Sugar skull ornaments, set of three

US terms



Finished size
Each skull 2¾ in (7 cm) tall without its loop and 2½ in (6.3 cm) wide

Skill
Easy
Six pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Fine (2), 6 colors

Hook
2.25 mm (US B-1)

Gauge
26 stitches and 28.6 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

What you need

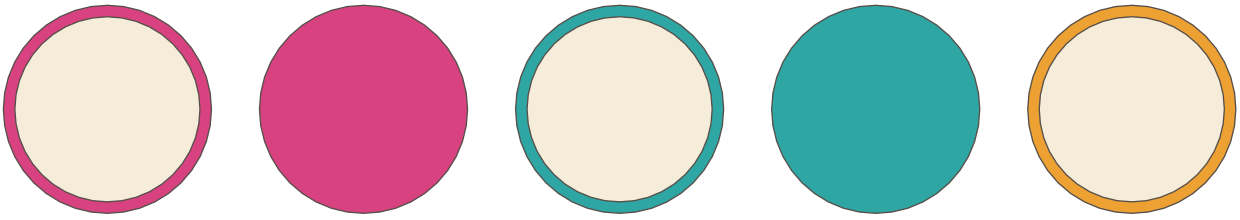
Yarn A: ivory, flower front, heart front, sun front and the details	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: charcoal, the details	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: hot pink, flower front, flower back and the details	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: turquoise, heart front, heart back and the details	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: marigold, sun front, sun back and the details	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: purple, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 45 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).

Hook: 2.25 mm (US B-1), 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



Flower front
to the flower back

Flower back

Heart front
to the heart back

Heart back

Sun front
to the sun back

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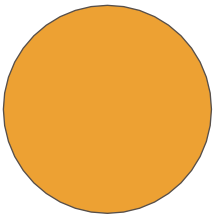

Sun back

Gauge

26 stitches and 28.6 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 1¾ in (4.4 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.

Notes

- 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.
- Lazy daisy stitch: bring the needle up at the inner end of the petal and put it down again in the same place, leaving a loop on the surface as long as the petal. Bring it up at the outer end, inside the loop, pull until the loop lies flat and round, and put it down over the end of the loop, so that a tiny stitch holds it.
- 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 C," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in C. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the ornament. 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.
- No plastic eyes are used: every detail is worked in yarn.
- One size, at the gauge above: each skull 2¾ in (7 cm) tall without its loop and 2½ in (6.3 cm) wide. A thinner or a thicker yarn with a hook to suit makes it smaller or larger; every length then changes with it.

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Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **MR** magic ring, **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(6 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Flower front

Yarns in order of use: A, ivory; C, hot pink.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(42 sts)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next 6 sts, hdc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(48 sts)
☐ **Rnd 9**	With C, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	(54 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 28 in (71 cm) tail for sewing. Press it flat with the right side up. The 6 dc of round 8 are the middle of the jaw: they are at the bottom. The rounds begin at the top.	

Flower back

Yarn C, hot pink.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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)

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☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(42 sts)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next 6 sts, hdc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(48 sts)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	(54 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Do not stuff. Press it flat.	

Heart front

Yarns in order of use: A, ivory; D, turquoise.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(42 sts)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next 6 sts, hdc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(48 sts)
☐ **Rnd 9**	With D, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	(54 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 28 in (71 cm) tail for sewing. Press it flat with the right side up. The 6 dc of round 8 are the middle of the jaw: they are at the bottom. The rounds begin at the top.	

Heart back

Yarn D, turquoise.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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)

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☐ **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**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(42 sts)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next 6 sts, hdc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(48 sts)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	(54 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Do not stuff. Press it flat.	

Sun front

Yarns in order of use: A, ivory; E, marigold.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(42 sts)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next 6 sts, hdc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(48 sts)
☐ **Rnd 9**	With E, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	(54 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 28 in (71 cm) tail for sewing. Press it flat with the right side up. The 6 dc of round 8 are the middle of the jaw: they are at the bottom. The rounds begin at the top.	

Sun back

Yarn E, marigold.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)

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☐ **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)
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☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(42 sts)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next 6 sts, hdc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(48 sts)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	(54 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Do not stuff. Press it flat.	

Assembly

1. Flower skull: embroider the flower front first (see Finishing). Make the loop: with C (hot pink), leave an 8 in (20 cm) tail, ch 18, fasten off with another tail of 8 in (20 cm), and sew its two ends side by side to the wrong side of the flower back, at the first stitch of its round 8, so that the loop stands up beyond the edge. Lay the flower front on the flower back, wrong sides together, the tops and the jaws in line (54 sts each), and with the tail of the front sew them together all the way round, stitch to stitch, through both loops of a stitch of the front and both loops of the stitch of the back behind it. Put in a little stuffing before the last 8 stitches are sewn: only so much that the front swells a little and the back stays flat.

2. Heart skull: embroider the heart front first (see Finishing). Make the loop: with D (turquoise), leave an 8 in (20 cm) tail, ch 18, fasten off with another tail of 8 in (20 cm), and sew its two ends side by side to the wrong side of the heart back, at the first stitch of its round 8, so that the loop stands up beyond the edge. Lay the heart front on the heart back, wrong sides together, the tops and the jaws in line (54 sts each), and with the tail of the front sew them together all the way round, stitch to stitch, through both loops of a stitch of the front and both loops of the stitch of the back behind it. Put in a little stuffing before the last 8 stitches are sewn: only so much that the front swells a little and the back stays flat.

