Cat pillow

US terms



Finished size
About 15 in (38 cm) across before it is stuffed and 13 in (33 cm) after, with the tail lying round the edge; head about 6 in (15 cm) across

Skill
Easy
Flat rounds, a tube and small shapes to sew on

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
15 stitches and 17 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: apricot, main	**about 590 yd (539 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: rust, stripe	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, stripe	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: shell pink, stripe	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: charcoal, stripe	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and about 20 pins, 4 stitch markers and polyester fiberfill (stuffing): about 16 oz (450 g).

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 15 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: insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 together: [insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop] 2 times, yo, pull through all 3 loops (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 together)
sc3tog	single crochet 3 together: [insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop] 3 times, yo, pull through all 4 loops (UK dc3tog, double crochet 3 together)
Rnd	round
RS	right side

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st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

15 stitches and 17 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Begin with the body and check it there, laid flat and not stretched, when 10 rounds are done: they measure about 4¾ in (12 cm) across, from edge to edge through the ring. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one. The cloth should be close enough to hide the stuffing.

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row or a round does not count as a stitch.
- Where a line to a stitch is named, it is the straight line from the ring in the middle to that stitch of the last round. "Round 11 on the line to stitch 25" means the top of round 11 where it crosses that line.
- For a gray cat use dove gray for yarn A and slate for yarn B.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- When a ball runs out, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the next ball, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle through the edge of one piece and through the edge that lies against it, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On an edge of stitches the needle goes under both loops of the stitch; on a foundation chain under the two strands of the chain that are left free; on a side edge, which has no loops, through the end stitch of the row. Where a piece is laid on the middle of another, the needle goes through the edge of the piece laid on, in one of these three ways, and then under two strands of the cloth right beside that edge. Fasten a length where the sewing begins and where it ends: sew 2 or 3 times into the same place.
- Magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and pull up a loop of the working yarn. Round 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work round 1 into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.
- In joined rounds, the first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- The right side of a round is the side that faces you as you work it.
- In the round the color is changed at the join: make the joining sl st at the end of the last round in the old color with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm). Stuffed pieces hide these ends inside; tie the two ends of a change together once.
- Backstitch: bring the needle up at the second place named and take it down at the first, then up at the third and down at the second, and so on to the last place. A straight stitch is one stitch from the first place named to the second. Leave the beginning of each strand hanging about 4 in (10 cm) on the wrong side, and weave in both ends there.
- Choose a yarn that may be washed by machine, and wash the pillow as the ball bands say.

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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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble, sc2tog is double crochet 2 together and sc3tog is double crochet 3 together.

Body: make 2

Yarn A, apricot.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(90 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(96 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(102 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(108 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(114 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(120 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(126 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 20 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(132 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(138 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 22 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(144 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 25**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(150 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 24 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(156 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(162 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 26 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(168 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(174 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 28 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(180 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 31**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(186 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 32**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 30 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(192 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Stripe: make 6

Yarn B, rust.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 20.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs, hdc in next 3 chs, dc in next 12 chs, 3 dc in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, 3 dc in same ch, dc in next 12 chs, hdc in next 3 chs, sc in next 3 chs; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc, 6 hdc, 30 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st; join with sl st in first sc	**(48 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 44 in (112 cm) to sew with.	

Haunch

Yarn A, apricot.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(48 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(54 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 46 in (117 cm) to sew with.	

Head: make 2

Yarn A, apricot.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(84 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, apricot.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 4 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(20 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 11 to 13**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(22 sc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 13: tick them off as you go.

11 12 13

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 26 in (66 cm) to sew with.	

Inner ear: make 2

Yarn D, shell pink.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	**(1 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc3tog	**(1 sc3tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 20 in (51 cm) to sew with.	

Muzzle

Yarn C, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 5.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, working along the other side of the chain, sc in each ch across; join with sl st in first sc	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(20 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 26 in (66 cm) to sew with.	

Nose

Yarn D, shell pink.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc3tog	**(1 sc3tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 14 in (36 cm) to sew with.	

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Tail

Yarns in order of use: C, cream; A, apricot; B, rust.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**

Stuff the tail lightly as it grows, when rounds 15, 30, 45 and 60 are done. Each time first tie the ends of the color changes; they stay inside. The last 6 rounds are left empty, so that the open end can be flattened

☐ **Rnds 4 to 8**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 4 to 8: tick them off as you go.

☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

☐ **Rnd 9**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 16**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 16: tick them off as you go.

☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 18 to 19**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 18 to 19: tick them off as you go.

☐ 18 ☐ 19

☐ **Rnd 20**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 21 to 27**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 21 to 27: tick them off as you go.

☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27

☐ **Rnd 28**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 29 to 30**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 29 to 30: tick them off as you go.

☐ 29 ☐ 30

☐ **Rnd 31**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 32 to 38**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 32 to 38: tick them off as you go.

☐ 32 ☐ 33 ☐ 34 ☐ 35 ☐ 36 ☐ 37 ☐ 38

☐ **Rnd 39**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 40 to 41**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 40 to 41: tick them off as you go.

☐ 40 ☐ 41

☐ **Rnd 42**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 43 to 49**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 43 to 49: tick them off as you go.

43 44 45 46 47 48 49

☐ **Rnd 50**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 51 to 52**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 51 to 52: tick them off as you go.

