Small alphabet letters A to Z

US terms



Finished size
Each letter is about 1½ in (4 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows, with 42 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Fine (2), 3 colors

Hook
3.25 mm (US D-3)

Gauge
21 stitches and 22 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: navy, the cord of 3s, the cord of 4s, the cord of 6, the cord of 7, the cord of 8s, the cord of 9s, the cord of 12s, the cord of 14, the cord of 15, the cord of 16s, the cord of 17, the cord of 20s, the cord of 23, the cord of 27 and the cord of 30	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: coral, some of the pieces	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: mustard, some of the pieces	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 15 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).

Hook: 3.25 mm (US D-3), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

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.

Gauge

21 stitches and 22 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

A cord, the chain and its row together, is about ¼ in (0.6 cm) wide.

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.

Notes

- The figure in brackets at the end of a line counts its stitches.

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- The lines of the cords are all alike: chain one more than the number of the cord and work one row. The numbers to make are for all 26 letters; for a name make only the cords its letters ask for.
- Each letter takes one color. The lines of the cords say A; use the color of the letter. In navy (yarn A): the letters A, D, H, K, M, P, Q, T and X. In coral (yarn B): the letters B, E, F, I, N, R, U, V and Y. In mustard (yarn C): the letters C, G, J, L, O, S, W and Z. The yarn amounts are for these.
- A cord bends as easily with the chain outside as with the tops of the stitches outside: either will do, and either face of a cord may lie up. The stitches of a bend are counted from one end of the cord to the other, in the order the line of the letter names them.
- 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, given as the height of a letter: lace yarn (0) and a 1.75 mm hook, about 1 in (2.5 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 1¾ in (4.5 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 2¼ in (6 cm).

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **rem** remaining.
(3 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Cord of 3: make 3

Yarn A, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(3 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cord of 4: make 4

Yarn A, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(4 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cord of 6

Yarn A, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Cord of 7

Yarn A, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 8.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(7 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cord of 8: make 10

Yarn A, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 9.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(8 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cord of 9: make 6

Yarn A, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(9 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cord of 12: make 4

Yarn A, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 13.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cord of 14

Yarn A, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 15.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(14 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cord of 15

Yarn A, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 16.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(15 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Cord of 16: make 4

Yarn A, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 17.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(16 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cord of 17

Yarn A, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 18.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(17 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cord of 20: make 3

Yarn A, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 21.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(20 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cord of 23

Yarn A, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 24.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(23 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cord of 27

Yarn A, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 28.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(27 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cord of 30

Yarn A, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 31.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(30 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: wet the cords, bend each as the line of its letter says, pin it on a flat surface and let it dry.
- Lay the cords of a letter out on a flat surface as its line says, pin them, and sew them together with their tails, with small stitches from the back, wherever a cord meets or crosses another. At a sharp bend take two small stitches through both legs at the back, so that the bend stays. Upright, level, left and right are as you look at the letter, and a width is measured between outer edges.
- The letter A: one cord of 16 and one cord of 3. Bend the cord of 16 over 2 stitches at its middle, so that it stands like an A without its bar, rounded at the top, 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) wide at the foot. Lay the cord of 3 level across it as the bar, over the inner edges of the legs, its middle ½ in (1.3 cm) above the foot.
- The letter B: three cords of 8. One cord stands upright at the left. Bend each of the others over its middle 4 stitches to a bow, 2 stitches straight at each end. The bows lie one over the other at the right, their ends against the right edge of the upright cord: the top of the upper bow is level with the top of that cord, the foot of the lower one with its foot, and in the middle the two bows touch.
- The letter C: one cord of 14. Bend it evenly to a ring 1½ in (3.8 cm) across that is open at the right. The middles of its two ends are 1 in (2.5 cm) apart, one straight above the other.
- The letter D: one cord of 12 and one cord of 8. The cord of 8 stands upright at the left. Bend the other to a half circle, 1 stitch straight at each end, with its ends against the right edge of the upright cord, level with its top and its foot: 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) wide in all.
- The letter E: one cord of 16 and one cord of 3. Bend the cord of 16 over 2 stitches twice, so that 4 stitches run level at the top, 4 run down the left side and 4 run level at the foot: 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) wide. The cord of 3 runs out level to the right from the middle of the left side.
- The letter F: one cord of 12 and one cord of 3. Bend the cord of 12 over 2 stitches once, so that 4 stitches run level at the top and 6 run down the left side: 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) wide. The cord of 3 runs out level to the right from the left side, its middle ¾ in (1.9 cm) above the foot.
- The letter G: one cord of 20. As C, but the cord is longer: from the foot of the ring it goes on up the right side to half the height of the letter, and there the last 2 stitches turn sharply and run level to the left, into the ring.
- The letter H: two cords of 8 and one cord of 4. The two cords of 8 stand upright. The cord of 4 lies level between them, half way up, its two ends against their inner edges: 1¼ in (3.2 cm) wide in all.
- The letter I: one cord of 8. One cord, upright.
- The letter J: one cord of 12. 5 stitches stand upright at the right; bend the next 6 round to the left to a hook that opens upward, with 1 stitch straight at its end: 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) wide.
- The letter K: one cord of 9 and one cord of 8. The cord of 8 stands upright at the left. Bend the other sharply at its middle stitch to a right angle, 4 stitches to each side, and lay it with the angle against the middle of the right edge of the upright cord, one half up to the right and one down to the right: 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) wide in all.
- The letter L: one cord of 12. Bend it over 2 stitches, so that 6 stitches stand upright and 4 run level to the right at the foot: 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) wide.
- The letter M: one cord of 27. 7 stitches stand upright at the left; bend the next 2 to a point, let 4 slant down to the right, bend 1, let 4 slant up to the right, bend 2 to a point and let the last 7 stand upright at the right: 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm) wide. The bend in the middle is half way between the sides.
- The letter N: one cord of 23. 6 stitches stand upright at the left; bend the next 2 to a point at the top, let 7 slant down to the right, bend 2 to a point at the foot and let the last 6 stand upright at the right: 1½ in (3.8 cm) wide.
- The letter O: one cord of 20. Bend it to a ring 1½ in (3.8 cm) across and sew its ends together at the top.

