Seashells, set of three

US terms



Finished size
The scallop 4 in (10 cm) across and 2 5/8 in (6.7 cm) tall, the nautilus 4 in (10 cm) across, the clam 3 in (7.6 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Ten pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Light (3), 4 colors

Hook
2.75 mm (US C-2)

Gauge
24 stitches and 26.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

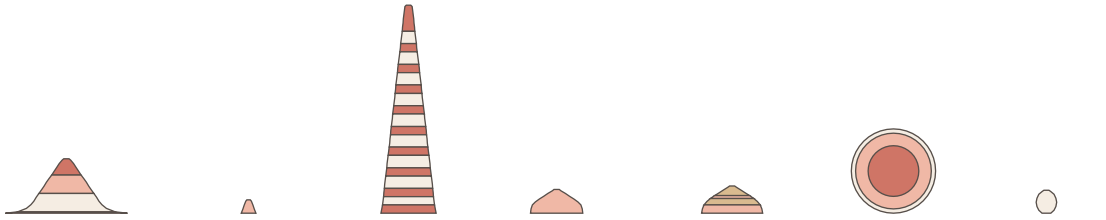
You will need

Yarn A: pearl, the main color	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: blush, several of the pieces	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sand, clam side	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: rose, scallop, nautilus, lining and the details	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**

Hook: 2.75 mm (US C-2), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins 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, with 30 percent added.

The pieces



Scallop

Scallop ear x 2
to the scallop

Nautilus

Mouth lining

Clam side x 2

Lining x 2

Pearl
to the lining

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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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together, through the front loops only: how is under “Before you start” (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 stitches together)
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

24 stitches and 26.4 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 1 7/8 in (4.8 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 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.
- 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.
- Scallop: the center line runs between stitches 42 and 43 of round 16 (84 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the shell. 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.
- No plastic eyes are used: every detail is worked in yarn.
- One size, at the gauge above: the scallop 4 in (10 cm) across and 2 5/8 in (6.7 cm) tall, the nautilus 4 in (10 cm) across, the clam 3 in (7.6 cm) across. A thinner or a thicker yarn with a hook to suit makes it smaller or larger; every length then changes with it.

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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 and dc is treble.

Scallop

Yarns in order of use: D, rose; B, blush; A, pearl.

Round 1 is the pointed end at the hinge.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	With B, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 4 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	**(38 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	With A, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 4 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(52 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 4 times**	**(56 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	With D, 2 dc in next st, sc in next st, **[**sc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 13 times**, sc in next st, 2 dc in next st	**(84 sts)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 30 in (76 cm) tail for sewing. Press the piece flat, so that the center line runs up the middle of the front and the line where the rounds begin runs up the middle of the back. It makes a fan of two layers with a fold at each side, and the last round is its rim, a double edge of 42 stitches: seven scallops on the front layer lie on seven scallops on the back layer. Stuff it lightly, the middle more than the edges, up to the open edge.	

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Scallop ear: make 2

Yarn B, blush.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 5 stitches.	

Nautilus

Yarns in order of use: D, rose; A, pearl.

Round 1 is the middle of the coil. The first 6 rounds are too narrow to stuff; from there on stuff the tube lightly every few rounds as you go, so that it still bends, up to round 46; the last 5 rounds stay empty for the mouth lining.

Do not cut the yarn at each stripe: let the yarn you are not using hang on the inside and carry it loosely up to its next stripe. Cut A after round 49.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	With A, sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	With D, sc in each st around	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	With A, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	With D, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in each st around	**(15 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 18**	With A, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in each st around	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	With D, sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	With A, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	Sc in each st around	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	With D, sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	With A, sc in each st around	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts	**(23 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	Sc in next 22 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 31**	With D, sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 32**	Sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 33**	With A, sc in each st around	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 34**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 24 sts	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 35**	Sc in next 25 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 36**	With D, sc in each st around	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 37**	Sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 38**	With A, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts	**(29 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 39**	Sc in each st around	**(29 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 40**	Sc in next 28 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 41**	With D, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts	**(31 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 42**	Sc in each st around	**(31 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 43**	With A, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 30 sts	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 44**	Sc in next 31 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 45**	Sc in each st around	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 46**	With D, sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 47**	Sc in each st around	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 48**	With A, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 33 sts	**(35 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 49**	Sc in next 34 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(36 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 50**	With D, sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 51**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times**	**(38 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail, and weave it in along the lip. The last 5 rounds are empty. Rounds 50 and 51 are the lip of the mouth.	

