ROSIE THE CURLY-TAIL PIG

Free Crochet Pattern

A softly rounded amigurumi pig with cupped ears, a padded snout, contrast hooves and a corkscrew tail



SKILL LEVEL | Confident Beginner to Intermediate

US crochet terminology | Mostly continuous spiral rounds | Worked in separate pieces and assembled

About This Pattern

This pattern makes a standing pink pig amigurumi with a large rounded head, a softly pear-shaped body, cupped two-layer ears, an oval snout, short tapered arms, sturdy legs, contrast hooves and a tightly curled tail. The main pieces are worked in firm single crochet; the ears are worked flat, and the snout is worked as a flat oval. Decorative cream stitches emphasize the snout edge, hoof changes and neck seam.



Finished pig shown from multiple angles for shaping and assembly checks.

Finished Size

- Overall height: approximately 34-36 cm / 13.4-14.2 in
- Overall width across arms: approximately 21-23 cm / 8.25-9 in
- Head: approximately 14-15 cm / 5.5-5.9 in wide and 15-16 cm / 5.9-6.3 in high
- Body: approximately 12-13 cm / 4.7-5.1 in wide and 13-14 cm / 5.1-5.5 in high
- Snout: approximately 7-8 cm / 2.75-3.15 in wide and 4.5-5 cm / 1.75-2 in high
- Outer ear: approximately 7 cm / 2.75 in high and 7 cm / 2.75 in across the base before pinching
- Arm: approximately 8.5-9.5 cm / 3.35-3.75 in long
- Leg: approximately 7-8 cm / 2.75-3.15 in high
- Tail: approximately 5-6 cm / 2-2.35 in projected from the body when curled

Finished size may vary depending on yarn, hook size, tension, stuffing and individual technique.

Materials and Tools

- Yarn A - light blush pink, medium/worsted weight (#4): approximately 220-260 g / 400-475 m
- Yarn B - dusty rose pink, medium/worsted weight (#4): approximately 45-60 g / 80-110 m
- Yarn C - warm cream, medium/worsted weight (#4): approximately 8-12 g / 15-25 m for decorative sewing traces
- Yarn D - black, small amount for nostrils and optional embroidered eyes
- 3.25 mm (D/3) crochet hook, or size needed to achieve firm amigurumi fabric
- Two 16 mm black safety eyes, or Yarn D for embroidered eyes
- Polyester fiberfill, approximately 200-250 g
- Tapestry needle with a blunt tip
- Stitch markers, including one locking marker for the beginning of each round
- Pins or removable clips for placement
- Scissors and measuring tape

Safety Note

Safety eyes and other small or rigid components may not be suitable for projects intended for children under three years. Embroidered eyes can be used instead.

Gauge and Tension

Main fabric gauge: 20 sc x 22 rnds = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4 in in single crochet worked in the round with the 3.25 mm hook.

Use firm, dense tension so the stuffing does not show between stitches. If your fabric is loose, move down a hook size. If the fabric is so tight that increases and invisible decreases are difficult to work cleanly, move up a hook size. Check gauge on a small single-crochet swatch before beginning the large pieces.

Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Meaning
BOR	beginning of round
ch	chain
CF	center front
CB	center back
FO	fasten off
inc	2 sc in the same stitch
inv dec	invisible single-crochet decrease over the next 2 stitches
MR	magic ring
rnd/rnds	round/rounds

Abbreviation	Meaning
row/rows	row/rows
sc	single crochet
st/sts	stitch/stitches

Invisible Decrease

Insert the hook through the front loop only of each of the next 2 sts. Yarn over and pull through both front loops, then yarn over and pull through the 2 loops on the hook. This keeps the decrease compact on the outside of the amigurumi.

Method and Orientation

- Head, body, snout, arms and legs are worked in continuous spiral rounds unless a section says otherwise. Do not join at the end of a round.
- Place a locking marker in the first stitch of every round and move it up as you work. The stitch containing the BOR marker is st 1. For every stitch-coordinate reference, begin counting with the marked stitch as st 1. The gap immediately before the marked stitch is the gap between the final stitch of the round and st 1.
- Keep the BOR of the head and body at CB. This makes facial and attachment placement easier and keeps the spiral jog at the back.
- The ears are worked flat in rows. The turning chain does not count as a stitch.
- Right and left are described from the finished pig's point of view unless stated otherwise.

