Bunny rag doll in a pinafore

US terms



Finished size

About 13½ in (34.5 cm) from the top of the head to the soles with the legs straight, and 7¼ in (18.5 cm) tall when it sits

Skill

Intermediate

Eleven pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn

Medium (4), 6 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.

What you need

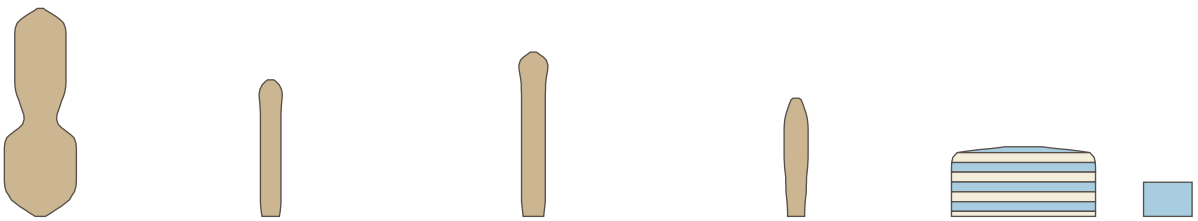
Yarn A: oatmeal, the main color	**about 255 yd (233 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, pinafore skirt	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sky blue, pinafore skirt, bib and the details	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cornflower, button and the details	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: dark brown, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: dusty pink, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 200 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

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 and scissors.

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



Body and head

Arm x 2
to the body and head

Leg x 2
to the body and head

Ear x 2
to the body and head

Pinafore skirt

Bib

Button x 2
to the bib

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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.

Notes

- Every piece that has rounds 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 B," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in B. 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 21 and 22 of round 30 (42 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the bunny. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- 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.
- No plastic eyes are used: every detail is worked in yarn.
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, 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 10 in (25.5 cm) from the top of the head to the soles with the legs straight, and 5½ in (14 cm) tall when it sits; 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 19¼ in (49 cm) from the top of the head to the soles with the legs straight, and 10½ in (26.5 cm) tall when it sits; 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 24½ in (62 cm) from the top of the head to the soles with the legs straight, and 13¼ in (33.5 cm) tall when it sits; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(6 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Body and head

Yarn A, oatmeal.

Stuff as you go, through the open top: the body lightly when round 22 is done, pressed flat from front to back, and the neck (rounds 24 to 26) firmly when round 28 is done, so that the head does not flop.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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 19**	Sc in each st around	(30 sc)
	6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19	
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	(27 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	Sc in each st around	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	(21 sc)
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnds 25 to 26**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
	25 26	
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 30**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
	Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 21 and 22 of round 30. It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.	
☐ **Rnds 31 to 41**	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)
	31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41	
☐ **Rnd 42**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(36 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 43**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 44**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 45**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

Stuff the head now, not too firmly and flatter from front to back, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 46**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 47**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 48**	**[**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. Press the piece a little flat with your hands. The body is then about 2½ in (6.5 cm) wide and 1¼ in (3.2 cm) deep, the head about 3 in (7.5 cm) wide and 2¼ in (5.7 cm) deep.	

Arm: make 2

Yarn A, oatmeal.

Stuff as you go, every few rounds: the hand (rounds 1 to 5) firmly, the rest very lightly, so that the arm stays floppy. Leave the last 3 rounds empty.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnds 4 to 5**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)

4 5

☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnds 7 to 28**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)

7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Press it a little flat.	

Leg: make 2

Yarn A, oatmeal.

Stuff as you go, every few rounds: the foot (rounds 1 to 6) firmly, the rest very lightly, so that the leg stays floppy. Leave the last 3 rounds empty.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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)

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☐ **Rnds 4 to 5**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
4 5		
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 13 sts, sc2tog	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnds 8 to 33**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33		
☐ **Rnd 34**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 35**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Press it a little flat.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 15**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15		
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnds 17 to 21**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
17 18 19 20 21		
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnds 23 to 25**	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)
23 24 25		
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 5 stitches.	

Pinafore skirt

Yarns in order of use: C, sky blue; B, cream.

Worked from the waist down.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 36; 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	(36 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 18 times**	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 18 times**	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 12 times**	(84 sc)
☐ **Rnds 5 to 6** 5 6	With B, sc in each st around	(84 sc)
☐ **Rnds 7 to 8** 7 8	With C, sc in each st around	(84 sc)
☐ **Rnds 9 to 10** 9 10	With B, sc in each st around	(84 sc)
☐ **Rnds 11 to 12** 11 12	With C, sc in each st around	(84 sc)
☐ **Rnds 13 to 14** 13 14	With B, sc in each st around	(84 sc)
☐ **Rnds 15 to 16** 15 16	With C, sc in each st around	(84 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	With B, sc in each st around	(84 sc)
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off and weave in the ends. Do not stuff.	

