Little race car

US terms



Finished size
About 6¼ in (16 cm) long, 3 3/8 in (8.6 cm) across the wheels and 3¾ in (9.5 cm) tall with the driver

Skill
Easy
15 pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 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: scarlet, body and headrest	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, several of the pieces	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: black, several of the pieces	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: silver gray, windshield	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: tan, driver	**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 (the back loops in a BLO row or round): how is under “B
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
BLO	back loop only

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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.

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 B," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in B. 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.
- Body: the center line runs through the middle of stitch 17 of round 9 (33 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the nose.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the car. 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. In a BLO round, use the back loops instead.
- 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 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 4½ in (11.5 cm) long, 2½ in (6.3 cm) across the wheels and 2¾ in (7 cm) tall with the driver; 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 9 in (23 cm) long, 4¾ in (12 cm) across the wheels and 5¼ in (13.5 cm) tall with the driver; 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 11¼ in (28.5 cm) long, 6¼ in (16 cm) across the wheels and 6¾ in (17 cm) tall with the driver; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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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 sc is double crochet.

Body

Yarns in order of use: C, black; B, cream; A, scarlet.

☐ **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**	With B, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(14 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**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	With A, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 26**	Sc in each st around	**(33 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 26: tick them off as you go.

☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26

☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts**] 3 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	Sc in each st around	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 31**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 32**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 33**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 3 times**	**(21 sc)**

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

☐ **Rnd 34**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 35**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 36**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 37**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 38**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 3 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. Press the stuffed piece a little flatter from top to underside: at its widest rounds about 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) across and 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) from top to underside.	

Number disc: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **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)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 22 in (56 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Cockpit

Yarn C, black.

☐ **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)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 22 in (56 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Driver

Yarns in order of use: B, cream; C, black; E, tan.

☐ **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 5 sts**] 3 times**	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	With C, sc in each st around	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 9**	With E, sc in each st around	**(21 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 9: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Work the goggles and the smile now, while the driver is still empty (see Finishing). Then stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Headrest

Yarn A, scarlet.

☐ **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, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Windshield

Yarn D, silver gray.

☐ **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)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 22 in (56 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Fold it in half with the right side out: the fold is the straight lower edge, and the edges of the two halves, 9 stitches to 9 stitches, make the curved upper edge. With the tail, sew the two halves together along the curved edge, and leave the rest of the tail at one end of the fold.	

Wheel: make 4

Yarn C, black.

☐ **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**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**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)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 7**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 7: tick them off as you go.

☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7

Stuff lightly now, only enough to make the wheel about 5/8 in (16 mm) thick, and keep adding a little until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 8**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**

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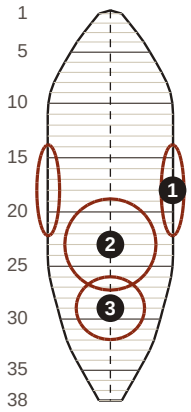
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside. Press it flat between your hands. The side with round 1 is the outside.	

Hub: make 4

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Assembly



Body: 1 number discs, 2 cockpit, 3 headrest

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 two number discs flat on the body, right side out, the middle of each on round 18, one to each side, 7½ stitches from the center line (15 stitches apart). Sew down all 24 stitches of the edge.

2. Lay the cockpit flat on the body, right side out, the middle of it on round 23, on the center line. Sew down all 24 stitches of the edge.

3. Pin the headrest to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 29, on the center line. The edge (18 sts) covers about rounds 26 to 32 of the body. It points up. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

4. Set the driver on the middle of the cockpit, its front toward the nose of the car, or turned up to 2 stitches to one side: its open edge (12 sts) lies on round 2 of the cockpit (12 sts). Sew all the way round through the cockpit and the body with the tail of the driver.

5. Windshield: stand it across the body, its fold down, in front of the cockpit, on round 16 (about 2 rounds in front of the edge of the cockpit), the middle of the fold on the center line; the fold reaches about 3 stitches to each side. With the rest of its tail, sew the fold down along both faces. The windshield stands up by itself, the curved edge at the top and free, and leans a little toward the driver; it is sewn to nothing else.

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6. Sew the four hubs to the wheels, right side out, one to the middle of the side of a wheel that has round 1. Go all the way round the edge (12 sts) with its tail.

7. Wheels: the hub of each looks out. Sew two of the four wheels to the front of the body, one to each side, the middle of the back of the wheel on round 9, 10 stitches from the center line, and the other two to the rear, on round 29, 8½ stitches from the center line. Before you sew, pin all of them and stand the car on the table: every wheel must touch it, and the body must be level and clear of it. With new lengths of C, sew each wheel on in a circle about 1 in (25 mm) across.

Finishing

- Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on, unless a line gives another time; 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.
- Number: on each number disc, when the discs are sewn on. With C (black), in satin stitch, the stitches level, a figure 7 about 9/16 in (14 mm) wide and 11/16 in (18 mm) tall, in the middle of the disc, upright when the car stands on its wheels: first a bar across the top, the full width of the figure and about 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, then a leg of the same width, about 3/16 in (5 mm), that slants from the right end of the bar down to a little left of the middle.
- Goggles: work these before the driver is stuffed. With D (silver gray), in satin stitch, two ovals, each about 3/8 in (10 mm) wide and very slightly less tall, their middles on round 6 of the driver (the black round, 21 sts), 2½ stitches apart from middle to middle, on the side opposite the place where the rounds begin. The place half way between them is the front of the driver.
- Smile: before the driver is stuffed, with C (black), in backstitch, a shallow curve about 3/8 in (10 mm) wide straight below the goggles: its middle on round 9 of the driver, its two ends on round 8.
- 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: 15 pieces; 2,190 stitches (987 in the body, 60 in each number disc, 60 in the cockpit, 192 in the driver, 51 in the headrest, 36 in the windshield, 168 in each wheel, 18 in each hub).

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