Easter bunny with a basket

US terms



Finished size
About 9½ in (24 cm) tall to the tips of the ears and 5½ in (14 cm) across with the basket

Skill
Intermediate
19 pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 8 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.

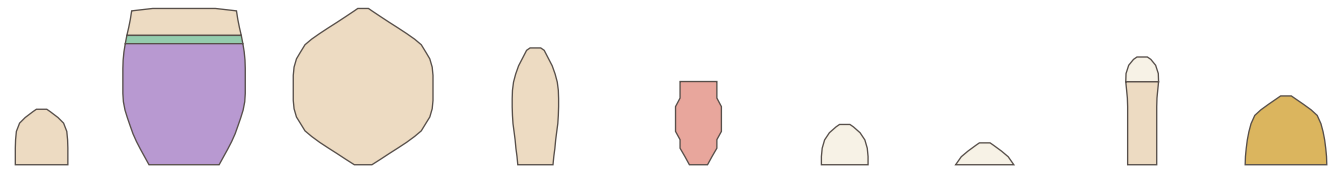
You will need

Yarn A: vanilla, the main color	**about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: lilac, body and lilac egg	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: straw, basket, handle and the details	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: mint, body, mint egg and bow	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: white, foot, muzzle and arm	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: rose, inner ear, rose egg and the details	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: dark brown, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn H: butter, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors and two black plastic eyes with washers, 10 mm.

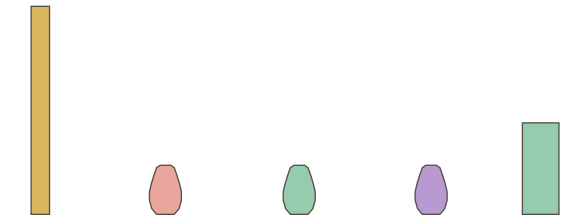
To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

The pieces



Leg x 2 | **Body** | **Head** to the body | **Ear x 2** to the head | **Inner ear x 2** | **Foot x 2** | **Muzzle** to the head | **Arm x 2** to the body | **Basket**

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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, through the front loops only: how is under “Before you start” (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 stitches together)
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
BLO	back loop only
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

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

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Before you start

- Every piece that has rounds 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 D," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in D. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- Center line: places on a piece 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 along the round, in stitches and half stitches.
- Head: the center line runs between stitches 24 and 25 of round 9 (48 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 21 and 22 of round 9 (42 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the bunny. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- Running stitches go in and out along a line.

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- In every step of putting it together: 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 yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- 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.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in G (dark brown).
- 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, the size written here: 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 7 in (18 cm) tall to the tips of the ears and 4 in (10 cm) across with the basket; 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 13½ in (34.5 cm) tall to the tips of the ears and 7¾ in (19.5 cm) across with the basket; 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 17¼ in (44 cm) tall to the tips of the ears and 10 in (25.5 cm) across with the basket; eyes 18 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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.

Leg: make 2

Yarn A, vanilla.

☐ **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**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 8**	Sc in each st around A box for each round, 5 to 8: tick them off as you go. 5 6 7 8	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off the first leg, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Do not fasten off the second leg: go on from it with the body. Do not stuff it yet.	

Body

Yarns in order of use: A, vanilla; D, mint; B, lilac.

Hold the two legs side by side. The yarn is still on the second leg: carry it straight across to the first one and begin round 1 there, in the stitch after its last stitch; when all 18 of its stitches are worked, go on round the second leg, beginning in the stitch after the one the yarn came from. When round 2 is done, close the small gap between the two from the inside with the tail of the first leg.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the two legs side by side.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	With right sides facing out, sc in each of the 18 sts of one leg, then sc in each of the 18 sts of the other leg	**(36 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(38 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times**	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	With D, sc in BLO of each st around	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	With B, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts**] 2 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 9**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 9: tick them off as you go.

7 8 9

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 21 and 22 of round 9. It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.

☐ **Rnds 10 to 13**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 13: tick them off as you go.

10 11 12 13

☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(39 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 3 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts**] 3 times**	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 22 in (56 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff the legs firmly first, then the body, up to the open edge.	

