

♥ Lollo African Flower Bear ♥

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Instructions for making Lollo's Head





::Requirements::

All the motifs used to make Lollo's Head are made using the **2.0mm crochet hook**.

You will need the following motifs:

Hexagons X 5

Pentagons X 6

Modified square A X 1 (nose) [See Appendix C]

Modified square B X 2 (ear patches) [See Appendix D]

Hexagons X 2 extra for the ears

TOTAL REQUIRED FOR THE HEAD AND EARS = 16 MOTIFS

I suggest that you crochet all the hexagons and pentagons needed, up until the end of Round 4, just as you did for the body...you will add the final cream colored round (Round 5), as you join the motifs.

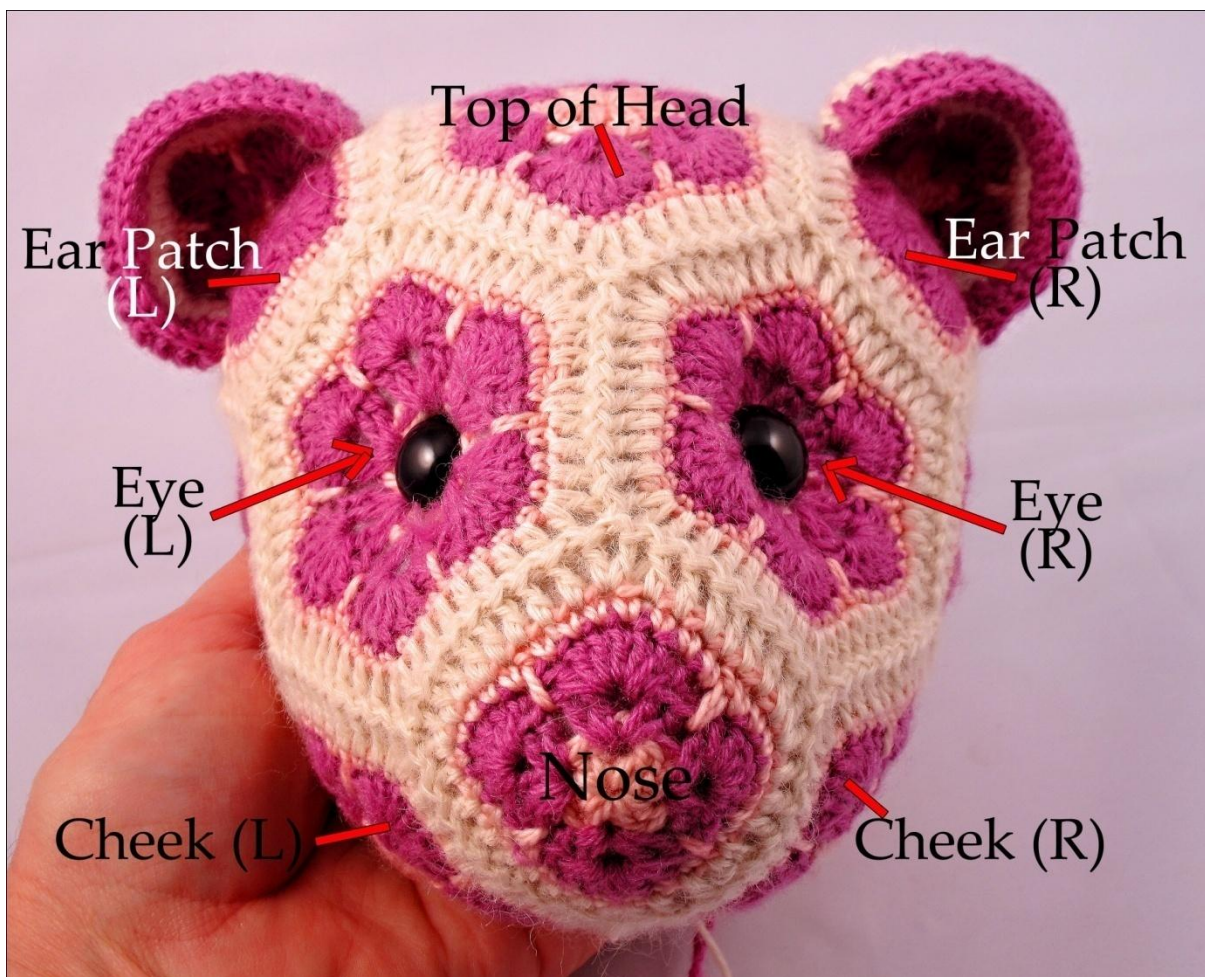
Also, using Appendix C and D, make the necessary motifs for the nose and ear patches.

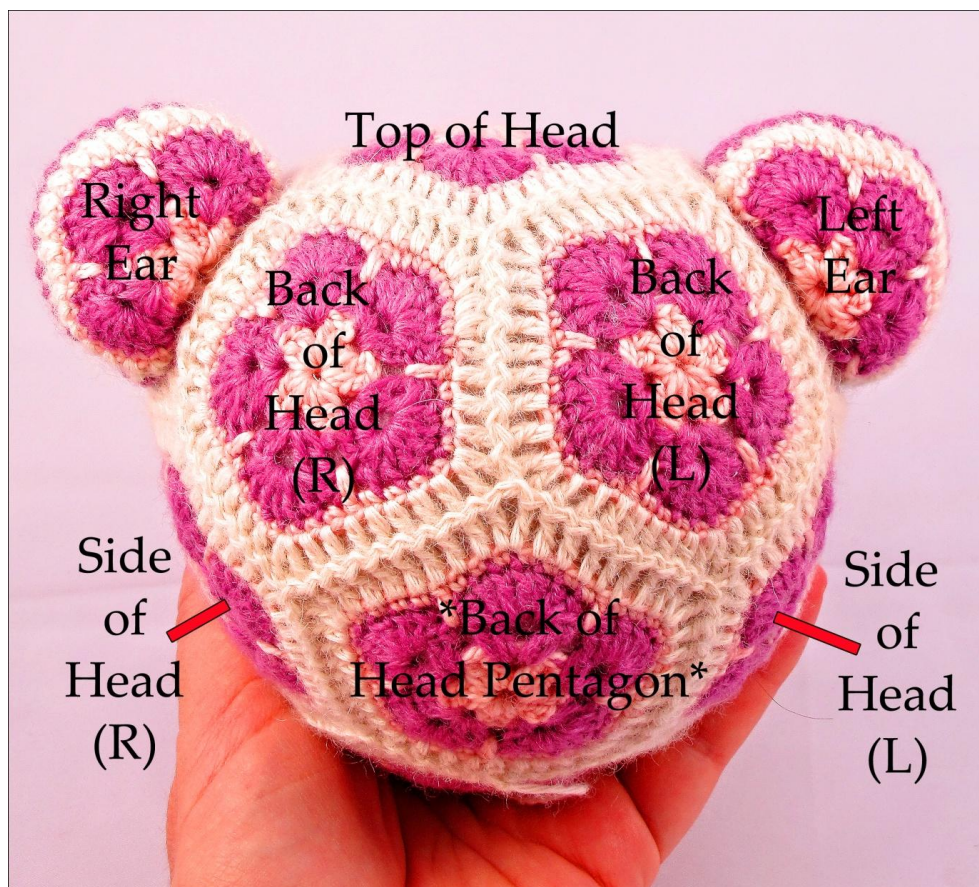
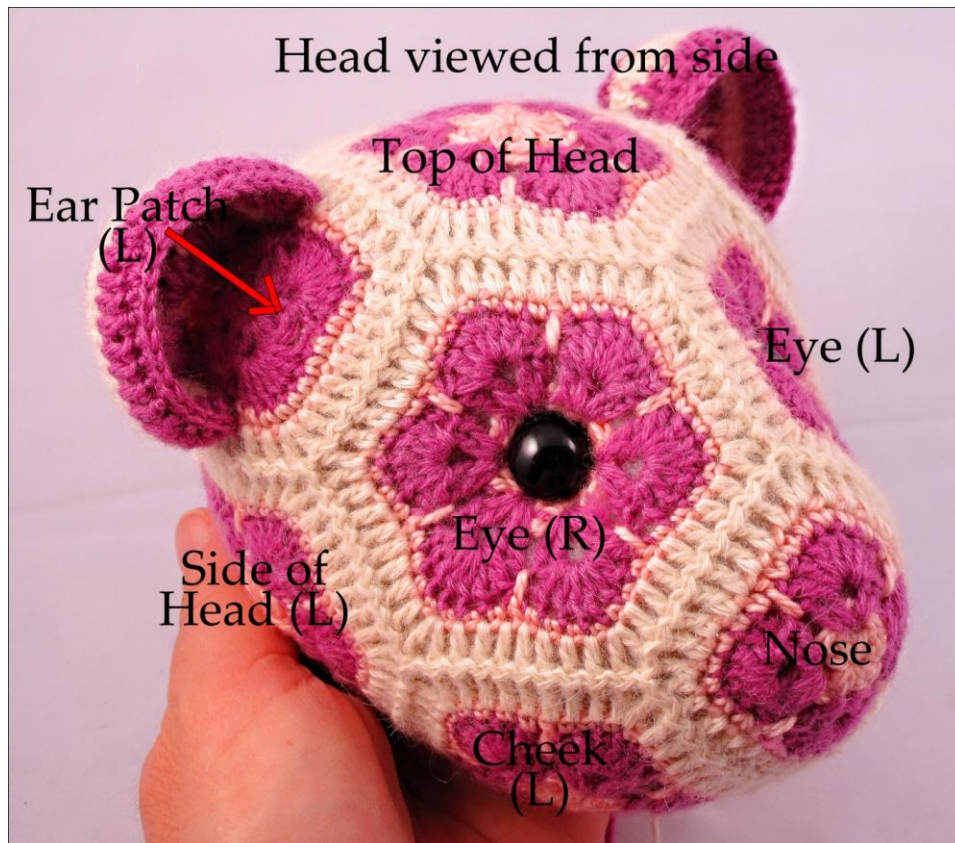
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In the instructions for making the body, as well in Appendix A and B, I went into great detail about how to join the motifs. In the subsequent instructions, I will assume that you are now comfortable with joining motifs, whether they are joined on 1,2,3,4 or 6 sides. To make things a bit easier for you, I will add pink dots on the photos to indicate where the joining round starts.

If you are still a bit unsure about joining, please go over the tutorials again, you do not want to frog over and over... :)

In addition, I have labelled the parts of the head in almost every photo....this will help you to always know how the work is oriented....it is very difficult to explain the construction of a 3D item in words, so the labelling will be your guide. In addition, to avoid confusion between left /right parts of the head, I am arbitrarily referring to all parts of Lollo's head, as if she were viewed from directly face on. Even if her head is turned around and you are looking at the back of her head, the parts will still be labelled with the same name as they were when viewed from the front, ie when viewed from the front, all parts that make up the left side of her face, will always be called "Left....", and all parts making up the right side of her face will always be called "Right....".

