Ringo the Raccoon

Complete Digital Crochet Amigurumi Pattern



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Skill level: Advanced Beginner | Terminology: US crochet terms

A seated woodland raccoon with a rounded head, dark eye mask, cream muzzle and belly, pink cheeks, dark paws, and a striped bushy tail.

2. Digital Download Notice

This product is a digital crochet pattern only. It is not a finished amigurumi, toy, or physical product. No physical item will be shipped.

The instructions are written for ordinary crocheters. All design arithmetic has been kept out of the customer instructions; each written round includes its intended final stitch count.

Quick pattern profile

Feature	Design target
Construction	Separate head and body joined at matching 24-st openings; separate limbs, tail, ears, face appliques
Main method	Continuous spiral single crochet; flat appliques are also worked in the round
Finished pose	Seated, with feet forward and striped tail resting behind/alongside
Face	Two dark mask patches with cream upper-and-inner borders, safety or embroidered eyes, cream muzzle, pink cheeks
Suggested yarn	#4 worsted/aran cotton-acrylic blend or comparable smooth amigurumi yarn

3. Finished Measurements

The following are target ranges when using the recommended yarn, hook, and firm amigurumi tension. They are not physically guaranteed.

Area	Calculated target size
Overall seated height	16-18 cm / 6.3-7.1 in
Overall width incl. feet/tail	15-18 cm / 5.9-7.1 in
Front-to-back depth	9-11 cm / 3.5-4.3 in
Head	8.5-9.5 cm wide x 8.5-9.5 cm high / 3.3-3.7 x 3.3-3.7 in
Body	6.5-7.5 cm wide x 7-8 cm high / 2.6-3 x 2.8-3.1 in
Arm, each	5-5.5 cm / 2-2.2 in
Leg, each	4.5-5 cm / 1.8-2 in
Ear, each	2.7-3.2 cm / 1.1-1.3 in
Dark mask patch, each	about 4 x 2.5 cm / 1.6 x 1 in
Muzzle	about 3 x 2.3 cm / 1.2 x 0.9 in
Belly patch	about 5.5 x 3.5 cm / 2.2 x 1.4 in
Tail	8-9 cm long x 3.5-4 cm at widest point / 3.1-3.5 x 1.4-1.6 in
Cheek, each	about 1-1.2 cm / 0.4-0.5 in

If your work is noticeably larger or smaller, keep the written stitch counts unchanged and adjust hook size or yarn choice before remaking the project.

4. Materials and Tools

Item	Recommendation
Main yarn - taupe/grey-brown	Approx. 55 g / 110 m of #4 worsted/aran smooth cotton-acrylic blend
Dark yarn - charcoal/dark brown	Approx. 25 g / 50 m for mask patches, paws, inner ears, and tail stripes
Cream yarn	Approx. 15 g / 30 m for muzzle, belly, and cream mask borders
Pink yarn	Approx. 3 g / 6 m for cheeks
Black yarn or embroidery thread	Small amount for mouth and embroidered-eye/nose alternatives
Crochet hook	3.25 mm, or size needed for dense amigurumi fabric
Stuffing	Polyester fibre filling
Eyes	2 x 14 mm black safety eyes; embroidered eyes may be used instead
Nose	Optional 10 mm black safety nose; otherwise embroider the nose
Other tools	Tapestry needle, stitch markers, pins, scissors, measuring tape, optional row counter

Safety: Safety eyes, safety noses, buttons, beads, wire, and other small or rigid parts may not be suitable for children under 3 years old. For a child-safe presentation, embroider the eyes and nose securely and check all seams and yarn tails.

No craft wire or internal reinforcement is required for this design.

5. Gauge, Tension and Crochet Method

Gauge and tension

Target gauge: approximately 22 sc x 24 rnds = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4 in, worked in continuous rounds with a 3.25 mm hook.

- Use firm, dense amigurumi tension so the filling does not show between stitches.
- Do not intentionally loosen the fabric to reach a measurement. Change hook size if needed.
- Gauge affects final size and yarn usage; it does not guarantee an exact finished measurement.

