Panda with bamboo

US terms



Finished size

The panda about 7¼ in (18.5 cm) from head to feet and 4¼ in (11 cm) tall as it lies; the bamboo about 6¼ in (16 cm) long without the leaves

Skill

Intermediate

17 pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn

Medium (4), 5 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: cream, body, head and muzzle	**about 115 yd (105 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: black, several of the pieces	**about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: leaf green, bamboo stalk and the details	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: moss green, bamboo stalk and leaf	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: rose, foot pad	**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, scissors and two black plastic eyes with washers, 10 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.

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
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

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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.
- Places are given with the panda lying on its back, the feet toward you and the belly up: the front of the toy is the end with the feet, and up is away from the table. The front of the head is the side with the face. On the face, and on the eye patches and the muzzle, the top is the side toward round 1 of the head, and down is toward the body.
- 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 B," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in B. 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.
- Head: the center line runs between stitches 27 and 28 of round 11 (54 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the end away from the body, so that the face looks up.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 24 and 25 of round 8 (48 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the end toward the feet.
- 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.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in A (cream), with one stitch of B (black) in the middle of each.
- 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 panda about 5¼ in (13.5 cm) from head to feet and 3 1/8 in (7.9 cm) tall as it lies; the bamboo about 4¾ in (12 cm) long without the leaves; eyes 7 mm; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.

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- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): the panda about 10¼ in (26 cm) from head to feet and 6 in (15 cm) tall as it lies; the bamboo about 9 in (23 cm) long without the leaves; eyes 14 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 panda about 13¼ in (33.5 cm) from head to feet and 7¾ in (19.5 cm) tall as it lies; the bamboo about 11½ in (29 cm) long without the leaves; eyes 18 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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.

Body

Yarns in order of use: A, cream; B, black.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnds 9 to 16**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 9 to 16: tick them off as you go.

☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 18 to 19**	With B, sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**

A box for each round, 18 to 19: tick them off as you go.

☐ 18 ☐ 19

☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**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 24**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**

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☐ **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 line opposite the center line: this is the back, and the panda lies on it.	

Eye patch: make 2

Yarn B, black.

☐ **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.	

Head

Yarn A, cream.

☐ **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 each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 12 to 17**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 17: tick them off as you go.

☐ 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)**

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☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Sew on the eye patches now. Lay the two eye patches flat on the head, right side out, the middle of each between rounds 14 and 15, one to each side, 5½ stitches from the center line (11 stitches apart). Ease each into an oval about 7/8 in (2.2 cm) wide and 1¼ in (3.2 cm) tall as you pin it, its top tipped inward (a tilt of about 25 degrees). Sew down all 18 stitches of the edge. Then fix the eyes (see Finishing). Then stuff firmly, 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.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn B, black.

☐ **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**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(16 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 8 stitches.	

Muzzle

Yarn A, cream.

☐ **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 8 sts**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 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 in (2.5 cm) tall.	

Leg: make 2

Yarn B, black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

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☐ **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 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 10**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 10: tick them off as you go.

8 9 10

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Foot pad: make 2

Yarn E, rose.

☐ **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.	

Arm: make 2

Yarn B, black.

Stuff the hand (rounds 1 to 7) firmly when round 8 is done, and the rest lightly every few rounds as you go, so that the arm still bends.

☐ **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**	Sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 23**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 23: tick them off as you go.

8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Bamboo stalk

Yarns in order of use: C, leaf green; D, moss green.

Stuff lightly every few rounds as you go, from round 6 on: the tube is too narrow to fill when it is done.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 8**	Sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 8: tick them off as you go.

☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

☐ **Rnd 9**	With D, sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 17**	With C, sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 17: tick them off as you go.

☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17

☐ **Rnd 18**	With D, sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 19 to 26**	With C, sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**

A box for each round, 19 to 26: tick them off as you go.

☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26

☐ **Rnd 27**	With D, sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 28 to 34**	With C, sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**

A box for each round, 28 to 34: tick them off as you go.

☐ 28 ☐ 29 ☐ 30 ☐ 31 ☐ 32 ☐ 33 ☐ 34

Add the last of the stuffing now.

☐ **Rnd 35**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 2 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.	

