Basic doll body to dress

US terms



Finished size
About 10¾ in (27.5 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Seven 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.

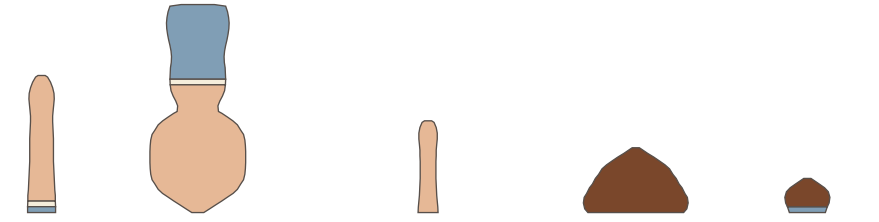
You will need

Yarn A: bisque, leg, body, head and arm and the details	**about 125 yd (114 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: dusty blue, leg, body and head and hair bun	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: ivory, leg, body and head and the details	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: chestnut, hair cap and hair bun	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: dark brown, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: rose, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: tan rose, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

The pieces



Leg x 2 **Body and head** **Arm x 2** to the body and head **Hair cap** **Hair bun** to the hair cap

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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, through the front loops only: how is under “Before you start” (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 stitches together)
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

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

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

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.
- For another doll change the yarns: for paler or deeper skin use any pale, tan, brown or deep brown yarn for A, and for the nose (G) and the cheeks (F) a yarn one or two shades deeper than it. Any color of hair goes with any of them.
- For clothes, at the size written here: about 5 5/8 in (14 cm) round the chest (28 sts), 5¼ in (13 cm) round the waist (26 sts), 6 3/8 in (16 cm) round the hips (32 sts), 10¾ in (27.5 cm) round the head over the hair cap (54 sts) and 3¾ in (9.5 cm) from the crotch to the sole. A garment that goes on over the head must open to the measure round the head over the hair cap; one that buttons at the back need not.
- For a doll that is to wear hats leave the bun off.
- 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 C," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in C. 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.
- Body and head: the center line runs between stitches 14 and 15 of round 1 (28 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.
- Hair cap: the center line runs between stitches 27 and 28 of round 12 (54 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the back.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the doll. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- Running stitches go in and out along a line.

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- In every step of putting it together: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- 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 (dark brown).
- 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, the size written here: 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 8 in (20.5 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 15¼ in (38.5 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 19½ in (49.5 cm) tall; eyes 18 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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.

Leg: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, bisque; C, ivory; B, dusty blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 6**	Sc in each st around	**(13 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 6: tick them off as you go.

☐ 5 ☐ 6

☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 10**	Sc in each st around	**(11 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 10: tick them off as you go.

☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10

☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 12 to 18**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 18: tick them off as you go.

☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18

☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	**(13 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 20 to 21**	Sc in each st around	**(13 sc)**

A box for each round, 20 to 21: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Rnd 22**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	Sc in each st around	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	With C, sc in each st around	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	With B, sc in each st around	**(14 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off the first leg, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Do not fasten off the second leg: go on from it with the body and head. Stuff both legs firmly, up to about ½ in (13 mm) below the open edge, before you join them. Round 1 is the toes.	

Body and head

Yarns in order of use: B, dusty blue; C, ivory; A, bisque.

Hold the two legs side by side. The yarn is still on the second leg: carry it straight across to the first one and begin round 1 there, in the stitch after its last stitch; when all 14 of its stitches are worked, go on round the second leg, beginning in the stitch after the one the yarn came from. When round 2 is done, close the small gap between the two from the inside with the tail of the first leg.

The center line is in front, midway between the two legs. Stuff as you go, through the open top: the body firmly when round 18 is done, and the neck hard when round 24 is done, so that the head does not wobble.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the two legs side by side.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	With right sides facing out, sc in each of the 14 sts of one leg, then sc in each of the 14 sts of the other leg	**(28 sc)**

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 14 and 15 of round 1. It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.

☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 5**	Sc in each st around	**(32 sc)**

A box for each round, 4 to 5: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(26 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 11: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(28 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 13 to 14**	Sc in each st around	**(28 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 14: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Rnd 15**	With C, sc in each st around	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	With A, sc in each st around	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 8 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 27 to 34**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 27 to 34: tick them off as you go.

