

Colorful Yarn People

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KNIT or CROCHET!



Finished Measurements:

Approx 6" tall and 5" wide

Gauge:

Not important for this project!

Yarn:

Small bits of Jamieson's Shetland Spindrift in various colors, the more the merrier. I used a different color yarn for each component of the doll.

Needles & Notions:

US 2 Straight Needles
Size D (3.25mm) Crochet Hook
Tapestry needle

Abbreviations:

BO bind off
CO cast on
inc increase
K, k knit
St St Stockinette Stitch
p purl
RS right side
st(s) stitch(es)
WS wrong side
yo yarnover
Ch Chain
SC Single Crochet

About Mew Mew's

Mew Mew's Yarn Shop opened in the summer of 2006 in old town Louisville, Colo. Owner Sue Wills brings a lifetime of knitting experience and a passion for her craft to her store, where you will find a wide selection of knitting and crocheting products, project advice and many group classes for all skill levels. Come visit Mew Mew the cat, adopted from the Boulder Valley Humane Society, who comes to work with Sue every morning! The store is located in the Atlas Valley Shopping Center, 95th and Arapahoe, Lafayette, CO.

Construction Notes

For either knit or crochet version you will need to make an armature first. This will serve as stuffing to wrap the clothing and head around.

Find something rigid that measures 4" - 5" long. Wrap yarn around about 40 times. Slide wraps off your rigid object and set aside.

When finished with the arms and legs, allow them to roll naturally, insert legs into your armature wraps and with double strand of yarn tie above for a waist.

Insert arms above the waist and tie above for a neck. The wraps remaining above the neck will serve as yarn brain mass.



Knit Version

Legs

Cast On 40 sts. Work in St. St. for 2", Bind Off.

Arms

Cast On 30 sts. Work in St. St. for 2", Bind Off.

Body

Refer to Construction Notes on Front Page.

Clothing: Choose Either Shirt/Head & Pants, or Tunic/Head

Shirt/Head: Using shirt color, CO 30 sts. Knit 4 rows. Work in St. St. for 1.5", decreasing 7 sts. across last row (23 sts).

Using desired head color, continue in St. St. for 3", increasing 7 sts. across last row (30 sts).

Using shirt color work in St. St. for 1.5".

Knit 4 rows, Bind Off.

Pants: CO 20 sts. Knit 4 rows. Work in St. St. for 2.75" . K 4 rows, Bind Off.

Tunic/Head: Using tunic color, CO 30 sts. . K 4 rows. Work in St. St for 2.75" decreasing 7 sts. on last row (23 sts).

Using desired head color, continue in St. St. for 3", increasing 7 sts. on last row (30 sts).

Using tunic color, work in St. St. for 2.75". K 4 rows, Bind Off.

Assembling Doll

Using double strand of yarn, sew a running stitch around perimeter of head section. Place shirt/head or tunic/head over armature placing head section over yarn brain mass. Cinch up running stitch and tie shoving yarn brain mass into head section to form a stuffed head.

Shirt or Tunic Belt

Crochet a chain about 10". Weave through bottom of shirt and draw up and tie, or tie around waist of tunic.

Pants

Fold pants in half wrapping around crotch section having garter edges around legs. Using double strand of yarn sew a running stitch along middle third of front and back of pants and cinch up around waist. Sew on two buttons as in photo.

Hair

Using a double strand yarn on tapestry needle make a stitch leaving about 1 1/2" tail of yarn. Take another small stitch next to it. Take another stitch leaving about a 1 1/2" loop. Repeat small stitch and loop stitch across head.

Scarf

CO 40 sts. K 4 rows. Bind Off

Crochet Version

Legs

Chain 30 sts. Work in SC for 2"

Arms

Chain 25 sts. Work in SC for 2"

Body

Refer to Construction Notes on Front Page.

Clothing: Choose Either Shirt/Head & Pants, or Tunic/Head

Shirt/Head: Using shirt color ch 16. Sc for 1.75", decreasing 4 sts. across last row (12 sts).

Using desired head color continue in sc for 3", increasing 4 sts. across last row (16 sts).

Using shirt color sc for 1.75".

Pants: Ch 16. SC for 3".

Tunic/Head: Using tunic color, ch 20. Sc for 3", decreasing 5 sts. on last row (15 sts) . Using desired head color, continue in sc for 3" increasing 5 times across last row (20sts). Using tunic color, sc for 3". Weave in all ends.

Assembling Doll

Using double strand of yarn, sew a running stitch around perimeter of head section. Place shirt/head or tunic/head over armature placing head section over yarn brain mass. Cinch up running stitch and tie shoving yarn brain mass into head section to form a stuffed head.

Shirt or Tunic Belt

Crochet a chain about 10" Weave through bottom of shirt and draw up and tie, or tie around waist of tunic.

Pants

Fold pants in half wrapping around crotch section having first and last crochet rows around legs. Using double strand of yarn sew a running stitch along middle third of front and back of pants and cinch up around waist. Sew on two buttons as in photo.

Hair

Using a double strand yarn on tapestry needle make a stitch leaving about 1 1/2" tail of yarn. Take another small stitch next to it. Take another stitch leaving about a 1 1/2" loop. Repeat small stitch and loop stitch across head.

Scarf

Chain 40. SC 4 rows.

Finishing

Weave in all ends.