Elephant standing tall

US terms



Finished size
About 9 in (23 cm) long with the trunk and 5¾ in (14.5 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
13 pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 7 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

You will need

Yarn A: silver gray, the main color	**about 270 yd (247 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: marigold, saddle cloth and the details	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: raspberry, saddle cloth	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: teal, saddle cloth	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: cream, saddle cloth and the details	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: pink, inner ear and the details	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: charcoal, tail	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors and two black plastic eyes with washers, 10 mm.

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.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together, through the front loops only: how is under “Before you start” (UK dc2tog, double cro
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
BLO	back loop only

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Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

To check it, work a flat circle: 6 sc in a magic ring, then 6 more sc in each round (12, 18, 24, 30, 36). After round 6 it should measure about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Before you start

- Every piece that has rounds is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up. Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.
- Color change: where a round or a row begins "With A," (or another letter), work the last pull- through of the round or the row before it in A, then cut the old yarn. On the tail, knot the ends on the wrong side; on the saddle cloth, weave in the ends on the wrong side, with no knots. Center line: places on a piece are given by round and by stitches from a center line. It is half way round from where the rounds begin. Mark it with a pin or a scrap of yarn as listed here, run it straight from round 1 to the last round by eye, and count out from it along the round, in stitches and half stitches.
- Head: the center line runs between stitches 24 and 25 of round 10 (48 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 27 and 28 of round 9 (54 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- Running stitches go in and out along a line.
- In every step of putting it together: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- To work sc2tog, put the hook under the front loop only of each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through both loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in G (charcoal).
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, ovals, details) are for Standard, the size written here: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Small: fine (2, sport) yarn, 2.25 mm (B-1) hook, 27 sc and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 6¾ in (17 cm) long with the trunk and 4¼ in (11 cm) tall; eyes 7 mm; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.
- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 12¾ in (32.5 cm) long with the trunk and 8¼ in (21 cm) tall; eyes 14 mm; multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 times the yarn.
- Jumbo: super bulky (6, plush or velvet) yarn, 6.5 mm (K-10½) hook, 11 sc and 12.1 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 16¼ in (41.5 cm) long with the trunk and 10½ in (26.5 cm) tall; eyes 18 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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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 round is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet.

Body

Yarn A, silver gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 20**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 20: tick them off as you go.

☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20

☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside.	

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Leg: make 4

Yarn A, silver gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 22 sts, sc2tog	**(23 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc2tog, sc in next 20 sts	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(21 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 11: tick them off as you go.

☐ 10 ☐ 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 20 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 22 in (56 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Head

Yarn A, silver gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 11 to 15**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 15: tick them off as you go.

☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15

☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Fix the eyes now (see Finishing). Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 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 an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, silver gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 sc in MR	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next st, 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 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 26 sts	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 26 sts, sc2tog	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts	**(23 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog	**(21 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 10½ stitches. The odd stitch lies at one fold.	

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Inner ear: make 2

Yarn F, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 22 in (56 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Trunk

Yarn A, silver gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 10**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**

A box for each round, 4 to 10: tick them off as you go.

☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10

☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 12 to 13**	Sc in each st around	**(11 sc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 13: tick them off as you go.

☐ 12 ☐ 13

☐ **Rnd 14**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

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Tail

Yarns in order of use: G, charcoal; A, silver gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	With A, sc2tog, **[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 13**	Sc in each st around	**(5 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 13: tick them off as you go.

5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

Saddle cloth

Yarns in order of use: C, raspberry; D, teal; E, cream; B, marigold.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 13 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 14.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rows 3 to 4**	With D, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(13 sc)**

A box for each row, 3 to 4: tick them off as you go.

3 4

☐ **Row 5**	With E, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rows 6 to 7**	With C, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(13 sc)**

A box for each row, 6 to 7: tick them off as you go.

6 7

☐ **Rows 8 to 30**	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(13 sc)**

A box for each row, 8 to 30: tick them off as you go.

8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

☐ **Rows 31 to 32**	With C, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(13 sc)**

A box for each row, 31 to 32: tick them off as you go.

31 32

☐ **Row 33**	With E, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rows 34 to 35**	With D, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(13 sc)**

A box for each row, 34 to 35: tick them off as you go.

34 35

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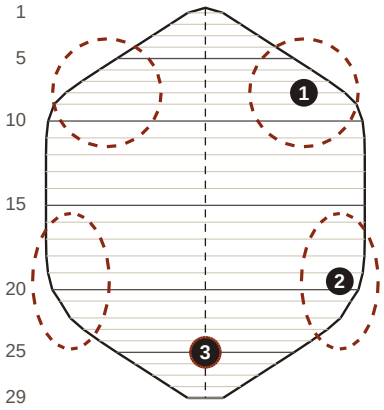
☐ **Rows 36 to 37** With C, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across **(13 sc)**

A box for each row, 36 to 37: tick them off as you go.

