13-inch bed doll in a ruffled dress

US terms



Finished size
About 13 in (33 cm) tall from the top of the head to the soles with her legs straight, 7 in (18 cm) tall sitting, with her braid

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

Yarn
Light (3), 8 colors

Hook
3.25 mm (US D-3)

Gauge
22 stitches and 24.2 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

What you need

Yarn A: golden brown, body and head, leg and arm	**about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, several of the pieces	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: peach, several of the pieces	**about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cornflower, several of the pieces	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: espresso, hair cap and braid strand	**about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: black brown, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: rose, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn H: cinnamon, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

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

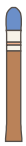
Hook: 3.25 mm (US D-3), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors and two black plastic eyes with washers, 10 mm.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

The pieces



Body and head



Leg x 2
to the body and head



Arm x 2
to the body and head



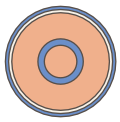
Hair cap

Braid strand x 3



Bow
to the hair cap

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Dress



Upper ruffle



Strap x 2

Gauge

22 stitches and 24.2 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 2 in (5.1 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.
- For other skin and hair use any two yarns for A and E; the nose (H) looks best one or two shades deeper than the skin.
- 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 A," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in A. 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 10 (36 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.
- Hair cap: the center line runs between stitches 30 and 31 of round 13 (60 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 E (espresso).
- One size, at the gauge above. In medium (4, worsted) yarn with a 3.5 mm (E-4) hook, at 20 sc and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm), multiply every length by 1.1: she is then about 14¼ in (36 cm) tall. It takes about 1.1 times the yarn.
- The dress, for this doll or for a 13 in (33 cm) doll you have: it measures about 6½ in (16.5 cm) round the upper edge and the sash (36 sts), 3 3/8 in (8.5 cm) from the upper edge to the hem, and each strap is about 2½ in (6.3 cm) long. Measure the chest of the doll under the arms and its hips before you begin: the dress is drawn on over the feet, so the widest place it has to pass may be about 6½ in (16.5 cm) round.

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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, **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**.

Body and head

Yarns in order of use: B, white; A, golden brown.

Round 1 is the middle of the base. Stuff as you go, through the open top: the body firmly when round 25 is done, and the neck hard when round 30 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)
☐ **Rnds 7 to 10**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
	7 8 9 10	
	Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 18 and 19 of round 10. It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.	
☐ **Rnds 11 to 15**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
	11 12 13 14 15	
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 16 sts**] 2 times**	(34 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next 15 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(32 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnds 19 to 22**	Sc in each st around	(30 sc)
	19 20 21 22	
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts**] 2 times**	(28 sc)
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 4 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**	(20 sc)
☐ **Rnd 26**	With A, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 27**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 30**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 31**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 32**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 33**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 34**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnds 35 to 41**	Sc in each st around	(54 sc)

35 36 37 38 39 40 41

☐ **Rnd 42**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 43**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 44**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 45**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 46**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 47**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

Fix the eyes now: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the body and head between rounds 34 and 35, 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.

☐ **Rnd 48**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 49**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 50**	**[**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.	

Leg: make 2

Yarns in order of use: D, cornflower; B, white; C, peach; A, golden brown.

☐ **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 7**	Sc in each st around	(15 sc)

4 5 6 7

☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)

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☐ **Rnds 10 to 13** 10 11 12 13	With B, sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	With C, sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnds 15 to 16** 15 16	With B, sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnds 17 to 43** 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	With A, sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 44**	Sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 45**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnds 46 to 47** 46 47	Sc in each st around	(16 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Rounds 1 to 9 are the shoe and rounds 10 to 16 the sock. Stuff the leg firmly, a little at a time, up to about ½ in (13 mm) below the open edge.	

Arm: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, golden brown; D, cornflower; B, 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 of next 4 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	(11 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	(11 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnds 5 to 13** 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13	Sc in each st around	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	With D, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	With B, 2 sc in each st around	(20 sc)
☐ **Rnds 16 to 18** 16 17 18	Sc in each st around	(20 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 5 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc2tog, sc in next st, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	(11 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

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Hair cap

Yarn E, espresso.

☐ **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 each st around	(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**	Sc in each st around	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**	(60 sc)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 30 and 31 of round 13. It faces the front, round 1 at the top.

☐ **Rnds 14 to 15**	Sc in each st around	(60 sc)

14 15

☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(54 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 36 in (91 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

Braid strand: make 3

Yarn E, espresso.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnds 2 to 72**	Sc in each st around	(5 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 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57
58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail. Do not stuff: the tube is only a soft cord. Sew the open end shut.	

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Bow

Yarn C, peach.

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, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Lay the strip flat, wrong side up, its two long edges running from left to right. Fold both short ends (row 1 and row 17) in to the middle, so that they meet there and the strip is a flat double loop with its right side out. With the tail, run stitches from one long edge to the other across the middle, through all the layers, pull them up tight, wind the tail three times round the middle and fasten it at the back.	

