Chihuahua

US terms



Finished size

About 6¾ in (17 cm) tall to the tips of the ears and 4¾ in (12 cm) long with the tail

Skill

Intermediate

14 pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn

Fine (2), 6 colors

Hook

2.25 mm (US B-1)

Gauge

27 stitches and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet, in a spiral.

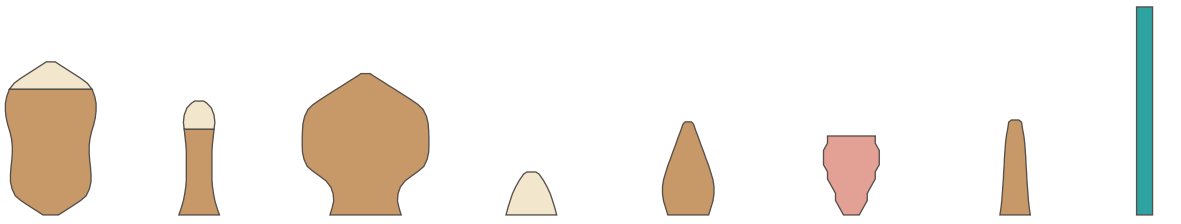
What you need

Yarn A: fawn	**about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, body, leg, muzzle and the details	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: dark brown, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: turquoise, collar	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: pink, inner ear	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: gold, tag	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 50 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).

Hook: 2.25 mm (US B-1), 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, 8 mm.

The pieces



Body

Leg x 4
to the body

Head
to the body

Muzzle
to the head

Ear x 2
to the head

Inner ear x 2

Tail
to the body

Collar



Tag
to the collar

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Gauge

27 stitches and 30 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 1 5/8 in (4 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.

Instructions

US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **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. **How to read a pattern**
Also: RS right side, yo yarn over.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Body

Begin with yarn B, cream.

☐ **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)
☐ **Round 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 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)
☐ **Round 7**	With A, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts**] 2 times**	(36 sc)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 18 and 19 of round 7. This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.

☐ **Rounds 8 to 10**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)

8 9 10

☐ **Round 11**	**[**sc in next 16 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(34 sc)
☐ **Round 12**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	(32 sc)
☐ **Round 13**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 14 sts**] 2 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rounds 14 to 16**	Sc in each st around	(30 sc)

14 15 16

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☐ **Round 17**	**[**sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(32 sc)
☐ **Rounds 18 to 20**	Sc in each st around	(32 sc)
18 19 20		
☐ **Round 21**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 22**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.		
☐ **Round 23**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 24**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 25**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐	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.	

Leg: make 4

Begin with yarn B, cream.

☐ **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 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	(13 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(13 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	Sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	With A, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog	(11 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts	(10 sc)
☐ **Rounds 8 to 13**	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)
8 9 10 11 12 13		
☐ **Round 14**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts	(11 sc)
☐ **Round 15**	Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 16**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Round 17**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(16 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Head

Yarn A, fawn.

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

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☐ **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 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Round 9**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Round 10**	**[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts**] 2 times**	(50 sc)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 25 and 26 of round 10. It faces the front, round 1 at the top.

☐ **Rounds 11 to 15**	Sc in each st around	(50 sc)

11 12 13 14 15

☐ **Round 16**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 23 sts**] 2 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Round 17**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Round 18**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 19**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 20**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(26 sc)
☐ **Round 21**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 22**	Sc in each st around	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 23**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 2 times**	(26 sc)
☐ **Round 24**	**[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(28 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Fix the eyes now (see Finishing). Do this before you stuff the piece or sew it on. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Muzzle

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **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 next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	Sc in next st, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	(13 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	(15 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	(17 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(19 sc)

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☐ **Round 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts	(20 sc)
☐	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 7/8 in (2 cm) tall.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, fawn.

☐ **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**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 9**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	(20 sc)
☐ **Round 10**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts	(21 sc)
☐ **Round 11**	Sc in each st around	(21 sc)
☐ **Round 12**	Sc in next 19 sts, sc2tog	(20 sc)
☐ **Round 13**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 14**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	(16 sc)
☐	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 8 stitches.	

Inner ear: make 2

Yarn E, pink.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 6 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Start**	With E, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	(7 sc)
☐ **Rows 3 to 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(7 sc)
3 4		
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	(5 sc)

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☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next st	(2 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Tail

Yarn A, fawn.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	5 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(5 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	(7 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	(8 sc)
☐ **Rounds 5 to 6** 5 6	Sc in each st around	(8 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	(9 sc)
☐ **Rounds 8 to 9** 8 9	Sc in each st around	(9 sc)
☐ **Round 10**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(10 sc)
☐ **Rounds 11 to 12** 11 12	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)
☐ **Round 13**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts	(11 sc)
☐ **Round 14**	Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st	(12 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Collar

Yarn D, turquoise.

