Cow scarf

Child · US terms



Finished size
About 47¼ in (120 cm) long without the tail, and 4 7/8 in (12.3 cm) wide; head about 5½ in (14 cm) wide and 7 in (18 cm) tall, without the horns and the ears; tail about 10 in (25 cm) long with its tassel

Skill
Intermediate
Ovals and circles in joined rounds, and many pieces to sew

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 16½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In moss stitch.

You will need

Yarn A: ivory, main	**about 210 yd (192 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: black, stripe	**about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: rose pink, the muzzle and ear, round 1	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: camel, the horn	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and a stitch marker and about 20 pins.

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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Child (this file)	**47¼ in (120 cm) long, 4 7/8 in (12.3 cm) wide**	**about 335 yd (306 m)**
Adult	61¾ in (157 cm) long, 5 3/8 in (13.8 cm) wide	about 440 yd (402 m)

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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)
Rnd	round
RS	right side
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

14 stitches and 16½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in moss stitch. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

Count each sc and each ch-1 sp as one stitch. Check it on the scarf itself, laid flat and not stretched, when row 16 is done: the 17 stitches of a row in Child are about 4 7/8 in (12.3 cm) wide, the 19 in Adult about 5 3/8 in (13.8 cm), and the 16 rows are about 3 7/8 in (10 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one. The single crochet of the other pieces is worked with the same hook: 14 stitches and 16 rows or rounds to 4 in (10 cm).

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row or a round does not count as a stitch.
- In the scarf every row has the same number of places: each single crochet is one and each chain space is one.
- The right side of a piece in rounds is the side that faces you as you work; the right side of a piece in rows is the side that faces you in row 1.
- An oval begins with a chain that is worked on both of its sides, and so do a horn and an ear. When the last chain is worked, do not turn: go on round the end and work back along the other side of the chain, the first stitch into the same chain as the last one, and the last stitch into the chain where the round began.
- Where the words in square brackets of an oval are worked 2 times, each time is one half of the oval: from one end, along one long side, to the other end.
- To sew a piece on: lay it where the step says, right side up. With the yarn on a yarn needle, come up from below through both loops of a stitch of its edge and go down into the piece underneath, just outside that stitch. Work one sewing stitch for each stitch of the edge that is named. A chain of a foundation edge counts as a stitch, and so does the end of a row. Fasten off where it does not show.
- Backstitch: come up one stitch length ahead on the line, go down again where the last sewing stitch ended, and go on so.
- The scarf is worked from the tail to the head.
- 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, join the next at the end of a row: work the last yarn over of the last stitch with the new yarn, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- 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.

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- 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.
- In a patch a sl st counts as a stitch, and the next round is worked into it as into any other.
- In an ear, the joining sl st of round 1 is made with B. Cut C, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both yarns.
- A loop of the tuft is the chain between two sc. It hangs free.
- The eyes are yarn, and nothing small is sewn on. The tuft and the tassel can catch: the child size is for a child who can put the scarf on and take it off without help.

Instructions

Chosen: Child. 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 row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble and sk is miss.

Scarf

Yarn A, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 18.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, **[**ch 1, sk next ch, sc in next ch**] 8 times**	**(9 sc, 8 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 7 times**, sc in last st	**(10 sc, 7 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 7 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(9 sc, 8 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 188**	Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.	

A box for each row, 4 to 188: tick them off as you go.

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	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61
62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119
120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148
149	150	151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170	171	172	173	174	175	176	177
178	179	180	181	182	183	184	185	186	187	188																		

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Head

Yarn A, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 7.	
☐ **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	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(30 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(72 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Muzzle

Yarn C, rose pink.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 10.	
☐ **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	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(48 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 52 in (132 cm) to sew with.	

Eye patch

Yarn B, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, 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)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 36 in (91 cm) to sew with.	

White of the eye: make 2

Yarn A, ivory.

☐ **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)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 22 in (56 cm) to sew with.	

Eye: make 2

Yarn B, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring; join with sl st in first hdc	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 18 in (46 cm) to sew with.	

Ear: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, rose pink; B, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 9.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 4 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 4 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch; join with sl st in first sc	**(8 dc, 4 hdc, 4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	With B, ch 1, 2 hdc in first st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in last st; join with sl st in first hdc	**(16 sc, 4 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 18 in (46 cm) to sew with.	

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Horn: make 2

Yarn D, camel.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 9.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 4 chs, working along the other side of the chain, dc in next 4 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next 2 chs; join with sl st in first sc	**(4 sc, 4 hdc, 8 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 16 in (41 cm) to sew with.	

Tuft

Yarn B, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 10, sc in next st**] 5 times**	**(6 sc, 5 ch-10 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Large patch: make 4

Yarn B, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, 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, hdc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 4 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next 2 sts, sc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next st, sl st in next st, sc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next st; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 dc, 5 hdc, 6 sc, 4 sl sts)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 6 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next 3 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(23 hdc, 16 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 44 in (112 cm) to sew with.	

Small patch: make 3

Yarn B, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, 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)**

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☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 4 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next 2 sts, sc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 3 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next st; join with sl st in first sc	**(14 dc, 4 hdc, 4 sc, 3 sl sts)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(25 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 32 in (81 cm) to sew with.	

Tail

Yarn A, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 24**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 24: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

☐ **End** Fasten off.

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends but the tails of the pieces that are sewn on. In the steps that follow the head stands upright: its foundation chain runs up and down in the middle, and the end where its rounds are joined is the lower end. Left and right are as you look at its right side. The 6 chains of the head that hold stitches are counted from the top, and its rounds are counted outward from the chain. Put a marker in the edge of the head at the top: fold the head in half along the foundation chain, and it goes in the edge stitch at the fold.

