Nutcracker soldier doll

US terms



Finished size

About 12 in (30.5 cm) tall with the base and the plume, the base about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) along each side

Skill

Intermediate

20 pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn

Medium (4), 9 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

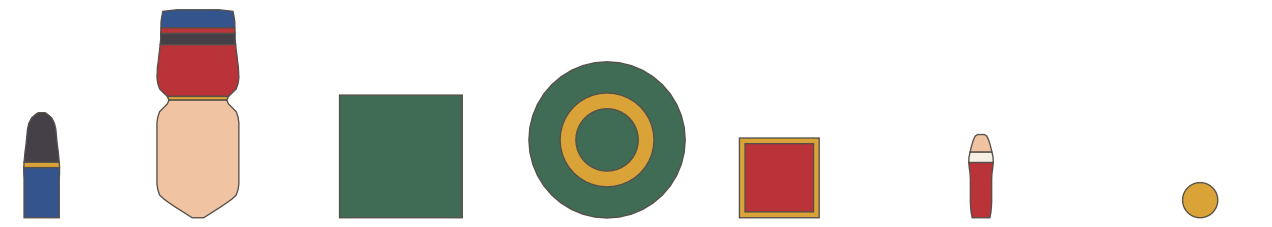
Yarn A: peach, body and head, arm and nose	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: poppy red, several of the pieces	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: royal blue, leg and body and head	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: white, several of the pieces	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: gold, several of the pieces	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: charcoal, several of the pieces	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: pine green, base square, base band and the details	**about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**
Yarn H: black, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn I: rose, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 230 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.

The pieces



Leg x 2 | **Body and head** | **Base square x 2** | **Base band** | **Coat skirt** | **Arm x 2** to the body and head | **Epaulette x 2** to the arm

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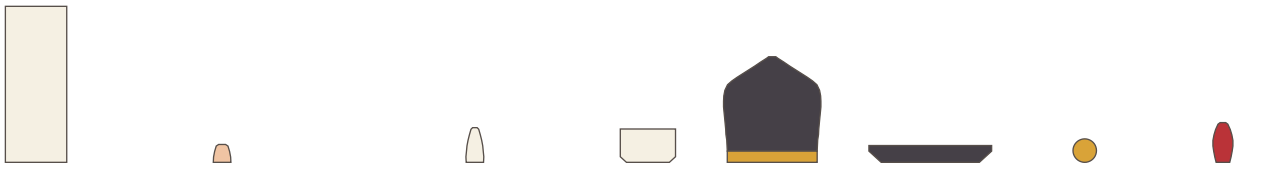

Hair

Nose
to the body and head

Moustache side x 2

Beard

Hat

Visor

Cockade
to the hat

Plume
to the hat

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 E," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in E. 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 18 and 19 of round 1 (36 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.
- Hat: the center line runs between stitches 25 and 26 of round 9 (50 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 (black).
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, details) are for Standard, the size written here: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Small: fine (2, sport) yarn, 2.25 mm (B-1) hook, 27 sc and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 9 in (23 cm) tall with the base and the plume, the base about 2 7/8 in (7.3 cm) along each side; eyes 6 mm; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.

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- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 17¼ in (44 cm) tall with the base and the plume, the base about 5½ in (14 cm) along each side; 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 21¾ in (55 cm) tall with the base and the plume, the base about 7 in (18 cm) along each side; 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), **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.
[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 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.

Leg: make 2

Yarns in order of use: F, charcoal; E, gold; C, royal blue.

Stuff the foot when round 8 is done.

☐ **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)
☐ **Rnds 4 to 6** 4 5 6	Sc in each st around	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st	(17 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	With E, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts	(19 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	With C, sc in next 17 sts, sc2tog	(18 sc)

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☐ **Rnds 13 to 20**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20		
☐ **End**	Fasten off the first leg, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Do not fasten off the second leg: go on from it with the body and head. Stuff both legs firmly, a little at a time, up to about ½ in (13 mm) below the open edge, before you join them. Rounds 1 to 5 are the foot, rounds 6 to 10 the leg of the boot and round 11 its gold cuff.	

