# Oval in five sizes

US terms



Finished size
**From about 3¼ in (8 cm) long for Oval 1 to about 12 in (30 cm) long for Oval 5**

Skill
**Beginner**
Worked in rounds, with 5 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
**Medium (4), 6 colors**

Hook
**5 mm (US H-8)**

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

## You will need

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| Yarn A: deep sea blue, rounds 1 to 15 of the oval 5 | **about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn B: teal, rounds 1 to 12 of the oval 4 | **about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn C: lagoon, rounds 1 to 9 of the oval 3 | **about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn D: seafoam, rounds 1 to 6 of the oval 2 | **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn E: wet sand, rounds 1 to 3 of the oval 1 | **about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn F: foam white, round 4 of the oval 1, round 7 of the oval 2, round 10 of the oval 3, round 13 of the oval 4 and round 16 of the oval 5 | **about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate** |

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. 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.

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| **ch** | chain stitch |
| **sl st** | slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch) |
| **sc** | single crochet (UK dc, double crochet) |
| **st** | stitch |
| **rnd** | round |


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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.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- 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; after a new color is joined, it is the stitch the color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- The five sizes, with the chain to begin on, the number of rounds and the size at the gauge:
- Oval 1: chain 5, 4 rounds, 28 sc in the last round, about 3¼ by 2¼ in (8 by 6 cm).
- Oval 2: chain 7, 7 rounds, 50 sc in the last round, about 5½ by 4 in (14 by 10 cm).
- Oval 3: chain 9, 10 rounds, 72 sc in the last round, about 7½ by 5½ in (19 by 14 cm).
- Oval 4: chain 11, 13 rounds, 94 sc in the last round, about 9¾ by 7¼ in (25 by 18 cm).
- Oval 5: chain 13, 16 rounds, 116 sc in the last round, about 12 by 8¾ in (30 by 22 cm).
- Each size begins on 2 more chains than the size before it and has 3 more rounds.
- In Rnd 1 the first sc and the last 2 sc all go into the same chain, the 2nd from the hook where you began, so each end of the oval holds 3 sc in one chain.
- How it lies flat: each end of the oval is half a circle in three parts, and every part grows by 1 stitch in every round, so each round has 6 stitches more than the one before. The sides never change. In the even-numbered rounds the increase is the first stitch of its part; in the odd-numbered rounds it stands in the middle, so that the ends stay round.
- For a size of your own: each 2 chains more or less in the foundation make the oval a little over ½ in (1.4 cm) longer or shorter and leave its width as it is; in every line work 2 stitches more or less along each side. Each round more adds a little over ½ in (1.4 cm) to the length and to the width.
- The last round of every oval is its foam white edge; its increases go on in the same way.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, given here for Oval 5, the largest, measured along its length; the other four ovals change in the same proportion: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 8 in (20 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 9¼ in (23 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 15¼ in (39 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 round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch and sc is double crochet.

## Oval 1

**Yarns in order of use: E, wet sand; F, foam white.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With E, ch 5. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs, 3 sc in next ch,<br>working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 2 chs, 2 sc in next ch,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(10 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts,<br>2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join | **(16 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 3** | Ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts,<br>[2 sc in next st, sc in next st] twice, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st,<br>sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join | **(22 sc)** |
| | Fasten off E. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 4** | Join F with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 4 sts,<br>[2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] twice, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts,<br>[2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] twice, sl st in first sc to join | **(28 sc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail. | |

## Oval 2

**Yarns in order of use: D, seafoam; F, foam white.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With D, ch 7. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 4 chs, 3 sc in next ch,<br>working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 4 chs, 2 sc in next ch,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(14 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 4 sts,<br>2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join | **(20 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 3** | Ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts,<br>[2 sc in next st, sc in next st] twice, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st,<br>sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join | **(26 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 4** | Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 6 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] twice,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] twice,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(32 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 5** | Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts,<br>[2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] twice, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join | **(38 sc)** |


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| ☐ **Rnd 6** | Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 8 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts] twice,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts] twice,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(44 sc)** |

Fasten off D.

