Woolly lamb

US terms



Finished size
About 4¾ in (12 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
Nine pieces worked in rounds 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.

You will need

Yarn A: cream, the main color	**about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: beige, several of the pieces	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: dark brown, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: pink, the details	**about 5 yd (5 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
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

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. It leaves 1 st for the next round.

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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.
- 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 24 and 25 of round 9 (48 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 18 and 19 of round 7 (36 sts). It faces the front. Wool cap: the center line runs between stitches 21 and 22 of round 10 (42 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- 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 C (dark brown).
- 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 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): about 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): about 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.

Head

Yarn B, beige.

☐ **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)**
☐ **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 each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 14**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 14: tick them off as you go.

☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14

☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

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

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

Yarn A, cream.

Round 1 is the middle of the base.

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☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 12 times**	**(24 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 18 times**	**(36 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 18 times**	**(36 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 18 times**	**(36 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 15 times**	**(30 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 12 times**	**(24 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 22 in (56 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Wool cap

Yarn A, 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, bobble in next st**] 6 times**	**(12 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 12 times**	**(24 sts)**

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☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 18 times**	**(36 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 21 times**	**(42 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 32 in (81 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn B, beige.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 6**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 6: tick them off as you go.

☐ 5 ☐ 6

☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 4½ stitches. The odd stitch lies at one fold.	

Arm: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, beige; A, 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 each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	With A, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 11: tick them off as you go.

☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

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Leg: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, beige; A, cream.

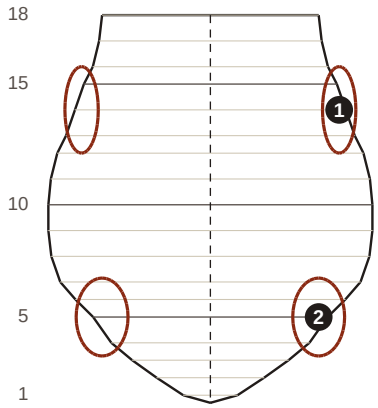
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☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	With A, sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 8**	Sc in each st around	**(15 sc)**

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

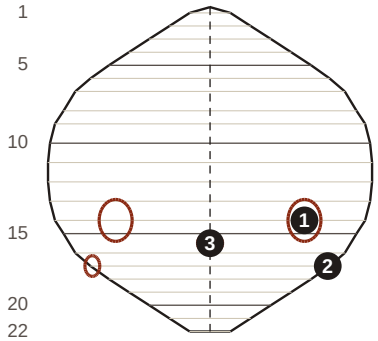
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☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Assembly



Body: 1 arms, 2 legs



Head: 1 eyes, 2 cheeks, 3 nose

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. Set the head on the open edge of the body (24 sts), center lines in line: the edge lies on round 19 of the head (24 sts). With the tail of the body, sew every stitch of the edge to the head, and top up the stuffing in the neck before the last stitches so that the head does not wobble.

2. Pull the wool cap down over the head, center lines in line and round 1 of one on round 1 of the other, until its edge lies on about round 12 of the head. The edge (42 sts) is a little smaller than the head there: stretch it evenly as you pin it. Sew the edge down all the way round.

3. Pin the two ears over the wool cap: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 10 of the cap, one to each side, 10½ stitches from the line straight above the center line of the head (half way between the front and the back). The flat edge runs along the round, half of it on each side of that place. They point out to the side, then curve until the tip of each points down. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a stitch or two on its inner side. Sew through both layers of the 4½-stitch edge with the tail, down through the cap and the head.

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4. Pin the two arms to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 14, one to each side, 6 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart). The edge (12 sts) covers about rounds 12 to 16 of the body. They point out to the side and down, then curve until the tip of each points down and 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.

5. Pin the two legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 5, one to each side, 4½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart). The edge (15 sts) covers about rounds 3 to 7 of the body. They point forward and out to the side from under the front edge of the body, lying along the table. 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.
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 14, one to each side, 5 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with D (pink), in satin stitch, an oval about 5/16 in (8 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the head on round 17, one to each side, 8 stitches from the center line (16 stitches apart). They sit low on the sides of the head, nearly under the ears: from the front only the near edge of each shows.
- Nose: with D (pink), in satin stitch, a triangle with its point down about ¼ in (6 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the head between rounds 15 and 16, on the center line.
- Mouth: with C (dark brown), in backstitch, an upside-down Y, its stem about half its height, ¼ in (6 mm) wide and ¼ in (6 mm) tall, starting at the bottom of the nose.
- 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: 9 pieces; 2,160 stitches (708 in the head, 492 in the body, 324 in the wool cap, 69 in each ear, 132 in each arm, 117 in each leg).

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