

## Sugar Skull by Vicki Clarke 2010 victats@gmail.com



Sugar Skulls are often colourful so feel free to add more embellishment. Don't feel you need to stick to white as the base color. You can also use pearly white beads for the teeth in which case you'll need 14 white beads. Another option is to make the inside round a different color and the outside white.

### Materials

White thread CTM with ball (in picture I used size 20)  
1 yards variegated thread (in picture I used size 20)  
2 beads

### Terms

CWJ- Catherine wheel join. For help see

<http://yarnplayertats.blogspot.ca/2011/03/catherine-wheel-join-my-video-demo.html>

lp- long picot

- picot

+ join

rw – reverse work

slt- shoe lace trick

vsp- very small picot

C- chain

R-ring

### Sugar Skull Base

R 8 lp 8

C 8 - 8

R 8 + (to lp) 8

C 8 - 8 (optional to add beads here: 2b2b2b2bb2b2b2b2)

R 8 + (to lp) 8

C 8 - 8

R 8 + (to lp) 8

C 2-1-1-1-1-1-1- 2 (total of 7 picots) joint to base of ring 1

C 12 CWJ (to p Ch 3)

C 22 CWJ (to p of Ch2)

C 22 lj (to p Ch 1)

C 12 lj to base of ring 4

C 8 rw

C slt 3-1-1-1-1-1-3 rw

C slt 8 tie into beginning. Hide ends



### Eyes and nose

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R 3-1-1-1-3 vsp 3-1-1-1-3

**Dimpled Ring:** make 3ds then 3 first half stitches followed by 3 second half stitches and end with 3ds.

R 3-1-1-1-3 vsp 3-1-1-1-3

Attach eyes and nose to skull:

1. Bring thread through the center picot of the base.
2. Add bead to thread
3. Bring thread up through vsp on eye and then down through the picot on ch 1 of the base
4. Bring thread back through bead and tie to middle
5. Go to other side and repeat step 2 to 4
6. Secure nose if needed
7. Tie and cut.

Note: I choose to use half stitches to make a dimpled ring.