

CROCHET | SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE



Nativity Set

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Joseph and Shepherd are 10.5" tall without headdresses; kneeling Mary without headdress is 7.24".

RED HEART® "Super Saver®": 1 Skein each 336 Warm Brown **A**, 313 Aran **B**, 882 Country Blue **C**, 380 Windsor Blue **D**, 365 Coffee **E**, 332 Ranch Red **F**.

Crochet Hook: 4mm [US G-6].
6.5mm [US K-10.5] for Joseph's head band only.

Three 2" Styrofoam® balls, two 8" x 3" Styrofoam® cones, one 6" x 3" Styrofoam® cone, six beige chenille stems, three

small wooden craft sticks, three 3 oz pyramid shaped fishing weights, three 3" ivory felt circles, small amounts of black, brown and gray embroidery floss, six tiny pompom eyes, two small Velcro® squares, tapestry needle, and craft glue.

GAUGE: 16 sc = 4"; 16 rows = 4" with smaller hook.
CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain gauge.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS:

Dec: [Draw up a loop in next st] 2 times; yo and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Hdcdec: [Yo and draw up a loop in next st] 2 times; yo and draw through all 5 loops on hook.

Ccdec: [yo and draw up a loop in next st, yo and draw through 2 loops] 2 times; yo and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

JOSEPH

HEAD: With smaller hook and **A**, ch 4; join with a slip st to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 3 (counts as 1st dc), dc 11 in ring; join with a slip st in top of ch-3 – 12 sts.

Rnd 2: Ch 3, 2 dc in next st, * dc in next st, 2 dc in next st; repeat from * around; join – 18 sts.

Rnd 3: Ch 2 (counts as 1st hdc), hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, * hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st; repeat from * around; join – 24 sts.

Rnd 4: Ch 2, hdc in each st around.

Rnd 5: Repeat Rnd 4; insert Styrofoam® ball.

Rnd 6: Ch 2, hdc in next st, hdcdec over next 2 sts, * hdc in next 2 sts, hdcdec over next 2 sts; repeat from * around; join – 18 sts.

Rnd 7: Ch 2, hdcdec over next 2 sts, * hdc in next st, hdcdec over next 2 sts; repeat from * around; join – 12 sts.

Rnd 8: Ch 2, hdc in each st around; join.

Rnd 9: Repeat Rnd 8; fasten off.

UNDER ROBE-Rnd 10: Attach **B** with a slip st to last st, ch 1, 2 sc in next st, * sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around; join – 18 sts.

Rnds 11-13: Ch 3 (counts as 1st dc), dc in each st around and join at top of ch-3.

Rnd 14: Ch 3, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, * dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st; repeat from * around; join – 24 sts.

Rnds 15-17: Ch 3, dc in each st around; join.

Rnd 18: Ch 3, dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, * dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st; repeat from * around; join – 30 sts.

Rnds 19-24: Ch 3, * dc in next st; repeat from * around; join.



Rnd 25: Ch 3, dc in next 2 sts, dcdec in next 2 sts, * dc in next 3 sts, dcdec in next 2 sts; repeat from * around; join – 24 sts.

Rnd 26: Ch 1, sc around; join and fasten off.

BODY: Glue a 4" piece of craft stick into top of Styrofoam® cone (leave 1" protruding to glue into head). Allow to dry. Apply glue to remaining portion of craft stick and fit crocheted Under Robe over cone, carefully fitting stick into Styrofoam® ball. Cut pyramid shaped hole into bottom of cone and glue weight and felt circle into place. Wrap 2 chenille stems together and insert through body at bottom of second Under Robe row for arms (use a skewer or an awl to help guide the stem through). Position stem equally on body and fold over at each end (approximately ½") for hands. Dab a small amount of glue where arms and body meet and allow to dry.

ARMS (Make 2): With smaller hook and **A**, ch 38; turn.

Row 1: Dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in next 13 ch, hdc in next 8 ch, dc in last 14 ch, ch 3; turn.

Row 2: Dc in next 13 sts, hdc in next 8 sts, dc in last 14 sts; fasten off, leave a 20" tail for sewing.

Using tapestry needle, fold arm together (end to end) and stitch to fold. Turn and stitch first 4 hdc together. Fit onto wire arm, wrap tail around three times to form wrist, continue sewing up the arm then stitch to under robe at shoulders.