Body and head

Yarns in order of use: C, royal blue; B, poppy red; F, charcoal; E, gold; A, peach.

Hold the two legs side by side. The yarn is still on the second leg: carry it straight across to the first one and begin round 1 there, in the stitch after its last stitch; when all 18 of its stitches are worked, go on round the second leg, beginning in the stitch after the one the yarn came from. When round 2 is done, close the small gap between the two from the inside with the tail of the first leg.

The center line is in front, midway between the two legs. Stuff as you go, through the open top: the body firmly when round 16 is done, and the neck hard when round 21 is done, so that the head does not wobble.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the two legs side by side.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	With right sides facing out, sc in each of the 18 sts of one leg, then sc in each of the 18 sts of the other leg	(36 sc)
	Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 18 and 19 of round 1. It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(38 sc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 4**	Sc in each st around	(38 sc)
3 4		
☐ **Rnd 5**	With B, sc in each st around	(38 sc)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 7**	With F, sc in each st around	(38 sc)
6 7		
☐ **Rnd 8**	With B, **[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times**	(40 sc)
☐ **Rnds 9 to 10**	Sc in each st around	(40 sc)
9 10		
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts**] 2 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnds 12 to 15**	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)
12 13 14 15		
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	With E, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	With A, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnds 22 to 36**	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)

22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36

☐ **Rnd 37**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 38**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 39**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

Fix the eyes now: two 8 mm black plastic eyes, on the body and head on round 29, one to each side, 4½ stitches from the center line (9 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. The sides of the head stay straight, like a can.

☐ **Rnd 40**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 41**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 42**	**[**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.	

Base square: make 2

Yarn G, pine green.

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)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 4 times**	(40 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**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**	**[**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)
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end. Do not stuff.	

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Base band

Yarns in order of use: G, pine green; E, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With G, ch 80; 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	(80 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	(80 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	With E, sc in each st around	(80 sc)
☐ **Rnds 4 to 5** 4 5	With G, sc in each st around	(80 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 54 in (137 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

Coat skirt

Yarns in order of use: B, poppy red; E, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 38; 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	(38 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(46 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 2 times**	(50 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 24 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(52 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(52 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	With E, sc in each st around	(52 sc)
☐ **End**	To level the edge, sl st in the next st. Fasten off and weave in the end. Do not stuff.	

Arm: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, peach; D, white; B, poppy 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 next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 4** 3 4	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	With D, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	With B, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(11 sc)

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☐ **Rnds 8 to 15**	Sc in each st around	(11 sc)
8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15		
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	(9 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Epaulette: make 2

Yarn E, 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)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Hair

Yarn D, white.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 10 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 11.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(10 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 28**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(10 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		
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 40 in (102 cm) tail for sewing.	

Nose

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**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 4**	Sc in each st around	(9 sc)
3 4		
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Moustache side: make 2

Yarn D, white.

☐ **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 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	(7 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts	(9 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff very lightly. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 4½ stitches. The odd stitch lies at one fold.	

Beard

Yarn D, white.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 9 stitches wide at the start. 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)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, bobble in next st, sc in next st, bobble in next st, sc in next st, bobble in next st, sc in next st, bobble in next st, sc in next st	(9 sts)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, bobble in next st, sc in next st, bobble in next st, sc in next st, bobble in next st, sc in next st, bobble in next st, sc in next st	(9 sts)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	(7 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the ends.	

Hat

Yarns in order of use: F, charcoal; E, 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**	**[**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 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts**] 2 times**	(50 sc)

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Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 25 and 26 of round 9. It faces the front, round 1 at the top.

☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(50 sc)
☐ **Rnds 11 to 13** 11 12 13	Sc in each st around	(50 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 23 sts**] 2 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnds 15 to 17** 15 16 17	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next 22 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(46 sc)
☐ **Rnds 19 to 20** 19 20	Sc in each st around	(46 sc)
☐ **Rnds 21 to 22** 21 22	With E, sc in each st around	(46 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 36 in (91 cm) tail for sewing. Rounds 1 to 9 are the flat top. Stuff lightly, but leave the last 4 rounds (19 to 22) empty: the top of the head goes in there.	

