Dinosaur tail blanket

Ages 4 to 6 · US terms



Finished size

About 32¾ in (83 cm) around at the opening and 54 in (137 cm) long from the edge of the cuff to the tip of the tail; large spikes about 5 in (13 cm) tall

To fit a height of 3 ft 4 in (102 cm) to 3 ft 10 in (117 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Shaping at the edges and many parts to sew together

Yarn

Bulky (5), 5 colors

Hook

6.5 mm (US K-10½)

Gauge

10 stitches and 8½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: fern, main color	**about 410 yd (375 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: apricot, stripe	**about 180 yd (165 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, stripe	**about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: brick, the cuff, the large spike, the medium spike and the small spike	**about 270 yd (247 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: celery, the large spot, the medium spot and the small spot	**about 115 yd (105 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 820 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 130 yd (119 m).

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10½), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure, 2 stitch markers and polyester stuffing, about 4 oz (115 g), for the spikes.

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.

Sizes

Size	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Ages 4 to 6 (this file)	**a height of 3 ft 4 in (102 cm) to 3 ft 10 in (117 cm)**	**32¾ in (83 cm) around, 54 in (137 cm) long**	**about 1,065 yd (974 m)**
Ages 7 to 10	a height of 3 ft 11 in (119 cm) to 4 ft 7 in (140 cm)	36 in (91 cm) around, 60½ in (154 cm) long	about 1,225 yd (1,120 m)

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Gauge

10 stitches and 8½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

Check it on the back itself when 12 rows are done, laid flat and not stretched: the 50 stitches of a row in Ages 4 to 6 are about 20 in (51 cm) wide, the 54 stitches in Ages 7 to 10 about 21½ in (55 cm), and the 12 rows are about 5¾ in (15 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

Notes

- For sitting or lying in while awake, with a grown-up near a child. It holds both legs: it is not for sleep, for walking or for stairs.
- The back and the belly are worked in rows, to and fro; the spikes and the spots in joined rounds, without turning.
- The ch 1 at the start of a row or a round does not count as a stitch: the first stitch goes into the st it rises from.
- In the back and the belly every row that is shaped has an hdc2tog at each end. The cuff is worked sideways, in the back loop, so that its ribs run up and down; it looks alike on both sides.
- The spikes are worked from the tip down, in the back loop, so that every round leaves a rib. The right side of a round is the side that faces you as you work it, and it is on the outside of the spike.
- To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. If the old yarn is needed again after only 2 or 4 rows of another yarn, leave it hanging at the edge and bring it loosely up the side when you need it. Otherwise cut it, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- 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, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the new yarn, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both. In the rows do it in the last stitch of a row. In the rounds of the spikes and spots do it in any stitch before the joining sl st, and weave both tails in on the inside of the spike or the wrong side of the spot before it is sewn on.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under both loops of a stitch on one edge and under both loops of the stitch that lies against it on the other edge, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On a foundation chain edge, pass the needle under the lower strands of each chain that holds a stitch of row 1. On a side edge there are no loops: pass the needle through the end stitch of the row on one side and the end stitch of the row that lies against it on the other. Fasten a length where the sewing begins and where it ends: sew 2 or 3 times into the same place. A piece on top of another (a spike or a spot on the back): pass the needle under one or two strands of the stitch of the back that lies just beneath the edge, then under both loops of the edge stitch, and pull the yarn through. Do the same at the next edge stitch, until every edge stitch is sewn once; the stitches of the back beneath are not matched one for one with the edge stitches.
- 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.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

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Instructions

Ages 4 to 6. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.

hdc2tog 2 hdc made into one. **BLO**: only the loop away from you. **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.

2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 46 sts**: one in each.

[ ] 2 times: work what is inside 2 times in all.

