MAPLE THE FOX

Complete Digital Crochet Amigurumi Pattern



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Skill level: Advanced Beginner / Easy Intermediate

Written in standard US crochet terminology

1. Digital Download Notice

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2. Finished Measurements

Target measurements when made with super bulky chenille yarn and a 5.0 mm hook:

Feature	Calculated design target
Seated height	22-25 cm / 8.7-9.8 in
Overall width, including tail	24-28 cm / 9.4-11 in
Head	16-18 cm wide x 14-16 cm high / 6.3-7.1 x 5.5-6.3 in
Body	11-13 cm wide x 11-13 cm high / 4.3-5.1 x 4.3-5.1 in
Arm length	7-8.5 cm / 2.8-3.3 in
Leg length	8-9 cm / 3.1-3.5 in
Ear height	6.5-7.5 cm / 2.6-3.0 in
Tail length along curve	15-18 cm / 5.9-7.1 in
Cream muzzle pad diameter	Approx. 6.5-8 cm / 2.6-3.1 in
Chest bib	Approx. 6-7 cm wide x 8-9 cm high / 2.4-2.8 x 3.1-3.5 in

Size note: These are design targets, not guaranteed finished dimensions. Chenille yarn in particular can vary significantly in loft and thickness between brands.

3. Materials and Tools

Item	Recommendation
Yarn	Super Bulky / Jumbo-lite chenille or plush yarn, Weight #6, preferably polyester.
Orange	Approx. 140-170 g / 5-6 oz for head, body, limbs, outer-ear bases and tail.
Cream / ivory	Approx. 45-60 g / 1.6-2.1 oz for muzzle pads, inner ears, chest bib and tail tip.
Dark brown	Approx. 35-45 g / 1.2-1.6 oz for paws, outer ears and dark-brown ear edging.
Pink	Approx. 3-5 g / 0.1-0.2 oz for cheeks.
Black	Small amount of smooth worsted yarn for the crocheted nose plus black embroidery yarn/thread for the mouth, eyebrows and optional embroidered eyes.
Hook	5.0 mm (H-8) crochet hook, or size needed to make a dense fabric.
Eyes	Two 16-18 mm black safety eyes, or embroidered eyes for a soft-component alternative.
Stuffing	Polyester fibre filling, approximately 150-220 g depending on firmness.
Notions	Tapestry needle, stitch markers, pins, scissors, measuring tape and optional row counter.

Safety

Safety eyes and other small or rigid components may not be suitable for children under 3 years old. For a soft-component alternative to rigid safety eyes, embroider the eyes securely with yarn; the crocheted nose in this pattern is already a soft yarn component. Inspect all seams and attachments regularly. The maker is responsible for determining appropriate materials, age suitability, labelling and compliance with applicable local product-safety requirements.

4. Gauge and Tension

Amigurumi should be worked at a firm, dense tension so the stuffing does not show through the stitches. A practical target gauge with the suggested yarn is:

Approx. 10 sc x 10 rounds = 10 cm / 4 in using a 5.0 mm hook, worked in continuous spiral rounds and lightly stuffed for measurement.

- If large gaps appear between stitches, use a smaller hook before changing the pattern.
- If the fabric is extremely stiff and difficult to work, move up 0.5 mm in hook size.
- A tighter gauge produces a smaller fox and may use slightly less yarn; a looser gauge produces a larger fox and may use more yarn.
- Gauge is a sizing guide only and does not guarantee exact finished measurements.

5. Crochet Method and Terminology

- Terminology: standard US crochet terms.
- Stuffed pieces are worked in continuous spiral rounds unless a section explicitly says otherwise. Do not join rounds with a slip stitch.
- Place a removable marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up after every round.
- Keep the BOR marker toward the back or underside of the piece. If the spiral drifts, use a contrasting guide thread to mark the true centre front (CF) and centre back (CB) before assembly.
- Use standard yarn-over single crochet for the softer rounded look shown in the reference. Yarn-under single crochet is possible, but it will make a slightly narrower, denser fabric and may reduce the finished size.
- The right side of the crochet fabric faces outward on all stuffed pieces.
- Flat pieces are worked in turned rows. Ch 1 to turn does not count as a stitch unless specifically stated.
- Unless a flat-piece section states otherwise, Row 1 is an RS row. After turning, odd-numbered rows are worked with the RS facing and even-numbered rows with the WS facing.

6. Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Meaning
MR	magic ring
ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch
sc	single crochet
inc	increase: work 2 sc in the same stitch
dec	single crochet decrease: work the next 2 stitches together as 1 sc
inv dec	invisible decrease: insert hook through front loops of next 2 stitches and complete together as 1 sc
BLO	back loop only
st / sts	stitch / stitches
rnd / rnds	round / rounds
row / rows	row / rows
FO	fasten off
BOR	beginning of round
CF	centre front
CB	centre back
RS / WS	right side / wrong side

Invisible decreases are used on stuffed spiral pieces for a smoother surface. Standard decreases are used on flat ear and bib rows because the edge is later sewn or covered.

