Dragonfly with striped tail

US terms



Finished size
About 12½ in (32 cm) long and 10¾ in (27.5 cm) across the wings

Skill
Intermediate
Eight pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 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.

You will need

Yarn A: teal, body, head and the details	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: lilac, front wing, back wing and the details	**about 105 yd (96 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: plum, eye	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: mint, body	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

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.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together, through the front loops only: how is under “Before you start” (UK dc2tog, double cro
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 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 2¼ in (5.5 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

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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.

Before you start

- 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 D," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in D. 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.
- Head: the center line runs through the middle of stitch 17 of round 6 (33 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 14 and 15 of round 6 (28 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. 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.
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, ovals, details) are for Standard, the size written here: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Small: fine (2, sport) yarn, 2.25 mm (B-1) hook, 27 sc and 29.7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 9¼ in (23.5 cm) long and 8 in (20.5 cm) across the wings; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.
- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 17¾ in (45 cm) long and 15¼ in (38.5 cm) across the wings; multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 times the yarn.
- Jumbo: super bulky (6, plush or velvet) yarn, 6.5 mm (K-10½) hook, 11 sc and 12.1 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 22¾ in (58 cm) long and 19½ in (49.5 cm) across the wings; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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 sc is double crochet.

Body

Yarns in order of use: A, teal; D, mint.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

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☐ **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, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	**(23 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 6 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(28 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 11: tick them off as you go.

7 8 9 10 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in next 6 sts, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**, sc2tog	**(23 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in next 2 sts, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts	**(20 sc)**

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

☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	With D, sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 20 to 24**	With A, sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 20 to 24: tick them off as you go.

20 21 22 23 24

☐ **Rnd 25**	With D, sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 26 to 30**	With A, sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 26 to 30: tick them off as you go.

26 27 28 29 30

☐ **Rnd 31**	With D, sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 32 to 36**	With A, sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 32 to 36: tick them off as you go.

32 33 34 35 36

☐ **Rnd 37**	With D, sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 38 to 42**	With A, sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 38 to 42: tick them off as you go.

38 39 40 41 42

☐ **Rnd 43**	With D, sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 44 to 48**	With A, sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 44 to 48: tick them off as you go.

44 45 46 47 48

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☐ **Rnd 49**	With D, sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 50 to 54**	With A, sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 50 to 54: tick them off as you go.

50 51 52 53 54

☐ **Rnd 55**	With D, sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 56**	With A, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 57**	Sc in each st around	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 58**	Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 59**	Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 60**	Sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 61**	Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 62**	Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts	**(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.	

Head

Yarn A, teal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(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 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 10**	Sc in each st around	**(33 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 10: tick them off as you go.

7 8 9 10

☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts**] 3 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

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

☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**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.	

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Eye: make 2

Yarn C, plum.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(19 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Front wing: make 2

Yarn B, lilac.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next st, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 10**	Sc in each st around	**(17 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 10: tick them off as you go.

☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10

☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc2tog, sc in next 15 sts	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 12 to 14**	Sc in each st around	**(16 sc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 14: tick them off as you go.

☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14

☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 16 to 18**	Sc in each st around	**(15 sc)**

A box for each round, 16 to 18: tick them off as you go.

☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18

☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 20 to 21**	Sc in each st around	**(14 sc)**

A box for each round, 20 to 21: tick them off as you go.

☐ 20 ☐ 21

☐ **Rnd 22**	Sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts	**(13 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 23**	Sc in each st around	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	Sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	Sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts	**(10 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 5 stitches.	

Back wing: make 2

Yarn B, lilac.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next st, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 10**	Sc in each st around	**(20 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 10: tick them off as you go.

☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10

☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 18 sts, sc2tog	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc2tog, sc in next 16 sts	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in next 15 sts, sc2tog	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in each st around	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts	**(12 sc)**

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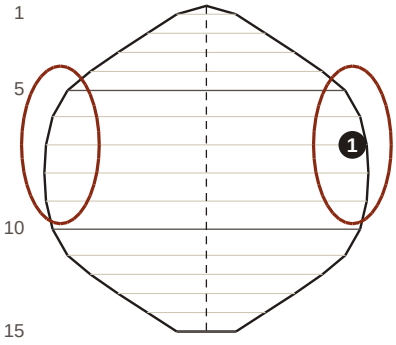
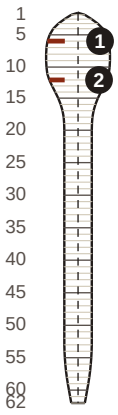
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 5 stitches.	

Assembly



Head: 1 eyes



Body: 1 front wings, 2 back wings

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. Lay the body on the table, its center line on top, and set the head in front of it, round 1 of the head at the top, both on the table. Keep it on the table and tip it back a little, so that the face looks forward and up, until round 6 of the head, on the line opposite its center line, lies over the middle of round 1 of the body. That place decides how far the head is tipped. Press the two together until round 3 of the body (18 sts) touches the head all the way round. With a new length of A (teal), sew round that circle twice, through the stitches of round 3 of the body and the head.

2. Pin the two eyes to the head: the middle of each open edge lies on round 7, one to each side, 6 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart). The edge (19 sts) covers about rounds 4 to 10 of the head. They point out to the side and forward. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

3. Pin the two front wings to the body: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 6, one to each side, 4½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart). The flat edge runs lengthwise along the body, half of it before that place and half behind. They point out to the side. Sew through both layers of the 5-stitch edge with the tail. The wings lie flat, broad side up, their tips a little forward, and slope down until their tips rest on the table.

4. Pin the two back wings to the body: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 12, one to each side, 4½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart). The flat edge runs lengthwise along the body, half of it before that place and half behind, so that it begins right behind the edge of the front wing. They point out to the side and a little back. Sew through both layers of the 5-stitch edge with the tail. They lie flat, broad side up, and slope down until their tips rest on the table.

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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 inside the toy. 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.
- Eye shine: with B (lilac), in satin stitch, an oval on each eye, about 3/16 in (5 mm) wide and ¼ in (6 mm) tall. Its middle is 1/8 in (3 mm) from the middle of round 1 toward the center line of the head and 3/16 in (5 mm) higher.
- Mouth: with B (lilac), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about 9/16 in (14 mm) wide that dips 3/16 in (5 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are on the head on round 7, one to each side of the center line.
- Front wing veins: with A (teal), in backstitch, three lines on the upper side of each front wing. One runs along the middle of the wing, from round 26 to round 4. The other two begin on it at round 24 and spread, one to each side: on round 20 each is 1 stitch from the middle, on round 16 it is 2 stitches from it, on round 8, 2½ stitches, and it ends on round 5, 2 stitches from the middle.
- Back wing veins: with A (teal), in backstitch, three lines on the upper side of each back wing. One runs along the middle of the wing, from round 21 to round 5. The other two begin on it at round 19 and spread, one to each side: on round 15 each is 1½ stitches from the middle, on round 11 it is 2½ stitches from it, on round 8, 3 stitches, and it ends on round 5, 2 stitches from the middle.
- Weave every tail through the toy and trim it. For a toy that will be played with, 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: 8 pieces; 2,838 stitches (885 in the body, 345 in the head, 73 in each eye, 382 in each front wing, 349 in each back wing).

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