



Gauge—5 sts = 1"

Worsted Yarn – 4 double pointed needles size 5 or 6 . The gauge is not important

Cast on 36 sts. Knit up 4 ½ " with pant color. Change to shirt color and knit up 2 ½". Change to skin color and knit up 2".. Decrease. K5, K2tog , to end of row. Next row K4, K2tog to end. Stay on this pattern until you have three stitches left on each needle. Cut leaving about six inches and gather stitches with a sewing needle and pull sts together and sew down. If you want to add hair to the head do it a couple of rows before the decrease and during the decrease rows.

Stuff doll from lower part (pants). After stuffing gather up the part. It can be most cumbersome. I gather it up tightly and then sew another row around about ¼" over and it seems to help the situation. I have tried to make two rounds of sts and gathering each one separately. It makes the lower part look somewhat like two feet. I like this method the best. Another way is cast on less sts and then increase them hastily as I knitted up to the 36 sts.

I make an I-cord for the neck. With 3 sts knit the cord long enough to go around the neck. Then sew it to the neck so the little kids can't get it off and eat it. Stitch in the arm area with matching shirt yarn. Watch both the back and front of doll while stitching to see that it is the same on both sides. Do the same with the stitch for the legs.

Sometimes I put I-cord arms and legs on the doll or just arms is enough. Then skip sewing in the arms on the body. However leave the leg sewing if adding legs.

Make the doll 5" total if putting I-cord legs on it. Even making the doll just 5" tall is sort of cute for a kid. They are like people. They come in all sizes .

Instead of putting hair on the top of the head. I use that "fancy" yarn for the hair. It comes in all colors and I use them all. Don't know the name of it it looks somewhat like a feather. I also make ski hats. They are easy CO the same number of stitches as the head—36 and as you work try it on and when it fits the head ok start decreasing down to nine sts . Make a pom pom. There are so many variations for the dolls and they haven't been boring because of that.

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