Mushroom applique

US terms



Finished size
About 3½ in (9 cm) across

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 5 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 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: toadstool red, the cap **about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the stem and the spots **about 8 yd (7 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. 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
rem	remaining
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

sc2tog: [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. It leaves 1 st for the next row.

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Gauge

14 stitches and 15 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 row 2 the cap measures about 1¾ in (4.5 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.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- The cap is a part of a circle, worked back and forth in rows from a ring; do not join the ends of a row.
- 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.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- 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.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 2¼ in (6 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 2¾ in (7 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 4½ in (11 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 row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and hdc is half treble.

Cap

Yarn A, toadstool red.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1**	Ch 1, 5 hdc in ring	**(5 hdc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in each st across	**(10 hdc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**	**(15 hdc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**	**(20 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 35 in (89 cm) tail, for sewing the whole applique to your project.	

Stem

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	**(4 sc)**

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☐ **Rows 2 to 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(4 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 4: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4

☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 2 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Spot: make 3

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(8 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- The straight edge of the cap is made by the ends of its rows, with its ring half way along it. The foundation chain of the stem is its upper end.
- Lay the middle of the straight edge of the cap over the upper end of the stem, so that 3/8 in (1 cm) of the stem is hidden, and sew the straight edge to the stem with a length of A.
- Sew the spots on the cap: one in line with the ring, its middle 1 in (2.5 cm) above the straight edge, and one to each side, its middle 1 in (2.5 cm) from that line and 5/8 in (1.6 cm) above the straight edge.
- To sew the applique to your project, pin it where it is to go and sew round its edge with the long tail, under the outermost strands of the stitches; where a part is of another color, use a length of that color.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 5 pieces; 12 ends to weave in.

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