Useful Center Lines

- Head at 84 sts: CB is the gap between sts 84/1; CF is the gap between sts 42/43; the two side axes are gaps 21/22 and 63/64.
- Body at 60 sts: CF is the gap between sts 30/31.
- Body at 54 sts: CF is the gap between sts 27/28; the two side axes are gaps 13/14 and 40/41.

Construction Overview

1. **Head.** Work the head from the crown down. Install the eyes while the inside is accessible, then stuff and gather the final opening closed.
2. **Snout and ears.** Work the snout as a flat dusty-rose oval and embroider the nostrils. Make two light-pink outer ears and two smaller dusty-rose inner ears; sew each inner ear to an outer ear and pinch the base. These pieces remain unstuffed.
3. **Body.** Work from the bottom center upward. Stuff through the 36-st neck opening and leave the final round open for attachment to the head.
4. **Arms and legs.** Work the dusty-rose hoof ends first, change to light pink, stuff as instructed and leave the top openings unclosed. Flatten each arm opening; keep each leg opening circular.
5. **Tail.** Work a corkscrew chain in light pink. It remains unstuffed.
6. **Assembly.** Attach snout and ears to the head; sew the 36-st body rim one-to-one around Head Rnd 34; attach legs, arms and tail; then add the cream decorative stitches and complete final shaping.

   Before permanent sewing, pin every paired feature and check the pig from the front, sides, top and back. Adjust placement until the face and stance are balanced.

Written Pattern

Head - Make 1 in Yarn A

Work from the crown downward in continuous spiral rounds. Keep the BOR at CB.

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Count
1	6 sc in MR.	6
2	Inc in each st around.	12
3	(Sc in next 1 sts, inc) 6 times.	18
4	(Sc in next 2 sts, inc) 6 times.	24
5	(Sc in next 3 sts, inc) 6 times.	30
6	(Sc in next 4 sts, inc) 6 times.	36
7	(Sc in next 5 sts, inc) 6 times.	42
8	(Sc in next 6 sts, inc) 6 times.	48
9	(Sc in next 7 sts, inc) 6 times.	54
10	(Sc in next 8 sts, inc) 6 times.	60
11	(Sc in next 9 sts, inc) 6 times.	66
12	(Sc in next 10 sts, inc) 6 times.	72
13	(Sc in next 11 sts, inc) 6 times.	78
14	(Sc in next 12 sts, inc) 6 times.	84
15	Sc in each st around.	84
16	Sc in each st around.	84
17	Sc in each st around.	84
18	Sc in each st around.	84
19	Sc in each st around.	84
20	Sc in each st around.	84
21	Sc in each st around.	84
22	Sc in each st around.	84
23	Sc in each st around.	84
24	Sc in each st around.	84
25	Sc in each st around.	84
26	Sc in each st around.	84
27	(Sc in next 12 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	78
28	(Sc in next 11 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	72
29	(Sc in next 10 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	66
30	(Sc in next 9 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	60
31	(Sc in next 8 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	54
32	(Sc in next 7 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	48
33	(Sc in next 6 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	42
34	(Sc in next 5 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	36
35	(Sc in next 4 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	30
36	(Sc in next 3 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	24
37	(Sc in next 2 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	18

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Count
38	(Sc in next st, inv dec) 6 times.	12
39	Inv dec 6 times.	6

Eye placement - pause after Rnd 26: *On the 84-st section, insert the eye posts between Head Rnds 19 and 20 with the centres aligned over sts 35 and 50. The eyes should be level and equally spaced from CF. Fit the washers securely inside the head. If embroidering the eyes, mark these positions now and add the embroidery after the head is closed.*

Stuffing - after Rnd 35: *Begin stuffing the crown, sides and cheeks firmly without stretching the stitches. Keep the lower front gently rounded rather than pointed. Add small amounts of stuffing as the opening narrows. After Rnd 39, FO leaving a 25 cm / 10 in tail, thread the tail through the front loops of the remaining 6 sts, pull closed and bury the tail.*

Snout - Make 1 in Yarn B

Work around both sides of the foundation chain to form a flat oval. The snout is not stuffed as a separate piece; a very small amount of stuffing is added beneath it during attachment.

