Bay pony on four legs

US terms



Finished size
About 8 in (20.5 cm) tall to the tips of the ears and 6¼ in (16 cm) long without the tail

Skill
Intermediate
Eleven pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 6 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.

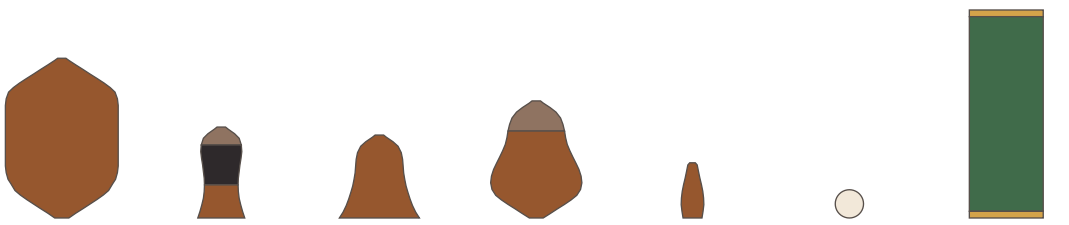
What you need

Yarn A: bay brown	**about 160 yd (146 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: black, leg and the details	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: taupe, leg and head	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: white, star	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: forest green, saddle pad and the details	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: gold, saddle pad	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 150 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

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.

The pieces



Body

Leg x 4
to the body

Neck
to the body

Head
to the neck

Ear x 2
to the head

Star
to the head

Saddle pad

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.

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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.

Instructions

US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **sc2tog** 2 sc made into one, **BLO** only the loop away from you, **st** stitch.
2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 2 sts: one in each.
Rounds run in a **spiral**: mark the first stitch and move the marker up each round. **Working in the round**
[ ] 6 times: 6 times in all. (18 sc): the round now has 18; a check, not a step. **How to read a pattern**
Also: RS right side.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Body

Yarn A, bay brown.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring. *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.*	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 24 and 25 of round 8. This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.

☐ **Rounds 9 to 21**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)

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

☐ **Round 22**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Round 23**	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)
☐ **Round 24**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 25**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 26**	**[**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.

☐ **Round 27**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 28**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)

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☐ **Round 29**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐	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.	

Leg: make 4

Begin with yarn C, taupe.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	With B, sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	Sc2tog, sc in next 16 sts	(17 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	Sc in next 15 sts, sc2tog	(16 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	Sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts	(15 sc)
☐ **Round 9**	Sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts	(14 sc)
☐ **Round 10**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Round 11**	With A, sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Round 12**	Sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st	(15 sc)
☐ **Round 13**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts	(16 sc)
☐ **Round 14**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 15**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(20 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Neck

Yarn A, bay brown.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	(20 sc)
☐ **Rounds 5 to 7** 5 6 7	Sc in each st around	(20 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(22 sc)
☐ **Round 9**	Sc in each st around	(22 sc)

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☐ **Round 10**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 11**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 2 times**	(26 sc)
☐ **Round 12**	**[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(28 sc)
☐ **Round 13**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 14**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	(34 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 26 in (66 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Head

Begin with yarn C, taupe.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 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)
☐ **Round 5**	**[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	Sc in each st around	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	With A, sc in each st around	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(26 sc)
☐ **Round 9**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts**] 2 times**	(28 sc)
☐ **Round 10**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st	(31 sc)
☐ **Round 11**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(34 sc)
☐ **Round 12**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts	(37 sc)
☐ **Round 13**	Sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in next st	(39 sc)
☐ **Round 14**	Sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts	(40 sc)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 20 and 21 of round 14. This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.

☐ **Round 15**	Sc in each st around	(40 sc)
☐ **Round 16**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts**] 4 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 17**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 18**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

Fix the eyes now: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 10, one to each side, 6 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart). For a child under three, or a pet, leave them out and embroider them later. Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Round 19**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 20**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)

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☐ **Round 21**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐	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 A, bay brown.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	4 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	(9 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(10 sc)
☐ **Rounds 7 to 8**	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)
7 8		
☐ **Round 9**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 4 stitches.	

