Hooded cape for a stuffed animal

US terms



Finished size

Cape 5½ in (14 cm) round the neck and 2½ in (6.3 cm) from neck to hem, hood 3 1/8 in (7.9 cm) from neck seam to top seam; mouse 5 in (12.5 cm) tall sitting, without its ears

Skill

Intermediate

14 pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn

Light (3), 5 colors

Hook

3.25 mm (US D-3)

Gauge

22 stitches and 24.2 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet, in a spiral.

What you need

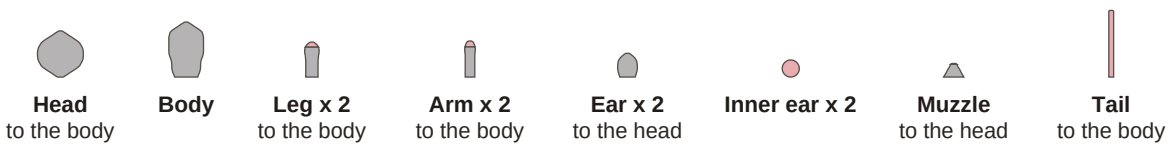
Yarn A: dove gray, the main color	**about 150 yd (137 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: red, cape, hood and the details	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pink, several of the pieces	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: dark brown, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: cream, cape and the details	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 110 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 3.25 mm (US D-3), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors, one flat button about ½ in (12 mm) across (Small: 3/8 in, 10 mm; Large: ¾ in (2 cm), 19 mm) with sewing thread and two black plastic eyes with washers, 8 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



Head to the body

Body

Leg x 2 to the body

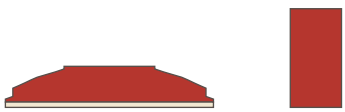
Arm x 2 to the body

Ear x 2 to the head

Inner ear x 2

Muzzle to the head

Tail to the body



Cape

Hood to the head

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Gauge

22 stitches and 24.2 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 2 in (5.1 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.

Notes

- Every piece that has rounds 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.
- The cape comes off. For another toy, measure its neck under the chin, its height from the neck to the table or the feet, and how far its ears stand apart, and choose the size that comes nearest. The two ear openings of the hood are each about 1½ in (3.8 cm) long and 4 in (10 cm) apart round the back of the hood, at the size written here.
- 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 or row before it in the new color. Cut the old yarn. In a piece that is worked in rounds knot the two ends together on the wrong side; in the cape weave them in 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.
- Head: the center line runs between stitches 24 and 25 of round 9 (48 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 18 and 19 of round 6 (36 sts). It faces the front.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- Running stitches go in and out along a line.
- 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.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in black yarn (about 2 yd (2 m), 2 m, not in the list above).
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, details) are for Standard, the size written here: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Small: super fine (1, fingering) yarn, 2.25 mm (B-1) hook, 28 sc and 30.8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): cape 4¼ in (11 cm) round the neck and 2 in (5.1 cm) from neck to hem, hood 2 3/8 in (6 cm) from neck seam to top seam; mouse 4 in (10 cm) tall sitting, without its ears; eyes 6 mm; multiply lengths by 0.79; about 0.79 times the yarn.
- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): cape 8½ in (21.5 cm) round the neck and 4 in (10 cm) from neck to hem, hood 4¾ in (12 cm) from neck seam to top seam; mouse 7¾ in (19.5 cm) tall sitting, without its ears; eyes 13 mm; multiply lengths by 1.6; about 1.6 times the yarn.

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Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(6 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Head

Yarn A, dove gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 24 and 25 of round 9. It faces the front, round 1 at the top.

☐ **Rnds 10 to 14**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)

10 11 12 13 14

☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

Fix the eyes now: two 8 mm black plastic eyes, on the head between rounds 12 and 13, one to each side, 5 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart). For a child under three, or a pet, leave them out and embroider them later. Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**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.	

Body

Yarn A, dove gray.

Round 1 is the middle of the base.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
	Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 18 and 19 of round 6. It faces the front.	
☐ **Rnds 7 to 15**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
	7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnds 17 to 21**	Sc in each st around	(30 sc)
	17 18 19 20 21	
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	Sc in each st around	(24 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Leg: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, pink; A, dove gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 4 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnds 4 to 5**	With A, sc in each st around	(16 sc)
	4 5	
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts	(13 sc)

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☐ **Rnds 7 to 14**	Sc in each st around	(13 sc)
7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14		
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Arm: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, pink; A, dove gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	With A, sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 14**	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)
6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14		
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, dove gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	(17 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(20 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st	(21 sc)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 7**	Sc in each st around	(21 sc)
6 7		
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts	(20 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 8 stitches.	

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Inner ear: make 2

Yarn C, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Muzzle

Yarns in order of use: C, pink; A, dove gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	With A, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	(21 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Tail

Yarn C, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnds 2 to 25**	Sc in each st around	(5 sc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. The open end (5 sts) stays round.	

Cape

Yarns in order of use: B, red; E, cream.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 30 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

Worked from the neck down: the chain is the neck edge and the two ends of the rows are the front edges. The side of row 1 that faces you is the right side, and it is the outside.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 31.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(30 sc)

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☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	(52 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	(56 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	(64 sc)
☐ **Rows 9 to 11** 9 10 11	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(64 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts**] 4 times**	(69 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(69 sc)
☐ **Rows 14 to 15** 14 15	With E, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(69 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the ends.	

Hood

Yarn B, red.