(50 hdc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Back

Yarn A, fern.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 51.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(50 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 13**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(50 hdc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13	
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 46 sts, hdc2tog	(46 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 15 to 17**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(48 hdc)
	15 16 17	
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 44 sts, hdc2tog	(44 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 19 to 21**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(46 hdc)
	19 20 21	
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 42 sts, hdc2tog	(42 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 23 to 25**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(44 hdc)
	23 24 25	
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 40 sts, hdc2tog	(40 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 27 to 29**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(42 hdc)
	27 28 29	
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 38 sts, hdc2tog	(38 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 31 to 33**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(40 hdc)
	31 32 33	
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 36 sts, hdc2tog	(36 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 35 to 37**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(38 hdc)
	35 36 37	
☐ **Row 38**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 34 sts, hdc2tog	(34 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)

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☐ **Rows 39 to 41** 39 40 41	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(36 hdc)
☐ **Row 42**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 32 sts, hdc2tog	(32 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 43 to 45** 43 44 45	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(34 hdc)
☐ **Row 46**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 30 sts, hdc2tog	(30 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 47 to 49** 47 48 49	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(32 hdc)
☐ **Row 50**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 28 sts, hdc2tog	(28 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 51 to 53** 51 52 53	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(30 hdc)
☐ **Row 54**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 26 sts, hdc2tog	(26 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 55 to 57** 55 56 57	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(28 hdc)
☐ **Row 58**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 24 sts, hdc2tog	(24 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 59 to 61** 59 60 61	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(26 hdc)
☐ **Row 62**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 22 sts, hdc2tog	(22 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 63 to 65** 63 64 65	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(24 hdc)
☐ **Row 66**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 20 sts, hdc2tog	(20 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 67 to 69** 67 68 69	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(22 hdc)
☐ **Row 70**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 18 sts, hdc2tog	(18 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 71 to 73** 71 72 73	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(20 hdc)
☐ **Row 74**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 16 sts, hdc2tog	(16 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 75 to 77** 75 76 77	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(18 hdc)
☐ **Row 78**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 14 sts, hdc2tog	(14 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 79 to 81** 79 80 81	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(16 hdc)
☐ **Row 82**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 12 sts, hdc2tog	(12 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)

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☐ **Rows 83 to 85** 83 84 85	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(14 hdc)
☐ **Row 86**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 10 sts, hdc2tog	(10 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 87 to 89** 87 88 89	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(12 hdc)
☐ **Row 90**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 8 sts, hdc2tog	(8 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 91 to 93** 91 92 93	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(10 hdc)
☐ **Row 94**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 6 sts, hdc2tog	(6 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 95 to 97** 95 96 97	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(8 hdc)
☐ **Row 98**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 4 sts, hdc2tog	(4 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 99 to 108** 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(6 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Belly

Yarns in order of use: B, apricot; C, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 33.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(32 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(32 hdc)
☐ **Row 5**	With C, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(32 hdc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(32 hdc)
☐ **Row 7**	With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(32 hdc)
☐ **Rows 8 to 10** 8 9 10	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(32 hdc)
☐ **Row 11**	With C, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(32 hdc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(32 hdc)
☐ **Row 13**	With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(32 hdc)
☐ **Rows 14 to 16** 14 15 16	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(32 hdc)
☐ **Row 17**	With C, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(32 hdc)

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☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(32 hdc)
☐ **Row 19**	With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(32 hdc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 28 sts, hdc2tog	(28 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 21 to 22** 21 22	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(30 hdc)
☐ **Row 23**	With C, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(30 hdc)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(30 hdc)
☐ **Row 25**	With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(30 hdc)
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 26 sts, hdc2tog	(26 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 27 to 28** 27 28	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(28 hdc)
☐ **Row 29**	With C, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(28 hdc)
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(28 hdc)
☐ **Row 31**	With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(28 hdc)
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 24 sts, hdc2tog	(24 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 33 to 34** 33 34	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(26 hdc)
☐ **Row 35**	With C, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(26 hdc)
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(26 hdc)
☐ **Row 37**	With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(26 hdc)
☐ **Row 38**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 22 sts, hdc2tog	(22 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 39 to 40** 39 40	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(24 hdc)
☐ **Row 41**	With C, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(24 hdc)
☐ **Row 42**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(24 hdc)
☐ **Row 43**	With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(24 hdc)
☐ **Row 44**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 20 sts, hdc2tog	(20 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 45 to 46** 45 46	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(22 hdc)
☐ **Row 47**	With C, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(22 hdc)
☐ **Row 48**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(22 hdc)
☐ **Row 49**	With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(22 hdc)

