Red-eyed tree frog

US terms



Finished size

The frog about 4¾ in (12 cm) long, 3½ in (8.9 cm) tall and 8 in (20.5 cm) across the toes; the leaf about 8½ in (21.5 cm) long and 6¾ in (17 cm) wide

Skill

Intermediate

25 pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn

Medium (4), 9 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: leaf green, the main color	**about 165 yd (151 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, belly patch and the details	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: red, eye	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: orange, toe	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: cobalt, side stripe	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: yellow, side stripe	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn H: forest green, leaf	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn I: sage, the details	**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 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.

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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

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.
- Sides: a piece in rows is put on with the side that faced you in row 1 (marked RS) outward, unless the words say something else.
- On the side stripes, work the last pull-through of the row before a change of color in the new color, in the same way as the color change of a 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 G," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in G. 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.
- Body: the center line runs through the middle of stitch 23 of round 19 (45 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.
- No plastic eyes are used: every detail is worked in yarn.
- 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.

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- Small: fine (2, sport) yarn, 2.25 mm (B-1) hook, 27 sc and 29.7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): the frog about 3½ in (8.9 cm) long, 2 5/8 in (6.7 cm) tall and 6 in (15 cm) across the toes; the leaf about 6¼ in (16 cm) long and 5 in (12.5 cm) wide; 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): the frog about 6¾ in (17 cm) long, 5 in (12.5 cm) tall and 11½ in (29 cm) across the toes; the leaf about 12¼ in (31 cm) long and 9¾ in (25 cm) wide; 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): the frog about 8½ in (21.5 cm) long, 6¼ in (16 cm) tall and 14½ in (37 cm) across the toes; the leaf about 15½ in (39.5 cm) long and 12¼ in (31 cm) wide; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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, leaf green.

☐ **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 3 sts**] 5 times**	**(35 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 3 times**	**(39 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 13**	Sc in each st around	**(44 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 13: tick them off as you go.

☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13

☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc2tog, sc in next 42 sts	**(43 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in next 41 sts, sc2tog	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in next 20 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts	**(43 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 42 sts	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in next 43 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 20 to 23**	Sc in each st around	**(45 sc)**

A box for each round, 20 to 23: tick them off as you go.

☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23

☐ **Rnd 24**	Sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 20 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts	**(43 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts**] 2 times**, sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog**] 4 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 4 times**	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 4 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 4 times**	**(24 sc)**

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

☐ **Rnd 30**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 31**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 32**	**[**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. Press the stuffed body a little flatter from top to underside: the head (rounds 6 to 11) about 3¼ in (8.5 cm) wide and 2¼ in (5.5 cm) tall.	

Belly patch

Yarn B, cream.

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

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rows 7 to 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(16 sc)**

A box for each row, 7 to 12: tick them off as you go.

☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12

☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 16 sts, sc2tog	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 15 sts, sc2tog	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 13 sts, sc2tog	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog	**(10 sc)**

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☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 40 in (102 cm) tail for sewing. Row 1 is the front end, toward the nose; the last row is the back end.	

Side stripe: make 2

Yarns in order of use: F, cobalt; G, yellow.

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

☐ **Foundation**	With F, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	With G, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rows 5 to 7**	With F, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across A box for each row, 5 to 7: tick them off as you go. ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	With G, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rows 9 to 11**	With F, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across A box for each row, 9 to 11: tick them off as you go. ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	With G, ch 1, turn, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	With F, ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	**(3 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing. Row 1 is the front end.	

Eye: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, red; A, leaf green.

☐ **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**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	With A, working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(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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Front leg: make 2

Yarn A, leaf green.

☐ **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 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 6**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 6: tick them off as you go.

☐ 5 ☐ 6

☐ **Rnd 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 10**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 10: tick them off as you go.

☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10

☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge. Round 1 is the foot end.	

Thigh: make 2

Yarn A, leaf green.

☐ **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**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 6**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 6: tick them off as you go.

☐ 5 ☐ 6

☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 16 sts, sc2tog	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 9 to 10**	Sc in each st around	**(16 sc)**

A box for each round, 9 to 10: tick them off as you go.

☐ 9 ☐ 10

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge. Round 1 is the knee.	

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Shin: make 2

Yarn A, leaf green.

☐ **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 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 9**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 9: tick them off as you go.

☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9

☐ **Rnd 10**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge. Round 1 is the foot end.	

Toe: make 12

Yarns in order of use: E, orange; A, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(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 8**	Sc in each st around	**(5 sc)**

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

☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff: the cut ends of the color change stay inside and fill the round orange end. The green part is the stem.	

Leaf

Yarn H, forest green.

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

☐ **Foundation**	With H, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(11 sc)**

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☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(23 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 23 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 26 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 26 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 29 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(31 sc)**
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 30 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 31 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 32 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rows 20 to 25**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(34 sc)**

A box for each row, 20 to 25: tick them off as you go.

☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25

☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 32 sts, sc2tog	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 31 sts, sc2tog	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 30 sts, sc2tog	**(31 sc)**
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 29 sts, sc2tog	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 28 sts, sc2tog	**(29 sc)**
☐ **Row 33**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 27 sts, sc2tog	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 26 sts, sc2tog	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 25 sts, sc2tog	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 22 sts, sc2tog	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Row 37**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 20 sts, sc2tog	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Row 38**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 18 sts, sc2tog	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Row 39**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 16 sts, sc2tog	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 40**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Row 41**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Row 42**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog	**(12 sc)**

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☐ **Row 43**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 44**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 45**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 46**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 47**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc2tog	**(2 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the ends on the wrong side. Row 1 is the base of the leaf, and the last row is its tip. Press it flat.	