51 52

☐ **Rnd 53**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 54 to 66**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 54 to 66: tick them off as you go.

54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 52 in (132 cm) to sew with.

Assembly

1. Weave in the ends that are not sewn with. Put a marker in the 1st, 49th, 97th and 145th stitch of the last round of one body: it is the front. Lay it with its right side up and the 1st stitch at the top. The stitches are counted to the left from there, so that the 49th is at the left, the 97th at the bottom and the 145th at the right.

2. Haunch: lay it with its right side up and its middle on round 20 on the line to stitch 129, at the lower right. Sew it down with its tail, one whip stitch in each of its 54 stitches; when 12 are still open push in a handful of fiberfill, so that it stands up about 1 in (2.5 cm).

3. Lay the front on the other body with the wrong sides together. Cut a length of A about 152 in (386 cm) long; it may be two lengths one after the other. Begin at the 1st stitch of the front, with the 1st stitch of the other body against it, and whip stitch the last rounds together, stitch to stitch: 192 stitches. When about 40 are still open, stuff the body with small, loose pieces of fiberfill: plump round the edge and thinner in the middle, about 4½ in (11 cm) thick. Whip stitch the opening closed.

4. Stripes: six of them run over the edge of the pillow toward the middle. Lay each with its right side up on the line to a stitch of the last round of the front: to stitch 1, 17, 33, 49, 161 and 177, one on each. The point lies on the front, toward the ring. The round end lies over the seam and on the back: about 1½ in (4 cm) of the stripe is beyond the seam. Pin it. With its tail whip stitch it down all round: 48 stitches.

5. The middle: cut a length of A about 80 in (203 cm) long and fold it in half, so that it is double and 40 in (102 cm) long. With the double yarn go in at the ring of the front, straight through the pillow and out at the ring of the back, and up again one stitch away. Draw both ends up until the front is about 1 in (2.5 cm) lower in the middle, knot them firmly and hide the ends inside.

6. Face: choose one head for the front, with its 1st stitch at the top: the 22nd is at the left, the 43rd at the bottom and the 64th at the right. Muzzle: lay it with its right side up, its long way level and the middle of its chain on round 5 on the line to stitch 43. Sew it down with its tail, one whip stitch in each of its 20 stitches. Nose: lay it with its point down and its foundation edge along the top of the muzzle, its middle over the middle of the chain. Sew it down with its tail: 3 chains, 2 row ends on each side and the point, 8 stitches.

7. Eyes: with a strand of E about 20 in (51 cm) long backstitch the left eye from round 3 on the line to stitch 20, to round 4 on the line to stitch 23, to round 5 on the line to stitch 24, to round 6 on the line to stitch 24, to round 7 on the line to stitch 23, to round 8 on the line to stitch 22, to round 9 on the line to stitch 20: 6 stitches. Backstitch the right eye with another strand from round 3 on the line to stitch 66, to round 4 on the line to stitch 63, to round 5 on the line to stitch 62, to round 6 on the line to stitch 62, to round 7 on the line to stitch 63, to round 8 on the line to stitch 64, to round 9 on the line to stitch 66: 6 stitches.

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8. Mouth: with a strand of E about 16 in (41 cm) long make a straight stitch from the point of the nose down to the top of round 1 of the muzzle, below the middle of the chain. From there make one straight stitch down to the left, to the top of round 3 two stitches to the left of the middle, and one down to the right in the same way.

9. Whiskers: with a strand of E about 20 in (51 cm) long for each side make three straight stitches from round 8 to round 12: on the lines to stitches 27, 30 and 33 on the left, and on the lines to stitches 53, 56 and 59 on the right. Forehead: with a strand of B about 30 in (76 cm) long make three bars, each of three straight stitches side by side from round 8 to round 13, on the lines to stitches 80, 1 and 6.

10. Ears: flatten each with its join at one side. Sew an inner ear on one face of it with the tail, its 5 chains along the top of round 12, in the middle, and its point toward the tip: 5 chains, 5 row ends on each side and the point, 16 stitches. Lay the open edge of the left ear on stitches 8 to 18 of the last round of the head front and that of the right ear on stitches 68 to 78, pink to the front. With its tail sew both layers of each ear to the top of these stitches: 11 stitches.

11. Lay the head front on the other head with the wrong sides together. Cut a length of A about 72 in (183 cm) long. Whip stitch the last rounds together from the 1st stitch on, stitch to stitch: 84 stitches; where an ear stands the stitches go through its edge too. When about 20 are still open, stuff the head to about 3 in (8 cm) thick. Whip stitch the opening closed.

12. Lay the head on the front of the body with the ring of its back on round 17 on the line to stitch 86 of the body, its ears toward the top. Cut a length of A about 58 in (147 cm) long. Sew it down all round along round 10 of the back of the head, which has 60 stitches: one whip stitch in each, through the body under it.

13. Tail: flatten the open end, 9 stitches to each layer, and with the tail of yarn sew both layers together to the seam of the body at stitches 139 to 147, on the right: 9 stitches. Lay the tail along the edge of the body, past the bottom and under the chin, with its cream tip at about stitch 72. Sew it to the seam with one stitch through every fourth round, rounds 64 to 12, going from the body to the tip: 14 stitches.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the sewing lengths: take each end once into the pillow and out again a few inches away, pull it a little and cut it, so that it slips back inside.

In all: 18 pieces; 10,048 stitches.

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