

CAROLING FAMILY



MATERIALS

3 ply Light Pink yarn for heads only

4 ply yarn in Nutmeg (I used TLC Heathers), Red and Forrest Green (I used Red Heart Super Saver)

Lion Brand Woolease in White Frost for trim

Polyfill

Sizes E and G crochet hooks (E hook will only be used for heads)

Yarn needle

Thick Tacky Glue

Stiffy Fabric Stiffener (if you want you could water down the Tacky Glue in place of this)

3 pieces of tan felt measuring 2 ½" by 1 ½" for the song books

Tiny Christmas decoration for book cover (I used confetti shaped like trees)

Paper for inside books for pages

Tiny piece of red felt for their mouths

Brown embroidery floss for their eyes

Powder blush for the cheeks

Six pipe cleaners for the arms

One white ½" pom-pom for child's hat

CHILDHEAD

With Pink yarn and E hook:

Rnd 1: Magic circle 6 stitches (if you don't know what a magic circle is, there is an excellent video demonstrating it on Utube: Here is the link: <http://ca.youtube.com/watch?v=WLuSVyKvoUg>)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around – 12 sc.

Rnd 3: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; rep from * around – 18 sc.

Rnd 4: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc; rep from * around – 24 sc.

Rnds 5 – 8: sc in each sc around

Rnd 9: * sc 2 tog, sc in next 2 sc; rep from * around – 18 sc.

Rnd 10: * sc 2 tog, sc in next sc; rep from * around – 12 sc

Stuff head.

Rnd 11: *sc 2 tog around, end off, leaving tail to sew onto body later.

Using my photos as a guide, sew the little closed eyes onto the face where shown with the brown embroidery floss (all strands). You can start and end at the top of the head where it will be covered later. I place a scant amount of glue using a toothpick under the floss to hold the eye in a downward curved position.

Using the pink yarn and yarn needle, go down from the top of the head to where the mouth will be and take a tiny stitch and then go back up to the top of the head and anchor it there slightly pulling to indent where the mouth will be. End off.

Cut a tiny oval from the red felt and glue it in the indentation you made for the mouth.

Put a little blush on the cheeks.

BODY

With Nutmeg yarn:

Rnd 1: Magic circle 6

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around – 12 sc.

Rnd 3: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; rep from * around – 18 sc.

Rnds 4 – 6: sc in each sc

Rnd 7: 2 sc in 1st sc and in 9th sc, otherwise sc in each of the other sc – 20 sc

Rnds 8 – 10: sc in each sc

Rnd 11: 2 sc in 1st and in 10th sc, otherwise sc in each of the other sc – 22 sc

Rnds 12 – 14: sc in each sc, end off, weaving in tail.

Stuff the body firmly.

UNDER PART OF BODY

With Nutmeg yarn:

Rnd 1: Magic circle 6

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc – 12 sc

Rnd 3: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; rep from * around – 18 sc. End off, leaving tail.

Sew this bottom part under the body, going back and forth between the body stitches and this round piece until it is fully closed, perhaps adding a little more stuffing before you close. Don't make the stuffing so full that it bulges out the bottom, or else she won't be able to stand up. In fact, push the bottom piece up into the body, so that she is standing only on the outer part of her coat. See my photo below:



Sew the head onto the body, using the pink tail of yarn from the head.

BODY TRIM:

With White Frost yarn:

Make a chain long enough to go around the bottom of the body, plus overlapping about $\frac{1}{4}$ ". (I didn't give my exact number of stitches, because everyone crochets differently and may use different yarn, so the size could be off)

SC in each ch (later you will be sc in the bottom of this chain, but not right now)

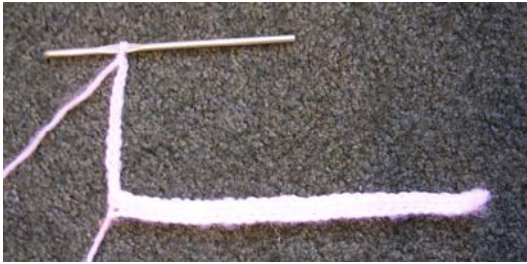
At the end of this row make a chain long enough to go from the bottom trim (which you just made) up to the neckline.

See photo A showing how it should look at this point.

Sl st in each chain, ending back down to the bottom trim. See photo B for how it should look at this point.

Continue around the bottom trim and sc in each of the original chain stitches of the trim. End off. See photo C for finished trim.

A



B



C



Sew or glue (which is what I did) the trim to the bottom and up the center of the body as shown. Overlap the part with the upward over the other part as shown in my finished photos.

