Fox keyhole scarf

Child · US terms



Finished size

About 36 in (91 cm) long from the tip of the tail to the chin, of which the neck, from the end of the tail to the upper edge of the face, is about 23 in (58 cm); 3 3/8 in (8.7 cm) wide at the neck, the tail 4 5/8 in (11.5 cm) wide; face about 5¾ in (15 cm) wide and 4¾ in (12 cm) tall, without the ears

Skill

Intermediate

Pieces shaped at both edges, and sewing one on another

Yarn

Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook

5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge

14 stitches and 12 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: burnt rust, main	**about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, scarf, rows 1 to 10, the face and ear, round 1	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: charcoal, ear, round 3, the eye and the nose	**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, a tape measure and about 20 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	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Toddler	31½ in (80 cm) long, 19¾ in (50 cm)	about 120 yd (110 m)
Child (this file)	**36 in (91 cm) long, 23 in (58 cm)**	**about 160 yd (146 m)**
Adult	40½ in (103 cm) long, 26¼ in (67 cm)	about 195 yd (178 m)

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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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
hdc2tog	half double crochet 2 together: [yo, insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop] 2 times, yo, pull through all 5 loops (UK htr2tog, half treble 2 together)
Rnd	round
RS	right side
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

14 stitches and 12 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

Check it on the scarf itself, laid flat and not stretched, when the first 12 rows of the neck are done: in Child rows 26 to 37, which are 12 rows of 12 stitches, are about 3 3/8 in (8.7 cm) wide and 4 in (10 cm) tall; in Toddler rows 24 to 35, which are 12 rows of 10 stitches, are about 2 7/8 in (7.3 cm) wide and 4 in (10 cm) tall; in Adult rows 28 to 39, which are 12 rows of 14 stitches, are about 4 in (10 cm) wide and 4 in (10 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row or a round does not count as a stitch.
- The right side of a piece in rounds is the side that faces you as you work; the right side of a piece in rows is the side that faces you in row 1.
- The scarf is worked from the tip of the tail to the head. The yarn changes once, from cream to rust.
- To sew a piece on: lay it where the step says, right side up. 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 piece underneath, just outside that stitch. Work one sewing stitch for each stitch of the edge that is named. A chain of a foundation edge counts as a stitch, and so does the end of a row. Fasten off where it does not show.
- An ear begins with a chain that is worked on both of its sides. When the last chain is worked, do not turn: go on round the end and work back along the other side of the chain, the first stitch into the same chain as the last one, and the last stitch into the chain where the round began.
- 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.
- 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 joined rounds, the first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.

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- To change yarn in the tail, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with A. Cut B and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both. In an ear, the joining sl st of a round is made with the yarn of the next round; cut the old yarn with a tail of the same length.
- To wear it, lay the scarf round the neck with the right side out. Pass the tip of the tail from behind through the slot, between the scarf and the face, and draw it out under the chin, only so far that the scarf lies loose. It is for a child who can take it off without help.
- The eyes and the nose are yarn, and nothing hard is sewn on.

Instructions

Chosen: Child. 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, hdc2tog is half treble 2 together and sk is miss.

Scarf

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

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 5.	

The tail

☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(4 hdc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in last st	**(6 hdc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in last st	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in last st	**(10 hdc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in last st	**(12 hdc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in last st	**(14 hdc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 12 sts, 2 hdc in last st	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 8 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(16 hdc)**

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

☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10

The tail, in rust

☐ **Row 11**	With A, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 12 to 21**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(16 hdc)**

A box for each row, 12 to 21: tick them off as you go.

☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21

☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 12 sts, hdc2tog	**(12 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)**
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(14 hdc)**
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 10 sts, hdc2tog	**(10 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)**
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(12 hdc)**

The neck

☐ **Rows 26 to 94**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(12 hdc)**

A box for each row, 26 to 94: tick them off as you go.

☐ 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

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Behind the head

☐ **Row 95**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(12 hdc)**

The slot

☐ **Row 96**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 2 sts, ch 8, sk next 8 sts, hdc in next 2 sts	**(4 hdc, 1 ch-8 sp)**
☐ **Row 97**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 2 sts, 8 hdc in next ch-8 sp, hdc in next 2 sts	**(12 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 98 to 99**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(12 hdc)**

A box for each row, 98 to 99: tick them off as you go.

