



 CROCHET PATTERN

Zesty Citrus Lemon & Slice Pattern

★ Skill: Beginner

✏ Size: 3–6 inches

🪡 Hook: 3.0 mm

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About This Pattern: This is a premium digital PDF pattern for the *Zesty Citrus Lemon & Slice Pattern* crochet project. All instructions are written in US terminology. This pattern is suitable for Beginner crocheters and includes step-by-step instructions, photos, assembly guidance, and a full troubleshooting FAQ.

Materials & Tools

Yarn

- ▶ Main Body Color
- ▶ Accent/Topping Color
- ▶ Detail Color
- ▶ Estimated Yardage: 50–120 yards total

Recommended Hook

- ▶ Primary Hook: 3.0 mm
- ▶ Tapestry / Yarn Needle: Size 13–16 blunt tip
- ▶ Optional: Ergonomic grip handle for comfortable crocheting

Additional Supplies

- ▶ Polyester fiberfill / Toy stuffing
- ▶ 12mm safety eyes (check pattern notes)
- ▶ Stitch markers (at least 2)
- ▶ Scissors
- ▶ Straight sewing pins
- ▶ Row counter (optional)



Zesty Citrus Lemon & Slice Pattern — main project view

Finished Size

3–6 inches (7–15 cm)

Gauge

Not critical. Tighter tension is preferred to prevent stuffing from showing.

Stitch Abbreviations (US Terms)

All patterns are written in US crochet terminology.

MR**Magic Ring***Start: 6 sc in MR***ch****Chain***ch 12 to begin***sl st****Slip Stitch***Join with sl st***sc****Single Crochet***sc in each st***hdc****Half Double Crochet***hdc in next 4 sts***dc****Double Crochet***dc in each st around***tr****Treble Crochet***tr in 5th ch from hook***inc****Increase (2 sc in 1 st)***(sc, inc) repeat***dec****Invisible Decrease***dec 6 times (12→6)***BLO****Back Loops Only***sc in BLO around***FLO****Front Loops Only***sc in FLO around***FO****Fasten Off***FO, leave 10" tail*

TIP

The Invisible Decrease (dec): Insert hook under front loop of first stitch AND front loop of second stitch. Pull through both loops (3 loops on hook). Pull yarn through all 3 loops in one motion. This creates a seamless decrease that won't leave visible holes.

Pattern Notes



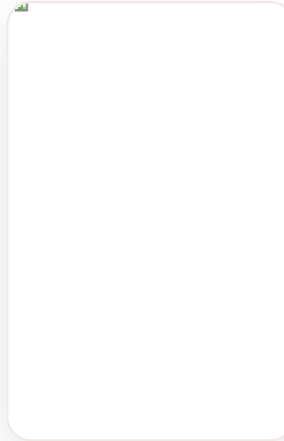
Construction Notes

- ▶ This Zesty Citrus Lemon & Slice Pattern pattern is worked in continuous rounds (spiral) unless otherwise noted.
- ▶ Do NOT join at the end of each round unless the pattern specifically instructs you to.
- ▶ Use a stitch marker to mark the beginning of each round.
- ▶ All stitch counts are shown in parentheses at the end of each round, e.g., (18).
- ▶ All pieces are worked from the top down unless otherwise stated.

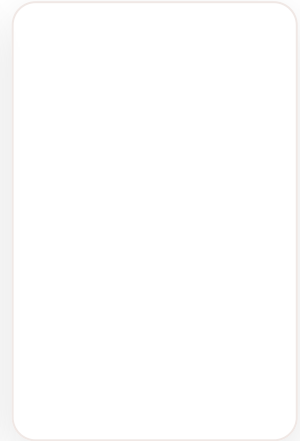


Yarn & Hook Notes

- ▶ Recommended yarn: 100% Cotton Sport Yarn
- ▶ Recommended hook: 3.0 mm
- ▶ For amigurumi: Use a hook 0.5mm smaller than label recommends for tighter tension.
- ▶ Cotton yarn gives the crispest stitch definition.
- ▶ Chenille/velvet yarn creates the fluffiest look but hides stitch detail.