ARMS

With Nutmeg yarn:

Rnd 1: Magic Circle 6

Rnd 2: * 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; rep from * around – 9 sc.

Rnds 3 – 9: sc in each sc, end off, weaving in tail.

ARM TRIM

With White frost yarn:

Ch 13, sc in each ch, ch 1, turn, sc in each sc, end off. Sew or glue the trim onto the open ends of the arms, sewing it to itself at the ends. **Make sure the ends are toward the body so that they don't show**

Bend the pipe cleaners in half and in half again, and place them inside the arms (don't stuff the arms). You may have to snip some of the pipe cleaner off so that the end is recessed into the ends of the arms about $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

HANDS

With Hunter yarn:

Rnd 1: Magic circle 5

Rnd 2: 2 sc in next sc, sc in each rem sc – 6 sc.

Rnd 3: sc in each sc, end off, weaving in tail.

Glue the hands inside the ends of the arms as shown.

Using Hunter yarn and yarn needle, sew the tops of the arms to the body just at the neckline and tilting forward as shown.

SCARF

With Red yarn:

Ch 40, sc in each ch, ch 1, turn

Sc in each sc, end off, weaving in tail.

Wrap the scarf around the neck as shown and either glue or tack to hold it in place.

HAT

With Red yarn:

Rnd 1: Magic Circle 6

Rnd 2: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; rep from * around – 9 sc.

Rnd 3: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc; rep from * around – 12 sc.

Rnd 4: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; rep from * around – 18 sc.

Rnd 5: sc in each sc

Rnd 6: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc; rep from * around – 24 sc.

Rnd 7: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc; rep from * around – 28 sc, Attach White Frost yarn and sc around hat for 4 rows, end off, weaving in tail.

Sew or glue hat to head as shown. Glue pom-pom to hat.

See my photos below of finished child side and back views:



MOM

HEAD

With Pink yarn and E hook:

Rnd 1: Magic Circle 6

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around – 12 sc.

Rnd 3: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; rep from * around – 18 sc.

Rnd 4: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc; rep from * around – 24 sc.

Rnds 5 – 6: sc in each sc around

Rnd 7: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc; rep from * around – 30 sc.

Rnds 8 – 9: sc in each sc around

Rnd 10: * sc 2 tog, sc in next 3 sc; rep from * around – 24 sc.

Rnd 11: * sc 2 tog, sc in next 2 sc; rep from * around – 18 sc.

Rnd 12: * sc 2 tog, sc in next sc; rep from * around – 12 sc.

Stuff head.

Rnd 13: sc 2 tog around, ending off, weaving in tail.

Make the face the same as for the child.

BODY

With Red yarn:

Rnd 1: Magic circle 6

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around – 12 sc.

Rnd 3: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; rep from * around – 18 sc.

Rnd 4: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc; rep from * around – 24 sc.

Rnds 5 – 8: sc in each sc

Rnd 9: 2 sc in 1st and 12th sc, otherwise sc in each of the other sc – 26 sc.

Rnds 10 – 13: sc in each sc

Rnd 14: 2 sc in 1st and 13th sc, otherwise, sc in each of the other sc – 28 sc

Rnds 15 – 18: sc in each sc, end off, weaving in tail.

Stuff body firmly.

UNDER PART OF BODY

With Red yarn:

Rnd 1: Magic circle 6

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc – 12 sc

Rnd 3: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; rep from * around – 18 sc.

Rnd 4: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc; rep from * around – 24 sc. End off, leaving tail.

Attach bottom piece as you did for the child.

Make up and attach the body trim the same as you did for the child.

Sew the head onto the body as with the child.

ARMS

With Red yarn:

Make the arms the same as you did for the child.

ARM TRIM

Make the trim the same as for the child.

Sew the arms to the body.

HANDS

With Hunter yarn:

Make and attach the hands as you did for the child.

COLLAR

With White Frost yarn:

Ch 17 (first loop counts as 1 ch)

Row 1: 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, *sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * across, ch 2, turn.

Row 2: Hdc in each sc, across row and continuing with sc across bottom of original chain, end off, weaving in tail.

Thread the yarn needle with red yarn and take a running stitch in and out of the holes of the chain row of the collar.

Leave a tail on both ends, and place the collar around the neck, tying a bow in front with the red tails as shown.

****Note that the final sc row across the bottom of the chain goes up her neck a little****

HAIR

With Nutmeg yarn:

Cut about 10 – two inch pieces of yarn

Sew or glue each piece onto the top of her head for bangs.

I used the E hook to hook each 2” piece and then pulled it through itself. You can do it however you like because it will be covered up.

