

# crochet confection

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## what you'll need

### YARN

TLC Essentials, 6oz/170g balls, each approx 312yd/285m (acrylic)

- ❑ 1 ball #2313 Aran (A)

RED HEART Luster Sheen, 4oz/113g balls, each approx 335yd/306m (acrylic)

- ❑ 1 ball #0235 Think Pink (B)
- ❑ 1 ball #0735 Hot Pink (C)
- ❑ 1 ball #0645 Mint (D)

### CROCHET HOOKS

- ❑ Size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge
- ❑ Size F/5 (3.75mm) crochet hook

### NOTIONS

- ❑ 8"/20.5cm Styrofoam cake form (available at [sugarcraft.com](http://sugarcraft.com))
- ❑ Serrated bread knife
- ❑ Yarn needle

## Abbreviations used in this pattern

- ch** chain
- hdc** half double crochet
- dc** double crochet
- sc** single crochet
- sl st** slip stitch
- st(s)** stitch(s)
- tr** treble crochet
- \* Repeat directions following \* as many times as indicated.
- [ ] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

**Skill Level:** easy

## finished measurements

Approx 8"/20.5cm diameter x 4"/10cm tall

## gauge

Rounds 1–8 (of Cake Top) = 4"/10cm

diameter using A and size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook.

*Remember to check gauge for best results!*

## how to make a gauge swatch

With A and H/8 (5mm) hook, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

**Rounds 1–8** Work Rounds 1–8 of Cake Top.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm in diameter. *Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.*

## CAKE TOP AND SIDES

With A and H/8 (5mm) hook, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

**Round 1** Ch 1, work 6 sc in ring; join with



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# tip

Decorate your cake however you like! Substitute crochet flowers for the circles, or embroider a message on the cake top.

sl st in first sc – 6 sc.  
**Round 2** Ch 1, 2 sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc – 12 sc.

**Round 3** Ch 1, sc in first sc, 2 sc in next sc, [sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times; join with sl st in first sc – 18 sc.

**Round 4** Ch 1, sc in first 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, [sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times; join with sl st in first sc – 24 sc.

**Round 5** Ch 1, sc in first 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc, [sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times; join with sl st in first sc – 30 sc.

**Round 6** Ch 1, sc in first 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc, [sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5

times; join with sl st in first sc – 36 sc.

**Round 7** Ch 1, sc in first 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc, [sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times; join with sl st in first sc – 42 sc.

**Rounds 8–15** Continue working in rounds as established, working one more sc between increases, until there are 90 sc. Do not fasten off.

**Rounds 16–32** Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

**Round 33** (scallop edging) Join C with sl st in any sc of Round 32, 2 sc in next sc, 2 hdc in next sc, 2 dc in next sc, 2 hdc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, \*sl st in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, 2 hdc in next sc, 2 dc in next sc, 2 hdc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from \* around; join with sl st in first sl st – 15 scallops. Fasten off.

## CAKE BOTTOM

With A and H/8 (5mm) hook, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

**Rounds 1–15** Work Rounds 1–15 of Cake Top. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

## ICING EMBELLISHMENTS

### large circle

With B and F/5 (3.75mm) hook, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

**Round 1** Ch 2 (counts as first dc), work 12 dc in ring; join with sl st in top of beginning ch – 13 dc.

**Round 2** Ch 3, 2 tr in each dc around; join with sl st in first tr – 26 tr. Fasten off.

**Round 3** Join C with sc in any tr, sc in each remaining tr around; join with sl st in first sc – 26 sc. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

### medium circle (make 6)

With D and F/5 (3.75mm) hook, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

**Round 1** Ch 2, work 10 dc in ring; join with sl st in top of beginning ch.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

### small circle (make 6)

With D and F/5 (3.75mm) hook, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

tip

Before adding the embellishments, place the Cake Top and Sides over the styrofoam form to mark placement of the various elements.

**Round 1** Ch 1, work 10 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

## finishing trim cake form

With bread knife, trim upper edge of cake form to create a rounded edge. Hold knife at a 45-degree angle and cut away approx ½"/1.5cm around upper edge.

Using long yarn tail and yarn needle, sew large circle to center of Cake Top, sewing small stitches through back loops of last round of circle. Using photograph as a guide for placement, sew medium and small circles in the same manner.

## icing embroidery

Work embroidery on Cake Top and Sides, as follows:

**1** With D and yarn needle, embroider modified lazy daisy stitches in a ring around the large circle.

**2** With C and yarn needle, embroider chain stitches in swag pattern to connect all medium circles.

**3** With B and yarn needle, embroider chain stitches in swag pattern to connect all medium and small circles.

Place Styrofoam cake form inside Cake Top. Place Cake Bottom on bottom of cake form. With yarn needle and A sew Top to Bottom.

Weave in all ends.

