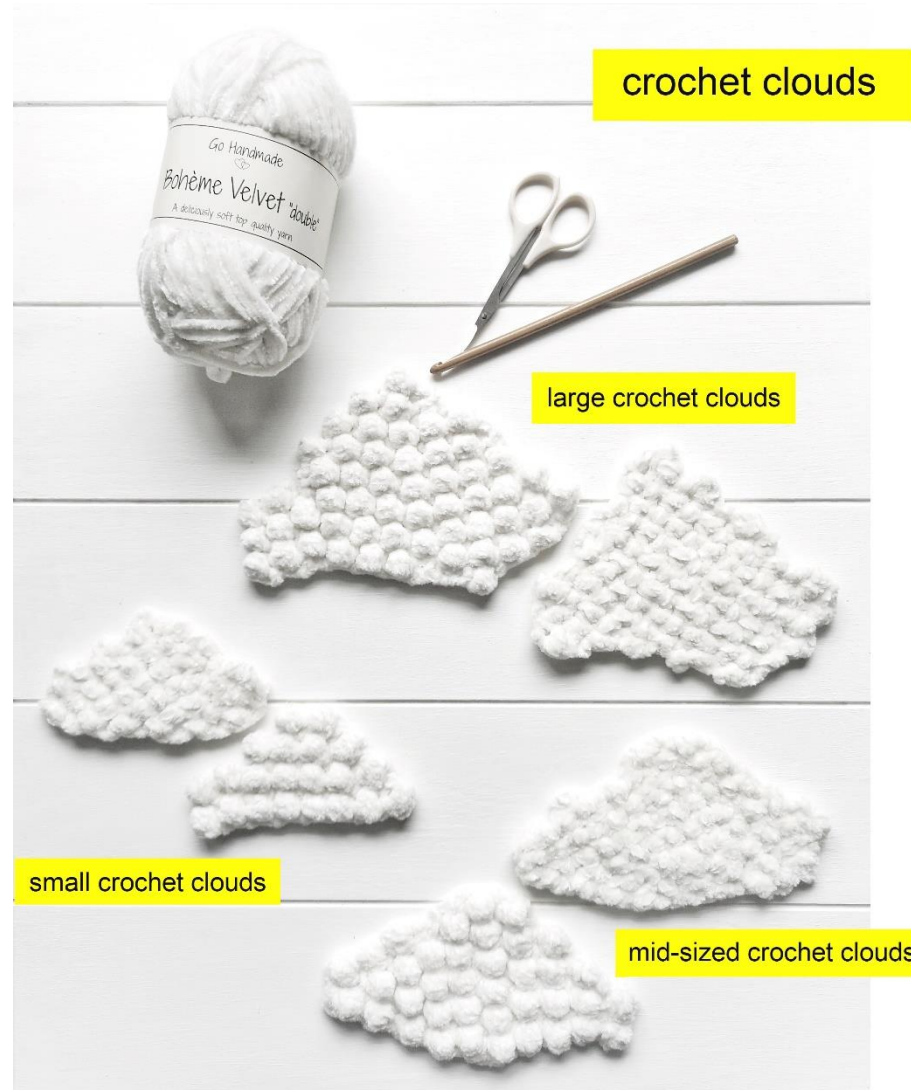




CROCHET CLOUDS



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What do you need:

- *medium* yarn (at a recommended hook size of 4-6 mm).
I used Bohème Velvet Double (in colour “Snow White (17674)”; gauge: 10 cm = 18 M)
- I worked with a hook of size 5.00 mm
- Scissors

Skill level: intermediate

Finished size of the clouds (L x H): appr.10 x 6 cm (small); appr. 14 x 8 cm (mid-sized); 14 x 11 cm (large)

Abbreviations:

rd = round / *sc* = single crochet / *inc* = increase / *dec* = decrease / *st, sts* = stitch, stitches / *sl st* = slip stitch / *ch* = chain / *PS* = puff stitch / *BS* = bobble stitch / *YO* = yarn over

I worked **two types of clouds** for each cloud size:

- A small, mid-sized and large crochet cloud in **bobble stitch**.
- A small, mid-sized and large crochet cloud in **puff stitch**. These are more complicated to work as the puff stitch itself can be a bit tricky depending on your yarn type used.

You crochet in **rows of single crochet puff stitches or double crochet bobble stitches**. At each row end, ch 2 (unless stated otherwise) and turn your work; in the next row, skip those ch sts (=turning ch sts) and start working in the first st thereafter.

