

MONKEY IN THE MIDDLE

Two pretty dolls and a monkey friend play the old-time favorite, "Monkey in the Middle." **Dora Lee** (far left) and **Daisy** (right) were designed and crocheted by Nancy Sharkey, one of our regular toy crafters. *Instructions on page 12 and 16.* **Mr. Monkey** is a first-time contribution from Featured Reader, Donna McCullough from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. *Instructions on page 14.* Any one of these adorable stuffed toys can become a special friend.



DORA LEE DOLL

Shown on page 4

SIZE: About 18" tall.

MATERIALS: Knitting worsted weight yarn—4 ozs. each white, persian blue and yellow; 1 oz. each of bright rose and black; 2 ozs. pale pink. Crochet hooks sizes F, G, H and I, OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE. Polyester fiberfill. Embroidery thread in black and in desired color for "daisy." Small pieces of felt for eyes (white, blue and black). Yarn needle. **GAUGE:** 7 sc = 2" with G hook.

NOTE: On Body, work in continuous rnds, unless otherwise specified. In other words, do not join end of each rnd with sl st to first st. Rather, work first sc of next rnd directly into first sc of previous rnd. Place a marker of contrast color thread to mark end of each rnd and transfer it up at end of each rnd. Weave in loose ends and stuff piece as you go.

HEAD AND BODY: With G hook and pale pink, ch 2. **Rnd 1:** Work 6 sc in second ch from hook. **Rnd 2:** Work 2 sc in each st around—12 sts. **Rnd 3:** (Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) 6 times—18 sts. **Rnd 4:** (Sc in each of next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st) 6 times—24 sts. **Rnd 5:** (Sc in each of next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st) 6 times—30 sts. **Rnd 6:** (Sc in each of next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st) 6 times—36 sts. **Rnd 7:** (Sc in each of next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st) 6 times—42 sc. **Rnd 8:** (Sc in each of next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st) 6 times—48 sts. **Rnds 9 through 20:** Sc in each st around. **Rnd 21:** (Skip next st, sc in each of next 7 sts) 6 times—42 sts.

Rnd 22: (Skip next st, sc in each of next 6 sts) 6 times—36 sts. **Rnd 23:** (Skip next st, sc in each of next 5 sts) 6 times—30 sts. **Rnd 24 and 25:** Sc in each st around, changing to blue at end of Rnd 25. **Rnd 26:** Repeat Rnd 24. **Rnds 27 through 29:** Work inc sts as in Rnds 6 through 8 of Head—48 sts. **Rnds 30 through 37:** Sc in each st, changing to white at end of Rnd 37. **Rnd 38:** Working through back loops only, sc in each st around. **Rnds 39 through 48:** Sc in each st around. Flatten last rnd in half and sc through both thicknesses to close—24 sc. Fasten off.

LEG: Make two with G hook and black, ch 12. **Rnd 1:** Sc in second ch from hook and in each of next 9 ch, 3 sc in last ch; working along opposite edge of ch, sc in each of 10 ch, 2 sc in last ch—25 sts. **Rnd 2:** Sc in each of next 10 sts, 2 sc in each of 3 toe sts, sc in each of next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in last—29 sts. **Rnd 3:** Sc in each of next 11 sts, (2 sc in next st, sc in next st) 3 times, sc in each of next 12 sts—32 sts. **Rnds 4 through 6:** Sc in each st. **Rnd 7:** Sc in each of next 12 sts, (skip next st, sc in next st) 5 times, sc in each of next 10 sts—27 sts. Sl st in next st and join white. **Rnd 8:** Working through back loops only, sc in each st around. **Rnd 9:** Sc in each of next 8 sts, (skip next st, sc in next st) 4 times, sc in each of next 11 sts—23 sts. Drop white (do not cut) and join rose in last st of Rnd 9. **Rnds 10 and 11:** Sc around in rose. **Rnds 12 and 13:** Sc around in white. **Rnds 14 and 15:** Sc around in rose.