Crochet method

- US crochet terminology is used throughout.
- Head, body, limbs, tail, and circular/oval appliques are worked in continuous spiral rounds unless a step says otherwise.
- Place a marker in the first stitch of every spiral round and move it up after each completed round.
- Use standard yarn-over single crochet for the intended surface texture.
- The right/finished side of the crochet faces outward.
- Do not turn after spiral rounds. No turning chains are used in the spiral pieces.
- BOR marks round starts only. Because spiral rounds shift naturally, do not treat BOR as a fixed vertical centre-back line.

Orientation system: For face and assembly placement, establish physical centre front (CF) and physical centre back (CB) with removable scrap-yarn guide threads after the piece is shaped. Right and left are always from Ringo's point of view.

6. Abbreviations and Special Techniques

Abbreviation	Meaning
MR	Magic ring
ch	Chain
sc	Single crochet
inc	Increase: work 2 sc in the same stitch
inv dec	Invisible decrease: insert hook through FLO of next 2 sts and complete them together as 1 sc
FLO	Front loop only
st / sts	Stitch / stitches
rnd / rnds	Round / rounds
FO	Fasten off
BOR	Beginning of round
CF / CB	Physical centre front / physical centre back

Invisible finish for flat appliques

After the final stitch, cut the yarn and pull the tail through. Thread the tail on a tapestry needle, pass under both loops of the first stitch, then back down through the centre of the last stitch. This gives the small circles/ovals a cleaner edge without adding a slip stitch to the count.

Colour-change method

For a clean change, work the final sc of the old colour until 2 loops remain on the hook, then complete that sc with the new colour. The first full stitch of the next round is worked entirely in the new colour. Cut the old colour unless the instructions tell you it will be needed again within only a few rounds.

7. Construction Overview

Piece	Qty	Colour	Stuffing / finish
Head	1	Taupe	Firmly stuffed; 24-st neck opening remains open
Body	1	Taupe	Firmly stuffed; 24-st neck opening remains open
Dark mask patch	2	Dark	Flat, unstuffed
Muzzle	1	Cream	Very lightly stuffed when sewn
Belly patch	1	Cream	Flat, unstuffed
Outer ear	2	Taupe	Flat; slightly cupped at base
Inner ear	2	Dark	Flat
Cheek	2	Pink	Flat
Arm	2	Dark + taupe	Lightly stuffed lower two-thirds; flattened top
Leg	2	Dark + taupe	Moderately stuffed; flattened top
Tail	1	Dark + taupe stripes	Lightly stuffed; widens from the rounded tip to a 24-st open base

Recommended assembly order

1. Make the face appliques, ears, limbs, belly patch, and tail.
2. Crochet the head through Rnd 18. Establish physical CF/CB, pin the dark mask patches, and install safety eyes through both patch and head if using them.
3. Finish and stuff the head. Add the muzzle, nose, mouth, cheeks, and cream mask borders.
4. Crochet and stuff the body; mark physical CF and CB.
5. Sew the belly patch to the front.
6. Join the 24-st head and body openings.
7. Attach legs, then arms, then ears.
8. Attach the tail centred at lower physical CB.
9. Check symmetry and seated balance from every side, adjust stuffing if needed, remove guides, secure seams, and bury all tails.

Keep the head and body neck openings accessible until all internal eye/nose hardware and stuffing adjustments are complete.

8. Complete Crochet Pattern - Head and Face

A. Head - make 1 in taupe

Rnd	Instruction	Sts
1	6 sc in MR.	6
2	Inc in each st around.	12
3	(Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times.	18
4	(Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	24
5	(Sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	30
6	(Sc in next 4 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	36
7	(Sc in next 5 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	42
8	(Sc in next 6 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	48
9	(Sc in next 7 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	54
10-18	Sc in each st around. Work 9 even rounds.	54 each
19	(Sc in next 7 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	48
20	(Sc in next 6 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	42
21	(Sc in next 5 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	36
22	(Sc in next 4 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	30
23	(Sc in next 3 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	24

Pause after Rnd 18 for the face: With the opening downward, choose the smoothest side as physical CF and thread a removable scrap-yarn guide vertically through the fabric. Mark physical CB directly opposite. BOR remains only the round-start marker.

- Pin the two dark mask patches horizontally over Head Rnds 12-17. Their inner ends should stop about 1-2 sts from physical CF.

