Hedgehog with a spiny back

US terms



Finished size
About 5¼ in (13.5 cm) long, 3¾ in (9.5 cm) across and 3½ in (8.9 cm) tall with the spikes

Skill
Intermediate
Seven pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 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.

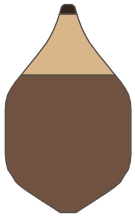
You will need

Yarn A: almond, body, ear and foot	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: coffee, body and the details	**about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: latte, the details	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: espresso, body and the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: rose, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors and two black plastic eyes with washers, 10 mm.

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 30 percent added.

The pieces



Body



Ear x 2
to the body



Foot x 4
to the body

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Abbreviations

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

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together, through the front loops only (the back loops in a BLO row or round): how is under “Before you start” (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 stitches together)
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
BLO	back loop only
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

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

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

- 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 A," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in A. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- 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.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 24 and 25 of round 14 (48 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- In every step of putting it together: 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.
- 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. In a BLO round, use the back loops instead.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in D (espresso).
- 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, the size written here: 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): 4 in (10 cm) long, 2¾ in (7 cm) across and 2 5/8 in (6.7 cm) tall with the spikes; eyes 7 mm; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.

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- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): 7½ in (19 cm) long, 5¼ in (13.5 cm) across and 5 in (12.5 cm) tall with the spikes; eyes 14 mm; 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): 9½ in (24 cm) long, 6¾ in (17 cm) across and 6¼ in (16 cm) tall with the spikes; eyes 18 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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 sc is double crochet.

Body

Yarns in order of use: D, espresso; A, almond; B, coffee.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	With A, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 4 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 4 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 4 times**	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	With B, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 4 times**	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 4 times**	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(48 sc)**

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 24 and 25 of round 14. This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.

☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Fix the eyes now: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the body on round 7, one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart). Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 30**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 31**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 32**	**[**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

Yarn A, almond.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 4 stitches.	

Foot: make 4

Yarn A, almond.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	**(11 sc)**

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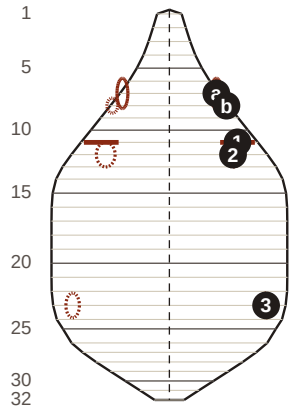
☐ **Rnds 4 to 5**	Sc in each st around	**(11 sc)**

A box for each round, 4 to 5: tick them off as you go.

4 5

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.

Assembly



Body: 1 ears, 2 feet, 3 feet, a eyes, b cheeks

A number is the step below that puts it on; a letter is put on under Finishing. 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. Pin the two ears to the body: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 11, one to each side, 5½ stitches from the center line (11 stitches apart). The flat edge runs along the round, half of it on each side of that place. They point up and out to the side. Sew through both layers of the 4-stitch edge with the tail.

2. Pin two feet to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 12, one to each side, 15½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (11 sts) makes a ring about ¾ in (18 mm) across: it covers rounds 10 to 14 and about 3½ stitches. The spikes of rounds 12 and 14 end above it: no spike comes under the edge. They point forward and down. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft. These are the front feet.

3. Pin two feet to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 23, one to each side, 16½ stitches from the center line (15 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (11 sts) covers rounds 21 to 25 and about 3½ stitches. The spikes of rounds 22 and 24 end above it: no spike comes under the edge. They point down and forward. Sew all the way round in the same way. These are the back feet.

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Finishing

- Put in the plastic eyes when the words of a piece say so, or embroider eyes in the same places with the other details. Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on, unless a line gives another time; begin and end each strand inside the toy. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled. Backstitch is a line of short stitches end to end: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and repeat.
- Spines: work them when the body is closed and before the other pieces are sewn on. Every round worked in BLO has left the front loops of the round before it free, in a line on the outside; each free loop on the back carries one spike. Hold the body with the nose toward you and the tail away from you. At the right end of a row, join the yarn with a slip stitch in the free front loop of the stitch named below. *Chain 4, slip stitch in the second chain from the hook and in each of the next 2 chains (this is the spike), then slip stitch in the next free front loop to the left.* Repeat from * to * until the number of spikes below is done; the row ends with a slip stitch in a free loop. Fasten off and pull both ends inside. Begin with the stitch that has the number below, counted from the center line to the right along the round (stitch 1 is the one beside the line); the last slip stitch of a row comes in the stitch after the one with that same number on the left. The loops on the belly stay empty. Rows with B (coffee), by the round whose free loops are used: round 12, begin 12 stitches to the right, 24 spikes; round 16, begin 17 stitches to the right, 34 spikes; round 20, begin 17 stitches to the right, 34 spikes; round 24, begin 13 stitches to the right, 26 spikes; round 28, begin 10 stitches to the right, 20 spikes. Rows with C (latte): round 14, begin 15 stitches to the right, 30 spikes; round 18, begin 17 stitches to the right, 34 spikes; round 22, begin 13 stitches to the right, 26 spikes; round 26, begin 13 stitches to the right, 26 spikes; round 30, begin 6 stitches to the right, 12 spikes. Leave the spikes standing up and back, toward the tail.
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the body on round 7, one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with E (rose), in satin stitch, an oval about 5/16 in (8 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the body on round 8, one to each side, 7 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line).
- Mouth: with D (espresso), in backstitch, a smile about ½ in (13 mm) wide, on the underside of the snout. Its two ends are on round 4 of the body, one to each side of the line opposite the center line, 1½ stitches from it. Its middle is on that line on round 5, farther from the nose than the ends.
- 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: 7 pieces; 1,285 stitches (1,021 in the body, 34 in each ear, 49 in each foot).

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