

« Lulu Tulipe - Lulu Tutu »



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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

About the hook

For a nice and satisfactory result, make sure you use a smaller hook than usually recommended for your yarn. This way you'll get a fabric tight enough to avoid small stretching gaps between your stitches once stuffed, and so the filling doesn't pop out later. Thus, if the manufacturer recommends using a 3.5mm hook for your thread, you should rather select a 3mm hook.

About the yarn

Personally, I prefer using cotton for this kind of project because of its lack of elasticity and as it won't widen after you filled in the stuffing material firmly. It also has the advantage of being very strong and of aging well over time. Should you choose to use another yarn, select it with these qualities for optimal results: no elasticity and durability. The thickness of the yarn is of little importance: with a different yarn weight the measurements of your project will simply change a little.

About the stuffing

There are many sorts of stuffing materials and the choice is yours.

For best results I recommend stuffing your project firmly: don't hesitate to overstuff it as long as the yarn you're using allows it.

ABBREVIATIONS (US terminology)

MC : Main color (white)

CC1 : Contrasting color 1 (lavender)

CC2 : Contrasting color 2 (purple)

St/sts : stitch/stitches

ch : chain

sc : single crochet

dc : double crochet

slst : slip stitch

inc : increase (sc in indicated stitch 2 times)

dec : decrease (sc next 2 stitches together)

dbdec : double decrease (sc next 3 stitches together)

YARN

Catania - Schachenmayr SMC (fingering/sport)
125 m (137 y) / 50 g.

NOTIONS

- MC : white cotton fingering/sport (Catania) : 125m/137 y.
- CC1 : lavender cotton fingering/sport (Catania) : 90 m/100 y for the Tutu Option or 65 m/71 y for the Tulip Option.
- CC2 : purple cotton fingering/sport (Catania) : 40 m/46 y for the Tutu Option or 100 m/119 y for the Tulip Option.
- 2 black 6mm safety eyes
- Stuffing for toys
- Tapestry needle
- 3mm (US 2 ½) crochet hook
- 1 open marker to mark beginning of rounds

TRANSLATION

Translation by Florence (flao64) :

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Really, a great Thank you !!!

Note : the whole pattern is worked in spiral, except the tutu and the dress.

SAFETY

To limit the parts that could fall off and pose a threat to young children, it is recommended to use safety eyes rather than sewn buttons for eyes. If the toy is made for a small child, choose a stuffing material that is not too thin (otherwise it might pass through the fabric and be swallowed). Despite these precautions, it is important to note that this toy should not be put in the hands of a baby or toddler; there is no way it could meet the actual safety standards for a toy. It should rather be seen as an object of decoration and parents should be careful to keep it out of the reach of small children.

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HEAD

Using MC, make a magic loop. (cf page 8)

R1 : sc 6 in the loop and tighten the loop.

R2 : [inc] x6 (12 sts)

R3 : [sc , inc] x6 (18 sts)

R4 : [sc 2, inc] x6 (24 sts)

R5 : [sc 3, inc] x6 (30 sts)

R6 : [sc 4, inc] x6 (36 sts)

R7 : [sc 5, inc] x6 (42 sts)

R8 : [sc 6, inc] x6 (48 sts)

R9 : [sc 7, inc] x6 (54 sts)

R10 to R18 (9 rounds): sc across (54 sts)

R19 : [dec, sc 7] x6 (48 sts)

R20 : [dec, sc 6] x6 (42 sts)

R21 : [dec, sc 5] x6 (36 sts)

R22 : [dec, sc 4] x6 (30 sts)

R23 : [dec, sc 3] x6 (24 sts)

R24 : [dec, sc 2] x6 (18 sts)

End with a slst, and pass the yarn through the stitch on your hook. Cut yarn, leaving a 32 inch (80 cm) tail (you'll need it to sew the head to the body).

To fix the eyes, use the decrease lines as a guide and make sure the yarn tail is at the back of the head. Place the eyes at the height of the round before the first decreases, and put the eyes one stitch outside the decrease line. Fill the head with stuffing very firmly !

BODY

Using CC2, make a magic loop.

