

PIG

YOU WILL NEED

- Approx. 20g (¾oz) of DK (8-ply/light worsted weight) yarn in pale pink (A) and small amounts in dark pink (B) and pale brown (C) – I used *Stylecraft Special DK (100% acrylic) in Candyfloss 1130 (A), Fondant 1241 (B) and Mocha 1064 (C)*
- 3.5mm (UK 10, US E4) crochet hook
- Scrap of black stranded embroidery thread
- 30cm (12in) of 5mm (¼in) wide satin ribbon
- Two 6mm safety eyes (or use black embroidery thread to embroider eyes)
- Toy stuffing, for the head

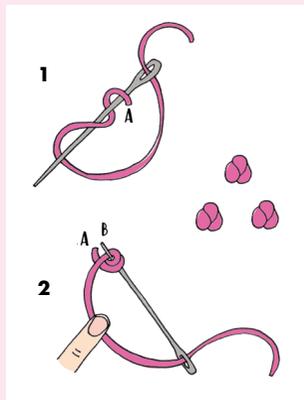
SIZE

- 8.5cm (3¼in) tall from base to head; main body is 7.5cm (approx. 3in) tall

EMBROIDERY STITCHES

French knots

- 1 Use 3 strands of stranded embroidery thread. Bring the needle up at A. Wrap the thread around the needle two to three times (more wraps create bigger knots).
- 2 Insert the needle at B, making sure its quite close to point A. As you insert, carefully ease the knot off the needle. From the back, pull the needle and remaining thread through the knot and crochet fabric to secure.



INSTRUCTIONS

BODY

Using yarn A, make 2 ch.

Round 1: 6 dc in second ch from hook (6 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st around (12 sts).

Round 3: 2 dc in each st around (24 sts).

Round 4: *2 dc in next dc, 2 dc, rep from * seven more times (32 sts).

Round 5: 1 dc in each st around.

Round 6: *2 dc in next dc, 3 dc, rep from * seven more times (40 sts).

Rounds 7–17: 1 dc in each st around.

Change to yarn C.

Round 18: 1 dc in each st around.

Fasten off.

HEAD

Using yarn A, make 2 ch.

Round 1: 6 dc in second ch from hook (6 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st around (12 sts).

Round 3: 2 dc in each st around (24 sts).

Rounds 4–8: 1 dc in each st around.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail.

SNOUT

Using yarn B, make 2 ch.

Round 1: 6 dc in second ch from hook (6 sts).

Round 2: *2 dc in next dc, 1 dc, rep from * twice more (9 sts).

Rounds 3 and 4: 1 dc in each st around.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail.

TAIL

Using yarn B, make 10 ch.

Row 1: 2 dc in each ch to end (20 sts).

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail.

EAR (MAKE 2)

Using yarn B, make 2 ch.

Round 1: 3 dc in second ch from hook (3 sts).

Round 2: 2 dc in each st around (6 sts)

Round 3: *2 dc in next dc, 1 dc, rep from * twice more (9 sts).

Round 4: 1 dc in each st around.

Round 5: *2 dc in next dc, 2 dc, rep from * twice more (12 sts).

Round 6: 1 dc in each st around.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail.

MAKING UP

Weave in all ends except for the long yarn tails. You may find that sewing the pieces together over the chocolate orange makes them easier to hold and position. Attach the safety eyes to the face (or embroider French knots instead – see the box opposite). Sew the head onto the body, leaving a small gap for stuffing. Insert stuffing, then sew the gap closed. Attach the ears, snout and tail to the body. Using 6 strands of black embroidery thread, embroider straight stitches on the nose for nostrils (see box on page 8). Wrap a ribbon around the neck and tie it in a bow at the back.

