



Ostara's Rainbow

Ostara walks through the fields, butterflies and song birds behind her, grasses springing up from her footsteps and flowers blooming at her touch. She is known for bringing the spring to the North and her bunnies love to hide eggs, which we paint for her in all the colors of the rainbow. Celebrate the spring by making some scrappy eggs for hiding and hunting. Add some beans and give them a shake, fill a basket with them or hang them in a garland to honor the new life all around us.

I love to seeing your creations! Tag me on Instagram @sundaughterknits and share with the hashtag #ostarasrainbow

Pattern Details



Skill Level

Super beginner



Yarn

6g, 30yds fingering weight yarn- This is a great opportunity to use up those left over from knitting socks or work up those minies! Striped eggs are always a cute option for using every last little bit.



Gauge

34 stitches and 32 rows in 4 inches



Hook

US E, 3.5mm



Notions

Opening stitch markers to mark beginning of round, darning needle for sewing in ends, plastic egg (like the kind that is often filled with candy) or roving for stuffing, beans (optional, to make a rattle),



Abbreviations

ch - chain

sc - single crochet

inc - increase

dec - decrease

sts - stitches

* _ * - directions between the stars are to be repeated



A Note On This Pattern:

- Using a magic loop cast on will make the beginning hole smaller. A video with instruction can be found [here](#).
- The eggs are crocheted in a continuous spiral making counting rounds tricky- you can use extra stitch markers to help keep track of rounds.
- If your gauge is not spot on or you are limited by hook size, and if you are using the plastic egg as a mold, this pattern can be used as more of a recipe. You can omit some of the plain crochet rounds or the last increase round to shape your fabric around your egg with the gauge you have.

PATTERN

One last note about marking your beginning of round: I keep track of my first stitch in the round by hanging and opening stitch marker from the first stitch in the round (this will be the loop that is on my hook when I work the first stitch). At the beginning of the next round I remove that marker and place it on the loop that is now on my hook as it is the beginning of the next round. I will not include these instructions in the pattern below as it becomes too cumbersome to read through.

Using the magic loop method cast on 6 stitches (alternatively: ch2, sc 6 in the second chain from the hook)

Round 1 will begin by crocheting in the 1st stitch worked to join in the round and begin the spiral.

Round 1: inc1 in each stitch (12sts)

Rounds 2, 4, 6, and 8: sc in each stitch

Round 3: *inc1, sc 1* around (18sts)

Round 5: *inc1, sc 2* around (24sts)

Round 7: *inc1, sc 3* around (30sts)

Round 9: *inc1, sc 4* around (36sts)

Rounds 10-11: sc in each stitch

Round 12: *inc1, sc 5* around (42sts)

Rounds 13-15: sc in each stitch

Round 16: *inc1, sc 6* around (48sts)

Round 17, 19, and 21: sc in each stitch around

Round 18: *dec1, sc 6* around (42sts)

Round 20: *dec1, sc 5* around (36sts)

Round 22: *dec1, sc 4* around (30sts)

If using a plastic egg, this is a good time to put it inside the crochet egg and work the rest of the crochet rounds with the plastic egg all up in your way. (Power through- it isn't that long to the end!)

Round 23: *dec1, sc 3* around (24sts)

Round 24: *dec1, sc 2* around (18sts)

If using roving or some other stuffing this is a good time to fill your egg and then work the last few rounds with the stuffing all up in your way trying to spill out (Power through- it isn't that long to the end!)

Round 25: *dec1, sc 1* around (12sts)

Round 26: dec1 all the way around (6sts)

Finishing:

Cut yarn leaving an 8 inch tail. Thread the tail onto a darning needle and whip stitch the 6 stitches of your last round, pulling this snug to close the hole. Pull the cast on tail, closing the hole at the beginning of your egg (alternatively, use the cast on tail to whip stitch the hole closed). Weave in ends and hide your egg for someone to find!

Image of rainbow of eggs to be put here
(but I gotta make them all first!)