Rainbow applique

US terms



Finished size
About 6½ in (17 cm) wide and about 4¼ in (11 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 3 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 7 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: lavender, row 1 of the rainbow	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: sky blue, row 2 of the rainbow	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: green, row 3 of the rainbow	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: yellow, row 4 of the rainbow	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: orange, row 5 of the rainbow	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: red, row 6 of the rainbow	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: white, the clouds	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a yarn needle, scissors and pins for blocking.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Gauge

14 stitches and 15 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.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 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 or a row 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 round 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 at the sides of a petal, are not counted.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 4¼ in (11 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 5 in (13 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 8¼ in (21 cm).

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 row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Rainbow

Yarns in order of use: A, lavender; B, sky blue; C, green; D, yellow; E, orange; F, red.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 12.	
☐ **Row 1**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 10 chs	**(11 hdc)**
Fasten off A.		
☐ **Row 2**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**	**(15 hdc)**
Fasten off B.		
☐ **Row 3**	Turn, join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, hdc in next 2 sts	**(19 hdc)**
Fasten off C.		
☐ **Row 4**	Turn, join D with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, hdc in next 2 sts	**(23 hdc)**

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Fasten off D.

☐ **Row 5**	Turn, join E with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, hdc in next 2 sts	**(27 hdc)**

Fasten off E.

☐ **Row 6**	Turn, join F with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, hdc in next 2 sts	**(31 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cloud: make 2

Yarn G, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	With G, ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, sl st in first hdc to join	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**(sl st, ch 2, 3 dc, ch 2, sl st) in next st**] 8 times**	**(24 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends that are not used for sewing with the yarn needle.
- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Sew a cloud over each end of the rainbow.

In all: 3 pieces; 190 stitches (126 in the rainbow, 32 in each cloud); 20 ends to weave in.

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