Star

Yarn D, white.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

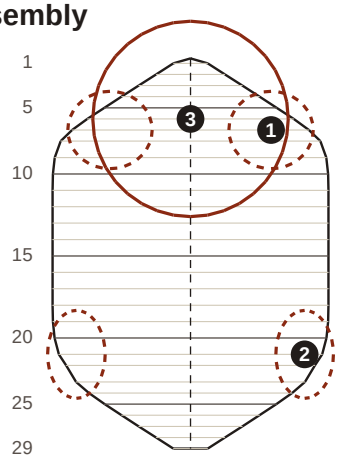
Saddle pad

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 10 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

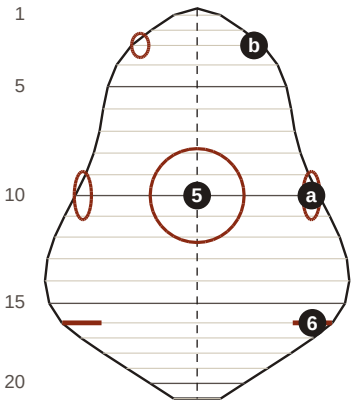
☐ **Start**	With F, ch 11.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(10 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 30**	With E, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(10 sc)
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		
☐ **Row 31**	With F, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(10 sc)
☐	Fasten off and weave in the ends on the wrong side.	

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Assembly



Body: 1 legs, 2 legs, 3 neck



Head: 5 star, 6 ears, a eyes, b nostrils

A number is the step below that puts it on; a letter is put on under Finishing. 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. Pin two legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 7, one to each side, 16 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (20 sts) covers about rounds 4 to 10 of the body. They point down: bend each down a little just below its edge, so that the foot stands flat on the table. These are the front legs. Do not sew them yet.

2. Pin two legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 21, one to each side, 16 stitches from the center line (16 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (20 sts) covers about rounds 18 to 24 of the body. They point down in the same way. These are the back legs. When all four legs are pinned, stand the toy on its feet and move the pins a little until it stands level. Then sew each leg all the way round with its tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

3. Pin the neck to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 6, on the center line. The edge has 34 sts. It leans forward as it rises, about 30 degrees from upright. In front its edge comes to round 1 of the body, and behind to about round 12. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

4. Set the head on the top of the neck, its center line on top and round 1 (the nose) to the front: round 13 of the head, on the line opposite the center line, lies over the middle of round 1 of the neck. Let the nose slant down about 30 degrees from level and turn it about 35 degrees to the left. Press the head down on the neck until round 6 of the neck (20 sts) touches it all the way round. On the head this circle reaches from about round 9 to about round 17 on the line opposite the center line, and about 3 stitches to each side of that line. With a new length of A (bay brown), sew round the circle twice, through the stitches of round 6 of the neck and the head.

5. Lay the star flat on the head, right side out, the middle of it on round 10, on the center line. Ease it into an oval about 7/8 in (2 cm) from front to back and 5/8 in (1.5 cm) across as you pin it. Sew down all 12 stitches of the edge.

6. Pin the two ears to the head: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 16, one to each side, 6½ stitches from the center line (13 stitches apart). The flat edge runs along the round, half of it on each side of that place. They point up and a little out to the side. Sew through both layers of the 4-stitch edge with the tail.

7. Lay the saddle pad across the back, the side that faced you in row 1 outward: its foundation chain hangs at one side of the body and its last row at the other, the same distance from the table, and its middle row (row 16) lies along the center line of the body. Its front edge lies on round 13 of the body, just behind the neck, and its back edge on about round 23; the two edges are straight. With a new length of E (forest green), sew the front edge and the back edge to the body from row 8 to row 24 of the saddle pad. The rest hangs free.

