Snail applique

US terms



Finished size
About 5½ in (14 cm) wide and about 3½ in (9 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 2 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: oat, the body and the feelers	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: raspberry, the shell	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: peach, the spiral	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the eye	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). 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. Yarns A, B and C: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn D: 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.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the shell measures about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- The finished size takes in the feelers.
- 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.
- French knot (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back, wrap the yarn twice round the needle close to the surface, hold the wraps and put the needle down beside the place where it came up. For a large knot use the yarn double and wrap it three times.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3¾ in (10 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 4¼ in (11 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 7 in (18 cm).

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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Shell

Yarn B, raspberry.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, sl st in first hdc to join	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(32 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 35 in (89 cm) tail, for sewing this piece down at the end.	

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Body

Yarn A, oat.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 19.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 12 chs, 7 dc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sl st in next 17 chs **(2 sc, 2 hdc, 19 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface. Pin the sl st edge of the body straight, but bend the head (the 7 dc in one chain) and the 4 stitches before it up, so that no part of the head is lower than that edge. Spray the pieces with water and let them dry.
- Lay the body with its sl st edge at the bottom and its head at the left.
- Lay the shell on the front of the body, its lower edge ¼ in (0.6 cm) above the sl st edge and its middle 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) from the tail end of the body. With a length of B, sew it to the body where it lies on it.
- For the spiral, with C, ch 40 and fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail at each end. Pin the chain on the shell in an even spiral of about two and a half turns, from the middle of the shell to a place ¼ in (0.6 cm) inside its edge, so that all of it is used, and sew it down.
- For the feelers, join A with sl st in the first of the 7 dc, ch 4 and fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail; make the second in the second of the 7 dc. Run the tail at each tip back down its own chain. The feelers stand up, their tips a little apart.
- With D, work a French knot for the eye on the head, ¼ in (0.6 cm) below the feelers.
- To sew the applique to your project, pin it where it is to go and sew round its edge with the long tail, under the outermost strands of the stitches; where a part is of another color, use a length of that color.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 2 pieces; 103 stitches (80 in the shell, 23 in the body); 16 ends to weave in.

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