Smiling avocado

US terms



Finished size
About 4 in (10 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Seven pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 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: avocado green, the body, the arms and the legs	**about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pale green, the front patch	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: nut brown, the pit	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the mouth	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: rose, the cheeks	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4). Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors and two black plastic eyes with washers, 8 mm.

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, 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 (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 stitches together)
MR	magic ring
RS	right side

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

20 sc and 22 rounds = 4 in (10 cm), worked 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.

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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.
- 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.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 24 and 25 of round 8 (48 sts). It faces the front.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- Running stitches go in and out along a line.
- 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.
- Eyes: for a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead of plastic ones: satin stitch dots of the same size in D (black).
- 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: 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): about 3 in (7.6 cm) tall; eyes 6 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): about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) tall; eyes 11 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): about 7¼ in (18.5 cm) tall; eyes 15 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.
- Every size is approximate and follows from your gauge and how firmly you stuff.

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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 sc2tog is double crochet 2 stitches together.

Front patch

Yarn B, pale green.

☐ **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)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 32 in (81 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Body

Yarn A, avocado green.

Round 1 is the middle of the base.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnds 9 to 16**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 9 to 16: tick them off as you go.

☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 18 to 19**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**

A box for each round, 18 to 19: tick them off as you go.

☐ 18 ☐ 19

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☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 21 to 22**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 21 to 22: tick them off as you go.

21 22

☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 24 to 25**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**

A box for each round, 24 to 25: tick them off as you go.

24 25

☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

Sew on the front patch now. Lay the front patch flat on the body, right side out, the middle of it between rounds 14 and 15, on the center line. Ease it into an oval about 2 in (5.1 cm) wide and 3 in (7.6 cm) tall as you pin it. Sew down all 42 stitches of the edge. Then fix the eyes (see Finishing). Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	**[**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.	

Pit

Yarn C, nut brown.

☐ **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 each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 22 in (56 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Arm: make 2

Yarn A, avocado green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 3 to 7**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 7: tick them off as you go.

3 4 5 6 7

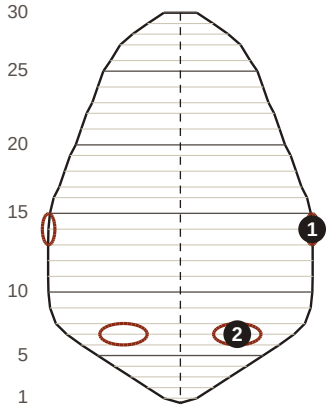
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Leg: make 2

Yarn A, avocado green.

☐ **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**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Assembly



Body: 1 arms, 2 legs

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. In every step: 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. Pin the pit to the front patch: the middle of the open edge lies ¾ in (19 mm) below the middle of the front patch, centered. The edge has 24 sts. It points forward. Sew all the way round with the tail, through the patch and the body, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

2. Pin the two arms to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 14, one to each side, 11½ stitches from the center line (23 stitches apart). The edge (9 sts) covers about rounds 13 to 15 of the body. They point out to the side, then curve until the tip of each points up. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a few running stitches along its inner side, drawn up a little. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

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3. Pin the two legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 7, one to each side, 3½ stitches from the center line (7 stitches apart). The edge (10 sts) covers about rounds 6 to 8 of the body. They point forward from under the front edge of the body, lying along the table. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

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 8 mm black plastic eyes, through the front patch and the body under it, one to each side, ½ in (13 mm) out from its center and 1 in (25 mm) above the middle of the front patch.
- Cheeks: with E (rose), in satin stitch, an oval about ¼ in (6 mm) wide and 1/8 in (3 mm) tall, its middle on the front patch, one to each side, 5/8 in (16 mm) out from its center and 7/16 in (11 mm) above the middle of the front patch.
- Mouth: with D (black), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about 5/16 in (8 mm) wide that dips 1/8 in (3 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are on the front patch, ¾ in (19 mm) above the middle of the front patch, one to each side of its center. The mouth lies below the eyes and between them, a little higher than the cheeks.
- 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: 7 pieces; 1,480 stitches (168 in the front patch, 1,008 in the body, 84 in the pit, 60 in each arm, 50 in each leg); 14 ends to weave in.

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