

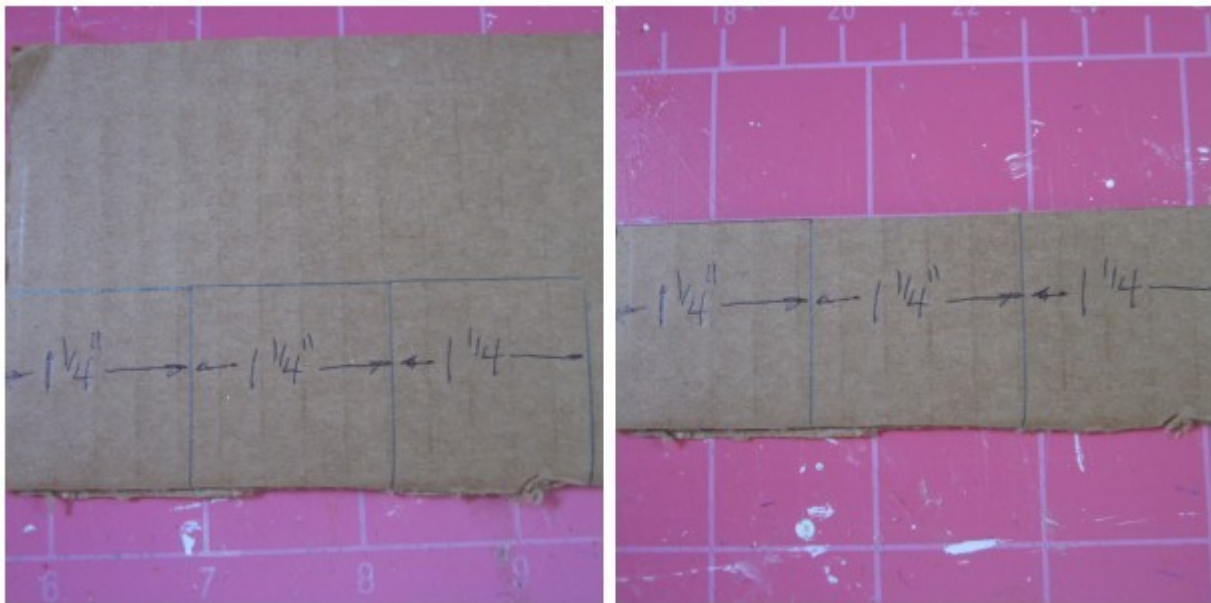


## Crochet and cardboard chair and couch for 4 ½ inch dolls

### Materials:

- Box cardboard
- Ruler/boxcutters/pencil/glue
- Warm&Natural batting
- Fingering weight yarn
- Size 1 steel hook

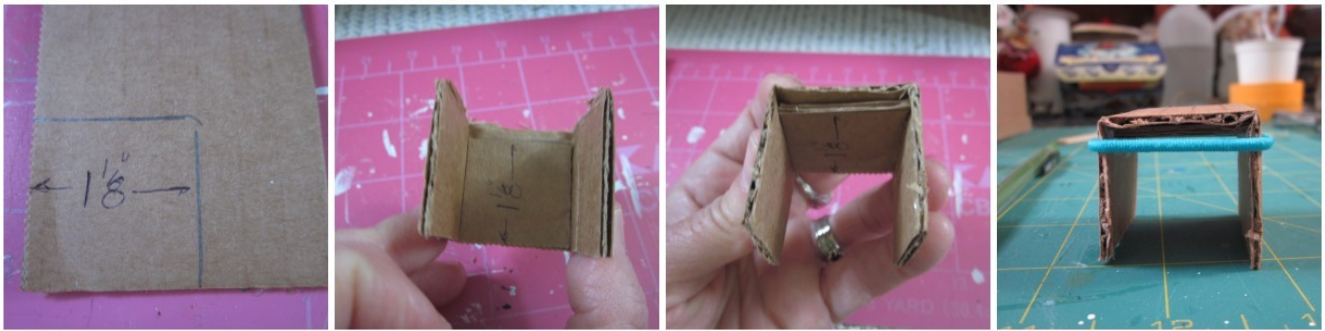
**The frame of the chair** is made from the cardboard. The seat is 1 ¼ x 1 ¼ inches square, and 1 ¼ inches tall. The back of the chair is 3 inches from floor to top.



Cut the cardboard for the seat and sides 3 ¾ inches by 1 ¼ inches, then creased the cardboard 1 ¼ inches from either side, to make a U shape.



Use the edge of your worktable to crease the cardboard; I like this better than scoring the cardboard with a knife.



Cut a piece of cardboard 1 1/8 x 1 1/8 inches, glue and fit under the seat with the sides of the chair glued to the 1/8 inch edge and the under piece flush to the back of the chair.