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Count
Foundation	Ch 9.	9 ch
1	Starting in the 2nd ch from hook, sc in that ch and in the next 6 ch, 3 sc in the last ch; rotate to work along the opposite side of the foundation ch, sc in the next 6 ch, 2 sc in the same ch as the first sc.	18
2	Inc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, inc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 6 sts, inc in each of next 2 sts.	24
3	(Sc in next st, inc), sc in next 6 sts, (sc in next st, inc) 3 times, sc in next 6 sts, (sc in next st, inc) 2 times.	30
4	(Sc in next 2 sts, inc), sc in next 6 sts, (sc in next 2 sts, inc) 3 times, sc in next 6 sts, (sc in next 2 sts, inc) 2 times.	36

FO leaving a 70 cm / 28 in tail for sewing. Block the oval lightly with your fingers so the long axis is horizontal.

Nostrils - Yarn D

- Place two vertical nostrils on the front of the snout before sewing it to the head.
- Each nostril is a compact satin-stitch bar approximately 10-12 mm / 3/8-1/2 in high.
- Center the two bars about 2.5-3 cm / 1-1.2 in apart. Keep them parallel and level with one another.
- Secure the black yarn on the back of the snout and trim or bury the tails so they cannot show at the edge.

Outer Ears - Make 2 in Yarn A

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Count
Foundation	Ch 2.	2 ch
1	Work 2 sc in the 2nd ch from hook. Turn.	2
2	Ch 1, inc in each st. Turn.	4
3	Ch 1, (sc in next st, inc) 2 times. Turn.	6
4	Ch 1, sc in next st, inc, sc in next 2 sts, inc, sc in last st. Turn.	8
5	Ch 1, sc in next 2 sts, inc, sc in next 2 sts, inc, sc in last 2 sts. Turn.	10

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Count
6	Ch 1, sc in next 2 sts, inc, sc in next 4 sts, inc, sc in last 2 sts. Turn.	12
7	Ch 1, sc in next 3 sts, inc, sc in next 4 sts, inc, sc in last 3 sts. Turn.	14
8	Ch 1, sc in each st across. Turn.	14
9	Ch 1, sc in each st across.	14

FO leaving a 50 cm / 20 in tail on each outer ear for head attachment.

Inner Ears - Make 2 in Yarn B

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Count
Foundation	Ch 2.	2 ch
1	Work 2 sc in the 2nd ch from hook. Turn.	2
2	Ch 1, inc in each st. Turn.	4
3	Ch 1, (sc in next st, inc) 2 times. Turn.	6
4	Ch 1, sc in next st, inc, sc in next 2 sts, inc, sc in last st. Turn.	8
5	Ch 1, sc in next 2 sts, inc, sc in next 2 sts, inc, sc in last 2 sts. Turn.	10
6	Ch 1, sc in each st across. Turn.	10
7	Ch 1, sc in each st across.	10

Prepare the Ears

1. Place one inner ear on the front of each outer ear, centered side-to-side with the lower edge of the inner ear approximately 1 row above the outer-ear base.

2. Using Yarn B, whip stitch the inner ear to the outer ear through the inner-ear edge and only enough of the outer-ear surface to keep the back tidy. Do not stuff.

3. At the 14-st outer-ear base, bring the first 2 sts and last 2 sts slightly toward one another on the back. Overlap them by about 1 st and secure through both layers with 2-3 small stitches. This creates a shallow cup and reduces the effective base width to about 10 sts.

4. Keep the inner-ear panel facing forward when the ears are pinned to the head.

Body - Make 1 in Yarn A

Work from the bottom center upward in continuous spiral rounds. Keep the BOR at CB.

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Count
1	6 sc in MR.	6
2	Inc in each st around.	12
3	(Sc in next 1 sts, inc) 6 times.	18
4	(Sc in next 2 sts, inc) 6 times.	24
5	(Sc in next 3 sts, inc) 6 times.	30
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9	(Sc in next 7 sts, inc) 6 times.	54
10	(Sc in next 8 sts, inc) 6 times.	60
11	(Sc in next 9 sts, inc) 6 times.	66
12	(Sc in next 10 sts, inc) 6 times.	72
13	Sc in each st around.	72
14	Sc in each st around.	72
15	Sc in each st around.	72
16	Sc in each st around.	72
17	Sc in each st around.	72
18	Sc in each st around.	72
19	Sc in each st around.	72
20	(Sc in next 10 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	66
21	Sc in each st around.	66
22	(Sc in next 9 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	60
23	Sc in each st around.	60
24	(Sc in next 8 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	54
25	Sc in each st around.	54
26	(Sc in next 7 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	48
27	Sc in each st around.	48
28	(Sc in next 6 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	42
29	(Sc in next 5 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	36
30	Sc in each st around.	36

Stuffing and opening: *Stuff the lower body firmly enough to keep a rounded belly and stable shape. Stuff the upper body moderately and keep Rnds 29-30 slightly softer so the neck rim can flex during sewing. FO after Rnd 30 leaving a 90 cm / 36 in tail. Leave the 36-st opening unclosed.*

Arms - Make 2

Begin with Yarn B at the hoof end. Work in continuous spiral rounds.

