

CROCHET GEODES

Make a one-of-a-kind crochet geode with us!



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Introduction

Who doesn't love a sparkly, exquisite geode as a display piece? Have you ever wanted one that wasn't as heavy or scratchy? Now you can make one of your own and with your own color scheme! Let's go!

Please note that this pattern is written for intermediate crocheters. If you are a beginner and need to familiarize yourself with basic crochet stitches, you can visit [Tips & Techniques](#) on our website at [LimaBeads.com](#).

Basic Construction and Some Notes:

- The geode has two layers: the inside "cup", where the crystal is, and the outside "cup".
- Begin with crocheting the inside cup from the base to the widest part of the rim. Beads are then threaded onto a separate strand of yarn and are crocheted in a spiral onto the inside.
- Then crochet a second cup slightly larger than the first. The first cup will nest inside the second cup.
- The two layers are seamed together at the top. Yarn ends are woven in.
- **Start every round with a chain 1; this is considered the first stitch. If you start the round with an increase, then chain 1 and sc into the same stitch. Finish every round with a slip stitch to the first chain in the round.**

Materials Needed

- Beads - [Czech Glass Large Hole Fire Polished Rondelle 5x8mm](#) for the "crystal" interior of the geode. You'll need 3-4 strands of this style, depending on your desired bead density. [6x9mm Large Hole Rondelles](#) would also work for a denser crystal appearance.
 - You can also choose other **large-hole** crystal beads, but different shapes and sizes may give a different effect from the finished-pieces shown in this pattern.
- 20-30 g of DK or worsted weight yarn.
- One 4.0mm (US G/6) crochet hook.

Optional but Recommended:

- One small crochet hook for threading yarn through the beads.
- One darning needle for weaving in yarn ends.

Skills Required

MC	Starting with a 'magic circle'
sc	Single crochet
Inc	Increase (two sc in one space)
Dec	Decrease (crochet two stitches together)
c	1 Chain Stitch
Sl st	Slip Stitch

Here's a little preview of the process!



Let's Start!

Inside Cup - The Base

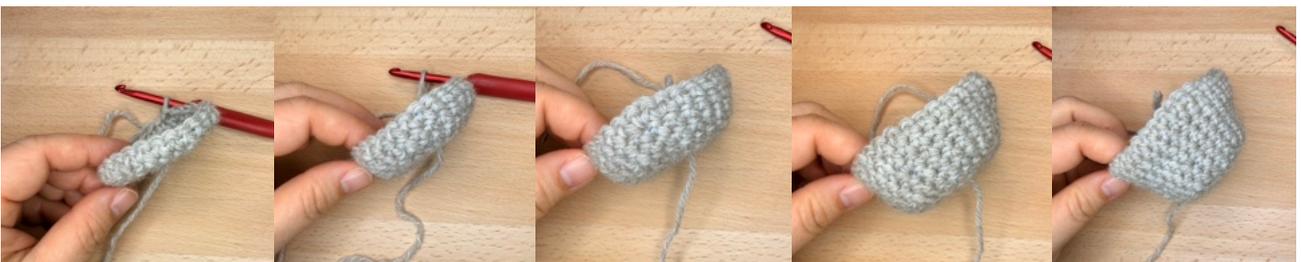
ROW	INSTRUCTIONS	STITCH COUNT
Row 1	* 8 sc in a MC (see pics). Sl st to the first chain.	8 stitches
Row 2	* Inc in every stitch to the end of the round, Sl st to the first chain. increased 8 stitches.	16 stitches
Row 3	* [Inc 1, sc 1], repeat all the way around. Sl st to the first chain. Increased 8 stitches.	24 stitches
Row 4	* [Inc 1, sc 5], repeat all the way around. Sl st to the first chain. Increased 4 stitches.	28 stitches



Now we begin on the sides of the inside cup.

