Sea otter floating with a shell

US terms



Finished size

About 8¾ in (22 cm) long and 4 in (10 cm) across with its waves, and 3¾ in (9.5 cm) tall

Skill

Intermediate

13 pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn

Light (3), 8 colors

Hook

3 mm

Gauge

24 stitches and 26.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet, in a spiral.

What you need

Yarn A: chocolate, body	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: oatmeal, head, ear and the details	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, muzzle and sea	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: peach, shell front, shell back and the details	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: sea blue, sea	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: pale aqua, sea	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: black, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn H: dark brown, arm, foot, tail and the details	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 120 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 3 mm, 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 **Head** **Muzzle** to the head **Shell front** **Shell back** **Arm x 2** to the body **Foot x 2** to the body **Tail** to the body **Ear x 2** to the head

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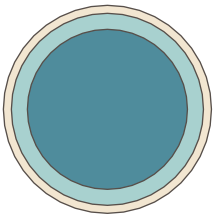

Sea

Gauge

24 stitches and 26.4 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 1 7/8 in (4.8 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.
- The otter lies on its back. Its front is the end with the feet: right and left are as you look at it from there.
- 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: the sea changes yarn twice. Where a line begins "With F," or "With C,", work the last pull-through of the round before it in the yarn that the line names: F at the end of round 10, C at the end of round 12. Cut the old yarn and weave its ends in 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). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 24 and 25 of round 14 (48 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the head 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 G (black).

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- 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.
- Large: medium (4, worsted) yarn, 3.5 mm (E-4) hook, 20 sc and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): 10½ in (26.5 cm) long and 4¾ in (12 cm) across with its waves, and 4½ in (11.5 cm) tall; eyes 10 mm; multiply lengths by 1.2; about 1.2 times the yarn.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **MR** magic ring, **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.

sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **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**.

Body

Yarn A, chocolate.

☐ **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 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 8 sts**] 4 times**	(40 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnds 9 to 11** 9 10 11	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**	(44 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts**] 2 times**	(46 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 22 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(48 sc)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 24 and 25 of round 14. This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the head end.

☐ **Rnds 15 to 23** 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 24**	Sc in next 23 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 23 sts	(47 sc)
☐ **Rnd 25**	Sc2tog, sc in next 45 sts	(46 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 26**	Sc in next 44 sts, sc2tog	(45 sc)
☐ **Rnd 27**	Sc in next 21 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 22 sts	(44 sc)
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 20 sts**] 2 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**sc in next 19 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(40 sc)
☐ **Rnd 30**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times**	(38 sc)
☐ **Rnd 31**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 17 sts**] 2 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 32**	**[**sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	(33 sc)
☐ **Rnd 33**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 34**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts**] 3 times**	(27 sc)
☐ **Rnd 35**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	(24 sc)

Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 36**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 37**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 38**	**[**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.	

Head

Yarn B, oatmeal.

☐ **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 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)

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Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 27 and 28 of round 11. It faces the front, round 1 at the top.

☐ **Rnds 12 to 17**	Sc in each st around 12 13 14 15 16 17	(54 sc)
☐ **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)
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

Fix the eyes now: two 8 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 13, 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.

☐ **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.	

Muzzle

Yarn C, cream.

☐ **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 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	(22 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(24 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.	

Shell front

Yarn D, peach.

The rounds begin at the hinge of the shell. Round 6 works five scallops along the rest of the edge: each repeat of the brackets is one scallop.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)

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☐ **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 5 sts, **[**sc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 5 sts	(40 sts)
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off and weave in the ends. Do not stuff. It is flat, or cups only a little.	

Shell back

Yarn D, peach.

☐ **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 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. It is flat, or cups only a little.	

Arm: make 2

Yarn H, dark brown.

☐ **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)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(11 sc)
☐ **Rnds 4 to 5**	Sc in each st around	(11 sc)
4 5		
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnds 7 to 12**	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)
7 8 9 10 11 12		
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st	(11 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around	(11 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

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Foot: make 2

Yarn H, dark brown.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next st, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(17 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 16 sts, sc2tog	(17 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog	(13 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts	(11 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog	(10 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 5 stitches.	

Tail

Yarn H, dark brown.

