Jersey calf

US terms



Finished size
About 7 in (18 cm) long, 4½ in (11.5 cm) across the ears and 6¾ in (17 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
Twelve pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 6 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: fawn tan, the main color	**about 155 yd (142 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, head	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: dark brown, leg, tail and the details	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: red, collar	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: gold, bell and the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: taupe pink, head	**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.

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: how is under “Before you start” (UK dc2tog, double cro
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
BLO	back loop only

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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 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.
- 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.
- Head: the center line runs between stitches 18 and 19 of round 12 (36 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 21 and 22 of round 7 (42 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.
- Neck: the center line runs between stitches 14 and 15 of round 10 (28 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- 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.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in C (dark brown).
- 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): about 5¼ in (13.5 cm) long, 3 3/8 in (8.6 cm) across the ears and 5 in (12.5 cm) tall; eyes 7 mm; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.
- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 10 in (25.5 cm) long, 6½ in (16.5 cm) across the ears and 9¾ in (25 cm) tall; 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): about 12¾ in (32.5 cm) long, 8¼ in (21 cm) across the ears and 12¼ in (31 cm) tall; eyes 18 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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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

Yarn A, fawn tan.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(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)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 20**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 20: tick them off as you go.

☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20

☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**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.	

Leg: make 4

Yarns in order of use: C, dark brown; A, fawn tan.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(14 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With A, sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Neck

Yarn A, fawn tan.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(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 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 7**	Sc in each st around	**(22 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 7: tick them off as you go.

☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7

☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts**] 2 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Collar

Yarn D, red.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 3 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(3 sc)**

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☐ **Rows 2 to 28**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 28: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Bell

Yarn E, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 4**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 4: tick them off as you go.

3 4

Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**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.	

Head

Yarns in order of use: F, taupe pink; B, cream; A, fawn tan.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(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**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	With B, **[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With A, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in next 4 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	**(31 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 13 to 14**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

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

13 14

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☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Fix the eyes now (see Finishing). Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**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, fawn tan.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(11 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 5½ stitches. The odd stitch lies at one fold.	

Tail

Yarns in order of use: C, dark brown; A, fawn tan.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With A, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts	**(5 sc)**

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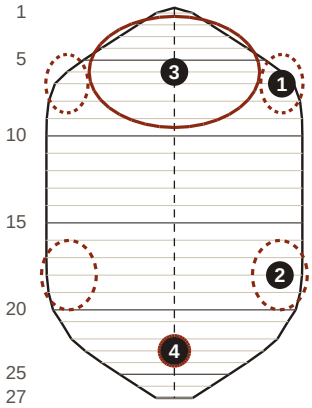
☐ **Rnds 8 to 16** Sc in each st around **(5 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 16: tick them off as you go.

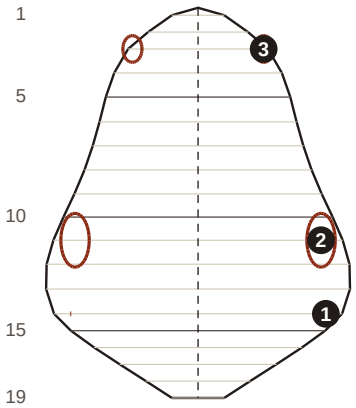
8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.

Assembly



Body: 1 legs, 2 legs, 3 neck, 4 tail



Head: 1 ears, 2 eyes, 3 nostrils

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 two legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 7, one to each side, 13½ stitches from the center line (15 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (16 sts) covers about rounds 5 to 9 of the body. They point down and out to the side. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft. Pin the legs of step 2 too before you sew any of the four, and move the pins a little until the toy stands level on all four feet.

2. Pin two legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 18, one to each side, 14½ stitches from the center line (13 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (16 sts) covers about rounds 16 to 20 of the body. They point down. 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 neck to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 6, on the center line. The edge (28 sts) covers about rounds 2 to 10 of the body. It points up and forward. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

4. Lay the collar round the neck over rounds 6 to 8, the side that faced you in row 1 outward. Bring its last row to its foundation chain at the back of the neck, on the line opposite the center line, and sew the two together, stitch to chain, with the tail. If it does not meet or hangs loose, work or take out a row first. Catch the middle of the collar to the neck with a stitch at each side.

5. Set the bell against the front of the collar, on the center line of the neck, its round 1 at the top and level with the middle of the width of the collar, so that the bell hangs below it. With a new length of E (gold), sew the back of the bell to the collar and to the neck below it, in a circle about ½ in (13 mm) across.

6. Set the head on the top of the neck, its center line on top and round 1 (the nose) to the front: round 13 of the head, on the line opposite the center line, lies over the middle of round 1 of the neck. Let the nose slant down about 25 degrees from level and turn it about 25 degrees to the right. Press the head down on the neck until round 5 of the neck (22 sts) touches it all the way round. On the head this circle reaches from about round 9 to about round 17 on the line opposite the center line, and about 4 stitches to each side of that line. With a new length of A (fawn tan), sew round the circle twice, through the stitches of round 5 of the neck and the head.

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7. Pin the two ears to the head: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 14, one to each side, 9 stitches from the center line (18 stitches apart). The flat edge lies with its upper end on about round 13, 6½ stitches from the center line, and its lower end on about round 15, 10 stitches from it. They point out to the side. Sew through both layers of the 5½-stitch edge with the tail.

8. Pin the tail to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 23, on the center line. The edge has 5 sts. It points back, turns to the right by about round 8 of the tail and down by the tip. Bend it as you pin it, and hold each bend with a stitch or two on the side it turns toward. Sew all the way round with its tail of yarn.

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 inside the toy. Knot in the lengths of yarn at the same time. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled.
- Slot of the bell: with C (dark brown), two long straight stitches side by side on the bell, straight down the side that faces forward, from round 2 to round 4.
- Forelock: cut 48 lengths of C (dark brown), each 4¼ in (11 cm) long. At each place, use the needle to draw three lengths under the stitch, from side to side, until 2¼ in (5.7 cm) of each hangs out on one side. Tie the two sides together in a firm knot close to the fabric, pull the ends of the other side inside the toy and trim the ends left outside to 7/8 in (2.2 cm). They fall forward over the forehead. Where a piece covers a place, use the nearest free stitch. The places on the head, counting stitches from the center line (stitch 1 is the one beside it), the same on each side: round 13: stitches 1, 2 and 3; round 14: stitches 1, 2 and 3; round 15: stitches 1 and 2.
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 11, one to each side, 5½ stitches from the center line (11 stitches apart).
- Nostrils: with C (dark brown), two straight stitches side by side, about 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, each pair on the head on round 3, one to each side, 3½ stitches from the center line (7 stitches apart).
- 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: 12 pieces; 2,762 stitches (876 in the body, 206 in each leg, 202 in the neck, 84 in the collar, 48 in the bell, 441 in the head, 95 in each ear, 97 in the tail).

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