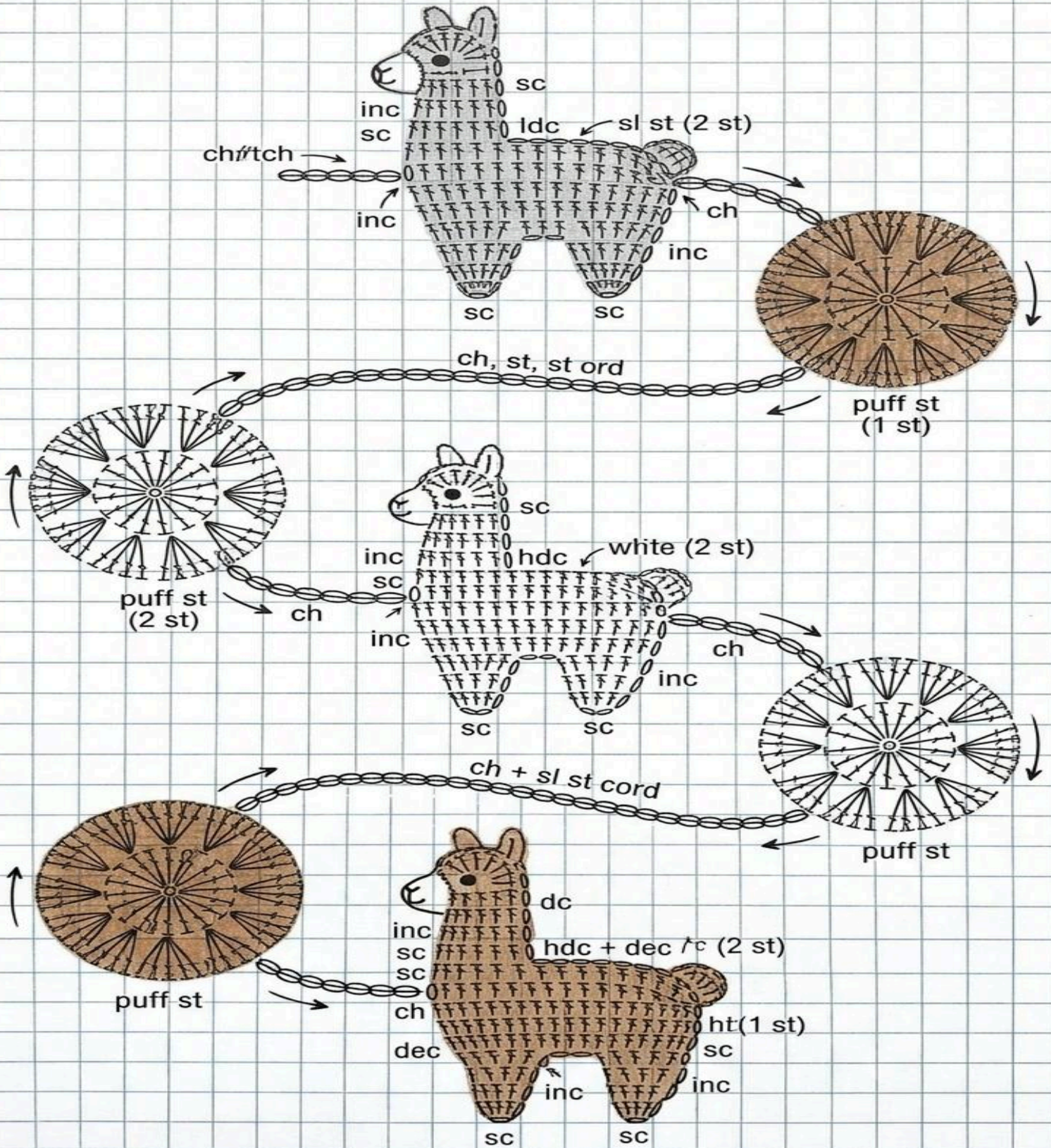




# Ultimate Crochet Llama Garland Tutorial

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## **Materials and Tools (Complete List)**

To ensure your project matches the diagram, prepare everything before starting:

- Worsted weight yarn:
  - Grey (Llama A)
  - Cream (Llama B)
  - Tan (Llama C)
  - Small amounts of black (eyes, tail tip)
  - Optional pink or beige (details)
- Crochet hook: 3.25 mm (D) or 3.5 mm (E)
- Yarn needle (for sewing and embroidery)
- Stitch markers (very important for tracking rounds)
- Scissors
- Fiberfill stuffing (light amount only)
- Pom-pom maker OR cardboard (about 2–3 inches wide)
- Measuring tape (optional but helpful)

## **Understanding the Diagram Structure**

The diagram is divided into 4 important sections:

- Full llama body chart (used for ALL llamas)
- Pom-pom circular pattern (360° construction)
- Embroidery grids for body decoration
- Final assembly layout

Important: The llama shape is worked mostly in rows (not just rounds), which gives it that flat, stylized look.

## **Crochet Abbreviations (US Terms)**

- ch = chain
- sc = single crochet
- dc = double crochet
- sl st = slip stitch
- inc = increase (2 stitches in same stitch)
- dec = decrease (join 2 stitches together)
- st = stitch

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## Step 1: Starting the Llama (Foundation and Head Shape)

This section creates the head and upper body silhouette.