Rnds 16 and 17: Sc around in white. **Rnds 18 and 19:** Sc around in rose. **Rnds 20 and 21:** Sc around in white. **Rnds 22 and 23:** Sc around in rose. **Rnd 24:** Sc around in white. **Rnd 25:** Working through back loops only, sc in each st of this rnd only. **Rnds 26 through 32:** Sc in each st. At end of Rnd 32, work 4 more sc (This should be the exact side of leg with toe facing you. If not, sc to that spot.) Flatten and sc closed as for body—11 sc. **Ruffle:** With bottom of foot facing you, join white in free loop of Rnd 25 with a sl st, * ch 4, skip next free loop, sl st in next free loop; repeat from * around. Fasten off.

ARM: Make two. With G hook and pink, ch 2. **Rnds 1 through 3:** Work as for Rnds 1 through 3 of head—18 sts. **Rnds 4 through 7:** Sc in each st around. **Rnd 8:** Sc in each of next 8 sts, (hdc, 3 dc, hdc) in front loop of next st, sc in each of next 9 sts—22 sts. **Rnd 9:** Sc in each of next 9 sts, skip 4 sts for thumb, sc in each of next 9 sts—18 sts. **Rnd 10:** Sc in each st. Fasten off pink and join blue. **Rnd 11:** (Work 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 8 sts) twice—20 sts. **Rnds 12 through 26:** Repeat Rnd 10. At end of Rnd 26, sc to the exact side of arm. Finish stuffing and sc closed, making sure that thumb is facing forward. **Wrist Ruffle:** With F hook and white, ch 18, join with sl st to form a ring. * Ch 4, skip next ch, sl st in next ch; repeat from * around. Fasten off. Slide on from top of arm and sew in place. Sew arms onto body on third rnd of blue.

FACE: Refer to photo for placement. Cut felt into desired size circles and sew on in layers (first white, then

blue then black for pupil). With pale pink yarn, work satin stitch for nose. Embroider mouth, eyelashes and eyebrows. Make white straight stitch highlights in eyes.

WIG: Work in back loops only throughout. **Rnds 1 through 8:** With I hook and yellow, work same as for Rnds 1 through 8 of head—48 sts. **Rnd 9:** Sc in each st around. **Rnd 10:** (Sc in each of next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st) 6 times—54 sts. **Rnds 11 through 13:** Sc in each st. **Rnd 14:** (Skip next st, sc in each of next 8 sts) 6 times—48 sts. Join in both loops of next st and turn. Now, * ch 10, skip next st, sl st in front loop of next st; repeat from * around. Continue as established in every other front loop st and in every other rnd all the way to center top. End ch 10 and sew end of ch to top. Place wig on doll (pin in place around edge) and sew securely around edge and at intervals through the wig and head to tack in place.

SKIRT: With G hook and blue, ch 50, join with sl st to form a ring. **Rnd 1:** Sc in each ch around, join. Change to H hook. **Rnd 2:** Ch 2, dc in same st as ch 2, work 2 dc in each st around, join with sl st to second ch of starting ch-2—100 sts. **Rnds 3 through 8:** Ch 2, dc in each st around, join with sl st to second ch of starting ch-2. **Rnd 9:** Turn, * ch 3, skip next st, sl st in next; repeat from * around. Join and fasten off. Pull skirt on from top and sew in place in unused loops of Body on Rnd 38.

OVERSKIRT: With H hook and white, work back and forth in rows. ch 44. **Row 1:** Dc in fourth ch from hook, dc in same ch, 2 dc in each ch

across. **Rows 2 through 7:** Ch 3, dc in each st across. **Row 8:** Ch 3, skip next st, sl st in next st, * ch 3, skip next st, sl st in next st; repeat from * across. Fasten off. **Waist:** With G hook and white, join in first ch at waist. Sc in each ch across. Fasten off, leaving a yarn end to sew back seam. Pull on over feet and skirt and sew in place. **Flower:** With G hook and rose, ch 2. **Rnd 1:** Work 6 sc in

second ch from hook, join with sl st to first sc. **Rnd 2:** Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, (2 dc, sc) in same joining st, * (sc, 2 dc, sc) in next st; repeat from * 4 times more—6 petals. Fasten off. **Center:** With yellow and F hook, work as for Rnd 1 of flower. Fasten off and sew onto flower. Sew flower onto overskirt and embroider 2 small leaves.