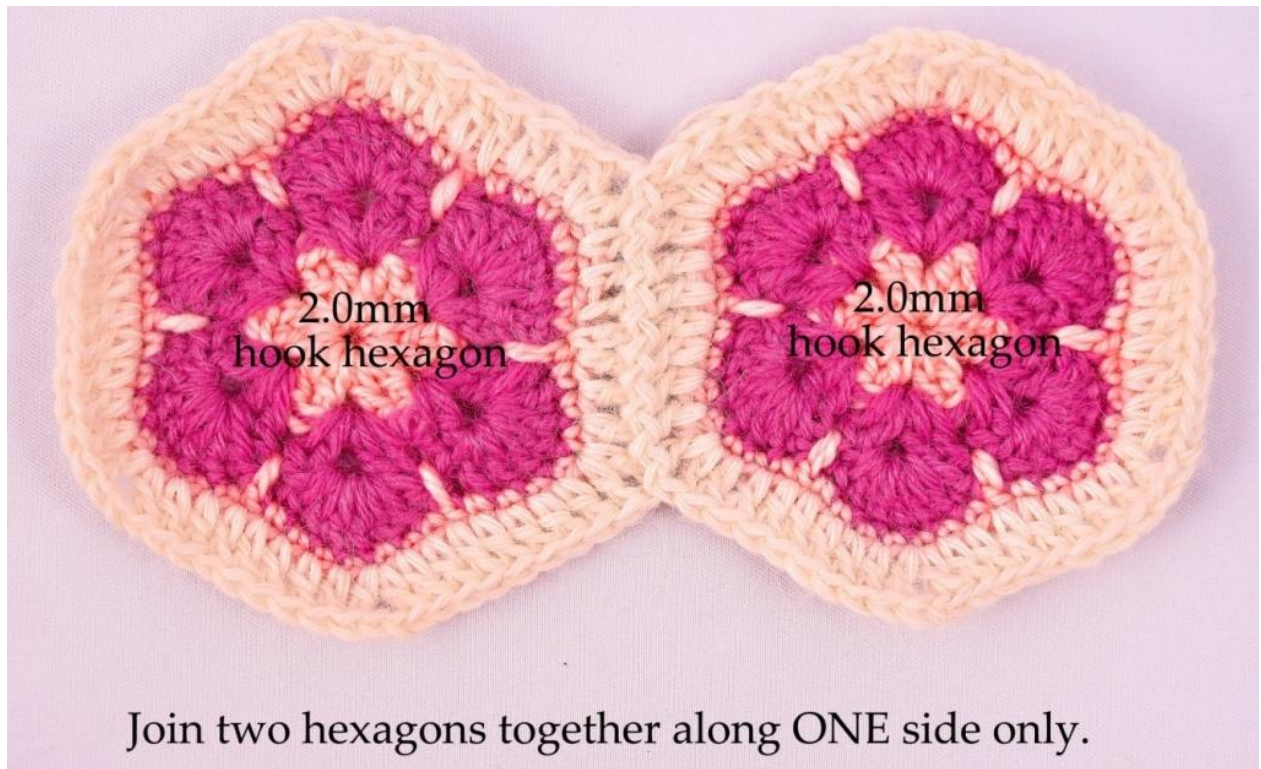




I have decided to refer to the single central Pentagon at the back of the head, as *Back of Head Pentagon*, simply to clearly differentiate it clearly from the other two pentagons that form the Back of the Head (left and right, as seen above).

Right...off we go!

We'll start with Lollo's Eyes. The eyes are made from two hexagons, made using a 2.0mm crochet hook (as are all the motifs used for the head).



Complete one hexagon, including the final cream colored round (Round 5). Now join your second hexagon , on one side only, as seen above.



Let's add the Top of the Head now. Again, you will use a hexagon, which you will join to the eye hexagons along TWO sides, as seen above. The colored lines indicate corresponding sides that are to be joined, the pink dot represents the starting point for joining, and the green arrow, indicates the direction of joining.

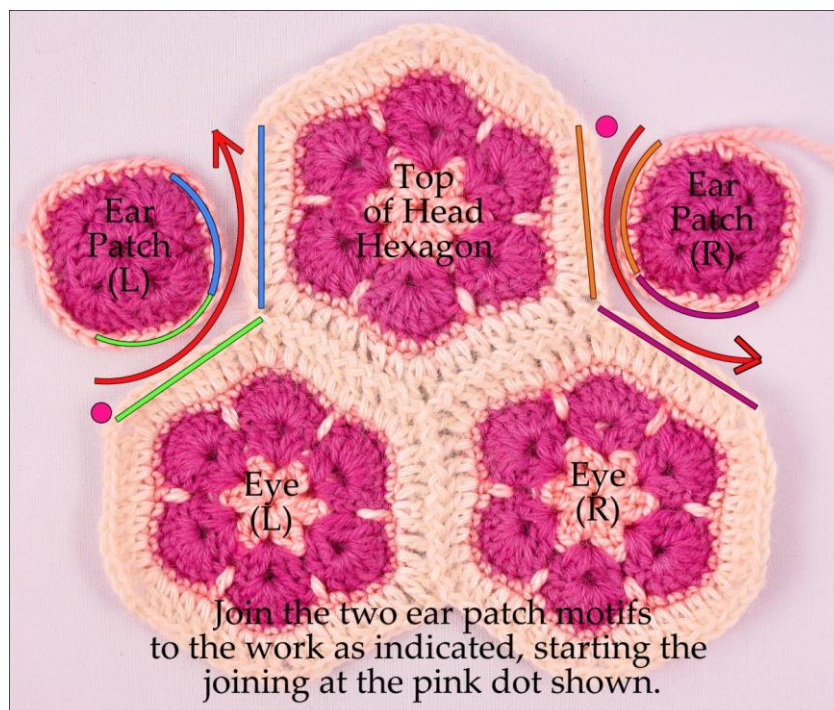


The Top of the Head has been joined on two sides. Your work should look like the photo above.



Well done! ...you need to add the Ear Patches next. The instructions for making the Ear Patches, can be found in Appendix D of this pattern. The Ear Patches are the parts of the head, that will give you the Ear placement area on the head. If you look at the outer round of the Ear Patches, you will see that you have 32 apricot colored sc's...the correct amount needed for joining FOUR 9dc repeats...

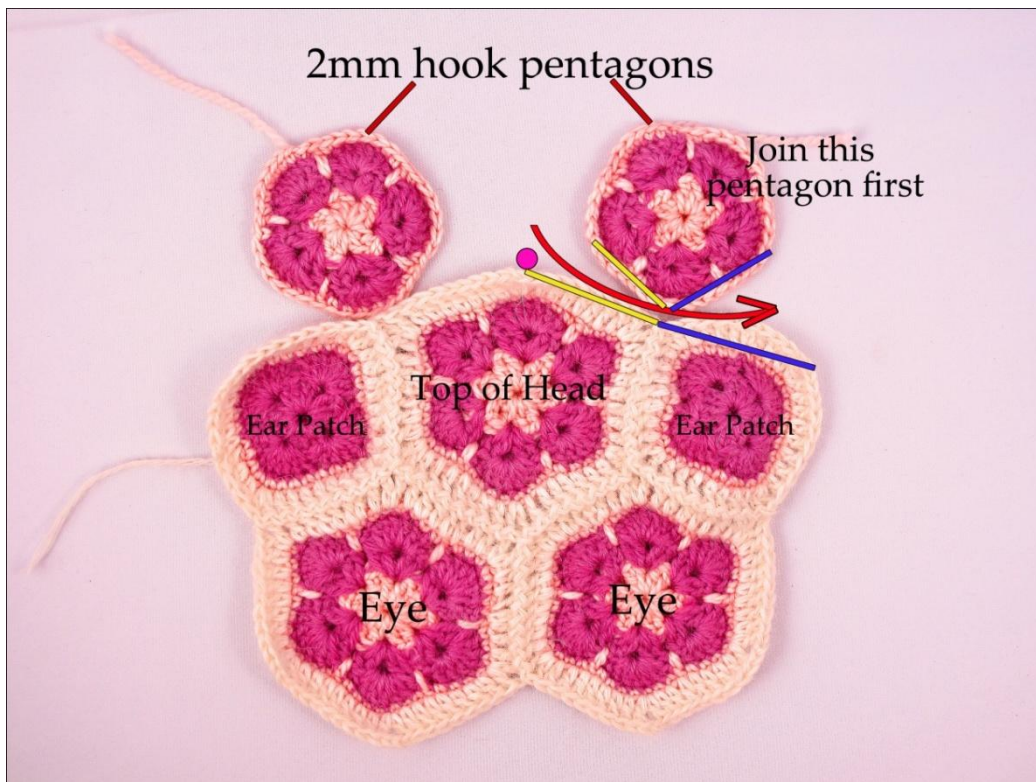
so do not be put off because it is a smaller motif...the joining process is EXACTLY the same as when you are joining hexagons and pentagons!



In the photo above, the pink dots indicate the starting points for joining, the colored lines (as usual) indicate the adjoining sides, and the red arrow, the direction of joining.

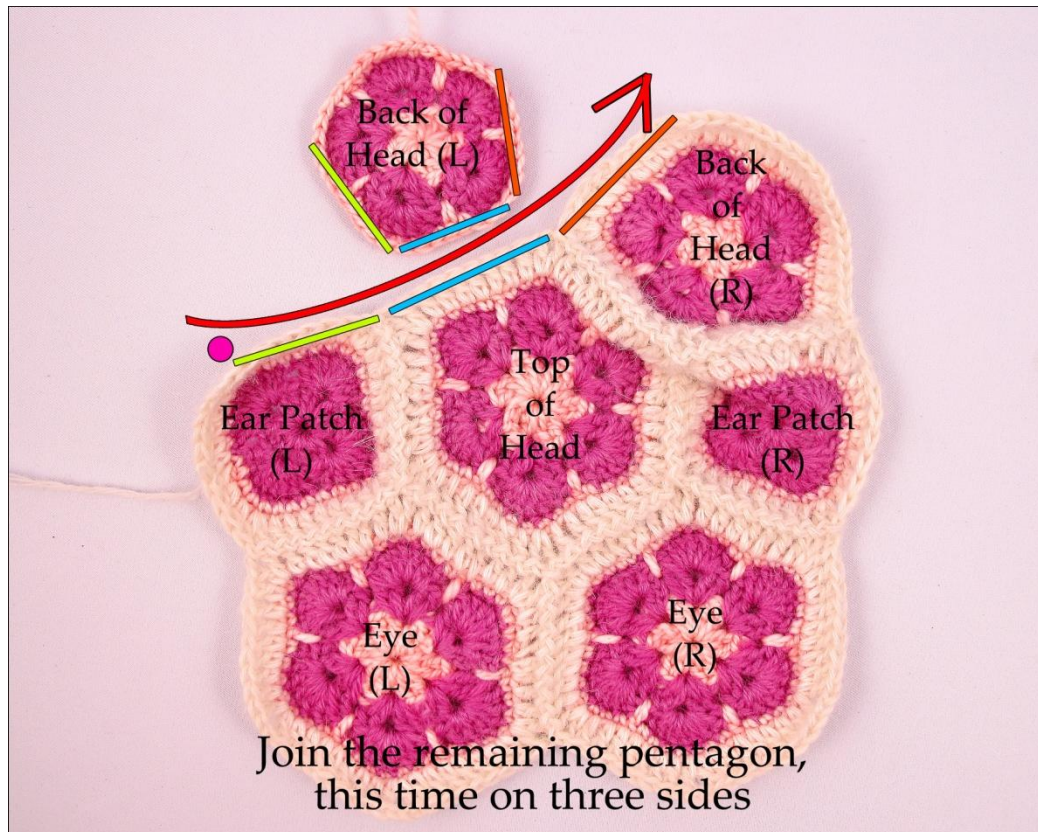


When both Ear Patches have been joined, your work will look like the photo above.



