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Abigail

Gauge is not crucial with this pattern, however it will impact the size of the eyes you choose. I find that a worsted 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. Abigail is a "bare" baby, all her clothing is made separately. She is made to be compatible with all the clothing options in the "prete a poter" ready to wear collection.

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 continous 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.
Switch to color B. In front loops only, work a round of slip stitch (do not count as row). Work next row in back loops skipped here.
Rows (even rows) 8-22: DCR1 evenly over row**
Rows (odd rows) 9-23: SC in every stitch**

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

HEAD Working in a continous 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.

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

Row 1: SC in each SC. (15 stitches)
Switch to color B. In front loops only, work a round of Picot (do not count as row). Work next row in 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 5-15: INCR 3 evenly over row.
Row 8-16: SC in each SC.
After Row 16 there should be 36 stitches.



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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 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 postioning your eyes. Once you have choosen the best position, attach firmly.

LEG/SHOE: Working in continous 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

Switch to color A. Repeat Row 5 until the leg measures about 5 inches long. Switch to color B and work one round of Picot in front loops only. Work next row in back loops skipped in last row and continue for 1 inch. End at center back of leg.

(SHOE starting from center back of leg)

Still using color A, find the center front of your leg. Place a marker 2 stiches 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.

Row 2: 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)

Switch to Color C. Work slip stitch in front loop only across row (do not count as row)

Row 4: This row is worked in back loop only. 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.

figure A.

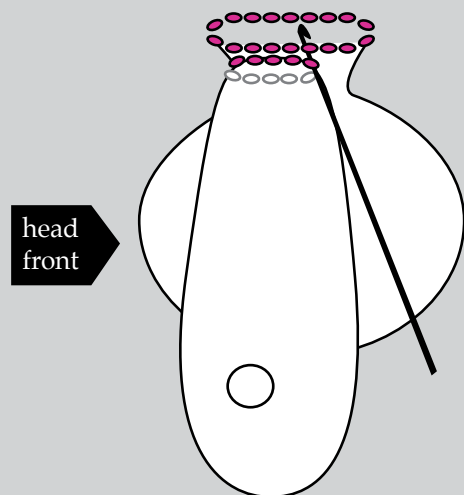


figure B.

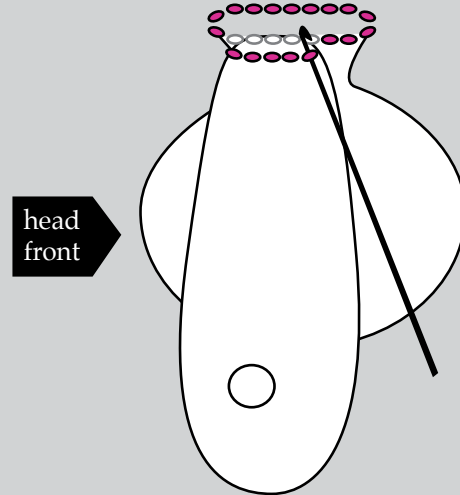


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(BOTTOM OF SHOE working in continuous spiral—see chart)

With color C 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)

To finish, use whip stitch, ladder stitch, or SC the bottom of shoe to the stuffed leg by lining up each stitch on the shoe with each stitch on the bottom of shoe and going through both layers to secure.

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.

Bottom of shoe chart

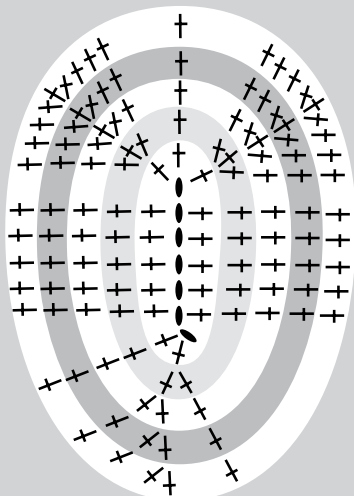
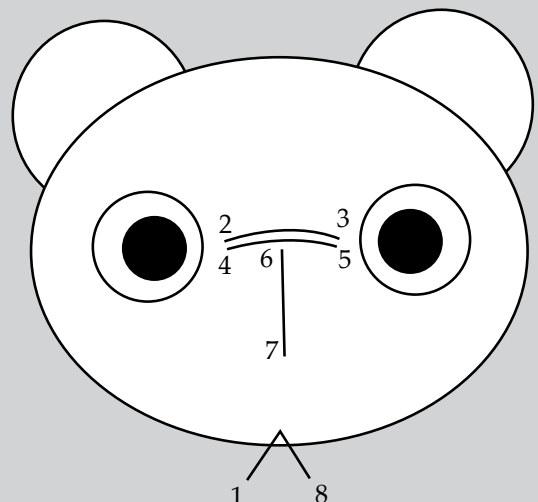


figure D.





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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.

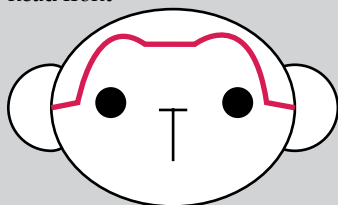
ATTACHING HAIR: Attach pigtails (at the at the mid point so each has 2 corkscrew ends dangling) using whip stitch or tie on with a single strand of yarn (color C). The remaining hair is made by surface crochet (see figure E.) Start by indicating the hair line with a chalk line or other marking device (preferably something removable). Next (with color C), choose a point on the hairline to begin. SC 1 (by inserting hook under a stitch on the head), chain 6 and repeat around entire hairline. Once the hairline is complete, repeat the stitch working in a spiral motion towards the center top of the head. Your rows can be as close together as you wish. Bind off and weave in ends when complete.

