Fox rug

US terms



Finished size
About 31 in (79 cm) wide and 28½ in (72 cm) from the nose to the tips of the ears

Skill
Intermediate
Two yarns and three balls in a row, and shaping at both edges

Yarn
Super bulky (6), 3 colors

Hook
9 mm (US M/N-13)

Gauge
8 stitches and 9 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: rust, main	**about 210 yd (192 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, stripe	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: charcoal, stripe	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 9 mm (US M/N-13), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure, 4 stitch markers and about 20 long pins and a rug pad or a non-slip mesh, cut about 1 in (2.5 cm) smaller all round than the rug.

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.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch: insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 together: [insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop] 2 times, yo, pull through all 3 loops (UK dc2tog, dc
RS	right side
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

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Gauge

8 stitches and 9 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check it on the head, laid flat, when row 12 is done: the 26 stitches of that row are about 13 in (33 cm) wide, and the 12 rows are about 5 3/8 in (13.5 cm) tall. If it measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one.

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The right side of a piece is the side that faces you in row 1.
- Where a row begins or ends with sc2tog or with 2 sc in one stitch, the edge slants: that is the shape of the piece.
- To sew a piece on top of another: lay it flat with its right side up and hold it with pins or markers. With the yarn on a yarn needle, come up from below through both loops of a stitch of its edge, and go down into the rug just outside that stitch. Work one such sewing stitch for each stitch of the edge, all round or along the part of the edge that is named, without drawing the edge in. A chain at a straight edge counts as a stitch, and so does the end of a row. At the end fasten off on the wrong side.
- A cord is a chain with one row of slip stitches worked back along it. Work the slip stitches loosely, so that it does not roll up.
- 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.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under both loops of a stitch on one edge and under both loops of the stitch that lies against it on the other edge, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On a foundation chain edge, pass the needle under the lower strands of each chain that holds a stitch of row 1. On a side edge there are no loops: pass the needle through the end stitch of the row on one side and the end stitch of the row that lies against it on the other. Fasten a length where the sewing begins and where it ends: sew 2 or 3 times into the same place.
- Rows 6 to 30 have two yarns: B at both edges and A between them. Use two balls of B, one for each edge (wind the second ball from the first), and one ball of A. Each ball works its own stitches and waits at its place for the next row.
- Into row 6: work the last yarn over of row 5 with the first ball of B, and cut C, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm). In row 6 join A after the first stitches in B, and join the second ball of B after the stitches in A. Into row 31: in row 30 do not leave A where it is, but lay it along the top of the row below, work the last 3 stitches, in B, over it, and make the last yarn over of the row with A. Then cut both balls of B.
- When a ball runs out, join the next ball of the same color where a stitch of that color is worked: make the last yarn over of the stitch with the new ball, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both. In the rows that are in one color do it in the last stitch of a row; in rows 6 to 30 do it in any stitch of that color.
- To change yarn inside a row, work the last yarn over of the last stitch before the change with the new yarn. Lay the old yarn over the new one on the wrong side before you go on, so that the two are crossed and leave no hole. Bring the yarns to the wrong side on every row: to the back on right-side rows, to the front on wrong-side rows.
- Cotton T-shirt yarn of this weight does well too.

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Instructions

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 and sc2tog is double crochet 2 together.

Head

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

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	With B, ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 7 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 8 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 9 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 10 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 11 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 11 sts, with A, sc in next 8 sts, with B, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 11 sts, with A, sc in next 10 sts, with B, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 11 sts, with A, sc in next 12 sts, with B, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(38 sc)**
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 11 sts, with A, sc in next 14 sts, with B, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(40 sc)**

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☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 11 sts, with A, sc in next 16 sts, with B, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 10 sts, with A, sc in next 20 sts, with B, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 9 sts, with A, sc in next 24 sts, with B, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(46 sc)**
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 8 sts, with A, sc in next 28 sts, with B, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 7 sts, with A, sc in next 32 sts, with B, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(50 sc)**
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 36 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(52 sc)**
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 40 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 44 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(56 sc)**
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 48 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(58 sc)**
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 52 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 54 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Row 31**	With A, ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 58 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(62 sc)**
☐ **Rows 32 to 33**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(62 sc)**

A box for each row, 32 to 33: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 58 sts, sc2tog	**(58 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 56 sts, sc2tog	**(56 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 37**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(58 sc)**
☐ **Row 38**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 54 sts, sc2tog	**(54 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 39**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(56 sc)**
☐ **Row 40**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 52 sts, sc2tog	**(52 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, rust.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 25.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(24 sc)**

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☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 20 sts, sc2tog	**(20 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 18 sts, sc2tog	**(18 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 16 sts, sc2tog	**(16 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog	**(14 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog	**(12 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog	**(10 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog	**(8 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog	**(6 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	**(4 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	**(2 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc2tog	**(2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog	**(1 sc2tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Inner ear: make 2

Yarn C, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 15.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog	**(10 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog	**(8 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog	**(6 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(8 sc)**

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☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	**(4 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	**(2 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc2tog	**(2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog	**(1 sc2tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 68 in (173 cm) to sew with.	

Eye: make 2

Yarn C, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 14.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(13 sl sts)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 30 in (76 cm) to sew with.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends but the tails to sew with.

2. Ears: lay the head right side up, the nose at the bottom. The last row has 54 stitches. Lay the foundation edge of one ear along the first 24 stitches of the last row, counted from the right, and that of the other along the first 24 counted from the left, right sides together: 6 stitches stay free between them. Cut two lengths of A, each about 46 in (117 cm) long, one for each ear. Whip stitch the foundation chain of each ear to the last row, stitch to stitch: 24 stitches. Open the ears out upward.

3. Inner ears: lay an inner ear on the right side of each ear, its foundation edge one row above the seam and 5 stitches of the ear free at each side of it. Sew it on all round with its tail, beginning at its point, where the tail hangs: 14 stitches down one side, one for each row end, 14 along the foundation edge and 14 up the other side, 42 in all.

4. Eyes: mark the upright middle line from the middle of the foundation edge of the head to the middle of the last row. On each side of it lay a cord in an arc that hangs down in the middle: its two ends on row 31, 5 in (12.5 cm) apart, the inner end 4½ in (11.5 cm) from the middle line, and its lowest point 1¾ in (4.5 cm) below the ends. Sew it down with its tail, one sewing stitch over the middle of every slip stitch: 13 stitches.

5. Lashes: cut two lengths of C, each about 40 in (102 cm) long, one for each eye. Work 3 straight stitches at each eye, each about 1 in (2.5 cm) long, down and outward from the lower edge of the cord: one at its lowest point, one 1 in (2.5 cm) and one 2 in (5 cm) farther toward the outer end. Then work each of the 3 once more through the same two places, so that every lash is two strands side by side.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the ends with the yarn needle, on the wrong side.
- Lay the rug flat, dampen it, pull it into shape and let it dry.
- On a smooth floor lay the rug on a non-slip rug pad, so that it does not slide.

In all: 7 pieces; 2,446 stitches (1,576 in the head, 311 in each ear, 111 in each inner ear, 13 in each eye).

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