3. Sun skull: embroider the sun front first (see Finishing). Make the loop: with E (marigold), leave an 8 in (20 cm) tail, ch 18, fasten off with another tail of 8 in (20 cm), and sew its two ends side by side to the wrong side of the sun back, at the first stitch of its round 8, so that the loop stands up beyond the edge. Lay the sun front on the sun back, wrong sides together, the tops and the jaws in line (54 sts each), and with the tail of the front sew them together all the way round, stitch to stitch, through both loops of a stitch of the front and both loops of the stitch of the back behind it. Put in a little stuffing before the last 8 stitches are sewn: only so much that the front swells a little and the back stays flat.

4. To string a garland, work five skulls in any mix. The yarn in the list is for three: for the two more skulls and the cord have another 40 yd (37 m) of A (ivory), another 5 yd (5 m) of B (charcoal) and, for each of the two, another 25 yd (23 m) of the color of its back and rim; the bright stitching of the two faces uses what is left of the list. With A (ivory), chain a cord about 60 in (152 cm) long. Thread it through the five loops and knot it once round each, the knots about 7 in (18 cm) apart, the middle skull at the middle of the cord. Leave the rest at both ends to tie.

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Finishing

- Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on, unless a line gives another time; begin and end each strand on the wrong side of a flat piece, inside a stuffed one. 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, on all three: work all the stitching of a front before the front is sewn to its back. With B (charcoal), in satin stitch, a round dot 5/16 in (8 mm) across to each side, its middle 15/32 in (12 mm) out from the middle of round 1 and 1/8 in (3 mm) above it.
- Eye petals: nine lazy daisy petals round each eye, evenly spaced, one of them straight down. Each begins 3/16 in (5 mm) from the middle of the eye and ends 3/8 in (10 mm) from it. Work them with D (turquoise) on the flower front, with E (marigold) on the heart front and with F (purple) on the sun front.
- Nose, on all three: with B (charcoal), in satin stitch worked up and down, an upside-down heart 5/16 in (8 mm) wide and ¼ in (6 mm) tall, its point at the top and its two lobes at the bottom, its middle 7/16 in (11 mm) below the middle of round 1.
- Smile line, on all three: with B (charcoal), in backstitch, one curve 1 1/16 in (27 mm) wide whose ends lie 1/16 in (2 mm) higher than its middle; its middle is 15/16 in (24 mm) below the middle of round 1.
- Teeth, on all three: with B (charcoal), seven upright straight stitches across the smile line, half of each above it and half below: one in the middle and three to each side, 5/32 in (4 mm), 5/16 in (8 mm) and 15/32 in (12 mm) from it, so that all seven are evenly spaced. The middle three are 5/16 in (8 mm) long, the next two ¼ in (6 mm) and the outer two 3/16 in (5 mm).
- Forehead flower, on the flower front: with E (marigold), six lazy daisy petals, evenly spaced, one of them straight up, round a point ¾ in (19 mm) above the middle of round 1. Each begins 1/16 in (2 mm) from the point and ends ¼ in (6 mm) from it. In the middle, with C (hot pink), a satin stitch dot 1/8 in (3 mm) across.
- Brow dots: in satin stitch, two dots 1/8 in (3 mm) across to each side of the forehead: one 7/16 in (11 mm) out from the middle of round 1 and 5/8 in (16 mm) above it, and one ¾ in (19 mm) out and 9/16 in (14 mm) above. Work them with C (hot pink) on the flower front, with D (turquoise) on the heart front and with E (marigold) on the sun front.
- Cheek dots: in satin stitch, three dots 1/8 in (3 mm) across on each cheek, measured from the middle of round 1: one ½ in (13 mm) out and ½ in (13 mm) below it, one 11/16 in (17 mm) out and 3/8 in (10 mm) below, and one 11/16 in (17 mm) out and 9/16 in (14 mm) below. Work them with C (hot pink) on the flower front and the heart front and with D (turquoise) on the sun front.
- Forehead heart, on the heart front: with C (hot pink), in satin stitch worked up and down, a heart 7/16 in (11 mm) wide and 7/16 in (11 mm) tall, its middle 11/16 in (17 mm) above the middle of round 1.
- Forehead sun, on the sun front: with E (marigold), a satin stitch dot ¼ in (6 mm) across, its middle 23/32 in (18 mm) above the middle of round 1; round it, with C (hot pink), twelve straight stitches like rays, evenly spaced, one of them straight up, each 1/8 in (3 mm) long, beginning 3/16 in (5 mm) from the middle of the sun.
- Weave in every tail between the front and the back and trim it. Press each skull flat with your hands. These are ornaments, not toys: hang them where a small child cannot reach the cord.

In all: 6 pieces; 1,620 stitches (270 in the flower front, 270 in the flower back, 270 in the heart front, 270 in the heart back, 270 in the sun front, 270 in the sun back).

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