Vegetable play food set

US terms



Finished size

The tomato about 2¾ in (7 cm) across, the carrot about 5½ in (14 cm) long without its leaves, the pea pod about 5 in (12.5 cm) long, the eggplant about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) long with its stem, the mushroom about 2 3/8 in (6 cm) tall and the broccoli about 3½ in (8.9 cm) tall

Skill

Intermediate

27 pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn

Medium (4), 7 colors

Hook

3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet, in a spiral.

What you need

Yarn A: tomato red, tomato and the details	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: carrot orange, carrot	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: leaf green, several of the pieces	**about 195 yd (178 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: pea green, pea, broccoli stem and the details	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: eggplant purple, eggplant	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: cream, mushroom cap and mushroom stem	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: tan, mushroom cap	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

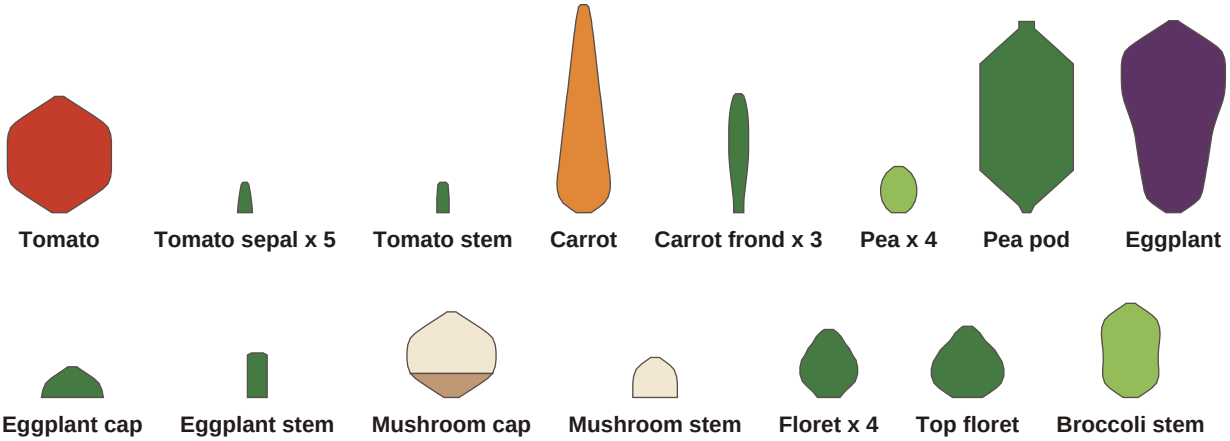
By weight: about 210 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins and scissors.

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.

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The pieces



Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

20 sc and 22 rounds or rows = 4 in (10 cm). To check it, work a flat circle in a spiral: 6 sc in a magic ring, then 6 more sc in each round (12, 18, 24, 30, 36). After round 6 it should measure about 2¼ in (5.7 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Notes

- Every piece that has rounds is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up. Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.
- Color change: where a line begins "With G," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in G. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- In every step of putting it together: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- To work sc2tog, put the hook under the front loop only of each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through both loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops. In a BLO round, use the back loops instead.
- No plastic eyes are used.
- One size, at the gauge above: the tomato about 2¾ in (7 cm) across, the carrot about 5½ in (14 cm) long without its leaves, the pea pod about 5 in (12.5 cm) long, the eggplant about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) long with its stem, the mushroom about 2 3/8 in (6 cm) tall and the broccoli about 3½ in (8.9 cm) tall. A thinner or a thicker yarn with a hook to suit makes it smaller or larger; every length then changes with it.

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Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **MR** magic ring, **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one. **BLO**: only the loop away from you. **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(6 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

bobble: [yarn over, insert hook in the stitch, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops] 4 times in the same stitch, yarn over, pull through all 5 loops (United Kingdom: a bobble of 4 trebles). Push it out to the right side.

Tomato

Yarn A, tomato red.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnds 8 to 15**	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)
	8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
	Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.	
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside.	

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Tomato sepal: make 5

Yarn C, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	3 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(3 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 3 stitches.	

Tomato stem

Yarn C, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 5** 3 4 5	Sc in each st around	(5 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

Carrot

Yarn B, carrot orange.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	(7 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts	(11 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st	(12 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	(13 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts	(17 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts	(19 sc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts	(20 sc)
☐ **Rnd 24**	Sc in each st around	(20 sc)
☐ **Rnd 25**	Sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st	(21 sc)
☐ **Rnd 26**	Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts	(22 sc)
☐ **Rnds 27 to 28**	Sc in each st around	(22 sc)

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Stuff firmly now, the point first, a little at a time. Keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 30**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 31**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside.	

Carrot frond: make 3

Yarn C, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc2tog, **[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in each of next 4 sts, sc in next st	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 3 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc2tog, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc2tog, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc2tog, sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc2tog, **[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnds 18 to 19** 18 19	Sc in each st around	(4 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 2 stitches. The wide and the narrow rounds make the notches along its two sides: pull them out to the sides with your fingers.	

Pea: make 4

Yarn D, pea green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnds 4 to 6** 4 5 6	Sc in each st around	(15 sc)
	Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.	
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside.	

