

Kokeshi Doll



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Thank you, and I hope you enjoy it! ;)

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Materials:

- 2mm crochet hook and proper yarn for this hook size in the colours of your choice for: skin, hair, eye corners and Kimono
- 1.5mm crochet hook and proper yarn for this hook size in the colours of your choice: for Obi and embroidered details
- 8mm safety eyes or black buttons
- Scissor
- Tapestry needle
- Emboider needle for the details
- Stuffing fiber
- Blush make-up

Yarn information:

For this project I used cotton yarn Bella - Fios Pingouin (TEX 370, 5ply) with 2mm crochet hook and cotton yarn Anne - Círculo Produtos (TEX 295, Ne 4/2, 2ply) with 1.5mm crochet hook.

Size: approximately 15cm. The actual size of the finished item may change depending on the materials used. If you use different sizes of hook and yarn make sure you adapt the size of the eyes too.

Abbreviations (US crochet terms):

MR - magic ring

ST - stitch

CH - chain

SL ST - slip stitch

SC - single crochet

INC - increase (2sc in the same st)

DEC - decrease (sc 2 together)

DC - double crochet

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HDC - half double crochet

TR - treble crochet

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(STITCH)xNUMBER - number of times you have to repeat that stitch

[] - total number of stitches

Tips:

* If you don't know how to do one of the crochet stitches used in this pattern you can search on YouTube for "name of the stitch + tutorials" and you'll find some very easy and detailed video tutorials for beginners.

* The rows which doesn't mention to do a chain between it are worked in continuous rounds, so it'll be easier if you use a stitch marker to mark every last stitch from the row.

PATTERN

Head: (2mm crochet hook / skin colour yarn)

R1: 8sc in the MR [8]

R2: (inc)x8 [16]

R3: (sc, inc)x8 [24]

R4: (2sc, inc)x8 [32]

R5: (3sc, inc)x8 [40]

R6-R20 (15 rows): 1sc in each st around [40]

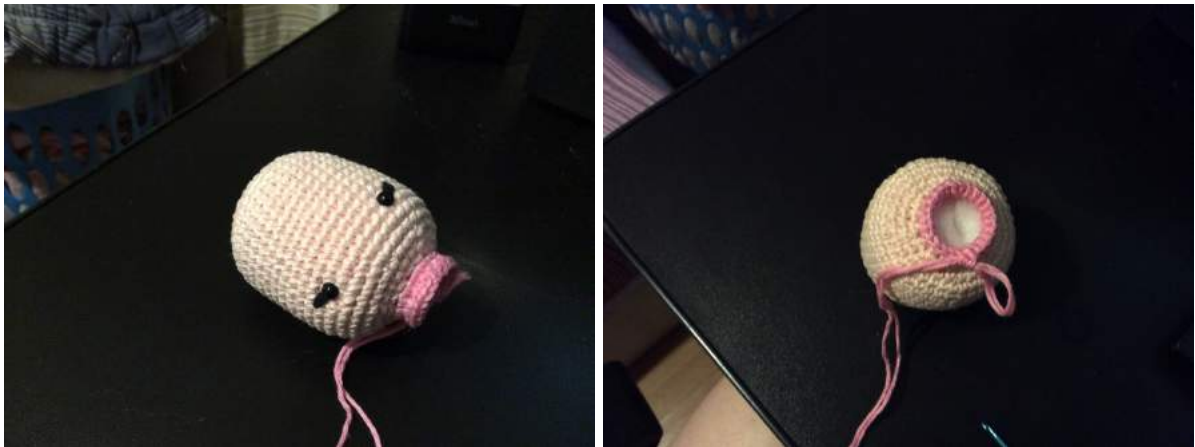
Insert the safety eyes (or black buttons) in the R17, 7 stitches apart.
Embroider the eye corners. If you're using safety eyes do that before putting the safety pin.

R21: (3sc, dec)x8 [32]

R22: (2sc, dec)x8 [24]

R23: (sc, dec)x8 [16]

Stuff firmly the head with stuffing fiber. Change to the body's colour.



Body: (2mm crochet hook / kimono's main colour yarn)

R24: 1sc in each st around [16]

R25: (sc, inc)x8 [24]

R26: 1sc in each st around [24]

R27: (2sc, inc)x8 [32]

Start embroidering the kimono details as you increase the rows. I've used the embroidery technique called chain stitch. You can find a video tutorial to it from Wendi Gratz in here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I9qRaSmahtM&t=52s>

R28-R42 (15 rows): 1sc in each st around [32]

Fasten off.

Body's base: (2mm crochet hook / kimono's main colour yarn)

R1: 8sc in the MR [8]

R2: (inc)x8 [16]

R3: (sc, inc)x8 [24]

R4: (2sc, inc)x8 [32]

Sl st and fasten off leaving a long tail to sew.

