Twiddle muff with things to hold

Muff · US terms



Finished size
About 9 in (23 cm) deep and 11¾ in (30 cm) from end to end, 18 in (45.5 cm) round, for the two hands of a grown-up, which go in from the two ends

Skill
Intermediate
It is joined rounds with a different stitch in each stripe, and many small parts that are sewn on.

Yarn
Medium (4), 6 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

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

What you need

Yarn A: teal, stripes	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: mustard, part of the muff, the flower center and part of the ball	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: coral, part of the muff, the tag and part of the ball	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cream, part of the muff, the petal and the pocket	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: heather purple, stripes	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: sage, stripes and the lining	**about 350 yd (320 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 350 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: acrylic or wool

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, pins, sewing thread and a sewing needle, a yarn needle, scissors, 3 wooden buttons 1 in (2.5 cm) across, with large holes, and 1 more for the flower, a closed-end zipper 7 in (18 cm) long and a handful of toy stuffing.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Fidget sleeve	10 in (25.5 cm) round, 9 in (23 cm) long	about 185 yd (169 m)
Muff (this file)	**9 in (23 cm) deep, 11¾ in (30 cm)**	**about 700 yd (640 m)**

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Gauge

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

16 stitches and 13 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet, worked in the round. 16 stitches and 9 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet, worked in the round. The bobbles, loops, puffs and popcorn are counted at the same height as single crochet rounds, and the post stitches as half double crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Lay it flat and count the stitches over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 16 stitches; rows worked back and forth are not quite as tall as rounds, so go by the stitches. 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.
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> | **Swatch foundation** | Ch 25. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | (24 sc) |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 27** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (24 sc) |

Instructions

Muff. US terms.

ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **sl st** slip stitch, **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **hdc** half double crochet (UK htr), **BLO** only the loop away from you, **sk** skip, **FPhdc** hdc round the stitch below, hook in and out at the front, **BPhdc** hdc round the stitch below, hook in and out at the back, **sc2tog** 2 sc made into one, **st** stitch.

2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 3 sts: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the hole under the chain. The hook goes in the hole, never into a chain.

Do not turn: the outside faces you all the time. The ch 1 is not a stitch. The first sc goes **where the slip stitch went**.

Working in the round

[ ] 18 times: 18 times in all. (54 sc, 18 bo): the round now has that many; a check, not a step. **How to read a pattern**

Also: yo yarn over, sp space, RS right side.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Special stitches

bo (Bobble): [yo, insert hook in the place named, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull through 2 loops] 5 times, yo, pull through all 6 loops on hook.

pc (Popcorn): 5 dc in the stitch named, take the hook out of the loop, put it from front to back under the top of the first of these 5, pick up the dropped loop and draw it through. Pull it snug, so that the five stand out as one round knob on the side that faces you. It counts as 1 stitch; the next round works into the loop just drawn through.

puff: [yo, insert hook in the place named, yo, pull up a loop] 3 times, yo, pull through all 7 loops on hook.

lp (Chain loop): Sc in the place named, ch 8, slip stitch in the top of the sc just made, so that the chain stands out as a loop on the side that faces you. It counts as 1 stitch; the next round works one stitch into the top of its sc.

Muff

Begin with yarn A, teal.

☐ **Start**	Ch 72, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	

Beginning

☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in each ch around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)

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Stripe 1: ridges

☐ **Rounds 2 to 4**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)

2 3 4

Stripe 2: bobbles

☐ **Round 5**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, bo in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc, 18 bo)
☐ **Round 7**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)

Stripe 3: mesh

☐ **Round 8**	With D, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 36 times**, sl st in first dc to join	(36 dc, 36 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Round 9**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 36 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)

Stripe 4: popcorn

☐ **Round 10**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Round 11**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, pc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc, 18 pc)
☐ **Round 12**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)

Stripe 5: puffs

☐ **Round 13**	With E, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Round 14**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, puff in next st**] 36 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(36 sc, 36 puffs)
☐ **Round 15**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)

Stripe 6: wide ribs

☐ **Round 16**	With F, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(72 hdc)
☐ **Rounds 17 to 18**	Ch 2, **[**FPhdc around next 4 sts, BPhdc around next 4 sts**] 9 times**, sl st in first FPhdc to join	(36 FPhdc, 36 BPhdc)

17 18

Stripe 7: cords

☐ **Round 19**	With C, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(72 hdc)
☐ **Round 20**	Ch 2, BPhdc around each st around, sl st in first BPhdc to join	(72 BPhdc)
☐ **Round 21**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)

Stripe 8: loops

☐ **Round 22**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Round 23**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, lp in next st**] 36 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(36 sc, 36 lp)
☐ **Round 24**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)

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Stripe 9: ridges

☐ **Round 25**	With D, ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rounds 26 to 27**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)

26 27

Stripe 10: bobbles

☐ **Round 28**	With E, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Round 29**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, bo in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc, 18 bo)
☐ **Round 30**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)

