Crochet Snake Pattern

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A long crochet snake that is mostly relaxing rounds of single crochet: a round head, a striped body and a tail that tapers to a point. It is one piece, so there is nothing to sew apart from the eyes and a little forked tongue.

It comes out about 22 in / 56 cm long in DK cotton. Stuff it lightly and it curls and drapes over shelves and shoulders.



The snake in sage green with cream stripes.

Pattern at a glance

- **Skill level:** beginner (sc in the round, color changes)
- **Finished size:** about 22 in / 56 cm long, body 3 in / 7.5 cm around
- **Yarn:** DK cotton: sage green (A) about 103 yd / 95 m, cream (B) about 28 yd / 26 m, a little red (C)
- **Hook:** 2.5 mm (US B/1–C/2), plus two 6 mm safety eyes and fiberfill
- **Time:** about 5 to 6 hours

Abbreviations (US terms)

- **MR** magic ring · **sc** single crochet · **inc** 2 sc in one stitch · **dec** invisible decrease · **FO** fasten off
- **blo / flo** back loop only / front loop only · **ch** chain · **sl st** slip stitch · **hdc / dc** half double / double crochet

Before you start

- The body is 144 rounds, but most of them are plain sc around 18 stitches: good TV crochet.
- For neat stripes, change color in the last stitch of the round before, and carry the unused color up inside the tube instead of cutting it.
- Stuff as you go, every 20 rounds or so. Reaching into a long tube later is hard.

The pattern

Snake

Color: start with A (sage green).

Start at the head. Round 11 narrows the head into the body; the stripes start in round 12.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** Inc ×6. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** (sc, inc) ×6. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 4:** Sc, inc, (2 sc, inc) ×5, sc. (24)
- [ ] **Rnds 5–10:** Sc around. (24)
- [ ] **Rnd 11:** (2 sc, dec) ×6. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 12–13:** Switch to B (cream). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 14:** Switch to A (sage green). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 15–19:** Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 20–21:** Switch to B (cream). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 22:** Switch to A (sage green). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 23–27:** Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 28–29:** Switch to B (cream). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 30:** Switch to A (sage green). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 31–35:** Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 36–37:** Switch to B (cream). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 38:** Switch to A (sage green). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 39–43:** Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 44–45:** Switch to B (cream). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 46:** Switch to A (sage green). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 47–51:** Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 52–53:** Switch to B (cream). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 54:** Switch to A (sage green). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 55–59:** Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 60–61:** Switch to B (cream). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 62:** Switch to A (sage green). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 63–67:** Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 68–69:** Switch to B (cream). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 70:** Switch to A (sage green). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 71–75:** Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 76–77:** Switch to B (cream). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 78:** Switch to A (sage green). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 79–83:** Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 84–85:** Switch to B (cream). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 86:** Switch to A (sage green). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 87–91:** Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 92–93:** Switch to B (cream). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 94:** Switch to A (sage green). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 95–99:** Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 100–101:** Switch to B (cream). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 102:** Switch to A (sage green). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 103–107:** Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 108–109:** Switch to B (cream). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 110:** Switch to A (sage green). Sc around. (18)

- [ ] **Rnds 111–115:** Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 116–117:** Switch to B (cream). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 118:** Switch to A (sage green). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 119–123:** Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 124–125:** Switch to B (cream). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 126:** Switch to A (sage green). Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 127–131:** Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 132:** (sc, dec) ×6. (12)
- [ ] **Rnds 133–138:** Sc around. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 139:** (sc, dec) ×4. (8)
- [ ] **Rnds 140–143:** Sc around. (8)
- [ ] **Rnd 144:** Dec ×4. (4)

Placement: Eyes: 6 mm safety eyes between R6 and R7, 8 sts apart.

Placement: Tongue in C: ch 7, sl st back along the last 2 ch twice for the fork, sew under the mouth on R3.

Finish: Stuff the head firmly and the body lightly as you go; FO and close the tail tip.



The head with its forked tongue; the stripes run all along the body.

Finishing

- **Tongue:** in red, ch 7, sl st back along the last 2 ch, ch 2 more and sl st back again for the fork. Sew the straight end under the mouth on round 3.
- **Tail:** close the tail tip with the yarn tail and weave it in inside the snake.

Tips

- **Longer or shorter:** each stripe repeat (8 rounds) adds or removes about 1.25 in / 3 cm.
- **Poseable snake:** push a long pipe cleaner chain or a piece of soft craft wire through the body before closing it. Not for small children.
- **Other markings:** wide bands of 4 and 4, or a solid color with a lighter belly embroidered on later.

FAQ

My snake twists in a spiral. Why?

All spiral rounds lean a little. Stuff lightly and it hides it; for a straighter tube, work the body in joined rounds instead.

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