Rainbow cloud pocket scarf

Kid · US terms



Finished size
About 4 in (10 cm) wide and 53 in (135 cm) long; each cloud about 10 in (25 cm) wide and 4¾ in (12 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Long rows, color changes, groups in one place and sewing

Yarn
Medium (4), 7 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 12 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: poppy red, color A	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: bright orange, color B	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sunny yellow, color C	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: grass green, color D	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: bright blue, color E	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: grape purple, color F	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: white, main color	**about 160 yd (146 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 170 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

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

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
Toddler	4 in (10 cm) wide, 38¾ in (98 cm) long	about 270 yd (247 m)
Kid (this file)	**4 in (10 cm) wide, 53 in (135 cm) long**	**about 345 yd (315 m)**
Adult	6 in (15 cm) wide, 67¼ in (171 cm) long	about 615 yd (562 m)

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Gauge

14 stitches and 12 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

Work the test piece, lay it flat without stretching it, and measure in its middle. If it has more stitches and rows to 4 in (10 cm), use a larger hook; if it has fewer, a smaller one. The clouds are worked on the same hook: their single crochet comes to 14 stitches and 16 rows.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. The test piece takes about 30 yd (28 m) of G, which the amounts do not count. Undo it when you have measured it and use its yarn again, or buy that much more.
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Swatch foundation	With G, ch 21.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(20 hdc)
Swatch rows 2 to 18	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(20 hdc)

Notes

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch: the first stitch of the row goes into the first st, the one right below the hook.
- The right side of the scarf and of a cloud is the side that faces you in row 1. The row with the bumps of the shoulders and the row with the bumps at the top are both odd rows, worked with the right side of the cloud facing you.
- The sl sts of a cloud lie along the top of a shoulder bump. No row is worked into them, nor into the stitches that are left. When the clouds are sewn together, a tr and the sl st that lies on it are one place.
- The rows of the scarf are as long as the scarf. Make the foundation chain loosely, with a hook one size larger if your chains are tight, so that this edge does not pull in.
- The stitches named together, as in "3 sc in first st" or "9 tr in next st", are all worked into that one place.
- To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. 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.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- When a ball runs out, join the next at the end of a row: work the last yarn over of the last stitch with the new yarn, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Whip stitch: pass the yarn needle under the strands of one edge and under those of the other, as the step says, and pull the yarn through. Do the same a little farther on. Along a foundation chain go under the two free strands of each chain.
- A scarf is for a child who is awake and watched: take it off for sleep, in a car seat and on the playground.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

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Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **st** stitch.
sk skip, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
5 dc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 27 sts**: one in each.
(182 hdc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Scarf

Yarns in order of use: A, poppy red; B, bright orange; C, sunny yellow; D, grass green; E, bright blue; F, grape purple.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 183.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(182 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(182 hdc)

Stripe in B, bright orange

☐ **Row 3**	With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(182 hdc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(182 hdc)

Stripe in C, sunny yellow

☐ **Row 5**	With C, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(182 hdc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(182 hdc)

Stripe in D, grass green

☐ **Row 7**	With D, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(182 hdc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(182 hdc)

Stripe in E, bright blue

☐ **Row 9**	With E, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(182 hdc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(182 hdc)

Stripe in F, grape purple

☐ **Row 11**	With F, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(182 hdc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(182 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Cloud: make 4

Yarn G, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With G, ch 26.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	3 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 23 chs, 3 sc in last ch	(29 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 3 sc in first st, sc in next 27 sts, 3 sc in last st	(33 sc)

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☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 31 sts, 2 sc in last st	(35 sc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(35 sc)
4 5 6 7 8 9 10		
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sk next 3 sts, 9 tr in next st, sk next 3 sts, sc in next 19 sts, sk next 3 sts, 9 tr in next st, sk next 3 sts, sc in last st	(21 sc, 18 tr)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sl st in next 10 sts, sc in next 19 sts, leave remaining 10 sts unworked	(10 sl sts, 19 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 19 sts, leave remaining 10 sts unworked	(19 sc)
☐ **Rows 14 to 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(19 sc)
14 15 16		
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st, sk next 4 sts, 11 tr in next st, sk next 4 sts, sc in next st, sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sc in last st	(4 sc, 10 dc, 11 tr)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends. The clouds cover both short ends of the scarf.

2. First cloud, the back: lay a cloud on the table with its right side up and its straight bottom edge, the foundation chain, toward you. Lay one end of the scarf on it with its right side up, in the middle from side to side: its short end lies on row 2 of the cloud, and the scarf goes away from you over the bumps at the top. Pin it.

3. Cut a length of G about 44 in (112 cm) long. Whip stitch the scarf to the cloud in one go: down one long edge from row 16 of the cloud to the short end, about 3½ in (9 cm), across the 12 row ends of the short end, and up the other long edge to row 16. Make a stitch about every ¼ in (6 mm) along the long edges and 1 stitch in each row end: take the needle under the edge of the scarf and through the cloud below it.

4. The front: lay a second cloud on the first with its right side up, bumps on bumps, so that the scarf lies between the two. Pin it all around. Cut a length of G about 64 in (163 cm) long. Begin at the top of one side, at the end of row 16, and whip stitch the edges of the two clouds together: down the side of the upper part, the ends of rows 16 to 12; along the shoulder, over the 9 tr of its bump and the sc beside it; down the side of the lower part, the ends of rows 10 to 1; along the 25 chains of the bottom; and up the other side in the same way. Make 1 stitch in each place and do not catch the scarf. The three bumps at the top stay open.

5. Sew 3 times into the same place at each end of the opening, so that a hand cannot pull it apart. Weave in the ends.

6. Second cloud: do the same at the other end of the scarf with the other two clouds, with the same side of the scarf up.

Finishing

- Lay the scarf flat, dampen it, pull the stripes straight and the bumps of the clouds round, and let it dry.

In all: 5 pieces; 4,228 stitches (2,184 in the scarf, 511 in each cloud).

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