Three little ghosts

US terms



Finished size
The big ghost 4¾ in (12 cm) tall, the middle ghost 3 in (7.6 cm) tall and the little ghost 2 3/8 in (6 cm) tall without its bow

Skill
Easy
Twelve pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 6 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: ivory, big ghost and big arm	**about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pale lilac, middle ghost and middle arm	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: mint, little ghost and little arm	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: charcoal, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: rose, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: tangerine, bow loop and bow knot	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors and a little toy stuffing for the arms and the bow knot.

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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together, through the front loops only: how is under “Before you start” (UK dc2tog, double cro
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

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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 (5.7 cm) across. The stitches should be tight, so that the hollow ghosts stand by themselves.

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.
- The ghosts are hollow and open at the bottom, and only their arms and the bow knot are stuffed. Work them firmly, so that they stand by themselves.
- 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.
- 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.
- Big ghost: the center line runs between stitches 50 and 51 of round 30 (100 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Middle ghost: the center line runs between stitches 40 and 41 of round 20 (80 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Little ghost: the center line runs between stitches 30 and 31 of round 16 (60 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. 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 big ghost 3½ in (8.9 cm) tall, the middle ghost 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) tall and the little ghost 1¾ in (4.4 cm) tall without its bow; 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 big ghost 6¾ in (17 cm) tall, the middle ghost 4¼ in (11 cm) tall and the little ghost 3 3/8 in (8.6 cm) tall without its bow; 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 big ghost 8½ in (21.5 cm) tall, the middle ghost 5¼ in (13.5 cm) tall and the little ghost 4¼ in (11 cm) tall without its bow; 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, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Big ghost

Yarn A, ivory.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 17**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 17: tick them off as you go.

☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17

☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in each st around	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts**] 3 times**	**(51 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	Sc in each st around	**(51 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 3 times**	**(57 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	Sc in each st around	**(57 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts**] 3 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	**[**sc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, sc in next st**] 10 times**	**(100 sts)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end. Do not stuff. Pull each scallop of the hem gently outward, so that the hem stands in soft folds.	

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Middle ghost

Yarn B, pale lilac.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 11: tick them off as you go.

7 8 9 10 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 3 times**	**(39 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	**(39 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in each st around	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts**] 3 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, sc in next st**] 8 times**	**(80 sts)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end. Do not stuff. Pull each scallop of the hem gently outward, so that the hem stands in soft folds.	

Little ghost

Yarn C, mint.

☐ **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)**

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☐ **Rnds 6 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 11: tick them off as you go.

6 7 8 9 10 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 3 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(60 sts)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end. Do not stuff. Pull each scallop of the hem gently outward, so that the hem stands in soft folds.	

Big arm: make 2

Yarn A, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 8**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**

A box for each round, 4 to 8: tick them off as you go.

4 5 6 7 8

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Middle arm: make 2

Yarn B, pale lilac.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 7**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**

A box for each round, 4 to 7: tick them off as you go.

4 5 6 7

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

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Little arm: make 2

Yarn C, mint.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 6**	Sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**

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

4 5 6

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Bow loop: make 2

Yarn F, tangerine.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(6 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 3 stitches.	

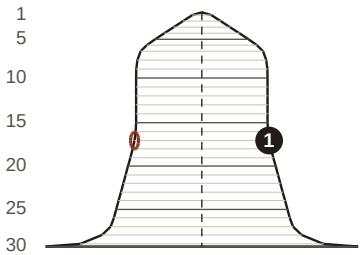
Bow knot

Yarn F, tangerine.

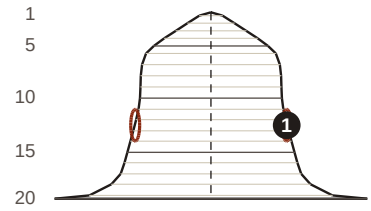
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☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Assembly

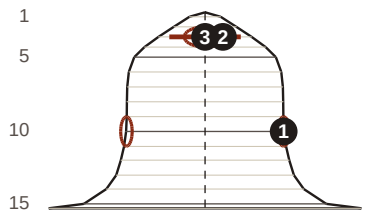
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Big ghost: 1 big arms



Middle ghost: 1 middle arms



Little ghost: 1 little arms, 2 bow loops, 3 bow knot

Each line is a round, counted as the rounds are worked. The upright broken line is the center line. A place with a broken edge is on the far side.