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☐ **Row 50**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 18 sts, hdc2tog	(18 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 51 to 52** 51 52	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(20 hdc)
☐ **Row 53**	With C, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(20 hdc)
☐ **Row 54**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(20 hdc)
☐ **Row 55**	With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(20 hdc)
☐ **Row 56**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 16 sts, hdc2tog	(16 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 57 to 58** 57 58	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(18 hdc)
☐ **Row 59**	With C, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(18 hdc)
☐ **Row 60**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(18 hdc)
☐ **Row 61**	With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(18 hdc)
☐ **Row 62**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 14 sts, hdc2tog	(14 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 63 to 64** 63 64	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(16 hdc)
☐ **Row 65**	With C, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(16 hdc)
☐ **Row 66**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(16 hdc)
☐ **Row 67**	With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(16 hdc)
☐ **Row 68**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 12 sts, hdc2tog	(12 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 69 to 70** 69 70	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(14 hdc)
☐ **Row 71**	With C, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(14 hdc)
☐ **Row 72**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(14 hdc)
☐ **Row 73**	With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(14 hdc)
☐ **Row 74**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 10 sts, hdc2tog	(10 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 75 to 76** 75 76	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(12 hdc)
☐ **Row 77**	With C, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(12 hdc)
☐ **Row 78**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(12 hdc)
☐ **Row 79**	With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(12 hdc)
☐ **Row 80**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 8 sts, hdc2tog	(8 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)

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☐ **Rows 81 to 82** 81 82	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(10 hdc)
☐ **Row 83**	With C, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(10 hdc)
☐ **Row 84**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(10 hdc)
☐ **Row 85**	With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(10 hdc)
☐ **Row 86**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 6 sts, hdc2tog	(6 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 87 to 88** 87 88	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(8 hdc)
☐ **Row 89**	With C, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(8 hdc)
☐ **Row 90**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(8 hdc)
☐ **Row 91**	With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(8 hdc)
☐ **Row 92**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 4 sts, hdc2tog	(4 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 93 to 94** 93 94	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(6 hdc)
☐ **Row 95**	With C, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(6 hdc)
☐ **Row 96**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(6 hdc)
☐ **Row 97**	With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(6 hdc)
☐ **Row 98**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 2 sts, hdc2tog	(2 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 99 to 100** 99 100	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(4 hdc)
☐ **Row 101**	With C, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(4 hdc)
☐ **Row 102**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(4 hdc)
☐ **Row 103**	With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(4 hdc)
☐ **Row 104**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc2tog	(2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 105 to 106** 105 106	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(2 hdc)
☐ **Row 107**	With C, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(2 hdc)
☐ **Row 108**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(2 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Cuff

Yarn D, brick.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 9.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(8 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 82**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	(8 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 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

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Large spike: make 5

Yarn D, brick.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 4 hdc in ring; pull the tail to close the ring; join with sl st in first hdc	(4 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in BLO of next st, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(6 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in BLO of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, hdc in BLO of each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in BLO of next 3 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(10 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in BLO of next 4 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(12 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in BLO of next 5 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(14 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, hdc in BLO of each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(14 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in BLO of next 6 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(16 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in BLO of next 7 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(18 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in BLO of next 8 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(20 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 34 in (86 cm) to sew with.	

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Medium spike: make 5

Yarn D, brick.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 4 hdc in ring; pull the tail to close the ring; join with sl st in first hdc	(4 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in BLO of next st, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(6 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, hdc in BLO of each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(6 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in BLO of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in BLO of next 3 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(10 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in BLO of next 4 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(12 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in BLO of next 5 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(14 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in BLO of next 6 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(16 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 30 in (76 cm) to sew with.	

Small spike: make 5

Yarn D, brick.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 4 hdc in ring; pull the tail to close the ring; join with sl st in first hdc	(4 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in BLO of next st, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(6 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, hdc in BLO of each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(6 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in BLO of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in BLO of next 3 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(10 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in BLO of next 4 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(12 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 26 in (66 cm) to sew with.	

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Large spot: make 2

Yarn E, celery.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring; pull the tail to close the ring; join with sl st in first hdc	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(16 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(32 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(40 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 58 in (147 cm) to sew with.	

Medium spot: make 4

Yarn E, celery.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring; pull the tail to close the ring; join with sl st in first hdc	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(16 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(32 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 50 in (127 cm) to sew with.	

