



The Doll Project N° II

RAT „RADA“

THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED:

2,5 mm (US 1 ½) hook
3,0 mm (US 2 ½) knitting needles
tapestry needle

2 different yarns calling for 2,5 mm (US 1 ½) hook
another yarn calling for 3,0 mm (US 2 ½) knitting needles

2 black 6mm (0,2 inch) glass eyes (or use some safety eyes
or black yarn to embroider, when the doll is made for a baby)
soft stuffing (like cotton wool, etc.)

FIRST OF ALL:

Make sure, you crochet pretty tight all the way, to get no huge stretching holes between the stitches after you filled in the cotton wool. If you crochet very loose, maybe you should choose a smaller hook or a yarn with smaller gauge as called.

Of course you can choose a totally different yarn gauge – the dolls measurements will change (larger on smaller gauge) but that's no problem - in that case you only have to correct the size of the head and the eyes-size.

I used the following yarns on a 2,5 mm (US 1 ½) hook, so the entire doll turns out at a size of 27cm (10,5 inch).

MC yarn for the body, hood & ears

(i used „Regia Tweed 4 ply sockwool“ – 1 skein 50g, yardage: 200m / 218 yds, gauge: 10x10cm (4x4) 42R/30M)

CC1 yarn in white or light creme color for the head and the hands

(i used „Schachenmayr Catania“ color: 130 crème, 4 ply, 25g, yardage 125m / 137 yds, gauge: 10x10cm (4x4) 26M/36R)

CC2 yarn in a skin-color or beige for tail, arms & ears

(i used a yarn in a gauge similar to CC1)

yarn for the scarf

(i used a wool-silk yarn - gauge: 10x10cm (4x4) 25Mx35R - on 3mm (US 2 ½) needles)



DETAILS



HANDS



HEAD



HEAD



ABBREVIATIONS:

beg	=	begin / beginning
bo	=	bind off
CC1	=	contrasting color no. 1
CC2	=	contrasting color no. 2
ch	=	chain stitch
cm	=	centimeter(s)
co	=	count on (knitting)
dc	=	double crochet (yo, insert hook in indicated st, hook yarn and draw through the first 2 loops on the hook (you have 2 loops on the hook) hook yarn and draw through both rem. loops on the hook (one loop remains on the hook))
inc	=	increase / increasing
k	=	knit (knitting)
lp(s)	=	loop(s)
MC	=	main color
mm	=	millimeter(s)
p	=	perl (knitting)
rem	=	remain / remaining
rep	=	repeat(s)
rnd(s)	=	round(s)
RS	=	right side
sc	=	single crochet
sc2tog	=	sc next 2 stitches together (single crochet decrease)
sc3tog	=	sc next 3 stitches together (single crochet decrease)
sctbl	=	single crochet through back loop only
2sc inc	=	sc in indicated stitch 2 times (single crochet increase)
st(s)	=	stitch(es)
stst	=	stockinette stitch (knitting)
tog	=	together
WS	=	wrong side
yo	=	yarn over

HEAD make a loop of the CC1 yarn (head & hands color)

# rnd.		# rnd.	
01.	[sc] 6x in the yarn loop and tighten the loop	10.-16.* (7 rnds)	[sc] across (54 sts)
02.	[2sc inc] 6x (12 sts)	17.*	[sc 7, sc2tog] 6x (48 sts)
03.	[sc, 2sc inc] 6x (18 sts)	18.	[sc 6, sc2tog] 6x (42 sts)
04.	[sc 2, 2sc inc] 6x (24 sts)	19.	[sc 5, sc2tog] 6x (36 sts)
05.	[sc 3, 2sc inc] 6x (30 sts)	20.	[sc 4, sc2tog] 6x (30 sts)
06.	[sc 4, 2sc inc] 6x (36 sts)	21.	[sc 3, sc2tog] 6x (24 sts)
07.	[sc 5, 2sc inc] 6x (42 sts)	22.	[sc 2, sc2tog] 6x (18 sts)
08.	[sc 6, 2sc inc] 6x (48 sts)	23.	[sc] across (18 sts)
09.*	[sc 7, 2sc inc] 6x (54 sts)	Now break the yarn and make sure you leave enough yarn to fix the eyes to the head.	