FACE: Using gray embroidery floss, cut a 30" and a 10" piece. Loop the 30" piece around a 5" piece of cardboard and sew at top of each ear. Loop the 10" section around a 2" piece of cardboard and attach above beard for mustache. The mustache may be tacked into place at the ends, if desired. Use black floss to form small lines for eyes and glue pompoms into place above each eye.

ROBE: With smaller hook and **C**, ch 36.

Row 1: Dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in each ch across; turn – 33 sts.

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc in next 5 sts, ch 3, skip next 3 sts, dc in next 16 sts, ch 3, skip next 3 sts, dc in last 5 sts and in top of ch-3; turn.

Row 3: Ch 3, dc in each dc and in each ch across; turn.

Rows 4-10: Ch 3, dc in each st across; turn.

Row 11: Ch 1, sc in each st across. Fasten off.

Fringe: Cut thirty six 4" strands of **C** and attach two in every other st on bottom edge of robe.

Tie: With **C**, ch 55. Fasten off. Weave through first dc row at top of robe for neck gathering.

SLEEVES (Make 2): With smaller hook and **C** and leaving 10" beginning tail for sewing, ch 12; join.

Rnd 1: Ch 3 (counts as 1st dc), dc in each ch around; join – 12 sts.

Rnds 2-4: Ch 3, dc around; join.

Rnd 5: Ch 3, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, * dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st; repeat from * around; join – 16 sts.

Rnd 6: Ch 3, dc in each st around; join.

Rnd 7: Ch 3, dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, * dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st; repeat from * around; join – 20 sts.

Rnd 8: Ch 1, (sc in each st) around; join. Fasten off. Stitch each sleeve into place on robe.

HEADPIECE: With smaller hook and **C**, ch 38.

Row 1: Dc in 4th ch from hook and in each chain across; drop yarn, DO NOT TURN – 35 sts.

Row 2: Attach **D** at top of 1st dc, ch 3 (counts as beginning dc), dc in each st across; drop yarn; turn.

Row 3: Pick up **C** and slip stitch to top of last dc, ch 3, dc in each st across; drop yarn.

Row 4: With **D**, repeat Row 3; turn at end.

Row 5: With **C**, repeat Row 3. Fasten **C** off.

Row 6: With **D**, repeat Row 3. Fasten **D** off.

Fold tog end to end and with **C**, stitch last row together.

With right side facing, attach **D** at one side of bottom and sc once in each st and twice around each post across. Fasten off.

HEAD BAND: With larger hook, hold one strand each **B**, **C**, and **D** together as one; ch 45. Fasten off.

Tie around Joseph's head to hold headpiece in place.

MARY

HEAD & UNDER ROBE: Work same as for Joseph.

BODY: Using the 6" Styrofoam® cone, measure 4" down back and 5" down front and cut at an angle. Glue a 4" piece of craft stick into top of cone (leave 1" protruding to glue into head). Allow to dry. Apply glue to remaining portion of craft stick and fit crocheted Under Robe over cone, carefully fitting stick into Styrofoam® ball. Cut pyramid shaped hole into bottom of cone and glue weight and felt circle into place. Fold excess Under Robe material under and stitch together to form kneeling legs. Wrap 2 chenille stems together and insert through body at bottom of second Under Robe row for arms (use a skewer or an awl to help guide the stem through). Position stem equally on body and fold over at each end (approximately ½") for hands. Dab a small amount of glue where arms and body meet and allow to dry.

ARMS: Work same as for Joseph. Glue Velcro® onto hands for a praying posture.



FACE: To form Mary's curls, wrap black and brown strands of yarn together around wooden skewer after dipping into a diluted glue solution. Allow to dry overnight. Unwrap, and sew small portions over ears, as desired; finish eyes as described for Joseph.

ROBE: With smaller hook and **C**, ch 31.

Row 1: Dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in each ch across; turn – 28 sts.

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as 1st dc), dc in next 4 sts, ch 3, skip next 3 sts, dc in next 13 sts, ch 3, skip next 3 sts, dc in last 4 sts and at the top of 1st ch-3; turn.

Row 3: Ch 3, dc in each dc and in each ch across; turn.

Rows 4-7: Ch 3, dc in each st across; turn.

Row 8: Ch 1, sc in each st across. Fasten off.

Trim: With right side facing, attach **D** at the upper left front of robe. Ch 1, sc around post, * ch 1, sc around next post; repeat from * to bottom; ** ch 3, sc in next st, skip next st; repeat from ** across bottom; ch 3, sc around next post; repeat from * to top of right side. Fasten off.