Small spot: make 6

Yarn E, celery.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring; pull the tail to close the ring; join with sl st in first hdc	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(16 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 30 in (76 cm) to sew with.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the ends of the back, the belly and the cuff. Side seams: lay the belly on the back, right sides together, the foundation chains level and the first rows side by side; fold the back where it is wider, so that its long edges lie on those of the belly. For each edge cut two lengths of A, each about 88 in (224 cm) long. Whip stitch the edges to each other, row end to row end, row 1 of the belly to row 1 of the back and so on to row 108, the last of both: 108 pairs, the first length to row 54 and the second to row 108. Weave in the ends of these lengths on the wrong side, then turn the tube right side out, the thin end with the handle of a spoon. The foundation chains, 50 of the back and 32 of the belly, are the opening.

2. Tip: cut a length of A, about 24 in (61 cm), take it through the 6 stitches of row 108 of the back and the 2 stitches of row 108 of the belly, 8 stitches, draw them together, sew 2 or 3 times into the same place, take the needle to the inside, bring it out 2 in (5 cm) farther up the tail and cut the yarn close to the surface.

3. Cuff: lay the last row of the cuff, row 82, against its foundation chain, so that the strip is a ring. Cut a length of D,

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about 20 in (51 cm), and whip stitch them to each other, 8 stitches to 8 chains. Set the ring against the opening, edge to edge: the ends of its 82 rows against the 82 chains, the end of row 1 against the first chain of the belly beside a side seam, the ends of rows 1 to 32 against the 32 chains of the belly and the ends of rows 33 to 82 against the 50 chains of the back. Cut two lengths of D, each about 60 in (152 cm) long, and whip stitch each row end to the chain that lies against it, all round: the first length to row 41, the second from row 42 to row 82. Fold the cuff down over the outside of the tube to reach the ends of all three lengths of D, weave them in on the inside, and turn the cuff up again: it stays up, as the length under SIZES counts it.

4. Find the line down the middle of the back, between its two middle stitches, and mark it at row 4 and at row 103 with markers. A fold along this line and one down the middle of the belly lay the dinosaur on its side.

5. Spikes: before anything else take the beginning tail of each spike, the one from its magic ring, to the inside of the spike, draw the ring tight with it, weave it in on the inside and cut it. Then stuff each spike lightly and flatten it, so that the two increases of every shaped round lie at its edges: its 20 (large), 16 (medium) or 12 (small) stitches make two layers of 10, 8 or 6. The spikes stand on the line down the middle of the back, flat along it: the 5 large ones on rows 4 to 11, 12 to 19, 20 to 27, 28 to 35 and 36 to 43, the 5 medium ones on rows 44 to 50, 51 to 57, 58 to 64, 65 to 71 and 72 to 78, the 5 small ones on rows 79 to 83, 84 to 88, 89 to 93, 94 to 98 and 99 to 103, the rows of the back counted from the cuff. Open the lower edge a little and set one layer on the stitches of the back just to the right of the line and the other on those just to the left of it; the edge of the spike nearer the cuff lies on the first of the rows named for it and its other edge on the last of them. With the long tail of the spike whip stitch all 20, 16 or 12 stitches of the last round to the back, as the whip stitch note says for a piece on top of another, along one layer and back along the other. Fasten the tail, pass the needle through the spike, bring it out on the far side and cut the yarn close to the surface.

6. Spots: before anything else draw the ring of each spot tight with its beginning tail, weave that tail in on the wrong side of the spot and cut it. One large, two medium and three small spots lie on each side of the line, on the back piece, right sides up and flat. With its long tail whip stitch all the stitches of the last round of each spot, 40, 32 or 16, to the back, as the whip stitch note says for a piece on top of another. Fasten the tail, pass the needle under the spot, bring it out on the far side and cut the yarn close to the surface. The middles of the spots on each side lie: the large spot on row 14, 13 stitches from the line down the middle; a small one on row 32, 8 stitches from it; a medium one on row 44, 10 stitches from it; a small one on row 56, 6 stitches from it; the other medium one on row 66, 6 stitches from it; the last small one on row 76, 4 stitches from it.

Finishing

- Use the tail for sitting and resting, with the legs inside and the opening at the waist. Do not walk in it.
- It has parts that could be pulled off: sew them well, and keep it for a child over three.

In all: 30 pieces; 7,734 stitches; 62 ends to weave in.

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