Close detail of correct tension showing stitch definition



Side view showing finished proportions and shape

⚠ NOTE

If this item is intended for children under 3 years old, replace safety eyes with embroidered eyes for safety. Do not attach any small parts that could be a choking hazard.



Parts to Make:

Main Body

Topping / Cap

Details (seeds, sprinkles, etc.)

Main Body

Beginning of Main Body — Body sphere formed and stuffed to correct density

With main body color, make a magic ring.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in ring. (6)

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. (12)

Rnd 3: *Sc, inc*, repeat 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: *Sc 2, inc*, repeat 6 times. (24)

Rnd 5: *Sc 3, inc*, repeat 6 times. (30)

Rnds 6–10: Sc in all 30 sts. (30)

TIP

Stuff the body very firmly — food items look best when well-rounded. Under-stuffing is the most common mistake for this type of pattern.

Main Body (continued)

Rnd 11: *Sc 3, dec*, repeat 6 times. (24)

Begin stuffing firmly with fiberfill.

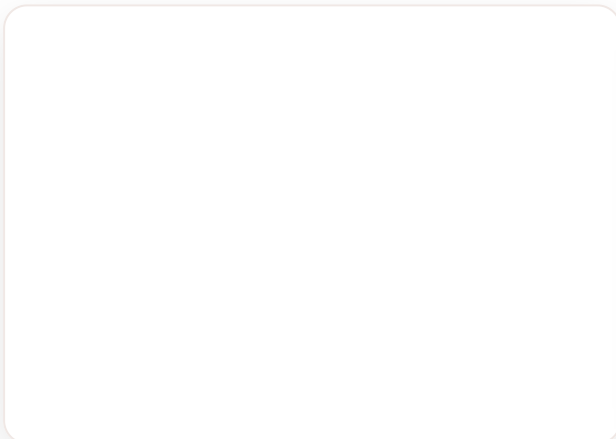
Rnd 12: *Sc 2, dec*, repeat 6 times. (18)

Rnd 13: *Sc, dec*, repeat 6 times. (12)

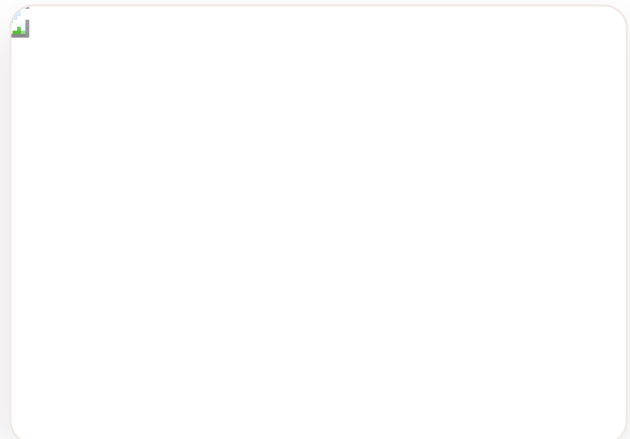
Finish stuffing. Continue to next stitch count.

Rnd 14: Dec 6 times. (6)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail to close the hole.



Main Body in progress — stitch detail



Main Body completed and ready for next step

Topping

Beginning of Topping — Topping piece laid flat before attachment to body

With topping color, make a magic ring.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in ring. (6)

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. (12)

Rnd 3: *Sc, inc*, repeat 6 times. (18)

 TIP

 **COLOR NOTE:** For a realistic drip effect on the topping, use a slightly longer piece of yarn in your topping color and sew it down in wavy lines before attaching the topping.