Visor

Yarn F, charcoal.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 20 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, ch 21.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(20 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 16 sts, sc2tog	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog	(16 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the ends.	

Cockade

Yarn E, 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)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

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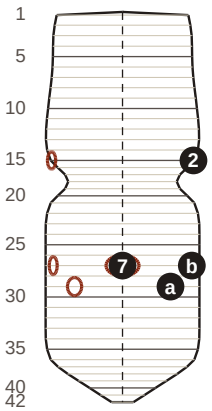
Plume

Yarn B, poppy red.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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 next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts	(11 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	(11 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts	(7 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff very lightly. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 3½ stitches. The odd stitch lies at one fold.	

Assembly



Body and head: 2 arms, 7 nose, a eyes, b cheeks

A number is the step below that puts it on; a letter is put on under Finishing. Each line is a round, counted as the rounds are worked. The upright broken line is the center line. A place with a broken edge is on the far side.

1. Slip the coat skirt, right side out and its chain edge first, up over the legs and the hips until the chain edge lies on round 5 of the body and head (38 sts), just below the belt, and the last round hangs free below. Turn it until the place where its rounds begin, with the joining of the chain, is at the back, on the line opposite the center line. The chain edge is as wide as the hips: ease it up a little at a time. With a new length of B (poppy red), beginning there, sew the 38 chains to the 38 stitches of round 5 all the way round.

2. Pin the two arms to the body and head: the middle of each open edge lies on round 15, one to each side, 9½ stitches from the center line (19 stitches apart). The edge (9 sts) covers about rounds 14 to 16 of the body and head. They point out to the side and down, then straight down beside the body. 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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3. Lay the two epaulettes, right side up, one on each shoulder, over the top of the arm where it joins the body: round 1 lies over round 15 of the arm, the inner edge reaches in to round 17 of the body and the outer edge lies over the top of the arm. Sew round 2 (12 sts) of each down all the way round with its tail, run through to round 2; leave its edge (round 3) free. Fringe: on each epaulette use the 9 stitches of the edge that look away from the body, the middle one straight out to the side. For each of them cut two pieces of E (gold), 4 in (10 cm) long (36 pieces in all). Fold the two together in half, draw the fold through the stitch with the hook, put the four ends through the fold and pull tight. Trim the ends to 3/8 in (10 mm). They hang down over the arm.

4. Hold the beard with its foundation chain at the top and the bobbles outside. With a new length of D (white), sew the foundation chain (9 chains) along round 20 of the body and head, under the teeth, its middle on the center line, 4½ stitches to each side of it. The rest hangs free over the top of the coat.

5. Lay the hair round the sides and the back of the head, right side out, its rows running straight up and down: its upper long edge along round 34 of the body and head, its lower long edge along round 24, its middle (between rows 14 and 15) on the line opposite the center line. Its two short ends stand straight up and down, 10 stitches from the center line, one to each side. Sew it down all the way round with the tail.

6. Lay the two moustache sides on the front of the head, one to each side of the center line: the two flat edges stand upright, side by side and touching each other on the center line, the middle of each on round 26. From there each side dips to round 25 at 3 stitches from the center line and then curves up, its tip (round 1) on round 27, 5½ stitches from the center line. Sew down each flat edge through both layers with its tail, then catch the lower side of each down as far as round 3 of the piece; leave the tip free.

7. Pin the nose to the body and head: the middle of the open edge lies on round 27, on the center line. The edge (9 sts) covers about rounds 26 to 28 of the body and 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. The nose lies over the flat edges of the moustache: sew through both.

8. Set the hat on the head, right side out, center lines in line: its edge (round 22, 46 sts) lies on round 34 of the body and head all the way round, at the sides and the back over the upper edge of the hair. The hat is a little wider than the head, and the hair fills it: in front ease it in evenly. Sew all 46 stitches of the edge down with the tail, adding stuffing before the last few stitches, so that the hat stands up firm and straight.