Stuff half of the body with stuffing fiber and start to sew the base to the body, stitch by stitch.

Before closing it completely, stuff firmly all the body, but be careful to not put too much stuffing, or the kokeshi won't stay stand.



Arms (x2): (2mm crochet hook / kimono's main colour yarn)

R1: 3sc in the MR [3], close the ring, ch2 and turn

R2: (dc inc)x3 [6], ch2 and turn

R3: (dc, dc inc)x3 [9], ch2 and turn

R4-R5 (2 rows): 1dc in each st around, ch2 in the end of the row and turn [9]

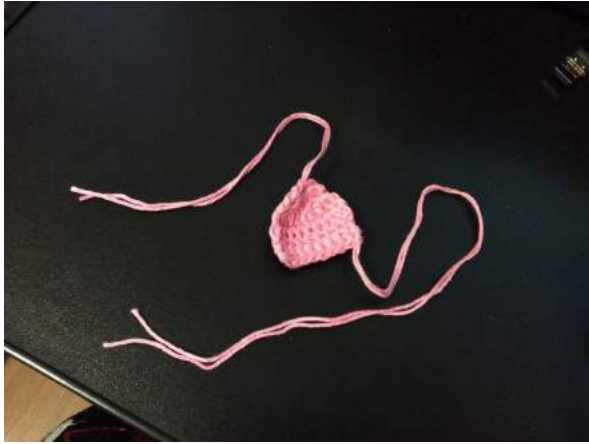
Fasten off leaving a long tail to sew the arms to the body.

Obi: (1.5mm crochet hook / yarn of your choice of colour)

R1: ch enough to go around the body, dc in the third st from hook, 1dc in each st, ch2 and turn

R2: 1dc in each st around

Fasten off leaving a long tail to sew the obi to the body.



Obi's bow: (1.5mm crochet hook / yarn of your choice of colour)

1st part:

R1: ch15, 1sc in the second ch from hook and each st next, ch1 and turn

R2-R7 (6 rows): 1sc in each st, ch1 and turn in the end of each row

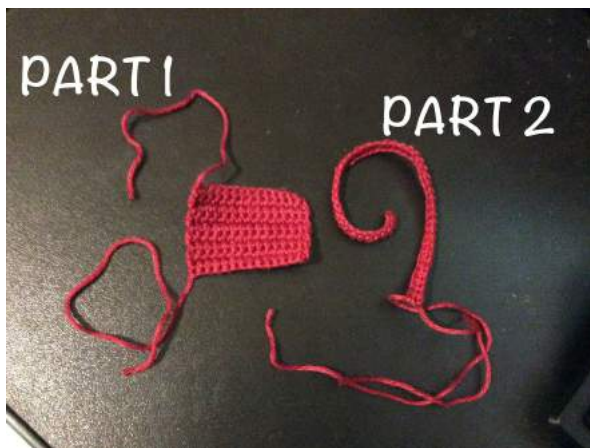
Fasten off.

2nd part:

R1: ch50, 1sc in the second ch from hook and each st next

Fasten off.

Tie the 2nd part around the 1st part to make the bow and fix it to the Obi.
Sew the Obi and Obi's bow to the body. Sew the arms to the body.



Hair: (2mm crochet hook / hair colour yarn)

R1: MR, ch2, 16dc inside the MR, close the ring and sl st in the first st [16]

R2: ch2, (dc, dc inc)x8, sl st in the first st [24]

R3: ch2, (2dc, dc inc)x8, sl st in the second st of the ch2 [32]

R4: ch2, 1dc in the same st of the ch, 1st in each st around [33]

R5: ch2, 1dc in the same st of the ch, 1st in each st around [34]

R6: ch2, 1dc in the same st of the ch, 1st in each st around [35]

R7: ch2, 1dc in the same st of the ch, 1st in each st around [36]

R8-R9: ch3, (tr)x3, (htr)x3, (dc)x3, (hdc)x5, (dc)x3, (htr)x3, (tr)x3, turn [24]

Hair bun: optional (2mm crochet hook / hair colour yarn)

R1: 8sc in the MR [8]

R2: (inc)x8 [16]

R3: (sc, inc)x8 [24]

R4-R6 (3 rows): 1sc in each st around [24]

R7: (sc, dec)x8 [16]

R8: (dec)x8 [8]

Sew the hair bun to the hair. Sew or glue the hair to the head.

Kimono's tiny flower ornament: optional (1.5mm crochet hook / yarn of your choice of colour)

R1: MR

R2-R6 (5 rows): ch6, sl st inside the MR

Close the MR and fasten off.

Apply the blush make-up to the Kokeshi's cheek.

You can also put any detail you want to the Kimono and the hair, like ribbons or ornaments.





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