Swirl spiral motif

US terms



Finished size
About 5¾ in (15 cm) from one flat side to the opposite one

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: coral, rounds 1 to 7 **about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, round 8 **about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, a stitch marker and a spray bottle.

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 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)
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

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

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Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 4 the motif measures about 3¼ in (8 cm) across over the stitches of two opposite arms. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

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 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- 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.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- In Rnds 1 to 6 do not join: put the stitch marker in the first sc of the round, go straight on into the next round, and move the marker up. The last ch 5 of such a round is closed by the first sc of the next.
- An arm is a run of sc between two ch-5 sps. Each round skips the first sc of every arm and adds 2 sc in the ch-5 sp after it, so an arm has 1 sc in Rnd 1, 2 sc in Rnd 2 and so on to 7 sc in Rnd 7.
- Rnd 8 begins in the first sc of any arm.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured from one flat side to the opposite one: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3¾ in (10 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 4½ in (11 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 7¼ in (18 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 and sc is double crochet.

Yarns in order of use: A, coral; B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, **[**sc in ring, ch 5**] 6 times**, do not join	**(6 sc, 6 ch-5 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sk next st, 2 sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5**] 6 times**, do not join	**(12 sc, 6 ch-5 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sk next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5**] 6 times**, do not join	**(18 sc, 6 ch-5 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sk next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5**] 6 times**, do not join	**(24 sc, 6 ch-5 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sk next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5**] 6 times**, do not join	**(30 sc, 6 ch-5 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sk next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5**] 6 times**, do not join	**(36 sc, 6 ch-5 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sk next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(42 sc, 6 ch-5 sps)**

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Fasten off A.

☐ **Rnd 8**	Join B with sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 6 sts, (2 sc, ch 1, 2 sc) in next ch-5 sp, **[**sc in next 7 sts, (2 sc, ch 1, 2 sc) in next ch-5 sp**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(66 sc, 6 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Block: pin the motif to shape on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.
- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle.

In all: 8 rounds; 234 stitches; 4 ends to weave in.

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