***In case you are using an other yarn as suggested:**

When it seems that your hood turns out to big for the head, you have to correct the size of the head by working an extra inc.-round after rnd. 9 [sc 8, 2sc inc] 6x (60 sts), one additional sc-across-round (work 8 rnds) and a further dec.-round after that [sc 8, sc2tog] 6x (54 sts).

HOOD

make a loop of the MC yarn (body color)

# rnd.		# rnd.	
01.	[sc] 6x in the yarn loop and tighten the loop	09.	[sc 7, 2sc inc] 6x (54 sts)
02.	[2sc inc] 6x (12 sts)	10.	[sc 8, 2sc inc] 6x (60 sts)
03.	[sc, 2sc inc] 6x (18 sts)	11.	[sc 9, 2sc inc] 6x (66 sts)
04.	[sc 2, 2sc inc] 6x (24 sts)	12.-21. (10 rnds)	[sc] across (66 sts)
05.	[sc 3, 2sc inc] 6x (30 sts)	22.	[sc 9, sc2tog] 6x (60 sts)
06.	[sc 4, 2sc inc] 6x (36 sts)	23.	[sc 8, sc2tog] 6x (54 sts)
07.	[sc 5, 2sc inc] 6x (42 sts)	Now break yarn and make sure you leave enough yarn to crochet the hood to the body later.	
08.	[sc 6, 2sc inc] 6x (48 sts)		

LEGS (make 2 of them)

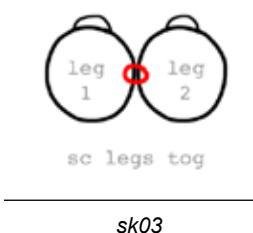
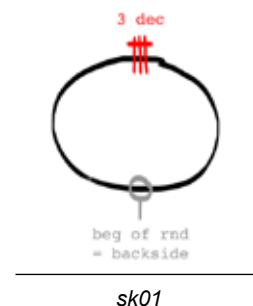
make a loop of the MC yarn (body color)

# rnd.	
01.	[sc] 6x in the yarn loop and tighten the loop
02.	[2sc inc] 6x (12 sts)
03.	[sc, 2sc inc] 6x (18 sts)
04.	[sctbl] across (18 sts)
05.-07. (3 rnds)	[sc] across (18 sts)
08.	sc 7, sc3tog, ch, sc 8 (17 sts) <i>dec at the frontsides center - sk01</i>
09.	sc 6, sc2tog, sc, sc2tog, sc 6 (15 sts) <i>dec at the frontsides center</i>
10.	[sc] across (15 sts)
11.	sc 3, 2sc inc, sc 7, 2sc inc, sc 3 (17 sts) <i>inc at left and right side - sk02</i>
12.+13. (2 rnds)	[sc] across (17 sts)
14.	sc 4, 2sc inc, sc 7, 2sc inc, sc 4 (19 sts) <i>inc at left and right side - sk02</i>
15.+16. (2 rnds)	[sc] across (19 sts)
17.	sc 5, 2sc inc, sc 7, 2sc inc, sc 5 (21 sts) <i>inc at left and right side - sk02</i>
18.+19. (2rnds)	[sc] across (21 sts)
20.	sc 6, 2sc inc, sc 7, 2sc inc, sc 6 (23 sts) <i>inc at left and right side - sk02</i>
21.	[sc] across (23 sts)

only 1st leg: break yarn
 only 2nd leg: **DON'T BREAK THE YARN!** Instead work:
 sc 6 in next rnd (= 1st rnd of the body)

After these 6 sc take the 1st leg, hold it in position and sc tog next st of 2nd and the opposite on 1st leg to connect the two legs. Work 46 sc across (after this you should be right in the space between the legs facing the backside of the body).

TIP: Its easier to fill in some stuffing material into the legs now - when you have finished the body it's harder to stuff the legs tight, because of the small opening at the end.



BODY

rnd.