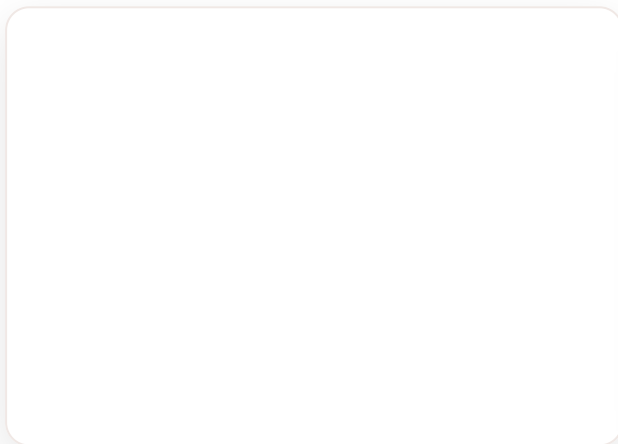
Topping (continued)

Rnd 4: *Sc 2, inc*, repeat 6 times. (24)

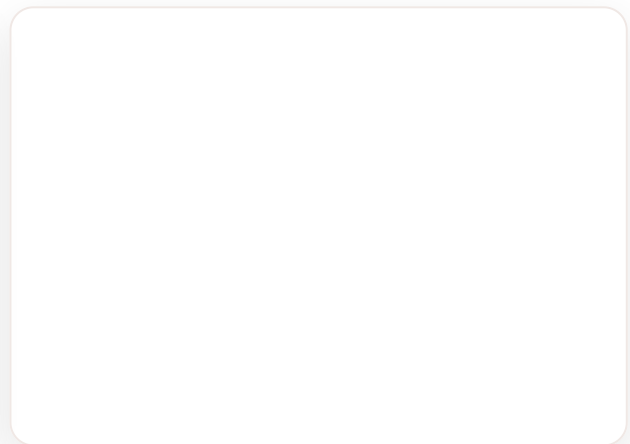
Rnd 5: *Sc 3, inc*, repeat 6 times. (30)

Rnds 6–8: Sc in all 30 sts. Do NOT stuff topping.

Sl st, fasten off leaving a 16-inch tail for sewing onto body.

