Ghost applique

US terms



Finished size
About 5¾ in (15 cm) wide and about 4½ in (11 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 5 pieces and color changes.

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: ghost white, the ghost, the arms, the edging and the light in the eyes	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: blush, the cheeks	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: black, the eyes and the smile	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). 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. Yarns A and C: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn B: 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.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sk	skip
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

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

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

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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.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.
- 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; slip stitches are not counted.
- The right side of the ghost is the side that faces you in row 1.
- 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.
- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.6 cm, and half that round a small curve, unless the line names another) along the line. Put it down at the start of the line and bring it up again one stitch length ahead of where it last came up; keep going down at the end of the stitch before and up one length ahead.
- French knot (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back, wrap the yarn twice round the needle close to the surface, hold the wraps and put the needle down beside the place where it came up. For a large knot use the yarn double and wrap it three times.
- Straight stitch (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back at one end of the stitch and put it down at the other end.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3¾ in (10 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 4½ in (11 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 7¼ in (18 cm).

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 row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Ghost

Yarn A, ghost white.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 8.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 6 chs	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rows 5 to 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(13 sc)**

A box for each row, 5 to 10: tick them off as you go.

5 6 7 8 9 10

☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(15 sc)**

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☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, sl st in next st, **[**sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sl st in next st**] 4 times**	**(20 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 45 in (114 cm) tail, for sewing the whole applique to your project.	

Arm: make 2

Yarn A, ghost white.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs, 5 sc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 3 chs	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in each of next 5 sts, sc in next 3 sts	**(16 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Eye: make 2

Yarn C, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Lay an arm behind each side of the ghost, its straight end hidden behind rows 8 to 10, so that it slants upward and its round end is level with rows 6 and 7 and stands out 1 in (2.5 cm) beyond the edge of the ghost. Sew it to the back of the ghost there.
- For the edging, with A, make a chain of about 41 chains, long enough to reach without stretching from the hem at one side of the ghost up over the head to the hem at the other side, and fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail. Pin it over the edge of the ghost, right side up, so that it covers the ends of the rows and the foundation chain, and sew it down with the tail.
- Sew an eye to each side of the middle, its center on row 6 and 5/8 in (1.6 cm) from the middle of the ghost. With A, work a small French knot on the upper right part of each eye.
- With C, work a smile in backstitch, in 5 or 6 small stitches, a little under ¼ in (0.5 cm) each, ¾ in (1.9 cm) wide, in the middle between the eyes: its two ends are on row 8 and the lowest point of the curve is on row 9.
- With B, work 3 level straight stitches one below another for each cheek, on row 8: the middle one 3/8 in (1 cm) long, the one above it and the one below it ¼ in (0.6 cm) long. The middle of each cheek is 1¼ in (3.2 cm) from the middle of the ghost.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle, but not the long tail of the ghost.
- To sew the ghost to your project, pin it where it is to go and sew round its edge with the long tail, under the outermost strands of the stitches.

In all: 5 pieces; 268 stitches (202 in the ghost, 27 in each arm, 6 in each eye); 20 ends to weave in.

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