Dress

Yarns in order of use: C, peach; D, cornflower; B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 36; 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	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnds 2 to 5**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
	2 3 4 5	
☐ **Rnds 6 to 7**	With D, sc in each st around	(36 sc)
	6 7	
☐ **Rnd 8**	With C, 2 hdc in each st around	(72 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Hdc in each st around	(72 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 12 times**	(84 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Hdc in each st around	(84 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 12 times**	(96 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Hdc in each st around	(96 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 12 times**	(108 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Hdc in each st around	(108 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	With B, sc in each st around	(108 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	With D, sc in each st around	(108 sc)
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off and weave in the ends. Do not stuff. The chain edge is the upper edge of the dress.	

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Upper ruffle

Yarns in order of use: C, peach; B, white; D, cornflower.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 36; 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	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 hdc in each st around	(72 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Hdc in each st around	(72 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 18 times**	(90 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Hdc in each st around	(90 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	With B, sc in each st around	(90 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	With D, sc in each st around	(90 sc)
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off and weave in the ends. Do not stuff.	

Strap: make 2

Yarn C, peach.

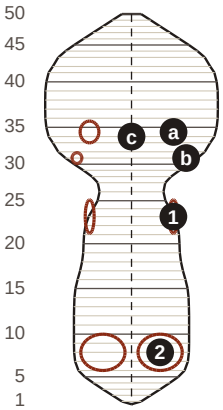
Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 3 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(3 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(3 sc)

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

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing.	

Assembly



Body and head: 1 arms, 2 legs, a eyes, b cheeks, c nose

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

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1. Pin the two arms to the body and head: the middle of each open edge lies on round 23, one to each side, 6 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart). The edge (11 sts) covers about rounds 21 to 25 of the body and head. They point out to the side and down, then curve forward until the hands point straight to the front, so that they rest on the skirt. Hold the curve with a few running stitches along the inner side of each arm, drawn up a little. Sew all the way round with the tail.

2. Pin the two legs to the body and head: the middle of each open edge lies on round 8, one to each side, 3 stitches from the center line (6 stitches apart). The edge (16 sts) covers about rounds 6 to 10 of the body and head. They point straight forward and a little out to the side and lie on the table. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches.

3. Pull the hair cap over the head, center lines in line, the middle of its round 1 at the back, on round 45 of the body and head, on the line opposite the center line. Its edge (round 16) lies on round 41 on the center line in front, on round 39 at 5 stitches, on round 38 at 8½ stitches and on round 36 at 12 stitches from the center line on each side, and on round 30 at the back. The front is the highest place of the hairline, a small point in the middle of the forehead, as at a parting. Pin it, easing it evenly, and sew all 54 stitches of the edge down.

4. Lay the three braid strands side by side and sew their closed ends (round 1) together. Braid them loosely, until the braid is about 8½ in (21.5 cm) long, sew the other three ends together and then the two ends of the braid to each other, so that it is a ring. Lay it on the head like a crown, the seam at the back: it lies on round 4 of the hair cap on the line opposite the center line, on round 11 on the center line in front and on round 8 at the two sides, 8½ stitches from the center line. Sew it to the hair cap all the way round along its lower side with the tails.

5. Sew the bow by its middle to the hair cap and the lower edge of the braid, on round 13 of the hair cap, 5½ stitches to the right of the center line, so that its loops point to the upper right and the lower left.

6. The dress: slip the upper ruffle, right side out, its last round first, over the chain edge of the dress and down until the chain edge of the ruffle lies on round 7 of the dress (36 sts), the second cornflower round, and its last round looks toward the hem. With a new length of C (peach), sew the 36 chains to the 36 stitches of that round, chain to stitch.

7. Lay the dress flat, its center line in front: it is half way round from where the rounds begin, between stitches 18 and 19 of round 1. Sew the two straps to the inside of the dress, right side out: row 1 of each lies behind round 3 of the dress in front, its middle 4½ stitches from the center line, one to each side (9 stitches apart), and row 15 lies behind round 3 at the back, its middle 4½ stitches from the line opposite the center line. Catch the straps to the chain edge too, where they cross it.

8. To dress the doll, draw the dress up over the feet and the legs, put the arms through the straps and lay the straps over the shoulders. The chain edge then lies on about round 22 of the body and head, under the arms. The dress is not sewn to the doll: it comes off again the same way.

9. Feet of the two legs: the foot is rounds 1 to 6 of the leg. Bend it up until the toe (round 1) points straight up and the foot is at a right angle to the leg, and with a new length of B (white) take running stitches along the upper side of the leg from round 6 to round 11, to and fro twice, and draw them up until the foot stays bent.

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Finishing

- Put in the plastic eyes when the words of a piece say so, or embroider eyes in the same places with the other details. Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on; begin and end each strand 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.
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the body and head between rounds 34 and 35, one to each side, 4½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with G (rose), in satin stitch, an oval about 5/16 in (8 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the body and head on round 31, one to each side, 6½ stitches from the center line (13 stitches apart).
- Mouth: with F (black brown), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about 7/16 in (11 mm) wide that dips 3/16 in (5 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are on the body and head on round 32, one to each side of the center line.
- Nose: with H (cinnamon), in satin stitch, an oval about 3/16 in (5 mm) wide and 1/8 in (3 mm) tall, its middle on the body and head on round 34, 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: 14 pieces; 7,117 stitches.

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