Boxer dog

US terms



Finished size
About 7 in (18 cm) tall and 5 in (12.5 cm) from front to back

Skill
Intermediate
16 pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 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.

What you need

Yarn A: fawn, the main color	**about 240 yd (219 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, several of the pieces	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: dark brown, muzzle, chin and the details	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: rust, collar	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 150 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

The pieces



Body
Head to the body
Chest patch to the body
Muzzle to the head
Chin to the muzzle
Ear x 2 to the head
Haunch x 2 to the body
Back paw x 2 to the body

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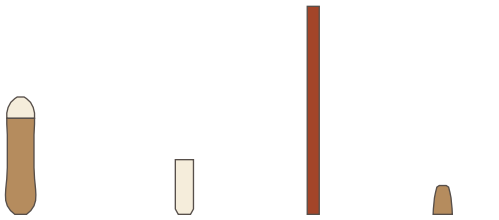

Front leg x 2
to the body

Blaze
to the head

Collar

Tail
to the body

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 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 2¼ in (5.5 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.

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.
- 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 on the wrong side.
- 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.
- Head: the center line runs between stitches 27 and 28 of round 10 (54 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 24 and 25 of round 8 (48 sts). It faces the front. Muzzle: the center line runs between stitches 14 and 15 of round 5 (28 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the dog. 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.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in D (black).
- 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, the size written here: 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 5¼ in (13.5 cm) tall and 3¾ in (9.5 cm) from front to back; eyes 7 mm; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.

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- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 10 in (25.5 cm) tall and 7¼ in (18.5 cm) from front to back; 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 12¾ in (32.5 cm) tall and 9 in (23 cm) from front to back; eyes 18 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(6 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Body

Yarn A, fawn.

Round 1 is the middle of the base.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 24 and 25 of round 8. It faces the front. Muzzle: the center line runs between stitches 14 and 15 of round 5 (28 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.

☐ **Rnds 9 to 12**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
9 10 11 12		
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts**] 2 times**	(46 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around	(46 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 21 sts**] 2 times**	(44 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	(44 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next 20 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnds 18 to 25**	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25		

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☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**	(40 sc)
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 18 sts**] 2 times**	(38 sc)
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**sc in next 17 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	(34 sc)
☐ **Rnd 30**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 15 sts**] 2 times**	(32 sc)
☐ **Rnds 31 to 32** 31 32	Sc in each st around	(32 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 26 in (66 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Head

Yarn A, fawn.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 3 times**	(51 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts**] 3 times**	(54 sc)
	Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 27 and 28 of round 10. It faces the front, round 1 at the top.	
☐ **Rnds 11 to 15** 11 12 13 14 15	Sc in each st around	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next 16 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	(51 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts**] 3 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 4 times**	(32 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	(26 sc)

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Fix the eyes now: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 11, one to each side, 5½ stitches from the center line (11 stitches apart). For a child under three, or a pet, leave them out and embroider them later. Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 3 times**, sc in next 2 sts, **[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**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.	

Chest patch

Yarn B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Muzzle

Yarn C, dark brown.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	(28 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(28 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge. Shape the stuffed piece with your fingers into an oval, about 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) wide and 1½ in (3.8 cm) tall.	

Chin

Yarn C, dark brown.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge. Shape the stuffed piece with your fingers into an oval, about 1 in (2.5 cm) wide and 5/8 in (1.6 cm) tall.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, fawn.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnds 9 to 10** 9 10	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 9 stitches.	

Haunch: make 2

Yarn A, fawn.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(34 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts**] 2 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 28 in (71 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

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Back paw: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, white; A, fawn.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	With A, sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 9**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
6 7 8 9		
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog	(13 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Front leg: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, white; A, fawn.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnds 4 to 5**	Sc in each st around	(15 sc)
4 5		
☐ **Rnd 6**	With A, sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnds 7 to 16**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16		
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnds 19 to 21**	Sc in each st around	(16 sc)
19 20 21		
	Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.	
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 22 in (56 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches and pull it tight to close the hole. Do not cut it: push the needle in at the hole and bring it out on round 21, on the side where the rounds begin. This tail sews the leg to the body.	

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Blaze

Yarn B, 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.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(3 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(3 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, sc2tog	(2 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing.	

Collar

Yarn E, rust.

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

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 3.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(2 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 38**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(2 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 30 in (76 cm) tail for sewing.	

Tail

Yarn A, fawn.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Assembly

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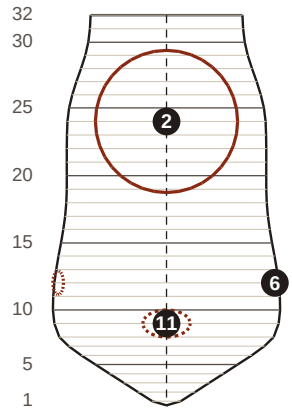
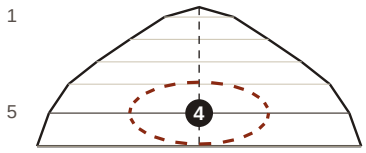


Body: 2 chest patch, 6 haunches, 11 tail



Muzzle: 4 chin

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. Set the head on the open edge of the body (32 sts), center lines in line: the edge lies on round 20 of the head (32 sts). With the tail of the body, 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. Lay the chest patch flat on the body, right side out, the middle of it on round 24, on the center line. Ease it into an oval about 1¼ in (3.2 cm) wide and 2¼ in (5.7 cm) tall as you pin it. Sew down all 30 stitches of the edge.

