Spotted mushroom

US terms



Finished size
About 4 in (10 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
13 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: cream, the stem and the arms	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: toadstool red, the top of the cap	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: white, the underside of the cap and the spots	**about 45 yd (41 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, 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.
- Color change: where a line begins "With C," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in C. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- 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.
- Stem: the center line runs between stitches 21 and 22 of round 7 (42 sts). It faces the front. Cap: the center line runs between stitches 30 and 31 of round 10 (60 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- 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.

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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.

Stem

Yarn A, cream.

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)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**

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

☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 13 to 16**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 16: tick them off as you go.

☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing. Fix the eyes now (see Finishing). Do this before you stuff the piece or sew it on. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Cap

Yarns in order of use: B, toadstool red; C, white.

☐ **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)**

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☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 11 to 14**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 14: tick them off as you go.

☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14

☐ **Rnd 15**	With C, sc in BLO of each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Bury it inside when the edge is sewn on. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Spot: make 6

Yarn C, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Large spot: make 3

Yarn C, white.

☐ **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)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

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Arm: make 2

Yarn A, cream.

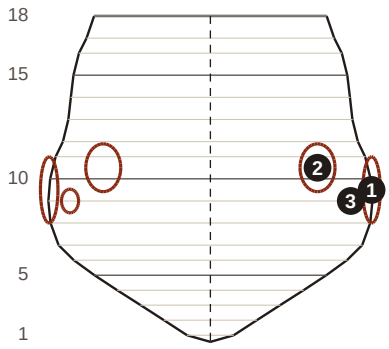
☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 5**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 5: tick them off as you go.

3 4 5

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

Assembly



Stem: 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 yarn of the piece you are putting on. Set the open edge of the cap (30 sts) on the open edge of the stem (30 sts), center lines in line. With the tail of the stem, sew the two edges together all the way round, topping up the stuffing before the last stitches.

2. Lay one large spot flat on the cap, right side out, the middle of it on round 6, 5 stitches to the right of the center line. Sew down all 18 stitches of the edge.

3. Lay one large spot flat on the cap, right side out, the middle of it on round 9, 7 stitches to the left of the center line. Sew down all 18 stitches of the edge.

4. Lay one large spot flat on the cap, right side out, the middle of it ¼ in (6 mm) from the middle of round 1, in the direction one third of the way round the cap to the left of the center line. Sew down all 18 stitches of the edge.

5. Lay one spot flat on the cap, right side out, the middle of it between rounds 11 and 12, 1½ stitches to the right of the center line. Sew down all 12 stitches of the edge.

6. Lay one spot flat on the cap, right side out, the middle of it on round 11, 14 stitches to the right of the center line. Sew down all 12 stitches of the edge.

7. Lay one spot flat on the cap, right side out, the middle of it on round 8, 20 stitches to the left of the center line. Sew down all 12 stitches of the edge.

8. Lay one spot flat on the cap, right side out, the middle of it on round 9, 22 stitches to the right of the center line. Sew down all 12 stitches of the edge.

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9. Lay one spot flat on the cap, right side out, the middle of it between rounds 10 and 11, 19 stitches to the left of the center line. Sew down all 12 stitches of the edge.

10. Lay one spot flat on the cap, right side out, the middle of it on round 6, 17 stitches to the right of the center line. Sew down all 12 stitches of the edge.

11. Pin the two arms to the stem: the middle of each open edge lies between rounds 9 and 10, one to each side, 10½ stitches from the center line (21 stitches apart). The edge (9 sts) covers about rounds 8 to 11 of the stem. They point out to the side and forward. 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 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the stem between rounds 10 and 11, one to each side, 5 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with E (rose), in satin stitch, an oval about ¼ in (6 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the stem on round 9, one to each side, 7 stitches from the center line (14 stitches apart).
- Mouth: with D (black), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about 3/8 in (10 mm) wide that dips 3/16 in (5 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are on the stem between rounds 9 and 10, one to each side of 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: 13 pieces; 1,716 stitches (576 in the stem, 840 in the cap, 18 in each spot, 36 in each large spot, 42 in each arm); 26 ends to weave in.

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