7. Construction Overview

Right and left are always described from Maple the Fox's point of view unless otherwise stated.

Piece	Qty	Construction note
Head	1	Stuffed and fully closed. Safety eyes are inserted before the decrease rounds close the opening.
Body	1	Stuffed; 24-stitch neck opening remains open until the head is attached.
Outer ears	2	Flat, unstuffed broad-base triangles: orange Row 1, dark brown Rows 2-7, with brown edging.
Inner ears	2	Flat cream 5-row triangles sewn to the outer ears.
Muzzle pads	2	Flat cream circles, overlapped across the lower face.
Cheeks	2	Small flat pink circles, 6 sts each.
Nose	1	Small flat black oval.
Chest bib	1	Flat cream broad-top tapered bib sewn to the front of the body.
Arms	2	Brown paws with orange upper arms; 8 rounds, lightly stuffed.
Legs	2	Brown feet with orange upper legs; 9 rounds, stuffed more firmly in the feet.
Tail	1	Tapered cream tip with a mixed pointed transition and orange body; lightly to moderately stuffed with an open 27-stitch base for sewing.

Recommended Assembly Order

1. Crochet all components and keep labelled pairs together.
2. If using safety eyes, install them before the decrease rounds close the head. Stuff and close the head. If using embroidered eyes, embroider them at the marked eye positions after the head is closed and before attaching the muzzle pads.
3. Attach the cream muzzle pads, nose, mouth, eyebrows, cheeks and ears to the head.
4. Stuff the body and sew the chest bib to the front.
5. Join the body neck opening securely to the underside of the head.
6. Attach the legs, then the arms.
7. Attach the tail and add the optional shaping stitches for the curve.
8. Complete the final symmetry, balance and seam checks; secure and bury every yarn tail.

Orientation

- Head: crown = MR start; underside = final decrease closure; BOR/CB = back of head.
- Body: base = MR start and BLO ledge; neck = final 24-stitch opening; BOR/CB = back.
- Tail: cream end = tip; open 27-stitch edge = base; inner curve faces toward the body after shaping.

8. Complete Written Crochet Pattern

A. Head - Make 1

With orange yarn. Work in continuous spiral rounds. Keep BOR at the back. Do not stuff until instructed.

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Sts
Rnd 1	Work 6 sc in MR.	6
Rnd 2	Inc in each st around.	12
Rnd 3	(Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times.	18
Rnd 4	(Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	24
Rnd 5	(Sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	30
Rnd 6	(Sc in next 4 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	36
Rnd 7	(Sc in next 5 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	42
Rnd 8	(Sc in next 6 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	48
Rnd 9	(Sc in next 7 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	54
Rnd 10	Sc in each st around.	54
Rnd 11	Sc in each st around.	54
Rnd 12	Sc in each st around.	54
Rnd 13	Sc in each st around.	54
Rnd 14	Sc in each st around.	54
Rnd 15	Sc in each st around.	54
Rnd 16	Sc in each st around.	54
Rnd 17	Sc in each st around.	54
Rnd 18	(Sc in next 7 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	48
Rnd 19	(Sc in next 6 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	42
Rnd 20	(Sc in next 5 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	36
Rnd 21	(Sc in next 4 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	30
Rnd 22	(Sc in next 3 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	24
Rnd 23	(Sc in next 2 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	18
Rnd 24	(Sc in next st, inv dec) 6 times.	12
Rnd 25	Inv dec 6 times.	6

Eye insertion - before Rnd 18: Place the eyes between Head Rnds 13 and 14, approximately 4 stitches to each side of CF, giving about 8 stitches centre-to-centre. Confirm both eyes are level from the front before fitting the washers securely. For embroidered eyes, mark these same positions and embroider them after the head is stuffed and closed.

Stuffing - after Rnd 22: Fill the crown, cheeks and sides firmly without stretching the stitches. Add small pieces of stuffing at a time so the head remains evenly rounded. Continue adding stuffing through Rnd 24. After Rnd 25, cut yarn leaving a 20 cm / 8 in tail, thread through the remaining 6 front loops, pull closed, secure and bury.

B. Cream Muzzle Pads - Make 2

With cream yarn. Work in continuous spiral rounds. Keep flat and unstuffed.

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Sts
Rnd 1	Work 6 sc in MR.	6
Rnd 2	Inc in each st around.	12
Rnd 3	(Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times.	18
Rnd 4	(Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	24
Rnd 5	Sc in each st around.	24

FO, leaving a 35 cm / 14 in sewing tail on each pad. Flatten gently without blocking.

