Deer head for the wall

US terms



Finished size

About 8½ in (21.5 cm) tall from the bottom of the backing to the tips of the antlers, 6¼ in (16 cm) across the backing and 6 in (15 cm) from the wall to the nose

Skill

Intermediate

26 pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn

Medium (4), 7 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.

You will need

Yarn A: fawn, the main color	**about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, muzzle and inner ear	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: dark brown, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: oatmeal, antler, antler tip and backing	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: sage green, leaf	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: walnut, backing and the details	**about 115 yd (105 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: rust, rose hip and the details	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

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, stiff card about 6 in (15 cm) square 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.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together, through the front loops only: how is under “Before you start” (UK dc2tog, double cro
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

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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.

Before you start

- Every piece 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.
- 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 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.
- 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 21 and 22 of round 8 (42 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the head. 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.
- Small: fine (2, sport) yarn, 2.25 mm (B-1) hook, 27 sc and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): 6¼ in (16 cm) tall from the bottom of the backing to the tips of the antlers, 4¾ in (12 cm) across the backing and 4½ in (11.5 cm) from the wall to the nose; eyes 7 mm; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.
- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): 12¼ in (31 cm) tall from the bottom of the backing to the tips of the antlers, 9 in (23 cm) across the backing and 8½ in (21.5 cm) from the wall to the nose; 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): 15½ in (39.5 cm) tall from the bottom of the backing to the tips of the antlers, 11½ in (29 cm) across the backing and 11 in (28 cm) from the wall to the nose; eyes 18 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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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 sc is double crochet and sl st is slip stitch.

Head

Yarn A, fawn.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(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)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 9 to 13**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**

A box for each round, 9 to 13: tick them off as you go.

☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13

☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Fix the eyes now (see Finishing). Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**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.	

Neck

Yarn A, fawn.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 42; being careful not to twist the chain, sl st in the first ch to form a ring. Round 1 begins in that same ch.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in each ch around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 3**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 3: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3

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☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next 19 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times**	**(38 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc2tog, sc in next 36 sts	**(37 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 35 sts, sc2tog	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 15 sts**] 2 times**	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 30 sts, sc2tog	**(31 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 15 sts	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff it yet: it is open at both ends, and is stuffed when it is set on the backing.	

Muzzle

Yarns in order of use: B, cream; A, fawn.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(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 8 sts**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 7**	With A, sc in each st around	**(20 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 7: tick them off as you go.

☐ 6 ☐ 7

☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge. Shape the stuffed piece with your fingers into an oval, about 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) wide and 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm) tall.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, fawn.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	**(4 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(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.	

Inner ear: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 8; being careful not to twist the chain, sl st in the first ch to form a ring. Round 1 begins in that same ch.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in each ch around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up, so that the ring of chains closes into a slit and one group of increases lies at each end. Sew the two sides of the slit together, chain to chain (4 chains on each side), with the beginning end. Pull one end of the oval out into a point with your fingers: this is the upper end.	

Antler: make 2

Yarn D, oatmeal.

Stuff lightly every few rounds as you go, so that the tube still bends.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(5 sc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 11: tick them off as you go.

☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 13 to 24**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 24: tick them off as you go.

☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Antler tip: make 4

Yarn D, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 7**	Sc in each st around	**(4 sc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 7: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

Backing: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, fawn; F, walnut; D, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(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**	With F, **[**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)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 6 times**	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	With D, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	**(90 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	With F, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts**] 6 times**	**(96 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(102 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 60 in (152 cm) tail on one backing for sewing; weave in the end of the other. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

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Leaf: make 8

Yarn E, sage green.

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☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(8 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 4 stitches.	

Rose hip: make 3

Yarn G, rust.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**

Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 3 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.	

Assembly

1. Pin the neck to the head: the middle of its last round (round 13, 30 sts) lies on round 14 of the head, on the line opposite the center line. The edge covers about rounds 9 to 19 of the head. The neck points down and back. Sew all the way round with the tail. Leave the neck empty: it is stuffed in step 8.

2. Pin the muzzle to the head: the middle of the open edge lies on round 14, on the center line. The edge (28 sts) covers about rounds 10 to 18 of the head. It passes close under the eyes: tuck it in against them. It points forward and down. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

3. Pin the two ears to the head: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 7, one to each side, 9½ stitches from the center line (17 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The flat edge lies with its upper end on about round 4, 6½ stitches from the center line, and its lower end on about round 10, 11 stitches from it. They point out to the side. Sew through both layers of the 5-stitch edge with the tail.

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4. Sew one inner ear flat to the side of each ear that will face forward, right side out, its length along the ear and its pointed end toward the tip of the ear, centered on that side, its middle over round 7 of the ear. Sew all 14 stitches of the edge.

5. Pin the two antlers to the head: the middle of each open edge lies on round 4, one to each side, 3½ stitches from the center line (7 stitches apart). The edge (6 sts) covers about rounds 3 to 5 of the head. They point up and out to the side, turn out to the side by about round 16 of the antler and up by the tip. Bend each as you pin it, and hold each bend with a few running stitches, drawn up a little, on the side it turns toward. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

6. Sew one antler tip to the outer side of each antler, the middle of its edge on round 15 of the antler, all the way round its 4-stitch edge. Antler tips point out and up.

7. Sew one antler tip to the outer side of each antler, the middle of its edge on round 8 of the antler, all the way round its 4-stitch edge. Antler tips point out and up.

8. Lay the two backings with their wrong sides together and a circle of stiff card between them, about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) across. Sew their edges together all the way round, stitch to stitch (102 sts), with the tail of the backing. Stuff the neck firmly from its chain edge. Bend it until that edge faces straight back while the face looks straight out, and hold the bend with running stitches of A (fawn) along the upper side of the neck, just behind the head, drawn up. Set the chain edge on the front of the backing: its 42 chains lie on round 7 of the backing (42 sts), one to each stitch, with round 1 of the head at the top and the face looking straight out. Sew all the way round with a new length of A (fawn), adding stuffing before the last stitches.

9. Mark the chain-to-backing seam of the neck straight below the middle, and count 5 chains from that mark to each side: these 10 chains stay free. Set the eight leaves side by side round the other 32 chains: each flat edge (4 stitches) lies along 4 chains, against the seam, and the leaf points straight out over the backing. Sew through both layers of each edge with its tail, and catch each leaf to the backing under its middle with one stitch; its tip stands a little away.

10. Sew the three rose hips to the backing in the gap between the leaves, straight below the neck, with their closing holes against the backing: two side by side against the neck seam, one on each side of the mark, and the third below them, in the middle between the two. Use a new length of G (rust) and go round each twice.

11. Hanging loop: with a new length of F (walnut), make a chain of 20 stitches with an 8 in (20 cm) tail at each end. Sew the two ends to the back of the backing, side by side on round 14, straight above the middle, and bury the tails between the two backings.

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.
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 10, one to each side, 5 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart).
- Nose: with C (dark brown), in satin stitch, an oval about ½ in (13 mm) wide and 5/16 in (8 mm) tall, its middle on the muzzle, centered, 3/8 in (10 mm) above the middle of the muzzle.
- Mouth: with C (dark brown), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about 7/16 in (11 mm) wide that dips 3/16 in (5 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are on the muzzle, level with its middle, one to each side of its center.
- 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: 26 pieces; 4,452 stitches.

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