Dinosaur rug

US terms



Finished size

About 37½ in (95 cm) from the nose to the tip of the tail and 32½ in (83 cm) from the feet to the top of the head

Skill

Intermediate

Curved and tapered strips, and many pieces to sew on

Yarn

Bulky (5), 5 colors

Hook

9 mm (US M/N-13)

Gauge

8 stitches and 9 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: fern, main	**about 540 yd (494 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: mustard, the large plate and the small plate	**about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: celery, the toe, the large spot, the small spot and the glint	**about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: charcoal, the eye	**about 14 yd (13 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: ivy green, the far leg	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Two strands of yarn are held together throughout; the amounts above are for all of them.

Hook: 9 mm (US M/N-13), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure, 6 stitch markers and about 20 long pins and a rug pad or a non-slip mesh, cut about 1 in (2.5 cm) smaller all round than the rug.

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.

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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)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 together: [insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop] 2 times, yo, pull through all 3 loops (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 together)
sc3tog	single crochet 3 together: [insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop] 3 times, yo, pull through all 4 loops (UK dc3tog, double crochet 3 together)
Rnd	round
RS	right side
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

8 stitches and 9 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check it on the body, laid flat, when 8 rounds are done: it measures about 11 in (28 cm) by 7 in (18 cm). If it measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one.

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Hold two strands of the yarn together throughout, for the sewing too: a tail to sew with is two strands, and where a length of yarn is given, cut two strands of that length. 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. 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 the middle of one short end, along one long side, to the middle of the other short end.
- To sew a piece on top of another: lay it flat with its right side up and hold it with pins or markers. 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 rug just outside that stitch. Work one such sewing stitch for each stitch of the edge, all round or along the part of the edge that is named, without drawing the edge in. A chain at a straight edge counts as a stitch, and so does the end of a row. At the end fasten off on the wrong side.
- Where a tail hangs away from the place where the sewing begins, take it there first: run the needle through the edge stitches on the wrong side, as when an end is woven in. Every tail is long enough for that.
- The places are those of a right-handed maker, whose rounds run counter-clockwise. A left-handed maker counts the same way, along the rounds as they are worked, and the rug comes out mirrored.
- Backstitch: come up one stitch length ahead on the line, go down again where the last sewing stitch ended, and go on so. Every sewing stitch is about ½ in (1.25 cm) long.
- Where a row begins or ends with sc2tog, the edge slants: that is the shape of the piece.
- In some rows of the neck and the tail the stitches are tall at one edge and low at the other, and so the strip curves. It must lie flat all the same.

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- The ch 1 or ch 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- 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 in the middle of a row or a round, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the next ball, 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.
- 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.
- Cotton is easy to wash, and it lies flat on a floor.

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, dc is treble, sc2tog is double crochet 2 together and sc3tog is double crochet 3 together.

Body

Yarn A, fern.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, 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)**
☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 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	**(54 sc)**

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☐ **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 17 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 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	**(66 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 20 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 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	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 23 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(90 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 26 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(96 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(102 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 29 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(108 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(114 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Neck

Yarn A, fern.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 16.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(15 sc)**

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

2 3

☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 5 sts, sc in next 5 sts	**(5 dc, 5 hdc, 5 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog	**(11 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 5 sts, sc in next 4 sts	**(4 dc, 5 hdc, 4 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 5 sts, sc in next 4 sts	**(4 dc, 5 hdc, 4 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog	**(9 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 5 sts, dc in next 3 sts	**(3 sc, 5 hdc, 3 dc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	**(7 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Rows 14 to 15**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(9 sc)**

A box for each row, 14 to 15: tick them off as you go.

14 15

☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next 3 sts	**(3 sc, 3 hdc, 3 dc)**
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	**(5 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts	**(2 dc, 3 hdc, 2 sc)**
☐ **Rows 20 to 21**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**

A box for each row, 20 to 21: tick them off as you go.

20 21

☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next 2 sts	**(2 sc, 3 hdc, 2 dc)**
☐ **Rows 23 to 24**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**

A box for each row, 23 to 24: tick them off as you go.

23 24

☐ **Row 25**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts	**(2 dc, 3 hdc, 2 sc)**
☐ **Rows 26 to 28**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**

A box for each row, 26 to 28: tick them off as you go.

26 27 28

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 20 in (51 cm) to sew with.	

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Tail

Yarn A, fern.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 16.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(15 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 4: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4

☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog	**(11 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 5 sts, sc in next 4 sts	**(4 dc, 5 hdc, 4 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog	**(9 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 5 sts, sc in next 3 sts	**(3 dc, 5 hdc, 3 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	**(7 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 3 sts	**(3 dc, 3 hdc, 3 sc)**
☐ **Rows 16 to 17**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(9 sc)**

A box for each row, 16 to 17: tick them off as you go.

