Sea star and shell appliques

US terms



Finished size
Sea star about 2¾ in (7 cm) from tip to tip, scallop shell 2¾ in (7 cm) wide, sand dollar 2 in (5 cm) wide, jellyfish 2¼ in (5.5 cm) wide and 2¾ in (7 cm) long

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with the stitches named

Yarn
Super fine (1), 4 colors

Hook
1.8 mm (US steel 6)

Gauge
33 stitches to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: coral, main color	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: sand, color B	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: white, color C	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: aqua, color D	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 1.8 mm (US steel 6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a sewing needle that takes the thread, rust-proof pins, a towel, sewing thread of the four colors if the motifs are to be sewn on something, a yarn needle and scissors.

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.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
fpdc	front post double crochet: yo, insert hook from front to back to front round the post of the stitch named, then finish as a dc (UK fptr, front post treble)
bpdc	back post double crochet: yo, insert hook from back to front to back round the post of the stitch named, then finish as a dc (UK bptr, back post treble)
sp	space

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st	stitch
sk	skip (UK miss)
beg	beginning
rnd	round
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Special stitches

pc (Popcorn): 5 dc in the place named, take the hook out of the loop, put it from front to back through the top of the first of the 5 dc, pick the loop up again and draw it through. The loop drawn through is the top of the popcorn: a stitch worked in a popcorn goes in it, as in the top of any stitch. It leaves 1 pc for the next row or round.

Gauge

33 stitches to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

About 17 rows of double crochet to 4 in (10 cm). After rnd 3 the sand dollar measures a little more than 1 in (2.7 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round into the loop, then pull the tail to close it. Ch 4 joined into a ring with a sl st does as well.
- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- A beginning chain counts as the stitch in brackets after it. A ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- When the next stitch or space of a kind is named, pass over anything else that comes before it. Work into a space round the chain, not into it.
- The sea star and the sand dollar are worked in rounds, the right side facing you. The shell, the hinge and the parts of the jellyfish are worked in rows; the right side of row 1 is their right side.
- Sea star: the sc in a hollow goes in the sc of the hollow below, the (2 dc, pc, 2 dc) of a point in the top of the popcorn of the point below.
- Rows: a ch 3 after which you turn stands on the last stitch of the row below and counts as the first dc. After a ch 1 and a turn the first sc goes in that last stitch itself. The last stitch of a row goes in the top of the ch 3 that began the row below.
- Shell, row 2: the last 2 dc go in the top of the beginning ch 3; row 3: the last dc goes in the top of the ch 3 of row 2. From row 4 on the post stitches stand one over another, back post in rows 4 and 6, front post in row 5, so that the ribs are raised on the right side.
- Sand dollar: the five ch-2 sps of rnd 4 stay open as its five slots.
- Jellyfish bell, row 2: the last 2 dc go in the top of the beginning ch 3. In row 4 the popcorns of row 3 are stitches like the others.

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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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Sea star

Yarn A, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	With A, ch 1, 10 sc in ring, join with sl st in first sc	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st, ch 1, pc in next sc, ch 1, **[**sc in next sc, ch 1, pc in next sc, ch 1**] 4 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(5 sc, 5 pc, 10 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, (2 dc, pc, 2 dc) in next pc, **[**sc in next sc, (2 dc, pc, 2 dc) in next pc**] 4 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(20 dc, 5 sc, 5 pc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in same st, hdc in next dc, dc in next dc, (2 dc, pc, 2 dc) in next pc, dc in next dc, hdc in next dc, **[**sc in next sc, hdc in next dc, dc in next dc, (2 dc, pc, 2 dc) in next pc, dc in next dc, hdc in next dc**] 4 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(30 dc, 10 hdc, 5 sc, 5 pc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sk next hdc, hdc in next dc, dc in each of next 2 dc, (2 dc, pc, 2 dc) in next pc, dc in each of next 2 dc, hdc in next dc, sk next hdc, **[**sc in next sc, sk next hdc, hdc in next dc, dc in each of next 2 dc, (2 dc, pc, 2 dc) in next pc, dc in each of next 2 dc, hdc in next dc, sk next hdc**] 4 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(40 dc, 10 hdc, 5 sc, 5 pc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sk next hdc, hdc in next dc, dc in each of next 3 dc, (2 dc, pc, 2 dc) in next pc, dc in each of next 3 dc, hdc in next dc, sk next hdc, **[**sc in next sc, sk next hdc, hdc in next dc, dc in each of next 3 dc, (2 dc, pc, 2 dc) in next pc, dc in each of next 3 dc, hdc in next dc, sk next hdc**] 4 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(50 dc, 10 hdc, 5 sc, 5 pc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sk next hdc, sc in each of next 5 dc, 3 sc in next pc, sc in each of next 5 dc, sk next hdc, **[**sc in next sc, sk next hdc, sc in each of next 5 dc, 3 sc in next pc, sc in each of next 5 dc, sk next hdc**] 4 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(70 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Scallop shell

