Pizza play food, six slices

US terms



Finished size

The whole pizza about 10 in (25.5 cm) across; one slice about 5 in (12.5 cm) from the tip to the outside of the crust and 5 in (12.5 cm) across the crust

Skill

Easy

54 pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn

Medium (4), 8 colors

Hook

3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet, in a spiral.

What you need

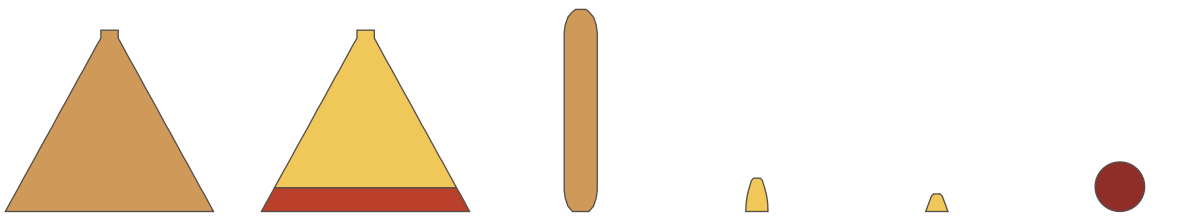
Yarn A: golden crust, slice bottom, crust roll and the details	**about 270 yd (247 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cheese yellow, slice top, long drip, short drip and the details	**about 140 yd (128 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: tomato red, slice top	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: pepperoni red, pepperoni and small pepperoni	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: charcoal, olive ring	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: pepper green, pepper slice and the details	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: mushroom cream, mushroom slice	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn H: basil green, basil leaf	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 260 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins and scissors.

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



Slice bottom x 6 **Slice top x 6** **Crust roll x 6** **Long drip x 6** **Short drip x 6** **Pepperoni x 6**

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Small pepperoni x 3



Olive ring x 6



Pepper slice x 3



Mushroom slice x 3



Basil leaf x 3

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

20 sc and 22 rounds or rows = 4 in (10 cm). To check it, work a flat circle in a spiral: 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 2¼ in (5.7 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 that has rounds 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.
- The two pieces of a slice are worked in rows from the tip to the crust, and each row has one stitch more than the row before. The extra stitch comes about a third of the way along the row, and because the piece is turned it comes now at one side and now at the other: so the rows bend into arcs and the wide edge is round. Row 1 and every odd row are worked with the right side facing you. The cheese side of a slice is its front.
- 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: in the slice top, where row 21 begins "With C,", work the last pull-through of row 20 in C. Cut B and weave in both ends on the wrong side.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the slice. 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: the whole pizza about 10 in (25.5 cm) across; one slice about 5 in (12.5 cm) from the tip to the outside of the crust and 5 in (12.5 cm) across the crust. 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.

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

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Slice bottom: make 6

Yarn A, golden crust.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 2 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 3.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(10 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	(11 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts	(13 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts	(14 sc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts	(15 sc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts	(16 sc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts	(17 sc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts	(19 sc)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts	(20 sc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts	(21 sc)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts	(22 sc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts	(23 sc)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts	(24 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 28 in (71 cm) tail for sewing. The last row (24 sts) is the wide edge. The ends of the rows are the two straight edges, and the foundation chain is the tip.	

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Slice top: make 6

Yarns in order of use: B, cheese yellow; C, tomato red.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 2 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 3.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(10 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	(11 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts	(13 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts	(14 sc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts	(15 sc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts	(16 sc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts	(17 sc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts	(19 sc)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts	(20 sc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts	(21 sc)
☐ **Row 21**	With C, ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts	(22 sc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts	(23 sc)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts	(24 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end. The wide edge, the straight edges and the tip are where they are on the slice bottom. Rows 21 to 23 are the rim of tomato.	

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Crust roll: make 6

Yarn A, golden crust.

☐ **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)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 26**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)

3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

Stuff lightly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside.	