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

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Ear: make 2

Yarn B, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts	(7 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 3½ stitches. The odd stitch lies at one fold.	

Sea

Yarns in order of use: E, sea blue; F, pale aqua; C, cream.

Leave a 24 in (61 cm) length of E before the first chain: the hole in the middle is sewn shut with it at the end.

The sea is worked flat from the middle outward; rounds 11 and 12 make its edge stand up in waves.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 58; being careful not to twist the chain, sl st in the first ch to form a ring. Round 1 begins in that same ch.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in each ch around	(58 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next 26 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 27 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(70 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next 28 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(76 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 29 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(82 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 30 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(88 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 31 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(94 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 32 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(100 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 33 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(106 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 34 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(112 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	With F, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 56 times**	(168 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 28 times**	(196 sc)

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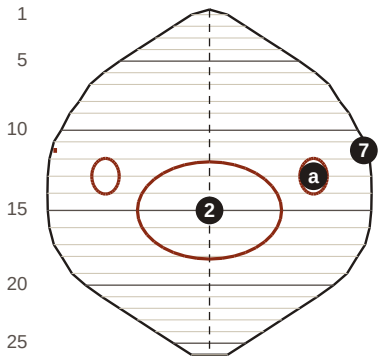
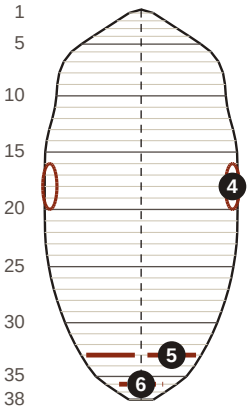
☐ **Rnd 13**	With C, sc in each st around	(196 sc)
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off C and weave in this end. Then sew the hole in the middle shut with the length of E that you left before the first chain: lay the sea flat, right side up, with chain 28 of the foundation at one end of the hole and chain 57 at the other, so that 28 chains lie along each long side. The length of E hangs at chain 1, two chains from chain 57. Carry it along the wrong side to chain 57 and sew from there to the other end, edge to edge, chain 58 to chain 56, then chain 1 to chain 55, chain 2 to chain 54 and so on, the last pair chain 27 to chain 29. Weave in the end. Lay it flat. Let the last three rounds stand up in even waves all the way round.	

Assembly



Head: 2 muzzle, 7 ears, a eyes



Body: 4 arms, 5 feet, 6 tail

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. Lay the body on its back on the table, its center line on top and its last round (the feet end) toward you. Set the head against the other end, round 1 of the head up and away from you, the face toward you. Turn it until, as you look from the feet, the face is turned about 40 degrees to the left and tipped up about 35 degrees from level. Where they touch: on the head, look at its face and count 1½ stitches to the right from its center line along round 23 (24 sts), and mark that place with a pin; the pin lies on round 4 of the body (24 sts), on the center line. Press the two together until they touch in a round patch about 1¼ in (3.2 cm) across with the pin at its middle; on the head this patch reaches from about round 19 to the end (round 26), so that rounds 12 to 18 stay free for the muzzle; on the body it runs past round 1, over the end of the body. Take the pin out and, with a new length of B (oatmeal), sew round the edge of that patch twice.

2. Pin the muzzle to the head: the middle of the open edge lies on round 15, on the center line. The edge (24 sts) covers about rounds 12 to 18 of the head. Ease its edge into an oval about 1½ in (38 mm) wide and 1 in (25 mm) tall, its long way across the face. 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.

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3. Work the shell lines on the shell front first (see Finishing). Hold the shell back against the shell front, wrong sides together, the places where their rounds begin one on the other: the edge there is the hinge. With the tail of the shell back, sew the 30 stitches of its last round to the 30 stitches of round 5 of the shell front, stitch to stitch, so that round 6 of the shell front stands out free all the way round; add a little stuffing before the last few stitches, so that the shell is about 3/8 in (10 mm) thick at its middle. Set the shell on the chest, the hinge toward the feet: the hinge lies between rounds 23 and 24 of the body, its middle on the center line, and runs along the round. The lined side looks straight toward the feet and up, about 65 degrees above level, so that the shell slopes up toward the head: its edge there, opposite the hinge, is about ¾ in (19 mm) above the body, and the arms hold it there (step 4). Here the free edge of round 6 is the edge that touches the body: with a new length of D (peach), sew the first 3 and the last 3 stitches of round 6 of the shell front (6 stitches, side by side at the hinge) to the body, going over them twice.

