Mouse face applique

US terms



Finished size
About 4 in (10 cm) wide and about 3¼ in (8 cm) tall

Skill
Beginner
Worked in rounds, with 3 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: soft gray, the head and round 2 of the ears	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pink, round 1 of the ears, and the nose	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: black, the eyes and the whiskers	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Yarns A and B: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn C: 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.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the head measures about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

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Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in; after a new color is joined, it is the stitch the color was joined in.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in, or the new color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- French knot (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back, wrap the yarn twice round the needle close to the surface, hold the wraps and put the needle down beside the place where it came up. For a large knot use the yarn double and wrap it three times.
- Straight stitch (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back at one end of the stitch and put it down at the other end.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 2¾ in (7 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3 in (8 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 5 in (13 cm).

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 sl st is slip stitch and hdc is half treble.

Head

Yarn A, soft gray.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, sl st in first hdc to join	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 35 in (89 cm) tail, for sewing the whole applique to your project.	

Ear: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, pink; A, soft gray.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, sl st in first hdc to join	**(8 hdc)**

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Fasten off B.

☐ **Rnd 2**	Join A with sl st in any st, ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Sew the ears behind the head, right sides up, at the upper left and the upper right, their middles 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) above the middle of the head and 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) apart.
- With C, work a French knot for each eye, ¼ in (0.6 cm) above the middle of the head and 7/8 in (2.2 cm) apart. With B, work a large French knot for the nose, 3/8 in (1 cm) below the middle of the head.
- With C, work two straight stitches for whiskers at each side of the nose, each 5/8 in (1.6 cm) long and beginning 3/8 in (1 cm) from the middle line of the face: the upper one 3/8 in (1 cm) below the middle of the head and slanting up a little toward the ear, the lower one ½ in (1.3 cm) below the middle of the head and slanting down a little.
- To sew the applique to your project, pin it where it is to go and sew round its edge with the long tail, under the outermost strands of the stitches.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 3 pieces; 96 stitches (48 in the head, 24 in each ear); 14 ends to weave in.

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