Peacock feather earrings

US terms



Finished size
About 2¼ in (6 cm) wide and about 2 in (5 cm) tall each, without the ear wire

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with 2 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Lace (0), 4 colors

Hook
1.75 mm (US steel, between 6 and 7)

Gauge
34 stitches and 36 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: deep violet, round 1	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: turquoise, round 2	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: bronze, round 3	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: peacock green, rounds 4 and 5	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton crochet thread, size 10

Hook: 1.75 mm (US steel, between 6 and 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, 26 light wooden beads in golden yellow of about 1/8 in (3 mm) with a hole the thread goes through, fabric stiffener, a small brush to spread it, a board covered with plastic wrap or foil, 2 gold-colored ear wires with loops, 2 small jump rings and small pliers.

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)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round

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RS	right side
sp	space

Special stitches

bead ch (Bead chain): Slide a bead up to the hook, yarn over beyond the bead and pull through the loop. It counts as one chain.

Gauge

34 stitches and 36 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.
- 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 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.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches, and the chains of the fringe, are not counted.
- String 13 beads on D before you join it for Rnd 4 of each earring, and push them along the thread until Rnd 5.
- Every round begins and ends beside the point of the drop. In Rnd 5 the 4 sl sts at the start only carry the thread to the place where the fringe begins; each loop stands between two sl sts, and the bead is the sixth of its 11 chains. The stitches left unworked are the rest of the edge, with the point.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3¾ in (10 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 4½ in (11 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 5¾ in (15 cm).

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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, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

Earring: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, deep violet; B, turquoise; C, bronze; D, peacock green.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(8 sc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in any st, ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, 2 hdc in each of next 6 sts, (dc, tr, dc) in next st, sl st in first hdc to join	**(14 hdc, 2 dc, 1 tr)**
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join C with sl st in first hdc, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, (sc, hdc, sc) in next st, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	**(22 sc, 1 hdc)**
	Fasten off C.	
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join D with sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next st, sc in next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(28 sc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sl st in next 4 sts, **[**ch 5, bead ch, ch 5, sl st in next st**] 13 times**, leave the rest unworked	**(13 loops)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends with the yarn needle; nothing is sewn. Pin the earrings flat on the covered board, right side up, the point with its ch-2 space at the top, and draw every loop out straight from the edge with a pin beside its bead, left and right alike, so that the thirteen beads lie in an even curve. Brush the thread all over with the fabric stiffener as its label says, keeping it off the beads, and let it dry.
- With the pliers, twist open a jump ring. Put it through the ch-2 space at the point, hang the loop of an ear wire on it and close it. Do the same for the other earring.

In all: 2 pieces; 178 stitches.

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