Nine-patch doll quilt and pillow

US terms



Finished size

The quilt about 12 in (30.5 cm) square, the pillow about 4¼ in (11 cm) square

Skill

Intermediate

51 pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn

Light (3), 5 colors

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

19 stitches and 20.9 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet, in a spiral.

What you need

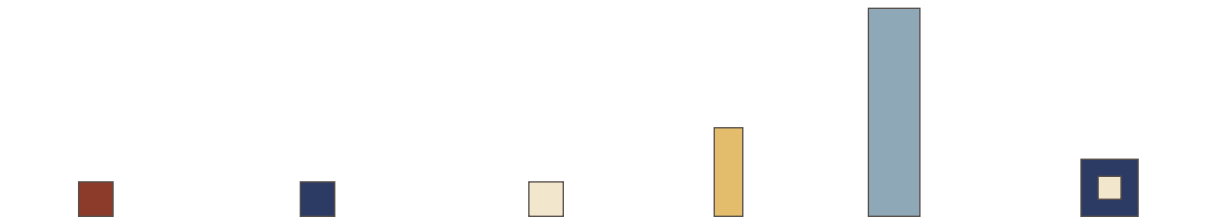
Yarn A: brick red, brick square, pillow front and pillow back	**about 150 yd (137 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: navy, navy square, corner square and pillow front	**about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: butter, sash, pillow front and the details	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cream, cream square, corner square, pillow front and the details	**about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: dusty blue, border strip and the details	**about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 200 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing for the pillow, 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



Brick square x 11 **Navy square x 10** **Cream square x 16** **Sash x 4** **Border strip x 4** **Corner square x 4**

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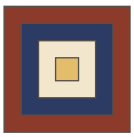

Pillow front
to the pillow back



Pillow back

Gauge

19 stitches and 20.9 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

19 sc and 21 rows = 4 in (10 cm). To check it, work one brick square: after round 3 it should measure about 1 1/8 in (2.8 cm) along each side.

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

- The squares and the two sides of the pillow are 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. The sashes and the border strips are worked flat in rows, and you turn after every row. The binding is two rounds, each joined with a sl st as its line says.
- 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.
- The number in parentheses at the end of a row is its count in the same way.
- Whip stitch: hold the two edges side by side with the right sides up, take the needle down through an edge stitch of one and up through the matching stitch of the other, and go on in the same direction to the next pair, so that the thread passes over the two edges. This is the whip stitch for every seam of the quilt.
- Corner stitch: in a square, the middle one of the 3 sc that are worked in one stitch in the last round. A side of a square runs from one corner stitch to the next, both counted: 7 stitches for a brick, navy or cream square, 11 for a corner square. A corner stitch belongs to two sides. Rows that meet stitches: the stitches along the side of a square lie closer together than the gauge (7 of them in about 1 1/8 in, 2.8 cm), so a side has more stitches than the row ends that lie against it. The words say how many stitches are sewn to how many row ends. To ease means to sew two stitches to one place here and there, spread evenly, so that both edges lie flat.
- Slip stitch (sl st; United Kingdom: slip stitch, ss): put the hook into the stitch, yarn over, and pull the yarn through the stitch and through the loop on the hook.
- To join a yarn with a sl st: make a slip knot on the hook, put the hook in the place named, yarn over, and pull through the place and the loop on the hook.
- 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 weave both ends in on the wrong side.
- Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- One size, at the gauge above: the quilt about 12 in (30.5 cm) square, for a doll about 12 to 14 in (30.5 to 35.5 cm) tall. In medium weight (4, worsted) yarn with a 5 mm (H-8) hook, at 16 sc and 17.6 rows to 4 in (10 cm), it is about 14½ in (37 cm) square and takes about 1.2 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.
RS right side, the one that shows.
3 sc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 4 times: work what is inside 4 times in all.
(8 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Brick square: make 11

Yarn A, brick red.

A flat square, worked in a spiral from the middle. Each round adds 8 stitches: the 3 sc in one stitch make the corners, and each one is worked into the middle stitch of the corner below.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 3 sc in next st**] 4 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 4 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **End**	To level the edge, work a sl st in the next st. Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing.	

Navy square: make 10

Yarn B, navy.

A flat square, worked in a spiral from the middle. Each round adds 8 stitches: the 3 sc in one stitch make the corners, and each one is worked into the middle stitch of the corner below.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 3 sc in next st**] 4 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 4 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **End**	To level the edge, work a sl st in the next st. Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cream square: make 16

Yarn D, cream.

A flat square, worked in a spiral from the middle. Each round adds 8 stitches: the 3 sc in one stitch make the corners, and each one is worked into the middle stitch of the corner below.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 3 sc in next st**] 4 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 4 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **End**	To level the edge, work a sl st in the next st. Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Sash: make 4

Yarn C, butter.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 5 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(5 sc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Border strip: make 4

Yarn E, dusty 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 E, ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(9 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 40**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(9 sc)

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

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Corner square: make 4

Yarns in order of use: D, cream; B, navy.

A flat square, worked in a spiral from the middle. Each round adds 8 stitches: the 3 sc in one stitch make the corners, and each one is worked into the middle stitch of the corner below.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 3 sc in next st**] 4 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	With B, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 4 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**	(32 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 4 times**	(40 sc)
☐ **End**	To level the edge, work a sl st in the next st. Fasten off.	