1. Pin the two big arms to the big ghost: the middle of each open edge lies on round 17, one to each side, 10½ stitches from the center line (21 stitches apart). The edge (10 sts) covers about rounds 16 to 18 of the big ghost. They point out to the side, then curve until the tip of each points out to the side and up. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a few running stitches along its inner side, drawn up a little. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

2. Pin the two middle arms to the middle ghost: the middle of each open edge lies between rounds 12 and 13, one to each side, 9 stitches from the center line (18 stitches apart). The edge (9 sts) covers about rounds 11 to 14 of the middle ghost. They point out to the side and forward, then curve until the tip of each points up and out to the side. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a few running stitches along its inner side, drawn up a little. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

3. Pin the two little arms to the little ghost: the middle of each open edge lies on round 10, one to each side, 7 stitches from the center line (14 stitches apart). The edge (8 sts) covers about rounds 9 to 11 of the little ghost. They point out to the side and forward. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

4. Pin the two bow loops to the little ghost: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 3, one to each side, 1 stitch from the center line (2 stitches apart). The flat edge runs straight down the front, from round 2 at its upper end to round 4 at its lower end. They point out to the side and a little up, one to the left and one to the right, their flat sides facing forward. Sew through both layers of the 3-stitch edge with the tail.

5. Pin the bow knot to the little ghost: the middle of the open edge lies on round 3, on the center line, over the inner ends of the two bow loops. The edge (8 sts) covers about rounds 2 to 4 of the little ghost. It points forward and up. Sew all the way round with the tail, through the bow loops too where they lie under it.

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Finishing

- Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on; begin and end each strand inside the toy. 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.
- Big eyes: with D (charcoal), in satin stitch, an oval about 5/16 in (8 mm) wide and ½ in (13 mm) tall, its middle on the big ghost between rounds 9 and 10, one to each side, 3½ stitches from the center line (7 stitches apart).
- Big cheeks: with E (rose), in satin stitch, an oval about 5/16 in (8 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the big ghost on round 12, one to each side, 6 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart).
- Big smile: with D (charcoal), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about ½ in (13 mm) wide that dips 3/16 in (5 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are on the big ghost between rounds 11 and 12, one to each side of the center line.
- Middle eyes: with D (charcoal), in satin stitch, an oval about ¼ in (6 mm) wide and 3/8 in (10 mm) tall, its middle on the middle ghost on round 8, one to each side, 3 stitches from the center line (6 stitches apart).
- Middle cheeks: with E (rose), in satin stitch, an oval about ¼ in (6 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the middle ghost on round 10, one to each side, 5½ stitches from the center line (11 stitches apart).
- Middle mouth: with D (charcoal), in satin stitch, an oval about ¼ in (6 mm) wide and 3/8 in (10 mm) tall, its middle on the middle ghost between rounds 10 and 11, on the center line.
- Little eyes: with D (charcoal), in backstitch, a closed eye on each side, one curve about 5/16 in (8 mm) wide that dips 1/8 in (3 mm) below its ends. The place half way between the two ends of each is on the little ghost on round 7, one to each side, 3 stitches from the center line (6 stitches apart).
- Little cheeks: with E (rose), in satin stitch, an oval about ¼ in (6 mm) wide and 1/8 in (3 mm) tall, its middle on the little ghost between rounds 8 and 9, one to each side, 5 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart).
- Little smile: with D (charcoal), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about ¼ in (6 mm) wide that dips 1/8 in (3 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are on the little ghost between rounds 8 and 9, one to each side of the center line.
- Weave every end through the inside of the ghost and trim it.

In all: 12 pieces; 2,970 stitches (1,318 in the big ghost, 734 in the middle ghost, 468 in the little ghost, 74 in each big arm, 59 in each middle arm, 45 in each little arm, 40 in each bow loop, 14 in the bow knot).

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