Black bear on four legs

US terms



Finished size
About 7½ in (19 cm) long, 4 in (10 cm) across and 5¾ in (14.5 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
Eleven 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.

What you need

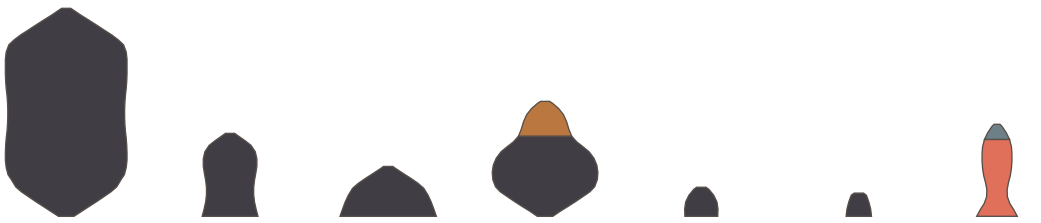
Yarn A: soft black, the main color	**about 215 yd (197 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cinnamon, head and the details	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: salmon, salmon and the details	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: slate, salmon	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: dark brown, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 120 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, 8 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.

The pieces



Body

Leg x 4
to the body

Neck
to the body

Head
to the neck

Ear x 2
to the head

Tail
to the body

Salmon

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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.

Notes

- 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.
- 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.
- Head: the center line runs between stitches 21 and 22 of round 11 (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.
- Salmon: the center line runs between stitches 6 and 7 of round 5 (12 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the left.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- 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 A (soft black).
- 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 5½ in (14 cm) long, 3 in (7.6 cm) across and 4¼ in (11 cm) tall; eyes 6 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 10¾ in (27.5 cm) long, 5¾ in (14.5 cm) across and 8¼ in (21 cm) tall; eyes 11 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 13¾ in (35 cm) long, 7¼ in (18.5 cm) across and 10½ in (26.5 cm) tall; eyes 15 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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Instructions

US terms.

sc single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one. **BLO**: only the loop away from you. **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(6 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Body

Yarn A, soft black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 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.

☐ **Rnds 9 to 14**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)

9 10 11 12 13 14

☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts**] 2 times**	(46 sc)
☐ **Rnds 16 to 20**	Sc in each st around	(46 sc)

16 17 18 19 20

☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 22 sts**] 2 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnds 22 to 26**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)

22 23 24 25 26

☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 28**	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 30**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 31**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

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

☐ **Rnd 32**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 33**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 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.	

Leg: make 4

Yarn A, soft black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	(22 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(22 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(22 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(20 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts	(19 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc2tog, sc in next 17 sts	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st	(19 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts	(20 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times**	(22 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Neck

Yarn A, soft black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	(32 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts**] 2 times**	(34 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(36 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times**	(38 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 30 in (76 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Head

Yarns in order of use: B, cinnamon; A, soft black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st	(19 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	With A, 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 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 4 times**	(40 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts**] 2 times**	(42 sc)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 21 and 22 of round 11. This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.

☐ **Rnds 12 to 14** 12 13 14	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

Fix the eyes now: two 8 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 9, one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line (8 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.

☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**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.	

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Ear: make 2

Yarn A, soft black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each of next 4 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	(11 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	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	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts	(13 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 6½ stitches. The odd stitch lies at one fold.	

Tail

Yarn A, soft black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	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.	

Salmon

Yarns in order of use: D, slate; C, salmon.

When round 9 is done, stuff rounds 1 to 9 lightly. Leave the rest empty: the narrow place (rounds 10 and 11) and the tail fin (rounds 12 to 14).

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	(11 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	With C, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 6 and 7 of round 5. This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the left.

