CROCHET PATTERN

Little Lantern Fox

Intermediate / Sewn pieces / US crochet terms

Crochet a seated fox with pointed ears, a cream-tipped tail and a narrow neck shaped within one orange body.

This fox has a flared head over a smaller seated body. Two triangular ears frame the face. Its bent tail rests beside the hip, where the cream tip stays visible.

Materials

Smooth #4 worsted yarn in the listed colors, a 3.5 mm starting hook, stitch marker, tapestry needle, scissors and fiberfill.

Colors

burnt orange, cream, charcoal

How To Read This Pattern

Use US terms. Work continuous rounds unless directed otherwise. Mark the first stitch and move the marker each round. Sc means single crochet. Inc means 2 sc in one stitch. Dec means single crochet two stitches together. For a color change, use the new yarn for the final pull-through of the previous stitch. Work the body from the seat upward. The neck and face share the same opening. The tail starts at its cream tip. A stitch number within a round counts from that round’s marker.

Seat, Neck And Head / Make 1

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**Round 1**	With burnt orange, work 6 sc into a magic ring. Pull the ring closed.	**0**	**6**
☐	**Round 2**	Inc in each stitch around.	**6**	**12**
☐	**Round 3**	Repeat (1 sc, inc) 6 times.	**12**	**18**
☐	**Round 4**	Repeat (2 sc, inc) 6 times.	**18**	**24**
☐	**Rounds 5-7**	Sc in each stitch around.	**24**	**24**

Seat, Neck And Head (continued)

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**Round 8**	Repeat (2 sc, dec) 6 times.	**24**	**18**
☐	**Round 9**	Repeat (1 sc, dec) 6 times.	**18**	**12**
☐	**Round 10**	Repeat (1 sc, inc) 6 times.	**12**	**18**
☐	**Round 11**	Repeat (2 sc, inc) 6 times.	**18**	**24**
☐	**Round 12**	Repeat (3 sc, inc) 6 times.	**24**	**30**
☐	**Rounds 13-15**	Sc in each stitch around. After Round 15, stuff the lower body and neck.	**30**	**30**
☐	**Round 16**	Repeat (3 sc, dec) 6 times.	**30**	**24**
☐	**Round 17**	Repeat (2 sc, dec) 6 times.	**24**	**18**
☐	**Round 18**	Repeat (1 sc, dec) 6 times. Stuff the head while the opening is accessible.	**18**	**12**
☐	**Round 19**	Dec 6 times.	**12**	**6**

Finish Cut the yarn, draw the tail through the front loops of the final six stitches, pull closed and secure the end.

Pointed Ears / Make 2

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**Round 1**	With charcoal, work 4 sc into a magic ring. Pull the ring closed.	**0**	**4**
☐	**Round 2**	Sc in each stitch around. Change to burnt orange on the last stitch.	**4**	**4**
☐	**Round 3**	Repeat (1 sc, inc) 2 times.	**4**	**6**
☐	**Round 4**	Repeat (2 sc, inc) 2 times.	**6**	**8**
☐	**Round 5**	Repeat (3 sc, inc) 2 times.	**8**	**10**

Finish Leave a sewing tail. Flatten the ten-stitch opening into two layers of five. Leave the ear unstuffed.

Cream-Tipped Tail / Make 1

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**Round 1**	With cream, work 6 sc into a magic ring. Pull the ring closed.	**0**	**6**
☐	**Round 2**	Repeat (1 sc, inc) 3 times.	**6**	**9**
☐	**Round 3**	Sc in each stitch around. Change to burnt orange on the last stitch.	**9**	**9**
☐	**Round 4**	Repeat (2 sc, inc) 3 times.	**9**	**12**
☐	**Rounds 5-7**	Sc in each stitch around.	**12**	**12**
☐	**Round 8**	Repeat (2 sc, dec) 3 times.	**12**	**9**
☐	**Round 9**	Sc in each stitch around.	**9**	**9**

Finish Put a little filling in the wide orange section. Leave the base soft and retain a sewing tail.

Assembly

1. Choose the face side. Mark a center stitch on Round 14. Embroider one charcoal eye three stitches to each side of center. Run a small cream diagonal from under each eye toward center on Round 12, then add a charcoal nose between the cream lines. Secure ends inside.
2. Pin the ear bases across Rounds 15-17 at the two upper corners, with their flat faces facing forward. View them from the front before sewing through both layers of each base.
3. Sew the open tail base around a patch on Rounds 4-6 at the rear hip. Bend it toward the side and tack the orange section once so the cream tip points upward.

Checkpoint

The narrowest neck is 12 stitches and the widest face is 30. The tail attaches by the orange opening, leaving its closed cream end free.