C. Pink Cheeks - Make 2

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Sts
Rnd 1	Work 6 sc in MR.	6

FO, leaving a 25 cm / 10 in sewing tail. Pull the MR closed firmly and keep the circle flat.

D. Black Nose - Make 1

With smooth black yarn, ch 4. Work around both sides of the foundation chain; do not turn.

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Sts
Rnd 1	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, 3 sc in last ch; rotate the chain, sc in the unused loop of next ch, 2 sc in the unused loop of the final ch.	8

FO, leaving a 25 cm / 10 in tail for sewing. Shape into a small horizontal oval.

E. Chest Bib - Make 1

With cream yarn. Work in turned rows. Ch 1 to turn; turning chain does not count as a stitch. Row 1 is the upper edge beneath the head.

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Sts
Row 1	Ch 7; sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch.	6
Row 2	Ch 1, turn; sc across.	6
Row 3	Ch 1, turn; sc across.	6
Row 4	Ch 1, turn; dec, sc in next 2 sts, dec.	4
Row 5	Ch 1, turn; sc across.	4
Row 6	Ch 1, turn; sc across.	4
Row 7	Ch 1, turn; dec twice.	2
Row 8	Ch 1, turn; sc across.	2
Row 9	Ch 1, turn; dec.	1

FO, leaving a 40 cm / 16 in tail for sewing. Keep flat and unstuffed.

F. Outer Ears - Make 2

Leave a 45 cm / 18 in orange starting tail before making the foundation chain. This tail will be used later for sewing the ear base to the head.
With orange yarn. Work in turned rows. Ch 1 to turn; turning chain does not count as a stitch.

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Sts
Row 1	Ch 7; sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch.	6
Row 2	Change to dark brown; ch 1, turn; sc across.	6
Row 3	Ch 1, turn; dec, sc in next 2 sts, dec.	4
Row 4	Ch 1, turn; sc across.	4
Row 5	Ch 1, turn; dec twice.	2
Row 6	Ch 1, turn; sc across.	2
Row 7	Ch 1, turn; dec.	1

FO and weave in the dark-brown tip tail.

Dark Brown Ear Border

Join dark brown yarn at one lower corner of the ear. Surface sl st evenly up the first slanted edge to the tip and down the opposite slanted edge, approximately 6-8 evenly spaced slip stitches per side. Keep the 6-stitch lower base edge unworked. FO and bury the border ends on the WS.

G. Inner Ears - Make 2

With cream yarn. Work in turned rows.

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Sts
Row 1	Ch 5; sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch.	4
Row 2	Ch 1, turn; sc across.	4
Row 3	Ch 1, turn; dec twice.	2
Row 4	Ch 1, turn; sc across.	2
Row 5	Ch 1, turn; dec.	1

FO, leaving a 30 cm / 12 in tail. Centre each cream inner ear on the RS of an outer ear with the cream base slightly above the orange lower base. Sew around the cream piece with small whip stitches, leaving an even dark-brown border visible.

Ear shaping: Pinch approximately 1 cm / 3/8 in of the lower outer-ear base inward and tack it once. This gives the ear a shallow cup while keeping the upper triangle flat.

H. Body - Make 1

With orange yarn. Start at the bottom centre. Work in continuous spiral rounds. Keep BOR at the back.

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Sts
Rnd 1	Work 6 sc in MR.	6
Rnd 2	Inc in each st around.	12
Rnd 3	(Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times.	18
Rnd 4	(Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	24
Rnd 5	(Sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	30
Rnd 6	(Sc in next 4 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	36
Rnd 7	(Sc in next 5 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	42
Rnd 8	BLO: sc in each st around.	42
Rnd 9	Sc in each st around.	42
Rnd 10	Sc in each st around.	42
Rnd 11	Sc in each st around.	42
Rnd 12	(Sc in next 5 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	36
Rnd 13	Sc in each st around.	36
Rnd 14	Sc in each st around.	36
Rnd 15	(Sc in next 4 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	30
Rnd 16	Sc in each st around.	30
Rnd 17	Sc in each st around.	30
Rnd 18	(Sc in next 3 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	24
Rnd 19	Sc in each st around.	24
Rnd 20	Sc in each st around.	24

Stuff after Rnd 17. Keep the BLO base flat and firm, then fill the sides and upper body moderately. Do not overstuff the final 2 rounds. After Rnd 20, FO leaving a 60 cm / 24 in tail. Leave the 24-stitch neck opening unclosed for head attachment.

I. Arms - Make 2

Start with dark brown yarn. Work in continuous spiral rounds.

