

CUPID



MATERIALS

Caron 4-ply yarn in Cream

Red Heart Super Saver yarn in Black, Red, White and Rust

Small amount of 3-ply yarn in White (for eyes)

3 pieces of wood dowel or bamboo about 1/8" round and 5 1/2" long

Quilters thread to match Cream yarn

Rust thread to match Rust yarn for hair

Long sewing needle

Pair of 12mm black post eyes

Polyfill

Sizes G crochet hook and (E crochet hook for eyes only)

Yarn needle

Thick Tacky Glue

Small amount of Red and White Felt for Heart and Feathers on Arrows

A nine inch piece of 30.5mm galvanized wire for bow

Pliers to bend wire

3" piece of stiff cardboard (I used a coaster) to wrap Rust yarn around for hair

Powder blush

The body will be done in one continuous piece.

HEAD

With Cream yarn:

Rnd 1: Magic circle 6 stitches (if you don't know what a magic circle is, there is an

excellent video demonstrating it on Utube: Here is the link: <http://ca.youtube.com/watch?v=WLuSVyKvoUg>

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around – 12 sc

Rnd 3: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; rep from * around – 18 sc

Rnd 4: sc in each sc

Rnd 5: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc; rep from * around – 24 sc

Rnd 6: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc; rep from * around – 30 sc

Rnd 7: sc in each sc

Rnd 8: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc; rep from * around – 36 sc

Rnds 9 – 10: sc in each sc

Rnd 11: *sc 2 tog, sc in next 4 sc; rep from * around – 30 sc

Rnd 12: sc in each sc

Rnd 13: *sc 2 tog, sc in next 3 sc; rep from * around – 24 sc

Rnd 14: *sc 2 tog, sc in next 2 sc; rep from * around – 18 sc

Rnd 15: sc in each sc

Rnd 16: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc; rep from * around – 24 sc

Rnd 17: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc; rep from * around – 30 sc

Stuff the head.

Next you will start to form one of the arms.

Rnd 18: sc in next 7 sc (**this same stitch will be where you will be reattaching the yarn to continue over to the other arm later**)

Chain 7, join chain in first sc of this round and continue to sc around, into chain also, forming a circle for the arm. This should be 14 stitches round. See my photo for reference:



Rnd 2 of arm: sc in each sc and chain

Rnd 3: *sc 2 tog, sc in next 5 sc; rep from * around – 12 sc

Rnds 4 – 5: sc in each sc

Rnd 6: *sc 2 tog, sc in next 4 sc; rep from * around – 10 sc

Rnds 7 – 9: sc in each sc

Rnd 10: *sc 2 tog, sc in next 3 sc; rep from * around – 8 sc

Now you will be forming the hand.

Rnd 11: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc; rep from * around – 10 sc

Rnds 12 – 13: sc in each sc

Rnd 14: *sc 2 tog, until closed. Using yarn needle, weave in end, rounding tip of hand.

Attach the yarn to that point above *** that I mentioned. Sc in next 15 sc to bring you over to the other side, ch 7, join ch and continue around and into chain as in first arm.

Continue working this arm as you did for previous one.

Stuff the arms only – leave hands unstuffed.

Next you will be continuing body.

Attach the yarn at the point where the arm meets the body on the opposite side of the body where you did the 15 sc going from one arm to the other.

Rnd 1: Continue to sc around the whole upper body picking up 36 stitches. Adjust to be sure there are 36 stitches.

Rnds 2 – 9: sc in each sc

Rnd 10: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc; rep from * around – 42 sc

Rnd 11: sc in each sc

Next you will be separating the body into 2 legs.

Keep your stitch marker where it is through the next step.

Rnd 12: sc in next 12 sc, or until you are in the center of the front of the body. (At this point either side could be the front), ch 6, attach ch to center of back of body and continue sc up to marker. See my photo for reference:



Count to see that you have 24 sc around. If not, pull out the stitches up to where you attached ch to back and reposition. Once you count 24 sc around, continue for 5 rows around. Also count to see that you have 24 stitches (including the ch 6 for the other leg). If you are only off by one, you can later either decrease or increase to even it up.

