Pig potholder

US terms



Finished size
Face about 8 in (20 cm) across, about 8¾ in (22 cm) wide and tall with the ears and without the tail

Skill
Easy
Rounds with increases, and pieces to sew on

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: pink, main	**about 140 yd (128 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: rose, the inner ear, the snout, the pad and the cheek	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: chocolate, the nostril and the eye	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and about 10 pins and 2 stitch markers.

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.

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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half 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, double crochet 2 together)
BLO	back loop only: the loop of the top farther from you
Rnd	round
RS	right side
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

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Gauge

16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check it on the back: 4 rounds measure about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across and 9 rounds about 4 in (10 cm). If it measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one.

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row or a round does not count as a stitch.
- 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.
- 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 one end, along one long side, to the other end.
- To sew a piece on: lay it where the step says, right side up, and hold it with pins. 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 piece underneath, just outside that stitch. Work one sewing stitch for each stitch of the edge that is named. A chain of a foundation edge counts as a stitch, and so does the end of a row. Fasten off where it does not show.
- Backstitch: come up one stitch length ahead on the line, go down again where the last sewing stitch ended, and go on so.
- Use it dry: a wet potholder lets the heat through.
- Rounds run counterclockwise for a right-handed maker. A left-handed maker counts the same way, along the rounds as they are worked.
- 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 in the middle of a round, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the next ball, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- 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.
- Edging: work along the last row, down the ends of the rows, along the other side of the foundation chain and up the ends of the rows. The 2 sc in one place turn a corner: there is one such place at each of the four corners.
- Use cotton yarn. Acrylic yarn can melt.

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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, sc2tog is double crochet 2 together and yo is yarn round hook.

Back

Yarn A, pink.

☐ **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**	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**	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)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(90 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(96 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(102 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Front

Yarn A, pink.

☐ **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**	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**	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)**

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☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(90 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(96 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(102 sc)**

Stop here for a moment: weave in the ends of the back and of the front. Lay the back behind the front, wrong sides together, the joins of the two one behind the other. In the next round put the hook through both layers for every stitch, through the next st of the front and the st of the back that lies behind it

☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(108 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 12.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	**(7 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	**(5 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	**(3 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	**(1 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Ear edging: make 2

Yarn A, pink.

Work one round on each ear. Weave in the ends of the ear first.

Hold the piece with the right side facing you and the last row at the top; the first st is the one at the right-hand corner.

☐ **Foundation**	Work around the edge of the piece, right side facing: the 3 sts of the last row, the ends of the 9 rows, the 11 chs of the foundation, the ends of the 9 rows.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in end of each of next 9 rows, 2 sc in next ch, sc in next 9 chs, 2 sc in next ch, sc in end of each of next 9 rows; join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Inner ear: make 2

Yarn B, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, 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)**
☐ **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)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 30 in (76 cm) for sewing.	

Snout

Yarn B, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 7.	
☐ **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	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 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	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 38 in (97 cm) for sewing.	

Pad

Yarn B, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 7.	
☐ **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	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(30 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Nostril: make 2

Yarn C, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, 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 16 in (41 cm) for sewing.	

Eye: make 2

Yarn C, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring; join with sl st in first hdc	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 16 in (41 cm) for sewing.	

Cheek: make 2

Yarn B, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, 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)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Tail

Yarn A, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 29.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(28 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 30 in (76 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

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

2. Lay the potholder with the front up and the join of its rounds at the bottom. Round 18 has 108 stitches. Stitch 1 is the first one after the join; count in the direction in which you worked. The top is between stitches 54 and 55, and the upright middle line runs from there to the join.

3. Ears: the foundation edge of an ear is the side of 13 sc of its edging, from corner to corner. Lay an inner ear on the right side of each ear, right side up, its foundation chain along that of the ear, inside the edging, with 1 chain of the ear free at each side. With its tail sew it down all round: 26 stitches. Put a marker in stitch 42 and in stitch 67 of round 18. Turn the potholder over. Lay each ear on the back with its wrong side up and its point up and out, so that the inner ear looks to the front: its foundation edge lies on the line between rounds 17 and 18, one ear along stitches 36 to 48 and one

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along stitches 61 to 73, the middle of each at its marker. For each ear cut a length of A about 30 in (76 cm). Sew the 13 sc of the foundation edge to the back layer, and go back along the edge of round 18, sewing it to the ear: 13 stitches each way. Take out the two markers and turn the potholder right side up. In steps 4 to 8 take up only the front layer when you sew, so that the back stays clean.

4. Snout: lay the pad on the front, right side up, its long way level, the middle of its chain on the upright middle line and 4 rounds below the middle of the face. Cut a length of B about 40 in (102 cm) and sew the pad down all round: 30 stitches. Lay the snout over it, the same way, so that it hides the pad and rounds 6 and 7 stand up as a wall. With its tail sew round 7 down all round, one stitch for each stitch, without drawing it in: 36 stitches.

5. Nostrils: sew them to the snout with their tails, 6 stitches each: the middle of each lies on the level middle line of the snout, ¾ in (2 cm) from the upright middle line.

6. Eyes: sew each eye to the front with its tail, 8 stitches: its middle 1½ in (4 cm) above the middle of the face and 1¼ in (3 cm) from the upright middle line. Glint: for each eye cut a length of A about 10 in (25 cm) and work two tiny upright stitches side by side into the upper left part of the eye.

7. Cheeks: sew each cheek to the front with its tail, 12 stitches: its middle 2½ in (6.5 cm) from the upright middle line and level with the top of the snout.

8. Smile: cut a length of C about 40 in (102 cm) and thread it double: draw it through the needle to its middle and sew with both ends together. Backstitch an arc under the snout: 2¼ in (5.5 cm) wide, its two ends at the lower edge of the snout, the same distance from the upright middle line, and its middle 2 rounds lower: 9 stitches.

9. Tail: it is also the hanging loop. Turn the potholder over. Lay the two ends of the cord on the back at the top, the wrong side of the cord up, each end reaching ¾ in (2 cm) below the edge, so that 3 of its stitches lie on the back: the middle of one end is behind stitch 52 of round 18 and the middle of the other behind stitch 57. Above the edge the cord stands up as a ring, and its two halves cross once, about ½ in (1.5 cm) above the edge, one over the other, like the curl of a tail. Sew only to the back layer. Each end is sewn down along three sides with 7 stitches: 3 along one long edge, from the edge of the potholder to the short end, one for each of the 3 stitches that lie on the back; 1 at the short end, in the end of the row; and 3 along the other long edge, back to the edge of the potholder. Begin with the end where the sewing tail hangs: run the needle under the stitches of the cord to the edge of the potholder, and sew this end down, 7 stitches. Run the needle between the two layers to the other end of the cord and sew it down in the same way, 7 stitches. Then run the needle up under the stitches of the cord to the place where its two halves cross and sew them together there, 2 stitches.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the sewing lengths between the two layers.

In all: 15 pieces; 2,608 stitches.

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