Separated the four strands of yarn in each piece.
Leave the yarn long for now as you will trim it after her hat is put onto her head.

HAT

With Red yarn:

Rnd 1: Magic Circle 6

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc – 12 sc.

Rnd 3: sc in each sc

Rnd 4: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; rep from * around – 18 sc.

Rnd 5: sc in each sc

Rnd 6: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc; rep from * around – 24 sc.

Rnd 7: sc in each sc, end off, weaving in tail.

Attach Hunter yarn in front loop only of last row, ch 1.

Rnd 8: 2 sc in front loop only of each of next 14 sc, sc in both loops of next 10 sc.

Rnd 9: sc in each of next 28 sc, end off.

Sew or glue the hat onto the head, making sure the wider part of the brim is in front.
Now you can trim her bangs shorter.





DAD

HEAD and FACE

Same as for Mom

BODY

With Hunter yarn:

Rnd 1: Magic circle 6

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around – 12 sc.

Rnd 3: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; rep from * around – 18 sc.

Rnd 4: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc; rep from * around – 24 sc.

Rnds 5 – 8: sc in each sc

Rnd 9: 2 sc in 1st and 12th sc, otherwise sc in each of the other sc – 26 sc.

Rnds 10 – 13: sc in each sc

Rnd 14: sc in each sc

Rnd 15: 2 sc in 1st and 13th sc, otherwise sc in each of the other sc – 28 sc

Rnds 16 – 19: sc in each sc, end off, weaving in tail.

Stuff the body and make the trim just as you did for the Mom and Child.

Sew on the head.

ARMS

With Hunter yarn:

Rnd 1: Magic Circle 6

Rnd 2: * 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; rep from * around – 9 sc.

Rnds 3 – 10: sc in each sc, end off, weaving in tail.

Insert the pipe cleaners and attach to body as you did for child and Mom.

Make and attach arm trim as for child.

HANDS

With Nutmeg yarn:

Make and attach as for child.

SCARF

With Red and Nutmeg held together, ch 40.

Sc in each ch, 3 sc in end ch and continue sc along bottom of chain, 3 sc in end, end off, weaving in tail.

****Note:** This scarf will be a little stiff since it was made with 2 strands of yarn, so what I did was steam it to soften it and flatten it a little so that it draped better. ******

Place the scarf on the Dad as shown. You can glue or tack it in place.

HAT

With Nutmeg yarn:

Rnd 1: Magic circle 6

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around – 12 sc.

Rnd 3: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; rep from * around – 18 sc.

Rnd 4: sc in each sc

Rnd 5: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc; rep from * around – 24 sc.

Rnds 6 – 7: sc in each sc, end off, weaving in tail.

Attach Red yarn and sc in each sc for 4 rows.

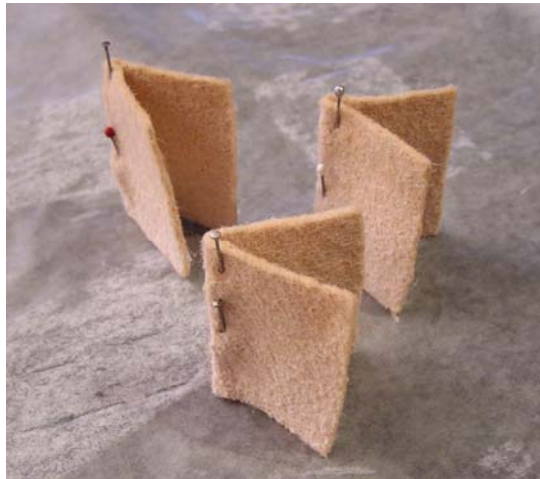
Rnd 5: sl st in each sc, end off, weaving in tail.

Sew or glue hat to head.



NOW FOR THEIR LITTLE SONG BOOKS:

Cut 3 pieces from the tan felt (or any color you might like), 2 ½" by 1 ½". Soak them in Stiffy or watered down Tacky Glue. Very lightly squeeze off the excess liquid from them and place them on a piece of waxed paper to dry. When partway dry (a few hours), fold the books and place two straight pins in the fold to help hold the fold. Stand them up as shown in my photo. Let dry overnight.



If you want, you can cut 2 pieces of paper the same size as the books, fold them in half and sew a stitch in the fold to hold the pages together and then put a scant amount of glue along the fold and place it in the books. I even printed a few song titles on the pages before I glued them in. (I tend to get carried away with trivial things)

Glue the trim to the front of the books (I used confetti shaped like trees)

You can either glue or attach the books to their hands with straight pins. I used straight pins so that I could remove the books and pose them differently if I want. See the finished photo below.

