Pig lying in the mud

US terms



Finished size
The pig about 6½ in (16.5 cm) long, 5¼ in (13.5 cm) across the feet and 3¼ in (8.3 cm) tall; the puddle about 7½ in (19 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
16 pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 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: rosy pink, the main color	**about 160 yd (146 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: deep pink, snout and tail	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: chocolate, several of the pieces	**about 125 yd (114 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, 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 and scissors.

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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
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 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.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 27 and 28 of round 10 (54 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.
- Head: the center line runs between stitches 24 and 25 of round 10 (48 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.
- 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.
- No plastic eyes are used: every detail is worked in yarn.
- 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 pig about 4¾ in (12 cm) long, 3¾ in (9.5 cm) across the feet and 2 3/8 in (6 cm) tall; the puddle about 5½ in (14 cm) across; 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 pig about 9¼ in (23.5 cm) long, 7¼ in (18.5 cm) across the feet and 4¾ in (12 cm) tall; the puddle about 10¾ in (27.5 cm) across; 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 pig about 12 in (30.5 cm) long, 9½ in (24 cm) across the feet and 6 in (15 cm) tall; the puddle about 13¾ in (35 cm) across; 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, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Body

Yarn A, rosy pink.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 11 to 17**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 17: tick them off as you go.

☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17

☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

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

☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**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. Press the stuffed body flatter on the underside, so that it lies on the table without rolling.	

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Head

Yarn A, rosy pink.

☐ **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**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 11 to 15**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 15: tick them off as you go.

☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15

☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

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

☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**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.	

Snout

Yarn B, deep pink.

☐ **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)**

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☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(21 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge. Shape the stuffed piece with your fingers into an oval, about 1½ in (3.8 cm) wide and 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) tall.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, rosy pink.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	**(20 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 10 stitches.	

Leg: make 4

Yarns in order of use: C, chocolate; A, rosy pink.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	With A, sc in each st around	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(15 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts	**(16 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Tail

Yarn B, deep pink.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 14**	Sc in each st around	**(4 sc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 14: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14

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

Mud puddle

Yarn C, chocolate.

A flat round piece, worked in a spiral from the middle. If it ruffles, work a little tighter or use a smaller hook; if it cups, a larger one.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 6 times**	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	**(90 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts**] 6 times**	**(96 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(102 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**	**(108 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts**] 6 times**	**(114 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in each of next 4 sts, dc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(132 sts)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end, drawing it through the first stitch of the last round so that the edge runs on without a step. Press it flat with the right side up and pull it by hand into the shape of a puddle, not quite round.	

Large mud spot: make 2

Yarn C, chocolate.

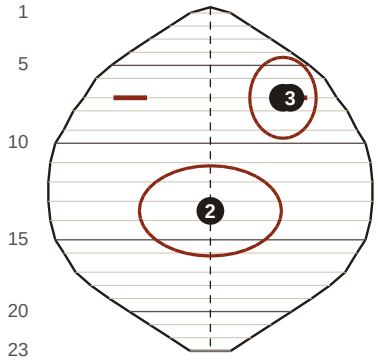
☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Small mud spot: make 3

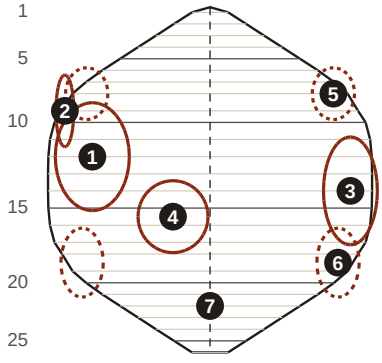
Yarn C, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(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.	

Assembly



Head: 1 small mud spot, 2 snout, 3 ears



Body: 1 large mud spot, 2 small mud spot, 3 large mud spot, 4 small mud spot, 5 legs, 6 legs, 7 tail

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.

