

Zoe Lily-Belle



Materials:

Hook size D - 3.0mm

Tapestry needle

Black safety eyes (Darice Solid Black 12mm)

Yarn Color A – beige (“skin”)

Yarn Color B – leaf green (shirt)

Yarn Color C – chocolate brown (skirt and shoes)

Yarn Color D – white (underpants)

Yarn Color E – wine (hair)

Note: I used Red Heart Soft Yarn – medium worsted, Red Heart Sport in white, and a mystery double knit in beige for this project (sorry there was no label on the skein). Although next time I'd choose something much more light weight for the hair I think.

Embroidery thread – black

Embellishments – beads, ribbons, etc (although I didn't use any this time around I have some ideas...)

Stitch notes:

Magic ring – this is a neat way to start crocheting in the round that offers a tight closed hole in the center. You can find a visual tutorial at [PlanetJune](http://PlanetJune.com) . Lots of good stuff there in fact so be sure to go poke around!

Bobble Stitch – work 5 hdc into 1 sc (the number 5 is really “adjustable”. You can do less for a smaller nose or more for a really good sized honker. You can also use dc instead of hdc. Experiment to get the look you want.)

Hook the yarn through (in hair section) - by this I mean fold your piece of yarn in half. Stick your hook into one sc and out another. Hook the folded yarn and pull it through. Then reach through the loop you’ve created and pull through the ends of the yarn piece. Pull taught.

Beginning at the top of the head:

Using Color A

Start with magic ring of 6 sc (this is my preferred way to start working in rounds but you can use whatever way you’re comfortable with)

Rnd 1: 2sc in each sc (12)

Rnd 2: 1 sc in first sc, 2sc in next sc* repeat 6 times (18)

Rnd 3: 1 sc in each next 2 scs, 2sc in next sc* repeat 6 times (24)

Rnd 4: 1 sc in each next 3 scs, 2sc in next sc* repeat 6 times (30)

Rnd 5: 1 sc in each next 4 scs, 2sc in next sc* repeat 6 times (36)

Rnd 6: 1 sc in each next 5 scs, 2sc in next sc* repeat 6 times (42)

Rnd 7: 1 sc in each next 6 scs, 2sc in next sc* repeat 6 times (48)

Rnd 8-10: 1 sc in each sc – 3 rows even of 48 each

Rnd 11: 1 sc in each sc - somewhere (anywhere, really, but preferably not too close to the beginning or the end) in this round work one bobble stitch for a nose

Rnd 12: 1sc in each sc (48)

Rnd 13: 1 sc in each next 6 scs, 2sctog * repeat 6 times (42)

Rnd 14: 1 sc in each next 5 scs, 2sctog* repeat 6 times (36)

Rnd 15: 1 sc in each next 4 scs, 2sctog* repeat 6 times (30)

Rnd 16: 1 sc in each next 3 scs, 2sctog* repeat 6 times (24)

Rnd 17: 1 sc in each next 2 scs, 2sctog* repeat 6 times (18)

Rnd 18: 2 sctog* repeat 6 times (12)

Switch to Color B (optional: work one row of slip stitches – this is an uncounted row and purely to make the switch look neater. If you don’t want to do it you really don’t have to, but I do say it does lend a nice finished look to your work.) Here we are at the neck and the top of the shirt/dress.



Note:

Rnd 19 is worked behind the row of slip stitches into color A of Rnd 17

Rnd 19: 1 sc in next sc, 2 sc in next* repeat 6 times (18)

At this point you may want to stop and put the eyes in. Place them on Rnd 11 spaced evenly apart from the cluster you made for the nose. This would also be a good time to embroider in the eyelashes and eyebrows and/or any other facial features you'd like. Stuff the head firmly.

Rnd 20: 1 sc in each next 2 scs, 2sc tog* repeat 6 times (24)

Rnd 21-24: 1 sc in each sc - 4 rows even of 24 each

Switch to Color C Work one row of slip stitches (optional again – see previous note). This begins the skirt.

Note:

Rnd 25 is worked behind the row of slip stitches into the front loops only of color B in row 24. We are working into the front loops only here because we are going to come back with Color D and work into the back loops later. Depending on your tension while you crochet this can be a bit tight, but it can be done! Persevere!