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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. Knot in the lengths of yarn at the same time. 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.
- Mane: it falls to the left side of the neck; cut 84 lengths of B (black), each 5¼ in (13.5 cm) long. At each place, use the needle to draw three lengths under the stitch, from side to side, until 3 3/8 in (8.5 cm) of each hangs out on one side. Tie the two sides together in a firm knot close to the fabric, pull the ends of the other side inside the toy and trim the ends left outside to 2 in (5 cm). Where a piece covers a place, use the nearest free stitch. The places on the neck, counting stitches from the center line (stitch 1 is the one beside it): round 7: stitches 7, 8, 9 and 10 left; round 8: stitches 8, 9, 10 and 11 left; round 9: stitches 8, 9, 10 and 11 left; round 10: stitches 9, 10, 11 and 12 left; round 11: stitches 10, 11, 12 and 13 left; round 12: stitches 11, 12, 13 and 14 left; round 13: stitches 12, 13, 14 and 15 left.
- Top of the mane: all its places are on the left half of the head, behind the left ear, and it falls down on the left side of the neck, where it meets the mane; cut 45 lengths of B (black), each 5¾ in (14.5 cm) long. At each place, use the needle to draw three lengths under the stitch, from side to side, until 3¾ in (9.5 cm) of each hangs out on one side. Tie the two sides together in a firm knot close to the fabric, pull the ends of the other side inside the toy and trim the ends left outside to 2¼ in (5.5 cm). Where a piece covers a place, use the nearest free stitch. The places on the head, counting stitches from the center line (stitch 1 is the one beside it): round 17: stitches 3, 4, 5 and 6 left; round 18: stitches 2, 3, 4 and 5 left; round 19: stitches 1, 2, 3 and 4 left; round 20: stitches 1, 2 and 3 left.
- Forelock: it falls forward between the ears as far as the star; in round 18, stitch 2 on the left already holds mane, so knot the forelock into it too; cut 24 lengths of B (black), each 4½ in (11.5 cm) long. At each place, use the needle to draw three lengths under the stitch, from side to side, until 2½ in (6.5 cm) of each hangs out on one side. Tie the two sides together in a firm knot close to the fabric, pull the ends of the other side inside the toy and trim the ends left outside to 1 1/8 in (3 cm). Where a piece covers a place, use the nearest free stitch. The places on the head, counting stitches from the center line (stitch 1 is the one beside it), the same on each side: round 17: stitches 1 and 2; round 18: stitches 1 and 2.
- Tail: it falls back and down; cut 60 lengths of B (black), each 6 in (15 cm) long. At each place, use the needle to draw five lengths under the stitch, from side to side, until 4¼ in (11 cm) of each hangs out on one side. Tie the two sides together in a firm knot close to the fabric, pull the ends of the other side inside the toy and trim the ends left outside to 2¾ in (7 cm). Where a piece covers a place, use the nearest free stitch. The places on the body, counting stitches from the center line (stitch 1 is the one beside it), the same on each side: round 25: stitches 1 and 2; round 26: stitches 1 and 2; round 27: stitches 1 and 2.
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 10, one to each side, 6 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart).
- Nostrils: with B (black), two straight stitches side by side, about 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, each pair on the head on round 3, one to each side, 3 stitches from the center line (6 stitches apart).
- Mouth: with B (black), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about 9/16 in (14 mm) wide that dips 3/16 in (5 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are level with the magic ring at the middle of round 1 of the head, one at each side of it, 9/32 in (7 mm) from the middle of the ring; both come out among the stitches of round 2. The lowest point of the curve is on the line opposite the center line, 3/16 in (5 mm) below the middle of the ring.
- 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: 11 pieces; 3,275 stitches (1,050 in the body, 231 in each leg, 302 in the neck, 531 in the head, 70 in each ear, 18 in the star, 310 in the saddle pad).

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.

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Notes

- Every piece that has rounds 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.
- Color change: where a round or a row begins "With A," (or another letter), work the last pull- through of the round or the row before it in that yarn, then cut the old yarn. On the legs and the head, knot the ends on the wrong side; on the saddle pad, weave them in on the wrong side, with no knots.
- 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.
- Neck: the center line runs between stitches 17 and 18 of round 14 (34 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Head: the center line runs between stitches 20 and 21 of round 14 (40 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.
- 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 front end.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- 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 B (black).
- 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): about 6 in (15 cm) tall to the tips of the ears and 4¾ in (12 cm) long without the tail; eyes 7 mm; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.
- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 11½ in (29 cm) tall to the tips of the ears and 9 in (23 cm) long without the tail; 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): about 14½ in (37 cm) tall to the tips of the ears and 11¼ in (28.5 cm) long without the tail; eyes 18 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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