Giraffe on four legs

US terms



Finished size
About 12½ in (32 cm) tall to the tips of the horns and 8¼ in (21 cm) long

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

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 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: cream, the main color	**about 210 yd (192 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: caramel, several of the pieces	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: dark brown, leg, tail and the details	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: peach, head	**about 10 yd (9 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

Special stitches

bobble: [yarn over, insert hook in the stitch, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops] 4 times in the same stitch, yarn over, pull through all 5 loops (United Kingdom: a bobble of 4 trebles). Push it out to the right side. It leaves 1 st for the next row or round.

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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 line begins "With A," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in A. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- 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 18 and 19 of round 12 (36 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 21 and 22 of round 7 (42 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.
- Neck: the center line runs through the middle of stitch 18 of round 29 (35 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- 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 C (dark brown).
- 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 9¼ in (23.5 cm) tall to the tips of the horns and 6 in (15 cm) long; 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 17¾ in (45 cm) tall to the tips of the horns and 11¾ in (30 cm) long; 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 22¾ in (58 cm) tall to the tips of the horns and 15 in (38 cm) long; 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, cream.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 18**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 18: tick them off as you go.

☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18

☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

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

☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**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.	

Leg: make 4

Yarns in order of use: C, dark brown; A, cream.

☐ **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, sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(16 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	With A, sc2tog, sc in next 14 sts	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 13 sts, sc2tog	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 11 to 12**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 12: tick them off as you go.

☐ 11 ☐ 12

☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 16 to 17**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 16 to 17: tick them off as you go.

☐ 16 ☐ 17

☐ **Rnd 18**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Neck

Yarn A, cream.

☐ **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, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 8**	Sc in each st around	**(16 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 8: tick them off as you go.

☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(17 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 10 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(17 sc)**

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

10 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 13 to 14**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 14: tick them off as you go.

13 14

☐ **Rnd 15**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 20 sts	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in each st around	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Sc in next 21 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(23 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	Sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 23 sts	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	Sc in next 24 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts**] 2 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	Sc in next 4 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	**(35 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 28 in (71 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Head

Yarns in order of use: D, peach; A, cream.

☐ **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 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 7**	With A, sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	**(29 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in next 8 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 4 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	**(35 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 34 sts	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 13 to 14**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 14: tick them off as you go.

13 14

☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**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 17**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**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, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 4 stitches.	

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Horn: make 2

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

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 4**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**

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

3 4

☐ **Rnd 5**	With A, **[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 8**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 8: tick them off as you go.

6 7 8

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Mane

Yarn B, caramel.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 3 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, bobble in each of next 3 sts	**(3 sts)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 22**	Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.	

A box for each row, 4 to 22: tick them off as you go.

4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 30 in (76 cm) tail for sewing.	

Tail

Yarns in order of use: C, dark brown; A, cream.

☐ **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 each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	With A, sc2tog, **[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(5 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 6 to 15**	Sc in each st around	**(5 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 15: tick them off as you go.

6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

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

Large patch: make 6

Yarn B, caramel.

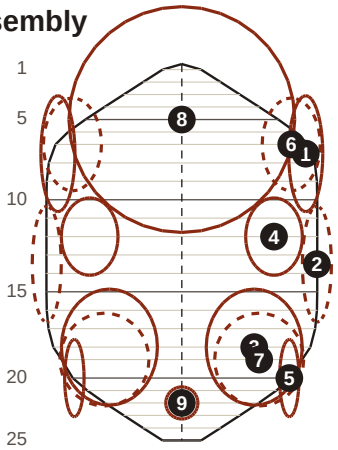
☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Small patch: make 12

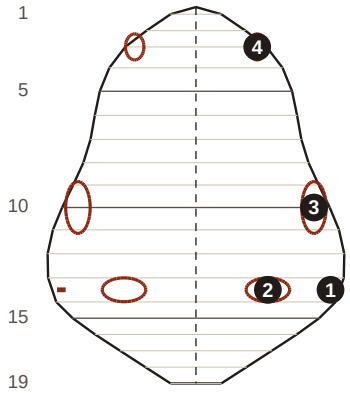
Yarn B, caramel.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

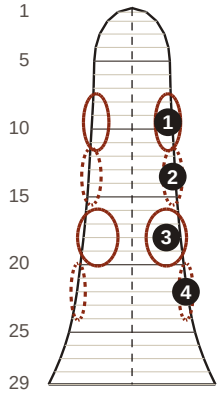
Assembly



Body: 1 large patches, 2 large patches, 3 large patches, 4 small patches, 5 small patches, 6 legs, 7 legs, 8 neck, 9 tail



Head: 1 ears, 2 horns, 3 eyes, 4 nostrils



Neck: 1 small patches, 2 small patches, 3 small patches, 4 small patches

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. Lay two large patches flat on the body, right side out, the middle of each between rounds 7 and 8, one to each side, 8½ stitches from the center line (17 stitches apart). Ease each into an oval about 1¼ in (3.2 cm) from front to back and 7/8 in (2.2 cm) across as you pin it. Sew down all 18 stitches of the edge.

