Owl rug

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 27 in (69 cm) wide across the wings and 30¼ in (77 cm) from the tufts to the toes

Skill
Intermediate
Shell stitch with stripes, shaping and pieces to sew on

Yarn
Bulky (5), 6 colors

Hook
9 mm (US M/N-13)

Gauge
8 stitches and 6 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In shell stitch.

You will need

Yarn A: chocolate, main	**about 210 yd (192 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: chestnut, stripe	**about 340 yd (311 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: toffee, stripe	**about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: camel, stripe	**about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: cream, eye, rounds 7 to 9 and the glint	**about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: mustard, eye, rounds 5 to 6, the beak and the foot	**about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Two strands of yarn are held together throughout; the amounts above are for all of them.

Hook: 9 mm (US M/N-13), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure, 6 stitch markers and about 20 long pins and a rug pad or a non-slip mesh, cut about 1 in (2.5 cm) smaller all round than the rug.

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 15 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small	19 in (48 cm) wide, 20¾ in (53 cm)	about 530 yd (485 m)
Standard (this file)	**27 in (69 cm) wide, 30¼ in (77 cm)**	**about 950 yd (869 m)**

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch: insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 together: [insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop] 2 times, yo, pull through all 3 loops (UK dc2tog, dc
sc3tog	single crochet 3 together: [insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop] 3 times, yo, pull through all 4 loops (UK dc3tog, dc
Rnd	round
RS	right side
sk	skip (UK miss)
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

8 stitches and 6 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in shell stitch.

Check it on the body, laid flat, when 6 rows are done: the 43 stitches of a row in Standard are about 21½ in (55 cm) wide, the 31 in Small about 15½ in (39 cm), and the 6 rows are about 4 in (10 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one. The parts in single crochet then come to 8 stitches and 9 rows or rounds to 4 in (10 cm).

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row or a round does not count as a stitch.
- The ch 3 at the start of a row of shells counts as a dc. The 2 dc that follow go into the stitch from which the ch 3 rises, the last stitch of the row before.
- The body is worked from the chest down, so that the shells hang down like feathers. Then the body is turned round and the head is worked up from the other side of its foundation chain.
- Hold two strands of the yarn together throughout, for the sewing too: a tail to sew with is two strands, and where a length of yarn is given, cut two strands of that length. The right side of a piece in rounds is the side that faces you as you work; the right side of a piece in rows is the side that faces you in row 1.
- Where a row begins or ends with sc2tog or with 2 sc in one stitch, the edge slants: that is the shape of the piece.
- An oval begins with a chain that is worked on both of its sides. When the last chain is worked, do not turn: go on round the end and work back along the other side of the chain, the first stitch into the same chain as the last one, and the last stitch into the chain where the round began.
- Where the words in square brackets of an oval are worked 2 times, each time is one half of the oval: from the middle of one short end, along one long side, to the middle of the other short end.
- To sew a piece on top of another: lay it flat with its right side up and hold it with pins or markers. With the yarn on a yarn needle, come up from below through both loops of a stitch of its edge, and go down into the rug just outside that stitch. Work one such sewing stitch for each stitch of the edge, all round or along the part of the edge that is named, without drawing the edge in. A chain at a straight edge counts as a stitch, and so does the end of a row. At the end fasten off on the wrong side.
- Where a tail hangs away from the place where the sewing begins, take it there first: run the needle through the edge stitches on the wrong side, as when an end is woven in. Every tail is long enough for that.
- The places are those of a right-handed maker, whose rounds run counter-clockwise. A left-handed maker counts the same way, along the rounds as they are worked, and the rug comes out mirrored.

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- To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn at the end of its stripe, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- To change yarn between rounds, make the joining sl st with the new yarn: put the hook in the first stitch, take the new yarn over the hook and pull it through. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, when you join a yarn and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- When a ball runs out, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the new yarn, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both. In the rows do it in the last stitch of a row; in the rounds any stitch will do.
- Magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and pull up a loop of the working yarn. Round 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work round 1 into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.
- In joined rounds, the first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- To join a yarn with a sl st, make a slip knot of it on the hook, put the hook in the place named, yo, and pull through the place and the loop on the hook.
- To begin the head, turn the body so that the foundation chain is at the top and the right side faces you. The chain that was skipped at the start of row 1 of the body is not worked into. Work one sc into each of the chains that are left, also into those that were skipped between the shells of row 1.
- In the last rows of the body the first 3 slip stitches bring the yarn to the middle of the first shell; they are not worked into again.
- Cotton is easy to wash, and it lies flat on a floor.

Instructions

Chosen: Standard. 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 row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, dc is treble, sc2tog is double crochet 2 together, sc3tog is double crochet 3 together, sk is miss and yo is yarn round hook.