The number in the brackets at each row end indicate the new number of sts (excl. the ch sts before turning your work).

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How to read the instructions:

I abbreviate several consecutive stitches as follows:

“**5 sc, inc (7)**” means that you work a sc in each of the next **5 sts** and 2 sc in the 6th stitch, getting a round of 7 sts.

“**4 sc, dec (5)**” means, likewise, working a sc in each of the next **4 sts** and, then, crocheting the 5th & 6th st in a sc together, reducing the round from 6 to 5 sts.

For the inc and dec sts, I shorten several consecutive increases/decreases in terms of *y-times* (stated as *x*)

“**2x (sc)-inc**” means that you increase the next 2 sts by working 2 sc in each of the next 2 sts (4 sc in total).

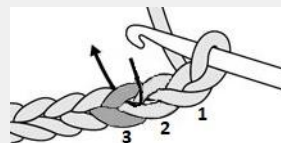
“**3x (sc)-dec**” means that you sc each of the next 3 st-pairs together, thus, sc the 1st & 2nd sc together, the 3rd & 4th, and the 5th & 6th.

How to work puff stitches:

A puff stitch (PS) looks similar to a bobble or popcorn stitch, but it is worked slightly differently. There are some variations on how a puff stitch is worked, depending on the crochet type used (single crochet PS, half-double crochet PS, double crochet PS, etc.). In single crochet PS, for example, you don't YO before starting your PS). In the illustrations below, I demonstrate how I have done the **single crochet puff stitches** for up to 6 loops on the hook. However, you can work them in your preferred way:

Step 1:

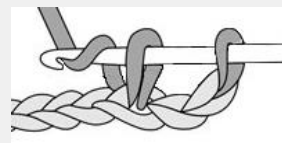
On your foundation row (e.g. consisting of ch sts), skip the turning ch sts and stitch through the next st thereafter (like the start in a sc st). This is the first stitch for your puff stitch.



Step 2:

YO and pull up a loop. Now you have got 2 loops on your hook.

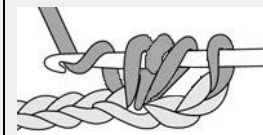
YO again...



Step 3:

... and stitch through the same st as before. YO and pull up a loop. Now you have got 4 loops on your hook.

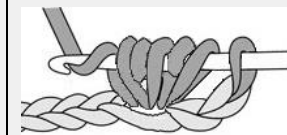
YO again...



Step 4:

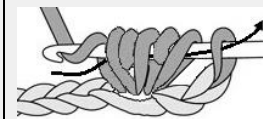
... and stitch through the same st as before, YO and pull up a loop. Now you have got 6 loops on your hook.

You can repeat this step for another 2 loops on your hook, which will give you a puffier stitch (of 8 loops) (**variation in thickness**).



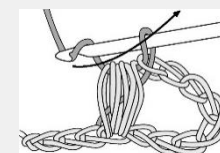
Step 5:

To close the puff stitch, YO again and pull through all loops on your hook.



Step 6:

Finally, to secure your puff stitch, **ch 1**.



It's important to note, that with that **ch 1 at the end of your PS**, you'll end up with an **additional st** in your row. For each PS you usually end the st with ch 1. Differently put:

1 PS (with ch 1) = 2 sts

That is why you have to skip the next st in your row if you want to work an equal number of st counts:

1 PS (with ch 1), skip next st = 1 st

How to make a bobble crochet stitch:

In my instruction for the second cloud type, I work **4 dc bobble stitches**. For that, you basically work 4 *half-complete* double crochet sts in the same st and secure them at the top. Please note, that the bobble sts appear on the “wrong” side of your work (the left or backside); therefore, the backside of your pattern will represent your final work.

Below are photographs for how I have worked a 4 dc bobble st (after a sc st):

Step 1 (1st half-complete dc):

YO and insert hook into **next** st. YO again and pull up a loop. Now you have 3 loops on the hook. YO and pull through 2 loops on your hook (your 1st half-complete dc is done).



Step 2 (2nd half-complete dc):

Repeat Step 1:

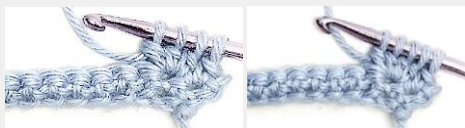
YO and insert hook into the **same** st as before. YO again and pull up a loop (4 loops on hook).

