Sloth face applique

US terms



Finished size
About 6¼ in (16 cm) wide and about 3¾ in (10 cm) tall with the branch and the leaves; the face alone is about 3 in (8 cm) across

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 14 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Light (3), 5 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: cream, rounds 1 to 4 of the head	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: taupe, round 5 of the head, the tufts and the arms	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: dark brown, the nose	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: bark brown, the eye stripes and the branch	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: leaf green, the leaves	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

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 and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 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 (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)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Gauge

18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

After round 3 the head measures between 1¾ and 2 in (4.5 and 5 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in; after a new color is joined, it is the stitch the color was joined in.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in, or the new color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- In an eye stripe the last sc is worked in the chain that holds the first 2 sc; this end is its tip, and the end with the 6 hdc is its round end. The dc of a piece of the tuft is its tip. The sc between the two pairs of hdc is the middle of the top of the nose.
- In an arm the last 3 hdc of Rnd 1 are worked in the chain that holds the first 3 hdc, so that each end of the chain holds 6 hdc.
- In the leaf the last sc is worked in the chain that holds the first sc; this end is the base of the leaf, where it is not joined, and the dc between two hdc at the other end is its tip.
- In the branch the last 2 sc of Rnd 1 are worked in the chain that holds the first sc, so that each end of the chain holds 3 sc. Its two long sides are alike: either may be the top.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.6 cm, and half that round a small curve, unless the line names another) along the line. Put it down at the start of the line and bring it up again one stitch length ahead of where it last came up; keep going down at the end of the stitch before and up one length ahead.
- French knot (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back, wrap the yarn twice round the needle close to the surface, hold the wraps and put the needle down beside the place where it came up. For a large knot use the yarn double and wrap it three times.
- Straight stitch (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back at one end of the stitch and put it down at the other end.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way, with the leaves: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 5¼ in (13 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 8 in (20 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 10¼ in (26 cm).

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Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. 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, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Head

Yarns in order of use: A, cream; B, taupe.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, sl st in first hdc to join	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(32 hdc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join B with sl st in any st, ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(40 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 45 in (114 cm) tail, for sewing the parts in this color to your project at the end.	

Eye stripe: make 2

Yarn D, bark brown.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 5.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 2 chs, 6 hdc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	**(3 sc, 10 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 15 in (38 cm) tail for sewing.	

Nose

Yarn C, dark brown.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, (2 sc, 2 hdc, sc, 2 hdc, sc) in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(4 sc, 4 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Tuft: make 3

Yarn B, taupe.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, (2 sc, hdc, dc, hdc, 2 sc) in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(4 sc, 2 hdc, 1 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Branch

Yarn D, bark brown.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 18.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 15 chs, 3 sc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 15 chs, 2 sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(42 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 30 in (76 cm) tail for sewing.	

Arm: make 2

Yarn B, taupe.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 6.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	3 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 3 chs, 6 hdc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next 3 chs, 3 hdc in next ch, sl st in first hdc to join	**(18 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 15 in (38 cm) tail for sewing.	

Leaf: make 4

Yarn E, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 7.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, (sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch	**(4 sc, 6 hdc, 5 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Lay the head down, right side up, with the join of Rnd 5 at the bottom. The middle line runs straight up from there through the magic ring. All heights are measured from the magic ring of the head, and left and right are as you look at it.
- Eye stripes: lay one on each side of the head, right side up, its round end toward the middle and its tip out and down. The chain that holds the 6 hdc, the middle of its round end, is ¼ in (0.6 cm) above the magic ring of the head and 5/8 in (1.6 cm) from the middle line, and the tip is 3/8 in (1 cm) below the magic ring of the head and 1¼ in (3.2 cm) from the middle line, inside the edge of the head. Sew it down all round its edge with its tail.
- Eyes: with C, work one large French knot on each eye stripe, ¼ in (0.6 cm) above the magic ring of the head and ½ in (1.3 cm) from the middle line. With A, work one French knot over the upper left part of each dark knot.
- Nose: gather in the yarn end from its magic ring and leave it under the nose, so that the nose stands up. Lay it on the head, right side up, the middle of its top straight up, its magic ring on the middle line and 3/8 in (1 cm) below the magic ring of the head. Sew it down all round its edge with its tail.
- Smile: with C, work one long curve in backstitch. Its two ends are 5/8 in (1.6 cm) below the magic ring of the head and ¾ in (1.9 cm) from the middle line; its lowest point is 7/8 in (2.2 cm) below the magic ring on the middle line.
- Tuft: lay the three pieces on the upper part of the head, right sides up, wholly inside its edge. Two lie with their magic rings 1 in (2.5 cm) above the magic ring of the head and ½ in (1.3 cm) to each side of the middle line, their tips down and out: each tip is 3/8 in (1 cm) lower than its magic ring and ¼ in (0.6 cm) farther from the middle line. The third lies over the inner edges of both, its magic ring on the middle line and 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) above the magic ring of the head, its tip straight down. Sew each down all round with its tail.
- Leaves: hold the branch level, right side up. Lay two leaves behind each end of it, right sides up, the base of each leaf on the line of the foundation chain, 3/8 in (1 cm) in from the rounded end. One leaf points straight up, past the upper edge of the branch. The other points out and up, half way between level and upright, and lies behind the first. Sew the leaves to the back of the branch with their tails.
- Branch: lay it across the lower part of the face, behind the head, right side up, level, its middle on the middle line, its foundation chain 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm) below the magic ring of the head. The middle of its upper edge is hidden behind the head. Sew the head to the branch from the back with the tail of the branch.
- Arms: lay one on each side, right side up, behind the head and over the branch, the middle of its foundation chain 7/8 in (2.2 cm) below the magic ring of the head and 1¼ in (3.2 cm) from the middle line, leaning so that the middle of its lower end is ½ in (1.3 cm) farther from the middle line than the middle of its upper end. The upper half is hidden behind the head. With the tail of the arm, sew its upper half to the back of the head and, from the front, the edge of its lower half to the branch.
- Claws: with A, embroider three claws on the branch below each arm. Each claw is three straight stitches side by side that come up close against the edge of the arm, in a row 1/8 in (0.3 cm) wide, and all go down in one place, the tip. The middle claw comes up under the lowest point of the arm as it lies, which is 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) from the middle line. The middles of the other two come up ¼ in (0.6 cm) to the left and ¼ in (0.6 cm) to the right of that point, measured straight across, where the edge of the arm begins to curve up. The tip of the middle claw is straight below the lowest point of the arm, 2 in (5.1 cm) below the magic ring of the head. The tips of the other two are ¼ in (0.6 cm) to the left and ¼ in (0.6 cm) to the right of that tip and 1/8 in (0.3 cm) higher. All the tips lie on the branch.
- To sew the applique on, pin it where it is to go and sew round the edges of the head and of the arms with the long tail, under the outermost strands of the stitches; for each part in another color use a length of that color.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 14 pieces; 349 stitches (120 in the head, 13 in each eye stripe, 8 in the nose, 7 in each tuft, 78 in the branch, 18 in each arm, 15 in each leaf).

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