

## Little Soldier – Crochet Amigurumi Doll

Pattern designed and provided by Penny Stewart pennybiz@yahoo.com (Intermediate)



Size: Approximately 6 inches tall

Hook: 3.5 mm "E" hook

**NOTE:** If your doll is too big, try a 3.25 mm hook. If you want a smaller doll, use DK or

sport yarn and a 2.25 mm hook.

Eyes: Use 9 mm safety eyes, or size of your

choice, or you can embroider them.

**Yarn:** Worsted weight yarn (#4)

**Colors:** Flesh = color of your choice using camouflage, Khaki, army green or color of your choice for uniform. Small amount of brown or

black for boots.

#### **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. Use stitch markers or yarn to mark rows.

# Pattern is worked from bottom of shoes to top of head.

#### Directions:

LEGS and BOOTS: Make 2.

First Leg: Using brown or black yarn.

R1: 6 sc in MR = (6 sts)

R2:  $\{sc1, Inc\}\ 3x = (9 sts)$ 

R3: sc around = (9 sts)

R4: sc, change to **uniform** color in last stitch =

(9 sts)

R5: sc in BLO = (9 sts)

Tighten MR, cut boot color thread, tie ends of

both colors together, trim.

R6-9: sc around for 4 rows = (9 sts). Fasten off.

## **2nd Leg** same as first but **DO NOT FASTEN OFF.**

R10: Attach first leg with a sc and sc around first leg for 8 more sts, then continue to sc around second leg for 9 more sts = (18 sts).

R11: sc around = (18 sts)

### Body begins here:

#### **Increase Rows:**

R12:  $\{sc5, inc\}\ 3x = (21 sts)$ 

R13:  $\{sc6, inc\}\ 3x = (24 sts)$ 

R14:  $\{sc7, inc\}\ 3x = (27 sts)$ 

#### **Decrease Rows:**

R15:  $\{sc7, dec\}\ 3x = (24 sts)$ 

R16: sc around = (24 sts)

R17:  $\{sc2, dec\} 6x = (18 sts)$ 

R18: sc around = (18 sts)

#### Stuff Legs and Body now.

R19:  $\{sc1, dec\}$  6x = (12 sts)

R20-21: sc around (2 rows) = (12 sts). Change

to Flesh color in the last stitch of R21.

R22: ss loosely in each stitch around, to steady

head and keep it from wobbling. (12 sts)

R23: sc in each st over the last row = (12 sts)
Creates an extra thick row to help support

#### the head.

Cut uniform yarn, tie ends of both colors together, trim.

#### Head begins here:

R24: inc in each st around = (24 sts)

R25:  $\{sc3, inc\}$  6x = (30 sts)

R26-30: sc around for 5 rows = (30 sts)

NOTE: Place safety eyes between rows 27

and 28 approximately 4 sts apart. Stuff head and body as you go.

### Stuff neck well BUT DO NOT OVERSTUFF.

R31:  $\{sc3, dec\} 6x = (24 sts)$ 

R32:  $\{sc2, dec\}$  6x = (18 sts)

R33:  $\{sc1, dec\} 6x = (12 sts)$ 

R34:  $\{\text{dec in ea st}\}\ 6\ x = (6\ \text{sts})$ 

Fasten off and sew hole closed.

**NOTE:** Sew the small hole closed between legs, if there is one visible after stuffing.

#### **ARMS and HANDS: MAKE 2**

DO NOT STUFF ARMS.

Hands: Use flesh tone yarn.

R1: 4 sc in MR

R2: inc in ea st around = (8 sts)

Change to uniform color in the last st of R 2.

R3: sc BLO around = (8 sts)

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

R4-10: sc around for 7 rows = (8 sts)

R11:  $\{sc2, dec\}\ 2x = (6 sts)$ 

Fasten off arm leaving a long piece of yarn to attach arm to body. Sew hole closed before attaching.

#### **HELMET**

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:  $\{sc14, inc\} 2x = (32 sts)$ 

R7-11 sc around for 5 rows = (32 sts)

ss in next st, fasten off and leave a long piece of yarn to sew the helmet to head.

#### Chin Strap:

Ch15 and attach ends to helmet after securing helmet on head.

#### SCARF:

R1: ch 41, Turn

R2: sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> chain from hook, and in each

stitch to end. (40 sts)

R3: Turn and ss in ea st to end along sc row.

Fasten off and hide ends.

#### Assembly:

Attach arms to sides of the body.
Attach helmet to head and sew on strap.
Tie scarf around neck and tack it down in a few spots.

**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 your finished product.

Search the Internet and Youtube.com for instructions on these techniques and other helpful hints.

There are videos on how to connect the legs when making a one-piece body. That's about the most difficult portion of this pattern. Good luck! Have fun.