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US terms



Finished size
About 2 in (5 cm) wide and about 8¼ in (21 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 9 pieces, color changes and 2 special stitches.

Yarn
Fine (2), 4 colors

Hook
3.25 mm (US D-3)

Gauge
21 stitches and 22 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: gray, the body, the head, the ears and the tail	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, the muzzles and the paws	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: charcoal, the eyes, the mouth, the toes and the stripes	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: pink, the nose	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.25 mm (US D-3). Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

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

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

sc2tog: [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. It leaves 1 st for the next row.

sc3tog: [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] 3 times (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops. It leaves 1 sc3tog for the next row.

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Gauge

21 stitches and 22 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- French knot (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back, wrap the yarn twice round the needle close to the surface, hold the wraps and put the needle down beside the place where it came up. For a large knot use the yarn double and wrap it three times.
- Straight stitch (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back at one end of the stitch and put it down at the other end.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: lace yarn (0) and a 1.75 mm hook, about 5 in (13 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 9½ in (24 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 12¼ in (31 cm).

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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and hdc is half treble.

Body

Yarn A, gray.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 22.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 19 chs, 5 hdc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next 19 chs, 4 hdc in next ch, sl st in first hdc to join	**(48 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, hdc in next 19 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 5 sts, hdc in next 19 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 4 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(58 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

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Head

Yarn A, gray.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, sl st in first hdc to join	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, gray.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 4 chs	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next st, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 1 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc3tog in next 3 sts	**(1 sc3tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Muzzle: make 2

Yarn B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Paw: make 2

Yarn B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 7 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(7 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Tail

Yarn A, gray.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 16.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next 13 chs	**(1 sc, 13 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Lay the head, right side up, over one round end of the body so that the lower half of the head covers it, and sew them together. Sew the ears behind the top of the head by their foundation edges, one at each side, ¼ in (0.6 cm) apart, the points outward and up.
- Sew the two muzzle circles side by side on the head, just below its middle, their edges touching. Sew the two paws to the front of the body side by side, their edges touching, so that their upper edges just touch the lower edge of the head and no paw stands out past the side of the body.
- The tail has a wide end and a narrow end. Sew the wide end behind the middle of the other round end of the body, ¼ in (0.6 cm) of it hidden; the rest of the tail hangs free.
- With C, work two French knots for the eyes, just above the muzzle and 5/8 in (1.6 cm) apart. With D, work a French knot for the nose where the two muzzle circles meet at the top. With C, work one straight stitch 1/8 in (0.3 cm) long straight down from the nose, between the two circles, and two straight stitches side by side, each 1/8 in (0.3 cm) long, at the lower edge of each paw for the toes.
- Forehead: with C, work three straight stitches, each ¼ in (0.6 cm) long, straight down from 1/8 in (0.3 cm) below the top edge of the head: one in the middle and one ¼ in (0.6 cm) to each side.
- Stripes: with C, work four pairs of straight stitches on the body, one stitch at each side. Each stitch is about 3/8 in (1 cm) long: it begins at the side edge of the body and slants down toward the middle; the two stitches of a pair do not meet. The first pair begins ¼ in (0.6 cm) below the lower edge of the paws, and the pairs are ½ in (1.3 cm) apart.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 9 pieces; 22 ends to weave in.

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