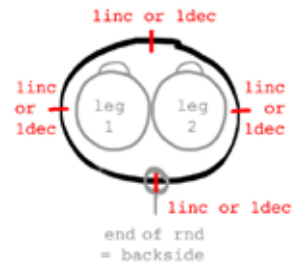
start inc rounds

02. 2sc inc in first st, sc 22, 2sc inc, sc 22 (48 sts)
 03. [sc] across (48 sts)
 04. [sc 11, 2sc inc] 4x (52 sts) *4inc - left, front, right, backside - sk04*
 05+06. (2 rnds) [sc] across (52 sts)
 07. [sc 12, 2sc inc] 4x (56 sts) *4inc - left, front, right, backside -sk04*
 08.-10. (3 rnds) [sc] across (56 sts)
 11. sc 19, 2sc inc, sc 7, 2sc inc, sc 7, 2sc inc, sc 20 (59 sts)
3inc - left leg front, betw. the 2 legs, right leg front - sk05
 12.-14. (3 rnds) [sc] across (59 sts)

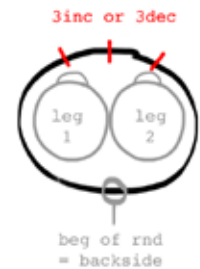
TIP: Its easier to fill in some stuffing material while you are working out the body decreases - when it's finished it is harder to stuff the body tight, because of the small opening at the end.

start dec rounds

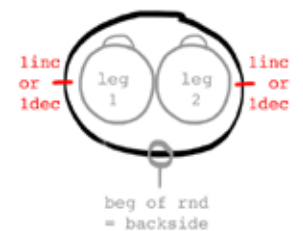
15. sc 14, sc2tog, sc 27, sc2tog, sc 14 (57 sts) *2dec - left & right side - sk06*
 16.-18. (3 rnds) [sc] across (57 sts)
 19. sc 13, sc2tog, sc 27, sc2tog, sc 13 (55 sts) *2dec - left & right side - sk06*
 20. sc 19, sc2tog, sc 13, sc2tog, sc 19 (53 sts)
2dec - middle of legs frontside - sk07
 21. [sc] across (53 sts)
 22. sc 12, sc2tog, sc 25, sc2tog, sc 12 (51 sts) *2dec - left & right side - sk06*
 23. sc 17, sc2tog, sc 5, sc2tog, sc 5, sc2tog, sc 18 (48 sts)
3dec - left leg front, betw. the legs, right leg front - sk05
 24. [sc 10, sc2tog] 4x (44) *4dec - left, front, right, backside - sk04*
 25. [sc] across (44 sts)
 26. sc2tog, sc 9, sc2tog, sc 20, sc2tog, sc 9 (41 sts)
3dec - backside, left, right, - sk08
 27.-29. (3 rnds) [sc] across (41 sts)
 30. sc2tog, sc 8, sc2tog, sc 8, sc2tog, sc 8, sc2tog, sc 9 (37 sts)
4dec - backside, left, front, right - sk04
 31.-33. (3 rnds) [sc] across (37 sts)
 34. sc2tog, sc 7, sc2tog, sc 7, sc2tog, sc 7, sc2tog, sc 8 (33 sts)
4dec - backside, left, front, right - sk04
 35.-37. (3 rnds) [sc] across (33 sts)
 38. sc2tog, sc 6, sc2tog, sc 6, sc2tog, sc 6, sc2tog, sc 7 (29 sts)
4dec - backside, left, front, right - sk04
 39.+40. (2 rnds) [sc] across (29 sts)
 41. sc 6, sc2tog, sc 13, sc2tog, sc 6 (27 sts) *2dec - left & right side - sk06*
 42.+ 43. (2 rnds) [sc] across (27 sts)
 44. sc 6, sc2tog, sc 11, sc2tog, sc 6 (25 sts) *2dec - left & right side - sk06*
 45.+46. (2 rnds) [sc] across (25 sts)
 47. sc 5, sc2tog, sc11, sc2tog, sc 5 (23 sts) *2dec - left & right side - sk06*
 48.+49. (2 rnds) [sc] across (23 sts)
 50. sc 5, sc2tog, sc 9, sc2tog, sc 5 (21 sts) *2dec - left & right side - sk06*
 51. [sc] across (21 sts)



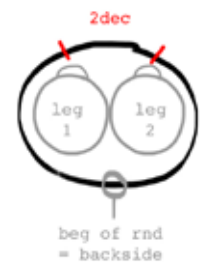
sk04



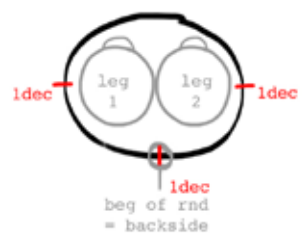
sk05



sk06



sk07



sk08

Now break yarn and **make sure you leave enough yarn to crochet the head to the body later.**

ARMS (make 2 of them)

start with **HANDS** (make 2 of them)

make a loop of the CC1 yarn (head & hands color)

rnd.