Inside Cup - The Sides

ROW	INSTRUCTIONS	STITCH COUNT
Row 5 & 6	* Sc in every stitch around, Sl st to the first chain.	28 stitches
Row 7	* [Inc 1, sc 6], Sl st to the first chain.	32 stitches
Row 8 & 9	* Sc in every stitch around, Sl st to the first chain.	32 stitches
Row 10	* [Inc 1, sc 7], Sl st to the first chain.	36 stitches
Row 11	* Sc in every stitch around, join with slip stitch. Cut end of yarn, leaving approximately 5-6 inches. * Use a darning needle or small crochet hook to weave the ends back into the cup, to hide them.	36 stitches



The inside cup is now finished.

To begin adding the beaded geode interior:

Cut a length of yarn around 2 meters (5-6 feet) long, and thread approximately 3 strands of the 5x8mm Czech Glass beads, approximately 75 beads. Reserve the 4th strand for now.

Create a slip not at one end. Beginning in the hole below any stitch at the ending row, pull the loop through, including the short end. Then pull yarn back through the other side until the slip knot, on your hook, is now close to the edge of the cup. Begin making chain stitches INTO the side of the cup, always through the little holes just under the stitches, moving from right to left, each time trapping one bead on the INSIDE of the cup. See the pictures below.



You can decide how close you wish the beads to appear. I skipped one hole every two holes. That spaced the beads out a little so I didn't need more than 3-4 strands of beads.

Continue chain stitching your beads onto the inside of the cup in a spiral around the cup, heading down into the cup row by row, until you spiral the beads to the very center of the base. See pics.

Once done, pull your yarn all the way through to the outside of the cup, cut a 5 inch length, and then securely tie the end off, so the beads will not come out.



Now we begin with the outer layer, crocheting a second, slightly larger cup.

Outside Cup - The Base

ROW	INSTRUCTIONS	STITCH COUNT
Row 1	* Crochet 8 stitches in a magic circle (see pics). Join last stitch to first stitch with slip stitch.	8 stitches
Row 2	* Increase in every stitch, then join to the first stitch in the round with a slip stitch. increased 8 stitches.	16 stitches
Row 3	* [Inc 1, sc 1], repeat all the way around. Join to first stitch with slip stitch. Increased 8 stitches.	24 stitches
Row 4	* [Inc 1, sc 2], repeat all the way around. Join to first stitch with slip stitch. Increased 8 stitches.	32 stitches
Row 5	* [Inc 1, sc 7], repeat all the way around. Join to first stitch with slip stitch. Increased 4 stitches.	36 stitches

The base for the outside cup has one more round of stitches than the inside cup!

Begin crocheting the sides of the outside cup.

Outside Cup - The Sides

ROW	INSTRUCTIONS	STITCH COUNT
Row 6 & 7	* Sc in every stitch around, join with slip stitch.	36 stitches
Row 8	* [Inc 1, sc 8], join with slip stitch.	40 stitches
Row 9 & 10	* Sc in every stitch around, join with slip stitch.	40 stitches
Row 11	* [Inc 1, sc 9], join with slip stitch.	44 stitches
Row 12 & 13	* Sc in every stitch around, join with slip stitch.	44 stitches
Row 14	* [Dec 1, sc 4, Dec 1, sc 3], repeat to end of round, join with slip stitch.	36 stitches



Slip your inside cup into your outside cup - should be a perfect fit! You know have exactly 36 stitches at the top row of each of your cups. Using either a darning needle or a crochet hook, you can now seam the two cups together at the top. My preferred method for seaming includes doing slip stitches onto the outside of the two layers, through one stitch from the outer cup AND inner cup. Continue all the way around until you

reach the first slip stitch. Cut the end, and weave it in securely. You can tie it off and then use a darning needle to pull the end into the area between the two cups, *and cut short. Now it will never come out.*



And *voila!* Your crocheted geode is done! You did it!

To see the pattern with links to the materials used, visit [Crochet Geode](#) on [LimaBeads.com](#). You can also view all other patterns available exclusively in our [Design Gallery](#).

~ Happy Crocheting! ~

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