Yorkshire terrier with a topknot

US terms



Finished size
About 6¼ in (16 cm) tall with the topknot and 5 in (12.5 cm) long with the tail

Skill
Intermediate
Eleven pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Light (3), 4 colors

Hook
3.25 mm (US D-3)

Gauge
22 stitches and 24.2 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

What you need

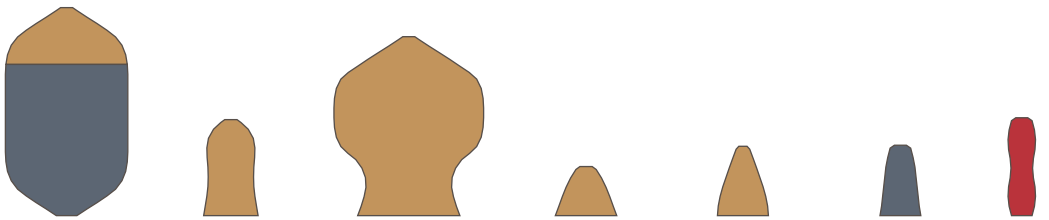
Yarn A: tan, the main color	**about 140 yd (128 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: steel blue, body, tail and the details	**about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: dark brown, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: red, bow and the details	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 100 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 3.25 mm (US D-3), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors, a fine comb or a small pet brush (the hair is combed) 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

Head
to the body

Muzzle
to the head

Ear x 2
to the head

Tail
to the body

Bow

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Gauge

22 stitches and 24.2 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 2 in (5.1 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 B," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in B. 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 22 and 23 of round 8 (44 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). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.
- Muzzle: the center line runs between stitches 9 and 10 of round 6 (18 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the dog. 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 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 5 in (12.5 cm) tall with the topknot and 4 in (10 cm) long with the tail; eyes 7 mm; multiply lengths by 0.81; about 0.81 times the yarn.
- Large: medium (4, worsted) yarn, 3.5 mm (E-4) hook, 20 sc and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 7 in (18 cm) tall with the topknot and 5½ in (14 cm) long with the tail; eyes 9 mm; multiply lengths by 1.1; about 1.1 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. **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

Yarns in order of use: A, tan; B, steel blue.

☐ **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 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(34 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts**] 2 times**	(36 sc)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 18 and 19 of round 7. This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.

☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnds 9 to 19**	With B, sc in each st around	(36 sc)

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 16 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(34 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

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

☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**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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Leg: make 4

Yarn A, tan.

☐ **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 2 sts**] 3 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog	(13 sc)
☐ **Rnds 7 to 8**	Sc in each st around	(13 sc)
7 8		
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st	(16 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Head

Yarn A, tan.

☐ **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 20 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(44 sc)
Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 22 and 23 of round 8. It faces the front, round 1 at the top.		
☐ **Rnds 9 to 13**	Sc in each st around	(44 sc)
9 10 11 12 13		
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(30 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts	(26 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts**] 2 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in each st around	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(26 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(28 sc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts**] 2 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 22 in (56 cm) tail for sewing. Fix the eyes now (see Finishing). Do this before you stuff the piece or sew it on. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Muzzle

Yarn A, tan.

☐ **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 next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge. Shape the stuffed piece with your fingers into an oval, about 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) wide and 1 in (2.5 cm) tall.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, tan.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	(15 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 7½ stitches. The odd stitch lies at one fold.	

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Tail

Yarn B, steel blue.

☐ **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 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st	(11 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Bow

Yarn D, red.

☐ **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 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 3 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 2 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. Do not stuff. Press it flat: two loops with the narrow middle, round 6, between them.	

Assembly

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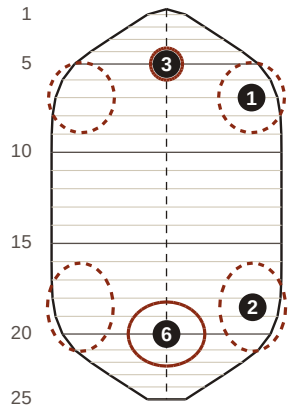
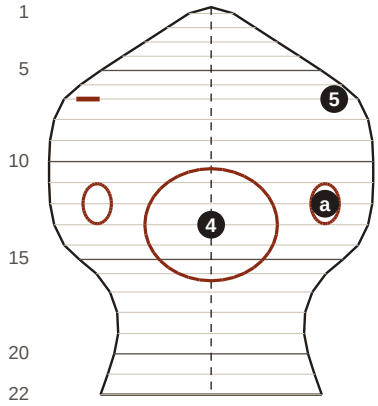


Body: 1 legs, 2 legs, 3 head, 6 tail



Head: 4 muzzle, 5 ears, a eyes

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 7, one to each side, 13 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (16 sts) covers about rounds 5 to 9 of the body. They point down. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

2. Pin two legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies between rounds 18 and 19, one to each side, 13 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (16 sts) covers about rounds 16 to 21 of the body. They point down. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft. Stand the dog on the table as you pin, so that all four paws lie flat on it.

