Sloth hanging planter

US terms



Finished size

About 10¼ × 9¾ in (26 × 25 cm)

About 10¼ in (26 cm) long with the head and 9¾ in (25 cm) tall from the top of the rod to the back, the cord not counted. To fit a light pot 4 in (10 cm) across at the top and up to 4 in (10 cm) tall

Skill

Intermediate

The pocket, the head and the limbs are single crochet rounds; the face, the limbs and the claws are sewn on.

Yarn

Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook

5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: fawn, the body, the head and the limbs	**about 325 yd (297 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cocoa, the eye stripes, the claws, the nose, the mouth, the tuft and the cord	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, the face and the eyelids	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 190 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: acrylic or cotton

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a wooden rod 5/8 in (1.5 cm) thick and 12 in (30.5 cm) long, toy stuffing, about 2 oz (55 g), 6 stitch markers, pins, a yarn needle and scissors.

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.

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The gauge is checked on the piece itself: after round 8 the back should measure about 7½ in (19 cm) long, laid flat and not stretched. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

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Notes

- The body and the eye stripes begin with a chain, and their round 1 is worked along both sides of it: along one side, 3 stitches in the last chain, then back along the other side.
- The head, the face and the limbs begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring, draw up a loop and chain 1 to hold it, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- No round of any part is joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round. The right side, the outside, faces you.
- sc2tog: draw up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on the hook.
- Colors. The body, the head and the limbs are A, the eye stripes, the claws, the nose, the mouth, the tuft and the cord B, the face and the eyelids C.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 10 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 times in all.
(26 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Body

Yarn A, fawn.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 13.	

Back

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 10 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 10 chs, 2 sc in last ch	(26 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	(32 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 10 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(38 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 10 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(44 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next 10 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 10 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(50 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 10 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(56 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, sc in next 10 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 10 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(62 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 10 sts, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(68 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 8.** The back should measure about 7½ in (19 cm) long and 4¼ in (11 cm) wide.

Sides

☐ **Rnds 9 to 20** 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	Sc in each st around	(68 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in next 4 sts, **[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 8 times**	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	Sc in each st around	(60 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Head

Yarn A, fawn.

Begin at the top of the head.

☐ **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**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 sts	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 3 sts	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnds 9 to 16** 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 5 times**, sc in next 3 sts	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in next st, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 sts	(24 sc)

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Stop here, after round 20. Stuff the head firmly, so that it is round. Add stuffing once more after round 21.

☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**Sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**Sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm). Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the 6 stitches, draw it up to close the hole and bury its end in the head.	

Face

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**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 sts	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 38 in (96.5 cm) for sewing.	

Eye stripe: make 2

Yarn B, cocoa.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 5.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 2 chs, 2 sc in last ch	(10 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 16 in (40.5 cm) for sewing.	

Limb: make 4

Yarn A, fawn.

Begin at the round end, which is the shoulder of an arm or the hip of a leg. Stuff as you work: rounds 1 to 9 lightly, so that this end can be pressed a little flat, and the rest softly, so that the limb can bend. The other end is the paw.

☐ **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**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnds 4 to 8**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnds 10 to 36**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)

10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36

☐ **Rnd 37**	**[**Sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm). Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the 6 stitches, draw it up to close the hole and bury its end in the limb.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails of the body on the inside. Weave in the starting tails of the face and the eye stripes on their wrong sides; those of the head and the limbs stay inside them. The long tails stay.

2. The places on the body. Fold the body along the middle of its back, so that each end of the oval is at a fold. The last round has 60 stitches. Put a marker in the rim at each fold: these are the two ends. Put one in the rim at the middle of each of the two long sides, 15 stitches from the first end marker: one long side is the front and the other the back. With the front toward you the head goes at your left.

3. The face. The head has its round 1 at the top. Round 12 has 48 stitches. Put a marker between stitches 24 and 25 of it: from there the middle of the front runs straight up and straight down. Now, while the head is bare, mark the place that will lie against the body too: go 2 rounds straight down from this marker, count 18 stitches along round 14 to your right as the front of the head faces you, which brings you toward the back of the head, and put a second marker there, between rounds 14 and 15. It stays until step 7. Lay the face on the front of the head, right side out, its ring on the middle line at the line between rounds 12 and 13, and pin it. Take out the first marker, the one between stitches 24 and 25, which is now under the face. From here on the middle line is the line from round 1 of the head straight down through the ring of the face. With its long tail sew it down all round: bring the needle up through the face under the top of a stitch of its last round and down through the head close beside the edge, 36 stitches. Bury the end and take the pins out.

4. The eye stripes. Each is laid on the face, right side out, at a slant: its inner end is 1 in (2.5 cm) above the ring of the face, measured straight up, and ½ in (1.5 cm) from the middle line, and its outer end is lower, level with the ring of the face and close inside the edge of the face. One is at each side, like the two sides of a roof, and they do not touch: there is 1 in (2.5 cm) of the face between their inner ends. Pin both. With its long tail sew each down in the same way as the face, 10 stitches. Bury the ends.

