Story finger puppets, set of five

US terms



Finished size

The king 3¾ in (9.5 cm) tall with the crown, the others 3 in (7.5 cm) to 3 1/8 in (8 cm) tall, each tube 2¾ in (7 cm) round above its last round

Skill

Easy

33 pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn

Fine (2), 11 colors

Hook

2.5 mm

Gauge

26 stitches and 28.6 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet, in a spiral.

What you need

Yarn A: sapphire, king body and dragon wing	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: amethyst, queen body	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: emerald, dragon body and dragon snout	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: ruby, frog body and the details	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: spring green, frog body and frog eye	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: gold, several of the pieces	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: white, several of the pieces	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn H: peach, king body and king nose	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn I: tan, queen body and queen nose	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn J: dark brown, queen hair, queen bun, owl wing and the details	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn K: topaz, owl body, owl ear tuft and owl wing	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 65 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).

Hook: 2.5 mm, or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins and scissors.

The pieces

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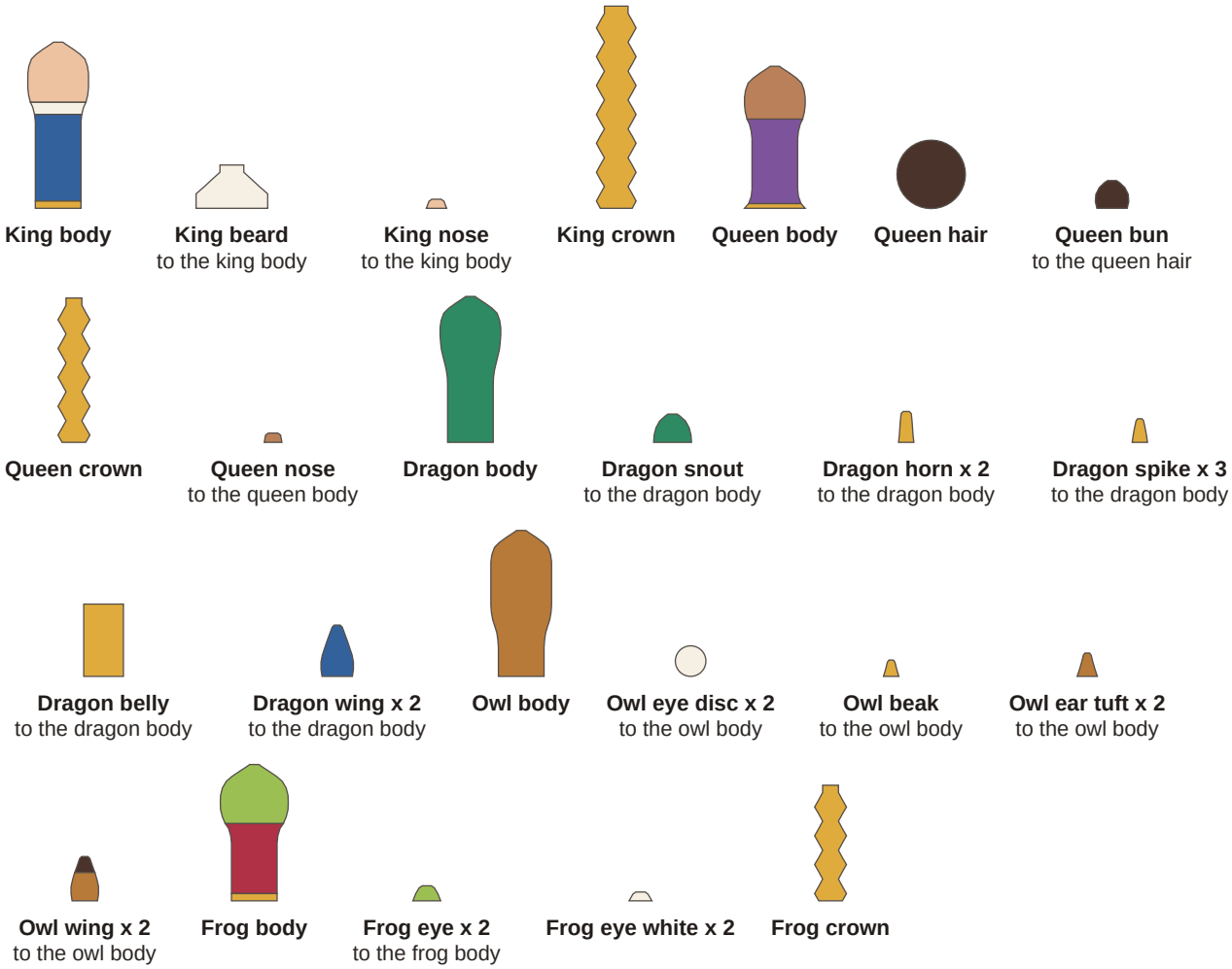

Gauge

26 stitches and 28.6 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, 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 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

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Instructions

US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **hdc** half double crochet (UK htr), **sc2tog** 2 sc made into one, **BLO** only the loop away from you, **st** stitch.

