Fox face applique

US terms



Finished size
About 4 in (10 cm) across

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows, with 7 pieces, color changes and 2 special stitches.

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: rust, the head and the ears	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the ear linings and the cheeks	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: black, the eyes and the nose	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). 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. Yarns A and B: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn C: 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.

ch	chain stitch
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
st	stitch

Special stitches

sc2tog: [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.

sc3tog: [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] 3 times (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops. It leaves 1 sc3tog for the next row.

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Gauge

14 stitches and 15 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

- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- A chain 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- The pieces worked in rows look much alike on both sides: take either side as the right side.
- 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.
- 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.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 2¾ in (7 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3¼ in (8 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 5¼ in (13 cm).

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 row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet.

Head

Yarn A, rust.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 3.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch	**(2 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in each st across	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rows 8 to 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(14 sc)**

A box for each row, 8 to 9: tick them off as you go.

☐ 8 ☐ 9

☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 10 sc)**

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☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 8 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 40 in (102 cm) tail, for sewing the whole applique to your project.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, rust.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc2tog in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(1 sc2tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Ear lining: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc3tog in next 3 sts	**(1 sc3tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cheek: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 9.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 7 chs	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 4 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)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Hold the head with Row 1, the chin, at the bottom. Its two lower sides slope from the chin up to the widest part, and its top edge is Row 11.
- Sew a lining to the middle of the front of each ear, its point toward the tip of the ear and its straight edge ½ in (1.3 cm) above the straight edge of the ear.
- Pin the ears behind the two upper corners of the head, leaning outward a little: the middles of their straight edges lie ½ in (1.3 cm) below the top edge of the head and 2 3/8 in (6 cm) apart. Sew the ears to the back of the head along its edge.
- Sew a cheek to the front at each side, its long foundation edge along the lower side of the head, level with that edge and half way between the chin and the widest part, and its short edge, Row 3, toward the middle of the face. At their nearest, level with Row 4, the two cheeks are about ¼ in (0.6 cm) apart.
- With C, work a large French knot for each eye on Row 9, 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) apart, and for the nose an extra large one (the yarn double, wrapped four times) in the middle of the chin, 1/8 in (0.3 cm) above its lower edge.
- To sew the applique on, pin it where it is to go and sew round its edge with the long tail, under the outermost strands of the stitches.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 7 pieces; 16 ends to weave in.

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