Flamingo on one leg

US terms



Finished size
About 11¼ in (28.5 cm) tall on its cushion, the cushion about 4 in (10 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Eleven pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 6 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: coral, body, head, neck and wing and the details	**about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: shrimp, wing	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: lagoon, cushion	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, bill	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: cream, bill and cushion	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: rose, several of the pieces	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing; one round wooden stick about ¼ in (6 mm) thick with one narrow end, such as a chopstick, cut to 5½ in (14 cm) from the narrow end; a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors and two black plastic eyes with washers, 8 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.

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 (the back loops in a BLO row or round): how is under “B
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
BLO	back loop only

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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 (5.7 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 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.
- The flamingo stands on a wooden stick hidden in its leg: it is meant for a shelf.
- Stuff the neck firmly and the raised leg lightly, a little every four or five rounds as you work: they are too narrow to fill afterward.
- 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 E," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in E. 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 and neck: the center line runs between stitches 12 and 13 of round 4 (24 sts). It faces the back, round 1 at the top.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 21 and 22 of round 7 (42 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the flamingo. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- Running stitches go in and out along a line.
- 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. In a BLO round, use the back loops instead.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in D (black).
- 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 8¼ in (21 cm) tall on its cushion, the cushion about 3 in (7.6 cm) across; eyes 6 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 16 in (40.5 cm) tall on its cushion, the cushion about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) across; eyes 11 mm; multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 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 sc is double crochet and sl st is slip stitch.

Body

Yarn A, coral.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 15**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 15: tick them off as you go.

☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15

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

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

☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**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.	

Head and neck

Yarn A, coral.

☐ **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)**

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☐ **Rnds 5 to 8**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

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

5 6 7 8

Fix the eyes now (see Finishing). Then stuff what is worked so far, firmly.

☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 12 to 32**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 32: tick them off as you go.

12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32

☐ **Rnd 33**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 34**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 35**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**	**(21 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing. The neck is stuffed by now. Add a little more at the open edge, so that it stands firm.	

Bill

Yarns in order of use: D, black; E, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	With E, sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Tail feather

Yarn F, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(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)**

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☐ **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

☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 5 stitches.	

Wing: make 2

Yarns in order of use: F, rose; B, shrimp; A, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	With B, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With F, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 9 to 10**	With A, sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

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

9 10

☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(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.	

Standing leg

Yarn F, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, ch 10; being careful not to twist the chain, sl st in the first ch to form a ring. Round 1 begins in that same ch.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in each ch around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 8**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 8: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8

☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 12 to 15**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 15: tick them off as you go.

☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15

☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**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 17**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(16 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Round 1 is the lower end. Do not stuff it yet.	

Raised leg

Yarn F, rose.

Stuff lightly every few rounds as you go, so that the tube still bends.

☐ **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 10**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 10: tick them off as you go.

☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10

☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 13 to 20**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 20: tick them off as you go.

☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20

☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. The leg is stuffed by now. Round 1 is the end where the foot is sewn on.	

Foot: make 2

Yarn F, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 8 stitches. With the tail, sew the two layers of the last round together, 8 stitches through both layers: this is the wide edge of the foot. Round 1 is its point.	

Cushion

Yarns in order of use: C, lagoon; E, cream.

☐ **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 next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**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 BLO of each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	With E, sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 13 to 15**	With C, sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 15: tick them off as you go.

☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15

☐ **Rnd 16**	With E, sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	With C, working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

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

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

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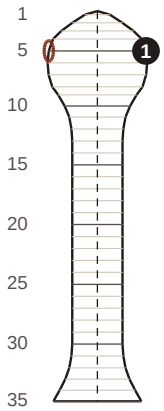
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside. Round 1 is the middle of the top. The free front loops of round 10 make a ridge round the top edge. Press the top and the bottom flat with your hands: the cushion is about 1¼ in (3.2 cm) thick.	

Assembly



Head and neck: 1 eyes

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. Pin the head and neck to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 5, on the center line of the body. The edge has 21 sts: its front is on round 1 and its back on round 9, both on the center line of the body, and its two sides are on round 6, 4 stitches from the center line. The center line of the head and neck is the back of the neck and looks to the back, toward the tail end of the body. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches, so that the neck is firm.