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Count
1	With Yarn B, 6 sc in MR.	6
2	Inc in each st around.	12
3	(Sc in next st, inc) 6 times.	18
4-6	Sc in each st around.	18
7	Change to Yarn A at the end of Rnd 6; sc in each st around.	18
8	(Sc in next 4 sts, inv dec) 3 times.	15
9-17	Sc in each st around.	15
18	(Sc in next 3 sts, inv dec) 3 times.	12
19-20	Sc in each st around.	12

On the final sc of Rnd 6, complete the last yarn-over with Yarn A, then cut Yarn B leaving a short tail to weave inside. After Rnd 18, stuff the hoof firmly and the forearm lightly. Keep Rnds 18-20 unstuffed and flexible. FO after Rnd 20 leaving a 50 cm / 20 in sewing tail. Flatten the 12-st opening so 6 sts lie on the front layer and 6 on the back layer; do not seam it closed.

Legs - Make 2

Begin with Yarn B at the hoof end. Work in continuous spiral rounds.

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Count
1	With Yarn B, 6 sc in MR.	6
2	Inc in each st around.	12
3	(Sc in next st, inc) 6 times.	18
4	(Sc in next 2 sts, inc) 6 times.	24
5-7	Sc in each st around.	24
8	Change to Yarn A at the end of Rnd 7; sc in each st around.	24
9-11	Sc in each st around.	24
12	(Sc in next 6 sts, inv dec) 3 times.	21
13-15	Sc in each st around.	21
16	(Sc in next 5 sts, inv dec) 3 times.	18
17-18	Sc in each st around.	18

On the final sc of Rnd 7, complete the last yarn-over with Yarn A, then cut Yarn B leaving a short tail to weave inside. After Rnd 16, stuff the hoof firmly and the upper leg moderately. Keep the top edge flexible. FO after Rnd 18 leaving a 60 cm / 24 in sewing tail. Leave the 18-st opening circular and unclosed.

Tail - Make 1 in Yarn A

Rnd/Row	Instruction	Count
Foundation	Leave a 20 cm / 8 in beginning tail, then ch 30.	30 ch
Curl row	Starting in the 2nd ch from hook, work 3 sc in each ch across. The strip will curl automatically.	87 sc

FO and weave the ending tail through the final 3-4 sts of the curl. Keep the beginning tail available for attachment. Do not stuff. Allow the tail to relax naturally into approximately 1.5-2 full curls.

