Mushroom baby rattle

US terms



Finished size

About 6½ in (16.5 cm) long and 2 7/8 in (7.3 cm) across the cap; the knob is about 1 in (2.5 cm) thick, and the grip between the knob and the face is about 5/8 in (1.6 cm) thick and 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) long

Skill

Easy

15 pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn

Light (3), 6 colors

Hook

2.75 mm (US C-2)

Gauge

24 stitches and 26.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet, in a spiral.

What you need

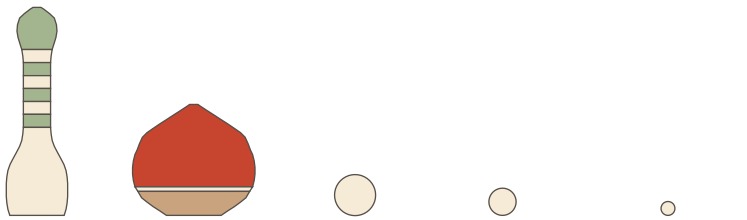
Yarn A: cream, the main color	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: sage green, handle	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: tomato red, cap	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: tan, cap	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: dark brown, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: rose, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 50 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 2.75 mm (US C-2), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors, a blunt stick for the stuffing, a rattle insert in a sealed case, about 1 in (25 mm) across and if you like.

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.

The pieces



Handle
to the cap

Cap

Large spot
to the cap

Spot x 6
to the cap

Small spot x 6

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Gauge

24 stitches and 26.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

To check it, work a flat circle: 6 sc in a magic ring, then 6 more sc in each round (12, 18, 24, 30, 36). After round 6 it should measure about 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Notes

- Every piece is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up.
- Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.
- Color change: where a line begins "With A," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in A. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- Center line: places on a piece are given by round and by stitches from a center line. It is half way round from where the rounds begin. Mark it with a pin or a scrap of yarn as listed here, run it straight from round 1 to the last round by eye, and count out from it along the round, in stitches and half stitches.
- Handle: the center line runs through the middle of stitch 14 of round 27 (27 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.
- Cap: the center line runs between stitches 27 and 28 of round 11 (54 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the rattle. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- In every step of putting it together: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- To work sc2tog, put the hook under the front loop only of each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through both loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops.
- No plastic eyes are used: every detail is worked in yarn.
- One size, at the gauge above: 6½ in (16.5 cm) long and 2 7/8 in (7.3 cm) across the cap; the knob is about 1 in (2.5 cm) thick, and the grip between the knob and the face is about 5/8 in (1.6 cm) thick and 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) long. A thinner or a thicker yarn with a hook to suit makes it smaller or larger; every length then changes with it.

Instructions

US terms.

sc single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one. **BLO**: only the loop away from you. **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 4 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(6 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

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Handle

Yarns in order of use: B, sage green; A, cream.

Round 1 is the end of the knob. Stuff firmly every few rounds as you go, with a blunt stick: rounds 9 to 22 are the grip.

☐ **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**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnds 4 to 6** 4 5 6	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnds 9 to 10** 9 10	With A, sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnds 11 to 12** 11 12	With B, sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnds 13 to 14** 13 14	With A, sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnds 15 to 16** 15 16	With B, sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnds 17 to 18** 17 18	With A, sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnds 19 to 20** 19 20	With B, sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnds 21 to 22** 21 22	With A, sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(21 sc)
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**	(27 sc)
☐ **Rnds 28 to 33** 28 29 30 31 32 33	Sc in each st around	(27 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 34**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing. Fill it with stuffing up to the open edge, so that it is firm.	

Cap

Yarns in order of use: C, tomato red; A, cream; D, tan.

☐ **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**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnds 9 to 10**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
9 10		
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(54 sc)
Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 27 and 28 of round 11. It faces the front, round 1 at the top.		
☐ **Rnds 12 to 16**	Sc in each st around	(54 sc)
12 13 14 15 16		
☐ **Rnd 17**	With A, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	With D, sc in BLO of each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end. Do not stuff it yet. Rounds 1 to 17 are the dome, and rounds 18 to 22 turn in under it and are its flat underside.	

Large spot

Yarn A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Spot: make 6

Yarn A, cream.

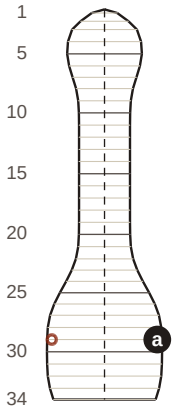
☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Small spot: make 6

Yarn A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Assembly



Handle: a cheeks

A number is the step below that puts it on; a letter is put on under Finishing. Each line is a round, counted as the rounds are worked. The upright broken line is the center line. A place with a broken edge is on the far side.

1. Hold the cap with round 1 at the top. Lay the large spot flat on the cap, right side out, its middle over round 1 of the cap. Sew down all 18 stitches of the edge with its tail.

2. Put the six spots on the cap, right side out: the middle of each lies on round 13 (54 sts), the first on the center line and then one every 9 stitches all the way round. Sew each down round its edge (12 sts) with its tail. Then put on the six small spots in the same way: the middle of each lies on round 8 (48 sts), the first 4 stitches to the right of the center line and then one every 8 stitches all the way round. Sew each down round its edge (6 sts) with its tail.

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3. Work the gills now (see Finishing). Then stuff the dome of the cap firmly, with the rattle insert in the middle of the stuffing if you use one. Set the open edge of the handle (24 sts) on the open edge of the cap (24 sts), right sides out, center lines in line. Sew the two edges together all the way round, stitch to stitch, with the tail of the handle, adding stuffing where the two meet before the last few stitches, so that the neck does not bend.

Finishing

- Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on, unless a line gives another time; begin and end each strand on the wrong side of a flat piece, inside a stuffed one. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled. Backstitch is a line of short stitches end to end: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and repeat.
- Eyes: with E (dark brown), in backstitch, two closed eyes on the handle, the cap end up. Each is one curve about ¼ in (6 mm) wide that dips 1/8 in (3 mm) below its two ends, like the letter U. The two ends lie on round 31 (27 sts), and the middle between them is 3 stitches from the center line, one eye to each side.
- Mouth: with E (dark brown), in backstitch, a smile, one curve of the same size as an eye. Its two ends lie on round 29 (27 sts), one to each side of the center line, and its lowest part is on the center line.
- Cheeks: with F (rose), in satin stitch, an oval about 3/16 in (5 mm) wide and 1/8 in (3 mm) tall, its middle on the handle on round 29, one to each side, 5 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart).
- Gills: before the handle is sewn on, with A (cream), in backstitch, twenty-four straight lines on the underside of the cap, like the spokes of a wheel. Each runs from round 18 (48 sts) to round 22 (24 sts). On round 18 they are 2 stitches apart, on round 22 they are 1 stitch apart.
- Weave every tail through the rattle and trim it. Go round each seam a second time with a new length of yarn. Check the seams and the spots before each use.

In all: 15 pieces; 1,620 stitches (576 in the handle, 864 in the cap, 36 in the large spot, 18 in each spot, 6 in each small spot).

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