Stripe 11: mesh

☐ **Round 31**	With B, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 36 times**, sl st in first dc to join	(36 dc, 36 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Round 32**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 36 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)

Stripe 12: popcorn

☐ **Round 33**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Round 34**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, pc in next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc, 18 pc)
☐ **Round 35**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)

Stripe 13: puffs

☐ **Round 36**	With F, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Round 37**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, puff in next st**] 36 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(36 sc, 36 puffs)
☐ **Round 38**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)

Stripe 14: wide ribs

☐ **Round 39**	With A, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(72 hdc)
☐ **Rounds 40 to 41**	Ch 2, **[**FPhdc around next 4 sts, BPhdc around next 4 sts**] 9 times**, sl st in first FPhdc to join	(36 FPhdc, 36 BPhdc)

40 41

Stripe 15: cords

☐ **Round 42**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(72 hdc)
☐ **Round 43**	Ch 2, BPhdc around each st around, sl st in first BPhdc to join	(72 BPhdc)
☐ **Round 44**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)

Stripe 16: loops

☐ **Round 45**	With E, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Round 46**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, lp in next st**] 36 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(36 sc, 36 lp)
☐ **Round 47**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)

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Lining

☐ **Round 48**	With F, ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rounds 49 to 85**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(72 hdc)

49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85

☐ Fasten off, leaving a tail of 66 in (167.5 cm) for sewing.

Petal: make 6

Yarn D, cream.

It is one round along both sides of the chain. The joined end is the narrow one.

☐ **Start**	Ch 6.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, 6 dc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	(2 sc, 2 hdc, 10 dc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm) for sewing.	

Flower center

Yarn B, mustard.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 36 in (91.5 cm) for sewing.	

Tag: make 4

Yarn C, coral.

☐ **Start**	Ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

☐ Fasten off, leaving a tail of 16 in (40.5 cm) for sewing.

Pocket

Begin with yarn D, cream.

The bobbles are worked in rows with the wrong side facing and stand out on the right side.

☐ **Start**	Ch 16.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(15 sc)

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☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(15 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 3 sts, bo in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 3 sts	(12 sc, 3 bo)
☐ **Rows 5 to 7** 5 6 7	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(15 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, bo in next st, sc in next 3 sts, bo in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(13 sc, 2 bo)
☐ **Rows 9 to 11** 9 10 11	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(15 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 3 sts, bo in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 3 sts	(12 sc, 3 bo)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(15 sc)
☐ **Row 14**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(15 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Ball

Begin with yarn C, coral.

Stuff it firmly after round 7, with its ends inside.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	With B, sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐ **Rounds 5 to 6** 5 6	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	With C, **[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	**[**Sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30.5 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails of the tube on its wrong side but the long tail at the end of the lining. Weave in the starting tails of the petals and the tags, and all the tails of the pocket, on their wrong sides, and draw the ring of the flower center closed and weave in its starting tail. Keep the long tails of the petals, the flower center, the tags and the ball. Sew all the things on before you close the lining, through the outside of the muff only.

2. The front. Lay the tube down right side out, the joins of the rounds in the middle of the underside. The 36 stitches that are up are the front. The fold toward you is the lower fold, the one away from you the upper fold. Stripe 1 is at your left; the lining lies at your right for now.

3. The flower. Arrange the six petals in a ring under the flower center, all right sides up, so that the narrow end of

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each reaches in to round 1 of the center and the six are the same distance apart, 3 stitches of the last round for each. With its own tail sew the narrow end of each petal to the center with 5 stitches, and go over them once more. With the tail of the center sew its last round down on the petals, 18 stitches, one in each stitch, and go round once more in the same places. Fasten off on the wrong side. Lay it on the front with its middle on the line where stripes 3 and 4 meet, 16 stitches from the lower fold. Put a wooden button on the middle of the flower. With a double length of sewing thread sew through the button, the flower and the muff at least eight times, leaving the stitches about ¼ in (0.5 cm) slack, and wind the thread six times round them under the flower, so that a short stalk forms on which the flower can turn. Fasten off inside with three small stitches.

4. The buttons. With doubled sewing thread sew the three buttons to stripe 9, their middles 12, 18 and 24 stitches from the lower fold, eight stitches through each, and fasten off inside.

5. The zipper. Lay it, closed and right side up, round the front, along stripe 7, its teeth on the middle round of that stripe and its tapes over the stripe to both sides of them. Its closed end is 4 stitches from the lower fold and it reaches up over the front toward the upper fold, the pull at the top. The loops of stripe 8 stay free: lay them aside where a tape comes to them. Fold the loose ends of the tapes under and pin. With doubled sewing thread sew both tapes down along their outer edges and across both ends with backstitch. Backstitch: bring the needle up one stitch ahead on the line, put it down at the end of the last stitch, and bring it up one stitch ahead again. The teeth must be free, so that the pull runs.

