



The Doll Project N° VI

DRAGON „DIRK“

THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED:

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

tapestry needle

3 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 – 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 27 cm (10,5 inch).

MC yarn green for the body, tail, spikes & ears

(i used „Atelier Zitron Trekking XXL Tweed 4 ply“ color: 285 – 50g, yardage: 200m / 218 yds, gauge: 10x10cm (4x4) 30M/42R)

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

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

CC2 yarn in red for cuffs

(i used „Atelier Zitron Trekking XXL Tweed 4 ply“ color: 235 – yardage: 200m / 218 yds, gauge: 10x10cm 30M/42R)

yarn for the scarf

(i used a rest of a handspun yarn on 3mm (US 2 ½) needles)



DETAILS



HANDS



HEAD



ABBREVIATIONS:

beg	=	begin / beginning	RS	=	right side
bo	=	bind off	sc	=	single crochet
CC1	=	contrasting color no. 1 (white)	sc2tog	=	sc next 2 stitches together (single crochet decrease)
CC2	=	contrasting color no. 2 (red)	sc3tog	=	sc next 3 stitches together (single crochet decrease)
ch	=	chain stitch	2sc inc	=	sc in indicated stitch 2 times (single crochet increase)
cm	=	centimeter(s)	sk	=	skip
co	=	count on (knitting)	slst	=	slip stitch
dc	=	double crochet	st(s)	=	stitch(es)
hdc	=	half double crochet stitch	stst	=	stockinette stitch (knitting)
inc	=	increase / increasing	...tbl	=	through back loop only (sctbl, hdctbl, dctbl)
k	=	knit (knitting)	...tfl	=	through front loop only (sctfl, hdctfl, dctfl)
lp(s)	=	loop(s)	tog	=	together
MC	=	main color (green)	tr	=	treble crochet stitch / triple crochet stitch
mm	=	millimeter(s)	WS	=	wrong side
p	=	perl (knitting)	yo	=	yarn over
rem	=	remain / remaining			
rep	=	repeat(s)			
rnd(s)	=	round(s)			

HEAD

make a loop of the CC1 yarn (white)

# 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

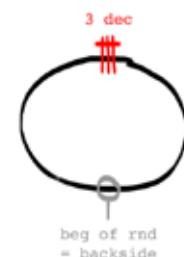
make a loop of the MC yarn (green)

# 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 (green)

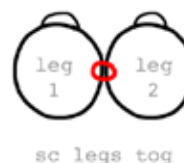
# rnd.	
01.	[sc] 6x in the yarn loop and tighten the loop
02.	[2sc inc] 6x (12 sts)
03.	[sc, 2sc inc] 6x (18 sts)
04.	[sctbl] across (18 sts)
05.-07. (3 rnds)	[sc] across (18 sts)
08.	sc 7, sc3tog, ch, sc 8 (17 sts) <i>dec at the frontsides center - sk01</i>
09.	sc 6, sc2tog, sc, sc2tog, sc 6 (15 sts) <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 1 st leg:	break yarn
only 2 nd leg:	DON'T BREAK THE YARN! Instead work: sc 6 in next rnd (= 1 st rnd of the body)



sk01



sk02



sk03

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 continue working with MC yarn (green)

rnd.

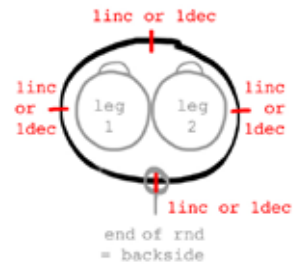
start inc rounds

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)

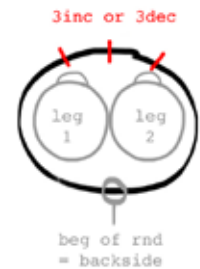
TIP: Its easier to fill in some stuffing material while you are working out the body decreases - when it's finished it is harder to stuff the body tight, because of the small opening at the end.