3. Pin the head to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 5, on the center line of the body. The edge (30 sts) reaches from about round 10 of the body, on the center line, over the front end to about round 1, and about 6 stitches to each side of the center line on round 6. The neck points up. Before you sew, turn the head on this place until its own center line looks to the front and about 30 degrees to the left. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

4. Pin the muzzle to the head: the middle of the open edge lies on round 13, on the center line of the head, the center line of the muzzle on top and the wide way of its oval along the round. The edge (18 sts) covers about rounds 10 to 16 of the head. It points straight out from the face. 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 ears to the head: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 7, one to each side, 9½ stitches from the center line (19 stitches apart). The flat edge lies with its upper end on about round 3, 4½ stitches from the center line, and its lower end on about round 11, 9½ stitches from it. They point up and out to the side. Sew through both layers of the 7½-stitch edge with the tail.

6. Pin the tail to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 20, on the center line. The edge (12 sts) covers about rounds 18 to 22 of the body. It points up and 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. Bow: lay it flat, one loop to the left and one to the right, like a bow tie. Cut a new length of D (red), 24 in (61 cm) long. Wind it three times, pulled snug, round the narrow middle (round 6), and knot its two ends together at the back of the bow. When the topknot is wound, sew the back of the middle of the bow to the front of the winding with the two ends, above the center line of the head, and catch the back of each loop to the hair with one stitch.

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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 on the wrong side of a flat piece, inside a stuffed one. Knot in the lengths of yarn at the same time. 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 8 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 12, one to each side, 5½ stitches from the center line (11 stitches apart).
- Nose: with C (dark brown), in satin stitch, a triangle with its point down about 5/16 in (8 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the muzzle, centered, ¼ in (6 mm) above the middle of the muzzle.
- Mouth: with C (dark brown), in backstitch, on the muzzle: a line from the point of the nose straight down, 1/8 in (3 mm) long, and a smile, one curve about ¼ in (6 mm) wide. The middle of the smile is its lowest point and lies at the lower end of that line; its two ends are 1/16 in (2 mm) higher, one to each side.
- Coat: work it when the head and the tail are sewn on. Cut 136 lengths of B (steel blue), each 10½ in (27 cm) long. At each place, fold one length in half and put the hook under the stitch, from side to side. Draw the fold out a little, put the two ends through it and pull them tight. The places on the body, counting stitches from the center line (stitch 1 is the one beside it), the same on each side: stitches 1, 3, 5 and 7 of every round from round 7 to round 23. Where the head or the tail covers a place, use the nearest free stitch of that round. With the comb or the brush, comb the hair straight down on both sides, a few lengths at a time, until the plies of the yarn come apart; it is parted along the center line. The ends stay outside: trim them to one line, about ¾ in (19 mm) above the table when the dog stands, and snip a little into the tips so that the line is soft.
- Moustache: cut 60 lengths of A (tan), each 4 in (10 cm) long. At each place, fold two lengths together in half and put the hook under the stitch, from side to side. Draw the fold out a little, put all four ends through it and pull them tight. Comb it straight down in the same way, until the plies come apart. The ends stay outside: trim them to ½ in (13 mm). The places on the muzzle, counting stitches from its center line (stitch 1 is the one beside it), the same on each side: round 4: stitches 3, 4, 5 and 6; round 5: stitches 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; round 6: stitches 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.
- Bib: cut 54 lengths of A (tan), each 4½ in (11.5 cm) long. At each place, fold one length in half and put the hook under the stitch, from side to side. Draw the fold out a little, put the two ends through it and pull them tight. The places on the head, at the front of the neck, counting stitches from the center line (stitch 1 is the one beside it), the same on each side: stitches 1 to 9 of rounds 19, 20 and 21. Comb it straight down in the same way, until the plies come apart. The ends stay outside: trim them to 11/16 in (17 mm).
- Cheek hair: cut 30 lengths of A (tan), each 4½ in (11.5 cm) long. At each place, fold one length in half and put the hook under the stitch, from side to side. Draw the fold out a little, put the two ends through it and pull them tight. The places on the head, counting stitches from the center line (stitch 1 is the one beside it), the same on each side: stitches 9 to 13 of rounds 14, 15 and 16. Comb it straight down in the same way, until the plies come apart. The ends stay outside: trim them to ¾ in (19 mm).
- Topknot: cut 18 lengths of A (tan), each 5½ in (14 cm) long. At each place, fold one length in half and put the hook under the stitch, from side to side. Draw the fold out a little, put the two ends through it and pull them tight. The places on the head: every stitch of rounds 1 and 2. Draw all the ends straight up together, wind a new length of A (tan) tightly round them four times, 5/16 in (8 mm) above the head, and knot it. The ends stay outside: trim them to 1 in (2.5 cm) above the winding and let them fall open.
- 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; 2,398 stitches (716 in the body, 146 in each leg, 698 in the head, 76 in the muzzle, 84 in each ear, 75 in the tail, 81 in the bow).

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