Soft dice, pair

US terms



Finished size
Each die about 3 1/8 in (8 cm) along an edge

Skill
Easy
Twelve pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 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.

What you need

Yarn A: cherry red, cherry square	**about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: teal, teal square	**about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, the details	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 160 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins and scissors.

The pieces



Cherry square x 6



Teal square x 6

Gauge

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

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.

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Instructions

US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **sl st** slip stitch, **ch** chain, **st** stitch.
3 sc in next st: **all three in that one stitch**. Sc in next 2 sts: one in each.
Rounds run in a **spiral**: mark the first stitch and move the marker up each round. **Working in the round**
[ ] 4 times: 4 times in all. (16 sc): the round now has 16; a check, not a step. Not 16? **Pull it back**.
Also: RS right side.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Cherry square: make 6

Yarn A, cherry red.

A flat square, worked in a spiral from the middle. Each round adds 8 stitches: the 3 sc in one stitch make the corners, and each one is worked into the middle stitch of the corner below.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring. *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.*	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	8 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(8 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	**[**sc in next st, 3 sc in next st**] 4 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 4 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**	(32 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 4 times**	(40 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 4 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 4 times**	(56 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 4 times**	(64 sc)
☐	Fasten off and weave in the end.	

Teal square: make 6

Yarn B, teal.

A flat square, worked in a spiral from the middle. Each round adds 8 stitches: the 3 sc in one stitch make the corners, and each one is worked into the middle stitch of the corner below.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	8 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(8 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	**[**sc in next st, 3 sc in next st**] 4 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 4 times**	(24 sc)
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☐ **Round 7**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 4 times**	(56 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 4 times**	(64 sc)
☐	Fasten off and weave in the end.	

Assembly

1. How every seam is worked, for both dice (the order of the squares is in the steps that follow): in C (cream), in single crochet, on the outside, so that it stands up as a ridge. Hold two squares with their wrong sides together, edge to edge. An edge runs from one corner stitch (the middle one of 3 sc in one stitch) to the next: 17 stitches with both corner stitches. Put the hook through both loops of the corner stitch of both squares and fasten C there with a sl st; ch 1, sc in the same place, then sc through both loops of both squares in each of the next 16 pairs of stitches (17 sc). Leave about 6 in (15 cm) of C at the beginning and at the end of every seam and let these ends hang outside. Fasten off.

2. The cherry die, from the six cherry squares (each square is called by its number of pips): lay the two square with its right side up. Join the one square to its upper edge, the six square to its lower edge, the three square to its right edge and the four square to its left edge, each with one seam, the square you are joining lying behind the two square as you work.

3. Fold these four squares back, away from you, into a box. Work the four seams where the three square and the four square meet the one square and the six square, always on the outside.

4. Corners: a corner is finished when the three seams that meet there are worked. Thread one of the ends that hang there, take it once through the corner stitches of all three squares, draw the corner closed, and pull all the ends of that corner to the inside. Four corners, those of the two square, can be closed now.

5. Set the five square on the open side, right side out, and join its four edges. Before the last edge is closed, stuff the die firmly, pushing stuffing into every corner, then finish the seam. Close the last four corners in the same way. Opposite faces now add to seven.

6. The teal die: work steps 2 to 5 again with the six teal squares. Its seams are in C (cream) too.

Finishing

- Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on, unless a line gives another time; begin and end each strand on the wrong side of a flat piece, inside a stuffed one. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled.
- Pips: with C (cream), in satin stitch, round dots about 7/16 in (11 mm) across, worked on the right side of the squares before the squares are joined. Each color has one square of each number from one to six. The middle of a center pip lies over the middle of round 1. The middle of a corner pip lies on a corner stitch of round 5 (the middle one of the 3 sc in one stitch). The middle of a side pip lies on round 5, on the fifth stitch after a corner stitch, half way to the next corner. One: a center pip. Two: two corner pips in opposite corners. Three: a center pip and two corner pips in opposite corners. Four: four corner pips. Five: a center pip and four corner pips. Six: four corner pips and two side pips, on two opposite sides.
- Pull every tail through to the inside of its die and trim it. Check the seams from time to time.

In all: 12 pieces; 3,456 stitches (288 in each cherry square, 288 in each teal square).

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 of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

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Notes

- 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.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the die. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- In every step of putting it together: 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.
- No plastic eyes are used: every detail is worked in yarn.
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, details) are for Standard, the size written here: 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): each die about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) along an edge; 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): each die about 4½ in (11.5 cm) along an edge; 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): each die about 5½ in (14 cm) along an edge; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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