R1 : sc 6 in the loop and tighten the loop.

R2 : [inc] x6 (12 sts)

R3 : [sc , inc] x6 (18 sts)

R4 : [sc 2, inc] x6 (24 sts)

R5 : [sc 3, inc] x6 (30 sts)

R6 : [sc 4, inc] x6 (36 sts)

R7 : [sc 5, inc] x6 (42 sts)

R8 : [sc 6, inc] x6 (48 sts)

R9 : [sc 7, inc] x6 (54 sts)

R10 to R18 (9 rounds) : sc across (54 sts)

R19 : [dec, sc 7] x6 (48 sts)

Switch to MC.



R20 to 21 : sc across (48 sts)

R22: [dec, sc 6] x6 (42 sts)

R23 to 24 : sc across (42 sts)

R25 : [dec, sc 5] x6 (36 sts)

R26 : sc across (36 sts)

R27 : [dec, sc 4] x6 (30 sts)

R28 : sc across (30 sts)

R29 : [dec, sc 3] x6 (24 sts)

R30 : sc across (24 sts)

R31 : [dec, sc 2] x6 (18 sts)

R32 : sc across (18 sts)

End with a slst, and pass the yarn through the stitch on your hook. Cut yarn.

Fill the body with stuffing firmly.

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HAT

Using CC1, make a magic loop.

R1 : sc 6 in the loop and tighten the loop.

R2 : [inc] x6 (12 sts)

R3 : [sc , inc] x6 (18 sts)

R4 : [sc 2, inc] x6 (24 sts)

R5 : [sc 3, inc] x6 (30 sts)

R6 : [sc 4, inc] x6 (36 sts)

R7 : [sc 5, inc] x6 (42 sts)

R8 : [sc 6, inc] x6 (48 sts)

R9 : [sc 7, inc] x6 (54 sts)

R10 to R21 (12 rounds) : sc across (54 sts)

R22 : [dec, sc 7] x6 (48 sts)

Switch to CC2.

R23 : [dec, sc 6] x6 (42 sts)

End with a slst, and pass the yarn through the stitch on your hook. Cut yarn, leaving a 12 inch (30 cm) tail (you'll need it to sew the hat to the head later).



LEGS

Using CC1 : ch 6.

Starting in 2nd chain from hook, sc in next 4 chains, [sc 4] in last chain. Turn to work in the starting chain from the other side, sc in next 4 chains, [sc 3] in last chain. You'll work the rest of the foot and leg in spiral from now on (15 sts).

R1 : inc in 1st st, place marker in the 1st sc you just made marking the beginning of the round, sc 4, [inc] x3, sc 5, [inc] x2 (21 sts)

R2 : [inc] x2, sc 6, [inc] x2, sc 8, [inc] x3 (28 sts)

R3 : inc, sc 27 (29 sts)

R4 : sc 29 through back loop only!

R5 to R6 : sc across (29 sts)

R7 : sc 9, [dec]x4, sc 10, dec (24 sts)

Switch to MC.

R8 : sc 9, [dec] x3, sc 9 (21 sts)

R9 : sc 9, dbdec, sc 9 (19 sts)

R10 : sc 9, dec, sc 8 (18 sts)

R11 : sc across (18 sts)

R12 : [dec, sc 4] x3 (15 sts)

R13 to R15 : sc across (15 sts)

R16 : [dec, sc 3] x3 (12 sts)

R17 to R18 : sc across (12 sts)

Switch to CC2.

R19 : [inc] x12 (24 sts)

R20 to R21 : sc across (24 sts)

End with a slst, and pass the yarn through the stitch on your hook. Cut yarn leaving a 12 inch (30 cm) tail.

Fill the leg with stuffing firmly, making sure the foot is well stuffed.

Make another leg.

ARMS

Using MC, make a magic loop.

R1 : sc 6 in the loop and tighten the loop.

R2 : [inc] x6 (12 sts)

R3 : [sc , inc] x6 (18 sts)

R4 : [sc 5, inc] x3 (21 sts)

R5 to R6 : sc across (21 sts)

R7 : [dec, sc 1, dec, sc 2] x3 (15 sts)

R8 : sc across (15 sts)

Switch to CC1.