9. Lay the visor, right side out, against the front of the hat, its foundation chain along the last round of the hat and row 3 below it: the middle of the chain is on the center line of the hat, and the chain (20 chains) covers 10 stitches to each side of it. With a new length of F (charcoal), sew the foundation chain to the last round of the hat, chain to stitch. Row 3 is free: it points down and a little forward.

10. Braid of the hat: with E (gold), leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail at each end, work four chains: ch 13 for each of the two upper braids and ch 16 for each of the two lower ones; fasten off each. Sew one end of all four to the hat on the center line on round 12. Lay one upper braid to the right and one to the left, straight along round 12, and one lower braid on each side below it, in a curve that comes down to round 16, half way along; the other ends of both meet on round 12, 12 stitches from the center line. Sew these ends down, hide the tails inside the hat and catch each braid with a small stitch at every third chain. Plume: sew the plume, by its flat edge, to the front of the hat, the middle of the edge on the center line on round 11, the edge lying along the round. It stands straight up in front of the hat, its tip (round 1) about 1 in (2.5 cm) above the flat top. Sew through both layers of the 3½-stitch edge with the tail, then catch the back of the plume to the rim of the flat top (round 9) with a few stitches.

11. Lay the cockade flat on the hat, right side out, over the ends of the braids and the lower end of the plume, its middle on the center line on round 12. Sew down all 12 stitches of the edge.

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12. Base: the two base squares are its top and its bottom. Any stitch of the last round of a square that is the middle one of 3 sc in one stitch is a corner: there are 20 stitches from one corner to the next. Hold the base band, right side out, against one square, the right side of the square outside, the foundation chain of the band along the edge of the square, the first chain at a corner. With a new length of G (pine green), sew the 80 chains to the 80 stitches of the edge, one to one, all the way round, and let the band stand up at a right angle. Sew the last round of the band (80 sts) to the edge of the other square in the same way with the tail of the band, the first stitch at the corner above the first chain, stuffing the base firmly and evenly before the last side is closed. Press it flat and pinch the four corners.

13. Feet of the two legs: the foot is rounds 1 to 5 of the leg. Its front is straight below the place 4½ stitches from the center line on round 1 of the body and head, so that the toes look straight to the front. Bend the foot forward until it is at a right angle to the leg, and with a new length of F (charcoal) take running stitches up the front of the ankle from round 5 to round 10, to and fro twice, and draw them up until the foot stays bent.

14. Set the soldier on the base, the toes to one side of the square, the two feet close together and the same distance from its left and its right edge, the toes as far from the front edge as the heels from the back edge. With a new length of F (charcoal), sew each foot to the base all the way round its sole, going round twice, so that the soldier stands straight.

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 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.
- Teeth: with D (white), in satin stitch, a block about 7/8 in (22 mm) wide and 3/8 in (10 mm) tall, its middle on the center line of the body and head on round 22. Then with H (black), in backstitch, an outline round the block and three upright lines that part it into four equal teeth. Work the teeth before the beard and the moustache are sewn on.
- Eyes: two 8 mm black plastic eyes, on the body and head on round 29, one to each side, 4½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with I (rose), in satin stitch, a round dot about 5/16 in (8 mm) across, its middle on the body and head on round 27, one to each side, 7½ stitches from the center line (15 stitches apart).
- Eyebrows: with H (black), in backstitch, over each eye, on round 31 of the body and head, a line about 3/8 in (10 mm) long that bends up by about 1/16 in (2 mm) in the middle, its middle 4½ stitches from the center line.
- Coat bars: with E (gold), in backstitch, two level lines on the front of the coat, one on round 11 and one on round 9 of the body and head, each from 4 stitches left of the center line to 4 stitches right of it.
- Coat buttons: with E (gold), in satin stitch, a round dot about 3/16 in (5 mm) across on each of the four ends of the coat bars.
- Belt buckle: with E (gold), in satin stitch, a small block about 3/8 in (10 mm) wide and 5/16 in (8 mm) tall on the front of the belt, its middle on the center line of the body and head between rounds 6 and 7.
- 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: 20 pieces; 5,733 stitches.

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