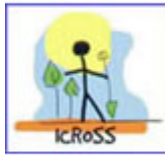


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*Doll on left is a knitted version. Doll on right is crocheted.
The crocheted doll is approximately 9" tall and 4" wide at the bottom of the "shoes"*

CROCHET PATTERN FOR AFRICAN COMFORT DOLLS

Materials/Tools:

- G hook
- Black, red, white plus at least three other colours of easy care yarn, whatever weight fits gauge
- Stuffing - I used fibrefill
- Yarn needle

Gauge: 1 inch = 7 single crochet (sc) and 7 rows.

Pattern:

With black yarn, chain (ch) 37. Last 2 ch are first stitch (st) in first row. Slip stitch in first st of same row, ch 1 and start next row in a round..

- Row 1: Continuing with black, sc in second st from hook and in each of remaining ch (should be 35.) Ch 1 and Slip stitch in first st of same row, ch 1 and start next row in a round.
- Rows 2-3: Continuing with black, sc in each st across. Finish off black. This is the "shoes".
- Rows 4-14: * With colour A, sc in each st across. Slip stitch in first st of same row, ch 1 and start next row in a round. Continue from * until you have 10 rows of Colour A. Finish off Colour A. These are the "pants".
- Rows 15-25: ** With Colour B, sc in each st across. Slip stitch in first st of same row, ch 1 and start next row in a round. Continue from ** until you have 10 rows of Colour B. Finish off Colour B. This is the "shirt".
- Rows 26-34: *** With black yarn, sc in each st across. Slip stitch in first st of same row, ch 1 and start next row in a round. Continue from *** until you have 8 rows of black. Finish off black. This is the "head".

- Rows 35-42: **** With Colour C, sc in each st across. Slip stitch in first st of same row, ch 1 and start next row in a round. Continue from *** until you have 8 rows of Colour C. Finish off Colour C. This is the "hat".

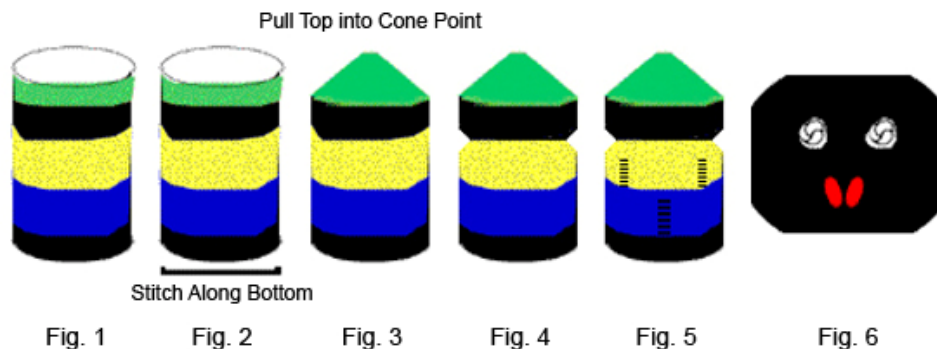
You should have a cylinder 32 rows. (Figure 1)

Construction:

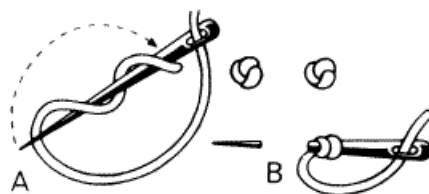
1. Flatten cylinder lengthwise and slip stitch bottom (original chain) with black yarn to make an "envelope. Weave in ends. (Figure 2)
2. Stuff lightly with stuffing. Enough stuffing to pad but not stretch the stitches.
3. At top of "hat" sew same colour yarn as the top row through all sc and pull tight to make a point. (Figure 3)
4. Do the same, with either colour, between Colour B and the first row of the "head". Pull tight enough to delineate the "neck". (Figure 4)
5. About 5 rows down from the neck and 3 to 5 sc in from sides on both sides sew with Colour B down in a straight line to bottom of "shirt" to simulate arms. (Figure 5)
6. About 3-4 rows down from the top of Colour A sew with same colour yarn down to bottom of "pants" to delineate legs. Do the same with black on the "shoes". (Figure 5)
7. Make "eyes" with French knot embroidery stitch and white yarn. (Figure 6)
8. Make "mouth" with two stitches in red yarn to make a V shape. (Figure 6)

Note: You can have some fun with this. Make the "shirt" and/or "hat" striped. Add a pompom to the top of the hat. You can use brown for the "head".

Figures:



French Knot:



Bring the thread out at the required position, hold the thread down where it emerges with the left thumb and encircle the thread twice with the needle (see A). Still holding the thread firmly with your thumb, twist the needle back to the starting point and insert it close to where the thread first emerged (not in the exact place or it will simply pull back through). Pull the needle through to the back, leaving a small knot on the surface, as shown, or pass on to the position of the next stitch as at B.

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