R9 : sc across (15 sts)

R10 : dec, sc 5, dec, sc 6 (13 sts)

Switch to MC.

R11 to R12 : sc across (13 sts)

R13 : dec, sc 11 (12 sts)

R14 to R17 : sc across (12 sts)

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Fill the hand with stuffing very firmly, and fill lightly the rest of the arm. The following rounds won't be stuffed.

R18 : dec, sc 10 (11 sts)

R19 to R25 : sc across (11 sts)

Make another sc, then close the arm by crocheting 5 sc using one stitch from both sides of the arm at the same time.

Pass the yarn through the stitch on your hook. Cut yarn, leaving a 12 inch (30 cm) tail.

Make another arm.

EARS

Using CC1, make a magic loop.

R1 : sc 6 in the loop and tighten the loop.

R2 : [inc] x6 (12 sts)

R3 : [sc , inc] x6 (18 sts)

R4 : [sc 8, inc] x2 (20 sts)

R5 : [sc 9, inc] x2 (22 sts)

R6 to R8 : sc across (22 sts)

Switch to MC.

R9 to R12 : sc across (22 sts)

R13 : [dec, sc 9] x2 (20 sts)

R14 to R16 : sc across (20 sts)

R17 : [dec, sc 8] x2 (18 sts)

R18 to R20 : sc across (18 sts)

R21 : [dec, sc 7] x2 (16 sts)

R22 to R24 : sc across (16 sts)

R25 : [dec, sc 6] x2 (14 sts)

R26 to R28 : sc across (14 sts)

R29 : [dec, sc 5] x2 (12 sts)

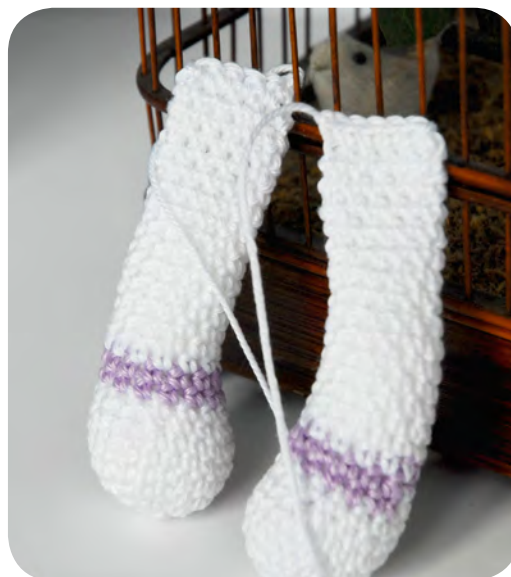
R30 to R32 : sc across (12 sts)

R33 : [dec, sc 4] x2 (10 sts)

R34 to R36 : sc across (10 sts)

Make another sc, then close the ear by crocheting 4 sc using one stitch from both sides of the ear at the same time. Pass the yarn through the stitch on your hook. Cut yarn, leaving a 12 inch (30 cm) tail.

Make another ear.



TAIL

Using MC, make a magic loop.

R1 : sc 6 in the loop and tighten the loop.

R2 : [inc] x6 (12 sts)

R3 : [sc , inc] x6 (18 sts)

R4 to R5 : sc across (18 sts)

R6 : [dec, sc] x6 (12 sts)

R7 : sc across (12 sts)

End with a slst, and pass the yarn through the stitch on your hook. Cut yarn leaving a 12 inch (30 cm) tail.

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ASSEMBLING

Head & Body & Hat :

Place the head over the body, making sure the yarn tails are facing the same direction at the back of the toy. Using your crochet hook, join the head to the body with sc stitches, using at the same time one stitch from the head and one stitch from the body. Pass the yarn through the stitch on your hook. Cut yarn, and weave in the end in the back of the toy.

Place the hat on the head, and sew it with a few stitches at the back of the head.

Arms :

Sew tightly both arms to the body, one round below the neckline.

Ears :

Sew both ears to the hat, placing them 5 rounds away from the center of the hat.