2. Pin the bill to the head and neck: the neck is still straight, and the bill stands straight up on the top of the head. Its open edge (12 sts) lies on round 2 of the head and neck (12 sts), all the way round. Sew all the way round with the tail, stitch to stitch. Run the rest of the tail up and down along the bill in running stitches, from its edge to round 3 of the bill, on the side of the throat (the line opposite the center line of the head and neck), and draw it up until the tip of the bill leans toward the throat side. When the neck is bent (the last step) the bill points forward and its tip points down.

3. Pin the tail feather to the body: the middle of the flat edge lies on round 19, on the center line. The flat edge runs along the round, half of it on each side of that place. It points back. Sew through both layers of the 5-stitch edge with its tail of yarn.

4. Pin the standing leg to the body: the middle of the open edge of its last round lies on round 11, on the line opposite the center line. The edge (16 sts) covers about rounds 8 to 14 of the body. It points straight down. Sew all the way round with the tail. Then push the narrow end of the stick up the middle of the leg and between two stitches of the body, in the middle of the edge you have sewn, until about 1½ in (3.8 cm) of it is inside the body. Stuff the leg firmly all round the stick, from below. About 1 in (25 mm) of the stick stands out at the lower end.

5. Pin the raised leg to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 14, 12½ stitches to the left of the center line. The edge (12 sts) covers about rounds 12 to 16 of the body. It points down and a little back as far as the knob (round 11 of the raised leg). There it turns, and from the knob to round 1 it points forward and a little to the right, until it touches the left side of the standing leg. Sew all the way round with the tail. Hold the turn with a few running stitches in a new length of F (rose) on the front of the raised leg, from round 13 to round 9, drawn up. Catch the raised leg to the standing leg where the two touch.

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6. Pin the two wings to the body: the middle of each flat edge lies between rounds 7 and 8, one to each side, 10 stitches from the center line (20 stitches apart). The flat edge runs along the round, half of it on each side of that place. They point back. Sew through both layers of the 6-stitch edge with the tail. Lay each wing down along the side of the body, run the rest of the tail down inside it and catch the tip to the body with two or three stitches. The left wing lies over the top of the raised leg: where they touch, catch the wing to the leg.

7. Set the flamingo on the cushion: with the closed tip of the scissors or a knitting needle, widen the hole in the middle of round 1 of the cushion and push the stick down into the stuffing until the lower edge of the standing leg rests on the top. The 10 chains of that edge lie on round 2 of the cushion (12 sts), eased to fit. With a new length of F (rose), sew the edge to the cushion all the way round, going round twice.

8. Pin one foot to the cushion, lying flat, in front of the standing leg: its point on round 3 of the cushion, against the leg, its wide edge straight forward, below the bill, on about round 8 of the cushion. With the rest of its tail, or a new length of F (rose), sew it down all round its outline.

9. Pin one foot to the raised leg: its point (round 1) on the end of the raised leg (round 1), its wide edge hanging down and a little forward, its broad side to the front. With a new length of F (rose), sew the first two rounds of the foot to the end of the leg, going round twice.

10. Bend the neck into an S: from the body it leans forward as far as about round 27, then back as far as about round 14, and from there it bends forward and down, so that the top of the head (round 1) and the bill look straight forward. Hold the S with running stitches in a new length of A (coral), drawn up until the bend stays: one line along the back of the neck (the center line) from round 33 to round 23, and one along the throat (the line opposite the center line) from round 19 to round 8. Fasten off each line.

Finishing

- Put in the plastic eyes when the words of a piece say so, or embroider eyes in the same places. 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.
- Eyes: two 8 mm black plastic eyes, on the head and neck on round 5, one to each side, 6 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart). The center line is the back of the head.
- Weave every tail through the flamingo and trim it. Look at it from the front and from the side: if it leans, push a little more stuffing round the stick through the stitches of the cushion with the yarn needle.

In all: 11 pieces; 3,077 stitches.

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