

FALL IN LOVE WITH THESE ADORABLE DOLLIES

And their exquisite attention to detail

What's not to love about these cute crochet creatures? The design is simple as it follows a magic ring method to produce these amigurumi figures. With only double crochet stitch being used, this makes for a great beginner project. Don't be afraid to play with your choice of colours too – we love how Sarah created a little alien by using Limeade instead of Popcorn for its face and hands.

ESSENTIAL KIT

MILKY, POPCORN,
SLUSHY, LIMEADE,
CITRON, FAB, CALYPSO

MEASUREMENTS:

STUFFING, PIPE
CLEANERS, SAFETY
EYES, COTTON
THREAD, BUTTON

FOR ABBREVIATIONS

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ADORABLE DOLLIES

Head and body

Make four

* Using 4mm hook and Popcorn (Popcorn, Popcorn, Limeade) make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnds 1-2: 2dc in each st to end. 24 sts
Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end.
Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
Rnds 5-9: rep Rnd 3 five times *
Rnd 10: (3dc, dc2tog) to end 24 sts
Insert safety eyes between Rnds 8-9, eight sts apart, begin stuffing

Rnd 11: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 16 sts
Work in foll stripe sequence: **first doll:** all rows Fab; **second doll:** (three rows Milky, three rows Limeade) twice; **third doll:** (three rows Slushy, three rows Calypso) twice; **fourth doll:** seven rows Citron, five rows Milky
Rnd 12: rep Rnd 3
Rnd 13: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
Rnd 14-21: 1dc in each st to end
Stuff
Rnd 22-23: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

Arm

Make eight

Using 4mm hook and Slushy (Limeade, Popcorn, Limeade) make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Fab (Milky, Slushy, Citron)
Rnd 2: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. Four sts

Rnds 3-8: rep Rnd 1 six times
Fasten off, leaving a 20cm tail

Leg

Make eight

Using 4mm hook and Slushy (Limeade, Calypso, Milky) make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Four sts
Rnds 1-7: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a 20cm tail

Hat

Using 4mm hook and Milky work as for Head and Body from * to *. 30 sts
Fasten off

Hat pom-pom

Using 4mm hook and Milky make a magic ring, work 8dc

into ring. Eight sts

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

To make up

Note: If making as toys omit pipe cleaners for safety reasons
Cut two 7cm lengths of pipe cleaner, bend in half and twist together. Insert one pipe cleaner, folded end first, into each leg.
Working in back loops only sew Hat Pom-Pom closed.
Sew to top of Hat. Stitch Arms and Legs to body. To make hair cut 60 22cm lengths of Citron and sew to Head using matching cotton thread. Style and trim ends. Sew button to body of doll if desired **MIT**

CHEAT'S GUIDE

Decreasing

For a flawless finish, use an invisible decrease method when working the 'dc2tog' stitch. To do this, insert your hook into the front loop of the first stitch then the front loop of the second stitch, yarn over hook, pull through the first two loops on the hook, yarn over hook, pull through the remaining two loops.

"These cute dolls are all made using the same pattern. It's up to you to choose what colours to use for the hands, arms, legs and bodies."



SARAH SHRIMPTON, DESIGNER

{IT'S ALL ABOUT GETTING THE DETAILS JUST RIGHT}

What makes or breaks any toy is the attention to detail, especially their facial features and any distinguishing characteristics. As these dollies are so unique, we spoke with Sarah Shrimpton to find out her top tips on how to make the design your own.

1 When adding features to your people, you can experiment with the placement of the eyes. These dollies have their eyes added to the middle of the face, with a fairly large gap between them. This creates a cute look, but experiment affixing them lower, higher, or even closer together.

2 The female doll has a clear side-parting that gives her a distinctive look, compared to the usual middle-parting found on most dolls. To do this, you need to cut about 60 lengths of yarn each 22cm long – use a small book to wind yarn around before cutting along one edge. Hold a few strands together in the middle and position them on the doll's head. Using thread in a matching colour, stitch these strands securely in place. This creates the hair parting. Repeat with the rest of the yarn strands until the head is well-covered.

3 Adding little buttons adds another dimension to your makes. The little heart button featured on the girl doll's torso makes her really stand out from the rest.

4 Accessories give handmade dolls their individuality; add a bobble hat to one or two, but why stop there? Experiment by fashioning a walking stick, bag or even a miniature pet dog!

For other ideas to give your toys some character, add a mouth by using simple embroidery stitches. You could even give them an English rose glow by using a pink pencil crayon to add a hint of blush to their cheeks.

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