



## Mushrooms

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### Materials:

- Worsted yarn in shroomy colors. I used Red Heart Buff for the caps and Aran for the stems.
- Size E crochet hook

Gauge: not important, but crochet tightly to give rigidity to the stems.

BLO = back loop only

Instructions are for four slightly different caps, as mushrooms are all slightly different. A large, two mediums, and a small.

### Caps

Large Cap: leave a long tail at the beginning to attach cap to stem  
1: Ch2, six sc in second ch from hook. 6sc

2: (Sc in next sc, two sc in next) around. 9sc  
3: Sc in each sc around. 9sc  
4: Two sc in each sc around. 18 sc  
5: (Hdc in next st, two hdc in next st) around. 27hdc. Fasten off. Weave tail into the underside of the cap.

**Medium Cap 1:** leave a long tail at the beginning to attach cap to stem

1: Ch2, six sc in second ch from hook. 6sc  
2: (Sc in next sc, two sc in next) around. 9sc  
3: (Sc in next two sc, two sc in next) around. 12 sc  
4: (Hdc in next three sc, two hdc in next) around. 15hdc. Fasten off. Weave tail into the underside of the cap.

**Medium Cap 2:** leave a long tail at the beginning to attach cap to stem

1: Ch2, six sc in second ch from hook. 6sc  
2: (Sc in next sc, two sc in next) around. 9sc  
3: (Sc in next two sc, two sc in next) around. 12 sc  
4: (Hdc in next sc, two hdc in next) around. 18hdc. Fasten off. Weave tail into the underside of the cap.

**Small Cap:** leave a long tail at the beginning to attach cap to stem

1: Ch2, six sc in second ch from hook. 6sc  
2: Two sc in each sc around. 12sc  
3-4: Sc in each sc around. 12sc. Fasten off. Weave tail into the underside of the cap.

**Stems:** stems can be worked to any height desired. These three heights worked well for me.

**Tall stem:**

1: Ch2, six sc in second ch from hook. 6sc  
2: In BLO, sc in each sc around.  
3-11: In both loops, sc in each sc around. At the end of round 11, fasten off leaving a long tail to sew stem to cap.

**Medium stem:**

1: Ch2, six sc in second ch from hook. 6sc  
2: In BLO, sc in each sc around.  
3-8: In both loops, sc in each sc around. At the end of round 11, fasten off leaving a long tail to sew stem to cap.

**Short stem:**

1: Ch2, six sc in second ch from hook. 6sc  
2: In BLO, sc in each sc around.  
3-6: In both loops, sc in each sc around. At the end of round 11, fasten off leaving a long tail to sew stem to cap.

These pieces are not stuffed. As small as they are, and as tightly crocheted, they do not need stuffing to keep their shape.

To attach a cap to a stem, run the beginning long tail of the cap into the stem and out the side. I used this length to make straight stitches in this color along the stem. This secured the cap and added some color to the stem. Using the long tail from the stem, run it up and through the cap and make similar straight stitches with the stem color on the cap. I liked the way it made the mushrooms look, and it aided in securing the cap to the stem.

You can mix and match stems and caps :-)