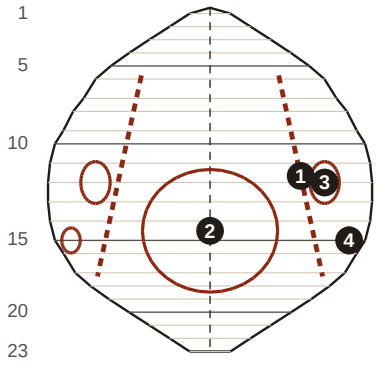
36 37

☐ **End** Fasten off and weave in the ends on the wrong side.

Assembly



Body: 1 legs, 2 legs, 3 tail



Head: 1 ears, 2 trunk, 3 eyes, 4 cheeks

Each line is a round, counted as the rounds are worked. The upright broken line is the center line. A place with a broken edge is on the far side.

1. Pin two legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 8, one to each side, 18 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (26 sts) covers about rounds 4 to 12 of the body. They point down. These are the front legs. Do not sew them yet.

2. Pin two legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies between rounds 19 and 20, one to each side, 18 stitches from the center line (18 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (26 sts) covers about rounds 15 to 24 of the body. They point down. These are the back legs. When all four legs are pinned, stand the toy on its feet and move the pins a little until it stands level. Then sew each leg all the way round with its tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

3. Set the head against the upper part of the front end of the body, round 1 of the head at the top and the face turned about 30 degrees to the left. Where they touch: on the head, look at its face and count 20 stitches to the left from its center line along round 15 (48 sts), which is 4 stitches short of the middle of the back, and mark that place with a pin; the pin lies on round 5 of the body, on the center line of the body. Press the two together until they touch in a circle about 1½ in (38 mm) across: on the body it reaches from round 1 to about round 8 on the center line and about 4 stitches to each side of it, and on the head from about round 11 to about round 19. With a new length of A (silver gray), sew round the circle twice.

4. Pin the two ears to the head: the middle of each flat edge lies between rounds 11 and 12, one to each side, 13½ stitches from the center line (21 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The flat edge runs straight up and down the head, half of it above that place and half below. They stand out to the sides, a little to the front. Sew through both layers of the 10½-stitch edge with the tail.

5. Sew one inner ear flat to the side of each ear that will face forward, right side out, centered on that side, its middle over round 7 of the ear, all 24 stitches of the edge.

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6. Pin the trunk to the head: the middle of the open edge lies between rounds 14 and 15, on the center line. The edge (20 sts) covers about rounds 11 to 18 of the head. It points straight out from the face and a little down, turns up by about round 12 of the trunk, and its tip points up and a little forward. Bend it as you pin it and hold the bend with a few running stitches on its upper side, drawn up firmly. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

7. Pin the tail to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 25, on the center line. The edge has 5 sts. It points back, then curves until its tip points down. Bend it as you pin it and hold the curve with a stitch or two on its inner side. Sew all the way round with its tail of yarn.

8. Lay the saddle cloth across the back, the side that faced you in row 1 outward: its foundation chain hangs at one side of the body and its last row at the other, the same distance from the table, and its middle row (row 19) lies along the center line of the body. Its front edge lies on about round 10 of the body and its back edge on about round 23. With a new length of B (marigold), sew the front edge and the back edge to the body from row 10 to row 28. The rest hangs free.

Finishing

- Put in the plastic eyes when the words of a piece say so, or embroider eyes in the same places with the other details. Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on; begin and end each strand inside the toy. Knot in the lengths of yarn at the same time. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled.
- Tassels: cut 28 lengths of B (marigold), each 5 in (12.5 cm) long, and work them when the saddle cloth is sewn on. Seven tassels hang from the foundation chain of the saddle cloth and seven from its last row, one at each of stitches 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 13 of the 13 stitches. At each place fold two lengths together in half, put the hook through the edge from the wrong side to the right side, draw the fold through a little, pull all four ends through the fold, draw them tight and trim the ends left outside to 5/8 in (1.6 cm).
- Toenails: with E (cream), in satin stitch, three ovals on each leg, each about ¼ in (6 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, their middles on round 5 of the leg: one in the middle of the front of the leg and one 3½ stitches to each side of it.
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 12, one to each side, 6 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with F (pink), in satin stitch, an oval about 3/8 in (10 mm) wide and ¼ in (6 mm) tall, its middle on the head on round 15, one to each side, 8½ stitches from the center line (17 stitches apart).
- Weave every tail through the toy and trim it. For a toy that will be played with, go round each seam a second time with a new length of yarn. Check the seams and small parts from time to time.

In all: 13 pieces; 4,477 stitches (1,128 in the body, 288 in each leg, 744 in the head, 266 in each ear, 60 in each inner ear, 249 in the trunk, 71 in the tail, 481 in the saddle cloth).

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