? If using 14 mm safety eyes, place the eye centres between Head Rnds 14 and 15, about 3-4 sts to each side of physical CF, aiming for approximately 7-8 sts between the eye centres in total. Push each eye post through the mask patch and then through the head fabric before securing the washer inside.

- Check from the front before locking the washers. If embroidering the eyes, mark these points now and embroider after stuffing.

After Rnd 23, stuff the head firmly and evenly without stretching the stitches. Keep the lower 24-st opening open for the head-to-body join. FO with a 45 cm / 18 in sewing tail.

B. Dark eye mask patch - make 2 in dark

Ch 7. Work around both sides of the foundation chain in a continuous oval.

Rnd	Instruction	Sts
1	Starting in 2nd ch from hook: sc in next 5 ch, 3 sc in last ch; continue along opposite side: sc in next 4 ch, 2 sc in same ch as first sc.	14
2	Inc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, inc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 4 sts, inc in each of last 2 sts.	20

FO with a 30 cm / 12 in sewing tail. Keep flat; do not stuff. During pinning, gently angle the inner end slightly downward toward the muzzle.

9. Complete Crochet Pattern - Face, Ears and Belly

C. Muzzle - make 1 in cream

Ch 4. Work around both sides of the foundation chain.

Rnd	Instruction	Sts
1	Starting in 2nd ch from hook: sc in next 2 ch, 3 sc in last ch; continue along opposite side: sc in next ch, 2 sc in same ch as first sc.	8
2	Inc in next st, sc in next st, inc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next st, inc in each of last 2 sts.	14

FO with a 30 cm / 12 in sewing tail. If using a safety nose, place a 10 mm nose near the upper centre of the muzzle and secure the washer before sewing the muzzle to the head.

D. Cheek - make 2 in pink

Rnd	Instruction	Sts
1	6 sc in MR.	6

Tighten MR, FO with a 20 cm / 8 in sewing tail, and make an invisible finish. Keep flat.

E. Outer ear - make 2 in taupe

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

FO with a 30 cm / 12 in sewing tail. Do not stuff.

F. Inner ear - make 2 in dark

Rnd	Instruction	Sts
1	6 sc in MR.	6
2	Inc in each st around.	12

FO with a 20 cm / 8 in sewing tail. Sew each inner ear centred to an outer ear, leaving an even taupe border. Pinch the lower edge of the outer ear by overlapping the two lower corners by about 1 stitch and tack with 2-3 small stitches to create a shallow cup.

G. Belly patch - make 1 in cream

Ch 7. Work around both sides of the foundation chain in a continuous oval.

Rnd	Instruction	Sts
1	Starting in 2nd ch from hook: sc in next 5 ch, 3 sc in last ch; continue along opposite side: sc in next 4 ch, 2 sc in same ch as first sc.	14
2	Inc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, inc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 4 sts, inc in each of last 2 sts.	20
3	Sc in next st, inc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, (sc in next st, inc in next st) 3 times, sc in next 4 sts, (sc in next st, inc in next st) 2 times.	26
4	Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, (sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 3 times, sc in next 4 sts, (sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 2 times.	32

FO with a 45 cm / 18 in sewing tail. Make an invisible finish. Keep the patch flat and unstuffed.

10. Complete Crochet Pattern - Body

H. Body - make 1 in taupe

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

Stuff the body firmly from the base upward, keeping the bottom broad rather than round. Leave the final 2 rounds slightly less firm so the neck join can be shaped neatly. FO with a 45 cm / 18 in sewing tail and leave the 24-st opening open.

Body orientation: After stuffing, choose the broadest, smoothest side as physical CF and mark it with removable scrap yarn. Mark physical CB directly opposite. Use these physical guides for the belly, limbs, tail, and head alignment - not BOR.

11. Complete Crochet Pattern - Arms and Legs

I. Arm - make 2

Start in dark for the paw tip.

