Elephant pillow

US terms



Finished size
Face about 13 in (33 cm) across when it is stuffed; each ear about 10 in (25 cm) long and 8 in (20 cm) wide; trunk about 12 in (30 cm) long

Skill
Easy
Rounds that grow and shrink, half double crochets that bend the trunk, and pieces to sew on

Yarn
Bulky (5), 4 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
12 stitches and 13½ rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: dove gray, main	**about 520 yd (475 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: shell pink, stripe	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: charcoal, stripe	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: warm white, stripe	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and about 12 pins, 4 stitch markers and polyester fiberfill (stuffing): about 14 oz (400 g).

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 15 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: insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook (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)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 together: [insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop] 2 times, yo, pull through all 3 loops (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 together)
BLO	back loop only: the loop of the top farther from you
Rnd	round
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

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Gauge

12 stitches and 13½ rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Begin with the head and check it there, laid flat and not stretched, when 8 rounds are done: they measure about 4¾ in (12 cm) across, from edge to edge through the ring. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one. The cloth should be close enough to hide the stuffing.

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Where a line to a stitch is named, it is the straight line from the ring in the middle to that stitch of the last round. "Round 11 on the line to stitch 25" means the top of round 11 where it crosses that line.
- 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 next ball, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle through the edge of one piece and through the edge that lies against it, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On an edge of stitches the needle goes under both loops of the stitch; on a foundation chain under the two strands of the chain that are left free; on a side edge, which has no loops, through the end stitch of the row. Where a piece is laid on the middle of another, the needle goes through the edge of the piece laid on, in one of these three ways, and then under two strands of the cloth right beside that edge. Fasten a length where the sewing begins and where it ends: sew 2 or 3 times into the same place.
- 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.
- The right side of a round is the side that faces you as you work it.
- In the ear front the color changes at the join: make the joining sl st at the end of round 9 with A. Cut B, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm).
- A straight stitch is one stitch from the first place named to the second.
- Choose a yarn that may be washed by machine, and wash the pillow as the ball bands say.
- For a child under three leave off the tuft and sew everything down twice.

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, dc is treble and sc2tog is double crochet 2 together.

Head: make 2

Yarn A, dove gray.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(90 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(96 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(102 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(108 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(114 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(120 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(126 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 20 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(132 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(138 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 22 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(144 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Ear front: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, shell pink; A, dove gray.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 9.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 3 chs, 3 dc in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, 3 dc in same ch, dc in next 3 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next 2 chs; join with sl st in first sc	**(4 sc, 4 hdc, 12 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in each of next 6 sts, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc, 4 hdc, 18 dc)**

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☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st; join with sl st in first sc	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st; join with sl st in first sc	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(46 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(52 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(58 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(64 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(70 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	With A, ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(76 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(82 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 23 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(88 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Ear back: make 2

Yarn A, dove gray.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 9.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 3 chs, 3 dc in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, 3 dc in same ch, dc in next 3 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next 2 chs; join with sl st in first sc	**(4 sc, 4 hdc, 12 dc)**

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☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in each of next 6 sts, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc, 4 hdc, 18 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st; join with sl st in first sc	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st; join with sl st in first sc	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(46 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(52 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(58 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(64 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(70 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(76 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(82 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 23 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(88 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Trunk

Yarn A, dove gray.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**

The curl: one half of every round is sc and the other half is hdc, which is taller, so that the trunk bends

☐ **Rnds 5 to 8**	Ch 1, sc in next 9 sts, hdc in next 9 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(9 sc, 9 hdc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 8: tick them off as you go.

5 6 7 8

☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st; join with sl st in first sc	**(10 sc, 10 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 14**	Ch 1, sc in next 10 sts, hdc in next 10 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(10 sc, 10 hdc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 14: tick them off as you go.

10 11 12 13 14

☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st; join with sl st in first sc	**(11 sc, 11 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 16 to 20**	Ch 1, sc in next 11 sts, hdc in next 11 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(11 sc, 11 hdc)**

A box for each round, 16 to 20: tick them off as you go.

16 17 18 19 20

☐ **Rnd 21**	Ch 1, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc, 12 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 22 to 28**	Ch 1, sc in next 12 sts, hdc in next 12 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc, 12 hdc)**

A box for each round, 22 to 28: tick them off as you go.

22 23 24 25 26 27 28

The straight part, which is sewn to the face

☐ **Rnds 29 to 39**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 29 to 39: tick them off as you go.