PIGTAILS: (make 6) with color C chain 31. Turn and in second chain from hook make 3SC, [3SC] in next 9 stitches. Slip next 10 stitches. [3SC] in remaining 10 stitches. Bind off and weave in ends.

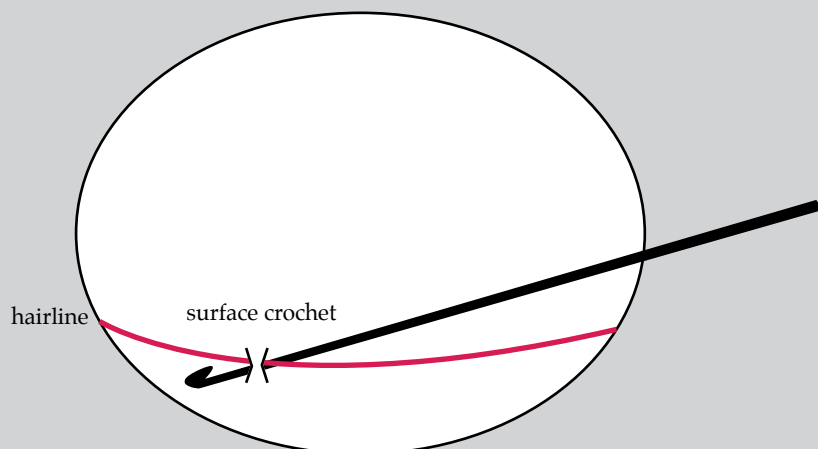
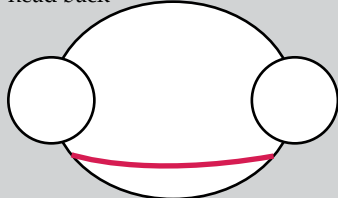
FEATURES: Facial features really make the personality of your doll. With a contrasting color yarn, embroider the “Y” shape as indicated (figure D), entering through the chin, and exiting in the same spot. Freckles can be added with french knots in the same contrasting color.

figure E.

head front



head back





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DRESS: The sweater is removeable, and worked alone on size 5 DPNs.

Gauge: 1in= 6 sts an 8 rows

Cast on 60 (evenly) in color E

Odd rows. Right side (RS)

Even rows, Wrong side (WS)

K= knit

P= purl

KO= cast on using knit method

K2tog= knit 2 stitches together

SSK= slip 2 stitches from left to right needles, then knit to slipped stitches together.

Rows 1-4: K across.

Row 5: *K2tog, YO*, repeat to end.

Row 6: K across.

Rows 7-8: Switch to color C, K across.

Row 9-10: Switch to color A, K across.

Begin decreases

Row 11: [K 13, K2tog] repeat 4 times. (56 stitches)

Row 12-13: K across.

Row 14: [K 12, K2tog] repeat 4 times. (52 stitches)

Row 15: K across.

Row 16: Switch to color B, K across.

Row 17: [K 11, K2tog] repeat 4 times. (48 stitches)

Row 18-19: K across.

Row 20: [K 10, K2tog] repeat 4 times. (44 stitches)

Row 21: Switch to color F, K across.

Row 22: Switch to color C, K across.

Row 23: [K 9, K2tog] repeat 4 times. (40 stitches)

Row 24: K next 10 sstitches, cast off next 10, K next 10, cast off next 10.

You should now have 10 stitches each on 2 DPN.

Row 25: *Work next 10 stitches in SS, KO 10(move onto seperate DPN)* repeat.

You should now have 40 stitches on 4 DPN.

Work 2 more rounds in K, then 12 rounds in 2x2 rib (K 2, P2).

bind off.

Using duplicate stitch, add charted (chart A) detail to the bottom of the dress. Lastly, fold dress under at row 5 and stich in place for picot edge.



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Sleeves: Because bulky seams can affect the look of the doll, I prefer to work with small DPNs (double pointed needles) and pick up the stitches from the arm holes of the sweater. Optionally, the sleeves could be worked separately on either DPNs or straight needles and seamed together.

With 3 DPNs, pick up 24 stitches from arm hole (8 stitches on each DPN). Work in straight stitch approx. 3.5 in. in the following color pattern: 5 rows color C, 1 row color F, 7 rows color B, remainder color A. Work in 2x2 rib pattern for another .5 inches. Bind off and weave in ends.

The optional underskirt is made of 1 piece of fabric, 5 in. x 16 in. Start by folding in half, bringing the 5 in. sides together, with right sides facing. Stitch these together using .5 in. seam. If your fabric print has a directional design, keep in mind the first hem will be the bottom of the dress. Fold and press a .75 in. hem for the bottom of the skirt. Stitch in place, either by hand or with a machine. Now fold and press a .5 in. seam at the top of the skirt. Stitch in place leaving at least a .5 in. opening to insert elastic. Measure your elastic around the waist of your doll (it should be about 3 in.) I like to use a safety pin when threading elastic through the top hem. Pin one end to the seam and use a safety pin attached to the other end to guide the elastic all the way around the skirt. Attach the to loose ends of elastic with a simple stitch or two and tuck back into the hem. should only take 3 or four stitches to secure the start of the loop to the sweater. remove the yarn from the needle and draw up a loop on your crochet hook, chain as many stitches as you need to get over your button. Now place your yarn back on the needle and finish securing by embroidering another row of chain stitch parallel to the first. Lastly, attach the button to the opposite side. The flower design on the sweater is made using the duplicate stitch technique, following the chart provided here. This design can be added to one or both sides of the sweater, or centered on the back.

pattern chart A: repeat