2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 2 sts: one in each.

Rounds run in a **spiral**: mark the first stitch and move the marker up each round. **Working in the round**

[ ] 6 times: 6 times in all. (18 sc): the round now has 18; a check, not a step. Not 18? **Pull it back**.

Also: RS right side, yo yarn over.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Special stitches

bobble: [yarn over, insert hook in the stitch, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops] 4 times in the same stitch, yarn over, pull through all 5 loops (United Kingdom: a bobble of 4 trebles). Push it out to the right side.

King body

Begin with yarn H, peach.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring. *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.*	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
	Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 12 and 13 of round 4. It faces the front, round 1 at the top.	
☐ **Rounds 5 to 10**	Sc in each st around 5 6 7 8 9 10	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 11**	With G, **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 12**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐ **Rounds 13 to 24**	With A, sc in each st around 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 25**	With F, sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐	Fasten off and weave in the end. Do not stuff: the finger goes in at the open end.	

King beard

Yarn G, white.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 3 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Start**	With G, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(3 sc)

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☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, bobble in next st, sc in next st, bobble in next st, 2 sc in next st	(7 sts)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, bobble in next st, sc in next st, bobble in next st, sc in next st, bobble in next st, sc in next st, bobble in next st, sc in next st, bobble in next st	(9 sts)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(9 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. The last row is the upper edge of the beard, and the foundation chain is its point. Push the bobbles of rows 3 and 5 out to the side that will show.	

King nose

Yarn H, peach.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

King crown

Yarn F, gold.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 3 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Start**	With F, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	(3 sc)
☐ **Rows 6 to 28**	Repeat rows 2 to 5 in order, over and over. The last row, row 28, is worked as row 4.	

6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

☐	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. The side edge of the piece where row 1 ends goes out and in: it makes the points.	

Queen body

Begin with yarn I, tan.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)

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☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 12 and 13 of round 4. It faces the front, round 1 at the top.

☐ **Rounds 5 to 9**	Sc in each st around	(24 sc)

5 6 7 8 9

☐ **Round 10**	With B, **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rounds 11 to 21**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)

11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21

☐ **Round 22**	With F, **[**sc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sts)
☐	Fasten off and weave in the end. Do not stuff: the finger goes in at the open end. The last round stands out a little all the way round: it is the hem of the gown.	

Queen hair

Yarn J, dark brown.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(27 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

Queen bun

Yarn J, dark brown.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	Sc in each st around	(15 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	(12 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

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Queen crown

Yarn F, gold.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 2 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Start**	With F, ch 3.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, sc2tog	(2 sc)
☐ **Rows 6 to 20**	Repeat rows 2 to 5 in order, over and over. The last row, row 20, is worked as row 4.	
	6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. The side edge of the piece where row 1 ends goes out and in: it makes the points.	

Queen nose

Yarn I, tan.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	(7 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Dragon body

Yarn C, emerald.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
	Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 12 and 13 of round 4. It faces the front, round 1 at the top.	
☐ **Rounds 5 to 9**	Sc in each st around	(24 sc)
	5 6 7 8 9	
☐ **Round 10**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	(21 sc)
☐ **Round 11**	Sc in each st around	(21 sc)
☐ **Round 12**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	(18 sc)

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☐ **Rounds 13 to 22** 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐	Fasten off and weave in the end. Do not stuff: the finger goes in at the open end.	

Dragon snout

Yarn C, emerald.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Rounds 4 to 5** 4 5	Sc in each st around	(15 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge. Shape the stuffed piece with your fingers into an oval, about 7/8 in (2 cm) wide and 5/8 in (1.5 cm) tall.	