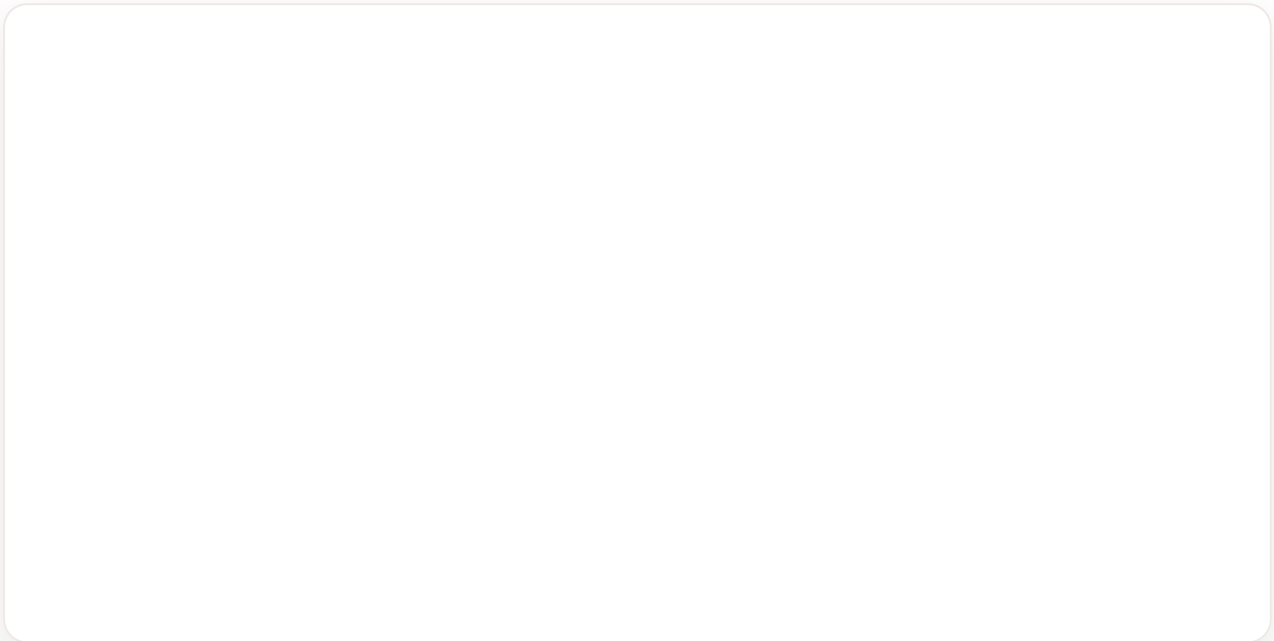


Topping in progress — stitch detail



Topping completed and ready for next step

Details & Decorations



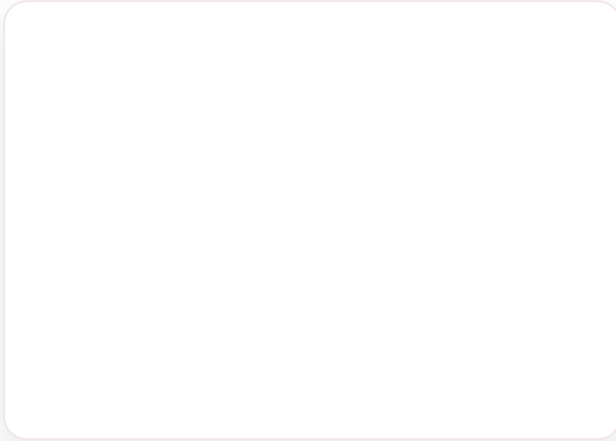
Beginning of Details & Decorations — Detail decorations being applied to topping

Seeds/Sprinkles: Cut short lengths of contrasting yarn (½ inch each). Using a tapestry needle, thread through the topping in random positions and knot to secure.

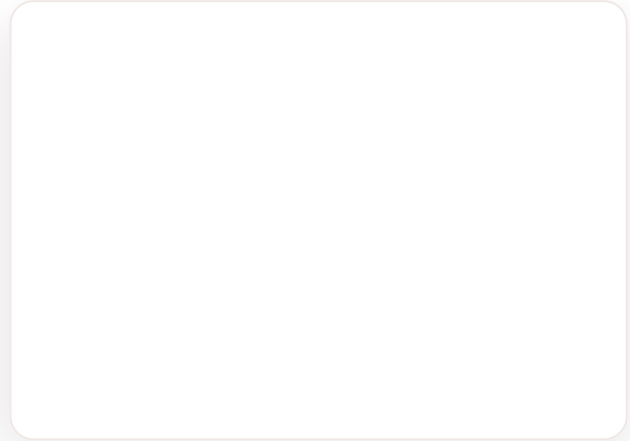
Leaves (if applicable): Ch 6, dc in 3rd ch from hook, dc in next 2, sl st in last ch. Fasten off. Make 2–3 per piece.

Details & Decorations (continued)

Stem (if applicable): With stem color, make a 4-stitch I-cord 1 inch long. Attach to top of body.

