

# Pollen Count



## Crochet pattern

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<http://pepperberry.typepad.com>

# Supplies Needed

## As Shown

Size C2/2.75mm crochet hook  
Red Heart Designer Sport in Cornmeal  
1 pair safety eyes (6 or 8 mm)  
Tapestry / Yarn Needle  
Polyester stuffing.

It would also be perfectly possible to make this pattern using a larger hook, I recommend G6/4.00mm, and worsted weight yarn.

## A note about supply preferences:

Everyone prefers their own hooks and needles. I did want to mention that if you struggle to stuff small pieces using Poly-fil brand stuffing, try Morning Glory (I've only seen it at Wal-Mart, but I'm sure it's available other places) or real cotton batting. Either one of those will have less of a "slick" feel to it and be easier to insert into pieces. Beware, however, it "pills" more easily than polyester and needs more care washing.

Safety Eyes: I've had good experiences with 6060.etsy.com for eyes. Remember, safety eyes are still not safe for children under the age of two.

## Notes

1. This pattern uses American Standard yarn abbreviations.
2. Please don't use safety eyes for children under 2 years of age.
3. This pattern is worked in continuous rounds with the exception of the "bumps" on the oak pollen. Do not join when working this pattern.

Support for this pattern is available by emailing [pepperberrycrochet@yahoo.com](mailto:pepperberrycrochet@yahoo.com). I'll be happy to help by providing pattern clarification or additional photos as needed.

## Finished Measurements

The C hook versions are about 3" across. However, as long as you ensure that your stitches are tight and of a consistent size, you'll be fine.

# Abbreviations

**ch** chain

**sc** single crochet

**st(s)** stitch(es)

**sc2tog** single crochet 2 together (form a decrease)

**slst** Slip stitch

**\*** Repeat instructions in stars indicated number of times.

**inc** form 2 single crochet in the indicated stitch (single crochet increase) example:

inc 4 times= 2 single crochet in each of the next 4 stitches

**dec** single crochet 2 stitches together OR form the invisible decrease, whichever you are more comfortable with. Example: dec twice = sc2tog two times (taking up a total of 4 stitches)

For more information on abbreviations, please visit:

<http://www.yarnstandards.com/crochet.html>

# Pattern

## Basic Ball Pattern (used for all three Pollen Grains)



ch 3, join with slst to form ring.

**Round 1** 7 sc into ring.

**Round 2** 2 sc in each sc around. (14 sc)

**Round 3** \*sc, 2 sc in next sc (referred to after this as 'inc')\* 7 times (21 sc)

**Round 4** \*sc in each of next 2 sc, inc\* 7 times. (28 sc)

**Round 5** \*sc in each of next 3 sc, inc\* 7 times (35 sc)

**Round 6** \*sc in each of next 4 sc, inc\* 7 times (42 sc)



**Rounds 7 through 14** sc around. *If making the Birch Pollen Grain, stop after round 12 and move on to next instruction.*

**Pause at this point to add a face, if desired.**



**Round 15** \*sc in each of next 4 sc, sc2tog or form the invisible decrease, referred to after this as 'dec'\* 7 times (35 sc)

**Round 16** \*sc in each of next 3 sc, dec\* 7 times (28 sc)

**Round 17** \*sc in each of next 2 sc, dec\* 7 times (21 sc)

**Round 18** \*sc in next sc, dec\* 7 times (14 sc)

**Round 19** dec 7 times.

Fasten off. Use tailing end to close hole.



## Grass Pollen Grain

Make a basic ball, above. Make several spots (example uses 4) and sew to the pollen grain.

### Spots

ch 3, join with slst to form a loop.

**Round 1** ch 3, 14 additional dc into loop.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Weave under center end and use tail to sew spot to grain.



## Oak Pollen Grain

Make a basic ball, above. Make 3 to 4 bumps and sew to pollen grain.

### Bump *Worked in Rows!*

ch 3, join with slst to form a loop.

Row 1 3 sc into ring. *TURN.*

Row 2 Ch 1 (counts as first sc) 3 sc in next sc, sc. Turn. (5 sc)

Row 3 Ch 1 (counts as first sc), 2 sc in next sc, sc, 2 sc in following sc, sc. Turn. (7 sc)

Row 4 Ch 1 (counts as first sc) sc across. Turn.

Row 5 Ch 1 (counts as first sc) sc2tog, sc, sc2tog, sc. Turn. (5 sc)

Row 6 Ch 1 (counts as first sc) sc2tog, sc to end. Turn. (3 sc)

Row 7 Ch 1 (counts as first sc) sc2tog, sc to end.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Weave in short end, sew bump to pollen grain with long end.  
You can add a little stuffing underneath the bump if desired.



## Birch Pollen Grain



Make a basic ball, following instructions as noted to make fewer rows of sc around in the center of the ball. Add several "navels". Example has 3.

## Navel

ch 10. Join with slst to form a loop.

**Round 1** sc around.

**Round 2** 2 sc in next sc, sc to end.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Weave in short end, sew navel to pollen grain with long end.

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