

Cluster Puff



Materials

- Yarn scraps of at least 1 yd/m each
- A hook appropriate to the size of yarn used
- Yarn needle for weaving in tails

Measurements & Gauge

Length is easily customized by making more or fewer sequences of the pattern repeat. Sample uses 16 yds/14.5 m medium weight yarn with a 6mm hook and measures 26"/65 cm. It is secured at the nape of the neck with a simple square knot.

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Introduction and Notes

This project is well-suited to scraps!

When I learned foundation single crochet, I wanted to put it to use, so I just started fiddling around with scraps and ended up coming up with this dainty little puff-garland. I ended up making mine about 8" long and used it to adorn an empty soda bottle which I was using as a posy vase.

Make it longer for a garland or customize the length to make jewelry.

Though it will create substantially more ends, I recommend breaking the yarn at each color change. The pattern doesn't provide much cover for carried yarns. If you insist on carrying the yarns, I recommend working over the carried yarn for both the cluster and the foundation single crochet and also twisting the yarns after each of these stitches.

The piece twists naturally. I strongly recommend blocking when finished, arranging each puff individually so that they are uniformly oriented.

Schematic



Alternate foundation single crochet (fsc) with clusters made into the previous fsc. Repeat to desired length. Change colors when finishing the fsc.

Techniques Used

Foundation Single Crochet (fsc): ch 2, draw up a loop in 2nd ch from hook, draw up a loop through loop just made, pull through both loops on hook.

Cluster: (hdc, dc, dc, hdc) together into the same stitch. Perform each of these stitches to within one step of completion, accumulating loops on the hook, pull through all 7 loops on the hook.

Credits

Title page graphic and chart-making software created by Adam T. Ryder:
inventati.org/1337gallery

Chart-making software available for free at:
<https://chetapp.weebly.com>

Gallery



Stitches in this section carried the yarn without twisting (see Introduction, p. 2).

Sample uses 5 yds/4.5 m each of black (laceweight) and purple (fingering) and a 3.5 mm hook and measures 13"/32.5cm.



Puffs on the left used the optional variation presented on p. 4 while puffs on the right did not. The difference is less apparent in a photograph.

Stitches in this section carried the yarn as recommended in Introduction (p. 2).



Sample uses varying lengths of light worsted scraps and measures 8"/20 cm.



Sample uses 5.5 yds/5 m of bulky yarn and a 6 mm hook and measures 8"/20 cm. Three buttons, attached with sewing needle and thread, allow for various wrist sizes.



Stitches and Abbreviations

ch – chain

cl – cluster (see Techniques, p. 2)

fsc – foundation single crochet (see Techniques, p. 2)

sc – single crochet

Instructions

ch 1

Note: To change colors between puffs, change to new color when completing previous fsc.

ch 1, fsc 1, ch 1, turn, cl in sc, ch 1 repeat from * - * until desired length is reached. Finish off.

Optional Variation: pull up a loop in the last loop on hook after the first dc in the cluster. This gives the puff a more pointy look.

Weave in ends.

Chart Symbol Key

▶ beginning arrow: indicates first stitch of chart

○ chain

← row direction arrow: indicates direction of stitching

⊕ foundation single crochet

⌢ cluster

