Stacking rings for a baby

US terms



Finished size
About 5¼ in (13.5 cm) across and 5¾ in (14.5 cm) tall with the rings on

Skill
Intermediate
Seven pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 7 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, base and post	**about 150 yd (137 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: sky blue, largest ring	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sage, second ring	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: butter, third ring	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: peach, fourth ring	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: rose, smallest ring and the details	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: brown, the details	**about 5 yd (5 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.

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 (the back loops in a BLO row or round): how is under “B
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
BLO	back loop only

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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.
- 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.
- Post: the center line runs between stitches 24 and 25 of round 31 (48 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.
- 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.
- 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. In a BLO round, use the back loops instead.
- 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, ovals, 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): 4 in (10 cm) across and 4¼ in (11 cm) tall with the rings on; 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): 7½ in (19 cm) across and 8¼ in (21 cm) tall with the rings on; 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): 9½ in (24 cm) across and 10½ in (26.5 cm) tall with the rings on; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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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 sl st is slip stitch.

Base

Yarn A, cream.

☐ **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)**
☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 6 times**	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 15 to 16**	Sc in each st around	**(78 sc)**

A box for each round, 15 to 16: tick them off as you go.

☐ 15 ☐ 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

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Stuff lightly and evenly now, so that the base stays flat like a cushion. Keep adding a little stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**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.	

Post

Yarn A, cream.

☐ **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 5 sts**] 3 times**	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 9**	Sc in each st around	**(27 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 9: tick them off as you go.

☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9

☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 13 to 14**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 14: tick them off as you go.

☐ 13 ☐ 14

☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts**] 2 times**	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	**(36 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts**] 2 times**	**(38 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 20 sts**] 2 times**	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	Sc in next 43 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	Sc in next 22 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 22 sts	**(46 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 45 sts	**(47 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 31**	Sc in next 46 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 32**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 36 in (91 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Largest ring

Yarn B, sky blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 54; being careful not to twist the chain, sl st in the first ch to form a ring. Round 1 begins in that same ch.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in each ch around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 6 times**	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 8**	Sc in each st around	**(78 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 8: tick them off as you go.

☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts**] 6 times**	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 38 in (97 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff the ring evenly and firmly a little at a time as you sew. Fold the last round to the inside so that its 54 stitches meet the 54 chains at the start, and sew the two edges together, stitch to chain, all the way round the hole.	

Second ring

Yarn C, sage.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 48; being careful not to twist the chain, sl st in the first ch to form a ring. Round 1 begins in that same ch.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in each ch around	**(48 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 6 times**	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 36 times**	**(72 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 36 times**	**(72 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 36 in (91 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff the ring evenly and firmly a little at a time as you sew. Fold the last round to the inside so that its 48 stitches meet the 48 chains at the start, and sew the two edges together, stitch to chain, all the way round the hole.	

Third ring

Yarn D, butter.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 42; being careful not to twist the chain, sl st in the first ch to form a ring. Round 1 begins in that same ch.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in each ch around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 32 in (81 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff the ring evenly and firmly a little at a time as you sew. Fold the last round to the inside so that its 42 stitches meet the 42 chains at the start, and sew the two edges together, stitch to chain, all the way round the hole.	

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Fourth ring

Yarn E, peach.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 36; being careful not to twist the chain, sl st in the first ch to form a ring. Round 1 begins in that same ch.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in each ch around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 30 times**	**(60 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 30 times**	**(60 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 28 in (71 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff the ring evenly and firmly a little at a time as you sew. Fold the last round to the inside so that its 36 stitches meet the 36 chains at the start, and sew the two edges together, stitch to chain, all the way round the hole.	

Smallest ring

Yarn F, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, ch 30; being careful not to twist the chain, sl st in the first ch to form a ring. Round 1 begins in that same ch.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in each ch around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 8**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 8: tick them off as you go.

☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**

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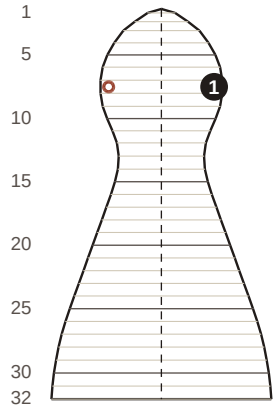
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff the ring evenly and firmly a little at a time as you sew. Fold the last round to the inside so that its 30 stitches meet the 30 chains at the start, and sew the two edges together, stitch to chain, all the way round the hole.	

Assembly



Post: 1 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. Lay the base on the table with round 1 on top. Stand the post on it, the head up: the middle of the post over round 1 of the base, so that its open edge (48 sts) lies on round 8 of the base (48 sts). Pin, and sew all the way round with the tail of the post, stitch to stitch, topping up the stuffing before the last stitches.

2. Stack the rings on the post, the largest ring first, then the second ring, the third ring, the fourth ring and the smallest ring. Every hole is larger than the head of the post (27 stitches round), so that each ring slips over it. If a ring stops too high, pull the post a little thinner there or take out a little stuffing.

Finishing

- 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: with G (brown), in backstitch, a closed eye on each side, one curve about ¼ in (6 mm) wide that dips 1/8 in (3 mm) below its ends. The place half way between the two ends of each is on the post on round 6, one to each side, 3 stitches from the center line (6 stitches apart).
- Mouth: with G (brown), 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 post between rounds 7 and 8, one to each side of the center line.
- Cheeks: with F (rose), in satin stitch, an oval about 3/16 in (5 mm) wide and 1/8 in (3 mm) tall, its middle on the post between rounds 7 and 8, one to each side, 4½ stitches from the center line (9 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: 7 pieces; 5,546 stitches (1,248 in the base, 938 in the post, 816 in the largest ring, 744 in the second ring, 672 in the third ring, 600 in the fourth ring, 528 in the smallest ring).

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