Toy tea set

US terms



Finished size

The teapot about 4½ in (11.5 cm) tall with its knob and 7¼ in (18.5 cm) from the handle to the tip of the spout, each cup about 2½ in (6.3 cm) across and 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm) tall without its saucer, each saucer about 3¼ in (8.3 cm) across

Skill

Intermediate

Eleven pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn

Medium (4), 4 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: dove blue, the main color	**about 210 yd (192 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, teapot, cup, saucer and the details	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: gold, several of the pieces	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: tea brown, spout and cup	**about 20 yd (18 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.

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
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
BLO	back loop only

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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 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.
- Slip stitch (sl st; United Kingdom: slip stitch, ss): put the hook into the stitch, yarn over, and pull the yarn through the stitch and through the loop on the hook.
- 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.
- Center line: places on a piece are given by round and by stitches from a center line. It is half way round from where the rounds begin. Mark it with a pin or a scrap of yarn as listed here, run it straight from round 1 to the last round by eye, and count out from it along the round, in stitches and half stitches.
- Teapot: the center line runs between stitches 36 and 37 of round 17 (72 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the teapot. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- Running stitches go in and out along a line.
- 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): the teapot about 3¼ in (8.3 cm) tall with its knob and 5½ in (14 cm) from the handle to the tip of the spout, each cup about 1¾ in (4.4 cm) across and 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) tall without its saucer, each saucer about 2½ in (6.3 cm) across; 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): the teapot about 6¼ in (16 cm) tall with its knob and 10½ in (26.5 cm) from the handle to the tip of the spout, each cup about 3½ in (8.9 cm) across and 2¼ in (5.7 cm) tall without its saucer, each saucer about 4¾ in (12 cm) across; 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): the teapot about 8 in (20.5 cm) tall with its knob and 13¼ in (33.5 cm) from the handle to the tip of the spout, each cup about 4½ in (11.5 cm) across and 2 7/8 in (7.3 cm) tall without its saucer, each saucer about 6 in (15 cm) across; 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 and sl st is slip stitch.

Teapot

Yarns in order of use: A, dove blue; C, gold; B, white.

☐ **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**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	With C, sc in BLO of each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	With A, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 3 times**	**(51 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts**] 3 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(57 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 3 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts**] 3 times**	**(63 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 20 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 3 times**	**(69 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 22 sts**] 3 times**	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 18 to 21**	Sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**

A box for each round, 18 to 21: tick them off as you go.

☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21

☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc in next 22 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(69 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts**] 3 times**	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 20 sts**] 3 times**	**(63 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc in next 19 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	With B, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Weave in the end. Work the teapot dots now, while the teapot is still empty (see Finishing). Then stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

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Spout

Yarns in order of use: D, tea brown; C, gold; A, dove blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	With C, 2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 6**	With A, sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 4 to 6: tick them off as you go.

☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6

☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 22 in (56 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Lid

Yarns in order of use: A, dove blue; C, gold.

☐ **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 each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	With C, sc in BLO of each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 36 in (91 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly, only enough to keep the dome round.	

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Lid knob

Yarn C, gold.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Teapot handle

Yarn A, dove blue.

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

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 24**	Sc in each st around	**(7 sc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 24: tick them off as you go.

☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cup: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, dove blue; C, gold; B, white; D, tea brown.

☐ **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**	With C, sc in BLO of each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	With A, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 3 times**	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 11: tick them off as you go.

☐ 10 ☐ 11

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☐ **Rnd 12**	With B, sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	With C, sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	With B, sc in BLO of each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 15 to 16**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 15 to 16: tick them off as you go.

☐ 15 ☐ 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	With D, **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Work the cup dots now, through the opening, while the cup is still empty (see Finishing). Then put a little stuffing in the bottom of the cup, enough to fill it loosely up to the top of round 9. Add no more.

☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**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. Push rounds 14 to 22 down into the cup. The piece folds at the gold rim (round 13): the white rounds 14 to 16 line the wall, and the tea lies on the stuffing with its right side up, about ½ in (13 mm) below the rim.	

Cup handle: make 2

Yarn A, dove blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 12**	Sc in each st around	**(4 sc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 12: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

Saucer: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, dove blue; B, white; C, gold.

☐ **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**	With B, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With A, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	With C, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **End**	To level the edge, work a slip stitch (sl st, see “Before you start”) in the next st. Fasten off and weave in the end. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up, then turn the last two rounds up a little with your fingers all the way round.	

Assembly

1. Pin the spout to the teapot: the middle of the open edge lies on round 17, 18 stitches to the right of the center line. The edge (26 sts) covers about rounds 13 to 21 of the teapot. It points to the right, turns up by about round 8 of the spout and to the right by the tip. Bend it as you pin it, and hold each bend with a few running stitches, drawn up a little, on the side it turns toward. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

2. Set the lid on the teapot with its round 1 up, so that its open gold edge (48 sts) lies on round 27 of the teapot (48 sts, the first white round) and covers the opening. Top up the stuffing of the teapot first. With the tail of the lid, sew the edge down all the way round, so that the white of round 27 still shows under it.

3. Set the open edge of the lid knob on the middle of the lid, over rounds 1 and 2. Sew all 9 stitches down with the tail of the knob, adding a little stuffing before the last stitches.

4. Teapot handle: it goes on the left side of the teapot, opposite the spout. Its closed end goes on round 23 and its open end on round 15 below it, both 16½ stitches to the left of the center line (a quarter of the 66 stitches of those rounds). Sew all the way round each end, the open end with its tail and the closed end with a new length of A. Between them the handle stands out in a wide curve, like an ear.

5. Sew the two cup handles to the outside of the cups, one handle to a cup: the closed end (round 1) to round 11 of the cup, all the way round, and the open end to round 7, straight below it. The handle stands half way between two of the dots of round 9, so that three dots lie to each side of it. The handle stands out in a round curve.

6. Set the two cups on the two saucers, right side of the saucers up. They stay loose.

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. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled.
- Teapot dots: work these before the teapot is stuffed, when round 28 is done: with B (white), in satin stitch, 28 round dots, each about 5/16 in (8 mm) across, 14 on the front and 14 on the back. On the front: on rounds 15 and 21, one on the center line and two to each side of it, 6 and 12 stitches from the center line; on round 18, two to each side of the center line, 3 and 9 stitches from it. On the back, the same, counted from the line opposite the center line.
- Cup dots: work these before the cup is stuffed, when round 19 is done and the opening has 24 stitches: with B (white), in satin stitch, six round dots on each cup, each about ¼ in (6 mm) across, on round 9, with 6 stitches from the middle of one to the middle of the next.
- Weave every tail through its piece and trim it. Go round each seam a second time with a new length of yarn. Check the seams from time to time. The set is for play: it holds no water.

In all: 11 pieces; 4,046 stitches (1,440 in the teapot, 234 in the spout, 336 in the lid, 69 in the lid knob, 167 in the teapot handle, 582 in each cup, 48 in each cup handle, 270 in each saucer).

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