Poodle with bobble curls

US terms



Finished size
About 10 in (25.5 cm) tall and 7¾ in (19.5 cm) long with the tail

Skill
Intermediate
Twelve pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 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

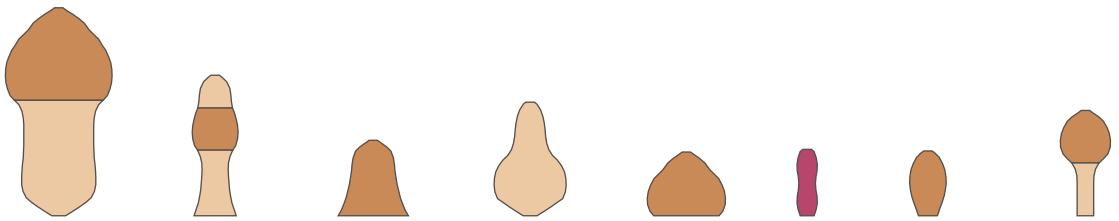
Yarn A: apricot, the main color	**about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pale apricot, several of the pieces	**about 125 yd (114 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: dark brown, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: raspberry, bow and the details	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 200 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, 8 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.

The pieces



Body
Leg x 4 to the body
Neck to the body
Head to the neck
Topknot to the head
Bow
Ear x 2 to the head
Tail to the body

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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.

Notes

- 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.
- 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 through the middle of stitch 16 of round 12 (31 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 23 and 24 of round 11 (46 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 poodle. 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 C (dark brown).
- 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 7½ in (19 cm) tall and 5¾ in (14.5 cm) long with the tail; eyes 6 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 14¼ in (36 cm) tall and 11 in (28 cm) long with the tail; eyes 11 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 18¼ in (46.5 cm) tall and 14 in (35.5 cm) long with the tail; eyes 15 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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Instructions

US terms.

sc single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one. **BLO**: only the loop away from you. **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(6 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

bobble: [yarn over, insert hook in the stitch, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops] 4 times in the same stitch, yarn over, pull through all 5 loops (United Kingdom: a bobble of 4 trebles). Push it out to the right side.

Body

Yarns in order of use: A, apricot; B, pale apricot.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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 st, bobble in next st**] 12 times**	(24 sts)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**	(36 sts)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 21 times**	(42 sts)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(46 sc)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 23 and 24 of round 11. This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.

☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 23 times**	(46 sts)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	(46 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 23 times**	(46 sts)
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts**] 2 times**	(44 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 22 times**	(44 sts)
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(38 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	With B, **[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(32 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	(30 sc)

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☐ **Rnds 20 to 26** 20 21 22 23 24 25 26	Sc in each st around	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 27**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 29 sts	(31 sc)
☐ **Rnd 28**	Sc in next 30 sts, 2 sc in next st	(32 sc)
☐ **Rnds 29 to 31** 29 30 31	Sc in each st around	(32 sc)
☐ **Rnd 32**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 33**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
	Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.	
☐ **Rnd 34**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 35**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 36**	**[**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.	

Leg: make 4

Yarns in order of use: B, pale apricot; A, apricot.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	With A, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 9 times**	(18 sts)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	(20 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 10 times**	(20 sts)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	(20 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 10 times**	(20 sts)
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	With B, sc in next 2 sts, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, sc2tog	(11 sc)

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☐ **Rnds 15 to 17** 15 16 17	Sc in each st around	(11 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts	(13 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Neck

Yarn A, apricot.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 9 times**	(18 sts)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 9 times**	(18 sts)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	(20 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 10 times**	(20 sts)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(22 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 11 times**	(22 sts)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	(26 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 13 times**	(26 sts)
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Head

Yarn B, pale apricot.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts	(13 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(13 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	(28 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 4 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(31 sc)
☐ **Rnds 13 to 16** 13 14 15 16	Sc in each st around	(31 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	(24 sc)

Fix the eyes now: two 8 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 10, one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line (8 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.

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

Topknot

Yarn A, apricot.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 9 times**	(18 sts)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 15 times**	(30 sts)

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☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(34 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 17 times**	(34 sts)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	(34 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 17 times**	(34 sts)
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	(28 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Bow

Yarn D, raspberry.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts	(7 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	(7 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**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. Do not stuff. Press it flat: two loops with the narrow middle, round 6, between them.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, apricot.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 6 times**	(12 sts)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 4 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 8 times**	(16 sts)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(16 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 8 times**	(16 sts)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge. Shape the stuffed piece with your fingers into an oval, about 1¼ in (3.2 cm) wide and ¾ in (1.9 cm) tall at its widest.	

Tail

Yarns in order of use: A, apricot; B, pale apricot.

