Spotted giraffe

US terms



Finished size
About 6¼ in (16 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
19 pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

You will need

Yarn A: butter yellow, the head, the body, the ears, the arms, the legs and the tail	**about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: caramel, the spots, the hooves and the tips of the horns and the tail	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: dark brown, the nostrils and the mouth	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: peach, the muzzle and the cheeks	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4). Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors and two black plastic eyes with washers, 10 mm.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 stitches together)
MR	magic ring
RS	right side

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

20 sc and 22 rounds = 4 in (10 cm), worked in a spiral. To check it, work a flat circle: 6 sc in a magic ring, then 6 more sc in each round (12, 18, 24, 30, 36). After round 6 it should measure about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

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Before you start

- Every piece is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up.
- Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.
- Color change: where a line begins "With A," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in A. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends inside.
- Center line: on a piece that others are sewn to, places are given by round and by stitches from a center line. It is half way round from where the rounds begin. Mark it with a pin or a scrap of yarn as listed here, run it straight from round 1 to the last round by eye, and count out from it: a whole number of stitches ends between two stitches, a half ends in the middle of one.
- Head: the center line runs between stitches 24 and 25 of round 10 (48 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 18 and 19 of round 6 (36 sts). It faces the front.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- To work sc2tog, put the hook under the front loop only of each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through both loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops.
- Eyes: for a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead of plastic ones: satin stitch dots of the same size in C (dark brown).
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, ovals, details) are for Standard: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Small: fine (2, sport) yarn, 2.25 mm (B-1) hook, 27 sc and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 4¾ in (12 cm) tall; eyes 7 mm; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.
- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 9 in (23 cm) tall; eyes 14 mm; multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 times the yarn.
- Jumbo: super bulky (6, plush or velvet) yarn, 6.5 mm (K-10½) hook, 11 sc and 12.1 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 11¼ in (28.5 cm) tall; eyes 18 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.
- Every size is approximate and follows from your gauge and how firmly you stuff.

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Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet and sc2tog is double crochet 2 stitches together.

Head

Yarn A, butter yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 11 to 15**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 15: tick them off as you go.

☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15

☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Fix the eyes now (see Finishing). Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside.	

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Body

Yarn A, butter yellow.

Round 1 is the middle of the base.

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☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 10**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 10: tick them off as you go.

☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10

☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 16 to 23**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 16 to 23: tick them off as you go.

☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, butter yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next st, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next st, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(7 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 3½ stitches. The odd stitch lies at one fold.	

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Horn: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, caramel; A, butter yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	With A, **[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 6**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 6: tick them off as you go.

5 6

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Muzzle

Yarn D, peach.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 6**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 6: tick them off as you go.

5 6

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 22 in (56 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge. Shape the stuffed piece with your fingers into an oval, about 1¾ in (4.4 cm) wide and 1¼ in (3.2 cm) tall.	

Arm: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, caramel; A, butter yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 12**	With A, sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 4 to 12: tick them off as you go.

4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

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Leg: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, caramel; A, butter yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	With A, sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 8**	Sc in each st around	**(15 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 8: tick them off as you go.

☐ 7 ☐ 8

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Large spot: make 3

Yarn B, caramel.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Small spot: make 4

Yarn B, caramel.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Tail

Yarns in order of use: B, caramel; A, butter yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	With A, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	**(5 sc)**

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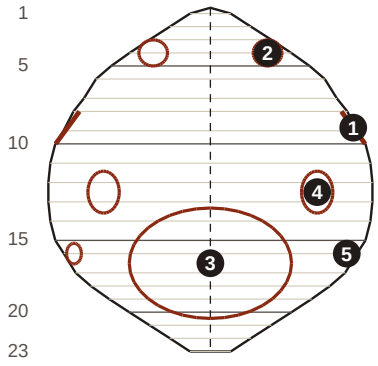
☐ **Rnds 4 to 11** Sc in each st around **(5 sc)**

A box for each round, 4 to 11: tick them off as you go.

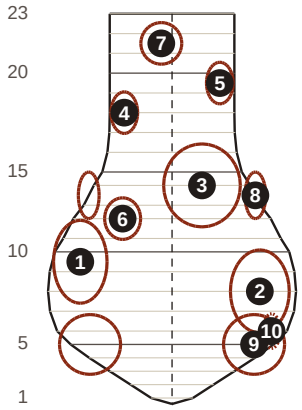
4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.

