Long crocodile

US terms



Finished size
About 12 in (30.5 cm) long, nose to tail along the back, 6 in (15 cm) across the feet and 2¾ in (7 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
Eleven pieces worked in rounds and rows 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: moss, body, leg, eye bump and the details	**about 175 yd (160 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: sand, belly patch and the details	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: dark moss, back ridge, tail ridge and the details	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: white, the details	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: dark brown, 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, 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.

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
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

Special stitches

bobble: [yarn over, insert hook in the stitch, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops] 4 times in the same stitch, yarn over, pull through all 5 loops (United Kingdom: a bobble of 4 trebles). Push it out to the right side. It leaves 1 st for the next row or round.

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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.
- Sides: a piece in rows is put on with the side that faced you in row 1 (marked RS) outward, unless the words say something else.
- Stuff the long body as you go: the snout and the head firmly when round 22 is done, and the rest up to the hook when round 46 is done.
- 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.
- 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 21 and 22 of round 26 (42 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.
- 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 E (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 9 in (23 cm) long, nose to tail along the back, 4½ in (11.5 cm) across the feet and 2 in (5.1 cm) tall; eyes 6 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 17¼ in (44 cm) long, nose to tail along the back, 8½ in (21.5 cm) across the feet and 4 in (10 cm) tall; eyes 11 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 21¾ in (55 cm) long, nose to tail along the back, 11 in (28 cm) across the feet and 5 in (12.5 cm) tall; eyes 15 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 and hdc is half treble.

Body

Yarn A, moss.

☐ **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, sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 12**	Sc in each st around	**(20 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 12: tick them off as you go.

☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12

☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 17 to 19**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**

A box for each round, 17 to 19: tick them off as you go.

☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19

☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts**] 2 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in each st around	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 3 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(39 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 3 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 27 to 38**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**

A box for each round, 27 to 38: tick them off as you go.

☐ 27 ☐ 28 ☐ 29 ☐ 30 ☐ 31 ☐ 32 ☐ 33 ☐ 34 ☐ 35 ☐ 36 ☐ 37 ☐ 38

☐ **Rnd 39**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 19 sts**] 2 times**	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 40**	**[**sc in next 18 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(38 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 41**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 42**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 16 sts**] 2 times**	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 43**	**[**sc in next 15 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(32 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 44**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 45**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts**] 2 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 46**	**[**sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 47**	Sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 48**	Sc2tog, sc in next 23 sts	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 49**	Sc in next 22 sts, sc2tog	**(23 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 50**	Sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 51**	Sc2tog, sc in next 20 sts	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 52**	Sc in next 19 sts, sc2tog	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 53**	Sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts	**(19 sc)**

Stuff firmly what is still empty, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 54**	Sc2tog, sc in next 17 sts	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 55**	Sc in next 16 sts, sc2tog	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 56**	Sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 57**	Sc2tog, sc in next 14 sts	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 58**	Sc in next 13 sts, sc2tog	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 59**	Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 60**	Sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 61**	Sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 62**	Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 63**	Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 64**	Sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 65**	Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 66**	Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts	**(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. Press the stuffed body flatter from top to underside, so that it lies on the table without rolling: the snout (rounds 5 to 12) about 1½ in (38 mm) wide and 1 in (25 mm) tall, the body at its widest (rounds 26 to 38) about 3 in (7.5 cm) wide and 2¼ in (5.5 cm) tall. Leave the tail round.	

Belly patch

Yarn B, sand.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 4 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(7 sc)**

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☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rows 5 to 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(8 sc)**

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

5 6 7 8 9 10 11

☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rows 16 to 18**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(12 sc)**

A box for each row, 16 to 18: tick them off as you go.

16 17 18

☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rows 26 to 34**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(16 sc)**

A box for each row, 26 to 34: tick them off as you go.

26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34

☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Row 37**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 38**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 39**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 40**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 41**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	**(3 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 50 in (127 cm) tail for sewing. Row 1 is the front end, toward the nose; the last row is the back end.	

Leg: make 4

Yarn A, moss.

☐ **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, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 10**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 10: tick them off as you go.

☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10

☐ **Rnd 11**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**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. Round 1 is the toe end of the foot; the open edge, after round 13, is the end that is sewn to the body. Press the foot (rounds 1 to 5) flatter from top to underside, about 1 1/8 in (28 mm) wide and 5/8 in (16 mm) tall.	