Rnd	Instruction	Sts
1	6 sc in MR.	6
2	Inc in each st around.	12
3	Sc in each st around.	12
4	Change to taupe; sc in each st around.	12
5-10	Sc in each st around. Work 6 even rounds.	12 each
11	(Sc in next 4 sts, inv dec) 2 times.	10
12-13	Sc in each st around. Work 2 even rounds.	10 each

Lightly stuff the lower two-thirds only. Leave the top 2 rounds nearly unstuffed. Flatten the opening and work 5 sc through both layers to close. FO with a 30 cm / 12 in sewing tail.

J. Leg - make 2

Start in dark for the foot.

Rnd	Instruction	Sts
1	6 sc in MR.	6
2	Inc in each st around.	12
3	(Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times.	18
4	Sc in each st around.	18
5	Change to taupe; sc in each st around.	18
6	Sc in each st around.	18
7	(Sc in next 4 sts, inv dec) 3 times.	15
8-9	Sc in each st around. Work 2 even rounds.	15 each
10	(Sc in next 3 sts, inv dec) 3 times.	12
11	Sc in each st around.	12

Stuff moderately, especially the dark foot. Keep the upper edge flexible. Flatten the opening and work 6 sc through both layers to close. FO with a 35 cm / 14 in sewing tail.

12. Complete Crochet Pattern - Striped Tail

K. Tail - make 1

The tail begins at the rounded dark tip and is worked toward the body. Change colour on the final pull-through of the stitch immediately before each new stripe.

Rnd	Instruction	Sts
1	With dark: 6 sc in MR.	6
2	Inc in each st around.	12
3	(Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times.	18
4	Sc in each st around.	18
5	Change to taupe; (sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	24
6-7	Sc in each st around.	24 each
8-10	Change to dark; sc in each st around.	24 each
11-13	Change to taupe; sc in each st around.	24 each
14-16	Change to dark; sc in each st around.	24 each
17-19	Change to taupe; sc in each st around.	24 each

Lightly stuff as you go, keeping the dark tip rounded and the wider striped section flexible enough to curve. FO with a 45 cm / 18 in sewing tail and leave the 24-st base open.

For the reference silhouette, curve the tail gently by shaping the filling with your fingers. After attachment, 2-3 small hidden tacking stitches may be placed along the underside to hold a soft curve. No wire is needed.

13. Stitch-Count Validation and Shaping Targets

Piece	Verified stitch-count path
Head	6 -> 12 -> 18 -> 24 -> 30 -> 36 -> 42 -> 48 -> 54 -> 48 -> 42 -> 36 -> 30 -> 24
Body	6 -> 12 -> 18 -> 24 -> 30 -> 36 -> 42 -> 36 -> 30 -> 24
Mask patch	14 -> 20
Muzzle	8 -> 14
Cheek	6
Outer ear	6 -> 12 -> 18 -> 18
Inner ear	6 -> 12
Belly patch	14 -> 20 -> 26 -> 32
Arm	6 -> 12 -> 12 -> 10; flattened close = 5 sts
Leg	6 -> 12 -> 18 -> 15 -> 12; flattened close = 6 sts
Tail	6 -> 12 -> 18 -> 24; remains 24 through open base

Shaping and proportions

- The head reaches 54 sts and is intentionally larger than the 42-st body for the chibi raccoon silhouette.
- The body holds its widest section through Rnds 8-13 before tapering to the 24-st neck.
- The 24-st head opening and 24-st body opening form a matched edge-to-edge join.
- Large lower feet, forward-set legs, and the tail touching the surface support the seated appearance.
- The mask patches stay below the forehead and do not cover the crown. The cream muzzle overlaps their inner lower edges visually, reproducing the raccoon-face contrast.
- The tail remains broad after the rounded tip so the stripes read clearly from the front, side, and back.

Visual proportions should be checked after stuffing and before final sewing. Small placement shifts of 1 stitch are acceptable when needed to compensate for individual tension.