Dragon horn: make 2

Yarn F, gold.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	4 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Rounds 3 to 4** 3 4	Sc in each st around	(5 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(6 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

Dragon spike: make 3

Yarn F, gold.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	3 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(3 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	(4 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	Sc in each st around	(6 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 3 stitches.	

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Dragon belly

Yarn F, gold.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 5 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Start**	With F, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	(5 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
☐	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Press it flat. The ridges run across.	

Dragon wing: make 2

Yarn A, sapphire.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	4 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 6 stitches.	

Owl body

Yarn K, topaz.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
	Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 12 and 13 of round 4. It faces the front, round 1 at the top.	
☐ **Rounds 5 to 14**	Sc in each st around	(24 sc)
	5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	
☐ **Round 15**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	(21 sc)

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☐ **Round 16**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rounds 17 to 22**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
	17 18 19 20 21 22	
☐	Fasten off and weave in the end. Do not stuff: the finger goes in at the open end.	

Owl eye disc: make 2

Yarn G, white.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Owl beak

Yarn F, gold.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	3 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(3 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	(4 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

Owl ear tuft: make 2

Yarn K, topaz.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	3 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(3 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	(4 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 4 stitches.	

Owl wing: make 2

Begin with yarn J, dark brown.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	4 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)

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☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	With K, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 5 stitches.	

Frog body

Begin with yarn E, spring green.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(27 sc)
☐ **Rounds 6 to 9** 6 7 8 9	Sc in each st around	(27 sc)
☐ **Round 10**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 11**	With D, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rounds 12 to 20** 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 21**	With F, sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐	Fasten off and weave in the end. Do not stuff: the finger goes in at the open end.	

Frog eye: make 2

Yarn E, spring green.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each of next 4 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	(11 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	Sc in each st around	(11 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

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Frog eye white: make 2

Yarn G, white.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(9 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Frog crown

Yarn F, gold.

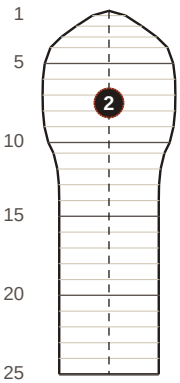
Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 2 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Start**	With F, ch 3.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, sc2tog	(2 sc)
☐ **Rows 6 to 16**	Repeat rows 2 to 5 in order, over and over. The last row, row 16, is worked as row 4.	

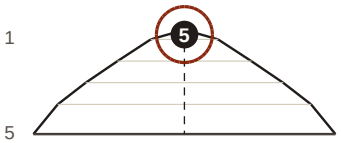
6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

☐	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. The side edge of the piece where row 1 ends goes out and in: it makes the points.	

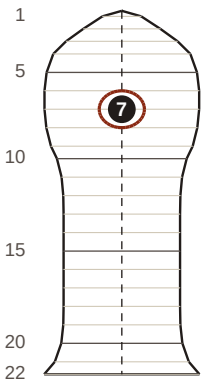
Assembly



King body: 2 king nose



Queen hair: 5 queen bun



Queen body: 7 queen nose

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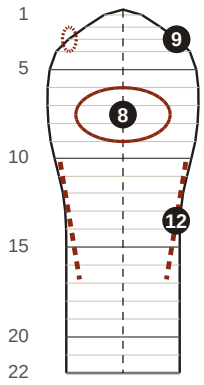
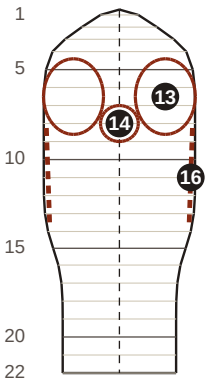
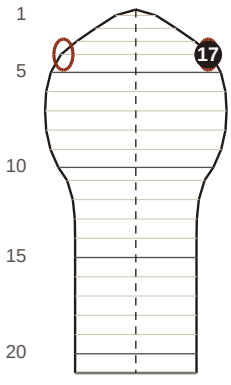


Dragon body: 8 dragon snout, 9 dragon horns, 12 dragon wings



Owl body: 13 owl eye discs, 14 owl beak, 16 owl wings



Frog body: 17 frog eyes

A number is the step below that puts it on; a letter is put on under Finishing. 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. Lay the king beard on the front of the king body, right side out: its last row (9 sts) at the top on round 9, 4½ stitches to each side of the center line, and its foundation chain (the point) at the bottom on round 14, in the middle over the center line. Sew it down all the way round with the tail.

