Jellyfish with ruffled arms

US terms



Finished size
About 9 in (23 cm) long with the loop and the tentacles and 4½ in (11.5 cm) across the frill

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

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 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: iris, bell and hanging loop	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pearl, bell, frill, long tentacle and the details	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: coral, ruffled arm and the details	**about 105 yd (96 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: plum, 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, 10 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.

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 (the back loops in a BLO row or round): how is under “B
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
BLO	back loop only

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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.
- 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.
- Bell: the center line runs between stitches 30 and 31 of round 12 (60 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- 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.
- 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. In a BLO round, use the back loops instead.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in D (plum).
- 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 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): 6¾ in (17 cm) long with the loop and the tentacles and 3 3/8 in (8.6 cm) across the frill; eyes 7 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): 12¾ in (32.5 cm) long with the loop and the tentacles and 6½ in (16.5 cm) across the frill; eyes 14 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): 16¼ in (41.5 cm) long with the loop and the tentacles and 8¼ in (21 cm) across the frill; eyes 18 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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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, sl st is slip stitch and hdc is half treble.

Bell

Yarns in order of use: A, iris; B, pearl.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 13 to 18**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 18: tick them off as you go.

☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18

☐ **Rnd 19**	With B, working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Fix the eyes now (see Finishing). Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(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.	

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Frill

Yarn B, pearl.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 60; being careful not to twist the chain, sl st in the first ch to form a ring. Round 1 begins in that same ch.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in each ch around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 hdc in each st around	**(120 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Hdc in each st around	**(120 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off and weave in the end. It waves by itself into scallops; pull them even with your fingers.	

Ruffled arm: make 4

Yarn C, coral.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 34 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 35.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 3 sc in each of next 34 sts	**(102 sc)**
☐ **Rows 3 to 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(102 sc)**

A box for each row, 3 to 4: tick them off as you go.

☐ 3 ☐ 4

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. It curls as you work. Twist it with your fingers into an even corkscrew of about six turns, the foundation chain inside and the last row outside. The end with the tail is the upper end.	

Long tentacle: make 5

Yarn B, pearl.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 30 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 31.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(30 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing. The end with the tail is the upper end.	

Hanging loop

Yarn A, iris.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 15 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 16.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(15 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing.	

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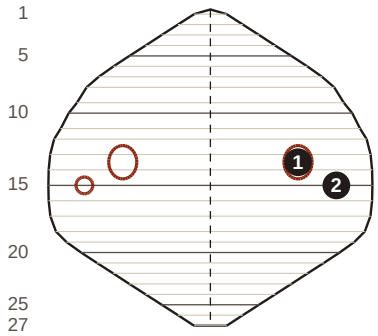
Assembly



Bell: 1 eyes, 2 cheeks

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. Slip the frill up over the bell with its right side out, the foundation chain at the top and the last round hanging down. With a new length of B, sew the foundation chain to the free front loops of round 18 of the bell, 60 chains to 60 loops, all the way round.

2. Sew the four ruffled arms to the underside of the bell, each by its upper end, the ends of its four rows gathered together with the tail: two on round 21, one to each side, 10½ stitches from the center line, and two on round 25, one to each side, 2½ stitches from the center line.

3. Sew the five long tentacles to the underside of the bell, each by its upper end with the tail: two on round 19, one to each side, 13½ stitches from the center line; two on round 23, one to each side, 8½ stitches from the center line; and one over the closed hole in the middle.

4. Fold the hanging loop in half, end to end, and sew both ends side by side to round 1 of the bell, in the middle of the top, with the tail. Go over the place three or four times: the loop carries the jellyfish.

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: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the bell between rounds 13 and 14, one to each side, 5½ stitches from the center line (11 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with C (coral), in satin stitch, an oval about 5/16 in (8 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the bell on round 15, one to each side, 8½ stitches from the center line (17 stitches apart).
- Mouth: with D (plum), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about 7/16 in (11 mm) wide that dips 3/16 in (5 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are on the bell between rounds 14 and 15, one to each side of the center line.
- 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: 12 pieces; 2,887 stitches (1,062 in the bell, 300 in the frill, 340 in each ruffled arm, 30 in each long tentacle, 15 in the hanging loop).

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