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- The letter P: one cord of 9 and one cord of 8. The cord of 8 stands upright at the left. Bend the other over its middle 5 stitches to a bow, 2 stitches straight at each end, with its ends against the right edge of the upright cord and its top level with the top of that.
- The letter Q: one cord of 20 and one cord of 4. The cord of 20 as O. Lay the cord of 4 over the lower right of the ring, half way between level and upright, the middle of its upper end inside the ring and its lower end ¼ in (0.6 cm) outside.
- The letter R: one cord of 9, one cord of 8 and one cord of 4. The cords of 8 and 9 as P. The cord of 4 slants down to the right from the lower side of the bow: the middle of its upper end is 3/8 in (1 cm) to the right of the right edge of the upright cord, and its lower end is level with the foot of that cord and the same distance to the right of the upper end.
- The letter S: one cord of 15. 1 stitch runs straight at the upper right; bend 6 stitches round to the left and down, let 1 run straight through the middle, bend 6 round to the right and down the other way, and let the last stitch end at the lower left: 1¼ in (3.2 cm) wide.
- The letter T: one cord of 7 and one cord of 6. The cord of 6 lies level at the top. The cord of 7 stands upright under its middle.
- The letter U: one cord of 17. 5 stitches stand upright at each side and the 7 between them bend to a half circle at the foot: 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) wide.
- The letter V: one cord of 16. Bend it over 2 stitches at its middle, so that it stands like a V, rounded at the foot, 1½ in (3.8 cm) wide at the top.
- The letter W: one cord of 30. 7 stitches slant down, 2 bend at the foot, 5 slant up, 2 bend in the middle, 5 slant down, 2 bend at the foot and 7 slant up: 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) wide at the top.
- The letter X: two cords of 9. The cords cross at their middles, one over the other, 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) wide at the top and at the foot.
- The letter Y: one cord of 9 and one cord of 4. Bend the cord of 9 over its middle stitch to a V, 1¼ in (3.2 cm) wide at the top. The cord of 4 stands upright under the point.
- The letter Z: one cord of 16. 4 stitches run level at the top; bend 1 sharply, let 6 slant down to the left, bend 1 sharply, and let the last 4 run level to the right at the foot. The 4 stitches of the foot begin and end ¼ in (0.6 cm) farther to the right than the 4 of the top, so that each bend lies straight above or below the loose end of the other arm: 1 in (2.5 cm) wide and 1½ in (3.8 cm) tall.
- To put a name on a gift tag, a bag or a stocking, pin the letters in a row, their feet on one line, and sew each down along its middle with what is left of its tails and then with a length of its color.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 42 pieces; 470 stitches.

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