Long rainbow snake

US terms



Finished size
About 36 in (91.5 cm) long from the nose to the tip of the tail, and 1½ in (3.8 cm) thick

Skill
Easy
Five pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 12 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: coral red, body and eye bump	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: tangerine, body	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: marigold, body	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: butter, body	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: lime, body	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: leaf green, body	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: teal, body	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn H: sky blue, body	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn I: periwinkle, body	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn J: violet, body	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn K: raspberry, body and tongue strip	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn L: black, the details	**about 5 yd (5 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, scissors and two black plastic eyes with washers, 8 mm.

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.

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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: how is under “Before you start” (UK dc2tog, double cro
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

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 that has rounds 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.
- Sides: a piece in rows is put on with the side that faced you in row 1 (marked RS) outward, unless the words say something else.
- The body is a long, narrow tube: stuff the head firmly when round 16 is done, then stuff the tube lightly every 10 to 12 rounds as you go, so that it still bends. Stuff each part before the tube grows past the reach of your fingers.
- For a draft stopper for a door, work the Large size in bulky yarn: it is about 51½ in (131 cm) long. For another length, work more or fewer rounds in bands C to I only (rounds 37 to 162): every round of those seven bands is 24 sc with no shaping. Two more rounds in each of the seven add about 2½ in (6.5 cm) at the gauge here. Work bands A, B, J and K as written. With more rounds the round numbers after the change are higher than the ones printed here, and with fewer rounds they are lower; the stitches of those rounds stay the same.
- 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 front end.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. 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.

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- 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.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in L (black).
- 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 29.7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 26¾ in (68 cm) long from the nose to the tip of the tail, and 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) thick; eyes 6 mm; 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 51½ in (131 cm) long from the nose to the tip of the tail, and 2¼ in (5.7 cm) thick; eyes 11 mm; 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 65½ in (166.5 cm) long from the nose to the tip of the tail, and 2¾ in (7 cm) thick; eyes 15 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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: A, coral red; B, tangerine; C, marigold; D, butter; E, lime; F, leaf green; G, teal; H, sky blue; I, periwinkle; J, violet; K, raspberry.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each of next 4 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 4 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 3 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(33 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 11: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc2tog, sc in next 31 sts	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	**(28 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in next 24 sts, sc2tog	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 19 to 36**	With B, sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 19 to 36: tick them off as you go.

☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐ 28 ☐ 29 ☐ 30 ☐ 31 ☐ 32 ☐ 33 ☐ 34 ☐ 35 ☐ 36

☐ **Rnds 37 to 54**	With C, sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 37 to 54: tick them off as you go.

☐ 37 ☐ 38 ☐ 39 ☐ 40 ☐ 41 ☐ 42 ☐ 43 ☐ 44 ☐ 45 ☐ 46 ☐ 47 ☐ 48 ☐ 49 ☐ 50 ☐ 51 ☐ 52 ☐ 53 ☐ 54

☐ **Rnds 55 to 72**	With D, sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 55 to 72: tick them off as you go.

☐ 55 ☐ 56 ☐ 57 ☐ 58 ☐ 59 ☐ 60 ☐ 61 ☐ 62 ☐ 63 ☐ 64 ☐ 65 ☐ 66 ☐ 67 ☐ 68 ☐ 69 ☐ 70 ☐ 71 ☐ 72

☐ **Rnds 73 to 90**	With E, sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 73 to 90: tick them off as you go.

☐ 73 ☐ 74 ☐ 75 ☐ 76 ☐ 77 ☐ 78 ☐ 79 ☐ 80 ☐ 81 ☐ 82 ☐ 83 ☐ 84 ☐ 85 ☐ 86 ☐ 87 ☐ 88 ☐ 89 ☐ 90

☐ **Rnds 91 to 108**	With F, sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 91 to 108: tick them off as you go.

☐ 91 ☐ 92 ☐ 93 ☐ 94 ☐ 95 ☐ 96 ☐ 97 ☐ 98 ☐ 99 ☐ 100 ☐ 101 ☐ 102 ☐ 103 ☐ 104 ☐ 105 ☐ 106 ☐ 107 ☐ 108

☐ **Rnds 109 to 126**	With G, sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 109 to 126: tick them off as you go.

