Dog face applique

US terms



Finished size
About 4½ in (11 cm) wide and about 3¼ in (8 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 5 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: oatmeal, the head	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: chestnut, the ears and the patch	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, the muzzle	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the face stitched on	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Yarns A, B and C: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn D: 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.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (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)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the head measures about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.6 cm, unless the line names another) along the line. Put it down at the start of the line and bring it up again one stitch length ahead of where it last came up; keep going down at the end of the stitch before and up one length ahead.
- French knot (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back, wrap the yarn twice round the needle close to the surface, hold the wraps and put the needle down beside the place where it came up. For a large knot use the yarn double and wrap it three times.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3 in (8 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3½ in (9 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 5¾ in (15 cm).

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 and dc is treble.

Head

Yarn A, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, sl st in first hdc to join	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(24 hdc)**

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☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(32 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 35 in (89 cm) tail, for sewing the whole applique to your project.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn B, chestnut.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 8.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 4 chs, 5 dc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, dc in next 4 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	**(2 sc, 2 hdc, 13 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Patch

Yarn B, chestnut.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 10 hdc in ring, sl st in first hdc to join	**(10 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Muzzle

Yarn C, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 5.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs, 3 sc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 2 chs, 2 sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(16 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Pin an ear behind each side of the head, the rounded end (5 dc in one chain) hanging down and out and the narrow end leaning in, quite hidden. The middle of each ear lies level with the middle of the head and ¼ in (0.6 cm) inside its edge. Sew the ears on from the back along the edge of the head.
- Sew the patch on, its middle 3/8 in (1 cm) above the middle of the head and 5/8 in (1.6 cm) to one side. Sew the muzzle on with its long side across the face, its middle 5/8 in (1.6 cm) below the middle of the head.
- With D, work a large French knot for each eye 3/8 in (1 cm) above the middle of the head, 1¼ in (3 cm) apart, one of them in the middle of the patch. Work two French knots side by side for the nose, near the top edge of the muzzle.
- With D, work the mouth in backstitch: one line ¼ in (0.6 cm) long straight down from the nose, then a curve 3/8 in (1 cm) wide up to each side.
- To sew the applique on, pin it where it is to go and sew round its edge with the long tail, under the outermost strands of the stitches.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 5 pieces; 150 stitches (80 in the head, 17 in each ear, 10 in the patch, 26 in the muzzle); 12 ends to weave in.

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