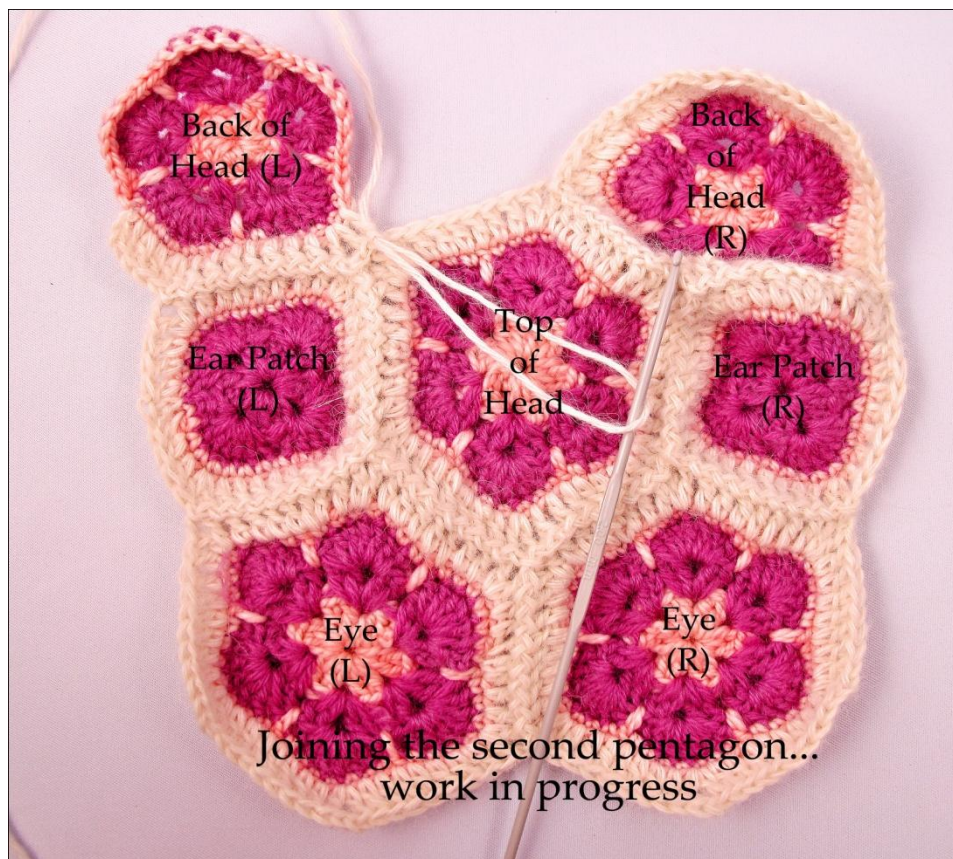
You will next add the two Pentagons that will form the **Back of the Head pieces**...Left and Right Sides.

In the photo above, you can see that I have chosen to add the Right Side Pentagon first. This pentagon will be joined to the work on TWO sides, as indicated by the colored lines. The pink dot, yet again, indicates the starting point for joining.

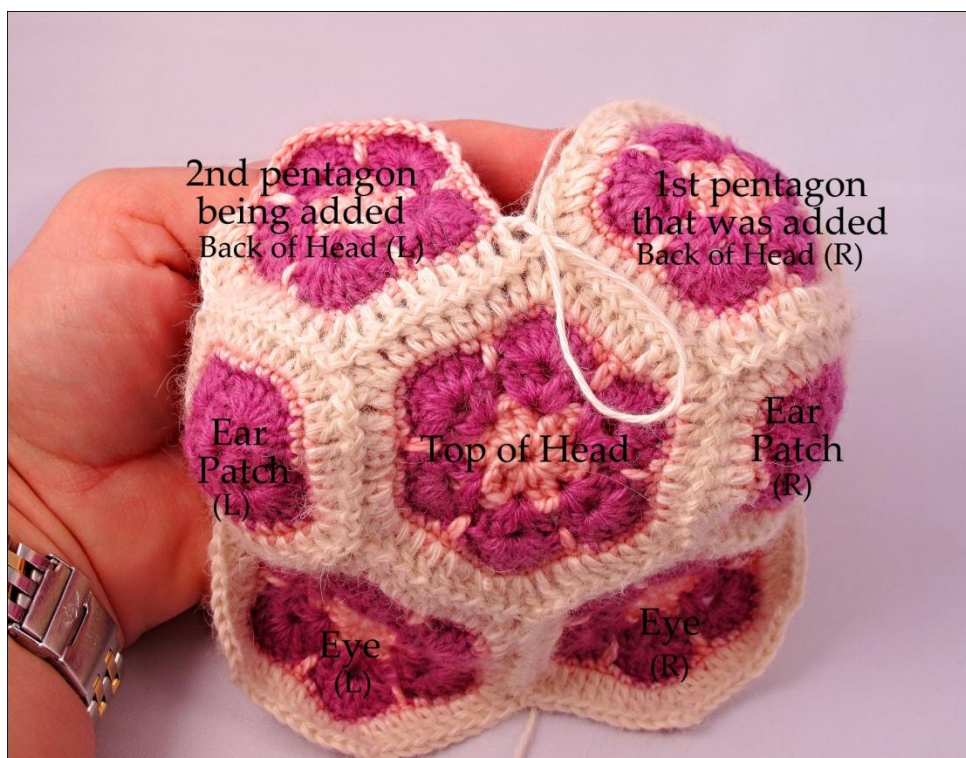


In the photo above, I have completed the joining of the Right Side Pentagon, and am ready to join the Left Side Pentagon. This Pentagon however, will be joined on THREE sides, Firstly to the Ear Patch on the left and then to the Top of the Head Hexagon, and finally to its neighbour, the Pentagon that was joined first (Back of Head (R))

Let's look at the joining step-by-step...



above photo.....joining to the Ear Patch (L)...



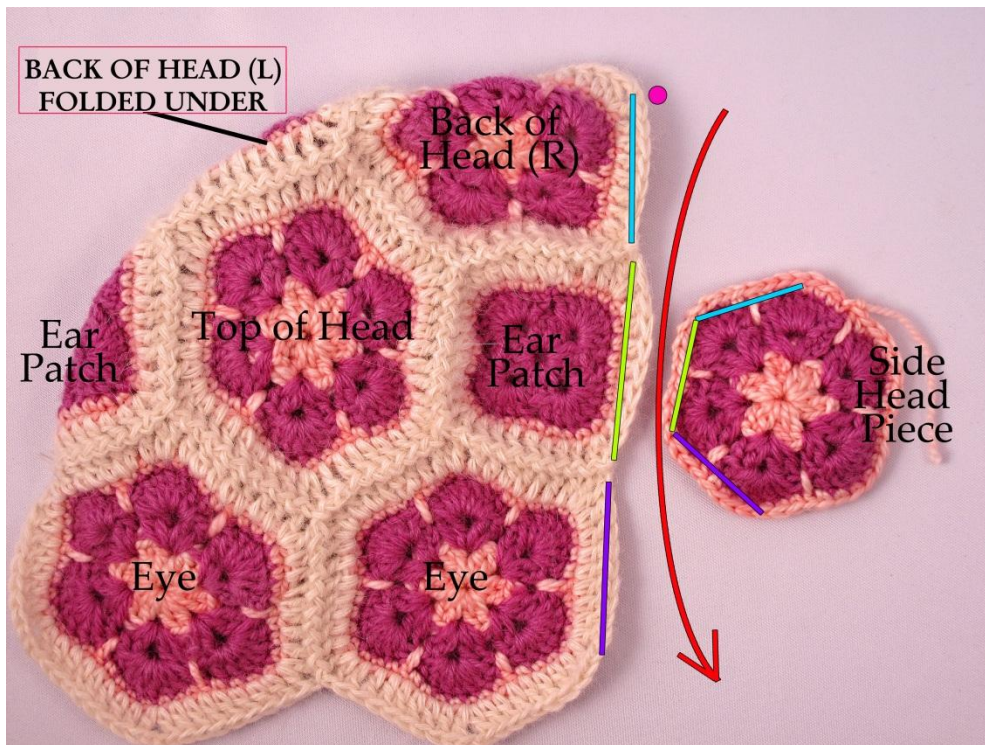
...joining to the Top of the Head Hexagon...



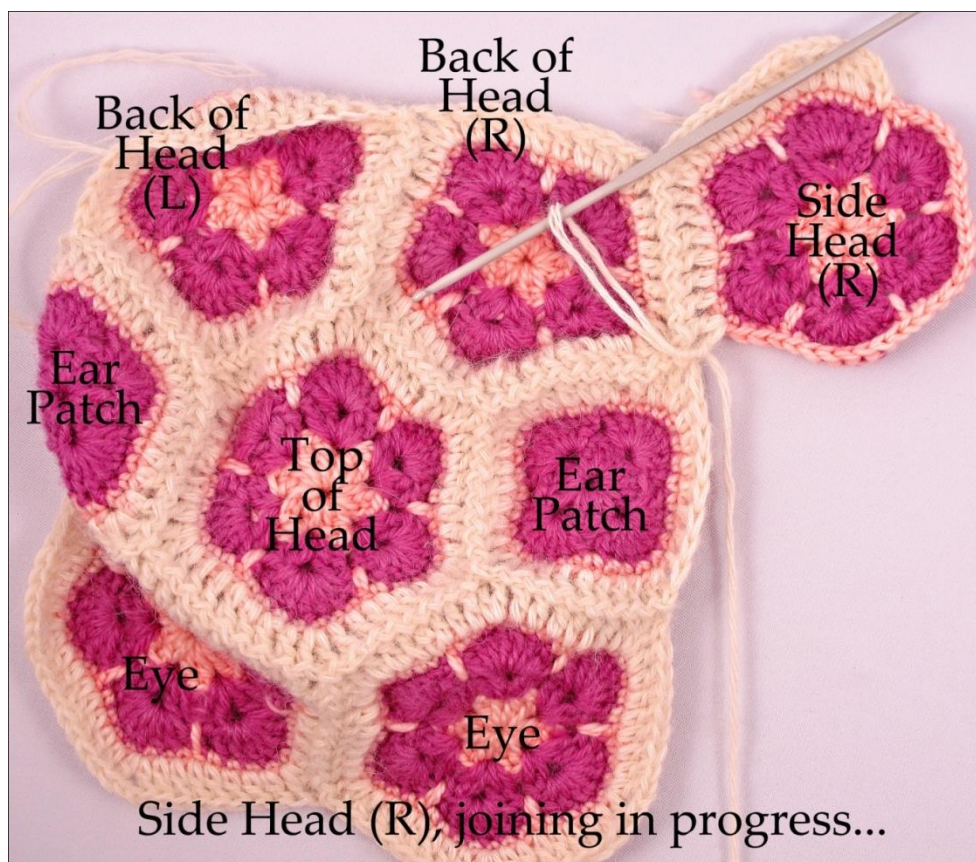
...joined to it's neighbor...

