Fox cowl

Adult · US terms



Finished size
About 23½ in (60 cm) around by 4 7/8 in (12.3 cm) deep, without the face; face about 6 in (15 cm) wide and 5 in (12.5 cm) tall, without the ears
To fit a head of 21 to 23 in (53 to 58 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Small shaped pieces, color changes inside the rows, and sewing

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 16½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In moss stitch.

What you need

Yarn A: deep rust, main color — **about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, stripe — **about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: black, stripe — **about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 75 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and pins.

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.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Toddler	a head of 18 to 19½ in (46 to 50 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm) around, 3¾ in (9.5 cm) deep	about 100 yd (91 m)
Child	a head of 19½ to 21 in (50 to 53 cm)	21½ in (55 cm) around, 4¼ in (11 cm) deep	about 120 yd (110 m)
Adult (this file)	**a head of 21 to 23 in (53 to 58 cm)**	**23½ in (60 cm) around, 4 7/8 in (12.3 cm) deep**	**about 145 yd (133 m)**

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Gauge

14 stitches and 16½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in moss stitch. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

Count each sc and each ch-1 sp as one stitch. Check it on the body, laid flat and not stretched, when 16 rows are done: the 17 stitches of a row in Adult are about 4 7/8 in (12.3 cm) wide, the 15 in Child about 4¼ in (11 cm), the 13 in Toddler about 3¾ in (9.5 cm), and the 16 rows are about 3 7/8 in (10 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one. The single crochet of the small pieces is worked with the same hook: 14 stitches and 16 rows to 4 in (10 cm). Check it on the face, when row 12 is done: the 21 stitches of row 12 in Adult are about 6 in (15 cm) wide, the 17 in Child about 4 7/8 in (12.3 cm), the 15 in Toddler about 4¼ in (11 cm), and rows 1 to 12 together are about 3 in (7.5 cm) tall in every size. If they measure more, work the small pieces with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

Notes

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Row 1 is the right side of every piece that is worked in rows. The right side of the nose is the side that faces you as you work it.
- 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 the body every row has the same number of places: each single crochet is one and each chain space is one.
- The face is worked from the chin up. Rows 1 to 3 are cream. From row 4 on, until the cream ends, each row has three parts: cream, rust, cream. In row 4 the cream of rows 1 to 3 works the first part, A begins at the middle part, and a second length of B (about 5 yd (5 m), 4.6 m) begins at the last part; leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on A and on the second length. Each part has its own yarn: let it hang on the wrong side where its part ends (in the even-numbered rows that is the side that faces you), and take it up again when you come to the same part in the next row. Where the rust is wider than in the row before, a yarn hangs 1 or 2 stitches away from the place where it is needed: bring it loosely across the wrong side of these 1 or 2 stitches, so that the face does not pucker. No yarn goes behind more than 2 stitches. "With A" or "with B" in the middle of a row means: work the last yarn over of the stitch before with that yarn. On each change lay the old yarn over the new one on the wrong side, so that no hole is left between the colors.
- In the last row of three parts work the last yarn over of the last stitch with a new end of A, and cut the old A and both lengths of B with tails of about 6 in (15 cm). From there the face is rust alone.
- In the ears and the tail the yarn changes at the start of a row: work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- "2 sc in first st" or "3 sc in first st" puts all of them in that one place.
- 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, join the next at the end of a row: work the last yarn over of the last stitch with the new yarn, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.

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- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle through the edge of one piece and then through the other edge, or through the cloth that lies under it, always from the same side, and pull the yarn through. Where the line says "stitch to stitch", go under both loops of each stitch and, on a foundation chain, under the free strands of the chain that holds the stitch. Fasten a length where the sewing begins and where it ends: sew 2 or 3 times into the same place.
- The cowl goes on over the head. Measure around the head over the ears and choose the size whose range it falls in; a head that is right between two sizes takes the larger.
- The eyes and the nose are yarn, and nothing small is sewn on. Take the cowl off a child who sleeps.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **Rnd** round, **sp** space, **st** stitch.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **sc3tog** 3 sc made into one, **sk** skip, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
ch-1 sp: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 8 times: work what is inside 8 times in all.
(9 sc, 8 ch-1 sps): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Body

Yarn A, deep rust.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 18.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, **[**ch 1, sk next ch, sc in next ch**] 8 times**	(9 sc, 8 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 7 times**, sc in last st	(10 sc, 7 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 7 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	(9 sc, 8 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rows 4 to 97**	Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.	

4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59
60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87
88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97																		

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 22 in (56 cm) to sew with.	

Face

Yarns in order of use: B, cream; A, deep rust.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 2.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook	(1 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 3 sc in first st	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next st, 2 sc in last st	(5 sc)

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☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next st, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next st, 2 sc in last st	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in last st	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in last st	(11 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in last st	(13 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in last st	(15 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 5 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in last st	(17 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 5 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in last st	(19 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 7 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in last st	(21 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 9 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts	(21 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 13 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts	(21 sc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 17 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts	(21 sc)
☐ **Row 15**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(21 sc)
☐ **Rows 16 to 19** 16 17 18 19	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(21 sc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 17 sts, sc2tog	(17 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Ear: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, deep rust; C, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(9 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	(5 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	(3 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	(1 sc, 2 sc2tog)

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☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc3tog	(1 sc3tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Inner ear: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	(1 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc3tog	(1 sc3tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 20 in (51 cm) to sew with.	