start dec rounds

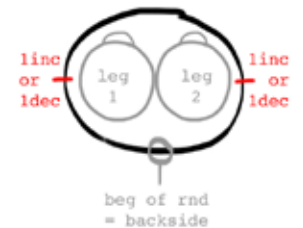
15. sc 14, sc2tog, sc 27, sc2tog, sc 14 (57 sts) *2dec - left & right side - sk06*
 16.-18. (3 rnds) [sc] across (57 sts)
 19. sc 13, sc2tog, sc 27, sc2tog, sc 13 (55 sts) *2dec - left & right side - sk06*
 20. sc 19, sc2tog, sc 13, sc2tog, sc 19 (53 sts)
2dec - middle of legs frontside - sk07
 21. [sc] 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)



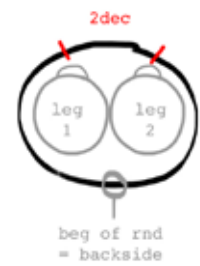
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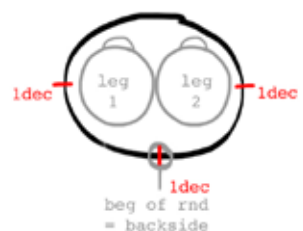
sk05



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 (white)

rnd.

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|------------------|--|
| 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 (<i>should be the 3 center stitches of the dcs in rnd 5</i>) 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 (red) work 3 rnds [sc] across (17 sts) after these 3 rnds break the yarn.

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

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| 01.-04. (4 rnd.) | [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 6) - 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 (you need two of them)

make a loop of the CC1 yarn (white)

rnd.

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|-----|---|
| 01. | [sc] 6x in the yarn loop and tighten the loop |
| 02. | [2sc inc] 6x (12 sts) |
| 03. | [sc, 2sc inc] 6x (18 sts)
break yarn |

make a loop of the MC yarn (green)

rnd.

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|-----|--|
| 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)
don't break the yarn instead continue with rnd. 5: |

Turn the work (now WS facing) take the CC1 piece (RS facing) and place to the center of the MC piece.
To connect the both pieces and ad the spikes onto the ear, work the following round:

FIRST EAR

05. sc 4, in next st: sc, hdc, ch 3, slst in the hdc you've made just now (*that will build a little node on top of the spike*), hdc, sc,
[in the next st: slst, in the next st: hdc, dc, ch 3, slst in the dc you've made just now, dc, hdc] 3x
sc 6, skip all remaining stitches and slst in the first st of the round to flip the ear.

Now break the yarn, but leave a rest long enough to add the ear onto the hood later.
Work the second ear opposite way:



SECOND EAR

05. sc 6, [in the next st: hdc, dc, ch 3, slst in the dc you've made just now (*that will build a little node on top of the spike*), dc, hdc, in the next st: slst] 3x
in next st: sc, hdc, ch 3, slst in the hdc you've made just now, hdc, sc,
than sc into the next 4 sts, skip all remaining stitches and slst in the first st of the round to flip the ear.

Now break the yarn, but leave a rest long enough to add the ear to the hood later.

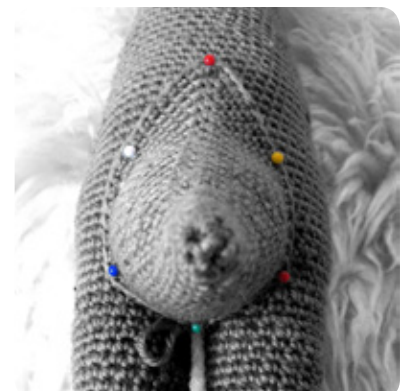
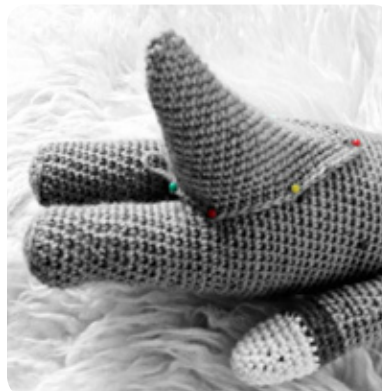
TAIL

make a loop of the MC yarn (green)

rnd.

