Mouse with a wedge of cheese

US terms



Finished size

The cheese 6¼ in (16 cm) along each long side, 3 3/8 in (8.6 cm) across the rind and 3 3/8 in (8.6 cm) tall; the mouse 3¼ in (8.3 cm) long without its tail

Skill

Intermediate

19 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.

What you need

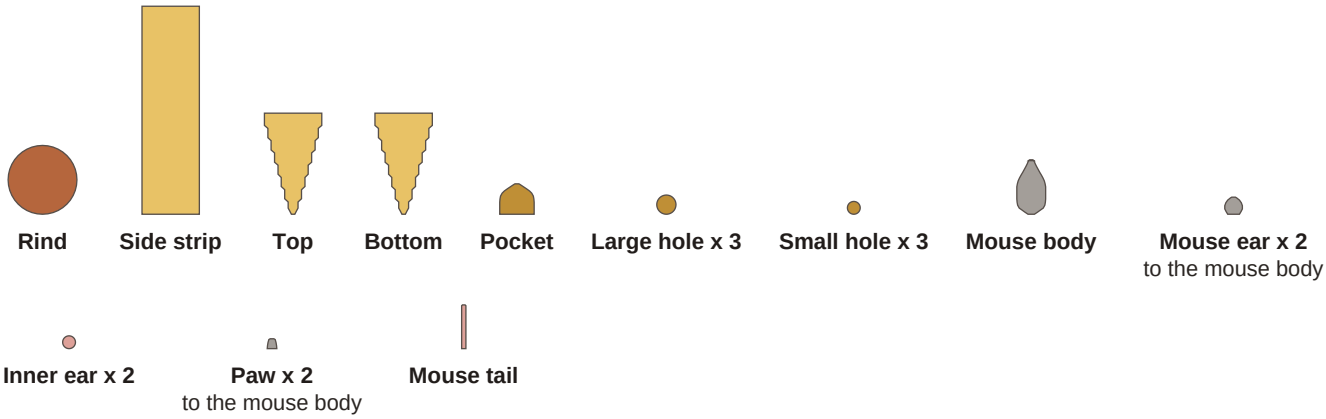
Yarn A: butter yellow, side strip, top, bottom and the details	**about 125 yd (114 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: russet, rind	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: deep gold, pocket, large hole and small hole	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: dove gray, mouse body, mouse ear and paw	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: pink, mouse body, inner ear and mouse tail	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: black, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 130 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

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.

The pieces



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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.

Notes

- 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 D," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in D. 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.
- Mouse body: the center line runs through the middle of stitch 14 of round 9 (27 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the nose.
- 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 F (black).
- 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): the cheese 4¾ in (12 cm) along each long side, 2½ in (6.3 cm) across the rind and 2½ in (6.3 cm) tall; the mouse 2 3/8 in (6 cm) long without its tail; 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): the cheese 9 in (23 cm) along each long side, 4¾ in (12 cm) across the rind and 4¾ in (12 cm) tall; the mouse 4½ in (11.5 cm) long without its tail; 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): the cheese 11½ in (29 cm) along each long side, 6¼ in (16 cm) across the rind and 6¼ in (16 cm) tall; the mouse 5¾ in (14.5 cm) long without its tail; eyes 15 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
3 sc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 3 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 4 times: work what is inside 4 times in all.
(32 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Rind

Yarn B, russet.

A square with a round hole in it. Where a round says 3 sc in one stitch, the middle one of the three is a corner stitch. In the next round the 3 sc in one stitch come in that corner stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 32; being careful not to twist the chain, sl st in the first ch to form a ring. Round 1 begins in that same ch.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in each ch around	(32 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 4 times**	(40 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 4 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 4 times**	(56 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 4 times**	(64 sc)
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off and weave in the ends: the rind is sewn on with new lengths of yarn. Each side of the square has 15 stitches between two corner stitches: 17 with both corner stitches. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Side strip

Yarn A, butter yellow.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 17 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 18.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(17 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 68**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(17 sc)

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 29
30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57
58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68

☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the ends: the strip is sewn on with new lengths of yarn. This strip makes both long sides of the wedge. Mark the fold half way, between rows 34 and 35, with a pin at each edge: there it is folded, and the fold is the point of the wedge.	

