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Hong-tzu is designed and named after my mother. You can read up the story of her life at:
<http://simpleartsplanet.com/craftblog/2008/12/16/hongtzu-the-well-mannered-japanese-mum/>

Hong-tzu is approximately 8cm (3.15") tall, including her hair bun.

The size of the finished doll varies with the yarn and tension. This pattern is to be worked in rounds unless stated, mark the last stitch of each row with a stitch marker or small safety pin. To avoid confusion, abbreviation is provided here.

Materials required:

- Yarn type: 4 ply acrylic yarn - 18 WPI (also known as fingering yarn)
Crochet hook: Tulip brand hook size 1/0 (1.75mm); you may use any hook size that is appropriate for 4 ply yarn
Fill: Polyfill
Needle: Sewing needle
(Optional)
Chain: Chain for hooking up the doll
Jumping: To connect the head of doll to the chain
- Yarn colors: Medium (BR39); cream (C23); dark pink (P13); medium pink (P30), pale pink (P17); yellow (Y42), white
Eyes/smile: Embroidery floss – Dark brown/Pink

Yarn chart : http://simpleartsplanet.com/index.php?main_page=page&id=11

Abbreviations:

sc	-	single crochet	inc	-	Increase stitch (2 sc in same stitch)
ch	-	chain	dec	-	Decrease stitch (sc over 2 stitches)
st	-	stitch	rnd	-	round
sl st	-	slip stitch			

WPI (Wrap Per Inch)

To measure the WPI of the yarn, wrap the yarn over a ruler, till it reaches 1 inch, count the number of wraps, and you will obtain the WPI.



Special Note:

Please refer to <http://simpleartsplanet.com/> for pattern conditions.

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Head

(Cream)

Rnd 1:	Magic loop, 6 sc	(6)
Rnd 2:	inc around	(12)
Rnd 3:	(1 sc, inc) 6 times	(18)
Rnd 4:	(2 sc, inc) 6 times	(24)
Rnd 5:	(3 sc, inc) 6 times	(30)
Rnd 6:	(4 sc, inc) 6 times	(36)
Rnd 7-11:	sc around	(36)
Rnd 12:	(4 sc, dec) 6 times	(30)
Rnd 13:	(3 sc, dec) 6 times	(24)
Rnd 14:	(2 sc, dec) 6 times	(18)
Rnd 15:	sc around	(18)

(sl st on next st, leave enough yarn to sew head to body, stuff)



Hair

(Brown)

Rnd 1:	Magic loop, 6 sc	(6)
Rnd 2:	inc around	(12)
Rnd 3:	(1 sc, inc) 6 times	(18)
Rnd 4:	(2 sc, inc) 6 times	(24)
Rnd 5:	(3 sc, inc) 6 times	(30)
Rnd 6:	(4 sc, inc) 6 times	(36)
Rnd 7-12:	sc around	(36)

(place a safety pin/stitch marker, turn at end of row, and ch 1 at beginning of row)

Row 13:	1 sc, skip next sc, 32 sc, skip next sc, 1 sc	(34)
Row 14:	1 sc, skip next sc, 30 sc, Skip next sc, 1 sc	(32)

(sl st on next st, leave enough yarn to sew hair to head)



Hair bun

(Brown)

Rnd 1:	Magic loop, 6 sc	(6)
Rnd 2:	inc around	(12)
Rnd 3:	(1 sc, inc) 6 times	(18)
Rnd 4:	(2 sc, inc) 6 times	(24)
Rnd 5-6:	sc around	(24)
Rnd 7:	(2 sc, dec) 6 times	(18)

(sl st on next st, stuff, leave enough yarn to sew hair bun to hair)



Feet, make 2

(White)

Rnd 1:	Magic loop, 5 sc	(5)
Rnd 2:	sc around	(5)

(sl st on next st, leave enough yarn to sew feet to body bottom)



Hands, make 2

(Cream)

Rnd 1:	Magic loop, 5 sc	(5)
Rnd 2:	sc around	(5)

(sl st on next st, fasten off)



Sleeves, make 2

(Dark pink)

Rnd 1:	Magic loop, 4 sc	(4)
Rnd 2:	inc around	(8)
Rnd 3:	sc around	(8)
Rnd 4:	(1 sc, inc) 4 times	(12)
Rnd 5-10:	sc around	(12)

(sl st on next st, leave enough yarn to sew hands to sleeve, and to body)

inc/dec rounds from rnd 10 at you discretion depending on body size due to tension



Body

(Dark pink)

Rnd 1: Magic loop, 6 sc (6)
Rnd 2: inc around (12)
Rnd 3: (1 sc, inc) 6 times (18)
Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) 6 times (24)
Rnd 5: sc around (24)

(Yellow)

Rnd 6: sc around (24)

(Pale pink)

Rnd 7: sc around (24)

(Yellow)

Rnd 8: sc around (24)

(Dark pink)

Rnd 9-10: sc around (24)
Rnd 11: (inc x 6 times), 6 sc, (dec x 3 times), 6 sc (27)
Rnd 12: sc around (27)
Rnd 13: (dec x 6 times), 6 sc, (inc x 3 times), 6 sc (24)
Rnd 14-15: sc around (24)
Rnd 16: (dec x 3 times), 6 sc, (inc x 6 times), 6 sc (27)
Rnd 17: sc around (27)
Rnd 18: (inc x 3 times), 6 sc, (dec x 6 times), 6 sc (24)
Rnd 19-22: sc around (24)
(turn at end of rnd 22, ch 1 to begin the next row)
Row 23: 12 sc (turn, ch 1) (12)
Row 24: 12 sc (12)
(stuff, leave enough yarn to sew opening close)

