Unicorn pillow

US terms



Finished size
Face about 14 in (36 cm) across before it is stuffed and 12½ in (32 cm) after; horn about 7 in (18 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Flat rounds, cones and curls, and pieces to sew on

Yarn
Medium (4), 6 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
15 stitches and 17 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: ivory, main	**about 390 yd (357 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: honey, stripe	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pink, stripe	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: lavender, stripe	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: mint, stripe	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: slate, stripe	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and about 12 pins, 4 stitch markers and polyester fiberfill (stuffing): about 14 oz (400 g).

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 15 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: insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook (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)
Rnd	round
RS	right side
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

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Gauge

15 stitches and 17 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Begin with the head and check it there, laid flat and not stretched, when 10 rounds are done: they measure about 4¾ in (12 cm) across, from edge to edge through the ring. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one. The cloth should be close enough to hide the stuffing.

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Where a line to a stitch is named, it is the straight line from the ring in the middle to that stitch of the last round. "Round 11 on the line to stitch 25" means the top of round 11 where it crosses that line.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- When a ball runs out, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the next ball, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle through the edge of one piece and through the edge that lies against it, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On an edge of stitches the needle goes under both loops of the stitch; on a foundation chain under the two strands of the chain that are left free; on a side edge, which has no loops, through the end stitch of the row. Where a piece is laid on the middle of another, the needle goes through the edge of the piece laid on, in one of these three ways, and then under two strands of the cloth right beside that edge. Fasten a length where the sewing begins and where it ends: sew 2 or 3 times into the same place.
- Magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and pull up a loop of the working yarn. Round 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work round 1 into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.
- In joined rounds, the first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- The right side of a round is the side that faces you as you work it.
- Backstitch: bring the needle up at the second place named and take it down at the first, then up at the third and down at the second, and so on to the last place. A straight stitch is one stitch from the first place named to the second. Leave the beginning of each strand hanging about 4 in (10 cm) on the wrong side, and weave in both ends there.
- A curl is one row into a chain: three stitches in every chain are too many to lie flat, so that the strip winds itself into a corkscrew.
- Choose a yarn that may be washed by machine, and wash the pillow as the ball bands say.
- For a child under three leave off the curls, or sew both ends of each one down.

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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Head: make 2

Yarn A, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(90 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(96 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(102 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(108 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(114 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(120 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(126 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 20 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(132 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(138 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 22 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(144 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(150 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 24 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(156 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(162 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 26 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(168 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(174 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 28 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(180 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Horn

Yarn B, honey.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 4 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 5**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**

A box for each round, 4 to 5: tick them off as you go.

4 5

☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 8**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(8 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 8: tick them off as you go.

7 8

☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 11**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(10 sc)**

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

10 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 13 to 14**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**

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

13 14

☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 16 to 17**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(14 sc)**

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

16 17

☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 19 to 20**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(16 sc)**

A box for each round, 19 to 20: tick them off as you go.

19 20

☐ **Rnd 21**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 22 to 23**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 22 to 23: tick them off as you go.

22 23

☐ **Rnd 24**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 25 to 26**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(20 sc)**

A box for each round, 25 to 26: tick them off as you go.

25 26

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☐ **Rnd 27**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 28 to 29**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(22 sc)**

A box for each round, 28 to 29: tick them off as you go.

28 29

☐ **Rnd 30**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 31 to 33**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 31 to 33: tick them off as you go.

31 32 33

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 30 in (76 cm) to sew with.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 4 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 11 to 15**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(22 sc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 15: tick them off as you go.

11 12 13 14 15

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 28 in (71 cm) to sew with.	

Inner ear: make 2

Yarn C, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 8.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 2 chs, 3 dc in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, 3 dc in same ch, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next 2 chs; join with sl st in first sc	**(4 sc, 4 hdc, 10 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st; join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 28 in (71 cm) to sew with.	

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Cheek: make 2

Yarn C, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 26 in (66 cm) to sew with.	

Pink curl: make 6

Yarn C, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 44.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	3 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, 3 hdc in each ch across	**(129 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 14 in (36 cm) to sew with.	

Lavender curl: make 6

Yarn D, lavender.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 40.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	3 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, 3 hdc in each ch across	**(117 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 14 in (36 cm) to sew with.	

Mint curl: make 5

Yarn E, mint.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 34.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	3 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, 3 hdc in each ch across	**(99 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 14 in (36 cm) to sew with.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the ends that are not sewn with, but leave those of the curls. Choose one head for the face and put a marker in the 1st, 46th, 91st and 136th stitch of its last round. Lay it with its right side up and the 1st stitch at the top. The stitches are counted to the left from there, so that the 46th is at the left, the 91st at the bottom and the 136th at the right.

