Cupcakes with swirl frosting

US terms



Finished size

Each cupcake about 3 in (7.6 cm) across; with the lemon or the raspberry swirl about 4½ in (11.5 cm) tall to the tip, and with the chocolate swirl and the cherry about 4 in (10 cm) tall

Skill

Intermediate

Twelve pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn

Medium (4), 8 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: golden sponge, cake	**about 150 yd (137 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: lemon, lemon swirl, yellow case and the details	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: chocolate, chocolate swirl and the details	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: raspberry, raspberry case, raspberry swirl and the details	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: cherry red, cherry	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: mint, mint case and the details	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: white, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn H: leaf green, mint leaf	**about 10 yd (9 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.

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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: how is under “Before you start” (UK dc2tog, double cro
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
BLO	back loop only

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 that has rounds 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.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the cupcake. 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.
- 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): each cupcake about 2¼ in (5.7 cm) across; with the lemon or the raspberry swirl about 3 3/8 in (8.6 cm) tall to the tip, and with the chocolate swirl and the cherry about 3 in (7.6 cm) tall; 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): each cupcake about 4¼ in (11 cm) across; with the lemon or the raspberry swirl about 6½ in (16.5 cm) tall to the tip, and with the chocolate swirl and the cherry about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) tall; 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): each cupcake about 5½ in (14 cm) across; with the lemon or the raspberry swirl about 8¼ in (21 cm) tall to the tip, and with the chocolate swirl and the cherry about 7¼ in (18.5 cm) tall; 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.

Cake: make 3

Yarn A, golden sponge.

☐ **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**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 12**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 12: tick them off as you go.

☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12

☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 14 to 18**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**

A box for each round, 14 to 18: tick them off as you go.

☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18

☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round; the top should stay nearly flat.

☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**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. Round 1 is the middle of the base, and the closed hole is the middle of the top.	

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Mint case

Yarn F, mint.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 9 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 46**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(9 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 46: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐ 28 ☐ 29 ☐ 30
☐ 31 ☐ 32 ☐ 33 ☐ 34 ☐ 35 ☐ 36 ☐ 37 ☐ 38 ☐ 39 ☐ 40 ☐ 41 ☐ 42 ☐ 43 ☐ 44 ☐ 45 ☐ 46

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Lemon swirl

Yarn B, lemon.

Stuff lightly every few rounds as you go, so that the tube still bends.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 7**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 7: tick them off as you go.

☐ 6 ☐ 7

☐ **Rnd 8**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 9 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(7 sc)**

A box for each round, 9 to 11: tick them off as you go.

☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 13 to 16**	Sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 16: tick them off as you go.

☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 18 to 23**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**

A box for each round, 18 to 23: tick them off as you go.

☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23

☐ **Rnd 24**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts	**(10 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 25 to 68**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**

A box for each round, 25 to 68: tick them off as you go.

25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53
54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing.	

Raspberry case

Yarn D, raspberry.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 9 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 46**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(9 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 46: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Chocolate swirl

Yarn C, chocolate.

Stuff lightly every few rounds as you go, so that the tube still bends.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 7**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 7: tick them off as you go.

6 7

☐ **Rnd 8**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 9 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(7 sc)**

A box for each round, 9 to 11: tick them off as you go.

9 10 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 13 to 16**	Sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 16: tick them off as you go.

13 14 15 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	**(9 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 18 to 23**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**

A box for each round, 18 to 23: tick them off as you go.

18 19 20 21 22 23

☐ **Rnd 24**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 25 to 68**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**

A box for each round, 25 to 68: tick them off as you go.

25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53
54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing.	

Yellow case

Yarn B, lemon.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 9 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 46**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(9 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 46: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Raspberry swirl

Yarn D, raspberry.

Stuff lightly every few rounds as you go, so that the tube still bends.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 7**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 7: tick them off as you go.