Flower

(Medium pink)

ch 5, sc into first ch
(ch 3, sc into same 1st ch) 4 times (5 petals)
(leave enough yarn to sew flower to hair bun)

Obi (to be attached to the back of body)

(Yellow)

ch 14, join circle with sl st
Rnd 1: sc around (14)

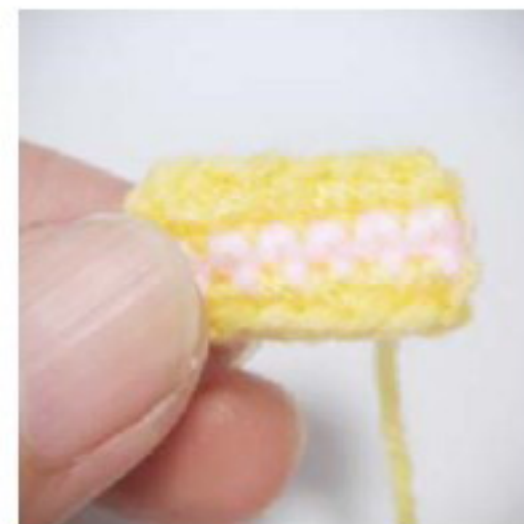
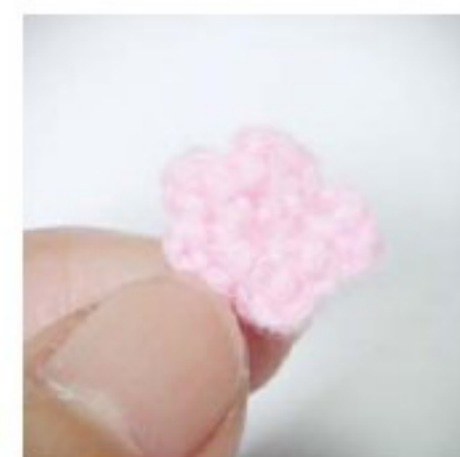
(Pale pink)

Rnd 2: sc around (14)

(Yellow)

Rnd 3: sc around (14)

(sl st on next st, leave enough yarn to sew obi close and to the back of body)



Sewing the parts

Personally, I find this sequence easier:

1. Sew hair to head
2. Embroider eyes and smile
3. Sew hair bun to hair
4. Sew body to head
5. Sew flower to hair bun
6. Sew hands to sleeves
7. Sew sleeves to body
8. Sew obi to body back
9. Sew feet to body back



Crochet References:

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Body instruction



Rnd 22: turn at end, ch 1 to start



Join a new yarn (hide knot inside), and insert needle through as seen



pick up stitch and pull through



pick up stitch below the earlier st



repeat the sewing 3-4 times across



stuff as per illustrated



Use 'tail' of body, to sew opening close, fasten off tail



finished work illustration



go back to earlier yarn and sew



pick up stitch as seen

pick up stitch above, repeat across

finished work illustration

Sleeves/hands instruction



sew hands to sleeves



finished work illustration

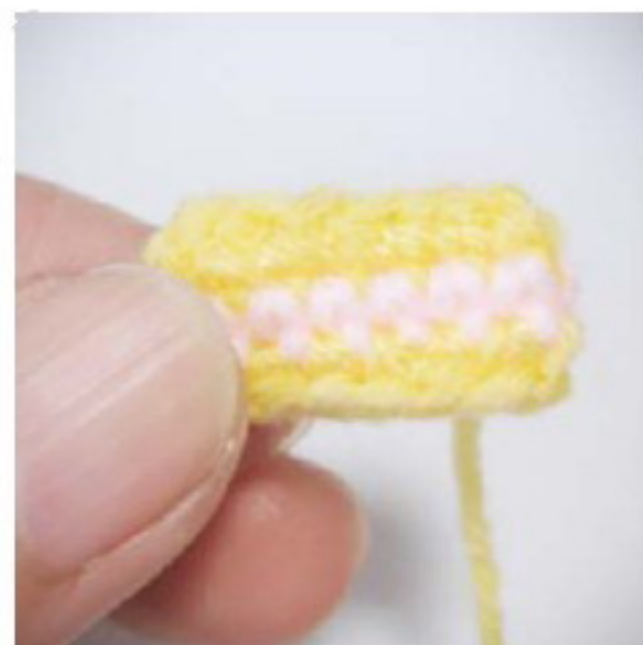
Obi instruction



sew opening as seen



repeat sewing across (both sides)



finished work illustration

Sewing Instruction



sew hair to head



placement illustration



placement illustration



embroider eyes and smile



hide the knots under the head



finished work illustration



sew body to head



placement illustration



placement illustration



sew hair bun to hair



placement illustration



placement illustration



placement illustration



sew flower to hair bun



placement illustration



placement illustration



sew sleeves to body



stitch to front to secure position



placement illustration



sew obi to back (align with the stripes of the clothes)



placement illustration



placement illustration



sew feet to body back



placement illustration



placement illustration