Tooth fairy pillow

US terms



Finished size
About 7 in (18 cm) wide and 7 in (18 cm) tall before it is stuffed, without the loop

Skill
Easy
Increases and decreases, two roots worked from the edge, and seams to sew

Yarn
Light (3), 4 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
20 stitches and 22½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: warm white, main color	**about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: mint, stripe	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: slate, stripe	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: pink, stripe	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 50 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and about 12 pins and polyester fiberfill (stuffing): about 2 oz (60 g).

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 15 percent added.

Gauge

20 stitches and 22½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Begin with the pocket and check it there, laid flat and not stretched, when 9 rows are done: the 13 stitches of a row are about 2 5/8 in (6.6 cm) wide, and the 9 rows are about 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one. The cloth should be close enough to hide the stuffing.

Notes

- The ch 1 at the start of a row or a round does not count as a stitch.
- The tooth is two equal pieces, a front and a back. Each is a body with two roots. The body is worked from the line between the roots up to the top of the tooth, and the roots are worked down from its foundation chain.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, when you join a yarn and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.

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- When a ball runs out, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the next ball, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle through the edge of one piece and through the edge that lies against it, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On an edge of stitches the needle goes under both loops of the stitch; on a foundation chain under the two strands of the chain that are left free; on a side edge, which has no loops, through the end stitch of the row. Where a piece is laid on the middle of another, the needle goes through the edge of the piece laid on, in one of these three ways, and then under two strands of the cloth right beside that edge. Fasten a length where the sewing begins and where it ends: sew 2 or 3 times into the same place.
- Magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and pull up a loop of the working yarn. Round 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work round 1 into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.
- The right side of a round is the side that faces you as you work it.
- In joined rounds, the first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- To join a yarn with a sl st, make a slip knot of it on the hook, put the hook in the place named, yo, and pull through the place and the loop on the hook.
- In the pocket, change to D for the last row: work the last yarn over of row 9 with D, and cut B with a tail of about 6 in (15 cm).
- For a child under three leave off the loop and sew the cheeks down twice. A tooth small enough for the pocket is small enough to swallow: keep it from younger children.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **sk** skip, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
3 dc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 29 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 times in all.
(13 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Pocket

Yarns in order of use: B, mint; D, pink.

The last row is worked from the back of the pocket; its scallops look the same on both sides.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 14.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(13 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(13 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	
☐ **Row 10**	With D, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next st, 3 dc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**	(4 sc, 9 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off D.	

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Body: make 2

Yarn A, warm white.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 32.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(31 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(31 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 29 sts, 2 sc in last st	(33 sc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(33 sc)
	4 5 6	
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 31 sts, 2 sc in last st	(35 sc)
☐ **Rows 8 to 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(35 sc)
	8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 31 sts, sc2tog	(31 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(33 sc)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 29 sts, sc2tog	(29 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 27 sts, sc2tog	(27 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 25 sts, sc2tog	(25 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 23 sts, sc2tog	(23 sc, 2 sc2tog)
	The top of the tooth: two bumps with a dip of slip stitches between them. Keep all the slip stitches loose, so that the needle finds them later	
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, sl st in next 3 sts, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in last st	(4 sc, 8 hdc, 10 dc, 3 sl sts)
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; sl st in next 2 sts, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, sl st in next 3 sts, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next 2 sts	(4 sc, 6 hdc, 8 dc, 7 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

First root: make 2

Yarn A, warm white.

Work one on each body. Turn the body upside down with its right side facing you, so that the foundation chain is at the top. Work into the side of the chain that is free. The first ch is the one at the right end, under the last stitch of row 1.

☐ **Foundation**	Work along the first 13 chs of the foundation chain of the body, right side facing: 13 chs.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in first ch, ch 1, sc in each ch across	(13 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts	(11 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts	(10 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts	(9 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts	(8 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(9 sc)

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☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts	(7 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts	(6 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	(3 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	(1 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Second root: make 2

Yarn A, warm white.

Work one on each body, which lies as it did for the first root. Skip the 5 chs after the first root: they stay free between the roots. The first of these 13 chs is the next one, and the last is at the left end of the chain.

