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stuffing
hook (size F)
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Isabella

Gauge is not crucial with this pattern, however it will impact the size of the eyes you choose. I find that a sport weight yarn, and a size F hook, gives consistent results for a 12 inch doll that pairs well with 12mm glass or safety eyes. HINT: This doll is assembled from the top down in a continuous spiral, however I like to start with the arms... that way they're ready to attach when the head is done.

Make Bobble= *YO, insert hook into stitch YO and pull loop through* repeat* 4 more times, YO pull loop through all stitches on hook.

Picot= Slip stitch in next 2 stitches, chain 3, slip stitch in same stitch.





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ARM (make 2) Working in a continuous spiral

Row 1: The arms start with a magic circle (color A), into which 6 SC are made. Pull tail to close loop on magic circle. (6 stitches)

Row 2: *2 SC in next stitch*, repeat* 5 more times. (12 stitches)

Row 3: *1 SC in next stitch, 2 SC in next stitch*, repeat* 5 more times. (18 stitches)

Row 4: SC in next 18 stitches.

Row 5: Make bobble in next stitch (this is the thumb), SC in next 17 stitches.

Row 6-7: SC in next 18 stitches.

Rows (even rows) 8-22: DCR1 evenly over row**

Rows (odd rows) 9-23: SC in every stitch**

**After Row 19 (12 stitches), change to color B and work 1 row of Picot stitch in front loops only. Do not count this row.

Row 20 is worked in back loops skipped in previous row.

After Row 23 there should be 10 stitches. Continue working in SC until arm measures about 5 inches.

Bind off and stuff.

EARS: (make 2) Working in a continuous spiral

Row 1: Like the arms, the ears also start with a magic circle (color A) into which 6 SC are made. Pull tail to close loop on magic circle. (6 stitches)

Row 2: *2 SC in next stitch*, repeat* 5 more times. (12 stitches)

Row 3: *1 SC in next stitch, 2 SC in next stitch*, repeat* 5 more times. (18 stitches)

Row 4-5: SC in each stitch (18 stitches)

Bind off.

HEAD Working in a continuous spiral

Row 1: The main body starts with a magic circle (color A), into which 6 SC are made. Pull tail to close loop on magic circle. (6 stitches)

Row 2: *2 SC in next stitch*, repeat* 5 more times. (12 stitches)

Row 3: *1 SC in next stitch, 2 SC in next stitch*, repeat* 5 more times. (18 stitches)

Row 4: *1 SC each in next 2 stitches, 2 SC in next stitch*, repeat* 5 more times. (24 stitches)

Row 5-14: INCR 3 stitches evenly over each of the next 10 rows, trying not to place increases in the same place row over row. Use a stitch marker to indicate the beginning/end of each row. (54 stitches)

Row 15: SC in next 54 stitches.

Row 16-19: DCR 6 stitches evenly over each of the next 4 rows, trying not to place decreases in the same place row over row. (30 stitches)

Row 20: *SC in next stitch, DCR 1*, repeat until there are 15 stitches.



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BODY: Working in a continuous spiral, continue from center back (Row 20) of the head.

Row 1: SC in each SC. (15 stitches)

Switch to color B, and work Picot in front loops only. Do not count as row. Work next row in the back loops skipped here.

Row 2: INCR 3 evenly over row. (18 stitches)

Row 3: Starting at the center back of the head, *SC in next 2 SC, attach arm (with thumb pointing away from body) by aligning 5 stitches of arm with next 5 stitches of body, SC through both layers of those 5 stitches, SC in next 2 SC* repeat* to attach second arm. (See figure A.)(18 stitches)

Row 4: *SC in next 2 SC, SC in the next 5 stitches of arm skipped in the previous row, SC in next 2 SC* repeat * to complete arm attachment (See figure B.)(18 stitches)

Row 5: INCR 3 evenly over row. (21 stitches)

Row 6: Attach dress in the same way the arms were attached. With the wrong side of the dress facing out, line up each stitch on the dress with the stitches of the body and crochet through both layers. (21 stitches)

Row 7-15: INCR 3 evenly over row.

Row 8-16: SC in each SC.

After Row 16 there should be 36 stitches.