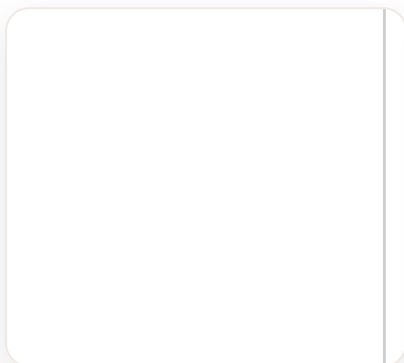


Details & Decorations in progress — stitch detail

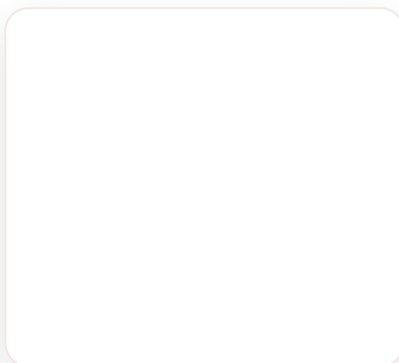


Details & Decorations completed and ready for next step

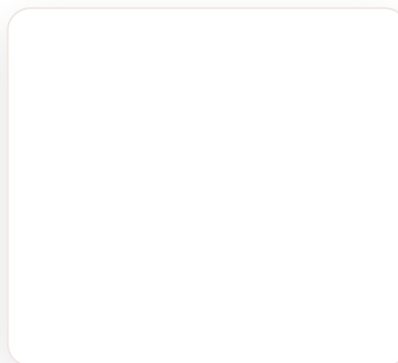
Assembly Guide



All pieces laid out for assembly



Positioning head on body



Checking symmetry before sewing

- 1 Place the topping on top of the body, aligning evenly.
- 2 Using the long tail and a tapestry needle, whip stitch the bottom edge of the topping to the top edge of the body all the way around.
- 3 Attach any leaves or stems to the top center of the topping.
- 4 Weave in all ends. Block gently with steam if needed to help the topping lay flat.

TIP

Pin all pieces in position before sewing a single stitch. Take a photo of the layout, then step back and check symmetry from a distance. This prevents the frustration of having to unpick assembled pieces.

Finishing Techniques

Weaving In Ends

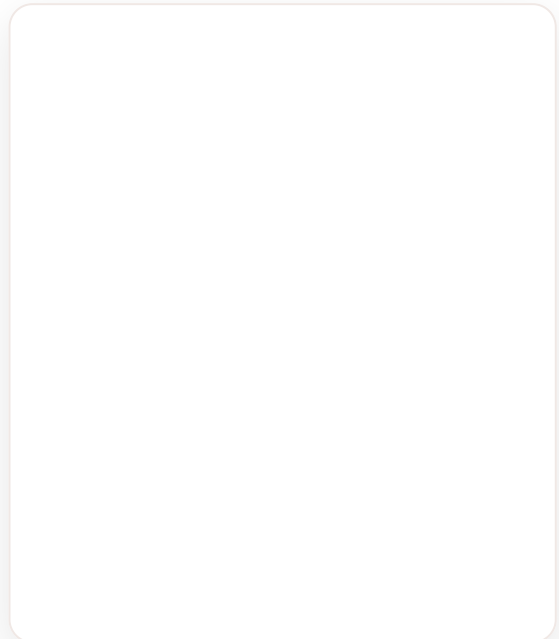
- ▶ Thread the yarn tail onto a tapestry needle.
- ▶ Insert the needle through 3–4 stitches in one direction.
- ▶ Reverse direction and weave through 3–4 more stitches.
- ▶ Give the yarn a gentle tug to set it. Trim close to the fabric.
- ▶ Never cut the yarn too close — leave at least 2mm to prevent unraveling.

Invisible Closure

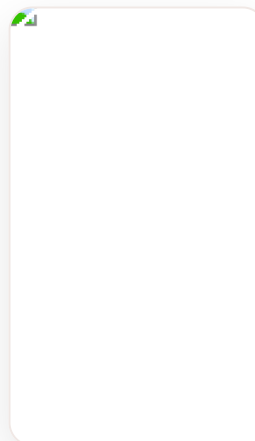
- ▶ Thread remaining 6-stitch tail onto tapestry needle.
- ▶ Insert needle through the front loop of each remaining stitch, going around the entire opening.
- ▶ Pull firmly to gather all loops together.
- ▶ Take one stitch across the closing point and pull through to reverse side.
- ▶ Weave in end through 4–5 internal stitches to secure.

