Wooden bead necklace

US terms



Finished size
About 24¾ in (63 cm) long, buttoned, of which the beads and barrels take about 12¼ in (31 cm)

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 17 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: sand, the barrels and the cords	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: indigo, the large cage, the medium cages and the small cages	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 15 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, 11 honey brown wooden beads (3 of about 1 1/8 in (3 cm), 4 of about 1 in (2.5 cm) and 4 of about ¾ in (2 cm)), each with a hole that four strands of the yarn go through, a 5/8 in (1.6 cm) wooden button, sewing thread, a needle for the button 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.

Gauge

18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is as wide as the hole of the bead; do not close it.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.

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- A slip stitch at the start of a round only carries the yarn to the place named; the first stitch of the round is worked in that same place. If stitches lie between the joining and that place, slip stitch across them first.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- A cage is a net that closes round a bead: it is not flat. The large cage holds a bead of 1 1/8 in (3 cm), the medium cage one of 1 in (2.5 cm), the small cage one of ¾ in (2 cm). Five of the eleven beads are caged: 1 large, 2 medium and 2 small.
- A barrel is a strip of 6 stitches that is sewn into a ring. It stands between two beads, its chain edge against one and the tops of its stitches against the other.
- Rnds 3 and 4: the sl st at the start brings the yarn to the first chain loop; let every sc of these rounds slide to the middle of its loop.
- When Rnd 3 is done, put the bead into the net, one end of its hole on the magic ring, and work Rnd 4 round the other end of the hole. If the net is slack or too tight on your bead, work Rnds 2 and 3 with 1 chain fewer or more in every loop.
- In another yarn the beads must be larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- The cords may be longer or shorter: each 4 chains make a cord about 7/8 in (2.3 cm) longer.
- 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.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured along its length: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 21¼ in (54 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 32 in (81 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 40½ in (103 cm).

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **rem** remaining, **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
RS right side, the one that shows.
ch-6 sp: the gap under six chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 5 times: work what is inside 5 times in all.
(6 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Large cage

Yarn B, indigo.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st, **[**ch 6, sc in next st**] 5 times**, ch 6, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc, 6 ch-6 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sl st in next ch-6 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, **[**ch 6, sc in next ch-6 sp**] 5 times**, ch 6, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc, 6 ch-6 sps)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next ch-6 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, **[**sc in next ch-6 sp**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Medium cage: make 2

Yarn B, indigo.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st, **[**ch 5, sc in next st**] 5 times**, ch 5, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc, 6 ch-5 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sl st in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 5 times**, ch 5, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc, 6 ch-5 sps)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, **[**sc in next ch-5 sp**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Small cage: make 2

Yarn B, indigo.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st, **[**ch 3, sc in next st**] 5 times**, ch 3, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc, 6 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, **[**ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp**] 5 times**, ch 3, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc, 6 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, **[**sc in next ch-3 sp**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Barrel: make 10

Yarn A, sand.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cord: make 2

Yarn A, sand.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 29.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(28 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 36 in (91 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the cords straight on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry. The cages are not blocked.
- Cages: with its tail, run a thread through the tops of the 6 sc of Rnd 4 of the large cage, of each medium cage and of each small cage, draw it up until the opening is as wide as the hole of the bead, and fasten it. Hide the tail in the net.
- Barrels: bend each strip into a ring with the side that faced you in Row 1 outside, and sew its two short ends together with its tail. Hide the tail inside.
- Lay the beads in a row: small plain, small caged, medium plain, medium caged, large plain, large caged, large plain, medium caged, medium plain, small caged, small plain. Lay a barrel between every two beads, ten in all, its opening toward the beads. The two ends of a hole, the magic ring and Rnd 4 of a cage, point along the row.
- Stringing: thread the long tail of one cord on the yarn needle and pass it through all eleven beads and ten barrels in that order. Bring the other cord with its long tail at the far end of the row; pass the needle through the short edge of that cord beside its tail and back through all the beads and barrels to the first cord. Draw the yarn up until every barrel touches the bead on each side of it and the end beads touch the cords, and sew it to the short edge of the first cord with two stitches. Do the same with the tail of the second cord: through all the beads and barrels to the first cord, through its short edge, back through all of them, and fasten it to the second cord. Four strands now lie in every bead and barrel.
- With sewing thread, sew the button to one cord, its middle ¼ in (0.6 cm) from the free short edge.
- Button loop: at the free short edge of the other cord, join A with a slip stitch in one corner, ch 8, work a slip stitch in the other corner and fasten off. The loop is about ¾ in (1.9 cm) long when it is pulled flat. Pull it over the button to see that it holds; work a chain more or less if it does not.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 17 pieces; 236 stitches (24 in the large cage, 24 in each medium cage, 24 in each small cage, 6 in each barrel, 28 in each cord).

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