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Little Christmas Friends: the Penguin

An amigurumi crochet pattern by KindlyWis



The finished penguin. The finished penguin, front, three-quarter, side and back.

A round, cuddly penguin with a charcoal back, a cream belly and face, a small orange beak, padded wings and flat orange feet, wearing a green pointed hat and a red scarf.

About 16.6 cm tall with the hat | **8 crocheted pieces** | **DK yarn in 5 colours** | **Free pattern**

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About this pattern

Meet the penguin of the KindlyWis Little Christmas Friends: a round, cuddly amigurumi with a charcoal back, a cream belly and face, a small orange beak, padded wings and flat orange feet. A green pointed hat sits tilted on its head and a red scarf is wrapped once around its neck, with one tail hanging at the front.

The body and head are worked as one piece in a continuous spiral of single crochet, with the cream front worked in as you go. You pause the body after Round 31 to stuff the lower body, embroider the cheeks and fit the safety eyes while the head is still open. Then you finish the head and close it. The beak, wings, feet, hat and scarf are worked separately and sewn on.

- Finished height: about 16.6 cm with the hat.
- Eight crocheted pieces: body with head, hat, 2 wings, beak, 2 feet and scarf (2,676 stitches in all).
- Techniques: magic ring, single crochet in a spiral, increases and decreases, changing colour in the round, satin-stitch embroidery, stuffing and sewing.
- Stitch counts in the written pattern and charts are the reference for every stage.

Size, materials and gauge

- Gauge: about 5 mm per stitch and 4.37 mm per round (DK yarn and a hook of about 2.5 mm; choose a size that gives a firm fabric at this gauge).
- DK yarn in five colours: A charcoal, B cream, C orange, D red, E green.
- Pale pink embroidery floss (F) for the cheeks.
- Two 10 mm safety eyes, fibre filling, a locking stitch marker, stitch markers, pins and a tapestry needle.

> **Safety.** Small parts are a choking hazard. Not for children under 3.

Abbreviations and conventions

Term	Meaning
sc	single crochet (US terms)
inc	increase: 2 sc in the same stitch
dec	decrease: 2 sc together
st	stitch
Ch	chain
Rnd	round (a continuous spiral: no joins, no turning chains)
sc 5 in A	5 sc in colour A; a colour stays in use until the text names another
(48)	the number in brackets is the number of stitches at the end of the round

Colours: A = charcoal; B = cream; C = orange; D = red; E = green; F = pale pink embroidery floss.

Mark the round start (back centre) and the front centre stitch. The front-centre stitch for every round is in the table in the body section.

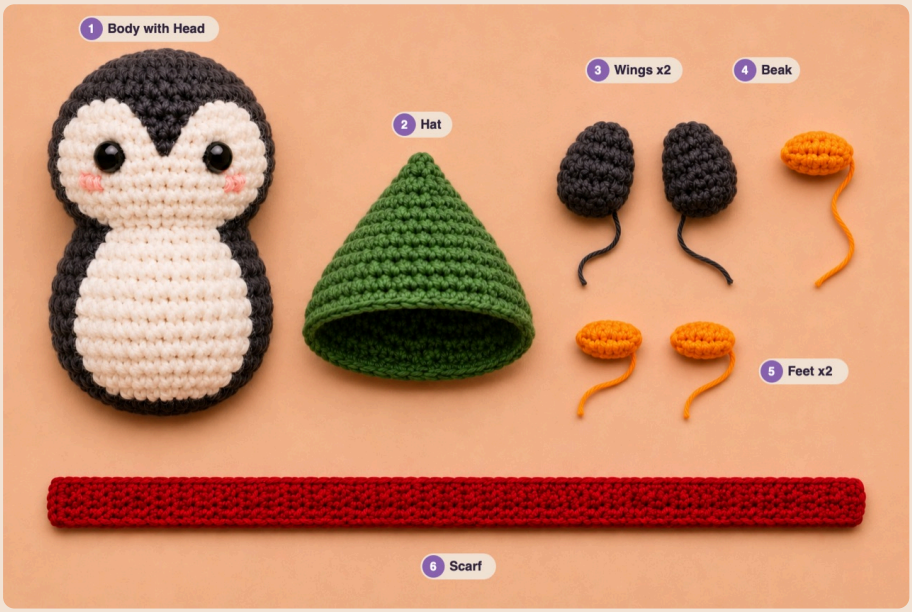
Colour work on the body (Rnds 9-32)

Carry the colour you are not using loosely inside the work. Rnds 9-28 have two colour changes per round. Rnds 29-32 have four: two cream lobes with the dark V between them. The longest strand carried behind the cream is 15 stitches; keep it relaxed.

The pieces

Piece	Colour	Stitches
Body with head (1), cream face and belly worked in	A with B	1488
Hat (1)	E	647
Wings (2), padded	A	58 each
Beak (1), flattened oval	C	26
Feet (2), padded ovals	C	42 each
Scarf (1)	D	315
Total		2676

There are seven attachments (hat, beak, 2 wings, 2 feet, scarf), 2 safety eyes and 2 embroidered cheeks.