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.

☐ **Start**	With D, ch 3.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(2 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 29** 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	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(2 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

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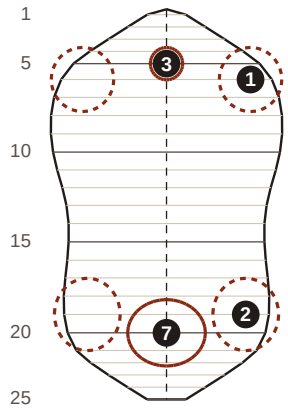
Tag

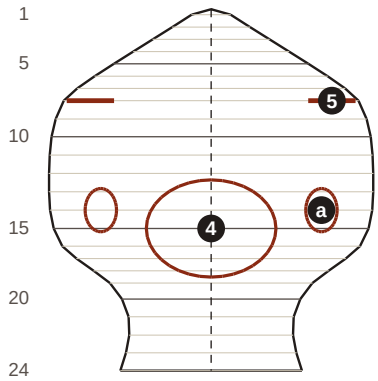
Yarn F, gold.

☐ **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.	

Assembly



Body: 1 legs, 2 legs, 3 head, 7 tail



Head: 4 muzzle, 5 ears, a 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. Pin two legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 6, one to each side, 12 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (16 sts) covers about rounds 4 to 8 of the body. They point down. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

2. Pin two legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 19, one to each side, 11½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (16 sts) covers about rounds 17 to 21 of the body. They point down. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft. Stand the dog on the table as you pin, so that all four paws lie flat on it.

3. Pin the head to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 5, on the center line of the body. The edge (28 sts) reaches from about round 10 of the body, on the center line, over the front end to about round 1, and about 6 stitches to each side of the center line on round 6. The neck points up. Before you sew, turn the head on this place until its own center line looks to the front and about 30 degrees to the left. 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 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 (20 sts) covers about rounds 12 to 18 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.

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5. Pin the two ears to the head: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 8, one to each side, 9½ stitches from the center line (19 stitches apart). The flat edge lies with its upper end on about round 4, 4½ stitches from the center line, and its lower end on about round 12, 10 stitches from it. They point up and out to the side. Sew through both layers of the 8-stitch edge with the tail.

6. Sew one inner ear flat to the side of each ear that looks the way the face looks, right side out: row 1 lies along round 13 of the ear, the last row toward the tip, the same distance from both sides. Go all the way round its edge with its tail.

7. Pin the tail to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 20, on the center line. The edge (12 sts) covers about rounds 18 to 22 of the body. It points back and up, then curves until its tip points up and forward. Bend it 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 its tail of yarn, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

8. Lay the collar round the neck, right side out, over rounds 21 and 22 of the head. Its two short ends meet at the back, on the line opposite the center line of the head. 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.

9. Sew the tag to the front of the collar, right side out: one stitch of its edge lies on the lower edge of the collar, on the center line of the head. Three or four stitches in the one place hold it; the rest of the tag hangs free below the collar.

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 8 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 14, one to each side, 6 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart).
- Brows: with B (cream), in satin stitch, an oval about 3/16 in (5 mm) wide and 1/8 in (3 mm) tall, its middle on the head on round 11, one to each side, 4½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart).
- Nose: with C (dark brown), in satin stitch, a triangle with its point down about ¼ in (6 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the muzzle, centered, 3/16 in (5 mm) above the middle of the muzzle.
- Mouth: with C (dark brown), in backstitch, a straight line down, 1/16 in (2 mm) long, and from its lower end two small smile curves side by side, one to each side, about 5/16 in (8 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall in all, starting at the bottom of the nose.
- 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: 14 pieces; 3,100 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.
- 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.

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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.
- Head: the center line runs between stitches 25 and 26 of round 10 (50 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 18 and 19 of round 7 (36 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.
- Muzzle: the center line runs between stitches 10 and 11 of round 7 (20 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.
- Running stitches go in and out along a line.
- 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 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, the size written here: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Large: medium (4, worsted) yarn, 3.5 mm (E-4) hook, 20 sc and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 9 in (23 cm) tall to the tips of the ears and 6½ in (16.5 cm) long with the tail; eyes 11 mm; multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 times the yarn.

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