Striped bow tie

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 5½ in (14 cm) wide and 2 7/8 in (7.3 cm) tall before it is gathered

Skill
Easy
One stitch throughout, and color changes

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 16 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: ink, main **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: butter, stripe **about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure and a clip or a pin about 1¼ in (3 cm) long, or a piece of elastic about ¼ in (6 mm) wide, as long as the neck is round, less 1 in (2.5 cm).

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 15 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Standard (this file)	**5½ in (14 cm) wide, 8 in (7.3 cm) tall**	**about 23 yd (21 m)**
Small	4 in (10 cm) wide, 2 in (5 cm) tall	about 13 yd (11 m)

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch chain stitch
sc single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
RS right side
st stitch

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Gauge

14 stitches and 16 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Row 1 is the right side of each piece.
- To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. If the old yarn is needed again after only 2 or 4 rows of another yarn, leave it hanging at the edge and bring it loosely up the side when you need it. Otherwise cut it, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, at every join of yarn and when you fasten off, unless another length is given, and weave in every tail that is not sewn with.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under both loops of a stitch on one edge and under both loops of the stitch that lies against it on the other edge, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On a foundation chain edge, pass the needle under the lower strands of each chain that holds a stitch of row 1.

Instructions

Chosen: Standard. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet.

Bow

Yarns in order of use: A, ink; B, butter.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 11.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 4: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4

☐ **Row 5**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rows 8 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**

A box for each row, 8 to 10: tick them off as you go.

☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10

☐ **Row 11**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**

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☐ **Rows 14 to 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**

A box for each row, 14 to 16: tick them off as you go.

14 15 16

☐ **Row 17**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 19**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rows 20 to 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**

A box for each row, 20 to 22: tick them off as you go.

20 21 22

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 18 in (46 cm) to bind with.

Middle

Yarn B, butter.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(4 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 9: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 16 in (41 cm) to sew with.

Assembly

1. Weave in every end of the bow but the long tail. The middle of the bow is the line between rows 11 and 12, halfway along it.

2. The long tail hangs at a corner of the last row. Thread it on the yarn needle and run it in and out along the side edge, the ends of the rows, as far as that line.

3. Pleat the bow along the line: lay it right side up, push the center of the line up toward you in one ridge, and bring the two side edges up level with the ridge. There are now three ridges with two dips between them, about ¾ in (2 cm) from top to bottom.

4. Hold the pleats between two fingers. Pass the needle straight through all of them from one side edge to the other and back again, then wind the tail tightly round the pleated middle three times. Take a stitch through the windings at the back and fasten off.

5. Wrap the middle piece round the pleats, right side out, so that its last row and its foundation chain meet at the back of the bow. With its tail, whip stitch them together: 4 stitches. Take two stitches with the same tail through the windings underneath, so that the middle cannot slide.

6. With the rest of the same tail, sew the clip or the pin to the back of the middle piece. For an elastic, first lay its two ends over each other by ½ in (1 cm), without twisting it, and sew them together into a ring; then sew the join to the back of the middle piece.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends that are left with the yarn needle, changing direction once or twice.

In all: 2 pieces; 256 stitches (220 in the bow, 36 in the middle); 16 ends to weave in.

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