Cow face applique

US terms



Finished size
About 5½ in (14 cm) wide and about 4 in (10 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 7 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: white, the head	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: chocolate brown, the ears and the patch	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pink, the muzzle	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: tan, the horns	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: black, the eyes and the nostrils	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). 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, B, C and D: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn E: 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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the head measures about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- 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.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- An ear worked round a chain has a rounded tip (3 sc) and a plain end, where the round begins and ends.
- The pieces worked in rows look much alike on both sides: take either side as the right side.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- 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.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3¾ in (10 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 4¼ in (11 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 7 in (18 cm).

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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 and dc is treble.

Head

Yarn A, white.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(32 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 35 in (89 cm) tail, for sewing this piece down at the end.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn B, chocolate brown.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 6.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, 3 sc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch	**(5 sc, 4 hdc, 2 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Horn: make 2

Yarn D, tan.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch	**(1 sc, 1 hdc, 1 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Patch

Yarn B, chocolate brown.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 7 hdc in ring, sl st in first hdc to join	**(7 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(14 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Muzzle

Yarn C, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 7.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 4 chs, 5 hdc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next 4 chs, 4 hdc in next ch, sl st in first hdc to join	**(18 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in each of next 5 sts, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in each of next 4 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(28 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Sew the ears behind the sides of the head, tips out to the left and right, 3/8 in (1 cm) of the plain end of each hidden: the middle line of each ear is ¾ in (1.9 cm) above the middle of the head.
- Sew the horns behind the top of the head, one to each side, the dc end of each hidden by ¼ in (0.6 cm), the sl st end pointing up and a little outward and the chain edge on the outside (turn one horn over). They are 1½ in (3.8 cm) apart from middle to middle.
- Sew the patch to the upper right of the face, its middle ½ in (1.3 cm) to the right of the middle of the head and ½ in (1.3 cm) above it. Sew the muzzle over the lower part of the face, its long way across and its middle 1 in (2.5 cm) below the middle of the head; it stands out a little below the edge.
- With E, work a large French knot for each eye, 3/8 in (1 cm) above the middle of the head and 1¼ in (3.2 cm) apart; the right one lies on the patch. With E, work two French knots for the nostrils on the middle of the muzzle, 7/8 in (2.2 cm) apart.
- To sew the applique to your project, pin it where it is to go and sew round its edge with the long tail, under the outermost strands of the stitches; where a part is of another color, use a length of that color.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 7 pieces; 175 stitches (80 in the head, 11 in each ear, 3 in each horn, 21 in the patch, 46 in the muzzle); 22 ends to weave in.

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