You have completed the Left and Right **Side Back of Head** Motifs. At this point, the shape of the head is now developing... :)

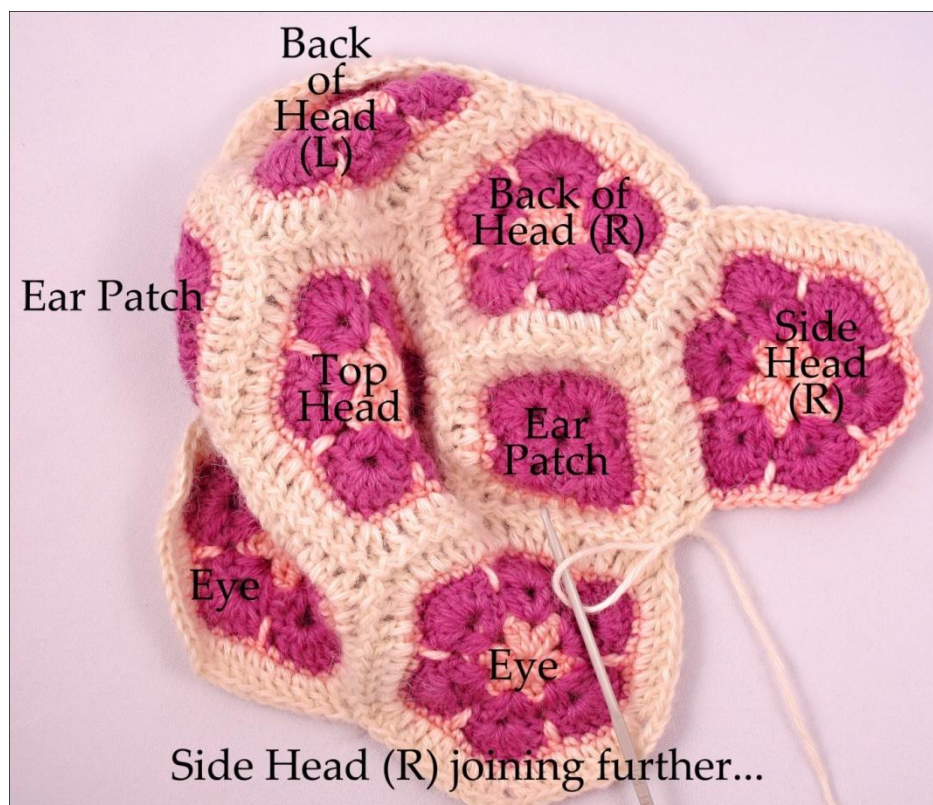
Take note of the labelling of the parts of the Head.



It's time to join in the Side Head Pieces. Start with the Right Side Head piece...



First it will be joined to the Back of Head (R) motif...



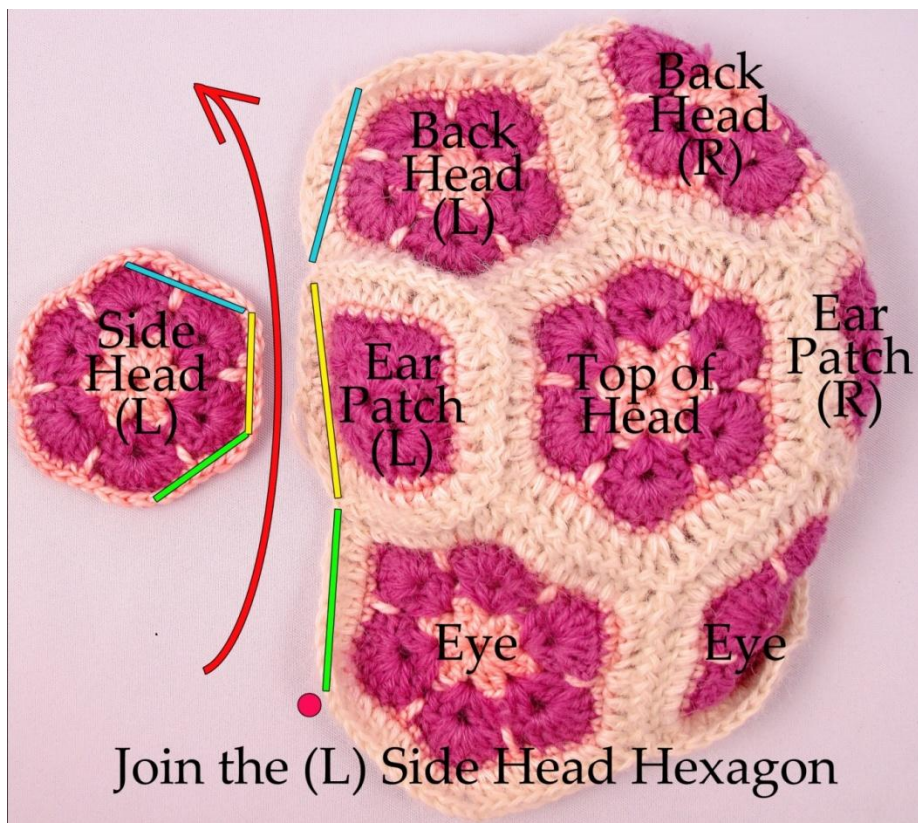
...then to the Ear Patch (R)....



...and finally to the Eye (R)... Now complete the Round...



Ta Da! The Side Head Motif (R) is joined and completed.



Next you will do exactly the same again for the Side Head hexagon on the Left.

Here you will start joining first to the left Eye piece, then to the Ear Patch

and finally to the Back of Head pentagon on the Left side of the head.

Follow along step-by-step...



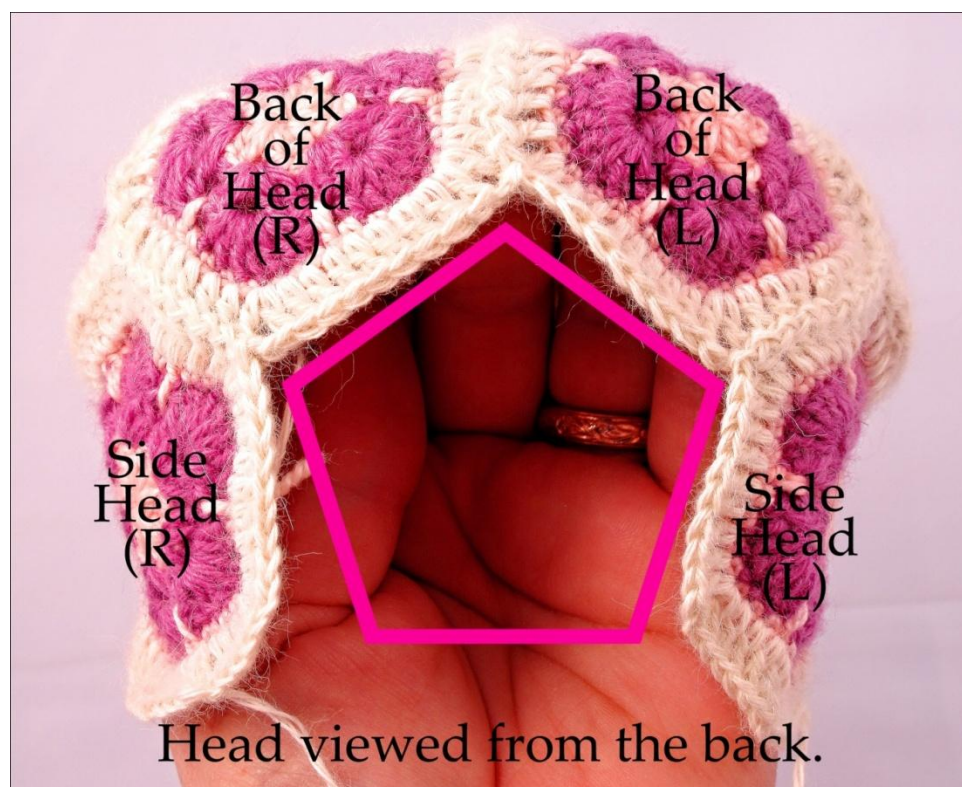
First , join the piece to the left Eye piece....the red arrow indicates the direction of joining...



...then join to the Left Ear Patch...



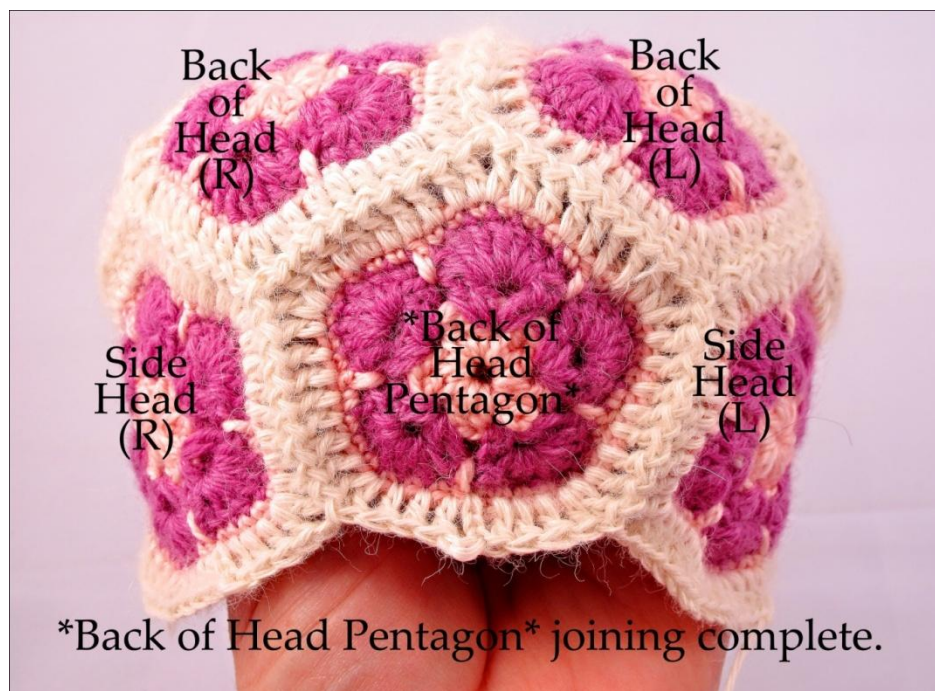
...and finally to the Back of Head (L) piece. Complete the rest of the round.

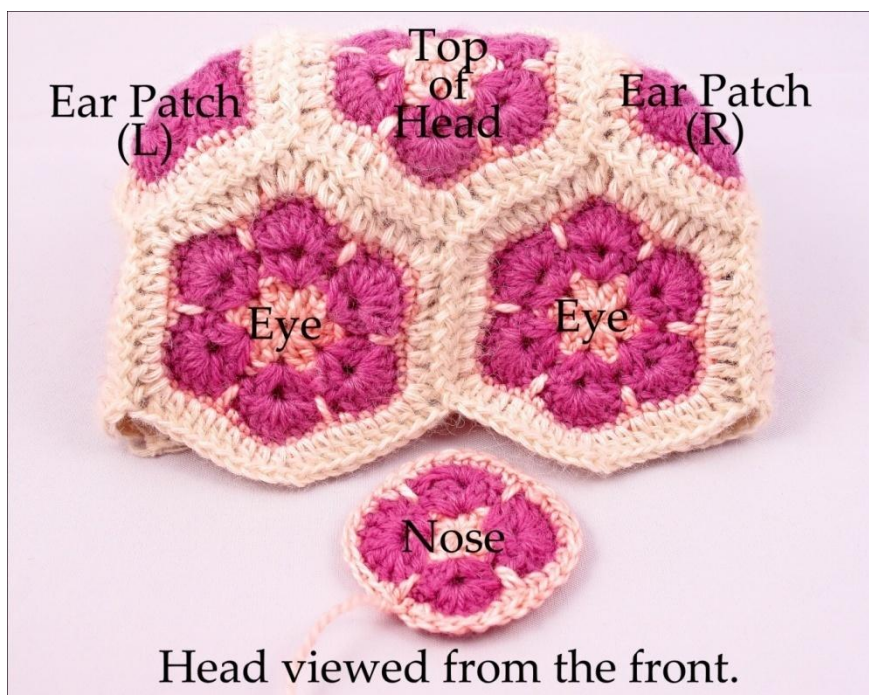


If you hold the head on your hand as shown, and look at the back of the head, you will see a perfect pentagon shape space...