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Sts
Rnd 1	With dark brown, work 6 sc in MR.	6
Rnd 2	Inc in each st around.	12
Rnd 3	Sc in each st around.	12
Rnd 4	Sc in each st around.	12
Rnd 5	Change to orange; sc in each st around.	12
Rnd 6	Sc in each st around.	12
Rnd 7	(Sc in next 2 sts, inv dec) 3 times.	9
Rnd 8	Sc in each st around.	9

Stuff the brown paw firmly and the orange upper arm lightly. Leave the final 1-2 cm near the opening almost unstuffed. FO, leaving a 40 cm / 16 in sewing tail. Do not close.

J. Legs - Make 2

Start with dark brown yarn. Work in continuous spiral rounds.

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Sts
Rnd 1	With dark brown, work 6 sc in MR.	6
Rnd 2	Inc in each st around.	12
Rnd 3	(Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times.	18
Rnd 4	Sc in each st around.	18
Rnd 5	Sc in each st around.	18
Rnd 6	Change to orange; sc in each st around.	18
Rnd 7	(Sc in next 4 sts, inv dec) 3 times.	15
Rnd 8	Sc in each st around.	15
Rnd 9	(Sc in next 3 sts, inv dec) 3 times.	12

Stuff the dark-brown foot firmly and the orange upper leg moderately. Keep the final round soft enough to flatten slightly for sewing. FO, leaving a 45 cm / 18 in tail. Do not close.

K. Tail - Make 1

Start with cream yarn at the tip. Work in continuous spiral rounds.

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Sts
Rnd 1	Work 6 sc in MR.	6
Rnd 2	Inc in each st around.	12
Rnd 3	Sc in each st around.	12
Rnd 4	(Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times.	18
Rnd 5	Sc in each st around.	18
Rnd 6	Sc in each st around.	18
Rnd 7	Jagged colour transition: (1 sc cream, 2 sc orange) 6 times. Carry the unused yarn loosely inside this round. Cut cream after its final stitch and continue with orange.	18
Rnd 8	With orange, sc in each st around.	18
Rnd 9	(Sc in next 5 sts, inc in next st) 3 times.	21
Rnd 10	Sc in each st around.	21
Rnd 11	Sc in each st around.	21
Rnd 12	(Sc in next 6 sts, inc in next st) 3 times.	24
Rnd 13	Sc in each st around.	24
Rnd 14	Sc in each st around.	24
Rnd 15	(Sc in next 7 sts, inc in next st) 3 times.	27
Rnd 16	Sc in each st around.	27
Rnd 17	Sc in each st around.	27
Rnd 18	Sc in each st around.	27

Stuffing: Keep the cream tip lightly stuffed, the middle moderately stuffed, and the final 2 orange rounds lightly stuffed. This lets the base spread into a smooth oval against the body. FO leaving a 70 cm / 28 in tail. Leave the 27-stitch base open.

