CROCHET PATTERN

Little Parasol Mushroom

Intermediate / No sewn pieces / US crochet terms

Crochet a mushroom in one piece from its cream stem through a spreading underside to a domed brick-red cap with embroidered gills.

The stem widens into a pale underside before the red cap curves back toward the center. An exposed ring of pale loops makes the edge easy to find when you embroider the gills.

Materials

Smooth #4 worsted yarn in the listed colors, a 3.5 mm starting hook, stitch marker, tapestry needle, scissors and fiberfill.

Colors

cream, brick red, tan

How To Read This Pattern

Use US terms. Work continuous rounds unless directed otherwise. Mark the first stitch and move the marker each round. Sc means single crochet. Inc means 2 sc in one stitch. Dec means single crochet two stitches together. For a color change, use the new yarn for the final pull-through of the previous stitch. Start at the foot and work upward. Back-loop-only stitches use the loop farther from you. Return to both loops after any back-loop round.

Stem, Gills And Cap / Make 1

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**Round 1**	With cream, work 6 sc into a magic ring. Pull the ring closed.	**0**	**6**
☐	**Round 2**	Inc in each stitch around.	**6**	**12**
☐	**Round 3**	Working in back loops only, sc once in each stitch to form the foot edge.	**12**	**12**
☐	**Rounds 4-6**	Sc in each stitch around.	**12**	**12**
☐	**Round 7**	Repeat (1 sc, inc) 6 times.	**12**	**18**
☐	**Round 8**	Repeat (2 sc, inc) 6 times.	**18**	**24**
☐	**Round 9**	Repeat (3 sc, inc) 6 times.	**24**	**30**
☐	**Round 10**	Repeat (4 sc, inc) 6 times. Change to brick red on the last stitch. Add a little stuffing inside the stem now.	**30**	**36**

Stem, Gills And Cap (continued)

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**Round 11**	Working only in the back loops of Round 10, sc in each stitch around the cap rim.	**36**	**36**
☐	**Round 12**	Sc in each stitch around.	**36**	**36**
☐	**Round 13**	Repeat (4 sc, dec) 6 times.	**36**	**30**
☐	**Round 14**	Repeat (3 sc, dec) 6 times.	**30**	**24**
☐	**Round 15**	Repeat (2 sc, dec) 6 times.	**24**	**18**
☐	**Round 16**	Repeat (1 sc, dec) 6 times. Stuff the red dome lightly. Keep the cream disk gently flared.	**18**	**12**
☐	**Round 17**	Dec 6 times.	**12**	**6**

Finish Cut the yarn, draw the tail through the front loops of the final six stitches, pull closed and secure the end.

Assembly

1. For the gills, mark six points around the pale rim, one every six stitches. At each point, work a straight tan stitch on the underside from Round 8 toward Round 10. Leave the outer cream loop visible beyond each stitch.
2. For small cream freckles on the red cap, make groups of two short parallel stitches at three unevenly spaced points on Rounds 13-15. Keep the thread slack enough that the cap stays rounded.
3. Set the mushroom on its foot and look from the side. Shape the filling away from the rim so the red edge overhangs the stem evenly.

Checkpoint

Round 6 has 12 stem stitches. Four increase rounds make 36 stitches at the rim, leaving enough circumference for six gill markers.