YO and pull through first 2 loops on your hook (your 2nd half-complete dc is done).



Step 3-4 (3rd, 4th half-complete dc):

Repeat your previous step (in the **same** st) for another 2 times until you have worked 4 half-complete dc in the same st (you get 5 loops on the hook).

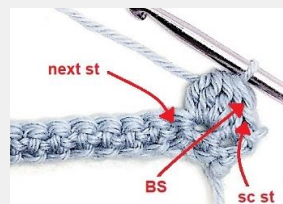


Step 5 (complete BS):

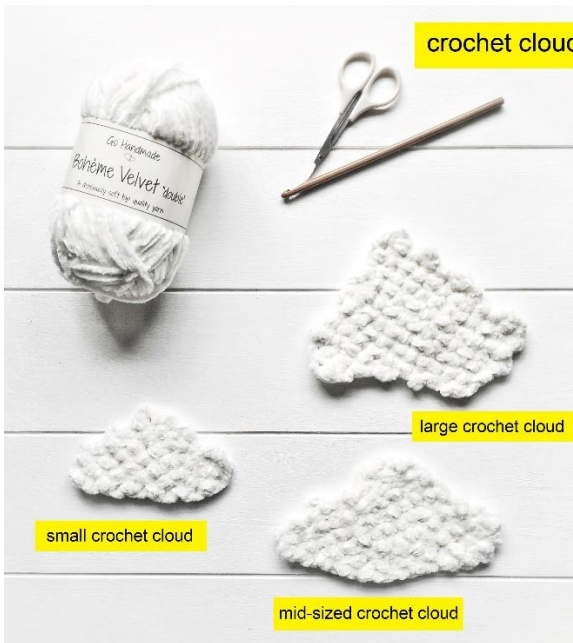
YO and pull through all the 5 loops on your hook. Your bobble st is complete.



Although it looks like you work the previous sc and the 4 dc together, you get 2 sts in the next row through this bobble st:



INSTRUCTIONS FOR CROCHET CLOUDS IN PUFF STS



Tip: use puff stitches of different thickness (i.e. work a different number of loops for the PS)

To facilitate the reading, I marked the sts worked on with an underline (e.g. PS).

I ended each PS with an additional ch 1. That means, that for every PS you get +1 additional st for your row. I indicated any increasing or decreasing sts (except for the turning sts) as superscript, like "PS⁺¹" (1 st => 2 sts) or "skip⁻¹" (1 st => 0 st)

SMALL CROCHET PUFF-CLOUD

Ch 5 (3 ch sts and 2 turning ch sts)

1. Row: skip the 2 turning ch sts, PS (with ch 1!)⁺¹ in 3rd ch st from hook, skip⁻¹ next st, PS⁺¹ in last st (4), ch 2 and turn your work

2. Row: skip 3 ch⁻¹ sts (i.e. skip the 2 turning ch sts + the ch st from the PS of the previous row), PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st, PS⁺¹ in last st (4), ch 3 and turn your work

3. Row: skip 3 ch sts, PS⁺¹ in next ch st, PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st, PS⁺¹ in last st (6), ch 2 and turn your work

4. Row: skip 3 ch⁻¹ sts, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 2x in total, PS⁺¹ in last st (6), ch 4 and turn your work

5. Row: skip 3 ch sts, PS⁺² (+1 from ch st) in next ch st, skip⁻¹ next ch st, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 2x in total, PS⁺¹ in last st (8), ch 2 and turn your work

6.+7. Row: skip 3 ch⁻¹ sts, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 3x in total, PS⁺¹ in last st (8), ch 2 and turn your work

8. Row: skip 3 ch⁻¹ sts, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 3x in total, PS⁺¹ in last st, stop (no turning ch sts) and turn your work (8)

9. Row: skip 1 ch⁻¹ sts, (dec⁻¹ next 2 sts together) repeat 2x in total, PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st, PS⁺¹ in last st (6), ch 2 and turn your work

10. Row: skip 3 ch⁻¹ sts, PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st, PS⁺¹ in next st (6), dec⁻¹ next 2 sts together (5), ch 1 and turn your work

11. Row: skip 1 ch sts, (dec⁻¹ next 2 sts together) repeat 2x in total, PS⁺¹ in last st (4), ch 2 and turn your work

12. Row: skip 3 ch⁻¹ sts, PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st, PS⁺¹ in last st, stop (no turning ch sts) and turn your work (4)

13. Row: skip 1 ch⁻¹ sts, dec⁻¹ next 2 sts together, stop (2)

Fasten off and weave in both yarn ends.



