



CROCHET
SKILL LEVEL
EASY

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Amigurumi:
1 ball 9521 Sugar Skull

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:
3.5 mm [US E-4]

Stitch marker, stuffing, yarn
needle.

Optional: Knee high stocking
and plastic pellets for
weighted stuffing.

GAUGE: 21 sts = about 4"
[10 cm]; 25 rounds = about
4" [10 cm] in single crochet
(sc). **EXACT GAUGE IS NOT
CRITICAL TO THIS PROJECT.**
Use any size hook to obtain
the gauge.



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Sweet Crochet Sugar Skulls

Take the time to sit down with these skulls
and reminisce about days gone by. They're
always ready to listen to new stories.

Skull measures about 3½" [9 cm] tall.

Special Stitch

**sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches
together)** = [Insert hook in next stitch,
yarn over and pull up a loop] twice, yarn
over and draw through all 3 loops on
hook.

Notes

- Before beginning, separate the
different color sections of the yarn as
follows: Pop the center color out by
pushing gently on the center of the
ball so that it comes out intact. Find
the point where the color changes
and cut the yarn. Repeat this process
for the remaining yarn colors by
carefully pushing the rings of color
out of the larger ring and cutting.
Wind each color into a separate ball
to prevent tangling. You may find
that one color appears both in the
center, and on the outside of the ball,
wind together or separately. In the
pattern instructions, the white color is
referred to as **A**, the purple as **B**,
the orange as **C**, and the green as **D**.
- Skull is made in 6 pieces: Skull, 2
flower eyes, and 3 head flowers.
- Pieces are sewn together using yarn
tails or yarn scraps.
- Facial features are embroidered onto
finished skull.

SKULL

Beginning at top of skull, with **A** or **B**, ch
3; slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side): Ch 1, work 6 sc
in ring; do not join, work in continuous
rounds (spiral)—6 sc.
Place a marker in the last sc worked to
indicate end of round. Move marker up
as each round is completed.

Round 2: Work 2 sc in each st
around—12 sc.

Round 3: [2 sc in next st, sc in next st] 6
times—18 sc.

Round 4: Sc in next st, [2 sc in next st,
sc in next 2 sts] 5 times, 2 sc in next st,
sc in last st—24 sc.

Round 5: [2 sc in next st, sc in next 3
sts] 6 times—30 sc.

Round 6: Sc in next 2 sts, [2 sc in next st,
sc in next 4 sts] 5 times, 2 sc in next st,
sc in next 2 sts—36 sc.

Round 7: [2 sc in next st, sc in next 5
sts] 6 times—42 sc.

Round 8: Sc in next 3 sts, [2 sc in next st,
sc in next 6 sts] 5 times, 2 sc in next st,
sc in next 3 sts—48 sc.

Rounds 9-17: Sc in each st around.
Begin stuffing piece with fiberfill or
place optional knee high, filled with
plastic pellets, into place. Continue
stuffing piece with fiberfill as work
progresses.

Round 18: Sc in next 3 sts, [sc2tog, sc in
next 6 sts] 5 times, sc2tog, sc in next 3
sts—42 sc.

Round 19: [Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts] 6
times—36 sc.

Round 20: Sc in next 2 sts, [sc2tog, sc in
next 4 sts] 5 times, sc2tog, sc in next 2
sts—30 sc.

Rounds 21-26: Sc in each st around.

Round 27: [Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts] 6
times—24 sc.

Stuff piece.

Round 28: Sc in next st, [sc2tog, sc in
next 2 sts] 5 times, sc2tog, sc in next
st—18 sc.

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Round 29: [Sc2tog] 9 times—9 sc.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. Secure tail and weave to inside of skull.

FLOWER EYES (make 2 for each skull)

Note: If you are making **A**-colored skull, work Round 1 with **C** and Round 2 with **D**. If you are making **B**-colored skull, work Round 1 with **D** and Round 2 with **C**.

Ch 3; slip st in first ch to form a ring.
Round 1 (right side): Ch 1, work 10 sc in ring; join with slip st in first sc—10 sc.
Fasten off.

Round 2: With right side facing, draw up a loop of next color in same sc as joining slip st, [ch 2, 2 dc in next st, ch 2, slip st in next st] 5 times—5 petals.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing flower eye to skull. Weave in beginning tail.

HEAD FLOWERS (make 3 for each skull)

Note: If you are making **A**-colored skull, make 1 flower each with **B**, **C** and **D**. If you are making **B**-colored skull, make 1 flower each with **A**, **C** and **D**.

Ch 3; slip st in first ch to form a ring.
Round 1 (right side): Ch 1, work 10 sc in ring; join with slip st in first sc—10 sc.
Round 2: Ch 2, 2 dc in same st as joining slip st, ch 2, slip st in next st, [ch 2, 2 dc in next st, ch 2, slip st in next st] 4 times—5 petals.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing flower to skull. Weave in beginning tail.

FINISHING

Referring to photograph as a guide to placement, use yarn tails or yarn scraps to sew the following pieces together.

1. Sew flower eyes to front of skull.
2. Sew head flowers to top of skull, positioned as desired. Use contrasting color yarn to embroider a star stitch through the center of flowers and to top of head, leaving petals free.

Facial Features

Note: If you are making **A**-colored skull, embroider features with **B**. If you are making **B**-colored skull, embroider features with **A**.

Mouth: Using photograph as a guide, embroider straight stitch mouth. Embroider a long horizontal line then embroider short vertical lines evenly spaced over the top of the horizontal line.

Nose: Using photograph as a guide, embroider two chain stitches for nostrils. Position the narrow ends of the chain stitches together at top and between eyes for top of nose. Position the wide ends of the chain stitches about two rounds below and side by side.

Weave in and trim any remaining ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C, and D = Color A, Color B, Color C, and Color D; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

