12 point star

US terms



Finished size
About 10 in (25 cm) across, from one point to the opposite point

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Medium (4), 6 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: indigo, rounds 1, 2 and 8	**about 18 yd (16 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: royal blue, round 3	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: bright blue, round 4	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: sky blue, round 5	**about 9 yd (8 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: pale blue, round 6	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: ice white, round 7	**about 12 yd (11 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), 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.

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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)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

sc3tog (UK dc3tog): [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] 3 times (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops. It leaves 1 sc3tog for the next round.

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 4 the piece measures about 5 in (13 cm) across, from one point to the opposite point. 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 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.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in; after a new color is joined, it is the stitch the color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- The twelve ch-2 spaces of a round are the points of the star. In Rnd 3 the sc between two points is the bottom of a valley; in every later round it is the sc3tog.
- In Rnd 4 a sc3tog takes in the dc before a valley, the sc at its bottom and the dc after it. In the rounds after that its middle stitch is the sc3tog of the round before.
- Rnds 3 and 4 may wave; the later rounds draw them flat.
- For a larger star, work more rounds in the same way, with 1 sc more on each side of every sc3tog than in the round before. Each round adds 24 stitches and about 1¼ in (3.2 cm) to the measure from point to point.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 6¾ in (17 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 7¾ in (20 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 12¾ in (32 cm).

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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 and dc is treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, indigo; B, royal blue; C, bright blue; D, sky blue; E, pale blue; F, ice white.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, 2 dc in each of next 11 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(24 dc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in any st, ch 3 (counts as dc), (ch 2, dc) in same st, sc in next st, **[**(dc, ch 2, dc) in next st, sc in next st**] 11 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(24 dc, 12 ch-2 sps, 12 sc)**
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join C with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in same sp, sc3tog in next 3 sts, **[**(2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc3tog in next 3 sts**] 11 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(48 sc, 12 ch-2 sps, 12 sc3tog)**
	Fasten off C.	
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join D with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in same sp, sc in next st, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next st, **[**(2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next st**] 11 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc, 12 ch-2 sps, 12 sc3tog)**
	Fasten off D.	
☐ **Rnd 6**	Join E with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in same sp, sc in next 2 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts, **[**(2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts**] 11 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(96 sc, 12 ch-2 sps, 12 sc3tog)**
	Fasten off E.	
☐ **Rnd 7**	Join F with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in same sp, sc in next 3 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next 3 sts, **[**(2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 3 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next 3 sts**] 11 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(120 sc, 12 ch-2 sps, 12 sc3tog)**

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Fasten off F.

☐ **Rnd 8**	Join A with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in same sp, sc in next 4 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next 4 sts, **[**(2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 4 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next 4 sts**] 11 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(144 sc, 12 ch-2 sps, 12 sc3tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Block: pin the star out on a flat surface, right side up, with its twelve points straight and equally far apart and its sides straight, spray it with water and let it dry.
- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle.

In all: 8 rounds; 14 ends to weave in.

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