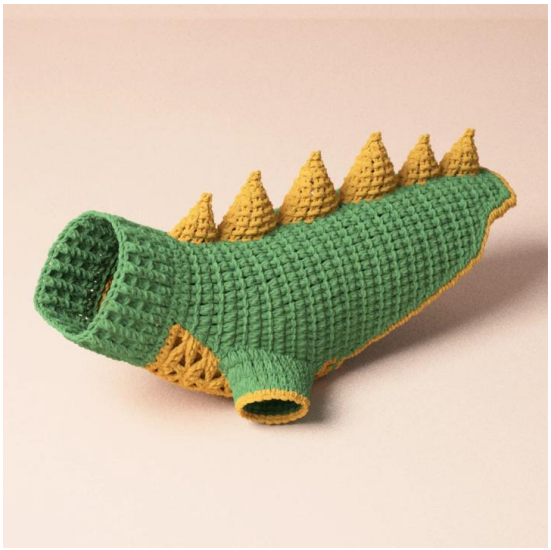
Dinosaur dog costume

S, to fit chest 16 in (40.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 12¼ in (31 cm) at the neck and about 2½ in (6.5 cm) at the height of the neckband

To fit neck 11 in (28 cm) and a chest of 16 in (40.5 cm), back 11½ in (29 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Half double crochet in rows, shell stitch, simple shaping, side seams, small stuffed pieces sewn on

Yarn

Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook

5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge

13 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: fern, main color — **about 175 yd (160 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: mustard, contrast — **about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 130 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, a little toy stuffing, a stitch marker and 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.

Sizes

Size	To fit chest	Yarn, an estimate	Neck (the neckband around)	Height of the neckband	Chest	Length along the back to root of tail	Length of the tail flap, with its edge	Length under the belly	Leg around	Leg length	Height of a large spike
XXS	10½ in (26.5 cm)	about 135 yd (123 m)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	2 in (5 cm)	12 in (30.5 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm)	1¼ in (3 cm)	1 in (2.5 cm)
XS	13 in (33 cm)	about 190 yd (174 m)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	2 in (5 cm)	14½ in (37 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)	6¼ in (16 cm)	6¼ in (16 cm)	1½ in (4 cm)	1¼ in (3 cm)
S (this file)	**16 in (40.5 cm)**	**about 255 yd (233 m)**	**12¼ in (31 cm)**	**2½ in (6.5 cm)**	**17½ in (44.5 cm)**	**11¾ in (30 cm)**	**2¾ in (7 cm)**	**7 in (18 cm)**	**7½ in (19 cm)**	**2 in (5 cm)**	**1¾ in (4.5 cm)**

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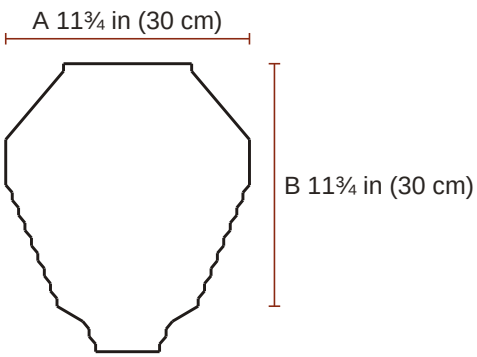
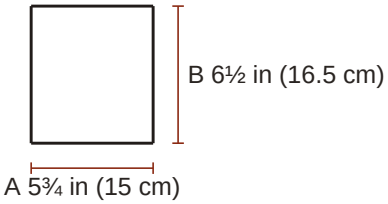
M	21 in (53.5 cm)	about 400 yd (366 m)	15½ in (39.5 cm)	2½ in (6.5 cm)	22½ in (57 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	2 in (5 cm)	2½ in (6.5 cm)
L	26 in (66 cm)	about 550 yd (503 m)	18½ in (47 cm)	2½ in (6.5 cm)	27½ in (70 cm)	18½ in (47 cm)	4¼ in (11 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	2¼ in (5.5 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)
XL	31 in (78.5 cm)	about 775 yd (709 m)	21½ in (54.5 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)	32¼ in (82 cm)	21¾ in (55 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm)	13¾ in (35 cm)	11¾ in (30 cm)	2½ in (6.5 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)

Schematic



Back and tail flap (neck at the top)
A the width
B the upper part



Belly
A half the length along the back to root of tail
B from top to bottom

Gauge

13 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 21; begin in the 2nd ch from the hook and work 16 rows of half double crochet on 20 sts, about 6¼ in (16 cm) wide and 5¾ in (14.5 cm) high, and measure 4 in (10 cm) in the middle. Use a larger hook if your swatch is small, a smaller one if it is large. Belly, shell rows: 1 sc with 1 shell of 5 dc, worked over 6 sts, is about 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) wide; 9.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm). Row 1, in single crochet (UK: double crochet), is about ¼ in (0.6 cm) high. Single crochet in the legs, the hem and the spikes: about 15 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). Neckband (double crochet (UK: treble), then post stitches): about 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). The rib stretches.

