



BASIC AMIGURUMI SHAPES



NOTES

This is a complete guide on how to crochet 16 basic crochet shapes that can be used for designing amigurumi. Each shape has a written pattern as well as instructions on how to modify it for your purposes. Enjoy!

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MATERIALS

Confused about materials? For all my personal recommendations of my most-used tools, yarns, and supplies, check out my favorites in [this complete guide!](#)

HOOK(S)

Clover Amour 3.25 mm • US size D

YARN

WeCrochet Brava Sport (sport weight yarn)

- Silver

NOTIONS

Scissors

Stitch marker

Tapestry needle

OTHER

Fiberfill stuffing

Sewing pins

FINAL SIZE

Around 1" x 1" for most shapes.

The size can be adjusted by increasing or decreasing the weight of yarn and hook size.

ABBREVIATIONS (US)

ch	chain
CC	contrast color
MC	main color
MR	magic ring
sc	single crochet
x sc	sc x number of times
dec	decrease
inc	increase
sl st	slip stitch
rep	repeat
st(s)	stitch(es)
(x sts)	x total stitches in round/row
rnd(s)	round(s)
FO	finish off
(...) x	repeat stitches within brackets x times

SPECIAL STITCHES

Invisible finish off



Insert needle through
2nd stitch from working
Yarn.

Draw through and insert
needle through original
stitch.

Pull tight. Invisible finish off
complete.

TECHNICAL NOTES

1. Crochet in continuous spiral rounds, unless specified otherwise. Use a stitch marker or piece of yarn to keep track of the last stitch in each round.
2. When filling with polyester stuffing, pull apart each large chunk into many smaller chunks. This ensures an even distribution of firmness within the amigurumi.
3. To avoid large holes in the crochet fabric, increase tension until the holes cannot be seen, or choose a crochet hook a size down.

LINE

- **Row 1:** chain 15 (15 sts)

Modifications:

Increase or decrease length by adding more chains to the row.



LOOSE SPIRAL

- **Row 1:** chain 15 (15 sts)
- **Row 2:** beginning from second chain from hook, sc across (15 sts)
- Finish off.

Modifications:

Increase or decrease length by adding more chains to row 1. Make the spiral tighter by increasing tension.



SPIRAL

- **Row 1:** chain 15 (15 sts)
- **Row 2:** beginning from second chain from hook, inc x15 (30 sts)
- Finish off.

Modifications:

Increase or decrease length by adding more chains to row 1. Make the spiral tighter by increasing tension.



CORKSCREW

- **Row 1:** chain 15 (15 sts)
- **Row 2:** beginning from second chain from hook, inc x15, chain and turn (30 sts)
- **Row 3:** inc x30 (60 sts)
- Finish off.



Modifications:

Increase or decrease length by adding more chains to row 1. Make the threads of the corkscrew wide by adding more rows, increasing in every stitch.

CIRCLE

- **Round 1:** 6 sc in MR (6 sts)
- **Round 2:** inc x6 (12 sts)
- **Round 3:** (sc, inc) x6 (18 sts)
- **Round 4:** (2 sc, inc) x6 (24 sts)
- **Round 5:** (3 sc, inc) x6 (30 sts)
- Finish off.



Modifications:

For a flatter circle, begin with 8 stitches in the round and increase by 8. For a pointier circle, begin with 4 stitches and increase by 4.

See my article on [crocheting perfect circles](#) and spheres for more information.

HOLLOW CIRCLE

- **Begin:** chain 6, join to first chain (6 sts)
- **Round 1:** inc x6 (12 sts)
- **Round 2:** (sc, inc) x6 (18 sts)
- Finish off.

Modifications:

Make the hole in the center larger by starting out with more chains.



SQUARE

- **Begin:** chain 5
- **Row 1:** Beginning from second chain from the hook, sc 4 across (4 sts)
- **Row 2-5 (4 rows):** sc across (4 sts)
- Work a single crochet border around the left, bottom, and right sides of the square, with three scs in each corner.

Modifications:

To change the width, add more chains in the initial row. To change the height, add more rows to the top.



TRIANGLE

- **Row 1:** chain 6, turn (6 sts)
- **Row 2:** beginning from second chain from hook, sc 5 (5 sts)
- **Row 3:** dec, sc, dec (3 sts)
- **Row 4:** dec, sc (2 sts)
- **Row 5:** dec (1 st)
- Finish off. Work a single crochet border around the left, bottom, and right sides of the square, with three scs in each corner.



Modifications:

Make this triangle larger by beginning with more stitches in row 1 and decreasing by 2 for each row (except for the last 2 rows).

OVAL

- **Begin:** chain 7 (7 sts)
- **Round 1:** beginning from the second chain from the hook, sc around the foundation chain (12 sts)
- **Round 2:** inc x12 (24 sts)
- **Round 3:** (sc, inc) x12 (36 sts)
- Finish off.