5. The eyelids, the nose and the mouth. Straight stitch: bring the needle up at one end of the line and down at the other. With C and a length of 24 in (61 cm) make a closed eye on each eye stripe, in the middle of its length and along it: three straight stitches, each ¼ in (0.5 cm) long, end to end in a shallow curve whose two ends are a little higher than its middle. Work each of the three stitches twice, into the same two holes. With B and a length of 30 in (76 cm) make the nose on the middle line: 5 level straight stitches close below one another, the top one ¾ in (2 cm) long and just below the ring of the face, and each of the others a little shorter than the one above it, the last ¼ in (0.5 cm) long. Then the mouth, ¼ in (0.5 cm) below the nose: three straight stitches end to end, the middle one level and ½ in (1.5 cm) long, the outer two ½ in (1.5 cm) long and rising outward by ¼ in (0.5 cm). Bury all the ends in the head.

6. The tuft. Cut 12 lengths of B, each 4 in (10 cm). Put the hook under a stitch of round 1 at the top of the head, lay 2 lengths together, fold them in half, draw the fold through under the stitch, draw the 4 ends through the fold and pull it tight. Do the same on each of the 6 stitches of round 1. Trim the 24 ends to about ¾ in (2 cm).

7. The head on the body. The marker put into the head in step 3, between rounds 14 and 15, is the middle of the place that lies against the body. On the body go 5 stitches along the rim from the end marker at the left toward the front marker, and from that stitch straight down to the line between rounds 17 and 18: put a marker there. Lay these two markers against each other, the top of the head up: rounds 11 to 18 of the head then lie against rounds 21 to 14

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of the body, the head stands higher than the rim, and the face looks to the front. Pin head and body together round the two markers, and take these two markers out before you sew. With a new length of A 60 in (152.5 cm) long sew the two together in an oblong ring, 5 stitches across and 8 rounds tall, with the place where the two markers were in its middle: 5 stitches along the top, 8 down one side, 5 along the bottom and 8 up the other side, 26 in all, each through a stitch of the body and then through the stitch of the head that lies against it, drawn snug. Go round once more. Fasten off on the inside of the body and take the pins out.

8. The limbs on the body. Two limbs go on the outside of the front and two on the outside of the back, one at each side of the marker there, the middle of the limb 5 stitches from it. Stand each limb upright against the body, the round end down and a little flattened: its round 9 is level with the rim and its round end lies over round 14 of the body, 8 rounds below the rim. Pin. With a length of A 50 in (127 cm) for each limb begin at the rim at one side of the limb and sew down that side, 7 stitches, across the round end, 6 stitches, and up the other side to the rim, 7 stitches: each under a stitch of the limb where it meets the body and through the body beside it. Then go 4 stitches back along the rim, through the back of the limb and the top edge of the body, to where you began, 24 in all, and go round once more. Fasten off on the inside. Take out the pins and all the markers but the one in the rim at the middle of the front.

9. The claws. Make 12, 3 for each paw. Each is worked in B: leave a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm) before the slip knot, ch 12, slip stitch in the 2nd chain from the hook and in each of the next 10 chains, and fasten off with a tail of 14 in (35.5 cm). Both tails are at the same end of the claw: thread the longer one on the needle, run it through the middle of the claw and out at its other end, so that each end has a tail. Draw the claw straight; it is about 2½ in (6.5 cm) long. Three go on each paw, side by side, on the side of the limb that is to the front as the front of the sloth is toward you: on the front limbs as on the back limbs. Round 37 is the tip of the paw. Sew the end of the claw that has the shorter tail to round 35, the claw pointing up past the tip: the middle claw on the middle of the front of the limb, the other two 2 stitches to each side of it. Work 4 stitches for each with that tail, through the end of the claw and the limb, go over them once more and bury the end in the limb.

10. The rod. Hold the rod level above the body and in front of the four limbs, against round 33 of each, the tips of the paws about ½ in (1.5 cm) above it. At the left are the two arms, the one from the back of the body nearer the end of the rod, and at the right the two legs in the same way, with ½ in (1.5 cm) between the two of a pair. Bring the claws of each paw forward over the rod, down in front of it and back under it, and sew the free end of each to the front of the same limb at round 31, close below the rod, straight below its upper end, with 4 stitches of the tail at that end; go over them once more and bury the end in the limb. The claws lie close round the rod. The rod can be drawn out of them. Take the last marker out.

11. The cord. With B, leaving a tail of 18 in (45.5 cm) before the slip knot, ch 56, about 12¾ in (32.5 cm) long, and fasten off with a tail of 18 in (45.5 cm). Wind each tail four times round one end of the rod, ½ in (1.5 cm) from the end, knot it to the chain with a double knot, and weave what is left of it into the chain.

12. Hang the sloth up empty first and see that it hangs level: push the paws along the rod until it does. Then stand a light pot without a hole, or a pot with a saucer, in the body.

Finishing

- Draw the limbs into a soft bend with your fingers.

In all: 9 pieces; 4,098 stitches (1,312 in the body, 768 in the head, 126 in the face, 10 in each eye stripe, 468 in each limb).

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