MID-SIZED CROCHET PUFF-CLOUD

Ch 5 (3 ch sts and 2 turning ch sts)

1. Row: skip the 2 turning ch sts, PS⁺¹ in 3rd ch st from hook, sc⁺⁰, PS⁺¹ in last st (5), ch 2 and turn your work

2. Row: skip 3 ch⁻¹ sts, PS⁺¹ in next st, sc⁰ in next 2 sts, PS⁺¹ in next st (6), ch 2 and turn your work

3.+4. Row: skip 3 ch⁻¹ sts, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 2x in total, PS⁺¹ in last st (6), ch 2 and turn your work

5. Row: skip 3 ch⁻¹ sts, [PS⁺¹ in next st, inc⁺¹ next st] repeat 2x in total, PS⁺¹ in last st (10), ch 2 and turn your work

6. Row: skip 3 ch⁻¹ sts, PS⁺¹ in next st, sc⁰ in next st, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 3x in total, PS⁺¹ in last st (11), ch 2 and turn your work

7. Row: skip 3 ch⁻¹ sts, PS⁺¹ in next st, inc⁺¹ next st, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 3x in total, sc⁰ in next st, PS⁺¹ in last st (13), ch 2 and turn your work

8. Row: skip 3 ch⁻¹ sts, PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st, inc⁺¹ next st, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 4x in total, PS⁺¹ in last st (14), ch 2 and turn your work

9. Row: skip 3 ch⁻¹ sts, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 5x in total, sc⁰ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st, PS⁺¹ in last st (13), ch 2 and turn your work

10. Row: skip 3 ch⁻¹ sts, PS⁺¹ in next st, dec⁻¹ next 2 sts together, PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st, dec⁻¹ next 2 sts together, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 2x in total, PS⁺¹ in last st (12), ch 2 and turn your work

11. Row: skip 3 ch⁻¹ sts, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 3x in total, (dec⁻¹ next 2 sts together) repeat 2x in total, PS⁺¹ in last st (10), ch 1 and turn your work

12. Row: skip 2 ch⁻¹ sts, dec⁻¹ next 2 sts together, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 3x in total, PS⁺¹ in last st (9), ch 2 and turn your work

13. Row: skip 3 ch⁻¹ sts, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 4x in total (8), ch 1 and turn your work

14. Row: skip 2 ch⁻¹ sts, (dec⁻¹ next 2 sts together) repeat 2x in total, PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st, PS⁺¹ in last st (6), ch 2 and turn your work

15.+16. Row: skip 3 ch⁻¹ sts, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 2x in total, PS⁺¹ in last st (6), ch 2 and turn your work

17. Row: skip 3 ch⁻¹ sts, PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st, PS⁺¹ in next st, **stop** and turn your work (4)

18. Row: skip 1 ch⁻¹ sts, sc⁰ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st, sc⁰ in last st (2)

Fasten off and weave in both yarn ends.



LARGE CROCHET PUFF-CLOUD

Ch 7 (5 ch sts and 2 turning ch sts)

1. Row: skip the 2 turning ch sts, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 2x in total, PS⁺¹ in last st (6), ch 2 and turn your work

2. Row: skip 3 ch⁻¹ sts, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 2x in total, PS⁺¹ in last st (6), ch 4 and turn your work

3. Row: skip 3 ch sts, PS^{+2 (+1 from ch st)} in next ch st, skip⁻¹ next st, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 2x in total, PS⁺¹ in last st (8), ch 2 and turn your work

4. Row: skip 3 ch⁻¹ sts, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 2x in total, PS⁺¹ in next st, inc⁺¹ next 2 sts (8), ch 1 and turn your work

5. Row: skip 1 ch sts, inc⁺¹ next st, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 4x in total, inc⁺¹ last 2 st (12), ch 2 and turn your work

6. Row: skip 3 sts⁻¹, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 5x in total, PS⁺¹ in last st (12), ch 4 and turn your work

7. Row: skip 3 ch sts, PS^{+2 (+1 from ch st)} in next ch st, skip⁻¹ next st, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 5x in total, PS⁺¹ in last st (14), ch 1 and turn your work

8. Row: skip 1 ch st, inc⁺¹ ch st from PS of previous row, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 6x in total, PS⁺¹ in last st (16), ch 2 and turn your work

