Doll Bag

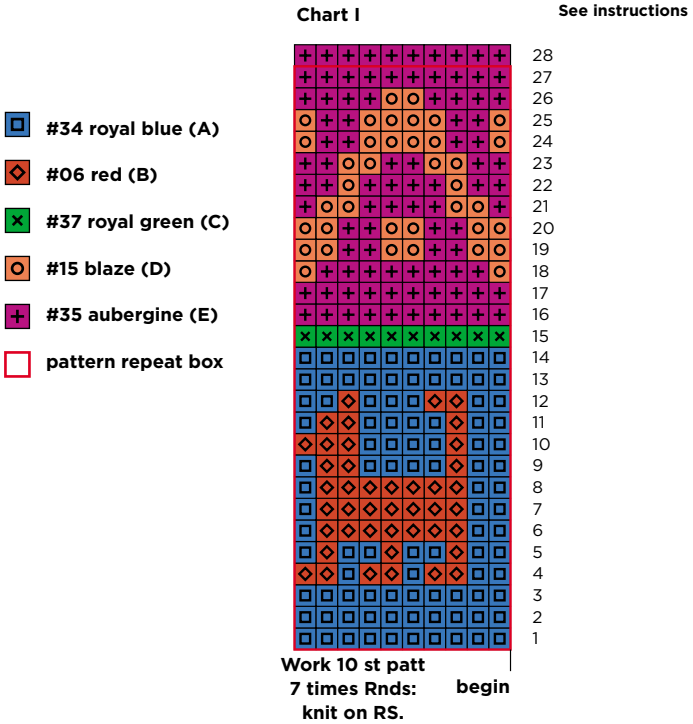
HEAD With F worsted-weight yarn and Size 3 (3.25 mm) dpn, CO 14 sts. Divide sts onto 3 needles—5, 4, 5. Join, keeping CO sts untwisted; place m to indicate left side of head. Knit even for 2½" (6.5 cm).

Shaping rnds:

Rnd 1: [K1, lifted inc in next st] 4 times, k6—18 sts.
Rnds 2, 4, 6: Knit. Rearrange sts on needles as needed.
Rnd 3: [K2, lifted inc in next st] 6 times—24 sts.
Rnd 5: [K3, lifted inc in next st] 6 times—30 sts.
Rnd 7: [K4, lifted inc in next st] 6 times—36 sts.
Rnds 8–19: Knit.
Rnd 20: [K1, k2tog] 12 times—24sts.
Rnds 21 and 22: Knit.
Rnd 23: [K2tog]12 times—12sts.
Rnd 24: Knit even. Cut yarn and thread on tapestry needle, draw through rem 12 sts. Weave ends to WS and secure.

RUFFLES With D and larger size crochet hook, begin at side edge of dress skirt; insert hook through lower edge of knitted fabric, draw up a loop—1 loop on hook. With working yarn, yo and draw a loop through the loop on hook—1 loop on hook. *Chain 5, (see Techniques for crochet sts, page 140), skip 1 st along CO edge of skirt, single crochet into next st of CO edge*; repeat from * to * around lower edge of skirt. Finish crochet ruffle by working slip stitch into starting st, cut yarn and draw through last loop to finish. Weave ends to WS. Beg at underarm side, work crochet ruffle around lower edge of each sleeve same as dress. Beg at shoulder, work same crochet ruffle around neck edge.

FINISHING

With B threaded on tapestry needle, and working one underarm at a time, Kitchener st (see Techniques, page 142) together the 2 sts held on the safety pin from the dress, with the 2 sts held on the safety pin from the left sleeve, closing the underarm opening. Work the 4 sts of the right side underarm the same. Stuff legs lightly with wool fiber or fiberfill. Thread tapestry needle with F and backstitch (see Techniques, page 139) top of legs closed. Stuff head somewhat more firmly with the fleece or fiberfill, and stuff neck very firmly to avoid "hood ornament syndrome." We want no head flopping about here! Pin legs for placement to WS of lower edge of front dress. Thread F on tapestry needle and whipstitch in place. Pin lower edge of front and back dress together. Working the A knitted edge only, not catching the crochet ruffle, whipstitch lower edge closed with A, stitching through legs for extra security. Work into each stitch, because this is the weight-bearing seam of the bag bottom. Remove all pins.

FINGERS With F worsted yarn and smaller size crochet hook, crochet "fingers" centered on the front edge of the sleeve bottom edge: Work crochet slip st through knitted fabric, [chain 7, single crochet into sleeve edge next to sl st] 2 times, chain 7, slip-stitch to finish off. Weave in ends.