Head

Yarn A, vanilla.

☐ **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)**

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Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 24 and 25 of round 9. It faces the front, round 1 at the top.

☐ **Rnds 10 to 16**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 16: tick them off as you go.

10 11 12 13 14 15 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Fix the eyes now: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 13, one to each side, 5½ stitches from the center line (11 stitches apart). Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**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.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, vanilla.

☐ **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 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 10**	Sc in each st around	**(16 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 10: tick them off as you go.

6 7 8 9 10

☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 12 to 13**	Sc in each st around	**(14 sc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 13: tick them off as you go.

12 13

☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	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.	

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Inner ear: make 2

Yarn F, rose.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 4 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**

A box for each row, 4 to 6: tick them off as you go.

4 5 6

☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, sc2tog	**(2 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing.	

Foot: make 2

Yarn E, white.

☐ **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, sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 6**	Sc in each st around	**(16 sc)**

A box for each round, 4 to 6: tick them off as you go.

4 5 6

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge. Shape the stuffed piece with your fingers into an oval, about 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) wide and 7/8 in (2.2 cm) tall.	

Muzzle

Yarn E, white.

☐ **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 8 sts**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge. Shape the stuffed piece with your fingers into an oval, about 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm) wide and 1 in (2.5 cm) tall.	

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Arm: make 2

Yarns in order of use: E, white; A, vanilla.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 4**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 4: tick them off as you go.

3 4

☐ **Rnd 5**	With A, **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 14**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 14: tick them off as you go.

6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Basket

Yarn C, straw.

Round 1 is the middle of the base.

☐ **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 BLO of each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 9 to 10**	Sc in each st around	**(28 sc)**

A box for each round, 9 to 10: tick them off as you go.

9 10

☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end. Do not stuff.	

Handle

Yarn C, straw.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 2 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 3.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(2 sc)**

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☐ **Rows 2 to 25**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(2 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 25: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Rose egg

Yarn F, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 6**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 6: tick them off as you go.

5 6

Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**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.	

Mint egg

Yarn D, mint.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 6**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 6: tick them off as you go.

5 6

Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**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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Lilac egg

Yarn B, lilac.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 6**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 6: tick them off as you go.

5 6

Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**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.	

Bow

Yarn D, mint.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 4 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

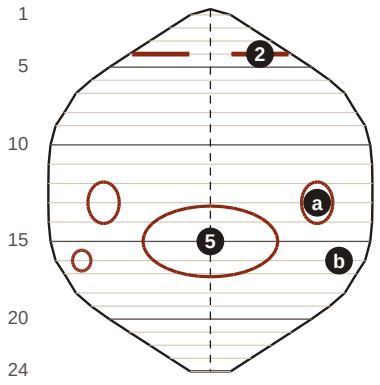
☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(4 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 11: tick them off as you go.

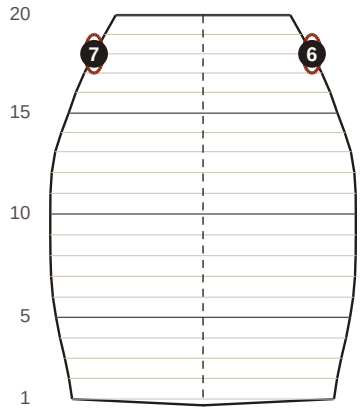
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail.	

Assembly



Head: 2 ears, 5 muzzle, a eyes, b cheeks



Body: 6 arm, 7 arm

A number is the step below that puts it on; a letter is put on under Finishing. 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.

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1. Set the head on the open edge of the body (24 sts), center lines in line: the edge lies on round 21 of the head (24 sts). With the tail of the body, 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 two ears to the head: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 4, one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart). The flat edge runs from side to side: its inner end is on round 1; its outer end is on about round 7, 8½ stitches from the center line. They point up. Sew through both layers of the 6-stitch edge with the tail.

3. Sew one inner ear flat to the side of each ear that will face forward, right side out, row 1 at the lower end, on about round 12 of the ear, and row 10 toward the tip, on about round 3, the same distance from both sides. Go all the way round its edge with its tail.