6. The ball. Thread its tail through the front loops of the last round, draw the hole shut and fasten off with two small stitches inside. For the cord, with B ch 40, leaving a tail of 14 in (35.5 cm) at the start; slip stitch in the 2nd chain from the hook and in each chain back to the start (39 slip stitches), and fasten off, leaving a second tail of 14 in (35.5 cm). The cord is about 9 in (23 cm) long. Both tails hang at one of its ends, the tail end; the other, where you turned, is the plain end. Lay the tail end on the ball, on the place where the hole was drawn shut. With the tail left when you fastened off sew it down with eight stitches that go deep into the ball, and with the tail of the start go over the same places with eight more. Draw both tails through the ball and cut them off.

7. The end of the cord. It is sewn to the front of the muff before the pocket covers it. Lay the plain end of the cord in the middle of stripe 13, 13 stitches from the lower fold, with the cord running straight up from there toward the upper fold. Cut a length of B about 24 in (61 cm), take it double, and sew the last ½ in (1.5 cm) of the cord to the muff with eight stitches through the cord and the fabric. Fasten off inside.

8. The pocket. Lay it on the front, right side up, over stripes 11 to 15: its foundation edge is the lower one, 9 stitches from the lower fold, and its last row, the row of A, is the upper one, which stays open. The sewn end of the cord is now under it, 1 in (2.5 cm) above the foundation edge, and the cord with the ball comes out at the open edge. Pin it. Cut two lengths of D, each about 44 in (112 cm). With the first, begin at one upper corner and sew the pocket down along one side, the foundation edge and the other side to the other upper corner: bring the needle up through the pocket one stitch in from its edge and down through the fabric beneath just beside the edge, one stitch for each row and each stitch; work three stitches one upon the other at each upper corner. Fasten off inside. With the second length go over the same stitches once more. Fasten off inside and weave in the ends. Put the ball into the pocket, or let it hang out of it by its cord.

9. The tags. Fold each in half, right side out, so that its first and last rows meet; it is then about 1¼ in (3 cm) long. Pin them along the lower fold, in the middle of stripes 3, 6, 11 and 14, the two ends on the fold and the loop hanging down. With its tail whip stitch the two ends together and to the fold, 5 stitches through all layers, and go back over the same line once more. Fasten off inside.

10. The lining. Turn the plain half into the tube, wrong side to wrong side: the fold comes at the round worked in BLO. The end of the lining meets the foundation chain. Pin it all round, the joins in line, and with the long tail whip stitch the last round to the foundation chain, 72 stitches, one stitch of the round to one chain. Fasten off and draw the end between the layers. Pull at each thing that is sewn on: none should give.

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Finishing

- Wash it in a laundry bag, as the yarn band says, and dry it flat.

In all: 14 pieces.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. Yarns A and E: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarns B, C, D and F: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Notes

- Lay the foundation chain straight before you join it into a ring, and take care that it is not twisted: a twist cannot be taken out later.
- The tube is worked in joined rounds with the right side, the outside, facing you; never turn. The chain at the start of a round does not count as a stitch: work the first stitch of the round into the stitch the round before was joined in, and round its post where the round is of post stitches. The flower center and the ball are worked in rounds that are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring, draw up a loop and chain 1 to hold it, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- FPhdc and BPhdc, front and back post half double crochet: work a half double crochet round the post of the stitch below instead of into its top. For FPhdc put the hook in from the front, behind the post, and out to the front again. For BPhdc put it in from the back, in front of the post, and out to the back again.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays on the outside as a ridge.
- To change color where a joined round begins, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the slip stitch that ends the round before. In the rows of the pocket and in the ball draw it through as the last yarn over of the stitch before the change. Cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- In the pocket and the tags the chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Push the bobbles and puffs out to the right side with a finger.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- Everything that is sewn on will be pulled, and must hold. Sewing thread is always used double. Yarn is used single where a step does not say double, and each thing sewn on with yarn is sewn twice over the same places or with the yarn double, as its step says. Only the seam that closes the lining of the muff is sewn once. The muff or sleeve is for a grown-up who does not put things in the mouth, with someone near; look it over often and mend what has come loose. Leave out any part that does not suit.
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 4: A. Rounds 5 to 7: C. Rounds 8 to 9: D. Rounds 10 to 12: B. Rounds 13 to 15: E. Rounds 16 to 18: F. Rounds 19 to 21: C. Rounds 22 to 24: A. Rounds 25 to 27: D. Rounds 28 to 30: E. Rounds 31 to 32: B. Rounds 33 to 35: C. Rounds 36 to 38: F. Rounds 39 to 41: A. Rounds 42 to 44: B. Rounds 45 to 47: E. Rounds 48 to 85: F. The petals are D; the pocket is D with a last row of A; the flower center is B and the tags are C. The ball is C with rounds 4 to 6 in B. The cord is B.

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