Nose

Yarn C, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; pull the tail to close the ring; join with sl st in first sc	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 14 in (36 cm) to sew with.	

Tail

Yarns in order of use: B, cream; A, deep rust.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 2.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook	(1 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 3 sc in first st	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next st, 2 sc in last st	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in last st	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in last st	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in last st	(11 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(11 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in last st	(13 sc)

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☐ **Rows 12 to 17** 12 13 14 15 16 17	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(13 sc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog	(9 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(11 sc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	(7 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	(5 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(7 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 24 in (61 cm) to sew with.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends but the long tails.

2. Ring: lay the body flat, right side down. Fold its two short ends toward each other, over the top, until they meet without twisting the body: the right side is outside. With the long tail of the body whip stitch the last row to the foundation chain, stitch to stitch (a chain between two stitches counts as a stitch): 17 stitches. Fasten off and weave in the tail. The seam is the middle of the front. The rows of the body stand upright now, and row ends lie along its upper and its lower edge.

3. Tail: hold the ring with the seam toward you and lay the tail on the right side of it, right side up, to the right of the seam, slanting down to the right with the cream tip lowest. Count the rows of the body from the seam to the right and their stitches from the lower edge. The last row of the tail lies on a slant, its 7 stitches in a straight line from stitch 7 of the 3rd row, its lower end, to stitch 11 of the 8th row, its upper end. The long tail of yarn hangs at the lower end: with it whip stitch these 7 stitches down. Then run the needle through the back of the tail piece to the middle of its row 10, the first rust row. Lay the tail flat, without stretching it, so that this place lies on the lower edge of the body at the end of the 14th row, and sew it to the edge there with 3 stitches. Fasten off. The cream tip hangs free.

4. Inner ears: lay each inner ear on an ear, both right side up, the foundation chain of the inner ear along the line between rows 1 and 2 of the ear, its 5 stitches over the 5 stitches in the middle of row 2, so that 2 stitches of the ear stay free on each side. The long tail hangs at the point of the inner ear: begin there. Whip stitch down one slanting side with 1 stitch to each row end (6 stitches), along the foundation chain with 1 stitch to each ch (5 stitches), up the other slanting side in the same way (6 stitches), and work 1 stitch at the point, where you began. Fasten off.

5. Ears: the last row of the face has 19 stitches. Lay the face and an ear right side up, edge to edge, the foundation chain of the ear against the first 9 stitches of the last row, counted from the right, and the other ear against the last 9 stitches in the same way; the 1 stitch in the middle stays free. With a length of A about 30 in (76 cm) long whip stitch them, stitch to stitch: 9 stitches for each ear. Run the needle through the back of the face from one ear to the other. Fasten off.

6. Nose: lay the nose on the face, both right side up, the middle of its ring over the middle of the face, between rows 2 and 3, with one of its 6 sc pointing straight down. With its long tail whip stitch it on, 1 stitch to each sc: the lowest sc to row 1, the next one on both sides to row 2, the one after that on both sides to row 3, and the highest to row 4, 6 stitches in all. Fasten off on the wrong side.

7. Eyes: each eye is closed, a curve of 5 stitches that is open at the top. One lies over stitches 4 to 8 of the face, counted from the right edge, the other over stitches 4 to 8 counted from the left edge. The curve has 6 points. Point 1: at the upper edge of row 16, at the outer side of stitch 4. Point 2: at the upper edge of row 15, between stitches 4 and 5. Point 3: at the lower edge of row 15, between stitches 5 and 6. Point 4: at the lower edge of row 15, between stitches 6 and 7. Point 5: at the upper edge of row 15, between stitches 7 and 8. Point 6: at the upper edge of row 16,

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at the inner side of stitch 8. With a length of C about 48 in (122 cm) long, used double, join the points with backstitch: come up at point 2, go down at point 1, come up at point 3, go down at point 2, and so on to point 6. Run the needle through the back of the face from one eye to the other. Fasten off on the wrong side.

8. Face: lay the face on the right side of the ring, right side up, its middle stitch on the seam and its last row along the 15th stitch of the rows of the body, counted from the lower edge. The chin, rows 1 to 3, hangs below the lower edge, the ears stand up, and the cheek on the right lies over the base of the tail. Pin it. In steps 9 and 10 sew through all that lies under the edge of the face: where the edge lies on the tail, take the needle through the tail and through the body under it in the same stitch; everywhere else, through the body alone.

9. Cheeks: with a length of B about 30 in (76 cm) long whip stitch the edge of the cheek on the right: up the ends of rows 4 to 14, 1 stitch to each row: 11 stitches. Nearly all of this edge lies on the tail, and is sewn through the tail and the body together. Run the needle through the back of the face to row 4 on the left, and whip stitch the edge of the cheek on the left to the body: up the ends of rows 4 to 14, with 11 stitches. Fasten off.

10. Forehead: with a length of A about 34 in (86 cm) long whip stitch the edge of the rust part of the face: up the ends of rows 15 to 20 on the right with 6 stitches, along the last row with 19 stitches, through the seam of the ears, and down the ends of rows 20 to 15 on the left with 6 stitches. Rows 1 to 3 and the ears stay free. Fasten off and weave in the ends on the wrong side.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the sewing lengths with the yarn needle.

In all: 8 pieces; 1,608 stitches (921 in the body, 308 in the face, 58 in each ear, 22 in each inner ear, 6 in the nose, 213 in the tail).

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