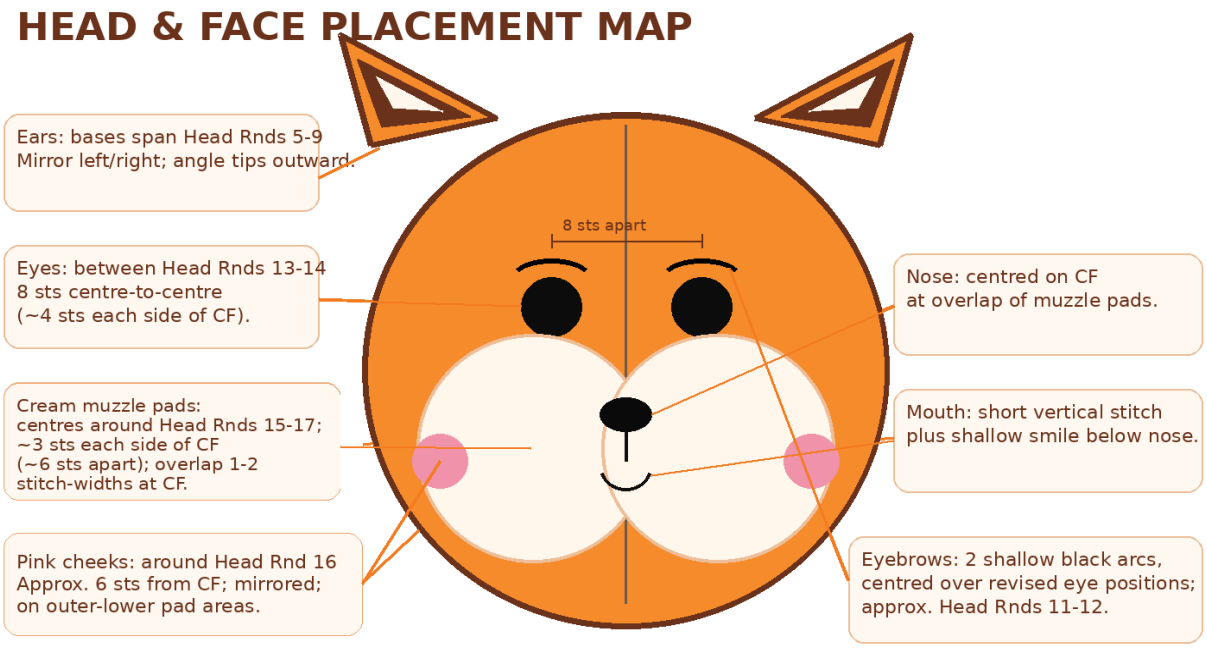
Optional Tail Curve Shaping

After the tail is sewn to the body, thread a 60 cm / 24 in length of orange yarn on the tapestry needle. Anchor at the underside of the tail base. Run the needle inside the tail along the intended inner curve and bring it out about two-thirds of the way toward the tip. Re-enter nearby and return to the base. Repeat 2-3 times, tightening only enough to create a gentle upward curve. Knot securely inside the seam area and bury the yarn. Do not pull tightly enough to form a deep crease.

9. Placement Maps

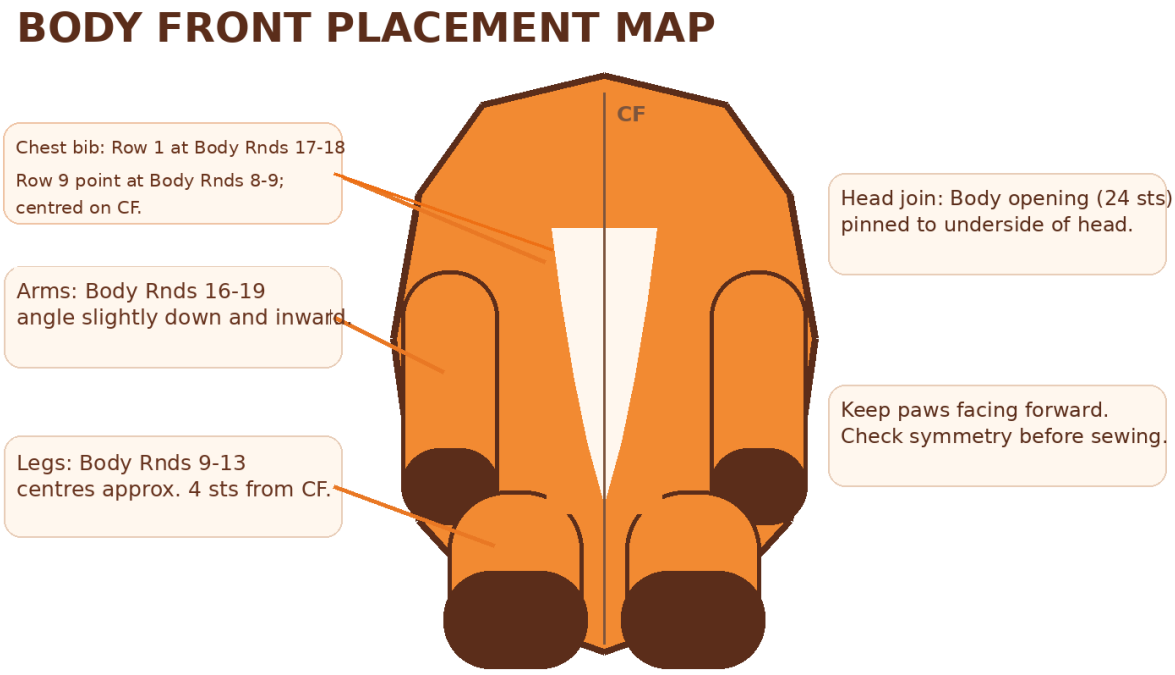
Head and Face

Before pinning face pieces, place a vertical guide thread at CF. View the head from the front and confirm the eye line is level.