☐ **Foundation**	Work along the last 13 chs of the foundation chain of the body, right side facing: 13 chs.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in first ch, ch 1, sc in each ch across	(13 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog	(11 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog	(10 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog	(9 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog	(8 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	(7 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog	(6 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	(3 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	(1 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Cheek: make 2

Yarn D, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; pull the tail to close the ring; join with sl st in first sc	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 16 in (41 cm) to sew with.	

Loop

Yarn B, mint.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 31.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(30 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends but the tails of the cheeks. Choose one tooth for the front. Lay it with its right side up and the roots toward you, and count its stitches from the right edge to the left. The right side of a body is the side that faces you in row 1.

2. How the face is sewn: "row 18, stitch 8" means the top of the 8th stitch of row 18. Leave the beginning of each strand hanging about 4 in (10 cm) on the wrong side, and weave in both ends there. Backstitch: bring the needle up at the second place named and take it down at the first, then up at the third and down at the second, and so on to the last place.

3. Right eye: with a strand of C about 20 in (51 cm) long, backstitch from row 18, stitch 8, to row 17, stitch 9, to row 16, stitch 10, to row 16, stitch 12, to row 17, stitch 13, to row 18, stitch 14: 5 stitches. Go on with the same strand to the lashes, three straight stitches: from row 18, stitch 8, to row 18, stitch 6; from row 17, stitch 9, to row 16, stitch 7; from row 16, stitch 10, to row 14, stitch 9.

4. Left eye: with a strand of C about 20 in (51 cm) long, backstitch from row 18, stitch 28, to row 17, stitch 27, to row 16, stitch 26, to row 16, stitch 24, to row 17, stitch 23, to row 18, stitch 22: 5 stitches. The lashes: from row 18, stitch 28, to row 18, stitch 30; from row 17, stitch 27, to row 16, stitch 29; from row 16, stitch 26, to row 14, stitch 27.

5. Smile: with a strand of C about 14 in (36 cm) long, backstitch from row 15, stitch 16, to row 14, stitch 17, to row 14, stitch 19, to row 15, stitch 20: 3 stitches.

6. Cheeks: lay each with the right side up, the middle of one on row 13, stitch 6, and the middle of the other on row 13, stitch 30. Sew each down all round with its tail, one whip stitch in each of the 12 stitches of its last round.

7. Pocket: lay it on the front with its right side up and its foundation chain along the top of row 1, from stitch 10 to stitch 22 of the 31. It lies straight up from there: its two upper corners, at the end of row 9 of the pocket, come to row 10 of the body, stitches 12 and 24 of the 35. Pin it. Cut a length of B about 24 in (61 cm) long. Begin at the top of the left side and whip stitch down its 9 row ends, along the 13 chains and up the 9 row ends of the right side, 31 stitches. The top edge with its pink scallops stays open.

8. Loop: fold it in half and lay its two ends side by side on the wrong side of the back, below the 3 slip stitches in the middle of the last row, so that each end lies about ½ in (1.3 cm) on the back and the fold stands up above the edge. With a length of B about 12 in (30 cm) long whip stitch both ends down, 4 stitches each, taking only the strands on the wrong side.

9. Lay the front on the back with the wrong sides together, edge on edge. Cut a length of A about 80 in (203 cm) long. Begin on the right edge at the end of row 12 of the body and whip stitch down: the ends of rows 12 to 1, the 12 row ends of the root, the 3 stitches of its last row, 12 row ends up, the 5 free chains, and the other root in the same way, 12, 3 and 12; then up the 26 row ends of the left edge and along the 25 stitches of the top. Every row end, stitch and chain gets one whip stitch. When a root is sewn, stuff it lightly before you go on.

10. Stuff the body through the 14 row ends that are still open, rows 26 to 13 on the right edge. Use small, loose pieces of fiberfill, and only so much that the tooth is soft and about 2 in (5 cm) thick. Whip stitch the opening closed and fasten off: 136 stitches all round.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the sewing lengths: take each end once into the pillow and out again a few inches away, pull it a little and cut it, so that it slips back inside.

In all: 6 pieces; 2,304 stitches (130 in the pocket, 842 in each body, 106 in each first root, 106 in each second root, 18 in each cheek, 30 in the loop).

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