Dachshund in a sweater

US terms



Finished size
About 13½ in (34.5 cm) long with the tail and 5¼ in (13.5 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
Eleven pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

What you need

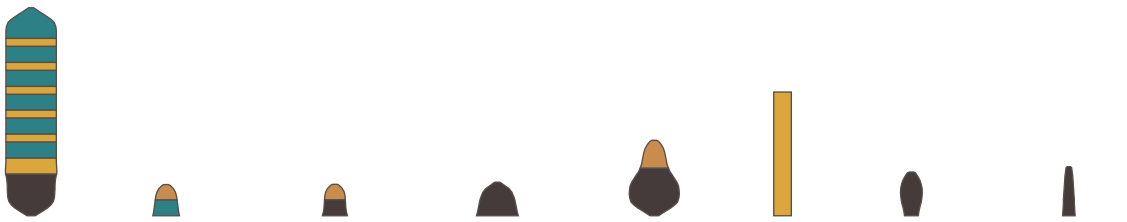
Yarn A: soft black, the main color	**about 105 yd (96 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: tan, front leg, back leg, head and the details	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: teal, body and front leg	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: mustard, body and collar	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: dark brown, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 140 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), 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, 10 mm.

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.

The pieces



Body
Front leg x 2 to the body
Back leg x 2 to the body
Neck to the body
Head to the neck
Collar
Ear x 2 to the head
Tail to the body

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Gauge

20 stitches and 22 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 2¼ in (5.5 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.

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.
- The sweater is part of the body: its ridges are the loops left free in the rounds worked in the back loop only. In the stripes (rounds 11 to 41 of the body) you need not cut the yarn at each color change: carry the one not in use loosely up the wrong side.
- 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.
- Color change: where a line begins "With D," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in D. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- 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 18 and 19 of round 13 (36 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 19 and 20 of round 43 (38 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 dachshund. 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: a satin stitch dot of the same size in E (dark brown), one tiny stitch of B (tan) at its upper edge, and one ring of small backstitches in B (tan) close round the dot, so that it shows on the soft black head.
- 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.
- Small: fine (2, sport) yarn, 2.25 mm (B-1) hook, 27 sc and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 10 in (25.5 cm) long with the tail and 4 in (10 cm) tall; eyes 7 mm; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.

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- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 19¼ in (49 cm) long with the tail and 7½ in (19 cm) tall; eyes 14 mm; multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 times the yarn.
- Jumbo: super bulky (6, plush or velvet) yarn, 6.5 mm (K-10½) hook, 11 sc and 12.1 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 24½ in (62 cm) long with the tail and 9½ in (24 cm) tall; eyes 18 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one. **BLO**: only the loop away from you. **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(6 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Body

Yarns in order of use: C, teal; D, mustard; A, soft black.

The body is a long tube: stuff it firmly as you work, every 12 rounds or so.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnds 7 to 10** 7 8 9 10	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	With D, sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	With C, sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnds 14 to 16** 14 15 16	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	With D, sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	With C, sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnds 20 to 22** 20 21 22	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	With D, sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 24**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 25**	With C, sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnds 26 to 28**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
26 27 28		
☐ **Rnd 29**	With D, sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 30**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 31**	With C, sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnds 32 to 34**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
32 33 34		
☐ **Rnd 35**	With D, sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 36**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 37**	With C, sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnds 38 to 40**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
38 39 40		
☐ **Rnd 41**	With D, sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 42**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 43**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts**] 2 times**	(38 sc)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 19 and 20 of round 43. This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.

☐ **Rnd 44**	Sc in each st around	(38 sc)
☐ **Rnd 45**	With A, **[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(34 sc)
☐ **Rnds 46 to 51**	Sc in each st around	(34 sc)
46 47 48 49 50 51		
☐ **Rnd 52**	Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 53**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

Top up the stuffing now so that the whole tube is firm, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 54**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 55**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 56**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	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.	

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Front leg: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, tan; C, teal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	With C, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts	(17 sc)
☐ **Rnds 7 to 8** 7 8	Sc in each st around	(17 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st	(19 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Back leg: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, tan; A, soft black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 7** 6 7	With A, sc in each st around	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Neck

Yarn A, soft black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	(22 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts	(25 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 24 sts	(26 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 25 sts, 2 sc in next st	(27 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts	(28 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts**] 2 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Head

Yarns in order of use: B, tan; A, soft black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each of next 4 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	(11 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts	(17 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st	(19 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	With A, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	(22 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(26 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**	(33 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 3 times**	(36 sc)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 18 and 19 of round 13. This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.