Modifications:

For a longer oval, increase the number of chains in the initial row. For a larger oval, continue adding rounds as if you were working around a magic ring.

SPHERE

- **Round 1:** 6 sc in MR (6 sts)
- **Round 2:** inc x6 (12 sts)
- **Round 3:** (sc, inc) x6 (18 sts)
- **Round 4-5 (2 rnds):** sc around (18 sts)
- Stuff lightly.
- **Round 6:** (sc, dec) x6 (12 sts)
- **Round 7:** dec x6 (6 sts)
- Finish off in the round.



Modifications:

A perfect sphere is made of 3 sections, increasing (orange), middle (red), and decreasing (pink). The red section should always have one more round than the orange section.

For make a perfect sphere larger, add extra rounds to the orange section, increasing by 6 stitches each time. This means that you will have to adjust the red section so that it has one round more than the orange section, and adjust the pink section so that it mirrors the orange section.

To make the sphere wider or narrower on the bottom, insert a few of the rounds from the red section in between the rounds in the orange section. The exact order you do this will determine the end result, so play around a bit!

To make the sphere longer or shorter, remove some rounds from the red section.

HARD TURN

- **Increase section**
- **Middle section - first rnd BLO**

Make a hard turn between two faces of a geometric shape by working the first "sc around" round back loop only. This creates a hard edge.



HEMISPHERE/SEMICIRCLE

- **Round 1:** 6 sc in MR (6 sts)
- **Round 2:** inc x6 (12 sts)
- **Round 3-4 (2 rnds):** sc around (12 sts)
- Finish off in the round. For a semicircle, flatten.

Modifications:

For a larger or smaller hemisphere, add more increase rounds in the orange section. To make an elongated hemisphere (photo to the right), add as many rounds as you wish to the red section.



CURVED TUBE

- **Begin:** chain 15, slst to first stitch (15 sts)
- **Round 1-5 (4 rnds):** 5 hdc, 2 sc, 6 sl st, 2 sc (15 sts)

Modifications:

To make the curve sharper, replace the hdc in rnds 1-5 with a dc. To make the curve gentler, replace rounds 2 and 4 with "sc around."



CYLINDER

- **Round 1:** 6 sc in MR (6 sts)
- **Round 2:** inc x6 (12 sts)
- **Round 3:** (sc, inc) x6 (18 sts)
- **Round 4:** BLO, sc around (18 sts)
- **Round 5-11 (7 rnds):** sc around (18 sts)
- Stuff.
- **Round 12:** BLO, (sc, dec) x6 (12 sts)
- **Round 13:** dec x6 (6 sts)
- Finish off.



Modifications:

This cylinder is made by crocheting a circle (orange section), then working "sc around" rounds (red section), and then decreasing (pink section). To make the diameter of the cylinder bigger, make the orange section larger by creating a larger circle. To make the cylinder taller or shorter, add or subtract rounds from the red section.

CONE

- **Round 1:** 4 sc in MR (4 sts)
- **Round 2:** (sc, inc) x2 (6 sts)
- **Round 3:** (2 sc, inc) x2 (8 sts)
- **Round 4:** (3 sc, inc) x2 (10 sts)
- **Round 5:** (4 sc, inc) x2 (12 sts)
- **Round 6:** dec x6 (6 sts)
- Finish off.



Modifications:

To make a taller cone of this diameter, continue increasing by 2 after round 5 until desired height. To make a wider cone of the same diameter, begin with 6, 8, or 10 stitches in round 1, and increase by 3, 4, or 5.

BRANCHING

- **Row 1:** chain 15, slst to first stitch (15 sts)
- **Round 2-6** (5 rnds): sc around (15 sts)
- **Round 7:** chain 7 and skip 7 stitches (fig. 1). Sc 8 more stitches. (15 sts)
- **Round 8-12** (5 rnds): sc around (15 sts)
- Finish off. Reattach yarn at the first skipped stitch at round 7 (fig. 2).
- **Round 13:** sc around, picking up stitches all around the hole created by round 7. (14 sts)
- **Round 14-17** (4 rnds): sc around (14 sts).
- Finish off.

Modifications:

Change how large the branch created at round 13 is by skipping more or less stitches at round 7.

You can also change the diameter of the top and bottom branches by chaining a greater or fewer number of stitches at row 1.

Make each branch longer or shorter by adding more "sc around" rounds where appropriate.



Fig. 1: work after skipping sts in rnd 7.



Fig. 2: attaching yarn at beginning of rnd 13.





I hope you enjoyed this guide to crochet shapes and found the patterns helpful. If you have more questions about amigurumi shapes or designing amigurumi don't hesitate to reach out to me with a direct message on Instagram or through email at littleworldofwhimsy@gmail.com. Happy crocheting! ♥



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