Assembly



Head: 1 ears, 2 horns, 3 muzzle, 4 eyes, 5 cheeks



Body: 1 large spot, 2 large spot, 3 large spot, 4 small spot, 5 small spot, 6 small spot, 7 small spot, 8 arms, 9 legs, 10 tail

Each line is a round, counted as the rounds are worked. The upright broken line is the center line. A place with a broken edge is on the far side.

1. In every step: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the same yarn; where a seam has two, use the longer. Set the head on the open edge of the body (18 sts), center lines in line: the edge lies on round 21 of the head (18 sts). Sew every stitch of the edge to the head, and top up the stuffing in the neck before the last stitches so that the head does not wobble.

2. Pin the two ears to the head: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 9, one to each side, 10 stitches from the center line (20 stitches apart). The flat edge slants: its end nearer the center line is on about round 8, its other end on about round 10. They point out to the side. Sew through both layers of the 3½-stitch edge with the tail.

3. Pin the two horns to the head: the middle of each open edge lies on round 4, one to each side, 3 stitches from the center line (6 stitches apart). The edge (6 sts) covers about rounds 3 to 5 of the head. They point up. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

4. Pin the muzzle to the head: the middle of the open edge lies between rounds 16 and 17, on the center line. The edge (24 sts) covers about rounds 13 to 20 of the head. It points forward. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

5. Lay one large spot flat on the body, right side out, the middle of it between rounds 9 and 10, 5 stitches to the left of the center line. Sew down all 12 stitches of the edge.

6. Lay one large spot flat on the body, right side out, the middle of it on round 8, 4½ stitches to the right of the center line. Sew down all 12 stitches of the edge.

7. Lay one large spot flat on the body, right side out, the middle of it on round 14, 1½ stitches to the right of the center line. Sew down all 12 stitches of the edge.

8. Lay one small spot flat on the body, right side out, the middle of it on round 18, 2½ stitches to the left of the center line. Sew down all 6 stitches of the edge.

9. Lay one small spot flat on the body, right side out, the middle of it between rounds 19 and 20, 2½ stitches to the right of the center line. Sew down all 6 stitches of the edge.

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10. Lay one small spot flat on the body, right side out, the middle of it on round 12, 2½ stitches to the left of the center line. Sew down all 6 stitches of the edge.

11. Lay one small spot flat on the body, right side out, the middle of it between rounds 21 and 22, ½ stitch to the left of the center line. Sew down all 6 stitches of the edge.

12. Pin the two arms to the body: the middle of each open edge lies between rounds 13 and 14, one to each side, 6 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart). The edge (12 sts) covers about rounds 12 to 15 of the body. They point out to the side and down, then curve forward. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a few running stitches along its inner side, drawn up a little. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

13. Pin the two legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 5, one to each side, 4½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart). The edge (15 sts) covers about rounds 3 to 7 of the body. They point forward and out to the side from under the front edge of the body, lying along the table. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

14. Pin the tail to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 6, 12 stitches to the right of the center line. The edge has 5 sts. It points to the right. Sew all the way round with its tail of yarn.

Finishing

- Use one strand of yarn and the yarn needle for all the embroidery. Plastic eyes go in before a piece is closed or sewn on; embroider, and knot in any lengths, when the pieces round the place are sewn on.
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the head between rounds 12 and 13, one to each side, 5½ stitches from the center line (11 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with D (peach), in satin stitch, an oval about ¼ in (6 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the head on round 16, one to each side, 8 stitches from the center line (16 stitches apart).
- Nostrils: with C (dark brown), two straight stitches side by side, about 1/8 in (3 mm) tall, each pair on the muzzle, one to each side, ½ in (13 mm) out from its center and 5/16 in (8 mm) above the middle of the muzzle.
- Mouth: with C (dark brown), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about ½ in (13 mm) wide that dips 3/16 in (5 mm), the point midway between its ends on the muzzle, at the middle of the muzzle.
- Weave every tail through the toy and trim it. For a toy that will be played with, go round each seam a second time with a new length of yarn. Check the seams and small parts from time to time.

In all: 19 pieces; 2,239 stitches; 38 ends to weave in.

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