Sloth pillow

Small · US terms



Finished size
About 15¾ in (40 cm) tall and 12¾ in (32 cm) wide when it is stuffed; each arm about 10 in (25 cm) long without the claws

Skill
Easy
Ovals and tubes in rounds, and pieces to sew on

Yarn
Bulky (5), 4 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
12 stitches and 13½ rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: camel, main color	**about 440 yd (402 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the mask and the claw	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: chocolate, the eye stripe and the nose	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the eye	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 400 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 130 yd (119 m).

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, 2 stitch markers and polyester fiberfill (stuffing): Small about 18 oz (500 g); Large about 30 oz (850 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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small (this file)	**15¾ in (40 cm) tall, 12¾ in (32 cm) wide**	**about 518 yd (474 m)**
Large	20 in (51 cm) tall, 16 in (41 cm) wide	about 795 yd (727 m)

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Gauge

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

Begin with the mask and check it there, laid flat and not stretched, when 4 rounds are done: it is about 2 3/8 in (6 cm) wide from edge to edge across the middle of its chain. If it measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one. The cloth should be close enough to hide the stuffing.

Notes

- The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- The right side is the side that faces you as you work the rounds. Do not turn between rounds.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- An oval and an eye stripe go all the way round their foundation chain. Work along the chain to its far end, do not turn, and go on along the other side of the same chain. In an oval the last chain holds one sc from each side, and so does the chain the round began in. Where the words in square brackets of an oval are worked 2 times, each time is one half of it.
- Backstitch: bring the needle up one stitch length ahead of where the line begins and take it down at its beginning, then up one stitch length farther on and down where the stitch before came up. A stitch is as long as one sc is wide. Weave in both ends of a strand on the wrong side.
- 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.
- Choose a yarn that may be washed by machine, and wash the pillow as the ball bands say.
- For a child under three leave off the hair and sew everything down twice.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

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Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
yo yarn over the hook.
3 sc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 8 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 2 times: work what is inside 2 times in all.
(20 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Body: make 2

Yarn A, camel.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 11.
☐ **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 (20 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc (26 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc (32 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc (38 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 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 (44 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc (50 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 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 (56 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 18 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc (62 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 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	(68 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(74 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 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	(80 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	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 24 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(86 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 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	(92 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(98 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 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	(104 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 30 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(110 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(116 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 34 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(122 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(128 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 38 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(134 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 21 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 20 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(140 sc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 41 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(146 sc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 23 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(152 sc)
☐ **Rnd 24**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 44 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(158 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Mask

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, 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)

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☐ **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, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 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	(60 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 20 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(66 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 68 in (173 cm) to sew with.	

Eye stripe: make 2

Yarn C, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 9.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 3 chs, 3 dc in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, 3 dc in same ch, dc in next 3 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next 2 chs; join with sl st in first sc	(4 sc, 4 hdc, 12 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 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 6 sts, 2 sc in next st; join with sl st in first sc	(26 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 32 in (81 cm) to sew with.	

Eye: make 2

Yarn D, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; pull the tail to close the ring; join with sl st in first sc	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 14 in (36 cm) to sew with.	

Nose

Yarn C, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 5.	
☐ **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	(8 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(14 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 22 in (56 cm) to sew with.	

Arm: make 2

Yarn A, camel.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; pull the tail to close the 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)

Weave in the beginning end on the inside. Stuff the arm as it grows, when rounds 12, 22 and 28 are done: firmly in the first 8 rounds, which are the paw, and softly after that, so that the arm bends. The last 5 rounds are left empty

☐ **Rnds 4 to 34**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(18 sc)

4 5 6 7 8 9 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

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 26 in (66 cm) to sew with.	