MR. MONKEY

Shown on page 4

SIZE: About 14½" tall.

MATERIALS: Knitting worsted weight yarn (3.5 oz. skeins)—1 skein each brown and off-white. Small amounts of yellow and orange. Scrap of black felt for nose. Black fabric paint or black embroidery floss. (Optional: Two 15 mm animal eyes. If toy is for intended for a child under 3 years of age, embroider eyes instead.) Crochet hooks sizes F and G, OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE.

GAUGE: 7 sc = 2" with G hook.

NOTE: Work in continuous rnds, unless otherwise specified. In other words, do not join end of each rnd with sl st to first st. Rather, work first sc of next rnd directly into first sc of previous rnd. Place a marker of contrast color thread to mark end of each rnd and transfer it up at end of each rnd.

BODY: (Work from neck down.) With G hook and brown, ch 24, join with sl st to form a ring. **Rnd 1:** Sc in each ch around—24 sc. **Rnd 2:** * Sc in each of next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st;

repeat from * around—30 sc. **Rnd 3:** * Sc in each of next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around—36 sts. **Rnd 4:** * Sc in each of next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around—42 sts. **Rnds 5 through 14:** Work even in sc. **Rnd 15:** * Sc in each of next 5 sts, 2 sc tog; repeat from * around—36 sts. **Rnd 16:** (Sc in each of next 4 sts, 2 sc tog; repeat from * around—30 sts. Fold last rnd in half and work 15 sc across, working through both thicknesses. Fasten off. Stuff.

HEAD: (Worked from top of head to neck.) With G hook and brown, ch 2. **Rnd 1:** Work 6 sc in second ch from hook. **Rnd 2:** Work 2 sc in each st around—12 sts. **Rnd 3:** * Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around—18 sts. **Rnd 4:** * Sc in each of next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around—24 sts. **Rnd 5:** * Sc in each of next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around—30 sts. **Rnd 6:** * Sc in each of next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from * around—36 sts. **Rnds 7 through 14:** Work even in sc. **Rnd 15:** * Skip 1 st, sc in each of next 5 sts; repeat from * around—30

sts. **Rnd 16:** Skip 1 st, sc in each of next 4 sts; repeat from * around—24 sts. **Rnd 17:** * Skip 1 st, sc in each of next 3 sts; repeat from * around—18 sts. **Rnd 18:** * Skip 1 st, sc in each of next 2 sts; repeat from * around—12 sts. Stuff piece. Fasten off, leaving a yarn end for sewing. Sew head to body.

MUZZLE AND EYE MASK—Rnd

1—Muzzle: With G hook and off-white, ch 11, sc in second ch from hook and in each of next 8 ch, 2 sc in last ch; working along opposite edge of foundation ch, sc in each of next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st. **Rnd 2:** Sc in each st around—22 sts. **Rnd 3:** Sc in each of next 10 sts, skip 1 st, sc in next 9 sts, skip 1 st, sc in last st—20 sts. Ch 1, turn. **Eye Mask:** Now, work in rows with ch 1 to turn at end of each row. **Row 4:** Work 2 sc in first st, sc in each of next 6 sts, 2 sc in last st—10 sts. Ch 1, turn. **Row 5:** Work 2 sc in first st, sc in each of next 8 sts, 2 sc in last st—12 sts. Ch 1, turn. **Row 6:** Sc in each of first 5 sts, sl st in each of next 2 sts, sc in each of last 5 sts. Ch 1, turn. **Row 7:** Skip 1 st, sc in each of next 4 sts, sl st in next 2 sts, sc in each of next 3 sts, skip 1 st, sc in last st. Fasten off, leaving a yarn end for sewing. Attach or embroider eyes in position as shown in photograph. Sew piece to head, stuffing lightly with slightly more stuffing under muzzle portion. Cut a triangle for nose from black felt, measuring ¾" at the base and ½" high, rounding corners slightly. Glue or sew in place, as shown in photograph. Embroider or paint eyebrows and mouth as shown.