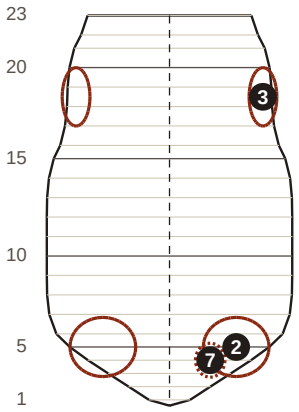
Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 17 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

Worked sideways, from one face edge round the back of the head to the other: the first and the last row are the edges round the face. The edge where the right side rows begin is the neck edge; the edge where they end is the top. Rows 6 and 31 make the two openings for the ears: in them the 8 chains stand over 8 stitches of the row below that are left unworked, and count as 8 stitches. In the next row work 1 sc in each of the chains as you come to it.

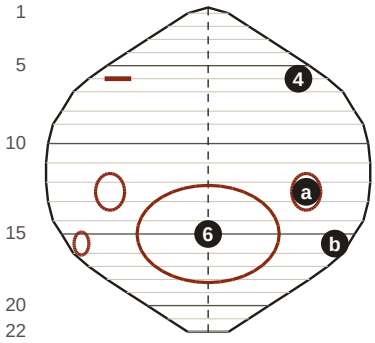
☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 18.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(17 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 5** 2 3 4 5	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(17 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, ch 8 and skip next 8 sts, sc in next 7 sts	(17 sc)
☐ **Rows 7 to 30** 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(17 sc)
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sts, ch 8 and skip next 8 sts, sc in next 2 sts	(17 sc)
☐ **Rows 32 to 36** 32 33 34 35 36	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(17 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the ends: the hood is sewn with new lengths of B (red).	

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Assembly



Body: 2 legs, 3 arms, 7 tail



Head: 4 ears, 6 muzzle, 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. Set the head on the open edge of the body (24 sts), center lines in line: the edge lies on round 19 of the head (24 sts). With the tail of the body, sew every stitch of the edge to the head, and top up the stuffing in the neck before the last stitches so that the head does not wobble.

2. Pin the two legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 5, one to each side, 3½ stitches from the center line (7 stitches apart). The edge (13 sts) covers about rounds 3 to 7 of the body. They point forward from under the front edge of the body, lying along the table. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

3. Pin the two arms to the body: the middle of each open edge lies between rounds 18 and 19, one to each side, 5½ stitches from the center line (11 stitches apart). The edge (10 sts) covers about rounds 17 to 20 of the body. They point down and forward, then curve toward each other in front of the tummy, until round 1 of one is about 1¼ in (3 cm) from round 1 of the other. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a few running stitches along its inner side, drawn up a little. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

4. Pin the two ears to the head: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 6, one to each side, 8 stitches from the center line (16 stitches apart). The flat edge lies with its upper end on about round 2, 2 stitches from the center line, and its lower end on about round 10, 11 stitches from it. They stand up and out to the side. Sew through both layers of the 8-stitch edge with the tail.

5. Sew one inner ear flat to the side of each ear that will face forward, right side out, centered on that side, its middle over round 6 of the ear, all 18 stitches of the edge.

6. Pin the muzzle to the head: the middle of the open edge lies on round 15, on the center line. The edge (21 sts) covers about rounds 12 to 18 of the head. It points forward. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

7. Pin the tail to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 4, 10 stitches to the right of the center line. The edge has 5 sts. It lies flat on the table, pointing back and out to the right, and then curves forward. Hold the curve with a few running stitches along the side that looks forward, drawn up a little. Sew all the way round with its tail of yarn.

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8. Hood: fold the hood in half, right side out, between rows 18 and 19, so that row 1 lies on row 36 and the top edge lies double. With a new length of B (red), sew the two halves of the top edge together, row end to row end (18 pairs), from the fold to the face edge. The neck edge stays open. Hold the neck edge (36 row ends) and the neck edge of the cape (30 chains) edge to edge, both right side out, so that the face edges of the hood meet the front edges of the cape at both ends. With another length of B (red), sew them together so that the seam lies flat: 6 row ends of the hood to every 5 chains of the cape.

9. Edging: with E (cream), the right side (the outside) facing you, sl st along the edges of the cape and the hood, loosely, so that they do not draw in. Right-handed: begin at the lower corner of the front edge on the left, as you look at the front of the toy, and work up and over: 1 sl st in each of the 15 row ends of that front edge, upward to the neck; 1 in each of the 17 places of the face edge of the hood on that side (stitches of row 36 or chains of the foundation), upward to the seam at the top; 1 in each of the 17 places of the other face edge, downward; and 1 in each of the 15 row ends of the other front edge, downward to its lower corner. Left-handed: begin at the lower corner of the front edge on the right and go the same way over the top. Do not stop at the neck: the edging runs on from the cape to the hood without a gap. Fasten off and weave in the ends.

10. Button: sew the button to the right side of the cape at the front edge on the left, over rows 2 and 3. At the same place on the front edge on the right, with B (red), work a loop: sl st in the edge at row 2, ch 7, sl st in the edge at row 4, fasten off and weave in the ends.

11. Put the hood over the head from behind, draw one ear through each opening, lay the cape round the shoulders and button it.

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; begin and end each strand on the wrong side of a flat piece, inside a stuffed one. 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.
- Eyes: two 8 mm black plastic eyes, on the head between rounds 12 and 13, one to each side, 5 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with C (pink), in satin stitch, an oval about ¼ in (6 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the head between rounds 15 and 16, one to each side, 7½ stitches from the center line (15 stitches apart).
- Mouth: with D (dark brown), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about 3/8 in (10 mm) wide that dips 3/16 in (5 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are on the muzzle, 3/16 in (5 mm) below the middle of the muzzle, one to each side of its center.
- 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: 14 pieces; 4,122 stitches.

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