14. Colour Changes and Surface Details

Feature	Exact colour plan / finish
Head and body	Taupe throughout
Mask patches	Dark, sewn flat over Head Rnds 12-17
Cream mask borders	Embroidered or couched with cream yarn from the outer lower corner of each dark mask, up around the outer curve, across the complete upper edge, then down the inner edge toward the muzzle. Leave the lower edge of each mask unoutlined.
Muzzle	Cream, lightly padded when sewn
Cheeks	Pink, one 6-st round each
Ears	Taupe outer + dark 12-st inner circle
Arms	Dark Rnds 1-3; taupe Rnds 4-13
Legs	Dark Rnds 1-4; taupe Rnds 5-11
Tail	Dark Rnds 1-4, 8-10, 14-16; taupe Rnds 5-7, 11-13, 17-19
Belly patch	Cream
Mouth	Black embroidery below nose

Cream mask border

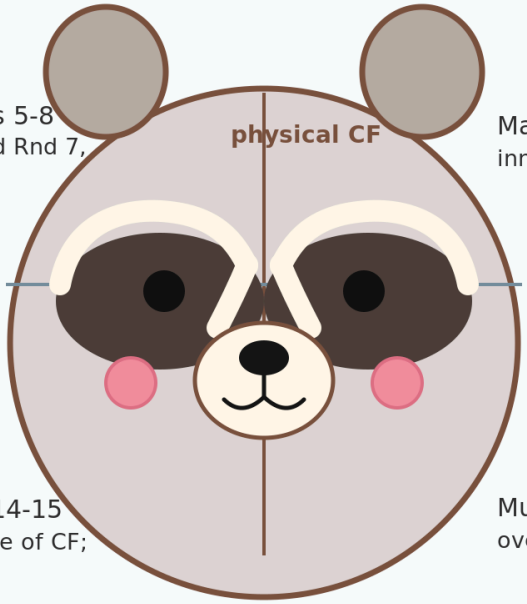
Use a tapestry needle and cream yarn. Beginning near the outer lower corner of one dark mask patch, work closely spaced couching or backstitches up around the outer curve, across the full upper edge, then down the inner edge toward the muzzle. Stop where the inner mask edge reaches the upper side of the muzzle. Do not outline the lower edge of the mask. Repeat in mirror image on the other side. Keep the cream line raised and even, but not tight enough to pucker the head.

Mouth embroidery

Bring black yarn out directly below the centre of the nose. Make one short vertical stitch downward, then form a small shallow curve to the left and another to the right. Secure inside the muzzle/head and bury the tail. Keep the mouth narrower than the muzzle.

15. Placement Map - Head and Face

HEAD + FACE PLACEMENT MAP



Ears: bases over Head Rnds 5-8
centre each base around Head Rnd 7, about 5-6 sts to its side of physical CF

Mask patches: horizontal
inner ends 1-2 sts from CF

Eyes: between Head Rnds 14-15
centres about 3-4 sts each side of CF; ~7-8 sts apart total

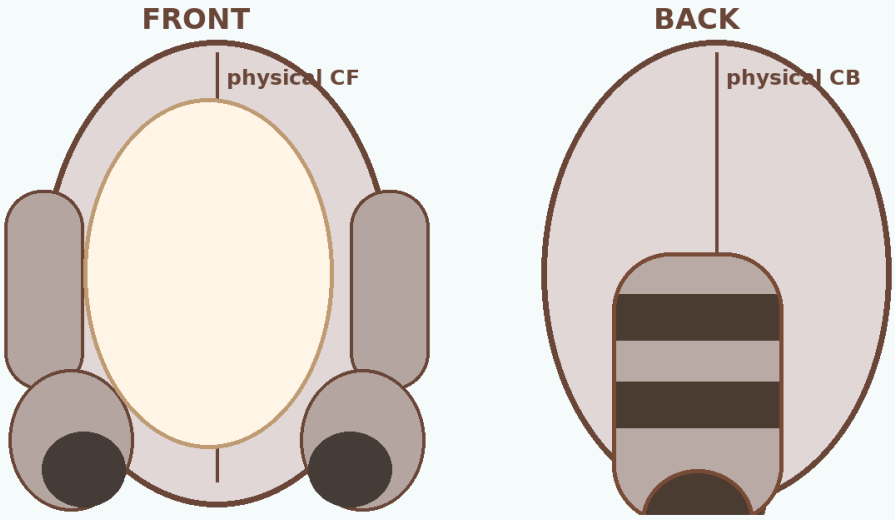
Muzzle: centred on CF
over Head Rnds 15-18

