

EXTRA TIPS FOR KNITTED DOLLS

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*Faces, Hair, Eye Glasses
and more extra tips*

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EXTRA HELP - FACES



1. Put hair onto doll DO NOT stitch in place.
2. Using pins mark NOSE & EYES



3. Remove hair. Stitch from top of head.
4. When the hair is sewn in place these stitches will not be seen.



7. Using flesh colour, bring needle from top of head to nose.



5. Stitch about 4 stitches.
6. Bring needle out the top of the head and take a few stitches to secure



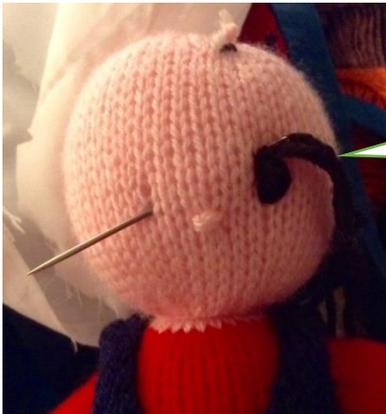
8. For eyes use black yarn
9. Bring needle from top of head to bottom of where the eye starts
10. Chain Stitch

NOTE: Length of eye approx. 3 rows



11. Make a 2nd chain stitch over 1st Chain Stitch.

NOTE: more chain stitches if you want a larger eye.



12. Now bring needle through face to create the 2nd eye.

13. Bringing the needle to the bottom of eye.



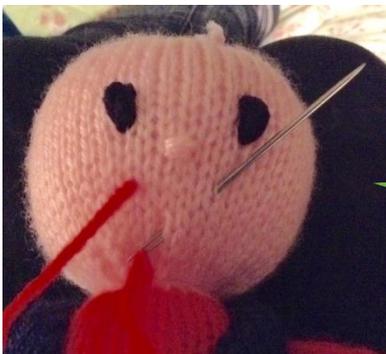
14. Work as the same as 1st Eye



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16. Bring needle through top of head and make a couple of stitches to secure.



17. Use RED yarn to create a mouth

18. Bring from top of head

19. you are going to create a V shaped mouth.

NOTE Work from Left to right



20. stitch from right to centre to close V



21. Take needle through the face and out top of head.

22. Make a couple of stitches to secure



23. Stitch hair in place

24. Using a RED colouring pencil, dip in water and make the cheeks rosy. I also put a little colour to the tip of the nose.

NOTE: through time the pencil will fade and the rosy can be renewed.

I use this method to create faces for all my dolls. I hope this helps you to create faces easily. The expression of the dolls will all vary depending on where you put the eyes and how far apart they are.

MAKING EYE GLASSES

Make your own using florist wire. To make smaller glasses wrap wire round a pen



HAIR

Use a suitable hair colour with a **crochet hook** work from the top of the head down.

Cut your yarn into pieces

Remember that each 'hair' will be folded in half. So, if you want your piece to have 3" long hair, you'll need to cut 6" long pieces of yarn.

The easiest way to cut multiple pieces of yarn (and you'll need a lot!) is to find a book/box that has a circumference the length of your pieces. Wrap your yarn around oodles of times, and then cut through them all at once.

Add your first piece of hair

Fold your yarn in half, so that there's a U-shaped bend on one side and two 'tails' on the other side.

Insert your hook into the stitch and catch the bend in your hair piece:



Pull the bend through the front loop, until about an inch is pulled through:



If you accidentally pull the hair all the way through... don't worry. Just start again!



Now, your aim is to pull the two 'tails' of the hair through the bend.

I'm doing this by using my hook, but you might find it just as easy to use your fingers or a darning needle.

Pull the tails and... ta da!



Repeat until your doll has lots of hair!

Trim hair as required:

Suggested Styles:



For Curly Hair:



Step 1:



Using Plastic Drinking straws wrap wool round straws.

Step 2:

Soak wrapped straws in water and put onto kitchen roll.... Pat to draw out some of the moisture.

Step 3:

Put straws into the microwave, a few seconds at a time until wool is dry.

DO NOT leave unattended, keep checking!!

Step 4: When wool is dry remove plastic straws.

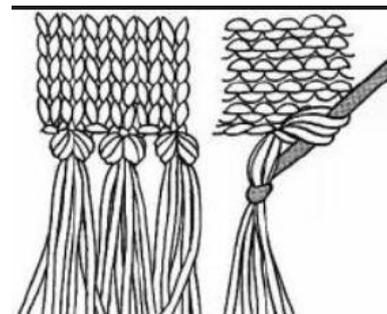


TIP: For fatter curls wrap round more than one straw at a time.

PUNK ROCKER HAIR



Use brightly coloured Rug Wool to make the punk hair. Each piece of rug wool can be split into single strands, I then used a fine crochet hook to knot each single strand in place. The rug wool is coarse and makes the hair stand up.



MORE EXTRA TIPS

SPRAY FABRIC GLUE

I have found that using some Spray Fabric Glue on some of the pieces helps to stabilise the toys.... For example On floors & roads.... Drums etc

TATTOOS

From eBay, I bought some inexpensive FAKE TATTOO SLEEVES, these can be cut down and stitched onto the dolls arms, to give the punks and rockers tattoo effects.

BADGES / PATCHES

To finish the dolls it is often good to sew on embroidered patches, I buy most of my badges/patches from eBay: <http://www.ebay.co.uk/usr/moggyann>

I love seeing pictures of the finished toys, if you knit any of my toys please send me your images.

Best wishes and enjoy knitting

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