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Murray the Reindeer

Gauge is not crucial with this pattern, however it will impact the size of the eyes you choose. I find that worsted weight yarn (approx 100-150 yds, plus at least one additional color for facial features approx. 3-5 yds), and a size F hook, gives consistent results for a 6 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, ears, etc... that way they're ready to attach when the head is done.

Make Bobble= *YO, insert hook into stitch YO and pull up loop* repeat* 4 more times, YO pull loop through all stitches on hook.
As shown here, color A(dark brown), color B(light brown), color C (cream), color D(red).





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ARM (make 2) Working in a continuous spiral, color B.

Row 1: The arms start with a magic circle, 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: *SC in next stitch, 2 SC in next stitch*, repeat* 5 more times. (18 stitches)

Row 4-7: SC in next 18 stitches.

Switch to color A and work one round of slip st in front loops only. Work next row in back loops skipped here.

Even Rows 8-22: SC, DCR 1 st over each row (10 stitches after row 22)

Odd Rows 9-21: SC across

After the last row there should be 10 stitches. Stuff and set aside.

LEG (make 2) Working in a continuous spiral, color B.

Row 1: The legs also start with a magic circle, 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: *SC in next stitch, 2 SC in next stitch*, repeat* 5 more times. (18 stitches)

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

Row 5-7: SC in next 24 stitches.

Switch to color A and work one round of slip st in front loops only. Work next row in back loops skipped here.

Even Rows 8-22: SC, DCR 1 st over each row (16 stitches after row 22)

Odd Rows 9-23: SC across

After the last row there should be 16 stitches. Stuff and set aside.

EARS: (make 2 ears) Working in a continuous spiral, with color A.

Row 1: The ears start with a magic circle into which 4 SC are made. Pull tail to close loop on magic circle. (4 stitches)

Row 2: *2 SC in next stitch*, repeat* to end. (8 stitches)

Row 3: SC in next stitch, 2 SC in next stitch*, repeat* to end. (12 stitches)

Row 4-5: SC across. (12 stitches)

Row 6: SC in next stitch, 2 SC in next stitch*, repeat* to end. (18 stitches)

Row 7-9: SC across. (18 stitches)

Row 10: skip next 6 sts, SC across. (12 stitches)

Push those skipped sts to the back as you continue to row 12. This step creates the ear folds.

Row 11-12: SC across. (12 stitches)

Bind off.

TAIL: Working in a continuous spiral with color A.

Row 1: The tail starts with a magic circle 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 3-5: SC across.

Bind off.

ANTLERS: (make 2 sets of antlers) Working in a continuous spiral with color C.

The antlers are made in sections and then crocheted together. You will make 2 “points” for each antler. Begin each point with rows 1 and 2 below. Continue in SC for point 1 (.5 inch), for point 2 (1 inch).

Row 1: Start with a magic circle 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)



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To join points: (color C)

Row 1: With point 1, SC across 6 sts. With yarn still attached to point 1, pick up and SC across all 12 sts on point 2. Finish the round by SC across remaining 6 sts on point 1. (24 stitches)

Row 2: *DCR 1 over next 2 stitches, SC each in next 2 stitches* repeat across. (18 stitches)

Row 3: SC across.

Row 3: *DCR 1 over next 2 stitches, SC each in next stitch* repeat across. (12 stitches)

Continue in SC for about 1 more inch. Switch to color A and work 1 round of slip st in front loops only. Now work one more round of SC in back loops skipped in previous round, bind off and stuff.

HEAD: Working in a continuous spiral, color B.

Row 1: The head starts with a magic circle, 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: *SC in next stitch, 2 SC in next stitch*, repeat* 5 more times. (18 stitches)

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

Before beginning row 5, MB here for the nose (changing color if you prefer).

Row 5-7: SC across.

Switch to color A and work one round of slip st in front loops only. Work next row in back loops skipped here.

Row 8-14: SC, INCR 4 sts evenly over each of the next 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 if you need to, I tend just to count my stitches as I go. (52 stitches)

Over the next row you will join ears to the head. Start by flattening out the 12 sts of the ear (bind off edge) so that the ear fold is facing front. Treat these as 6 sts as you join them to the head (going through 2 ear stitches at a time).

Row 15: Starting at the top of the head, SC in next 7 sts, join ear over next 6 sts, SC in next 26 sts, join second ear over next 6 sts, SC remaining 7 sts. (52 stitches)

Row 16: SC next 22 sts, ch 8, skip next 8 sts, SC remaining 22 sts. This creates the neck hole, on the next row you will work across the chain 8 made here.

Over the next 2 rows you will join the antlers to the head. This is done using the same technique as the arm attachment, see figure A for details.

Row 17: Starting at the top of the head, SC in next 2 sts, begin to join antler over next 6 sts (make sure you have it pointing in the preferred direction) by SC through both the antler and head sts together, SC in next 36 sts, join second antler over next 6 sts by SC through both the antler and head sts together, SC remaining 2 sts. (52 stitches)

Row 18: Complete antler attachment by SC in next 2 sts, join 6 remaining antler stitches over next 6 sts by SC through just the remaining antler sts, SC in next 36 sts, complete second antler join by SC in remaining 6 sts of second antler, SC last 2 sts of head.

