Smiling strawberry

US terms



Finished size
About 4 in (10 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Eight 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: strawberry red, the strawberry	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: leaf green, the leaves and the stem	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, the seeds	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the mouth	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: pink, 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: 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 12 (48 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 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 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 5¾ in (14.5 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 7¼ in (18.5 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, strawberry red.

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

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☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 13 to 18**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 18: tick them off as you go.

☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18

☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**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 23**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**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.	

Leaf: make 6

Yarn B, leaf green.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 4 stitches.	

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Stem

Yarn B, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 5**	Sc in each st around	**(5 sc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 5: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

Assembly

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 six leaves in a ring round the top of the body, on round 23 (18 sts): the middle of the first flat edge on the center line and the middle of each of the others 3 stitches from the one before, the ends overlapping a little. They point outward, then curve down over the body. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a stitch or two on its inner side. Sew through both layers of each 4-stitch edge with its tail.

2. Pin the stem to the body: the middle of the open edge lies over the closed hole at the end of the body. The edge (5 sts) lies all the way round on about round 25. It points up. Sew all the way round with the tail.

Finishing

- Put in the plastic eyes when the words of a piece say so. 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.
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the body on round 15, one to each side, 5 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with E (pink), 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 13, one to each side, 7 stitches from the center line (14 stitches apart).
- Mouth: with D (black), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about 7/16 in (11 mm) wide that dips 3/16 in (5 mm) below its ends, the point above the curve, half way between its ends, on the body on round 13, on the center line.
- Seeds: with C (cream), scatter 23 upright satin stitch seeds, each about 1/16 in (2 mm) wide and 1/8 in (3 mm) tall, evenly over the body, away from the face.
- 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; 1,090 stitches (789 in the body, 46 in each leaf, 25 in the stem); 16 ends to weave in.

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