Triceratops

US terms



Finished size
About 9¼ in (23.5 cm) long, 4¾ in (12 cm) across the frill and 6 in (15 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
Ten 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.

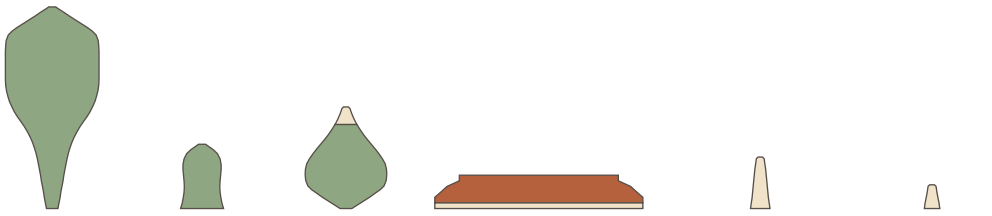
What you need

Yarn A: sage, body, leg, head and the details	**about 185 yd (169 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: rust, frill and the details	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, several of the pieces	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: charcoal, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 110 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.

The pieces



Body | **Leg x 4** to the body | **Head** | **Frill** | **Brow horn x 2** to the head | **Nose horn** to the head

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.

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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.

Instructions

US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **sc2tog** 2 sc made into one, **BLO** only the loop away from you, **st** stitch.
2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 2 sts: one in each.
Rounds run in a **spiral**: mark the first stitch and move the marker up each round. **Working in the round**
[ ] 6 times: 6 times in all. (18 sc): the round now has 18; a check, not a step. **How to read a pattern**
Also: RS right side, yo yarn over.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

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.

Body

Yarn A, sage.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring. *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.*	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Round 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.

☐ **Rounds 9 to 18**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

☐ **Round 19**	**[**sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts**] 2 times**	(46 sc)
☐ **Round 20**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 21 sts**] 2 times**	(44 sc)
☐ **Round 21**	**[**sc in next 20 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Round 22**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 3 times**	(39 sc)
☐ **Round 23**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts**] 3 times**	(36 sc)

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☐ **Round 24**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 4 times**	(32 sc)
☐ **Round 25**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 4 times**	(28 sc)
☐ **Round 26**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**, sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts	(25 sc)
☐ **Round 27**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	(22 sc)
☐ **Round 28**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(20 sc)

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

☐ **Round 29**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 30**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Round 31**	Sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts	(15 sc)
☐ **Round 32**	Sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts	(14 sc)
☐ **Round 33**	Sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog	(13 sc)
☐ **Round 34**	Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 35**	Sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts	(11 sc)
☐ **Round 36**	Sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog	(10 sc)
☐ **Round 37**	Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts	(9 sc)
☐ **Round 38**	Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts	(8 sc)
☐ **Round 39**	Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog	(7 sc)
☐ **Round 40**	Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts	(6 sc)
☐	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

Yarn A, sage.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	(20 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(20 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	Sc in each st around	(20 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	Sc in next 18 sts, sc2tog	(19 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	Sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts	(18 sc)

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☐ **Rounds 9 to 10** 9 10	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 11**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts	(19 sc)
☐ **Round 12**	Sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in next st	(20 sc)
☐ **Round 13**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(22 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Head

Begin with yarn C, cream.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	4 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(11 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	With A, sc in next 2 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st	(14 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	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)
☐ **Round 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	(22 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(26 sc)
☐ **Round 9**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	(34 sc)
☐ **Round 11**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(38 sc)
☐ **Round 12**	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 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(42 sc)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 21 and 22 of round 12. This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.

☐ **Rounds 13 to 16** 13 14 15 16	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)
☐ **Round 17**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 18**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 19**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

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Fix the eyes now: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 10, one to each side, 7 stitches from the center line (14 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.

☐ **Round 20**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 21**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 22**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐	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.	

Frill

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 26 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

Leave a 24 in (61 cm) length of B before the first chain: the frill is sewn on with it.

☐ **Start**	With B, ch 27.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc2tog	(32 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 4 times**, sc2tog	(34 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc2tog	(34 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	With C, ch 1, turn, **[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 16 times**, sc in next 2 sts	(34 sts)
☐	Fasten off and weave in the ends of the last two rows on the wrong side.	