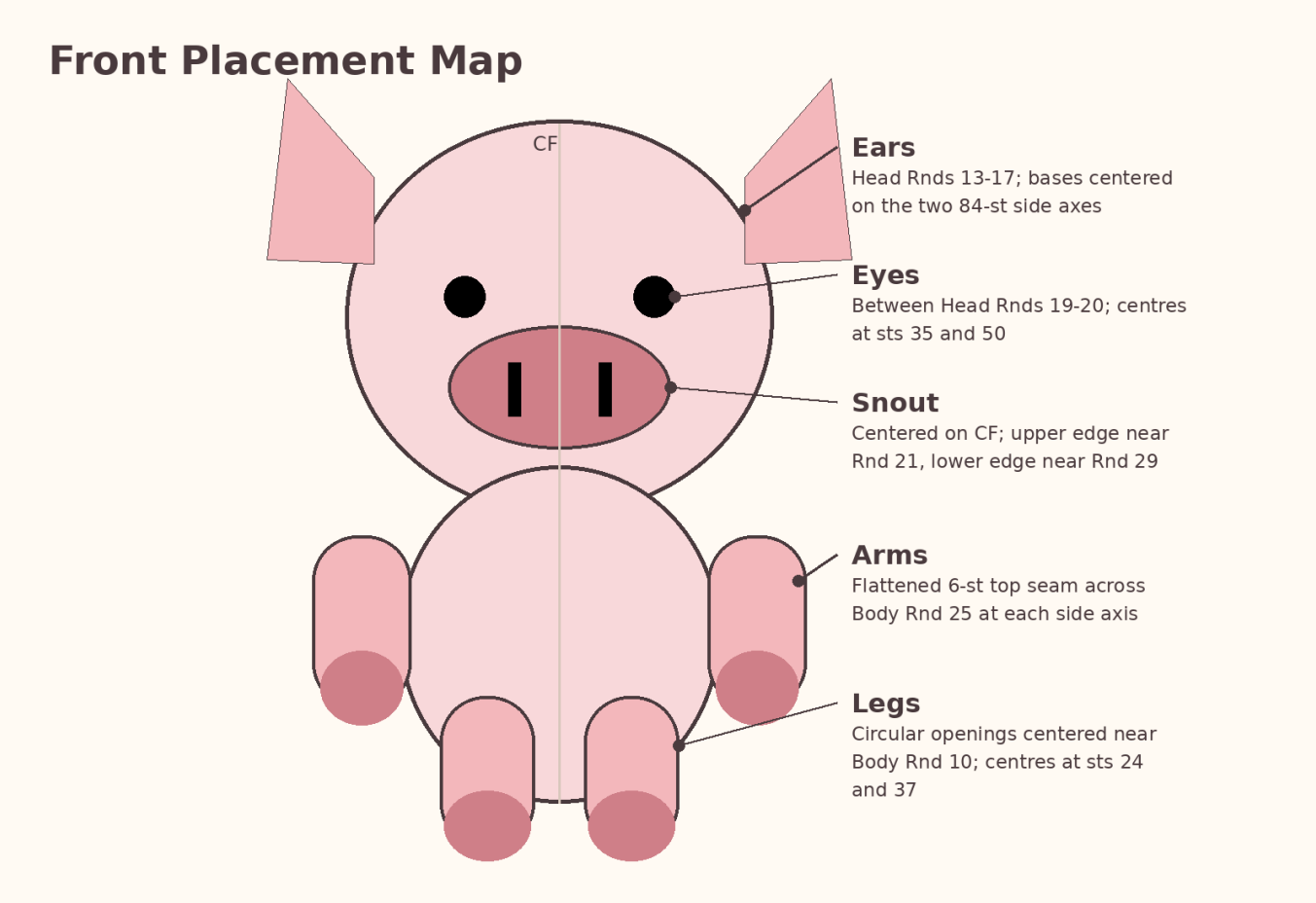
Cream Decorative Sewing Traces - Yarn C

These details are added after the relevant pieces are shaped or attached. Use short, evenly spaced stitches and do not pull tightly enough to pucker the crochet fabric.

- Snout border: after the snout is attached, work short radial straight stitches around the outer edge, approximately one cream stitch every 1-2 snout edge stitches.
- Arm hoof lines: work small diagonal or vertical running stitches around the color-change boundary between Arm Rnds 6 and 7, approximately one stitch every 2 crochet stitches.
- Leg hoof lines: work the same detail around the boundary between Leg Rnds 7 and 8.
- Neck seam: after the head and body are joined, work a loose ladder-style running stitch around the seam, approximately one cream stitch every 2 body stitches. Keep the line even and decorative rather than tight.

Optional Embroidered Eyes - Yarn D

If safety eyes are not used, embroider two compact round or slightly oval eyes at the marked positions between Head Rnds 19 and 20, centered over sts 35 and 50. Build each eye with close satin stitches to approximately 14-16 mm / 9/16-5/8 in diameter. Match the height, width and angle of both eyes before securing the yarn inside the head surface.



Front placement map. Use the written placement instructions as the working guide while pinning.

Face and Feature Placement

Snout Placement

1. Find the Head CF line. On the 84-st section, CF is the gap between sts 42/43.

2. Pin the snout with its long axis horizontal. Place the upper edge near Head Rnd 21 and the lower edge near Head Rnd 29. Keep the oval centered on the changing CF line as the lower head narrows.

3. At approximately Head Rnd 25, the snout side points should sit near sts 34 and 51, giving an even amount of cheek fabric on both sides.