Using the above photo for reference, join a pentagon to the head, using the corresponding colored lines for reference. The pink dot indicates the starting point for joining and the red arrow the direction the joining will follow. Take note that you will have to join this pentagon on FOUR sides, firstly to the Side Head (L) piece, then to the Back of Head (L) piece, then to the Back of Head (R) piece, and finally to the Side Head Piece (R). I have called this pentagon **Back of Head Pentagon**, between asterixes, to avoid it being confused with the Back of Head pieces.





The next steps move again to the front of the head...you are going to add the nose :)

Instructions for making the nose square can be found in Appendix C of this pattern. (Essentially it is a "four petal" African Flower square, made exactly as the full hexagon, but with only 4 petals).

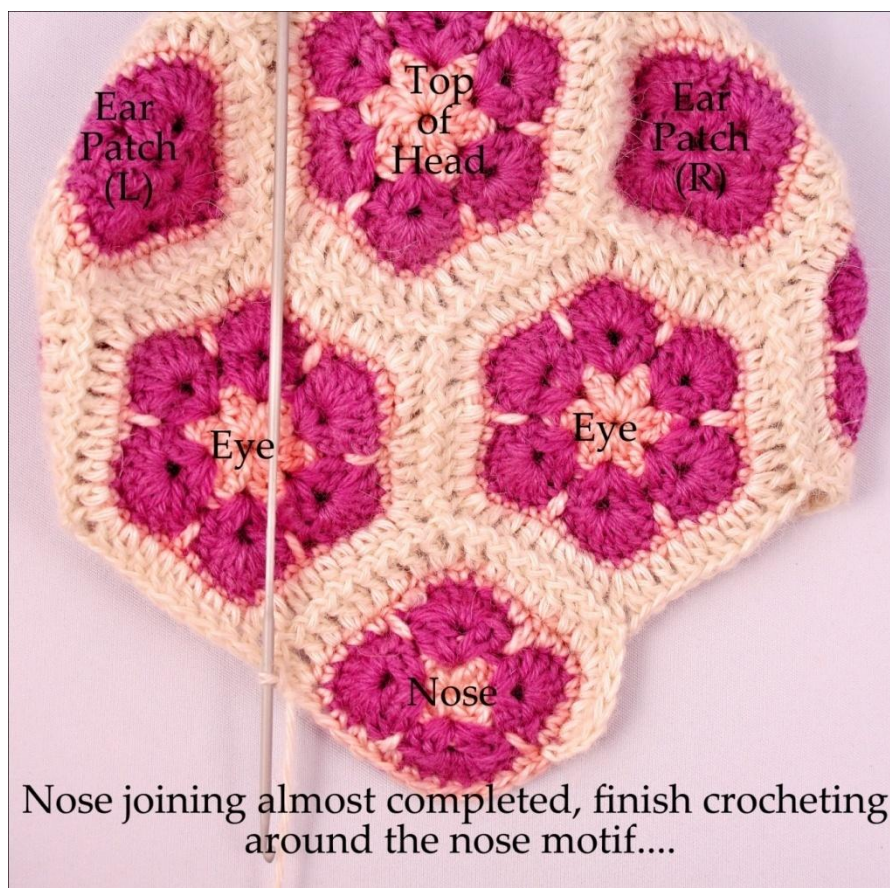


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The nose is joined, as shown in the photo above, starting at the pink dot and following the direction of the red arrow.

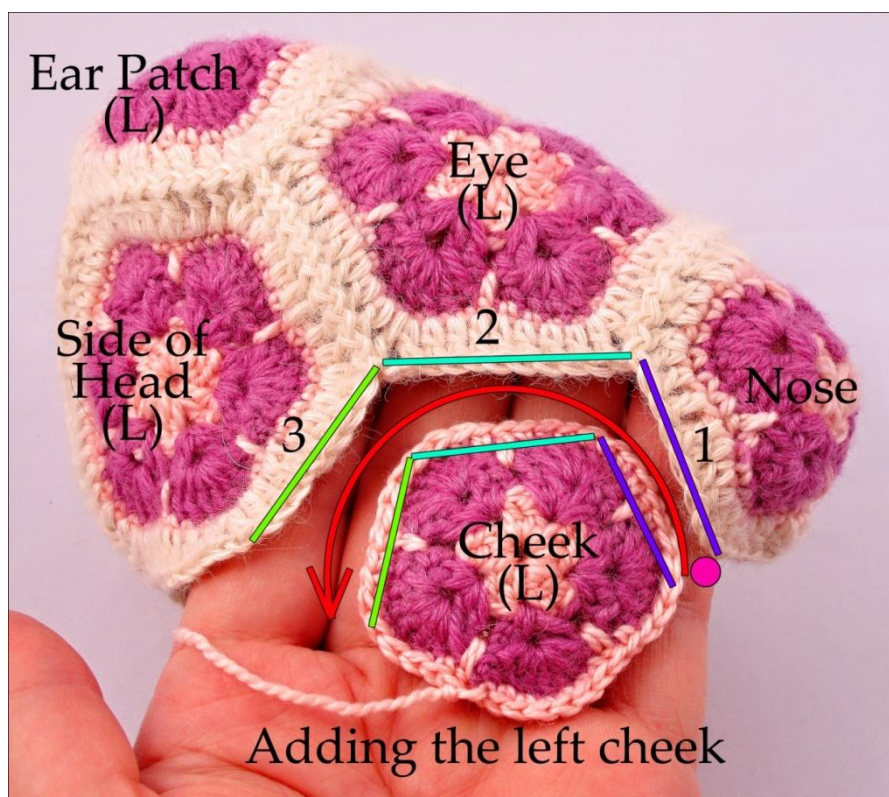


In the photo above , the nose is half joined....





The nose has been completed. You will notice that it pops outward...when the little nose is stuffed, it will form a lovely little pointed snout :)



Holding the head in your left hand, nose pointing to the right, you will see the space underneath the left eye, where the cheek pentagon will fit. Join this pentagon as shown above,

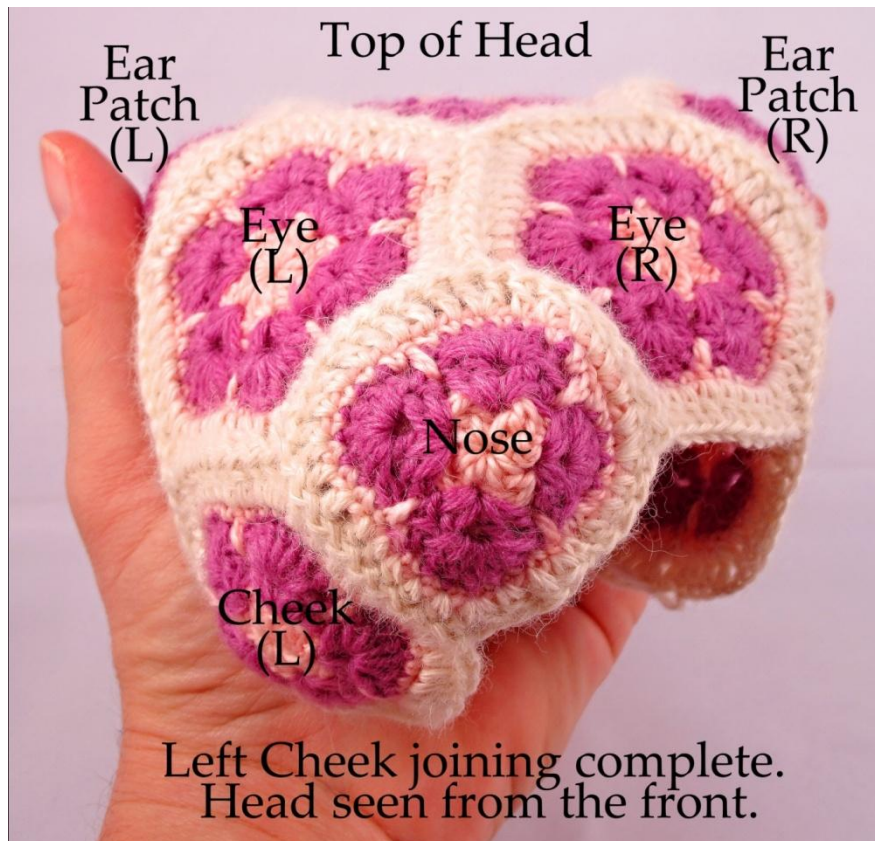
again starting at the pink dot indicated, and joining the pentagon on THREE sides, first to the nose, then to the Left Eye hexagon, and finally to the Side of Head (L)...joined on THREE SIDES.



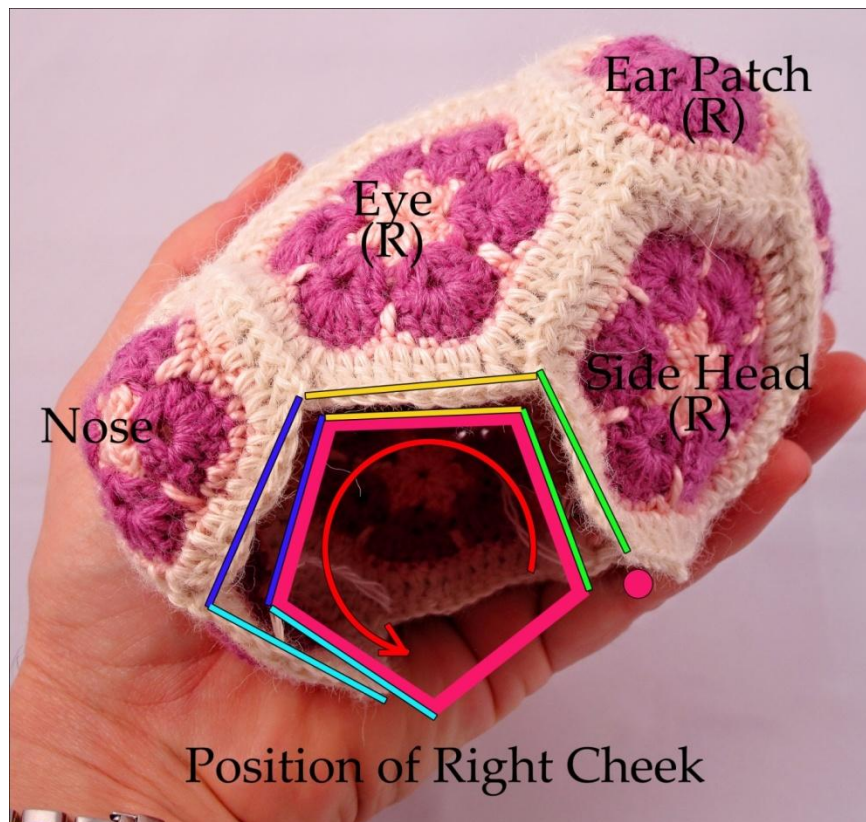
Above you see the joining in progress...the left cheek has been joined to the nose and Left Eye....



