

Amish Puzzle Ball Crochet Pattern



My mother's best friend sent me a link to a site that shows you how to make this ball out of fabric. I couldn't be bothered to lug the sewing machine out from its hiding place, so I crocheted one instead. Here, for your hooking pleasure, is the resulting pattern ☺

Have fun!

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Materials

4.5mm Crochet Hook

Dk Wool in contrasting colours

Yarn needle

Stuffing

Abbreviations

Ch	Chain
Sc	Single Crochet
St	Stitch
Sl st	Slip stitch
Sc2tog	Sc 2 together (sc decrease)

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Instructions

The initial ch-1's in each round/row are NOT counted as a stitch.

Wedges

(Make 12)

1. Ch 2. Sc x 3 in 2nd ch from hook. Ch 1 and turn. (3)
2. 2 sc's in each st. Ch 1 and turn. (6)
3. *2sc in st, sc in next st* rep 3 times. Ch 1 and turn. (9)
4. *2sc in st, sc in next 2 st's* rep 3 times. Ch 1 and turn. (12)
5. *2sc in st, sc in next 3 st's* rep 3 times. Ch 1 and turn. (15)
6. *2sc in st, sc in next 4 st's* rep 3 times. Ch 1 and turn. (18)
7. *2sc in st, sc in next 5 st's* rep 3 times. Ch 1 and turn. (21)
8. *2sc in st, sc in next 6 st's* rep 3 times. Ch 1 and turn. (24)
9. *2sc in st, sc in next 7 st's* rep 3 times. Ch 1 and turn. (27)
10. *2sc in st, sc in next 8 st's* rep 3 times. Ch 1. (30) Fold the half-circle in half and join the open side of the resulting wedge together by making 9 sc's along this edge. You will effectively be working one sc through both layers of each row. Ch 1 and bind off.



Wedge "lids"

(Make 3)

1. Ch 2. Make 2 sc's in 2nd ch from hook. Ch 1 and turn (2)
2. Sc in each st. Ch 1 and turn. (2)
3. Make 2 x sc in each st. Ch 1 and turn. (4)
4. Sc in each st. Ch 1 and turn. (4)
5. Sc x 2 in first and last st. Sc in the other two st's. (So: 2sc, sc, sc, 2sc) Ch 1 and turn. (6)
6. Sc in each st. Ch 1 and turn. (6)
7. Sc in each st. Ch 1 and turn. (6)
8. Sc in each st. Ch 1 and turn. (6)



9. Sc in each st. Ch 1 and turn. (6)
10. Sc2tog, sc in next 2 st's, sc2tog. Ch 1 and turn. (4)
11. Sc in each st. Ch 1 and turn. (4)
12. Sc2tog x 2. Ch 1 and turn. (2)
13. Sc in each st. Ch 1 and turn. (2)
14. Sc2tog.

Repeat rows 1 – 14 3 more times. This will give you a chain of 4 “lids”. On the very last “lid” of the chain, ch 1 and bind off.



Assembly

Use the yarn you used for the wedges (or a third, different colour if you prefer).

Insert your crochet hook through the first st of the chain of “lids” and through the first st of the opening of one of the wedges. Work a sc through both layers. Continue working through each row and st of both layers in this way until you have worked 15 sc's.

Tip: start with the sc seam of the wedge to your right.

Join the next wedge in the same way and continue until you have worked one side of all 4 wedges.



Continue working around the 4th wedge, stuffing as you go. Do the same for wedges 3, 2 and 1. When you reach the last st, of the 1st wedge, join to the first st with a sl st and bind off. Use the tail to join the tips of the first and last wedges together. Alternatively you can sl st them together before binding off, which is what I prefer.



Repeat this whole procedure for all 3 groups of 4 wedges.

When your wedge-circles are all nicely stuffed and neatly finished off, use them to build your puzzle ball!