Round tuffet pincushion

Small · US terms



Finished size
About 4 × 2¼ in (10 × 6 cm)
About 4 in (10 cm) across and 2¼ in (5.5 cm) tall, for pins up to 1½ in (4 cm) long, on a ruffle about 4½ in (11.5 cm) across

Skill
Easy
It is eight alike wedges in rows of single crochet, sewn together, with a ruffle in rounds.

Yarn
Light (3), 9 colors

Hook
3.25 mm (US D-3)

Gauge
23 stitches and 25 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: dusty rose, a wedge	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: faded teal, a wedge	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: mustard, a wedge	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: lilac, a wedge	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: brick, a wedge	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: sage, a wedge	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: peach, a wedge	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn H: denim blue, a wedge	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn I: cream, the base, the long stitches and the button	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 3.25 mm (US D-3), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: pins with round heads, to stick into it, a stitch marker, for the button cover, a yarn needle, scissors, toy stuffing, about two handfuls, a button about ¾ in (2 cm) across, flat on one side, to cover and a long yarn needle, 3 in (7.5 cm) or more.

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	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small (this file)	**4 × 2¼ in (10 × 6 cm)**	**about 130 yd (119 m)**
Large	4¾ × 2¾ in (12 × 7 cm)	about 180 yd (165 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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together (UK dc2tog)
sc3tog	single crochet 3 stitches together (UK dc3tog)
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
sp	space
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

23 stitches and 25 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 19.

The swatch. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Where one color runs out, go on with the next. Lay it flat and count the stitches and rows over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 23 stitches and 25 rows. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.

Swatch foundation	Ch 30.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(29 sc)**
Swatch rows 2 to 31	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(29 sc)**

Before you start

- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and draw up a loop. Where round 1 does not begin with a chain, chain 1 to hold the loop, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- The base is worked in joined rounds. Each round is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch. The chain of 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch; work the first single crochet into the stitch the round before was joined in. The chain of 3 counts as the first double crochet (UK treble) of its round.
- The button cover is worked in a spiral, with a marker in the first stitch of each round.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- Odd rows of a wedge are right side rows.
- Colors. The eight wedges: A to H, one each. The base, the ruffle, the button cover and the long stitches: I.

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Instructions

Chosen: Small. 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 row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, dc is treble, sc2tog is dc2tog and sc3tog is dc3tog.

Wedge: make 8

Yarn A, dusty rose.

Work one wedge in each of the eight colors: A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H. The print names A; change it for the other seven. The wedges are all alike and have a point at each end.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 2.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook	**(1 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st	**(1 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 3 sc in next st	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**

A box for each row, 4 to 5: tick them off as you go.

4 5

☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rows 7 to 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**

A box for each row, 7 to 8: tick them off as you go.

7 8

☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rows 10 to 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**

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

10 11

☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rows 13 to 19**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(9 sc)**

A box for each row, 13 to 19: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

13 14 15 16 17 18 **19**

Stop and measure now, after row 19. The wedge should measure about 1½ in (4 cm) wide and 3 in (7.5 cm) long.

☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rows 21 to 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**

A box for each row, 21 to 22: tick them off as you go.

21 22

☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rows 24 to 25**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**

A box for each row, 24 to 25: tick them off as you go.

24 25

☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	**(3 sc)**

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☐ **Rows 27 to 28**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**

A box for each row, 27 to 28: tick them off as you go.

27 28

☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; sc3tog	**(1 sc)**
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st	**(1 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (61 cm).	

Ruffled base

Yarn I, cream.

Rounds 1 to 9 are the flat base. In rounds 10 and 11 the chain of 3 stands on the stitch the round before was joined in and counts as a dc; the next stitch goes into the stitch after that one. The ch-3 sp of each (sc, ch 3, sc) makes a small point.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in MR, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 3 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 4 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(54 sc)**

Ruffle

☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in next st, **[**dc in next st, 2 dc in next st**] 26 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(81 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 26 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(108 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next st**] 36 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(144 sc, 36 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Button cover

Yarn I, cream.

Before the last round lay the button in the cover, its flat side to the crochet, and work the last round round the back of it.

☐ **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 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc2tog, sc in next st**] 5 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (35.5 cm). Thread it through the front loops of the last 10 stitches, draw them together behind the button and fasten it there; do not cut it.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the starting tails of the wedges on their wrong sides. Row 1 is a right side row. The long tail of each wedge hangs at its last row: call that end the top.

2. Lay the wedges in a ring in the order A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, right sides up, their tops at the middle. Take two neighbors, put them together with the wrong sides in and the right sides out, tops together, and whip stitch their two edges from the top to the other point, 30 stitches, one for each of the 30 rows, with the long tail of the one whose letter comes first. Sew A to B, B to C and so on to G to H. Fasten off each on the inside.

3. Sew H to A with the tail of H in the same way, but only 9 rows from the top; do not cut the tail. Draw the eight points at the top together with a short length of I, threaded once through all eight, pulled tight and knotted on the inside, and the eight points at the other end in the same way.

4. Fill the cushion through the opening with stuffing, pushing it into the edge all round, until it is as hard as a ball. Sew the last seam on with the tail of H, closing the opening, to the other point, adding stuffing as you go. Fasten off and draw the end inside.

5. The long stitches. Cut two lengths of I, each 84 in (213.5 cm) long; each does four seams. Thread one through the needle and use it double, its two ends knotted together. Bring the needle in at the middle of the underside, leaving the knot there, and out at the middle of the top. Lay the yarn down over the outside along a seam, go in again at the middle of the underside and out at the middle of the top, and draw it tight, so that the seam sinks in. Do this along four seams, fasten off at the middle of the top with a few stitches and draw the end inside. Do the other four seams with the other length.

6. Sew the covered button to the middle of the top with its tail, its right side up: go down through the cushion to the underside and up again twice, drawing it into the cushion, and fasten off under the button.

7. Weave in the tails of the base on its wrong side. Set the cushion in the middle of the base, the right side of the base up. Cut a length of I 38 in (96.5 cm) long and whip stitch them together all round, between rounds 7 and 8 of the base, one stitch for each stitch of round 7, 42 stitches, each a small stitch of the cushion where it touches the base and a stitch of the base. Fasten off and draw both ends inside. The ruffle stands free.

Finishing

- Stick the pins into the wedges.

In all: 10 pieces; 1,974 stitches (166 in each wedge, 603 in the ruffled base, 43 in the button cover).

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