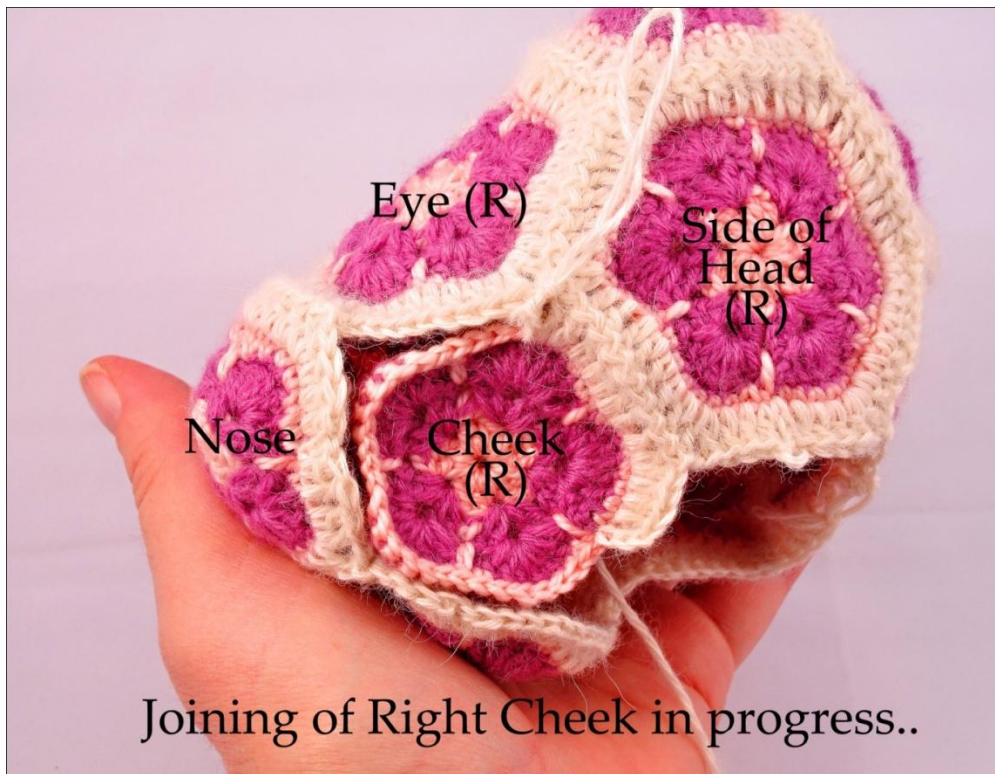
Cheek (L) joining completed.



Look at the front of Lollo's face...you can see the space on the right for the Right Cheek...



Once again, using the above photo as a guide, join the right cheek...on FOUR SIDES as shown...



The Right Cheek has been joined to the Side of Head (R)....

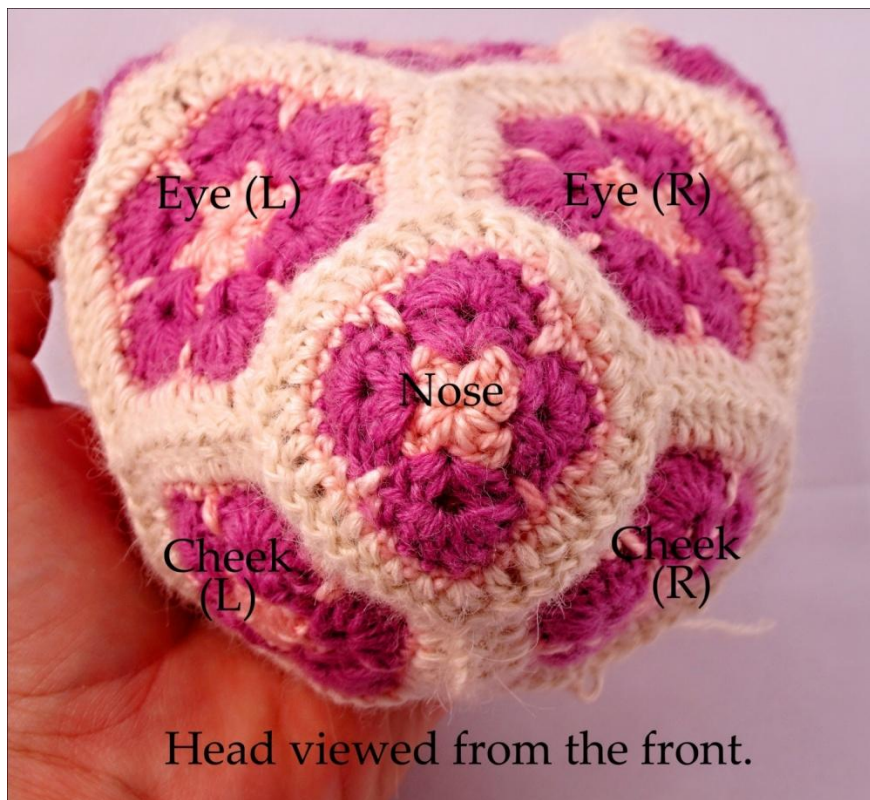


...joined next to the Eye (R)...continue on to join it to the nose and finally to the Left Cheek...this Cheek Penatgon (R) has been joined ON FOUR SIDES to the head.

Both cheeks completed...head viewed from underneath.



Head seen from underneath...both cheeks completed.



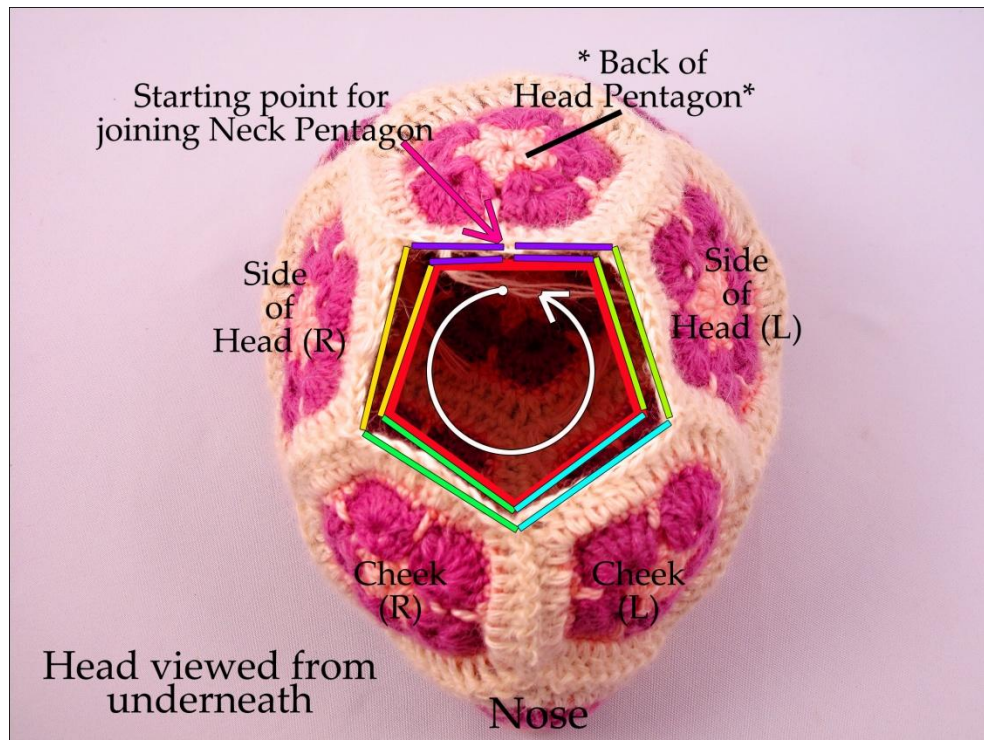
Can you see how the face is coming together?



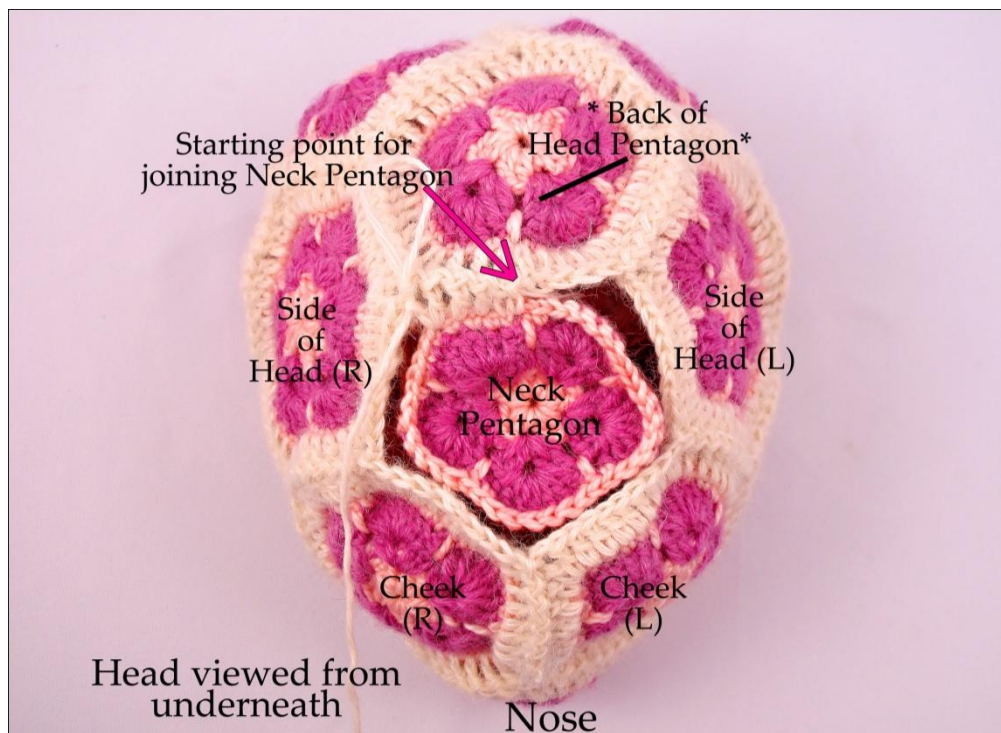
Head viewed from the Left Side

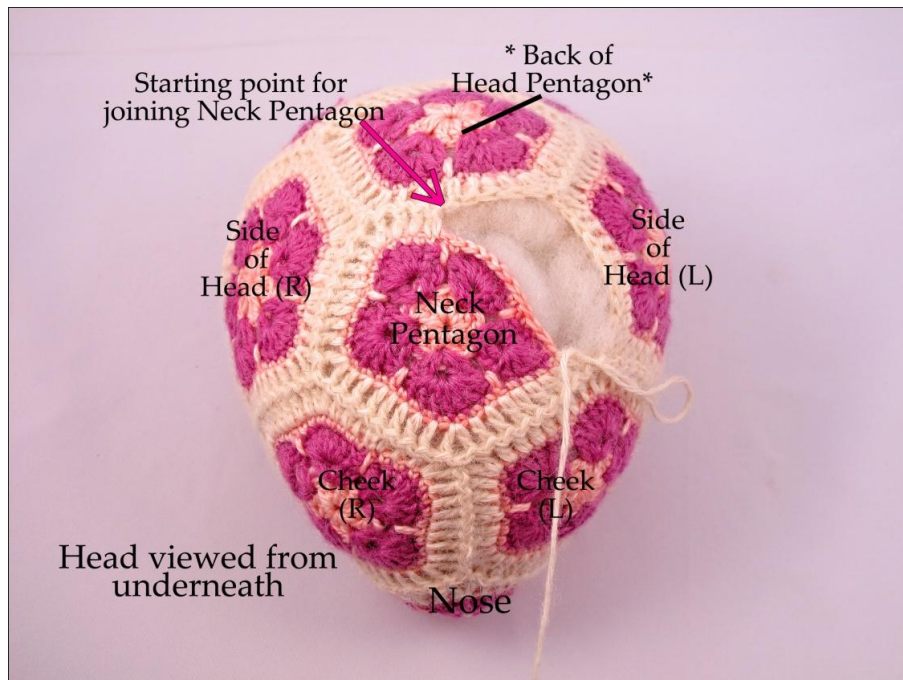


Use your hands to push out the sides of the head...shaping it into a round shape, and turn it over. Look at the base of the head...there is a perfect pentagon shape, waiting to be filled with the last pentagon...use the photo below to guide you, as before in joining it...