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1. Lay the body on the table, its center line on top, and set the head in front of it, round 1 of the head at the top, both on the table. Turn the head on the table until its face looks about 30 degrees to the left of straight ahead. Then push it back against the front end of the body: the place on round 13 of the head (48 sts) that is 20 stitches to the left of its center line, which is 4 stitches short of the line opposite the center line, lies over the middle of round 1 of the body. Press the two together until round 5 of the body (30 sts) touches the head all the way round. With a new length of A (rosy pink), sew round that circle twice, through the stitches of round 5 of the body and the head.

2. Lay one small mud spot flat on the head, right side out, the middle of it on round 7, 3½ stitches to the right of the center line. Sew down all 12 stitches of the edge.

3. Pin the snout to the head: the middle of the open edge lies between rounds 13 and 14, on the center line. The edge (21 sts) covers about rounds 11 to 16 of the head. It points straight out from the face. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

4. Pin the two ears to the head: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 7, one to each side, 8 stitches from the center line (16 stitches apart). The flat edge lies with its upper end on about round 2, 1½ stitches from the center line, and its lower end on about round 12, 12½ stitches from it. They point up and out to the side of the head, then curve until the tip of each points out to the side, forward and down. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a stitch or two on its inner side. Sew through both layers of the 10-stitch edge with the tail.

5. Lay one large mud spot flat on the body, right side out, the middle of it on round 12, 7 stitches to the left of the center line. Ease it into an oval about 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) from front to back and 7/8 in (2.2 cm) across as you pin it. Sew down all 18 stitches of the edge.

6. Lay one small mud spot flat on the body, right side out, the middle of it on round 9, 10½ stitches to the left of the center line. Sew down all 12 stitches of the edge.

7. Lay one large mud spot flat on the body, right side out, the middle of it on round 14, 9 stitches to the right of the center line. Ease it into an oval about 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) from front to back and 7/8 in (2.2 cm) across as you pin it. Sew down all 18 stitches of the edge.

8. Lay one small mud spot flat on the body, right side out, the middle of it between rounds 15 and 16, 2 stitches to the left of the center line. Sew down all 12 stitches of the edge.

9. Pin two legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 8, one to each side, 15½ stitches from the center line (17 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (16 sts) covers about rounds 6 to 10 of the body. They point 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.

10. Pin two legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies between rounds 18 and 19, one to each side, 15½ stitches from the center line (17 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (16 sts) covers about rounds 16 to 21 of the body. They point out to the side, then curve until the tip of each points out to the side and back. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a few running stitches along its inner side, drawn up a little. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

11. Pin the tail to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 22, on the center line. The edge has 4 sts. It points back and up, turns to the right by about round 11 of the tail, up by about round 9, to the left by about round 6, down by about round 4 and to the right 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.

12. Lay the mud puddle right side up and set the pig on its middle, so that the mud shows all the way round, a little more of it behind. With a new length of C (chocolate), catch the underside of the body to the puddle in a circle about 1½ in (38 mm) across, and take two stitches through the underside of the head and of each leg.

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Finishing

- 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.
- Mud drops: with C (chocolate), in satin stitch, four ovals on the body, each about 3/16 in (5 mm) wide and ¼ in (6 mm) tall. Their middles: on round 10, 3 stitches to the left of the center line; on round 16, 9½ stitches to the left; on round 12, 2½ stitches to the right; on round 17, 5 stitches to the right.
- Eyes: with D (black), in backstitch, on each side a closed, laughing eye, one curve about 3/8 in (10 mm) wide that rises 3/16 in (5 mm) above its ends, like an upside-down U. The place half way between the two ends of each is on the head on round 11, one to each side, 5½ stitches from the center line (11 stitches apart).
- Nostrils: with D (black), two straight stitches side by side, about 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, each pair on the snout, one to each side, 5/16 in (8 mm) out from its center and level with the middle of the snout.
- 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: 16 pieces; 4,001 stitches.

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