Fox mask

US terms



Finished size
About 8¾ in (22 cm) wide and 7¾ in (20 cm) tall with the ears, without the ties

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 8 pieces, color changes and 3 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: fox orange, rows 4 to 19 of the masks and rows 1 to 7 of the ears	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: black, rows 1 to 3 of the masks and rows 8 to 11 of the ears	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, the inner ears and the cheeks	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches and chains 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
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round

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Special stitches

sc2tog (UK dc2tog): [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 or round.

sc3tog (UK dc3tog): [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 or round.

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the top of the stitch just made.

Gauge

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

Row 13 of the mask, in double crochet, is about ½ in (1.3 cm) tall.

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

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- A chain that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches, its picots and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- Odd-numbered rows are worked with the right side facing.
- Row 13 of the mask: its ch 3 stands on the last st of Row 12. The last of the 5 sc at the end of Row 14 goes in the 3rd chain of that ch 3.
- The eye openings lie between Row 12 and Row 14, one under each ch 7 of Row 13: the 7 skipped sts of Row 12 are the lower edge of an opening, and the ch 7 is its upper edge. In Row 14 the 7 sc are worked over the chain, not into its loops.
- Cheek: the picot is its tip. The stem end is the other end, where the round began.
- 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.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured from side to side without the ties: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 6 in (15 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 7 in (18 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 11¼ in (29 cm).

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Instructions

Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. 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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

Mask: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, black; A, fox orange.

☐ **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, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across Fasten off B.	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 3 sc in next st	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 3 sc in next st	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts, 3 sc in next st	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts, 3 sc in next st	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 23 sts, 3 sc in next st	**(29 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(31 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(31 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 4 sts, ch 7, sk next 7 sts, dc in next 7 sts, ch 7, sk next 7 sts, dc in next 5 sts	**(17 dc, 2 ch-7 sps)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, 7 sc in next ch-7 sp, sc in next 7 sts, 7 sc in next ch-7 sp, sc in next 5 sts	**(31 sc)**
☐ **Rows 15 to 16**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across A box for each row, 15 to 16: tick them off as you go. ☐ 15 ☐ 16	**(31 sc)**
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 27 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 27 sc)**
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 25 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 25 sc)**
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 23 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 23 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

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Ear: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, fox orange; B, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 12.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 10 chs	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 7 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 5 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 3 sc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Row 8**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next st, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 1 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc3tog in next 3 sts	**(1 sc3tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Inner ear: make 2

Yarn C, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 4 chs	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next st, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 1 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc3tog in next 3 sts	**(1 sc3tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Cheek: make 2

Yarn C, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 15.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, tr in next 5 chs, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, (sc, picot, sc) in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, tr in next 5 chs, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join **(6 sc, 4 hdc, 8 dc, 10 tr, 1 picot)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing.

Finishing

- Block: pin the two masks to the same shape on a flat surface, with each eye opening drawn to a height of about 1 in (2.5 cm) in its middle. Pin out the ears, the inner ears and the cheeks. Spray the pieces with water and let them dry.
- Lay one mask right side up with the nose at the bottom: this is the front. Left and right are as you look at it. The other mask is the back.
- Cheeks: lay a cheek on the lower edge of the front at each side, right side up, with its stem end on the end of Row 2, beside the nose, and its tip on the side edge at the end of Row 11. The foundation chain in its middle lies along the slanting edge of the front, so that the lower half of the cheek hangs free below the edge. With its tail, sew the upper edge of the cheek to the front, and then sew along the foundation chain through the edge of the front.
- Inner ears: lay each inner ear on an ear, both right side up and points up, the middle of its straight edge ¾ in (1.9 cm) above the middle of the straight edge of the ear. Sew it down all round with its tail.
- Eye edges: lay the front on the back, wrong sides together, nose on nose, and pin them. Work through both layers. With B and the front facing you, join with a sl st in the skipped st of Row 12 at the right-hand end of one eye opening, ch 1, sc in each of the 7 skipped sts, 2 sc round the post of the dc at the left of the opening, 7 sc over the ch 7, 2 sc round the post of the dc at the right, sl st in first sc to join (18 sc). Fasten off. Edge the other opening in the same way.
- Ears: slip the straight edge of each ear between the layers at the top, right sides to the front, so that the ear leans outward: its inner corner lies 7/8 in (2.2 cm) to the side of the middle line of the mask and ¼ in (0.6 cm) below the top edge (the edge of Row 19), and its outer corner lies 4 in (10.2 cm) to the side of the middle line and 7/8 in (2.2 cm) lower than the top edge. Both corners are hidden between the layers. Pin the ears.
- Outer edge: with a 60 in (150 cm) length of A, sew the two layers together all round the outer edge except the nose, stitch by stitch through both, over the cheeks where they lie on the edge and through both layers and the ears at the top. Then, with a 15 in (38 cm) length of B, sew the two layers of the nose (Rows 1 to 3) together round their edge in the same way.
- Ties: at each side, with A, join with a sl st through both layers in the end of Row 14, ch 55 and fasten off. Each tie is about 12 7/8 in (32.5 cm) long. Knot its end and trim the yarn to ½ in (1.3 cm).
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 8 pieces.

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