Clown doll with a ruffle

US terms



Finished size
About 10¾ in (27.5 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
22 pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 8 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

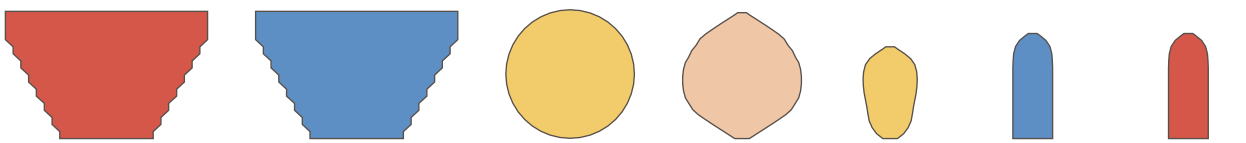
Yarn A: peach, head, red arm and blue arm	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: tomato red, several of the pieces	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cornflower, several of the pieces	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: butter yellow, several of the pieces	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: cream, frill, collar and mouth patch	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: orange, the details	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: dark brown, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn H: rose, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 190 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, 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



Red half | **Blue half** | **Base** | **Head** | **Shoe x 2** | **Blue leg** to the base | **Red leg** to the base

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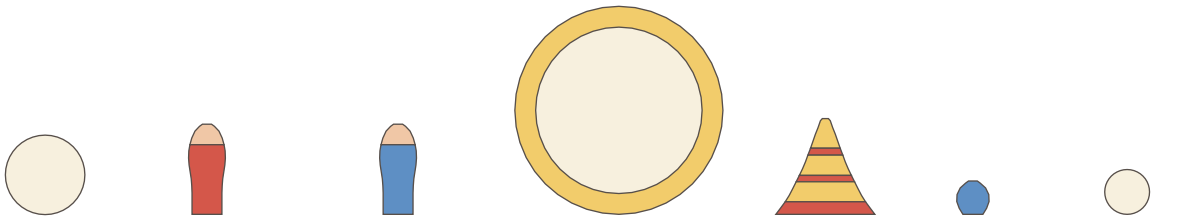

Frill x 4

Red arm
to the blue half

Blue arm
to the red half

Collar

Hat
to the head

Pompom
to the hat

Mouth patch
to the head

Nose
to the head

Button x 3

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.
- Head: the center line runs between stitches 24 and 25 of round 10 (48 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Shoe: the center line runs between stitches 11 and 12 of round 4 (22 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.
- 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.
- 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 G (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.

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- 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

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **MR** magic ring, **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 22 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(26 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Red half

Yarn B, tomato red.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 26 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 27.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(26 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 22 sts, sc2tog	(24 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(24 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 20 sts, sc2tog	(22 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(22 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 18 sts, sc2tog	(20 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(20 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 16 sts, sc2tog	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog	(16 sc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(16 sc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog	(14 sc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(14 sc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog	(12 sc)

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☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing.	

Blue half

Yarn C, cornflower.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 26 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 27.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(26 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 22 sts, sc2tog	(24 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(24 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 20 sts, sc2tog	(22 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(22 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 18 sts, sc2tog	(20 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(20 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 16 sts, sc2tog	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog	(16 sc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(16 sc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog	(14 sc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(14 sc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing.	

Base

Yarn D, butter yellow.

☐ **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)

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☐ **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 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 4 times**	(52 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 38 in (97 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Head

Yarn A, peach.

☐ **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)
☐ **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)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 24 and 25 of round 10. It faces the front, round 1 at the top.

☐ **Rnds 11 to 15**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)

11 12 13 14 15

☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**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 head between rounds 11 and 12, one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart). For a child under three, or a pet, leave them out and embroider them later. Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**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.	

Shoe: make 2

Yarn D, butter yellow.

☐ **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 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	(22 sc)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 11 and 12 of round 4. This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.

☐ **Rnds 5 to 8**	Sc in each st around	(22 sc)

5 6 7 8

☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(20 sc)

Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnds 11 to 12**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)

11 12

☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 4 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**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. Shape the stuffed piece with your fingers into an oval, about 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm) wide and 1¼ in (3.2 cm) tall at its widest.	

Blue leg

Yarn C, cornflower.

☐ **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, sc in next st**] 4 times**	(16 sc)

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☐ **Rnds 4 to 16**	Sc in each st around	(16 sc)
4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16		
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Red leg

Yarn B, tomato red.

☐ **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, sc in next st**] 4 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnds 4 to 16**	Sc in each st around	(16 sc)
4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16		
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Frill: make 4

Yarn E, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 16; 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	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 hdc in each st around	(32 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	(32 sc)
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off and weave in the ends. Do not stuff.	

Red arm

Yarns in order of use: A, peach; B, tomato red.

☐ **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)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	With B, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)

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☐ **Rnds 10 to 14** 10 11 12 13 14	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Blue arm

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

☐ **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)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	With C, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnds 10 to 14** 10 11 12 13 14	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Collar

Yarns in order of use: E, cream; D, butter yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 24; 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	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 hdc in each st around	(48 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 24 times**	(72 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 12 times**	(84 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	With D, 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.	

Hat

Yarns in order of use: D, butter yellow; B, tomato red.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	With B, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	With D, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	(21 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	With B, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 3 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	With D, **[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(26 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 3 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(29 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times**	(32 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	With B, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 4 times**	(40 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 30 in (76 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Pompom

Yarn C, cornflower.

☐ **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, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 4 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Mouth patch

Yarn E, cream.

☐ **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)

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☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Nose

Yarn B, tomato red.

