Horse fly bonnet

Cob, head 15 in (38 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 9½ in (24 cm) round and about 7 in (18 cm) long at each ear; the face piece is about 15¼ in (39 cm) wide at the brow and about 10 in (25 cm) long from the brow edge to its point, without the trim; the ears stand about 3 in (8 cm) apart

To fit a head of 15 in (38 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

A spiral, mesh in rows, shells in row ends, sewing

Yarn

Light (3), 3 colors

Hook

4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge

15 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: classic navy, the ears, the face piece and the poll band **about 300 yd (274 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: cotton white, the cord and the ties **about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

Yarn C: cloud blue, the trim **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors, pins and 4 more stitch markers.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. 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.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Pony	13 in (33 cm)	8½ in (22 cm) round, 6 in (15 cm) long	about 260 yd (238 m)
Cob (this file)	**15 in (38 cm)**	**9½ in (24 cm) round, 7 in (18 cm) long**	**about 340 yd (311 m)**
Horse	17 in (43 cm)	10¾ in (27 cm) round, 8 in (20 cm) long	about 420 yd (384 m)

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Abbreviations

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

ch	chain
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Gauge

15 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

The gauge is measured on the first ear, laid flat, after its last round: across its open edge from fold to fold, which checks the stitches, and from its tip to that edge, which checks the rounds. If it measures more across than its line says, begin again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one. If it is right across and longer than its line says, your rounds are taller than the gauge and the ears will come out longer than stated; if it is shorter, they will come out shorter. The face piece is worked out at 12 rows of half double crochet mesh to 4 in (10 cm), a space of 1 chain counted as one stitch; a line after row 12 checks it.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. Lay the ear flat: after round 28 it should measure about 4¾ in (12 cm) across its open edge from fold to fold.

Before you start

- Measure the animal before you choose a size. Brow: lay a soft tape straight across the forehead, from the cheekpiece of the bridle on one side to the cheekpiece on the other, just below the ears; this is the "head" in the list of sizes. Ear: measure round one ear at its base and from the base to the tip. Face: measure from the line between the ears down to where the point should lie. Compare all of them with the finished measures of each size; choose the size whose ears are no smaller than the ears of the animal. In the list "round" is measured round the base of one ear.
- The pattern is written in United States terms; the United Kingdom term stands beside each stitch in the list of abbreviations.
- The bonnet begins with a magic ring: wrap the yarn once round two fingers, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm), and with the hook draw a loop of the working yarn up through the ring. Keep that loop on the hook and make the chain that round 1 begins with; where round 1 names no chain, make 1 chain to hold the loop, and do not count it. Work the stitches of round 1 into the ring, over the tail too, then pull the tail until the ring is closed.
- The right side of the bonnet faces you in every round; the rounds are never turned.
- The rounds of the bonnet are worked in a spiral: do not join; put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round.
- The second ear and the ear linings are begun with a magic ring like the bonnet and worked in a spiral: no chain at the start of a round and no slip stitch at its end; put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round. The right side faces you.
- The number at the end of each line is the number of stitches it has when it is finished; chains and slip stitches that are not named there are not counted.

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- Whip stitch: hold the two edges together and sew them over and over, the needle always going in from the same side, through one stitch of each edge at a time.
- The face piece and the poll band are worked in rows: the chain at the start of a row does not count as a stitch, and the first stitch after the turn goes into the last stitch of the row before.
- The mesh rows of the face piece, from row 3 on, are the exception: the ch 2 at their start does not count either, but there the first stitch that is skipped is the last stitch of the row before, at the foot of the chain; the last stitch of the row before, at the far end, stays unworked too. Each row has one space less than the one before, so that the piece narrows by one stitch at each side. In row 2 the first half double crochet goes into the last stitch of row 1.
- The ears, the linings, the face piece and the poll band are all worked separately. The trim is worked on the face piece before anything is sewn together.

Instructions

Chosen: Cob, head 15 in (38 cm). 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, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Bonnet

Yarn A, classic navy.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**Sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**Sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**Sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in each st around	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**Sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Sc in each st around	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**Sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 24 to 28**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 24 to 28: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

24 25 26 27 **28**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 28.** Lay the ear flat: after round 28 it should measure about 4¾ in (12 cm) across its open edge from fold to fold. From its tip straight to that edge it should measure about 7 in (18 cm).

☐ **End**	Lay the ear flat: after round 28 it should measure about 4¾ in (12 cm) across its open edge from fold to fold. From its tip straight to that edge it should measure about 7 in (18 cm). Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 30 in (76 cm) for sewing.	

Second ear

Yarn A, classic navy.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**Sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**Sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(30 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**Sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in each st around	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**Sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Sc in each st around	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**Sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 24 to 28**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 24 to 28: tick them off as you go.

24 25 26 27 28

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 30 in (76 cm) for sewing. Pull the ring at its tip closed once more and weave the tail of the ring in on the inside.

Ear lining: make 2

Yarn A, classic navy.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**Sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**Sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**Sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(32 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in each st around	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**Sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Sc in each st around	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**Sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 24 to 26**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 24 to 26: tick them off as you go.

24 25 26

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 30 in (76 cm) for sewing. Pull the ring at its tip closed once more and weave the tail of the ring in on the inside.

Face piece

Yarn A, classic navy.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 58, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(57 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next st**] 28 times**	**(29 hdc, 28 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 27 times**	**(28 hdc, 27 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 26 times**	**(27 hdc, 26 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 25 times**	**(26 hdc, 25 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 24 times**	**(25 hdc, 24 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 23 times**	**(24 hdc, 23 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 22 times**	**(23 hdc, 22 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 21 times**	**(22 hdc, 21 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 20 times**	**(21 hdc, 20 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 19 times**	**(20 hdc, 19 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 18 times**	**(19 hdc, 18 ch-1 sps)**

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After row 12 the face piece should measure about 4 in (10 cm) from the beginning chain straight to the edge of row 12, not stretched.