Tie: With **C**, ch 55. Fasten off. Weave through first dc row of robe for neck gathering.

SLEEVES (Make 2): With smaller hook and **C**, and leaving 1st 10" tail for sewing, ch 12; join.

Rnd 1: Ch 3 (counts as 1st dc), dc in each ch; join.

Rnds 2-3: Ch 3, dc in each st; join.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, * dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st; repeat from * around; join – 16 sts.

Rnds 5-6: Repeat Rnds 2-3. Fasten off.

Rnd 7: Attach **D**, * ch 3, skip next st, sc; repeat from * around; join. Fasten off.

Stitch each sleeve into place on robe.

HEADPIECE: With smaller hook and **D**, ch 6; join.

Rnd 1: Ch 2 (counts as 1st hdc), hdc 11 times in ring; join to the top of 1st hdc – 12 sts.

Rnd 2: Ch 2, 2 hdc in next st, * hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st; repeat from * around; join – 18 sts.

Rnd 3: Ch 2, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, * hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st; repeat from * around; join – 24 sts.

Rnd 4: Ch 2, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, * hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st; repeat from * around; join – 30 sts.

Rnd 5: Ch 2, hdc in each st; join.

Rnd 6: Ch 1, sc in first 4 sts, dec in next 2 sts, * sc in next 4 sts, dec; repeat from * around; join – 35 sts.

Row 7: Ch 3 (counts as 1st dc); TURN; dc in next 2 sts, dcdec in next 2 sts; [dc in next 3 sts, dcdec in next 2 sts] 2 times; dc in next 3 sts; turn – 18 sts.

Rows 8-9: Ch 3, dc in each st across; turn.

Row 10: Ch 3, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, * dc in next 2

sts, 2 dc in next st; repeat from * across; turn – 24 sts.

Row 11: Ch 3, dc in each st; join. Fasten off.

Trim: Join **C** to last st, ch 3, sc in every other st and around each post around headpiece; join. Fasten off.

SHEPHERD

Work Head, Under Robe, Body, and Arms same as for Joseph.

FACE: Using black yarn, finish same as for Joseph.

ROBE: With smaller hook and **E**, ch 31.

Row 1: Dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in each ch across; turn.

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as 1st dc), dc in next 4 sts, ch 3, skip next 3 sts, dc in next 13 sts, ch 3, skip next 3 sts, dc in next 3 sts, dc in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3; turn – 28 sts.

Row 3: Ch 3, dc in each dc and in each ch across; turn.

Rows 4-11: Ch 3, dc in each st across; turn.

Row 12: Ch 3, skip next st, sc in next st, * ch 3, skip next st, sc in next st; repeat from * across. Fasten off.

Trim: Join **F** at the top post on left side of robe. Slip st in same post and in next st, [2 sc around next post] 3 times; [2 hdc around next post] 2 times; [2 dc around next post] 2 times; [2 tr in next post] 3 times; ch 4 and sc in first ch-3 space at bottom of robe, ch 4, sc in each ch space across bottom, ch 4, [2 tr around next post] 3 times; [2 dc in next post] 2 times; [2 hdc in next post] 2 times; [2 sc in next post] 3 times; slip st in next post, 2 slip st in last post. Fasten off.

Tie: With **E**, ch 55. Fasten off. Weave through first dc row at the top of robe for neck gathering.

Finishing: Join **E** at a ch in armhole, ch 1, sc in same ch, ch 3, skip next st, sc in next st, ch 3, sc around next post, ch 3, sc in next st, ch 3, skip next st, sc in next st, ch 3, sc around next post, ch 3; join to 1st sc. Fasten off. Repeat for other armhole.

HEADPIECE: With smaller hook and **F**, ch 30.

Row 1: Hdc in 3rd ch from hook (counts as first hdc), hdc in each ch across; turn – 28 sts.

Rows 2-3: Ch 2, hdc in each st across; turn.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in next 5 sts, dec in next 2 sts, * sc in next 5 sts, dec in next 2 sts; repeat from * across. DO NOT FASTEN OFF.

Finishing: Fold over and sc ends together evenly to form circle. Fasten off.



BABY JESUS

Baby Jesus is 4" tall.

RED HEART® “Super Saver®”: 1 skein 336 Warm Brown **A**, 313 Aran **B**, and 882 Country Blue **C**.

Crochet Hook: 3.25mm [US D-3].

1" piece of curly Mary hair (see instructions for Mary), small amount of black embroidery floss, small amount of fiberfill material.