Yarn B, sand.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1**	With B, ch 3 (counts as dc), 4 dc in ring	**(5 dc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, **[**2 dc in next dc**] 4 times**	**(9 dc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, **[**2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc**] 4 times**	**(13 dc)**

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☐ **Row 4**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, bpdc around next dc, **[**2 dc in next dc, bpdc around next dc**] 5 times**, dc in last dc	**(12 dc, 6 bpdcs)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, fpdc around next bpdc, **[**dc in each of next 2 dc, fpdc around next bpdc**] 5 times**, dc in last dc	**(12 dc, 6 fpdcs)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, bpdc around next fpdc, **[**dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, bpdc around next fpdc**] 5 times**, dc in last dc	**(17 dc, 6 bpdcs)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**5 dc in next bpdc, sk next dc, sc in next dc, sk next dc**] 5 times**, 5 dc in next bpdc, sc in last dc	**(30 dc, 7 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Shell hinge

Yarn B, sand.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1**	With B, sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in each of next 5 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch	**(5 dc, 2 sc, 2 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Sand dollar

Yarn C, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	With C, ch 2 (counts as hdc), 9 hdc in ring, join with sl st in top of beg ch-2	**(10 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc in same st, **[**2 hdc in next hdc**] 9 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-2	**(20 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc in same st, hdc in next hdc, **[**2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next hdc**] 9 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-2	**(30 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in each of next 3 hdc, 2 dc in next hdc, ch 2, sk next hdc, **[**2 dc in next hdc, dc in each of next 3 hdc, 2 dc in next hdc, ch 2, sk next hdc**] 4 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(35 dc, 5 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in each of next 6 dc, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, **[**sc in each of next 7 dc, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp**] 4 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in each of next 8 sc, **[**2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 8 sc**] 4 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(50 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Jellyfish bell

Yarn D, aqua.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1**	With D, ch 3 (counts as dc), 6 dc in ring	**(7 dc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, **[**2 dc in next dc**] 6 times**	**(13 dc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, **[**2 dc in next dc, pc in next dc**] 5 times**, 2 dc in next dc, dc in last dc	**(14 dc, 5 pc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in each of next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(25 dc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, sc in each of next 24 dc	**(25 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Jellyfish frill

Yarn C, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 18.	
☐ **Row 1**	With C, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 16 chs	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next sc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next sc, sc in next sc**] 4 times**	**(20 dc, 5 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Long tentacle: make 2

Yarn D, aqua.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 24.	
☐ **Row 1**	With D, 3 sc in 2nd ch from hook, 3 sc in each of next 22 chs	**(69 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off. The row curls up into a corkscrew of itself; twist it with your fingers until the turns are even and it is about 1½ in (4 cm) long.	

Short tentacle: make 2

Yarn D, aqua.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 18.	
☐ **Row 1**	With D, 3 sc in 2nd ch from hook, 3 sc in each of next 16 chs	**(51 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off. The row curls up into a corkscrew of itself; twist it with your fingers until the turns are even and it is about 1¼ in (3 cm) long.	

Assembly

1. Shell hinge: lay the shell right side up, its ring toward you. Lay the hinge right side up behind it, the chain edge toward you, so that the ring lies on the middle one of its 5 dc and the chain edge just shows below the ring. With 12 in (30 cm) of B take 6 small stitches through the backs of both: 2 through the edge of the ring, 2 through the first dc of row 1 of the shell and 2 through its last dc, left and right of the ring. Fasten off at the back.

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2. Petals of the sand dollar, on the right side: cut 5 lengths of B, 16 in (40 cm) each. Each petal points to the middle one of the 7 dc between two slots. With one length work a closed loop of chain stitch: from the edge of the ring in the middle outward to the tops of rnd 3, about ¼ in (6 mm) wide at its widest, and back to where it began, 5 stitches out and 5 stitches back. Chain stitch: bring the needle up, put it back down in the same place and up again one stitch farther on, with the thread under the point of the needle; draw it up. Hold the last chain down with a small stitch and fasten off at the back.

3. Jellyfish frill: lay the bell wrong side up, its straight edge toward you. Lay the frill on it wrong side up, the scallops toward you, so that its chain lies along the straight edge, just inside it, half a stitch in from each end. With 20 in (50 cm) of D sew the chain down with a small stitch through every second ch and the back of the bell. Fasten off at the back.

4. Tentacles: lay one behind each scallop, the end of the corkscrew at its slip knot on the chain of the frill, the two long ones in the middle and the short ones at the sides, all hanging straight down. With 8 in (20 cm) of D for each, sew the top to the back of the bell with 5 small stitches. Fasten off at the back.

Finishing

- Weave in all ends at the back with the needle.
- To block: wet the pieces, pin them out right side up on the towel with every point and scallop drawn out, and let them dry. Do not pin the tentacles flat.
- To sew a motif on a bag, a towel or a card: pin it in place and sew it down all round with sewing thread of its color, a small stitch through every second stitch of the edge. Hold each tentacle down with one stitch in every second turn of the corkscrew.

In all: 4 pieces.

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