Turtle applique

US terms



Finished size
About 4¾ in (12 cm) wide and about 4¾ in (12 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 7 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: moss green, round 3 of the shell, the flippers, the head and the tail	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: shell brown, round 2 of the shell	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: tan, round 1 of the shell	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the eyes	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). 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. Yarns A, B and C: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn D: 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.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows 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. After round 2 the shell measures about 2½ in (6 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

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 that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- A corner of the shell is the 2 sc in a ch-1 space. The rounded end of a flipper is its 5 dc; the other end, where it begins and ends, is its plain end.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- French knot (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back, wrap the yarn twice round the needle close to the surface, hold the wraps and put the needle down beside the place where it came up. For a large knot use the yarn double and wrap it three times.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3¼ in (8 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3¾ in (10 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 6 in (15 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, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Shell

Yarns in order of use: C, tan; B, shell brown; A, moss green.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(12 dc)**
	Fasten off C.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in any st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, **[**2 dc in next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(24 dc, 6 ch-1 sps)**

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Fasten off B.

☐ **Rnd 3**	Join A with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 1, 2 sc in same sp, sc in next 4 sts, **[**2 sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 4 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(36 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 55 in (140 cm) tail, for sewing the parts in this color to your project at the end.	

Flipper: make 4

Yarn A, moss green.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 5.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next 2 chs, 5 dc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch	**(2 hdc, 9 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Head

Yarn A, moss green.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(12 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Tail

Yarn A, moss green.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch	**(1 sc, 1 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Hold the shell with one corner at the top. Sew the head behind the top corner, 3/8 in (1 cm) of it hidden, and the tail behind the bottom corner, its hdc end hidden by ¼ in (0.6 cm) and its point straight down.
- Sew a flipper behind each of the four other corners, 3/8 in (1 cm) of its plain end hidden and its rounded end pointing straight out from the corner.
- With D, work a French knot for each eye on the head, ¼ in (0.6 cm) above its middle and 5/8 in (1.6 cm) apart.
- To sew the applique to your project, pin it where it is to go and sew round its edge with the long tail, under the outermost strands of the stitches; where a part is of another color, use a length of that color.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 7 pieces; 130 stitches (72 in the shell, 11 in each flipper, 12 in the head, 2 in the tail); 20 ends to weave in.

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