4. Check that the two nostrils are vertical, level and centered below the eyes. Adjust before sewing.

Ear Placement

1. With the inner-ear panels facing forward, pin the two pinched bases near the upper side areas of the head.

2. Center one ear base on each 84-st head side axis: gaps 21/22 and 63/64. Angle each base diagonally across approximately Head Rnds 13-17, with the inner base corner slightly higher than the outer base corner.

3. The ear tips should angle gently outward. Check from the front and back that the ears are at the same height and are mirror images of one another.

Arm Placement

1. At Body Rnd 25 there are 54 sts. The two side axes are gaps 13/14 and 40/41.

2. Center each flattened 6-st arm opening over one side axis and pin the opening horizontally across Body Rnd 25. A short horizontal shoulder seam allows the arm to hang downward naturally.

3. Make sure each hoof points slightly inward or straight forward, not backward. Match the arm heights before sewing.

Leg Placement

1. At Body Rnd 10 there are 60 sts, with CF at gap 30/31.

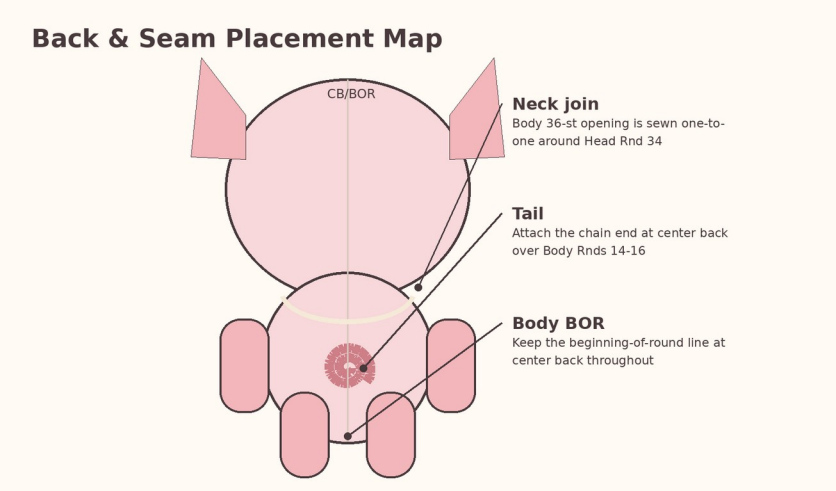
2. Mark Body Rnd 10 at sts 24 and 37. Center one circular leg opening over each mark, with the opening spanning approximately Body Rnds 7-12.

3. Keep the legs parallel and place the hooves flat on the same surface. The inner sides of the legs should leave a small gap rather than touching.

4. Check the pig from the front and side. Move either leg slightly before sewing if the body leans or the hooves do not sit evenly.

Tail Placement

Attach the foundation end of the tail at CB, centered over the BOR line around Body Rnds 14-16. The curl should project to one side and slightly upward rather than hanging straight down.



Back and seam placement map.

Assembly

1. **Snout.** Pin the oval in the position described above. Using the long Yarn B tail, whip stitch around the snout edge, passing through both loops of the snout edge and under a horizontal bar of the head fabric. When approximately 3 cm / 1.25 in of the seam remains open, tuck a very small amount of stuffing beneath the center of the snout to create a soft projection. Finish the seam without overfilling, secure the yarn and bury the tail inside the head.
2. **Snout border.** With Yarn C, add the short radial stitches around the snout edge. Keep the stitches equally long and evenly spaced.

3. Ears. Recheck height and angle. Using each Yarn A outer-ear tail, whip stitch the pinched base to the head. Pass the needle through the outer-ear base, catching both thicknesses wherever the pinched base overlaps, then under a full head stitch. The inner-ear panel does not need to be caught at the attachment edge. Sew the complete base securely without flattening the cup. Bury the tail inside the head.

