Ballerina doll

US terms



Finished size
About 6¼ in (16 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Nine pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 7 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

You will need

Yarn A: peach, head, body and arm	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: auburn, hair cap and hair bun	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: ballet pink, body and tutu	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: rose, leg	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: black, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: coral, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: white, leg and tutu	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4). Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors and two black plastic eyes with washers, 10 mm.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side

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Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

20 sc and 22 rounds = 4 in (10 cm), worked in a spiral. To check it, work a flat circle: 6 sc in a magic ring, then 6 more sc in each round (12, 18, 24, 30, 36). After round 6 it should measure about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

Before you start

- Every piece is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up.
- Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.
- Color change: where a line begins "With A," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in A. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- Center line: places on a piece are given by round and by stitches from a center line. It is half way round from where the rounds begin. Mark it with a pin or a scrap of yarn as listed here, run it straight from round 1 to the last round by eye, and count out from it along the round, in stitches and half stitches.
- Head: the center line runs between stitches 27 and 28 of round 11 (54 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 15 and 16 of round 5 (30 sts). It faces the front. Hair cap: the center line runs between stitches 27 and 28 of round 9 (54 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- Running stitches go in and out along a line.
- To work sc2tog, put the hook under the front loop only of each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through both loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in E (black).
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, ovals, details) are for Standard: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Small: fine (2, sport) yarn, 2.25 mm (B-1) hook, 27 sc and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 4¾ in (12 cm) tall; eyes 7 mm; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.
- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 9 in (23 cm) tall; eyes 14 mm; multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 times the yarn.
- Jumbo: super bulky (6, plush or velvet) yarn, 6.5 mm (K-10½) hook, 11 sc and 12.1 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 11¼ in (28.5 cm) tall; eyes 18 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet and sl st is slip stitch.

Head

Yarn A, peach.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 12 to 17**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 17: tick them off as you go.

☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17

☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Fix the eyes now (see Face and details). Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside.	

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Body

Yarns in order of use: C, ballet pink; A, peach.

Round 1 is the middle of the base.

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☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 12**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 12: tick them off as you go.

☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12

☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 14 to 16**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 14 to 16: tick them off as you go.

☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	With A, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Arm: make 2

Yarn A, peach.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 12**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 12: tick them off as you go.

☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Leg: make 2

Yarns in order of use: D, rose; G, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	**(13 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	With G, **[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 13**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 13: tick them off as you go.

7 8 9 10 11 12 13

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Hair cap

Yarn B, auburn.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 12**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 12: tick them off as you go.

10 11 12

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 38 in (97 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

Hair bun

Yarn B, auburn.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 7**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 7: tick them off as you go.

5 6 7

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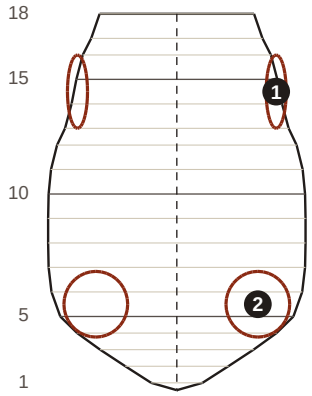
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Tutu

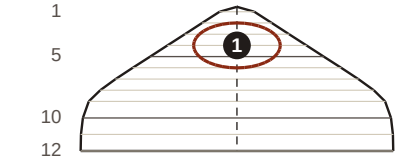
Yarns in order of use: C, ballet pink; G, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 30; being careful not to twist the chain, sl st in the first ch to form a ring. Round 1 begins in that same ch.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in each ch around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 15 times**	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 15 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 15 times**	**(75 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	With G, sc in each st around	**(75 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off and weave in the end. Do not stuff.	

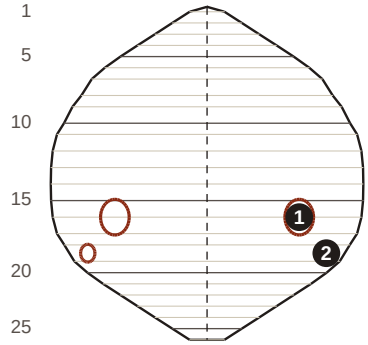
Assembly



Body: 1 arms, 2 legs



Hair cap: 1 hair bun



Head: 1 eyes, 2 cheeks

Each line is a round, counted as the rounds are worked. The upright broken line is the center line. A place with a broken edge is on the far side.

1. Before the head is sewn on, slip the tutu, its last round first, over the open edge of the body and down, until its chain edge lies on round 11 of the body and its last round hangs free toward round 1. Sew the 30 chains to the body all the way round.

2. Set the head on the open edge of the body (18 sts), center lines in line: the edge lies on round 24 of the head (18 sts). With the tail of the body, sew every stitch of the edge to the head, and top up the stuffing in the neck before the last stitches so that the head does not wobble.

3. Pin the two arms to the body: the middle of each open edge lies between rounds 14 and 15, one to each side, 5 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart). The edge (9 sts) covers about rounds 13 to 16 of the body. They point out to the side and down, then curve until the tip of each points straight down. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a few running stitches along its inner side, drawn up a little. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

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4. Fold the tutu up out of the way while you do this step, and sew to the body only. Pin the two legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies between rounds 5 and 6, one to each side, 3½ stitches from the center line (7 stitches apart). The edge (10 sts) covers about rounds 4 to 7 of the body. They point forward from under the front edge of the body, lying along the table. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

5. Pull the hair cap down over the head, center lines in line and its round 1 about two rounds behind round 1 of the head, until its edge lies on about round 10 of the head in front and on round 14 at the back. Sew the edge (54 sts) down all the way round.

6. Pin the hair bun to the hair cap: the middle of the open edge lies on round 4, on the center line. The edge (15 sts) covers about rounds 2 to 6 of the hair cap. It points up. Sew all the way round with the tail, through the hair cap and the head, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

Finishing

- Put in the plastic eyes when the words of a piece say so, or embroider eyes in the same places with the other details. Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on; begin and end each strand inside the toy. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled. Backstitch is a line of short stitches end to end: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and repeat.
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 16, one to each side, 5½ stitches from the center line (11 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with F (coral), in satin stitch, an oval about 5/16 in (8 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the head between rounds 18 and 19, one to each side, 8 stitches from the center line (16 stitches apart).
- Mouth: with E (black), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about 3/8 in (10 mm) wide that dips 3/16 in (5 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are on the head on round 19, one to each side of the center line.
- Lashes: with E (black), two short straight stitches, one above the other, each about 3/16 in (5 mm) long and slanting up and outward, the upper one starting 1/16 in (2 mm) above the start of the lower one and a little nearer the center line, the lower one starting on the head between rounds 14 and 15, one to each side, 7 stitches from the center line (14 stitches apart). Work the second side as a mirror image.
- Weave every tail through the toy and trim it. For a toy that will be played with, go round each seam a second time with a new length of yarn. Check the seams and small parts from time to time.

In all: 9 pieces; 2,744 stitches (948 in the head, 432 in the body, 105 in each arm, 136 in each leg, 432 in the hair cap, 165 in the hair bun, 285 in the tutu); 18 ends to weave in.

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