Body

Yarns in order of use: D, camel; C, toffee; B, chestnut; A, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 44.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, **[**sk next 2 chs, 5 dc in next ch, sk next 2 chs, sc in next ch**] 7 times**	**(8 sc, 35 dc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 6 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	**(36 dc, 7 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch	**(8 sc, 35 dc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 6 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	**(36 dc, 7 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch	**(8 sc, 35 dc)**

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☐ **Row 6**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 6 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	**(36 dc, 7 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch	**(8 sc, 35 dc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 6 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	**(36 dc, 7 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	With D, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch	**(8 sc, 35 dc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 6 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	**(36 dc, 7 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch	**(8 sc, 35 dc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 6 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	**(36 dc, 7 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch	**(8 sc, 35 dc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 6 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	**(36 dc, 7 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch	**(8 sc, 35 dc)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 6 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	**(36 dc, 7 sc)**
☐ **Row 17**	With D, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch	**(8 sc, 35 dc)**
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 6 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	**(36 dc, 7 sc)**
☐ **Row 19**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch	**(8 sc, 35 dc)**

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☐ **Row 20**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 6 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	**(36 dc, 7 sc)**
☐ **Row 21**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch	**(8 sc, 35 dc)**
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; sl st in next 3 sts, sc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 6 times**, leave remaining 3 sts unworked	**(3 sl sts, 7 sc, 30 dc)**
☐ **Row 23**	With A, ch 1, turn; sl st in next 3 sts, sc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 5 times**, leave remaining 6 sts unworked	**(3 sl sts, 6 sc, 25 dc)**
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; sl st in next 3 sts, sc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 4 times**, leave remaining 6 sts unworked	**(3 sl sts, 5 sc, 20 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Head

Yarn B, chestnut.

☐ **Foundation**	Work along the foundation chain of the Body, right side facing: 43 chs.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in first ch, ch 1, sc in each ch across	**(43 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(43 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 9: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9

☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 39 sts, sc2tog	**(39 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(41 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 37 sts, sc2tog	**(37 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(39 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 35 sts, sc2tog	**(35 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(37 sc)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 33 sts, sc2tog	**(33 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(35 sc)**
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 31 sts, sc2tog	**(31 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 29 sts, sc2tog	**(29 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 27 sts, sc2tog	**(27 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 25 sts, sc2tog	**(25 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Wing: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, toffee; B, chestnut; A, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 18.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, working along the other side of the chain, sc in each ch across; join with sl st in first sc	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	With B, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(46 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(52 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	With A, ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(58 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 22 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(64 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 98 in (249 cm) to sew with.	

Eye: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, chocolate; F, mustard; E, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	With F, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With E, ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(54 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 84 in (213 cm) to sew with.	

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Glint: make 2

Yarn E, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 20 in (51 cm) to sew with.	

Beak

Yarn F, mustard.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, ch 2.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook	**(1 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 3 sc in first st	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next st, 2 sc in last st	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 40 in (102 cm) to sew with.	

Foot: make 2

Yarn F, mustard.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(9 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 5: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st**] 3 times**	**(15 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 32 in (81 cm) to sew with.	

Tuft: make 2

Yarn A, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	**(5 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	**(3 sc, 2 sc2tog)**

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☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	**(1 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc3tog	**(1 sc3tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 38 in (97 cm) to sew with.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends but the tails to sew with.

2. Lay the rug right side up, the head at the top. The seam between the head and the body is the chest line. The upright middle line runs from stitch 14 of the last row of the head straight down to the middle of the hem.

3. Eyes: lay the two eyes side by side on the head so that they touch at the upright middle line, their middles 4¼ in (11 cm) above the chest line. Sew each on with its tail: 54 stitches. On each eye lay a glint, its middle 5/8 in (1.5 cm) to the left of the middle of the eye and ¾ in (2 cm) above it, and sew it on with its tail: 6 stitches. Both glints lie on the same side.

4. Beak: the foundation chain of the beak is its point. Lay the beak over the place where the eyes touch, the point down on the upright middle line and 1½ in (4 cm) above the chest line, so that its upper edge stands a little above that place. Sew it on all round with its tail: 7 stitches along the upper edge, one for each of the 7 row ends on each side, and one for the chain at the point, 22 in all.

5. Wings: lay a wing right side up on each side of the body, its long way upright and the join of its rounds at the bottom. The upper end stands ¾ in (2 cm) above the chest line and leans in: the middle of the upper end is 9½ in (24 cm) from the upright middle line, the middle of the lower end 11¼ in (29 cm). About half of the width of the wing lies on the body. Sew it on with its tail along the part of its edge that lies on the body; then turn the rug over and with the same tail sew the edge of the body to the wrong side of the wing, one stitch for each row end: about 32 stitches and 18 stitches. Take up only the back of the wing.

6. Feet: turn the rug over, right side down. The shells of a foot are its toes. Lay a foot behind the hem on each side of the middle, right side down, the toes pointing down, the middle of its foundation edge 3 1/8 in (8 cm) from the upright middle line and ¾ in (2 cm) above the hem. The tail of a foot hangs at its toes: take it up the side edge of the foot to the foundation edge, and sew the foundation edge to the wrong side of the body: 9 stitches. Take up only the back of the body.

7. Tufts: lay a tuft behind each upper corner of the head, right side down. The middle of its foundation edge lies 1½ in (4 cm) below the last row of the head and ¼ in (0.6 cm) nearer to the middle of the head than the corner. The tuft leans outward: its point stands about 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) farther out than the corner and 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) above the last row. The tail of a tuft hangs at its point: take it down one side edge to the place where that edge crosses the edge of the head. From there sew down this side to the foundation edge, along the foundation edge, and up the other side to the edge of the head, to the wrong side of the head: about 15 stitches. Take up only the back of the head.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the ends with the yarn needle, on the wrong side.
- Lay the rug flat, dampen it, pull it into shape and let it dry.
- On a smooth floor lay the rug on a non-slip rug pad, so that it does not slide.

In all: 12 pieces; 3,238 stitches (1,005 in the body, 844 in the head, 294 in each wing, 270 in each eye, 6 in each glint, 31 in the beak, 60 in each foot, 49 in each tuft).

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