Fox hand puppet

US terms



Finished size
About 10¼ in (26 cm) tall and 7¾ in (19.5 cm) across the arms, the body tube 9½ in (24 cm) round

Skill
Intermediate
18 pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 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: rust, the main color	**about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, several of the pieces	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: dark brown, ear, arm and the details	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: teal, scarf, scarf end, scarf knot and the details	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors and two black plastic eyes with washers, 10 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.

sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together, through the front loops only: how is under “Before you start” (UK dc2tog, double cro
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

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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 that has rounds 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 hand goes in at the open hem: the first finger up into the head, the thumb into one arm and the second finger into the other.
- 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 A," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in A. 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: the center line runs between stitches 27 and 28 of round 11 (54 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 24 and 25 of round 24 (48 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the puppet. 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.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in C (dark brown).
- Small for a child, Standard for an adult: the body tube should go round the hand at its widest place with a little room.
- 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: light (3, DK) yarn, 3 mm (C-2 or D-3) hook, 23 sc and 25.3 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): 9 in (23 cm) tall and 6¾ in (17 cm) across the arms, the body tube 8¼ in (21 cm) round; eyes 9 mm; multiply lengths by 0.87; about 0.87 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 sl st is slip stitch and sc is double crochet.

Body

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

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 48; 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	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 4**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 4: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4

☐ **Rnds 5 to 24**	With A, sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 24: tick them off as you go.

☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24

☐ **Rnd 25**	Sc in next 8 sts, ch 8 and skip next 8 sts, sc in next 16 sts, ch 8 and skip next 8 sts, sc in next 8 sts	**(48 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	Sc in each st and in each ch around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 27 to 28**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 27 to 28: tick them off as you go.

☐ 27 ☐ 28

☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 31**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 32**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 33**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 34 to 37**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 34 to 37: tick them off as you go.

☐ 34 ☐ 35 ☐ 36 ☐ 37

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

Head

Yarn A, rust.

☐ **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)**

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☐ **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 each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 12 to 17**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 17: tick them off as you go.

☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17

☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Fix the eyes now (see Finishing).

☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end. Stuff firmly all round, leaving a hollow about 1 in (2.5 cm) wide in the middle that runs up from the open edge: the finger pocket goes there.	

Finger pocket

Yarn A, rust.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 12**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 4 to 12: tick them off as you go.

☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

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Ear: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, dark brown; A, rust.

☐ **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 A, **[**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**	**[**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**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

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

☐ 9 ☐ 10

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 9 stitches.	

Inner ear: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 7 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 8.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, sc2tog	**(2 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cheek patch: make 2

Yarn B, 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)**

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☐ **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)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 22 in (56 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Muzzle

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 3 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 22 in (56 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge. Shape the stuffed piece with your fingers into an oval, about 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm) wide and 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) tall.	

Arm: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, dark brown; A, rust.

☐ **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, sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 5**	Sc in each st around	**(16 sc)**

A box for each round, 4 to 5: tick them off as you go.

4 5

☐ **Rnds 6 to 14**	With A, sc in each st around	**(16 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 14: tick them off as you go.

6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

Chest patch

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**

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☐ **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)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 22 in (56 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Tail

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

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	With A, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 3 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 10**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 10: tick them off as you go.

☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10

☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in each st around	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 17 to 18**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 17 to 18: tick them off as you go.

☐ 17 ☐ 18

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Scarf

Yarn D, teal.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 4 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(4 sc)**

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☐ **Rows 2 to 26**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(4 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 26: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing.	

Scarf end: make 2

Yarn D, teal.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 4 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(4 sc)**

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

2 3 4 5 6 7 8

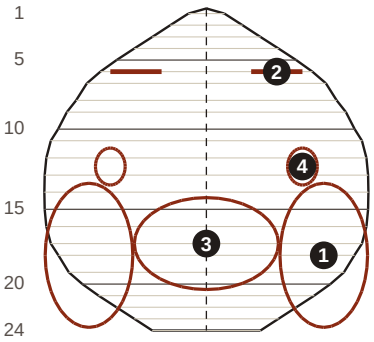
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end.	

Scarf knot

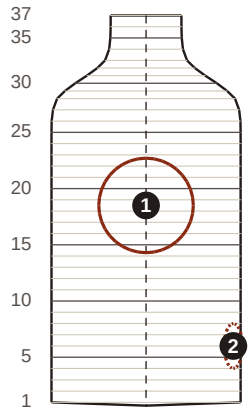
Yarn D, teal.

☐ **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 each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and leave its end outside for sewing. Do not stuff the knot: press it into a small flat cushion.	