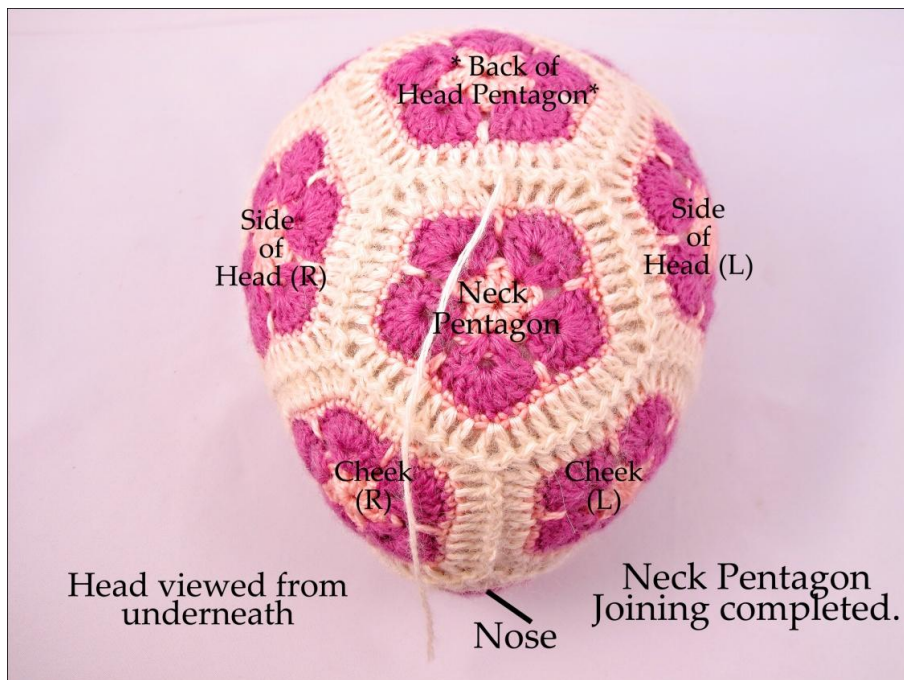
This last motif is the neck pentagon. This pentagon must be joined on FIVE SIDES, ie completely on all sides FROM the first stitch of Round 5. The method for joining is exactly the same as you did for adding the last hexagon of the top of the body. Refer to the notes for the body, if you are unsure :)





When you have joined the neck pentagon on three sides, repeat the procedure for stuffing as you did for the body, first pulling the stitch on your hook into a big loop, in order to prevent your work from unravelling...stuff the head to a pleasing shape and complete the joining of the neck.

If you find this too difficult, you can complete the round without joining, and then sew up the opening afterwards with yarn and a tapestry needle.



Your work should look like the photo above, when the round is complete! Awesome! You have made Lollo's head...next you will make the ears :)

: : Making and Attaching the Ears : :

The ears are made using a modified hexagon. The hexagon is made exactly as usual, except that Round 5 (last round in the cream colored yarn), has no dc's into the same space (between sc's 4 and 5 of the apricot colored round, which is Round 4), nor chain stitches between [9dc repeats](#). You simply do the whole round with 1 dc in each Round 4 sc space. The effect of this is to make the ear curl on the edges...something that will shape the ear without any other fancy footwork...

Make 2 modified hexagons for the ears.



Notice how the omitting of the chain stitches and dc in the same space, takes away the usual hexagon shape...

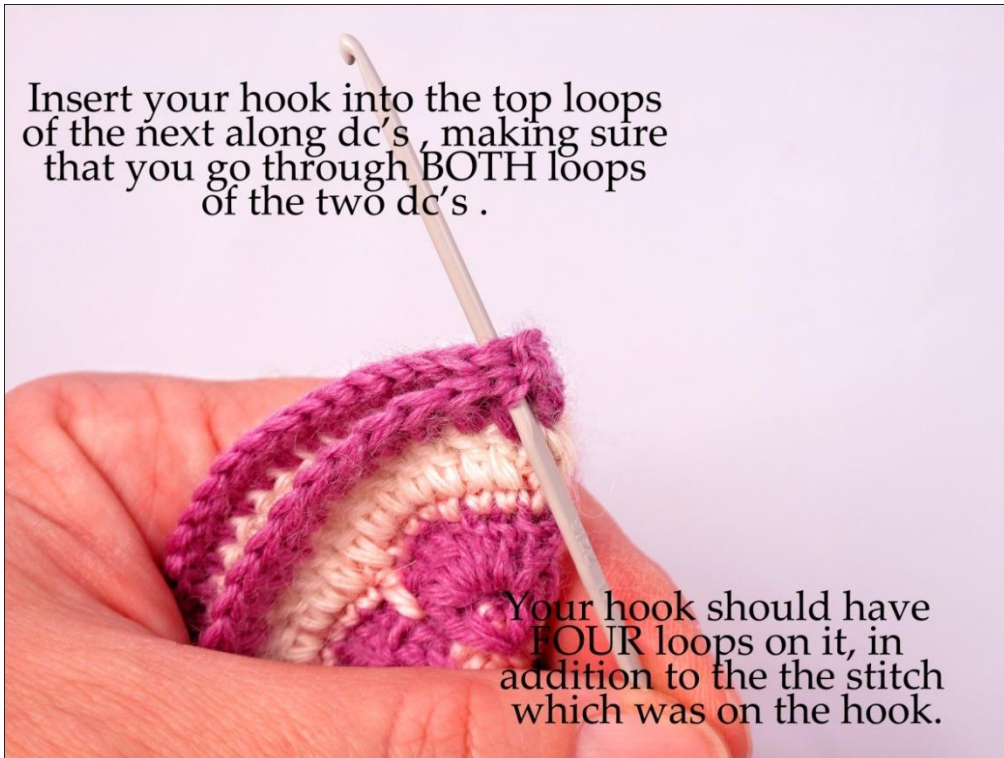


Add a round of dc's in a contrasting yarn...DO NOT CUT YOUR YARN YET...



Fold the ear in half, with the wrong sides facing, in such a way that your last stitch made is on the far right, as shown above...

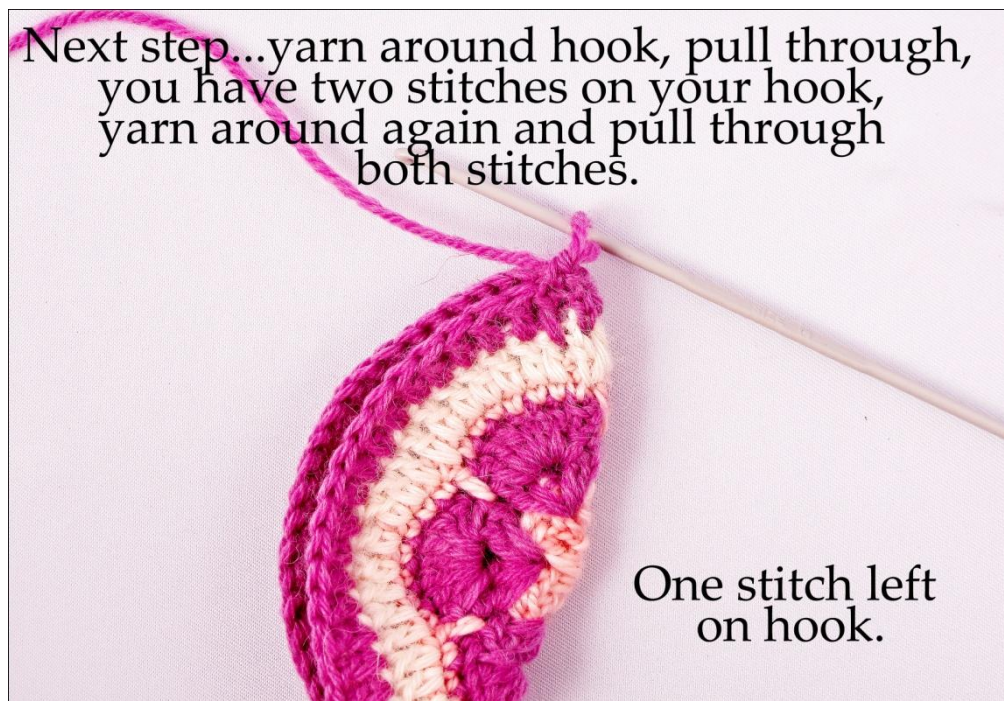
Insert your hook into the top loops of the next along dc's, making sure that you go through BOTH loops of the two dc's.



Your hook should have FOUR loops on it, in addition to the the stitch which was on the hook.

You will crochet the two edges together by single crocheting all along the outside of the ear. Be sure to insert your hook through both loops of each dc, so that you have FOUR stitches in addition to the stitch already on your hook. Continue with a yarn around hook, pull through ...yarn around hook again, pull through both stitches left on your hook...see below...

Next step...yarn around hook, pull through, you have two stitches on your hook, yarn around again and pull through both stitches.



One stitch left on hook.

Repeat the steps for the next two dc edge stitches....



Continue along the edge of the ear, joining via a sc , each set of adjacent dc's.

Continue all along ear edge...
the ear is now ready to sew
to Lollo's head.



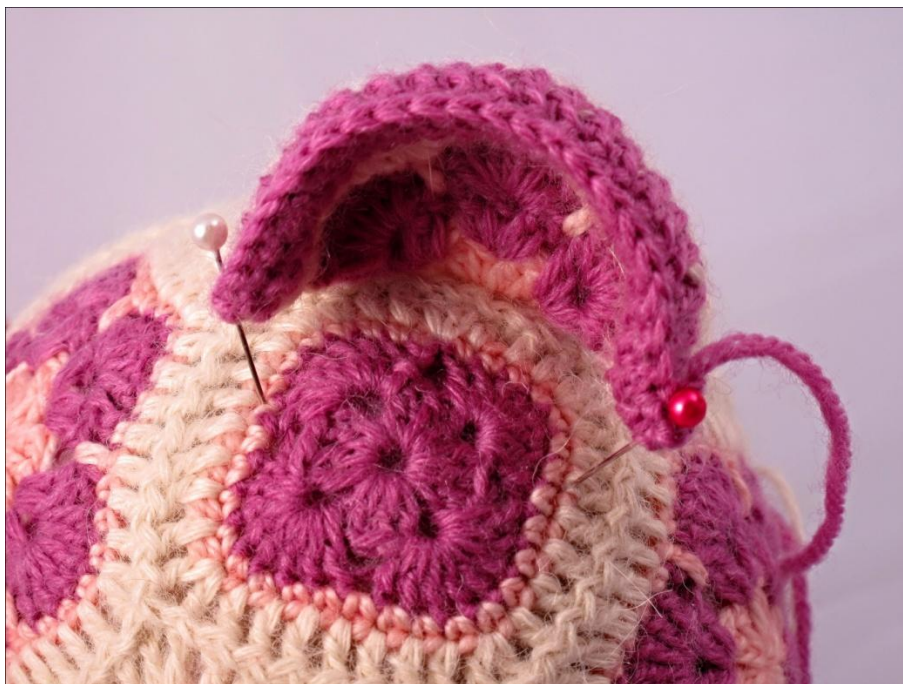
CUT YOUR YARN , LEAVING A LONG TAIL...this will be what you use to sew your bear's ears onto the head.