☐ **Rnds 14 to 17**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)

14 15 16 17

☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

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Fix the eyes now: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 11, one to each side, 4½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart). For a child under three, or a pet, leave them out and embroider them later. Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	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.	

Collar

Yarn D, mustard.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 4 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(4 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 31**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	(4 sc)

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 30 31

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 30 in (76 cm) tail for sewing.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, soft black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next st, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	(13 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 7**	Sc in each st around	(16 sc)

6 7

☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts	(13 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)
☐ **End**	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 5 stitches.	

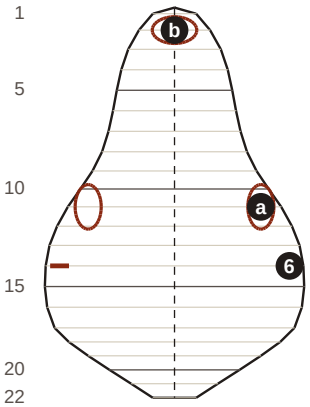
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Tail

Yarn A, soft black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnds 4 to 5** 4 5	Sc in each st around	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(7 sc)
☐ **Rnds 7 to 8** 7 8	Sc in each st around	(7 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnds 10 to 11** 10 11	Sc in each st around	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	(9 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Assembly



Head: 6 ears, a eyes, b nose

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 the two front legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 8, one to each side, 12 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (19 sts) covers about rounds 5 to 11 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.

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2. Pin the two back legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 48, one to each side, 11½ stitches from the center line (11 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (18 sts) covers about rounds 45 to 51 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 neck to the body: the middle of the open edge lies between rounds 4 and 5, on the center line. The edge (30 sts) reaches from about round 10 of the body, on the center line, down to round 1, and about 6 stitches to each side of the center line on round 7. It points up and forward. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

4. Set the head on the end of the neck, its center line on top and round 1 (the nose) to the front. Turn the nose about 40 degrees to the left and let it slant down about 10 degrees from level. Round 16 of the head, on the line opposite its center line, lies over the middle of round 1 of the neck. Press the head down onto the neck until round 5 of the neck (24 sts) touches it all the way round. On the head this circle reaches from about round 12 to about round 21 along the line opposite the center line, and on round 16 about 5 stitches to each side of that line. With a new length of A (soft black), sew round the circle twice, through the stitches of round 5 of the neck and the head.

5. Lay the collar round the neck, either side out (they look alike), over rounds 6 to 9 of the neck: its upper edge lies just under the seam of the head, its lower edge just above the seam of the neck on the body. Its two short ends meet at the back of the neck, on the side toward the tail of the dog. 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 the lower long edge of the collar to the neck with a few stitches all the way round.

6. Pin the two ears to the head: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 14, one to each side, 8 stitches from the center line (16 stitches apart). The flat edge runs lengthwise along the head, half of it before that place and half behind. They point out to the side, then curve until the tip of each points down. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a stitch or two on its inner side. Sew through both layers of the 5-stitch edge with the tail.

7. Pin the tail to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 53, on the center line. The edge (9 sts) covers about rounds 52 to 54 of the body. It points back, then curves until its tip points back and up. 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.

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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 inside the toy. 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.
- Brows: with B (tan), in satin stitch, an oval about ¼ in (6 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the head on round 13, one to each side, 3½ stitches from the center line (7 stitches apart).
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 11, one to each side, 4½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart).
- Nose: with E (dark brown), in satin stitch, a triangle with its point down about 3/8 in (10 mm) wide and ¼ in (6 mm) tall, its middle on the head on round 2, on the center line. The wide edge of the triangle is toward the top of the head and its point toward the middle of round 1.
- Mouth: with E (dark brown), in backstitch, a line from the point of the nose straight down, toward the underside of the head, 3/16 in (5 mm) long, and a smile, one curve about ½ in (13 mm) wide. The middle of the smile is its lowest point and lies at the lower end of that line; its two ends are 3/16 in (5 mm) higher, one to each side.
- 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: 11 pieces; 3,579 stitches (1,826 in the body, 133 in each front leg, 127 in each back leg, 218 in the neck, 497 in the head, 124 in the collar, 152 in each ear, 90 in the tail).

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