

CROCHET HAND PUPPET (Adult / Child)
adapted from the knitted pattern taken from
the Uthando Web-Site

<http://www.uthandoproject.org/>

This pattern has a centre back seam and two holes for the thumb and little finger.

Materials

8 Ply yarn and No.8 (4mm) hook. (Smaller size hook or lower ply yarn will make a smaller puppet).

Abbreviations: Australian/UK terminology

DC- double crochet; ch- chain;



Chain 42

- 1) 1 DC into 3rd chain from hook, 1 DC into each ch to end, turn. (40 DC)
 - 2) 2ch, miss first DC, 1 DC into each DC to end, working last DC into 2nd of 2ch, turn. (check you that have 40 DC)
 - 3) Repeat line (2) until you have about 14 -15 cm, turn. (You can work patterns or stripes. Another suggestion is lower half one colour and top half another colour).
 - 4) 1 ch, 1 DC into next 5 DC, 1 slip stitch into next 10 DC, 1 DC into next 10 DC, 1 slip stitch into next 10 DC, 1 DC into next 5 DC, turn.
 - 5) 1 ch, 1 DC into each of the 20 DC from previous row. (ie 1 DC into each DC to make a round base for the head leaving finger holes for the puppet arms. Note: I found it is easier if the back seam is joined together before doing this row).
 - 6) Change to face colour. 1 ch, 1 DC into each of the 20 DC. Repeat this row once, maintaining 20 stitches in DC. (Suggest that you use a marker to keep track of start of each row)
 - 7) 1 ch, (1 DC, 1 DC increase in next stitch) rpt to end of round (30 stitches)
 - 8) 1 ch, 1 DC into next 7 DC, 1 DC increase in next DC, 1 DC into next 14 DC, 1 DC increase into next DC, 1 DC into next 7 DC. (32 stitches)
 - 9) (1 ch, 1 DC into each of 32 DC). Repeat this round twice more.
 - 10) 1 ch, 1 DC into next 8 DC, 1 DC increase next DC, 1 DC in next 14 DC, 1 DC increase into next DC, 1 DC into next 8 DC. (34 stitches)
 - 11) 1 ch, 1 DC into each DC to end of round 5 times.
 - 12) Join in black hair yarn. 1 ch, 1 DC into each DC to end of round. Repeat this round once.
 - 13) 1 ch, 1 DC into next 8 DC, 1 DC decrease, 1 DC into next 14 DC, 1 DC decrease, 1 DC in next 8 DC
 - 14) 1 ch, 1 DC into each DC to end of round.
 - 15) 1 ch, 1 DC into next 7 DC, 1 DC decrease, 1 DC into next 14 stitches, 1 DC decrease, 1 DC into next 7 DC.
 - 16) *1 ch, 1 DC into each DC to end of round.
 - 17) 1 ch, 1 DC decrease to end of round. Repeat from * twice more. Fasten off.
- Embroider face and tidy up any loose ends to complete.