Rainbow kerchief

Child · US terms



Finished size
About 14¼ × 7 in (36 × 18 cm)

Skill
Easy
Double crochet, increases, color changes

Yarn
Light (3), 6 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: red, first color	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: orange, second color	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: yellow, third color	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: green, fourth color	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: blue, fifth color	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: purple, sixth color and ties	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6). Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Child (this file)	**14¼ × 7 in (36 × 18 cm)**	**about 80 yd (73 m)**
Adult	21½ × 10¾ in (55 × 27 cm)	about 155 yd (141 m)

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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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
RS	right side
WS	wrong side
sp	space
st	stitch

Gauge

18 stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After row 6 the top edge, laid flat and measured straight across from tip to tip, is about 7.1 in (18 cm). If yours is smaller, use a larger hook; if it is larger, use a smaller one.

The child size has 12 rows and the adult size 18; each is printed in full when it is chosen. For a size between or beyond them, work more or fewer rows in the same way: a row numbered n has dc in the next 4 x n - 6 sts of each half. Each row adds about 1.2 in (3 cm) to the top edge. The ties are the same whatever the size.

Before you start

- The ch 3 at the start of a row counts as a dc; the last stitch of the next row is worked into the top of it. The chain stands on the first stitch of the row: "same st" right after it is that stitch, and "next st" is the one after it.
- A stitch worked into a chain space goes into the open space under the chain, not into a chain stitch.
- Stitches in round brackets with a place after them, or several of one stitch with one place after them, are all worked into that one place. The brackets at the end of a row hold its count.
- Row 1 is a right side row. Turn once between rows: the word "turn" near the start of each row is that turn.
- To change color, work the last stitch of the old color until two loops are left on the hook and draw the new color through them. Cut the old color, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15.2 cm), and fasten in a fresh piece each time: the yarn amounts and the ends to weave in are counted this way.
- About 14.3 in (36.3 cm) across the top edge and 7.1 in (18 cm) deep.
- 12 rows, one row to a color, yarns A to F in turn, 2 times.

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Instructions

Chosen: Child. 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 and dc is treble.

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

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in ring, ch 2, 3 dc in ring	**(6 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	**Yarn B.** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 2 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	**(14 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
☐ **Row 3 (RS)**	**Yarn C.** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 6 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 6 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	**(22 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
☐ **Row 4 (WS)**	**Yarn D.** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 10 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 10 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	**(30 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
☐ **Row 5 (RS)**	**Yarn E.** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 14 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 14 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	**(38 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
☐ **Row 6 (WS)**	**Yarn F.** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 18 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 18 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	**(46 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
☐ **Row 7 (RS)**	**Yarn A.** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 22 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 22 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	**(54 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
☐ **Row 8 (WS)**	**Yarn B.** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 26 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 26 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	**(62 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
☐ **Row 9 (RS)**	**Yarn C.** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 30 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 30 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	**(70 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
☐ **Row 10 (WS)**	**Yarn D.** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 34 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 34 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	**(78 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
☐ **Row 11 (RS)**	**Yarn E.** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 38 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 38 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	**(86 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
☐ **Row 12 (WS)**	**Yarn F.** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 42 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 42 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	**(94 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Ties: worked after the last row. Join yarn F with a slip stitch in the first stitch of the last row (a turning chain counts as one), where that row meets the top edge, leaving a tail to weave in; chain until the tie is about 12 in (30.5 cm) long, fasten off and knot the end close to the last chain. Make the same tie in the last stitch of the last row, at the other end of the top edge.
- Weave in the ends.

In all: 12 rows; 600 stitches; 26 ends to weave in.

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