Notes

- Dog sizes. Measure the dog as it stands: the neck where a collar sits, the chest at its widest, just behind the front legs, and the back from the neck to the root of the tail.
- The chest is from 1¼ in (3 cm) to 1½ in (4 cm) wider than the dog and the neckband from 1 in (2.5 cm) to 1½ in (4 cm) wider than the neck, by the size; the rib stretches. Choose by the finished measurement; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given. Let the dog wear it for a short time at first, and take it off when nobody is watching the dog.
- The back and the belly are worked in rows that are turned. The legs, the hem and the neckband are worked in joined rounds that are not turned, with the right side facing; the spikes are worked in a spiral.

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- The turning chain (ch 1 for single and half double crochet, ch 2 for double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of every row into the first stitch, at the base of the turning chain.
- The chain at the start of a round never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of the round into the stitch at its base, where the round was joined.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- Belly: in a row of shells the sc goes into the middle dc of a shell of the row before, and a shell goes into an sc; the words of each row lead you there.
- The spikes run along the whole back and onto the tail flap, and a dog that turns its head can reach those over its rump and tail with its mouth. Sew all of them on firmly and look at their seams before each wearing. Take the costume off as soon as the dog pulls or chews at a spike. The tail stays free under the tail flap, and nothing lies over the face.
- Color changes in rounds: work the sl st that joins the round before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm), or, if it is needed again within 6 rnds, carry it loosely up the inside at the join.
- Whip stitch: hold the two edges together, put the needle through both from back to front, bring the yarn over the edges and go in again from the back, one stitch along.
- Length along the back to the root of the tail, without the neckband 11¾ in (30 cm).
- Length under the belly, with its edge and without the neckband 7 in (18 cm).

Instructions

S, to fit chest 16 in (40.5 cm). US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
RS right side, the one that shows.
5 dc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 times in all.
(20 hdc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

hdc2tog (half double crochet 2 stitches together (UK half treble 2 together)): [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop] twice (5 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 5 loops.

fpdc (front post double crochet (UK front post treble)): Yarn over, insert the hook from the front to the back and to the front again around the post of the stitch named, pull up a loop, [yarn over and pull through 2 loops] twice. The front is the side that faces you. A post stitch takes the place of the stitch it is worked around: do not work into the top of that stitch as well.

bpdc (back post double crochet (UK back post treble)): As fpdc, but insert the hook from the back to the front and to the back again around the post.

Back

Yarn A, fern.

☐ **Foundation**	This piece is worked from the neck to the tail. Odd-numbered rows are right side rows. Rows 1 to 32 reach to the root of the tail; rows 33 to 38 are the tail flap. With yarn A, ch 21.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(20 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in each st across to last st, 2 hdc in last st	(38 hdc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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☐ **Rows 11 to 16**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(38 hdc)
	11 12 13 14 15 16	
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rows 18 to 31**	Repeat Rows 16 and 17, 7 more times (34, 32, 30, 28, 26, 24, 22 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(22 hdc)
	18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(22 hdc)
☐ **Rows 33 to 34**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog twice, hdc in each st across to last 4 sts, hdc2tog twice	(14 hdc)
	33 34	
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(12 hdc)
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(12 hdc)
☐ **Rows 37 to 38**	Repeat Rows 35 and 36, once more	(10 hdc)
	37 38	
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Belly

Yarn B, mustard.

☐ **Foundation**	This piece is worked from the throat toward the tail. Odd-numbered rows are right side rows. Its shells are the scales. With yarn B, ch 20.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(19 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 3 times**	(4 sc, 15 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, [skip next 2 sts, sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st] twice, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	(16 dc, 3 sc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 15**	Repeat Rows 2 and 3, 6 more times	(16 dc, 3 sc)
	4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 3 times**	(4 sc, 15 dc)
☐ **End**	The belly measures about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) wide and 6½ in (16.5 cm) long. Fasten off.	

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Leg: make 2, one at each leg opening

Yarn A, fern.

☐ **Foundation**	Work these at step 2 of Assembly. Colors: rnds 1 to 5 yarn A; rnd 6 yarn B. With the right side facing, hold the opening so that its belly edge is below and its back edge above, and join yarn A at the right-hand end of the belly edge. Ch 1 and work around the opening: sc in the end of each of the 8 open rows of the belly, rows 6 to 13, with a second sc in the end of rows 7, 9 and 12 (11 sc); sc in the end of each of the 8 open rows of the back, rows 5 to 12, with a second sc in the end of rows 5, 7, 8, 10 and 12 (13 sc). There are 24 sc in all; join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnds 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 5 to 6** 5 6	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(24 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. If a small hole is left where the seams end, close it with the yarn ends.	

