Easter eggs, set of three

US terms



Finished size
Each egg about 3 1/8 in (7.9 cm) tall and 2¼ in (5.7 cm) across

Skill
Easy
Three pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 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.

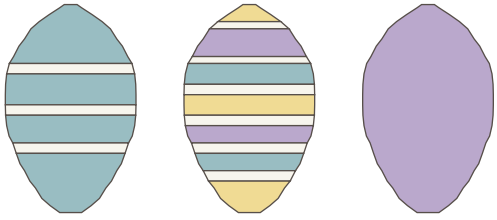
You will need

Yarn A: robin blue, bobble egg and banded egg	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: primrose, banded egg	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: lilac, banded egg and daisy egg	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: white, bobble egg and banded egg	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**

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.

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.

The pieces



Bobble egg **Banded egg** **Daisy egg**

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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, through the front loops only: how is under “Before you start” (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 stitches together)
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Special stitches

bobble: [yarn over, insert hook in the stitch, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops] 4 times in the same stitch, yarn over, pull through all 5 loops (United Kingdom: a bobble of 4 trebles). Push it out to the right side. It leaves 1 st for the next round.

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.

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.
- The small size, in sport yarn, is about as big as a hen's egg; the standard size, in worsted yarn, fills a basket.
- 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 D," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in D. 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.
- Daisy egg: the center line runs between stitches 18 and 19 of round 8 (36 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.
- 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.
- No plastic eyes are used.
- 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, the size written here: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.

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- Small: fine (2, sport) yarn, 2.25 mm (B-1) hook, 27 sc and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): each egg about 2¼ in (5.7 cm) tall and 1¾ in (4.4 cm) across; 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 egg about 4½ in (11.5 cm) tall and 3¼ in (8.3 cm) across; 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 egg about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) tall and 4¼ in (11 cm) across; 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.

Bobble egg

Yarns in order of use: A, robin blue; D, 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 each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	With D, **[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 18 times**	**(36 sts)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 12**	With A, sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 12: tick them off as you go.

☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12

☐ **Rnd 13**	With D, **[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**	**(36 sts)**
☐ **Rnds 14 to 15**	With A, sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 14 to 15: tick them off as you go.

☐ 14 ☐ 15

☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	With D, **[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 15 times**	**(30 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	With A, sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

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Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**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.	

Banded egg

Yarns in order of use: B, primrose; D, white; C, lilac; A, robin blue.

☐ **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**	With D, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	With C, sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	With D, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 9 to 10**	With A, sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 9 to 10: tick them off as you go.

☐ 9 ☐ 10

☐ **Rnd 11**	With D, sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 12 to 13**	With B, sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 13: tick them off as you go.

☐ 12 ☐ 13

☐ **Rnd 14**	With D, sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	With C, sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	With D, sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	With A, sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	With D, sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 21**	With B, **[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**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.	

Daisy egg

Yarn C, lilac.

☐ **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 each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 18 and 19 of round 8. It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.

☐ **Rnds 9 to 15**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 9 to 15: tick them off as you go.

☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15

☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 17 to 18**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**

A box for each round, 17 to 18: tick them off as you go.

☐ 17 ☐ 18

☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**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. The daisies: when the egg is closed, work eight. Four have their middles on round 10 (36 sts): one on the center line, one 9 stitches to each side of it and one on the line opposite. Four have their middles on round 17 (30 sts): 4 and 11 stitches to each side of the center line. For each, with D (white), work six lazy daisy petals evenly round the middle, each about 5/16 in (8 mm) long and beginning 1/16 in (2 mm) from the middle, and one straight stitch inside each petal. Then with B (primrose), in satin stitch, a round dot about 3/16 in (5 mm) across in the middle. Lazy daisy: bring the needle up at the inner end of the petal, put it down in the same place, and bring it up at the outer end, inside the loop; draw the loop up softly and take one tiny stitch over its end to hold it. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled. Begin and end each strand inside the egg.	

Assembly

1. There is nothing to sew. Roll the bobble egg, the banded egg and the daisy egg between your palms until each is smooth, the wide end at round 1 and the narrow end at the last round. To make an egg stand, press round 1 flat with your thumb.

Finishing

- Weave every tail through the eggs and trim it.

In all: 3 pieces; 1,872 stitches (624 in the bobble egg, 624 in the banded egg, 624 in the daisy egg).

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