Brow horn: make 2

Yarn C, cream.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	4 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	Sc in each st around	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(7 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	Sc in each st around	(7 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	(8 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	Sc in each st around	(8 sc)
☐ **Round 9**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(9 sc)

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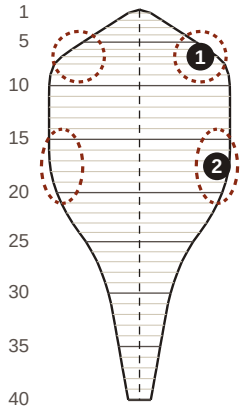
☐ **Round 10**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts	(10 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Nose horn

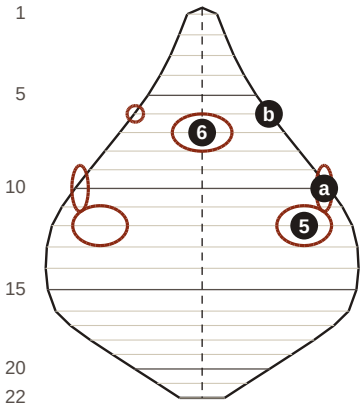
Yarn C, cream.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	4 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(7 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	(8 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Assembly



Body: 1 legs, 2 legs



Head: 5 brow horns, 6 nose horn, 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 (22 sts) covers about rounds 4 to 10 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 17 and 18, one to each side, 16 stitches from the center line (16 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (22 sts) covers about rounds 14 to 21 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.

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3. Set the head against the front end of the body, round 1 of the head (the nose) to the front and its center line on top. Turn it until the nose looks about 40 degrees to the left of straight ahead and slants down about 15 degrees. Where they touch: on the head, look at its face and count 13½ stitches to the left from its center line along round 17 (36 sts), which is 4½ stitches short of the line opposite the center line, and mark that place with a pin; the pin lies on round 2 of the body, 2 stitches to the left of the center line. Press the two together until they touch in a round patch: on the head it reaches from about round 15 to about round 20, and on the body from about round 1 to about round 5. With a new length of A (sage), sew round the edge of that patch twice.

4. Lay the frill round the head like a collar, the side that faced you in row 1 to the front: its foundation chain (26 ch) lies on round 14 of the head (42 sts), chain to stitch, the middle of the chain on the center line, so that it reaches 13 stitches to each side. With the length of B left before the first chain, sew the chain to the round, one stitch in each chain, and then back again. The frill stands out from the head and leans back about 25 degrees; where it comes against the shoulder, let it rest in front of the body.

5. Pin the two brow horns to the head: the middle of each open edge lies on round 12, one to each side, 5 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart). The edge (10 sts) covers about rounds 11 to 13 of the head. They point up, forward and a little out to the side, then curve until the tip of each points forward. 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.

6. Pin the nose horn to the head: the middle of the open edge lies on round 7, on the center line. The edge (8 sts) covers about rounds 6 to 8 of the head. It points up and a little forward. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

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.
- Mouth: with D (charcoal), in backstitch, one line on each side of the head, the same on each side: from round 5 (14 sts), 5½ stitches from the center line, close behind the beak, through round 6 (18 sts), 7 stitches from it, round 8 (26 sts), 9 stitches from it, and round 10 (34 sts), 11 stitches from it, to round 12 (42 sts), 11 stitches from it. The two lines do not meet under the beak.
- Toenails: with C (cream), in satin stitch, three round dots on each leg, each about 3/16 in (5 mm) across, 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 10, one to each side, 7 stitches from the center line (14 stitches apart).
- Nostrils: with D (charcoal), two straight stitches side by side, about 1/8 in (3 mm) tall, each pair on the head on round 6, one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line (8 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: 10 pieces; 2,996 stitches (1,169 in the body, 230 in each leg, 547 in the head, 190 in the frill, 70 in each brow horn, 30 in the nose horn).

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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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.
- Color change: where a round or a row begins "With C," (or another letter), work the last pull- through of the round or the row before it in that yarn, then cut the old yarn. On the frill, 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 21 and 22 of round 12 (42 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.
- 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 D (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, 3½ in (9 cm) across the frill and 4½ in (11.5 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 13¼ in (33.5 cm) long, 6¾ in (17 cm) across the frill and 8½ in (21.5 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 16¾ in (42.5 cm) long, 8½ in (21.5 cm) across the frill and 11 in (28 cm) tall; eyes 18 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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