

Shepherds Crochet Pattern

Stand up Figures or finger puppets

Free Crochet Pattern Part of a Nativity Set

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Use a 2mm hook and 4ply cotton yarn to make a 3" figure or finger puppet. White, maroon, black, brown and skin tone yarn required. Darning needle for sewing up. Small amount of toy stuffing. Wire for the crook (24 gauge or any thin wire) and size 18 (thin) brown cotton crochet thread to cover the shepherds crook and a steel size 8 hook. The crook is not recommended for children.

Shepherd's Body

Worked in Rounds with a stitch marker.

2 chain (ch)

Round 1

Into second chain from the hook do 6 double crochet (dc) stitches.

[6]

Round 2

2 dc into the first stitch, (1 dc, 1 htr) into next stitch, 2 htr in next stitch, (1 htr, 1 dc) in next stitch, (2 dc into next stitch) x2 [12]

Round 3

12 dc [12]

Round 4

12 dc [12]

Round 5

(2 dc, then 2 dc into next stitch) x3 then do 3 dc. [15]

Round 6

15 dc [15]

Round 7

15 dc [15]

Round 8

1 chain, 15 trebles (tr) [15]

Round 9

Dc into chain stitch from row below then 15 more dc. [16]

Rounds 10 to 15

16 dc [16] 1 ss. Cast off and weave in end.

Shepherd's Head

Worked in Rounds with a stitch marker.

2 ch.

Round 1

Into second chain from the hook do 5 dc [5]

Round 2

2 dc into each stitch below [10]

Round 3

(1 dc, 2 dc into next stitch) x 5 [15]

Round 4

(1 dc, dc 2 together) x 5 [10]

Round 5

10 dc [10] Stuff the head now.

Round 6

(1 dc, dc 2 together) x 3 then 1 dc, 1 slip stitch (ss) [7] Cast off leaving yarn to sew up.

Shepherd's Headress.

Worked in Rows with a **TURN** at the end of a row unless instructed to carry on around the work.

Begin with main colour.

11 chain

Row 1

Begin in second chain from the hook, do 10 dc, 2 chain. **TURN**

Row 2

10 tr. 2ch. **TURN**

Row 3

10 tr. 1ch. **TURN**

Row 4 (shaping begins)

9 dc. Continue crocheting around corner with 2 dc stitches together into the corner stitch and then 3 dc down short side of the rectangle. **TURN**

Row 5

14 dc 2 chain **TURN**

Row 6

Do trebles **all the way around** the outside edge of the headdress with (1 htr, 1 tr, 1 htr) into the first corner, then treble all the way to end. Change to a different colour yarn and double crochet all the way around the headdress. Slip stitch and cast off and weave in end. Use main colour end for sewing up.

NOTE: the wrong side of the crochet is the right side of the headdress.

Shepherd's Arms make 2.

8 chain

Row 1

Begin in second chain from the hook, do 7 dc, Cast off leaving yarn to sew up.

Base of Shepherd figure (NOT needed for finger puppet)

Worked in Rounds with a stitch marker.

2 chain (ch)

Round 1

Into second chain from the hook do 6 dc. [6]

Round 2

2 htr into each stitch below [12] 1 ss. Cast off leaving a length of yarn for sewing up.

Shorter Beard (black on photo).

4 chain

Row 1

(Beard part) Begin in second chain from the hook, 1 dc, 1 chain, 1 tr, 1 htr, (now the moustache part) 7 chain. Join with slip stitch into beard part so the 7 chain moustache is above the beard part (see photo). Fasten off and leave yarn end for sewing to head.

Longer Beard (white on photo).

4 chain

Row 1

(Beard part) Begin in second chain from the hook, 1 dc, 1 chain, 1 double treble stitch, 1 tr, (now the moustache part) 7 chain. Join with slip stitch into beard part so the 7 chain moustache is above the beard part (see photo). Fasten off and leave yarn end for sewing to head.

Shepherd's belt.

Worked in Rows with a **TURN** at the end of the row.

32 chain

Row 1

Begin in second chain from the hook, slip stitch to end of the belt. Cast off and tie both yard ends together. Sew up with both ends.

Shepherd's crook.

The crook is made with wire, bent into a crook shape and covered over with brown crochet thread (size 18 was used). The dc stitches are compact and tightly together and twisted irregularly around the crook. NOT recommended for children.

Sewing up

The top of the body is shaped to slightly tilt so that the shepherd's head is sewn onto the body with a downward tilting angle. Sew the arms to the body and stitch 'hands' in skin tone. If including a shepherd's crook, sew one arm over the crook (see photo) and sew the crook itself to the body, all the way down the length so it is straight. The headdress is shaped and is sewn to the head and back over the arms. Sew the beard to the face and top of body. Sew the belt firmly to the body use photo as guide. The finger puppet is complete now or stuff and sew on base if a stand up figure is being made.



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