Rainbow wall hanging

US terms



Finished size
About 12¼ in (31 cm) wide and about 9¼ in (23 cm) tall with its fringe and without its hanging loop

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows, with 3 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Bulky (5), 6 colors

Hook
6.5 mm (US K-10½)

Gauge
11 stitches and 12 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: dusty blue, rows 1 and 2 of the rainbow	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: sage, rows 3 and 4 of the rainbow	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: mustard, rows 5 and 6 of the rainbow	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: clay pink, rows 7 and 8 of the rainbow	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: rust, rows 9 and 10 of the rainbow	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: cream, the clouds	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 75 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 130 yd (119 m).

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10½), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

Gauge

11 stitches and 12 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.

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Instructions

US terms.

hdc half double crochet (UK htr), **ch** chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **tr** treble crochet (UK dtr), **rem** remaining, **sk** skip, **st** stitch.
2 hdc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Hdc in next 2 sts: one in each.
The ch 1 is not a stitch. Work in the **very first stitch**.
[ ] 4 times: 4 times in all. (16 hdc): the row now has 16; a check, not a step. Not 16? **Pull it back**.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Special stitches

puff (Puff stitch): [yarn over, insert the hook in the place named, yarn over and pull up a loop to the height of a double crochet] 3 times (7 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 7 loops, ch 1 to close; the closing chain is part of the puff and is not counted.

Rainbow

☐ **Start**	With A, make a slip knot and ch 13.	
☐ **Row 1**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in each rem ch across	(12 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times** Fasten off A.	(16 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Turn, join B 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 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**	(20 hdc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times** Fasten off B.	(24 hdc)
☐ **Row 5**	Turn, join C 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 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**	(28 hdc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times** Fasten off C.	(32 hdc)
☐ **Row 7**	Turn, join D with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**	(36 hdc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times** Fasten off D.	(40 hdc)
☐ **Row 9**	Turn, join E with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**	(44 hdc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**	(48 hdc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Cloud: make 2

Yarn F, cream.

☐ **Start**	With F, ch 14.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(13 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, **[**puff in next st, sc in next st**] 5 times**, puff in next st, 2 sc in next st	(9 sc, 6 puffs)

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☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(15 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, **[**puff in next st, sc in next st**] 7 times**	(8 sc, 7 puffs)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sl st in next st, sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sl st in next st, sk next 2 sts, 9 tr in next st, sk next 2 sts, sl st in next st, sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sl st in next st	(10 dc, 9 tr)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 45 in (114 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the rainbow out on a flat surface to a true half circle, the ends of its rows in one straight line at the bottom, and pin out the clouds; spray the pieces with water and let them dry.
- Lay the rainbow down, right side up, the ends of its rows at the bottom.
- Fringe: cut 8 lengths of 9 in (23 cm) of each of A, B, C, D and E. Each of the 20 row ends takes two lengths of the color of its row: put the hook from the back to the front through the end of the row, at the lower edge, fold the two lengths in half together, draw the fold through to the back, draw the four ends through the fold from front to back and pull them tight.
- Clouds: lay one cloud on each foot, right side up, its foundation chain at the bottom, level, and ½ in (1.5 cm) below the lower edge of the rainbow, so that it covers the knots of the fringe. At its widest it stands out ¼ in (0.5 cm) beyond the inner edge of the foot and 3/8 in (1 cm) beyond the outer edge. With its tail, sew each cloud to the rainbow round its top and its ends wherever it lies on the rainbow, and along the lower edge of the rainbow, above the knots; its own lower edge hangs free over them.
- Hanging loop: with F, ch 16 and fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail at each end. Fold it in half and sew its two ends, ¼ in (0.5 cm) apart, with their tails to the back of Row 10 at the middle of the top, the fold up.
- Comb the fringe straight with your fingers and trim it level, about 3 in (8 cm) long below the clouds.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 3 pieces.

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.

Notes

- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- A chain 1 at the start of 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 line is worked in that same place.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- The rainbow is worked from the inside out, 2 rows of each color. Row 1 and every odd row of the rainbow is the right side. The two ends of the rows are the feet of the arches.
- Rows 2 and 4 of the cloud are worked with the wrong side facing: push every puff through to the right side. A stitch worked into a puff, in Row 3 and the 9 tr in Row 5, goes into its closing chain, under both strands. Row 5 is the top of the cloud; its 9 tr are in the middle puff of Row 4 and all its other stitches in the sc of Row 4.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 6½ in (17 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 7½ in (19 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 9¾ in (25 cm).

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