GAUGE: 20 sc = 4"; 20 rows = 4". **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.**
Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS:

Dec: [Draw up a loop in next st] 2 times; yo and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Hdcdec: [Yo and draw up a loop in next st] 2 times; yo and draw through all 5 loops on hook.

BODY: With **B**, ch 4; join to form ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 2 (counts as 1st hdc), 9 hdc in circle, join at top of beginning ch-2 – 10 sts.

Rnd 2: Ch 2, 2 hdc in next st; * hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st; repeat from * around; join – 15 sts.

Rnd 3: Ch 2, hdc in the next st, 2 hdc in next st, * hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st; repeat from * around; join – 20 sts.

Rnd 4: Ch 2, hdc in next st and in each st around; join.

Rnd 5: Repeat Rnd 4.

Rnd 6: Ch 1, sc in first 3 sts, dec in next 2 sts, * sc in next 3 sts, dec in next 2 sts; repeat from * around; join – 16 sts.

Rnd 7: Ch 1, sc in first 2 sts, dec in next 2 sts, * sc in next 2 sts, dec in next 2 st; repeat from * around; join – 12 sts. Fill lightly with fiberfill material.

Rnd 8: Ch 1, sc in 1st st, dec in next 2 sts, * sc in next st, dec in next 2 sts; repeat from * around; join. Fasten off.

HEAD: With **A**, work same as Body through Rnd 2.

Rnd 3: Ch 2, hdc in each st around; join – 15 sts.

Rnd 4: Ch 2, hdc in next 2 sts, hdcdec in next 2 sts, * hdc in next 3 sts, hdcdec in next 2 sts; repeat from * around; join – 12 sts.

Rnd 5: Ch 1, sc in 1st 2 sts, dec in next 2 sts, * sc in next 2 sts, dec in next 2 sts; repeat from * around; join – 9 sts. Fill lightly.

Rnd 6: Ch 1, sc in 1st st, dec in next 2 sts, * sc in next st, dec in next 2 sts; repeat from * around; join. Fasten off.

Finishing: Sew head and body together. Use three strands of black embroidery floss to form closed eyes and to stitch on curl.

SWADDLING CLOTHES: With **C**, ch 6; join.

Rnd 1: Ch 2 (counts as 1st hdc), 11 hdc in circle; join – 12 sts.

Rnd 2: Ch 2, 2 hdc in next st, * hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st; repeat from * around; join – 18 sts.

Rnds 3-6: Ch 3 (counts as 1st dc), dc in each st around; join.

Rnd 7: Ch 2, hdc in each st around; join.

Rnd 8: * Ch 3, skip next st, sc in next st; repeat from * around; join. Fasten off.

LAMBS

Large Lamb is 2¾" tall. Small Lamb is 2" tall.

RED HEART® “Super Saver®”: 1 skein each 313 Aran **A** and 312 Black **B**.

Crochet Hook: 3.25mm [US D-3].

Small amount of fiberfill material, four 12" 6mm white chenille stems, tapestry needle and craft glue.

GAUGE: 20 sc = 4"; 20 rows = 4". **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.**
Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS:

Dec: [Draw up a loop in next st] 2 times; yo and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Hdcdec: [Yo and draw up a loop in next st] 2 times; yo and draw through all 5 loops on hook.

LARGE LAMB

With **A**, ch 6; join.

Rnd 1: Ch 2 (counts as 1st hdc), 9 hdc in ring; join – 10 sts.

Rnd 2: Ch 2, 2 hdc in next st, * hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st; repeat from * around; join – 15 sts.

Rnd 3: Ch 2, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, * hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st; repeat from * around; join – 20 sts.

Rnds 4-8: Ch 2, hdc in each st around; join.

Rnd 9: Ch 2, hdc in next 2 sts, hdcdec in next 2 sts, * hdc in next 3 sts, hdcdec in next 2 sts; repeat from * around; join – 16 sts.

Rnd 10: Ch 2, hdc in next st, hdcdec in next 2 sts, * hdc in next 2 sts, hdcdec in next 2 sts; repeat from * around; join – 12 sts. Fill lightly with fiberfill.

Rnds 11-13: Ch 2, hdc in each st around; join.

Rnd 14: Ch 2, 2 hdc in next st, * hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st; repeat from * around; join – 18 sts.

Rnds 15-16: Ch 2, hdc in each st around; join.



Rnds 17: Ch 1, sc in 1st 3 sts, dec in next 2 sts, * sc in next st, dec in next 2 sts; repeat from * around; join – 12 sts. Fill head lightly.

