Tiny stars

US terms



Finished size
Each star is about 2 in (5 cm) across

Skill
Beginner
Worked in rounds, with 5 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Light (3), 5 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: gold, rounds 1 and 2	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: coral, some of the pieces	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, some of the pieces	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: sky blue, some of the pieces	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: raspberry, some of the pieces	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking 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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
sk	skip (UK miss)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Gauge

18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

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.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- The tr in the middle of each group is the tip of a point.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 1½ in (4 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 2½ in (6 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 3 in (8 cm).

Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. 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, sc is double crochet, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

Star: make 5

Make 1 in each of A, B, C, D and E. The lines say A; for the other stars read that letter in its place.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 10 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, (sc, dc, tr, dc, sc) in same st, sk next st, **[**(sc, dc, tr, dc, sc) in next st, sk next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(10 sc, 10 dc, 5 tr)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Block: pin each star out on a flat surface, right side up, with a pin in every tip, spray the stars with water and let them dry.
- Each star is a finished piece. To sew a star on or to hang it, keep its last tail for that and weave in only the first one.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 5 pieces; 175 stitches.

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