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## Circle of Skulls Wreath

Greet little goblins at your front door with this clever crocheted wreath! Eight skulls and a striped ruffle are combined on a metal wreath form for a spooky front door welcoming committee!

Each skeleton measures 4" [10 cm] wide x 5" [12.5 cm] tall.

### NOTES

Skulls are worked in rounds in some sections and turned rows in others as stated in the instructions. Eye sockets and nose hole are worked on wrong side of skull for a hallow look.

Skulls are attached to the wire wreath form using a crocheted tab. Tabs are sewn to back of skull and woven through the wire form.

### SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

**sc2tog:** [Draw up a loop in next st] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

### SKULL (make 8)

**Note:** This section is worked in continuous rounds.

**Round 1:** With **A** and smaller hook, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook – 6 sc. Place marker for beginning of round.

**Round 2:** 2 sc in each st around – 12 sts.

**Round 3:** [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times – 18 sts.

**Round 4:** [Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in st] 6 times – 24 sts.

**Round 5:** [Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times – 30 sts.

**Round 6:** [Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times – 36 sts.

**Round 7:** [Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times – 42 sts.

**Round 8:** [Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times – 48 sts.

**Rounds 9-12:** Sc in each st around.

**Round 13:** [Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog] 6 times – 42 sts.

### Shape Eye Sockets

**Round 14:** Sc in next 4 sts, ch 10, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, ch 10, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, [sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog] 3 times, sc in last 5 sts – 55 sts.



**Round 15:** Sc in next 4 sts, sc in each of next 10 ch, skip next st, sc in next 2 sts, skip next st, sc in each of next 10 ch, skip next st, sc in remaining 26 sts – 52 sts.

### Shape Nose Hole

**Round 16:** Sc in next 12 sts, ch 4, skip next 6 sts, sc in next 34 sts – 50 sts.

**Note:** This section is worked in turned rows.

**Row 17:** Sc in next 4 sts and move marker to last st just worked, ch 1, turn, working along back of Skull, sc across next 30 sts, leave remaining sts unworked – 30 sts.

**Row 18:** Ch 1, turn, sc in next 30 sts, leave remaining sts unworked.

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**Row 19:** Ch 1, turn, [sc in 3 sts, sc2tog] 3 times, [sc2tog, sc in 3 sts] 3 times – 24 sts.

**Note:** Before proceeding with skull rounds, fill in sockets and nose hole. Secure live **A** st on safety pin to prevent unraveling while filling in Eye Sockets and Nose Hole. Turn Skull inside out.

### Eye Sockets

**Note:** This section is worked in continuous rounds.

**Round 1:** Join **B** in front loop of any st in Eye Socket, ch 1, sc in same space, sc 13 sts evenly spaced around – 14 sts. Place marker for beginning of round.

**Round 2:** [Sc in next st, sc2tog] 4 times, sc in last 2 sts – 10 sts.

**Round 3:** [Sc in next st, sc2tog] 3 times, sc in last st – 7 sts.

Fasten off, leaving a long end. Weave long end through remaining sts to close. Secure end.

Repeat for second Eye Socket.

### Nose Hole

**Round 1:** Join **B** in front loop of any st in Nose Hole, ch 1, sc in same place, sc 9 sts evenly spaced around – 10 sts. Place marker for beginning of round.

**Round 2:** [Sc in next st, sc2tog] 3 times, sc in last st – 7 sts.

**Round 3:** [Sc in next st, sc2tog] twice, sc in last st – 5 sts.

Fasten off, leaving a long end. Weave long end through remaining sts to close. Secure end.

### Head

**Note:** Turn Skull right side out. Insert hook in live st ready to continue to work in rounds.

**Round 20:** Ch 1 turn, sc across next 24 sts, skip first 4 sts along side of Eye

Socket, sc in next 4 sts, sc across 4 ch of Nose Hole, sc in next 4 sts, skip next 4 sts along side of second Eye Socket, join with slip st in first sc – 36 sts.

**Round 21:** Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in next 22 sts, sc2tog, sc in last 10 sts – 34 sts.

**Round 22:** [Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog] 4 times, sc in last 2 sts – 30 sts.

**Note:** Before proceeding, turn Skull inside out and sew holes beside Eye Sockets closed using matching scrap yarn and matching edges. Secure ends. Turn right side out. Begin stuffing firmly with fiberfill.

**Round 23:** [Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts] 2 times, sc in last 10 sts – 28 sts. Continue to add fiberfill as rounds are completed.

**Round 24:** Sc in each st around.

**Round 25:** Sc in next 28 sts, sc in next 10 sts and move marker here for new beginning of round.

**Round 26:** Working in back loops only, sc in each st around – 28 sts.

**Round 27:** [Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog] 4 times – 24 sts.

**Round 28:** [Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog] 6 times – 18 sts.

**Round 29:** [Sc in next st, sc2tog] 6 times – 12 sts. Fasten off, leaving a long end. Weave tail through remaining sts to close. Secure end.

### WREATH TAB (make 1 for each Skull)

Using smaller hook and **A**, ch 7.

**Row 1:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across – 6 sts.

**Rows 2-10:** Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Fasten off, leaving yarn ends for sewing.

### STRIPED RUFFLE

**Note:** This section is worked in joined rounds.

**Round 1:** With right side facing, using larger hook and **C**, working over outer wire of wreath frame, sc 270 sts (or any multiple of 5 sts) around, slip st in first sc to join.

**Round 2:** Ch 1, sc in each st around. Fasten off.

**Round 3:** With right side facing, join **B** in any st with slip st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, [sc in 4 sts, 2 sc in next st] around – 324 sts.

**Round 4:** Ch 1, sc in each st around, slip st in first sc to join. Fasten off.

**Round 5:** With right side facing, join **C** with slip st in any st, ch 1, sc in each st around – 324 sts.

**Round 6:** Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next sc, [sc in 5 sts, 2 sc in next sc] around, slip st in first sc – 378 sts. Fasten off.

**Round 7:** With right side facing, join **B** with slip st in any st, ch 1, sc in each st around, slip st in first sc.

**Round 8:** Ch 1, sc in each st around, slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

**Round 9:** With right side facing, join **C** with slip st in any st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next sc, [sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next sc] around, slip st in first sc – 432 sts.

**Round 10:** Ch 1, sc in each st around, slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

### FINISHING

Referring to photo and using **B**, embroider mouth in straight sts across each Skull. Work small straight sts perpendicular across mouth for teeth.

Using **B**, insert yarn needle through back of head, lining up with middle of one Eye Socket, pull to center of Eye Socket, skip ¼" [6mm], reinsert yarn needle through Eye Socket and Skull to back of head. Pull ends to shape Skull and tie ends together. Repeat for second Eye Socket and Nose Hole.

Sew one end of Wreath Tab to back of Skull. Weave in ends.

Fold Wreath Tab over wire frame and sew opposite end of Wreath Tab to back of Skull. Repeat to arrange to attach Skulls to wire frame.

### ABBREVIATIONS

**A, B, C** = Color A, B, C; **ch** = chain; **cm** = centimeters; **mm** = millimeters; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **tog** = together; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.