Nativity set: the holy family

US terms



Finished size
About mary and Joseph about 5¼ in (13.5 cm) tall, the manger about 3 1/8 in (7.9 cm) long and 1½ in (3.8 cm) wide

Skill
Intermediate
24 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.

You will need

Yarn A: warm tan, the main color	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: blue, several of the pieces	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sand, father robe and father arm	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: wine, several of the pieces	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: cream, mother robe, mother arm, baby hood and the details	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: brown, several of the pieces	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: straw gold, straw bed and the details	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn H: 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, 8 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.

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 cro
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
BLO	back loop only

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Special stitches

bobble: [yarn over, insert hook in the stitch, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops] 4 times in the same stitch, yarn over, pull through all 5 loops (United Kingdom: a bobble of 4 trebles). Push it out to the right side. It leaves 1 st for the next row or round.

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 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.
- In the words Mary is the mother and Joseph is the father. Choose any skin tone you like for the heads and the hands.
- 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.
- Mother head: the center line runs between stitches 18 and 19 of round 7 (36 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Father head: the center line runs between stitches 18 and 19 of round 7 (36 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Baby head: the center line runs between stitches 9 and 10 of round 4 (18 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the end away from the body.
- Mother robe: the center line runs between stitches 21 and 22 of round 7 (42 sts). It faces the front.
- Baby body: the center line runs through the middle of stitch 8 of round 5 (15 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the foot end.
- Father robe: the center line runs between stitches 21 and 22 of round 7 (42 sts). It faces the front.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the figures. 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 F (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): Mary and Joseph about 4 in (10 cm) tall, the manger about 2¼ in (5.7 cm) long and 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) wide; eyes 6 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): Mary and Joseph about 7½ in (19 cm) tall, the manger about 4½ in (11.5 cm) long and 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) wide; eyes 11 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): Mary and Joseph about 9½ in (24 cm) tall, the manger about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) long and 2 5/8 in (6.7 cm) wide; eyes 15 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.

Mother robe

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

Round 1 is the middle of the base.

☐ **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 BLO of each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 9 to 10**	With B, sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**

A box for each round, 9 to 10: tick them off as you go.

☐ 9 ☐ 10

☐ **Rnd 11**	With E, **[**sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(39 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around	**(39 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 3 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts**] 3 times**	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	**(27 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in each st around	**(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)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Mother head

Yarn A, warm tan.

☐ **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 each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 11: tick them off as you go.

☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

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

☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**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.	

Mother arm: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, warm tan; E, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 4**	With E, sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 11: tick them off as you go.

6 7 8 9 10 11

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

Mother hair

Yarn F, brown.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 8**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 8: tick them off as you go.

7 8

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 28 in (71 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

Veil cap

Yarn B, blue.

☐ **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 17 sts**] 2 times**	**(38 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 30 in (76 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

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Mother front hair

Yarn F, brown.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 17 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, ch 18.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(17 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end.	

Veil

Yarn B, blue.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 15 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 16.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 26**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(15 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 26: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26

☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end.	

Father robe

Yarns in order of use: C, sand; D, wine.

Round 1 is the middle of the base.

☐ **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 BLO of each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 9 to 10**	With D, sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**

A box for each round, 9 to 10: tick them off as you go.

☐ 9 ☐ 10

☐ **Rnd 11**	With C, **[**sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(39 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around	**(39 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 3 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts**] 3 times**	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in each st around	**(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)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Father head

Yarn A, warm tan.

☐ **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 each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 11: tick them off as you go.

☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

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

☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**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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Father arm: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, warm tan; C, sand.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	With C, sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 9**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 9: tick them off as you go.

6 7 8 9

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

Father hair

Yarn F, brown.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 8**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 8: tick them off as you go.

7 8

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 28 in (71 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

Head cloth cap

Yarn D, wine.

☐ **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)**

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☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts**] 2 times**	**(38 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 30 in (76 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

Father front hair

Yarn F, brown.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 17 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, ch 18.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(17 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end.	

Head cloth

Yarn D, wine.

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 D, ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 24**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(9 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 24: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24

☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end.	