Back ridge: make 2

Yarn C, dark moss.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 21 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 22.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc in next st, hdc in next st, bobble in next st, hdc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next st	**(21 sts)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the ends. Row 2 is worked with the wrong side facing you; push the bobbles out to the right side. The tall stitches make five bumps along the upper edge. The foundation chain is the lower edge.	

Tail ridge

Yarn C, dark moss.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 13 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 14.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc in next st, hdc in next st, bobble in next st, hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next st	**(13 sts)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the ends. Push the bobbles out to the right side. The three bumps are along the upper edge, and the foundation chain is the lower edge.	

Eye bump: make 2

Yarn A, moss.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each of next 4 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	**(11 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(13 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Fix the eye now, before you stuff the piece (see Finishing). Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Assembly

1. Lay the belly patch on the underside of the body, right side out, row 1 toward the nose, the middle of every row on the line opposite the center line. Each row lies over one round of the body: row 1 over round 2, row 2 over round 3, and so on, to row 41 over round 42. Each stitch of the patch covers one stitch of the body, so half of every row lies to each side of the line: on round 10, for example, the 8 stitches of row 9 reach 4 stitches to each side. Pin the side edges in a smooth curve and sew the patch down all the way round with its tail.

2. Pin two legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 25, one to each side, 11½ stitches from the center line (16 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (16 sts) covers about rounds 23 to 27 of the body. They point out to the side, then curve until the tip of each points forward. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a few running stitches along its inner side, drawn up as far as they will go. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft. The foot (rounds 1 to 5 of the leg) lies flat on the table and points forward.

3. Pin two legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 40, one to each side, 11½ stitches from the center line (15 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (16 sts) covers about rounds 38 to 42 of the body. They point out to the side, then curve until the tip of each points forward. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a few running stitches along its inner side, drawn up as far as they will go. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft. The foot (rounds 1 to 5 of the leg) lies flat on the table and points forward.

4. Sew the two back ridges to the body, one to each side of the center line, standing up along the body, the right side outward, away from the center line. With pins, mark a line on each side from round 23, 2 stitches from the center line, to round 28, 3 stitches from it, then straight back to round 38, 3 stitches from it, and in to round 46, ½ stitch from it. Set the foundation chain of the ridge along the line, one end of it at round 23 and the other at round 46; the 21 stitches cover about 23 rounds. With a new length of C (dark moss), sew the foundation chain down, taking one stitch at every chain, first on one side of the ridge and then back along the other, so that it stands.

5. Sew one tail ridge along the center line in the same way, standing up, either end in front: its foundation chain runs from round 47 to about round 61 of the body.

6. Pin the two eye bumps to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 17, one to each side, 3½ stitches from the center line (7 stitches apart). Turn each so that its eye looks half way between straight ahead and straight out to the side. The edge (13 sts) covers about rounds 15 to 19 of the body. They point up. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

7. Bend the tail to the left in a wide curve, from about round 48, until the tip points to the left. Hold the curve: with a length of A (moss), work running stitches along the left side of the tail, from round 48 to round 62, draw them up until the tail keeps the curve, and fasten off.

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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.
- Belly edge: with B (sand), in backstitch, one line on the body all the way round the belly patch, close against its edge, so that the edge looks smooth. Work it as soon as the patch is sewn down, before the legs are put on.
- Toes: with B (sand), three straight stitches on the front of each foot, spread like a fan, each from round 1, at the toe end, to round 3: one along the middle of the top of the foot and one on each side of it, 2½ stitches away on round 3.
- Eyes: one 8 mm black plastic eye on each eye bump, on round 3, on the side that faces forward. When the bump is sewn on, this side of it is turned half way out to the side.
- Mouth: with E (dark brown), in backstitch, one line on each side of the snout, on the body about ¾ stitch above the edge of the belly patch. It begins on round 3, runs along the edge to round 18 and turns up at its end to round 19, 2 stitches above the edge.
- Teeth: with D (white), in satin stitch, seven triangles with their points down on each side of the snout, each about ¼ in (6 mm) wide at the top and as tall as it is wide. The wide edge of each lies just under the mouth line and its point comes down over the edge of the belly patch. The middles lie between rounds 4 and 5, 6 and 7, 8 and 9, 10 and 11, 12 and 13, 14 and 15, and 16 and 17 of the body.
- Nostrils: with E (dark brown), two straight stitches side by side, about 1/8 in (3 mm) tall, each pair on the body on round 3, one to each side, 1½ stitches from the center line (3 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: 11 pieces; 3,037 stitches (1,719 in the body, 458 in the belly patch, 166 in each leg, 42 in each back ridge, 26 in the tail ridge, 43 in each eye bump).

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