27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34

☐ **Rnd 35**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 36**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 37**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 38**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 39**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Fix the eyes now: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the body and head on round 29, one to each side, 4½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart). Then stuff the head firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 40**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 41**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 42**	**[**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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Arm: make 2

Yarn A, bisque.

Stuff lightly every few rounds as you go, so that the tube still bends.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 4**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 4: tick them off as you go.

☐ 3 ☐ 4

☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 13**	Sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 13: tick them off as you go.

☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13

☐ **Rnd 14**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Hair cap

Yarn D, chestnut.

☐ **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**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**

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Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 27 and 28 of round 12. It faces the front, round 1 at the back.

☐ **Rnds 13 to 14**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 14: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 36 in (91 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

Hair bun

Yarns in order of use: D, chestnut; B, dusty blue.

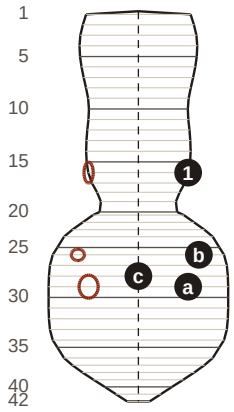
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☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 6**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 6: tick them off as you go.

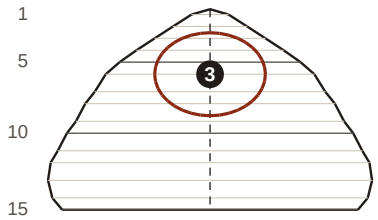
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☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	With B, sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Assembly



Body and head: 1 arms, a eyes, b cheeks, c nose



Hair cap: 3 hair bun

A number is the step below that puts it on; a letter is put on under Finishing. 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.

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1. Pin the two arms to the body and head: the middle of each open edge lies on round 16, one to each side, 6½ stitches from the center line (13 stitches apart). The edge (10 sts) covers about rounds 15 to 17 of the body and head. They point out to the side and down, then curve until the tip of each points straight down, the hand beside the hip. 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.

2. Pull the hair cap over the head, center line in front, the middle of its round 1 at the back, on the line opposite the center line, between rounds 37 and 38 of the body and head. Pin that middle first. Its edge (round 15) lies on round 34 on the center line in front, and on round 23 on the line opposite it, a little above the neck: pin it at these two places. The front is the highest place of the hairline, a small point in the middle of the forehead, as at a parting. From this point the edge comes down to round 32 at 5 stitches to each side of the center line and to about round 28 at the two sides of the head (12 stitches from the center line), then runs on down to the back: pull it down to these places and pin it there. With the thickness of the fabric the cap is as deep as the head is under it, and its edge (48 sts) is about as long as this line, so nothing is gathered or folded. Sew all 48 stitches of the edge down.

3. Pin the hair bun to the hair cap: the middle of the open edge lies on round 6, on the center line. The edge (18 sts) covers about rounds 3 to 9 of the hair cap. It stands up on the top of the head. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

4. Feet of the two legs: the foot is rounds 1 to 5 of the leg. Its front is straight below the place 4 stitches from the center line on round 1 of the body and head, so that the toes turn out a little. Bend the foot forward until it is at a right angle to the leg, and with a new length of A (bisque) take running stitches up the front of the ankle from round 5 to round 10, to and fro twice, and draw them up until the foot stays bent.

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.
- Heart: with C (ivory), in satin stitch, a heart about 5/16 in (8 mm) wide and 5/16 in (8 mm) tall, its middle on the body and head on round 13, on the center line.
- Straps: with C (ivory) and two strands in the needle, in backstitch, one line on each side of the body and head. Begin in front on round 15, 4½ stitches from the center line, go straight up to round 18, then back along round 18 over the shoulder, above the place of the arm, to 4½ stitches from the line opposite the center line, and straight down the back to round 15, 4½ stitches from the line opposite the center line.
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the body and head on round 29, one to each side, 4½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with F (rose), in satin stitch, an oval about 5/16 in (8 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the body and head on round 26, one to each side, 6 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart).
- Mouth: with E (dark brown), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about 9/16 in (14 mm) wide that dips 3/16 in (5 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are on the body and head between rounds 26 and 27, one to each side of the center line.
- Nose: with G (tan rose), in satin stitch, an oval about ¼ in (6 mm) wide and 1/8 in (3 mm) tall, its middle on the body and head on round 28, on the center line.
- 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: 7 pieces; 2,950 stitches (302 in each leg, 1,358 in the body and head, 146 in each arm, 552 in the hair cap, 144 in the hair bun).

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