3. Pin the muzzle to the head: the middle of the open edge lies on round 15, on the center line of the head, the center line of the muzzle on top and the wide way of its oval along the round. The edge (28 sts) covers about rounds 11 to 19 of the head. It points straight out from the face. 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 chin to the muzzle: the middle of the open edge lies on round 5, on the line opposite the center line. The edge (12 sts) covers about rounds 4 to 6 of the muzzle. The wide way of its oval lies along the round, from side to side, and the narrow way from round 4 to round 6. It points forward and down. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

5. Pin the two ears to the head: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 7, one to each side, 8½ stitches from the center line (17 stitches apart). The flat edge lies with its upper end on about round 4, 2½ stitches from the center line, and its lower end on about round 11, 13 stitches from it. They point up and out to the side, turn forward by about round 6 of the ear and down by the tip. Bend each as you pin it, and hold each bend with a stitch or two on the side it turns toward. Sew through both layers of the 9-stitch edge with the tail.

6. Pin the two haunches to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 12, one to each side, 14 stitches from the center line (20 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (36 sts) is a circle: its lower side lies along round 7, the edge of the base, its upper side on about round 18, and on round 12 it reaches from about 8 stitches from the center line to about 19½ stitches. Ease the lower part of the circle a little flatter along round 7: the lower side of the haunch lies flat on the table, level with the base. They point out to the side. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

7. Sew one back paw to the front of each haunch, not to the body: the middle of its open edge lies on round 5 of the haunch (30 sts). Along that round find the stitch that is farthest forward, toward the front legs, and the stitch that is nearest the table: the place is half way between these two, about 4 stitches from each. The edge (13 sts) is a circle that covers about rounds 3 to 7 of the haunch. The part of the edge on round 7, farthest from round 1 of the haunch, is in front and low down, just above the table; the part on round 3 is nearest round 1. The paw points forward, a little out to the side, and slants down until its tip lies on the table. Sew all the way round with the tail of the paw, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

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8. Pin the two front legs to the front of the body, one to each side. Each stands straight, with no bend: the white paw flat on the table, the closed end up, and the side where its rounds begin turned to the body. On that side round 21 of the leg (16 sts) lies on round 26 of the body (40 sts), 5½ stitches from the center line (11 stitches apart), and round 13 of the leg (14 sts) lies on round 18 of the body (42 sts), 4 stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart). So the two legs come a little nearer to each other on the way down: the gap between the two white paws is about 5/8 in (1.6 cm), and the outer side of each touches the back paw beside it. Sew each leg on with its tail, where it touches the body, from round 21 down to round 13 of the leg. Press the leg against the body, so that a strip of it about 3 stitches wide touches. Sew down along one side of this strip, catching one stitch of the leg and one of the body each time, sew across under round 13, and sew up the other side to round 21. Below round 13 the leg is not sewn: it stands free in front of the body, its paw on the table.

9. Sew the blaze flat to the head, right side out, centered on the center line: row 1 lies on round 11, along the upper edge of the muzzle, and row 10 on round 2. Go all the way round its edge with its tail.

10. Lay the collar round the neck, right side out, over rounds 30 and 31 of the body. Its two short ends meet at the back, on the line opposite the center line of the body. Sew the last row to the foundation chain, stitch to chain, with the tail. If the ends do not meet or the collar hangs loose, work or take out a row or two first. Catch each long edge of the collar to the neck with a few stitches all the way round.

11. Pin the tail to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 9, on the line opposite the center line. The edge (10 sts) covers about rounds 8 to 10 of the body. It points back and up. Sew all the way round with its tail of yarn, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

Finishing

- Put in the plastic eyes when the words of a piece say so, or embroider eyes in the same places with the other details. 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.
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 11, one to each side, 5½ stitches from the center line (11 stitches apart).
- Brow lines: with C (dark brown), long straight stitches on the head: one on each side, from round 8, 4 stitches from the center line, to round 9, 6½ stitches from the center line.
- Nose: with D (black), in satin stitch, a triangle with its point down about 9/16 in (14 mm) wide and 3/8 in (10 mm) tall, its middle on the muzzle, centered, 7/16 in (11 mm) above the middle of the muzzle.
- Mouth: with D (black), in backstitch, a line from the point of the nose straight down over the middle of round 1 of the muzzle, 3/8 in (10 mm) long, and a curve like an arch, about 7/8 in (22 mm) wide. The middle of the arch is its highest point and lies at the lower end of that line; its two ends are 3/16 in (5 mm) lower, one to each side.
- 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: 16 pieces; 3,993 stitches.

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