Father beard

Yarn F, brown.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 19 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, ch 20.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 9 times**, sc in next st	**(19 sts)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog 2 times, sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog 2 times	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 7 times**, sc in next st	**(15 sts)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog 2 times, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog 2 times	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next st	**(11 sts)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end.	

Father cloak

Yarn D, wine.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 18 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 19.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(18 sc)**

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☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts**] 2 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts**] 2 times**	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end.	

Manger wall

Yarn F, brown.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 6 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 50**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(6 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 50: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 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 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50

☐ **End** Fasten off and weave in the end.

Manger floor

Yarn F, brown.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 15 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, ch 16.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(15 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 8: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8

☐ **End** Fasten off and weave in the end.

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Straw bed

Yarn G, straw gold.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 15 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With G, ch 16.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 7 times**, sc in next st	**(15 sts)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 9**	Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.	

A box for each row, 4 to 9: tick them off as you go.

4 5 6 7 8 9

☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end.	

Baby body

Yarn B, 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 st, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 7**	Sc in each st around	**(15 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 7: tick them off as you go.

6 7

☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Baby head

Yarn A, warm tan.

☐ **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, sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 5 to 8**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 8: tick them off as you go.

5 6 7 8

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

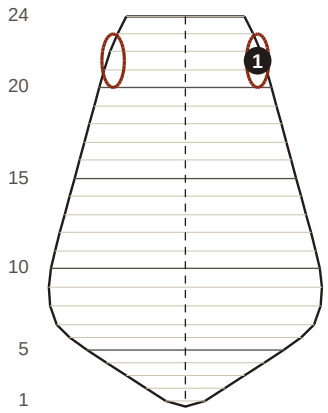
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside.	

Baby hood

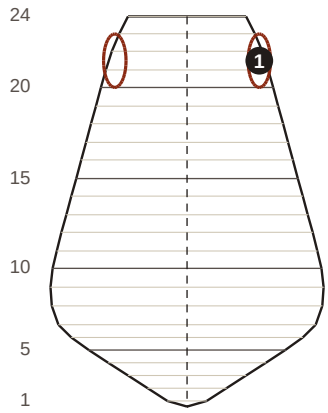
Yarn E, cream.

☐ **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 8 sts**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(21 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

Assembly



Mother robe: 1 mother arms



Father robe: 1 father arms

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 mother arms to the mother robe: the middle of each open edge lies between rounds 21 and 22, one to each side, 4½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart). The edge (9 sts) covers about rounds 20 to 23 of the mother robe. They point down and forward, then curve in toward the middle until the two tips meet in front of the robe. Bend each as you pin it, and hold the curve with a few running stitches, drawn up a little, on its inner side. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft. Then bring the two hands together on the center line and sew them to each other where they touch with three stitches.

2. Set the mother head on the open edge of the mother robe (18 sts), center lines in line: the edge lies on round 15 of the mother head (18 sts). With the tail of the mother robe, sew every stitch of the edge to the mother head, and top up the stuffing in the neck before the last stitches so that the mother head does not wobble.

3. Pull the mother hair down over the mother head, tipped toward the back, so that its round 1 lies about one round behind round 1 of the head and its edge lies on about round 7 of the head in front and on about round 9 at the back. Sew the edge (36 sts) down all the way round.

4. Pull the veil cap down over the mother hair, tipped a little farther back than the hair, until its edge (38 sts) lies on round 6 of the hair in front, so that the last two rounds of the hair show there, and on round 8 of the hair at the back. Sew the edge down all the way round, through the hair and the head.

5. Lay the mother front hair across the front of the mother head, right side out, its foundation chain in a curve like an arch and its rows toward the face: the middle of the chain is on the center line, against the edge of the veil cap in front, so that the strip covers the rounds of the mother hair that show there, and its two ends are on about round 9 of the head, about 8 stitches from the center line, one on each side. The chain (17 stitches) is as long as this curve, so do not stretch it: pin its middle first, then its two ends, and if your chain is a little longer or shorter, let both ends lie up to half a stitch farther from or nearer to the center line. With a new length of its yarn, sew the chain down all the way along, through the mother hair where it lies on it and to the head below that, then sew the last row down with small stitches, easing it in a little, so that the strip lies flat.