16 17

☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	**(5 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts	**(2 dc, 3 hdc, 2 sc)**
☐ **Rows 20 to 21**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**

A box for each row, 20 to 21: tick them off as you go.

20 21

☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next 2 sts	**(2 sc, 3 hdc, 2 dc)**
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	**(3 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next st	**(1 dc, 3 hdc, 1 sc)**
☐ **Rows 26 to 27**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**

A box for each row, 26 to 27: tick them off as you go.

26 27

☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	**(1 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st	**(1 dc, 1 hdc, 1 sc)**

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☐ **Rows 30 to 33**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**

A box for each row, 30 to 33: tick them off as you go.

30 31 32 33

☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn; sc3tog	**(1 sc3tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Head

Yarn A, fern.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 9.	
☐ **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	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 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	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(46 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 26 in (66 cm) to sew with.	

Near leg: make 2

Yarn A, fern.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 12.	
☐ **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	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(34 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(40 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 34 in (86 cm) to sew with.	

Far leg: make 2

Yarn E, ivy green.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 12.	
☐ **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	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(40 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 36 in (91 cm) to sew with.	

Toe: make 12

Yarn C, celery.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 20 in (51 cm) to sew with.	

Large plate: make 3

Yarn B, mustard.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 9.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(8 sc)**

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

☐ 2 ☐ 3

☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	**(4 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	**(2 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc2tog	**(2 sc2tog)**

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☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog	**(1 sc2tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 32 in (81 cm) to sew with.	

Small plate: make 5

Yarn B, mustard.

☐ **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 each st across	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	**(2 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(4 sc)**

A box for each row, 4 to 5: tick them off as you go.

☐ 4 ☐ 5

☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc2tog	**(2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog	**(1 sc2tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 32 in (81 cm) to sew with.	

Large spot: make 3

Yarn C, celery.

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

Small spot: make 4

Yarn C, celery.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, 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 28 in (71 cm) to sew with.	

Eye

Yarn D, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, 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)**

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☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 36 in (91 cm) to sew with.	

Glint

Yarn C, celery.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 20 in (51 cm) to sew with.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends but the tails to sew with.

2. Lay the body flat, right side up, with the join of its rounds at the right. The last round has 114 stitches. Stitch 1 is the first one after the join; count in the direction in which you worked: the middle of the back is in stitch 29, the left end between stitches 57 and 58, the middle of the belly in stitch 86. Put a marker in stitch 114 for the tail, in stitch 44 for the neck, and in stitches 13, 22 and 31 for the plates.

3. Neck and tail: lay the neck right side up with its foundation edge behind the body, its middle behind stitch 44 and 2½ in (6.5 cm) in from the edge of the body. It leans to the left, its curve brings it upright and then to the left again: the middle of its last row lies about 9¾ in (25 cm) to the left of the middle of the body and 9¼ in (23 cm) above the top edge of the body. Lay the tail right side up with its foundation edge behind the body in the same way, its middle behind stitch 114 and 2½ in (6.5 cm) in from the edge. It points straight to the right and curves up: its tip lies about 20¾ in (53 cm) to the right of the middle of the body and 1¼ in (3 cm) below the level of the top edge of the body. Pin them. Cut two lengths of A, each about 54 in (137 cm) long, one for each strip. From the right side sew the edge of the body to each strip, as a piece is sewn on top of another, where the body crosses the strip: about 15 stitches on the neck and 16 on the tail. Take the needle to the wrong side there, turn the rug over, and with what is left of the same length sew the foundation edge of the strip to the wrong side of the body, 15 stitches, one for each chain. Take up only the back of the body, so that these stitches do not show on the right side.

4. Head: turn the rug right side up. Lay the head over the end of the neck with its long way nearly level and the join of its rounds at the right: the left end stands 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) lower than the right end, and the middle of the head lies 2¼ in (5.5 cm) to the left and ½ in (1.5 cm) below the middle of the last row of the neck. About 6 rows of the neck are under the head. The tail of the head hangs at its join: take it along the edge of the head to the nearest place where that edge crosses the right-hand edge of the neck, and sew the head to the neck along the lower edge of the head, as far as it lies on the neck: about 8 stitches. Then turn the rug over and with the tail of the neck sew the last row of the neck to the wrong side of the head: 7 stitches. Take up only the back of the head.