2. Pin the king nose to the king body: the middle of the open edge lies between rounds 7 and 8, on the center line. The edge (8 sts) covers rounds 7 and 8 and nearly half of rounds 6 and 9 of the king body, its lower side over the top of the beard. 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.

3. Bend the king crown into a ring, the right side of row 1 outward, the edge that goes out and in (the one with the points) at the top, and the straight edge at the bottom. Lay the last row against the foundation chain, lower edges level, and sew them together with the tail: 3 stitches to 3 chains (the one stitch above them belongs to the last point). The ring is about 3 7/8 in (10 cm) round. Set it over the top of the king body with its seam at the back: the lower edge goes all the way round on round 4 (24 sts), eased to fit. Sew the lower edge down all the way round. The points stand up above the head.

4. Pull the queen hair down over the queen body like a cap, center lines in line, its round 1 one round behind round 1 of the queen body, until its edge (27 sts) lies on about round 4 of the queen body in front and on about round 6 at the back. Sew the edge down all the way round.

5. Pin the queen bun to the queen hair: the middle of the open edge lies over the middle of round 1 of the queen hair. The edge (12 sts) lies all the way round on about round 2. It points up. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

6. Bend the queen crown into a ring, the right side of row 1 outward, the edge that goes out and in (the one with the points) at the top, and the straight edge at the bottom. Lay the last row against the foundation chain, lower edges level, and sew them together with the tail: 2 stitches to 2 chains (the one stitch above them belongs to the last point). The ring is about 2¾ in (7 cm) round. Slip it down over the queen bun with its seam at the back, until the lower edge goes all the way round the bun on round 3 of the queen hair (18 sts). Sew the lower edge down all the way round. The bun stands up inside the crown.

7. Pin the queen nose to the queen body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 7, on the center line. The edge (7 sts) covers about rounds 6 to 8 of the queen body. 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.

8. Pin the dragon snout to the dragon body: the middle of the open edge lies between rounds 7 and 8, on the center line. The edge (15 sts) covers about rounds 6 to 9 of the dragon body. 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.

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9. Pin the two dragon horns to the dragon body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 3, one to each side, 5 stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (6 sts) covers about rounds 2 to 4 of the dragon body. They point up and out to the side, then curve until the tip of each points up and back. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a stitch or two on its inner side. Sew all the way round with the tail.

10. Sew the three dragon spikes to the dragon body in a row from front to back, each by its flat edge (3 stitches through both layers). The first stands on the top: its edge runs from front to back over the middle of round 1, half of it before and half behind, and it points up. The other two are at the back, on the line opposite the center line, their edges straight up and down: the second from round 3 to round 6 and the third from round 6 to round 9. These two point back and up.

11. Lay the dragon belly on the front of the dragon body, right side out: its foundation chain at the bottom on round 22, its last row at the top on round 13, 2½ stitches to each side of the center line. Sew it down all the way round with the tail.

12. Pin the two dragon wings to the dragon body: the middle of each flat edge lies between rounds 13 and 14, one to each side, 6½ stitches from the center line (5 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The flat edge runs straight up and down the dragon body, half of it above that place and half below. They point out to the side, then curve until the tip of each points out to the side and up. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a stitch or two on its inner side. Sew through both layers of the 6-stitch edge with the tail.

13. Lay the two owl eye discs flat on the owl body, right side out, the middle of each between rounds 6 and 7, one to each side, 2½ stitches from the center line (5 stitches apart). Sew down all 12 stitches of the edge.

14. Pin the owl beak to the owl body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 8, on the center line. The edge (6 sts) covers about rounds 7 to 9 of the owl body. It points forward and down, then curves until its tip points straight down. Bend it as you pin it and hold the curve with a stitch or two on its inner side. Sew all the way round with the tail.

15. Pin the two owl ear tufts to the owl body: the upper end of each flat edge lies on round 2, one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line, and its lower end on round 6, 8 stitches from the center line, so that the edge comes down over the corner of the head. They point up and out to the side. Sew through both layers of the 4-stitch edge with the tail.

16. Pin the two owl wings to the owl body: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 11, one to each side, 7 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The flat edge runs straight up and down the owl body, half of it above that place and half below. They point out to the side, then curve until the tip of each points straight down. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a stitch or two on its inner side. Sew through both layers of the 5-stitch edge with the tail.

17. Pin the two frog eyes to the frog body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 4, one to each side, 5 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart). The edge (11 sts) covers about rounds 3 to 5 of the frog body. They point up and forward. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

18. Sew one frog eye white flat to the front side of each frog eye, right side out, round 1 of the white over round 1 of the eye, all 9 stitches of the edge.

