Spring chick

US terms



Finished size
About 4 in (10 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
Six 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.

You will need

Yarn A: lemon, body and wing	**about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: tangerine, beak and foot	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: peach, the details	**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
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 8 (48 sts). It faces the front.
- 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.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in black yarn (about 2 yd (2 m), 2 m, not in the list above).
- 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.

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.

Body

Yarn A, lemon.

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)**

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☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 9 to 16**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 9 to 16: tick them off as you go.

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 18 to 19**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**

A box for each round, 18 to 19: tick them off as you go.

18 19

☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 21 to 23**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 21 to 23: tick them off as you go.

21 22 23

☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

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

☐ **Rnd 30**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 31**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 32**	**[**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.	

Beak

Yarn B, tangerine.

☐ **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**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

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Wing: make 2

Yarn A, lemon.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 7**	Sc in each st around	**(16 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 7: tick them off as you go.

6 7

☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 7 stitches.	

Foot: make 2

Yarn B, tangerine.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **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 5 stitches.	

Assembly

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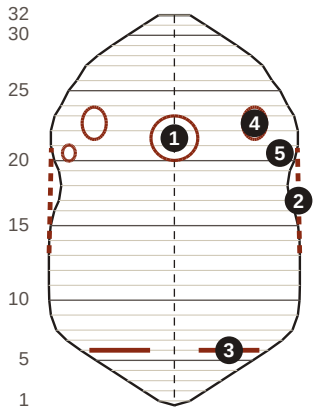

Body: 1 beak, 2 wings, 3 feet, 4 eyes, 5 cheeks

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. Pin the beak to the body: the middle of the open edge lies between rounds 21 and 22, on the center line. The edge (9 sts) covers about rounds 20 to 23 of the body. It points forward. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

2. Pin the two wings to the body: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 17, one to each side, 12 stitches from the center line (18 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The flat edge runs straight up and down the body, half of it above that place and half below. They point out to the side. Sew through both layers of the 7-stitch edge with the tail.

3. Pin the two feet to the body: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 6, one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart). The flat edge runs along the round, half of it on each side of that place. They point forward from under the front edge of the body, lying along the table. Sew through both layers of the 5-stitch edge with the tail.

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. Knot in the lengths of yarn at the same time. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled.
- Tuft: a tuft at the top that falls to the right; cut 8 lengths of A (lemon), each 4 in (10 cm) long. At each place, use the needle to draw two lengths under the stitch, from side to side, until 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) of each hangs out on one side. Tie the two sides together in a firm knot close to the fabric, pull the ends of the other side inside the toy and trim the ends left outside to ½ in (1.3 cm). Where a piece covers a place, use the nearest free stitch. The places on the body, counting stitches from the center line (stitch 1 is the one beside it): round 31: stitches 1, 2, 3 and 4 right.
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the body between rounds 22 and 23, one to each side, 5½ stitches from the center line (11 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with C (peach), in satin stitch, an oval about 5/16 in (8 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the body between rounds 20 and 21, one to each side, 8 stitches from the center line (16 stitches apart).
- 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: 6 pieces; 1,483 stitches (1,164 in the body, 19 in the beak, 100 in each wing, 50 in each foot); 12 ends to weave in.

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