Leaf: make 3

Yarn D, moss green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**

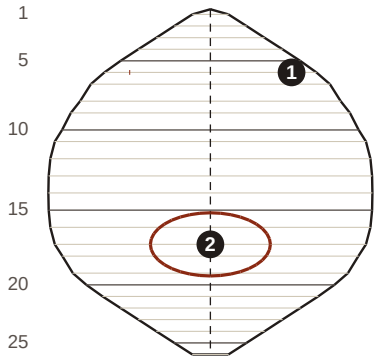
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☐ **Rnds 6 to 7**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts	**(5 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 2½ stitches. The odd stitch lies at one fold.	

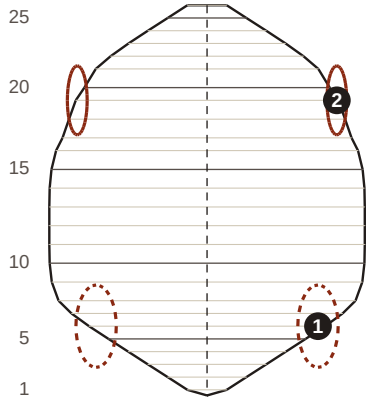
A box for each round, 6 to 7: tick them off as you go.

6 7

Assembly



Head: 1 ears, 2 muzzle



Body: 1 legs, 2 arms

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. Lay the body on its back and set the head against its upper end (the closed hole), round 1 of the head away from the body and the face up: round 24 of the head, on its center line, lies over the closed hole of the body. The face then looks up and a little toward the feet, and the back of the head rests on the table. Press the two together until round 23 of the body (24 sts) touches the head all the way round: on the head this circle reaches from about round 20 on the center line to about round 25 on the line opposite it. With a new length of B (black), sew round the circle twice, through the stitches of round 23 of the body and the head.

2. Pin the two ears to the head: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 6, one to each side, 9 stitches from the center line (18 stitches apart). The flat edge runs from side to side: its inner end is on about round 2, 3 stitches from the center line; its outer end is on about round 10, 12 stitches from it. They point away from the body and out to the sides. Sew through both layers of the 8-stitch edge with the tail.

3. Pin the muzzle to the head: the middle of the open edge lies on round 17, on the center line. The edge (20 sts) covers about rounds 15 to 19 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 legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 6, one to each side, 11 stitches from the center line (14 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (18 sts) covers about rounds 3 to 9 of the body. They point forward and out to the side, then curve until the tip of each points forward and up. 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.

5. Sew one foot pad to the end of each leg, right side out, its middle over the middle of round 1 of the leg, all 12 stitches of the edge.

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6. Lay the bamboo stalk straight across the belly, round 1 to the left: its middle dark ring (round 18 of the stalk) lies on the center line of the body, over round 9 of the body. With a new length of C (leaf green), catch it to the belly there with three stitches.

7. Pin the two arms to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 19, one to each side, 9½ stitches from the center line (19 stitches apart). The edge (12 sts) covers about rounds 17 to 21 of the body. They rise from the sides of the body and bend forward and in, until their ends lie on the bamboo stalk. Bend each as you pin it, and hold the bend with a few running stitches on 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. Then lay the hands on top of the stalk, one to each side of the middle dark ring. Each hand lies across the stalk, from the side toward the head to the side toward the feet: round 4 of the arm lies on the top of the stalk, round 1 (the tip of the hand) reaches just past the edge of the stalk toward the feet, and the hand slants a little, its tip nearer the middle. The left hand covers about rounds 11 to 16 of the stalk and the right hand about rounds 20 to 25. With a new length of B (black), sew the underside of each hand to the stalk with a few stitches.

8. Sew the three leaves to the bamboo stalk, each flat 2½-stitch edge through both layers with its tail, the edge along the stalk: one near the right end, on top, its middle on round 32 of the stalk, pointing up and to the right; one near the right end, on the side toward the head, its middle on round 29, pointing toward the head and to the right; and one near the left end, on top, its middle on round 5, pointing up and to the left.

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 10 mm black plastic eyes, one through each eye patch and the head under it, at the middle of the eye patch.
- Nose: with B (black), in satin stitch, a triangle with its point down about 5/16 in (8 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the muzzle, centered, ¼ in (6 mm) above the middle of the muzzle. The wide edge of the triangle is the edge toward round 1 of the head; its point is toward the body.
- Mouth: with B (black), in backstitch, a straight line down, 1/16 in (2 mm) long, and from its lower end two small smile curves side by side, one to each side, about ½ in (13 mm) wide and ¼ in (6 mm) tall in all, starting at the bottom of the nose. The straight line begins at the point of the nose and runs toward the body.
- 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: 17 pieces; 3,521 stitches.

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