Rnd 6: *sc 2 tog, sc in next 2 sc; rep from * around – 18 sc

Rnds 7 – 11: sc in each sc

Rnd 12: *sc 2 tog, sc in next 7 sc; rep from * around – 16 sc

Rnds 13 – 16: sc in each sc

Rnd 17: *sc 2 tog, sc in next 6 sc; rep from * around – 14 sc

Rnd 18: *sc 2 tog, sc in next 5 sc; rep from * around – 12 sc

Stuff the body and leg, putting little or no stuffing in the places where his leg bends where it meets his body and his knee bends. This will allow you to bend these parts later on.

****Note – in my photo above I stuffed mine ahead of time because I needed to see the outcome since I design as I go along. But you can wait if you find it easier to continue crocheting with the body unstuffed.****

Next you will be forming the foot:

Rnd 19: hdc in next 5 st, ch 1, turn

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Hdc in next 5 hdc, continue to sc in side of hdc rows and around ankle, up other side of hdc rows – you should have 18 sc around.

Rnd 20: *sc 2 tog, sc in next sc; rep from * around – 12 sc

Finish stuffing the leg and foot lightly.

Rnd 21: *sc 2 tog until closed. End off, weaving in tail. You may have to pull in on the bottom of the foot a little to make it flat.

Second leg.

Reattach the yarn where the first leg and body meet.

Crochet around the 24 stitches for 5 rows as you did for the first leg.

Rnds 6 – 21: Same as for first leg above.

****Very Important**** When you get up to rnd 19 or the HDC rows which are for the foot, be sure that these rows are on the right spot on his leg so that the foot will be pointing upward as shown in my photo. If not his foot will look like he was in a bag accident! So if you need to sc more or less to get it right, be sure to do so.

Now for a little body shaping and bending.

Note how his right leg is bent with his thigh out to the side and his knee bent.

Using the quilters thread and long sewing needle, bend his right leg forward and tack it to his body so that it remains in this position. Pull the thread tightly. Next bend his knee as shown and sew it into position as shown.

Using the quilters thread on his left knee, bend the leg forward and tack it to his body to hold it in place. Next take a small stitch on both sides of his left knee and going through the knee, pull them slightly so that you form two indentations for his knee.

BELLY BUTTON

With Cream yarn, Magic Circle 4, end off. Sew to tummy. Put a little blush on it so that it shows.

BAG FOR ARROWS

With Black yarn:

Rnd 1: Magic Circle 6

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc – 12 sc

Rnd 3: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; rep from * around – 18 sc – Change to Red yarn.

Rnd 4: Going into top loops only, sc in each sc around

Rnds 5 – 15: sc in each sc

Change to Black yarn again

Rnds 16 – 19: sc in each sc, end off. Weave in tail.

Fold black top down over bag.

Doubling Black yarn, chain 18. End off, leaving tails.

Using yarn needle, attach chain to bottom and top of Arrow Bag.

Place the Bag over his right shoulder.

LITTLE RED HEART

Using pattern I provided, cut out 2 piece of red felt from the larger heart. Cut a 1" vertical slit down the center of one of the hearts. This will be the back of the heart which will be used to turn the hearts right side out and to stuff.

Use the smaller heart for pattern to draw the sewing line onto the larger heart. Sew by hand or machine on the sewing line. Trim the seam to a scant 1/8". Turn the heart right side out and stuff lightly.

Use an overcast stitch to sew the slit in the back closed.

Using the Cream quilters thread, sew the right hand to the heart and then the heart to his chest as shown.



EARS (make 2)

With Cream yarn, Magic Circle 6, pull tightly, but don't attach into a circle. Weave in both tails and sew the ears onto the sides of the head centered top to bottom and even when looking down on top of head.

EYES (make 2)

With 3-ply White yarn and E hook:

Rnd 1: Magic Circle 6

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc, end off, weaving in tails.

Push the black post eyes into the white eyes you made above, off center. (you wouldn't be able to put them into the center anyway because you pulled it tight) This

will give him the appearance that he is looking slightly off to the side.

Using the Cream yarn, and yarn needle, sew a French knot in between the eyes for a nose as shown.

Using the Red yarn, sew on a tiny mouth as shown. I put a small dab of glue under the mouth to hold it down in a smiley position.

Add a little powder blush to his cheeks, ears and nose.