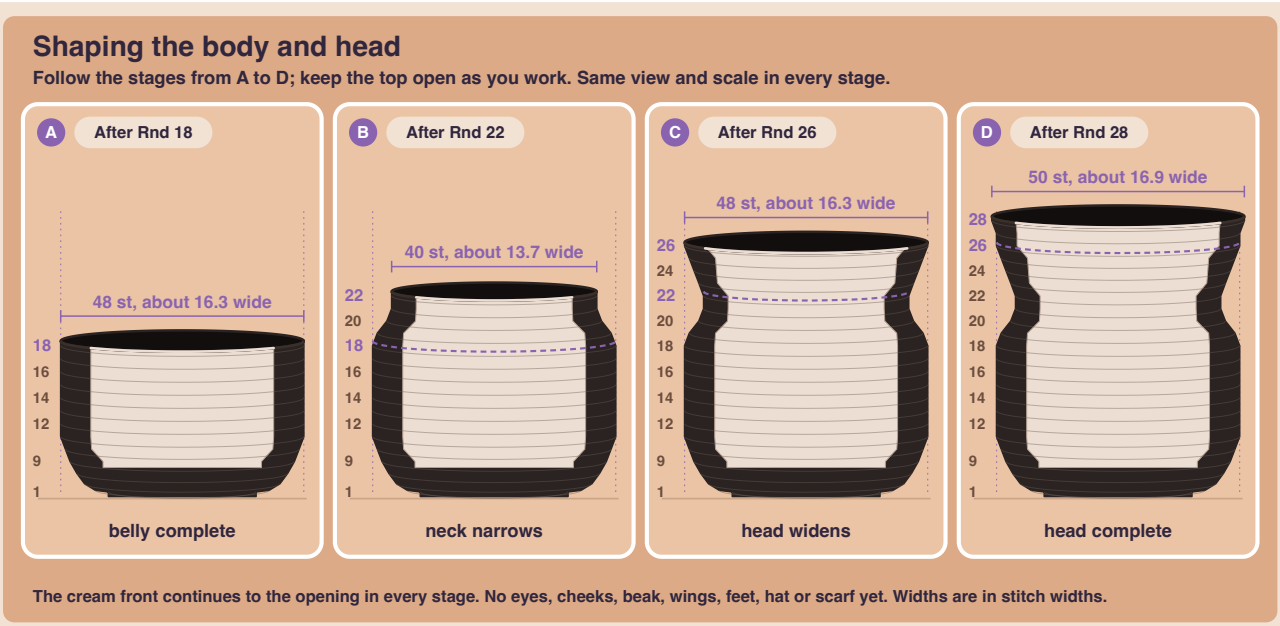
The pieces. The pieces you will crochet: 1 body with head, 2 hat, 3 wings (x2), 4 beak, 5 feet (x2), 6 scarf.

Order of work

1. Crochet every piece; work the body only as far as the pause point (after Rnd 31).
2. Stuff the lower body (Step 1).
3. Embroider the cheeks (Step 2).
4. Fit the safety eyes (Step 3).
5. Stuff the head, work Rnds 32-38 and close (Step 4).
6. Sew on the beak (Step 5).
7. Sew on the wings (Step 6).
8. Sew on the feet (Step 7).
9. Sew on the hat (Step 8).
10. Wrap and sew the scarf (Step 9).

Body with head: 1488 stitches, 38 rounds, with a pause point

Rnds 1-31 are worked now; Rnds 32-38 follow the pause (Step 4). The charts for this part follow the stitch lists on their own pages.



Shaping the body and head. Stages A to D: after Rnd 18 (48 stitches), Rnd 22 (40), Rnd 26 (48) and Rnd 28 (50). Keep the top open as you work.

Front centre of the body

The stitch to mark in each round:

Rnd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Front centre st	4	7	10	13	16	19	22	22	23	24
Rnd	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Front centre st	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	24	22
Rnd	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Front centre st	21	21	22	23	24	25	25	26	26	25
Rnd	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38		
Front centre st	25	23	22	20	18	15	9	6		

Rnds 1-8

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Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring (6)
Rnd 2: inc in A, inc, inc, inc, inc, inc (12)
Rnd 3: sc in A, inc, sc, inc, sc, inc, sc, inc, sc, inc, sc, inc (18)
Rnd 4: inc in A, sc 2, inc, sc 2, inc, sc 2, inc, sc 2, inc, sc 2, inc, sc 2 (24)
Rnd 5: sc 2 in A, inc, sc 3, inc, sc 3, inc, sc 3, inc, sc 3, inc, sc 3, inc, sc (30)
Rnd 6: inc in A, sc 4, inc, sc 4, inc, sc 4, inc, sc 4, inc, sc 4, inc, sc 4 (36)
Rnd 7: sc 3 in A, inc, sc 5, inc, sc 5, inc, sc 5, inc, sc 5, inc, sc 5, inc, sc 2 (42)
Rnd 8: sc 42 in A (42)
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Rnds 9-11

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Rnd 9: sc 10 in A, inc, sc 5, sc 11 in B, sc 5 in A, inc, sc 9 (44)
Rnd 10: sc 6 in A, inc, sc 9, sc 13 in B, sc 9 in A, inc, sc 5 (46)
Rnd 11: sc 11 in A, inc, sc 5, sc 13 in B, sc 5 in A, inc, sc 10 (48)
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Rnds 12-28

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Rnd 12: sc 18 in A, sc 13 in B, sc 17 in A (48)
Rnd 13: sc 18 in A, sc 13 in B, sc 17 in A (48)
Rnd 14: sc 18 in A, sc 13 in B, sc 17 in A (48)
Rnd 15: sc 18 in A, sc 13 in B, sc 17 in A (48)
Rnd 16: sc 18 in A, sc 13 in B, sc 17 in A (48)
Rnd 17: sc 18 in A, sc 13 in B, sc 17 in A (48)
Rnd 18: sc 18 in A, sc 13 in B, sc 17 in A (48)
Rnd 19: sc 11 in A, dec, sc 5, sc 13 in B, sc 5 in A, dec, sc 10 (46)
Rnd 20: sc 3 in A, dec, sc 9, dec, sc 2, sc 11 in B, sc 2 in A, dec, sc 9, dec, sc 2 (42)
Rnd 21: sc 10 in A, dec, sc 4, sc 11 in B, sc 4 in A, dec, sc 9 (40)
Rnd 22: sc 15 in A, sc 11 in B, sc 14 in A (40)
Rnd 23: sc 10 in A, inc, sc 3, sc 13 in B, sc 3 in A, inc, sc 9 (42)
Rnd 24: sc 5 in A, inc, sc 9, sc 13 in B, sc 9 in A, inc, sc 4 (44)
Rnd 25: sc 11 in A, inc, sc 4, sc 13 in B, sc 4 in A, inc, sc 10 (46)
Rnd 26: sc 6 in A, inc, sc 9, sc 15 in B, sc 9 in A, inc, sc 5 (48)
Rnd 27: sc 17 in A, sc 15 in B, sc 16 in A (48)
Rnd 28: sc 6 in A, inc, sc 10, sc 15 in B, sc 10 in A, inc, sc 5 (50)
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Rnds 29-31