29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39

The top of the trunk closes. Before you go on weave in the beginning end at the tip, on the inside, and stuff the trunk: the curl firmly, the straight part softly

☐ **Rnd 40**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc, 6 sc2tog)**
☐ **Rnd 41**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc, 6 sc2tog)**
☐ **Rnd 42**	Ch 1, **[**sc2tog**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc2tog	**(6 sc2tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 86 in (218 cm) to sew with.	

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Eye: make 2

Yarn C, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 22 in (56 cm) to sew with.	

Cheek: make 2

Yarn B, shell pink.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 28 in (71 cm) to sew with.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the ends of the heads and the ears, and the beginning ends of the eyes and the cheeks. Keep the tails of the trunk, the eyes and the cheeks to sew with.

2. Choose one head for the face. Lay it with its right side up. The 1st stitch of the last round is the top: put a marker in it, and one in the 37th, the 73rd and the 109th stitch. The stitches are counted to the left from the top, so that the 37th is at the left, the 73rd at the bottom and the 109th at the right.

3. Eyes: lay one on the face with its right side up and its middle on round 10 on the line to stitch 27, up to the left, and the other with its middle on round 10 on the line to stitch 119, up to the right. Sew each down with its tail, one whip stitch in each of the 12 stitches of its last round. With a strand of D about 12 in (30 cm) long for each eye make two straight stitches side by side on each eye, each from the top of a stitch of round 1 up to the top of the stitch over it in round 2, on the upper right part of the eye. Tie the ends on the wrong side of the face.

4. Cheeks: in the same way lay one with its middle on round 14 on the line to stitch 46 and the other with its middle on round 14 on the line to stitch 100. Sew each down with its tail, one whip stitch in each of the 18 stitches.

5. Trunk: after round 42 thread the tail through the 6 stitches left, pull it tight and fasten it once. Tie off the curl: with a length of A about 20 in (51 cm) long run the needle in and out along the middle of the sc half, one stitch in every round from round 5 to round 28, and draw the yarn up until this inner side of the curl measures about 5¼ in (13 cm). Fasten both ends of the length.

6. Lay the trunk on the face with its closed top on round 6 on the line to the 1st stitch, so that the straight part runs down over the ring. The half with the hdc is on the left, so that the tip curls to the right. Pin it. With the tail sew the trunk to the face where the two touch: 6 whip stitches round the closed top, then one whip stitch in every round down one side, from round 39 to round 29, and one in every round up the other side: 28 stitches. The curl stays free.

7. Ears: lay each ear front on an ear back with the wrong sides together, narrow end on narrow end. Cut two lengths of A, each about 88 in (224 cm) long, one for each ear. Whip stitch them together all round, stitch to stitch: 88 stitches. The ears are not stuffed.

8. Lay the face on the other head with the wrong sides together, stitch to stitch. Cut a length of A about 142 in (361 cm) long; it may be two lengths one after the other. Begin at the 1st stitch of the face, with the 1st stitch of the other head

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against it, and whip stitch the last rounds together: 144 stitches. When about 30 are still open, stuff the head with small, loose pieces of fiberfill until it is plump and soft, about 6 in (15 cm) thick in the middle. Whip stitch the opening closed and fasten off.

9. Left ear: lay it to the left of the face, pink side up and narrow end down. The stitches of an ear are counted from the 1st stitch of its last round, at the narrow end, up the right side, round the wide end and down the left side. Lay its stitches 10 to 31 against stitches 42 to 21 of the seam of the head: stitch 10, the lowest, at stitch 42, and stitch 31 at stitch 21. Cut two lengths of A, each about 28 in (71 cm) long, one for each ear. Whip stitch both layers of the ear to the seam, stitch to stitch: 22 stitches. Go back over the first and the last three.

10. Right ear: sew it on in the same way with the other length. Its stitches 58 to 79, on its left side, lie against stitches 125 to 104 of the seam: stitch 58 at stitch 125 and stitch 79, the lowest, at stitch 104.

11. Tuft: cut 9 strands of A, each about 7 in (18 cm) long. Make 3 knots in the seam at the top of the head, one in the 1st stitch and one in the stitch on each side of it. For each knot put the hook through the seam from the back to the front, fold 3 strands in half together, pull the fold through, pull the ends through the fold and draw it tight. Trim the ends to about 2 in (5 cm).

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the sewing lengths: take each end once into the pillow and out again a few inches away, pull it a little and cut it, so that it slips back inside.

In all: 11 pieces; 7,210 stitches (1,800 in each head, 658 in each ear front, 658 in each ear back, 870 in the trunk, 18 in each eye, 36 in each cheek).

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