Puff stitch facial rounds

Standard · US terms



Finished size
Each about 4 in (10 cm) across, with the shells and without the loop

Skill
Easy
Puff stitches, and stitches worked into chain spaces

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: peach, color A	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: butter, color B	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: aqua, color C	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: lilac, color D	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: white, main color	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 50 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

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 15 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small	3¼ in (8.5 cm) across	about 53 yd (48 m)
Standard (this file)	**4 in (10 cm) across**	**about 95 yd (87 m)**

Gauge

14 stitches and 8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Rounds 1 and 2 measure about 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) across, in puff stitch. (In plain double crochet the same yarn and hook come to 14 stitches to 4 in, 10 cm.) Check it on the first piece, when round 2 is done: if it measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one.

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Notes

- The ch 1 or the ch 2 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- The right side is the side that faces you as you work, where the puffs stand out. Do not turn between rounds.
- Magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and pull up a loop of the working yarn. Round 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work the 6 puffs of round 1, each with the ch 1 after it, into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.
- The ch 1 after a puff is made loosely: it closes the puff, and the next round is worked into the space under it.
- Stitches in parentheses are all worked into the one space named after them.
- To change yarn for the last round, make the joining sl st of the round before with the new yarn: put the hook in the first stitch, take the new yarn over the hook and pull it through. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- To join a yarn with a sl st, make a slip knot of it on the hook, put the hook in the place named, yo, and pull through the place and the loop on the hook.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given.
- Use cotton yarn: it takes up water and stands up to washing.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

Instructions

Standard. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **sp** space, **st** stitch.
yo yarn over the hook.
ch-1 sp: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(6 puffs, 6 ch-1 sps): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

puff (Puff stitch): [yo, insert hook in the place named, yo, pull up a loop to the height of a dc] 4 times in the same place, yo, pull through all 9 loops on hook. Push it out toward you with a fingertip. In UK terms: a puff stitch to the height of a treble.

Round: make 4

Yarns in order of use: A, peach; E, white.

The puffs are printed in A: work one round in A, one in B, one in C and one in D. The chain loops are worked in the color of the puffs, and the last round, the shells, in E on all four.

In rounds 2, 3 and 4 move on first: the sl st goes into the space right after the join, and the first stitches go into that same space. The space before the join is worked last.

Round 5: the first sc goes into the sc of the join. Each (hdc, 2 dc, hdc) is a shell and goes into a chain loop of round 4, round the chain; each sc goes into an sc between two loops.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2, **[**puff in ring, ch 1**] 6 times**; pull the tail to close the ring; join with sl st in first puff (6 puffs, 6 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 2, (puff, ch 1, puff, ch 1) in same sp, **[**(puff, ch 1, puff, ch 1) in next ch-1 sp**] 5 times**; join with sl st in first puff (12 puffs, 12 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 2, (puff, ch 1, puff, ch 1) in same sp, (puff, ch 1) in next ch-1 sp, **[**(puff, ch 1, puff, ch 1) in next ch-1 sp, (puff, ch 1) in next ch-1 sp**] 5 times**; join with sl st in first puff (18 puffs, 18 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 2, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 2**] 17 times**; join with sl st in first sc (18 sc, 18 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 5**	With E, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, (hdc, 2 dc, hdc) in next ch-2 sp**] 18 times**; join with sl st in first sc (18 sc, 36 hdc, 36 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Putting it together

Hanging loop: join E with a sl st in any sc of the last round, between two shells, ch 10, sl st in the same sc to close the loop, and fasten off. Do this on each of the four.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends on the wrong side with the yarn needle, each into its own color.
- Wash them in a mesh bag so that they keep their shape, pull the puffs up with your fingers and let them dry.

In all: 4 pieces.

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