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Rnd 29: sc 18 in A, sc 6 in B, sc 3 in A, sc 6 in B, sc 17 in A (50)
Rnd 30: sc 6 in A, dec, sc 10, sc 6 in B, sc 3 in A, sc 6 in B, sc 10 in A, dec, sc 5 (48)
Rnd 31: sc 18 in A, sc 4 in B, sc 5 in A, sc 4 in B, sc 17 in A (48)
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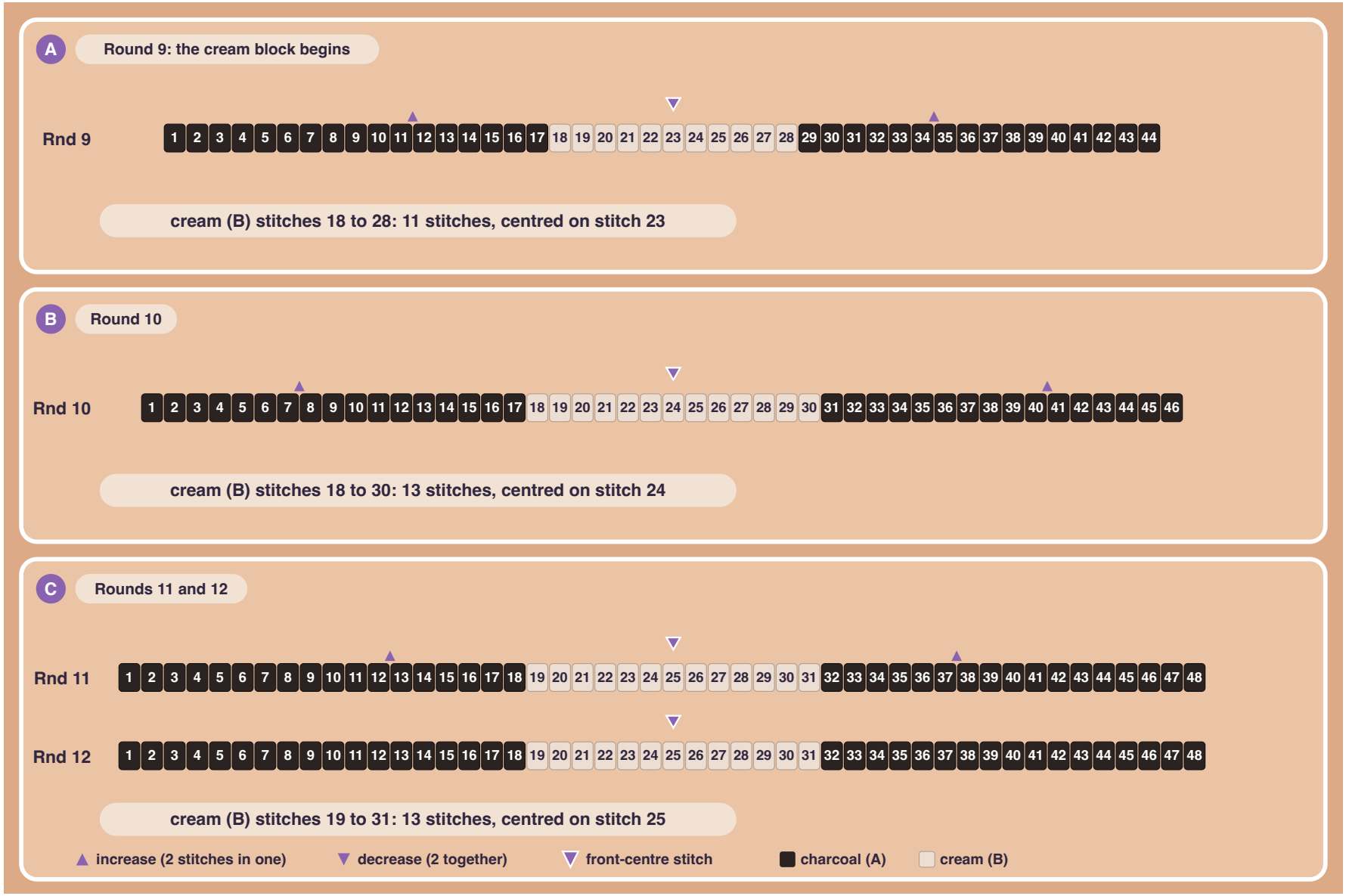
Stop here. PAUSE POINT after Rnd 31 (48 stitches, opening about 7 cm). Keep the round-start marker in place. Pull the loop out about 5 cm and secure it with a locking marker, or fasten off with a 20 cm tail and later join with a slip stitch in the marked stitch. Do not close yet. Go to Steps 1-4 in the assembly section; Rnds 32-38 are worked in Step 4.

Chart: mark the round start and the front centre (Rnds 8 to 12)