01. [sc] 6x in the yarn loop and tighten the loop
02. [2sc inc] 6x (12 sts)
- 03.+04. (2 rnds) [sc] across (12 sts)
05. sc 5, dc 4 in next st, sc 5, 2sc inc (16 sts)
06. sc 6, sc3tog (*should be the 3 center stitches of the dcs in rnd 5*) and ch in the loop on the hook, sc 6, 2sc inc (16 sts rem)
07. sc 15, 2sc inc (17 sts)
08. [sc] across (17 sts)
break yarn

join CC2 yarn (tail & ears color) work 2 rnds [sc] across (17 sts) after these 2 rnds break the CC2 yarn

join MC yarn (body color) and work 35 rnds dec 4x one st by using sc2tog in rnds no. 5, 15, 20, 30 (13 sts rem)

- 01.- 04. (4 rnds) [sc] across (17 sts)
05. sc 8, sc2tog, sc 7 (16 sts rem)
- 06.-14. (9 rnds) [sc] across (16 sts)
15. sc 7, sc2tog, sc 7 (15 sts rem)
- 16.-19. (4 rnds) [sc] across (15 sts)
20. sc 7, sc2tog, sc 6 (14 sts rem)
- 21.-29. (9 rnds) [sc] across (14 sts)
30. sc 6, sc2tog, sc 6 (13 sts rem)
- 31.-35. (5 rnds) [sc] across (13 sts)

Now fill some soft stuffing like cotton wool into the hand and the lower half of the arm's length. Fold the top of your work (the shoulder) and sew or sc tog the 2 opposed st (sc 6x) - after it's done break the yarn **but make shure you've left enough yarn to sew the arm in place later**. Work the same way for the second arm.

EARS (make 2 of them)

make a loop of the MC yarn (body color)

make a loop of the CC2 yarn (skin color for tail, arms & ears)

rnd.

rnd.

01. [sc] 6x in the yarn loop and tighten the loop
02. [2sc inc] 6x (12 sts)
03. [sc, 2sc inc] 6x (18 sts)
04. [sc 2, 2sc inc] 6x (24 sts)
05. ch in first st and break the yarn

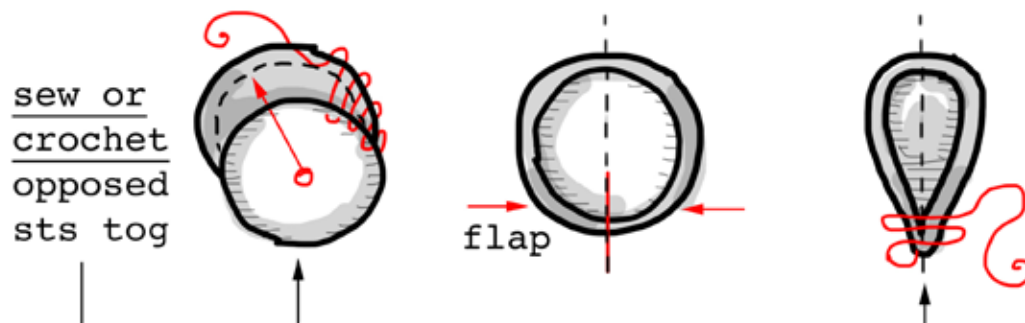
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02. [2sc inc] 6x (12 sts)
03. [sc, 2sc inc] 6x (18 sts)
04. [sc 2, 2sc inc] 6x (24 sts)
05. [sc] across (24 sts)

Turn the work (now WS facing) take the CC2 piece (RS facing) and place to the center of the MC piece.

rnd.

06. [sc tog 1 st of the CC2 and 1 st of the MC piece at a time] 24x to connect the pieces.

Fold the ear and sc tog the first 2 opposed sts at the front and back (sc 2x) – after this break the yarn and **make shure you've left enough yarn to sew the ear in place**. Work the second ear the same way.



TAIL

make a loop of the CC2 yarn (tail & ears color)

rnd.