19. Bend the frog crown into a ring, the right side of row 1 outward, the edge that goes out and in (the one with the points) at the top, and the straight edge at the bottom. Lay the last row against the foundation chain, lower edges level, and sew them together with the tail: 2 stitches to 2 chains (the one stitch above them belongs to the last point). The ring is about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) round. Set it on the top of the frog body with its seam at the back: the lower edge goes all the way round half way between round 2 and round 3, round the middle of the top and against the inner sides of the two frog eyes. Sew the lower edge down all the way round.

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Finishing

- Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on; begin and end each strand on the wrong side of a flat piece, inside a stuffed one. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled. Backstitch is a line of short stitches end to end: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and repeat.
- King eyes: with J (dark brown), in satin stitch, a round dot about 1/8 in (3 mm) across, its middle on the king body between rounds 6 and 7, one to each side, 2½ stitches from the center line (5 stitches apart).
- Queen eyes: with J (dark brown), in satin stitch, a round dot about 1/8 in (3 mm) across, its middle on the queen body on round 6, one to each side, 2½ stitches from the center line (5 stitches apart).
- Queen smile: with D (ruby), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about 3/16 in (5 mm) wide that dips 1/16 in (2 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are on the queen body between rounds 8 and 9, one to each side of the center line.
- Dragon nostrils: with J (dark brown), two straight stitches side by side, about 1/8 in (3 mm) tall, each pair on the dragon snout, one to each side, 3/16 in (5 mm) out from its center and 1/8 in (3 mm) above the middle of the dragon snout.
- Dragon eyes: with G (white), in satin stitch, a round dot about 3/16 in (5 mm) across, its middle on the dragon body on round 5, one to each side, 3 stitches from the center line (6 stitches apart).
- Dragon pupils: with J (dark brown), on each white dot, two straight stitches side by side, about 1/8 in (3 mm) tall, at the half of the dot that is nearer the center line.
- Owl eyes: with J (dark brown), in satin stitch, a round dot about 3/16 in (5 mm) across on each owl eye disc, its middle over round 1.
- Owl breast: with G (white), five small V shapes on the owl body, each of two straight stitches that meet in a point below. Upper row of three: the points are on round 13, one on the center line and one 2½ stitches to each side of it; the two upper ends of each are on round 12, ½ stitch to each side of its point. Lower row of two: the points are on round 15, 1½ stitches to each side of the center line; the two upper ends of each are on round 14, ½ stitch to each side of its point.
- Frog pupils: with J (dark brown), in satin stitch, an oval about 1/8 in (3 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall on each frog eye white, its middle over round 1.
- Frog smile: with J (dark brown), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about ¾ in (19 mm) wide that dips 3/16 in (5 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are on the frog body between rounds 7 and 8, one to each side of the center line.
- Weave every end through the inside of the puppet and trim it close, so that no finger catches in it. Check the seams and small parts from time to time.

In all: 33 pieces; 3,295 stitches.

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

Notes

- Every piece that has rounds 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.
- The bodies are hollow: begin and end every strand on them inside the tube, and never sew through to the other side of the tube.
- Color change: where a line begins "With G," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in G. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.

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- Center line: places on a piece 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 along the round, in stitches and half stitches.
- King body: the center line runs between stitches 12 and 13 of round 4 (24 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Queen body: the center line runs between stitches 12 and 13 of round 4 (24 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Frog body: the center line runs through the middle of stitch 14 of round 5 (27 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Dragon body: the center line runs between stitches 12 and 13 of round 4 (24 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Owl body: the center line runs between stitches 12 and 13 of round 4 (24 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Queen hair: the center line runs through the middle of stitch 14 of round 5 (27 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the puppet. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- In every step of putting it together: 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 yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- 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.
- No plastic eyes are used: every detail is worked in yarn.
- The lower rounds of each tube have 18 stitches (only the queen's hem, her last round, has 24): at this gauge they are about 2¾ in (7 cm) round, for a finger about 2½ in (6.5 cm) round. For a thinner finger work everything with a hook one size smaller, for a thicker one with a hook one size larger. For a longer tube work more rounds of 18 sc in the same color just before the last round, then the last round as written; it takes a little more yarn. Every place keeps its round number: the dragon belly stays on rounds 13 to 22.

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