Six-color rainbow mandala

Worsted cotton · US terms



Finished size
About 9 in (23 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with the stitches named

Yarn
Medium (4), 6 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

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

You will need

Yarn A: red, main color	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: orange, color B	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: yellow, color C	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: green, color D	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: blue, color E	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: violet, color F	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a yarn needle and scissors.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Worsted cotton (this file)	**9 in (23 cm) across**	**about 55 yd (51 m)**
DK cotton	7½ in (19 cm) across	about 50 yd (47 m)
Size 10 thread	3¼ in (8.5 cm) across	about 35 yd (34 m)

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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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sp	space
st	stitch
sk	skip
beg	beginning
yo	yarn over
rnd	round

Special stitches

cl (Cluster): [yo, insert hook in the place named, yo and draw up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops] 3 times, all in the same place, yo and draw through all 4 loops on hook. It leaves 1 cl for the next row.

beg-cl (Beginning cluster): Ch 3, [yo, insert hook in the place named, yo and draw up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops] twice, all in the same place, yo and draw through all 3 loops on hook. It counts as a cl. It leaves 1 beg-cl for the next row.

Gauge

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

14 double crochet to 4 in (10 cm).

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 4 the piece should measure about 4¼ in (10.5 cm) across, laid flat.

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 sl sts at the start of a round carry the yarn to where the round begins; they are not counted.
- Join a new color with a sl st in the place named. Fasten off a color only where the round says so; where it does not, the same color goes on into the next round.

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Instructions

Chosen: Worsted cotton. 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 and dc is treble.

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

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(12 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, **[**2 dc in next dc**] 11 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off A	**(24 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in first dc, beg-cl in same st, ch 4, sk next dc, **[**cl in next dc, ch 4, sk next dc**] 11 times**, join with sl st in top of beg-cl. Fasten off B	**(12 cl, 12 ch-4 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join C with sl st in any ch-4 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 3 dc in same sp, **[**4 dc in next ch-4 sp**] 11 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off C	**(48 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join D with sl st in first dc, beg-cl in same st, ch 3, sk next dc, **[**cl in next dc, ch 3, sk next dc**] 23 times**, join with sl st in top of beg-cl. Fasten off D	**(24 cl, 24 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Join E with sl st in any ch-3 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sp, **[**3 dc in next ch-3 sp**] 23 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off E	**(72 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Join F with sl st in first dc, ch 1, sc in same st, ch 4, sk next 2 dc, **[**sc in next dc, ch 4, sk next 2 dc**] 23 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc, 24 ch-4 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sl st in next ch-4 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, 8 dc in next ch-4 sp, **[**sc in next ch-4 sp, 8 dc in next ch-4 sp**] 11 times**, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off	**(96 dc, 12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Weave in all ends with the yarn needle.
- To block: wet the piece, lay it right side up on a towel, pin it out to size with every scallop drawn evenly, and let it dry.

In all: 8 rounds; 2 ends to weave in.

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