EARS—Inner Ear: Make two. With off-white and G hook, work as for

Rnds 1 through 3 of head. Fasten off. **Outer Ear:** Make two. With brown and G hook, work Rnds 1 through 3 as for Inner Ear. **Rnd 4:** Work even in sc around—18 sts. Sew one inner ear and one outer ear piece together, with wrong sides facing each other. Sew joined piece to head along Rnds 1 through 6.

LEGS: Make two. With off-white and G hook, work as for Rnds 1 through 5 of head. **Rnd 6:** Join brown and working through back loops on this rnd only, work even in sc—30 sts. **Rnd 7:** Change to F hook and work sc in each of first 9 sts, (2 sc tog) 6 times, sc in each of last 9 sts—24 sts. **Rnd 8:** Sc in each of first 6 sts, (2 sc tog) 6 times, sc in each of last 6 sts—18 sts. **Rnd 9:** Skip first st, sc in each of next 5 sts, skip next st, sc in each of next 5 sts, skip 1 st, sc in each of last 5 sts—15 sts. **Rnds 10 through 20:** Work even in sc. Stuff piece. Fold last rnd in half, making sure that toe edge will be facing forward, and work across in sc, working through both thicknesses to close. Fasten off. **Toes of Left Foot:** With off-white bottom of foot facing, mark center 9 sts at top of foot for toe edge. Join off-white in first of 9 marked sts, ch 2, sc in second ch from hook for little toe, (ch 3, sc in each of 3 ch just made, skip next marked st, sl st in next st) 4 times for large toes. Fasten off. **Toes of Right Foot:** Work as for Toes of Left Foot, except start with four large toes and end with little toe. Sew legs to body.

ARMS: Make two. With off-white and G hook, ch 2. **Rnd 1:** Work 6 sc in second ch from hook. **Rnd 2:** Work 3 sc in each of first 3 sts, sc in remain-

ing sts—12 sts. **Rnds 3 and 4:** Work as for Rnd 2—24 sts at end of Rnd 4. **Rnd 5:** Join brown and working through back loops only on this rnd only, work even in sc around. **Rnd 6:** Change to F hook; * skip 1 st, sc in each of next 3 sts; repeat from * around—18 sts. **Rnd 7:** * Skip 1 st, sc in each of next 2 sts; repeat from * around—12 sts. **Rnds 8 through 25:** Work even in sc around. Stretch arm piece and stuff lightly. Close as for legs. With F hook, work fingers as for toes.

TAIL: With brown and F hook, work same as for Rnd 1 of head—6 sts. **Rnds 2 through 31:** Work even in sc around. Do not stuff. Sew to back of body.

DAISY

Shown on page 5

SIZE: About 18" tall.

MATERIALS: Knitting worsted weight yarn—3 ozs. each pale peach and brown; 5 ozs. lilac; 4 ozs. white. Crochet hooks sizes F, G, H and I, OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE. Polyester fiberfill. Embroidery thread in black and in desired color for "daisy." Small pieces of felt for eyes (white, blue and black). Yarn needle. Ribbon— $\frac{1}{8}$ "-wide and $\frac{1}{4}$ "-wide.

GAUGE: 7 sc = 2" with G hook.

