Witch doll with a broom

US terms



Finished size
About 11 in (28 cm) tall to the top of the hat, 8½ in (21.5 cm) to the top of the head and 6 in (15 cm) across the brim

Skill
Intermediate
21 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, head and arm and the details	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: plum, several of the pieces	**about 180 yd (165 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: moss, several of the pieces	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: marigold, several of the pieces	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: copper, hair cap and curl	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: oak brown, broom handle	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: straw, the details	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn H: dark brown, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn I: rose, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 240 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, 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



Leg x 2 **Collar** **Body and head** **Skirt** **Arm x 2** to the body and head **Sleeve frill x 2** **Hair cap**

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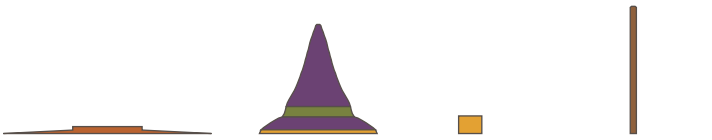

Curl x 8 | **Hat** | **Buckle** to the hat | **Broom handle**

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.
- Slip stitch: put the hook in the stitch, yarn over, and pull it through the stitch and through the loop on the hook (United Kingdom: slip stitch too).
- For other skin and hair use any two yarns for A and E; the nose and the cheeks (I) look 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 D," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in D. 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 14 and 15 of round 1 (28 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.
- Hair cap: the center line runs between stitches 27 and 28 of round 10 (54 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 8¼ in (21 cm) tall to the top of the hat, 6¼ in (16 cm) to the top of the head and 4¼ in (11 cm) across the brim; eyes 7 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 15¾ in (40 cm) tall to the top of the hat, 12¼ in (31 cm) to the top of the head and 8½ in (21.5 cm) across the brim; eyes 14 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 20 in (51 cm) tall to the top of the hat, 15½ in (39.5 cm) to the top of the head and 10¾ in (27.5 cm) across the brim; eyes 18 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. **FLO**: only the loop nearest 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**.

Leg: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, moss; D, marigold; B, plum.

☐ **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** 4 5 6 7	Sc in each st around	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog	(13 sc)
☐ **Rnds 10 to 11** 10 11	With D, sc in each st around	(13 sc)
☐ **Rnds 12 to 13** 12 13	With B, sc in each st around	(13 sc)
☐ **Rnds 14 to 15** 14 15	With D, sc in each st around	(13 sc)
☐ **Rnds 16 to 17** 16 17	With B, sc in each st around	(13 sc)

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☐ **Rnds 18 to 19** 18 19	With D, sc in each st around	(13 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	With B, sc in each st around	(13 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	(14 sc)
☐ **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, up to about ½ in (13 mm) below the open edge, before you join them. Rounds 1 to 9 are the boot.	

Collar

Yarns in order of use: C, moss; D, marigold.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 24; 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	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st, 3 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	With D, **[**sc2tog, sc in next st, 3 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off and weave in the ends. Do not stuff. Every round from round 4 on is the same: the 3 sc in one stitch make the points and the two sc2tog side by side make the valleys between them. In each round after round 4 the 3 sc go into the middle one of the 3 sc below.	

Body and head

Yarns in order of use: B, plum; D, marigold; 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 14 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 15 is done, and the neck hard when round 20 is done, so that the head does not wobble.

The collar goes on while there is no head yet. When round 17 is done, cut the yarn, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm), and put the loop on a marker so that it cannot run out. Slip the collar over the neck and sew it on as step 1 of Assembly says. Then put the loop back on the hook, go on with round 18 with A from the ball, and knot the two ends of A on the wrong side.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the two legs side by side.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	With right sides facing out, sc in each of the 14 sts of one leg, then sc in each of the 14 sts of the other leg	(28 sc)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 14 and 15 of round 1. It faces the front, round 1 at the bottom.

☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(30 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	(32 sc)
☐ **Rnds 4 to 5**	Sc in each st around	(32 sc)
4 5		
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 14 sts**] 2 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 13 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(28 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(26 sc)
☐ **Rnds 9 to 10**	With D, sc in each st around	(26 sc)
9 10		
☐ **Rnd 11**	With B, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts**] 2 times**	(28 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around	(28 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(26 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	With A, **[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in each st around	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 8 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnds 23 to 31**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		
☐ **Rnd 32**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 33**	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 34**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 35**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 36**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

Fix the eyes now: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the body and head between rounds 27 and 28, 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 37**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 38**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(12 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 39**	**[**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.	