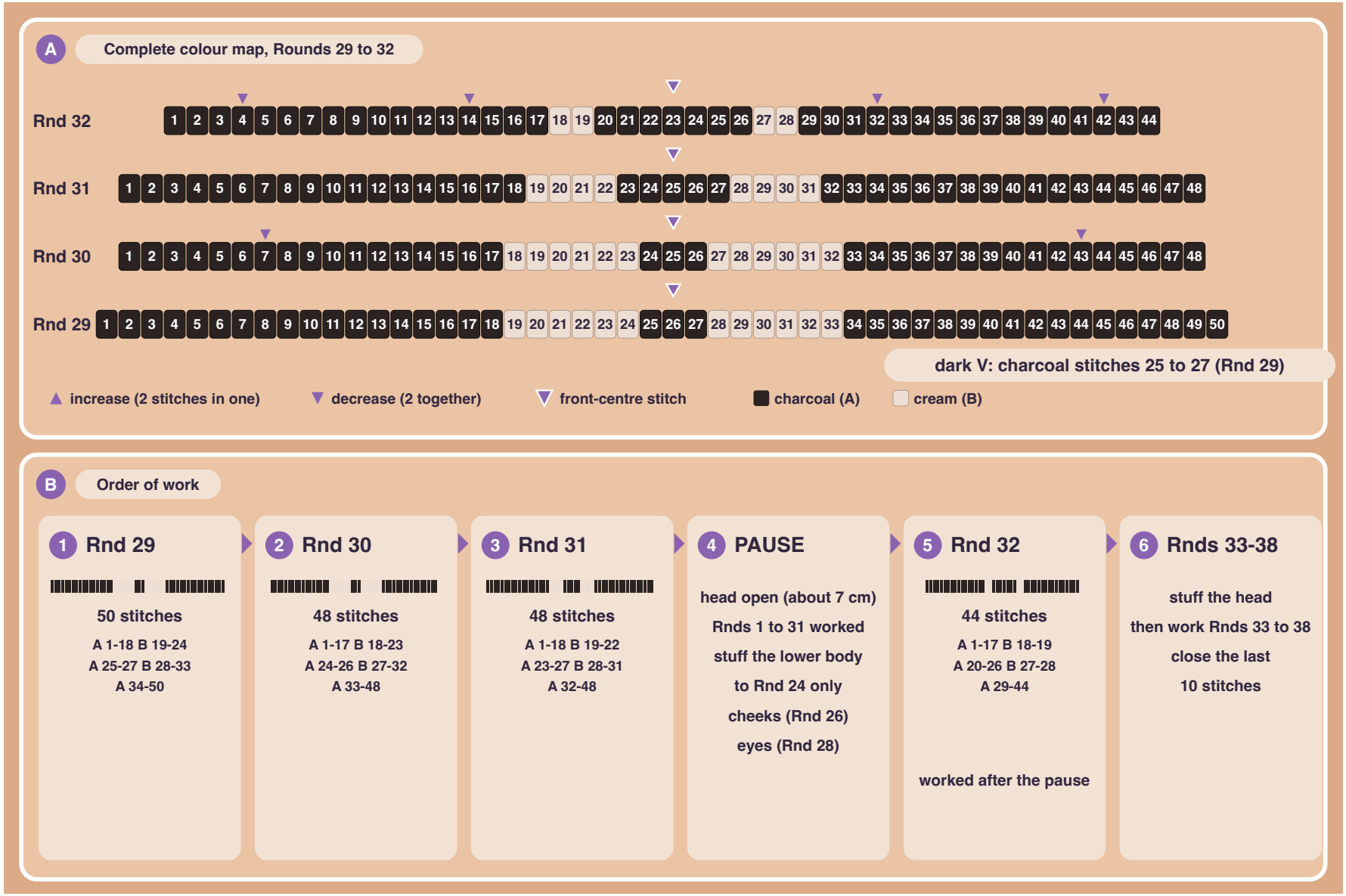
Mark the round start and the front centre. Round 8: stitch 1 is the back centre and the round start; stitch 22 is the front centre. The front-centre stitch moves as the rounds grow.

Chart: Rounds 9 to 12, the cream block begins



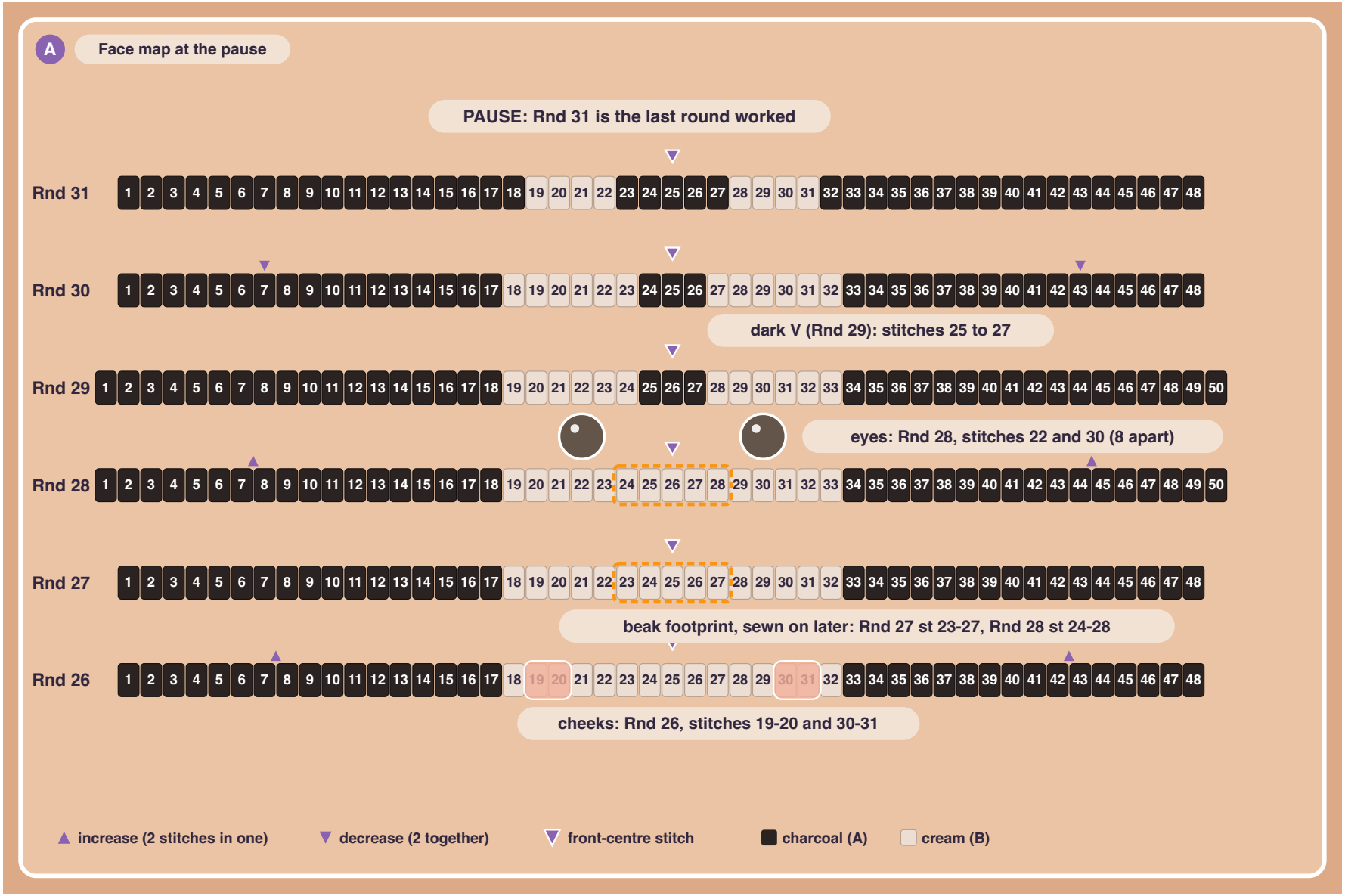
Start the cream block. Rounds 9 to 12: the cream block begins with 11 stitches centred on stitch 23 and grows to 13 stitches centred on the front stitch.