98 99

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Face

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, 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; sc in each st across	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rows 14 to 19**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(20 sc)**

A box for each row, 14 to 19: tick them off as you go.

14 15 16 17 18 19

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Mask

Yarn A, burnt rust.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 3.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(2 sc)**

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☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(2 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 3: tick them off as you go.

2 3

☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, 2 sc in last st	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rows 5 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(4 sc)**

A box for each row, 5 to 6: tick them off as you go.

5 6

☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(20 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 54 in (137 cm) to sew with.	

Ear: make 2

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

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 9.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 4 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 4 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch; join with sl st in first sc	**(8 dc, 4 hdc, 4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	With A, ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in last st; join with sl st in first sc	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	With C, ch 1, 2 hdc in first st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in last st; join with sl st in first hdc	**(22 sc, 4 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 18 in (46 cm) to sew with.	

Eye: make 2

Yarn C, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring; join with sl st in first hdc	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 18 in (46 cm) to sew with.	

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Nose

Yarn C, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 22 in (56 cm) to sew with.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends but the tails of the pieces that are sewn on. The narrow end of the face, its foundation chain, is the chin, and its last row is the upper edge. Rows of the face are counted from the chin. The middle line runs from the chin to the upper edge, with the same number of stitches of every row at each side of it: 2 of the 4 chains, 10 of the 20 stitches of the last row. The middle line of the mask runs in the same way, with 1 of its 2 chains at each side.

2. Mask: lay it right side up on the right side of the face, its 2 chains toward the chin, middle line on middle line, so that its row 1 lies on row 5 of the face and its last row on the last row. The cream that shows at each side makes the cheeks. With its tail sew it down all round: 2 stitches along the chains, 15 in the row ends of each side and 20 along the last row, 52 in all. Along the last row, and at the upper corners, where the mask is as wide as the face, sew into the edge of the face.

3. Eyes: the middle of each eye is on row 14 of the face, 4 stitches from the middle line, one at the left and one at the right. An eye lies on the mask and may reach onto the cream beside it: sew it to what is under it. With its tail sew each one down all round: 8 stitches. On each eye work one straight stitch of B, as long as a stitch is wide, near its upper edge, and go over it once more: cut a length of B about 12 in (30 cm) for each.

4. Nose: lay it right side up over the chin, its middle on the middle line and its lowest stitch level with the foundation chain of the face. The face is about as wide there as the nose. With its tail sew it down all round: 12 stitches.

5. Ears: the point of an ear is where its rounds are joined; its other end is the round end. Count 5 stitches along the upper edge of the face from the corner at the left. Slide the round end of an ear, right side up, under the face there, so that the middle line of the ear lies under the 5th stitch, about 1 in (2.5 cm) of the ear is under the face, and the point looks up and a little to the left. Pin it. Turn the face over, run the tail of the ear through its back to the round end, and with it sew the part of the ear that lies on the face to the back of the face, taking up only the back: 8 stitches, the 4 stitches of the edge of the ear at each side of the middle of its round end. Sew on the other ear at the right as its mirror.

6. Lay the scarf right side up with its last row toward you. Lay the face on it right side up, its chin toward you, its middle line on the middle of the scarf, between stitches 6 and 7, and its upper edge on the line between rows 94 and 95. The slot and the last row lie behind the face. Pin it. Cut a length of A about 34 in (86 cm) long and sew the upper edge of the face, with the mask on it, to the scarf: 12 stitches from one edge of the scarf to the other, taking up the ears where they lie between. Turn the work over and sew row 95 of the scarf to the back of the face just below this seam, 12 stitches, taking up only the back of the face or of an ear. The rest of the face hangs free of the scarf.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the sewing tails and lengths on the wrong side.

In all: 8 pieces; 1,788 stitches (1,226 in the scarf, 276 in the face, 128 in the mask, 62 in each ear, 8 in each eye, 18 in the nose).

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