Hem

Yarn A, fern.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 3 of Assembly. Colors: rnd 1 yarn A; rnd 2 yarn B. With the right side facing and the tail end uppermost, join yarn A in the last st of row 16 of the belly, the st at its right-hand end now. Ch 1 and work around the lower edge: sc in each of the 19 sts of row 16 of the belly (19 sc); along rows 16 to 32 of the back, [sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 6 times, sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows (23 sc); along rows 33 to 35 of the back, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (6 sc); along rows 36 to 38 of the back, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row (4 sc); 3 sc in the first st you come to of the 10 sts of row 38 of the back, sc in each of the next 8 sts and 3 sc in the last st (14 sc); along rows 36 to 38 of the back, met from the last of them, 2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows (4 sc); along rows 33 to 35 of the back, met from the last of them, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (6 sc); along rows 16 to 32 of the back, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of the next row] 6 times (23 sc). There are 99 sc in all; join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(99 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Neckband

Yarn A, fern.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 4 of Assembly. With the right side facing and the neck edge uppermost, join yarn A in the first ch of the foundation chain of the back, at its right-hand end. Ch 1 and work around the neck: sc in each of the 20 chs of the foundation chain of the back, along their free side (20 sc); 2 sc in the first of the 19 chs of the foundation chain of the belly, on their free side, and sc in each of the other 18 (20 sc). There are 40 sc in all; join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(40 dc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 5**	Ch 2; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 20 times**; join with sl st in first fpdc	(20 fpdcs, 20 bpdcs)
	3 4 5	
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Large spike: make 3, worked in a spiral

Yarn B, mustard.

☐ **Foundation**	Do not join the rounds. Mark the first st of each round. The spike is worked from its point down. With yarn B, ch 3; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; 4 sc in ring	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	[sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] twice	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	[sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	[sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	[sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	[sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	[sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice	(16 sc)
☐ **End**	Sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving an end of about 28 in (70 cm) for sewing. Stuff the spike lightly, so that it can be flattened.	

Small spike: make 3, worked in a spiral

Yarn B, mustard.

☐ **Foundation**	Do not join the rounds. Mark the first st of each round. The spike is worked from its point down. With yarn B, ch 3; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; 4 sc in ring	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	[sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] twice	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	[sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	[sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice	(10 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 5**	[sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving an end of about 22 in (55 cm) for sewing. Stuff the spike lightly, so that it can be flattened.	

Assembly

1. Side seams: lay the belly and the back with right sides together, the foundation chain of the belly level with the foundation chain of the back. On each side sew the ends of rows 1 to 5 of the belly to the ends of rows 1 to 4 of the back; leave rows 6 to 13 of the belly and rows 5 to 12 of the back open for the leg; sew the ends of rows 14 to 16 of the belly to the ends of rows 13 to 15 of the back. The rows of the belly are higher than those of the back: pin the ends of each stretch together first and spread the row ends evenly between the pins. Each stretch is whipstitched with a length of yarn A of its own, and the yarn is cut at the leg opening, not carried past it. Cut 4 lengths: 2 of about 14 in (35 cm) for the two stretches at the neck end, and 2 of about 12 in (30 cm) for the two stretches at the tail end. For the whipstitch, pass the needle through both edges from the back one to the front one, bring the yarn over the two edges and pass the needle through again, about ¼ in (0.6 cm) farther along. Begin and end each stretch with 2 stitches in the same place, and leave an end of about 3 in (7.5 cm) at both. Turn the piece right side out.

2. Leg: work both now, as written above.

3. Hem: work it now, as written above.

4. Neckband: work it now, as written above.

5. Spikes: they stand in one row along the middle of the back, which lies between the two middle sts of every row. Flatten the open edge of each spike, so that 8 sts of a large spike or 6 sts of a small spike lie on each side, and set it lengthwise on the middle line. From the neck to the tail: a small spike over rows 2 to 6; a large spike over rows 7 to 13; a large spike over rows 14 to 20; a large spike over rows 21 to 27; a small spike over rows 28 to 32; and a small spike over rows 33 to 37, on the tail flap. Sew the base of each spike down all around with its own end, one side close to the left and the other close to the right of the middle line, and then sew all around once more with the rest of the end, so that the spikes stand up.

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends on the inside. Wash as the yarn label says and lay flat to the measurements to dry.

In all: 7 pieces.

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