Row 19-22: SC, DCR 6 stitches evenly over each of the next 4 rows, trying not to place decreases in the same place row over row. (28 stitches)

Row 23: *SC 5, DCR 1 over next 2 sts* repeat 3 more times (24 stitches)

Row 24: *SC 2, DCR 1 over next 2 sts* repeat 5 more times. (18 stitches)

Row 25: *SC 1, DCR 1 over next 2 sts* repeat 5 more times. (12 stitches)

Row 26: *DCR 1 over next 2 sts* repeat 6 times. (6 stitches)

Bind off leaving a long tail. Weave into last 6 sts and cinch to close.



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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 eye detail (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, make a small slit in your eye details just large enough to fit the post through. Now you can begin positioning your eyes. Once you have chosen the best position, attach firmly.

BODY: Working in a continuous spiral, continue from neck hole created in row 16 of the head. (color A)

Row 1: Attach yarn (color A) to center back of neck hole and work 16 SC around. (16 stitches)

Row 2: *INCR 1 in next st, SC 7* repeat. (18 stitches)

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

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

Row 5: SC, INCR 6 evenly over row. (24 stitches)

Row 6: SC across. (24 stitches)

Row 7: SC, INCR 3 evenly over row. (27 stitches)

Row 8: SC across. (27 stitches)

Row 9: SC, INCR 3 evenly over row. (30 stitches)

Row 10: SC across next 27 sts, stopping 3 sts before the end of the row.

Row 11: Attach tail by aligning 6 stitches of tail with center back 6 stitches of body, SC through both layers of those 6 sts, SC across to end (30 stitches)

Row 12: Following the same technique as arm attachment, SC in 6 SC of tail skipped in previous row, INCR 3 over next 24 sts.

Row 13: SC across. (33 stitches)

Row 14: SC, INCR 3 evenly over row. (36 stitches)

Row 15: *SC in next 5 sts, attach leg by aligning 8 sts of leg with next 8 sts of body, SC through both layers of those 8 sts, SC in next 5 sts*, repeat* to attach second leg (36 stitches)

Row 16: Following the same technique as arm attachment, picking up 8 sts of legs skipped in previous row, SC to end. (36 stitches)

Row 17-18: SC, DCR 6 sts evenly over each of the next 2 rows, trying not to place decreases in the same place row over row. (24 stitches)

Row 19: *SC in next 2 sts, DCR* repeat 5 more times. (18 stitches)

Row 20: *SC in next sts, DCR* repeat 5 more times. (12 stitches)

Row 21: *DCR1 over next 2 sts* repeat 6 times. (6 stitches)

Bind off with a long tail, stuff body, thread tail through the remaining stitches and pull to close.



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FINISHING:

Add freckle detail with a single strand of contrasting yarn, embroidering french knots as seen in photos. Optional whiskers can be made placing three long stitches just to the outside of each eye using a single strand of contrasting yarn(not shown here). You can even leave off the antlers for a doe!

KNIT SCARF: With color C, cast on 10.

Knit stockinette stitch 6 rows in color D, 4 rows in color C, * 2 rows color D, 2 rows color C* repeat ending with color D. Then finish with 4 rows color C, 6 rows color D. Bind off.

figure A.

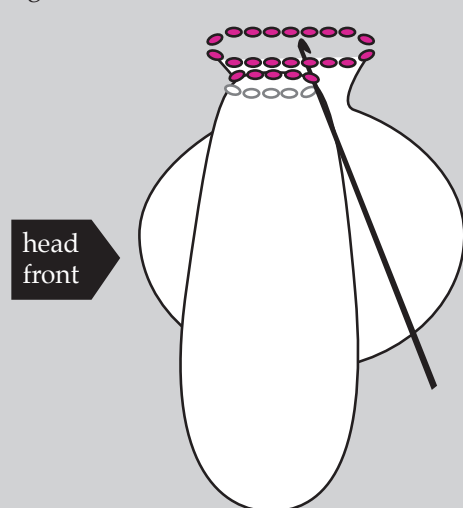


figure B.

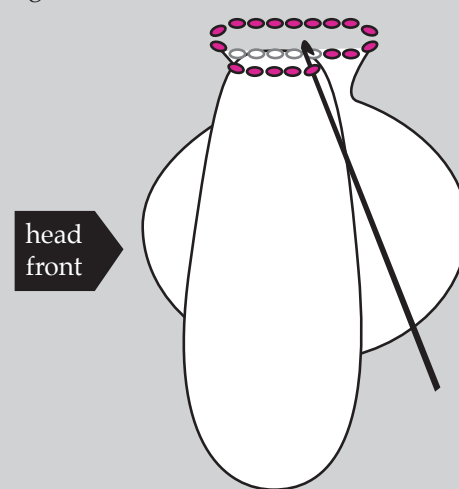


figure C.













