Sheep rug

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 37 in (94 cm) from the tip of the ear to the tail and 28 in (71 cm) from the fleece on the back to the feet; the body alone about 28¼ in (72 cm) by 22¾ in (58 cm)

Skill
Easy
Rounds with increases, popcorns and pieces to sew on

Yarn
Bulky (5), 3 colors

Hook
9 mm (US M/N-13)

Gauge
8 stitches and 9 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: cream, main	**about 1,180 yd (1,079 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: charcoal, the head, the ear and the leg	**about 260 yd (238 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: blush, the inner ear	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Two strands of yarn are held together throughout; the amounts above are for all of them.

Hook: 9 mm (US M/N-13), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure, 4 stitch markers and about 20 long pins and a rug pad or a non-slip mesh, cut about 1 in (2.5 cm) smaller all round than the rug.

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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small	27 in (69 cm), 19½ in (50 cm)	about 766 yd (700 m)
Standard (this file)	**37 in (94 cm), 28 in (71 cm)**	**about 1,480 yd (1,353 m)**

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

Special stitches

pop (Popcorn): 5 dc in the st; take the hook out of the loop, put it from front to back through the top of the first of these 5 dc, catch the loop again and pull it through, then ch 1 to close the popcorn. The popcorn stands out on the side that faces you and counts as one stitch. This closing ch 1 is its top: in the next round the stitch over a popcorn goes into the closing ch 1, and nothing goes into the tops of the 5 dc. In UK terms: 5 trebles in one place, drawn together into a popcorn.

Gauge

8 stitches and 9 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check it on the body, laid flat, when 8 rounds are done: in Standard it measures about 12½ in (32 cm) by 7 in (18 cm); in Small it measures about 12½ in (32 cm) by 7 in (18 cm). A round of popcorns is as tall as a round of single crochet: the popcorns bulge and do not lift it. If it measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one.

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Hold two strands of the yarn together throughout, for the sewing too: a tail to sew with is two strands, and where a length of yarn is given, cut two strands of that length. The right side of a piece in rounds is the side that faces you as you work; the right side of a piece in rows is the side that faces you in row 1.
- An oval begins with a chain that is worked on both of its sides. When the last chain is worked, do not turn: go on round the end and work back along the other side of the chain, the first stitch into the same chain as the last one, and the last stitch into the chain where the round began.
- Where the words in square brackets of an oval are worked 2 times, each time is one half of the oval: from the middle of one short end, along one long side, to the middle of the other short end.
- To sew a piece on top of another: lay it flat with its right side up and hold it with pins or markers. With the yarn on a yarn needle, come up from below through both loops of a stitch of its edge, and go down into the rug just outside that stitch. Work one such sewing stitch for each stitch of the edge, all round or along the part of the edge that is named, without drawing the edge in. A chain at a straight edge counts as a stitch, and so does the end of a row. At the end fasten off on the wrong side.
- Where a tail hangs away from the place where the sewing begins, take it there first: run the needle through the edge stitches on the wrong side, as when an end is woven in. Every tail is long enough for that.
- Backstitch: come up one stitch length ahead on the line, go down again where the last sewing stitch ended, and go on so. Every sewing stitch is about ½ in (1.25 cm) long.

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- The places are those of a right-handed maker, whose rounds run counter-clockwise. A left-handed maker counts the same way, along the rounds as they are worked, and the rug comes out mirrored.
- 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 in the middle of a round, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the next ball, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and pull up a loop of the working yarn. Round 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work round 1 into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.
- In joined rounds, the first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- Cotton is easy to wash, and it lies flat on a floor.

Instructions

Chosen: Standard. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, dc is treble and sk is miss.

Body

Yarn A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 13.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, working along the other side of the chain, sc in each ch across; join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, pop in next st**] 16 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(32 sc, 16 pop)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, pop in next st**] 20 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(40 sc, 20 pop)**

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☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 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 10 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**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, pop in next st**] 24 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(48 sc, 24 pop)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 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, sc in next 12 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, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, pop in next st**] 28 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(56 sc, 28 pop)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 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 12 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 3 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(96 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, pop in next st**] 32 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(64 sc, 32 pop)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(108 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, pop in next st**] 36 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(72 sc, 36 pop)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 5 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, sc in next 14 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, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(120 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, pop in next st**] 40 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(80 sc, 40 pop)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 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, sc in next 14 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, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(132 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, pop in next st**] 44 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(88 sc, 44 pop)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(144 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 22**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, pop in next st**] 48 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(96 sc, 48 pop)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 7 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 14 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(156 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, pop in next st**] 52 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(104 sc, 52 pop)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 26 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(26 sc, 130 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Head

Yarn B, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 10.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, working along the other side of the chain, sc in each ch across; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**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, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(60 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(66 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 100 in (254 cm) to sew with.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn B, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 8.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, working along the other side of the chain, sc in each ch across; join with sl st in first sc	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(32 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 48 in (122 cm) to sew with.	