6. Lay the veil round the back and the sides of the mother head, right side out, with one long edge (the ends of its rows) at the top, along the edge of the veil cap: the middle of that edge is at the back, on the line opposite the center line of the mother head, and the foundation chain and the last row hang straight down at the two sides of the face, each about 7 stitches from the center line. With a new length of its yarn, sew the top edge to the edge of the veil cap, through the hair and the head. The rest hangs free down the back and the sides, outside the arms.

7. Lay the father cloak round the back of the father robe, right side out, its foundation chain along round 23 of the robe: the middle of the chain is on the line opposite the center line of the robe, and its two ends are about 3 stitches from the center line, one on each side. With a new length of the yarn of row 1, sew the chain to the robe, and catch the two lower corners of the cloak to the robe with two stitches each.

8. Pin the two father arms to the father robe: the middle of each open edge lies between rounds 21 and 22, one to each side, 4½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart). The edge (9 sts) covers about rounds 20 to 23 of the father robe. They point out to the side and down, turn forward by about round 5 of the father arm and in toward the middle by the tip. Bend each as you pin it, and hold each bend with a few running stitches, drawn up a little, on the side it turns toward. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft. They lie over the front edges of the cloak: sew through the cloak and the robe.

9. Set the father head on the open edge of the father robe (18 sts), center lines in line: the edge lies on round 15 of the father head (18 sts). With the tail of the father robe, sew every stitch of the edge to the father head, and top up the stuffing in the neck before the last stitches so that the father head does not wobble.

10. Pull the father hair down over the father head, tipped toward the back, so that its round 1 lies about one round behind round 1 of the head and its edge lies on about round 7 of the head in front and on about round 9 at the back. Sew the edge (36 sts) down all the way round.

11. Pull the head cloth cap down over the father hair, tipped a little farther back than the hair, until its edge (38 sts) lies on round 6 of the hair in front, so that the last two rounds of the hair show there, and on round 8 of the hair at the back. Sew the edge down all the way round, through the hair and the head.

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12. Lay the father front hair across the front of the father head, right side out, its foundation chain in a curve like an arch and its rows toward the face: the middle of the chain is on the center line, against the edge of the head cloth cap in front, so that the strip covers the rounds of the father hair that show there, and its two ends are on about round 9 of the head, about 8 stitches from the center line, one on each side. The chain (17 stitches) is as long as this curve, so do not stretch it: pin its middle first, then its two ends, and if your chain is a little longer or shorter, let both ends lie up to half a stitch farther from or nearer to the center line. With a new length of its yarn, sew the chain down all the way along, through the father hair where it lies on it and to the head below that, then sew the last row down with small stitches, easing it in a little, so that the strip lies flat.

13. Lay the head cloth round the back and the sides of the father head, right side out, with one long edge (the ends of its rows) at the top, along the edge of the head cloth cap: the middle of that edge is at the back, on the line opposite the center line of the father head, and the foundation chain and the last row hang straight down at the two sides of the face, each about 8 stitches from the center line. With a new length of its yarn, sew the top edge to the edge of the head cloth cap, through the hair and the head. The rest hangs free over the shoulders.

14. Lay the father beard across the front of the father head, right side out, its foundation chain in a curve like a smile: the middle of the chain is on round 14 of the head, on the center line, and its two ends are on round 10, about 8 stitches from the center line, one on each side, under the front edges of the head cloth. With a new length of its yarn, sew the chain and the ends of the first two rows on each side to the head. The rest hangs free in front. Where its two ends meet the front hair, lay them over the ends of the hair and sew through both.

15. Bend the manger wall into a ring, right side out, and with a new length of F (brown) sew its last row to its foundation chain, stitch to chain. One long edge is the rim, the other the lower edge.

16. Lay the manger floor inside the lower edge of the manger wall, wrong side up. Beginning at the seam of the wall, pin 17 rows of the wall along one long side of the floor (its 15 stitches), 8 rows along a short side (its 8 rows), 17 rows along the other long side and 8 rows along the last short side, so that the seam is at a corner. With a new length of F (brown), sew the floor to the wall all the way round.