Skirt

Yarns in order of use: B, plum; D, marigold; C, moss.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 28; 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	(28 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	(28 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in each st around	(56 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 8 times**	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 8 times**	(88 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 8 times**	(88 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 8 times**	(88 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	With D, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 8 times**	(88 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	With B, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 8 times**	(88 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	With C, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 8 times**	(88 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	With D, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 8 times**	(88 sc)
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off and weave in the ends. Do not stuff. Every round from round 7 on is the same: the 3 sc in one stitch make the points and the two sc2tog side by side make the valleys between them. In each round after round 7 the 3 sc go into the middle one of the 3 sc below.	

Arm: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, peach; B, plum.

☐ **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)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnds 5 to 11**	With B, sc in each st around	(8 sc)
	5 6 7 8 9 10 11	
☐ **Rnd 12**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts	(9 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts	(9 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff it until its sleeve frill is on (see Assembly); then stuff it lightly up to the open edge.	

Sleeve frill: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, plum; D, marigold.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 8; 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	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 hdc in each st around	(16 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	With D, sc in each st around	(24 sc)
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off and weave in the ends. Do not stuff.	

Hair cap

Yarn E, copper.

☐ **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 each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**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 10. It faces the front, round 1 at the top.

☐ **Rnds 11 to 12**	Sc in each st around	(54 sc)

11 12

☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 36 in (91 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

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Curl: make 8

Yarn E, copper.

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

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 19.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 3 sc in each of next 18 sts	(54 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Row 2 makes the strip turn round itself like a corkscrew. Twist it with your fingers, always the same way, until it is an even curl about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) long. The end with the long tail is the upper end.	

Hat

Yarns in order of use: B, plum; C, moss; D, marigold.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	(20 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st	(21 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts	(22 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(26 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(28 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts**] 2 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(32 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	(34 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts**] 2 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(39 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 3 times**	(42 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts**] 3 times**	(45 sc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 3 times**	(51 sc)
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts**] 3 times**	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnds 26 to 28** 26 27 28	With C, sc in each st around	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 29**	With B, working in FLO all the way round, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(66 sc)
☐ **Rnd 30**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 31**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 6 times**	(78 sc)
☐ **Rnd 32**	**[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(84 sc)
☐ **Rnd 33**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	(90 sc)
☐ **Rnd 34**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts**] 6 times**	(96 sc)
☐ **Rnd 35**	With D, sc in each st around	(96 sc)
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off and weave in the ends. Stuff rounds 1 to 20 lightly and leave the rest empty.	

Buckle

Yarn D, marigold.

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

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 5** 2 3 4 5	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Broom handle

Yarn F, oak brown.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(5 sc)

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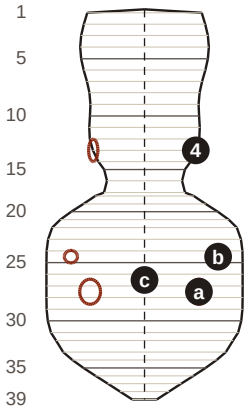
☐ **Rnds 2 to 37**	Sc in each st around	(5 sc)

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

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff: worked tightly, a tube of 5 stitches is nearly firm by itself. To fill it, thread four lengths of F (oak brown), each 10 in (25 cm), in the needle together and draw them up through the middle of the tube from end to end, then trim them inside. Sew the open end closed with the tail, flat, through both layers, and bury the tail.

Assembly



Body and head: 4 arms, 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.

1. (Done already, when round 17 of the body and head was done.) Slip the collar, right side out and its chain edge up, over the open neck and down until its chain edge lies on round 14 of the body and head (24 sts) and its points lie out over the shoulders. Turn it until one point lies on the center line in front. Then, with a new length of C (moss), sew the 24 chains to the 24 stitches of that round, chain to stitch. The last round stays loose.

2. Slip the skirt, right side out and its chain edge first, up over the legs and the hips until its chain edge lies on round 7 of the body and head (28 sts), just below the two marigold rounds of the sash, and its points hang down. Ease the chain edge over the hips a little at a time. Turn it so that one point comes on the center line in front. With a new length of B (plum), sew the 28 chains to the 28 stitches of round 7, chain to stitch. The last round stays loose.

3. Slip the two sleeve frills over the hands, one on each arm, right side out, the chain edge first, until the chain edge lies on round 5 of the arm (8 sts), the first plum round, and the last round looks toward the hand. With a new length of B (plum), sew the 8 chains of each to the 8 stitches of that round, chain to stitch. The frill stands out round the hand like a bell.