Skirt



Rnd 25: in front loops only work 1 sc in each next 3 scs, 2sc in next* repeat 6 times (30)

Rnd 26: 1 sc in each next 4 scs, 2sc in next sc* repeat 6 times (36)
Rnd 27: 1 sc in each sc (work more even rnds for a longer skirt if you like!)
Rnd 28: skirt edge – 1 slst in first sc, 1 slst, 1hdc, 1 slst in next sc, 1 slst in next sc* repeat to end.
BO weave in end.

Switch to Color D

Going back to Rnd 24 into the back loops work 1 sc in each sc (30)
Rnd 25a: 1 sc in each sc (30)
Rnd 26a-27a: see note

26a: 1 sc in each (15)
27a: 1 sc in each (15)

Work a round of slip stitch. **Switch to Color A.**

Note: you need to eyeball things here. You are going to work sc until you get to the middle front of your doll. At this point you are going to put your hook through two scs at one time; the one you are on and counting to 15 stitches after that, therefore pinching the front and back together in the center with one sc. You should now have two “circles” of 15 sc each (hello leg!). Continue working 1 sc in each around then work one row of slip stitches. This is one leg of the shorts/underpants. Make a super long tail and pull it through that center sc you made earlier. You can use this tail to finish the other side of the pants later. Or, if you prefer, you can BO and pick up new yarn later on. Confused yet? Whew.

Leg 1

Rnd 28a: with Color A work in round 27a behind slip stitch row. 1 sc in each (15)
Rnd 29a-33a: 1 sc in each – 5 even rows of 15

Bind off.

Pick up Color D at Rnd 26a work 2 even rounds of 15 each. Work an uncounted round of slip stitches and proceed with leg 2 as done for leg 1. Bind off.

Shoes

Using Color C

Start with magic ring of 5 sc

Rnd 1: 2sc in each sc (10)
Rnd 2: 1 sc in first sc, 2 sc in next sc* repeat 5 times (15)
Rnd 3: ch 2 (counts as first hdc), skip one sc, 1 hdc in each sc after that, join last hdc to ch 2 with slst

Rnd 4: 1 sc in each hdc (15)

Rnd 5: 1 sc in each sc (15)

Bind off leaving a loooooong tail for whip stitching shoe to leg.

Stuff the leg firmly. Stuff the shoe a little bit - just enough that you can still handle stitching the pieces together. You can stuff the leg/shoe more after you've stitched the shoe on part way. And then after stuffing to your satisfaction, finish attaching the shoe.

Attaching the shoe: whip stitch shoe to leg. Then wind the remaining length around the joining edge twice. On the first pass I stitch the yarn in at the half way pt, just for some stabilizing, then continue around to finish that round. On completion of the second round simply stitch the end in securely.

Hair

Making a hair cap...

Same process as making the head, just stop halfway. Since I used a yarn that was a little heavier for the hair than what I used to the head itself, my figures might seem ... strange. If you're using the same yarn throughout the project then your cap should be "bigger" than your head. You'll see here my numbers seem to stop at a smaller point, but it works for me because of the yarn and change in hook size.

Using hook size E - 3.5mm

Start with magic ring of 6 sc

Rnd 1: 2sc in each sc (12)

Rnd 2: 1 sc in first sc, 2sc in next sc* repeat 6 times (18)

Rnd 3: 1 sc in each next 2 scs, 2sc in next sc * repeat 6 times (24)

Rnd 4: 1 sc in each next 3 scs, 2sc in next sc* repeat 6 times (30)

Rnd 5: 1 sc in each next 4 scs, 2sc in next sc* repeat 6 times (36)

Rnd 6-7: work even rounds 36 each round

Bind off leaving long tail for attaching to head.

Place the cap on the head at a tilt with the back edge dipping down closer to the neck line. Once it's positioned as you like attach it lightly to the head. Now comes the fun part. Cut equal lengths of yarn, I did about 5 inches (I think??). Cut a lot. Depending on the style you're going to do this number will vary. Now simply hook the yarn through scs throughout the cap. You don't have to hook through every sc. I did about two scs apart and staggered. At the top of the head you'll have to experiment and see what works best; thinking about how real hair grows. After all the yarn you want is put in, style it!