9. Row: skip 3 ch⁻¹ sts, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 7x in total, PS⁺¹ in last st (16), ch 1 and turn your work

10. Row: skip 1 ch sts, inc⁺¹ next st, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 6x in total, PS⁺¹ in last st, **stop** the row, ch 2 and turn your work (16)

11. Row: skip 3 ch⁻¹ sts, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 7x in total, PS⁺¹ in last st (16), ch 2 and turn your work

12. Row: skip 3 ch⁻¹ sts, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 6x in total, PS⁺¹ in next st, stop (14), ch 2 and turn your work

13. Row: skip 3 ch⁻¹ sts, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 6x in total, PS⁺¹ in next st, stop and turn your work (**no** turning sts) (14)

14. Row: skip 1 ch⁻¹ st, (dec⁻¹ next 2 sts together) repeat 2x in total, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 3x in total, sc⁰ in next st, dec⁻¹ next 2 sts together (10), ch 1 and turn your work

15. Row: skip 1 ch st, dec⁻¹ next 2 sts together, skip⁻¹ next st, [PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st] repeat 3x in total, PS⁺¹ in last st (9), ch 2 and turn your work

16. Row: skip 3 ch⁻¹ sts, PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st, dec⁻¹ next 2 sts together, PS⁺¹ in next st, stop (5), ch 2 and turn your work

17. Row: skip 3 ch⁻¹ sts, PS⁺¹ in next st, skip⁻¹ next st, PS⁺¹ in next st, stop (4), turn your work (**no** turning ch sts)

18. Row: skip 1 ch⁻¹ st from previous PS, dec⁻¹ next 2 sts together, sc⁰ in next st (2)

Fasten off and weave in both yarn ends.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR CROCHET CLOUDS IN BOBBLE STS



Tip: use bobble stitches of different thickness (i.e. work a different number of half-complete dc in a BS)

SMALL CROCHET BOBBLE-CLOUD

Ch 5 (3 ch sts and 2 turning ch sts)

1. Row: skip the turning ch of ch 2, BS, 1 sc, BS (3). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

2. Row: skip the turning ch of ch 1, 3 sc, ch 1 (4). Make a turning ch 2 and turn your work.

3. Row: skip the turning ch, BS in 3rd ch st, 1 sc, BS, sc (4). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

4. Row: skip the turning ch, 4 sc, ch 2 (6). Make a turning ch 2 and turn your work.

5. Row: skip the turning ch, BS in 3rd ch st, 1 sc in 4th ch st, [BS, 1 sc] repeat 2x in total (6). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

6. Row: skip the turning ch, 6 sc, ch 2 (8). Make a turning ch 2 and turn your work.

7. Row: skip the turning ch, BS in 3rd ch st, 1 sc in 4th ch st, [BS, 1 sc] repeat 3x in total (8). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

8. Row: skip the turning ch, 8 sc (8). Make a turning ch 2 and turn your work.

9. Row: skip the turning ch, [BS, 1 sc] repeat 4x in total (8). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

10. Row: skip the turning ch, 4 sc, 2x sc-dec (6). Make a turning ch 2 and turn your work.

11. Row: skip the turning ch, [BS, 1 sc] repeat 3x in total (6). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

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12. Row: skip the turning ch, 2 sc, 2x sc-dec (4). Make a turning ch 2 and turn your work.

13. Row: skip the turning ch, [BS, 1 sc] repeat 2x in total (4). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

14. Row: skip the turning ch, 2x sc-dec (2). Make a turning ch 2 and turn your work.

15. Row: skip the turning ch, BS, sc.

Fasten off and weave in both yarn ends.



Ch 5 (3 ch sts and 2 turning ch sts)

1. Row: skip the turning ch of ch 2, BS, 1 sc, BS, ch 2 (5). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

2. Row: skip the turning ch of ch 1, 1 sc in 2nd ch st, 1 sc in 3rd ch st, 3 sc (5). Make a turning ch 2 and turn your work.

3. Row: skip the turning ch, [BS, 1 sc] repeat 2x in total, BS, ch 1 (6). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

4. Row: skip the turning ch, sc-inc in 2nd ch st, 5 sc (7). Make a turning ch 2 and turn your work.

5. Row: skip the turning ch, [BS, 1 sc] repeat 6x in total, BS, ch 3 (10). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

6. Row: skip the turning ch, 1 sc 2nd ch st, 1 sc in 3rd ch st, 1 sc in 4th ch st, 7 sc (10). Make a turning ch 2 and turn your work.