It's time to stuff the head and place the eyes. Eye size and placement is personal and can dramatically effect the look of your doll. For the felt eye detail, trace figure C onto your felt and cut out carefully. I prefer very small spring loaded snips for this job. If using safety eyes with posts (or glass eyes with loops), make a small slit in your eye details just large enough to fit the eye backing through. Now you can begin positioning your eyes. Once you have chosen the best position, attach firmly.

figure A.

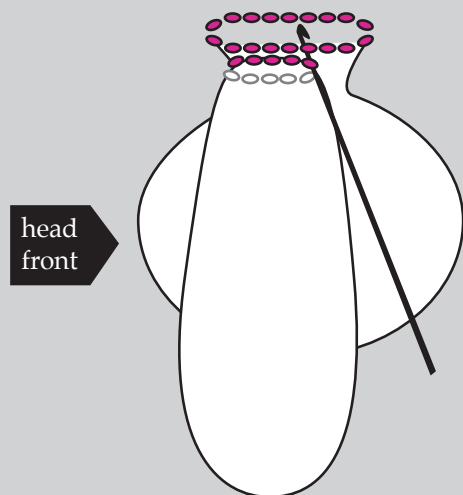


figure B.

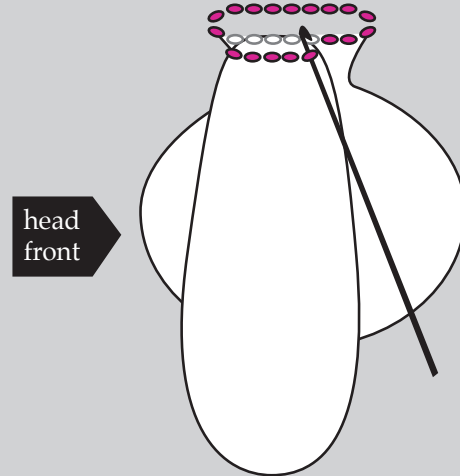


figure C.





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LEG/SHOE: Working in continuous spiral, from row 16 of body.

(LEG)

Row 1: SC to the center back of your doll. Skip next 18 stitches, SC in next 18 stitches. This is the beginning of the first leg.

Row 2-5: SC in next 18 stitches of leg

Work picot in front loop only over next 18 stitches. Do not count as row.

Row 6: Change to color A, working in back loops skipped in previous row, SC in next 18 stitches.

Row 7: SC in next 18 stitches.

Repeat Row 7 until the leg measures about 6 inches long.

(SHOE)

Still using color A, find the center front of your leg. Place a marker 2 stitches to the left and 2 stitches to the right of the center stitch

Row 1: SC in each stitch up to first marker. Into the first marked stitch make 3 HDC. HDC in next 3 stitches. Into the next marked stitch make 3 HDC. Continue SC to end. (22 stitches) Place marker in center stitch of each 3 HDC in each row to end of shoe.

Switch to Color B. Working in front loops only, work Picot across (do not count as row)

Row 2: This row is worked in back loop only of row 1. SC in each stitch up to first marker. Into the first marked stitch make 3 HDC. HDC in next 5 stitches. Into the next marked stitch make 3 HDC. Continue SC to end. (26 stitches)

Row 3: SC in each stitch up to first marker. Into the first marked stitch make 3 HDC. HDC in next 7 stitches. Into the next marked stitch make 3 HDC. Continue SC to end. (30 stitches)

Row 4: SC in each stitch up to first marker. Into the first marked stitch make 3 HDC. HDC in next 9 stitches. Into the next marked stitch make 3 HDC. Continue SC to end. (34 stitches)

Bind off and stuff entire leg.

(BOTTOM OF SHOE working in continuous spiral—see chart)

With color B chain 7.

Row 1: SC in each chain to end, 3 SC in end of chain (toe). Working across the other side SC in each chain, 2 SC in end of chain (heel). (15 stitches)

Row 2: SC in next 5 stitches, 3 SC in next stitch, 1 SC in next stitch, 3 SC in next stitch. SC in next 6 stitches, INCR in next stitch. (20 stitches)

Row 3: SC in next 6 stitches, 3 SC in next stitch, SC in next 3 stitches, 3 SC in next stitch. SC in next 7 stitches, INCR in next stitch, SC in next stitch. (25 stitches)

Row 4: SC in next 7 stitches, 3 SC in next stitch, SC in next 5 stitches, 3 SC in next stitch. SC in next 9 stitches, INCR in next stitch, SC in next stitch. (30 stitches)

Row 5: SC in next 8 stitches, 3 SC in next stitch, SC in next 7 stitches, 3 SC in next stitch. SC in next 11 stitches, INCR in next stitch, SC in next stitch, bind off. (35 stitches)

For the second leg, starting at the center back of your doll, attach color B and work in the 18 skipped stitches of row 1.

