Unicorn face applique

US terms



Finished size
About 3¾ in (10 cm) wide and about 5 in (13 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 7 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 6 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: white, the head and the ears	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: gold, the horn	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pink, one flower and the cheeks	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: lavender, one flower	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: aqua, one flower	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: black, the eyes and the mouth	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Yarns A, B, C, D and E: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn F: 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.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the head measures about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- The point of the horn is the end where it begins and ends (sl st); its other end (4 dc) is rounded.
- An ear worked round a chain has a rounded tip (3 sc) and a plain end, where the round begins and ends.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.6 cm, and half that round a small curve, unless the line names another) along the line. Put it down at the start of the line and bring it up again one stitch length ahead of where it last came up; keep going down at the end of the stitch before and up one length ahead.
- French knot (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back, wrap the yarn twice round the needle close to the surface, hold the wraps and put the needle down beside the place where it came up. For a large knot use the yarn double and wrap it three times.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3¼ in (8 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 4 in (10 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 6¼ in (16 cm).

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Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. 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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Head

Yarn A, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, sl st in first hdc to join	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(32 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 40 in (102 cm) tail, for sewing the parts in this color to your project at the end.	

Horn

Yarn B, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 8.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 2 chs, 4 dc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next ch, sl st in next ch	**(2 sc, 4 hdc, 8 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 6.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, 3 sc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch	**(5 sc, 4 hdc, 2 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Flower: make 3

Yarn C, pink.

Make one in C, one in D and one in E. The lines say C; read D or E in its place.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	**[**(sl st, ch 2, 2 dc, ch 2, sl st) in ring**] 5 times**	**(10 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Sew the horn behind the top of the head, its point straight up and 5/8 in (1.6 cm) of its rounded end hidden; take its tail down the back of the horn for sewing.
- Sew the ears behind the edge of the head, one at each side of the horn, 3/8 in (1 cm) of the plain end of each hidden, the tips up and outward: the middle of each ear leaves the edge of the head 1 in (2.5 cm) to the side of the middle line of the face.
- Sew the flowers across the top of the face, overlapping a little: D in the middle, its middle 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) above the middle of the head, C to the left and E to the right, the middle of each 1 in (2.5 cm) to the side of D and ¼ in (0.6 cm) lower.
- With F, work two closed eyes in backstitch, side by side: each a curve like a U, 5/8 in (1.6 cm) wide and 1/8 in (0.3 cm) deep, its ends 1/8 in (0.3 cm) below the middle of the head, the inner ends ¾ in (1.9 cm) apart. Work the mouth in the same way, midway between them: a curve ½ in (1.3 cm) wide and 1/8 in (0.3 cm) deep, its ends 5/8 in (1.6 cm) below the middle of the head.
- With C, work a large French knot for each cheek, ½ in (1.3 cm) below the middle of the head and 2 in (5.1 cm) apart.
- To sew the applique to your project, pin it where it is to go and sew round its edge with the long tail, under the outermost strands of the stitches; where a part is of another color, use a length of that color.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 7 pieces; 146 stitches (80 in the head, 14 in the horn, 11 in each ear, 10 in each flower); 24 ends to weave in.

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