☐ **Row 13**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 17 times**	**(18 hdc, 17 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 16 times**	**(17 hdc, 16 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 15 times**	**(16 hdc, 15 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 14 times**	**(15 hdc, 14 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 13 times**	**(14 hdc, 13 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 12 times**	**(13 hdc, 12 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 11 times**	**(12 hdc, 11 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 10 times**	**(11 hdc, 10 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**	**(10 hdc, 9 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**	**(9 hdc, 8 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 7 times**	**(8 hdc, 7 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 6 times**	**(7 hdc, 6 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 5 times**	**(6 hdc, 5 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**	**(5 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 3 times**	**(4 hdc, 3 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 2 times**	**(3 hdc, 2 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp	**(2 hdc, 1 ch-1 sp)**

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☐ **Row 30**	Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp	**(1 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). The beginning chain is the edge of the brow; row 30, with its one stitch, is the point.	

Poll band

Yarn A, classic navy.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 48, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(47 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(47 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 7: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

First side of the trim

Yarn C, cloud blue.

☐ **Foundation**	The trim is one row along the two slanting sides of the face piece, worked into the ends of its rows; in its lines a st is the end of a row. Where the end of a row is the chain it began with, work under the whole chain; where it is a stitch, work round the post of that stitch. With the right side of the face piece facing you (row 1 toward you) and its brow edge at your right, the first slanting side lies at the top. Along it, from right to left, the 30 stitches marked 1 to 30 are the ends of rows 1 to 29 and, last, the one stitch of row 30, at the point. Join yarn C with a slip stitch in the end of row 1; the first single crochet goes into that same place.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in first st, **[**sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st**] 7 times**, 7 dc in next st	**(8 sc, 42 dc)**
☐ **End**	The 7 dc stand together in the stitch of row 30. Do not fasten off.	

Second side of the trim

Yarn C, cloud blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on with the same yarn and the same row, the right side still facing you. Turn the face piece so that its second slanting side lies at the top. Along it, from right to left, the 29 stitches marked 1 to 29 are the ends of rows 29 to 1, from the point back to the brow edge.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in first st, **[**sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st**] 7 times**	**(8 sc, 35 dc)**
☐ **End**	The last sc goes into the end of row 1. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Pull the ring at the start of the bonnet closed once more and weave its tail through the stitches of round 1 on the inside.

2. Where the parts meet. The brow edge has 57 chains that hold a stitch of row 1. Lay the face piece with its right side (row 1 toward you) up and the brow edge at the top, and count these chains from the right: 5 for the cheek, 18 for the first ear, 11 for the gap between the ears, 18 for the second ear and 5 for the other cheek. Mark the first and the last of each 18. The poll band has 47 chains that hold a stitch: 18 for one ear, 11 for the gap, 18 for the other ear.

3. Poll band: lay it with its right side (row 1 toward you) up and its beginning chain along the brow edge, so that chain 19

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to chain 29 of the band meet the 11 chains of the gap. Whip stitch these 11 chains together, one to one, with a strand of yarn A 20 in (51 cm) long. On each side of this seam an opening for an ear stays, with 18 chains of the brow edge in front and 18 chains of the band behind.

4. Ends of the poll band: the short ends of the band are not sewn along. At each end of the band bring only its last chain to the outer one of the 18 chains marked for the ear on the brow edge, and sew these two chains together with three stitches, so that each opening is closed to a ring of 36 chains.

5. Ears: the rings of both ears and of both linings are pulled closed and their tails woven in before this step, since the two layers then close over them. Turn each lining inside out and slip it into an ear, so that the wrong sides of the two layers lie together, tip in tip. The lining is 2 rounds shorter than the ear: pull its edge down to the edge of the ear, so that the ear does not bulge, and baste the two edges together with the tail of the lining, stitch to stitch (36). Set an ear into each opening with its right side outward: pin the stitch where its last round begins to the inner end of the opening, next to the gap, and the stitch opposite it to the outer end. With the long tail of the ear whip stitch it in all round on the wrong side, through both layers, one stitch of the ear to one chain: 18 to the brow edge and 18 to the poll band.

6. Cord: cut 3 strands of yarn B 120 in (305 cm) long and knot them together at both ends. Fix one end, twist the other to the right until the strands kink when they are let go, bring the two ends together and let the cord wind round itself. Knot its ends. With a strand of yarn B 85 in (216 cm) long sew it on the right side all the way round the face piece, without pulling it tight. Begin at one brow corner and go down one slanting side along the line where the trim meets the mesh, with one small stitch over the cord at the end of each row; round the point; up the other slanting side in the same way to the other brow corner; and back to the first corner along the middle of row 1, below the ears, with one small stitch over the cord at every second stitch of row 1. Where the two ends meet, knot the long end, cut off what is left over and sew both ends down on the wrong side.

7. Ties (make 2, one at each brow corner): cut 4 strands of yarn B 30 in (76 cm) long. With the hook pull them halfway through the corner of the brow edge, so that 8 ends hang level, twist them as two groups of 4 to the right, let the two groups wind round each other to the left, and knot and trim the tie at about 9 in (23 cm).

Finishing

- Weave in every end on the inside of the bonnet.

In all: 6 pieces; 3,586 stitches (704 in the bonnet, 704 in the second ear, 632 in each ear lining, 492 in the face piece, 329 in the poll band, 50 in the first side of the trim, 43 in the second side of the trim).

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