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2. Lay two large patches flat on the body, right side out, the middle of each between rounds 13 and 14, one to each side, 11 stitches from the center line (20 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). Ease each into an oval about 1¼ in (3.2 cm) from front to back and 7/8 in (2.2 cm) across as you pin it. Sew down all 18 stitches of the edge.

3. Lay two large patches flat on the body, right side out, the middle of each on round 18, one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart). Ease each into an oval about 1¼ in (3.2 cm) from front to back and 7/8 in (2.2 cm) across as you pin it. Sew down all 18 stitches of the edge.

4. Lay two small patches flat on the body, right side out, the middle of each on round 12, one to each side, 5 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart). Sew down all 12 stitches of the edge.

5. Lay two small patches flat on the body, right side out, the middle of each on round 20, one to each side, 8 stitches from the center line (16 stitches apart). Sew down all 12 stitches of the edge.

6. Pin two legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 7, one to each side, 14 stitches from the center line (14 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (18 sts) covers about rounds 4 to 10 of the body. They point down. These are the front legs. Do not sew them yet.

7. Pin two legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 19, one to each side, 14 stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (18 sts) covers about rounds 16 to 22 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.

8. Pin the neck to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 5, on the center line. The edge has 35 sts. It leans a little forward at its base and then rises nearly straight up. Its lowest stitches come to round 1 of the body in front and to about round 11 behind. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

9. Set the head on the top of the neck, its center line on top and round 1 (the nose) to the front: round 11 of the head, on the line opposite the center line, lies over the middle of round 1 of the neck. Let the nose slant down about 20 degrees from level and turn it about 60 degrees to the left, so that the giraffe looks over its shoulder. Press the head down on the neck until round 6 of the neck (16 sts) touches it all the way round. On the head this circle reaches from about round 8 to about round 14 on the line opposite the center line, and about 3 stitches to each side of that line. With a new length of A (cream), sew round the circle twice, through the stitches of round 6 of the neck and the head.

10. Pin the two ears to the head: the middle of each flat edge lies between rounds 13 and 14, one to each side, 8½ stitches from the center line (17 stitches apart). The flat edge runs along the round, half of it on each side of that place. They point out to the side. Sew through both layers of the 4-stitch edge with the tail.

11. Pin the two horns to the head: the middle of each open edge lies between rounds 13 and 14, one to each side, 3 stitches from the center line (6 stitches apart). The edge (6 sts) covers about rounds 13 to 14 of the head. They point up. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

12. Lay the mane along the back of the neck, the side that faced you in row 1 outward, its middle stitch on the line opposite the center line of the neck: its foundation chain lies on round 7 of the neck, close under the head, and its last row on about round 28, just above the body. Sew down both long edges and the two ends with its tail.

13. Pin the tail to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 22, 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.

14. Lay two small patches flat on the neck, right side out, the middle of each between rounds 9 and 10, one to each side, 3 stitches from the center line (6 stitches apart). Sew down all 12 stitches of the edge.

15. Lay two small patches flat on the neck, right side out, the middle of each between rounds 13 and 14, one to each side, 5½ stitches from the center line (7 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). Sew down all 12 stitches of the edge.

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16. Lay two small patches flat on the neck, right side out, the middle of each on round 18, one to each side, 2½ stitches from the center line (5 stitches apart). Sew down all 12 stitches of the edge.

17. Lay two small patches flat on the neck, right side out, the middle of each on round 22, one to each side, 6½ stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). Sew down all 12 stitches of the edge.

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. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled. Backstitch is a line of short stitches end to end: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and repeat.
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 10, one to each side, 5½ stitches from the center line (11 stitches apart).
- Nostrils: with C (dark brown), two straight stitches side by side, about 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, each pair on the head on round 3, one to each side, 3 stitches from the center line (6 stitches apart).
- Mouth: with C (dark brown), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about 9/16 in (14 mm) wide that dips 3/16 in (5 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are level with the magic ring at the middle of round 1 of the head, one at each side of it, 9/32 in (7 mm) from the middle of the ring; both come out among the stitches of round 2. The lowest point of the curve is on the line opposite the center line, 3/16 in (5 mm) below the middle of the ring.
- 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: 31 pieces; 3,899 stitches.

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