Crochet Cow

Free amigurumi pattern · 3.5 in / 9 cm · mardingeziturru.com

A classic black and white cow, small enough to sit in your palm: a big pink muzzle, short cream horns, ears that stick out sideways and a black patch over one eye. The patches are little flat circles sewn on at the end, so you can place them wherever you like and every cow you make comes out a little different.

It is about 3.5 in / 9 cm tall sitting. Every round has its stitch count and the full pattern is in a printable PDF.



The cow: about 3.5 in / 9 cm tall, sitting.

Pattern at a glance

- **Skill level:** easy (MR, sc, inc, invisible dec, an oval start, color changes)
- **Finished size:** about 3.5 in / 9 cm tall sitting
- **Yarn:** DK cotton, about 73 yd / 67 m in total
- **Hook:** 2.5 mm (US B/1–C/2)
- **Time:** about 3.5 hours

Materials

- DK cotton in white (A) for the head, body and limbs, about 58 yd / 53 m
- DK cotton in black (B) for the hooves and patches, about 7 yd / 7 m
- DK cotton in pink (C) for the muzzle, about 5 yd / 5 m
- DK cotton in cream (D) for the horns, a small amount
- 8 mm safety eyes (one pair)
- 2.5 mm hook, stitch marker, tapestry needle, fiberfill

Abbreviations (US terms)

- **MR** magic ring · **sc** single crochet · **inc** 2 sc in one stitch · **dec** invisible decrease · **FO** fasten off
- **blo / flo** back loop only / front loop only · **ch** chain · **sl st** slip stitch · **hdc / dc** half double / double crochet

Before you start

• Sew the eye patch on before you put that safety eye in; the eye goes straight through the patch.
• The muzzle is an oval started on a chain of 6 (12 stitches in the first round). It covers most of the lower face, which is what makes it look like a cow.
• Hooves are the first two rounds of each arm and leg in black. The legs have a back-loop round that makes a ridge at the top of the hoof.



All the pieces before sewing.

The pattern

Head

Color: start with A (white).

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** Inc ×6. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** (sc, inc) ×6. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 4:** Sc, inc, (2 sc, inc) ×5, sc. (24)
- [ ] **Rnd 5:** (3 sc, inc) ×6. (30)
- [ ] **Rnd 6:** 2 sc, inc, (4 sc, inc) ×5, 2 sc. (36)
- [ ] **Rnds 7–13:** Sc around. (36)
- [ ] **Rnd 14:** (4 sc, dec) ×6. (30)
- [ ] **Rnd 15:** (3 sc, dec) ×6. (24)
- [ ] **Rnd 16:** Sc, dec, (2 sc, dec) ×5, sc. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 17:** (sc, dec) ×6. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 18:** Dec ×6. (6)

Placement: Eyes: 8 mm safety eyes between R9 and R10, 9 sts apart (insert before R15).

Placement: Muzzle centered below the eyes, its top edge on R11.

Finish: Stuff firmly after R17, FO and close the hole.

Muzzle

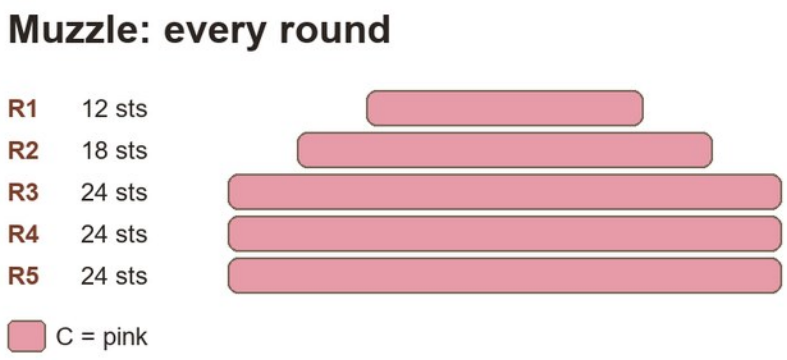
Color: start with C (pink).

An oval cup, started on a chain.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** Sc around. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** (sc, inc) ×6. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** (2 sc, inc) ×6. (24)
- [ ] **Rnds 4–5:** Sc around. (24)

Placement: Nostrils in B: two small straight stitches over R2, 6 sts apart.

Finish: Ch 6; in the 2nd ch from the hook work 1 sc, sc in the next 3 ch, 3 sc in the last ch, then along the other side sc in the next 3 ch and 2 sc in the last ch (12 sts, an oval); stuff lightly and sew on.



The muzzle: 12 stitches around a chain, growing to 24.

Ear (make 2)

Color: start with A (white).

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)

- [ ] **Rnd 2:** (sc, inc) ×3. (9)
- [ ] **Rnds 3–4:** Sc around. (9)
- [ ] **Rnd 5:** (sc, dec) ×3. (6)

Finish: Flatten and sew on at the sides of the head on R5, pointing out.

Horn (make 2)

Color: start with D (cream).

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 4 sc in MR. (4)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** (sc, inc) ×2. (6)
- [ ] **Rnds 3–4:** Sc around. (6)

Finish: Stuff lightly and sew on top of the head between R3 and R4, 8 sts apart.

Patch (make 3)

Color: start with B (black).

Flat circles. Make one for the eye and two for the body.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** Inc ×6. (12)

Finish: Sew one over an eye area before inserting the eye, two on the body.

Body

Color: start with A (white).

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** Inc ×6. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** (sc, inc) ×6. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 4:** Sc, inc, (2 sc, inc) ×5, sc. (24)
- [ ] **Rnd 5:** (3 sc, inc) ×6. (30)
- [ ] **Rnds 6–9:** Sc around. (30)
- [ ] **Rnd 10:** (3 sc, dec) ×6. (24)
- [ ] **Rnds 11–13:** Sc around. (24)
- [ ] **Rnd 14:** Sc, dec, (2 sc, dec) ×5, sc. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 15–16:** Sc around. (18)

Finish: FO with a long tail, stuff firmly, sew the open end under the head.

Arm (make 2)

Color: start with B (black).

Black hoof first, then white.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** (2 sc, inc) ×2. (8)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** Switch to A (white). Sc around. (8)
- [ ] **Rnds 4–9:** Sc around. (8)

Finish: Stuff only the paw, flatten the top and sew on at the sides of the body just below the head.

Leg (make 2)

Color: start with B (black).

Round 3 in back loops makes the top of the hoof.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** Inc ×6. (12)

- [ ] **Rnd 3:** BLO sc around. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 4:** Switch to A (white). Sc around. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 5:** Sc around. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 6:** (2 sc, dec) ×3. (9)
- [ ] **Rnd 7:** Sc around. (9)

Finish: Stuff, FO and sew on at the bottom front of the body so the toy sits.

Assembly

1. Sew one patch around the spot where an eye will go, then insert both eyes between rounds 9 and 10, 9 stitches apart, and close the head.
2. Sew the muzzle to the lower half of the face with its top edge on round 11, stuffing it a little.
3. Sew the horns on top of the head, the ears at the sides on round 5 pointing outward.
4. Sew the body under the head, arms just below the head, legs at the bottom front. Add the last two patches to the body.

Tips

- **Brown cow:** work the whole cow in caramel with cream patches, or try the shaggy Highland cow.
- **Bell:** a tiny gold bell on a chain around the neck finishes it nicely.
- **Strawberry cow:** pink body, red patches and a white muzzle is a popular variation.

FAQ

The muzzle looks round, not oval.

Check the first round: it has to be worked along both sides of the chain, with 3 stitches into the last chain to turn the corner. Starting in a magic ring gives a circle.

Same body, different animal: the crochet pony and the baby elephant.