Panda mask

US terms



Finished size
The face is about 7¾ in (20 cm) across, without the ears and the cords

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with 8 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 white, the face	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: black, the eye patchs, the ears and the nose	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: rose pink, the cheeks	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. Buy them from one dye lot. 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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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 3 the face measures about 2¾ in (7 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

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 that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- The joins of the face rounds lie at the bottom of the face, at the chin. The two ch-7 sps of round 4 are the eye holes, above the magic ring and one on each side.
- The oval hole of an eye patch is its ring of chain; the narrow end of the patch is where its rounds begin, the wide end is opposite.
- The nose is a heart of one round: the two ch 2, at its beginning and its end, lie at the dip between the two round ends, and the single dc between the two pairs of sc is the point.
- For a face about 7 in (18 cm) across, leave out round 8 of the face and work round 9 on the 64 hdc of round 7: sc in next 14 sts in place of 16 and sc in next 15 sts in place of 17 (68 sc). The cords then go in the 20th and the 49th sc. All distances below are measured from the magic ring or from the edge and stay the same.
- 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.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 5¼ in (13 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 6 in (15 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 9¾ in (25 cm).

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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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

Face

Yarn A, soft white.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 4 (counts as tr), tr in same st, tr in next st, 2 tr in next st, tr in next st, 2 tr in next st, tr in next st, ch 7, sk next 4 sts, 2 tr in next st, tr in next 2 sts, 2 tr in next st, ch 7, sk next 4 sts, tr in next st, 2 tr in next st, tr in next st, 2 tr in next st, tr in next st, 2 tr in next st, sl st in top of ch-4 to join	**(24 tr, 2 ch-7 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, 8 hdc in next ch-7 sp, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, 8 hdc in next ch-7 sp, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, sl st in first hdc to join	**(48 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(64 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(72 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(76 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Eye patch: make 2

Yarn B, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 14, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 18 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in each of next 4 sts, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	**(10 sc, 16 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 26 in (66 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Ear: make 2

Yarn B, black.

☐ **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)**
☐ **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 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing.	

Nose

Yarn B, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 3 dc in ring, 2 sc in ring, dc in ring, 2 sc in ring, 3 dc in ring, ch 2, sl st in ring	**(7 dc, 4 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cheek: make 2

Yarn C, rose pink.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, sl st in first hdc to join	**(8 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.
- Put the face on a table, right side up, with the joins of its rounds at the bottom.
- Eye patches: lay one on each eye hole, right side up, its hole over the hole of the face, its wide end pointing down and out toward the side of the face and its narrow end up and in toward the top middle, so that the two patches slant like the two sides of a roof. With its tail, sew first round the hole, taking the chain ring of the patch and the edge of the hole of the face together, then sew down the outer edge. Keep both holes open.
- Ears: slide both ears, right side up, behind the top of the face. The magic ring of each lies 3/8 in (1 cm) outside the edge of the face, so that about one third of the ear is hidden behind the face; the two magic rings are level and 5 in (12.5 cm) apart. With its tail, sew each ear to the back of the face along the edge of the face and round its hidden edge.
- Nose: lay the heart on the face, right side up, its two round ends up and its point straight down, its middle ¾ in (1.9 cm) straight below the magic ring of the face. Sew it down all round its edge with its tail.
- Mouth: with B, work in backstitch a line 3/8 in (1 cm) long straight down from the point of the nose. From the lower end of that line work a curve to each side, also in backstitch: each ends ¾ in (1.9 cm) to the side of the line and level with its lower end, and dips ¼ in (0.6 cm) on the way.
- Cheeks: sew them on, right side up, all round their edges with their tails. The middle of each is 1¼ in (3.2 cm) lower than the magic ring of the face and 2¼ in (5.7 cm) to the side of it.

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- Cords: count the sc of round 9 from its join at the chin, going the way the round was worked; the first sc is number 1. Join B with a slip stitch in the 22nd sc, ch 60 (a length of about 14 in, 36 cm) and fasten off. Work a second cord in the same way in the 55th sc. The cords lie at the two sides, level with each other and above the middle of the face.
- To wear it, tie the cords behind the head.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 8 pieces; 599 stitches (388 in the face, 44 in each eye patch, 48 in each ear, 11 in the nose, 8 in each cheek).

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