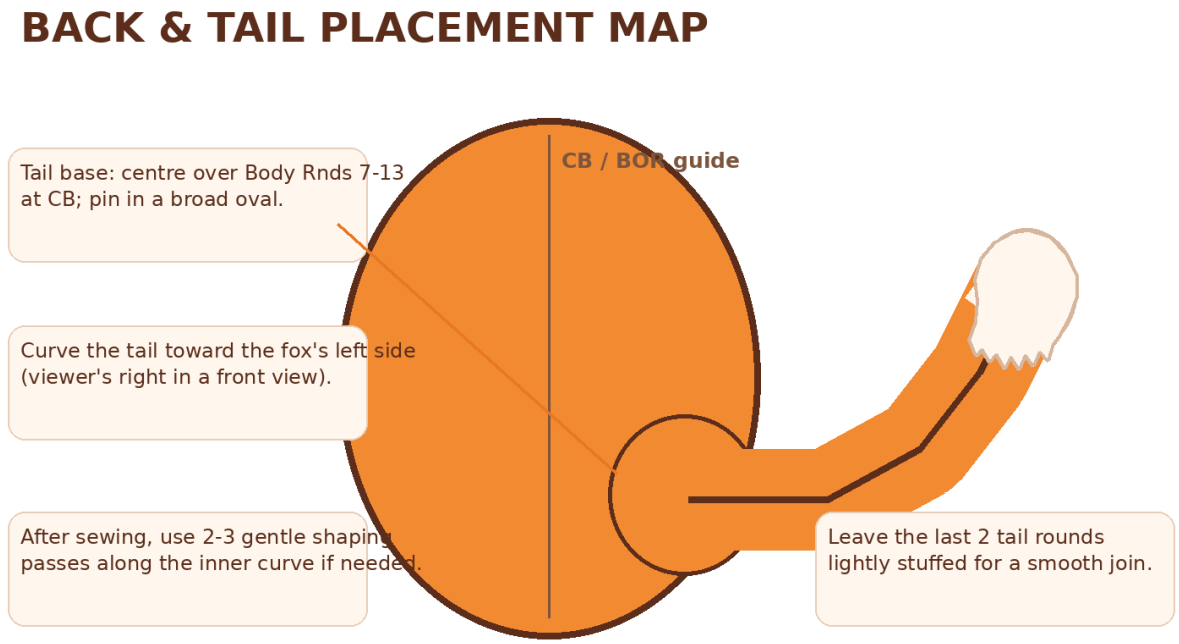
- Eyes: between Head Rnds 13 and 14, approximately 4 stitches to each side of CF; about 8 stitches centre-to-centre. CF sits midway between the eyes.
- Cream muzzle pads: centres around Head Rnds 15-17. Place one pad approximately 3 stitches to the fox's right of CF and one approximately 3 stitches to the fox's left, giving about 6 stitches centre-to-centre. Overlap the pads by approximately 1-2 stitch-widths at CF. The combined cream area should extend broadly beneath both eyes.
- Nose: centred exactly on CF over the overlap of the two cream muzzle pads, around the visual level of Head Rnd 16.
- Pink cheeks: centre each cheek around Head Rnd 16, approximately 6 stitches from CF, mirrored left/right. Each cheek should overlap the outer-lower area of its corresponding cream muzzle pad.
- Eyebrows: With black embroidery yarn, embroider one shallow curved eyebrow above each eye between approximately Head Rnds 11 and 12. Centre each brow directly over its eye and make it about 2 stitch-widths long. Mirror the two brows and keep them approximately 1-2 rounds above the eye line.
- Ears: pin the lower ear bases across Head Rnds 5-9. The inner base edge of each ear should sit about 6 stitches from CF and the outer base edge about 11-12 stitches from CF. Angle the tips slightly outward.
- Check all face placements after the head is fully stuffed. Plush yarn can shift visible stitch positions slightly.

Body Front



- Chest bib: centre on CF with Row 1 forming the broad upper edge immediately below the neck around Body Rnds 17-18. Angle the sides inward so the Row 9 point finishes around Body Rnds 8-9.
- Legs: pin the open top edges across Body Rnds 9-13, with centres approximately 4 stitches to either side of CF. Brown feet face forward and rest on the same base line, with only a modest gap between them.
- Arms: pin the open top edges across Body Rnds 16-19, immediately below and slightly outside the neck opening. Angle each arm down and slightly inward so the brown paws frame the bib and finish near the lower body.
- Head: centre the 24-stitch body neck opening under the head. The body CF should align with the midpoint between the eyes and the body CB/BOR should align with the back of the head.

Back and Tail



- Tail base: pin the open 27-stitch edge in a broad oval over Body Rnds 7-13, centred on CB.
- Direct the tail toward the fox's left side so it is visible on the viewer's right in a front view, matching the reference silhouette.
- The cream tip should point upward and slightly outward rather than straight back.
- Check the tail from front, side and back before final sewing so the fox can sit without rocking.

10. Colour Changes and Surface Details

- Arms: dark brown Rnds 1-4, orange Rnds 5-8.
- Legs: dark brown Rnds 1-5, orange Rnds 6-9.
- Tail: cream Rnds 1-6, mixed cream/orange transition on Rnd 7, orange Rnds 8-18.
- Outer ears: orange Row 1, dark brown Rows 2-7, plus dark brown surface slip-stitch edging along both slanted edges.
- Face: cream muzzle pads, pink cheeks and black nose are separate appliques; the mouth and two shallow eyebrows are embroidered in black.
- At colour changes in spirals, complete the final yarn-over of the previous stitch with the new colour. Gently tug both yarn tails to reduce a visible step. Cut the old colour unless instructed to use it again immediately.