TIP

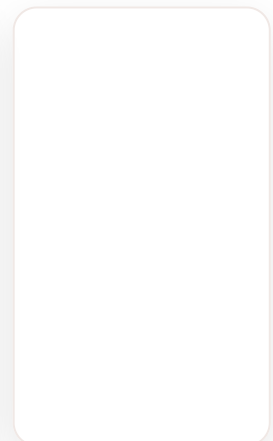
For blocking: If your finished piece is cotton yarn, wet block it by soaking in cool water, pressing gently in a towel, then reshaping and pinning to final measurements. Allow to dry 12–24 hours for the best result.



Final finishing details — clean and professional result



Invisible seam technique close-up



Properly woven ends from inside

Care Instructions



Washing

Hand wash gently in lukewarm water with mild detergent. Avoid wringing or twisting. For machine-washable yarn (check label), use a delicate cycle in a mesh laundry bag.



Drying

Lay flat to dry on a clean towel, reshaping while damp. Avoid direct sunlight to prevent color fading. Never tumble dry — this may cause felting or shape loss.



Spot Cleaning

For small stains, use a damp cloth with a tiny amount of mild soap. Dab gently — never rub. Allow to air dry completely before use.



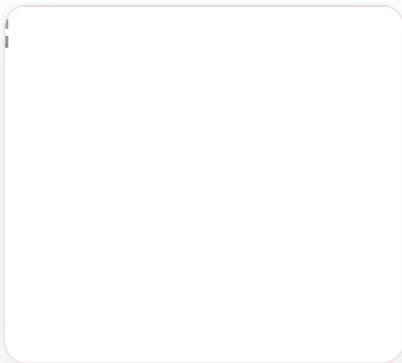
Storage

Store in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight. Use breathable cotton bags — avoid plastic which can trap moisture. Keep away from moths.

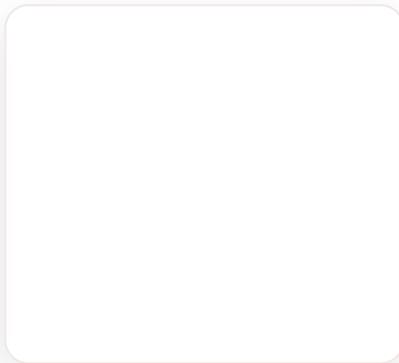
Finished Zesty Citrus Lemon & Slice Pattern displayed beautifully

Gallery

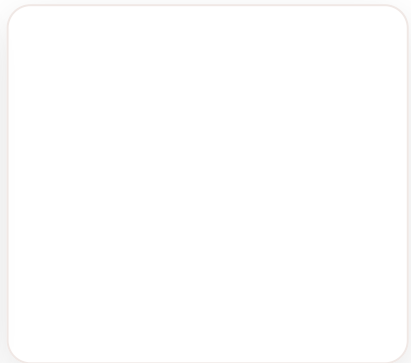
The finished Zesty Citrus Lemon & Slice Pattern from multiple angles and in different settings.