01. [sc] 6x in the yarn loop and tighten the loop

02. [2sc inc] 6x (12 sts)

04.- ... [sc] (12 sts) work across and rep sc rnd. until tail measures 16cm (6 inches) break yarn
make shure you left enough yarn to sew or crochet the tail in place

SCARF (knitting)

i used a wool-silk yarn (gauge: 10x10cm 25Mx35R) on 3,0 mm (US 2 ½) needles

co 8 sts on 3,0 mm (US 2 ½) needles

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1. row p first row (WS) – turn

2. row k next row (RS) – turn

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rep * to * in stockinette stitch until scarf measures 55cm (21,5 inches). bo with RS facing and break yarn.

Finally add some fringe at the ending.

ASSEMBLING

1. STEP – HOOD & BODY:

To join the hood and the body piece crochet or sew 12 sts of the hood to 12 sts at the back of the body opening (from shoulder to shoulder).

2. STEP – ARMS & BODY:

Fill the legs and the body pretty tight with soft stuffing material. Sew the 2 arms in right position onto the body.

3. STEP – HEAD & BODY:

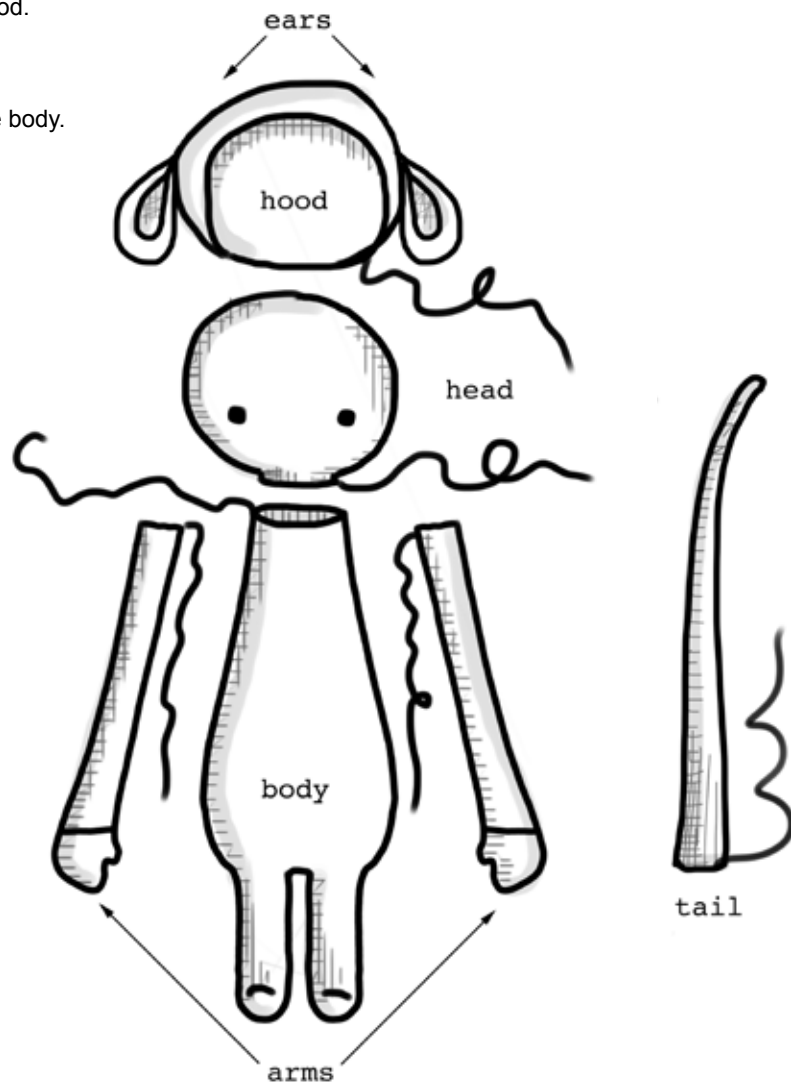
Put the eyes in place and fix them inside the head using remaining yarn from head piece. Fill the head tight with soft stuffing. To join the head and the body sew or crochet the openings of head and body together.

4. STEP – HOOD & EARS:

Sew or crochet the ears onto the hood.

5. STEP – BODY & TAIL:

Sew the tail in right position onto the body.



6. STEP – HEAD (NOT NECESSARY BUT CUTE DETAILS):

Add some yarn-hair around the head if you prefer. Maybe you like a light blush at the cheeks – use a fabric marker in light rose color and add a blush underneath the eyes carefully.

CONGRATS! YOU MADE IT!



RELAX & START CUDDLING YOUR NEWBORN RADA RAT!