Mrs. Claus doll

US terms



Finished size
About 8½ in (21.5 cm) tall to the top of the cap

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

Yarn
Medium (4), 10 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: cranberry, body and head, arm and mob cap	**about 140 yd (128 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream white, several of the pieces	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: peach, body and head and arm	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: silver gray, hair cap and hair bun	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: cherry red, apron and holly berry	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: gold, plate and the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: caramel, cookie	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn H: dark brown, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn I: holly green, holly leaf	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn J: rose, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 210 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, 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.

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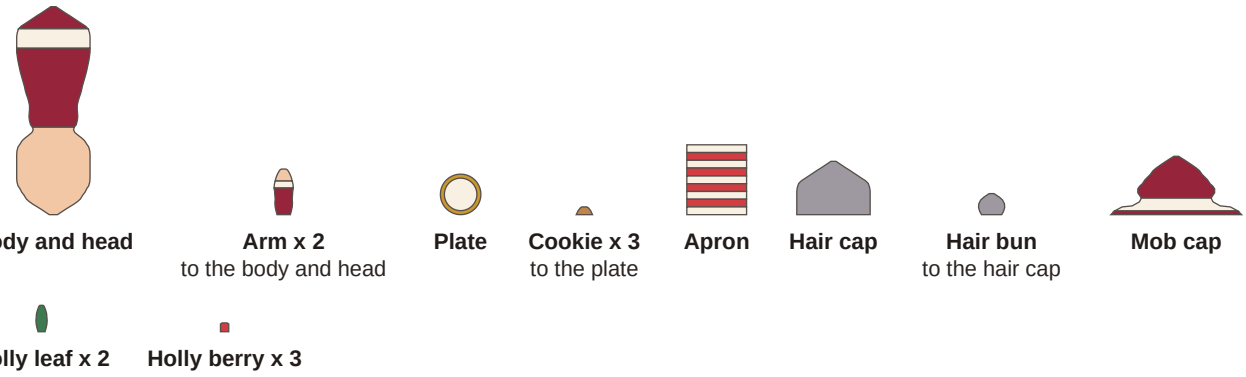
The pieces



Body and head

Arm x 2
to the body and head

Plate

Cookie x 3
to the plate

Apron

Hair cap

Hair bun
to the hair cap

Mob cap

Holly leaf x 2

Holly berry 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.
- Body and head: the center line runs between stitches 27 and 28 of round 9 (54 sts). It faces the front.
- Hair cap: the center line runs between stitches 27 and 28 of round 9 (54 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the back.
- Mob cap: the center line runs between stitches 48 and 49 of round 18 (96 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- 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 H (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, 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 6¼ in (16 cm) tall to the top of the cap; 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): about 12¼ in (31 cm) tall to the top of the cap; 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): about 15½ in (39.5 cm) tall to the top of the cap; eyes 15 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. **BLO**: only the loop away from you. **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**.

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.

Body and head

Yarns in order of use: A, cranberry; B, cream white; C, peach.

Round 1 is the middle of the base.

Stuff as you go, through the open top: the dress firmly when round 33 is done, with the base pressed flat, and the neck hard when round 40 is done, so that the head does not wobble.

☐ **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**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(54 sc)
	Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 27 and 28 of round 9. It faces the front.	
☐ **Rnd 10**	With B, sc in BLO of each st around	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 27 times**	(54 sts)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around	(54 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 27 times**	(54 sts)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnds 15 to 16** 15 16	With A, sc in each st around	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 25 sts**] 2 times**	(52 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	(52 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 24 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(50 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts**] 2 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 22 sts**] 2 times**	(46 sc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 21 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(44 sc)
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 25**	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 19 sts**] 2 times**	(40 sc)
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**sc in next 18 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(38 sc)
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 16 sts**] 2 times**	(34 sc)
☐ **Rnd 30**	Sc in each st around	(34 sc)
☐ **Rnd 31**	**[**sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnds 32 to 34** 32 33 34	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 35**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 36**	With C, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 37**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 38**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 39**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 40**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 41**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 42**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnds 43 to 52** 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52	Sc in each st around	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 53**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	(48 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 54**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 55**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 56**	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 57**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 58**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 59**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

Fix the eyes now: two 8 mm black plastic eyes, on the body and head on round 46, one to each side, 3½ stitches from the center line (7 stitches apart). For a child under three, or a pet, leave them out and embroider them later. Then stuff the head firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 60**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 61**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 62**	**[**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.	