4. Pin the two arms to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 18, one to each side, 9½ stitches from the center line (19 stitches apart). The edge (11 sts) covers about rounds 16 to 20 of the body, and reaches from about 7½ to about 11 stitches from the center line. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft. Then bend each arm: rounds 9 to 14 go straight up beside the body and rest against its side; from about round 8 the arm bends in over the shell. At about round 5 it crosses the edge of the shell, over the scallop next to the hinge on its own side. Its tip lies on the lined side and points to the tip of the other arm; about 1 in (2.5 cm) is left between the two tips. Sew each arm down with a new length of H (dark brown): three or four small stitches at round 5, through the edge of the shell and the underside of the arm, then two small stitches at round 2, through the lined side of the shell and the underside of the arm. These stitches hold the bend.

5. Pin the two feet to the body: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 33, one to each side, 3 stitches from the center line (6 stitches apart). The flat edge runs along the round, half of it on each side of that place. The inner end of each edge is ½ stitch from the center line and the outer end 5½ stitches. The sole, which is the side with the toe lines, looks away from the head. The feet stand up from the body, and each leans about 20 degrees out to its own side and about 10 degrees away from the head. Sew through both layers of the 5-stitch edge with the tail.

6. Pin the tail to the body: the middle of the flat edge lies on round 36, on the line opposite the center line. The flat edge runs along the round, half of it on each side of that place. It points straight on from the body, away from the head, and slopes a little down. Sew through both layers of the 7-stitch edge with its tail of yarn.

7. Pin the two ears to the head: the middle of each flat edge lies between rounds 11 and 12, one to each side, 13 stitches from the center line (26 stitches apart). The flat edge lies with its upper end on about round 10, 11½ stitches from the center line, and its lower end on about round 13, 13 stitches from it. They stand straight out from the sides of the head. Sew through both layers of the 3½-stitch edge with the tail.

8. The sea is not sewn on. Lay it on the table, right side up, and lay the otter along the middle of it, so that the waves stand all the way round.

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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, unless a line gives another time; begin and end each strand on the wrong side of a flat piece, inside a stuffed one. 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.
- Shell lines: work these on the shell front before the shell back is sewn to it. With C (cream), in backstitch, four straight lines that fan out over the right side. All four start at one place, on round 5, where the round begins (the middle of the hinge). Each runs straight across to one of the four dips between two scallops, and ends on round 5 just below the dip.
- Toe lines: work these before the feet are sewn on, on one side of each foot only. This side is the sole. With B (oatmeal), in backstitch, through the upper of the two layers, three straight lines that fan out toward the tip of the foot (round 1, the end opposite the flat edge). All three begin 11/16 in (17 mm) from the tip, measured straight down the foot: one on the line up the middle of the foot, and one to each side of it, 3/16 in (5 mm) from it. The middle one runs straight up the middle and ends 1/8 in (3 mm) from the tip. The other two slant outward, and each ends ¼ in (6 mm) from the tip, measured the same way, and 5/16 in (8 mm) from the middle line.
- Eyes: two 8 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 13, one to each side, 6 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart).
- Nose: with G (black), in satin stitch, an oval about 7/16 in (11 mm) wide and 5/16 in (8 mm) tall, its middle on the muzzle, centered, 5/16 in (8 mm) above the middle of the muzzle.
- Mouth: with G (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 7/16 in (11 mm) wide and ¼ in (6 mm) tall in all, starting at the bottom of the nose.
- Whiskers: work these when the muzzle is sewn on. With G (black), on each side, three straight stitches, one above the other, from the muzzle out over its seam to the head. All three start ½ in (12 mm) out from the middle of the muzzle: the middle one level with that middle, the upper one 1/8 in (3 mm) above it and the lower one 1/8 in (3 mm) below it. All three end on the head, 15/16 in (24 mm) out from the middle of the muzzle: the upper one level with its own start, the middle one 1/8 in (3 mm) lower than its start and the lower one 3/16 in (5 mm) lower than its start.
- 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: 13 pieces; 4,832 stitches.

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