Rainbow spiral circle

US terms



Finished size
About 9¼ in (23 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 6 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

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

What you need

Yarn A: red, round 6	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: orange, round 5	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: yellow, round 4	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: green, rounds 3 and 9	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: blue, rounds 2 and 8	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: violet, rounds 1 and 7	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 45 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, pins for blocking, a spray bottle and 6 stitch markers or safety 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 and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

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.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row 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 does not count as a stitch.

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- To join a color with sc in the ring: make a slip knot of the new color on the hook, insert the hook in the ring, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through both loops on the hook.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- No color is fastened off before Rnd 9. When a line goes on to the next color, pull the loop of the old color out long, put it on a stitch marker so that it cannot run back, and let its yarn hang at the back.
- With F, With A and so on name the color that works next: take its loop from the marker, put it on the hook, pull it snug and go on. Do not join it again.
- From Rnd 2 on a color works exactly the stitches that the color ahead of it made in the round before: A works over B, B over C, C over D, D over E, E over F and F over A. Its first stitch goes into the first of them and its last stitch into the last of them. For the first five colors of a round that last stitch is the one the loop on the marker comes out of: hold that loop out of the way in front and put the hook under the top of the stitch. For the sixth color no loop is there any more: it ends in the stitch just before the first stitch of the round.
- The color that ends a round begins the next one: keep its loop on the hook and go on. The colors therefore begin with A in Rnd 1, F in Rnd 2, E in Rnd 3, and so on back through the six.
- After Rnd 1 pull the ring closed. Stitches of one color in a round: 2 in Rnd 1, 4 in Rnd 2, then 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 in Rnd 8.
- Until Rnd 9 the edge has six steps; that is right. In Rnd 9 each color runs out from double crochet to slip stitch and closes the step in front of the next color. Fasten off each color after its 4 slip stitches, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 6 in (15 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 7 in (18 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 11¾ in (30 cm).

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 dc in next st: both in one stitch. **dc in each of next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 2 times: work what is inside 2 times in all.
(6 sc, 6 hdc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

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

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in ring, hdc in ring, join B with sc in ring, hdc in ring, join C with sc in ring, hdc in ring, join D with sc in ring, hdc in ring, join E with sc in ring, hdc in ring, join F with sc in ring, hdc in ring, do not join. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc, 6 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	With F, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, With A, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, With B, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, With C, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, With D, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, With E, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, do not join	(24 dc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	With E, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next st**] 2 times**, With F, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next st**] 2 times**, With A, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next st**] 2 times**, With B, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next st**] 2 times**, With C, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next st**] 2 times**, With D, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next st**] 2 times**, do not join	(36 dc)

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☐ **Rnd 4**	With D, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, With E, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, With F, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, With A, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, With B, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, With C, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, do not join	(48 dc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	With C, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, With D, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, With E, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, With F, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, With A, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, With B, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, do not join	(60 dc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	With B, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**, With C, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**, With D, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**, With E, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**, With F, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**, With A, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**, do not join	(72 dc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	With A, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**, With B, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**, With C, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**, With D, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**, With E, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**, With F, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**, do not join	(84 dc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	With F, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**, With A, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**, With B, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**, With C, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**, With D, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**, With E, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**, do not join	(96 dc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	With E, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, sc in next 5 sts, sl st in next 4 sts, With F, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, sc in next 5 sts, sl st in next 4 sts, With A, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, sc in next 5 sts, sl st in next 4 sts, With B, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, sc in next 5 sts, sl st in next 4 sts, With C, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, sc in next 5 sts, sl st in next 4 sts, With D, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, sc in next 5 sts, sl st in next 4 sts, do not join	(18 dc, 24 hdc, 30 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the mat to an even circle on a flat surface, right side up, spray it with water and let it dry.
- Draw the tail of each color down to the back beside the first dc of the color ahead, so that the edge is even, before you weave it in.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 9 rounds; 504 stitches.

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