1. Chain 9 (this is the base width of the body).
2. Row 1: Starting in 2nd chain from hook, sc across (8 sc).
3. Row 2–4: ch 1, turn, sc across (maintain 8 stitches).

Now begin shaping the head:

4. Row 5:
  - Work partial stitches to begin forming the neck.
  - Leave last 2 stitches unworked to create slope.
5. Row 6–8:
  - Continue shaping upward using sc and occasional dc stitches (as shown in diagram).
  - The dc stitches help round the top of the head.
6. Snout shaping:
  - Add small outward extension using increases at the front.
  - Then decrease slightly to define the nose.

Tip: The head should curve forward slightly — this is intentional.



## Step 2: Neck and Body Expansion

Now we expand from the head into the torso.

1. Continue crocheting downward from the neck.
2. Gradually increase stitches:
  - Add 1–2 increases per row until you reach approx. 12–14 stitches width.
3. Work straight rows (no increases) for 6–8 rows to build the body.

Important detail from diagram:

- The body is slightly rectangular, not oval.
- Keep edges straight by placing increases only at specific points.



## Step 3: Belly and Lower Body Shaping

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1. Work 2–3 rows evenly.
2. Begin slight decreases near the bottom to taper the shape.
3. Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing.

At this stage, your llama should look like a flat silhouette.

## Step 4: Making the Legs (4 per Llama)

Each llama has four small rectangular legs.

1. Chain 5.
2. Row 1: sc across (4 stitches).
3. Row 2–5: ch 1, turn, sc across.

Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Repeat 4 times per llama.

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- Keep all legs identical for balance.
- Slightly stretch them before attaching.

## Step 5: Crocheting the Ears

1. Chain 3.
2. Row 1: sc across (2 stitches).
3. Row 2: decrease (1 stitch).
4. Fasten off.

Make 2 ears per llama.

## Step 6: Tail

1. Chain 4.
2. Work 1 row of sc.
3. Optionally add a small knot or fluff at the end.

Attach to the back of the llama.

## Step 7: Assembly of the Llama Body

1. Sew legs evenly under the body:
  - Two in front
  - Two in back
2. Attach ears to the top of the head:
  - Slightly angled outward
3. Attach tail at the rear.
4. Optional:
  - Add a tiny bit of stuffing before fully closing if you want dimension.

## **Step 8: Embroidering the Face**

Use black embroidery thread:

- Eyes:
  - Small horizontal stitch or French knot
  - Place slightly above center of head
- Nose:
  - Optional tiny stitch at tip of snout

Keep expression minimal and cute 😊

## **Step 9: Body Embroidery Patterns**

Each llama has a unique decorative grid:

### **Llama A (Grey)**

- 3 x 4 stitch rectangle
- Use contrasting yarn
- Place centered on body

### **Llama B (Cream)**

- 3 x 3 stitch square
- Slightly smaller and centered

### **Llama C (Tan)**

- 4 x 3 stitch rectangle
- Slightly longer horizontally

Tip:

- Use surface embroidery or duplicate stitch
- Keep spacing even to match diagram

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## **Step 10: Pom-Pom (Fluffy Ball) Creation**

You have TWO methods:

### **Method 1: Wrapped Pom-Pom (Recommended)**

1. Wrap yarn around cardboard 40–60 times.
2. Tie tightly in the center.
3. Cut loops.
4. Trim into a perfect sphere.

### **Method 2: Crochet Sphere (Following Diagram)**

1. Magic ring: 12 dc.
2. Round 2: inc in each stitch (24 dc).
3. Round 3: (1 dc, inc) repeat.
4. Continue until full circle.
5. Decrease symmetrically to close.

Important:

- The diagram shows a full 360° expansion pattern.
- Keep increases evenly spaced.

Make 3–4 pom-poms.



## **Step 11: Creating the Garland Cord**

Option 1 (crochet cord):

- Chain 100–140 depending on desired length.

Option 2 (twisted cord):

- Cut 3 long strands
- Twist tightly and fold in half

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## Step 12: Final Assembly Layout

Follow the exact diagram order:

1. Pom-pom A
2. Llama A (Grey)
3. Pom-pom 1
4. Llama B (Cream)
5. Pom-pom 2
6. Llama C (Tan)
7. Pom-pom 3

### Attaching:

- Use yarn needle
- Pass cord through top/back of each llama
- Tie small knots behind pieces to secure position

Spacing tip:

- Leave about 2–3 inches between each element

## Step 13: Final Finishing Touches

- Trim all loose threads
- Adjust pom-poms for roundness
- Gently shape llamas by hand
- Steam lightly (optional) for a polished look

### Pro Tips for Best Results

- Keep tension consistent — this is key for symmetry
- Always count stitches at the end of each row
- Use stitch markers when shaping the head
- Don't overstuff — this design is slightly flat
- Take your time with embroidery — it makes a big difference

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# Congratulations!

You've now completed a fully detailed crochet llama garland 🐫💛

This project combines:

- Shaping techniques
- Decorative embroidery
- Pom-pom crafting
- Assembly skills

Perfect for:

- Baby rooms
- Craft decor
- Handmade gifts

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