Stuff the ball of the tail lightly through the opening when round 9 is worked, before it narrows any more.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 9 times**	(18 sts)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**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 6**	**[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 11 times**	(22 sts)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	(22 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 11 times**	(22 sts)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc2tog, sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	With B, **[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts	(7 sc)
☐ **Rnds 12 to 18**	Sc in each st around	(7 sc)
	12 13 14 15 16 17 18	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Push a thin strip of stuffing into the stem, rounds 11 to 18, with the blunt end of the hook, so that it stands.	

Assembly

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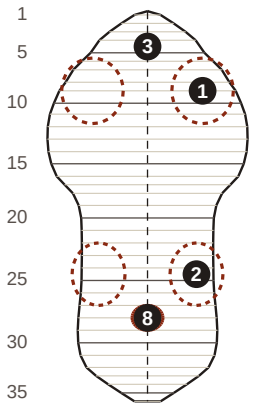
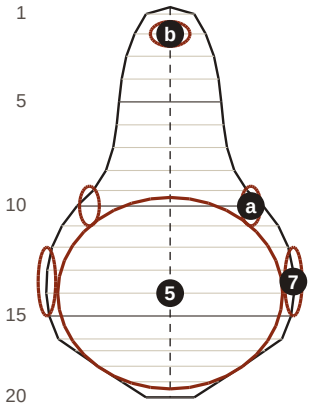


Body: 1 legs, 2 legs, 3 neck, 8 tail



Head: 5 topknot, 7 ears, a eyes, b nose

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 9, one to each side, 16½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (18 sts) covers about rounds 6 to 12 of the body. They point down. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

2. Pin two legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies between rounds 24 and 25, one to each side, 11 stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (18 sts) covers about rounds 22 to 27 of the body. They point down. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft. Stand the dog on the table as you pin, so that all four paws lie flat on it.

3. Pin the neck to the body: the middle of the open edge lies between rounds 4 and 5, on the center line. The edge (30 sts) reaches from about round 9 of the body, on the center line, down to round 1, and about 5½ stitches to each side of the center line on round 6. It points up and a little forward. 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 end of the neck, its center line on top and round 1 (the nose) to the front. Turn the nose about 40 degrees to the left and let it slant down about 10 degrees from level. Round 13 of the head, on the line opposite its center line, lies over the middle of round 1 of the neck. Press the head down onto the neck until round 5 of the neck (18 sts) touches it all the way round. On the head this circle reaches from about round 9 to about round 17 along the line opposite the center line, and on round 13 about 3 stitches to each side of that line. With a new length of A (apricot), sew round the circle twice, through the stitches of round 5 of the neck and the head.

5. Pin the topknot to the head: the middle of the open edge lies on round 14, on the center line. The edge (28 sts) covers about rounds 9 to 19 of the head along the center line, and about 5 stitches to each side of it on round 14. It points straight up, the front of its edge between the eyes. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

6. Bow: lay it flat, one loop to the left and one to the right, like a bow tie. Cut a new length of D (raspberry), 24 in (61 cm) long. Wind it three times, pulled snug, round the narrow middle (round 6), and knot its two ends together at the back of the bow. With the two ends, sew the back of the middle to the topknot on round 8, above the middle of the forehead, and catch the back of each loop to the topknot with one stitch.

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7. Pin the two ears to the head: the middle of each open edge lies between rounds 13 and 14, one to each side, 8 stitches from the center line (15 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). Turn each ear so that the wide way of its oval runs lengthwise along the head, from front to back. The edge (8 sts) covers about rounds 12 to 15 of the head and is about 2 stitches across the other way. They point out to the side, then curve until the tip of each points down, one broad face of the ear toward the head and the other looking out to the side. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a few running stitches along its inner side, drawn up as far as they will go. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

8. Pin the tail to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 28, on the center line. The edge (7 sts) covers about rounds 27 to 29 of the body. It points up and back. Sew all the way round with its tail of yarn, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

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 8 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 10, one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart).
- Nose: with C (dark brown), 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 head on round 2, on the center line. The wide edge of the triangle is toward the top of the head and its point toward the middle of round 1.
- Mouth: with C (dark brown), in backstitch, a line from the point of the nose straight down, toward the underside of the head, 3/16 in (5 mm) long, and a smile, one curve about 7/16 in (11 mm) wide. The middle of the smile is its lowest point and lies at the lower end of that line; its two ends are 3/16 in (5 mm) higher, one to each side.
- 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: 12 pieces; 3,949 stitches (1,101 in the body, 331 in each leg, 256 in the neck, 379 in the head, 302 in the topknot, 87 in the bow, 138 in each ear, 224 in the tail).

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