Horse scarf

Child · US terms



Finished size

About 53½ in (136 cm) long from the rump to the muzzle, without the tail, and 5 1/8 in (13 cm) wide; head about 10½ in (27 cm) long and 6¾ in (17 cm) wide, without the ears; tail about 11 in (28 cm) long

Skill

Intermediate

A head shaped at both edges, and many small pieces to sew

Yarn

Medium (4), 6 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: chestnut brown, main	**about 210 yd (192 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: dark chocolate, the nostril and the eye	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, stripe	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: teal, stripe	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: gold, scarf, rows 59 to 60, scarf, rows 75 to 76 and the ring	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: fawn, head, rows 1 to 11	**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
Child (this file)	**53½ in (136 cm) long, 5 1/8 in (13 cm) wide**	**about 400 yd (366 m)**
Teen	65½ in (166 cm) long, 5¾ in (15 cm) wide	about 485 yd (443 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)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 together: [insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop] 2 times, yo, pull through all 3 loops (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 together)
Rnd	round
RS	right side
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 row 17 is done: the 18 stitches of a row in Child are about 5 1/8 in (13 cm) wide, the 20 in Teen about 5¾ in (15 cm), and rows 6 to 17, which are 12 rows, are about 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 rump to the neck, and the head from the muzzle to the top.
- 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.
- Backstitch: come up one stitch length ahead on the line, go down again where the last sewing stitch ended, and go on so.
- 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.
- To change yarn at the start of a row of the scarf or of the head, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Nothing is carried up the side: each yarn is cut at the end of its stripe, A before the blanket and F after the muzzle too. Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both yarns at every change. Work over the ends in the rows that follow, or weave them in.
- In an ear, the joining sl st of round 1 is made with A. Cut C, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both yarns.

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- The mane and the tail can catch. The scarf is for a child who can put it on and take it off without help. The eyes are yarn, and nothing hard is sewn on.
- The blaze and an ear begin 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.

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 and sc2tog is double crochet 2 together.

Scarf

Yarns in order of use: A, chestnut brown; D, teal; C, cream; E, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 7.	

The rump

☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(6 hdc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 3 hdc in first st, hdc in next 4 sts, 3 hdc in last st	**(10 hdc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 3 hdc in first st, hdc in next 8 sts, 3 hdc in last st	**(14 hdc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 12 sts, 2 hdc in last st	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 14 sts, 2 hdc in last st	**(18 hdc)**

The back

☐ **Rows 6 to 50**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(18 hdc)**

A box for each row, 6 to 50: tick them off as you go.

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

The blanket

☐ **Row 51**	With D, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(18 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 52 to 56**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(18 hdc)**

A box for each row, 52 to 56: tick them off as you go.

☐ 52 ☐ 53 ☐ 54 ☐ 55 ☐ 56

☐ **Row 57**	With C, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(18 hdc)**
☐ **Row 58**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(18 hdc)**
☐ **Row 59**	With E, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(18 hdc)**
☐ **Row 60**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(18 hdc)**
☐ **Row 61**	With C, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(18 hdc)**
☐ **Row 62**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(18 hdc)**
☐ **Row 63**	With D, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(18 hdc)**

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☐ **Rows 64 to 72**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(18 hdc)**

A box for each row, 64 to 72: tick them off as you go.

64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72

☐ **Row 73**	With C, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(18 hdc)**
☐ **Row 74**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(18 hdc)**
☐ **Row 75**	With E, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(18 hdc)**
☐ **Row 76**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(18 hdc)**
☐ **Row 77**	With C, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(18 hdc)**
☐ **Row 78**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(18 hdc)**
☐ **Row 79**	With D, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(18 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 80 to 84**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(18 hdc)**

A box for each row, 80 to 84: tick them off as you go.

80 81 82 83 84

The neck

☐ **Row 85**	With A, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(18 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 86 to 138**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(18 hdc)**

A box for each row, 86 to 138: tick them off as you go.

86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114
115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130 131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Head

Yarns in order of use: F, fawn; A, chestnut brown.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, ch 9.	

The muzzle

☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 3 sc in first st, sc in next 6 sts, 3 sc in last st	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rows 5 to 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(16 sc)**

A box for each row, 5 to 11: tick them off as you go.

5 6 7 8 9 10 11

The nose and the cheeks

☐ **Row 12**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog	**(12 sc, 2 sc2tog)**

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☐ **Rows 13 to 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(14 sc)**

A box for each row, 13 to 14: tick them off as you go.

13 14

☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rows 16 to 17**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(16 sc)**

A box for each row, 16 to 17: tick them off as you go.

16 17

☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rows 19 to 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**

A box for each row, 19 to 20: tick them off as you go.

19 20

☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rows 22 to 23**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(20 sc)**

A box for each row, 22 to 23: tick them off as you go.

22 23

☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rows 25 to 26**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(22 sc)**

A box for each row, 25 to 26: tick them off as you go.

25 26

☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 20 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rows 28 to 38**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(24 sc)**

A box for each row, 28 to 38: tick them off as you go.

28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38

The top of the head

☐ **Row 39**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 20 sts, sc2tog	**(20 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 40**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Row 41**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 18 sts, sc2tog	**(18 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 42**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 16 sts, sc2tog	**(16 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Blaze

Yarn C, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 18.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 5 chs, hdc in next 10 chs, 3 hdc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, 3 hdc in next ch, hdc in next 10 chs, sc in next 6 chs; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc, 26 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 42 in (107 cm) to sew with.	

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Nostril: make 2

Yarn B, dark chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 16 in (41 cm) to sew with.	

Noseband

Yarn D, teal.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 15.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(14 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 38 in (97 cm) to sew with.	

Cheek strap: make 2

Yarn D, teal.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 21.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(20 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 48 in (122 cm) to sew with.	