Assembly



Head: 1 cheek patches, 2 ears, 3 muzzle, 4 eyes



Body: 1 chest patch, 2 tail

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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. Push the finger pocket, round 1 first, up into the hollow of the head until its open edge meets the open edge of the head. Sew the two edges together, 18 stitches to 18 stitches, all the way round, with the tail of the finger pocket.

2. Set the open edge of the head (18 sts) on the open edge of the body (18 sts), center lines in line. With the tail of the body, sew the two edges together all the way round, through the edge of the finger pocket too. The opening stays free: a finger goes up through it.

3. Lay the two cheek patches flat on the head, right side out, the middle of each on round 18, one to each side, 7 stitches from the center line (14 stitches apart). Sew down all 24 stitches of the edge.

4. Pin the two ears to the head: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 6, one to each side, 7 stitches from the center line (14 stitches apart). The flat edge lies with its upper end on about round 2, 1 stitch from the center line, and its lower end on about round 11, 11½ stitches from it. They point up and out to the side. Sew through both layers of the 9-stitch edge with the tail.

5. Sew one inner ear flat to the side of each ear that will face forward, right side out, row 1 along the lower edge and the narrow last row toward the tip, the same distance from both sides. Go all the way round its edge with its tail.

6. Pin the muzzle to the head: the middle of the open edge lies on round 17, on the center line. The edge (24 sts) covers about rounds 14 to 20 of the head. It points forward. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

7. Lay the chest patch flat on the body, right side out, the middle of it between rounds 18 and 19, on the center line. Ease it into an oval about 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) wide and 1¾ in (4.4 cm) tall as you pin it. Sew down all 24 stitches of the edge.

8. Sew the two arms into the two arm openings of the body, the dark ends outward: the edge of each (16 sts) goes all the way round the opening, 8 of its stitches to the 8 skipped stitches of round 24 below and 8 to the under side of the 8 chains of round 25 above, stitch to stitch, with the tail. The way from the body into the arm stays open. The middle of each arm opening is 12 stitches from the center line, a quarter of the way round, so the arms point straight out to the two sides.

9. Pin the tail to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 6, 15 stitches to the right of the center line. The edge (12 sts) covers about rounds 4 to 8 of the body. It points to the right, then curves until its tip points up. Bend it as you pin it and hold the curve with a few running stitches along its inner side, drawn up a little. Sew all the way round with its tail of yarn, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

10. Lay the scarf round the neck, right side out, its 4 stitches running up and down, its upper edge along round 37 of the body, close under the head, and its lower edge on round 33, at the top of the shoulder. Bring its first and last row together on the center line in front and sew the two rows together, stitch to chain, with the tail. The scarf is a little longer than the neck is round, so it lies loosely. Catch its upper edge to round 37 of the body in four places: in front, at the back and at each side.

11. Sew the two scarf ends to the lower edge of the scarf in front, right side out, their foundation chains at the top, each with a new length of D (teal). First the one that lies under: sew its 4-chain edge to the lower edge of the scarf, the middle of the chain 7/16 in (11 mm) to the right of the join of the scarf. Then the one that lies over it: sew its 4-chain edge in the same way, the middle of the chain 3/16 in (5 mm) to the left of the join, so that it overlaps the other by about one stitch. They hang down over the chest and spread a little apart, the first to the right and the second to the left. Catch the lower corners of each to the body with a stitch.

12. Lay the scarf knot over the join of the scarf and the tops of the two scarf ends, its middle on the lower edge of the scarf, 1/8 in (3 mm) to the right of the join. Sew it down with its tail, in a circle about ½ in (13 mm) across.

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Finishing

- Put in the plastic eyes when the words of a piece say so, or embroider eyes in the same places with the other details. 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. Backstitch is a line of short stitches end to end: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and repeat.
- Nose: with C (dark brown), in satin stitch, an oval about 3/8 in (10 mm) wide and ¼ in (6 mm) tall, its middle on the muzzle, centered, 3/16 in (5 mm) above the middle of the muzzle.
- Mouth: with C (dark brown), in backstitch, a straight line down, 1/8 in (3 mm) long, and from its lower end two small smile curves side by side, one to each side, about 9/16 in (14 mm) wide and 5/16 in (8 mm) tall in all, starting at the bottom of the nose.
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the head between rounds 12 and 13, one to each side, 5½ stitches from the center line (11 stitches apart).
- Weave every tail through the toy and trim it. For a toy that will be played with, go round each seam a second time with a new length of yarn. Check the seams and small parts from time to time.

In all: 18 pieces; 4,239 stitches.

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