

Silent Night: Part 1

*Create a Christmas classic with
Liz Ward's crocheted nativity*

This brilliant collectors' set is sure to become a regular fixture in your festive display. We love the level of detail, from the Wise Men's gifts to the shepherd's crooks.

In this issue, we bring you the patterns for Mary and Joseph. The given yarn amounts are for all the figures, although only yarns A to F are required for Mary and Joseph. Look out for Part 2 in next issue, on sale 30th October.

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"I've designed this nativity to look like the primary school shows. To me it's the tea towel headdresses, stuck-on beards and bits of tinsel that make it so special. I might never have gotten to play Mary but I rocked it as a Wise Man!"

LIZ WARD

Measurements & sizes

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 Sheep: 7cm long
 Jesus: 7cm tall
 Manger: 2.5cm tall x 7cm long x 5cm wide

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Hook: 3.5mm

Safety toy eyes: 6mm, 18

Tapestry needle

Safety toy stuffing

Sewing needle and thread

Stitch marker

Bead: gold

Buttons: toggle, purple, brown

Trims: ricrac, 25cm, braid, 20cm

Fabric glue

Pipe cleaner

Hessian fabric: 10cm x 12cm

Tension Square

12 sts x 13 rows
 10cm x 10cm
 double crochet
 3.5mm hook

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 92

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MARY HEAD AND BODY

NOTE: start at the head

Using 3.5mm crochet hook and yarn A, make a magic ring

- Foundation rnd: 6dc in ring. Six sts
 - Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
 - Pull yarn tail to close ring
 - Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
 - Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
 - Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
 - Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
 - Rnds 6-10: 1dc in each st to end, pm in Rnd 8
 - Rnd 11: (dc2tog, 4dc) to end. 30 sts
 - Rnd 12: (dc2tog, 3dc) to end. 24 sts
 - Rnd 13: (dc2tog, 2dc) to end. 18 sts
- Affix safety toy eyes on marked rnd placing them seven sts apart

- Rnd 14: (dc2tog, 1dc) to end. 12 sts
- Stuff head
- Change to yarn B for body
- Rnd 15: 1dc in each st to end
- Rnd 16: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 15 sts
- Rnd 17: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
- Rnd 18: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 21 sts
- Rnds 19-23: cont to inc as set, working one more dc before each inc, until there are 36 sts
- Rnds 24-30: 1dc in each st to end
- Work through back loop only as folls:
- Rnd 31: (dc2tog, 4dc) to end. 30 sts
- Work through both loops as normal as folls:
- Rnd 32: (dc2tog, 3dc) to end. 24 sts
- Rnd 33: (dc2tog, 2dc) to

- end. 18 sts
 - Rnd 34: (dc2tog, 1dc) to end. 12 sts
 - Stuff body
 - Rnd 35: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
 - Fasten off, leaving a tail
- Using a tapestry needle, weave tail around last rnd, pull tight to gather and secure

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"Why not insert a circle of card into the base of each doll to help them stand?"

ARMS (make two)

- Using 3.5mm hook and yarn B, make a magic ring
- Foundation rnd: 6dc in ring. Six sts
 - Rnd 1: 2dc in first st, 1dc in each st to end. Seven sts
 - Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end
 - Rnds 3-10: rep Rows 1-2 four times. 11 sts
 - Rnd 11: 1dc in each st to end
 - Fasten off
- Attach Arms to body

HANDS (make two)

- Using 3.5mm hook and yarn A, make a magic ring
- Foundation rnd: 8dc in ring
 - Rnds 1-2: 1dc in each st to end
 - Fasten off
- Sew Hands partly inside Arms

BELT

- Using 3.5mm hook and yarn C, make 36ch
- Fasten off
- Wrap Belt around body and secure

SHORT HEADDRESS

- Using 3.5mm hook and yarn B, make a magic ring
- Foundation rnd: 6dc in ring. Six sts
 - Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
 - Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
 - Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
 - Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30sts
 - Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
 - Rnd 6: (11dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 39 sts
 - Rnds 7-8: 1dc in each st to end
 - Rnd 9: 30dc, turn
- Work on these 30 sts only
- Rows 10-16: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
 - Row 17: 1ch, 1dc in each st to



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Round and around

The figures in this nativity set are all worked in a continuous spiral, so you do not need to finish each round with a slip stitch. Remember to place a lockable stitch marker in the first stitch of every round so you know where you started!



end, do not turn
 Fasten off
 Sew headdress in place, securing to Arms with a few sts

To make up

Embroider mouth using two straight stitches. Using yarn E, embroider straight stitches to make a fringe poking out from headdress

JOSEPH HEAD AND BODY

NOTE: start at the head

Work Head and body, Arms and Hands as for Mary

SHORT HEADDRESS

Using yarn D, work as for Mary

BEARD

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn E, make 16ch, sl st in first ch to make a loop

Row 1: 1ch, 1dc in next seven ch, turn

Work on these seven sts only

Rows 2-4: 1ch, dc2tog, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Four sts

Row 5: 1ch, (dc2tog) twice, turn. Two sts

Row 6: 1ch, dc2tog. One st

Fasten off

SCARF

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn F, make four ch

Row 1: 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end. Three sts

Row 2-39: 1ch, 1dc in each st to

end, turn
 Row 40: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, do not turn
 Fasten off
 Place around Joseph's neck and sew in place

To make up

Attach Beard to face. Wrap Scarf around neck, as shown, and stitch to ridge round on body **LK**



coming next issue

PART 2 OF LIZ WARD'S CROCHET NATIVITY SET
 November issue of Let's Knit, on sale Friday 30th October

Extra Christmas Patterns!