11. Stuffing and Shaping

- Head: firmly stuffed without stretching the stitches; keep the face broad and softly rounded rather than pointed.
- Body: firm at the flat base and moderate through the upper body. Keep the neck opening flexible for attachment.
- Arms: firm in the paws, light in the upper arms; do not overstuff the final 1-2 cm near the opening.
- Legs: firm in the brown feet, moderate in the orange upper legs. The feet should remain rounded at the front and slightly flattened underneath.
- Tail: light at the cream tip, moderate through the middle, light at the open base. The tail should bend without collapsing.
- Ears, inner ears, muzzle pads, cheeks, nose and chest bib remain unstuffed.
- If one side of a stuffed piece looks flat, add small pinches of fibre filling to that area with the blunt end of the hook or a stuffing tool before closing the opening.

Do not close any opening until all required safety eyes and stuffing are in place. Keep the body neck and tail base open until their sewing steps.

12. Sewing Methods

Whip Stitch for Flat Appliques

Use for inner ears, muzzle pads, cheeks, nose and chest bib. Bring the needle up through the body fabric immediately beside the applique edge, then pass through the outer loop or edge bar of the applique. Repeat with small even stitches. Tighten only until the edge lies flat; do not pull hard enough to sink the applique deeply into the stuffing.

Ladder / Mattress-Style Attachment for Stuffed Pieces

Use for head, arms, legs and tail. Alternate the needle between a stitch or horizontal bar on the body and the corresponding stitch or edge bar on the attached piece. Work several loose stitches, then gently pull the seam closed. This gives a neat join without crushing the plush yarn.

Securing a Seam

At the end of a seam, make two small locking stitches in the same area. Pass the needle through the stuffed piece and bring it out several centimetres away. Pull gently, snip the yarn close to the surface, and massage the fabric so the tail retracts inside.

13. Assembly Instructions

1. Head face layout: If using embroidered eyes instead of safety eyes, embroider them now at the marked positions between Head Rnds 13 and 14, approximately 4 stitches to each side of CF, before pinning the muzzle pads. With the head stuffed and closed, pin the two cream muzzle pads with their centres approximately 3 stitches to each side of CF, giving about 6 stitches centre-to-centre. Allow the pads to overlap by approximately 1-2 stitch-widths at CF and confirm that the combined cream area extends broadly beneath both eyes. Sew the outer portions first, then secure the overlapping centre sections.
2. Nose, mouth and eyebrows: Centre the black nose over the muzzle-pad overlap and sew around its edge. With black yarn, add one short vertical stitch below the nose and two shallow diagonal stitches to form a small smile. Then embroider one shallow curved eyebrow above each eye between approximately Head Rnds 11 and 12, centred directly over the eye and about 2 stitch-widths long. Check that both brows mirror each other before securing and burying the yarn.
3. Cheeks: Pin the small pink circles symmetrically over the outer-lower areas of the cream muzzle pads, centred approximately 6 stitches from CF. Sew with small whip stitches.
4. Ears: Pin each assembled ear across Head Rnds 5-9. Check from the front, back and top that both tips sit at the same height and angle. Sew the lower ear base securely to the head, passing through both layers of the ear.
5. Chest bib: Pin Row 1 horizontally beneath the neck around Body Rnds 17-18, centred on CF. Smooth the tapered sides downward so Row 9 points toward Body Rnds 8-9. Sew around the full edge with cream yarn.
6. Head to body: Place the body neck opening against the underside of the head. Align body CF with the midpoint between the eyes and body CB/BOR with head CB. Pin at four points, then add more pins. Use the long orange body tail to ladder-stitch all 24 neck stitches evenly to the head. Pause halfway to adjust body stuffing, then complete the seam.
7. Legs: Pin the two legs across Body Rnds 9-13, with their centres approximately 4 stitches to either side of CF. Brown feet point forward and should finish with only a modest gap between them. Check that both feet rest on the same base line, then sew around each open top edge. Before the final few stitches, adjust the stuffing if one leg sits higher.
8. Arms: Pin the open arm edges across Body Rnds 16-19, immediately below and slightly outside the neck opening. Angle each arm down and slightly inward so the brown paws frame the bib and finish near the lower body. Check the pair from the front before sewing, then attach each open edge securely to the body.
9. Tail: Pin the open 27-stitch tail base in a broad oval over Body Rnds 7-13 at CB. Angle the tail toward the fox's left. Sew around the entire base. Before the final section, add or remove a little stuffing so the join is smooth.
10. Tail curve: If needed, add the optional internal shaping passes described in the Tail section. Make the curve gentle so the tail remains soft.
11. Final balance: Set Maple on a flat surface. Adjust the legs and tail by hand until the base is stable. Add one small hidden tack between a leg and body only if needed to keep the seated pose.
12. Finish: Remove all guide threads and temporary markers. Secure and bury every yarn tail. Inspect each seam from all sides.