☐ **Rnds 6 to 7**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)

6 7

☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog	(11 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts	(9 sc)

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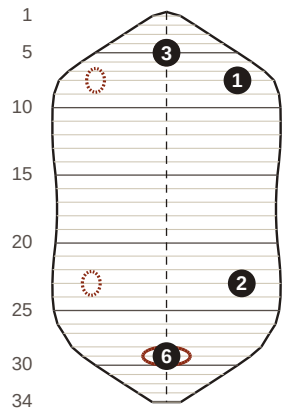
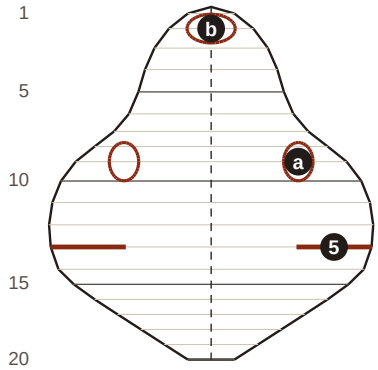
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts	(7 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	2 sc in next st, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 4 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. The center line is the back of the salmon, from nose to tail. Press rounds 12 to 14 flat from side to side, so that the center line runs along one fold, and sew the open edge shut through both layers (8 stitches): this is the tail fin. It stands upright, one fold at the top and one at the bottom.	

Assembly



Body: 1 legs, 2 legs, 3 neck, 6 tail



Head: 5 ears, a eyes, b nose

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 8, one to each side, 18½ stitches from the center line (11 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (22 sts) is a circle: it reaches from about round 4 to about round 12 of the body, and on round 8 from about 15 stitches from the center line, low on the side of the body, to about 22 stitches, under the belly. They point down and only a little out to the side: the outer half of the edge lies higher than the inner half, so add a little more stuffing on that side. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft. Pin the legs of step 2 too before you sew any of the four, and move the pins a little until the toy stands level on all four feet.

2. Pin two legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 23, one to each side, 18½ stitches from the center line (11 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (22 sts) is a circle: it reaches from about round 19 to about round 27 of the body, and on round 23 from about 15 stitches from the center line, low on the side of the body, to about 22 stitches, under the belly. They point down and only a little out to the side: the outer half of the edge lies higher than the inner half, so add a little more stuffing on that side. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

3. Pin the neck to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 5, on the center line. The edge (38 sts) reaches from about round 11 of the body, on the center line, round to about round 2 on the line opposite the center line, just past round 1, and about 8 stitches to each side of the center line on round 8. It points forward and up. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

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4. Set the head on the end of the neck, its center line on top and round 1 (the nose) to the front: round 17 of the head, on the line opposite the center line, lies over the middle of round 1 of the neck. Let the nose slant down about 15 degrees from level and turn it about 25 degrees to the left. Press the head onto the neck until round 5 of the neck (30 sts) touches it all the way round. On the head this circle reaches from about round 12, on the line opposite the center line, back to the closed hole, which it covers, and about 6 stitches to each side of that line on round 15. With a new length of A (soft black), sew round the circle twice, through the stitches of round 5 of the neck and the head.

5. Pin the two ears to the head: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 13, one to each side, 7 stitches from the center line (14 stitches apart). The flat edge runs along the round, half of it on each side of that place. They point up and out to the side. Sew through both layers of the 6½-stitch edge with the tail.

6. Pin the tail to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 29, on the center line. The edge (10 sts) covers about rounds 28 to 30 of the body. It points back. Sew all the way round with its tail of yarn, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

7. Hold the salmon crosswise under the muzzle, its nose to the left and its tail fin to the right, the center line up. Its upper side, rounds 4 to 9, lies against the underside of the muzzle: rounds 1 to 4 of the head, on the line opposite the center line. With a new length of C (salmon), sew the two together where they touch, in a line along each side.

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.
- Eye of the salmon: with E (dark brown), in satin stitch, a round dot about 1/8 in (3 mm) across, between rounds 2 and 3 of the salmon, 1½ stitches from its center line, on the side that looks forward, away from the bear.
- Eyes: two 8 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 9, one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart).
- Eye rings: with B (cinnamon), in backstitch, a ring close round the edge of each eye, about 7/16 in (11 mm) across, so that the eye shows against the dark head. Work it round an embroidered eye too.
- Nose: with E (dark brown), in satin stitch, a triangle with its point down about 3/8 in (10 mm) wide and ¼ in (6 mm) tall, its middle on the head on round 2, on the center line. The wide edge of the triangle is toward the top of the head and its point toward the middle of round 1.
- 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: 11 pieces; 3,267 stitches (1,278 in the body, 238 in each leg, 230 in the neck, 513 in the head, 58 in each ear, 35 in the tail, 143 in the salmon).

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