Chart: Rounds 29 to 32, colour map and order of work



Rounds 29 to 32: colour map and order of work. Colour map of Rounds 29 to 32 (the dark V between two cream lobes) and the order of work around the pause.

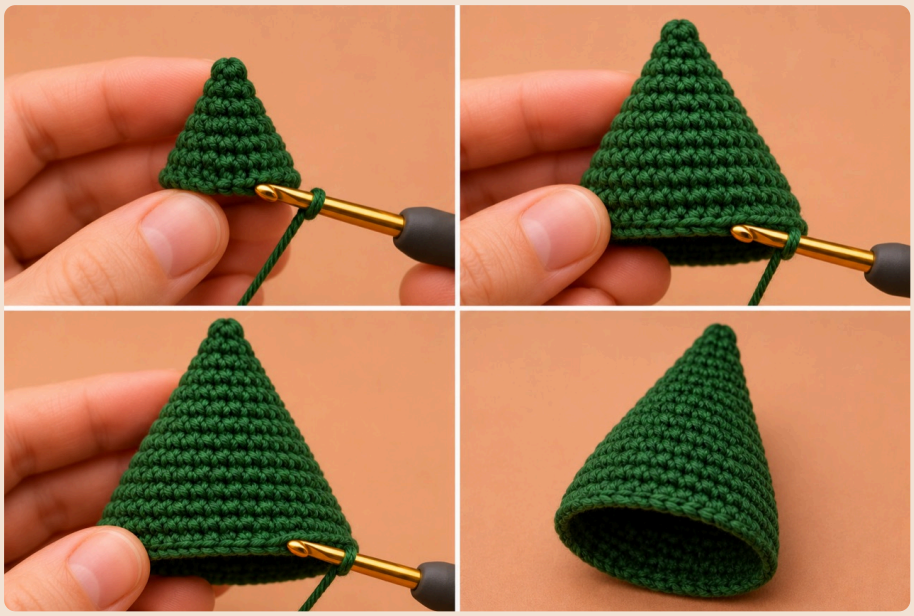
Chart: face map at the pause (after Round 31)



Face map at the pause. At the pause: cheeks on Rnd 26 (stitches 19-20 and 30-31), eyes on Rnd 28 (stitches 22 and 30), beak footprint on Rnds 27-28.

Hat: 647 stitches, 20 rounds

Worked in colour E (green) as one piece, open at the end, with a pointed tip, no brim and no pom-pom.



The hat. The green hat, worked from the tip to the open end in 20 rounds.

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Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring (6)
Rnd 2: inc, sc 2, inc, sc 2 (8)
Rnd 3: sc 2, inc, sc 3, inc, sc (10)
Rnd 4: inc, sc 2, inc, sc 2, inc, sc 3 (13)
Rnd 5: sc 3, inc, sc 5, inc, sc 3 (15)
Rnd 6: inc, sc 4, inc, sc 4, inc, sc 4 (18)
Rnd 7: sc 2, inc, sc 3, inc, sc 4, inc, sc 3, inc, sc 2 (22)
Rnd 8: inc, sc 6, inc, sc 6, inc, sc 7 (25)
Rnd 9: sc 3, inc, sc 5, inc, sc 5, inc, sc 5, inc, sc 3 (29)
Rnd 10: inc, sc 8, inc, sc 9, inc, sc 9 (32)
Rnd 11: sc 5, inc, sc 10, inc, sc 9, inc, sc 5 (35)
Rnd 12: inc, sc 10, inc, sc 11, inc, sc 11 (38)
Rnd 13: sc 4, inc, sc 9, inc, sc 8, inc, sc 9, inc, sc 4 (42)
Rnd 14: inc, sc 20, inc, sc 20 (44)
Rnd 15: sc 7, inc, sc 14, inc, sc 13, inc, sc 7 (47)
Rnd 16: inc, sc 22, inc, sc 23 (49)
Rnd 17: sc 12, inc, sc 23, inc, sc 12 (51)
Rnd 18: inc, sc 24, inc, sc 25 (53)
Rnd 19: sc 26, inc, sc 26 (54)
Rnd 20: inc, sc 26, inc, sc 26 (56)
Fasten off.
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Wings (make 2): 58 stitches each

Colour A, padded.



The wings. Each wing: magic ring, increase rounds, then straight rounds; leave a long tail for sewing. Make two.

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Rnd 1: 4 sc in magic ring (4)
Rnd 2: inc, sc, inc, sc (6)
Rnd 3: inc, sc 2, inc, sc 2 (8)
Rnd 4: inc, sc 3, inc, sc 3 (10)
Rnd 5–7: sc in each st around (10)
Fasten off, leaving a long tail (about 40 cm).
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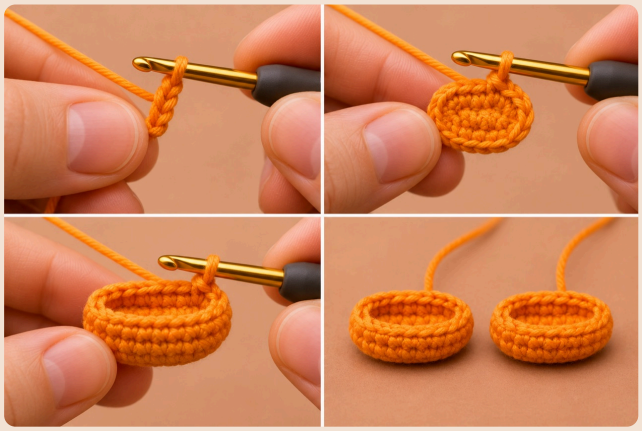
Feet (make 2): 42 stitches each

Colour C, padded ovals.