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| ☐ **Rnd 7** | Join F with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st,<br>sc in next 9 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts] twice, 2 sc in next st,<br>sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(50 sc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail. | |

## Oval 3

**Yarns in order of use: C, lagoon; F, foam white.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With C, ch 9. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 6 chs, 3 sc in next ch,<br>working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 6 chs, 2 sc in next ch,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(18 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 6 sts,<br>2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join | **(24 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 3** | Ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts,<br>[2 sc in next st, sc in next st] twice, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st,<br>sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join | **(30 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 4** | Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 8 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] twice,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] twice,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(36 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 5** | Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts,<br>[2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] twice, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join | **(42 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 6** | Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 10 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts] twice,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts] twice,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(48 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 7** | Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts,<br>[2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts] twice, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(54 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 8** | Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 12 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts] twice,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts] twice,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(60 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 9** | Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts,<br>[2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts] twice, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(66 sc)** |


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Fasten off C.

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| ☐ **Rnd 10** | Join F with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 14 sts,<br>[2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts] twice, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts,<br>[2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts] twice, sl st in first sc to join | **(72 sc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail. | |

## Oval 4

**Yarns in order of use: B, teal; F, foam white.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With B, ch 11. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 8 chs, 3 sc in next ch,<br>working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 8 chs, 2 sc in next ch,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(22 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 8 sts,<br>2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join | **(28 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 3** | Ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts,<br>[2 sc in next st, sc in next st] twice, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st,<br>sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join | **(34 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 4** | Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 10 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] twice,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] twice,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(40 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 5** | Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts,<br>[2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] twice, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join | **(46 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 6** | Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 12 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts] twice,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts] twice,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(52 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 7** | Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts,<br>[2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts] twice, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(58 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 8** | Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 14 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts] twice,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts] twice,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(64 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 9** | Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts,<br>[2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts] twice, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(70 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 10** | Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 16 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts] twice,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts] twice,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(76 sc)** |


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| ☐ **Rnd 11** | Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts,<br>[2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts] twice, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(82 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 12** | Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 18 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts] twice,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts] twice,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(88 sc)** |

Fasten off B.

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| ☐ **Rnd 13** | Join F with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st,<br>sc in next 19 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts] twice, 2 sc in next st,<br>sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(94 sc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail. | |

## Oval 5

**Yarns in order of use: A, deep sea blue; F, foam white.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With A, ch 13. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 10 chs, 3 sc in next ch,<br>working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 10 chs, 2 sc in next ch,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(26 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 10 sts,<br>2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join | **(32 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 3** | Ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts,<br>[2 sc in next st, sc in next st] twice, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st,<br>sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join | **(38 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 4** | Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 12 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] twice,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] twice,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(44 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 5** | Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts,<br>[2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] twice, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join | **(50 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 6** | Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 14 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts] twice,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts] twice,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 7** | Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts,<br>[2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts] twice, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(62 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 8** | Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 16 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts] twice,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts] twice,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(68 sc)** |


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| ☐ **Rnd 9** | Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts,<br>[2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts] twice, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(74 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 10** | Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 18 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts] twice,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts] twice,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(80 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 11** | Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts,<br>[2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts] twice, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(86 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 12** | Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 20 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts] twice,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 20 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts] twice,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(92 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 13** | Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts,<br>[2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts] twice, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(98 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 14** | Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 22 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts] twice,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 22 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts] twice,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(104 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 15** | Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 23 sts,<br>[2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts] twice, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 23 sts,<br>2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(110 sc)** |
| | Fasten off A. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 16** | Join F with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 24 sts,<br>[2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts] twice, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 24 sts,<br>[2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts] twice, sl st in first sc to join | **(116 sc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail. | |

## Finishing

- Block: pin each oval out flat, its two sides straight and level and its two ends round, spray it with water and let it dry.
- Oval 1, Oval 2, Oval 3, Oval 4 and Oval 5 are five separate pieces: nothing is sewn.
- Weave in all the ends of each oval on its wrong side with the yarn needle.

In all: 5 pieces; 2,640 stitches (76 in the oval 1, 224 in the oval 2, 450 in the oval 3, 754 in the oval 4, 1,136 in the oval 5).

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