Arm: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, peach; B, cream white; A, cranberry.

☐ **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 of next 4 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	(11 sc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 4**	Sc in each st around	(11 sc)
3 4		
☐ **Rnd 5**	With B, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	With A, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st	(13 sc)
☐ **Rnds 10 to 11**	Sc in each st around	(13 sc)
10 11		
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

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Plate

Yarns in order of use: B, cream white; F, gold.

☐ **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**	With F, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Cookie: make 3

Yarn G, caramel.

☐ **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 each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. It is a very shallow cup: its outside is the right side, and round 3 is the edge that is sewn down.	

Apron

Yarns in order of use: B, cream white; E, cherry red.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 14 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 15.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(14 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(14 sc)
☐ **Rows 3 to 4** 3 4	With E, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(14 sc)
☐ **Rows 5 to 6** 5 6	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(14 sc)
☐ **Rows 7 to 8** 7 8	With E, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(14 sc)
☐ **Rows 9 to 10** 9 10	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(14 sc)

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☐ **Rows 11 to 12** 11 12	With E, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(14 sc)
☐ **Rows 13 to 14** 13 14	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(14 sc)
☐ **Rows 15 to 16** 15 16	With E, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(14 sc)
☐ **Rows 17 to 18** 17 18	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(14 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 30 in (76 cm) tail for sewing.	

Hair cap

Yarn D, silver gray.

☐ **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**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(54 sc)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 27 and 28 of round 9. It faces the front, round 1 at the back.

☐ **Rnds 10 to 14** 10 11 12 13 14	Sc in each st around	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 27 times**	(54 sts)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 27 times**	(54 sts)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 38 in (97 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

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Hair bun

Yarn D, silver gray.

☐ **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 5 sts**] 3 times**	(21 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	(21 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Mob cap

Yarns in order of use: A, cranberry; B, cream white.

☐ **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 next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnds 16 to 17**	With B, sc in each st around	(48 sc)
16 17		
☐ **Rnd 18**	2 hdc in each st around	(96 hdc)

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Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 48 and 49 of round 18. It faces the front, round 1 at the top.

☐ **Rnd 19**	Hdc in each st around	(96 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	With A, sc in each st around	(96 sc)
☐ **End**	To level the edge, sl st in the next st. Fasten off and weave in the end. Do not stuff it yet. Rounds 1 to 15 are the crown, rounds 16 and 17 the band and rounds 18 to 20 the frill, which lies in waves.	

Holly leaf: make 2

Yarn I, holly green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	(7 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts	(7 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	(5 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 2½ stitches; the odd stitch lies at one fold. The wide and the narrow rounds make the points of the leaf: pull them out at the two folds.	

Holly berry: make 3

Yarn E, cherry red.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnds 2 to 3** 2 3	Sc in each st around	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches and pull it tight to close the hole. Leave the rest of the tail outside, for sewing. Do not stuff.	

Assembly

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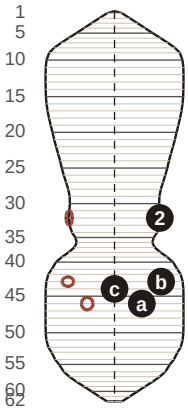
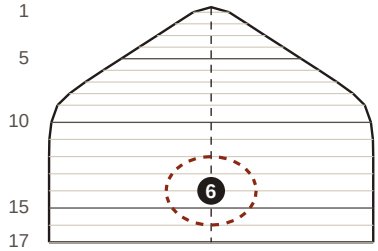


Body and head: 2 arms, a eyes, b cheeks, c nose



Hair cap: 6 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.

1. Lay the apron flat on the front of the dress, right side out, its rows running straight up and down, the middle of its width on the center line of the body and head: one long edge, the upper one, lies along round 29, and the other, the lower one, along round 14, the last white round. Each side lies 8 stitches from the center line all the way down, so that the dress shows at both sides. Sew it down all the way round with its tail. Apron string: with B (cream white), leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail at each end, ch 38 and fasten off. Lay the chain round the waist, over the upper edge of the apron, on round 29, its two ends meeting at the back, on the line opposite the center line. Tie the two tails in a knot there and hide them in the body, then catch the chain down with a small stitch at about every fourth chain.

