Mushroom brooch

US terms



Finished size
About 3 in (8 cm) wide and about 2½ in (6 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 6 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Super fine (1), 4 colors

Hook
2.5 mm

Gauge
26 stitches and 27 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: toadstool red, the large cap and the small cap	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the large stem and the small stem	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: moss green, some of the moss	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: fern green, some of the moss	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**

Hook: 2.5 mm, or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, a brooch pin 1 in (2.5 cm) long, a scrap of red or green felt, toy stuffing, sewing thread and a spray bottle.

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 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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
sp	space

Gauge

26 stitches and 27 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

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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.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in.
- 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.
- Caps: Rnd 1 goes along one side of the foundation chain, round its end and back along the other side; its last sc goes into the chain that holds its first 2 sc. Hold a cap right side up with the hdc of its last round at the top: that is the round top of the toadstool, and the sc below are its flatter lower edge.
- Stems: the foundation chain is the upper end. The right side faces you in row 1 and in every odd row.
- Moss: row 2 makes 14 loops along the upper edge of the strip. The taller stitches in the middle of row 1 make the strip rise in a mound. Row 1 is the wrong side, so that the loops are made with the right side facing.
- 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.
- 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 from side to side: lace yarn (0) and a 1.75 mm hook, about 2¼ in (6 cm); fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3½ in (9 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 4¼ in (11 cm).

Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Large cap

Yarn A, toadstool red.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 7.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 4 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 4 chs, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	**(26 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, [sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	**(20 sc, 12 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing.	

Small cap

Yarn A, toadstool red.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 5.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 2 chs, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	**(10 sc, 6 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing.	

Large stem

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 4 chs	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 5: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rows 7 to 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**

A box for each row, 7 to 8: tick them off as you go.

☐ 7 ☐ 8

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing.	

Small stem

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 5: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Moss: make 2

Make 1 in C and 1 in D. The lines say C; for the second piece read D in its place.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 15.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 4 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next 3 chs	**(6 sc, 4 hdc, 4 dc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, (sl st, ch 5, sl st) in each st across	**(2 sl sts, 1 ch-5 sp)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Dots: with B double on the yarn needle work large French knots on the right side of the caps. Every place is measured from the middle of the foundation chain of the cap. Seven on the large cap: on the middle line and 3/8 in (1 cm) above; ½ in (1.3 cm) to the left and 1/8 in (0.3 cm) above; ½ in (1.3 cm) to the right and 1/8 in (0.3 cm) above; 1/8 in (0.3 cm) to the left and 1/8 in (0.3 cm) below; ¼ in (0.6 cm) to the right and ¼ in (0.6 cm) below; 5/8 in (1.6 cm) to the left and ¼ in (0.6 cm) below; ¾ in (1.9 cm) to the right and 1/8 in (0.3 cm) below. Three on the small cap: 1/8 in (0.3 cm) to the left and 1/8 in (0.3 cm) above; ¼ in (0.6 cm) to the left and 1/8 in (0.3 cm) below; ¼ in (0.6 cm) to the right and 1/8 in (0.3 cm) below.
- Lay the large cap on the table, right side up. Every place from here on is measured from the middle of its foundation chain. Large stem: lay it behind the cap, right side up, the middle of its foundation chain 3/8 in (1 cm) straight below, so that its last row ends 1½ in (3.8 cm) below. Small cap: lay it over the lower right edge of the large cap, the middle of its foundation chain 1¼ in (3.2 cm) to the right and 5/8 in (1.6 cm) below. Small stem: lay it behind the small cap, the middle of its foundation chain 1¼ in (3.2 cm) to the right and ¾ in (1.9 cm) below; its last row is level with that of the large stem. Pin, and sew the stems to the backs of the caps, and the edge of the small cap to the large one where they meet, with the tails of the stems and of the small cap. Leave the long tail of the large cap.
- Moss: both strips lie level, right side up, the loops up, their middles ½ in (1.3 cm) to the right. Behind the stems goes the moss green strip, its foundation edge 1½ in (3.8 cm) below; in front of them the fern green one, its foundation edge 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm) below, so that it hides the last rows of the stems. With their tails sew each strip to the stems, and sew the two strips to each other along their foundation edges.
- Back: lay the brooch on the felt, draw round it and cut the felt out 1/8 in (0.3 cm) inside the line. Sew the brooch pin across the felt, behind the large cap, 1/8 in (0.3 cm) above the middle of its chain, with sewing thread through the holes of the pin. Pin the felt to the wrong side of the brooch, the pin outside. Sew its edge to the wrong side all round with sewing thread, with stitches that do not show on the front, and the edge of the large cap with its long tail; before you close it, push a small flat pad of stuffing between each cap and the felt, so that the caps stand up in a dome.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 6 pieces; 211 stitches (92 in the large cap, 26 in the small cap, 46 in the large stem, 15 in the small stem, 16 in each moss).

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