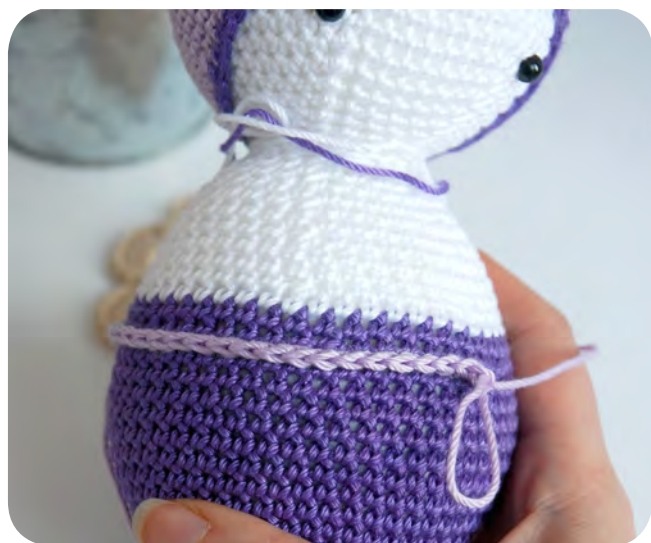
Legs :

Sew tightly both legs to the body.

Tail :

Sew tightly the tail to the body in the back, stuffing it before you've finished sewing.

Weave in all remaining ends.



OPTION 1 : TUTU

Hold the toy vertically with its back in front of you, head down.

Choose where you want to place the tutu.

R1 : You need to work a foundation round of sc in one round of the body : insert the hook horizontally underneath one stitch, and come out at the other side of the stitch, yarn over and pull it through, sc (very loosely). Insert the hook below next stitch (in same round), and proceed in the same way as before. Repeat all around the body, making sure you stay on the same round but being careful at the junction in the back (As the rounds of the body were worked in spiral, the end of your round won't be on the same level, you need to adjust your stitches accordingly). End with a slst in the beginning of the round.

R2 : using this foundation round of sc as a foundation chain: [ch 3, dc 2] in 1st st, then work 3 dc in each stitch all around.

End with a slst in 3rd chain from the beginning of the round.

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R3 : Starting with ch 3, work 1 dc in each stitch all around.

End with a slst in 3rd chain from the beginning of the round.

Pass the yarn through the stitch on your hook.

Cut yarn and weave in ends.

OPTION 2 : TULIP (Dress)

Hold the toy vertically with its back in front of you, head down.

R1 : Six rounds below the neckline, work a foundation round of sc : insert the hook horizontally underneath one stitch, and come out at the other side of the stitch, yarn over and pull it through, sc (very loosely). Insert the hook below next stitch (in same round), and proceed in the same way as before. Repeat all around the body, making sure you stay on the same round but being careful at the junction in the back (As the rounds of the body were worked in spiral, the end of your round won't be on the same level, you need to adjust your stitches accordingly). End with a slst in the beginning of the round.

R2: using this foundation round of sc as a foundation chain : [ch 3, dc] in 1st st, then work 2 dc in each stitch all around.

End with a slst in 3rd chain from the beginning of the round.

R3 to R7: Starting with ch 3, work 1 dc in each stitch all around.

End with a slst in 3rd chain from the beginning of the round.

R8 (Wavy round) : [ch 3, dc] in 1st st, then work 2 dc in each stitch all around.

End with a slst in 3rd chain from the beginning of the round.

Pass the yarn through the stitch on your hook. Cut yarn and weave in ends.

For the shoulder straps : they are worked continuously in chain stitch, from back to front to back again, and crossing in the back. Start in the back with one slst in foundation round, chain 19 (cross the strap in the back), then in the back loop of the 2 center stitches of the front make 2 slst, chain 19, and fix the chain in the back, cut yarn and weave in the ends.



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TO HELP YOU

Magic Ring :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CCvJ0dUfru8>

Double decrease (3 sc together) :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6lyZJOeC7Kc>

Invisible join (colour change) :

<http://www.planetjune.com/blog/amigurumi-help/perfect-stripes-for-amigurumi-video/>