Assembly

1. Lay the belly patch on the underside of the body, right side out, row 1 toward the nose, the middle of every row on the line opposite the center line. Each row lies over one round of the body: row 1 over round 5, row 2 over round 6, and so on, to row 23 over round 27. Each stitch of the patch covers one stitch of the body, so half of every row lies to each side of the line: on round 14, for example, the 16 stitches of row 10 reach 8 stitches to each side. Pin the side edges in a smooth curve and sew the patch down all the way round with its tail.

2. Lay the two side stripes flat on the body, one to each side, right side out, row 1 toward the nose. Each row lies over one round of the body: row 1 over round 13, row 2 over round 14, and so on, to row 13 over round 25. Each stitch covers one stitch of the body, and the middle of every row lies 9½ stitches from the center line: the 6 stitches of rows 3 to 11 reach from 6½ stitches to 12½ stitches from it, for example. Pin the two ends in a smooth curve. Sew each down all the way round with its tail.

3. Pin the two eyes to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 9, one to each side, 6 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart). The edge (20 sts) covers about rounds 6 to 12 of the body. They point out to the side and forward. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

4. Pin the two front legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 14, one to each side, 14 stitches from the center line (15 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (12 sts) covers about rounds 12 to 16 of the body. They point out to the side, turn down by about round 5 of the front leg and forward by the tip. Bend each as you pin it, and hold each bend with a few running stitches, drawn up a little, on the side it turns toward. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft. The two front legs hold the head up: pin them so that the rear of the body rests on the table and the nose is about 1½ in (4 cm) above it, before you sew.

5. Pin the two thighs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 24, one to each side, 13½ stitches from the center line (16 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (16 sts) covers about rounds 22 to 26 of the body. They point out to the side, then curve until the tip of each points forward and out to the side. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a few running stitches along its inner side, drawn up a little. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft. The thighs lie along the sides of the body, close to it, the knees forward.

6. Sew the two shins to the knees, one to each thigh: set the open edge of the shin (10 sts) against the outer side of the knee, the side away from the body, so that it covers about rounds 1 to 4 of the thigh. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft. The shin now stands straight out to the side. Fold it back until rounds 8 and 9 of the shin touch rounds 4 and 5 of the outer side of the thigh. With a new length of A (leaf green), take four stitches through both pieces at that place and draw them tight: they hold the fold. The thigh and the shin now make a V that opens to the back, and the foot end lies on the table, out from the side of the body. Set the two feet so that the tips of the shins (the middles of round 1) are about 5½ in (14 cm) apart, measured straight across under the body.

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7. Sew the toes to the foot ends of the legs, by their open edges (5 sts), flat on the table and spread like a fan: three toes to the left front leg, three toes to the right front leg, three toes to the left shin and three toes to the right shin. Set the three open edges close together, side by side, over rounds 1 and 2 of the foot end. The toes of the front legs point forward, forward and out, and out; the toes of the shins point forward, straight out, and out and back. The toe that points straight out from each shin reaches about 1¼ in (3 cm) beyond the tip of the shin, so that the frog is about 8 in (20.5 cm) across there. Sew each all the way round with its tail, then catch neighboring stems to each other.

8. Lay the leaf right side up on the table, the tip to the front, and set the frog on it, facing the tip, its rear about 1¼ in (3 cm) from the base of the leaf. The outer toes lie beyond its edges. With a new length of B (cream), catch the belly patch to the leaf with a few stitches in a circle about 1 in (25 mm) across where it touches, and with a new length of A (leaf green) take two stitches through the leaf and the underside of each front leg at the foot end.

Finishing

- 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 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.
- Belly edge: with B (cream), in backstitch, one line on the body all the way round the belly patch, close against its edge, so that the edge looks smooth. Work it as soon as the patch is sewn down, before the legs are put on.
- Pupils: with D (black), in satin stitch, an upright oval on each eye, about ¼ in (6 mm) wide and 11/16 in (17 mm) tall, its middle over the middle of round 1. Take the stitches from side to side of the oval.
- Leaf veins: with I (sage), in backstitch, on the right side of the leaf, before the frog is sewn to it. The leaf has no inside: begin and end these strands on its wrong side, under the stitches. First one line along the middle of the leaf, from row 2 to row 46. Then five straight lines on each side of it, which slant toward the tip. Each begins on the middle line and ends 7 rows farther on; count the stitches at its end from the middle of that row: from row 6 to row 13, 11 stitches from the middle; from row 13 to row 20, 13½ stitches; from row 20 to row 27, 13 stitches; from row 27 to row 34, 11 stitches; and from row 34 to row 41, 5½ stitches.
- Mouth: with D (black), in backstitch, one wide smile across the front of the body, from one side of the head to the other. Mark its places with pins first, each counted from the center line along its round: 10½ stitches to one side on round 11; 12 on round 9; 11½ on round 7; 10½ on round 6; 8 on round 4; on round 3 the line opposite the center line; and from there back through the same places on the other side, to round 11. Work the line through the pins.
- Nostrils: with D (black), one straight stitch on each side of the nose, along the body, from round 2 to round 3, 1 stitch from the center line.
- 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; 4,125 stitches.

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