7. Row: skip the turning ch, BS, sc-inc, [BS, 1 sc] repeat 4x in total (11). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

8. Row: skip the turning ch, sc-inc, 9 sc, sc-inc (13). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

9. Row: skip the turning ch 1, sc-inc, [BS, 1 sc] repeat 5x in total, BS, 1 sc (14). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

10. Row: skip the turning ch, 12 sc, sc-dec (13). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

11. Row: skip the turning ch 1, sc-dec, [BS, 1 sc] repeat 4x in total, BS, sc-dec (11). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

12. Row: skip the turning ch, sc-dec, 7 sc, sc-dec (9). Make a turning ch 2 and turn your work.

13. Row: skip the turning ch, [BS, 1 sc] repeat 4x in total, sc (9). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

14. Row: skip the turning ch, sc-dec, 5 sc, sc-dec (7). Make a turning ch 2 and turn your work.

15. Row: skip the turning ch, [BS, 1 sc] repeat 3x in total, BS (7). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

16. Row: skip the turning ch, sc-dec, 3 sc, sc-dec (5). Make a turning ch 2 and turn your work.

17. Row: skip the turning ch, [BS, 1 sc] repeat 2x in total, BS (5). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

18. Row: skip the turning ch, sc-dec, 1 sc, sc-dec (3). Make a turning ch 2 and turn your work.

19. Row: skip the turning ch, BS, 1 sc, BS (3). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

20. Row: skip the turning ch, sc-dec, 1 sc (2).

Fasten off and weave in both yarn ends.



LARGE CROCHET BOBBLE-CLOUD

Ch 7 (5 ch sts and 2 turning ch sts)

1. Row: skip the turning ch of ch 2, [BS, 1 sc] repeat 2x in total, BS (5). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

2. Row: skip the turning ch of ch 1, sc-inc, 3 sc, sc-inc (7). Make a turning ch 2 and turn your work.

3. Row: skip the turning ch, [BS, 1 sc] repeat 2x in total, BS, sc-dec (6). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

4. Row: skip the turning ch, 5 sc, sc-inc (7). Make a turning **ch 1** and turn your work.

5. Row: skip the turning **ch 1**, 2x sc-inc, BS, 1 sc, BS, sc-dec (8). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

6. Row: skip the turning ch, sc-inc, 6 sc, sc-inc (10). Make a turning ch 2 and turn your work.

7. Row: skip the turning ch, [BS, 1 sc] repeat 5x in total (10). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

8. Row: skip the turning ch, sc-inc, 8 sc, sc-inc (12). Make a turning ch 2 and turn your work.

9. Row: skip the turning ch 2, [BS, 1 sc] repeat 6x in total (12). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

10. Row: skip the turning ch 1, sc-inc, 10 sc, sc-inc (14). Make a turning ch 2 and turn your work.

11. Row: skip the turning ch 2, [BS, 1 sc] repeat 7x in total (14). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

12. Row: skip the turning ch 1, sc-inc, 12 sc, sc-inc (16). Make a turning ch 2 and turn your work.

13. Row: skip the turning ch 2, [BS, 1 sc] repeat 7x in total, sc-dec (15). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

14. Row: skip the turning ch 1, 2x sc-inc, 9 sc, 2x sc-dec (15). Make a turning **ch 1** and turn your work.

15. Row: skip the turning **ch 1**, sc-dec, [BS, 1 sc] repeat 6x in total, sc-inc (15). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

16. Row: skip the turning ch 1, sc-inc, 12 sc, sc-dec (15). Make a turning ch 2 and turn your work.

17. Row: skip the turning ch 2, [BS, 1 sc] repeat 7x in total, sc (15). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

18. Row: skip the turning ch 1, sc-dec, 9 sc, 2x sc-dec (12). Make a turning **ch 1** and turn your work.

19. Row: skip the turning **ch 1**, sc-dec, [BS, 1 sc] repeat 4x in total, **STOP** (9). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

20. Row: skip the turning ch 1, 2x sc-dec, 3 sc, **STOP** (5). Make a turning ch 2 and turn your work.

21. Row: skip the turning ch 2, [BS, 1 sc] repeat 2x in total, BS (5). Make a turning ch 1 and turn your work.

22. Row: skip the turning ch 1, 2x sc-dec, sc (3). Make a turning ch 2 and turn your work.

23. Row: skip the turning ch 2, BS, sc-dec (2).

Fasten off and weave in both yarn ends.

