

Staphylococcus

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MATERIALS

- Worsted weight yarn of desired color
- Crochet Hook H - or size recommended by yarn
- Tapestry needle to assemble cocci
- Stitch Marker (to count rounds, optional)
- Polyester or other stuffing
- 8mm craft eyes (one pair per coccus)



NOTES

- **Gauge** is not important for this project. Just make sure you are using a hook size you can crochet with comfortably for your yarn.
- All stitches in the pattern are worked through the **back loop only**. If you are unsure about what this means, check out this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQuuYji5Pas>
- I recommend you begin the pattern with a '**sloppy slip knot**' to avoid leaving a hole in the center of your microbe. To do this, just twist the yarn around the hook to begin, and crochet as directed. Here is a video you can follow if you are unfamiliar with this technique: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dD0Hy0EIHIE>

ABBREVIATIONS

- ch** - chain
- sc** - single crochet
- sc2tog** - single crochet 2 stitches together
- st(s)** - stitch(es)

PATTERN

Make as many cocci as you want to incorporate into your design. 5 are pictured here. Starting with the sloppy slip knot, ch 2.

R1: Sc 6 times in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

R2: Sc twice in each st. (12)

R3: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next st. Repeat from * 5 times. (18)

R4: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next 2 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (24)

R5-8: Sc in each st. (24)

R9: *Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (18)

R10: *Sc2tog, sc in next st. Repeat from * 5 times. (12)

Attach eyes between rounds 8 and 9, approximately 5 sts apart. Stuff your microbe generously.

R11: Sc2tog 6 times

Add more stuffing if necessary

R12: Sc the 1st and 4th stitches together.

Fasten off leaving a long tail.

FINISHING

Using the long tails on your little microbes, attach them to each other using a tapestry needle and the running stitch taking advantage of the stitches that stick out of the fabric. For more details, watch this youtube video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UmPL02Xfgzk>.

Congrats on finishing your very own microbe!!!

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