



# Little Shells Easter Egg

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This crocheted egg has little shells made up of 3 dc in one stitch and it is fun and easy to make. The most difficult part is stitching up the opening closed after slipping the plastic egg in.

## Materials Needed

Size 10 crochet cotton in white and pink. DMC Traditions was used in the example.

Size 7 Steel Crochet Hook

1 plastic egg 2" x 3¼"

Tapestry Needle for weaving in ends

**Yarn Thickness:** 10thread

**Gauge:** 8sc = 1"

**Finished Size:** 2" x 3¼"

**Skill Level:** Intermediate

## Special Stitch Instructions (dcdec)

**Double Crochet Decrease:** Yo, insert hook in stitch next st, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull through 2 lps on hook, yo, insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull through 2 lps on hook, yo, pull through all 3 lps on hook.

## Instructions

**RND 1:** With white. Ch4. 12dc in 4th ch from hook. Join w/slst to first dc.

**RND 2:** Ch3, dc in same st as slst. 2dc in each dc around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

**RND 3:** Ch3, dc in same st as slst. Dc in next st. \*2dc in next st. Dc in next st. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

**RND 4:** Ch3, dc in same st as slst. Dc in each of the next 2 sts. \*2dc in next st. Dc in each of the next 2 dc. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

**RND 5:** Ch3, dc in same st as slst. Ch4. Sk 3 dc. \*2dc in next dc. Ch4. Sk 3 dc. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to top of ch3. Drop white but do not fasten off.

**RND 6:** Join pink in same st as slst. Sc in same st. Sc in next st. (3dc over ch4 sp in 2nd dc of skipped 3dc of previous round.) \*Sc in each of the next 2 dc. Rep bet () once. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to first sc.

**RND 7:** Ch3. Dc in next sc. Ch3. Sk next 3 dc. \*Dc in each of the next 2 dc. C3. Sk next 3 dc. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to top of ch3. Drop pink but do not fasten off.

**RND 8:** Pick up white. Ch1, sc in same st as slst. Sc in next dc. (3dc over ch3 sp in 2nd dc of skipped 3dc of previous round.) \*Sc in each of the next 2dc. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to first sc.

**RND 9:** Ch3. Dc in next sc. Ch3. Sk next 3 dc. \*Dc in each of the next 2 dc. C3. Sk next 3 dc. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to top of ch3. Drop white but do not fasten off.

**RND 10:** Pick up pink. Ch1, sc in same st as slst. Sc in next dc. (3dc over ch3 sp in 2nd dc of skipped 3dc of previous round.)

\*Sc in each of the next 2dc. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to first sc.

**RND 11-18:** Repeat RNDs 7-10 consecutively, twice.

**RND 19:** Rep RND 7. Fasten off pink.

**RND 20:** Rep RND 8.

**RND 21:** Ch2, dc in next sc. *Counts as a Dcdec* Dc in each of the next 3 dc.

\*Dcdec 1. Dc in each of the next 3dc. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to first dc. Slip egg in at this point and finish stitching with egg inside.

**RND 22:** Ch3. Dc in next dc. Dcdec 1. \*Dc in each of the next 2 dc. Dcdec 1. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

**RND 23:** Ch3. Dcdec 1. \*Dc in next dc. Dcdec1. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

**RND 24:** Dcdec all the way around. Join w/slst to top of first dc. Cut thread at least 6" long and weave through last round to gather up to close end. Weave end in.