Cheeks: around Head Rnd 17, just outside the lower mask edges

Feature	Placement guidance
Physical guides	With head opening downward, mark physical CF vertically through the face. Mark physical CB directly opposite. Do not derive CF/CB from BOR.
Eyes	Between Head Rnds 14-15; centres about 3-4 sts each side of physical CF; aim for approximately 7-8 sts apart total. Check level before securing.
Mask patches	Long axis horizontal over Head Rnds 12-17. Inner ends stop about 1-2 sts from CF; outer ends wrap toward the side of the head.
Muzzle	Centred on CF over about Head Rnds 15-18. Its top edge sits just below the eye line and may overlap the lower inner corners of the mask patches.
Cheeks	Around Head Rnd 17, just outside the lower outer edge of each mask patch. Mirror the height and distance from CF.
Ears	Bases span about Head Rnds 5-8. Use Head Rnd 7 (42 sts) as the horizontal placement reference; centre each ear about 5-6 sts to its side of physical CF. Mirror left and right and angle the ears slightly outward.
Cream borders	Follow the outer upper curve and full upper edge of each mask, then continue down the inner edge toward the muzzle. Leave the lower mask edge dark and unoutlined. Mirror left and right.

16. Placement Map - Body, Limbs and Tail

BODY + LIMB + TAIL PLACEMENT MAP



Belly patch: centred on CF, Body Rnds 4-18
Arms: Body Rnds 11-16 | Legs: Body Rnds 4-9

Tail base: centred on CB, Body Rnds 4-12
Tail rests on sitting surface; curve tip gently to one side

Feature	Placement guidance
Physical guides	After stuffing the body, mark physical CF at the middle of the broad front and CB directly opposite. Keep both guides vertical.
Belly patch	Centre vertically on physical CF with the long axis upright, spanning approximately Body Rnds 4-18. Keep the upper edge close below the neck join and the lower edge just above the underside so the cream panel extends between the legs without wrapping onto the sitting surface.
Legs	Sew flattened tops over Body Rnds 4-9, centres about 8-10 sts to each side of CF at the widest section. Dark feet point forward and slightly outward.
Arms	Sew flattened tops over Body Rnds 11-16, centres about 10-11 sts to each side of CF. Angle hands down and slightly toward the belly.
Tail	Sew the 24-st open base centred on physical CB over approximately Body Rnds 4-12. Let the tail rest on the sitting surface and curve the rounded tip gently to one side.
Head-to-body	Align head physical CF to body physical CF and head physical CB to body physical CB before sewing the matching 24-st openings. BOR alignment is not required.

17. Stuffing, Shaping and Assembly

Stuffing guide

- Head: firmly and evenly stuffed; keep the cheeks rounded but do not stretch the stitches.
- Body: firmly stuffed through the lower and middle body; keep the base broad and the upper 2 rounds slightly softer for the neck join.
- Muzzle: add only a small pinch of filling before closing the last 2-3 cm / 1 in of the seam.
- Arms: lightly stuff the lower two-thirds; leave the flattened top nearly empty.
- Legs: moderately stuff the feet and lower legs; keep the top flexible for a flat attachment.
- Tail: lightly stuff and shape into a soft curve; do not pack tightly.
- Ears, mask patches, cheeks, inner ears, and belly patch remain unstuffed.

Assembly sequence

1. Sew each dark inner ear to its taupe outer ear, then pinch and tack the ear bases.
2. With safety eyes already secured through the mask patches and head, sew the outer edges of each mask patch flat to the stuffed head. Do not pull the patch edges so tight that they curl.
3. If using a safety nose, confirm it is secured to the muzzle. Pin the muzzle centred on physical CF, sew around most of the edge, add a small pinch of filling, then close the seam.
4. Embroider the black mouth under the nose. Sew the pink cheeks symmetrically. Add the cream mask borders, continuing each border across the upper edge and down the inner mask edge toward the muzzle.
5. Pin the cream belly patch vertically on body CF over approximately Body Rnds 4-18. Check that its upper edge sits close below the neck and its lower edge extends between the legs without wrapping onto the underside. Sew flat around the complete outer edge.
6. Match the 24-st head opening to the 24-st body opening. Align physical CF-to-CF and CB-to-CB; pin at front, back, and both sides before sewing all around.
7. Attach the two legs over Body Rnds 4-9. Check that both dark feet face forward and sit at the same height.
8. Attach the two arms over Body Rnds 11-16, mirrored from CF.
9. Attach the ears over Head Rnds 5-8, centring each base around Head Rnd 7 approximately 5-6 sts to its side of physical CF. Mirror the placement and check from the front, back, and top so the angles match.
10. Sew the 24-st tail base centred at lower physical CB over approximately Body Rnds 4-12. Pin the full base before sewing so the wider tail remains centred. Let it rest on the sitting surface and curve the rounded tip gently to one side. Add hidden underside tacks only if needed to hold the intended curve.
11. Make final symmetry and balance checks from every side. Adjust any accessible stuffing, remove temporary guide threads, secure all seams, and bury every yarn tail.

