Moose with big antlers

US terms



Finished size

About 10¾ in (27.5 cm) tall to the tips of the antlers and 7 in (18 cm) long from the nose to the tail

Skill

Intermediate

25 pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn

Medium (4), 5 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.

What you need

Yarn A: chocolate, the main color	**about 180 yd (165 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, several of the pieces	**about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: tan, head	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: red, scarf band, scarf end and the details	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: charcoal, leg, scarf band, scarf end and the details	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 180 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

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.

The pieces



Body

Leg x 4
to the body

Neck
to the body

Head
to the neck

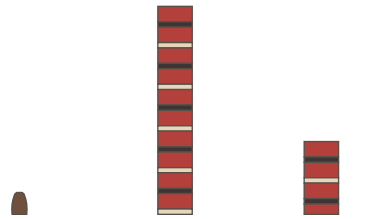
Ear x 2
to the head

Antler x 2
to the head

Antler point x 10

Bell
to the head

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Tail
to the body

Scarf band

Scarf end

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.

Notes

- 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 B," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round or row before it in B (or in that letter), so that in rows the new color is on the hook before you ch 1 and turn. The number in parentheses at the end of a row is its count, as it is for a round. Cut the old yarn; knot the ends inside a stuffed piece, and weave them in on the wrong side of a flat one.
- 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 20 (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 24 and 25 of round 8 (48 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.
- 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 E (charcoal).
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, 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): 8 in (20.5 cm) tall to the tips of the antlers and 5¼ in (13.5 cm) long from the nose to the tail; eyes 7 mm; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.

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- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): 15¼ in (38.5 cm) tall to the tips of the antlers and 10 in (25.5 cm) long from the nose to the tail; 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): 19½ in (49.5 cm) tall to the tips of the antlers and 12¾ in (32.5 cm) long from the nose to the tail; eyes 18 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one. **BLO**: only the loop away from you. **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(6 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Body

Yarn A, chocolate.

☐ **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**	**[**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)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 24 and 25 of round 8. This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.

☐ **Rnds 9 to 16**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts**] 2 times**	(46 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 21 sts**] 2 times**	(44 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 20 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnds 20 to 22**	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)

20 21 22

☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

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

☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**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: E, charcoal; B, cream; A, chocolate.

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

9 10 11 12 13 14 15

☐ **Rnd 16**	With A, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	(13 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts	(17 sc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st	(19 sc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts	(20 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

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Neck

Yarn A, chocolate.

☐ **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**	**[**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 next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(26 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts**] 2 times**	(28 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	(32 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts**] 2 times**	(34 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times**	(38 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 30 in (76 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Head

Yarns in order of use: C, tan; A, chocolate.

☐ **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**	**[**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, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	(23 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 6 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st	(26 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(28 sc)
☐ **Rnds 7 to 8** 7 8	Sc in each st around	(28 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc2tog, sc in next 26 sts	(27 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	With A, sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog	(25 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts	(23 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc2tog, sc in next 21 sts	(22 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	(22 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in next 21 sts, 2 sc in next st	(23 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 2 times**	(26 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in next 7 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st	(29 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(32 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**	(35 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in next 34 sts, 2 sc in next st	(36 sc)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 18 and 19 of round 20. This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.

☐ **Rnds 21 to 22**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)

21 22

☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

Fix the eyes now: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 17, one to each side, 5 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart). For a child under three, or a pet, leave them out and embroider them later. Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**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, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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 each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts	(11 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts	(9 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 4½ stitches. The odd stitch lies at one fold.	

Antler: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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 5 sts**] 3 times**	(21 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st	(23 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc2tog, sc in next 22 sts	(23 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog	(21 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in each st around	(8 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly from round 1 to round 12, so that the antler stays flat, about 3/8 in (10 mm) thick, and leave rounds 13 to 15 empty. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 4 stitches. Its two folds are its two edges; its two flat sides are alike.	

Antler point: make 10

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	3 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(3 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(6 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	(7 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(7 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff only with the ends of the yarn.	

Bell

Yarn A, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	(7 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next st, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	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.	

Tail

Yarn A, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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 next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc2tog, sc in next 7 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.	

Scarf band

Yarns in order of use: D, red; E, charcoal; B, cream.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 6 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	With E, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)

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☐ **Rows 5 to 7** 5 6 7	With D, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 9 to 11** 9 10 11	With D, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	With E, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 13 to 15** 13 14 15	With D, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 16**	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 17 to 19** 17 18 19	With D, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 20**	With E, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 21 to 23** 21 22 23	With D, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 24**	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 25 to 27** 25 26 27	With D, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 28**	With E, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 29 to 31** 29 30 31	With D, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 32**	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 33 to 35** 33 34 35	With D, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 36**	With E, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 37 to 39** 37 38 39	With D, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 40**	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Scarf end

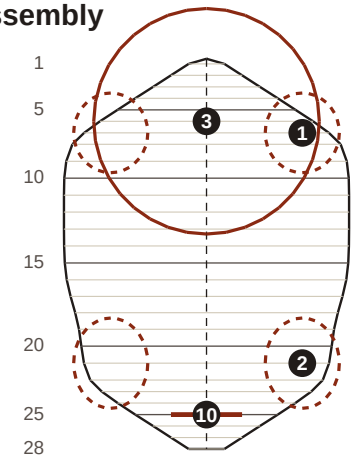
Yarns in order of use: D, red; E, charcoal; B, cream.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 6 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

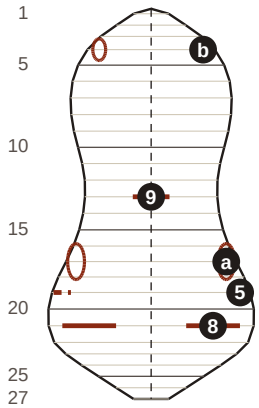
Leave a 12 in (30 cm) length of D before the first chain: this end is sewn on with it.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	With E, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 5 to 7** 5 6 7	With D, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 9 to 11** 9 10 11	With D, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	With E, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 13 to 14** 13 14	With D, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end.	