Your ear will naturally form a little cup shape...make it look nice and curved...



Use two pins, placed through the corners of the ears as shown above, using the ear patch Round 4 as your guide to placement.



Above, you can see that the apricot round acts as a guide for where you will sew the ears on...the ear corners should be situated approximately at the midpoint along one side of the apricot round.



The ears have been sewn on...your Lollo should look like the photo above, and those below...



*What an adorable creature...even without the eyes added :)

(*my daughter says...)



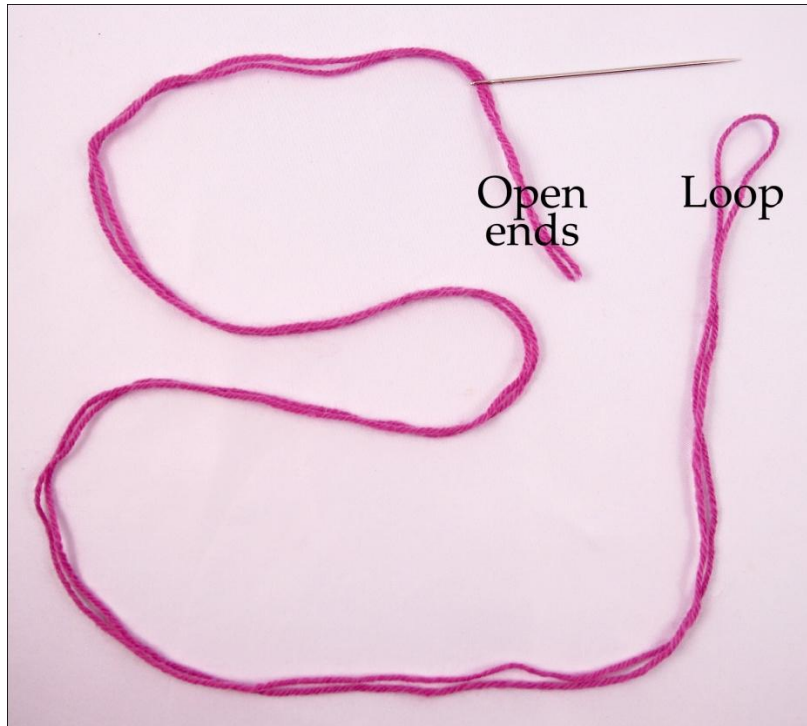


: : Adding the Eyes : :

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IMPORTANT: If you are making Lollo for a child, do not use attachable eyes, as they are a potential suffocation hazard! Needle sculpt the eye sockets as shown, but embroider the eyes using some spare yarn in the colour of your choice.

I have chosen to use metal looped glass eyes. These are available at doll/bear making supply shops and are quite easy to find :) They add a lively real look to your Lollo, and they come in several different colors.



Take a piece of yarn about 3/4 of a meter long, and fold it in half. Take the two ends and thread through a long doll making needle (or any adequately long needle you have, that has a large enough eye). Do not cut the loop at the end.



Insert the needle into the right eye first, placing it just next to the centre hole of the apricot part of the eye. Squeezing the head sides together in your left hand (and avoiding pricking yourself), push the needle all the way through the head, and exit just next to the centre hole of the left eye.



Pull the thread through the head ...be careful not to pull it all the way through!

Now insert the needle into the left eye again, and push through the head to the right eye, exiting just next to the centre hole of the right eye.



Above is a guide to placement of your needle insertion.



Your work should look like the photo above... and below...



Now pull the needle out, and gently work the whole thread through the head, until you have about and inch of the closed loop end showing at the right eye...see below...



Place the needle through the loop, and draw it through...

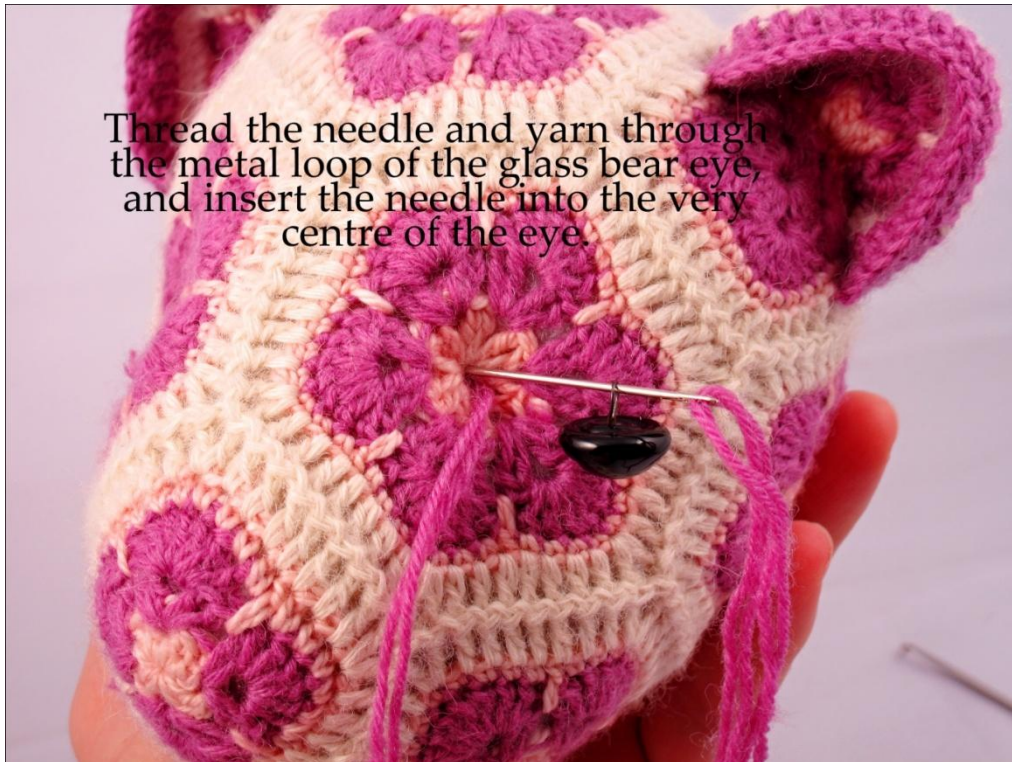


...gently continue to pull, and watch the eye sockets indent! Don't indent them too much :)



Use the photos above and below to gauge the amount of indent you should have.





Thread the needle through the metal loop of the glass eye and insert the needle into the centre hole of the eye...



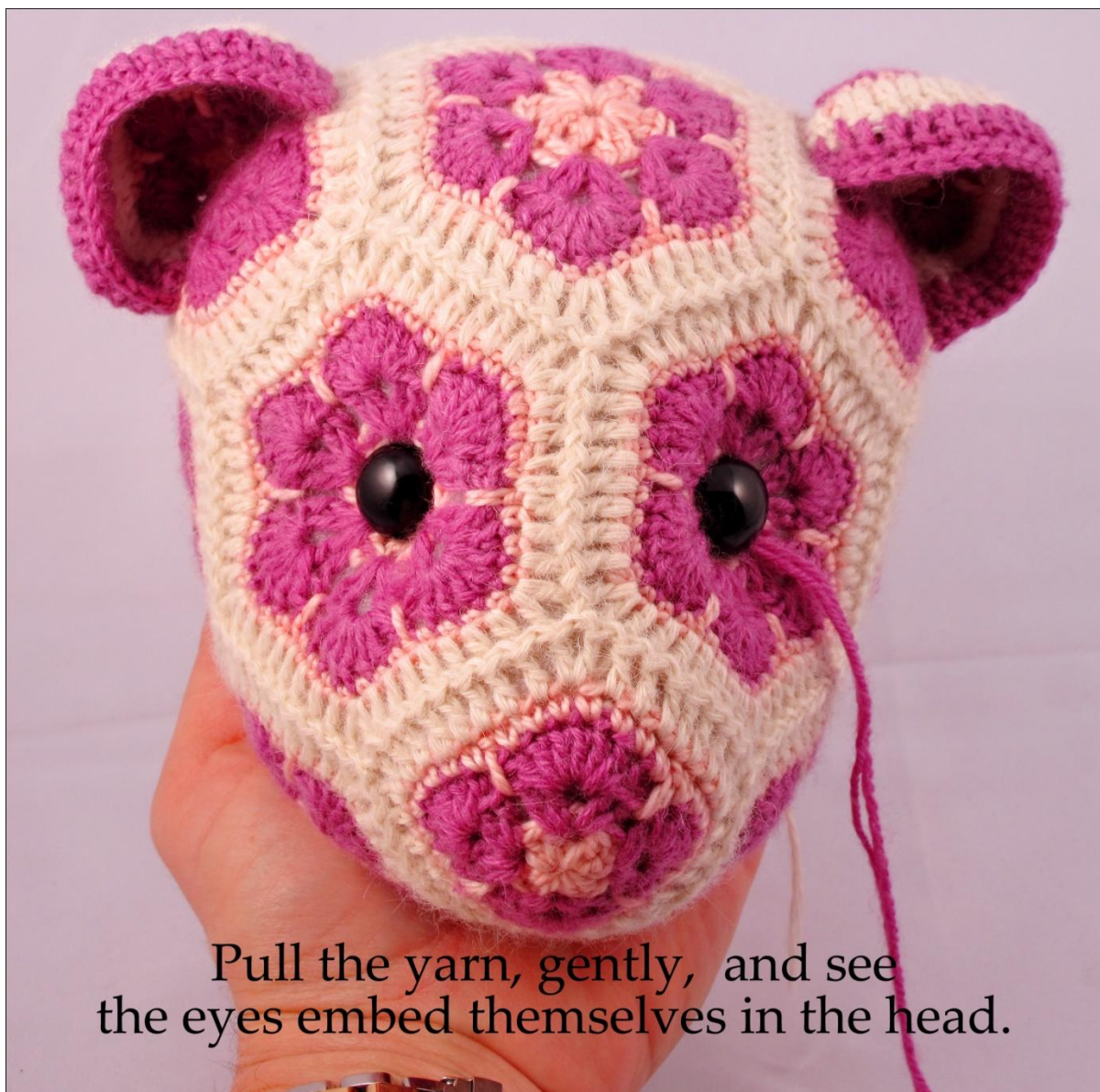
...push the needle all the way through the head to the centre hole of the left eye...pull the thread all the way through and give a little tug to embed the eye.



Thread the needle through the metal loop of the second glass eye and insert the needle into the centre of the left eye...



Pull needle through the head, and exit under the right glass eye. Give a little tug and see the eyes settle in their sockets :)



Pull the yarn, gently, and see
the eyes embed themselves in the head.

Sew a triple stitch UNDER the right glass eye to secure the yarn, and tie off securely.

Lollo can see now!



Sew the head to the body. Now Lollo needs her arms and legs next....on we go!