HAIR

With Rust yarn:

Wrap the yarn around a piece of cardboard or coaster in a row and then go back over the row once for a total of about 50 times.

Cut one end to slip it off the coaster carefully and lay it down flat. Now you can either sew by hand or use a sewing machine to stitch a part down the middle of the strands of hair, holding the yarn together as you sew so that it doesn't spread out. If you'd like, you could put a piece of tape just off to the side of the part to hold it together as you sew. The photo on the left below shows the same procedure that I used for my little bride pattern when I did her hair. This is of course a different color hair.



(Bride pattern hair)



(Cupid hair trimmed & glued in place)

Place the hair on his head with the part about a half inch off to the right side of his head (off center). See photo on prev. page.

Trim a lot of the excess hair off and then remove from his head and put a bead of Tacky Glue down the part on the underside of the hair and drizzle a little glue all over the top of his head.

Place the hair back on his head, pushing it firmly in place. Let dry.

When dry, trim him hair short as shown in my photo.

BOW

Using my pattern as a guide cut the piece of wire and shape it as shown using a pair of plyers.

Wrap a piece of Black yarn around the wire, anchoring it in place with glue at the ends.

When fully dry, using the Black yarn, make a loop as though you were going to start a chain, and going around the wire, sc down the whole bow. End off, weaving in tails at each end.

With Red yarn, attach the bow string from one end of the bow to the other, anchoring in place with glue. See my photo below:



Using Cream quilters thread, sew hand closed around bow as shown.

ARROWS

Using my pattern for the feathers, cut out 6 feathers and snip the sides where my

dotted lines are on the pattern.

Glue the feathers face to face as shown onto the ends of the 3 sticks and to each other.

Place a little polyfill down inside Arrow Bag and glue the three arrows down inside the bag. See photo:



WINGS

With White (Super saver) yarn:

SMALL TIPS (make 2)

Rnd 1: Magic circle 6

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc – 12 sc

Rnd 3: sc in each sc

Rnd 4: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; rep from * around – 18 sc

Rnds 5 – 6: sc in each sc, end off

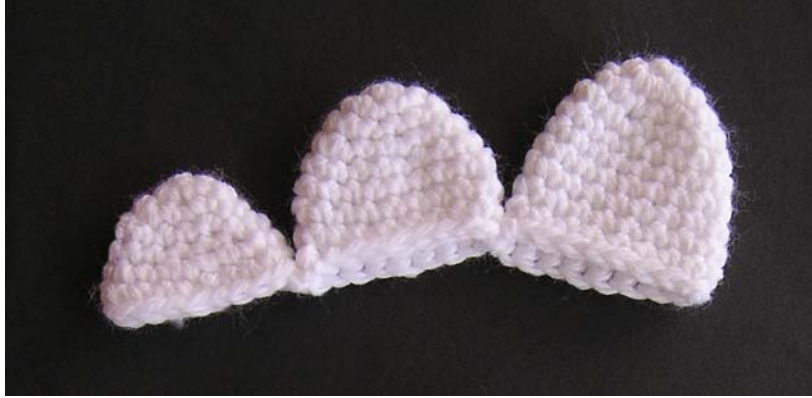
MEDIUM TIPS (make 2)

Same as small tips, but do 2 more rows – 8 rows total

LARGE TIPS (make 2)

Same as med tips, but do 2 more rows – 10 rows total

For each wing, attach one of each size tips to each other in a row as shown in my photo below:



Rnd 1: Attach yarn to any sc and sc around all three pieces as one. You should pick up 50 stitches total going around.

Rnd 2: *sc 2 tog, sc in next 3 sc; rep from * around – 40 sc

Rnd 3: sc in each sc

Rnd 4: *sc 2 tog, sc in next 3 sc; rep from * around – 32 sc

Rnd 5: sc in each sc

Rnd 6: *sc 2 tog, sc in next 6 sc; rep from * around – 28 sc

Rnd 7: sc in each sc

Rnd 8: *sc 2 tog, sc in next 5 sc; rep from * around – 24 sc

Rnd 9: *sc 2 tog, sc in next 2 sc; rep from * around – 18 sc

Sc edge closed by going through both sides. **You may have to sc a few extra stitches to get yourself to an edge before you begin to sc together. Leave a long tail.

Sew wings onto back of cupid as shown and you are all done!