Assembly



Body: 1 legs, 2 legs, 3 neck, 10 tail



Head: 5 ears, 8 antlers, 9 bell, a eyes, b nostrils

A number is the step below that puts it on; a letter is put on under Finishing. 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 7, one to each side, 15 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (20 sts) covers about rounds 4 to 10 of the body. They point straight down. These are the front legs. Do not sew them yet.

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2. Pin two legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 21, one to each side, 15 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (20 sts) covers about rounds 18 to 24 of the body. They point straight 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. Pin the neck to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 6, on the center line. The edge has 38 sts. It points forward and up, about 45 degrees from upright, and it is straight. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

4. Set the head on the top of the neck, its center line on top and round 1 (the nose) to the front: round 19 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 30 degrees from level and turn it about 30 degrees to the left. Press the head down on the neck until round 5 of the neck (24 sts) touches it all the way round. On the head this circle reaches from about round 15 to about round 23 on the line opposite the center line, and about 4 stitches to each side of that line. With a new length of A (chocolate), sew round the circle twice, through the stitches of round 5 of the neck and the head.

5. Pin the two ears to the head: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 19, one to each side, 10 stitches from the center line (15 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The flat edge runs along the round, half of it on each side of that place. They point out to the side and a little to the front. Sew through both layers of the 4½-stitch edge with the tail.

6. Finish the antlers before they go on the head. Lay the first antler flat on the table, its closed round end (round 1) to the left and its open edge to the right; the fold that lies away from you is its upper edge and the fold nearest to you is its lower edge. Pin five antler points to it. Each has an open edge of 7 stitches, about 7/16 in (11 mm) across, and the middle of that edge lies exactly on a fold or on round 1, half of the edge on each flat side. The first three lie on the fold of the upper edge, on rounds 11, 8 and 5. The fourth lies on the closed end, over the middle of round 1. The fifth lies on the fold of the lower edge, on round 4. The first two stand straight out from the fold. The third leans toward the closed end, about 35 degrees. The fourth points to the left, straight on past the closed end. The fifth points toward you and to the left, about 45 degrees. Sew each all the way round (7 sts) with its tail.

7. Lay the second antler flat, its closed round end to the right and its open edge to the left, so that it is the mirror image of the first. Pin five antler points to it on the same folds and rounds, and sew them on in the same way; the fourth points to the right.

8. Pin the two antlers to the head: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 21, one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart). The flat edge runs along the round, half of it on each side of that place. As you look at the face, the closed end of each is at the outside, the edge with the three points is on top, and one flat side looks forward. They are straight, and point out to the side and up, about 35 degrees above level. Sew through both layers of the 4-stitch edge with the tail, going round the edge twice: along the front layer, back along the back layer, and the same once more, each stitch drawn up firmly, so that the antler stands.

9. Pin the bell to the head: the middle of the flat edge lies on round 13, on the line opposite the center line. The flat edge runs lengthwise along the head, half of it before that place and half behind. It hangs straight down under the chin. Sew through both layers of the 4-stitch edge with the tail.

10. Pin the tail to the body: the middle of the flat edge lies on round 25, on the center line. The flat edge runs along the round, half of it on each side of that place. It hangs down. Sew through both layers of the 4-stitch edge with its tail of yarn.

11. Work the plaid lines first (see Finishing). Wrap the scarf band round the neck, the side that faced you in row 1 outward, its short ends at the back of the neck: one long edge lies along the seam of the neck and the body, the other on about round 7 of the neck, close under the head at the back. Sew the 6 stitches of the last row to the 6 chains of the foundation with the tail, then catch the band to the neck with a small stitch at the back, at each side and in front.

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12. The scarf end hangs from the band, the side that faced you in row 1 outward, its foundation chain at the top. As you look at the front of the toy, pin it to the band half way between the front of the neck and its left side. Its foundation chain runs in the same direction as the two long edges of the band, half way between them, 3 stitches of the band above it and 3 below it. With the length of D left before the first chain, sew the 6 chains to the band. The rest hangs free over the front of the left leg.

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, unless a line gives another time; begin and end each strand on the wrong side of a flat piece, inside a stuffed one. 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.
- Plaid lines: work these before the scarf band and the scarf end are sewn on. With B (cream), in backstitch, two lines on the side of the scarf band that faced you in row 1, from its first row to its last, one over the second stitch from each long edge. Work two lines on the scarf end in the same way. With the charcoal and the cream rows they make the plaid.
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 17, one to each side, 5 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart).
- Nostrils: with E (charcoal), in satin stitch, an oval about 3/16 in (5 mm) wide and ¼ in (6 mm) tall, its middle on the head on round 4, one to each side, 3½ stitches from the center line (7 stitches apart).
- Mouth: with E (charcoal), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about 5/8 in (16 mm) wide that dips 3/16 in (5 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are ¼ in (6 mm) below the middle of round 1 of the head, one at each side.
- 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: 25 pieces; 4,509 stitches.

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