6 7

☐ **Rnd 8**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 9 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(7 sc)**

A box for each round, 9 to 11: tick them off as you go.

9 10 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 13 to 16**	Sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 16: tick them off as you go.

☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 18 to 23**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**

A box for each round, 18 to 23: tick them off as you go.

☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23

☐ **Rnd 24**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 25 to 68**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**

A box for each round, 25 to 68: tick them off as you go.

☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐ 28 ☐ 29 ☐ 30 ☐ 31 ☐ 32 ☐ 33 ☐ 34 ☐ 35 ☐ 36 ☐ 37 ☐ 38 ☐ 39 ☐ 40 ☐ 41 ☐ 42 ☐ 43 ☐ 44 ☐ 45 ☐ 46 ☐ 47 ☐ 48 ☐ 49 ☐ 50 ☐ 51 ☐ 52 ☐ 53
☐ 54 ☐ 55 ☐ 56 ☐ 57 ☐ 58 ☐ 59 ☐ 60 ☐ 61 ☐ 62 ☐ 63 ☐ 64 ☐ 65 ☐ 66 ☐ 67 ☐ 68

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cherry

Yarn E, cherry red.

☐ **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, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(15 sc)**

Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 5 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc2tog**] 5 times**	**(5 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 5 stitches and pull it tight to close the hole; keep the rest of the tail for sewing.	

Mint leaf: make 2

Yarn H, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(4 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 2 stitches.	

Assembly

1. Make a ring of each case: bring its last row to its foundation chain and, with its tail, sew the 9 stitches to the 9 chains, stitch to chain. The two sides of the rib look alike, so either may be outside. The seam is the back.

2. Slip one case up over the base of each of the three cakes: the mint case on the first, the raspberry case on the second and the yellow case on the third. The lower edge of the case is level with the flat base. With a new length of the yarn of the case, sew the lower edge (the ends of the 46 rows, eased to fit) to the 36 front loops of round 6 of the cake that its round 7 left free, all the way round. The upper edge comes to about round 17 and stretches a little wider; leave it free.

3. Put the lemon swirl on the cake in the mint case. Begin at the back with the open end: lay it on the top of the cake with the middle of the tube over round 20, let the tube move out until its middle lies over round 19, and go once round the cake, clockwise as you look down on it. When it meets its own beginning it goes over it and on, inward and upward, like a coil of soft ice cream: about rounds 68 to 34 of the tube make the first coil and rounds 34 to 11 the second, and rounds 10 to 1 rise to the point in the middle. Pin it. Sew the open end closed and down with its tail, and sew the first coil to the cake and each coil to the one below it, where they touch, with the tail and then with new lengths of B.

4. Put the raspberry swirl on the cake in the yellow case in the same way, with new lengths of D.

5. Put the chocolate swirl on the cake in the raspberry case in the same way, with new lengths of C, but do not let the point rise: lay rounds 10 to 1 down in a small flat coil that fills the middle of the top, and sew it down.

6. Set the cherry on the middle of the chocolate swirl, its closed hole down. With its tail, sew it on all the way round where the two touch (about 8 stitches).

7. Lay the two mint leaves on the second coil of the lemon swirl, their 2-stitch edges against the foot of the point: one points to the left and a little to the front, and one to the front and a little to the right. They bend down over the coil, and their tips are about 1 3/8 in (35 mm) apart. Sew each through both layers of its edge with its tail, and catch its tip to the coil with one stitch.

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 inside the toy.
- Sprinkles: work these when the raspberry swirl is sewn on, before the ends are trimmed: with G (white), with B (lemon) and with F (mint), ten sprinkles of each color, each of two straight stitches side by side, about 3/16 in (5 mm) long: scatter them at different slants over the front, the sides and the top of the swirl, about ½ in (13 mm) apart.
- Weave every tail through the cupcakes and trim it. For cupcakes 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: 12 pieces; 5,380 stitches.

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