Sunflower and ladybug door knob covers

Large · US terms



Finished size
About 6¾ in (17 cm) round at the widest place, not stretched, for a ball knob 7 in (18 cm) to 7¾ in (19.5 cm) round

Skill
Easy
Both covers are one small ball in unjoined rounds; the petals are one round, and the parts of the ladybug are tiny.

Yarn
Light (3), 6 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
21 stitches and 23 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: sunflower yellow, the petals	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: leaf green, the rest of the sunflower	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: brown, the middle of the sunflower	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: red, the ladybug	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: black, the head, the spots, the line and the neck of the ladybug	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: white, the eyes of the ladybug	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 40 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Fiber: cotton or acrylic

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: 2 hair elastics about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across, one for each cover, a little toy stuffing, for the head of the ladybug, a stitch marker, pins, a yarn needle 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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small	5¾ in (14.5 cm) round, 6 in (15 cm)	about 90 yd (82 m)
Large (this file)	**6¾ in (17 cm) round, 7 in (18 cm)**	**about 105 yd (96 m)**

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Gauge

21 stitches and 23 rounds 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. The gauge is checked on the piece itself: after round 4 the cover should measure about 1½ in (4 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

Notes

- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring, draw up a loop and chain 1 to hold it, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed. The petals have no ring.
- The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round. That is so in every part but the petals, which are one round. Every part is worked with the right side, the outside, facing you.
- FPhdc and BPhdc, front and back post half double crochet (UK front and back post half treble): work a half double crochet round the post of the stitch below instead of into its top. For FPhdc put the hook in from the front, behind the post, and out to the front again. For BPhdc put it in from the back, in front of the post, and out to the back again.
- sc2tog, single crochet 2 together: draw up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on the hook.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only.
- A petal is a short chain with stitches worked back along it to the loop it began in. The petals lie close and overlap a little; when the round is done pull each one straight outward with your fingers.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- Measure the knob round its widest place with a tape measure. A knob less than 7 in (18 cm) round takes the Small; a knob of 7 in (18 cm) or more takes the Large. Each cover is a little smaller than the smallest knob it is for, and stretches over it. It is for a plain ball knob with no lock or catch in its middle. Make both covers, or one of them.
- Colors. Sunflower cover. Rounds 1 to 5: C. Rounds 6 to 19: B. The petals are A. Ladybug cover. Rounds 1 to 15: D. Rounds 16 to 19: E. The head and the spots are E; the eyes are F.

Instructions

Large. US terms.

ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **FPhdc** round the stitch below, from the front, **BPhdc** round the stitch below, from the back.
BLO: only the loop away from you. **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 4 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**.

Special stitches

puff: [yo, insert hook in the place named, yo, pull up a loop] 3 times, yo, pull through all 7 loops on hook. Push it out to the right side.

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petal: Slip stitch in the place named, ch 6, slip stitch in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, half double crochet (UK half treble) in each of next 2 chs, sc in last ch, slip stitch in the same place as the first slip stitch.

Sunflower cover

Yarns in order of use: C, brown; B, leaf green.

Round 6 is worked through the back loops only. The 24 front loops of round 5 that it leaves free are for the petals. In rounds 10 and 12, worked through the back loops too, the free front loops make the ridges for the hand.

In the first round of the neck the post stitches go round single crochet; after that a front post goes over a front post and a back post over a back post.

Round 19, the last one, goes over a hair elastic: lay the elastic along the top of round 18 and put the hook under it for every stitch, so that it is shut in by the stitches. Then spread the stitches so that they cover it all the way round.

☐ **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**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

Stop and measure now, after round 4. The cover should measure about 1½ in (4 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Puff in next st, sc in next st**] 12 times**	(12 puffs, 12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	With B, **[**sc in BLO of next 3 sts, 2 sc in BLO of next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnds 13 to 14** 13 14	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 sts	(30 sc)

Neck

☐ **Rnds 16 to 18** 16 17 18	**[**FPhdc around next st, BPhdc around next st**] 15 times**	(15 FPhdc, 15 BPhdc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in each st around	(30 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Petals

Yarn A, sunflower yellow.

Hold the cover with the brown middle toward you and work round it, counterclockwise as you look at it (clockwise if you crochet with your left hand). Some of these loops are the front loops of puffs: take the front loop of the top of the puff. Begin in any loop, which is the first, with a slip knot of A on the hook: the slip stitch that begins the first petal joins the yarn.