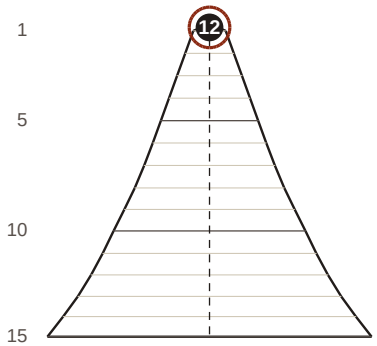
☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 4**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
	3 4	
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 3 times**	(9 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Button: make 3

Yarn D, butter yellow.

☐ **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 next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)
	Stuff lightly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.	
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc2tog, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches and pull it tight to close the hole. Do not bury or cut it: take the needle down through the button and bring it out at round 3, ready for sewing.	

Assembly



Hat: 12 pompom

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. Suit: the foundation chain of each half is its lower edge. Lay the red half and the blue half together, right sides facing in, the foundation chains level. Sew them together down both sides, row end to row end, one side with each tail: these are the two seams. Turn the suit right side out and look at the seams. The one with the red half on its right is the middle of the front, the other is the middle of the back.

2. Set the base into the lower edge of the suit, its right side out. Sew the 52 stitches of its edge to the chains that row 1 of the two halves is worked into, 26 to each half, with the tail of the base. Stuff the suit firmly through the neck.

3. Put the four frills on the two legs and the two arms now. Slip each over the open edge, its last round first and its right side out, and slide it down until its chain edge lies on round 7 of the leg or on round 5 of the arm (the first round of the sleeve). Both have 16 stitches there. With a new length of cream, sew the 16 chains on all the way round. The last round of the frill looks toward the foot or the hand.

4. Sew the open edge of the blue leg (16 sts) to the base, under the red half: the middle of the edge lies on round 4 of the base, half way between the front seam and the back seam, and the edge covers about rounds 2 to 6. The leg points straight down. Use its tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches.

5. Sew the open edge of the red leg (16 sts) to the base, under the blue half, in the same way.

6. Sew the two shoes under the legs, one to each. Round 1 of the shoe is the toe and looks to the front, turned a little to the outside; its center line looks up. Set the closed end of the leg on the center line of the shoe, the middle of round 1 of the leg over round 11 of the shoe. With a new length of butter yellow, sew round 3 of the leg (16 sts) to the shoe where the two touch, going round twice.

7. Sew the open edge of the blue arm (12 sts) to the red half: the middle of the edge lies on row 15, half way between the two seams, and the edge covers about rows 13 to 17. The arm points out to the side, then curves forward and up. Use its tail, and hold the curve with a few running stitches along its upper side, drawn up a little.

8. Sew the open edge of the red arm (12 sts) to the blue half in the same place. It points out to the side and down, then curves forward. Hold the curve with a few running stitches along its front, drawn up a little.

9. Before the head is sewn on, set the chain edge of the collar on the neck edge of the suit, right side up, so that the collar spreads out over the shoulders. With a new length of cream, sew its 24 chains to the last row of the two halves (24 sts, 12 of each half), chain to stitch.

10. Set the head on the neck edge of the suit (24 sts), its center line over the front seam: the edge lies on round 20 of the head (24 sts). With a new length of peach, sew the head to the neck edge all the way round, stitch to stitch, and top up the stuffing in the neck before the last stitches so that the head does not wobble.

11. Set the hat on the head, its tip leaning a little to the right: its open edge (40 sts) lies over round 7 of the head (36 sts), the extra stitches eased in. Sew the edge down all the way round with its tail, adding a little stuffing before the last stitches.

12. Pin the pompom to the hat: the middle of the open edge lies over the middle of round 1 of the hat. The edge (8 sts) lies all the way round on about round 3. It points up. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

13. Lay the mouth patch flat on the head, right side out, the middle of it on round 16, on the center line. Ease it into an oval about 1¼ in (3.2 cm) wide and 7/8 in (2.2 cm) tall as you pin it. Sew down all 18 stitches of the edge.

14. Pin the nose to the head: the middle of the open edge lies between rounds 12 and 13, on the center line. The edge (9 sts) covers about rounds 11 to 14 of the head. It points forward. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

15. Sew the three buttons to the front seam, one above the other, round 1 looking out, the closed end against the suit: the middle of one over row 4 of the suit, of one over row 8 and of one over row 12. With the tail of each button (it comes out at round 3), sew round 3 (10 sts) to the suit, going round twice, then bury the end inside.

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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. Knot in the lengths of yarn at the same time. 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 between rounds 11 and 12, one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with H (rose), in satin stitch, an oval about 5/16 in (8 mm) wide and ¼ in (6 mm) tall, its middle on the head between rounds 13 and 14, one to each side, 7 stitches from the center line (14 stitches apart).
- Mouth: with B (tomato red), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about 11/16 in (17 mm) wide that dips ¼ in (6 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are on the mouth patch, level with its middle, one to each side of its center.
- Eyebrows: with G (dark brown), in backstitch, a short line about ¼ in (6 mm) long, its outer end higher, its middle on the head on round 9, one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart). Work the second side as a mirror image.
- Hair: cut 192 lengths of F (orange), each 4 in (10 cm) long. At each place, use the needle to draw four lengths under the stitch, from side to side, until 2 in (5.1 cm) of each hangs out on one side. Tie the two sides together in a firm knot close to the fabric, pull the ends of the other side inside the toy and trim the ends left outside to 5/8 in (1.6 cm). They stand straight out. Where a piece covers a place, use the nearest free stitch. The places on the head, counting stitches from the center line (stitch 1 is the one beside it), the same on each side: round 8: stitches 10, 11, 13 and 14; round 9: stitches 10, 11, 13 and 14; round 10: stitches 10, 11, 13 and 14; round 11: stitches 10, 11, 13 and 14; round 12: stitches 10, 11, 13 and 14; round 13: stitches 10, 11, 13 and 14.
- 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: 22 pieces; 4,247 stitches.

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