NOTE: On Body, work in continuous rnds, unless otherwise specified. In other words, do not join end of each rnd with sl st to first st. Rather, work first sc of next rnd directly into first sc of previous rnd. Place a marker of contrast color thread to mark end of

BOWTIE: With G hook and yellow, ch 11. **Row 1:** Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across. Ch 1, turn. **Rows 2 through 5:** Work even in sc across. Fasten off. With orange, work 1 rnd sc around piece, working 2 sc in each corner. With orange, ch 30. Fasten off. Tie around middle of yellow piece. Tie orange chain ends around monkey's neck.

HAT: With G hook and yellow, work as for Rnds 1 through 3 of head. **Rnd 4:** Work even in sc around. Fasten off. **Rnd 5:** Join orange and work even in sc around. Fasten off. With orange and yellow yarn, make a 2" pompon and sew to top of head. Sew hat to head as shown in photograph.

each rnd and transfer it up at end of each rnd. Weave in loose ends and stuff piece as you go.

HEAD AND BODY: With G hook and peach, ch 2. **Rnd 1:** Work 6 sc in second ch from hook. **Rnd 2:** Work 2 sc in each st around—12 sts. **Rnd 3:** (Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) 6 times—18 sts. **Rnd 4:** (Sc in each of next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st) 6 times—24 sts. **Rnd 5:** (Sc in each of next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st) 6 times—30 sts. **Rnd 6:** (Sc in each of next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st) 6 times—36 sts. **Rnd 7:** (Sc in each of next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st) 6 times—42 sc. **Rnd 8:** (Sc in each of next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st) 6 times—48 sts. **Rnds 9 through 20:** Sc in each st around. **Rnd 21:** (Skip next st, sc in each of next 7 sts) 6

times—42 sts. **Rnd 22:** (Skip next st, sc in each of next 6 sts) 6 times—36 sts. **Rnd 23:** (Skip next st, sc in each of next 5 sts) 6 times—30 sts. **Rnd 24:** (Skip next st, sc in each of next 4 sts) 6 times—24 sts. **Rnds 25 through 26:** Sc in each st around. **Rnd 27:** Repeat Rnd 5—30 sts; change to white in last st of Rnd 27. **Rnd 28:** Repeat Rnd 6—36 sts. **Rnd 29:** Repeat Rnd 7—42 sts. **Rnd 30:** Repeat Rnd 8—48 sts. **Rnds 31 through 52:** Sc in each st around. **Rnd 53:** (Skip next st, sc in each of next 23 sts) twice—46 sts. Finish stuffing. Flatten last rnd in half and sc through both thicknesses to close—23 sc. Fasten off.

LEG: Make two with G hook and peach. Ch 12. **Rnd 1:** Sc in second ch from hook and in each of next 9 ch, 3 sc in last ch; working along opposite edge of ch, sc in each of 10 ch, 2 sc in last ch—25 sts. **Rnd 2:** Sc in each of next 10 sts, 2 sc in each of 3 toe sts, sc in each of next 10 sts, 2 sc in last st, sc in last—29 sts. **Rnd 3:** Sc in each of next 11 sts, (2 sc in next st, sc in next st) 3 times, sc in each of next 12 sts—32 sts. **Rnds 4 through 6:** Sc in each st. **Rnd 7:** Sc in each of next 12 sts, (skip next st, sc in next st) 5 times, sc in each of next 10 sts—27 sts. **Rnd 8:** Sc in each st around. **Rnd 9:** Sc in each of next 8 sts, (skip next st, sc in next st) 4 times, sc in each of next 11 sts—32 sts. **Rnds 10 through 28:** Sc in each st. Sc to exact side of leg with toe facing you, sc closed as for body—11 sc. Sew onto body.

ARM: Make two with G hook and peach. Ch 2. **Rnds 1 through 3:** Work as for Rnds 1 through 3 of head—18 sts. **Rnds 4 through 7:** Sc

in each st around. **Rnd 8:** Sc in each of next 8 sts, (hdc, 3 dc, hdc) in front loop of next st, sc in each of next 9 sts. **Rnd 9:** Sc in each of next next 9 sts, skip 4 sts for thumb, sc in each of next 9 sts—18 sts. **Rnd 10:** (Skip next st, sc in each of next 5 sts) 3 times—15 sts. **Rnd 11:** (Work 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 4 sts) 3 times—18 sts. **Rnds 12 through 25:** Sc in each st around. Finish stuffing and sc closed, making sure that thumb is facing forward.