Mouth lining

Yarn B, blush.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 8**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 8: tick them off as you go.

☐ 7 ☐ 8

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Turn it inside out, so that the right side is on the inside of the cup.	

Clam side: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, sand; B, blush.

☐ **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**	With B, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	With C, **[**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 8 sts**] 4 times**	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	With B, **[**sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. It is the outside of one half of the clam.	

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Lining: make 2

Yarns in order of use: D, rose; B, blush; A, pearl.

Round 10 is the scalloped rim; its 5 sc at the beginning and its 5 sc at the end, side by side, are the hinge.

☐ **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**	With B, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 4 times**	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	With A, sc in next 5 sts, **[**sc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 8 times**, sc in next 5 sts	**(58 sts)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end. Do not stuff. Turn it inside out, so that the right side is on the inside of the cup. The rim is turned outward and its right side looks up.	

Pearl

Yarn A, 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, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 5**	Sc in each st around	**(15 sc)**

A box for each round, 4 to 5: tick them off as you go.

☐ 4 ☐ 5

Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**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.	

Assembly

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1. Scallop: its tail hangs at the middle of the back layer. Run it along the inside of the back layer, just under the tops of the last 21 stitches worked, to the fold beside them. Begin at that fold and sew the open edge closed to the other fold, through both layers, 42 stitches of the front to 42 stitches of the back, scallop on scallop, adding a little more stuffing before the end. Work the grooves (see Finishing). Pin the two scallop ears to the scallop: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 4 (16 sts), one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart), which is on the fold. The flat edge runs along the fold, from round 1 to round 6. Both ears lie flat, in line with the scallop, and their tips point out to the side and a little down, so that the lower edges of the ears and round 1 of the scallop are about level. Sew through both layers of the 5-stitch edge with the tail.

2. Nautilus: lay round 1 of the nautilus on the table and coil the rest round it, flat, clockwise, about two turns, each turn pressed close against the turn inside it. The inner side of every turn comes right in to that turn, its stitches pressed together. Pin it. With new lengths of A and D to match the stripes, sew each turn to the turn inside it along the line where they touch, on the upper side and on the under side, from round 1 to about round 48. Push the mouth lining into the open end, round 1 first, so that it stands in the mouth as a hollow cup with its right side to be seen, and with its tail sew the 36 stitches of its last round to the inside of round 50 of the nautilus (36 sts), stitch to stitch, so that it shuts in the stuffing. Press its middle in with a fingertip. Round 51 stands out beyond it.

3. Clam: Sew two linings to the two clam sides, a lining to each: set the lining into the clam side like a cup into a cup, wrong sides together, round 1 on round 1, the lines where the rounds begin together. Put nothing between them. With the tail of the clam side, sew the last round of the clam side (42 sts) to the wrong side of round 9 of the lining (42 sts), just under the rim, all the way round, stitch to stitch, so that the rim stands out beyond the seam. Pull the scallops of the rim outward with your fingers.

4. Lay the two halves together, lining to lining, hinge on hinge. With a new length of A, sew the two rims together along the hinge, 10 stitches to 10 stitches, going over it twice: the hinge is the back, and it makes a straight edge. Set one half down on its clam side and open the clam until the upper half stands up, leaning back a little. If it falls shut, take two or three stitches of B on the outside, close under the middle of the hinge, from round 9 of the lower half to round 9 of the upper half, and draw them up until it stays open. If it falls too far back, take two stitches of A over the two rims at each end of the hinge, through the first stitch of the scallop beside it on both rims, and draw them up until it stands.

5. Set the pearl in the lower half, on the middle of the lining, closed end down, and with a new length of A sew it down in a circle about ½ in (12 mm) across.

Finishing

- 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. 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.
- Grooves: with D (rose), when the edge of the scallop is sewn closed, six lines of backstitch on the front, one round to a stitch, each stitch taken through both layers and drawn up firmly, so that seven ribs stand up between them. Three lines on each side of the center line: from round 5 (20 sts), ½, 2 and 3½ stitches from the center line, each straight out to round 15 (56 sts), where they end 2, 6 and 10 stitches from the center line, each in line with the dip between two scallops of the rim.
- Weave every tail through the shells and trim it.

In all: 10 pieces; 3,069 stitches (546 in the scallop, 28 in each scallop ear, 1,072 in the nautilus, 198 in the mouth lining, 250 in each clam side, 308 in each lining, 81 in the pearl).

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