Sheep pillow

US terms



Finished size

Body about 15¾ in (40 cm) wide and 11 in (28 cm) tall before it is stuffed; with the legs about 12¾ in (32 cm) tall

Skill

Intermediate

Bobbles in rows with shaped corners, flat rounds, and pieces to sew on

Yarn

Bulky (5), 4 colors

Hook

5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge

12 stitches and 13½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: cream, main	**about 340 yd (311 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: charcoal, stripe	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: blush, stripe	**about 1 yd (1 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: warm white, stripe	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and about 20 pins and polyester fiberfill (stuffing): about 14 oz (400 g).

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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, 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
sk	skip (UK miss)
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

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Special stitches

bo (Bobble): [yo, insert hook in the st, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull through 2 loops] 5 times in the same st, yo, pull through all 6 loops on hook. In UK terms: 5 unfinished trebles in one place, drawn together. It leaves 1 stitch for the next row or round.

Gauge

12 stitches and 13½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Begin with the body back and check it there, laid flat and not stretched, when row 20 is done: the 47 stitches of row 20 are about 15¾ in (40 cm) wide, and the 20 rows are about 6 in (15 cm) tall. A bobble takes the place of one stitch. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one. The cloth should be close enough to hide the stuffing.

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row or a round does not count as a stitch.
- The bobbles are made on wrong-side rows and push out to the right side. The single crochet after each one holds it there.
- In the cap, five double crochets in one stitch make one shell.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin 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, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the next ball, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle through the edge of one piece and through the edge that lies against it, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On an edge of stitches the needle goes under both loops of the stitch; on a foundation chain under the two strands of the chain that are left free; on a side edge, which has no loops, through the end stitch of the row. Where a piece is laid on the middle of another, the needle goes through the edge of the piece laid on, in one of these three ways, and then under two strands of the cloth right beside that edge. Fasten a length where the sewing begins and where it ends: sew 2 or 3 times into the same place.
- 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.
- The right side of a round is the side that faces you as you work it.
- Backstitch: bring the needle up at the second place named and take it down at the first, then up at the third and down at the second, and so on to the last place. A straight stitch is one stitch from the first place named to the second. Leave the beginning of each strand hanging about 4 in (10 cm) on the wrong side, and weave in both ends there.
- Choose a yarn that may be washed by machine, and wash the pillow as the ball bands say.
- For a child under three sew the ears, the cap and the tail down twice.

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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 row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble, sc2tog is double crochet 2 together, sk is miss and yo is yarn round hook.

Body front

Yarn A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 20.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**bo in next st, sc in next st**] 8 times**, sc in last st	**(11 sc, 8 bo)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in each of next 4 sts, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in each of next 4 sts	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**bo in next st, sc in next st**] 13 times**	**(14 sc, 13 bo)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 21 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**bo in next st, sc in next st**] 16 times**	**(17 sc, 16 bo)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 29 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(37 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**bo in next st, sc in next st**] 17 times**, sc in last st	**(20 sc, 17 bo)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 33 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(41 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**bo in next st, sc in next st**] 20 times**	**(21 sc, 20 bo)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 39 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(43 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**bo in next st, sc in next st**] 21 times**	**(22 sc, 21 bo)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 41 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**bo in next st, sc in next st**] 22 times**	**(23 sc, 22 bo)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 43 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(47 sc)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**bo in next st, sc in next st**] 23 times**	**(24 sc, 23 bo)**
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(47 sc)**
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**bo in next st, sc in next st**] 22 times**, sc in last st	**(25 sc, 22 bo)**
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(47 sc)**
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**bo in next st, sc in next st**] 23 times**	**(24 sc, 23 bo)**
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(47 sc)**
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**bo in next st, sc in next st**] 22 times**, sc in last st	**(25 sc, 22 bo)**
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(47 sc)**
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**bo in next st, sc in next st**] 23 times**	**(24 sc, 23 bo)**
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 43 sts, sc2tog	**(43 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**bo in next st, sc in next st**] 22 times**	**(23 sc, 22 bo)**
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 41 sts, sc2tog	**(41 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**bo in next st, sc in next st**] 21 times**	**(22 sc, 21 bo)**

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☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 39 sts, sc2tog	**(39 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**bo in next st, sc in next st**] 20 times**	**(21 sc, 20 bo)**
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 33 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(33 sc, 4 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**bo in next st, sc in next st**] 17 times**, sc in last st	**(20 sc, 17 bo)**
☐ **Row 33**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 29 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(29 sc, 4 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**bo in next st, sc in next st**] 16 times**	**(17 sc, 16 bo)**
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 3 times**, sc in next 21 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(21 sc, 6 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**bo in next st, sc in next st**] 13 times**	**(14 sc, 13 bo)**
☐ **Row 37**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 4 times**, sc in next 11 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 4 times**	**(11 sc, 8 sc2tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Body back

Yarn A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 20.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in each of next 4 sts, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in each of next 4 sts	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 21 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 29 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(37 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(37 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 33 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(41 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(41 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 39 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(43 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(43 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 41 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 43 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(47 sc)**
☐ **Rows 16 to 24**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(47 sc)**

A box for each row, 16 to 24: tick them off as you go.

☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24

☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 43 sts, sc2tog	**(43 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 41 sts, sc2tog	**(41 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(43 sc)**

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☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 39 sts, sc2tog	**(39 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(41 sc)**
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 33 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(33 sc, 4 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(37 sc)**
☐ **Row 33**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 29 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(29 sc, 4 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 3 times**, sc in next 21 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(21 sc, 6 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Row 37**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 4 times**, sc in next 11 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 4 times**	**(11 sc, 8 sc2tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Head

Yarn B, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 7.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next ch, 3 dc in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, 3 dc in same ch, dc in next ch, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next 2 chs; join with sl st in first sc	**(4 sc, 4 hdc, 8 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 6 sts, dc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc, 4 hdc, 14 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 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, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st; join with sl st in first sc	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 8 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 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st; join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 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 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(48 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 62 in (157 cm) to sew with.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn B, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 7.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next ch, 3 dc in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, 3 dc in same ch, dc in next ch, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next 2 chs; join with sl st in first sc	**(4 sc, 4 hdc, 8 dc)**

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☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st; join with sl st in first sc	**(22 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 20 in (51 cm) to sew with.	

Cap

Yarn A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 8.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**bo in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(4 sc, 3 bo)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**bo in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(7 sc, 6 bo)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sl st in first st, **[**sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sl st in next st**] 3 times**	**(4 sl sts, 15 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 42 in (107 cm) to sew with.	

Tail

Yarn A, cream.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 5**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 4 to 5: tick them off as you go.

4 5

☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc, 6 sc2tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 20 in (51 cm) to sew with.	

Leg: make 4

Yarn B, charcoal.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 14**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 4 to 14: tick them off as you go.

4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 24 in (61 cm) to sew with.	

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Assembly

1. Weave in the ends that are not sewn with. Lay the body front with its right side, the side of the bobbles, up and its foundation chain toward you. Rows are counted from the bottom, and stitches from the left edge as it lies.

2. Head: lay it with its right side up. Its narrow end, where its rounds begin, is the chin, and the chain in its middle runs from the chin up: the 1st ch is at the chin and the 6th at the forehead. Eyes: with a strand of D about 14 in (36 cm) long for each eye backstitch on the left half of the head from the top of round 1 beside the 5th ch, to round 2 beside the 4th ch, to round 3 beside the 4th ch, to round 4 beside the 5th ch: 3 stitches. Make the other eye on the right half in the same way.

3. Nose: with a strand of C about 14 in (36 cm) long make three straight stitches, all from the top of round 2 straight below the 1st ch: one down to the top of round 4, one up to the left and one up to the right, each to the top of round 1 beside the 1st ch.

4. Ears: the tail of each hangs at its point. Run it along the wrong side of the ear to the round end. Keep the right side of the ear up, as that of the head is, fold the round end a little together and lay it under the edge of the head. With its tail sew one to the last round of the head at stitches 15 to 18, on the right, and the other at stitches 31 to 34, on the left; the stitches are counted from the chin up the right side. The points hang down. 4 stitches each.

5. Lay the head with its right side up on the left end of the front, upright, so that the middle of its chin is on row 9, 4 stitches in from the left edge of that row, and the middle of its forehead straight above it on row 29. The left side of the head then comes about level with the left edge of the widest rows. With its tail sew it down all round, one whip stitch in each stitch of its last round: 48 stitches; where an ear lies under the edge go through the ear too. When 12 are still open, push in a small handful of fiberfill.

6. Cap: lay it on the head with its right side up, its shells toward the eyes, and the middle of its foundation chain on the top of round 5, straight above the 6th ch. The shells then end a little above the 6th ch, and the cap is as wide as the forehead. With its tail, beginning at the corner where the tail hangs, whip stitch it down all round: 4 row ends of that side (rows 4 to 1), 7 chains, 4 row ends of the other side (rows 1 to 4), and the 13 stitches of row 4, close under the shells: 28 stitches. Where its edge comes beyond the head or lies on an ear, sew it to what lies under it. Push in a small handful of fiberfill before the last 6. The shells stay free.

7. Lay the front on the back with the wrong sides together and the last rows together. Cut a length of A about 118 in (300 cm) long; it may be two lengths one after the other. Begin at the lower right corner and whip stitch them together up the 37 row ends of the right edge, along the 19 stitches of the last row and down the 37 row ends of the left edge. Stuff the body with small, loose pieces of fiberfill until it is plump and soft, about 5½ in (14 cm) thick in the middle, and whip stitch the foundation chains together, chain to chain: 19 stitches.

8. Legs: stuff the lower half of each lightly, flatten the open end, 6 stitches to each layer, and lay it on the back of the body. Turn the pillow over: on row 6 of the back, which has 33 stitches, put the open ends on stitches 4 to 9, 11 to 16, 18 to 23 and 25 to 30, with the legs hanging straight down over the lower edge. With its tail whip stitch both layers of each leg to that row: 6 stitches. Then sew each leg to the seam where it passes over it, 2 stitches.

9. Tail: turn the pillow over again, so that the front is up. Stuff the tail through its open end until it is a firm ball, and set the open end on the right end of the front, its middle on row 20, 4 stitches in from the edge. With its tail of yarn whip stitch the 12 stitches of its last round to the body, in a ring about 1¼ in (3 cm) across: 12 stitches.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the sewing lengths: take each end once into the pillow and out again a few inches away, pull it a little and cut it, so that it slips back inside.

In all: 11 pieces.

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