Star applique

US terms



Finished size
About 3¾ in (10 cm) across

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: sunshine, the middle **about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: honey, the points **about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches and chains 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.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
sk	skip
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 1 the star measures about 1½ in (4 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

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Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- In a round of petals or points the last slip stitch falls in the stitch the round began in.
- A petal or point is worked back along its own chain: begin in the chain named and work one stitch or group in each chain until none is left.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches, and the chains at the sides of a petal or along a point, are not counted.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 2½ in (6 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3 in (8 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 4¾ in (12 cm).

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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, sunshine; B, honey.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 14 dc in ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(15 dc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in any st, **[**ch 6, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, tr in next ch, sk next 2 sts, sl st in next st**] 5 times**	**(5 sc, 5 hdc, 5 dc, 5 tr)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 30 in (76 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the star to shape on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.
- Pin each point out straight when you block the star. To sew it on, use the long tail and sew round the edge, catching the tip of every point.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 2 rounds; 35 stitches; 4 ends to weave in.

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