4. Pin the two feet to the two legs, one to the front of each leg. The front of a leg is straight below the place 4½ stitches from the center line on round 1 of the body, to the right for the one and to the left for the other. The middle of the open edge of the foot (16 sts) lies there on round 6 of the leg, and the edge covers about rounds 4 to 8, the whole upright side of the leg: its lower side lies at the edge of the sole and its upper side just below the body. Both point forward, and their undersides are level with the soles of the legs. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

5. Pin the muzzle to the head: the middle of the open edge lies on round 15, on the center line. The edge (20 sts) covers about rounds 13 to 17 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.

6. Pin one arm to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 18, 7½ stitches to the right of the center line. The edge (10 sts) covers about rounds 17 to 19 of the body. It points to the right and down, then curves until its tip points straight down. Bend it as you pin it and hold the curve with a few running stitches along its inner side, drawn up a little. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

7. Pin one arm to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 18, 7½ stitches to the left of the center line. The edge (10 sts) covers about rounds 17 to 19 of the body. It points to the left and down, turns down by about round 8 of the arm and forward by the tip. Bend it as you pin it, and hold each bend with a few running stitches, drawn up a little, on the side it turns toward. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

8. Put a little stuffing in the basket, up to round 8. Stand the basket on the table, level with the soles, its side against the outer side of the right leg and foot, under the right paw. With a new length of C (straw), catch round 7 of the basket to the side of the leg with a few stitches.

9. Bend the handle into an arch with its right side outward. Put its two ends inside the rim of the basket, two rows deep, one at the right and one at the left, opposite each other (14 stitches apart along round 10). Sew each end to the rim, the first with its tail and the second with a new length of C (straw). Pass the top of the arch behind the right paw, so that the paw is in front of it: the long front edge of the handle, at the middle (row 13 of its 25 rows), touches the back of the paw on about round 3 of the arm. With a new length of C (straw), sew that edge to the paw there with five or six stitches, and draw the paw a little over the handle with them, so that it seems to hold it.

10. Stand the rose egg in the basket in front on the left and the mint egg in front on the right, each with its narrow end (round 1) up and about half of it above the rim.

11. Stand the lilac egg behind them, in the middle, its narrow end up too, about 3/16 in (5 mm) higher than the other two. Sew each of the three eggs to the inside of the basket where it touches it, on about round 9 of the basket, with 8 to 10 stitches in the color of the egg, and the three to each other with a few stitches.

12. Bow: lay the strip flat, right side up, its two long edges running from left to right, so that row 1 is one end (the left or the right) and row 11 the other. Thread the needle with the tail, which hangs at a corner of row 11, and run it in and out along that long edge to row 6, the middle of the strip. From there take it across to the other long edge with running stitches, pull it up tight so that the middle puckers, and fasten it on the wrong side. Wind a new length of H (butter), about 16 in (41 cm) long, three times tightly round the pucker, over its full width from long edge to long edge, and fasten it on the wrong side. With the tail, sew the back of the pucker to the front of the body on round 18, on the center line, under the muzzle, so that one half of the bow stands out to the right and one to the left.

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Finishing

- Put in the plastic eyes when the words of a piece say so, or embroider eyes in the same places with the other details. Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on; begin and end each strand inside the toy. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled. Backstitch is a line of short stitches end to end: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and repeat.
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 13, one to each side, 5½ stitches from the center line (11 stitches apart).
- Nose: with F (rose), in satin stitch, a triangle with its point down about ¼ in (6 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the muzzle, centered, ¼ in (6 mm) above the middle of the muzzle.
- Mouth: with G (dark brown), in backstitch, a straight line down, 1/16 in (2 mm) long, and from its lower end two small smile curves side by side, one to each side, about 7/16 in (11 mm) wide and ¼ in (6 mm) tall in all, starting at the bottom of the nose.
- Cheeks: with F (rose), 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 16, one to each side, 7½ stitches from the center line (15 stitches apart).
- Buttons: with H (butter), in satin stitch, three round dots, each about 3/16 in (5 mm) across, on the center line of the body: on round 8, between rounds 11 and 12, and on round 15.
- 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: 19 pieces; 3,311 stitches.

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