The feet. Each foot: an oval of 42 stitches in four rounds. Make two.

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Ch 3.
Rnd 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook, 3 sc in last ch; on the other side of the chain: 2 sc in next ch (6)
Rnd 2: inc, inc, inc, inc, inc, inc (12)
Rnd 3–4: sc in each st around (12)
Fasten off, leaving a long tail (about 40 cm).
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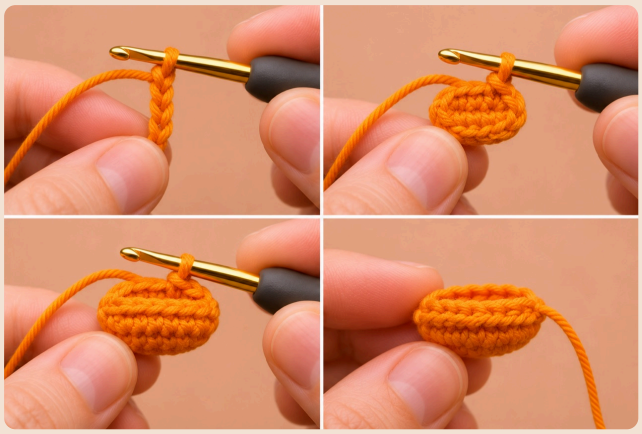
Beak: 26 stitches

Colour C, a flattened oval. The stitch sequence is charted on the chart page after the Scarf section.



The beak. The beak: a flattened oval from a chain of 3.

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Ch 3.
Rnd 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook, 3 sc in last ch; on the other side of the chain: 2 sc in next ch (6)
Rnd 2: inc, sc, inc, inc, sc, inc (10)
Rnd 3: sc in each st around (10)
Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Stuff lightly.
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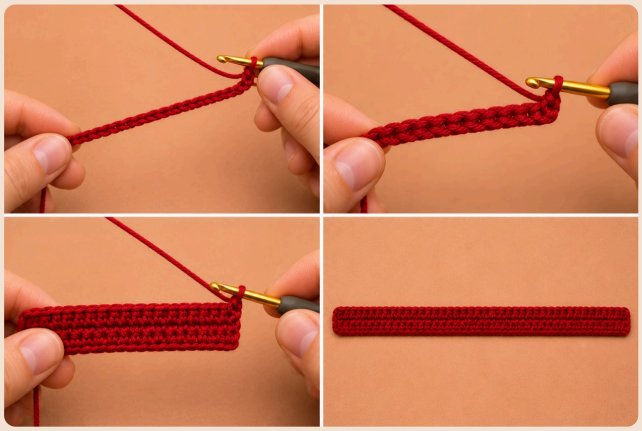
Scarf: 315 stitches, 5 rows

Colour D.



The scarf strip. The scarf: Ch 64, then five rows of 63 stitches.

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Ch 64.
Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across (63)
Row 2–5: ch 1, turn; sc in each st across (63)
Fasten off.
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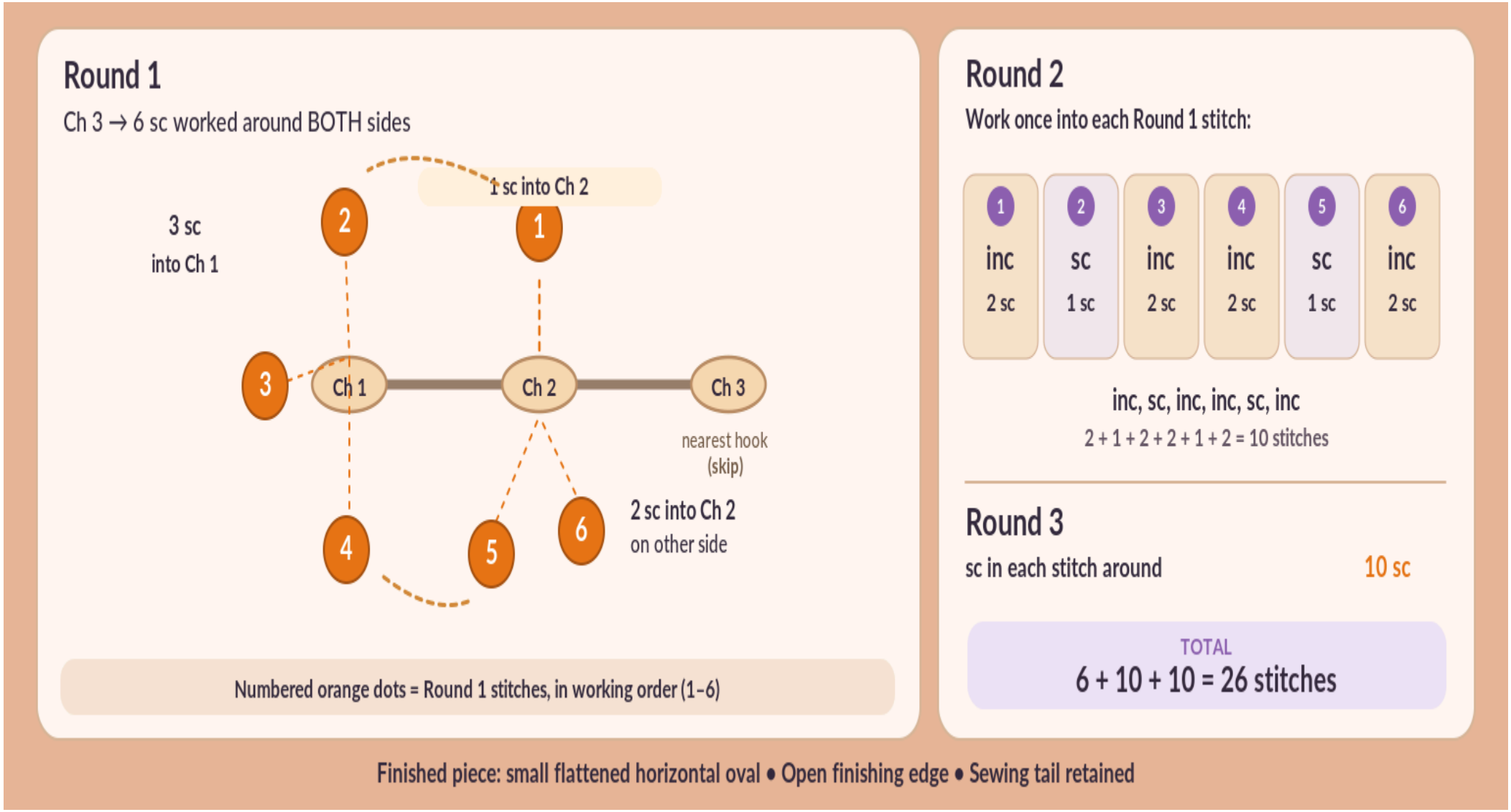
Length: 50 stitches round the neck, 4 stitches of overlap and 9 stitches left free as the tail. About 2 stitch widths of the tail go into the turn and the fold, so about 6.7 stitch widths hang visibly below the band.

