Elephant lovey

US terms



Finished size
About 8 in (20.5 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Nine 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: soft gray, the main color	**about 140 yd (128 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: blush, blanket and inner ear	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: charcoal, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: white, blanket	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4). Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins and scissors.

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.

sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together
MR	magic ring
RS	right side

Special stitches

bobble (Bobble): [yarn over, insert hook in the stitch, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops] 4 times in the same stitch, yarn over, pull through all 5 loops (United Kingdom: a bobble of 4 trebles). Push it out to the right side. It leaves 1 st for the next row.

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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.

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 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; on a flat piece weave them in there.
- 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 10 (48 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- Running stitches go in and out along a line.
- 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.
- No plastic eyes are used: every detail is worked in yarn.
- 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): the round blanket about 6 in (15 cm) across; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn. Standard (the size written here): medium (4, worsted) yarn, 3.5 mm (E-4) hook, 20 sc and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): the round blanket about 8 in (20.5 cm) across.
- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): the round blanket about 11½ in (29 cm) across; 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): the round blanket about 14½ in (37 cm) across; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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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 sl st is slip stitch and sc is double crochet.

Blanket

Yarns in order of use: A, soft gray; D, white; B, blush.

A flat round piece, worked in a spiral from the middle. If it ruffles, work a little tighter or use a smaller hook; if it cups, a larger one.

☐ **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**	With D, **[**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**	With B, **[**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 next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	With A, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	With D, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 6 times**	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	With B, **[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	**(90 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts**] 6 times**	**(96 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	With A, **[**sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(102 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**	**(108 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts**] 6 times**	**(114 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	With D, **[**sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(120 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 6 times**	**(126 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, bobble in next st**] 42 times**	**(126 sts)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off and weave in the end.	

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Head

Yarn A, soft gray.

☐ **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**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 11 to 15**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 15: tick them off as you go.

☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15

☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

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

☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**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, soft gray.

☐ **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 4 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(17 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 7**	Sc in each st around	**(22 sc)**

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

6 7

☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 9 stitches.	

Inner ear: make 2

Yarn B, blush.

☐ **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)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Trunk

Yarn A, soft gray.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 6**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 6: tick them off as you go.

3 4 5 6

☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

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Arm: make 2

Yarn A, soft gray.

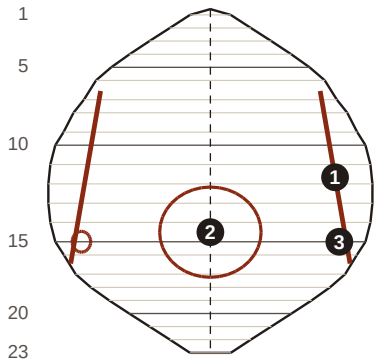
☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 12**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 12: tick them off as you go.

7 8 9 10 11 12

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

Assembly



Head: 1 ears, 2 trunk, 3 cheeks

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. Any side of the round blanket can be the top. Set the head on the right side of the blanket, round 1 of the head to the top, the back of the head (the line opposite its center line) flat on the blanket, the middle of the head 13/16 in (21 mm) above the middle of the blanket. Sew it down in a circle about 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) across, going round twice.

2. Pin the two ears to the head: the middle of each flat edge lies between rounds 11 and 12, one to each side, 11½ stitches from the center line (23 stitches apart). The flat edge runs straight up and down the head, half of it above that place and half below. They point out to the side. Sew through both layers of the 9-stitch edge with the tail.

3. Sew one inner ear flat to the side of each ear that will face forward, right side out, centered on that side, its middle over round 5 of the ear, all 18 stitches of the edge.

4. Pin the trunk to the head: the middle of the open edge lies between rounds 14 and 15, on the center line. The edge (15 sts) covers about rounds 12 to 17 of the head. It points forward and down, turns down by about round 8 of the trunk 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.

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5. Lay the two arms on the blanket, one to each side of the center line of the head, each slanting half way between straight out to the side and straight down. Pinch each open end flat and tuck it ½ in (13 mm) under the lower edge of the head, the middles of the two ends 1 3/16 in (30 mm) apart. Sew each end to the blanket and the head, then sew the arm down along its underside.

Finishing

- 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.
- Closed eyes: with C (charcoal), in backstitch, a closed eye on each side, one curve about 3/8 in (10 mm) wide that dips 3/16 in (5 mm) below its ends. The place half way between the two ends of each is on the head between rounds 12 and 13, one to each side, 5½ stitches from the center line (11 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with B (blush), 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 15, one to each side, 7½ stitches from the center line (15 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: 9 pieces; 3,024 stitches (1,512 in the blanket, 744 in the head, 163 in each ear, 36 in each inner ear, 110 in the trunk, 130 in each arm); 18 ends to weave in.

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