Cut a piece of cardboard 1 1/8 x 1/18 inches, glue to the front of the chair snugged up inside the U shape. Mine was a bit short of 1 1/8 inches, but this will be covered by the slipcover.



Cut a piece of cardboard 3 x 1 ¼ inches and glue to the back of the seat assembly. Nip off the corners of the back of the chair at the top, so it will slide into the crocheted slipcover easier. Let all of this dry. Use ponytail bands if necessary to hold the pieces together while they dry.

Cut Warm&Natural batting to fit the chair seat and the front of the back of the chair, as in the photo, and let dry. The chair frame is now complete.

I made the couch the same seat height; 2 ½ inches tall at the back; 1 ½ inches wide and 2 ½ inches long for the seat.

## Slipcover:

The images are for the couch; the instructions are primarily visual, so you can make a slipcover for any similar sized chair or couch; however the stitch counts are for the chair.

The slipcover is crocheted all in one piece, beginning with one side of the chair/couch, then working the front/seat/back of the chair as one piece, then finishing with the other side. You will have a T shaped piece of crochet when you are done.

The instructions are in steps, not rows, as you crochet and fit your slipcover to the chair/couch frame.



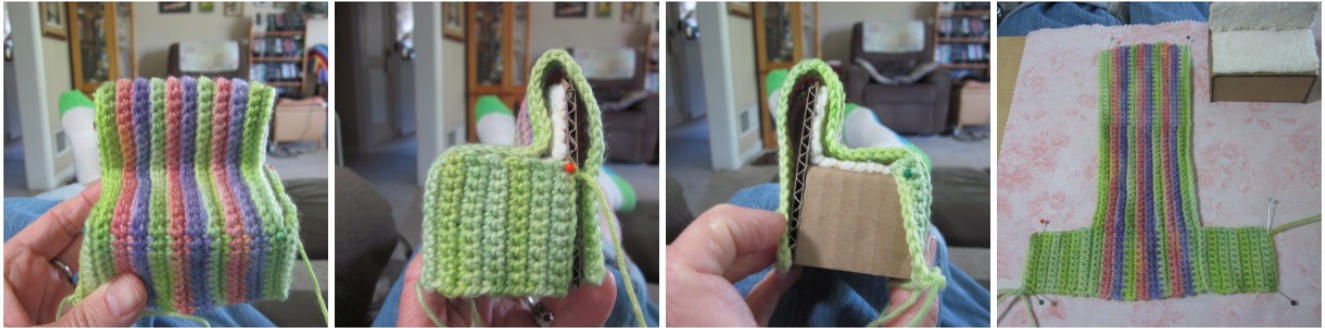
Step 1: Chain 11, or however many chains needed to span the seat height of the chair, sc in the second ch from the hook and each ch across, ch1, turn.

Step 2: Continue working in sc until the work covers the first side of the chair. For my chair, **this was 10 rows.**

Step 3: Work the next row as 10 sc, then crochet as many chains as needed to span the seat depth, the front part of the back of the chair, then the back part of the back of the chair. For my chair, **this was 49 chains.** Turn and sc in the second ch from the hook and each ch across, and in the back loop of the next 10 sc, ch1, turn.

Step 4: Next row: sc in the first 10 sc, BLO sc in the next 24sc, both loops sc in the last 24 sc, ch1, turn.

Step 5: Next row: sc in the first 24sc, BLO sc in the next 24sc, both loops sc in th last 10 sc, ch1, turn.



Step 6: Continue pattern established in steps 4 and 5 until the piece covers the front of the chair, ending with the row defined in step 5. **This was a total of 13 rows** for my chair (the image above is for the couch, which requires more rows). The seat and the front part of the back of the chair are worked in BLO to give a ridged look to the chair. You can work in both loops if you prefer.

Step 7: Sc in the next 10 sc (or however many stitches you worked to cover the side of the chair), ch1, turn, leaving the remaining stitches unworked.

Step 8: Continue work on these sc until the piece covers the second side of the chair, ending the work at the bottom of the piece. **This was a total of 10 rows** for my chair. Do NOT fasten off.



Step 9: Sl st the side and the back of the slipcover together for the height of the seat (**for my chair this is 10 stitches**); fold the front of the back of the chair to the back of the back of the chair and sl st this fold together (**for my chair, this is 14 stitches**). The gap of stitches you do not sl st will form the seat of the chair.. Refer to the second image from the left to help understand these directions.

Step 10: You are now at the top of the chair back, sl st across the top of the crochet slipcover to the other side, then slip stitch the front and back of the back of the chair together down to the point where the seat begins, then slip stitch the side to the back, leaving the gap of stitches for the seat. See the image on the far right for clarification.



Step 11: With yarn, overcast stitch the seat to the side where it gaps open, bury the ends, and place the slipcover over the chair frame. Done!

Use this same basic method to make the couch.