Bib

Yarn C, sky blue.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 9 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(9 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 7** 2 3 4 5 6 7	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(9 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing.	

Button: make 2

Yarn D, cornflower.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

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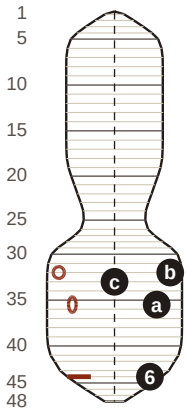
Assembly



Body and head: 6 ears, a eyes, b cheeks, c nose

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.

1. Slip the pinafore skirt, its chain edge first and its right side out, over round 1 of the body and up, until the chain edge lies on round 16 and the skirt hangs down toward round 1, the place where its rounds begin at the back. With a new length of C (sky blue), sew the 36 chains to round 16 (30 sts) all the way round, the six extra chains eased in.

2. Lay the bib on the front of the body, right side out, row 1 down, its middle stitch on the center line: row 1 lies on round 17, close above the skirt, and row 7 on round 23. Sew it down along all four edges with its tail. Straps: with C (sky blue), leaving an 8 in (20 cm) end at the beginning and at the end, ch 14 (about 2¾ in, 7 cm) and fasten off; work two. Sew one end of each strap to the bib on row 6, over the second stitch from the side edge. Lay the strap up over the shoulder, close beside the neck (it crosses round 24 at the side, 4½ stitches from the center line), and down the back, and sew its other end to the chain edge of the skirt, 1½ stitches from the line opposite the center line. Straighten it as you sew; it is not sewn anywhere between its ends.

3. Sew the two buttons to the bib, right side out, one over the end of each strap, on row 6, with the tail, through all 6 stitches of the edge.

4. Sew the two arms to the body and head by their open edges (10 sts), one to each side: the middle of each edge lies on round 22, 6 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart), half way between the front and the back. Each edge covers about rounds 20 to 24; where a strap is in the way, sew beside it. Sew all the way round with the tail. The arms hang down loose.

5. Fold the skirt up out of the way. Sew the two legs to the body and head by their open edges (12 sts), one to each side: the middle of each edge lies on round 5, 3 stitches from the center line (6 stitches apart). Each edge covers about rounds 3 to 7. The legs point forward. Sew all the way round with the tail. Nothing holds them: they swing.

6. Pin the two ears to the body and head: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 44, one to each side, 5 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart). The flat edge lies with its upper end on about round 46, 2½ stitches from the center line, and its lower end on about round 42, 7½ stitches from it. They point out to the side and up for about four rounds, then bend and hang straight down beside the head. Sew through both layers of the 5-stitch edge with the tail, and hold the bend with a stitch or two on its lower side, at about round 21 of the ear.

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Finishing

- Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on; begin and end each strand on the wrong side of a flat piece, inside a stuffed one. 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.
- Check: with D (cornflower), in backstitch, upright lines in pairs all round the pinafore skirt, before it is put on. Every line follows one column of stitches from round 4 down to round 17: bring the needle up in the middle of a stitch and make one backstitch to a round, from the middle of one stitch to the middle of the next one under it. Count along round 4 from the stitch in which the round begins: one line on stitch 1 and one on stitch 2, leave stitches 3 and 4 plain, one line on stitch 5 and one on stitch 6, and so on all the way round, 21 pairs of lines in all. The columns lean a little to one side; let the lines lean with them.
- Eyes: with E (dark brown), in satin stitch, an oval about 3/16 in (5 mm) wide and 5/16 in (8 mm) tall, its middle on the body and head between rounds 35 and 36, one to each side, 4½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with F (dusty pink), in satin stitch, an oval about 3/8 in (10 mm) wide and ¼ in (6 mm) tall, its middle on the body and head on round 32, one to each side, 6½ stitches from the center line (13 stitches apart).
- Nose: with F (dusty pink), in satin stitch, a triangle with its point down about 5/16 in (8 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the body and head on round 33, on the center line.
- Mouth: with E (dark brown), in backstitch, on the center line. First a straight line 5/32 in (4 mm) long, down from the lower point of the nose. Then one smile curve, 9/16 in (14 mm) wide from end to end: its two ends are level with the lower end of the line, one to each side, 9/32 in (7 mm) from it, and its middle dips 5/32 in (4 mm) below them, so that the line ends above the curve and does not touch it.
- 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: 11 pieces; 5,103 stitches (1,416 in the body and head, 346 in each arm, 489 in each leg, 302 in each ear, 1,338 in the pinafore skirt, 63 in the bib, 6 in each button).

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