4. Pin the two arms to the body and head: the middle of each open edge lies on round 13, one to each side, 6 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart). The edge (9 sts) covers about rounds 12 to 14 of the body and head, under the collar: lift the points of the collar out of the way. The right arm is not bent: it points out to the side, a little down and a little forward, toward the broom. The left arm points out to the side and down as far as round 9, and from there it bends, so that the hand points almost straight down: hold that bend with running stitches of B (plum) along the underside of the arm, from round 12 to round 6, drawn up until it stays. Sew all the way round each with its tail.

5. Before the hair cap goes on the head, sew the eight curls to the edge of the hair cap (round 13, 48 sts), four to each side of its center line, 9, 13, 17 and 21 stitches from it: lay the upper end of each against the wrong side of round 13, the curl hanging down past the edge, and sew it there with its tail.

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6. Pull the hair cap over the head, center line in front, the middle of its round 1 at the back, on the line opposite the center line, on round 35 of the body and head. Pin that middle first. Its edge (round 13) lies on round 34 on the center line in front, and on round 23 on the line opposite it: pin it at these two places. The front is the highest place of the hairline, a small point in the middle of the forehead, as at a parting. From there the edge comes down to round 32 at 4½ stitches, to round 30 at 9½ stitches and to round 28 at 12½ stitches from the center line, on each side, then runs on down to the back. Pin it, easing it evenly, and sew all 48 stitches of the edge down. The curls hang straight down and are sewn nowhere else.

7. Bend the tip of the hat before you sew the hat on: turn it so that the end of its last round is at the back, fold the cone over to the right at about round 11, so that round 1 points to the right and a little down, and hold the fold with running stitches of B (plum) along the right- hand side of the cone, from round 17 to round 5, drawn up until it stays. Pull the hat down over the hair cap, tipped a little back, until round 28 (the last moss round, 54 sts) lies over the edge (round 13) of the hair cap on its center line in front, over about round 10 of the hair cap at the two sides (13 stitches from its center line) and over about round 6 at the back. The hat is a little wider than the hair: push a thin layer of stuffing in under it all round. With a new length of C (moss), sew round 28 to the hair cap with running stitches all the way round. The brim, rounds 29 to 35, stays free.

8. Lay the buckle flat on the front of the hat, right side out, above the center line of the hair cap: row 1 lies along round 28 of the hat and row 5 along round 24. Sew it down all the way round its edge with its tail.

9. Feet of the two legs: the foot of the boot is rounds 1 to 6 of the leg. Its front is straight below the place 4 stitches from the center line on round 1 of the body and head, so that the toes turn out a little. Bend the foot forward until it is at a right angle to the leg, and with a new length of C (moss) take running stitches up the front of the ankle from round 6 to round 10, to and fro twice, and draw them up until the foot stays bent. Press the soles flat on the table.

10. The broom: work its bristles first (see Finishing). Stand it beside the witch, at the right as you look at her and about ¾ in (2 cm) in front of the middle of her side, the bristles on the table. Lean the top of the handle a little outward, until the handle passes just outside the brim of the hat; where the soft brim still touches it, push the brim back behind the handle. Turn the edge of the right sleeve frill back toward the elbow, so that the hand is bare, and lay the front of rounds 1 to 3 of the right arm against the back of the handle, at about round 14 of the handle: raise or lower the arm until it meets the handle there with the bristles still on the table. Sew the hand to the handle there with a few stitches of A (peach), all the way through the handle. Then let the frill fall forward again as far as the handle. With the broom beside her the witch stands.

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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.
- Buckle: with C (moss), in satin stitch, a block about 3/8 in (10 mm) wide and ¼ in (6 mm) tall, its middle on row 3 of the buckle, between the third and the fourth stitch: it is 2 stitches wide and reaches just into rows 2 and 4.
- Bristles of the broom: with G (straw), cut 60 pieces, each 8 in (20 cm) long, and one piece of C (moss), 24 in (61 cm) long. Round 1 of the broom handle is its lower end. Lay the pieces of straw side by side round it, along the handle, so that the middle of each lies on round 4 of the handle and they hide the handle all the way round. Tie them very tightly to the handle over round 4 with one end of the moss, going round twice and knotting twice. Fold the upper half of every piece down over the knot, so that all the ends point down past round 1. Wind the rest of the moss three times tightly round the whole bundle, about ½ in (13 mm) below the fold, sew it through the bundle once and bury the end. Trim the ends to about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) below the winding.
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the body and head between rounds 27 and 28, one to each side, 4½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with I (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 between rounds 24 and 25, 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 ½ in (13 mm) wide that dips 3/16 in (5 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are on the body and head on round 25, one to each side of the center line.
- Nose: with I (rose), 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 between rounds 26 and 27, 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: 21 pieces; 5,896 stitches.

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