Whole elephant applique

US terms



Finished size

About 6 × 4¼ in (15 × 11 cm)

About 6 in (15 cm) wide and 4¼ in (11 cm) tall with the trunk and the tail (15 by 11 cm)

Skill

Easy

Worked in rows and rounds, with 9 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn

Light (3), 5 colors

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: soft gray, the body, the near legs, the head, the trunk and round 4 of the ear	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: slate gray, the far legs	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pink, rounds 1 to 3 of the ear	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: navy blue, rows 1 to 6 of the blanket	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: pale gold, row 7 of the blanket	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

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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

Special stitches

sc2tog (UK dc2tog): [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. It leaves 1 st for the next row or round.

Gauge

18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- 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 or a row does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- 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; after a new color is joined, it is the stitch the color was joined in.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in, or the new color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- The body is worked in rounds round a chain. In its Rnd 1 the last 2 sc are worked in the chain that holds the first sc.
- In Rnd 5 of the head the two dc worked into single stitches, side by side, are the point of the head, where the trunk begins. The dc in Rnd 4 of the ear is its tip.
- The legs are worked from the foot up: the foundation edge of a leg is the sole of its foot. The right side of a leg and of the blanket faces you in Row 1 and in every other row after it.
- Rnd 1 of the trunk goes along one side of its chain and back along the other; it is not joined. The end with the 3 sc is its tip; the other end, where it begins and ends, is its plain end.
- 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.

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- 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.
- Straight stitch (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back at one end of the stitch and put it down at the other end.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 5¼ in (13 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 7¾ in (20 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 9¾ in (25 cm).

Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. 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.

Body

Yarn A, soft gray.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 7.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 4 chs, 3 sc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 4 chs, 2 sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 5 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 4 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next st] twice, sl st in first sc to join	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 6 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 4 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] twice, sl st in first sc to join	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 7 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 4 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] twice, sl st in first sc to join	**(38 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Near leg: make 2

Yarn A, soft gray.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 5 chs	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 2 sc)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(4 sc)**

A box for each row, 4 to 8: tick them off as you go.

4 5 6 7 8

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

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Far leg: make 2

Yarn B, slate gray.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3 chs	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(4 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 7: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7

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

Head

Yarn A, soft gray.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	**(20 sc, 6 hdc, 6 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing.	

Trunk

Yarn A, soft gray.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 13.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 3 chs, hdc in next 3 chs, sc in next 3 chs, 3 sc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 3 chs, hdc in next 3 chs, dc in next 3 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch	**(11 sc, 8 hdc, 6 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing.	

Ear

Yarns in order of use: C, pink; A, soft gray.

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

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☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc)**

Fasten off C.

☐ **Rnd 4**	Join A with sl st in any st, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**, hdc in next st, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	**(20 sc, 4 hdc, 1 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing.	

Blanket

Yarns in order of use: D, navy blue; E, pale gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 8.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 6 chs	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 6: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6

Fasten off D.

☐ **Row 7**	Turn, join E with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 6 sts	**(7 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, right sides up: the body as an oval, 3¼ in (8.3 cm) wide and 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) tall, its long way level; the head as a drop; the legs and the blanket with straight edges; the trunk with its plain end at the top, straight down for the first 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm), and the rest bent to the right in an even curve, until its tip points straight to the right. Spray them with water and let them dry.
- The elephant faces right. Lay the body down, right side up, its long way level. All distances are measured from the middle of the body, which is the middle of its foundation chain, straight across and straight up or down, unless a line names another place.
- Near legs: lay the two soft gray legs behind the body, right sides up, feet down, the middle of one 1 in (2.5 cm) to the left of the middle of the body and the middle of the other 1 in (2.5 cm) to the right of it. The sole of each foot is 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) below the middle of the body, so that about the three upper rows of the leg are hidden. With its tail, sew the hidden part of each leg to the back of the body, and from the front sew the edge of the body to it.
- Far legs: lay the two slate gray legs behind the body and behind the soft gray legs, right sides up, feet down, the middle of one 5/8 in (1.6 cm) to the left of the middle of the body and the middle of the other 5/8 in (1.6 cm) to the right of it, so that each shows beside the inner edge of a soft gray leg. The sole of each foot is 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) below the middle of the body. Sew them in the same way.
- Elephant tail: with B, ch 7 (about 1¼ in (3.2 cm) long) and fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail at each end. Sew one end to the back of the body, 3/8 in (1 cm) above the middle of the body and 1/8 in (0.3 cm) in from its left edge. The rest bends out to the left and down; its lower end is 2 in (5.1 cm) to the left of the middle of the body and 3/8 in (1 cm) below it. Weave the lower yarn tail up the back of the chain. With B, work a large French knot over the lower end.

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- Blanket: lay it on the body, right side up, the foundation edge at the top, level, and the pale gold row at the bottom. The middle of the foundation edge is 3/8 in (1 cm) to the left of the middle of the body and ¾ in (1.9 cm) above it. Sew it down all round its edge with its tail.
- Star: with E, work ten straight stitches on the blanket. The middle of the star is 5/8 in (1.6 cm) below the middle of the foundation edge of the blanket. The five tips are ½ in (1.3 cm) from the middle of the star, all equally far apart, and one tip points straight up; halfway between every two tips is an inner corner, ¼ in (0.6 cm) from the middle of the star. Work one straight stitch from every tip to the inner corner on each side of it.
- Trunk: hold the head right side up, turned so that the tip of its point is 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) to the right of its magic ring and ¾ in (1.9 cm) below it. Keep it turned this way from here on. Lay the trunk behind it, right side up, the middle of its plain end 5/8 in (1.6 cm) to the right of the magic ring of the head and ½ in (1.3 cm) below it, so that the trunk comes out from behind the point. The straight part of the trunk runs down and slants to the right, and the bent part curves to the right: its lowest edge is 2½ in (6.4 cm) below the magic ring of the head, and the end of its tip is 2½ in (6.4 cm) to the right of the magic ring and 2 in (5.1 cm) below it. With its tail, sew the hidden part to the back of the head, and from the front sew the edge of the head to it.
- Head: lay it on the body and on the right-hand edge of the blanket, right side up, its magic ring 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) to the right of the middle of the body and 1 in (2.5 cm) above it. With its tail, sew it down all round where it lies on them.
- Ear: lay it on the head, right side up, its magic ring 7/8 in (2.2 cm) to the right of the middle of the body and ¾ in (1.9 cm) above it, its tip straight down. It lies over the left-hand edge of the head and reaches over the body and the edge of the blanket. With its tail, sew its edge down wherever the head, the body or the blanket lies under it; a short piece of its edge at the upper left, over the notch between the head and the back, lies on nothing and stays loose.
- Eye: with D, work a large French knot on the head, 5/8 in (1.6 cm) to the right of the magic ring of the head and ¼ in (0.6 cm) above it.
- Toenails: with E, work three French knots in Row 1 of each soft gray leg, one in its middle and one 3/8 in (1 cm) to each side of that.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 9 pieces.

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