Top

Yarn A, butter yellow.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 17 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 18.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(17 sc)

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☐ **Rows 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(17 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts, sc2tog	(15 sc)
☐ **Rows 6 to 8** 6 7 8	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(15 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog	(13 sc)
☐ **Rows 10 to 12** 10 11 12	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(13 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog	(11 sc)
☐ **Rows 14 to 16** 14 15 16	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(11 sc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	(9 sc)
☐ **Rows 18 to 20** 18 19 20	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	(7 sc)
☐ **Rows 22 to 24** 22 23 24	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 26 to 28** 26 27 28	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	(3 sc)
☐ **Rows 30 to 31** 30 31	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, sc2tog	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 33**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog	(1 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 40 in (102 cm) tail for sewing.	

Bottom

Yarn A, butter yellow.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 17 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 18.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(17 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(17 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts, sc2tog	(15 sc)

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☐ **Rows 6 to 8** 6 7 8	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(15 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog	(13 sc)
☐ **Rows 10 to 12** 10 11 12	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(13 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog	(11 sc)
☐ **Rows 14 to 16** 14 15 16	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(11 sc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	(9 sc)
☐ **Rows 18 to 20** 18 19 20	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	(7 sc)
☐ **Rows 22 to 24** 22 23 24	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 26 to 28** 26 27 28	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	(3 sc)
☐ **Rows 30 to 31** 30 31	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, sc2tog	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 33**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog	(1 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 60 in (152 cm) tail for sewing.	

Pocket

Yarn C, deep gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	(32 sc)

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☐ **Rnds 7 to 12**	Sc in each st around	(32 sc)

7 8 9 10 11 12

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 26 in (66 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Turn it inside out, so that the right side is on the inside.	

Large hole: make 3

Yarn C, deep gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Small hole: make 3

Yarn C, deep gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Mouse body

Yarns in order of use: E, pink; D, dove gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	With D, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	(7 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	(13 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 2 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	(19 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	(22 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	(25 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	(27 sc)
☐ **Rnds 10 to 16**	Sc in each st around	(27 sc)

10 11 12 13 14 15 16

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☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**	(24 sc)

Fix the eyes now: two 8 mm black plastic eyes, on the mouse body on round 7, one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart). For a child under three, or a pet, leave them out and embroider them later. Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**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.	

Mouse ear: make 2

Yarn D, dove gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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 each st around	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**, sc2tog, sc in next st	(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.	

Inner ear: make 2

Yarn E, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Paw: make 2

Yarn D, dove gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(9 sc)

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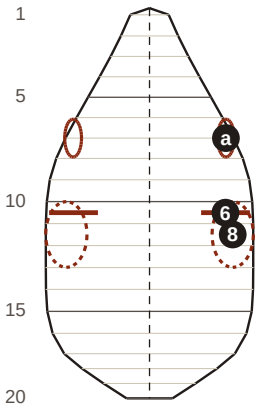
☐ **Rnds 3 to 4** 3 4	Sc in each st around	(9 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Mouse tail

Yarn E, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnds 2 to 15** 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	Sc in each st around	(4 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

Assembly



Mouse body: 6 mouse ears, 8 paws, a eyes

A number is the step below that puts it on; a letter is put on under Finishing. 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. Hold the rind with its right side toward you and put the pocket behind its hole, so that you look into the pocket. Sew the open edge of the pocket (32 sts) to the 32 chains of the hole, stitch to chain, all the way round, with the tail of the pocket.

