Paw print ornament

US terms



Finished size
About 4¼ in (11 cm) across, without its bow and loop

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 8 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Light (3), 4 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: warm cream, rounds 1 to 5 of the front and the back	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cocoa brown, the pad and the toes	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cranberry red, rounds 6 and 7 of the front	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: pine green, the bow	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 20 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, a little toy stuffing 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.

Gauge

18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

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.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the front measures about 1½ in (4 cm) across.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.

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- 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 or a row does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in; after a new color is joined, it is the stitch the color was joined in.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in, or the new color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- Make all the other pieces before you work Rnds 6 and 7 of the front: FINISHING says when to work them. Rnd 6 joins the two discs.
- Rnd 3 of the pad has one sc at the middle of its lower edge, where the round begins, and two lobes of dc beside it; the two hdc side by side are the middle of its upper edge. The middle dc of the 3 dc of a toe is its tip.
- Row 1 of the bow and every odd-numbered row are worked with the right side facing.
- 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.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **rem** remaining, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.

sk skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.

2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 2 sts**: one in each.

[ ] 7 times: work what is inside 7 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(8 hdc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Front

Yarns in order of use: A, warm cream; C, cranberry red.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, pull the tail to close the 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 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(32 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(40 hdc)

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Fasten off A.

☐ **Rnd 6**	Join C with sl st in first st, 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**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sk next st, 5 hdc in next st, sk next st, **[**sc in next st, sk next st, 5 hdc in next st, sk next st**] 11 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(12 sc, 60 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Back

Yarn A, warm cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, pull the tail to close the 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 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(32 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(40 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Pad

Yarn B, cocoa brown.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, pull the tail to close the 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, (hdc, dc) in next st, 2 dc in next st, (dc, hdc) in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, (hdc, dc) in next st, 2 dc in next st, (dc, hdc) in next st, sl st in first sc to join	(7 sc, 6 hdc, 8 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

Toe: make 4

Yarn B, cocoa brown.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, (2 sc, hdc, 3 dc, hdc, 2 sc) in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(4 sc, 2 hdc, 3 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Bow

Yarn D, pine green.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 12.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(11 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(11 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 22 in (56 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the two discs to circles of the same size, 3¼ in (8.3 cm) across, and the bow to a straight strip; the pad and the toes need no pins. Spray the discs and the bow with water and let them dry.
- Weave in the ends of the two discs on their wrong sides. Lay the front down, right side up, the place where its rounds are joined at the bottom. All distances are measured from its magic ring, straight across and straight up or down.
- Pad: lay it on the front, right side up, the place where its rounds are joined at the bottom, its magic ring ½ in (1.3 cm) straight below. Sew it down all round its edge with its tail, through the stitches of the front only; before the last three stitches, push in the ends of the pad and a scrap of B, wound into a small ball, so that the pad stands up.
- Toes: lay them round the top of the pad, right sides up, the place where the round is joined turned down toward the pad. The magic rings of the two upper toes are ¾ in (1.9 cm) above and 3/8 in (1 cm) to each side; the magic rings of the two side toes are ¼ in (0.6 cm) above and 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) to each side. The tips of the two upper toes lean out so that each tip is ½ in (1.3 cm) to its side of the middle, and the tips of the side toes so that each is 1¼ in (3.2 cm) to its side. No toe touches another or the pad. Sew each down all round its edge with its tail, with a small scrap of B pushed in under it before the last stitches.
- Name: if you want one on the back, work it now in backstitch with B on the right side of the back, in the middle, no more than 2½ in (6.4 cm) long.
- Rnds 6 and 7: lay the back down, right side down, and the front on it, right side up, the places where the rounds are joined both at the bottom. Work Rnd 6 of the front now with the front facing you: for every st put the hook through a st of the front and through the st of the back behind it, 40 sts over 40 sts. When 8 sts of the discs are left, push in a thin layer of stuffing, so that the ornament is about ¾ in (1.9 cm) thick in its middle; then work the rest. Work Rnd 7 in the sts of Rnd 6 and fasten off; run its end through between the two discs.
- Hanging loop: with C, ch 16 (about 2 7/8 in (7.3 cm) long) and fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail at each end. Fold it in half and, with the tails, sew both ends side by side to the back of the sc of Rnd 7 that lies straight above the magic ring, between two scallops, the fold straight up.
- Bow: lay the strip with its right side up and its foundation chain at the bottom. Thread its tail and run it along the back to the middle of Row 2. Gather the middle of the strip from edge to edge and wrap the tail four times tightly round it, the wraps side by side. With the rest of the tail, sew the back of the middle to that same sc of Rnd 7, with the bow on the front of the ornament, level, its right side toward you and its middle 2 in (5.1 cm) straight above.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 8 pieces; 468 stitches (240 in the front, 120 in the back, 39 in the pad, 9 in each toe, 33 in the bow).

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