Pillow front

Yarns in order of use: C, butter; D, cream; B, navy; A, brick red.

A flat square, worked in a spiral from the middle. Each round adds 8 stitches: the 3 sc in one stitch make the corners, and each one is worked into the middle stitch of the corner below.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 3 sc in next st**] 4 times**	(16 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 3**	With D, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 4 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**	(32 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 4 times**	(40 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	With B, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 4 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 4 times**	(56 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 4 times**	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	With A, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 4 times**	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 4 times**	(80 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 10 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 4 times**	(88 sc)
☐ **End**	To level the edge, work a sl st in the next st. Fasten off, leaving a 44 in (112 cm) tail for sewing.	

Pillow back

Yarn A, brick red.

A flat square, worked in a spiral from the middle. Each round adds 8 stitches: the 3 sc in one stitch make the corners, and each one is worked into the middle stitch of the corner below.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 3 sc in next st**] 4 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 4 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**	(32 sc)
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☐ **End**	To level the edge, work a sl st in the next st. Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. The first block: lay out five brick squares and four cream squares, right sides up, in three rows of three: brick, cream, brick in the first row; cream, brick, cream in the second; brick, cream, brick in the third. Whip stitch the three squares of each row together, corner stitch to corner stitch and the 5 stitches between them one to one (7 stitches), with the tail of one of the two squares; first run that tail through the stitches of the edge to the corner. Then sew the three rows together in the same way, with a tail that is left or a new length of D; where four squares meet, catch the four corner stitches together. Weave in the tails that are left over.

2. The second block: the same, again with five brick squares and four cream squares.

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3. The third block: the same, with five navy squares and four cream squares: navy at the four corners and in the middle.

4. The fourth block: the same as the third, again with five navy squares and four cream squares. One brick square is left for the middle of the quilt. A side of a block is three sides of 7 stitches: 21 stitches.

5. Lay out the middle of the quilt, right sides up: in the upper row the first block at the left and the third block at the right, in the lower row the fourth block at the left and the second block at the right, with room for a sash between each two. A sash between a left and a right block stands upright: its two long edges (17 row ends each) lie against the blocks, its two short ends (5 stitches each) look up and down. The other two sashes, in the middle row, lie sideways: their long edges lie above and below, their short ends at left and right. The last brick square lies in the very middle.

6. Sew the four sashes and the last brick square in, with new lengths of C (weave in the tail of the square). Upper row: sew one long edge of a sash (17 row ends) to the side of the first block and the other to the side of the third block: 5 stitches of the block to every 4 row ends, four times, and the last stitch to the last row end. Lower row: the same with the fourth and the second block. Middle row: sew the short ends of two sashes (5 stitches, the last row of one and the foundation chain of the other) to the left and the right side of the brick square, its 7 stitches eased to the 5. Last, sew the middle row to the upper row and to the lower row: the long edges of its sashes to the blocks as before, 5 stitches to 4 row ends, and the upper and the lower side of the brick square, 7 stitches, eased to the 5 stitches of the sashes above and below it.

7. The border. Sew the four border strips and the four corner squares on, with new lengths of E. A side of the middle is now 21 stitches, 5 stitches of a sash and 21 stitches: 47. First sew two of the strips to the left and the right side, long edge to side: 6 stitches of the middle to every 5 row ends, seven times, and the last 5 stitches to the last 5 row ends. Then sew a corner square to each short end of the two other strips: one side of the square, 11 stitches, eased to the 9 stitches of the strip. Sew these two long strips to the upper and the lower side: the corner squares to the short ends of the side strips (11 stitches eased to 9), the strip between them as before.

8. Binding, round 1: hold the quilt with its right side toward you. Join A with a sl st in the outer corner stitch of the corner square at the upper right. Ch 1 (it does not count as a stitch), 3 sc in the st just joined, then work along the upper edge to the left: *sc in each of next 10 sts of the corner square (the last of them is its other corner stitch), along the strip [sc in the end of each of next 9 rows, skip the end of the next row] 4 times (36 sc), sc in each of next 10 sts of the next corner square (the first of them is a corner stitch), 3 sc in its outer corner stitch. Repeat from * down the left side, along the lower edge and up the right side, and leave out the 3 sc at the very end, where they are already worked. Join with a sl st in the first sc: 236 sc. Do not turn.

9. Binding, round 2: ch 1, sc in the st of the join, 3 sc in next st (the middle one of the 3 at the corner), [sc in next 58 sts, 3 sc in next st] 3 times, sc in next 57 sts. Join with a sl st in the first sc: 244 sc. Fasten off and weave in the end.

10. The pillow: lay the pillow front on the pillow back, right sides out. A side is 23 stitches from corner stitch to corner stitch. With the tail of the pillow front, sew them together all the way round (88 stitches to 88): take the needle over the two edges, from the back to the front each time, through both loops of a stitch of the back and of the stitch of the front that lies on it, corner stitch on corner stitch. Stuff it, not too firmly, before the last 12 stitches are sewn.

Finishing

- Weave in every end on the wrong side. Lay the quilt flat, pat every block square, pin it if it needs it, and let it lie under a damp towel until it is dry. If the pillow will be played with, go round its seam a second time.

In all: 51 pieces; 5,092 stitches (48 in each brick square, 48 in each navy square, 48 in each cream square, 85 in each sash, 360 in each border strip, 120 in each corner square, 528 in the pillow front, 528 in the pillow back).

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