14. Final Visual Checklist

☐ Face is centred and balanced on the head.
☐ Eyes are level and approximately 8 stitches centre-to-centre.
☐ Nose and mouth sit on CF.
☐ Cream muzzle pads overlap evenly and do not twist.
☐ Pink cheeks are mirrored and level.
☐ Eyebrows are mirrored, centred above the eyes and sit at equal heights.
☐ Ears sit at matching heights and outward angles.
☐ Chest bib is centred on the body.
☐ Arms are aligned and brown paws frame the bib.
☐ Legs are level; both brown feet face forward.
☐ Tail is attached at CB and curves toward the fox's left with the cream tip visible.
☐ Orange, cream and dark brown colour changes are neat and secure.
☐ Maple sits steadily without rocking severely.
☐ No stuffing shows through the crochet fabric.
☐ No large holes remain at decrease rounds or sewing joins.
☐ No exposed knots, rigid components or loose yarn tails are visible.
☐ All temporary stitch markers and guide threads have been removed.

15. Troubleshooting

Problem	Practical fix
Stuffing shows through stitches	Use a smaller hook or firmer tension. Add stuffing in smaller pieces instead of forcing a large wad against the fabric.
Fox is much larger or smaller than target	Compare your gauge with the suggested gauge. Yarn thickness and hook size affect every measurement.
Continuous rounds twist	Keep the BOR marker in the first stitch of every round and recount shaped rounds immediately.
Colour-change step is visible	Make the colour change on the final yarn-over of the previous stitch and keep transitions at the back/underside whenever possible.
Eyes look uneven	Before attaching other face pieces, view the head straight on and compare both eyes to the CF guide thread. Embroidered eyes can be removed and repositioned.
Muzzle is off-centre	Unpin and centre the overlap of the two cream pads directly over CF before sewing the centre sections.
Head leans to one side	Add more pins around the neck and tighten the head-to-body seam evenly. Add a small amount of stuffing under the low side before closing the final seam section.
Limbs are uneven	Compare the colour-change rounds and stitch counts. Reposition the attachment edge before adding extra stuffing.
One ear sits higher	Match both ear base edges to the same head rounds and tack each base centre before sewing outward.
Tail points the wrong way	Before sewing the last third of the tail base, rotate the tail so it sweeps toward the fox's left. Re-pin and check the side view.
Gaps around sewn pieces	Take smaller ladder stitches through sturdy stitch bars and pull gradually every 3-4 stitches.

Problem	Practical fix
Flat base becomes rounded	Remove excess stuffing from the lower body and massage the BLO base ledge flat against the table.
Visible holes after decreases	Use invisible decreases and avoid overstuffing directly beneath decrease rounds.

16. Printing and Customer Notes

- DIGITAL DOWNLOAD ONLY - no physical item will be shipped.
- Pattern terminology: standard US crochet terms.
- Recommended print setting: US Letter or A4, portrait orientation, 100% / Actual Size. If printing on A4, select Fit only if your printer clips the margins.
- This pattern was created as a digital design reproduction from the supplied reference concept and was not physically test-crocheted.
- Finished measurements are calculated design targets and can vary with yarn, hook size, tension, stuffing and technique.
- You may make finished handmade items from this pattern for personal use, gifts or small-scale handmade sale.
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- If you sell finished handmade items, you remain responsible for local product-safety, labelling and age-appropriateness requirements.

Quick Reference

Element	Reference
Head	Orange, 6 -> 54 -> 6 sts, 25 rounds
Body	Orange, 6 -> 42 -> 24 sts, 20 rounds, neck left open
Muzzle pads	Cream, 2 broad circles, 24 sts at final round
Cheeks	Pink, 2 small circles, 6 sts each
Outer ears	2 flat triangular ears, orange Row 1, brown Rows 2-7
Inner ears	2 cream flat triangles, 5 rows
Arms	2, 8 rounds, brown paw then orange arm, 12 -> 9 sts
Legs	2, 9 rounds, brown foot then orange upper leg, 18 -> 12 sts
Tail	Cream tip with pointed transition; orange tapered body, 6 -> 18 -> 21 -> 24 -> 27 sts, 18 rounds
Eyes	Between Head Rnds 13-14; approx. 4 sts each side of CF / 8 sts centre-to-centre
Eyebrows	2 shallow black embroidered arcs, approx. Head Rnds 11-12
Tail placement	Body Rnds 7-13 at CB; sweep toward fox's left

Thank you for choosing this digital pattern. Take time to pin every piece before sewing - small placement changes can noticeably affect the expression and seated balance of an amigurumi.