These super-cute designs are just the ticket for spreading seasonal cheer and what's more, they are FREE to download from www.letsknit.co.uk



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Last month we brought you the first part of our fabulous ten-piece nativity set, with dolls for Mary and Joseph. Now you can finish off the project with patterns for Jesus, two shepherds, a sheep and of course, the Three Wise Men. If you missed Part 1, download it for free at www.letsknit.co.uk or email support@letsknit.co.uk

Start to crochet here...

BABY JESUS

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn A, make a magic ring

- Foundation rnd: 6dc in ring. Six sts
- Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
- Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
- Rnd 3-5: 1dc in each st to end
- Rnd 6: (dc2tog, 1dc) to end. 12 sts

Affix safety toy eyes on Rnd 4 placing them five sts apart and stuff head

- Rnd 7: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Change to yarn C

- Rnd 8: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
- Rnd 9: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
- Rnds 10-15: 1dc in each st to end
- Rnd 16: (dc2tog, 1dc) to end. 12 sts

Stuff body

- Rnd 17: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

Embroider mouth using two straight stitches

MANGER

BASE

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn E, make 13ch

- Row 1: 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end. 12 sts
- Rows 2-15: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
- Row 16: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, do not turn
- Fasten off

LONG SIDES (make two)

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn E, make

seven ch

- Row 1: 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end. Six sts
- Row 2-15: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
- Row 16: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- Fasten off

SHORT SIDES

(make two)

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn E, make seven ch

- Rows 1-9: work as for Long sides

- Row 10: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- Fasten off

Sew short edges of Long and Short sides together, then sew to Base. Fray edges of hessian fabric and place in Manger. Place Baby Jesus in Manger

SHEEP HEAD AND BODY

- Make as for Baby Jesus, attaching eyes on Rnd 3 and placing them seven sts apart

Silent Night: Part 2

Complete your scene with the final part of **Liz Ward's** crocheted nativity





HAIR

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn C, make a magic ring

- Foundation rnd: 6dc in ring. Six sts
- Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
- Fasten off

Sew to top of head

EARS (make two)

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn A, make six ch

- Sl st in second ch from hook, 1dc in next two sts, 2htr in next two sts
- Fasten off

Attach to Sheep's head

FEET (make four)

- Make as for Mary's hands (see part 1)

Sew in place on underside of Sheep. Embroider mouth using straight stitches

SHEPHERDS HEADBAND (make one in yarn A and one in yarn B)

- Make as for Mary's belt (see part 1)

SHEPHERD'S CROOK (make two)

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn E, make a magic ring

- Foundation rnd: 6dc in ring. Six sts
- Rnds 1-35: 1dc in each st to end
- Fasten off

Pull yarn tail from magic ring to

close hole, insert pipe cleaner. Sew other end closed. Bend pipe cleaner into crook shape

FIRST SHEPHERD

Follow instructions as for Mary (see part 1) work as follows:

- Make Head in yarn A, change to yarn D for body
- Make Arms in yarn D and Hands in yarn A
- Make Short headdress in yarn E
- Make Belt in yarn B

Tie Headband around headdress and insert Shepherd's crook between Arm and body



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The positioning of the eyes and mouth on a character can really affect their personality and expression. Designer Liz Ward likes to place the eyes quite far apart for a cute and quirky look. The mouth is embroidered using straight stitches. If you're not a big stitcher, you may want to practise before hand.

SECOND SHEPHERD

Follow instructions as for Joseph (see part 1) make Beard in yarn E

Follow instructions as for Mary, work as follows:

- Make Head in yarn D, change to yarn E for body
- Make Arms in yarn E and Hands in yarn D
- Make Short headdress in yarn A
- Make Belt in yarn E

Tie Headband around headdress. Insert Shepherd's crook between Arm and body. Attach Beard to face

KINGS

LONG HEADDRESS

- Work as for Mary's Short headdress to Rnd 9 (see part 1)



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meet our DESIGNER

"This design is based on a simple body pattern that has small changes and adaptations to form all the nativity characters. It's an easy pattern and a fun way to start if you have never dabbled in the amigurumi style of crochet before."

LIZ WARD

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- Work on these 30 sts only
- Rows 10-29: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
 - Row 30: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
 - Fasten off
- Attach to Head, slip stitch bottom edge to ridge round of Body

RED KING

- Follow instructions as for Joseph, make Beard in yarn G
 - Make Long headdress in yarn I
- Follow instructions as for Mary, work as follows:
- Make Head in yarn D, change to yarn F for body
 - Make Arms in yarn F and Hands in yarn A
- Sew braid around headdress. Sew gold bead between hands, gluing to secure if needed

GREEN KING

- Follow instructions as for Joseph, make Scarf in yarn H
- Follow instructions as for Mary, work as follows:
- Make Head in yarn E, change to yarn J for body
 - Make Arms in yarn J and Hands in yarn E

- Make Short headdress in yarn H and Headband in yarn J
- Wrap Scarf around neck and sew to ridge round of Body, meeting at centre. Tie Headband to headdress. Sew toggle button between hands, gluing to secure if needed

PURPLE KING

- Make Long headdress in yarn K
- Follow instructions as for Mary, work as follows:
- Make Head in yarn F, change to yarn L for body
 - Make Arms in yarn L and Hands in yarn F
 - Make Belt in yarn B
- Sew or glue ricrac around headdress. Wrap yarn K around toggle button and sew between Hands, gluing if needed **LK**