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|---|---|
| 01. [sc] 6x in the yarn loop and tighten the loop (6 sts) | 20. sc 20, [2sc inc] 2x, sc 20 (44 sts) |
| 02. sc 2, [2sc inc] 2x, sc 2 (8 sts) | 21. sc 21, [2sc inc] 2x, sc 21 (46 sts) |
| 03. sc 3, [2sc inc] 2x, sc 3 (10 sts) | 22. sc 22, [2sc inc] 2x, sc 22 (48 sts) |
| 04. sc 4, [2sc inc] 2x, sc 4 (12 sts) | |
| 05. sc 5, [2sc inc] 2x, sc 5 (14 sts) | |
| 06. sc 6, [2sc inc] 2x, sc 6 (16 sts) | |
| 07. sc 7, [2sc inc] 2x, sc 7 (18 sts) | |
| 08. sc 8, [2sc inc] 2x, sc 8 (20 sts) | |
| 09. sc 9, [2sc inc] 2x, sc 9 (22 sts) | |
| 10. sc 10, [2sc inc] 2x, sc 10 (24 sts) | |
| 11. sc 11, [2sc inc] 2x, sc 11 (26 sts) | |
| 12. sc 12, [2sc inc] 2x, sc 12 (28 sts) | |
| 13. sc 13, [2sc inc] 2x, sc 13 (30 sts) | |
| 14. sc 14, [2sc inc] 2x, sc 14 (32 sts) | |
| 15. sc 15, [2sc inc] 2x, sc 15 (34 sts) | |
| 16. sc 16, [2sc inc] 2x, sc 16 (36 sts) | |
| 17. sc 17, [2sc inc] 2x, sc 17 (38 sts) | |
| 18. sc 18, [2sc inc] 2x, sc 18 (40 sts) | |
| 19. sc 19, [2sc inc] 2x, sc 19 (42 sts) | |

Fill in some stuffing material, set the tail in place at the bottom of the body as shown and sew it onto the body.



SPIKES

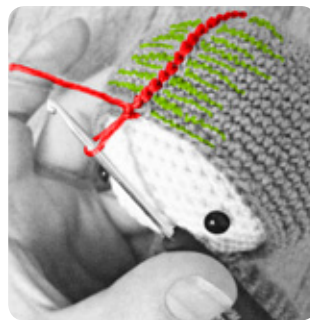
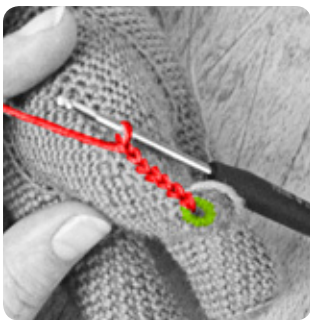
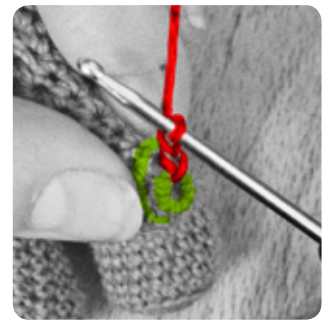
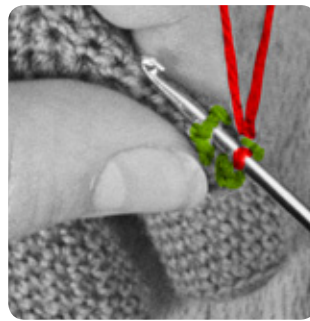
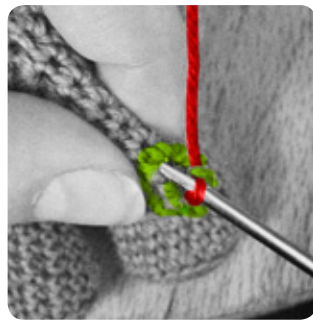
take the green MC yarn.

Before you can crochet the spikes on the back, you have to attach the head and the hood onto the body - sew or crochet it. You already must have attached the stuffed tail onto the body. All set? So let's go:

To crochet the spikes of the dragons back you have to start with a single crochet row, extending from the tip of the tail all the way across the back up to the brim of the hood. That is not as complicated as it seems: instead of working the sc in stitches you'll crochet them onto rows (turned through 90 degrees).

