Duckling in blue boots

US terms



Finished size
About 5 in (12.5 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
Eight pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 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: buttercream, the head, the body, the wings, the tops of the legs, the tail and the tuft	**about 125 yd (114 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: tangerine, the bill	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sea blue, the boots and the band round the neck	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: peach, the cheeks	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4). Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors 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. 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 (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 stitches together)
MR	magic ring
RS	right side

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

20 sc and 22 rounds = 4 in (10 cm), worked 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.

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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 C," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in C. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends inside.
- Center line: on a piece that others are sewn to, places 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: a whole number of stitches ends between two stitches, a half ends in the middle of one.
- Head: the center line runs between stitches 27 and 28 of round 11 (54 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 18 and 19 of round 6 (36 sts). It faces the front.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- 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.
- Eyes: for a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead of plastic ones: satin stitch dots of the same size in black yarn (about 2 yd (2 m), not in the list of yarns).
- 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: 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): about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) tall; 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): about 7¼ in (18.5 cm) tall; 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): about 9 in (23 cm) tall; eyes 18 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.
- Every size is approximate and follows from your gauge and how firmly you stuff.

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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 sc2tog is double crochet 2 stitches together.

Head

Yarn A, buttercream.

☐ **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**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 12 to 17**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 17: tick them off as you go.

☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17

☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

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

☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**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.	

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Body

Yarns in order of use: A, buttercream; C, sea blue.

Round 1 is the middle of the base.

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☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
	A box for each round, 7 to 11: tick them off as you go. ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11	
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 13 to 14**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
	A box for each round, 13 to 14: tick them off as you go. ☐ 13 ☐ 14	
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 16 to 17**	With C, sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
	A box for each round, 16 to 17: tick them off as you go. ☐ 16 ☐ 17	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 22 in (56 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Bill

Yarn B, tangerine.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 sc in MR	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 6**	Sc in each st around	**(20 sc)**
	A box for each round, 5 to 6: tick them off as you go. ☐ 5 ☐ 6	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge. Shape the stuffed piece with your fingers into an oval, about 1¾ in (4.4 cm) wide and ¾ in (1.9 cm) tall.	

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Wing: make 2

Yarn A, buttercream.

☐ **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 next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 7**	Sc in each st around	**(16 sc)**

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

☐ 6 ☐ 7

☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 6 stitches.	

Leg with boot: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, sea blue; A, buttercream.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 5**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

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

☐ 4 ☐ 5

☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 8**	Sc in each st around	**(15 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 8: tick them off as you go.

☐ 7 ☐ 8

☐ **Rnd 9**	With A, **[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 11: tick them off as you go.

☐ 10 ☐ 11

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

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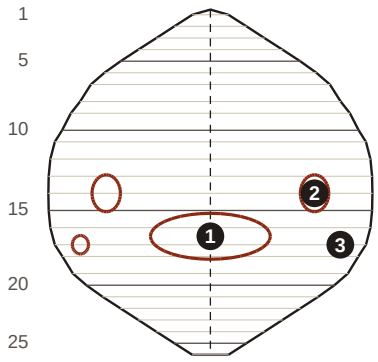
Tail

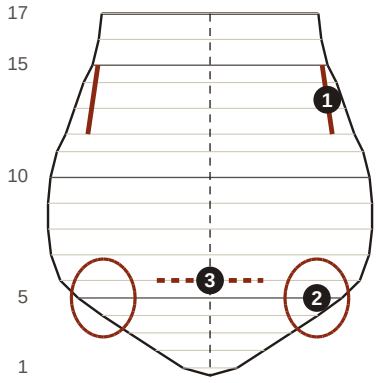
Yarn A, buttercream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(15 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff very lightly. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 7½ stitches. The odd stitch lies at one fold.	

Assembly



Head: 1 bill, 2 eyes, 3 cheeks



Body: 1 wings, 2 legs with boots, 3 tail

Each line is a round, counted as the rounds are worked. The upright broken line is the center line. A place with a broken edge is on the far side.

1. In every step: 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 same yarn; where a seam has two, use the longer. Set the head on the open edge of the body (24 sts), center lines in line: the edge lies on round 23 of the head (24 sts). Sew every stitch of the edge to the head, and top up the stuffing in the neck before the last stitches so that the head does not wobble.

2. Pin the bill to the head: the middle of the open edge lies between rounds 16 and 17, on the center line. The edge (20 sts) covers about rounds 15 to 18 of the head. It points forward. 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 wings to the body: the middle of each flat edge lies between rounds 13 and 14, one to each side, 7½ stitches from the center line (15 stitches apart). The flat edge slants: its end nearer the center line is on about round 15, its other end on about round 12. They point out to the side and down. Sew through both layers of the 6-stitch edge with the tail.

4. Pin the two legs with boots to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 5, one to each side, 4½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart). The edge (12 sts) covers about rounds 3 to 7 of the body. They point forward and out to the side from under the front edge of the body, lying along the table. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

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5. Pin the tail to the body: the middle of the flat edge lies on round 6, on the line opposite the center line. The flat edge runs along the round, half of it on each side of that place. It points back, then curves up. Bend it as you pin it and hold the curve with a stitch or two on its inner side. Sew through both layers of the 7½-stitch edge with its tail of yarn.

Finishing

- Use one strand of yarn and the yarn needle for all the embroidery. Plastic eyes go in before a piece is closed or sewn on; embroider, and knot in any lengths, when the pieces round the place are sewn on.
- Tuft: a tuft at the top that falls to the right; cut 6 lengths of A (buttercream), each 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) long. At each place, use the needle to draw two lengths under the stitch until 5/8 in (1.6 cm) of each hangs out on one side. Tie the two sides together in a firm knot close to the fabric, and pull the ends on the other side inside the toy. Where a piece covers a place, use the nearest free stitch. The places on the head, counting stitches from the center line (stitch 1 is the one beside it): round 1: stitch 1 right; round 2: stitches 2 and 5 right.
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 14, one to each side, 6 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with D (peach), in satin stitch, an oval about 5/16 in (8 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the head on round 17, one to each side, 8½ stitches from the center line (17 stitches apart).
- 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: 8 pieces; 2,127 stitches (948 in the head, 468 in the body, 100 in the bill, 128 in each wing, 153 in each leg with boot, 49 in the tail); 16 ends to weave in.

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