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US terms



Finished size
About 8 in (20.5 cm) along each side of the square blanket

Skill
Easy
Nine pieces worked in rounds 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 head, the ears, the arms and bands of the blanket	**about 135 yd (123 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the cheeks, the muzzle and bands of the blanket	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: dark brown, the paws, the tips of the ears, the closed eyes and the nose	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: teal, bands of the blanket	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4). Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins and scissors.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. 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 (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 stitches together)
MR	magic ring
RS	right side

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

20 sc and 22 rounds = 4 in (10 cm), worked 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 (5.5 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

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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.
- 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 B," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in B. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side; on a flat piece weave them in there.
- 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 24 and 25 of round 10 (48 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- 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.
- No plastic eyes are used: every detail is worked in yarn.
- 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: 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): the square blanket about 6 in (15 cm) along each side; 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): the square blanket about 11½ in (29 cm) along each side; multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 times the yarn.
- Jumbo: super bulky (6, plush or velvet) yarn, 6.5 mm (K-10½) hook, 11 sc and 12.1 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): the square blanket about 14½ in (37 cm) along each side; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.
- Every size is approximate and follows from your gauge and how firmly you stuff.

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, sc is double crochet and sc2tog is double crochet 2 stitches together.

Blanket

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

A flat square, worked in a spiral from the middle. Each round adds 8 stitches: the 3 sc in one stitch make the corners, and each one is worked into the middle stitch of the corner below.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 sc in MR	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 3 sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	With B, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 4 times**	**(40 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 4 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With D, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 4 times**	**(56 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 4 times**	**(64 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 4 times**	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	With A, **[**sc in next 9 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 4 times**	**(80 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 10 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 4 times**	**(88 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 11 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 4 times**	**(96 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	With B, **[**sc in next 12 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 4 times**	**(104 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 13 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts**] 4 times**	**(112 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 14 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts**] 4 times**	**(120 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	With D, **[**sc in next 15 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts**] 4 times**	**(128 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next 16 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts**] 4 times**	**(136 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next 17 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts**] 4 times**	**(144 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	With A, **[**sc in next 18 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts**] 4 times**	**(152 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 19 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts**] 4 times**	**(160 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next 20 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts**] 4 times**	**(168 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off and weave in the end.	

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)**
☐ **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**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 11 to 15**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 15: tick them off as you go.

☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15

☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

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

☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**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.	

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**	With A, **[**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**	**[**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)**
☐ **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.	

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)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 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)**

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☐ **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 14 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(16 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge. Shape the stuffed piece with your fingers into an oval, about 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) wide and 7/8 in (2.2 cm) tall.	

Arm: make 2

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

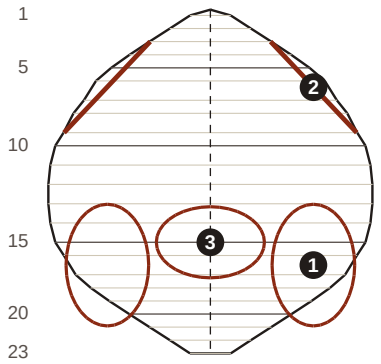
☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	With A, sc in each st around	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 12**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 12: tick them off as you go.

7 8 9 10 11 12

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Assembly



Head: 1 cheek patches, 2 ears, 3 muzzle

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. In every step: 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. Lay the blanket with one corner at the top. Set the head on the right side of the blanket, round 1 of the head to the top, the back of the head (the line opposite its center line) flat on the blanket, the middle of the head 13/16 in (21 mm) above the middle of the blanket. Sew it down in a circle about 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) across, going round twice.

2. Lay the two cheek patches flat on the head, right side out, the middle of each between rounds 16 and 17, one to each side, 5½ stitches from the center line (11 stitches apart). Sew down all 18 stitches of the edge.

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3. 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 slants: its end nearer the center line is on about round 3, its other end on about round 9. They point up and out to the side. Sew through both layers of the 8-stitch edge with the tail.

4. Pin the muzzle to the head: the middle of the open edge lies on round 15, on the center line. The edge (16 sts) covers about rounds 13 to 17 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.

5. Lay the two arms on the blanket, one to each side of the center line of the head, each slanting half way between straight out to the side and straight down. Pinch each open end flat and tuck it ½ in (13 mm) under the lower edge of the head, the middles of the two ends 1 3/16 in (30 mm) apart. Sew each end to the blanket and the head, then sew the arm down along its underside.

Finishing

- 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.
- Closed eyes: with C (dark brown), in backstitch, a closed eye on each side, one curve about 3/8 in (10 mm) wide that dips 3/16 in (5 mm) below its ends, the point above the curve, half way between its ends, on the head on round 12, one to each side, 5 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart).
- Nose: with C (dark brown), in satin stitch, an oval about ¼ in (6 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the muzzle, centered, 3/16 in (5 mm) above the middle of the muzzle.
- 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: 9 pieces; 3,118 stitches (1,848 in the blanket, 744 in the head, 70 in each ear, 36 in each cheek patch, 58 in the muzzle, 128 in each arm); 18 ends to weave in.

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