Mark a straight course with pins, so you do crochet straight. Now insert the hook into the tip of the tail and come out again above the first row. Draw a loop of yarn through - it's a start - now on:

Insert the hook underneath the second row and come out above it - pull the yarn through and make a single crochet. Now you insert the hook underneath the third row and come out above again, pull the yarn through and make a second single crochet. Go on just the same way up the tail and the body, over the hood to the very brim of the hood. Make sure you get a multiple of 6 in the total number of stitches at the end. Each spike takes exactly 6 sc later. The shown dragon has got a total of 17 spikes, so you need 102 sc. If your sc-line is not divisible by 6, you can omit one stitch in the next step - skip 3 instead of 2 stitches.



Now you arrived at the leading edge of the hood - make a ch to turn and crochet back onto the sc-chain:

[sk 2, in third st: (dc 3, ch 3, slst in the dc you've made just now *(that will build a little node on top of the spike)* dc 3), sk 2, slst in the next st] 17x

After 17 repetitions you should have arrived the tip of the tail. Crochet more or less spikes on the sc-chain depending on the total number of single crochet stitches you've made.



DRAGON WINGS (you need 2 of them)

Using CC1 (white), make a foundation chain of 15. Insert hook in 3rd ch from hook and work the following sts:

FIRST WING

01. sc 11, sc 3 in the last ch (*this is one of two ends*)
Do not turn work around but continue to crochet along the opposite side of the foundation chain. You will have a long, skinny oval. The stitch at the very end of your shape is the "end stitch"
sc 11, sc 3 in the last (the 12.) st (*this is the 2nd end stitch*)
Do not turn work around but continue:

from now on through front loop only:

02. sctbl 3, hdctbl 3, dctfl 4, ch 3 - turn!

from now on through front loop only:

03. sctfl in the very last sc you've made just now
(*that should be the st where the 3 chs come out - that will form a little tip - work like that every time you turn work after 3 chs*), sctfl 10, 3 sc in next st („end stitch“ / 12. st)
Attention: through both loops for these 3 sc, not only through front or back loop - work like that every time you crochet the 3 sc into the „end stitch“.
continue working through front loop only:
sctfl 3, hdctfl 3, dctfl 5, ch 3 - turn!

from now on through back loop only:

04. sctbl 12 back until the „end stitch“, sc 3 in end stitch,
sctbl 3, hdctbl 3, dctbl 4, ch 3 - turn!

from now on through front loop only:

05. sctfl 11, sc 3 in end stitch, sctfl 3, hdctfl 3, dctfl 5, ch 3 - turn!

from now on through back loop only:

06. sctbl 12, slst 3

Break the yarn and work the 2nd wing the opposite way.

SECOND WING

01. sc 11, sc 3 in the last ch, continue to crochet along the opposite side of the foundation chain: sc 11, sc 3 in the last st - Do not turn work around but continue:

from now on through front loop only:

02. sctfl 3, hdctfl 3, dctfl 4, ch 3 - turn!

from now on through back loop only:

03. sctbl 11, sc 3 in „end stitch“, sctbl 3, hdctbl 3, dctbl 5, ch 3 - turn!

from now on through front loop only:

04. sctfl 12 fM back until the „end stitch“, sc 3 in end stitch, sctfl 3, hdctfl 3, dctfl 4, ch 3 - turn!

from now on through back loop only:

05. sctbl 11, sc 3 in „end stitch“, sctbl 3, hdctbl 3

Now break the yarn.



SCARF (knitting) i used a rest of a handspun yarn 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 – 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.

3. STEP – BODY & TAIL:

Sew the tail in right position onto the body.

4. STEP – SPIKES:

Add the spikes-line onto tail, back of the body and hood.