Inner ear: make 2

Yarn C, blush.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 6.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, working along the other side of the chain, sc in each ch across; join with sl st in first sc	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(22 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 40 in (102 cm) to sew with.	

Leg: make 4

Yarn B, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 12.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, working along the other side of the chain, sc in each ch across; join with sl st in first sc	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(28 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(34 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 36 in (91 cm) to sew with.	

Tuft: make 2

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)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc, 30 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 38 in (97 cm) to sew with.	

Assembly

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

2. Lay the body right side up with the join of its rounds at the right. The edge has 26 shells. Count them from the join in the direction in which you worked, along the top edge to the left end and back along the bottom edge: shell 1 is the first one after the join, shell 26 the last one before it.

3. Legs: put a marker in shell 18, in shell 22, in the sc between shells 16 and 17 and in the sc between shells 23 and 24. Turn the body over like the page of a book, right side down. Lay a leg behind each marker: right side down, its long way upright, the end with the join at the top. Bring the middle of this end straight above the marker, no farther left or right than the marker, and measure the height with a tape, straight up and not square to the slanting edge: the end lies 1¾ in (4.5 cm) above the place where the edge of the last round before the shells passes the marker. All four legs point straight down. The tail of a leg hangs at its join, at the middle of the top: take it along the edge of the leg to the place where that edge crosses the edge of the body. From there sew the leg to the wrong side of the body: up this side, round the top and down the other side to the edge of the body, about 9 stitches for an inner leg or an outer one. Take up only the back of the body, so that the stitches do not show on the right side.

4. Head: turn the rug right side up again. The long way of the head stands upright, with the join of its rounds at the bottom. The middle of its height lies level with the middle of shell 13, and there its right-hand edge lies 11 rounds in from the left edge of the body (the round of shells not counted). Do not sew it yet.

5. Ears: lay an inner ear on the right side of each ear, the long way of both the same way and the middle of the one on the middle of the other, so that one round of the ear shows along each long side and two rounds at each end. Sew it on all round with its tail: 22 stitches. Slide 1 in (2.5 cm) of the end with the join of each ear under the head, one at the left and one at the right, the middle of the ear 3 5/8 in (9.2 cm) below the top of the head. The ears droop: the middle of the outer end of each lies 1¾ in (4.5 cm) lower than the middle of the end that is under the head. The tail of an ear hangs at its join, under the head. For the right-hand ear, take it at once along the lower edge of the ear, on the wrong side, as far as the place where this edge comes out from under the head, and let it hang out there, so that the head is not sewn over it. The tail of the left-hand ear stays under the head. Pin the head and the ears.

6. Sew the head on with its tail, along those parts of its edge that lie on the body or on an ear: about 36 of its 66 edge stitches, taken through the ears and the body where both lie under it. The left part of the head lies on the floor past the

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body: nothing is sewn there. Then sew the right-hand ear to the body with its tail, which hangs out below the ear beside the head: from there sew round the ear, from the right side, to the head again: about 26 stitches. The left-hand ear lies past the body: turn the rug over and with its tail sew the end that lies under the head to the wrong side of the head, 6 stitches.

7. Tufts: turn the rug right side up; it stays so to the end. Lay one tuft over the top of the head, its middle 1¼ in (3 cm) below the top edge of the head, so that its shells stand up past the head. Sew it on with its tail through the stitches of round 4, only where that round lies on the head: about 16 of its 24 stitches. The other tuft is the tail of the sheep: lay it over the right-hand edge of the body, its middle on the last round before the shells, at the middle of shell 2, and sew it on in the same way, only where its round 4 lies on the body: about 13 of its 24 stitches.

8. Eyes: mark the middle of the head from side to side. Cut two lengths of A, each about 24 in (61 cm) long, one for each eye. On each side of the mark backstitch an arc that hangs down 5/8 in (1.6 cm) in the middle: 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) wide, its ends 1/8 in (0.3 cm) above the middle of the height of the head, its inner end 1 in (2.5 cm) from the middle line. About 5 stitches each.

9. Nose: cut a length of C about 24 in (61 cm) long. On the middle line, 2 5/8 in (6.7 cm) below the middle of the height, is the point of a letter Y: backstitch from it ¾ in (2 cm) straight down, and up to the left and to the right ¾ in (2 cm) each: 2 stitches in each arm.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the ends with the yarn needle, on the wrong side.
- Lay the rug flat, dampen it, pull it into shape and let it dry.
- On a smooth floor lay the rug on a non-slip rug pad, so that it does not slide.

In all: 12 pieces.

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