18. Sewing Methods

Join	Recommended method
Flat applique to stuffed piece	Use small whip stitches through the applique edge and only the outer portion of the body/head stitches. Tighten just enough to lie flat.
Head to body	Use mattress-style or ladder stitches through corresponding edge loops of the two 24-st openings. Work evenly all around and tighten gradually.
Flattened arm/leg top	Use whip stitch through both layers of the flattened piece and the body fabric. Make a second pass across the most load-bearing centre section if needed.
Ear base	Whip stitch through the pinched ear base and head fabric; keep the upper ear free so it remains cupped.
Tail base	Whip stitch evenly around the 24-st open tail edge into the body. Add filling before the final quarter of the seam only if the base looks hollow.
Muzzle	Use ladder or small whip stitches. Add a pinch of filling before the last 2-3 cm / 1 in, then close securely.

Pin every major piece before sewing. Check the front, back, top, underside, and both side views. Tighten seams enough to remove gaps, but not enough to dent or pucker the crochet fabric.

Final visual checklist

- Face centred and balanced
- Eyes level and evenly spaced
- Nose and mouth centred
- Muzzle straight and softly rounded
- Mask patches mirrored and cream borders balanced
- Ears at matching height and angle
- Arms and legs aligned
- Dark paws/feet facing the intended direction
- Belly patch centred and flat
- Tail centred at physical CB and curved as intended
- Amigurumi sits without rolling
- No visible stuffing or large crochet holes
- No loose seams or exposed knots
- No exposed safety-eye/nose hardware, rigid parts, or reinforcement
- All yarn tails secured and buried
- All temporary guide threads and markers removed

19. Troubleshooting

Problem	Practical fix
Stuffing shows through	Use a smaller hook or firmer tension. Replace oversized clumps of filling with smaller, evenly distributed pieces.
Amigurumi is too large or too small	Keep stitch counts the same. Change hook/yarn size and recheck gauge.
Continuous rounds look twisted	This is normal to a small degree. Keep BOR only as a round marker and use physical CF/CB guides for placement.
Visible colour-change step	Make the colour change on the final pull-through of the previous stitch; keep stripe changes toward the underside/back when possible.
Eyes are uneven	Before securing washers, count the distance from physical CF and compare the round height from several angles.
Muzzle is off-centre	Repin it on physical CF before sewing. Use the eye midpoint as an additional visual reference.
Head leans to one side	Recheck the 24-to-24 join, tighten loose sections evenly, and redistribute neck stuffing.
Limbs are uneven	Repin before sewing; compare the top attachment rows and distance from CF on both sides.
One ear sits higher	Match the ear bases over the same Head Rnds 5-8 and compare from the back/top before finishing the seam.
Tail points incorrectly	Reposition the open base at physical CB. Use 1-3 hidden underside tacks to control the curve.
Gaps around sewn pieces	Add a second line of small whip stitches through adjacent fabric loops; avoid over-tightening.
Flat base becomes rounded	Move some filling upward and press the lower body gently into a broad seated shape before final limb placement.
Visible holes after decreases	Use invisible decreases through the front loops only and maintain firm tension.

20. Printing and Customer Notes

- Digital download only. No physical item will be shipped.
- US crochet terminology is used throughout.
- For printing, use A4 or US Letter paper at 100% / Actual Size. Avoid Fit-to-Page if it makes the text noticeably smaller.
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