5. STEP – ARMS & BODY:

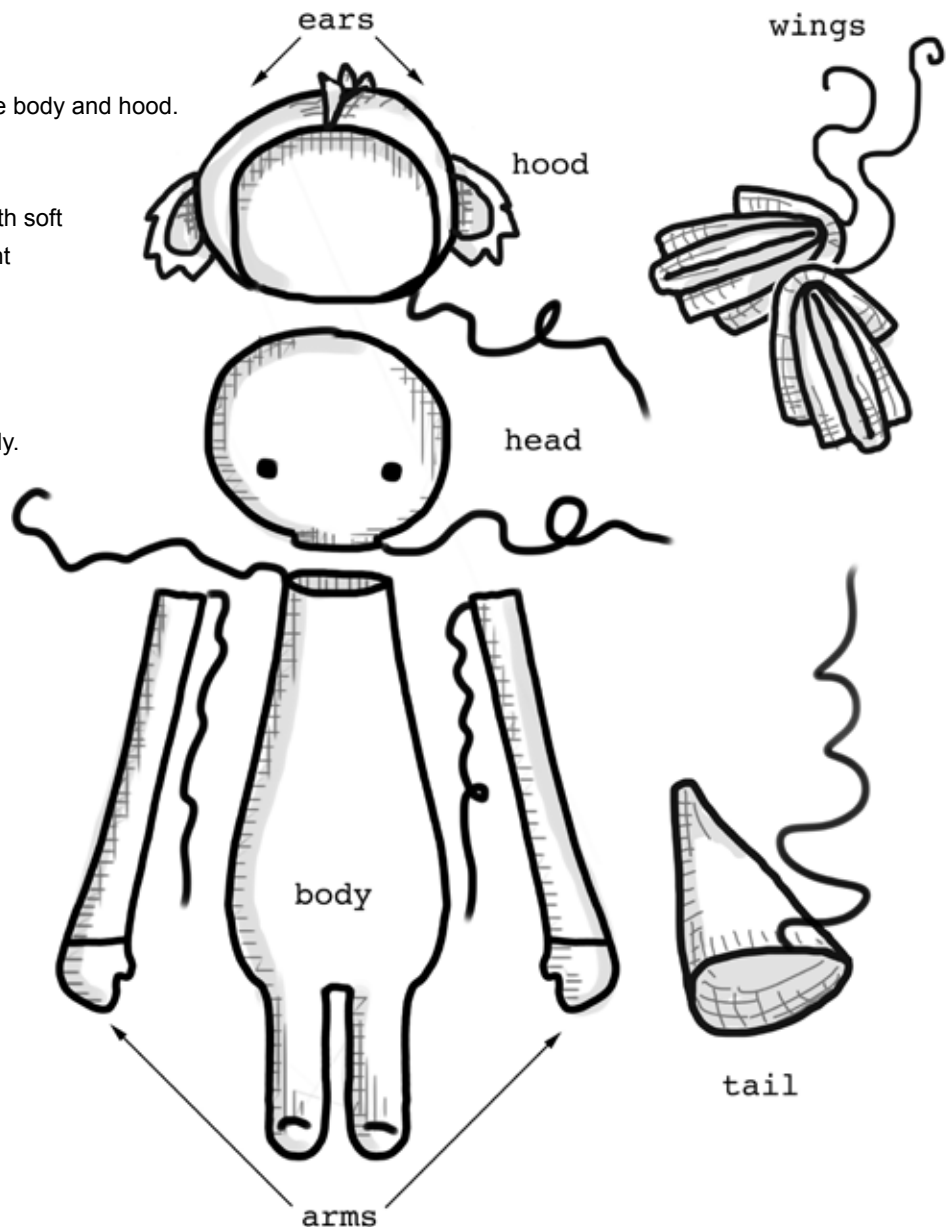
Fill the legs and the body pretty tight with soft stuffing material. Sew the 2 arms in right position onto the body.

6. STEP – BODY & WINGS:

Sew the tail and the wings in right position at shoulder height onto the body.

7. STEP – HOOD & EARS:

Sew or crochet the ears onto the hood.



8. 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 fabrik marker in light rose color and add a blush underneath the eyes carefully.

CONGRATS! YOU MADE IT!



RELAX & START CUDDLING YOUR NEWBORN DIRK DRAGON!