5. Legs: turn the rug right side up. Lay the two near legs and the two far legs behind the lower edge of the body, right side up, the long way upright and the joins at the top. From the left they are a near leg, a far leg, a near leg and a far leg, and none lies on another. The middle of the first is 6½ in (17 cm) to the left of the middle of the belly, that of the second 2 7/8 in (7.3 cm) to the left, of the third 2 7/8 in (7.3 cm) to the right and of the fourth 6½ in (17 cm) to the right. The lower end of each near leg is 5¾ in (15 cm) below the lowest edge of the body, that of each far leg 5¼ in (13 cm). Pin them and turn the rug over. The tail of a leg hangs at its join, at the middle of the top: take it along the edge of the leg to the place where that edge crosses the edge of the body. From there sew up this side, round the top and down the other side to the edge of the body. That is about 8 stitches for the first leg from the left as seen on the right side, 16 for the second, 14 for the third and 10 for the fourth. Take up only the back of the body.

6. Toes: turn the rug right side up. Lay three toes side by side on the lower end of each of the four legs, ¼ in (0.6 cm) apart: the middle one with its lower edge ¼ in (0.6 cm) above the lower end of the leg, the one at each side of it ½ in (1.25 cm) higher than the middle one. Sew each on with its tail: 6 stitches.

7. Back plates: the foundation edge of a plate is its base. Lay the three large plates along the back of the body, right side

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up and behind it, the middle of each base behind stitches 13, 22 and 31, the base ¾ in (2 cm) in from the edge of the body and along it, so that the point stands straight out. The bases of two neighbors may touch, and none lies on another. Pin them and turn the rug over. The tail of a plate hangs at its point: take it down one side edge of the plate to the edge of the body. From there sew down this side to the base, along the base and up the other side to the edge of the body: 2 stitches at each side and 8 along the base, 12 in all. Take up only the back of the body.

8. Plates of the neck and of the tail: turn the rug right side up and lay the five small plates in the same way, right side up and behind the strip, the base along the edge of the strip, so that the point stands straight out. The base is ¾ in (2 cm) in from the edge; for the plate nearest the head and the one nearest the tip of the tail it is 1¼ in (3 cm) in, so that less of them shows. No plate lies on another. Count the row ends from the foundation edge of the strip, which lies behind the body: row end 1 is the one beside it. Behind the right-hand edge of the neck (the edge toward the tail): one with the middle of its base behind row end 15, and the one nearest the head behind row end 21. Behind the upper edge of the tail: one behind row end 10, one behind row end 18, and the one nearest the tip behind row end 25. Pin them, turn the rug over and sew them on from the wrong side as the large ones, to the back of the strip: 2 stitches at each side and 6 along the base, 10 in all; 3 stitches at each side and 12 in all where the base is 1¼ in (3 cm) in.

9. Spots: turn the rug right side up; it stays so to the end. The level middle line of the body runs from the join to the left end, the upright one from the middle of the back to the middle of the belly. Left and right are measured from the upright line. Lay the spots with their middles in these places and sew each on with its tail, 18 stitches for a large one and 12 for a small one. Large spot: 4½ in (11 cm) to the left, 2½ in (6.5 cm) above the level line; large spot: 4¾ in (12 cm) to the right, 2 in (5 cm) above the level line; large spot: 2¾ in (7 cm) to the right, 4 in (10 cm) below the level line; small spot: ½ in (1.5 cm) to the right, 4½ in (11 cm) above the level line; small spot: ½ in (1.5 cm) to the left, ½ in (1.5 cm) below the level line; small spot: 7¼ in (18 cm) to the right, 1¾ in (4.5 cm) below the level line; small spot: 3½ in (9 cm) to the left, 3 in (7.5 cm) below the level line.

10. Face: measure along the long way of the head and square to it, from its middle. Sew the eye on the head with its tail, 18 stitches: its middle is 1/8 in (0.3 cm) to the right of the middle of the head and ¾ in (2 cm) above it. Sew the glint on the eye with its tail, 6 stitches: its middle is 3/8 in (1 cm) to the left of the middle of the eye and ½ in (1.25 cm) above it. With a length of D about 24 in (61 cm) long backstitch a smile along the lower left of the head: it begins 3 5/8 in (9.2 cm) to the left of the middle of the head and ¾ in (2 cm) below it, curves down to 2½ in (6.5 cm) to the left and 1½ in (4 cm) below, and up again to its end, 1 in (2.5 cm) to the left and 1 1/8 in (2.8 cm) below. It is about 3 in (7.5 cm) long, 6 stitches. With the same length work one straight stitch, up at one end and down at the other, 3/8 in (1 cm) long for the nostril, along the long way of the head: its middle is 3 5/8 in (9.2 cm) to the left of the middle of the head and ½ in (1.25 cm) above it.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the ends with the yarn needle, on the wrong side.
- Lay the rug flat, dampen it, pull it into shape and let it dry.
- On a smooth floor lay the rug on a non-slip rug pad, so that it does not slide.

In all: 37 pieces; 2,930 stitches.

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