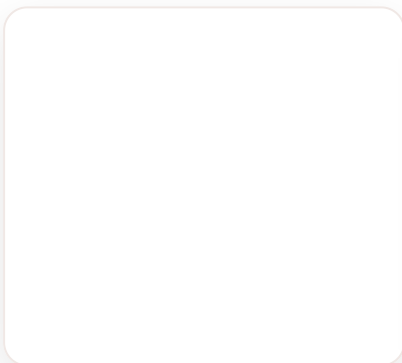
Front view — finished project



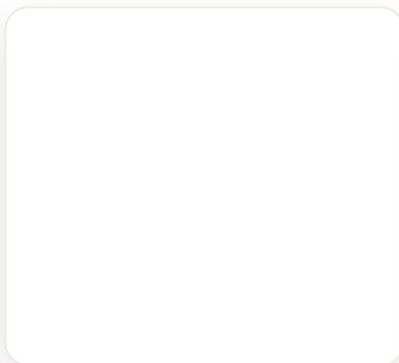
Side profile detail



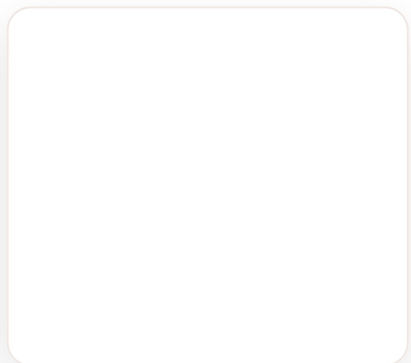
Top-down overhead view



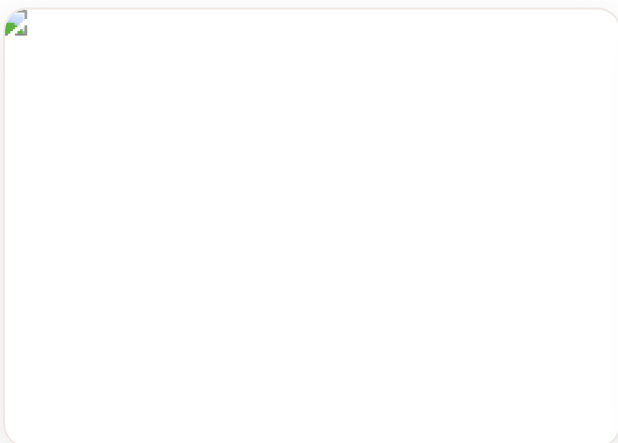
Back view showing finishing



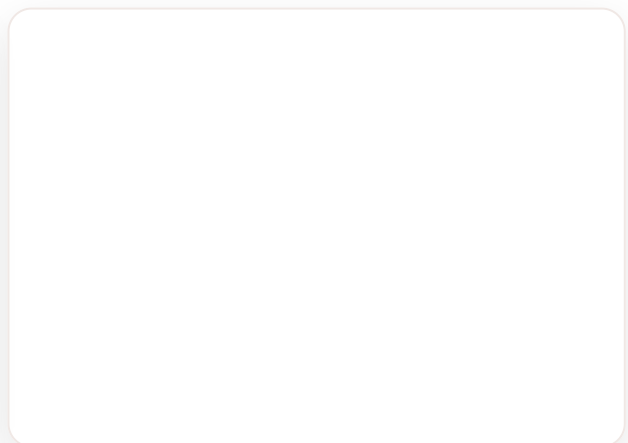
Close-up texture detail



Scale reference view



Lifestyle photography — in setting



Alternative color inspiration

Customization & Variations

Color Variations

- ▶ Create a whole food set for a perfect gift — add a plate (crocheted flat disc) and arrange your food items on top.
- ▶ Use safety eyes instead of embroidered features for a different look.
- ▶ Try a variegated or self-stripping yarn for a completely different look with no extra work.
- ▶ Use the same pattern in holiday colors — red/green for Christmas, orange/black for Halloween.

Size Variations

- ▶ Miniature (keychain size): Use fingering weight yarn + 2.0mm hook.
- ▶ Standard (as written): Use the yarn/hook specified in materials.
- ▶ Giant version: Use super bulky yarn + 9.0mm hook for a jumbo result.
- ▶ Adjust gauge: Going down 0.5mm in hook size reduces size by ~15%.

Yarn Substitution Guide

- ▶ Soft acrylic: Easy care, great for gifts, holds shape well.
- ▶ Cotton: Crisp stitch definition, great for decorative pieces.
- ▶ Chenille/velvet: Ultra-soft and fluffy, hides stitches.
- ▶ Mohair blend: Halo effect, luxurious look.
- ▶ Merino wool: Natural fiber, may require gentle hand wash only.

