Crescent moon applique

US terms



Finished size
About 4¾ in (12 cm) wide and about 3¾ in (10 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 2 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: pale gold, the moon	**about 9 yd (8 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: ivory, the star	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: rose, the cheeks	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the eyes and the mouth	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). 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. Yarns A and B: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarns C and D: the estimate is from the stitches 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sk	skip
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Gauge

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

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Before you start

- 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.
- 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 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.
- In a round of petals or points the last slip stitch falls in the stitch the first petal or point began in.
- A petal or point is worked back along its own chain: begin in the chain named and work one stitch or group in each chain until none is left.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- The finished size is the moon and the star together, as they are sewn on. The moon alone is about 3 in (8 cm) wide and 3¾ in (10 cm) tall, and the star about 2 in (5 cm) across.
- The foundation chain of the moon is its inner curve. The stitches at the two ends of Row 1 and the slip stitches that begin Row 2 make its two horns; at its end Row 2 leaves three stitches unworked, the hdc, sc and slip stitch that began Row 1; Row 3 is worked only into the stitches from the first sc to the last sc of Row 2.
- The pieces worked in rows look much alike on both sides: take either side as the right side.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.6 cm, and half that round a small curve, unless the line names another) along the line. Put it down at the start of the line and bring it up again one stitch length ahead of where it last came up; keep going down at the end of the stitch before and up one length ahead.
- French knot (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back, wrap the yarn twice round the needle close to the surface, hold the wraps and put the needle down beside the place where it came up. For a large knot use the yarn double and wrap it three times.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3¼ in (8 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3¾ in (10 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 6 in (15 cm).

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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, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Moon

Yarn A, pale gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 17.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, **[**2 dc in next ch, dc in next ch**] 4 times**, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in next ch	**(2 sc, 2 hdc, 14 dc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Turn, sk next sl st, sl st in next 2 sts, sc in next st, **[**2 dc in each of next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 4 times**, sc in next st, leave the rest unworked	**(2 sc, 20 dc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 5 sts	**(25 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 30 in (76 cm) tail for sewing.	

Star

Yarn B, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 10 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Ch 3, sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, sk next st, sl st in next st**] 5 times**	**(5 sc, 5 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, the moon so that its foundation chain makes two thirds of a circle and its two ends are points. Spray them with water and let them dry.
- Lay the moon with its hollow to the right and its two horns one above the other.
- The face is on the widest part of the moon, half way between the two horns. With D, work the two closed eyes in backstitch, side by side: each a curve 3/8 in (1 cm) wide that dips 1/8 in (0.3 cm) in its middle, like a U, the middles of the two 5/8 in (1.6 cm) apart and their ends ¼ in (0.6 cm) above the line half way between the horns. Between and below them work the mouth in the same way, a curve 3/8 in (1 cm) wide that dips 1/8 in (0.3 cm) in its middle, its ends ¼ in (0.6 cm) below that line. With C, work a French knot for a cheek at each side of the mouth, under the outer end of each eye.
- Sew the moon on with its tail, then sew on the star, level with the face: its middle is ¾ in (1.9 cm) to the right of the line between the two horns, and no part of it touches the moon.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 2 pieces; 85 stitches (65 in the moon, 20 in the star); 8 ends to weave in.

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