Chart: the beak stitch sequence



Beak stitch sequence. Round 1 of 6 stitches, Round 2 of 10 (inc, sc, inc, inc, sc, inc), Round 3 of 10: 26 stitches in all.

Assembly: Steps 1 to 9

Step 1. Stuff the lower body

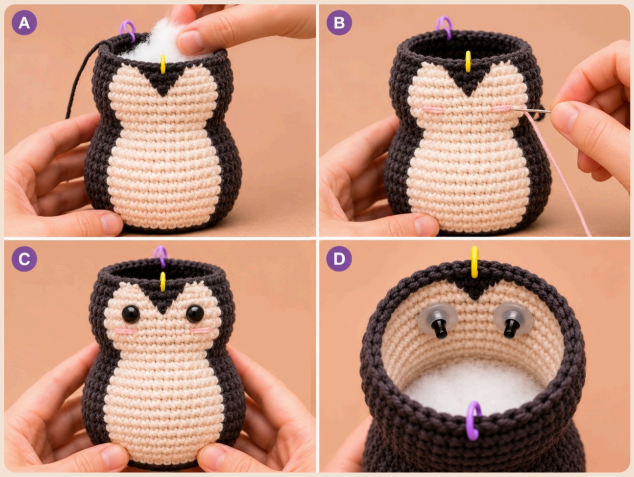
Stuff the lower body firmly up to Rnd 24 only. Leave the head empty: you need your fingers inside.

Step 2. Cheeks

Satin stitch in pink over Rnd 26, stitches 19-20 and 30-31, two airy passes each. Finish the ends inside through the opening.

Step 3. Eyes

Fit the 10 mm safety eyes between Rnds 28 and 29, 8 stitches apart, centred (stitches 22 and 30 of Rnd 28). Dry fit with the washers loose and check that they are level and centred on the dark V. Then press the washers on from inside and tug each eye.



At the pause. At the pause: stuff the lower body, embroider the cheeks, fit the safety eyes.

Step 4. Stuff the head and close

Stuff around, not against, the washers.

Return to the loop and work Rnds 32-38 (colour map: the Rnds 29-32 chart), adding stuffing before the opening is smaller than 4 cm. Close the last 10 stitches with the tail.

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Rnd 32: sc 3 in A, dec, sc 9, dec, sc 3, sc 2 in B, sc 7 in A, sc 2 in B, sc 3 in A, dec, sc 9, dec,
     sc 2 (44)
Rnd 33: sc 10 in A, dec, sc 21, dec, sc 9 (42)
Rnd 34: sc 3 in A, dec, sc 8, dec, sc 13, dec, sc 8, dec, sc 2 (38)
Rnd 35: sc 4 in A, dec, sc 7, dec, sc 9, dec, sc 7, dec, sc 3 (34)
Rnd 36: sc in A, dec, sc 4, dec, sc 3, dec, sc 7, dec, sc 3, dec, sc 4, dec (28)
Rnd 37: sc in A, dec, dec, dec, dec, dec, dec, sc 3, dec, dec, dec, dec, dec, dec (16)
Rnd 38: sc in A, dec, dec, dec, sc 3, dec, dec, dec (10)
Fasten off, close the last 10 stitches with the tail.
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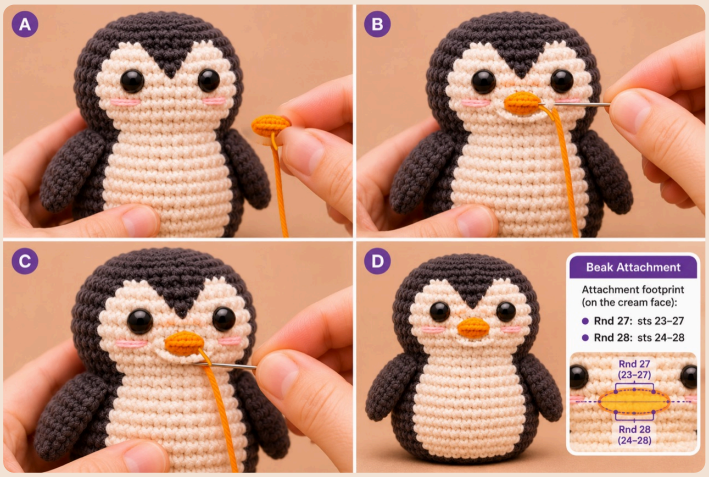
Finish the head. Round 32, stuffing the head, Rounds 33 to 38, closing the last 10 stitches.

Step 5. Beak

The long side of the oval lies sideways. Sew the open edge around over Rnds 27-28: stitches 23-27 on Rnd 27 and 24-28 on Rnd 28 (centred on each round), between the eyes and just under the eye line. Stuff lightly before the last stitches.



Sew on the beak. Sew the beak over Rnds 27-28: stitches 23-27 on Rnd 27 and 24-28 on Rnd 28.