Follow LEG/SHOE instructions from row 2.

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Additional details:

KNEE: Knees can be indicated with a small stitch (color A) through the leg from left to right about . Remember to pull any knots to the inside with your crochet hook.

FEATURES: Facial features really make the personality of your doll. With a contrasting color yarn, embroider the “T” shape as indicated (figure D), entering through the chin, and exiting in the same spot. Freckles can be added with french knots in the same contrasting color.

ATTACHING EARS: Attach ears using whip stitch or ladder stitch and a single strand of yarn (color A).

Bottom of shoe chart

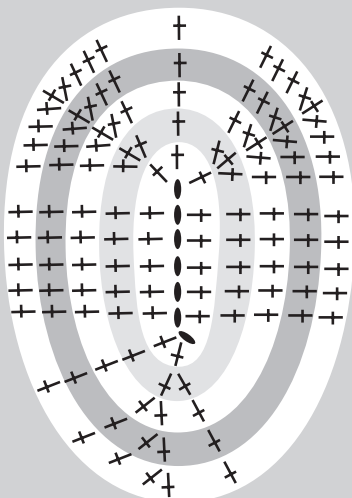
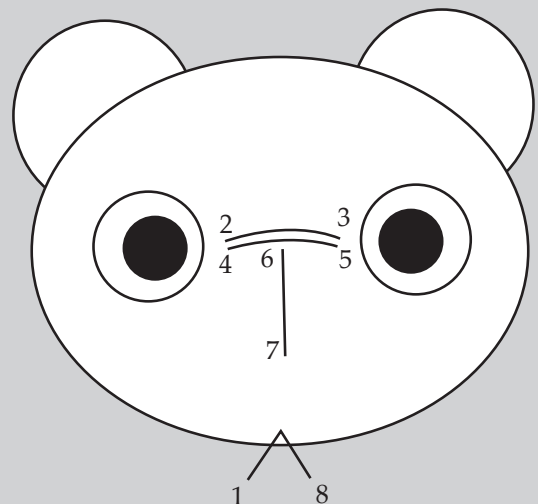


figure D.





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DRESS: The dress is worked alone and then joined to the body.

Chain 22 with color B.

Row 1: SC in second chain from hook, INCR every remaining stitch across row. (41 stitches) chain 1, turn.

Even Rows 2-8: SC in every stitch across. (41 stitches)

Odd Rows 3-7: *SC in next stitch, SC in the next stitch one row down* repeat * to last stitch, SC in last stitch (41 stitches) chain 1, turn.

Row 9&11: *SC in next stitch, make bobble in next stitch* repeat* to last stitch, SC in last stitch. (41 stitches) chain 1, turn.

Row 10: DC across row. (41 stitches) chain 1, turn.

Row 12: Work Picot across row.

Bind off, set aside.

The optional underskirt is made of 2 pieces of fabric, one 7" square and one 16" x 2" strip. Start by folding the 7" square in half with right sides together. If your fabric print has a directional design, keep in mind the fold will be the bottom of the dress. Press the fold and sew the left and right sides with a .25" seam. Turn right side out and press. Mark the center of the top of the dress (unsewn edge). You will be adding a pleat here by folding 1" in from both the right and the left to the center mark, pressing and basting these in place.

To the 16" x 2" strip, fold on the long edge with right sides together. Press and sew (.25" seam) along the sides and opposite long edge leaving a 4" opening in the center. Clip the corners and press the long edge seam back. Turn right side out, and insert the skirt piece into the opening in the strip. This seam can now be closed by top stitching on the machine, or using a decorative embroidery stitch. Either way, the stitching should secure the two pieces together by going through all layers. This dress wraps around doll just under the crochet dress and ties in a bow in the back.

Dress chart

- chain
- † single crochet
- make bobble
- ‡ double crochet
- ∨ single crochet (one row below)
- picot