Claw: make 6

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 4 sc in ring; pull the tail to close the ring; join with sl st in first sc	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 5**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(6 sc)

3 4 5

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 16 in (41 cm) to sew with.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the ends of the two bodies, and the beginning ends of all the small pieces. Choose one body for the front and lay it right side up with its foundation chain upright and the join of its rounds at the bottom. The last round has 158 sts: stitch 1 is the first one after the join, and they are counted in the direction in which they were worked: up the right side, over the top and down the left side. Stitch 80 is at the top. Put a marker in stitches 1 and 80.

2. Mask: lay it right side up with its foundation chain level. The middle of that chain lies on round 4 of the front, straight above the top end of the body's foundation chain. With its tail whip stitch it down all round, 66 stitches. Before the last 12 stitches push a thin layer of fiberfill under it.

3. Eye stripes: the end where the rounds begin is pointed, the far end is round. Lay one right side up on each side of the mask, round end inward. Think of the mask's chain drawn on as a straight line to both edges of the mask. The tip of the round end lies ¾ in (2 cm) from the upright middle line and ¾ in (2 cm) above that line. From there the stripe slants outward and down, and its point lies on the edge of the mask, ½ in (1.5 cm) below that line; it may reach up to ¼ in (0.5 cm) past the edge. With its tail whip stitch each down all round, 26 stitches.

4. Eyes: lay one right side up on each stripe, its middle 1 in (2.5 cm) from the round end, on the line of the stripe's

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foundation chain. With its tail whip stitch it down, 6 stitches. Glint: with a strand of B about 12 in (30 cm) long for each eye make two straight stitches side by side on the upper right part of the eye.

5. Nose: lay it right side up with its chain level and its middle on the upright middle line, 1 in (2.5 cm) below the line of the mask's chain. With its tail whip stitch it down, 14 stitches; before the last 4 stitches push a little fiberfill under it.

6. Smile: with a strand of C about 30 in (76 cm) long work backstitch on the mask. Begin with one stitch straight down from the middle of the lower edge of the nose. From its foot work 6 stitches to the left in a flat curve that rises to the height of the middle of the nose, and the same to the right.

7. Lay the front on the other body with the wrong sides together, join on join, stitch to stitch. Cut a length of A about 156 in (396 cm) long; it may be two or three lengths one after the other. Begin at stitch 1, with the first stitch of the other body against it, and whip stitch the last rounds together: 158 stitches. When about 30 are still open, stuff the body with small, loose pieces of fiberfill until it is plump and soft. Whip stitch the opening closed.

8. Claws: they are not stuffed. Lay three side by side on the paw of each arm: their open ends, pressed flat, on round 4 of the arm, their tips pointing out past the first round, the middle one in line with the ring and one on each side of it, touching. The join of the arm is on the side away from them. With its tail whip stitch each flat end to the arm, 3 stitches through both its layers and 3 more along its underside.

9. Arms: press the open end of each flat, 9 stitches to a layer, so that the claws lie in the middle of the upper face. Lay an arm on the right side of the front, its flat end level and its claws hanging down toward stitch 1; the outer corner of the flat end lies on stitch 41 of the seam, and the end reaches inward from there. With its tail whip stitch both layers of the end to the front layer, 9 stitches, and go over them once more. Then sew the first 4 rounds below it to the seam with 4 stitches. Sew the other arm on at the left in the same way, the outer corner of its flat end on stitch 119.

10. Fold the arms over the front, the right one lower than the left one, so that the claws of the left arm rest on the right arm. They are sewn only at the shoulders: they open for a hug.

11. Hair: cut 15 strands of C, each about 6 in (15 cm) long. Make 5 knots in the seam at the top of the head, one in stitch 80 and one in each of the 2 stitches on either side of it. For each knot put the hook through the seam from the front of the pillow to the back, fold 3 strands in half together, pull the fold through, pull the ends through the fold and draw it tight. The hair falls over the forehead. Trim the ends to about 2 in (5 cm).

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: 16 pieces; 6,114 stitches (2,136 in each body, 360 in the mask, 46 in each eye stripe, 6 in each eye, 22 in the nose, 594 in each arm, 28 in each claw).

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