Step 6. Wings

Stuff lightly, a little firmer in the top 2 rounds. Sew the open edge around over Rnds 18-19: stitches 35-38 on Rnd 18 and 34-37 on Rnd 19 (the neck decreases start on Rnd 19, so its front stitch is 2 lower). Sew the other wing as the mirror: stitches 12-15 on Rnd 18 and 11-14 on Rnd 19.

Then tie the inner face of the wing to the body with one loose double stitch at wing Rnd 3 (the 5th round from the root), leaving a gap of 7-8 mm there. The wing tip then stands about 1.2 cm out from the body.

The stitch positions are charted on the chart page after Step 7.



Sew on the wings. Wings: sewn around the open edge over Rnds 18-19, with one loose tie stitch.

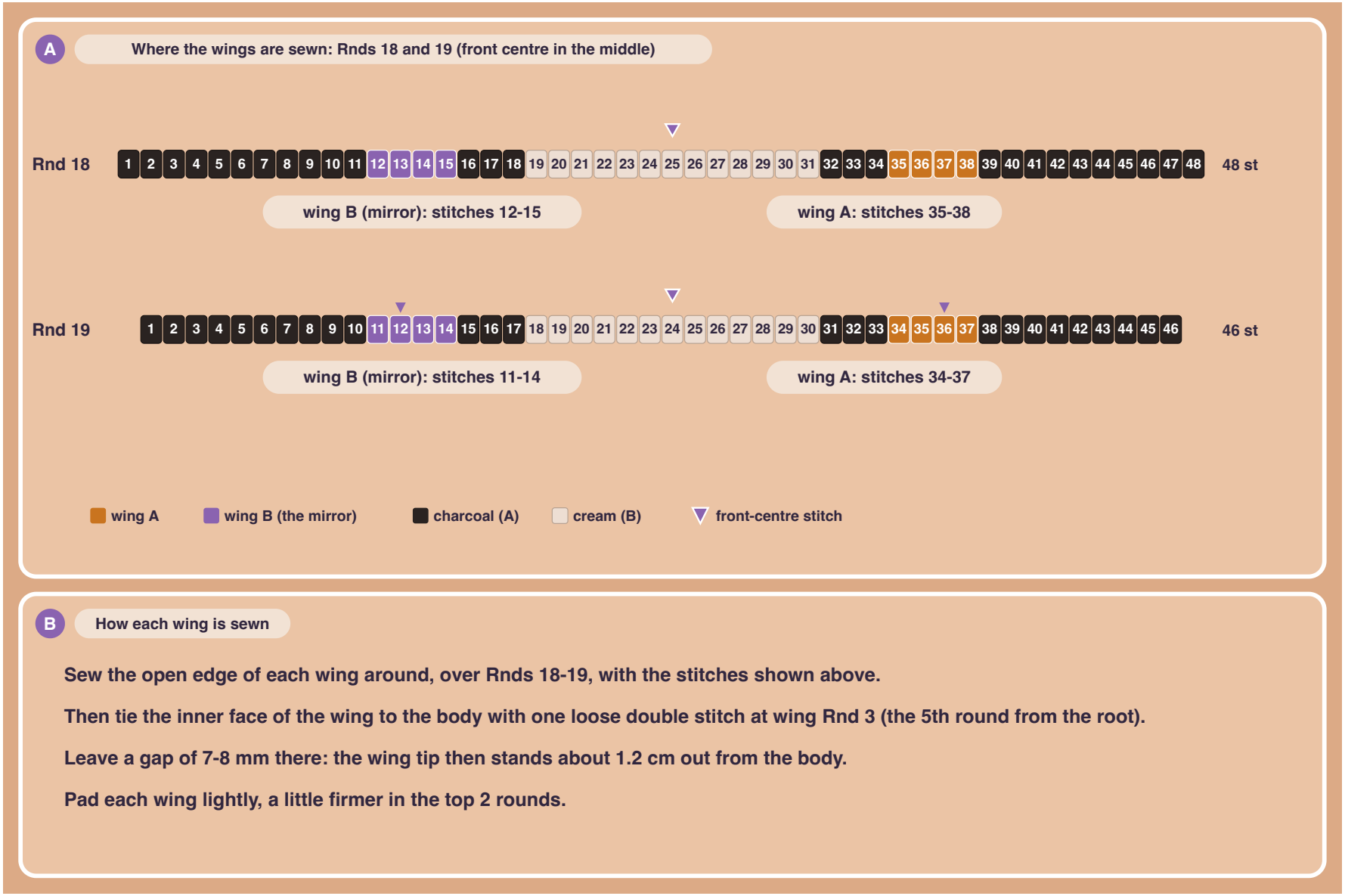
Step 7. Feet

Stuff each foot lightly. Sew the open edge flat under the front of the base, long side across, with the rim overlapping the base by about 1 stitch. Place the centres about 3.5-4 stitches either side of the front centre line, toes forward, splayed about 10 degrees.



Sew on the feet. Feet: sewn flat under the front of the base, toes forward and slightly apart.

Chart: wing stitch positions (Step 6)



Wing stitch positions. Rnds 18 and 19: wing A on stitches 35-38 and 34-37; the mirror wing B on stitches 12-15 and 11-14.

Step 8. Hat

Place the round-start stitch (end of Rnd 20) at the back centre. Tilt the hat back about 20 degrees (15-25 degrees): the front edge about 1 cm above the top of the eyes, the sides about level with the eye centres, the back edge about 3.5 cm lower than the front and just above the scarf.

Try the hat on before sewing: it should sit snugly over the head without being stretched (the hat rim is 56 stitches). Pin it at eight points and sew all round with green yarn, one stitch per hat stitch.



Hat on the head. The hat tilted back about 20 degrees, pinned and sewn all round.

Step 9. Scarf

Wrap the scarf once round the neck over Rnds 20-24, centred on Rnd 22 (the narrowest rounds), with the under end on the toy's left front (the viewer's right). Leave the last 9 stitches free as the tail, hanging beside the front centre (about 6.7 stitch widths, about 3.4 cm, visible below the band).

Sew the overlap through both layers. Add one hidden tack under the tail about 1 cm below the turn.



Wrap the scarf. The scarf wrapped once round the neck, overlap sewn, tail hanging at the front.

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