☐ 109 ☐ 110 ☐ 111 ☐ 112 ☐ 113 ☐ 114 ☐ 115 ☐ 116 ☐ 117 ☐ 118 ☐ 119 ☐ 120 ☐ 121 ☐ 122 ☐ 123 ☐ 124 ☐ 125 ☐ 126

☐ **Rnds 127 to 144**	With H, sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 127 to 144: tick them off as you go.

☐ 127 ☐ 128 ☐ 129 ☐ 130 ☐ 131 ☐ 132 ☐ 133 ☐ 134 ☐ 135 ☐ 136 ☐ 137 ☐ 138 ☐ 139 ☐ 140 ☐ 141 ☐ 142 ☐ 143 ☐ 144

☐ **Rnds 145 to 162**	With I, sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 145 to 162: tick them off as you go.

☐ 145 ☐ 146 ☐ 147 ☐ 148 ☐ 149 ☐ 150 ☐ 151 ☐ 152 ☐ 153 ☐ 154 ☐ 155 ☐ 156 ☐ 157 ☐ 158 ☐ 159 ☐ 160 ☐ 161 ☐ 162

☐ **Rnds 163 to 170**	With J, sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 163 to 170: tick them off as you go.

☐ 163 ☐ 164 ☐ 165 ☐ 166 ☐ 167 ☐ 168 ☐ 169 ☐ 170

☐ **Rnd 171**	Sc2tog, sc in next 22 sts	**(23 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 172**	Sc in each st around	**(23 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 173**	Sc in next 21 sts, sc2tog	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 174**	Sc in each st around	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 175**	Sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 176**	Sc in each st around	**(21 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 177**	Sc2tog, sc in next 19 sts	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 178**	Sc in each st around	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 179**	Sc in next 18 sts, sc2tog	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 180**	Sc in each st around	**(19 sc)**

Stuff what is still empty, lightly, and keep adding a little stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 181**	With K, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 182**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 183**	Sc2tog, sc in next 16 sts	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 184**	Sc in each st around	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 185**	Sc in next 15 sts, sc2tog	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 186**	Sc in each st around	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 187**	Sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 188**	Sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 189**	Sc in each st around	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 190**	Sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 191**	Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 192**	Sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 193**	Sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 194**	Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 195**	Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 196**	Sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 197**	Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 198**	Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts	**(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 head (rounds 1 to 14) flatter from top to underside, into a wedge: at its widest rounds about 2½ in (6.4 cm) wide and 1½ in (3.8 cm) tall.	

Eye bump: make 2

Yarn A, coral red.

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☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each of next 4 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	**(11 sc)**

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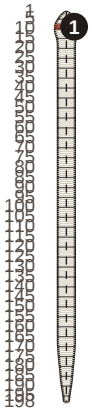
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(11 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Fix the eye now, before you stuff the piece (see Finishing). Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Tongue strip: make 2

Yarn K, raspberry.

☐ **Foundation**	With K, ch 13.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing. The strip is this one row, 12 stitches long. The end with the tail is the base; the other end is the tip.	

Assembly



Body: 1 eye bumps

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. Pin the two eye bumps to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 9, one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart). The edge (11 sts) covers about rounds 8 to 10 of the body. They point up. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

2. Sew the two tongue strips under the nose, side by side, pointing forward; either side of a strip may be up. Lay the first 2 stitches of each, counted from the base, flat against the underside of rounds 1 and 2 of the body, one to each side of the line opposite the center line, and sew them down with the tails. With the same yarn sew the two strips to each other, side by side, from stitch 3 to stitch 7. The last 5 stitches of each stay free: spread them apart for the fork.

3. Lay the snake on the table in waves, from side to side, the center line on top.

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Finishing

- Put in the plastic eyes when the words of a piece say so, or embroider eyes in the same places with the other details. Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on; 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.
- Eyes: one 8 mm black plastic eye on each eye bump, on round 2, on the side that faces forward. When the bump is sewn on, this side of it looks ahead and a little up and out.
- Nostrils: with L (black), one straight stitch on each side of the nose, along the body, from round 2 to round 3, 1 stitch from the center line.
- Mouth: with L (black), in backstitch, one line on each side of the head: from round 2, 3 stitches from the center line, through round 4, 5 stitches from it, round 6, 6½ stitches from it, and round 8, 7½ stitches from it, to round 10, 7 stitches from it.
- 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: 5 pieces; 4,621 stitches (4,541 in the body, 28 in each eye bump, 12 in each tongue strip).

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