Toadstool cup sleeve

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 5¼ × 3½ in (13 × 9 cm)
About 10¾ in (27.5 cm) round at the top, 9¾ in (25 cm) round at the foot and 3½ in (9 cm) tall. To fit a foot of 3½ in (9 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Two or three colors are used in the rounds of the toadstools, and those not in use are carried inside the stitches.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 20 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: forest green, the background	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: moss green, the mossy edges	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: toadstool red, the caps	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cream, the stalks and the dots	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle 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.

Sizes

Size	Foot	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Medium (this file)	**3½ in (9 cm)**	**5¼ × 3½ in (13 × 9 cm)**	**about 70 yd (64 m)**
Large	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	5¾ × 3¾ in (15 × 10 cm)	about 80 yd (73 m)

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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)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

18 stitches and 20 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The gauge is checked on the piece itself: after round 2 the tube should measure about 9¾ in (25 cm) around, laid flat and not stretched, measured across and doubled. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

Before you start

- Join the foundation chain into a ring with a slip stitch, and take care that it is not twisted. The chain of 1 at the start of round 1 does not count as a stitch. Work the first single crochet (UK double crochet) of round 1 into the first chain, the one that has the slip stitch in it, and one into every other chain; the slip stitch itself is not worked into.
- The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- Tapestry crochet: where two or more colors share a round, lay the color or colors of that round not in use along the top of the round before and work over them, all the way round, so that they are carried inside the stitches.
- To change color, at the start of a round or inside it, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Where two or more colors share a round, cut nothing at a change: the color you leave is carried. Once a color is no longer in the rounds: where only one or two rounds are worked before it is used again, carry it loosely up the inside; where more are worked, or it is not used again, cut it, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- In rounds of one color nothing is carried. The stitches of unjoined rounds lie a little to the right of those below (to the left if you are left handed), so the toadstools lean slightly. Work the carried yarns loosely enough that the tube still stretches as it did before.
- Measure round your cup about 1 in (2.5 cm) below its lid. The cup should be as big round there as the top of the sleeve or a little bigger, so that the sleeve is stretched a little and holds. The medium is for a cup 10¾ in (27.5 cm) to 11½ in (29 cm) round there, the large for one 11½ in (29 cm) to 12¼ in (31 cm) round.
- Slip it on from the bottom of the cup and push it up until it holds.
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 3: B. Round 4: B and D. Round 5: A and B and D. Rounds 6 to 8: A and D. Round 9: A and C. Rounds 10 to 13: A and C and D. Round 14: A and C. Rounds 15 to 16: A. Round 17: B.
- The toadstool repeat is 12 stitches wide and is worked 4 times in each of rounds 4 to 14: the stalks stand in the moss in rounds 4 and 5 and end with round 8, and the caps are rounds 9 to 14.

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Instructions

Chosen: Medium. 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: B, moss green; D, cream; A, forest green; C, toadstool red.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 44, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in each ch around	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	**(44 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 2.** The tube should measure about 9¾ in (25 cm) around: lay it flat without stretching it, measure across it and double that.

☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(48 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**With B, sc in next 3 sts, with D, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts**] 4 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**With A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next st, with D, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 7**	**[**With A, sc in next 4 sts, with D, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts**] 4 times**	**(48 sc)**

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

☐ 6 ☐ 7

☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**With A, sc in next 3 sts, with D, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts**] 4 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**With A, sc in next st, with C, sc in next 10 sts, with A, sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 11**	**[**With A, sc in next st, with C, sc in next st, with D, sc in next 2 sts, with C, sc in next 4 sts, with D, sc in next 2 sts, with C, sc in next st, with A, sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(48 sc)**

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

☐ 10 ☐ 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**With A, sc in next st, with C, sc in next 4 sts, with D, sc in next 2 sts, with C, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**With A, sc in next 2 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts, with D, sc in next 2 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**With A, sc in next 4 sts, with C, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts**] 4 times**	**(48 sc)**

Top

☐ **Rnds 15 to 16**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

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

☐ 15 ☐ 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	With B, sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the inside.

In all: 17 rounds; 808 stitches; 6 ends to weave in.

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