Uterus plush

US terms



Finished size
About 8 in (20.5 cm) across from ovary to ovary and 4¾ in (12 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
Seven pieces worked in rounds 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.

You will need

Yarn A: coral, body and ligament	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: rose, body, tube and the details	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, ovary and the details	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: charcoal, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: pale pink, tube	**about 10 yd (9 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, 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.

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
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

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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 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.
- The face is meant to be kind, not needed: for teaching, leave out the eyes, the cheeks and the mouth. Everything else stays the same.
- 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 A," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in A. 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 between stitches 27 and 28 of round 19 (54 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the plush. 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): 6 in (15 cm) across from ovary to ovary and 3½ in (8.9 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): 11½ in (29 cm) across from ovary to ovary and 6¾ in (17 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): 14½ in (37 cm) across from ovary to ovary and 8¾ in (22 cm) tall; eyes 18 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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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 and sl st is slip stitch.

Body

Yarns in order of use: B, rose; A, coral.

☐ **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 5 sts**] 3 times**	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 7**	With A, sc in each st around	**(21 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 7: tick them off as you go.

☐ 6 ☐ 7

☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 3 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 3 times**	**(39 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts**] 3 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(51 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 3 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 20 to 24**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**

A box for each round, 20 to 24: tick them off as you go.

☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24

☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 16 sts**] 3 times**	**(51 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next 15 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts**] 3 times**	**(42 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 31**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Fix the eyes now (see Finishing). Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 32**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 33**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 34**	**[**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 piece a little flatter from front to back: at its widest rounds about 4 in (10 cm) across and 2 5/8 in (6.7 cm) from front to back.	

Tube: make 2

Yarns in order of use: E, pale pink; B, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 24; being careful not to twist the chain, sl st in the first ch to form a ring. Round 1 begins in that same ch.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in each ch around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc2tog 12 times	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	With B, **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 17**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**

A box for each round, 4 to 17: tick them off as you go.

☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly, so that it still bends, from the round 3 end to the open edge; leave the frill (rounds 1 and 2) empty and pull it out into waves.	

Ovary: make 2

Yarn C, cream.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 7**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 7: tick them off as you go.

☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7

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

☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**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.	

Ligament: make 2

Yarn A, coral.

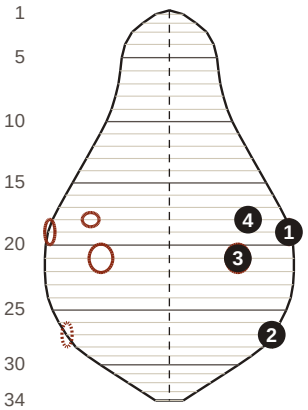
☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 5**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 5: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Assembly



Body: 1 ligaments, 2 tubes, 3 eyes, 4 cheeks

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 the two ligaments to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 19, one to each side, 12 stitches from the center line (24 stitches apart). The edge (6 sts) covers about rounds 18 to 20 of the body. They point out to the side. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

2. Sew one ovary to the end of each ligament, round 1 of the ovary at the bottom: the closed end of the ligament lies against the side of the ovary, over rounds 5 and 6. Sew the two together in a circle about 3/8 in (10 mm) across with a new length of C (cream), going round twice.

3. Pin the two tubes to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 27, one to each side, 12 stitches from the center line (21 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (9 sts) covers about rounds 26 to 28 of the body. Sew the open edge of each tube to the body, all the way round its 9 stitches, with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft. Then bend the tubes: from the body they run out to the side and a little up, turn down between about rounds 12 and 6 of the tube, and end above the ovaries. Hold each bend with a few running stitches along its under side, drawn up a little. Last, set the frill of each tube on the top of the ovary, a little outside the middle of the top, and fasten it there with a new length of B (rose) and four stitches only, evenly spaced, each through round 2 of the tube and the ovary under it. The waves of round 1 stay free.

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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.
- Follicles: with B (rose), in satin stitch, three round dots about 3/16 in (5 mm) across on the front of each ovary: one in the middle on round 4, and two on round 6, 2 stitches to the left and 2 stitches to the right of it.
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the body on round 21, one to each side, 5 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with B (rose), in satin stitch, an oval about 5/16 in (8 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the body on round 18, one to each side, 6 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart).
- Mouth: with D (charcoal), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about 9/16 in (14 mm) wide that dips 3/16 in (5 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are on the body on round 19, one to each side of 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: 7 pieces; 1,893 stitches (1,155 in the body, 171 in each tube, 168 in each ovary, 30 in each ligament).

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