Browband

Yarn D, teal.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 25.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(24 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 54 in (137 cm) to sew with.	

Ring: make 4

Yarn E, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 16 in (41 cm) to sew with.	

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Eye: make 2

Yarn B, dark chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, 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.	

Ear: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, cream; A, chestnut brown.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, 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 hdc in first st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in last st; join with sl st in first hdc	**(16 sc, 4 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 18 in (46 cm) to sew with.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends but the tails of the pieces that are sewn on. Lay the head right side up with its foundation chain, the end of the muzzle, toward you. Its rows are counted from this chain. Every row has an even number of stitches: the middle line of the head runs between the two middle stitches, from the chain to the last row. "The line between rows 28 and 29" is where these two rows meet. Left and right are as you look at it.

2. Nostrils: the middle of each is on row 7, between the 4th and the 5th stitch from the middle line, one at the left and one at the right. With its tail sew each one down all round: 6 stitches.

3. Mouth: cut a length of B about 20 in (51 cm) and work a line of 8 backstitches on the muzzle. Six of them, each as long as a stitch is wide, lie on the line between rows 2 and 3, 3 at each side of the middle line. At each end of these one more runs outward over one stitch and upward over row 3: the line ends 4 stitches from the middle line, on the line between rows 3 and 4.

4. Blaze: it lies on the middle line, its broad end toward the top of the head. The middle of the broad end (the last ch of the chain lies there) is on row 34, and the narrow end, where the round is joined, reaches row 15. With its tail sew it down all round: 38 stitches.

5. Noseband: it lies across the head over rows 12 and 13, its short ends at the two side edges. With its tail sew it down all round: 14 stitches along each long edge and 2 at each short edge, 32 in all.

6. Cheek straps: one runs up each side of the head. Its lower short end lies against the upper edge of the noseband, and its outer long edge follows the line between the 1st and the 2nd stitch from the side edge, so that 1 stitch of the head shows beside it all the way. Its upper short end reaches the line between rows 35 and 36: ease it a little, so that it does. With its tail sew each one down all round: 20 stitches along each long edge and 2 at each short edge, 44 in all.

7. Browband: it lies across the head over rows 36 and 37, against the upper ends of the cheek straps, its short ends at the two side edges. With its tail sew it down all round: 24 stitches along each long edge and 2 at each short edge, 52 in all.

8. Rings: lay one over each of the four places where a cheek strap meets the noseband or the browband, its middle on the line where they meet, halfway across the strap. With its tail sew each one down all round: 6 stitches.

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9. Eyes: the middle of each eye is on the line between rows 28 and 29, 6 stitches from the middle line, one at the left and one at the right. With its tail sew each one down all round: 12 stitches. On each eye work one level straight stitch of C, as long as a stitch is wide, on round 2, above the ring and toward the blaze, and go over it once more: cut a length of C about 12 in (30 cm) for each.

10. Ears: the point of an ear is where its rounds are joined, and its other end is its round end. Slide the round end of an ear, right side up, under the head at the upper left corner. The middle of the round end lies under the line between rows 37 and 38, 8 stitches from the middle line, and the middle line of the ear comes out at the corner of the last row, 9 stitches from the middle line of the head: about 1¼ in (3 cm) of the ear, along its middle line, is under the head, and its point looks up and a little outward. Pin it. Turn the head over, run the tail of the ear through its back to the round end, and with it sew the part that lies on the head to the back of the head, 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 upper right corner as its mirror.

11. Head: lay the scarf right side up with its last row toward you. Lay the head on it right side up, its muzzle toward you, its middle line on the middle of the scarf, between stitches 9 and 10, and its last row on the line between rows 129 and 130 of the scarf. The last row of the scarf then lies behind the head, under the line between rows 30 and 31 of the head. Pin the head down. Turn the work over. Cut a length of A about 54 in (137 cm) long and sew the scarf to the back of the head: 18 stitches across the scarf along the line between rows 132 and 133, 6 stitches in the ends of rows 133 to 138 at one side, 18 along the last row and 6 in the ends of rows 138 to 133 at the other side, 48 stitches in all. All these stitches lie where the head is wider than the scarf. Take up only the back of the head, or, where the back of an ear lies between, only the back of the ear, so that nothing shows on the right side. The edge of the head stays free.

12. Mane: cut 129 lengths of B, each about 9 in (23 cm) long. Turn the scarf right side up with the head toward you. The mane stands along the middle of the neck: one knot in each of rows 86 to 128, 43 knots, each round the stitch just to the left of the middle, the 9th from the left edge. For a knot push the hook from the right to the left under the whole stitch, between it and its neighbors, so that the stitch lies on the hook. Fold three lengths in half together, pull the fold to the right under the stitch, pull the ends through the fold and draw it tight. Lay all the ends to the right and toward the head. Trim them to about 3½ in (9 cm) at the head, and shorter and shorter, to about 2½ in (6.5 cm), in the 10 rows nearest the blanket.

13. Forelock: cut 24 lengths of B, each about 8 in (20 cm) long. Make one knot of three lengths in each of the 8 stitches in the middle of the last row of the head, 4 at each side of the middle line: fold the lengths in half together, pull the fold with the hook through the stitch from the wrong side to the right side, pull the ends through the fold and draw it tight. Lay the ends down over the browband and trim them to about 2½ in (6.5 cm) at the middle, and shorter toward both sides, to about 1½ in (4 cm).

14. Tail: cut 36 lengths of B, each about 24 in (61 cm) long. Make six knots of six lengths each, as for the forelock, one in each of the 6 chains of the foundation of the scarf that hold the stitches of row 1. Trim the ends to about 11 in (28 cm).

Finishing

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

In all: 17 pieces; 3,598 stitches.

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