2. Pin the two arms to the body and head: the middle of each open edge lies on round 32, one to each side, 8½ stitches from the center line (17 stitches apart). The edge (10 sts) covers about rounds 31 to 33 of the body and head. They point out to the side, forward and down, then curve forward and in toward the middle, so that the hands (rounds 1 to 4 of the arm) are held in front of the body, about 2 in (5 cm) apart from tip to tip. Bend each as you pin it, and hold the curve with a few running stitches along its inner side, drawn up a little. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

3. Hold the plate, right side up, between the two hands, sloping down a little toward the front. Its rim is round 5 (30 sts). Any stitch of the rim can be the back one: with the tail of the plate, sew it and two stitches to each side of it to the front of the body and head, on round 31, the back one on the center line. The tips of the two hands (round 1 of each arm) lie against the edge of the rim, 7 stitches from the back one on each side: sew each tip to the rim there with four or five small stitches.

4. Lay the three cookies on the plate, right side up, one at the back and two side by side in front, so that the edges of all three touch each other in the middle of the plate, over its round 1. Sew all 12 stitches of the edge of each to the plate with its own tail, pushing a wisp of stuffing under it before the last stitches.

5. Pull the hair cap over the head, right side out, its center line in front, the middle of its round 1 at the back of the head, on round 57 of the body and head, on the line opposite the center line. Pin that middle first. Its edge (round 17) lies on round 52 on the center line in front, on round 50 at 7½ stitches from the center line, on round 46 at the two sides (12½ stitches from the center line) and on round 40 at the back, on the line opposite the center line: pin it at these places, then between them. Sew all 54 stitches of the edge down with the tail.

6. Pin the hair bun to the hair cap: the middle of the open edge lies on round 14, on the line opposite the center line. The edge (15 sts) covers about rounds 12 to 16 of the hair cap. It points back. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

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7. Push a little stuffing into the crown of the mob cap, so that it stands up round and soft. Set the cap on the hair cap, center lines in line: the last round of the band (round 17) lies on round 11 of the hair cap all the way round. The bobbles of the hair show below the frill in front and at the sides. The band (48 sts) is a little smaller than the hair there: stretch it evenly as you pin it. With a new length of B (cream white), sew round 17 to the hair cap with running stitches all the way round. The frill is sewn to nothing; at the back it falls over the top of the bun.

8. Lay the two holly leaves flat on the front of the mob cap, on its last crown rounds: their two flat edges stand upright, side by side and touching each other, 2 stitches to the right of the center line, the middle of each on round 15. One leaf points to the right along round 15, its tip (round 1) 9 stitches to the right of the center line; the other points to the left, its tip 5 stitches to the left of it. Sew down each flat edge through both layers with its tail, then catch the leaf down with a small stitch at each of its points and at its tip.

9. Put the berries over the place where the two leaves meet: one holly berry on round 15 of the mob cap, just left of the line between the leaves, one holly berry on round 15 just right of it, touching the first, and one holly berry on round 14, above the two and touching both. Sew each on by its closed end with its own tail, taking three or four stitches.

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 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.
- Chips: with H (dark brown), on each cookie, three chips, each of two straight stitches side by side, about 1/8 in (3 mm) long: one on round 1 and two on round 2, at any places that are not next to each other.
- Eyes: two 8 mm black plastic eyes, on the body and head on round 46, one to each side, 3½ stitches from the center line (7 stitches apart).
- Glasses: with F (gold), in backstitch, a ring about ¾ in (19 mm) across round each eye, with the eye in its middle. Then, between the two rings, across the center line, one line about 5/8 in (16 mm) long from ring to ring, on round 46 at its ends and bent up by about 1/16 in (2 mm) in the middle.
- Cheeks: with J (rose), 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 43, one to each side, 6½ stitches from the center line (13 stitches apart).
- Mouth: with H (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 on round 42, one to each side of the center line.
- Nose: with J (rose), in satin stitch, a round dot about 3/16 in (5 mm) across, its middle on the body and head on round 44, 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: 16 pieces; 5,241 stitches.

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