

Rainbow Sun

(English US terms)

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Materials:

Yarn:

- Approx. 5 gram solid colored 8/4 cotton yarn for the head.
- Approx. 7 gram color changing 8/4 cotton yarn for the rays.
- Small piece of black cotton yarn to embroider eyes and mouth with (approx 35cm)

For the sun in this pattern I used Scheepjes Sunkissed 018 and Rainbow Cotton 8/4 Print 04.

Hook: 2.5 mm.

1 marker

Filling

Tapestry needle

Scissors

Size and shape:

The Rainbow Sun is crocheted in a spiral from the front to the back, and the whole sun is crocheted in one piece. If you use 8/4 (fingering) cotton yarn and crochet hook 2.5 mm, the sun will measure about 8.5cm in diameter including the curly rays.

Gauge:

Gauge is important to keep in mind so that the filling does not come through or is visible between the stitches. Use a crochet hook that fits your yarn.

Color distribution:

You use the solid colored yarn for the face and back, and the color changing yarn for the curly rays. How you change color is described in the pattern.

Abbreviations, US terms:

St - stitch

Ch – ch

Ss – slip stitch

Sc – single crochet

Dec – decrease: crochet 2 sc **together** in next two stitches. Invisible decrease is described below.

Inc – increase: crochet 2 sc in next stitch.

Flo – front loop only

Blo – back loop only

Yo – yarn over

Invisible decrease:

The invisible decrease gives an extra smooth finish to your work.

Insert your hook into the next two stitches **front loop only**, yo and pull through the stitches, yo and pull through both loops on the hook.



Pattern notes:

- This pattern is crocheted in a spiral. Use a marker to mark the first stitch in each round.
 - Stitches between () are repeated as many times as indicated after the parentheses.
 - Stitches between | | shows how many stitches you should have after completing the round.
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Pattern:

Read the pattern notes before you start.

Tip: Place a marker in the first sc in each round to mark the beginning of the round.

Round 1:

With solid colored yarn into a magic ring:

ch1 (does not count as a stitch), 8sc.

|8 sc|



Round 2: Inc x 8. |16 sc|

Round 3: (Inc, 1sc) x 8. |24 sc|

Round 4: (Inc, 2sc) x 8. |32 sc|

Round 5-6: 32sc. |32 sc|

- Remove the hook and place the marker in the loop. Do **not** cut the yarn.
 - Weave in the end from the beginning magic ring.
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Crochet the curly rays:

Note: All ss in this round are crocheted **front loop only (flo)** so that we can continue to work the backside in the back loops later.

Attach the color changing yarn **flo** in any sc in **round 6**,

ch10, turn and crochet back, 2sc in the second ch from the hook, 2sc in next 8 ch, ss **flo** in next sc in **round 6**,

(ss **flo** in next sc in **round 6**, ch10, turn and crochet back, 2sc in the second ch from the hook, 2sc in next 8 ch, ss **flo** in next sc in **round 6**) x 15, ss **flo** in the sc where you started the round, cut yarn and weave in the two ends.

|16 curly rays|



Embroider eyes and mouth with a piece of black yarn, approx 35cm is enough.



Round 7:

Note: All sc in this round are crocheted **back loop only (blo)** into sc in round 6.

Remove the marker and continue to crochet with the solid colored yarn,

32sc **blo.** |32 sc|



Round 8: 32sc. |32 sc|

Round 9: (Dec, 2sc) x 8. |24 sc|

Round 10: (Dec, 1sc) x 8. |16 sc|

Round 11: Dec x 8, cut yarn and leave a long tail for sewing. |8 sc|

Stuff the sun with filling. You can use the back of your crochet hook to poke it in place.

Sew the hole together with a tapestry needle by threading the yarn in the front loop in the 8 last stitches and then tighten and fasten the thread.



If you have any trouble following this pattern, or any other questions, you can email me at mijo.crochet@gmail.com. You can also join my Facebook group [Mijo Crochet Hangout](#) for inspiration and support when making any of my patterns.

Best regards / Johanna Lindahl