2. Eye patch and eyes: lay the eye patch at the left of the foundation chain, its middle level with chain 1, on the line between rounds 5 and 6. With its tail sew it down all round: 30 stitches. Lay a white of the eye on it, its middle level with chain 1, on the line between rounds 4 and 5, and with its tail sew it down all round: 12 stitches. Sew the other white in the same place at the right of the foundation chain, straight on the head: 12 stitches. Lay an eye on the middle of each white. With its tail sew each one down all round: 8 stitches. On each eye work one straight stitch of A, as long as a stitch is wide, above the ring, and go over it once more: cut a length of A about 12 in (30 cm) for each.

3. Muzzle: lay it right side up on the head, its long way level and the end where its rounds are joined at the right, so that the middle of its foundation chain (the 5th of its 9 chains) lies on the middle line of the head and its lower edge lies, on that line, between rounds 9 and 10 of the head: two rounds of the head, about ½ in (1.3 cm), show below it. It covers the lower end of the eye patch. With its tail sew it down all round: 48 stitches. Its two lower corners reach to the edge of the head, or about 1/8 in (3 mm) past it: draw them in there and sew into the edge stitches of the head. The chains of the muzzle are counted from the left.

4. Nostrils: cut a length of B about 20 in (51 cm). Each nostril is three straight stitches side by side, each one round tall, over round 2 of the muzzle above its foundation chain: one on the stitch that stands above its 2nd chain and one at each side of this stitch, and the same above its 8th chain.

5. Mouth: cut a length of B about 20 in (51 cm). Work a line of 6 backstitches on the muzzle below its foundation chain: from the line between rounds 1 and 2 below its 2nd chain, down to the line between rounds 3 and 4 below the middle of the chain, and up to the line between rounds 1 and 2 below its 8th chain.

6. Horns: the point of a horn is where its round is joined; its other end is the broad end. Count 6 stitches along the edge of the head from the marked stitch to the left, and slide the broad end of a horn, right side up, under the head there, so that about ¾ in (2 cm) of it is under the head and the point looks straight out from the edge. Pin it. Turn the head over, run the tail of the horn through its back to the broad end, and with it sew the part that lies on the head to the back of the head, taking up only the back: 6 stitches, the last 3 dc at each side of the horn. Sew the other horn to the right in the same way.

7. Ears: the point of an ear is where its rounds are joined; its other end is the round end. Count 14 stitches along the edge of the head from the marked stitch to the left, and slide the round end of an ear, right side up, under the head there, so that about 1 1/8 in (3 cm) of it is under the head and the point looks straight out from the edge. Sew it to the back of

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the head as a horn, with 8 stitches: the 4 stitches of the edge of the ear at each side of the middle of its round end. Sew the other ear to the right in the same way.

8. Tuft: lay it right side up across the top of the head, its foundation chain level, the middle of its 6 chains on the middle line, on the line between rounds 8 and 9 above chain 1, its loops toward the eyes. Cut a length of B about 18 in (46 cm) and sew the foundation chain down: 6 stitches.

9. Lay the scarf right side up with its last row toward you. Lay the head on it right side up, its middle line on the middle of the scarf, stitch 9 of the 17 places of a row, and the marked stitch of its edge on the line between rows 166 and 167. The last row of the scarf then lies behind the head, about 1½ in (4 cm) above its lower end. Pin the head down.

10. Head: cut a length of A about 32 in (81 cm) long. Begin 11 stitches to one side of the marked stitch and sew the edge of the head down round the top to 11 stitches past it on the other side: 23 stitches into the scarf, through a horn where one lies between. Both ends of this seam are at an edge of the scarf.

11. Turn the work over. Cut a length of A about 50 in (127 cm) long and sew the scarf to the back of the head, taking up only the back of the head: 16 stitches in the ends of rows 173 to 188 at one side, 17 along the last row and 16 in the row ends of the other side, 49 stitches. Where the back of an ear lies between the scarf and the head, sew the scarf to the ear there instead.

12. Patches: lay the scarf right side up with its foundation chain toward you. Rows are counted from the foundation chain, and stitches from the right. The patches are sewn on in this order; the row and the stitch named are the place of the middle of the patch, and the join of its last round looks the way that is named, so that the patches do not look alike. First, a large patch: row 20, stitch 8, join toward the foundation chain; second, a small patch: row 41, stitch 12, join to the right; third, a large patch: row 63, stitch 10, join toward the head; fourth, a small patch: row 85, stitch 5, join to the left; fifth, a large patch: row 107, stitch 8, join toward the foundation chain; sixth, a small patch: row 128, stitch 12, join to the right; seventh, a large patch: row 149, stitch 8, join toward the head. With its tail sew each one down all round, 39 stitches for a large patch and 25 for a small one.

13. Tail: lay the scarf right side up with its foundation chain toward you. Slide the foundation end of the tail, right side up, under the middle of this edge, so that rows 1 and 2 of the tail are under the scarf, behind places 7 to 11 of its 17 places. Cut a length of A about 22 in (56 cm) long and sew the edge of the scarf to the tail: 5 stitches. Turn the work over and sew the foundation chain of the tail to the back of the scarf: 5 stitches.

14. The tassel: cut 30 lengths of B, each about 11 in (28 cm) long. For each knot fold six lengths in half together, pull the fold through the edge with the hook, pull the ends through the fold and draw it tight. Make one knot in each of the 5 stitches of the last row of the tail. Trim the ends level, about 4½ in (11.5 cm) long.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the sewing tails and lengths on the wrong side.

In all: 21 pieces; 3,610 stitches.

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