17. Knot the straw into the straw bed (see Finishing). Fill the manger with stuffing up to two stitches below the rim. Lay the straw bed on the stuffing, right side up, its long sides along the long sides of the manger. With a new length of G (straw gold), sew its edge to the inside of the manger wall all the way round, two stitches below the rim, eased to fit.

18. Set the baby head on the open edge of the baby body (12 sts), center lines in line: the edge lies on round 10 of the baby head (12 sts). With the tail of the baby body, sew every stitch of the edge to the baby head, and top up the stuffing in the neck before the last stitches. Then tip the head forward: with the same yarn, take three stitches from round 9 of the head, on the center line, to round 8 of the baby body, and draw them up until the two touch.

19. Pull the baby hood down over the baby head, right side out, tipped toward the back so that its round 1 lies about one round behind round 1 of the head, until its edge lies on about round 5 of the baby head in front and on about round 7 at the back. Sew the edge (21 sts) down all the way round.

20. Lay the baby on its back on the straw bed, the baby head toward one short end of the manger, so that its face looks up and toward the other short end. The whole baby lies inside the four walls: round 1 of the body is just inside one short wall, the hood is just inside the other, and neither rests on the rim. With a new length of B (blue), sew the back of the baby body to the straw bed in a line from its round 2 to its round 9, its last round, and with E (cream) catch the back of the hood to the straw bed with two stitches.

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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, unless a line gives another time; 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: 8 mm black plastic eyes, two on the mother head and two on the father head, each pair between rounds 9 and 10, one to each side, 3 stitches from the center line (6 stitches apart).
- Cheeks, the mother: with H (rose), in satin stitch, an oval about 3/16 in (5 mm) wide and 1/8 in (3 mm) tall, its middle on the mother head on round 11, one to each side, 4½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart).
- Mouth, the mother: with D (wine), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about 5/16 in (8 mm) wide that dips 1/8 in (3 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are on the mother head on round 12, one to each side of the center line.
- Cheeks, the father: with H (rose), in satin stitch, an oval about 3/16 in (5 mm) wide and 1/8 in (3 mm) tall, its middle on the father head between rounds 10 and 11, one to each side, 5 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart).
- Mouth, the father: with D (wine), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about 5/16 in (8 mm) wide that dips 1/8 in (3 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are on the father head between rounds 10 and 11, one to each side of the center line.
- Closed eyes: with F (brown), in backstitch, a closed eye on each side, one curve about 3/16 in (5 mm) wide that dips 1/8 in (3 mm) below its ends. The place half way between the two ends of each is on the baby head between rounds 6 and 7, one to each side, 2 stitches from the center line (4 stitches apart).
- Cheeks, the baby: with H (rose), in satin stitch, a round dot about 1/8 in (3 mm) across, its middle on the baby head on round 7, one to each side, 3 stitches from the center line (6 stitches apart).
- Mouth, the baby: with D (wine), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about 3/16 in (5 mm) wide that dips 1/16 in (2 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are on the baby head between rounds 7 and 8, one to each side of the center line.
- Wrap lines: with E (cream), in backstitch, two lines on the front of the baby body, the folded edges of the blanket. The first begins on round 8, 4 stitches to the left of the center line, crosses the center line between rounds 5 and 6 and ends on round 3, 4 stitches to the right of the center line. The second begins on round 8, 4 stitches to the right of the center line, and ends on the first line, where that crosses the center line.
- Straw: cut 88 lengths of G (straw gold), each 4½ in (11.5 cm) long, and knot them into the straw bed before the straw bed is sewn into the manger, on its right side. There are 44 places: every stitch of row 1 and of row 9 (30 places), and the first and the last stitch of rows 2 to 8 (14 places). At each place, fold two lengths together in half and put the hook under the stitch, from side to side. Draw the fold out a little, put all four ends through it and pull them tight. The ends stand up round the edge of the bed and stay outside: trim them to ½ in (13 mm).
- 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: 24 pieces; 5,438 stitches.

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