2. Sew down the three large holes, right side out, each with its tail, all 18 stitches of the edge. Lay the side strip with its right side toward you, row 1 at the left and row 68 at the right, so that its rows stand upright and its width (17 stitches) runs up and down; the long edge at the top is the upper edge of the wedge. One large hole goes on row 8 and one on row 60, the middle of each 3 stitches above the middle of the row. The third goes on the top: lay the top with its right side toward you, row 1 at the bottom and row 33 at the top. The middle of the hole lies on row 8, 2 stitches to the left of the middle of the row.

3. Sew down the three small holes, right side out, each with its tail, all 12 stitches of the edge. Lay the side strip as in step 2: right side toward you, row 1 at the left. One small hole goes on row 20 and one on row 48, the middle of each 3½ stitches below the middle of the row. The third goes on the top. Lay the top as in step 2: right side toward you, row 1 at the bottom. The middle of the hole lies on row 16, 2 stitches to the right of the middle of the row.

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4. The seams of the cheese are whip stitch: hold the two edges side by side, right sides out, and take the needle over both edges and through one stitch, or the end of one row, of each. Stand the rind up with its right side toward you, any side at the bottom. Sew row 68 of the side strip (17 stitches) to the left side of the rind (17 stitches with both corner stitches), stitch to stitch, the upper edge of the strip at the top, with a new length of A (butter yellow), 24 in (61 cm) long. Sew the chain edge of the strip (17 chains) to the right side of the rind (17 stitches) in the same way, with another new length of A. Fold the strip at its two pins. Rind and strip now make a wall with three corners, and the fold is the point behind the rind.

5. Set the bottom on the lower edge of the wall, right side out, its chain edge (17 chains) along the lower side of the rind (17 stitches with both corner stitches), chain to stitch, and its last row (1 stitch) at the fold of the strip. Each long side of the bottom (the ends of its 33 rows) goes along one half of the lower edge of the strip (the ends of 34 rows), eased to fit. With the tail of the bottom, begin at the fold and sew all the way round: one long side, the edge at the rind, the other long side. Set the top on the upper edge of the wall in the same way. With the tail of the top, begin at the fold and sew the one long side, as far as the rind, and let the rest of this tail hang there. With a new length of A (butter yellow), 28 in (71 cm) long, begin at the fold again and sew the other long side, and fasten off. Stuff the wedge through the edge that is still open, a little at a time: first the point, then round the pocket, with two fingers in the pocket so that it stays open. Then sew the 17 chains of the top to the upper side of the rind (17 stitches) with the tail that hangs there.

6. Pin the two mouse ears to the mouse body: the middle of each flat edge lies between rounds 10 and 11, one to each side, 5 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart). The flat edge runs along the round, half of it on each side of that place. They point up and out to the side. Sew through both layers of the 5½-stitch edge with the tail.

7. Sew one inner ear flat to the side of each mouse ear that will face forward, right side out, centered on that side, its middle over round 4 of the mouse ear, all 12 stitches of the edge.

8. Pin the two paws to the mouse body: the middle of each open edge lies between rounds 11 and 12, one to each side, 9½ stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (9 sts) covers about rounds 10 to 13 of the mouse body. They point toward the nose and down. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

9. Sew the open edge of the mouse tail (4 sts) over the closed hole at the end of the mouse body, all the way round, with its tail of yarn. It hangs loose. Put the mouse into the pocket, its closed end and its tail first, so that rounds 1 to 14 look out, and turn its nose a little to one side and a little up.

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. 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.
- Eyes: two 8 mm black plastic eyes, on the mouse body on round 7, one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart).
- Mouth: with F (black), in backstitch, a smile, one curve, on the underside of the snout. Its two ends are on round 3 of the mouse body, one to each side of the line opposite the center line, 1½ stitches from it, so that 3 stitches lie between them along the round. Its middle is on that line on round 4, farther from the nose than the ends.
- 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: 19 pieces; 3,259 stitches.

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