



Basic Doll Body

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Size: Approximately 5 to 6 inches tall

Hook: 3.5 mm "E" hook

Materials:

Eyes: Use 9 mm safety eyes, or size of your choice, or you can embroider them.

Yarn: worsted weight acrylic (#4).

Colors: Flesh = color of your choice. Uniforms/clothes can be made in whatever colors suit you. Shirt and pants can be different colors or the same. Decide before you begin if your doll will have long or short sleeves, long or short pants, same or different color shirt and pants, shoe color, hat, etc.

Abbreviations:

MR = magic ring

BLO = back loop only

sc = single crochet

ss = slip stitch

inc = increase

dec = decrease

R = round or row

ch = chain

sts - stitches

___ x = number of times to repeat what is in {brackets}

NOTE: Doll is crocheted in continuous rounds. Do not join unless specified. Use stitch markers or yarn to mark rows. Pattern is worked from top of head down.

Directions:

HEAD: Use skin color

Increase Rows:

R1: 6 Sc in MR = (6 sts)

R2: inc in each st around = (12 sts)

R3: {sc1, inc} 6x = (18 sts)

R4: {sc2, inc} 6x = (24 sts)

R5: {sc3, inc} 6x = (30 sts)

R6-11: sc around (6 rows) = (30 sts)

Decrease Rows:

R12: {sc3, dec} 6x = (24 sts)

NOTE: Insert Eyes between Rows 9 & 10, approx 4 sts apart.

R13: {sc2, dec} 6x = (18 sts)

R14: {sc1, dec} 6x = (12 sts)

Stuff head firmly.

R15: sc around = (12 sts). **NOTE: Change to shirt color in last stitch of R15**

BODY begins here.

R16: ss loosely in each stitch around, to steady head and keep it from wobbling. (12 sts)

R17: sc in each st **over the last row** = (12 sts) (Creates an extra thick row to help support the head.)

Increase Rows:

R18: {sc, inc} 6x = (18 sts)

Cut skin color yarn, tie ends of both colors together & trim

R19: {sc5, inc} 3x = (21 sts)

R20: {sc6, inc} 3x = (24 sts)

R21-22: sc around (2 rows) = (24 sts). **NOTE: Change to Pants Color in last st of R22.**

R23: sc around BLO = (24 sts)

R24-26: sc around (3 rows) = (24 sts)

Mark Middle of body. Use center between eyes for reference.



Split legs. There are 12 sts for each leg,

NOTE: Short pants end after R28 or R29. You decide how long you want them.
Doll can be made taller by adding additional rows to legs.

LEFT Leg:

R27-31: sc around 12 sts (5 rows) = (12 sts)
Stuff body, leg and head firmly, but **do not overstuff**.

Change to shoe color in the last st of R31.

Boots can be made by changing shoe color in the last st of R30 or adding another round. Be sure to note where you change color and repeat in Right Leg.

R32: sc in BLO around = (12 sts)

R33: sc in ea st around = (12 sts). Stuff Leg.

Decrease Rows:

R34: dec 6 times = (6 sts). Stuff Foot/Leg.

Slip stitch into next stitch, and fasten off. Sew hole closed and hide ends.

RIGHT Leg: With back of doll facing you...

R27-31: Attach yarn to st next to left leg in R27 and sc around 12 sts for 5 rows = (12 sts)

Change to shoe color in the last st of R31.

R32: sc in BLO around = (12 sts)

R33-34: sc in ea st around (2 rows) = (12 sts).

Stuff leg

Decrease Row:

R35: dec 6 times = (6 sts). Stuff Foot/Leg.

Slip stitch into next stitch, and fasten off. Sew hole closed and hide ends.

NOTE: If there is a hole between legs, sew it closed.

ARMS and HANDS: MAKE 2

DO NOT STUFF ARMS.

Hands: Use skin color yarn.

R1: 4sc in MR

R2: 2sc in each st around. = (8 sts)

NOTE:

Long Sleeves, Change to uniform or shirt color in last st of R2.

Short Sleeves, Change to uniform or shirt color color in last st of R6

R3: sc BLO around = (8 sts)

Tighten MR, tie ends of both colors together, trim.

R4-9: sc around for 6 rows = (8 sts)

Slip stitch in next st. Fasten off arm leaving a long piece of yarn to attach arms to the body. Flatten arm and sew end closed.

Assembly:

Attach arms to sides of the body. If desired, sew shoes or legs together to make him look like he is standing at attention.

NOTE: If you are new to amigurumi, here are a couple of suggestions. Use "Yarn Under" technique to lessen the possibility of holes in fabric. Use **Invisible Decrease and Invisible Increase** for the same reason. While not necessary, these techniques can greatly improve the look of the finished product. Search the Internet and Youtube.com for instructions on these and other helpful hints. Good luck! Have fun.

All of the dolls pictured here were made with the Basic Doll Body pattern, changing colors for clothes/uniforms, and adding hats and embellishments.



Policeman's cap and firefighter's helmet can be found in the "Gonk Heroes" pattern. Search for it on the Internet. It costs \$2 and has several hats and uniforms you can use for the Tiny Troops and Heroes. Well worth it! For intermediate/advanced crocheters.

Baseball caps are another pattern in the files. Very easy.

Use felt for decoration and secure with Aleene's Super Thick tacky glue. Tulip dimensional paint can make buttons, badges, etc. You can write on the felt with permanent felt tip markers. Be creative.