

Knitted Dancing Doll by Terry White copyright 2020



I have been wanting to knit a doll like this for some time. She has been in my head. So, I designed her as I knit her.

This written pattern is only part of my plan. The rest of this doll pattern has 3 accompanying videos on youtube. The name of the videos is Knit Dancing Doll Part 1 of 3, Knit Dancing Doll Part 2 of 3 and Knit Dancing Doll Part 3 of 3. You will only learn how to make my doll from me by watching the videos and following along with these instructions.

So, this doll is fun to make....she takes about the same amount of time to make as a fancy sock....I have made 5 dolls this week and there is no sign of me stopping anytime soon.

DISCLAIMER: The only knitting patterns I've ever written were for my own use. When I designed this doll, my sister wanted the pattern....so, here it is.....and it is free. I designed this during the Covid 19 Quarantine to stay creative in a scary time. It is for personal use only not for sale...and don't sell this pattern. Please give me credit. Thank you.

Now, I will not include charts or color patterning. You bring your own charted or fair isle designs to this project. This is what will insure that every doll is different. I am only going to write this pattern with stitch counts, row counts and measurements.

So, use your scraps and ends, single balls of colorful fun yarns and let us do this!

Doll is 12 inches high

I used various novelty yarns for this project. The weights vary but approximate worsted weight. The content of the yarns are varied....I'm not worried because this is not a garment and won't be washed or blocked.

4 Size 6 double pointed needles

Abbreviations:

K2Tog: knit 2 stitches together

KFB: knit in the front and the back of one stitch

Skirt

Cast on 60 stitches.

Work in the round.

I used stockinette stitch throughout this project

Knit until the skirt is 4 inches in length. At this point I like to switch to a horizontal stripe pattern. So, there is still an interesting pattern and the decreases don't interfere with a stripe.

Start decreases:

Next row: Knit 4; K2Tog; repeat to the end of row....you now have 50 stitches

Next row: Knit 3; K2Tog; repeat to the end of row....you now have 40 stitches

Next row: Knit 2; K2Tog; repeat to the end of row.....you now have 30 stitches

Next row: Knit 1; K2Tog; repeat to the end of row....you now have 20 stitches

Next row: Knit all stitches; cut and tie off yarn.

Bodice

Switch from using four needles to using three needles. On back needle place 10 stitches centering the join, on the front needle place 10 stitches.

Change color for bodice; Knit one row in single color

Start striped pattern and Knit for 8 rows.

Last Row of bodice: Knit with single color and increase one stitch at the first stitch on each needle by knitting in the front and back of the stitch....you now have 11 stitches on each needle.....you now have a total of 22 stitches

Change to skin color and Knit 3 rows.

Start decreases for shoulders

Next Row: K2tog; knit 7; Slip stitch, knit one, slip 'knit one' over slipped stitch; repeat on second needle...you now have a total of 18 stitches

Next Row: K2tog; knit 5; Slip stitch, knit one, slip 'knit one' over slipped stitch; repeat on second needle...you now have a total of 14 stitches

Next Row: K2tog; knit 3; Slip stitch, knit one, slip 'knit one' over slipped stitch; repeat on second needle....you now have a total of 10 stitches

Next Row: K2tog; knit 1; Slip stitch, knit one, slip 'knit one' over slipped stitch; repeat on second needle....you now have a total of 6 stitches.

Neck:Knit on 6 stitches for 9 rows. Bind off. Leave a tail of yarn about 4 inches long. This is for anchoring the head to neck...don't weave this tail in.

Head

Cast on 6 stitches

Next Row: Knit 1; KFB; 3 times....you now have 9 stitches

Next Row: Knit 9 stitches, placing them on three needles...3 stitches on each needle...you will be knitting in the round

Next Row: Knit 1; KFB; Knit 1; 3 times....you now have 12 stitches

Next Row: KFB; Knit 2; KFB; 3 times....you now have 18 stitches

Next 7 Rows: Knit

Next Row: K2tog; Knit 2; K2tog; 3 times...you now have 12 stitches

Next Row: K2tog 6 times...you now have 6 stitches
Draw yarn through 6 stitches; cut and tie off

Arm....make 2

Make I-cord with 7 stitches: Knit for 3 inches with sleeve color yarn.

Switch to cuff color. Knit one row.

Switch to skin color yarn for hand: Knit 4 rows.

Draw yarn through 7 stitches, one stitch at a time; on final stitch, draw yarn through partially, making a loop; cut yarn and draw end through the loop; pull to tighten.

Leg...make 2

Make striped I-cord with 8 stitches: Knit for 5 1/4 inches.

Change color for shoe: Knit 6 rows.

Draw yarn through 8 stitches, one stitch at a time; on final stitch, draw yarn through partially, making a loop; cut yarn and draw end through the loop; pull to tighten.

With yarn needle, weave all the ends into the work....except for the neck yarn tail....this is to anchor the head to the neck.

Assemble the Doll

Push small wooden stick into the neck.

Stuff Bodice.

With yarn, stitch between the top of the skirt and the bodice.

Stuff the head with fiberfill.

Using a tapestry needle threaded with the yarn from the neck, push the needle up into the center of the head from the base to the top of the head. Push neck into the base of the head. Pull the yarn taut. Take a few stitches and tie off.

Stitch head to neck.

Stitch eyes on head.

Stitch Arms to Doll.

Stitch Legs to Doll.

Run a piece of yarn through the stitches on the bottom of the skirt. Pull the yarn to draw the base of the skirt in, creating a billow shaped skirt. Tie off.

Make hair on the doll's head.

Make Rose choker.

TADA!

I hope you enjoy this!