



MUSHROOM MOTIF EARRING

[“Nature alone is antique, and the oldest art a mushroom.”](#)

[Thomas Carlyle](#)

In Eastern European and Scandinavian folklore, mushrooms were a common motif for representing mystery in fairy tales. But lately, you can find references to mushrooms everywhere, from fashion and beauty to medicine and health.

Mushrooms are said to symbolize longevity, good relationships, mystery, resilience, healing, nourishment, and flexibility. Considered a positive omen, mushrooms are also believed to be heralds of good luck.

The apparent omnipresence of mushrooms in today’s world has motivated me to write this Mushroom Motif Earring pattern to share with you. The mushroom is also one of my daughter’s favorite symbols, and so, I have wanted to create this motif in crochet for some time now. Make one for yourself or as a gift for a special person.

Once you have tried this, if you have any suggestions on how to improve the final product, please let me know at mindandmuse@gmail.com.

MATERIALS:

- #10 mercerized cotton in 2 or 3 colors (I used Aunt Lydia’s Victory Red and Omega’s colorway C-111)
- 1.25 mm crochet hook

- 0.6 mm hook (for picking up beads, if used.)
- several beads in a coordinating color with your thread to represent the spots of the mushroom (optional)– I used Miyuki 8/0 round in Galvanized Gold
- Two earring wires of your preference
- scissors
- needle for weaving in ends
- 2 flat nose pliers (if using fishhook ear wires)
- White glue or your favorite stiffener

GAUGE: It has not been established for this pattern. However, a consistent tension is desirable for a neat finish.

STITCHES – The pattern is written in **US terminology**.

sl st - slip stitch

sc - single crochet

hdc - half double crochet

dc - double crochet

trb – treble crochet

sc2tog – single crochet 2 together

ch - chain stitch

Bst - bullion st - Wrap the yarn around your hook 7 times. Insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over, and pull up a loop. Yarn over and pull this loop through all loops on the hook. Ch 1.

EXPERIENCE LEVEL

- Motivated beginner and above.

PROJECT NOTES:

- If you use a thicker yarn or a larger hook your earring will be longer and wider, but the hole of your bead may be too small for your hook and thread to go through. Check before starting.
- Beginning ch 1 does not count as a stitch throughout this pattern.
- Color A refers to the color chosen for the gills and the stem of the mushroom and Color B refers to the color chosen for the mushroom cap. However, you may choose to use three colors, one for the stem, one for the gills and one for the mushroom cap. This pattern does not cover using three colors.
- Throughout this pattern instructions such as 3sc, imply that you should make 3 sc in the same stitch, whereas the instruction sc3 implies that you should make a sc in each of the next 3 stitches.
- A video tutorial for this earring is available on my YouTube channel.

INSTRUCTIONS:

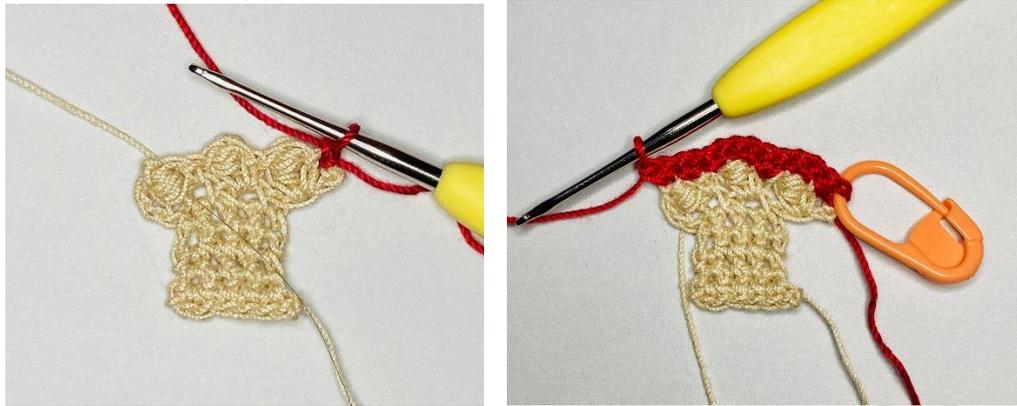
- 1) Using Color A, ch 7. In the third ch from hook, * [sc, Bst, ch1], sk next chain*, Repeat from * to * 2 more times. Ch 3.



- 2) Turn your work 180 °. Using the unused loops of your beginning chain, make 4 across. Ch 1 and turn.



- 3) Repeat *Sc 4, Ch 1, turn* 3 times.
- 4) 2sc in the first st, sc 2, 2sc in the last stitch.
- 5) Fasten off.
- 6) Attach Color B to the top right corner of your work. Sc 14 across (Suggestion: Identify 7 stitches you want to use and make two sc in each). Ch 1 and turn.



- 7) Sc2, using 0.6 mm hook pick up a bead and pull the loop through, sc4, using 0.6 mm hook pick up a bead and pull the loop through, sc4, using 0.6 mm hook pick up a bead and pull the loop through, sc4, ch 1, turn.
- 8) Sc across. Ch 1 and turn. (14 st)



- 9) Sk, sc3, using 0.6 mm hook pick up a bead and pull the loop through, sc4, using 0.6 mm hook pick up a bead and pull the loop through, sc 4, sc2tog, ch1 and turn. (12 st)
- 10) Sk, sc2, hdc, 2dc, 2trc, 2dc, hdc2, sc, sc2tog, ch1 and turn. (13 st)



11) Sk, sc3, hdc, [hdc, dc], using 0.6 mm hook pick up a bead and pull the loop through, [dc, hdc], hdc, sc3, sc2tog.

12) Fasten off. Weave in ends. Apply white glue to back side of earring and let dry.



13) Make 2nd earring.

14) Attach earring wires. Enjoy!!