2. Eyes: with a strand of F about 26 in (66 cm) long backstitch the left eye from round 7 on the line to stitch 53, to round 8 on the line to stitch 57, to round 9 on the line to stitch 58, to round 10 on the line to stitch 58, to round 11 on the line to stitch 58, to round 12 on the line to stitch 57, to round 13 on the line to stitch 56, to round 14 on the line to stitch 54, to round 15 on the line to stitch 50: 8 stitches. Go on with four lashes, each a straight stitch: from round 15 on the line to stitch 50 to round 18 on the line to stitch 52; from round 13 on the line to stitch 56 to round 16 on the line to stitch 59; from round 11 on the line to stitch 58 to round 13 on the line to stitch 63; from round 9 on the line to stitch 58 to round 11 on the line to stitch 65.

3. With another strand of the same length backstitch the right eye from round 7 on the line to stitch 129, to round 8 on the line to stitch 125, to round 9 on the line to stitch 124, to round 10 on the line to stitch 124, to round 11 on the line to stitch 124, to round 12 on the line to stitch 125, to round 13 on the line to stitch 126, to round 14 on the line to stitch 128, to

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round 15 on the line to stitch 132: 8 stitches. The lashes: from round 15 on the line to stitch 132 to round 18 on the line to stitch 130; from round 13 on the line to stitch 126 to round 16 on the line to stitch 123; from round 11 on the line to stitch 124 to round 13 on the line to stitch 119; from round 9 on the line to stitch 124 to round 11 on the line to stitch 117.

4. Smile: with a strand of F about 14 in (36 cm) long backstitch from round 10 on the line to stitch 82, to round 11 on the line to stitch 86, to round 11 on the line to stitch 96, to round 10 on the line to stitch 100: 3 stitches. Cheeks: lay one with its right side up and its middle on round 21 on the line to stitch 62, and the other with its middle on round 21 on the line to stitch 120. Sew each down with its tail, one whip stitch in each of its 24 stitches.

5. Lay the face on the other head with the wrong sides together. Cut a length of A about 142 in (361 cm) long; it may be two lengths one after the other. Begin at the 1st stitch of the face, with the 1st stitch of the other head against it, and whip stitch the last rounds together, stitch to stitch: 180 stitches. When about 40 are still open, stuff the head with small, loose pieces of fiberfill until it is plump and soft, about 5 in (13 cm) thick in the middle. Whip stitch the opening closed.

6. Horn: stuff it lightly, with less at the tip. With a length of B about 36 in (91 cm) long, fastened at the tip, wind a spiral down the horn from round 2 to round 31: seven turns, about 1 in (2.5 cm) apart, drawn so firmly that the yarn sinks in. Fasten it at the last round. Put the horn upright on the seam, the 1st stitch of the seam in the middle below it: the front half of its last round, 12 stitches, lies on the face and the back half on the other head, both 3 rounds from the seam in the middle. The two halves meet on the seam at stitch 6, on the left, and at stitch 176, on the right. With its tail whip stitch it down all round: 24 stitches.

7. Ears: flatten each with its join at one side. Sew an inner ear, right side up, on one face of it, in the middle, its round end at the top of round 13 of the ear and its point, where its rounds begin, toward the tip. With its tail whip stitch it down all round: 24 stitches. Lay the open edge of the left ear along stitches 15 to 25 of the seam and that of the right ear along stitches 157 to 167, pink to the front. With its tail sew both layers of each ear to the top of the seam: 11 stitches.

8. Curls: each coils up by itself; turn it between the fingers to even it. The end with the two tails is its top; weave the short one in. Sew the top of each curl down with its tail, 4 stitches. Forelock: two curls on the face, right in front of the horn, the pink one with its top at round 26 on the line to stitch 3 and the lavender one at round 28 on the line to stitch 6; then three on the seam, between the horn and the left ear: mint at stitch 9, pink at stitch 12, lavender at stitch 14. These five are swept down to the left over the forehead.

9. Mane, on the seam of the head to the left of the left ear, from above to below: mint at stitch 27, pink at stitch 30, lavender at stitch 33, mint at stitch 36, pink at stitch 39, lavender at stitch 42, mint at stitch 45, pink at stitch 48, lavender at stitch 51, mint at stitch 54, pink at stitch 57, lavender at stitch 60. They hang down to the left.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the sewing lengths: take each end once into the pillow and out again a few inches away, pull it a little and cut it, so that it slips back inside.

In all: 26 pieces; 8,717 stitches (2,790 in each head, 482 in the horn, 240 in each ear, 42 in each inner ear, 60 in each cheek, 129 in each pink curl, 117 in each lavender curl, 99 in each mint curl).

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