Panda face applique

US terms



Finished size
About 4¼ in (11 cm) wide and about 3¾ in (10 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 7 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: white, the head and the closed eyes	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: black, the ears, the eye patches, the nose and the mouth	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pink, the cheeks	**about 3 yd (3 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. The estimate is from the stitches and chains 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)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
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 1¼ in (3 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.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- The middle of the head is its ring.
- The patch is a small oval worked round a chain.
- 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.
- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.6 cm, and half that round a small curve, unless the line names another) along the line. Put it down at the start of the line and bring it up again one stitch length ahead of where it last came up; keep going down at the end of the stitch before and up one length ahead.
- 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.
- 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 3¼ in (8 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 5½ in (14 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 sc is double crochet.

Head

Yarn A, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(36 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 40 in (102 cm) tail, for sewing the whole applique to your project.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn B, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Patch: make 2

Yarn B, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 4.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, 3 sc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next ch, 2 sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next st, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(14 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cheek: make 2

Yarn C, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Sew the ears behind the top of the head so that nearly half of each lies behind it, the middles of the two ears 2½ in (6.5 cm) apart and level with one another.
- Sew the eye patches on at a slant, their middles 3/8 in (1 cm) above the middle of the head and 1½ in (4 cm) apart, the upper ends leaning in and the lower ends leaning out: the top of each patch is ¾ in (1.9 cm) nearer than its bottom to the middle line of the face.
- With A, work a closed eye on each patch in backstitch: a curve ½ in (1.3 cm) wide across the middle of the patch that dips ¼ in (0.6 cm) in its middle, like a U, its two ends level.
- With B, work two French knots side by side for the nose, 3/8 in (1 cm) below the middle of the head. Then, with B, work the mouth in backstitch: one line ¼ in (0.6 cm) long straight down from the nose, then, from its lower end, a curve 3/8 in (1 cm) wide out to each side that dips 1/8 in (0.3 cm) in its middle, its two ends level.
- Sew the cheeks on, their middles ¾ in (1.9 cm) below the middle of the head and 1 7/8 in (5 cm) apart.
- To sew the applique on, 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: 7 pieces; 254 stitches (126 in the head, 36 in each ear, 22 in each patch, 6 in each cheek); 18 ends to weave in.

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