FACE: Refer to photo for placement. Cut felt into desired size circles and sew on in layers (first white, then blue, then black for pupil). With peach yarn, work satin stitch for nose. Embroider mouth, eyelashes and eyebrows. Make white straight stitch highlights in eyes.

WIG: Work in back loops only throughout. **Rnds 1 through 8:** With I hook and brown, work same as for Rnds 1 through 8 of head—48 sts. **Rnd 9:** Sc in each st around. **Rnd 10:** (Sc in each of next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st) 6 times—54 sts. **Rnds 11 through 13:** Sc in each st. **Rnd 14:** (Skip next st, sc in each of next 8 sts) 6 times—48 sts. Join in both loops of next st and turn. Now, * ch 10, skip next front loop of next st, sl st in front loop of next st; repeat from * around. Continue as established in every other front loop st and in every other rnd all the way to center top. End ch 10 and sew end of ch to top. Place wig on doll (pin in place around edge) and sew securely around edge and at intervals through the wig and head to tack in place.

DRESS: With G hook and lilac, ch

31. **Row 1:** Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across—30 sts. Ch 2, turn. **Row 2:** Hdc in same st as ch 2, work 2 hdc in each st around—60 sts. Fasten off lilac, join white, turn. **Rows 3 through 6:** Sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn. **Row 7:** Join lilac with a sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as first hdc, ch 1), hdc in same st—first V-st made, * skip 1 st, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next st—V-st made; repeat from * across, hdc in last st—30 V-sts. Ch 2, turn. Begin working in rnds now. **Rnd 8:** V-st in each ch-1 space, join in second ch of starting ch-2. **Rnd 9:** V-st in 5 ch-1 spaces, ch 10, skip 5 V-sts, V-st in each of 10 ch-1 spaces, ch 10, skip 5 V-sts, V-st in each of last 5 ch-1 spaces, join as before. **Rnd 10:** Ch 2, * (hdc, ch 1, hdc, ch 1, hdc) in first ch-1 space, V-st in next space; repeat from * around (working in every other ch under arm), join as before. **Rnds 11 through 22:** Ch 2, V-st in each ch-1 space around, join. **Rnd 23:** Ch 1, sc in each ch-1 space and between each V-st around, join and fasten off. **Ruffle:** Join lilac with a sl st in any sc of Rnd 23, * ch 3, skip 1

st, sl st in next st; repeat from * around. Fasten off. **Sleeve:** Join lilac with a sl st an underarm V-st. **Rnd 1:** V-st in same st, work 12 V-sts around armhole, join. **Rnds 2 through 5:** Ch 2, V-st in each ch-1 space around, join. Fasten off at end of Rnd 5. Work white ruffle as for Dress. Repeat instructions for other sleeve. Embroidery a “daisy” on the bodice. **Neck Ruffle:** As for sleeves. **Leg Ruffle:** With G hook and white, ch 21. Sc in fifth ch from hook, * ch 4, skip 1 ch, sc in next ch; repeat from * across. Fasten off. Sew around upper leg. **Optional:** Weave ribbon around dress at underarm and around lower sleeve. Put dress on doll and tie bows. Sew back opening closed.

BOOTIE: Make two with H hook and white. **Rnds 1 through 9:** Work as for Rnds 1 through 9 of leg. **Rnd 10:** Sc in each st around. **11:** Ch 3, (skip next st, hdc in next st, ch 1) around, join. **Rnd 12:** Ch 1, sc in each hdc and ch-1 space around. **Rnd 13:** Working in front loops, (ch 3, skip 1 st, sl st in next st) around. Fasten off. Weave ribbon through beading Rnd.