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Pea pod

Yarn C, leaf green.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 2 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 3.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	(10 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st	(12 sc)
☐ **Rows 7 to 21**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(12 sc)
	7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog	(10 sc)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc2tog	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog	(1 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Eggplant

Yarn E, eggplant purple.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnds 8 to 13**	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)
	8 9 10 11 12 13	
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 19 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(40 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times**	(38 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 17 sts**] 2 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next 16 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(34 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	(32 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 14 sts**] 2 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnds 20 to 21**	Sc in each st around	(30 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc in next 13 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(28 sc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	Sc in each st around	(28 sc)
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(26 sc)
☐ **Rnd 25**	Sc in each st around	(26 sc)
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts**] 2 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnds 27 to 28**	Sc in each st around	(24 sc)

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Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 30**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 31**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside.	

Eggplant cap

Yarn C, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 23 sts, 2 sc in next st	(25 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st**] 5 times**	(25 sts)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 22 in (56 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. The tall stitches of round 6 make five soft points in its edge.	

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Eggplant stem

Yarn C, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnds 2 to 7**	Sc in each st around	(8 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Mushroom cap

Yarns in order of use: F, cream; G, tan.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnds 7 to 11**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
	7 8 9 10 11	
☐ **Rnd 12**	With G, working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
	Stuff the dome firmly now, and leave the underside nearly flat. Keep adding a little until the last round.	
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside.	

Mushroom stem

Yarn F, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)

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☐ **Rnds 4 to 7** 4 5 6 7	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Floret: make 4

Yarn C, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 6 times**	(12 sts)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 9 times**	(18 sts)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 12 times**	(24 sts)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 12 times**	(24 sts)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	(9 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Top floret

Yarn C, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 6 times**	(12 sts)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 12 times**	(24 sts)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 15 times**	(30 sts)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 15 times**	(30 sts)

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☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Broccoli stem

Yarn D, pea green.

Round 1 is the middle of the base.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 7** 6 7	Sc in each st around	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(22 sc)
☐ **Rnds 9 to 11** 9 10 11	Sc in each st around	(22 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	(24 sc)
	Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.	
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside.	

Assembly

1. Tomato: dent its top first. Fasten a new length of A (tomato red) with two small stitches beside the closed hole. Take the needle straight down through the tomato to round 1, the middle of its base, put it back in one stitch away and bring it straight up again, out beside the closed hole. Pull until the top sinks about ¼ in (6 mm), fasten off with two small stitches and bury the end. Then sew the five tomato sepals round the hole: the flat 3-stitch edge of each lies along round 19 (18 sts), over 3 of its stitches, with a little more than ½ stitch free between one sepal and the next. They point outward. Sew each through both layers with its tail; the tips stay free. Last, stand the tomato stem on the closed hole and sew its open edge (5 sts) down all the way round with its tail.

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2. Carrot: round 1 is the point and the closed hole is the top. Sew the three carrot fronds to the top in one straight line, the flat 2-stitch edge of the first over the closed hole and the edges of the other two close beside it, one at each end of the first, so that the three edges together are 6 stitches long. Sew each through both layers with its tail. Spread them like a fan.

3. Peas: fold the pea pod lengthwise, the right side outside, so that its two long edges meet. At each end sew the two long edges together along 2 rows: rows 1 and 2 with a new length of C (leaf green), and rows 26 and 27 with the tail. Open the pod between them like a boat and lay the four peas in it in a row. They stay loose; for a child under three sew each pea to the bottom of the pod, in a circle about 3/8 in (10 mm) across, with a new length of D (pea green).

4. Eggplant: round 1 is its round lower end and the closed hole is its top. Put the eggplant cap on the top like a hat, right side out, its round 1 over the closed hole: its round 5 (25 sts) lies on round 27 (24 sts), and the points of round 6 reach to round 25. With the tail of the eggplant cap, sew its edge down all the way round, easing it to fit. Stand the eggplant stem on the middle of the eggplant cap: its open edge (8 sts) lies between rounds 1 and 2 of the eggplant cap. Sew it down all the way round with its tail, and lean it to one side.

5. Mushroom: set the open edge of the mushroom stem (18 sts) on round 14 of the underside of the mushroom cap (18 sts), the middle of the one over the closed hole of the other. Sew them together all the way round, stitch to stitch, with the tail of the mushroom stem.

6. Broccoli: stand the broccoli stem on its flat base. Set the open edge of the top floret (12 sts) on round 15 of the broccoli stem (12 sts), over the closed hole, and sew them together all the way round, stitch to stitch, with the tail of the top floret. Then sew the four florets round it: the middle of the open edge of each (9 sts) lies on round 13 (24 sts), 6 stitches from one middle to the next, and the edge covers rounds 12 to 14. They point up and outward. Sew each down all the way round with its tail. With a new length of C (leaf green), catch each floret to its two neighbors and to the top floret with two small stitches where they touch.

Finishing

- Weave every tail through the pieces and trim it. For play food that will be used a good deal, go round each seam a second time with a new length of yarn. Check the seams and small parts from time to time.

In all: 27 pieces; 5,163 stitches.

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