☐ **Foundation**	The 24 front loops of round 5 of the sunflower left free by round 6, RS facing; 24 stitches.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Petal in each st around	(24 petals)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the first slip stitch of the round. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Ladybug cover

Yarns in order of use: D, red; E, black.

In rounds 10 and 12 the free front loops make the ridges for the hand, as on the sunflower. The neck is worked like that of the sunflower. Round 19, the last one, goes over a hair elastic: lay the elastic along the top of round 18 and put the hook under it for every stitch, so that it is shut in by the stitches. Then spread the stitches so that they cover it all the way round.

☐ **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**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 4.** The cover should measure about 1½ in (4 cm) across.

☐ **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 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnds 13 to 14**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 sts	(30 sc)

Neck

☐ **Rnd 16**	With E, **[**FPhdc around next st, BPhdc around next st**] 15 times**	(15 FPhdc, 15 BPhdc)
☐ **Rnds 17 to 18**	**[**FPhdc around next st, BPhdc around next st**] 15 times**	(15 FPhdc, 15 BPhdc)

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☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in each st around	(30 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Head

Yarn E, black.

☐ **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**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnds 4 to 5** 4 5	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 18 in (45.5 cm) for sewing.	

Spot: make 6

Yarn E, black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	7 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(7 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the first stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm) for sewing.	

Eye: make 2

Yarn F, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the first stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails on the wrong side, but leave the long tails that are for sewing.

2. The front of the ladybug is the side with the magic ring. Hold it toward you, and take any place of its edge for the top; mark it with a pin. The middle line runs from the pin straight down through the ring to the bottom. Every place below is measured from the middle of the ring, along the surface.

3. The line. With a 30 in (76 cm) length of E backstitch along the middle line, from ½ in (1.5 cm) above the ring down to 1 in (2.5 cm) below it. Backstitch: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and so on, in close stitches about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long. Go back along the same line a second time with the same length, so that the line is double. Knot both ends together on the inside.

4. The spots. There are three on each side of the line, at the same places. All lie with their right side up. The middle of the first is ½ in (1.5 cm) out from the line and ¼ in (0.5 cm) above the level of the ring; of the second, ½ in (1.5 cm) out and ¾ in (2 cm) below that level; of the third, ¾ in (2 cm) out and ¼ in (0.5 cm) below that level. With its tail sew each spot down all round: 7 stitches, one stitch for each stitch of the rim: bring the needle up through the cover close outside the rim, and put it down under both loops of the top of one stitch of the rim and through the cover beneath.

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Fasten off on the inside.

5. The eyes and the antennae go on the head before it is sewn to the cover, while its inside can be reached. The head is a small cup; its right side is the outside. Hold it with its ring toward you, and take any place of its edge for the top; mark it with a pin. The eyes are the two white discs. They lie side by side on round 2 of the head, just below the ring, one on each side of the line from the pin down through the ring, their edges nearly touching, right side up. With its tail sew each eye down all round: 6 stitches, one stitch for each stitch of the rim: bring the needle up through the head close outside the rim, and put it down under both loops of the top of one stitch of the rim and through the head beneath. Fasten off inside the head. The pupil of each eye is a French knot in the middle of its disc, worked with a 12 in (30.5 cm) length of E through the disc and the head. French knot: bring the needle up, wind the yarn three times round it close to the fabric, hold the yarn tight and put the needle down one thread beside the place where it came up. Knot both ends of the length together inside the head.

6. The antennae. For each cut a length of E 12 in (30.5 cm) long. Make a slip knot about 4 in (10 cm) from one end, ch 5, and slip stitch in the 2nd chain from the hook, which makes a small knob; fasten off and weave that end into the knob. With the tail at the other end sew the antenna to the head: the two stand between rounds 2 and 3, above the ring, about ½ in (1.5 cm) apart, one on each side of the line from the pin to the ring. Fasten off inside the head.

7. The head. Stuff it softly. Set it on the cover, the antennae up, the middle of its open edge on the middle line, 1 in (2.5 cm) above the ring of the cover, so that its lower edge covers the upper end of the line. With its long tail whip stitch its 18 stitches to the cover in a circle, right side out. Fasten off and draw the end to the inside of the cover.

Finishing

- Stretch the neck with both hands, pull a cover over the knob from the front and let the neck close behind it. Turn the ladybug so that its head is up.

In all: 11 pieces.

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