use: C, white; B, lime.

Begin at the top of the eye. Stuff it firmly after round 6, and the stalk as you go.

☐ **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**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnds 4 to 5**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
4 5		
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)

Stalk

☐ **Rnd 8**	With B, sc in each st around	(6 sc)

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☐ **Rnds 9 to 14** 9 10 11 12 13 14	Sc in each st around	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 16 in (40.5 cm) for sewing.	

Side eye: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, white; B, lime.

Begin at the top of the eye. Stuff it firmly after round 4, and the stalk as you go.

☐ **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)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 4** 3 4	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
Stalk		
☐ **Rnd 6**	With B, sc in each st around	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnds 7 to 10** 7 8 9 10	Sc in each st around	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 16 in (40.5 cm) for sewing.	

Pupil: make 3

Yarn D, black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the first stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30.5 cm) for sewing.	

Horn: make 2

Yarn E, orange.

Begin at the tip. Stuff it when it is done.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 16 in (40.5 cm) for sewing.	

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Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails of the top, the walls and the lips on the wrong side. Weave in the starting tails of the teeth and the pupils on their wrong sides; those of the eyes and the horns, and the tails of the color changes in the eyes, stay inside them. Shake the cover and pull every loop out with your fingers. The loops stay closed: do not cut them.

2. The teeth. The foundation chain of each is its root, its single stitch is its point. Bring the long tail down along one side edge to the root, with two small stitches. Four teeth are above: lay their roots on the inside along the upper lip, right side out, points down, close beside each other, so that their 12 chains meet the 12 stitches of the upper lip. Two are below, points up: one on stitches 2 to 4 of the 12 stitches of the lower lip, counted from its left corner as you look at the mouth, the other on stitches 9 to 11. With its tail whip stitch the 3 chains of each tooth to the lip from the inside, at the foot of its stitches. Whip stitch: put the needle through a chain of the tooth and through a stitch of the lip, and draw the yarn snug. Fasten off on the wrong side.

3. The pupils. Lay one on each eye, right side up, its middle on round 4 of the middle eye and on round 3 of a side eye, so that the eyes look forward. With its tail sew it down round its edge: up through the pupil and down through the eye beside it, 6 stitches. Draw the end into the eye. With a length of C 8 in (20 cm) long for each make one small stitch on each pupil, over its upper left edge, for a glint, and draw both ends into the eye.

4. The eyes. They stand on the top near its front edge, among the loops. The middle one: the middle of its stalk between the 8th and the 9th stitches of row 16. The side ones: their middles on the 5th and the 12th stitches of row 15, leaning outward. Part the loops, set the open end of the stalk on the top with its pupil to the front, and with its tail whip stitch the 6 stitches of its last round to the top in a circle, twice round. Fasten off on the wrong side.

5. The horns. One at each side of the top, their middles on the 2nd and the 15th stitches of row 19. Part the loops and whip stitch the 8 stitches of the last round of each to the top in a circle with its tail, twice round, so that the horn stands up and leans outward. Fasten off on the wrong side.

6. Lay the tissue box on its side, the opening toward you, and put the cover down over it with the mouth before the opening. Draw the first tissue out between the teeth.

Finishing

- Fluff the loops with your fingers and bring the lime ones forward over the edge of the top.

In all: 15 pieces.

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