Alternative color version inspiration

*Miniature version
reference*

Jumbo version reference

FAQ & Troubleshooting

Q: My piece looks lopsided. Why?

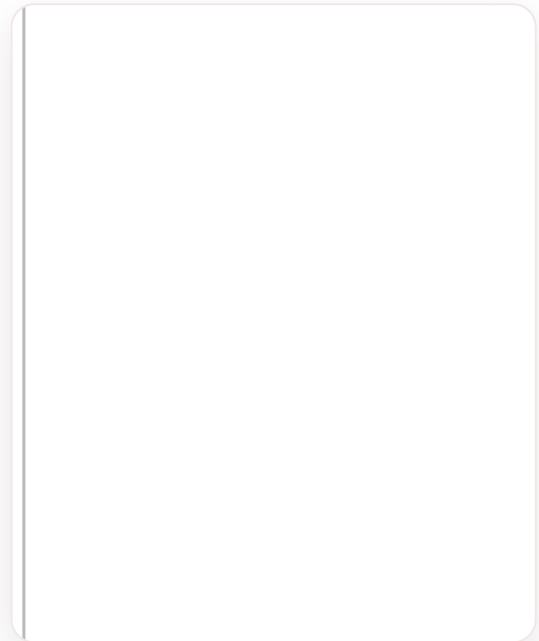
A: This usually happens when the magic ring is not pulled tight enough. Make sure to pull the ring completely closed before the first round.

Q: How can I make this keychain-sized?

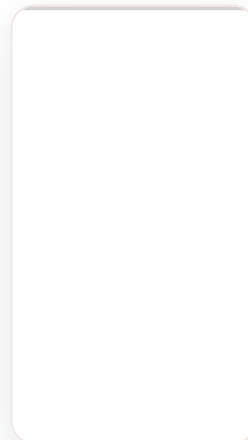
A: Use fingering-weight yarn and a 2.0mm hook. Attach a jump ring and keychain clip to the top.

Q: I still have questions. Where can I get help?

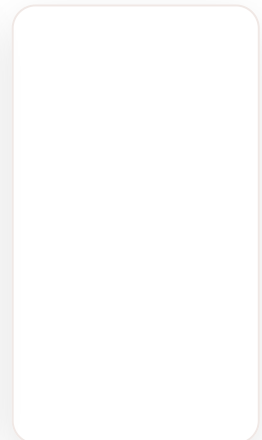
A: We love hearing from customers! Email us at hello@crochevia.shop or visit our store at crochevia.shop. We aim to respond within 24 hours.



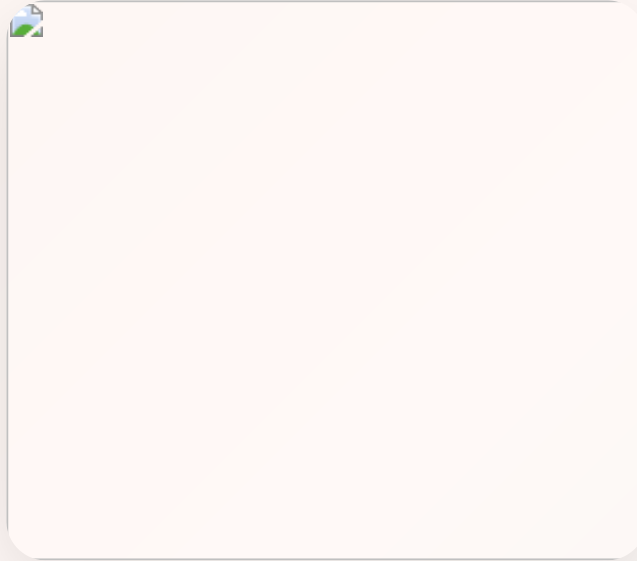
Troubleshooting reference — correct vs incorrect



Common mistake: loose tension



Correct result: firm even stitches



Thank You! ♥

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