Long drip: make 6

Yarn B, cheese yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnds 4 to 5**	Sc in each st around	(8 sc)

4 5

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 4 stitches.	

Short drip: make 6

Yarn B, cheese yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 4 stitches.	

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Pepperoni: make 6

Yarn D, pepperoni red.

☐ **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)
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Small pepperoni: make 3

Yarn D, pepperoni red.

☐ **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, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end. Do not stuff. With 15 stitches where 18 would lie flat, its edge turns up a little all the way round.	

Olive ring: make 6

Yarn E, charcoal.

Work round 1 into the magic ring (not into a chain), and pull its tail only until the hole is about ¼ in (6 mm) across. The hole stays open: weave that tail in round the hole so that it can neither close nor widen.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	10 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end. Do not stuff. With 10 and then 16 stitches round an open hole it lies flat.	

Pepper slice: make 3

Yarn F, pepper green.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 6 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(9 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end. It bends by itself: the 6 stitches of row 1 are the inside of the curve and the 9 stitches of row 2 the outside.	

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Mushroom slice: make 3

Yarn G, mushroom cream.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 2 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With G, ch 3.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(2 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, 3 sc in each of next 2 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 5 to 6** 5 6	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	(4 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end.	

Basil leaf: make 3

Yarn H, basil green.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 2 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With H, ch 3.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, sc2tog	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog	(1 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end.	

Assembly

1. Slices: for each, take one of the six slice bottoms and one of the six slice tops. Hold them with wrong sides together and the slice top toward you, tip to tip and wide edge to wide edge, and pin them. The seam of the straight edges is whip stitch: take the needle over the edge and through both layers, from the same side every time. With a new length of B (cheese yellow), begin at one end of the wide edge and go down one straight edge, one stitch through the two ends of each row, then across the tip, one stitch through each of the 2 chains, and up the other straight edge. Put in a thin, even layer of stuffing: the slice should be about ½ in (13 mm) thick in the middle and thin at its edges. Sew the wide edge closed with the tail of the slice bottom, 24 stitches to 24 stitches.

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2. Crust: lay one of the six crust rolls along the wide edge of each slice, its round 1 at one end of the edge and its closed hole at the other, bending it to the curve. It is straight as you work it and about as long as the edge. The seam of the wide edge lies against the middle of its inner side. With a new length of A (golden crust), sew the roll down along row 23 of the slice top, from one end to the other, and then along row 23 of the slice bottom.

3. Cheese: lay the six long drips and the six short drips on the slice tops, one of each to a slice. The flat 4-stitch edge of each lies along row 20, the last row in B, and its tip (round 1) points to the crust. The middle of the edge is 4½ stitches from the middle of row 20: on three slices the long drip to the right of it and the short drip to the left, on the other three the other way round. The short drip ends at the crust; the tip of the long drip lies on the crust roll. Sew each down all the way round with its tail, the flat edge through both layers.

4. Toppings: share out the six pepperoni, the six olive rings, the three small pepperoni, the three basil leaves, the three mushroom slices and the three pepper slices. Every slice gets one pepperoni and one olive ring; three of the slices get one small pepperoni and one basil leaf as well, and the other three get one mushroom slice and one pepper slice. Lay them on the cheese in any order, right side up. They stay loose, to be put on and taken off. For a child under three sew each one down all the way round instead, with a new length of its yarn.

Finishing

- Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on; begin and end each strand on the wrong side of a flat piece, inside a stuffed one. 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.
- Leaf veins: with F (pepper green), in backstitch, one straight line up the middle of the right side of each basil leaf, from row 1 to row 7.
- Mushroom gills: with A (golden crust), in backstitch, one line across the right side of each mushroom slice, along row 4, about 3/8 in (10 mm) to each side of the middle of the row.
- Weave every tail through the pieces and trim it. For play food that will be used a good deal, go round each seam a second time with a new length of yarn. Check the seams and small parts from time to time.

In all: 54 pieces; 6,450 stitches.

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