

KODAMA INSPIRED DOLL



Tools and Materials

3.5mm crochet hook

Yarn needle

Scissors

Stitch markers

1 skein Red Heart With Love or Red Heart Soft yarn in white

Buttons for eyes and mouth

Scrap of black moulin embroidery thread for nose (optional)

White polyester fiber filling (Maker Tip: Be sure to look for a bright white filling since blue-tinted or green-tinted filling will show through and give the illusion of a dirty finished product)

Tools and Materials For Optional Posable Head (Pictured)*

6in length of craft wire

Small cork cut in half

Snips or scissors to cut the wire and cork

Thin screwdriver or other puncture tool to punch guide hole through cork

*Posable head option should NOT be used if a small child will be handling the finished product as the craft wire could protrude through the stuffing and yarn causing injury.

Terms (US)

sc - single crochet

st - stitch

sts - stitches

sc2tog - single crochet two together

This pattern is worked in a spiral. Use stitch markers to keep track of the "rounds". Weave in loose ends as you go except where instructed to leave a tail for sewing.

Arms (make 2)

Make an adjustable ring

R1. 6sc in the ring (6)

R2. 2 sc in each st around (12)

R3-15, 1 sc in each st around (12)

Cut yarn leaving about a 10 inch tail for sewing and fasten off.

Torso

Make and adjustable ring

R1. 6 sc in the ring (6)

R2. 2 sc in each st around (12)

R3. *2sc in the first st, 1sc in the next st*, repeat *to* to finish the round (18)

R4. *2sc in the first st, 1sc in each of the next 2 sts*, repeat *to* to finish the round (24)

R5. *2sc in the first st, 1sc in each of the next 3 sts*, repeat *to* to finish the round (30)

R6. *2sc in the first st, 1sc in each of the next 4 sts*, repeat *to* to finish the round (36)

R7-16. 1sc in each st around (36)

Cut yarn leaving about a 15 inch tail for sewing and fasten off.

Torso Bottom

Make same as torso stopping after R6. Cut yarn and fasten off.

Legs (make 2)

Make an adjustable ring

R1. 6sc in the ring (6)

R2. 2sc in each st around (12)

R3. *2sc in the first st, 1sc in the next st*, repeat *to* to finish the round (18)

R4-10. 1sc in each st around (18)

Cut yarn leaving about a 10 inch tail for sewing and fasten off.

Bottom of Legs (make 2)

Make same as legs stopping after R3. Cut yarn and fasten off.

Head

Make an adjustable ring

R1. 8sc in the ring (8)

R2. 2sc in each st around (16)

R3. *2sc in the first st, 1sc in the next st*, repeat *to* to finish the round (24)

R4. *2sc in the first st, 1sc in each of the next 2 sts*, repeat *to* to finish the round (32)

R5. *2sc in the first st, 1sc in each of the next 3 sts*, repeat *to* to finish the round (40)

R6. *2sc in the first st, 1sc in each of the next 4 sts*, repeat *to* to finish the round (48)

R7-20. 1sc in each st around (48)

R21. *sc2tog in the first 2 sts, 1sc in each of the next 4 sts*, repeat *to* to finish the round (40)

R22. *sc2tog in the first 2 sts, 1sc in each of the next 3 sts*, repeat *to* to finish the round (32)

R23. *sc2tog in the first 2 sts, 1sc in each of the next 2 sts*, repeat *to* to finish the round (24)

Cut yarn leaving about a 15 inch tail for sewing and fasten off.

Assembly

1. Stuff arms leaving the top of arms only slightly stuffed. Sew arms closed then sew to the torso. (Maker Tip: Sew arm closed by placing whip stitches in the stitches indicated in the picture)



2. Stuff legs. Sew leg bottom to legs. Add more stuffing as needed while sewing the leg bottoms onto the legs.
3. Sew the eyes, mouth, and optional nose detail onto the head to create the face.
4. Begin to sew the head onto the body. (Maker Tip: Use a contrasting light-colored yarn to weave a guideline around the torso to mark where the head should be sewn on.)
5. OPTIONAL STEP. Cut craft wire 6 inches long. Cut cork in half. Using the small screwdriver or puncture tool, create a guide hole in the first piece of cork. Insert the craft wire into the guide hole so that about 1/4in of craft wire is sticking out of the end of the cork and bend that 1/4in section over onto the cork to secure it. Insert the uncorked end of the craft wire through the top of the torso so that the uncorked end will be inside of the torso. Hold in place and add stuffing all around the cork piece inside the head. Finish sewing on the head adding more stuffing as needed. Add second cork piece to the uncorked end of craft wire and secure using the same method as the first cork piece.



6. Begin to sew torso bottom onto the torso. Stuff the torso making sure to add stuffing all around the cork piece (if using this option). Finish sewing torso bottom onto torso adding more stuffing as needed.
7. Sew legs onto the front of the torso.

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