

LISTENING DOLL PATTERN



Height: ~9-1/4" tall

Gauge: 5 st = 1"; 7 r = 1"

Needles: Size 3, double pointed

Yarn*: Worsted weight; small amounts for 3 colors or more of your choice, plus colors for eyes and nose

Fill: Polyester fiber filling

***Use Synthetic Yarn, As Some Children Are Allergic To Wool And Synthetic Will Not Shrink When Washed. Use Unisex Colors.**

Note: Sizes and gauges are approximate, so don't worry if your gauge is off a bit; it won't affect the end result, as dolls don't have to all be identical in size. You can vary size by using smaller or larger needles and/or yarn weights (sport or worsted). However, doll size should be 9-1/2" tall to allow for comfortable placement in the backpack bags.

Be creative! Use yarn colors that suit your fancy but make them unisex. You are only limited by your imagination and genius! Have fun and share your own designs and patterns!

Abbreviations:

k = knit

p = purl

st = stitch

rd(s) = round(s)

ndl(s) = needle(s)

X = times

M1 = Increase 1 stitch by taking right hand needle and lifting the horizontal yarn between the two stitches that are on the two needles onto left needle, then knit or purl into it (depending on if you are knitting or purling; i.e. m1k or m1p) – or increase 1 stitch the way you normally do.

DOLL

Feet:

Starting at feet, cast on 28 sts with color of your choice, leaving a 12" tail to sew up feet later on (the join and tail will be the doll's right side). Divide the 28 sts onto 3 ndls.

Knit 2 rds

Knit 1; m1k; K12; m1k; K2; m1k; K12; m1k; K1 (32 sts)

Knit 1 rd

Knit 1; m1k; K14; m1k; K2; m1k; K14; m1k; K1 (36 sts)

Knit 2 rds

Purl 1 rd

Legs/Pants:

With 2nd color of your choice, Knit 25 rd (~2-3/4").

Body/Sweater:

With 3rd color of your choice, use pattern below, a simple straight knit or choose your own (after the Purl row) but make sure you have 44 sts after the Purl rd.

Purl 1 rd as follows: (P1; m1p) 2X; P15; (m1p; P1) 3X; m1p; P14; (m1p; p1) 2X; (44 sts)

Rds 1 & 2: Knit 4; (P2; K2) 3X; P2; K8; (P2; K2) 3X; P2; K4 (44 sts)

Rds 3 & 4: Knit 4; (K2; P2) 3X; K10; (K2; P2) 3X; K6 (44 sts)

Repeat rounds 1 thru 4, 5X more (24 rds) (~2-3/4") and (44 sts)

K2tog; K1; K2tog; K6; K2tog; K6; K2tog; K1; K2tog; K1; K2tog; K6; K2tog; K6; K2tog; K1 (36 sts)

Neck and Head:

With 4th color of your choice

Knit 7; K2tog; repeat 3X more (32 sts now remaining on ndls)

Knit 9 rds

Knit 6; K2tog; repeat 3X more (28 sts)

Knit 2 rds

Knit 5; K2tog; repeat 3X more (24 sts)

Knit 2 rds

Knit 4; K2tog; repeat 3X more (20 sts)

Knit 2 rds

Knit 3; K2tog; repeat 3X more (16 sts)

Knit 2; K2tog; repeat 3X more (12 sts)

Cut yarn leaving a length; w/needle or crochet hook, run yarn thru the 12 sts twice; pull tight.

Turn doll inside-out and tie off and weave in the yarn at top of the head and all other ends except for the feet. Turn back to right side. Disregard size of neck; that will be made smaller later on.

Eyes and Nose:

Position eyes and nose (this doll has no mouth – it just listens) by wrapping yarn color of your choice twice in the appropriate positions (do **not** pull tightly); use photo as a guide; position nose so there are 2 rds between it and eyes; this will leave room for a mouth if one were to be added (which it is not); leave enough yarn to tie off on the inside by turning the doll inside-out again.

Stuff and Finish Doll:

Turn doll back to right side. Lightly stuff doll with polyester fiber fill. Use a flat ended tool like a pencil to push fiber into position but do not overfill – cuddly full.

Using the 'tail' at the feet, sew up the bottom of the feet; tie off and weave in end.

Sew feet and legs up the center using corresponding color yarn.

Sew each arm (8 sts for each arm-the 8 sts on each side of sweater) from body/sweater only with same color yarn.

If neck still looks too large, you can weave a matching piece of neck/head yarn around the neck starting at center back using a needle and weaving in and out every 2 sts (running stitch); pull to make neck the proper size and tie off and tuck yarn ends to the inside. DO NOT do this until you are at this step as the neck will be too small to turn the doll inside out and to also stuff it properly.

Scarf:

Color(s) of your choice. Use one of the patterns below or use one of your own in knit or crochet.

First Pattern: Braid 3 strands of yarn until ~12" long; knot each end and fray yarn at end; cross braids over one another once (do not tie) and tack them together from the back.

Second Pattern: Cast on 28 sts

Rows 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9: Knit

Row 2: Knit 2, [yo, k2tog] twice, yo, k1; repeat to end (32 sts)

Row 4: Knit 2, [yo, k2tog] twice, yo, k2; repeat to end (36 sts)

Row 6: Knit 2, [yo, k2tog] 3 times, yo, k1; repeat to end (40 sts)

Row 8: Knit 2, [yo, k2tog], 3 times, yo, k2; repeat to end (44 sts)

Row 10: Bind off; tie off and weave in ends.

Single crochet or braid 2 lengths to use as ties and attach to each end of cast-on side of scarf.

Hat:

Color(s) of your choice. Loosely, cast on 36 sts and divide onto 3 ndls. Knit hat below or create your own. In this pattern, hat rim will roll up a bit.

Knit 8 rds (for a larger rim roll, knit 12 rds)

Decrease 4 sts evenly spaced as follows:

Knit 7; K2tog; repeat 3X more (32 sts)

Knit 6; K2tog; repeat 3X more (28 sts)

Knit 5; K2tog; repeat 3X more (24 sts)

Knit 4; K2tog; repeat 3X more (20 sts)

Knit 3; K2tog; repeat 3X more (16 sts)

Knit 2; K2tog; repeat 3X more (12 sts)

Knit 1; K2tog; repeat 3X more (8 sts)

Cut length of yarn; w/needle or crochet hook, run yarn thru the 8 sts twice; pull tight and tie off.

Tack hat and scarf on doll.

If knitting doll for the backpack program, contact Leslie Poole **593-9179** when done and she'll pick up.

The dolls will be put into clear plastic bags with a tag, so please include a length of yarn for tying.