4. **Head to body.** Center the 36-st body opening over the lower head so Body CB aligns with Head CB and Body CF aligns with Head CF. Pin the body rim around Head Rnd 34, which also has 36 sts. Using the body tail, sew one body-rim stitch to one Head Rnd 34 stitch all the way around. Pass through both loops of the body rim and under both loops of the corresponding head stitch. Before the final few stitches, adjust the body stuffing so the neck remains upright. Finish the seam and bury the tail.
5. **Neck detail.** With Yarn C, work the loose ladder-style decorative stitches around the completed neck seam. Do not use these stitches to tighten or reshape the join.
6. **Legs.** Pin both circular leg openings over the marked lower-body positions. Using the Yarn A leg tails, whip stitch around all 18 rim sts of each leg, catching a secure surface stitch of the body each time. Keep the opening circular while sewing. Halfway around each leg, check the hoof direction and standing level. Finish the seam, secure and bury the tails.
7. **Arms.** Flatten each 12-st opening into 6 paired edge positions. Using the Yarn A arm tail, sew each opening across Body Rnd 25 at a side axis. Every sewing stitch must capture both the front and back layers of the flattened arm opening before entering the body. Keep the seam short and approximately horizontal. Secure and bury the tails.
8. **Hoof details.** With Yarn C, add the cream running stitches around the arm and leg color-change boundaries. Keep the spacing consistent on all four limbs.
9. **Tail.** Using the 20 cm / 8 in beginning tail, sew the chain end firmly to CB over Body Rnds 14-16 with several small passes through the same body area. Shape the corkscrew into 1.5-2 relaxed curls. If the curl opens too widely, use a tiny matching-yarn tack between two adjacent coils on the back side.
10. **Final shaping.** Massage the head and body gently to even the stuffing, square the stance and soften any visible decrease ridges. Remove all markers and pins, then bury every remaining yarn tail inside the nearest stuffed piece.

Final Visual Checklist

- Head is centered over the body and does not lean to either side.
- Eyes are level and equally spaced from CF.
- Snout is horizontal, centered and softly rounded without a hard lump of stuffing.
- Nostrils are vertical, matched in length and evenly spaced.
- Ears are the same height, show the same amount of inner-ear color and angle outward evenly.
- Arms attach at the same height with short horizontal shoulder seams; hoof ends point forward or slightly inward.
- Legs are parallel, evenly spaced and support the pig without one hoof floating above the surface.
- Tail is securely attached at CB and holds a relaxed corkscrew shape.
- Cream decorative stitches are evenly spaced and are not puckering the fabric.
- No stuffing is visible through the crochet fabric.
- No openings remain unclosed and no attachment seams have visible gaps.
- All yarn tails are secured and buried; all temporary markers and pins are removed.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Practical correction
Stuffing shows between stitches	Use a smaller hook or firmer tension. Replace large stuffing clumps with smaller pieces and distribute them evenly instead of forcing the fabric outward.
Pig is larger or smaller than expected	Check the main-fabric gauge. A difference of even 1-2 sts per 10 cm / 4 in changes the circumference of the head and body noticeably.
Head looks too tall or pointed	Redistribute stuffing from the crown toward the sides and cheeks. Keep the final decrease pole softly rounded and avoid packing the last few rounds too firmly.
Head leans after assembly	Check that the 36 body-rim sts are matched evenly around all 36 sts of Head Rnd 34. Open only the affected portion of the seam, redistribute the upper-body stuffing and resew with equal tension.
Snout is off-center	Use the eye midpoint and CF line as the guide. Remove the snout stitches over the misaligned side, repin the long axis horizontally, then resew that section.
Ears do not match	Compare the pinched base widths and the diagonal attachment angles. One base may be pinched more tightly or sewn one round higher than the other.
One arm twists backward	The top opening may have been attached vertically or with the flattening line rotated. Reseam the top as a short horizontal line and rotate the hoof forward before tightening.
Pig rocks or one foot sits high	Recheck the two leg-opening centers and make sure they are mirrored around CF. Reposition a leg before changing its stuffing. If placement is correct, open a short section of the attachment seam on the affected leg, remove or add a small amount of stuffing through the leg opening, then resew the seam securely and recheck the hoof level.
Tail does not curl tightly	Shape the finished corkscrew gently by hand. If the coils still open too widely, use a small matching-yarn tack between two adjacent coils on the back side. If a substantially tighter curl is needed, unravel the curl row and rework the 3 sc in each chain with slightly firmer tension.
Color-change line looks uneven	Make the color change on the final yarn-over of the previous round and keep the BOR at the less-visible side/back of the limb. The cream decorative stitches will visually unify the boundary.
Spiral rounds appear twisted	Keep the BOR marker in the first stitch of each new round and count every shaped round carefully. Do not use the vertical appearance of the stitches alone to locate the start of a round.
Decorative cream stitches pucker	Remove the tight section and resew with longer, looser passes. These stitches should lie on the surface and should not compress the underlying crochet.

Rosie is complete when the face is centered, all attachments are secure, the body stands evenly and every yarn tail is buried.