Rnd 18: Ch 1, sc in 1st 2 sts, dec in next 2 sts, * sc in next 2 sts, dec in next 2 sts; repeat from * around; join – 9 sts. Fasten off.

Rnd 19: Join **B** in any st, ch 1, sc in 1st st, dec in next 2 sts, * sc in next st, dec in next 2 sts; repeat from * around; join – 6 sts.

Rnd 20: Slip st in each st.

Rnd 21: Repeat Rnd 20. Fasten off, leaving 8" tail for forming eyes.

Using tapestry needle, form a black eye on each side of head and fasten off.

EARS (Make 2): With **A**, ch 6.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 ch, tr in last ch. Fasten off.

TAIL: With **A**, ch 8.

Row 1: Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across. Fasten off.

LEGS (Make 4): With **A**, leave beginning 10" tail, ch 11.

Row 1: Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across; turn – 9 sts.

Row 2: Ch 2, hdc in each st across; turn.

Row 3: Repeat Row 2.

Fasten off, leaving another 10" tail for sewing.

Hooves: Join **B** to end which has no tails, leaving a small tail for tying.

Row 1: Ch 1, 3 sc evenly across. Fasten off and tie onto beginning black tail (this begins to form a cylinder for leg).

FINISHING: Fold two chenille stems in half. Insert one through body at top of Rnd 3 and one through body at top of Rnd 10, centering equally. Dab a small amount of glue where legs meet body. **Note:** Use wooden skewer or awl to help guide stems through lamb's body. With tapestry needle, sew tail and ears onto bodies. Stitch legs together, fit onto wires and sew onto bodies.

SMALL LAMB

With **A**, ch 4; join.

Rnd 1: Ch 2 (counts as 1st hdc), 7 hdc in ring; join – 8 sts.

Rnd 2: Ch 2, 2 hdc in next st, * hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st; repeat from * around; join – 12 sts.

Rnd 3: Ch 2, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, * hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st; repeat from * around; join – 16 sts.

Rnds 4-5: Ch 2, hdc in each st around; join.

Rnd 6: Ch 2, hdc in next st, hdcdec in next 2 sts (hdc in next 2 sts, hdcdec in next 2 sts) around; join – 12 sts.

Rnd 7: Ch 2, hdcdec in next 2 sts; * hdc in next st, hdcdec in next 2 sts; repeat from * around; join – 8 sts. Fill body lightly.

Rnds 8-9: Ch 2, hdc in each st around; join. Fill neck lightly.

Rnds 10-11: Ch 2, 2 hdc in next st, * hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st; repeat from * around; join – 12 sts.

Rnd 12: Ch 1, sc in 1st st, dec in next 2 sts; * sc in next st, dec in next 2 sts; repeat from * around; join – 8 sts.

Rnd 13: Ch 1, sc in 1st 3 sts, dec in next 2 sts, sc in next st, dec in next 2 sts; join – 6 sts. Fasten off. Fill head lightly.

Rnd 14: With **B**, join in any st, ch 1, sc in 1st st, dec in next 2 sts, sc in next st, dec in next 2 sts; join – 4 sts.

Rnd 15: Slip st in each st.

Rnd 16: Repeat Rnd 15. Fasten off, leaving 8" tail of yarn for forming eyes. Finish as described for Large Lamb.

EARS (make 2): With **A**, ch 5.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, tr in last ch. Fasten off, leaving 6" tail for sewing.

TAIL: With **A**, ch 6.

Row 1: Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across. Fasten off, leaving 6" tail for sewing.

LEGS (Make 4): With **A**, leave beginning 8" tail, ch 8.

Row 1: Hdc in 3rd ch from hook, hdc in each ch across; turn – 6 sts.

Row 2: Ch 2, hdc in each st across; turn.

Row 3: Repeat Row 2. Fasten off, leaving another 8" tail for sewing.

Hooves: work as for Large Lamb.

FINISHING: Cut two chenille stems to 8", fold in half. Insert one through body at top of Rnd 2 and one through body at top of Rnd 7. Finish as for Large Lamb.



RED HEART® "Super Saver®": Art. E300 available in Solid 7 oz (198 g), 364 yd (333 m); Multi, Fleck and Print 5 oz (141 g), 244 yd (223 m) skeins.

ABBREVIATIONS: **A, B** = color A, B; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **dec** = decrease; **hdc** = half double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **rnd** = round; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **tr** = treble crochet; **yo** = yarn over; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated; [] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.