Smiling carrot

US terms



Finished size
About 5¾ in (14.5 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Eight pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 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: carrot orange, the carrot and its arms	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: leaf green, the leaves	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: black, the mouth	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: 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, 10 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: on a piece that others are sewn to, places 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: a whole number of stitches ends between two stitches, a half ends in the middle of one.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 18 and 19 of round 15 (36 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- 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 C (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 4¼ in (11 cm) tall; eyes 7 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 8¼ in (21 cm) tall; eyes 14 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 10½ in (26.5 cm) tall; eyes 18 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.

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.

Body

Yarn A, carrot orange.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 3 times**	**(24 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 3 times**	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 16 to 22**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 16 to 22: tick them off as you go.

☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22

☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Fix the eyes now (see Finishing). Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**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.	

Leafy top: make 5

Yarn B, leaf 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)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 6**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 4 to 6: tick them off as you go.

☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6

☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 11: tick them off as you go.

☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff very lightly. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 4½ stitches. The odd stitch lies at one fold.	

Arm: make 2

Yarn A, carrot orange.

☐ **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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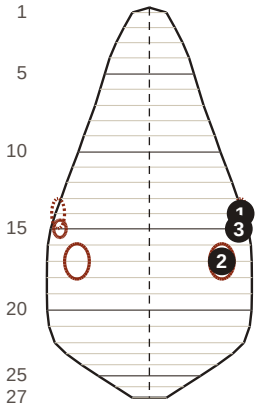
☐ **Rnds 3 to 6** Sc in each st around **(9 sc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 6: tick them off as you go.

3 4 5 6

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

Assembly



Body: 1 arms, 2 eyes, 3 cheeks

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 same yarn; where a seam has two, use the longer. Pin the five leafy tops in a ring round the top of the body, on round 25 (18 sts): the middle of the first flat edge on the center line and the middle of each of the others 3½ stitches from the one before, the ends overlapping a little. They point up and lean a little outward. Sew through both layers of each 4½-stitch edge with its tail.

2. Pin the two arms to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 14, one to each side, 9½ stitches from the center line (14 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (9 sts) covers about rounds 13 to 15 of the body. They point out to the side, then curve 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.

Finishing

- Use one strand of yarn and the yarn needle for all the embroidery. Plastic eyes go in before a piece is closed or sewn on; embroider, and knot in any lengths, when the pieces round the place are sewn on.
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the body on round 17, one to each side, 4½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with D (rose), in satin stitch, an oval about 5/16 in (8 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the body on round 15, one to each side, 6½ stitches from the center line (13 stitches apart).
- Mouth: with C (black), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about 3/8 in (10 mm) wide that dips 3/16 in (5 mm), the point midway between its ends on the body between rounds 15 and 16, on the center line.
- 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: 8 pieces; 1,302 stitches (660 in the body, 108 in each leafy top, 51 in each arm); 16 ends to weave in.

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